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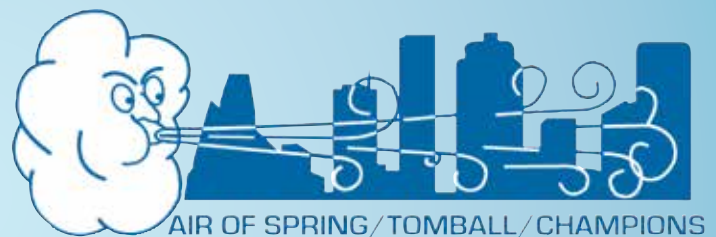
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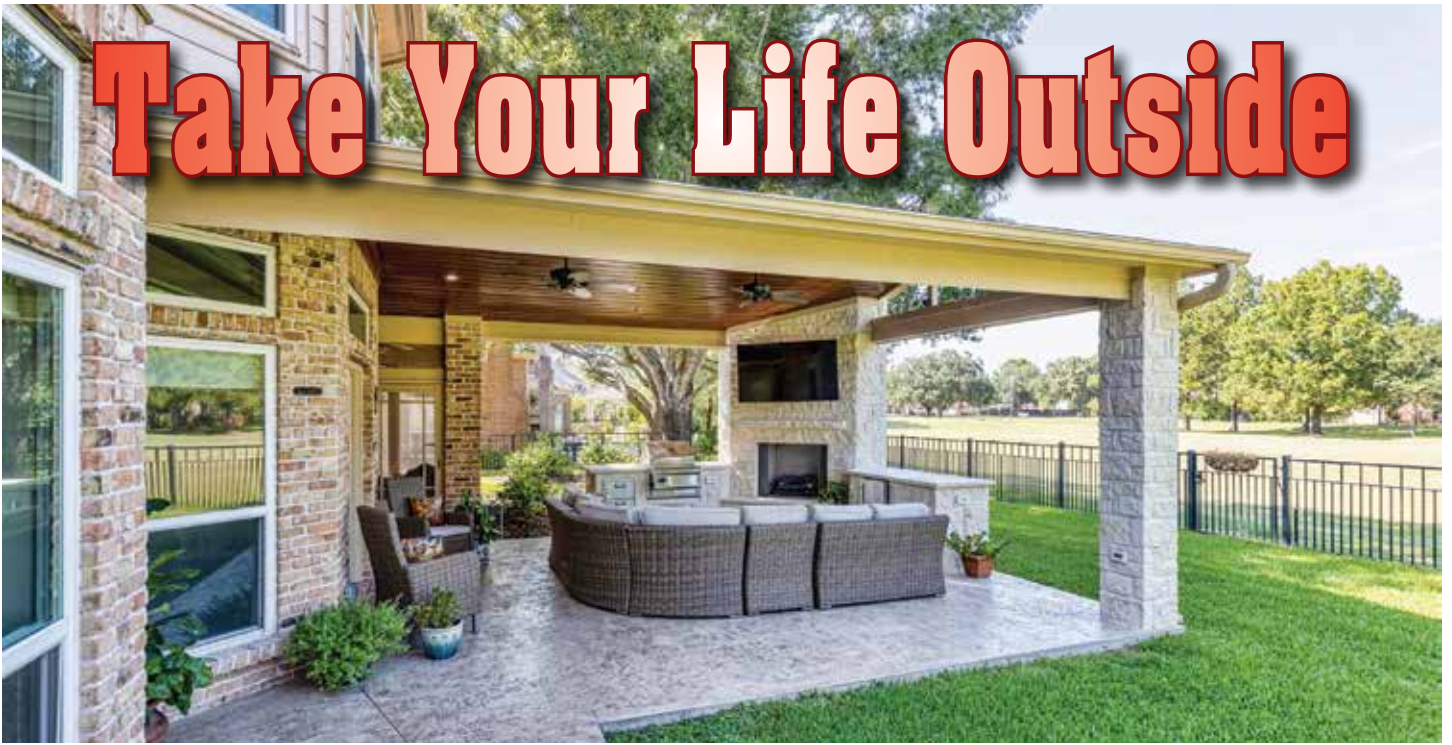
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Outdoor living areas are shifting from entertainment-focused spaces to true living spaces. Spaces where you can kick back after a long day at work, grill a great steak, just for you, or swim until the sun goes down, listening to some great music. We have finally learned how important outdoor spaces are to our own health and well being.

If your looking at your back yard and seeing a blank canvas, that's good. Whether it's a luxurious swimming pool and cabana, an open-air kitchen and dining area or a cozy fire pit for roasting marshmallows, you've likely dreamed of having one, if not all, of these amenities at

your home.

Dreaming what to put on that canvas is the first step to finding what makes your truly happy. But taking that canvas from your personal drawing to the real creation takes help. That's where the backyard masters at **Tradition Outdoor Living** step in to help you. So pull out your canvas and start your picture of what your backyard can be. Then, call **Tradition Outdoors** to make your picture real. It's almost Spring! Make that call now. 🇺🇸



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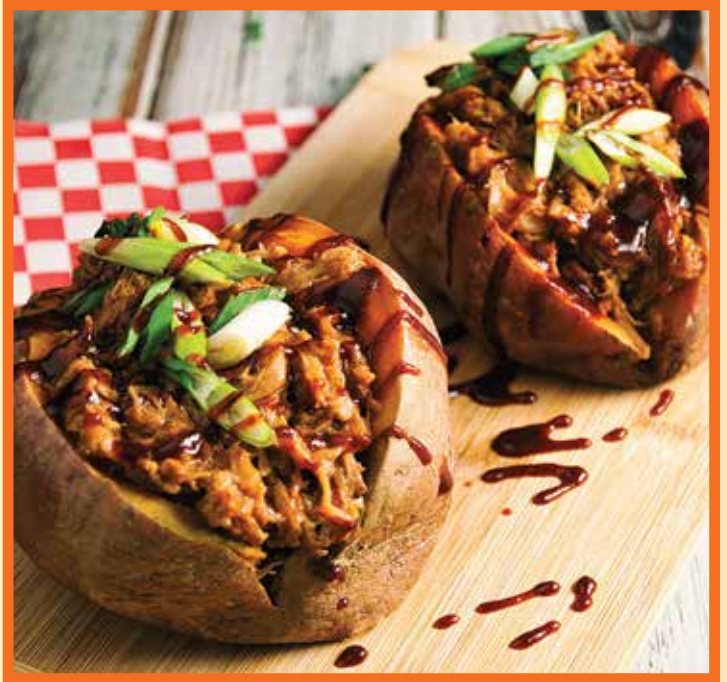
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2 GIVE ME SOME PINK

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3 SEQUINS

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4 MELLOW YELLOW

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South Padre Island

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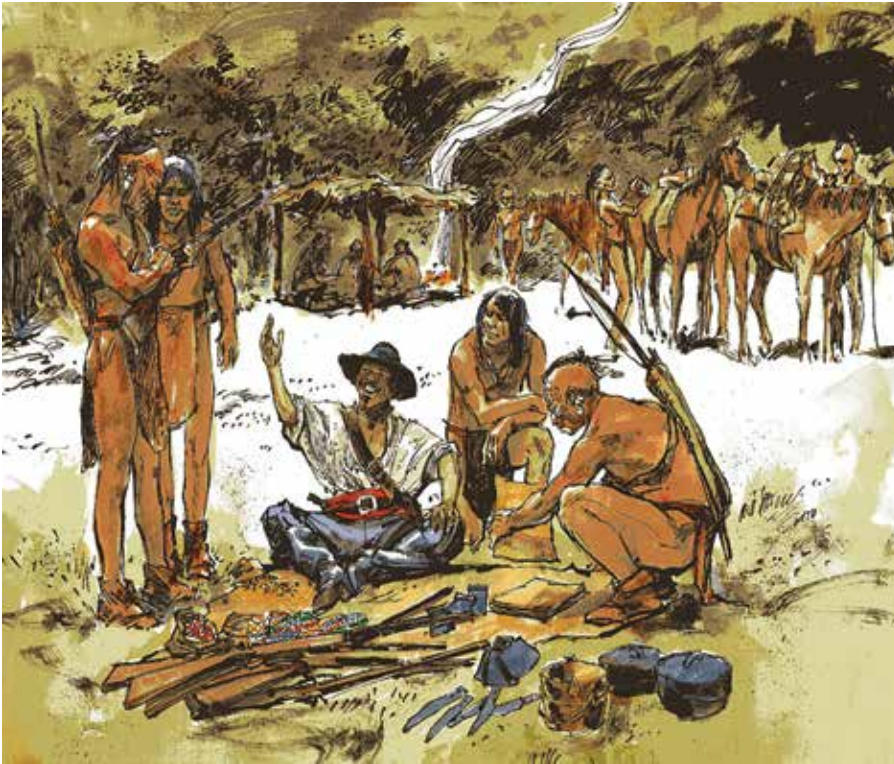
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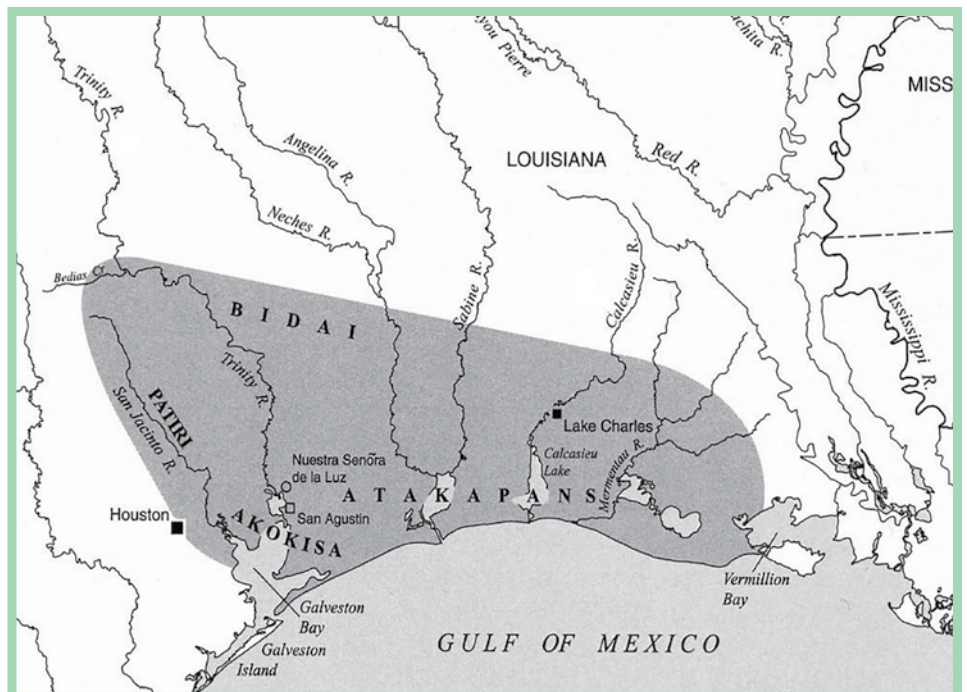
They thrived until the early 1800's when sickness from diseases from the Europeans moving into the area almost totally wiped them out.

Lasting another decade, they moved to Southeast Louisiana, to join with their sister tribe, the Atalapa who spoke the same distinct language. They have been gone for two hundred years but their memory can be found in the artifacts which still can be found along the Spring and Cypress creek banks. 🇺🇸

Dating as far back as 13,000 BC, tools and artifacts have been found on the Spring and Cypress creek banks as a rich story of the native heritage of our area unfolds.

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