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*All roads lead home ...*

Everything begins at home, no? That truth should be as evident now as ever, considering how much time we've spent at home this year. Over the last few months, it has become my family's tradition to escape once a week, with a Sunday drive and a picnic in our car somewhere around town.

I don't know what it is about these leisurely drives that inspires greater depth to our family discussions — perhaps it's the lull of the road, the change of scenery or the feeling that we're shutting out all other distractions. Nevertheless, it is here our hearts and minds have opened wide. Here where we share our deepest thoughts on the world around us ... from its fear and hatred to its hope and love.

We've talked about our own roles and behaviors, and what we might need to do differently. It has given me hope for future generations to see my son take matters to heart, researching facts and perspectives, and trying to make informed decisions based on the greater good. If only we grown-ups could be as thoughtful, what a mighty place the world would be.

As much as I believe it all begins at home — where children learn what they live — this year has given us a unique opportunity to put a bit of distance between ourselves and our safe space with these Sunday drives. A time to break out of our comfort zones with conversations that, hopefully, resonate with our son when he creates his own home ... and positively affect how he shares the road with others.

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*After a unique remote completion of her freshman year at college, Kali Rochford is not just excited about her future, but appreciative of her past. The 2019 Midlothian High School graduate attends Kilgore College and is part of the world famous Rangerette drill team.*

Founded in 1940 by Gussie Nell Davis, the Rangerettes were the first ever precision dance drill team. "Being able to say that I'm a part of this legendary team is like a dream!" Kali admitted.

The Rangerettes call themselves "the world's best-known collegiate drill team, traveling from coast-to-coast and border-to-border in the United States." A quick tour of the organization's website explains that Kilgore's dean sought a way to increase female attendance at the college. The team "took to the field during the 1940 football season, pioneering the field of dancing drill teams now seen across the nation."

Through the years, the squad has gained fame for its performing expertise and garnered global invitations including stops in Romania, France, Switzerland, Japan and Ireland. In the states, the group has been invited to Arizona, Florida, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana and Washington, D.C., not to mention multiple performances in New York's Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Such stages may sound intimidating to the average college freshman, but Kali was no stranger to performing. She was a four-year member of the MHS Pantherettes drill team and served as captain her junior and senior years. "Ms. Donna Newman was my director, and I couldn't be more thankful for the role she played in my life during that time," Kali explained.

Like most college freshmen, Kali said there was a learning curve to the Kilgore experience. "It was a bit of an adjustment in the beginning, being my first time away from home," she recalled, "but once I got the swing of things, college life was exciting. Finishing [the semester] during this pandemic had its challenges, but I learned so many life lessons because of it."







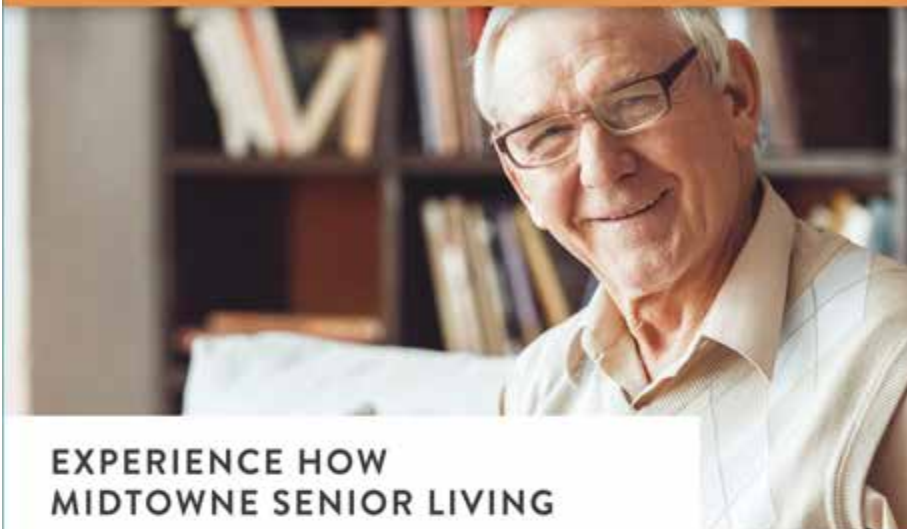
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In addition to her general studies in high school, Kali said MISD prepared her well for college life. "I feel the teachers and faculty did a wonderful job preparing us with important life qualities, such as having self-respect, showing compassion as well as kindness to others and embracing our responsibilities as young adults," Kali reflected. "These are the kinds of things that I know I will carry with me through college and further."

Due to the pandemic, Kali missed some of the Rangerettes' typical experiences. "This was the first time in 80 years the Rangerettes' end-of-year showcase didn't happen. It was devastating for freshmen like myself and for seniors who missed this last performance in uniform," she expressed.

Nevertheless, Kali anticipates remote Rangerettes summer practices and virtual meetings, with hopes that the squad returns to a normal schedule soon. "With this group, I'm among such determined, hardworking women. They motivate me to be and do my absolute best at all times," Kali explained.

The Rangerettes are legendary for not only their all-American image, but also their performance precision and skill. "I love seeing the product of our hard work in our performances. I also appreciate the organization's many traditions," Kali said.

Through Rangerettes, Kali has traveled places she might otherwise never have seen. In November 2019, she performed in England. "We were invited to perform at the Birmingham International Tattoo expo [a type of military tournament including marching bands, pipes and drums and more] among so many other talented performers from around the







world. We were able to represent the United States, and left a little bit of our Texas love with them as well!" Kali enthused.

Kali likens the camaraderie shared with her squad to her own hometown experience. "The close-knit Midlothian community is one of the things I've missed most. Growing up as a child of a military parent, we moved around a lot. When we finally settled in Midlothian, I felt like it was home, and it will always feel that way," she said.

"Coming home from college on weekends and seeing those stadium lights gleaming on a Friday night and spending time with friends who've turned into family — those simple little things are what I missed most."

This summer, Kali will put some lessons learned through MISD to the test. "I've been selected as a staff member of MA Dance Company, which we trained with during my four years as a Midlothian Pantherette. Knowing I've come full circle to teach alongside these mentors is really special to me, and I'm looking forward to a rewarding summer."

Further proving her hometown pride, Kali spent a recent weekend having her photo taken by her father at Midlothian landmarks. In the photos, she sported the widely recognized Rangerette uniform featuring cowboy hat, red and blue satin uniform and white boots. "It felt like a way to embrace my roots and show not only my pride but my gratitude for the town," she said.

Despite her busy practice schedule, Kali managed to make the President's List. She returns to Kilgore this fall to continue working with the Rangerettes and focusing on her career goals. "Ultimately, I want to earn my MBA in business, while also continuing my passion of dancing," she explained. "A little ambitious? Maybe, but since I feel like I'm living a dream already, I may as well shoot for the stars!" **NOW**

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*You may have heard of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad, but the Katy Railroad may sound more familiar. That's the better-known nickname of the first railroad to connect Texas from the north with the rest of the United States.*

Since the railway was often called “the K-T” — representing the Kansas-Texas division of the Missouri Pacific railroad — the moniker, “Katy,” was born. The railway was a gift to Texas, in the sense that it went into operation on Christmas Day, 1872.

## **Laying Its Tracks**

Two years prior, the Union Pacific Railway Southern Branch started in Kansas and joined a number of smaller railways to traverse the state. It would branch out a month later, extending beyond Kansas and into what was then known as Indian Territory — today's Oklahoma.





On December 25, 1872, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway would begin servicing the Lone Star State by crossing the Red River bridge at the city that would later become Denison and creating a link between northern states and Texas' central and eastern portions. According to the Texas Transportation Museum's website, "Both the federal government and the first post-Civil War Texas legislature had offered all kinds of inducements, as both considered it desirable for the nation to be connected by commerce as quickly as possible." This was the beginning of a railway that would ultimately last more than 100 years.

## Chugging Along

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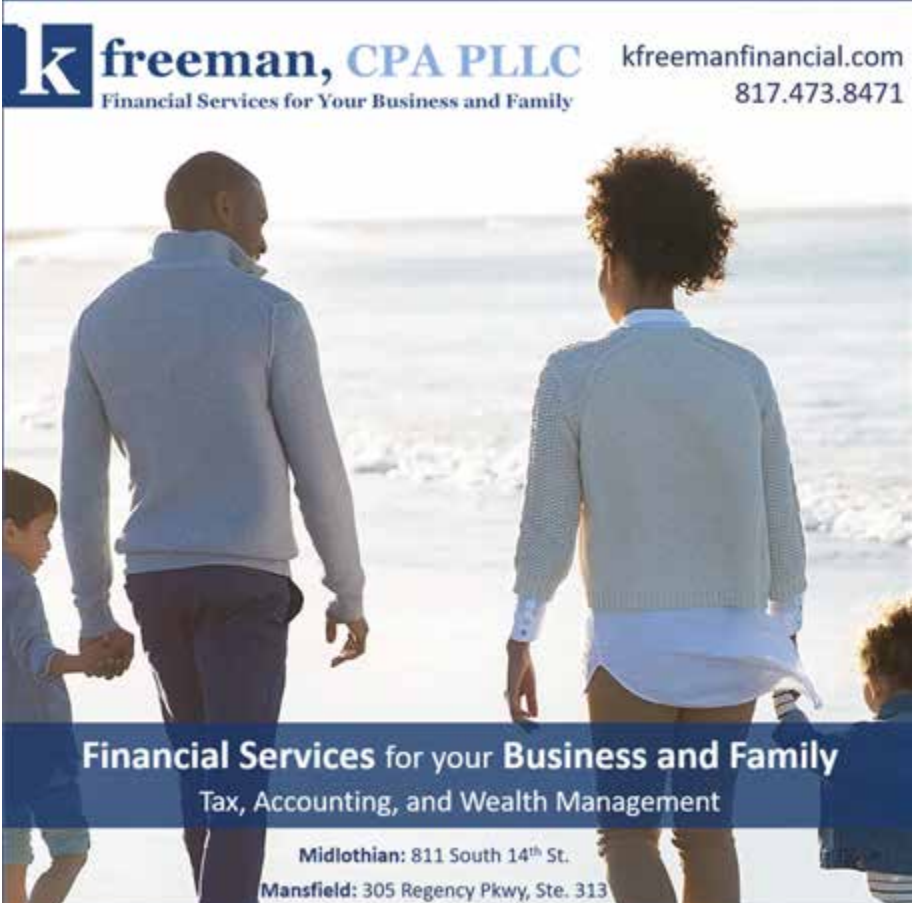
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## Stopped in Its Tracks

In the 20th century's later half, travel and transport by train began to lessen. Mergers between railways occurred, and the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad joined Union Pacific. Fun fact: You'll recall that Union Pacific was M-K-T's original name back in the 1800s.

Today, many of these railways are dormant, although some have become hike-and-bike destinations thanks to the Rails-to-Trails program. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has benefited Texas with 34 rail-to-trail conversions spanning 305 miles. Fifteen additional projects are in the works, for another 139 miles of potential rail-trails.

## Back on the Rails

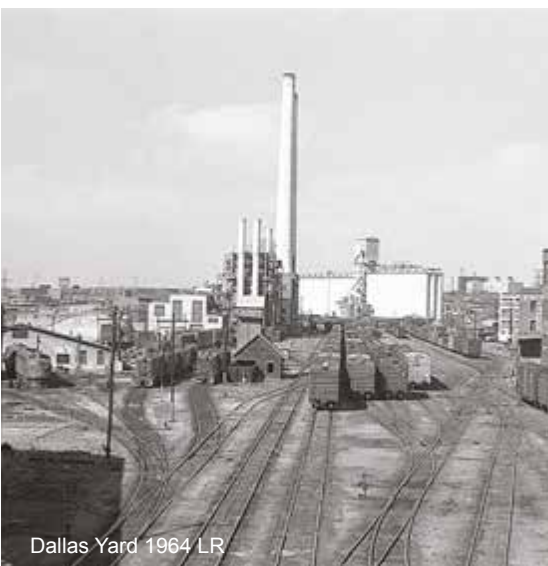
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public as walking paths, cycling, horseback riding and even for activities like snowmobiling. Since 1986, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy has spearheaded the rail-trail movement to benefit communities and continue the spirit of the railroad — connecting people.

Also continuing to celebrate M-K-T Railroad, the Katy Railroad Historical Society brings together railway fans through social and educational activities. Founded in 1977, its membership collects and compiles Katy Railroad data and paraphernalia.

The group's annual Spring Meet is held at locations on or near the Katy lines, where displays of Katy artifacts are showcased. A business meeting and banquet feature guest speakers knowledgeable about the Katy Railroad and general transportation. The event culminates in a tour of railroad-related facilities.



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Those interested in KRHS membership or research may email [krhsinfo@katyrailroad.org](mailto:krhsinfo@katyrailroad.org) for more details. The group's magazine, *The Katy Flyer*, provides information on the M-K-T Railroad through the years and is just another way the railways of days gone by are still connecting people today. **NOW**

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Small business and personal accounting, company retirement plans, plus tax preparation are specialties of the Freeman team. “Tax preparation is normally a basic service, but this year has been different. There was a week or two of confusion when the government moved the tax deadline. Then the SBA small business loans hit,” Karen explained. “We were in the trenches learning about everything the government has been throwing at us since then. We have been working closely with banks and attorneys, to be sure everything goes smoothly for our customers. This tax season has been challenging, and next year is likely to be even more so. But we’re prepared to offer all the help you need.”

Karen’s team includes her two sons, Brantley and Jason, Texas A&M University grads like herself, who are equally committed to making sure their customers have the help they need. They help with both taxes and financial planning. “Financial planning is challenging when both your



small business and your investments are taking a hit, but patience is a virtue. We listen to help with all of life's financial challenges," Karen reported. "Good financial planning is a strategic, long-term process. Whether our clients are just starting to invest or they are trying to reach their retirement goals, I feel like our process is excellent and easy for people to understand."

Karen has been operating in Mansfield since 1994, but just opened her Midlothian office in November of last year. Christi Hickman, Heidi Hinkle and Diane Ragon complete the Midlothian team, and all of them are committed to the same level of service and expertise. "Our team works very well together and are the reason we are successful. We really appreciate the warm welcome we have received from the Midlothian Chamber of Commerce, and we plan to become more involved in the community as things open back up," Karen enthused.

**"Financial planning is challenging when both your small business and your investments are taking a hit, but patience is a virtue. We listen to help with all of life's financial challenges."**

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## Zoomed In: Zoë and Aubrey Chandler

By Angel Morris

When Waxahachie's Nicolas P. Sims Library opened the Irene Emerson Poetry contest to all of Ellis County, Midlothian sisters, Aubrey and Zoë Chandler, were inspired to enter. Aubrey, a student at McClatchey Elementary, entered the contest in the 9-11 age group and Zoë, a Walnut Grove Middle School student, entered the teen category. "They both love the library and were excited to still visit it, even virtually earlier this year!" Mom Leslie Chandler noted.

After receiving more than 40 entries, the library announced both sisters won first place in their categories — Zoë for her work titled "Message in a Bottle" and Aubrey for hers called "The Same." "We are MISD proud!" Leslie beamed.



Norma Belcher accepts food donations collected by the Lake Grove neighborhood for Manna House.



FBC KIDlothian program leaders celebrate summer break with a drive through ice cream party.



The community comes together for a Black Lives Matter event, including performances, speakers and prayer.



Chamber staffers promote the community's re-opening and encourage folks to shop locally through the #MidloRises campaign.





Instructor Chris Bulus, students Henry Maxwell and Gwen Robinson, and instructor Haina Franco, participate in local tennis camps led by University of West Alabama NCAA athletes.



India Walker, medical assistant at Health Care Associates Midlothian, helps with recent COVID testing.



Midlothian Animal Shelter attendant, Samantha Stewart, displays pet food, treats and cat litter donated by Target Distribution Center.



The Brooks brothers enjoy Dairy Queen treats during a visit with their grandparents.

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# CookingNOW

## *In the Kitchen With*

### COURTNEY BRASFIELD

— By Angel Morris



Courtney Brasfield started cooking at the age of 3 when she wanted something different than what her mom had made for breakfast. “She sent me into the kitchen with my father, and I fell in love with being able to make a new creation by mixing different ingredients together,” Courtney recalled.

Over the years, cooking became therapy. “I could go into the kitchen and chop, pound and mix away my frustrations,” she admitted. “In the meantime, my mind was distracted by creating my own recipes.”

While not vegan or vegetarian, Courtney has recently learned the amazing healing power of foods. “As I continue my education in healing foods, my recipes are evolving,” she explained. “I’m wishing you healing in 2020!” **NOW**

#### **Roasted Chickpea Salad**

Serves 2.

*Salad:*

**1 14.5-oz. can chickpeas, drained and rinsed**  
**1 Tbsp., plus 1 tsp. olive oil (divided use)**  
**1 tsp. smoked paprika**  
**1/2 tsp. ground coriander**  
**1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon**  
**1 red bell pepper**  
**Black pepper, to taste**

**1/2 Tbsp. coconut oil**  
**2 Tbsp. walnuts**  
**2 fistfuls baby spinach**  
**1-2 pickling cucumbers, chopped**  
**1/3 cup red onion, sliced**  
**Feta cheese, to taste**

*Dressing:*

**1/4 cup olive oil**  
**2 Tbsp. balsamic vinegar**  
**1 tsp. honey**  
**Pinch salt**  
**Pinch pepper**

**Pinch onion powder**  
**Pinch oregano**  
**Pinch garlic powder**

**1. For salad:** Preheat oven to 350 F. Place chickpeas in a bowl; toss with 1 Tbsp. olive oil, paprika, coriander and cinnamon.

**2.** Line a jelly roll pan with foil. Create a crease and fold in the foil in the middle of the pan to divide the two sides. Place chickpeas on one side and bell peppers on the other. Pour about 1 tsp. of olive oil over the bell peppers; sprinkle with black pepper. Roast 15-20 minutes.

**3.** Meanwhile add coconut oil to a pan. Heat over medium-high heat. Add walnuts; toast until fragrant.

**4.** Assemble salad by placing spinach on the bottom of a serving dish. Top with chickpeas, bell peppers, cucumbers, onions and feta cheese.

**5. For dressing:** Combine all ingredients in a shaker bottle; add to salad just before serving.



## Noatmeal

Serves 1.

1/2 cup nutmilk  
2 Tbsp. hemp hearts  
2 Tbsp. almond flour  
2 Tbsp. unsweetened shredded coconut  
1 Tbsp. flaxseed meal  
1 Tbsp. chia seeds  
Pinch sea salt  
Sprinkle monk fruit  
1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract

*Toppings:*

Blueberries (optional)  
Strawberries (optional)  
Raspberries (optional)  
Almonds (optional)  
Pecans (optional)  
Walnuts (optional)

1. Add first eight ingredients to a small saucepan over low heat. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly, about 3-5 minutes. Add vanilla.
2. Serve warm with toppings of your choice.

## Hardy Breakfast Toast

Serves 1.

1 slice whole grain bread  
(examples: Dave's Killer Bread or Ezekiel 4:9 Bread)  
1/2 Tbsp. garlic basil pesto  
1/2 Tbsp. hummus  
(choose your favorite)  
Small handful lettuce, chopped  
2 petite snacking tomatoes, chopped  
2 Tbsp. English cucumber, chopped  
1 Tbsp. pomegranate arils  
1/2 Tbsp. feta cheese, crumbled

1. Toast bread; spread with pesto and then hummus.
2. Top with lettuce and remaining ingredients.

## Cannellini and Kale Pasta

Serves 5.

16 oz. gluten-free rotini  
1 Tbsp. coconut oil  
1/2 tsp. dried spice Mediterranean basil  
1/2 tsp. rosemary  
1/2 tsp. oregano  
1/2 tsp. garlic powder  
1/2 tsp. onion powder  
3/4 cup kale, chopped  
1 bundle broccolini  
1 15.5 oz. can no-salt-added cannellini beans, rinsed  
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3. Add broccolini; cook for 4 minutes more. Add beans; keep warm.
4. Drain the pasta; add it to the beans and vegetables. Top with halved tomatoes.

## Vanilla Dessert Cashews

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1 Tbsp. coconut oil  
1 cup cashews

1. Mix Amare Protein Powder, zest of 1 lemon and salt in a bowl.
2. Heat coconut oil in a large skillet. Once warm, add cashews. Stir frequently to keep them from burning. (Simply toast. It will only take 3-5 minutes.)

3. Once they are toasted, spoon the cashews into the bowl with the dry mixture. Using a bowl with a locking lid allows you to shake to coat well. Pour them out onto a cookie sheet to cool. Once they've cooled completely, store them in an airtight container.

## Stuffed Portobello Mushrooms

Serves 4.

1 15.5-oz. can cannellini beans,  
drained and rinsed  
4 portobello mushrooms

1/2 Tbsp. coconut oil, plus enough to  
rub over mushrooms  
2 garlic cloves, minced  
1/4 tsp. oregano  
1/4 tsp. basil  
2 cups spinach, chopped  
1/2 red bell pepper, chopped  
1/4 cup purple onion, sliced  
1 plum tomato, chopped  
Balsamic vinegar, to taste

1. Preheat the oven to 375 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Smash the beans with a fork.
2. Wipe the mushrooms with a damp towel. Remove the gills and stem. Rub some coconut oil over the mushrooms. Place the mushrooms stem side down on the prepared baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes.
3. While the mushrooms bake, heat 1/2 Tbsp. of coconut oil over medium-high heat. Sauté garlic, oregano and basil until fragrant. Add spinach and bell pepper; cook until spinach has wilted.
4. Remove the mushrooms from the oven. Turn them stem side up. Stuff each with 1/4 of the beans. Top beans with spinach mixture; bake for 20 minutes. Remove from the oven; top with onions and tomatoes. Bake 10 minutes more. Remove from oven; drizzle with vinegar.

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— By Lisa Bell

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Like many historic towns, Wimberley Square features various shops, restaurants, dance halls and honkytonks. The hub of community events, the coronavirus created some

changes, but it didn't shut them down for long.

Jacob's Well, an interactive natural area, offers trails for hiking and water for cooling down. A human sundial and a giant, metal spider web make great photo backdrops. Normally, you can find extra activities, but be sure to check the website for current restrictions. The "well" itself springs from the Trinity Aquifer. It hosts the second-largest submerged cave in Texas. You must reserve a time to swim in the amazing, deep hole.

Hidden near the center of Wimberley, Blue Hole Regional



Park provides an abundance of nature. The park includes four miles of trails, picnic areas, a basketball court, sand volleyball court and more, plus the Blue Hole Swimming Area. The park reopened to visitors on June 1, 2020, after months of shutdown. During summer months and some fall weekends, clear water beckons guests. Because of COVID-19, reservations are now required, so be sure to make yours in advance. You don't want to miss this amazing area.

Tucked away at the edge of town, Emily Ann's Theatre & Garden offer an amazing way to spend an hour or a day. At this remarkable spot created in memory of Emily Ann Rolling, who loved live theater and the great outdoors, watch adult and children's productions when available — some virtually for a season. The theater only captures half of the area honoring the young namesake who lost her life at 16.

Roaming nature trails throughout the park only begin the beauty. Walkways wind between displays of public art and well-maintained gardens, incorporating a children's memorial area and multiple stages. At the top of the hill, the Veterans Memorial celebrates every branch of the military — an amazing place to reflect and remember the sacrifice of many. Spectacular views add to the atmosphere. As a perfect ending to the day, watch the sun slip behind the horizon. Then, walk back through lighted pathways with a sense of peace and restoration.

In Wimberley, you can watch artisans at work blowing glass, creating pottery and more. And several parks provide additional outside areas to gather. As Texas reopens, rest assured every business follows guidelines to keep employees and customers safe. With splendid lodging, including cabins on the square, play hard and retreat for the evening. Remember to practice social distancing, but don't let a virus keep you from discovering this charming treasure. **NOW**

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Fill in the missing numbers

1	+	7	=	
+				-
				4
=				=
	-	2	=	

3	-		=	
+				+
4				8
=				=
	+		=	9



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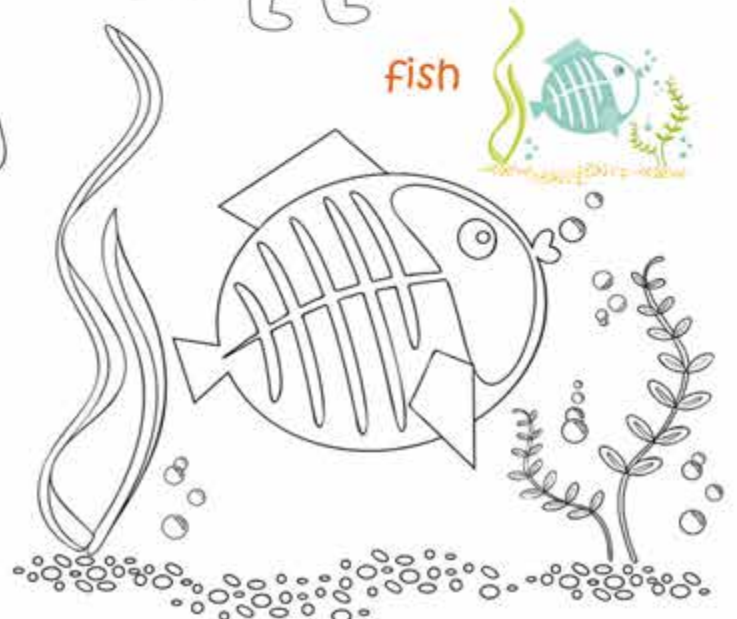
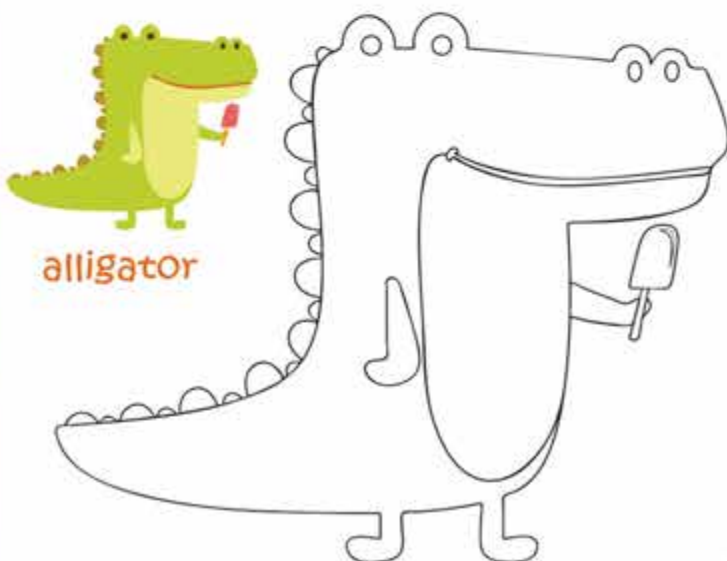
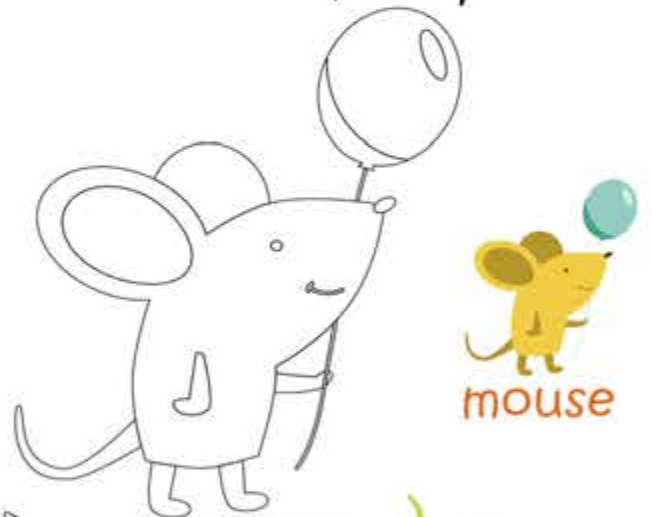
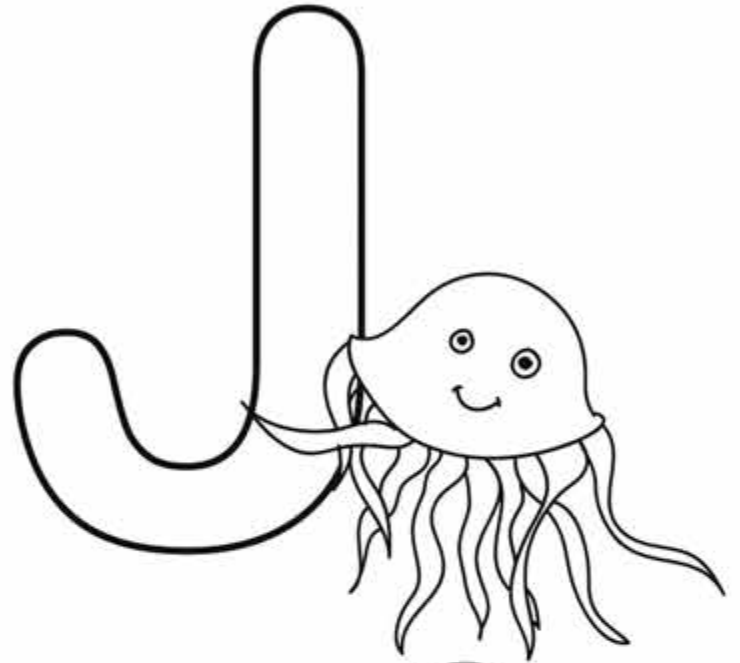
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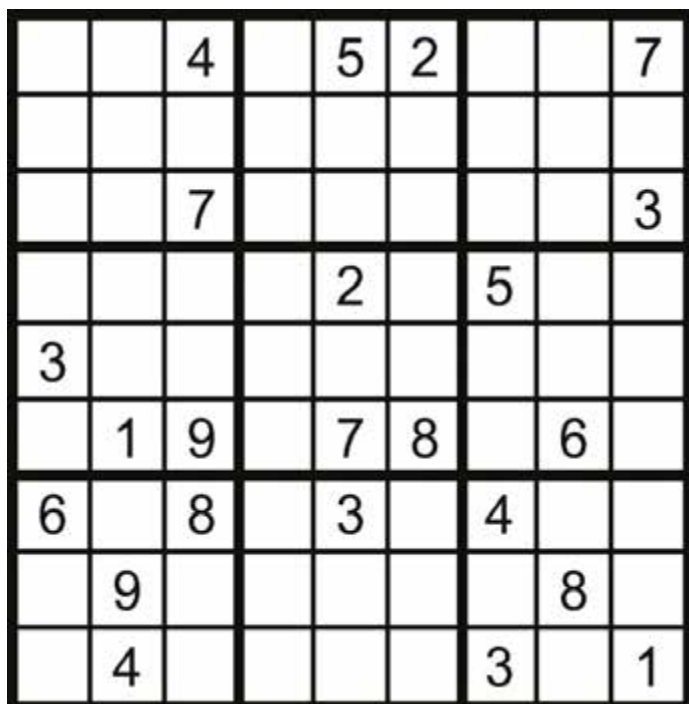
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## Across

- 1 "Summertime" singer --- Fitzgerald
- 5 Long for
- 10 Quick look
- 11 Diddy record label
- 12 Constant
- 14 Long-leaved lettuce
- 15 Baby weight units
- 16 It's boring to be stuck in one
- 17 Cosmetic ingredient, often
- 19 Audition sample
- 20 Can cause temporary blindness
- 21 Drones might attack you here
- 22 Some docs' degs
- 23 Bond's M
- 24 To be unwell
- 25 Pony ---, for small beer perhaps
- 26 DoJ enforcer
- 29 Interrogation aid
- 32 Starts an answer to "What's in the paper today?"
- 33 Goat's milk cheese
- 34 Snug shelters
- 35 Horatian works

## Down

- 1 Huge in scope
- 2 Former "Tonight Show" host
- 3 Ever-decreasing
- 4 Copy
- 5 Elevator chambers
- 6 Vitamin-bottle abbreviation
- 7 Cut short
- 8 Book
- 9 With an --- (mindful of)
- 11 Sacred name in baseball history
- 13 Used to move 20 Across
- 18 LA article
- 19 Solved
- 20 Sunni counterpart
- 21 Very important
- 22 Much-lampooned Alaskan politico
- 23 High-speed streams
- 25 In Florida, they're 113 miles long
- 27 Schlep
- 28 Italian monks
- 30 "Who ---?" (Saints' chant)
- 31 Corp's money mgr.

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	1	4					9	
						7		
	3			5				4
	5				8			7
	8		4		7			
				4			8	
		2			9			
		5	2	6			1	

Medium

		4		5	2			7
		7						3
				2		5		
3								
	1	9		7	8		6	
6		8		3		4		
	9						8	
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10	P	E	E	P		11	B	A	D	B	O
12	I	N	S	E	P	13	A	R	A	B	L
14	C	O	S		15	L	B	S		16	R
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22	P	H	D	S		23	J	U	D	I	
24	A	I	L		25	K	E	G		26	A
29	L	I	E	D	E	T	E	C	T	O	R
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34	N	E	S	T	S					35	O

Easy

3	2	9	6	7	5	1	4	8
7	1	4	8	3	2	5	9	6
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Medium

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