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Night to Shine Special Needs Prom

On February 8th, 220 guests were treated to an incredible Night to Shine hosted by Austin Ridge Bible Church in Bee Cave. Night to Shine is a unique prom night, created by The Tim Tebow Foundation, for people with special needs ages 14 and older. Over 100,000 individuals across the world enjoyed this extraordinary evening. Locally, there were student guests and volunteers from Lake Travis High School, Westlake High School and Regents School of Austin.

Attendees enjoyed dinner, dancing, limo rides, a red carpet with paparazzi, hair/make-up, shoe shines, karaoke, temporary tattoos, caricatures, magic, a smoothie bar and a very popular milkshake bar. There were more than 700 volunteers at Austin Ridge and 200,000 volunteers worldwide. Photography By Jenna Lester, Amy Dang and April Paine.



Teenage Job Seekers

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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Bee Cave teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to beecave@peelinc.com by the 15th of the month!

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Lake Travis Postal Office.....	512-263-2458
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.....	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave	www.beecavetexas.com

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HILL COUNTRY GALLERIA MARCH EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

SATURDAY NIGHT CONCERT SERIES RETURNS

March 23 and 30 at 7 p.m.

Hill Country Galleria's popular Saturday Night Concert Series returns on March 23 with the Guy Forsyth Blues Band. The series runs from March 23 through June 1 and continues again in the fall from September 14 through October 12. Guests can sit back, relax and enjoy this free event with family and friends on the Central Plaza. Guests are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs to lounge on the grassy lawn during the show and arrive early to shop and dine at Hill Country Galleria retailers and even get their meal delivered straight to the Central Plaza. Austin City Limits Radio will be the host. Events are free and open to the public and dogs are welcome.

March Lineup

March 23 - Guy Forsyth Blues Band

Guy Forsyth's repertoire incorporates elements of blues and Americana traditions, with trace elements of rock, R&B, folk, jazz and pop, having been inspired by the great voices of American roots, Muddy, Wolf, Elmore, Little Walter, Armstrong, Waller, Smith, Watson, Waits, Bell and many more - you can hear Forsyth's eclectic musical base. With Texas tried and true vets Naj Conklin on bass, Mark Hays on drums, George Rarey on lead guitar and the newest addition of Nevada Newman on guitar, (everybody sings) this dynamic group comes together to create a powerhouse of sound that leaves the audience dancing and their faith in the power of live music restored.

March 30 - Nakia & The Blues Grifters

Before Nakia was on "The Voice", he was a blues grifter...three words: Real. Live. Blues. That's the best way to describe Nakia and the Blues Grifters. Formed in 2010, this band delivers a powerful performance filled with energy and emotion that connects to audiences of all ages and backgrounds. Whether they are playing a funky fried groove nugget dripping with soul and swamp or a sweet swinging dance song with echoes of the blues masters, Nakia and the Blues Grifters always leave you wanting more.

CONTRACOMMON OPENING RECEPTION & PRIMER KICKOFF

Saturday, March 30 from 6 to 10 p.m.

Contracommon, an arts non-profit organization that provides a collaborative space for local artists through a membership-residency program, is hosting an opening reception to kick off PRIMER, an exhibition of work representing its artists. The exhibition, hosted in Contracommon's gallery, will feature a multidisciplinary breadth of work including paintings,

garments and installations from six of the organization's resident artists: Jordan Hourie, Wade Fabry, Lloyd Wyse, Marcella Colavecchio, Taylor Bailey and Monica "MB" Bushong. During the opening reception, guests are welcome to tour the artists' studios and the communal workshop, which will host food and drink. PRIMER will be on view Saturdays and Sundays from March 31 through April 14 from 12 to 6 p.m.

FLIP'N ART FEST

March 22 - 24

Flip'N Art will be hosting its first Flip'N Art Fest March 22 - 24. The kickoff party will take place on Friday, March 22 from 7 to 10 p.m. There will be live music, live painting, drinks and bites. The first 100 through the door will receive a free gift. More details to come.

MARCH WINE WALK

Thursday, March 14 from 5 to 9 p.m.

Hill Country Galleria is hosting its monthly Wine Walk on Thursday, March 14 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. This event is open to everyone and perfect to bring family, friends or a date for a fun way to spend a Thursday evening, shopping various retailers and discovering great wines. Participants will start at Twin Liquors to pick up a map that is both a guide to the walk and a ticket for each wine walk stop. The Wine Walk's last stop will be a restaurant so wine-walkers can sit down and end their walk with dinner.

LONE STAR FARMERS MARKET

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

*Note: Hill Country Galleria will open at 12 p.m. on Sundays, with some restaurants and services opening earlier.

Hill Country Galleria is home to The Lone Star Farmers Market. This event hosts the same great vendors as before and also offer face painting and other kids' activities along with live music. Rain or shine, The Lone Star Farmers Market will be there, providing local produce to the community. More information can be found at www.lonestarfarmersmarket.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT AT THE GINGER MAN

March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 7 p.m.

The Ginger Man at the Galleria will be hosting trivia every Tuesday at 7 p.m. with Unknown Trivia, hosted by Alden Schaub. Prizes offered from their featured brewery of the week.

21st Annual Wilderness Run & Walk

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Registration is now available online by visiting www.lakewayfop.org or by picking up an entry application at the Lakeway Activity Center and at the registration boxes at the entrances to City Park, The Canyonlands, Hamilton Greenbelt I and Hamilton Greenbelt II. Or register on event day between 8:00AM to 9:00AM. Commemorative T-Shirts will be available for \$15 with all proceeds from donations and sales going to the maintenance of the trail systems in Lakeway.

This is a great opportunity for runners and walkers, as well as families with children in strollers and dogs to enjoy an outing and meet other outdoor enthusiasts. For more information regarding Friends of the Parks or the Wilderness Run & Walk, please contact director & chair Sheryl Kelly at 512 997 8880. Hope to see you there!



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Sweetwater Residents Driven to Create a Safer Highway 71



White ribbons wrapped on trees and streets around the Sweetwater neighborhood during November served as a reminder of the tragic loss of a beloved resident. In late October, his vehicle was struck by a truck that crossed

into his lane just east of the Pedernales Summit Parkway intersection, marking yet another fatality on Highway 71.

Members of the newly mobilized Safer 71 organization want to ensure this tragedy is not in vain.

Safer71 is a non-profit comprised of residents of Sweetwater and surrounding neighborhoods. The group aims to achieve a zero-fatality road corridor on SH71 between Southwest Parkway and the Blanco County Line. This stretch of highway has seen 20 auto-collision deaths and 128 serious injuries since 2014. Seven of these fatalities occurred in 2018 alone and collisions are on the rise from previous years.

With many subdivisions far from their full build-out, multiple new schools approved for construction, new sports facilities in the works, and commercial developments springing up along Highway 71, this stretch of road will continue to see an increase in population and traffic. Without safety improvements to SH71 and a change in how people drive along it, the next accident is just waiting to happen.

Working with municipal and county governments, traffic jurisdictions, and local neighborhoods, Safer 71 aims to provide the necessary research, advocacy and outreach programs to ensure that SH71 becomes a road that people can feel safe driving on every day. Their charter focuses on a comprehensive approach to the problems: Engineering, Enforcement and Education.

Safer71 asks that you join the effort by supporting, promoting or volunteering with its efforts. Visit www.safer71.org to learn more, stay informed on how you can help create a safer community for all residents and travelers on Highway 71.



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Still on the Fence About Hosting an Exchange Student?



You don't have any kids? Are you a single parent? Same sex couple? An empty nester? This is not a problem, we place our students in all kinds of families!

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Do you consider yourself a boring person? More than likely this is not true, and you should quit being so hard on yourself. Your student will make friends. Your student will meet other

exchange students. Your student will attend activities offered by our program. Your student will get involved in sports and school clubs. Your purpose is not to entertain them. But you might find that you bring a little adventure to each others lives.

Kids are too young? Great! Lots of students love young kids, and your kids will love them. It's beneficial to introduce your kids to new cultures at a very young age. You're preparing them to accept people no matter what the religion, color of their skin, or language they speak. That my friend, is good parenting.

Don't hold back! This is a gret experience for both parties. You get the opportunity to change a child's life. You get the satisfaction of seeing them grow, even after they leave your home into becoming a doctor, a lawyer, a diplomat, artist, teacher... the list goes on. And you contributed to that success! And the best part of it all, is you gain another family member for life. We need people like you to give these kids a chance.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to place exchange students in our area. If you are interest in hosting, please contact me at 832-455-7881 or at vicki.stsfoundation@yahoo.com. I'll be happy to answer any question you might have and get you started on hosting your very own student!

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Introducing Get to Know Your NEIGHBORS

We are all very fortunate to call Bee Cave home. But, Bee Cave is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Bee Cave a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

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The 4th Annual Musical Collage benefits locally founded nonprofit, Power For Parkinson's.

This unique event features 8 local musicians/bands of varied genres performing one arresting work after another. Music lovers will be captivated by surprising shifts between three different stages to create the "Collage." Each performer has a connection to the disease and plays to honor those affected by Parkinson's Disease.

This event is an opportunity for music lovers, friends, and those with a Parkinson's connection to come together and support Power for Parkinson's efforts to provide free exercise, dance, singing, and social activities to our local Parkinson's community as well as globally through a home video series.

More info and tickets:

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Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring and Summer Irrigation



In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

- Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.

- Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.

- The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.

- An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true — research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.



Bee Cave Messenger

The New Story Festival and the Compassionate Austin Co-op!

Info at compassionateaustin.org

Questions? Contact compassionateaustin@gmail.com



You are invited to the New Story Festival, a new annual gathering for community, creativity, and the common good. The Festival is March 29-31, 2019 at Huston-Tillotson University. This is the "signature festival" of Compassionate Austin (an inclusive Austin movement to create a more compassionate city).



We are launching a new collective initiative, the Compassionate Austin Co-op and will host the inaugural Offers & Needs Market at the Festival on March 31st from 5:00-6:30 pm! Join the Co-op today! Join a diverse collective of organizations and individuals across our community who commit to enacting the City Council's Compassionate Austin Resolution, practicing compassionate action on behalf of Others, Self, and the Earth.

We welcome businesses, schools & educational entities, civic organizations, faith-based groups, advocates, artists, musicians,

news representatives (TV, radio, newspapers, etc.), design-thinkers, innovators, healers, family, friends, neighbors, etc.... (basically any and everyone who is committed to compassionate action on behalf of others, self, and the Earth). We invite you to attend the Festival and, of course, to join the Compassionate Austin Co-op and participate in the Offers & Needs Market.

Co-op Members receive both public recognition & tangible benefits:

- Free pass to the New Story Festival, the signature festival of Compassionate Austin.
- Invitation to the Offers & Needs Market, an innovative way to connect and collaborate with likeminded organizations.
- Recognition on compassionateaustin.org and at the New Story Festival.
- Half-off on exhibitor fees at the New Story Festival.
- Discounted rates on the Compassionate Integrity Training group workshops.

****There is no cost to join the Co-op or attend the Offers & Needs Market.**

How to Join the Co-op!

Step 1: Complete the online membership form found on the "Compassionate Austin Co-op" page at compassionateaustin.org.

Step 2: Download and display the Co-op badge on your website, social media, and/or establishment.

Step 3: Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market at least once a year.

Participate in the Co-op's Offers & Needs Market!

An Offers & Needs Market is a 90-minute guided process for participants to identify and exchange knowledge, skills, and resources.

The Market combines community asset-mapping and sharing-economy principles, to enhance your own work exponentially through collaboration with others!

Whether for free, barter, or a set rate, participants might offer or need things like:

- Professional skills or services
- Consulting in various areas of expertise
- Tools, vehicles, food/drink, meeting space
- Volunteers or financial support
- Anything else they are able to share!

There is no cost for Co-op Members to participate.

The first Offers & Needs Market will be held at the New Story Festival at Huston-Tillotson University on Sunday, March 31, 5:00-6:30 pm.

The New Story Festival is a Festival where we all belong. Join the Co-op and Offers & Needs Market where we share, connect, and support each other! We look forward to seeing you there! Thanks so much!



There is nothing more beautiful than someone who goes out of their way to make life beautiful for others.



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Prevent Oak Wilt – Don't Prune Oaks Feb 1st – June 30th

Information provided by Travis County Transportation & Natural Resources

Oak wilt has claimed the lives of thousands of trees in Central Texas and beyond. Majestic oaks play a large role in this region's beauty and identity; it would be hard to imagine the Hill Country without them. They are an iconic part of many local businesses and neighborhoods, providing shade, beauty, and higher property values. Following simple preventive measures can go a long way towards stopping the spread of this destructive disease.

From February through June, avoid all pruning or cutting of oaks – this is the high season for oak wilt transmission. Any wounds that occur from construction, vehicles, wind, etc., should be painted as soon as they're discovered – ideally within ½ hour of being cut – with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint. That includes freshly cut stumps and surface roots.

Pruning is least risky during the coldest winter days and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. Any time you prune though, the Texas Forest Service recommends painting all wounds and sanitizing pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine or Pine-Sol. Household bleach is not recommended.

Red oaks, including Spanish (now Buckley) oak, Shumard oak and blackjack oak, are very susceptible to oak wilt and play a key role in the disease's transmission. Oak wilt is caused by the fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*, which spreads its spores from "fungal mats" that form under the tree's bark. These mats have a sweet, fruity smell that attracts insects,

especially the sap-sucking nitidulid beetle. After feeding and breeding on the fungal mats, these beetles fly away covered in fungal spores. As they visit other oaks, they spread the fungus through open wounds in the bark. The nitidulid beetle is only about the size of a pinhead, but is capable of flying as far as a mile away. While red oaks are the most susceptible to oak wilt, all oaks can become infected.

Fungal mats usually form on standing trees, but can also develop on logs, stumps and fresh firewood cut from infected oaks. Make sure to remove and either burn or bury infected oaks to prevent mats from forming, and never store unseasoned wood from infected trees near healthy oaks.

The second way oak wilt can be transmitted is through the roots. Live oaks tend to grow together in dense mottes with interconnected roots, so the fungus can be transmitted easily among them. Oak wilt is occasionally transmitted through red oak roots as well, but the movement is slower and occurs over shorter distances than with live oaks. Root transmission can be prevented by cutting trenches four feet deep between infected and healthy trees, but by far the best option is to prevent infection in the first place.

So make sure NOT to prune oaks between February 1 and July 1, and ALWAYS paint wounds on oaks no matter what time of year it is. For more information on preventing and treating oak wilt, please visit texasoakwilt.org, the website of The Oak Wilt Information Partnership, a project of the Texas A&M Forest Service, the Forest Health Protection branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service and the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin.

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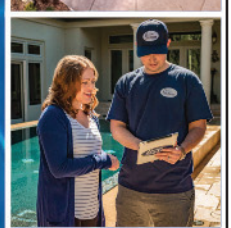
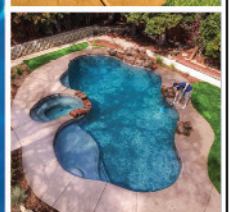
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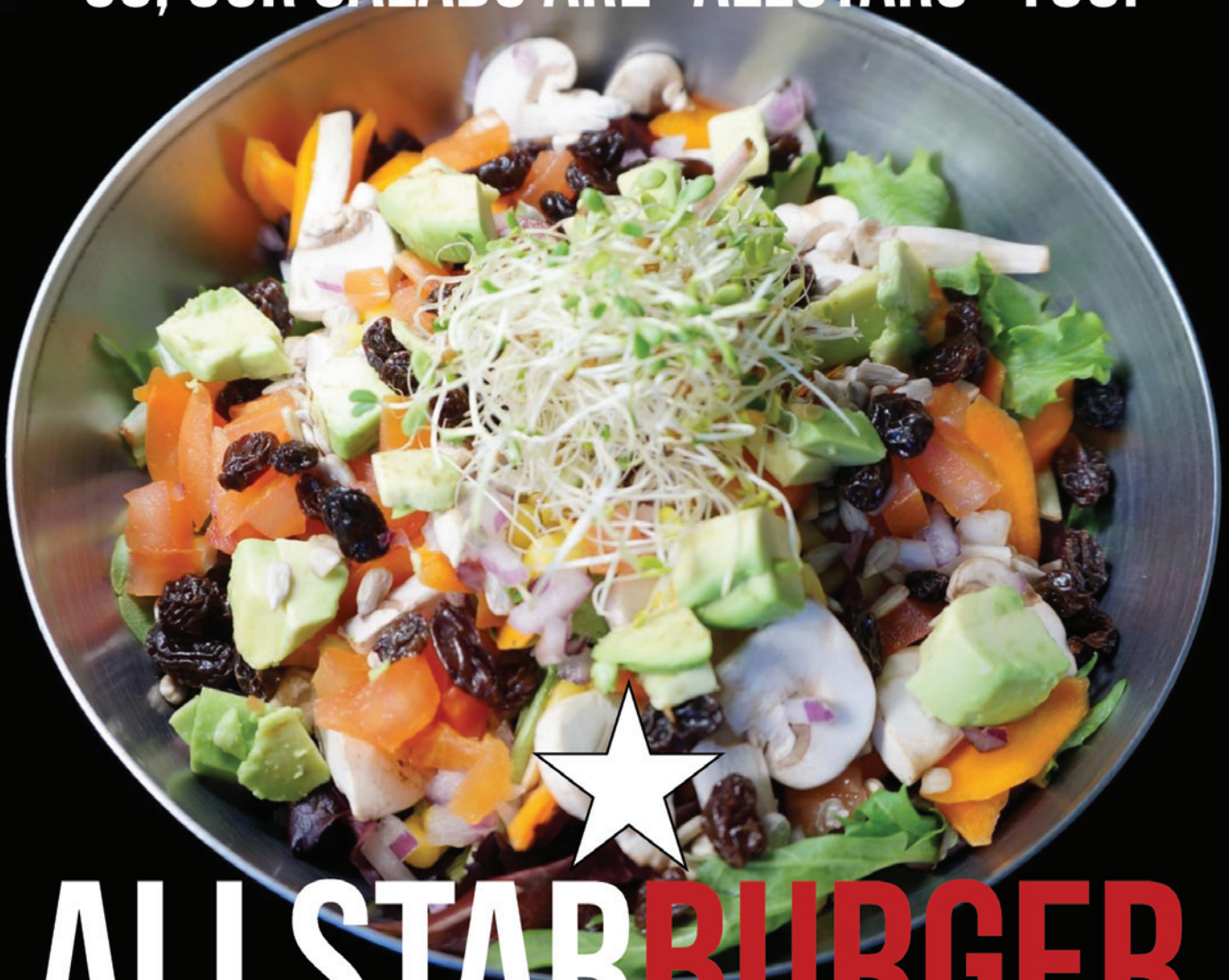
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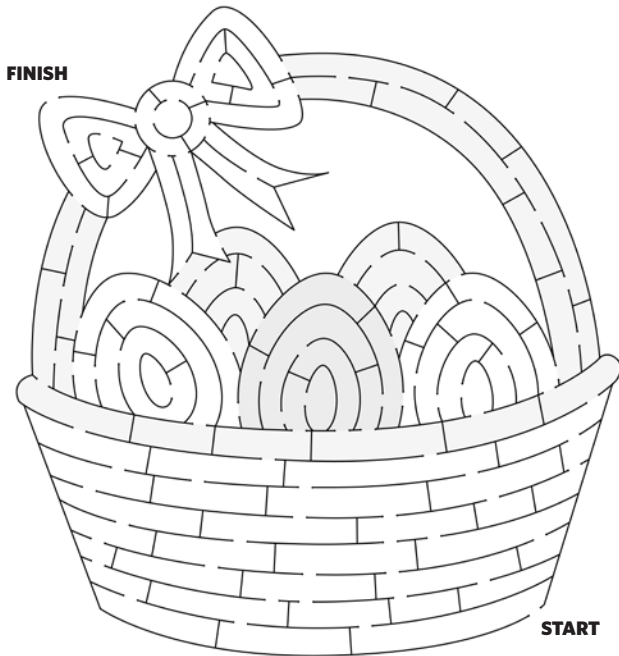
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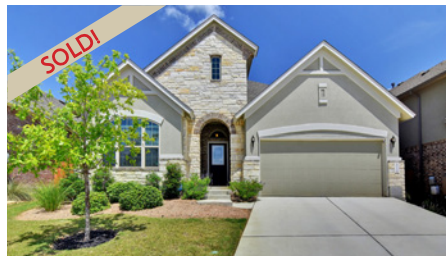
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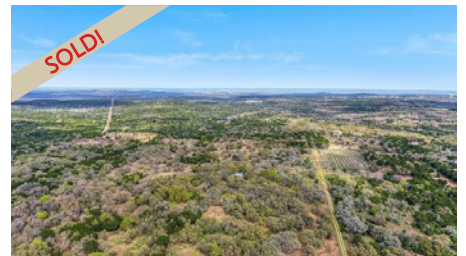
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