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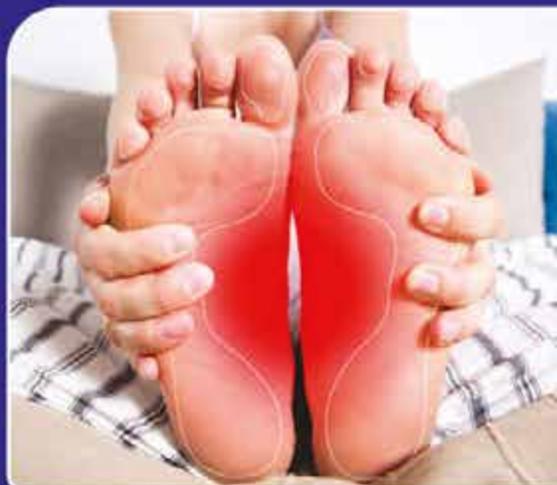
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Salty tea ...

We are an independent nation, but we did not start out this way. Just about 250 years ago, there was no nation of "united states," just a group of 13 colonies struggling to survive, with very little help from their home country. Great Britain, rather than give aid to the fledgling colonists, taxed them heavily.

As the colonists protested, things continued to deteriorate. The British army maintained a presence in the colonies. How would you like it if you were required to feed and house the soldiers of the government that failed to support your efforts to colonize a foreign land, and applied heavy taxes to basic provisions like tea and sugar? The Quartering Act of 1765 required our forefathers to host the government forces. In addition to the taxes on basic provisions, the tax that brought things to a head was the Stamp Act of 1765. Parliament taxed any piece of printed paper, including legal documents, newspapers and just about anything else that had ink applied.

Of course, the British had a great navy, and in one of the most well-known protests in history, the colonists snuck on board a British ship in Boston Harbor and dumped the tea overboard to avoid paying the taxes. You know the rest of the story. We declared our independence a little over a year after the first shots were fired, and we won the ensuing war.

As we celebrate this month, let us remember that freedom is not free. The battles continue across the globe. Remember to be thankful this Independence Day.

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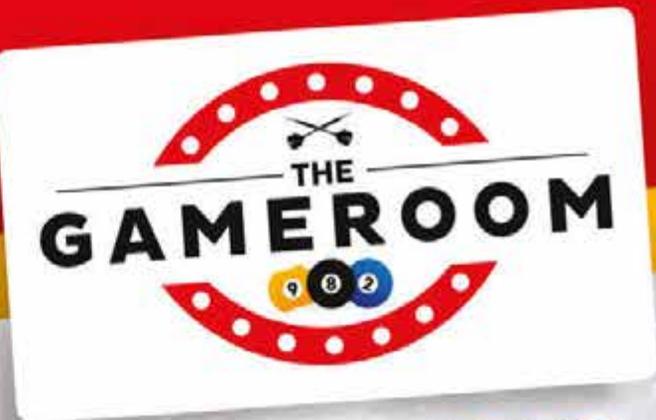


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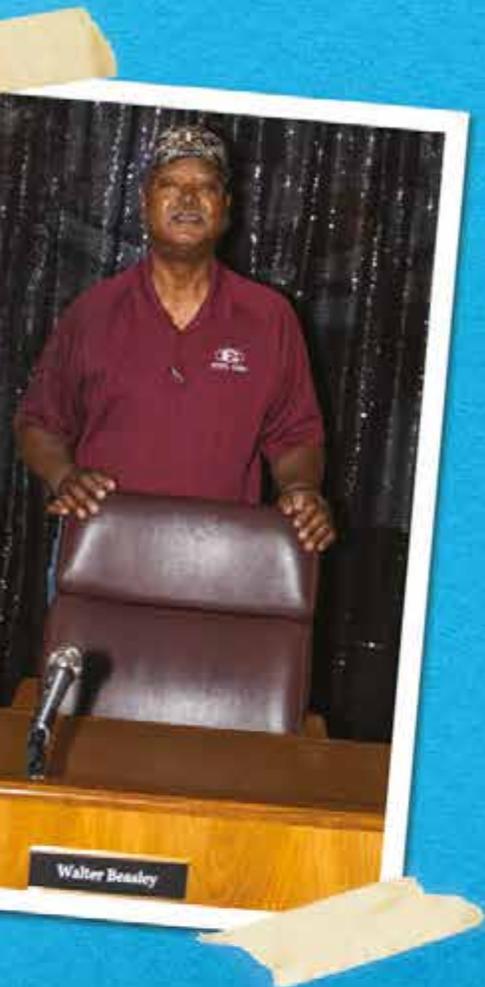
Something special shapes individuals who are willing to give back to their communities by volunteering in many areas and focusing on investing in the next generation. Walter Beasley learned the importance of a lifetime of service at an early age, and he serves with a contagious smile and unforgettable laughter. Much of his inspiration came from his mother, who taught him, “When you are doing something good, people will support it.”

“There were seven kids in our home when I was growing up, and Mom raised all of us on her own,” he reflected. “We were in a mixed neighborhood, and people just got along. I was part of a Boy Scout troop that had 16 members. We were selling candy as a fundraiser, and most of the neighborhood had already bought from the other guys, so Mom said to put my uniform on and go door-to-door on the other side of town. In spite of my protest that I would not be accepted over there, Mom knew they would buy from me because I was ‘doing something good.’ And they did!”

Walter mentioned that he had the opportunity to leave Ennis soon after graduating from Carver High School in 1967. “I went for an interview with the Post Office to St. Louis, Missouri. I knew after visiting that it was not for me. The people there were just not as friendly. I liked the Ennis community and our small-town life.”

Growing up he had several typical jobs that youngsters take, such as delivering newspapers and bussing tables at a local restaurant. After high school and finding that moving far from Ennis was not for him, Walter began a career as a machinist at Texas Instruments near Love Field. After commuting for 45 years, he retired and remains committed to living here and serving the city he loves.

Walter has served on the EISD school board since 1996 and the city parks board since 1997. These are just a couple of areas of long-term service that reflect his commitment to Ennis’ youth. His children were involved in many activities, and so Walter and his wife, Phelecia, were there to support them. “If you got my kids, you got me, too,” he liked to say. In the late ’70s, his daughter was in Girl Scouts, and Walter served as a camp organizer. In a previous article, Walter was quoted as saying, “I’m the dad who doesn’t know how to say, ‘No,’ so I don’t regret a minute of being part of the Girl Scouts.” He has also served as a delegate to the Girl Scouts’ convention.



Walter is familiar in his maroon polo shirt and matching Ennis Lions cap and will be at football games where he has had season tickets for years. He will also be visible at high school band concerts or choir performances. Wherever the youth of Ennis are gathered, he won't be far away. He currently serves as an *ex officio* member of the Ennis Education Foundation. Walter actively supports Ennis Chamber of Commerce activities, and he is also on the board of the Boys & Girls Club and the Greater Ennis United Way.

He previously served as a deacon in the Church of Christ and currently serves as education director. "Mom was adamant we were going to church growing up, and it stuck," he said with a smile. He shared a memory from several years ago after working with the church in Vacation Bible School. "I visited the home of a young lady that has grown up and has her own home now. She had a VBS certificate hanging




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on the wall of her living room from when she had attended at age 9 or 10. She said it was the greatest summer she could remember. I took that as a great compliment.”

The Lions Club motto is “We Serve,” and it certainly fits in Walter’s philosophy. While he serves on the board and is a past president, he might also fill in as song leader, lead the opening prayer or just hang around after the meeting to help put the tables and chairs away. He is consistently present during the time when the Lions Club Eye Van is in town, helping wherever assistance is needed to make sure the school children get the eye exams and eyeglasses they need.

“I have many great memories of all these organizations, but if I had to point out just a couple, one would be standing on some vacant acreage when Mr. Harlin Dauphin was superintendent of schools, with the dream of the new high school, which is now a beautiful campus. Another memory that stands out is several years ago when young people from various churches came



together in the summer to scrape and paint local homes. I particularly remember one of the homeowners, an elderly man, came out to thank us with tears streaming down his face.”

Walter knows growth and change are inevitable, but said, “I just want a community that works together. We are all individuals with different ideas about how to get things done, so while we may disagree on the methods, we can still all be working toward the same goal.” **NOW**

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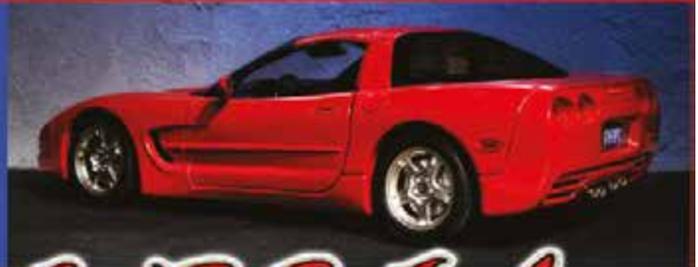
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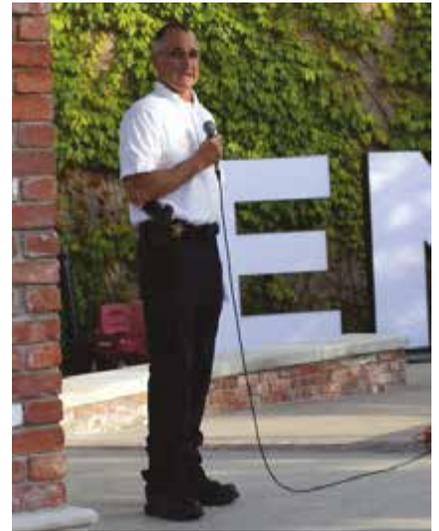


Kayla Hill enjoys a Mother's Day brunch with her daughter, Karsen.

Zoomed In: By Bill Smith Eric Stanislaw and Nicki Newland

Eric Stanislaw moved from Syracuse, New York, to Texas about five years ago. "I came here visiting my father. One of the reasons that I stayed was to get away from the snow up there. The other reason I stayed was because I met Nicki here," he said with a smile. The couple likes to bring their dog, Scout, to the Ennis dog park.

Nicki said she was born in Michigan but has lived "up and down Interstate 45 in this area" most of her life. "We lived in Richland, Corsicana, Hutchins, Palmer and now Ennis," she related. "I have my own business and display my crafts at The Village Shops downtown. You'll see decorated tumblers, cups and 'freshies', auto air fresheners, among other things in my booth."



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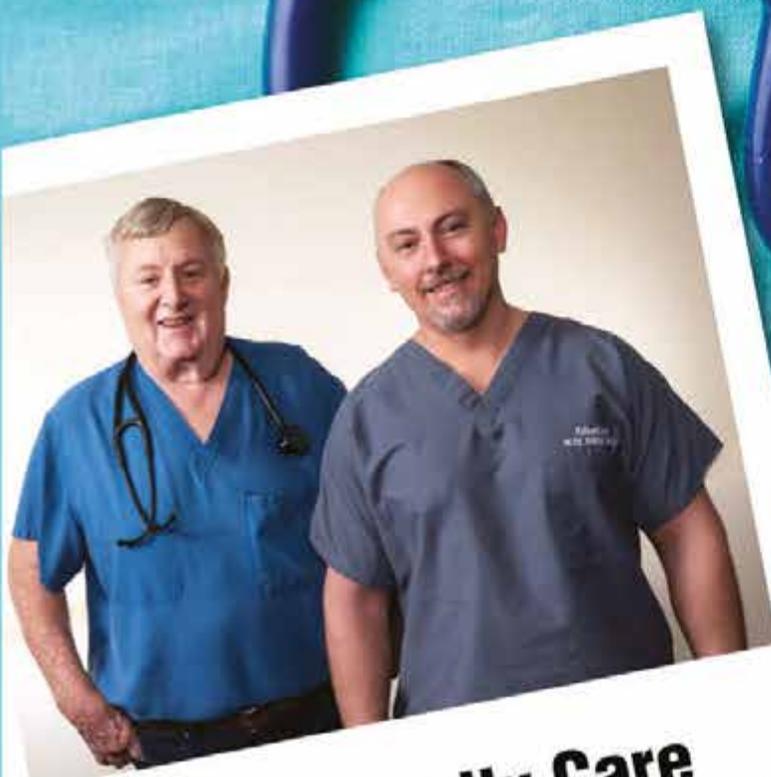
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CookingNOW
In the Kitchen With
SALLY MCELROY

— By Bill Smith

“Several years ago, we built an addition to our home and affectionately named it ‘The Outhouse,’” Sally explained. “We constructed it around a custom-built, 16-foot gathering table and a large, user-friendly kitchen. We enjoy nothing more than offering a comfy, relaxing spot to enjoy a tasty meal and pleasant conversation.”

Sally is constantly searching for new menu items and cooking techniques, either online, in magazines or on television. “Then I tweak them to fit the needs and tastes of my people. We have a large family, including seven grandchildren, plus a plethora of friends.

“You will rarely find fancy at my table, but you will always encounter hospitality and plenty,” she continued. “What’s most important? Faith, family and friends, and there’s no better compliment to that trio, than food! **NOW**”

Charro Beans

This recipe is great as a side dish or the main course. We like it over corn bread during cold weather.

Beans:

1 lb. dried pinto beans
6 cups water
1 bay leaf
1 tsp. salt
1 ham bone

1 tsp. Orrington Farm Chicken Base

Charro Magic:

5 slices bacon, chopped
5 oz. chorizo, chopped (or 2 klobase, sliced)
3 cloves garlic, minced (1 use World Spice in the squeeze jar.)
1 jalapeño or poblano pepper, seeded and chopped (Use both peppers or leave seeds for more spice.)

1 cup diced ham or sausage (optional)
1 10-oz. can Ro-Tel
1 cup fresh cilantro, chopped (about 1/2 bunch)
1/2 tsp. cumin
1/2 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. oregano
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Cilantro, for garnish

1. For beans: Pour the dry beans into a colander; rinse, removing any unwanted pieces. Add them to a large pot with the 6 cups of water (or enough to cover them by about 2 inches). Add the bay leaf, salt and ham bone.
2. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to a simmer. Cook for 1 to 2 hours, until the beans are tender, but not bursting. (Mine usually take about 1 hour, but keep testing them). Check them a few times during the cooking to make sure they are covered in water, and add extra hot water, if needed.
3. Once the beans are tender, remove the bay leaf and ham bone. Reserve the liquid

by draining into a measuring cup. Add additional water (or reduce liquid if needed) to make 2 1/2 cups of total liquid. Stir in chicken base; set aside.

4. *For charro magic:* Add the bacon and chorizo (or klobase) to a large pot; fry for about 5 minutes, or until bacon is cooked. Remove all but about 2 Tbsp. of the grease.
5. Add garlic and peppers; cook until soft.
6. Add the additional cooked meat, Ro-Tel and spices; cook for 5 minutes.
7. Add the cooked beans and broth; simmer for 15 minutes.
8. Taste and season with salt and pepper, or additional spices, if needed.
9. Garnish with cilantro before serving.

Tortellini Soup With Italian Sausage and Spinach

- 1 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 1 Tbsp. minced garlic
- 1 lb. ground Italian sausage
- 1 28-oz. can crushed tomatoes
- 32 oz. chicken broth
- 2 Tbsp. basil, freshly chopped
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 19 oz. frozen refrigerated tortellini
- 2 cups fresh spinach, packed
- Shredded Parmesan, to taste, for serving

1. Heat a large, heavy-bottomed pan over medium-high heat. Add the vegetable oil and garlic. Sauté for a couple of minutes.
2. Crumble in the Italian sausage; cook until the sausage is no longer pink.
3. Stir in the crushed tomatoes, chicken broth, basil, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cover. Let the soup simmer for 20-30 minutes.
4. Add the tortellini and spinach; simmer for about 10 minutes, until the pasta is tender.
5. Serve with shredded Parmesan.

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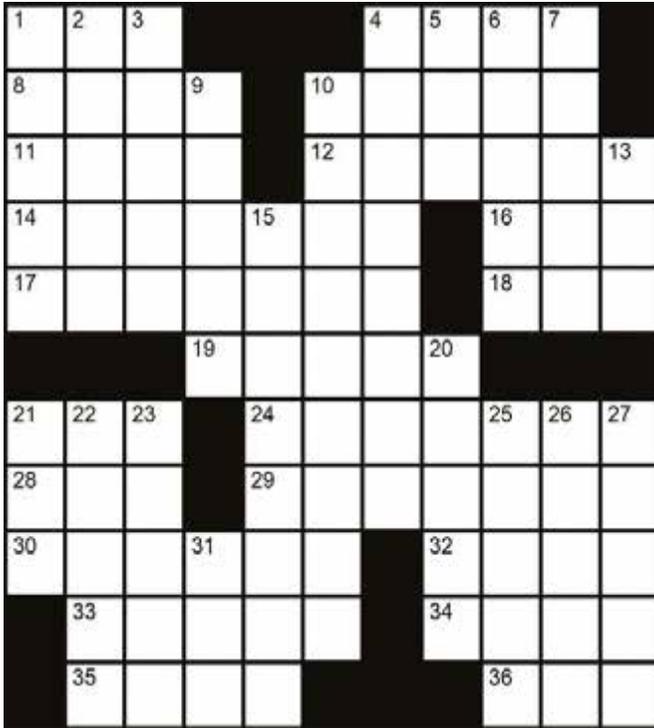
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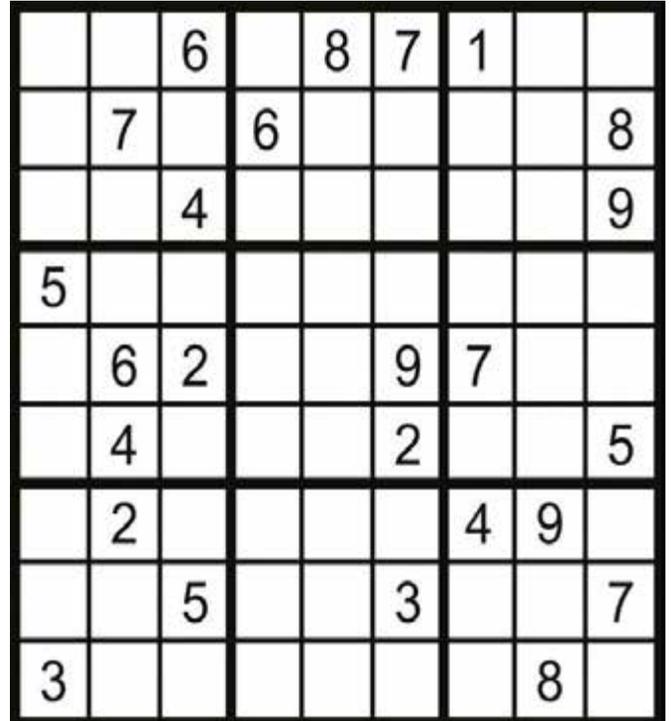
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Monday: Madness

Entertainment will entertain the crowd: 6:00 p.m. Concert by Seger System: 7:30 p.m. Fireworks display: 9:15 p.m.

Lawn chairs, blankets and coolers are allowed, however, personal fireworks are prohibited. Waxahachie Sports Complex, 151 Broadhead Rd. **Tuesday:** Parade from Getzendaner Park down Main Street to Downtown Waxahachie: 10:00 a.m. All veterans and active service personnel are honored guests in the parade. Before the parade, veterans plus one guest are invited to the Dan McClinton Veterans' Memorial Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. The Crape Myrtle Festival & Parade are free to the public. For more information on the festival, or to register a veteran for the parade and breakfast, call the Waxahachie Convention & Visitors Bureau at (469) 309-4040 or visit www.VisitWaxahachie.com.

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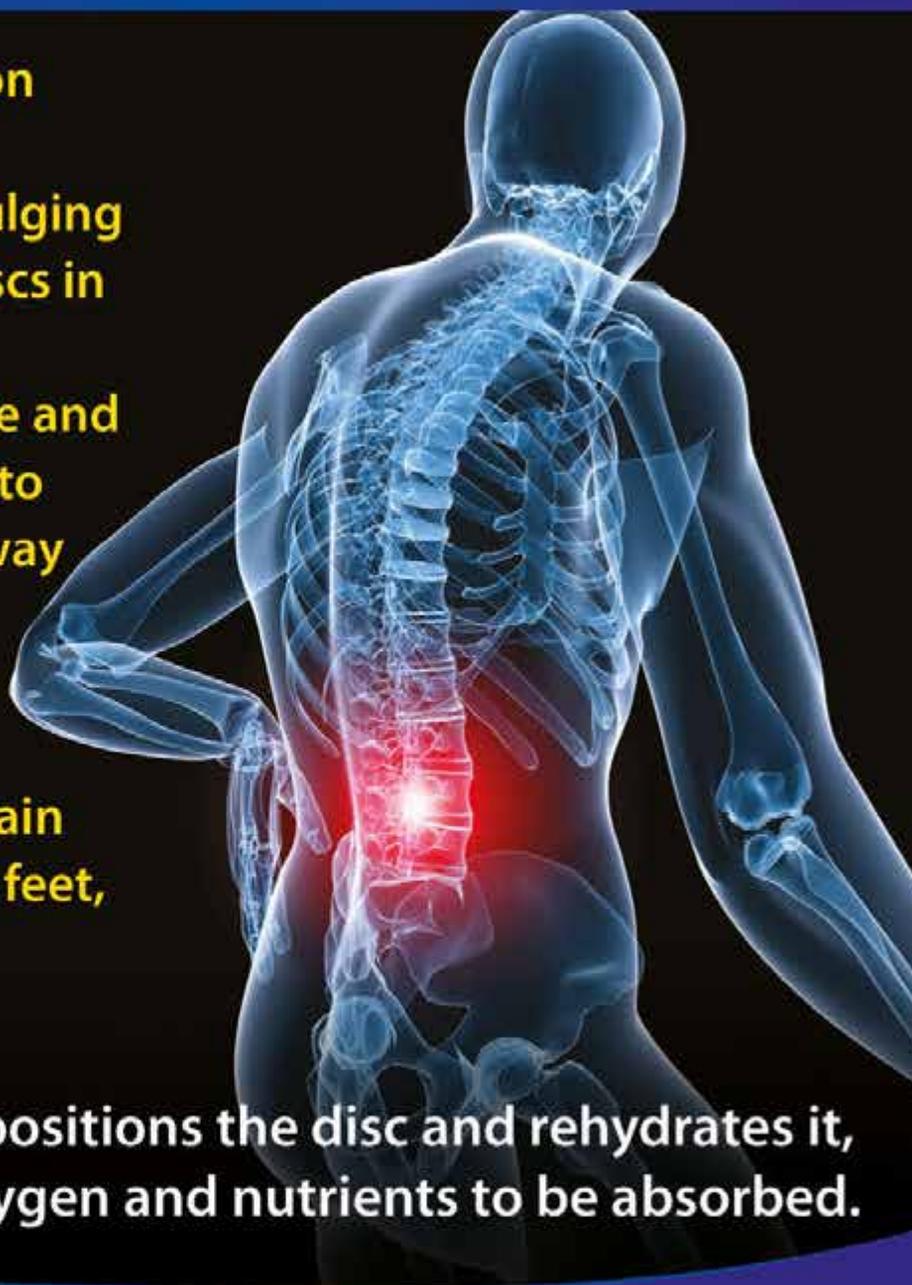
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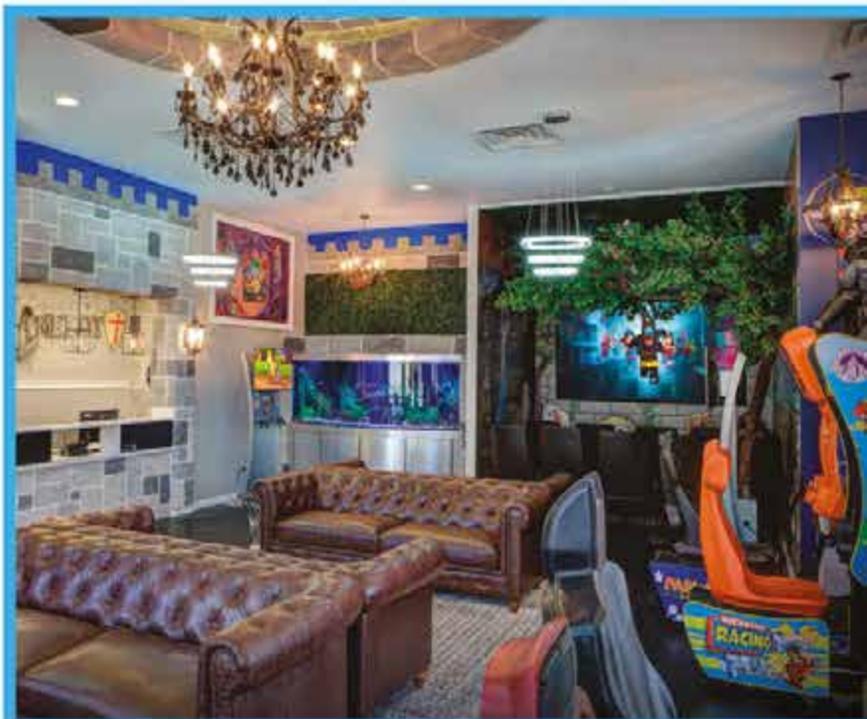
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