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*The new year has arrived!*

January is the month most people reflect back on the past 365 days, wondering what they could have done to change so many things for the better. I'm one of these people. Now that the holiday decor has been returned to its resting spot in the attic, the rooms in my home are looking a little bare, but they also look clean and ready for all the new year has to offer.

I've learned one thing throughout the years of adulthood — what the coming year holds is up to me. My choices will dictate whether it's a good year or one similar to a rollercoaster, with many twists and turns and ups and downs.

Resolutions are so yesterday, or at least they are for me. Like most, I used to make a few "doable" resolutions on January 1, only to look back in March to see I'd fallen short of my original goals. Not anymore! I'm going into this new year with a much different mindset than I've ever had before. I'm going to solve the problems I can, while leaving the rest to someone else, preferably the good Lord above.

It's taken a lifetime to realize I *don't* have to be in control of everything and everyone that I come in contact with. Sometimes, the only responsibility I have in a given situation is to sit back, relax and let Jesus take the wheel. I'm sure it won't be easy for the control freak within me, but it's worth a try, don't you think?

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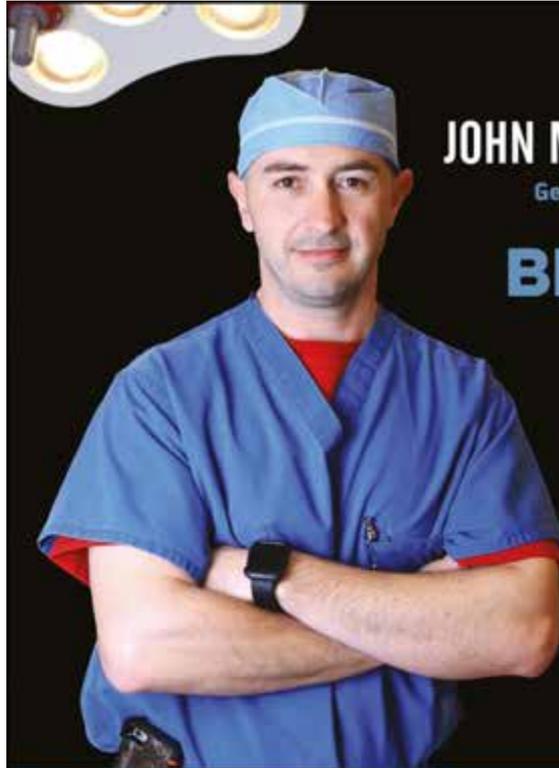
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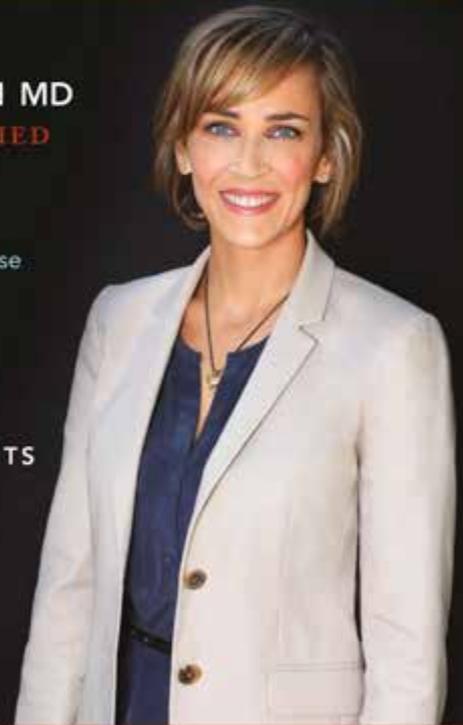


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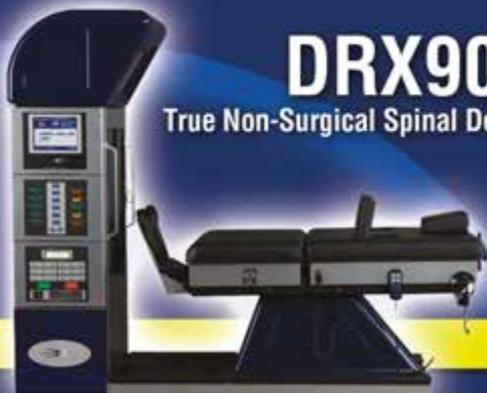
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*“I found a zigzag!”*

*“I found one, too!”*

*Recently, the eager voices of children rang out while pouring over art books at Bowie Elementary. What makes zigzags so exciting? The teacher standing at the front of the classroom — Mackenzie Rejcek.*

On this particular morning in this particular class, Mackenzie taught her young art students about lines. Yes, lines were the cause of all the commotion. Curves, castles, dots, dashes, the exhilarating zigzag, and Mackenzie’s declared favorite, the spiral. “I love spirals. I’m always doodling them,” Mackenzie told her students, as she demonstrated her personal doodling technique on the whiteboard. The children studied 10 types of lines that morning, all enlivened by Mackenzie’s passion for teaching through art.

“Art is a child’s way of showing us that we’re all different. Art is their time to show us their many personalities and creativity through paper,” she shared.

Mackenzie continued her lesson on lines as the 7- and 8-year-olds studied a picture of a painting by Vincent van Gogh. “Artists use lines to make things seem as though they’re moving. Look at the lines in this picture by van Gogh. It looks like things are going in swirls, like maybe it’s windy or stormy,” she pointed out.

Currently a paraprofessional with Ennis ISD, Mackenzie is in the final months of earning her bachelor’s degree in early childhood education from Texas A&M-Commerce. Although she won’t be an art teacher, per se, her technique for teaching will incorporate art into all subjects. “The art and the hands-on work helps make learning fun, gets them to be creative and have their own ideas. Overall, I just love to let them express themselves and get to do different things. I love seeing where their minds go, because everybody is different,” she said of her teaching style.

Coming from what she described as “a big Czech family,” Mackenzie has “always had a love for kids,” but said the real reason she wanted to become an educator was more than that. An artist at heart, Mackenzie knows her influence in the classroom has the potential to mold and shape the lives and outlooks of every child with whom she comes into contact.

“There are so many reasons, but I just want to be their change. I want to not only educate them, but I want to be an influence on them, how they look at things, show them all the opportunities they have,” Mackenzie said. “I want to be that person they can come talk to. I want to help them see the world in a way they might not have before.”

Many educators influenced her choice to dedicate her career to being the “change” for children, but the one that stands out was her high school agriculture teacher, the late Kelly Boston. “He was always trying to do that with us. He was not only a teacher who

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— By Sally Fuller



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taught us about plants and outdoors, but he was always writing out different goals and giving us these quotes about life — just trying to be there for us, too,” she shared emotionally. “Boston” as Mackenzie and other students referred to him, passed away quite unexpectedly in an automobile accident in 2016. “It changed so many people because he influenced so many. You could see it everywhere,” she said.

Her early childhood education degree will allow Mackenzie to specialize in educating kindergarten through sixth grade. Having worked with children in day care, she discovered her interest is reaching children during those first crucial and formative years. She plans to pursue kindergarten education.

“It’s the fun age,” Mackenzie said, laughing. While the joy she finds in teaching children so young is obvious, she takes the responsibility seriously. “Not everyone goes to pre-K, so you might be their first teacher, and you’re getting to introduce everything to them. And you’re doing a lot of art activities with them to help them learn and keep it interesting. They’re still exploring who they are,” she explained.

All of that “exploring” is sometimes challenging, but Mackenzie said it’s the “little things” — smiles, hugs, drawings made especially for her — that make her hard work to maintain the excitement of learning worth the effort. “It’s those little things that make it all worthwhile,” she shared. “If it ever gets tough, those little things make up for all of it.”

Inspiring children to want to learn is one challenge educators face, regardless





of age or grade level. Mackenzie uses art to engage those students who might be struggling.

“I’ve seen students who at first didn’t really seem to be interested in wanting to learn or even do art, so I’ll show them different ways they can do it. I’ll show them it’s *their* art. It doesn’t have to be perfect, and everybody’s is different,” she explained. “Gradually, I’ll see them changing. They’ll come up to me and ask for help instead of just sitting there frustrated.”

Engaging children in crafting something that’s “theirs” enhances the learning experience. Last semester, she worked with first grade reading students to create artwork to accompany the book, *Rainbow Fish*. “There was a big rainbow fish, and they got to put each scale on it and write on there what a good fish is, because that’s what the story is about,” she said. “We also did an activity where they made their own fish with tissue paper and got to pick out their own jewel for it.” She said the art allowed the students to think more deeply about the book and gave them a personal connection to the lesson.

As Mackenzie completes her residency this semester and anticipates her May 2019 graduation, she is full of enthusiasm for the opportunities that lie ahead to encourage and help shape the possibly thousands of students who will pass through her very colorful classroom. “I always tell my students to turn their mistakes into masterpieces,” she reflected. It’s advice she hopes they carry with them beyond the wide halls of Bowie Elementary. And it’s advice that’s appropriate for any age. **NOW**

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*the View*

— By Sandra Strong

*Johnny and Kathie Mansell arrived in Ennis in 1987, traveling from Las Cruces, New Mexico, following an invitation from Baylor Baptist Church. “Since we were open to something new, it proved to be perfect timing,” Johnny said, as Kathie nodded in agreement.*



The early years of their marriage were spent as missionaries — planting churches in the New Mexico area. Earlier, some of their family had relocated to Texas, so the move also included a bonus of being closer to those family members.

It wasn't long after the move that Johnny and Kathie settled into the slower, more relaxed pace of life Ennis offered. That first year as the pastor of Baylor Baptist Church proved to be one of getting to know their congregation, and it was also a chance for the congregants to get to know them. Twenty-five years later, in May 2012, the Mansells retired, leaving the church leadership to someone new. But looking back, all they have are fond memories — memories they wouldn't trade for anything.

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"Kathie and I served with at least two generations, and in some cases, three," Johnny reminisced. "I can't begin to tell you the number of weddings and funerals I officiated, or the number of newborns Kathie and I welcomed into the world."

The special programs, child-related activities, youth nights and Christmas extravaganzas were many, as well. And Johnny and Kathie were just as eager to play a "special part" in the festivities as anyone else. In fact, it wasn't a production without them. They loved getting dressed in costumes, as they brought the Bible to life for those who attended the programs.

The open-door policy Johnny pastored with is the same policy he lives by today in retirement. "When we were at the church, people would stop by all the time just to visit," he explained. "We're realizing that we miss those visits most of all."

"We still welcome visitors," Kathie added. "We love to sit down and visit with old and new friends."

When Johnny turned 65, he was ready to leave the full-time ministry at Baylor and transition into a part-time interim pastoral position. Unfortunately, that plan did not come to fruition the way he and Kathie hoped that it would. "I couldn't find anything," Johnny stated. "Thankfully, I was blessed with a chaplain position at Laurel Land in Dallas. I was able to connect with people again as I officiated funerals."

Several years into retirement, they realized the time had come to downsize, so selling their home on Highland Drive they had lived in for 22 years was a bittersweet decision, to say the least. After selling and gifting the items



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they knew they would not be taking with them, they moved to Waxahachie in March 2014, where they still make their home. "All you see is all we have today," Johnny said, referring to the furnishings and decor that offer a cozy home for them. "We have nothing at all in storage."

Johnny has been living with a great deal of pain for many years — pain that came on prior to retirement. He had dealt with rheumatoid arthritis for several years. Treatment consisted of chemotherapy, which destroyed his immune system. Currently, he is at the end of thyroid cancer treatment, and he still deals with a great deal of pain caused by neuropathy.



The pain may slow him down, but it hasn't stopped Johnny from enjoying his family, including four children and eight grandchildren, three who live in Waxahachie, one in Frisco and the other four in Germany. He preaches a message most Sunday evenings at the apartments where they live. "I try to make it down three to four times a month," he said. "There's usually 12 to 15 in attendance — a group of little ladies and one man." They have also become members of the First Baptist Church in Waxahachie, where he taught Sunday school and was ordained as a deacon before he started his battle with thyroid cancer.

The Mansells' lives were once fast-paced, but today, the slower pace suits them well. Johnny sits in his easy chair and looks out the window at Highway 35 below, giving glory to the God he's served for a lifetime. "God has been so good to us, and we know He is still in control," he shared. "We're going to keep trusting Him and enjoying the view from here." **NOW**

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Words that can easily describe Gracie Garza, owner/director of Medical Professional Institute, LLC, are patient, dedicated, caring, giving and kind. After 13 years of trying everything to have a baby to walking through 13 miscarriages, Gracie can now look back and realize everything she endured to get where she is today was a set-up from above — preparation for an even bigger baby that she was finally blessed with. “I eventually realized why I had to



go through all the pain and hurt before I was blessed with my rainbow baby,” Gracie admitted, noting a rainbow baby is a baby that is born after the loss of a child. “I had to weather the storms to gain the strength I needed to walk into my true calling.”

Many times, during those tough years, Gracie remembers feeling like such a failure, but those type feelings can, and were, turned around almost immediately. Not long after her rainbow baby, Daniel Garza Jr., was born, Gracie decided it was time to put the excess energy she had to work. “Daniel was 5 months old, and I felt like I could conquer the world,” she recalled. “As I researched, I found a need that was not being met in the Ellis County area.”

This research prompted her to birth a second baby, so to speak, as she opened Medical Professional Institute, first in Red Oak in 2015, and then a second location in Ennis just one year later.

Medical Professional Institute offers an atmosphere conducive to the learning process with the hands-on method of instructing

The motto at MPI is simple — no student will be left behind. “And I definitely do stand behind this philosophy. The instructors go above and beyond to ensure students are confident in what they’ve learned,” Gracie stated. “We are always on hand for free tutoring and job assistance. The goal is for each student to be successful.”

The majority of MPI students come from a demographic that includes single mothers, those with low incomes and/or those who are coming out of domestic violence situations. The lessons learned during both day and night classes at MPI prepare them for rewarding careers in the medical field.

A few requirements are necessary for students to qualify for enrollment to get them started on the fast track to something better. “They must have a GED, a Hepatitis B vaccine, social security number and driver’s license,” Gracie said, “and if they are missing one or more of the needed items, we do all we can to help them secure the missing items so they can move into the classroom.”

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Completing day classes takes students five months, while night classes last eight months. These classes include detailed instruction on clinical training, such as drawing blood and administering injections. Once they have completed the program that allows them to master all skills required of a medical assistant, they are then eligible to attend a four-day phlebotomy seminar that gives them a second set of credentials. These stackable certifications not only add to their growing résumés, they increase their job opportunities.

Another thing that brings great joy to Gracie in this new adventure is the full cap-and-gown graduation experience. “This is such a special time for each MPI graduate. It may be the first time they’ve ever walked across a stage,” Gracie explained. “They feel rewarded because they know someone believed in them and their success story.” **NOW**

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Autumn Carter, 3, smiles for the camera as she waits to eat dinner with her family.

## Zoomed In: Staci Wolfe

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Staci Wolfe has been at Ennis Care Center for nearly 18 years. The past 15 have been spent as the activity director, a job she thoroughly enjoys. “The residents refer to me as the fun lady,” Staci admitted. “I love planning events and doing fun things. I love seeing the happiness on their faces after I’ve given them something enjoyable to do.”

That something enjoyable could be bingo, crafts or the IN2L Program. IN2L stands for “It’s Never Too Late.” Through the program, residents are finding out that it’s never too late to enjoy the things in life they’ve always liked, but seem to be missing at this stage in life. Staci uses one of the three iPads offered with the new program to show photos to a horse enthusiast. “The sky is the limit with this program,” she stated. “I’m not sure if we’ll ever experience all it has to offer.”



The owners of the Culpepper House host a ribbon cutting and open house at their beautifully renovated bed and breakfast.



The G.W. Carver Class of 1967 celebrates their 50th Reunion.



Friends of the Library members Kathy Morse, Therese Dempsey and Charolette Roberson decorate the Ennis Public Library for the holidays.



Ennis resident Dr. Terry Williams, accompanied by his wife, Robin, receives the Small Employer of the Year Award.



Well-known clown, Larry Licon, gets the crowd of parade-goers excited about the floats and fun to come.



Jennifer Dvorak and her daughter, April, enjoy a coffee together on her visit home from Syracuse.

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# In the Kitchen With STACEY GOODMAN

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As a self-taught cook, Stacey Goodman thoroughly enjoys preparing meals for her family and sharing baked goods with friends. She loves trying all types of new recipes, but her passion is baking. “My Grandmother Clark and Great-grandmother Clark were some of the best cooks. They made homemade jellies and jams,” Stacey shared. “My fondest memories of my great-grandmother’s house were the baked goods she always had available on the freezer. She was always feeding the people who came to visit.”

Stacey is passing on the baking bug to her granddaughter. “She wears great-grandmother’s handmade apron as we cut out and decorate sugar cookies during the holidays,” Stacey explained. “I love having her wear the apron and use the rolling pin that has been passed down through the generations.” **NOW**

## Easy Pineapple Pie

- 1/3 cup butter
- 1 1/3 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 8.5-oz. can pineapple, crushed and drained
- 1 unbaked piecrust

1. Cream butter and sugar together. Add eggs, and whisk to combine. Add vanilla and pineapple.

2. Pour into an unbaked piecrust. Bake at 350 F for 45 minutes.

## Great-grandma’s Ambrosia Salad

- 1 8-oz. container Cool Whip, thawed
- 2 1/2 cups coconut
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped
- 1 8-oz. can fruit cocktail, drained
- 3 cups miniature marshmallows
- 1 10-oz. jar cherries, drained

- 1 tsp. nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

1. Mix all ingredients together until well blended. Refrigerate for several hours prior to serving.

## Granny’s Cheesecake

- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 1 14-oz. can Eagle Brand evaporated milk
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 graham cracker piecrust

1. Mix cream cheese, milk, lemon juice and vanilla together with a hand mixer.  
2. Pour into piecrust. Refrigerate until set, approximately 2 hours.

## Chicken and Dumplings

- 3-4 chicken breasts
- 1 32-oz. container chicken broth
- 2-3 cans biscuits, cut into pieces
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup milk

1. Boil chicken until done. Remove chicken from water; allow to cool before cutting into cubed pieces.
2. Once water has been drained from cooking pot, add chicken broth. Heat until the broth comes to a rolling boil.
3. Add biscuit pieces a little at a time so they don't clump together.
4. Once dumplings are almost done, add chicken, salt, pepper and milk.
5. For a thicker broth, whisk a little flour with water in a cup and pour into the pot.

## Red Velvet Cheesecake

*Cheesecake layers:*

- 2 8-inch round disposable aluminum foil cake pans
- 1 12-oz. pkg. white chocolate morsels
- 5 8-oz. pkgs. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract

*Red velvet layers:*

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 2 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 6 large eggs
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 3 Tbsp. unsweetened cocoa
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1 8-oz. container sour cream
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2 1-oz. bottles red liquid food coloring
- 3 8-inch round disposable aluminum foil cake pans

*White chocolate frosting:*

- 2 4-oz. white chocolate baking bars, chopped
- 1/2 cup boiling water
- 1 cup butter, softened
- 1 32-oz. pkg. powdered sugar, sifted
- 1/8 tsp. table salt
- Coconut candies as garnish (optional)

1. For cheesecake layers: Preheat oven to 300 F. Line bottom and sides of 2 of the disposable cake pans with aluminum foil, allowing 2-3 inches of foil to extend over the sides. Lightly grease foil.
2. Microwave white chocolate morsels in a microwave-safe bowl according to package directions. Cool 10 minutes.
3. Beat cream cheese and melted chocolate at medium speed with an electric mixer until creamy. Gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating well. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until the yellow disappears after each addition. Stir in vanilla. Pour batter into prepared pans.
4. Bake at 300 F for 30-35 minutes, or until almost set. Turn oven off. Let cheesecakes stand in oven with door closed for 30



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minutes. Move from oven to wire racks. Cool completely; about 1 1/2 hours. Cover and chill for 8 hours, or freeze for 24 hours to 2 days.

**5. For red velvet layers:** Preheat oven to 350 F. Beat butter at medium speed with a heavy-duty electric stand mixer until creamy. Gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating just until blended after each addition.

**6.** Stir together flour and next 2 ingredients. Add to butter mixture, alternating with sour cream, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed just until blended after each addition. Stir in vanilla and food coloring. Spoon batter into 3 greased and floured disposable cake pans.

**7.** Bake at 350 F for 20-24 minutes, or until a wooden pick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool in pans on wire racks for 10 minutes. Move from pans to wire racks. Cool completely, about 1 hour.

**8. For frosting:** Whisk together chocolate and boiling water until chocolate melts. Cool 20 minutes; chill 30 additional minutes.

**9.** Beat butter and chilled chocolate mixture at low speed until blended. Beat at medium speed for 1 minute. Increase speed to high;



Easy Pineapple Pie

beat 2-3 minutes or until fluffy. Gradually add powdered sugar and salt, beating at low speed until blended. Increase speed to high; beat 1-2 minutes, or until smooth and fluffy. Add coconut candies, if desired.

**10. For cake:** Place 1 layer of red velvet on a serving platter. Top with 1 layer of cheesecake. Repeat with remaining layer of red velvet and cheesecake, alternating and ending with red velvet as the top layer. Spread top and sides of cake with frosting. Store in refrigerator before and after serving.

## Mom's Goulash

**1 lb. ground beef**  
**Salt and pepper, to taste**  
**1 tsp. garlic powder**  
**1 pkg. large elbow macaroni noodles**  
**1 29-oz. can Hunts Tomato Sauce**

**1.** Brown beef and drain. Add salt, pepper and garlic powder.  
**2.** Bring a pot of water to a boil. Add noodles. Cook for 10 minutes until desired doneness.  
**3.** Drain water. Add tomato sauce and ground beef, mixing well.

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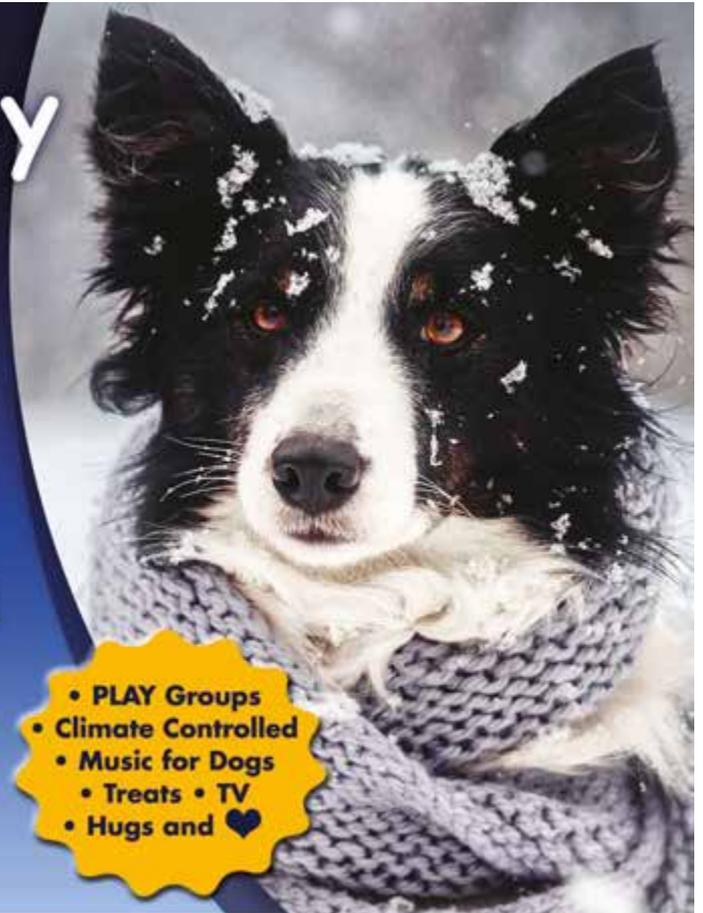
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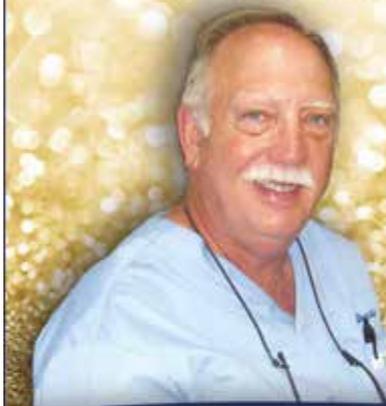
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*River*

— By Lisa Bell

*The Mississippi River borders its state, but the river isn't all you see traveling through Mississippi. From beaches in the south to cities and beautiful countryside, visitors can enjoy a variety of sites. With relatively mild winters, even the early months of the year can be a perfect time to visit.*

At the Gulf Coast, beaches and waterparks offer water fun for most of the year. When temperatures cool down, there are still opportunities to play golf or fish. From an oceanside dock or out on a chartered boat, one can enjoy catching more than 200 varieties of fish.

Mississippi is well known for the origination of blues music, but many other genres also grew from the blues of long ago. One of the best features in the state is the Mississippi Blues Trail. Throughout the state, guests can visit the birthplaces of legendary musical icons and learn about the way they lived and their early influences.



Take in dozens of the markers in Southaven at the Tanger Outlet Mall or a single marker in other towns along the way. Stop at amazing museums, such as the Gateway to the Blues located in Tunica, Mississippi.

Tunica, also known for resorts and seven casinos, is home to the RiverPark & Museum. An interactive environment, the entire family can enjoy the two-story building next to the river. Inside, learn about Mississippi, including the origin of teddy bears. Experience a diving bell or enjoy the peaceful aquarium. On one side of the museum, rocking chairs line the sidewalk, looking over the river where barges and ferries still run. In addition, trails fill the park, where young and old can explore nature.

Much of the state remains untouched. With numerous state parks, outdoor enthusiasts can hike, camp and even hunt and fish in some of them. Nearby recreation areas provide a variety of entertainment. In Canton, MS, visit Mississippi Petrified Forest, an unforgettable step back in time.

Many farms in Mississippi open to the public during different seasons. Picking fruits or visiting a pumpkin patch create wonderful memories. Cedar Hill



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Farm in Hernando is one of the best known, but others in the state offer a similar experience. With hayrides and barrel trains, children and parents create memories that last a lifetime.

The historical town of Hernando features an old-fashioned town square with festivals and events throughout the year. The home and ranch of Jerry Lee Lewis still exist near this small town. Be sure to arrange a tour in advance to see this music legend's home. Another site worth visiting in Hernando is a historic landmark commemorating the Mississippi Freedom Trail. For history buffs, following this trail makes a memorable trip.

Throughout the state, many battlefields remind visitors of a war no one wants repeated. Vicksburg houses one of these, commemorating a key turning point in the Civil War. Driving through with an interactive audio brings history to life in these locations.

When visiting Mississippi, be sure to spend time in Jackson. This city alone can fill days with fun. The zoo houses almost 400 animals from more than 200 species. With multiple museums, find something interesting for every family member, from the Civil Rights Museum to the Sports Hall of Fame and many history museums.

Be sure to take the kids to the Mississippi Children's Museum. A richly interactive space, children learn without realizing it. Next door, the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science also offers great interaction, multiple aquariums and dozens of nature trails, as well as a rainforest maze.

Wherever you travel in Mississippi, prepare for adventure, fun and interactive history lessons. Follow trails or select a few places to focus your travels. Whether for a few days or weeks, Mississippi delivers a great way to spend quality time as a family. **NOW**



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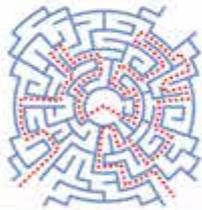



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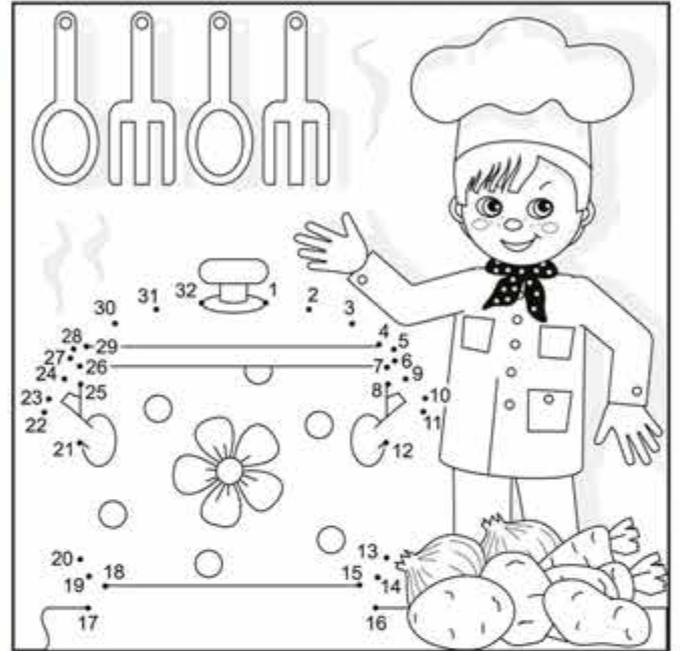
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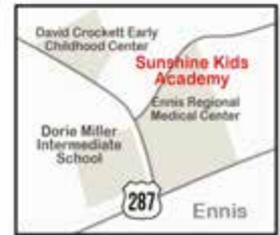


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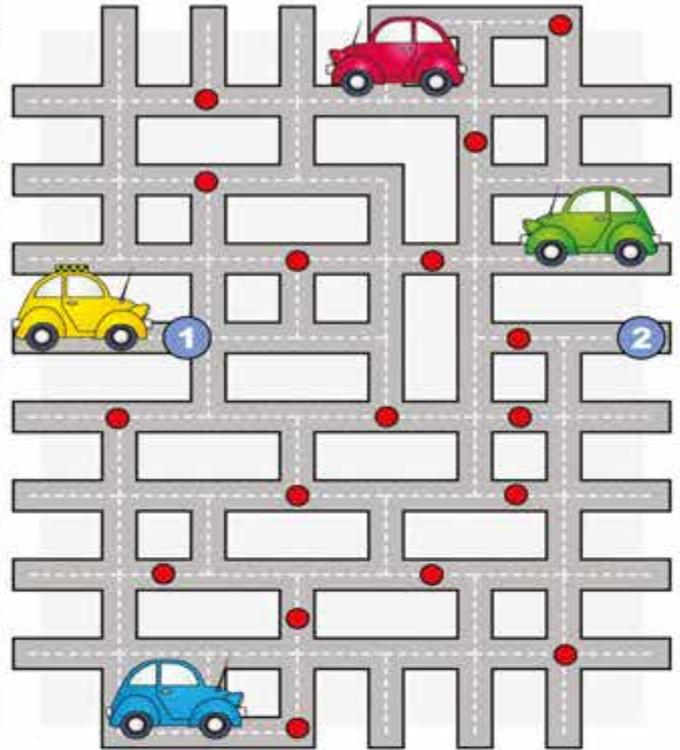
Take a letter from every test tube and make a word!  
Every letter can be used only once.

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					A	E	P	C	H
					L	A	A		E
					P	E	N		N
					M	P	U	G	<del>T</del>

<del>T</del>	A	<del>E</del>	C	H	T	R	E	E	S
M	I	P	L	N					
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A	<del>R</del>	R	C	S					
B	E	P	<del>E</del>	E					

ANSWER: 1) FRUIT, APPLE, LEMON, PEACH, MANGO, 2) TREES, MAPLE, BIRCH, ASPEN, BEECH.

Help the taxi car to get from the point 1 to the point 2.  
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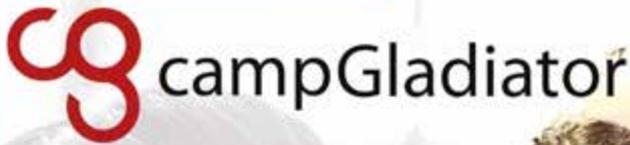
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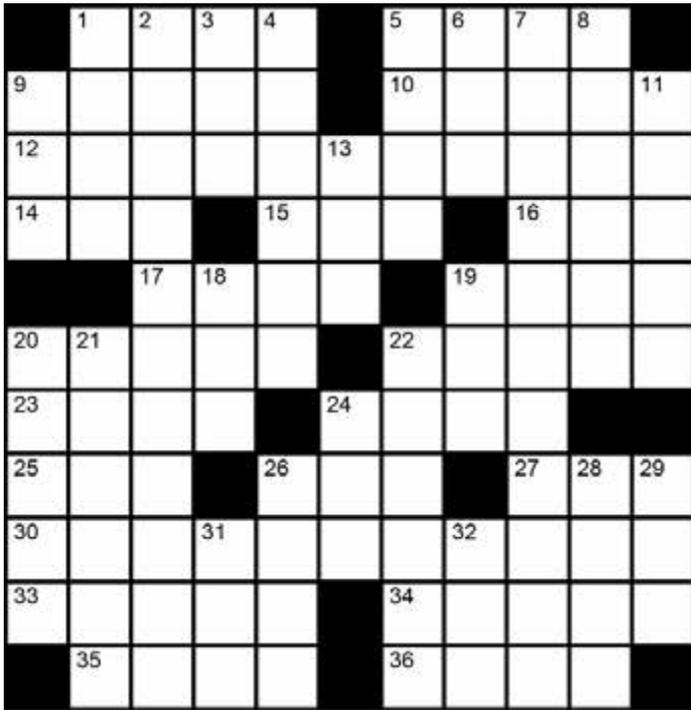
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### Across

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- 5 Garage sale warning
- 9 What Rhett didn't give
- 10 Ate sumptuously
- 12 Alphabet start
- 14 Cost-of-living measure
- 15 Electrically charged particle
- 16 Med. care choice
- 17 Mint with Retsyn
- 19 Shed tears
- 20 Magnitude
- 22 They might swing
- 23 Detest
- 24 Top of the mouth
- 25 Large flightless bird
- 26 Crossroads of America
- 27 1918 pandemic
- 30 Flight science
- 33 Have a conniption
- 34 Singer --- Ronstadt
- 35 Inquires
- 36 Ova

### Down

- 1 Take --- (try the pool)
- 2 Exaggerated representations
- 3 Pinafore's letters
- 4 Complete
- 5 Yemeni seaport
- 6 Act as a model
- 7 Looming
- 8 Sounded
- 9 Dolphins org.
- 11 Falls
- 13 Auction offering
- 18 Catastrophic occurrence
- 19 Solicit
- 20 Bundle of stalks
- 21 Image recorder
- 22 Space vehicle
- 24 Retrovirus material
- 26 Press fluids
- 28 Some TV screens
- 29 This publication is based in part of it
- 31 Bourbon flavoring
- 32 Welding method

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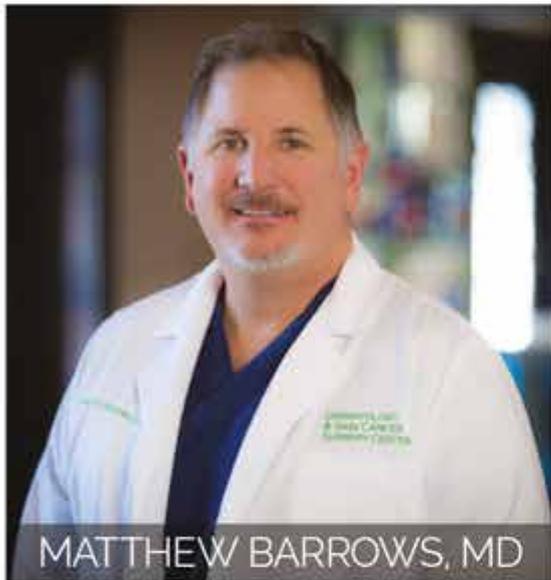
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# Sudoku Puzzle

Easy

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

Medium

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

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**Ennis Czech Music Festival:**  
1:00-11:00 p.m., Sokol Hall,  
2622 E. Hwy. 34. [www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com](http://www.ennisczechmusicfestival.com).



1/14, 1/21

**Homeless Census Volunteer Training:**  
Citizens interested in finding and helping those who are homeless in Ellis County are welcome to join the Local Homeless Coalition as they conduct the annual Point in Time Count. Learn how to safely be part of the solution. 6:00 p.m., Waxahachie Police Department, Community Room, 630 Farley St., Waxahachie. Contact Rev. John Stout, (469) 383-3164.

1/18 — 1/20

**Unity in the Community of Ennis MLK Jr. and Lovia Boyd Community Award Celebration:**  
1/18, Dr. MLK Art, Poetry and Essay Contest. 7:00 p.m., Ennis Public Library, 501 W. Ennis Ave.  
1/19, Power in Wellness Health Fair 2019, 10:00 a.m.-1:00

p.m., 501 N. Clay St. 1/20, A King Celebration: The Power of Love, 3:00-6:00 p.m., San Jacinto Auditorium, 501 Gaines St. Tickets: adults presale \$10/ children presale \$7. Tickets at [uitcofennis.ticketleap.com/the-power-of-love/](http://uitcofennis.ticketleap.com/the-power-of-love/).

1/19

**Auditions for Scarborough Renaissance Festival 2019:** Open to actors and singers for those wanting a theater experience like no other. Auditions by appointment only and must be scheduled by 1/15. 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:30-4:30 p.m., email for scheduling at [SAPA@Srfestival.com](mailto:SAPA@Srfestival.com).



1/21

**Second Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration:** A message about learning from the past and continuing to move toward a positive future, the event has expanded to include lunch and the opportunity to volunteer at various pre-arranged locations around town. 10:00 a.m., One Church, 2122 N. Hwy. 67, Midlothian. Register at [www.discoveronechurch.org](http://www.discoveronechurch.org).

1/24

**Let's Get Warm Giveaway:**  
Anyone experiencing homelessness in Ellis County is welcome for hot meals, fellowship, gifts like blankets and coats, basic financial counseling and resources provided by the Local Homeless Coalition in Ellis County. 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., House of Praise, 1264 N I-35, Waxahachie. Kasie Linker, House of Praise, (918) 351-3678.



1/26

**WEE Read Festival:**  
The festival will celebrate reading, writing and literature. The event is targeted for children in PK4 through the sixth grade. Free to the public. 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., First Christian Day School, 1109 Brown St., Waxahachie. [www.sheilagonzalez6.wixsite.com/weereadfestival](http://www.sheilagonzalez6.wixsite.com/weereadfestival).

Second Mondays

**Ellis County Veterans Networking:**  
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p.m., IHOP, Waxahachie. Jim McKeever (469) 258-7424.

Second Tuesdays

**Ennis Masonic Lodge No. 369 meeting:**  
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Last Thursdays

**Marine Corps League, Detachment 1452 meeting:**  
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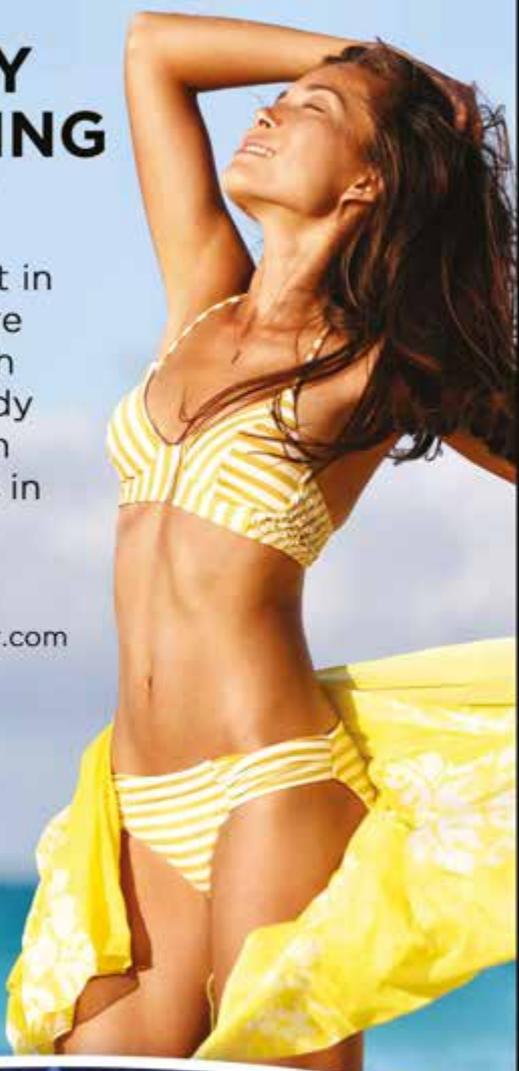
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12	F	I	R	S	T	13	L	E	T	T	E	R	
14	C	P	I		15	I	O	N		16	H	M	O
			17	C	18	E	R	T		19	W	E	E
20	S	21	C	A	L	E			22	M	O	O	D
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Easy

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Medium

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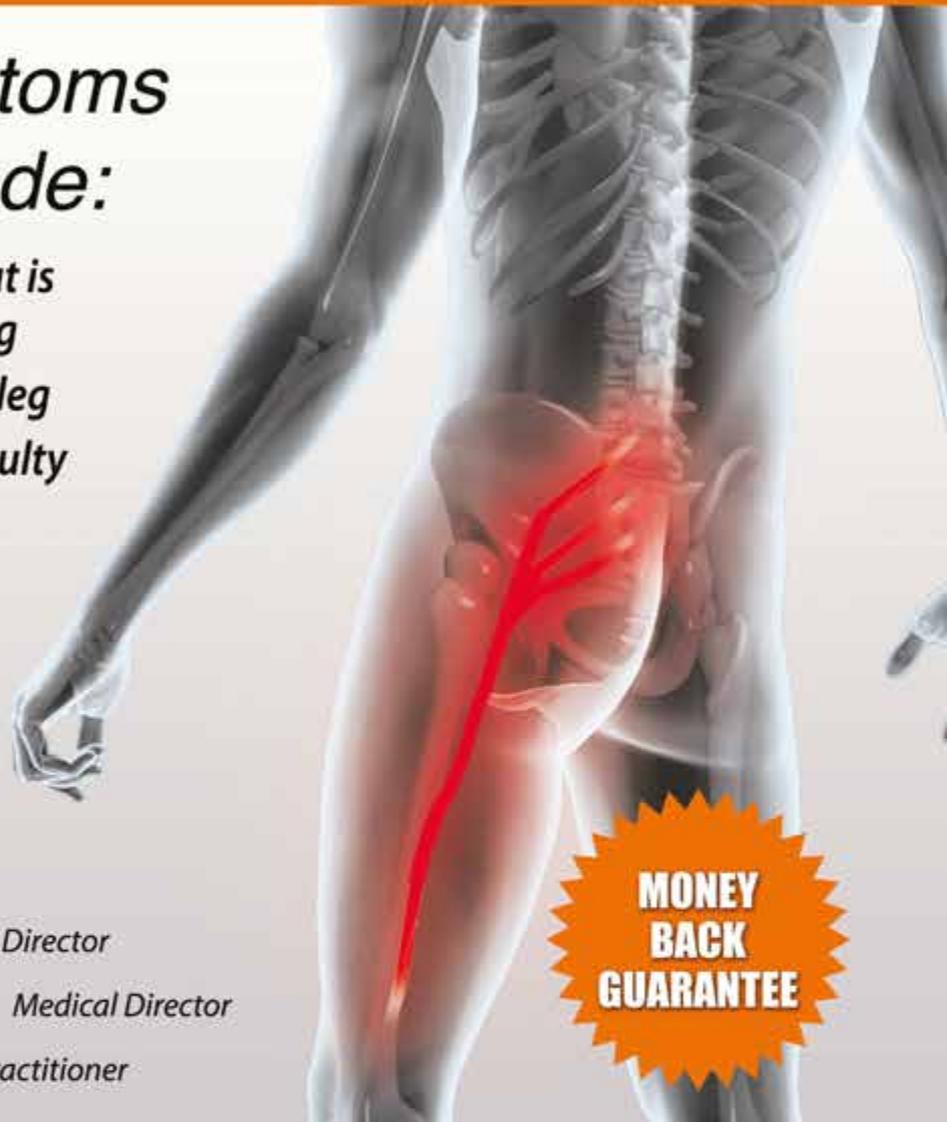


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