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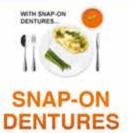


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Paul Willingham shares some of his championship memories.

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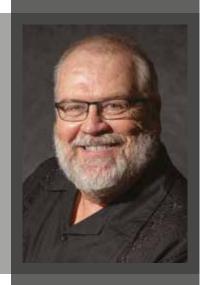
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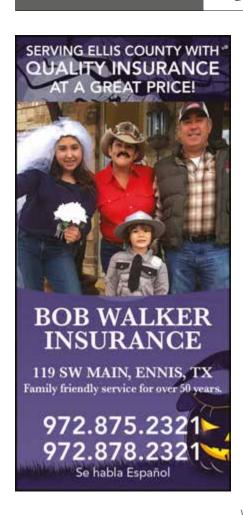
That phrase has a meaning in Texas that is somehow more significant than in almost any other state. The anticipation and excitement of the fans are contagious. Will this be the year that we "go all the way to state"? In Ennis, we add "again" to the end of that phrase, as many of us locals can recall the five times we have been to the state championship game and prevailed.

Football cannot be the most important event in our lives. Imagine a worship service in your church that drew thousands of really excited fans standing, yelling, clapping, ringing a big bell and sounding a train horn instead of saying, "Amen"! I know more than one preacher who is all for that, but they admit they really like football, too.

We've got our season tickets, and we will be there singing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "Maroon and White" before the start of each game. We'll look forward to seeing the team charge from the tunnel and the band form the flying E as they play "Aggie" at halftime. The Lionettes will perform, and the cheerleaders will work the sidelines to keep the crowd yelling for the team on the field. We'll stand in line at the concession stand and the Lionbackers' booth, where we'll run into old friends from when we were in school.

No, it is really not the most important thing in most of our lives, but it brings our community together, as it has for many, many years. Hundreds of students are participating in some way, and literally thousands of friends, family and fans are in the bleachers. Let's support the home team.

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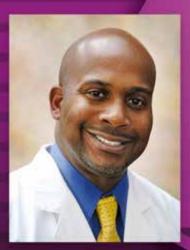
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# ANTICIPATING THE FIFTH RING

— By Bill Smith

As the Pittsburgh Steelers were entering the 1981 football season, "Mean" Joe Greene, contemplating the Steelers four Super Bowl rings, started the motto, "One for the thumb in '81." Coach Paul Willingham knows what it is like to have four state-championship rings, and he looks forward to the "one for the thumb."

Thirty-seven years is a long time in any profession, and it is almost unheard of in coaching. "When we go to coaching school, the other coaches are amazed that I am still at Ennis," Paul said. "A lot of coaches are looking for a place to go. Ennis is home to my family and me, and it is the only place I want to be. I've had some opportunities to go, but I'm right where I need to be."

Coaching football was not in the plans when Paul graduated from Tarleton State University. "My degree was in agriculture and horticulture. I was about to get married and came back to Ennis, hoping to be hired in the ag department here. I didn't get the job and was planning to enter the construction business with my mother when Don Walker, the assistant superintendent, called and asked if I would consider coaching. I took the job and actually had to get certified to teach biology. It's funny how God worked all that out."

He continued, "I started out coaching the seventh grade. Don Essary was the junior high coordinator. I learned a lot about coaching in those early years. Starting in late July, the varsity position coaches would instruct the new coaches on fundamentals and drills for the various positions. After a couple of years, under head coach Steve Braddock, I was brought up to the ninth grade, and in my fifth year, I was brought up to varsity."

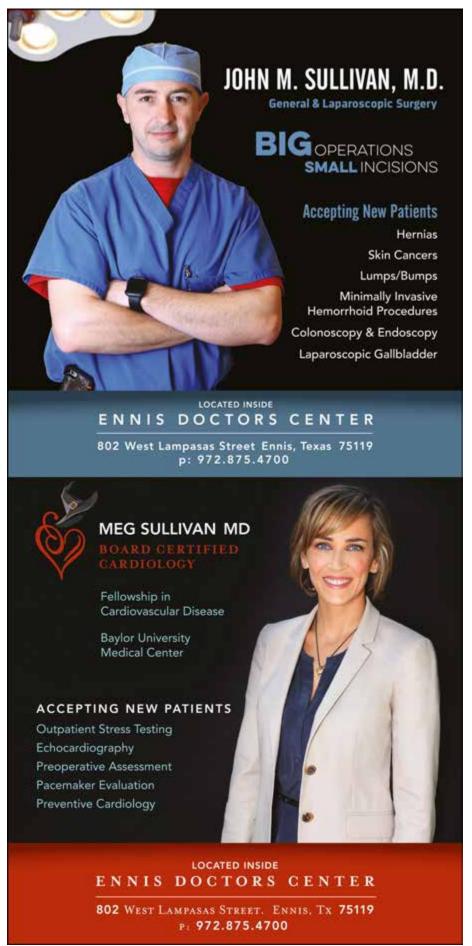
Coaching has been a family affair for the Willinghams. Both of Paul's sons and his son-in-law have been coaches. Paul quickly pointed out the secret behind all good coaches is the coach's wife. "I guess I never realized how much Kathy [his wife] was doing until I saw my kids dealing with it," Paul said. "The family was something I never had to worry about, because Kathy was taking care of everything that I couldn't. I've never complained about the long hours involved in coaching, and she hasn't either. The head coach's wife has a lot to do with how the wives function. She helps with transportation, food, where to sit, just a lot of stuff. They really help a lot."











"My parents were always supportive, and so were my in-laws," he added. In fact, Kathy's mother gave Paul his nickname, P-Willie. "She had two sons-in-law named Paul. She gave us nicknames, so we would know which of us she was speaking to." The nickname stuck, and many affectionately only know Paul as P-Willie.

"I have had six head coaches. counting Coach Sam Harrell twice. I appreciate that some of those who left spoke to the ones coming in about keeping me on, because that doesn't happen all the time. They often want to bring in their own staff, and as a coach, you understand that. Some also say that the reason they keep me around is because I am the only one who understands our computer scouting program," he related with a grin.

Paul has memories of great football games. One, in particular, stands out because of the second-half comeback the Lions made. "We were in a playoff game against Kilgore, playing at Palestine," Paul recalled. "Kilgore had a group of very athletic kids and were predicted to spank us that night. We were behind at the half, and a big reason was because our defensive tackles were not playing the gap like they were supposed to. They were 'peeking' inside. We made the halftime adjustment and won the game with a field goal at the end."

While success on the field is rewarding, it is not the best part of the job. "The best part is the kids who have gone on and become successful adults, and they care enough about you to say you made a difference in their lives. That part is important not just in coaching,





but in the classroom also, I've had kids come up to me in the grocery store and say, 'I couldn't have passed the STAAR test without you." Paul continued, "Probably the most difficult thing is seeing the kids after a difficult loss, and it is particularly hard when it is their last game."

In the Willingham home, there is a room with shelves holding awards and mementos from his 37-year career as a football coach. The four statechampionship rings are there with a place still open for the fifth one. The award for being named the Nike Assistant Coach of the Year in 2004 is there. The watch and ring from the 2002 All-Star Game in which the Ennis coaching staff coached, have prominent positions. However, when asked what item he is most proud of, Paul did not hesitate to say, "That picture of my family taken on the star." He continued, "Before my father passed away, I could count on him being there, and I always found him in the stands. After he died. I would find my father-in-law, Malcolm. My family has been a great support.

"I have also had great coaching companions. There are too many to name them all. Steve Marrow: Kevin Kalinec; Andy Cellars, who left in '01 and came back in '04 and helped us win another championship: David Kleinhans, who taught me the basics of the defensive scheme we still run today; and all of the head coaches, including Sam twice.

"Coaching is all I know how to do. I don't have any other plans. I'll keep coaching as long as I can keep moving." Filling the spot reserved for the fifth ring will happen with the Ennis Lions. NOW

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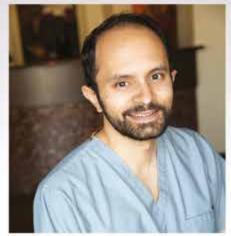
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A family reunion held in Ennis 14 years ago sealed the deal for Dr. Alexander Weir, III. "I saw the family atmosphere here," he said. "I experienced the embracement and kindness in Ennis and knew, comparatively speaking, I was living in a jail with bars back in California. I went back to San Diego, retired and moved to Ennis!"

For a San Diego native son, that was a tall order full of some of those "Top 10 Stressors!" Dr. Weir had spent some time in Anson, Texas, during his youth, working on his grandparents' farm, but he had deep roots in California. He had received his education at San Diego State

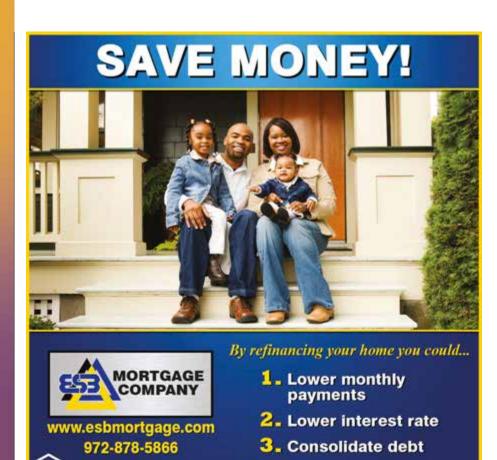
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University with "pieces from several other institutions," culminating with a doctorate in psychology. Along the way, he modeled professionally for five years, was a counselor with schools, the San Diego Police Department, the California Gang and Drug Task Force and a teen pregnancy program. "I was accepted because I gave respect. These kids trusted me. I was with the teen pregnancy program for II years," Dr. Weir recalled. "Babies were named after me. Most of those young ladies are grown now and doing well."

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WHATEVER I
CAN TO MAKE
PEOPLE'S
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— By Virginia Riddle

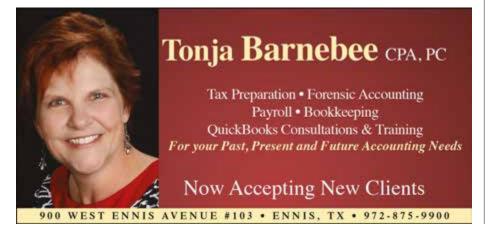
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A mentor that helped form Dr. Weir's philosophy of service was Hazel Wilborn, the executive director of an adolescent behavior program. "She helped me understand my place in the world," he said. "She never had a complaint. Instead, she always had solutions. She showed me how to make a salad everybody could eat from."

Notably, he was named Mr. Black San Diego and was designated as best dressed for four years. "I worked with Pete Wilson [former California governor and U.S. senator] when he was the San Diego mayor. I'm a magnet. People draw me to them, and I draw people to me," Dr. Weir said. He modestly acknowledges awards earned. "People recognize me, and I'm thankful for it."



He's been applying his people skills in Ennis. "I do whatever I can to make people's lives better," Dr. Weir remarked. "My hobby is people." Although retired, he still does family counseling and enjoys volunteering in the community. Dr. Weir serves on the Greater Ennis United Way board of directors and is the Ennis High School Lionbackers' vice president, "I've never missed a basketball or football game since I moved here. My seat's already paid for before each season starts." Dr. Weir revealed. "I am also a member of the Carver Alumnae. which provides private scholarships to students." Having helped raise three grown sons, he enjoys grandparenting these days. "I have too many grands to count, and all of them call me 'Pops,"



he added. His "grandpa shirt" is worn proudly to Ennis ISD events.

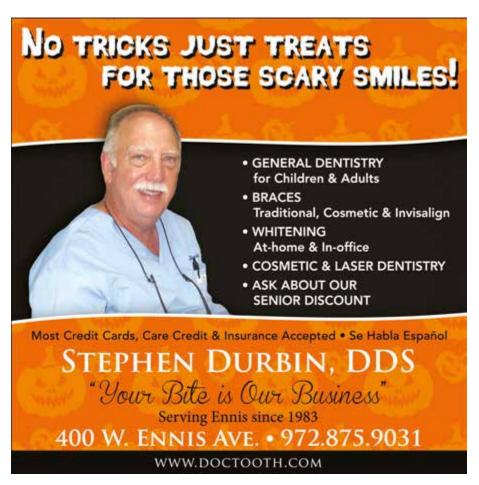
Lions Club activities are important to Dr. Weir. "We raise money that supports children in different ways, including sending children to camp, providing scholarships and providing eyeglasses." A memorable event for Dr. Weir occurred when the Ennis Lions Club. part of Lions International, helped host a conference in Waxahachie. "I met folks from all over the U.S.." he remembered. "The question on everyone's mind was, 'What can we do for children?"

A stylish dresser, Dr. Weir coordinates his clothing, especially on Sundays when worshiping at East Side Church of Christ. where he's the oldest male member and a brother. "God is the essence of my life," he offered. "I'm so thankful the Church of Christ teaches we should love our enemies just like friends."

He welcomes Ennis' growth during the past 14 years. "The tornado that hit downtown put us on a new trail and direction," he said. "The infrastructure has been brought up to help growth. We're keeping the family atmosphere while growing. I encourage people to be thankful for what they've got while envisioning what can be."

Fourteen years ago, Dr. Weir was the new guy on the block, but he's happily made Ennis his home. He's spent time listening, learning and then applying his skills and expertise in contributing to his adopted community. "Everything is new to you at first, but it becomes old when you learn about it," he waxed wisely. "My mama always taught me to keep living and open my mind and eyes." NOW







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— By Bill Smith

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Brian and Melissa Morse opened Ennis Storage after completing their first facility in 2005. The local business flourished. "I graduated from high school here, and my family and many friends are still in Ennis. I'm happy to say I still get together

with my buddies and hunt and fish, though not as often as we would like to," Brian related. "Ennis has been good to us."

Melissa pointed out, "We have opened additional locations in other cities now, even one in Arkansas, but Ennis has been the most favorable environment for our business. The city has worked with us in a very positive way."

Ennis Storage is obviously on the cutting edge as far as business operations. Using technology, customers can go online and view the units available to rent and process the transaction with Brian or Melissa by email, text or phone call. "We have a storage space calculator on our website, but I also like to talk to our clients. If they give us an idea about what they have to store, we can direct them to the appropriate size unit," Melissa added.

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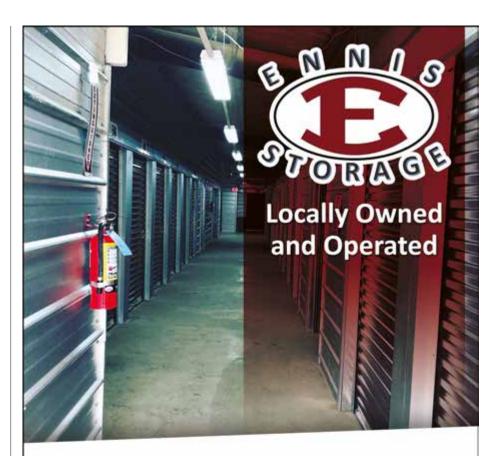
"Potential customers look at our website and ask about our fences and security cameras. Having a secure facility is important to our customers, so it is important to us," Brian continued. "I have often said our client is in the storage business — we are in the security business. People store their treasures with us, but they also store things they plan to sell or give away but do not want to deal with 'right now.' However, we often find that customers who plan on having a unit for a couple of months become long-term clients. They like knowing their things are securely stored away until they get ready to do something with them.

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"Our very first client was our attorney. We were in his office he had outgrown prior to moving to his current office. There were boxes stored in the conference room we were using to sign the papers purchasing our first facility. We pointed out that we could store them for him, and he has been a client of ours ever since then."

Melissa pointed out what a benefit it is for them to be members of the Texas Self Storage Association. "It is an organization that is owned and operated by self-storage-facility owners. They have been, and continue to be, an asset for us in so many areas. They provide us with a large manual covering every possible scenario that could come up in the self-storage business. We recently found a cremation urn in an abandoned unit and had no idea what to do with it. We did not want to see it destroyed, so we looked in the manual. Sure enough, it told us what to do with the urn. We turned it over to a local funeral home to locate the family.

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## **Around Town**



## **Zoomed In:**

By Bill Smith

## Warner Horton and Mary Ann Zaidle Horton

Mary Ann Zaidle Horton is a lifelong resident of Ennis, but she said she had to draw Warner in from Dallas about 15 years ago. They are both faithful Ennis Lion fans and are shown attending the Meet the Lions event to kick off the football season at Lion Memorial Stadium. The event showcases all of the teams and support groups, including cheerleaders, Lionettes and the band.

The Hortons attend almost every game, and their daughter, Reagan, is a Lions cheerleader for the team. Mary Ann expects the Lions to win big this year, and Warner seconded her comments with, "I've got high hopes!"



Elvia Eva Contreras recently moved to Ennis. Now, she greets customers with a smile at Wal-Mart.



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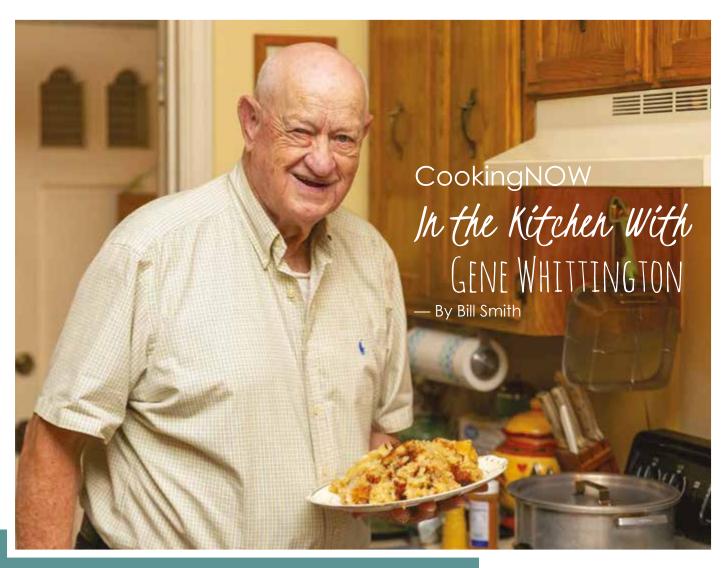
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"I really started cooking at a diner in Ada, Oklahoma, when I was about 22 years old. My job was washing dishes for 35 cents an hour. The boss said I would get a raise if I learned to cook. I learned to cook!"

Today Gene cooks for family, friends and church events. He loves to cook for his children and grandchildren. "One of my granddaughters recently came for a visit from Florida. She requested red beans and fried potatoes." NOW

#### **Beef Stew**

I lb. stew meat Fiesta chicken rub, to taste Ground black pepper, to taste I/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 1/2 Tbsp. Crisco vegetable shortening

1/2 large onion, chopped

1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes with garlic and oregano

- 4 large potatoes, peeled and cut into I-inch pieces
- 1 14.5-oz. can green peas
- I lb. pkg. baby carrots
- 1 1/2 stalks celery, cut into small pieces
- 1 14.5-oz. can whole kernel corn
- 1 14.5-oz. can stewed okra and tomatoes
- **1.** Wash the meat; season with liberal amounts of Fiesta chicken rub and pepper.

- 2. Coat meat with all-purpose flour.
- **3.** Heat shortening in a 4-qt. stew pot over medium heat.
- **4.** Add meat and onion to the pot; sauté until the meat is brown.
- **5.** Add all of the remaining ingredients; cover with water.
- **6.** Cook until potatoes and carrots are tender, about 1 hour.

#### Papa's Spaghetti With Meat Sauce

- 1 8-oz. box Kraft Spaghetti, with spice mix
- 4 oz. additional spaghetti
- 1 28-oz. can tomato juice
- 1 lb. ground hamburger meat
- 1/2 large onion, diced
- 1 Tbsp. butter
- 2 Tbsp. McCormick's Spaghetti Seasoning Mix
- 1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes with garlic and oregano

- **1.** Add spaghetti to boiling water; set spice mix aside.
- **2.** When spaghetti gets limber, drain water; replace with tomato juice. Continue cooking over medium heat.
- **3.** While the spaghetti continues to cook, sauté hamburger meat with onion until meat is brown. Add spice mix, butter, seasoning mix and diced tomatoes. Continue to simmer.
- **4.** When spaghetti is all dente, do not overcook, combine spaghetti with meat sauce in a large bowl and serve.

#### **Fried Potatoes**

- I cup Crisco vegetable shorteningIbs. potatoes, peeled and sliced aboutI-inch thick
- I large onion, chopped Fiesta chicken rub, to taste Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste
- **1.** Melt shortening in a 14-inch skillet over medium heat.
- **2.** Add potatoes and onions to skillet. Cook with lid on the skillet, turning regularly until potatoes are tender and begin turning brown. Watch closely; do not allow to burn.
- **3.** Season to taste with Fiesta chicken rub, salt and pepper.

#### Mom's Chicken and Dumplings

I whole chicken
I cup all-purpose flour (divided use)
2/3 cup self-rising flour
I/3 cup whole milk
Salt, to taste
Pepper, to taste
Swanson's chicken broth, if needed

- **I.** Boil chicken in a large pot until the meat is falling off the bone. Debone the chicken; retain the broth.
- 2. Return the meat to the broth.
- **3.** While the chicken boils, mix 2/3 cup all-purpose flour and the self-rising flour in a bowl, adding enough milk to mix until "tacky." The dough should stick to fingers but be able to roll together for dumplings.
- **4.** Add the remaining all-purpose flour to a baking sheet or heavy aluminum foil. Coat dumplings with the dry flour. Roll and flatten dumplings to 1/8-inch thickness. Cut or pinch dumplings to the desired size.
- **5.** Drop dumplings into the boiling broth with chicken. Add salt and pepper to taste. Cook until dumplings are firm.
- **6.** If needed, add Swanson's chicken broth. Add additional milk, if desired, to thicken the broth.



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#### Fried Chicken

- 1 1-lb. pkg. chicken legs, breasts and thighs Salt, to taste Pepper, to taste Fiesta chicken rub, to taste 2 cups whole milk I cup all-purpose flour 1 cup Crisco vegetable shortening
- **I.** Rinse chicken pieces in cold water.
- 2. Rub chicken until lightly covered with salt, pepper and chicken rub.

- **3.** Dip in milk; roll in flour until each piece is covered with the flour.
- **4.** Heat shortening in a large skillet over medium heat.
- **5.** Fry with the lid on for 5-8 minutes on each side. Try to turn only once. The chicken should be brown and crisp.

#### Pinto Beans With Ground Beef

- 1 lb. dry pinto beans, sorted, rinsed and drained
- 1 Tbsp. garlic salt

- 1 tsp. pepper

- 1 lb. ground hamburger meat
- 1/2 large onion, chopped
- 1 14.5-oz. can diced tomatoes with garlic and oregano
- 1. Put beans in a 4-qt. pan; cover with water until the pan is 3/4 full.
- 2. Add garlic salt and pepper.
- 3. In a medium skillet, brown hamburger meat with onions.
- 4. Add diced tomatoes to the meat and onions; simmer until the flavors blend, about 15 minutes.
- **5.** Add the meat mixture to the beans: let them continue to cook at a low boil for 4-5 hours, or until tender.
- **6.** Important note: If additional water needs to be added to the beans, add boiling water. Do not add cold water to the beans.





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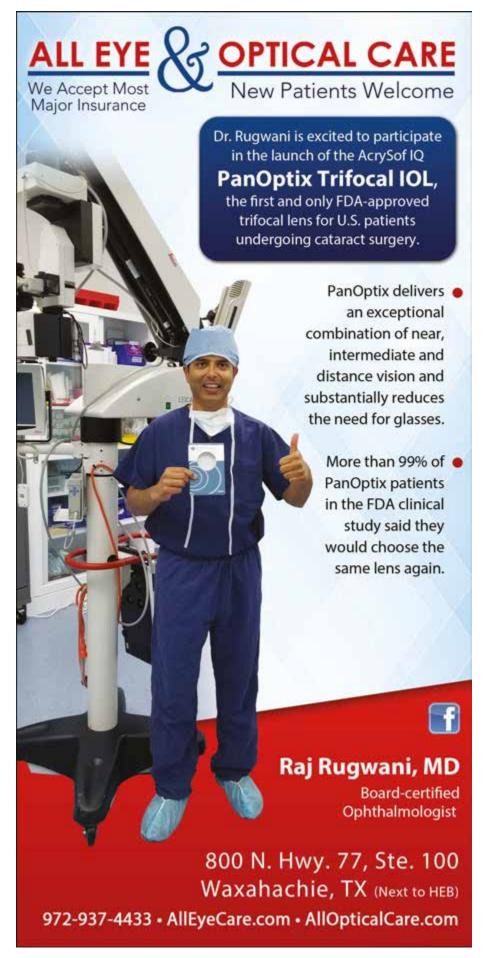
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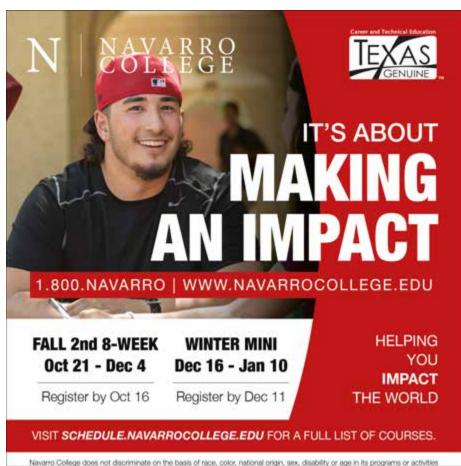
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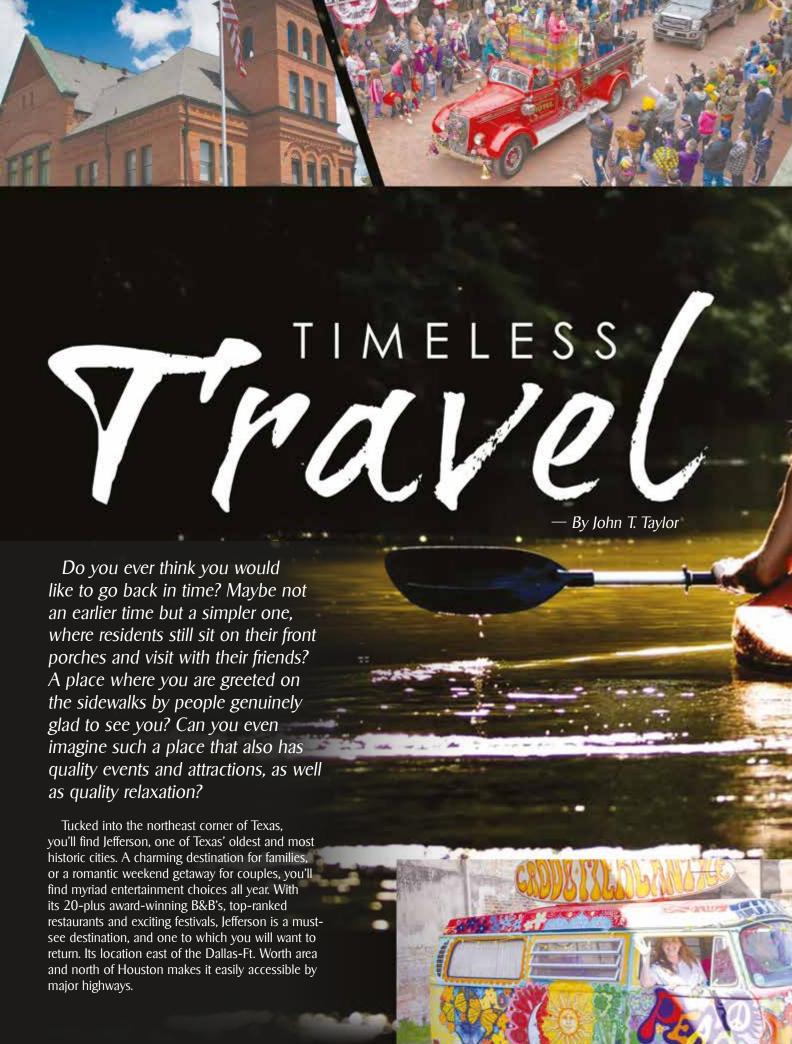


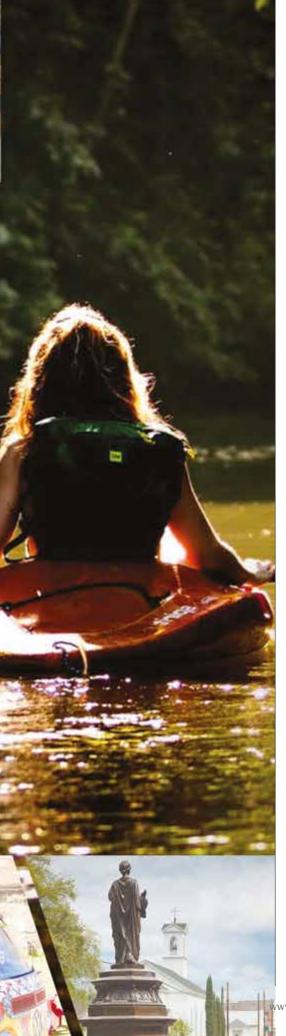
















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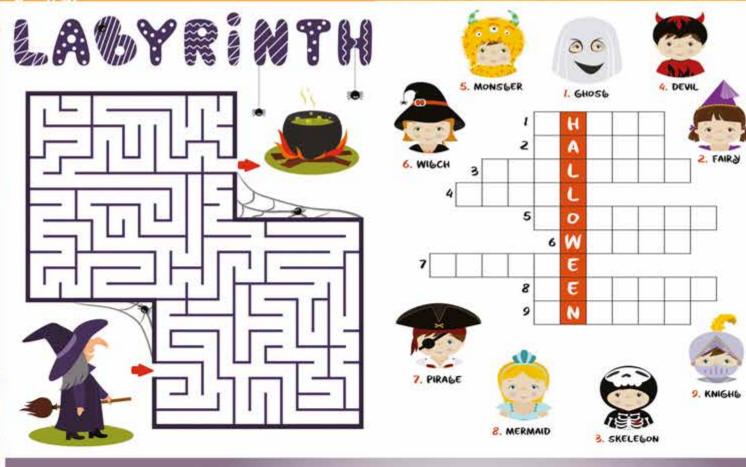








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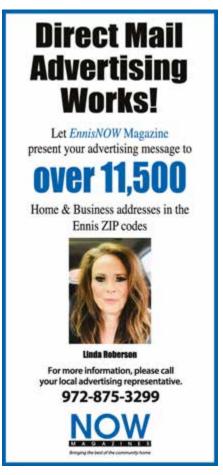
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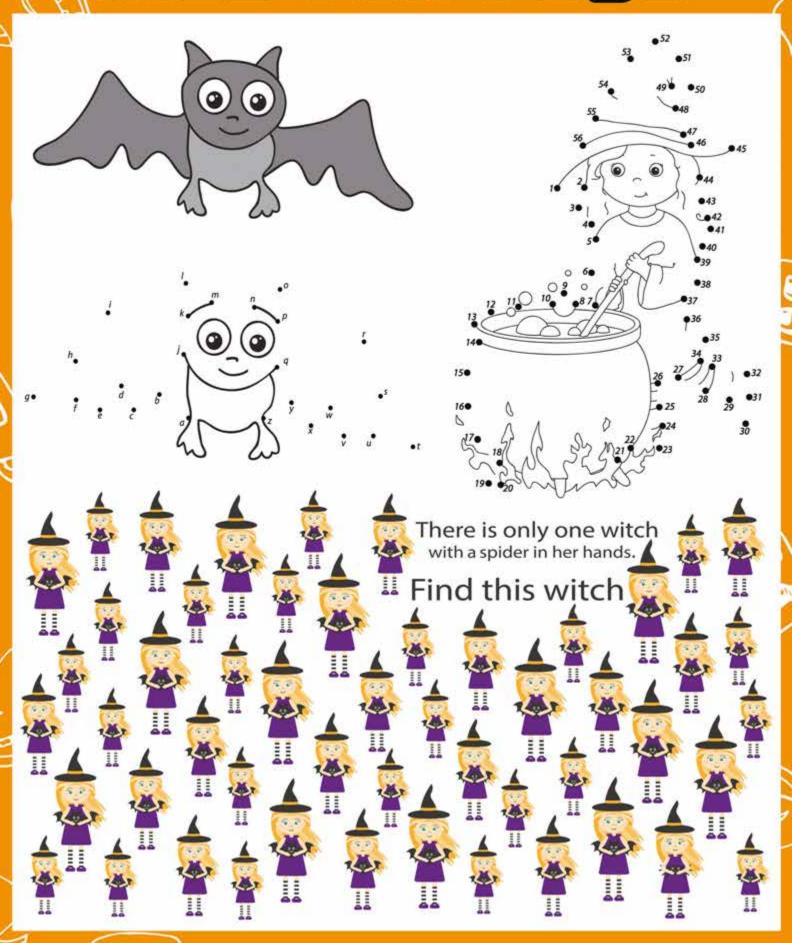
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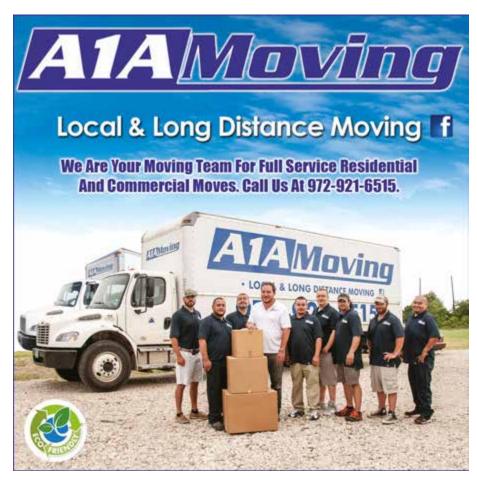
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- 14 When one is supposed to get there
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- 19 Variable
- 22 Old-fashioned
- 23 Hung around
- 25 First of her kind
- 26 The whole race, or a member of half of it
- 27 Put down in the street
- 30 Journey's end
- 33 Yearned
- 34 The power to reject
- 35 Playthings
- 36 Thrust with a knife

#### Down

- 1 Embankment
- 2 Musical composition for two
- 3 Extent of space
- 4 Pup's cry
- 5 Remarkable events
- 6 Reef
- 7 Cattle classifications
- 8 Puffball emissions
- 10 Obstacle
- 12 Scholarly centers
- 13 Not any
- 17 Light rowboat
- 18 Slender bar
- 19 Ran away
- 20 Occupy
- 21 Worldwide cultural org.
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- 27 Tokyo legislature
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- 31 Your, old style
- 32 Domestic channels for news, education, entertainment and rubbish

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#### Ellis County Walk to End Alzheimer's:

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#### 10/26

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