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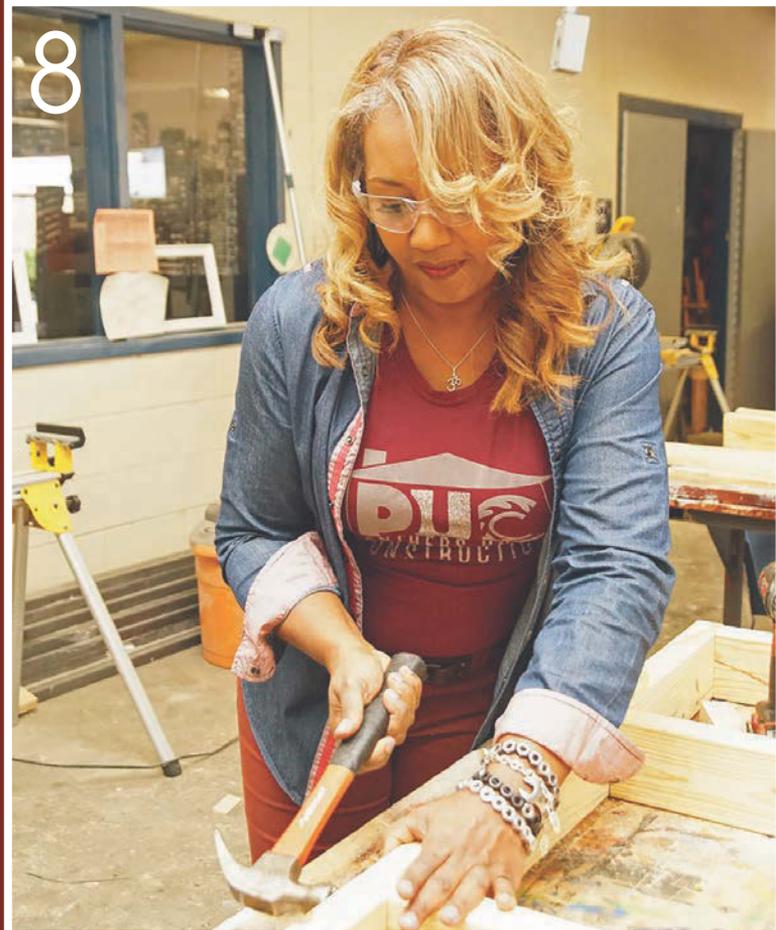
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Snowflakes falling down ...

In North Texas, January is our best bet for snow. Often, it's an afterthought to one of our nasty ice storms, just enough to dust the treacherous stuff with a sprinkle of beauty. Some years we don't get anything. But eight years ago, in February of all things, we had a real snow — 11 inches all in one day! At the time, I was teaching at Northlake College in Irving, and my car heater was broken. I drove in that morning and taught my first class. Before my second class, school was canceled, and I had to drive home to Duncanville, on Loop 12, with no defroster. That meant leaving the window cracked and having snow swirl into the car as I drove. I was pretty cold by the time I got home!

The snow fell and fell, filling my backyard with drifts to the porch. I had a nutty Dalmatian at the time. Letting him out that next morning was hilarious. He was just a collection of black dots, lost in the snow! He looked at me like I'd turned his world upside down.

I don't think I want that much snow this year, in January or any other time. The trees didn't do so well. But I do hope we have some — without the ice. Just enough to make some snow cream, and justify lots of hot chocolate and mint tea for some January memories with my three little nieces. I love the sight of fresh snow. But I'm glad I'm in Texas, where it doesn't last long.

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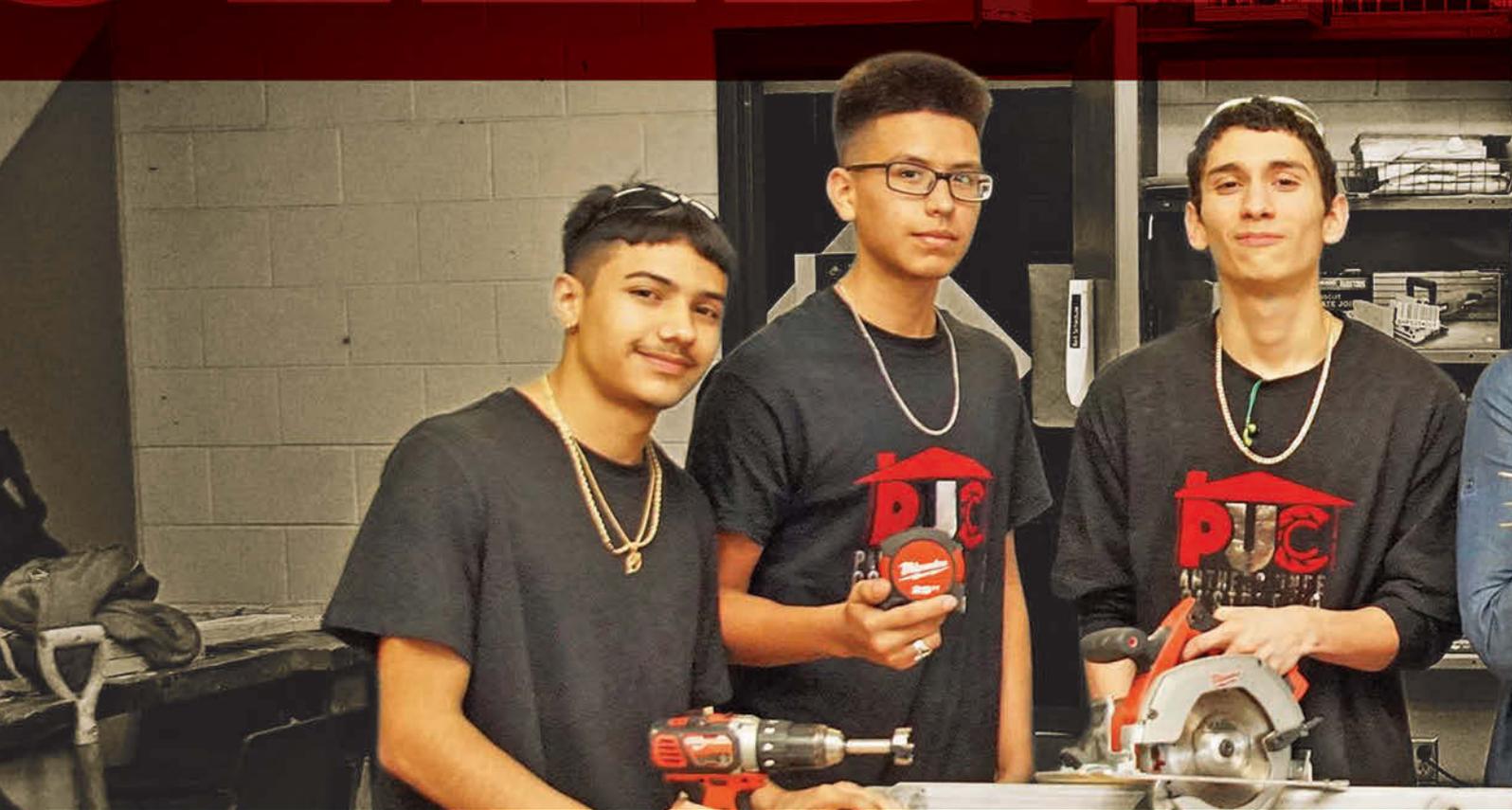
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Remember shop class back in high school? Remember your teacher? Maybe he was also the football coach. We all have an idea of what a shop teacher looks like, how he acts, who he is. But Tami Gamble-Gurnell turns all of that on its head. She does things a little differently. First off, she's a woman in a very male-dominated field. And she loves it. She calls herself "The Girly Shop Teacher" on social media and when she speaks to groups about careers for women in construction fields.

There's a lot of talk about STEM careers for women and a lot of emphasis on teaching science, technology, engineering and math to engage girls. The conversation doesn't often include construction careers. But these are STEM skills, too, and can lead to challenging careers for women who like to work with their hands and their brains. "Construction is math," Tami reminds her students.

Being a high school shop teacher was not always Tami's goal, but her life had been preparing her for years for this perfect fit. "Growing up in Detroit, I didn't know woodshop was an option. But my stepdad taught building trades in the prison system, so those guys would have a marketable skill when they were released. When I was a little girl, my parents bought a fixer-upper, and I got to help pour cement and tear out shiplap walls with a Sawzall. We rebuilt the kitchen and installed a Jacuzzi in the basement. I thought everybody's daddy had a woodshop in the basement. I wanted a Barbie Dreamhouse for Christmas, but they were expensive. My parents said they weren't buying one, but my dad *built* me one. I decided it needed running water and electricity, so I fixed it up," she remembered with a laugh. "Water and electricity don't mix, so I nearly burned our house down!"

ING LIVES

— By Adam Walker



When Tami was 12, her family moved to Texas. “After I finished high school, I thought I would be a dentist. I’d learned to be a dental assistant in high school. So, I went to Howard University and started studying dentistry.” That didn’t really work out, so Tami switched to psychology. “My grandmother, Jimmie Tyler Brashear, who has an elementary school named after her in Oak Cliff, always told me, ‘Whatever you decide to study, get an education minor.’” That came in handy when she ended up homeschooling her children as a single mother. “I really needed a better job,” Tami said. “I had always done remodels on my own houses, and for friends and family. One day at the salon, my hairdresser said she’d seen a position as a woodshop teacher. I was always helping daddy find new ways to explain things to *his* students. So, I went back and got my teaching certification, my craft



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Tami takes her classes seriously. She makes her students do any given task over and over till they get it right. “Sometimes, they forget to reset the saws. I look at their cut and say, ‘That’s off by 1 degree.’ Or they cut to the wrong length. ‘That’s off by a half inch.’ I can see 1/128th of an inch at 8 feet! You can only get 100 percent in my class, because no one wants 50 percent of a roof!

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Ms. G, as her students call her, believes in getting the learning outside the classroom into the real world. “We take about 20 field trips a year to do real-world projects. We installed a safety rail at the Acton’s house. We built all the sets for Duncanville’s Daddy-Daughter Dance and floats for the Christmas parade. And a team of my girls just installed bird awnings at the Dallas Zoo. She has taken her kids to skills camp four years in a row, coming home with blue ribbons every time.

“Math is my life. I didn’t know I loved math until I was in college. I was dating this guy, until I found out he was going





with someone else. I had been helping him with math, and he'd been helping me with Spanish. After we broke up, I ran into him a little later. We looked at each other and agreed we didn't have to date. We just wanted to pass our classes. That's how I ended up tutoring P! Diddy!"

The math isn't the only thing Tami loves about construction. "A friend gave me a plaque that says, *God created a tree, but you see a chair*. When I look at raw elements, I see a finished product. It's like a hologram. My mind dissects it into puzzle pieces, then reaches in and pulls out the pieces. I work the project over and over in my mind before I actually do it — every nail and bead of glue. I lay awake at night imagining the project before I ever put my hands on it."

Tami speaks to women's groups and helps Girl Scout troops build their grand prix racers. She posts videos of the many projects that she still does for friends and family on her YouTube channel, and she keeps encouraging girls to think about the building trades as valid career options. And she keeps educating herself. "Since I became the only female building trades teacher that I know, I'm always looking for new knowledge. I went to Ireland recently to see how they teach their building trades.

"Someone told me, 'Find two or three things you love and marry them.' I love kids, and I love learning." Tami said. "Put those together and you get education. But I also love construction. Add that and you get this job. You get The Girly Shop Teacher!" **NOW**



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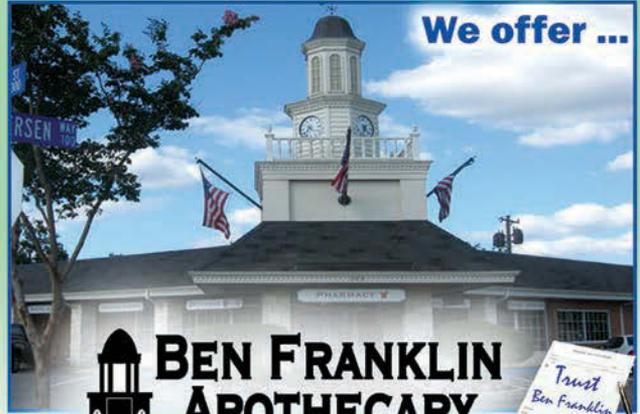
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At some point, everyone finds themselves facing life's storms. No one knows this better than Kim Brown. "The people at Bridges Safehouse have been there in my time of need twice," Kim explained, "but learning how to push aside pride and appreciate the help of others has been a learning process."

Today, Kim spends her time offering others the same support she once received. "I just want women in need to know it is OK to seek help and that there are people who will assist them out of genuine love."

In 2016, Kim and her daughter, Kennedy, were in a difficult position. "I had a new job lined up, as well as a new place to live, but there was a gap between moving out of my old place and into my new one," Kim shared.

It was then that Kim met Nicole, the director of Bridges, at an event in Cedar Hill. "We talked briefly about the program. After learning that I had a desire for poetry, she gave me information about an open mic event," Kim said. "We then exchanged numbers to keep in touch."

GE THE RM

— By Derek Jones

As chance would have it, a previous resident from Bridges was unable to recite a poem for their fundraiser. Kim was contacted to fill in. "I immediately accepted the opportunity," she said. "On the night of the event something amazing happened."

After Nicole explained what the program offered, Kim said she was led by God to become a resident. After being informed there was a room available, she went through the interview process, and she and her daughter moved in. "What I thought was going to be a week ended up being 30 days."

Kim eventually moved into her new place and began her new job. She reflected, "I was thankful for the help they offered during that time, but my prideful heart kept me from understanding what Bridges really is."

With a new job and apartment, Kim's life was back on track. Over the next several months, things began to fall



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apart. She was having a hard time at work and felt she was reaching a breaking point. "I believe in doing what's right, and I focused on doing my job gracefully, but it is hard to continue somewhere when you find your faith being tested every day."

As though history was repeating itself, Kim found herself in-between apartments one year later. Again, she felt led to go back to Bridges. Unsure if they accepted residents a second time, she hesitated. After paying Bridges a visit, Kim was asked to fill in for a role in a skit. Again, she immediately accepted. After the event, she asked Nicole if there was a room available and if she and Kennedy could stay in it. To her surprise, Nicole said yes. After completing the interview, they moved back in the next day. Kim smiled as she shared, "This time, though, everything was different."

Entering Bridges Safe House, Kim was in a different place than before, both spiritually and mentally. "I knew I needed help with humility," she admitted. Kim embraced her experience this time by helping out wherever she could. "I began to notice the demonstrations of grace all around me. I proudly embraced the prayers and support of others."

After a month, her new place was ready, and it was again time to move on. She was, however, asked to stay and work at Bridges. "I just knew this is where God wanted me to be, so I



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Kim is passionate about working with women in need. She has learned that everyone needs help at times. “Bridges offers temporary housing for women who have children or are pregnant, but we offer so much more than just shelter,” she elaborated. “We offer parenting classes, counseling services, assistance with personal documents, prenatal care, child care and so much more.

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The relationship Kim has with Bridges has been one established in love. “The difference,” she explained, “is the first time I went to Bridges, I just looked at it as a shelter, and the second time, I saw it as God ministering His grace to me through them. As a result, I wanted to give back any way I could.”

Kim, who has just published a book about her experiences, titled *Rescued: From Worthless to Warrior*, wants to encourage other women in need to not be ashamed of asking for help. As to why a woman in need should seek help at Bridges, Kim stated, “Being alone is a choice.” She paused, then added, “There are places that will provide love and support with no strings attached if you just ask. For me, Bridges was that place.” **NOW**

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Phillips Family Medical

— By Adam Walker

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Dr. Pamela Phillips, a family nurse practitioner, believes in putting a personal touch on decidedly modern medicine. She focuses a lot on hormonal issues. “I treat a lot of patients for metabolic syndrome,” she explained. “We deal with hormones for weight loss and diabetes. We also treat menopause in women and low testosterone in men. When a new patient comes in, the first thing I want to know is, ‘What are your health goals?’ I’ve actually had patients cry in my office, because it was the first time they had a medical professional

actually listen to them. I pay attention to my patients. It’s important to dig deeper and find the root causes of whatever your problem may be. I want to help you achieve what you want to achieve — like a coach.”

Dr. Phillips takes the family part of her practice seriously. “We often treat whole families: the kids, grandkids, aunts, uncles — the whole family,” she said. “I get to know the family situation. I can be there for the family when they need the ‘Marcus Welby’ kind of stuff that just isn’t common anymore. But people need that kind of care, because life is so stressful.” Dr. Phillips does in-home visits for patients in assisted living and other elderly patients who can’t come to the office. “I love doing geriatric care. I have a lot of older patients.”

Dr. Phillips uses hormone treatments to deal with weight loss. “We’re just starting Organic Medical Group, OMG, which is a joint practice with Katherine Johnson, another nurse practitioner in Frisco,” Dr. Phillips enthused. “We manipulate hormones to facilitate weight loss. If you have diabetes and take insulin, insulin makes you gain weight. A lot of weight loss

issues are not about self-discipline. By assessing and fixing hormonal issues, we can get your metabolism to work with you instead of against you. It's healing, and weight loss can be managed naturally to yield long-term success. This isn't a generic approach," she emphasized. "It's individualized with multiple organic solutions. A combination approach is often most effective. We can use weight-loss medication, supplements, essential oils and fat burning shots, to achieve the right results."

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As a Ph.D. with years of experience, Dr. Phillips likes to pass on what she has learned. "I teach at Texas Woman's University, and I take on a lot of interns, so I can pass the torch."

Phillips Family Medical also features aesthetics, as well as a spa. "Our spa customers come for microdermabrasion, peels, fillers and microneedling, in addition to the new PDO thread lifts. We can do neurotoxins, like BOTOX. Mesotherapy and sclerotherapy are also services we offer. The people in our spa are amazing. These services offer rejuvenation and a refreshing look."

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Lee Ratterree and his granddaughter, Addison, hang out at the Cedar Hill Senior Center.

Zoomed In: Kaitlyn Chase

By Adam Walker

Kaitlyn Chase stopped by White Rhino for some mother-daughter time with her mother, Alice. “We went shopping a couple of days ago for athletic outfits, and decided to take some pictures for my mom’s blog. We both think healthy living is important, so we were discussing working out together. I’m trying to talk my mom into becoming a vegetarian like me.”

They enjoyed a drink and relaxation on the porch. “Mom had some sort of tea. I like the variety of teas they have there, and dad is teaching me about the health benefits of different teas. But I noticed a coffee called a Sebastian. That’s my brother’s name, so I had to try that. It’s really sweet, so I liked it even though it’s coffee.”



Jeff Ball of Cedar Hill was the Overall Winner of the 5th Annual Heart of Duncanville 5K with a time of 16 minutes, 45 seconds.



Daniel Dauenhauer and Sevryn Good celebrate their victories after their baseball games at Grimes Park in DeSoto.



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Amanda Moreno Lake, Kiyundra Gulley and Allan Sims invest in kids at the Cedar Hill Action Team Gala.



DeSoto Fire Chief Jerry Duffield and Mayor Protem Rachel L. Proctor attend DeSoto Fire Academy's graduation with guest speaker Cedar Hill's Assistant Chief Rodney Smith.



Skylar Walker celebrates with her mother, sister and grandfather at Plato Loco after her kindergarten production.



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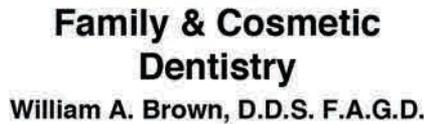
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CookingNOW
In the Kitchen With
VIDA ERFANI
 — By Adam Walker

Vida Erfani began cooking as a 9-year-old girl in Iran. “I liked to bake cakes and watch my mom cook. At 19, I bought a big cookbook in Farsi and started trying new dishes. Today, I find recipes on the Internet. In Iranian culture, food and bread are very important. All the ingredients are seen as a blessing from God. Our favorite spice is turmeric, which we add to 80 percent of our dishes!”

Vida enjoys cooking with her daughter-in-law, Samira. “Cooking brings family and friends together at the table. We dedicate our time and love to making a special dish for everyone to enjoy.” But she doesn’t just cook for special occasions. “We enjoy cooking for lunch or dinner, for ourselves, our family and all our guests.” **NOW**

Colorful Rice

- 3 cups Royal Rice**
- Cold water, sufficient to cover rice for soaking, plus 8 cups for cooking (divided use)**
- 3 Tbsp. salt (divided use)**
- Olive oil, as needed**
- 1 big onion, chopped**
- Turmeric, to taste (divided use)**
- Lemon pepper, to taste**

- 1 chicken breast, chopped**
- 2 carrots, chopped**
- 2 stalks celery, chopped**
- 3 Tbsp. orange rind, chopped**
- 4 Tbsp. cranberries, dried**
- 3 tsp. almonds, chopped**
- 1 big potato, sliced**
- Few threads Saffron (optional)**

1. Wash the rice with cold water. Let it soak in cold water, with 2 Tbsp. salt, for 30 minutes.

- 2.** In a big pan, add the olive oil and onion; fry for 2 minutes. Add turmeric and lemon pepper.
- 3.** Add the chicken breast; let fry for 10-15 minutes.
- 4.** Add carrots, celery and orange rind. Let it all mix and fry for 5 minutes.
- 5.** Add cranberries and almonds. Remove from heat.
- 6.** In another pot, add 8 cups of water and 1 Tbsp. of salt; bring to a boil. When water is boiling, add soaked rice. You may add 1 tsp. olive oil to the boiling water, if desired. After 5-8 minutes of boiling, you will see a few grains of rice rising to the top of the water. This means your rice is ready to rinse. Rinse the rice.
- 7.** In a new pot, add 2 Tbsp. olive oil and some turmeric.
- 8.** Carefully place potato slices in the pot. Alternately, layer the rice and the colorful ingredients until all the rice and colorful ingredients are used.

9. Add 2 Tbsp. olive oil, and let your dish slowly steam cook for 30-40 minutes. You may use more oil if you need it.

10. Mix saffron with 2 Tbsp. boiled water in a small cup, if desired. Let it sit for 10-15 minutes. Add a few spoons of your rice to the saffron; stir to color.

11. To serve, you may decorate your platter with fried potato slices around the edge of the dish, and garnish with the saffron-colored rice in the middle.

Homemade Noodles

1 tsp. salt

2 cups flour, or more as needed

1 cup cold water

1. In a bowl, mix the dry ingredients.

2. Make a well in the dry ingredients; add the cold water.

3. Mix to form a nice dough. Add more flour, as needed.

4. Form into fist-size balls; roll out to the thickness of a noodle. Cut into narrow noodles.

Samira's Persian Noodle Soup

This Persian noodle soup is good for everyone, including vegetarians. It is very tasty, and you can't stop eating until you go back for seconds. Serves 6.

1/2 cup kidney beans

1/2 cup chickpeas (garbanzo beans)

1/2 gallon water

1 cup brown lentils

1 bunch cilantro

1 bunch fresh dill

1 bunch parsley

1 bunch spinach

1 bunch chives or green onions

5 Tbsp. olive oil (divided use)

2 onions, chopped

Turmeric, to taste

Pepper, to taste

Salt, to taste

1/2 clove garlic

Lemon pepper, to taste

3 tsp., plus 1 Tbsp. dry mint (divided use)

Noodles (see Homemade Noodles recipe or use 1 1/2-lb. pkg. of dried noodles)

4-5 Tbsp. Kashk, optional (This is a Persian dairy product, like a very thick yogurt or sour cream. Find at Persian markets.)

1. Wash all the beans well. Let them rest in cold water for 6-8 hours. Rinse beans well.

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2. Soak lentils separately for 2 hours.
3. Add beans and water to a large pot; let them cook for 20-30 minutes.
4. Be sure that the beans are half cooked before adding the lentils. Boil for an additional 15-30 minutes, until the lentils and beans are done.
5. Wash the cilantro, dill, parsley, spinach and chives well. Chop them finely.
6. Put 4 Tbsp. oil in a pan; add chopped onions, turmeric, pepper and salt. Let it fry for 5 minutes; add garlic.
7. After 4 minutes, add more turmeric.
8. Add lemon pepper; add 3 tsp. dry mint. Mix well, and add to the main pot that has all

- the beans. Let it cook for 1 hour. If you think it needs more water, you can add 2-3 cups of boiled water.
9. Spread the noodles in the big soup pot. Let all the ingredients boil for another 30 minutes. Ladle into bowls.
10. Add 1 Tbsp. olive oil to a pot; let it get warm.
11. Add 1 Tbsp. dry mint. After 1-2 minutes, turn the heat off. Drizzle this fried mint on top of your bowls to garnish.
12. Add kashk to the same amount of boiling water.
13. Drizzle 1 Tbsp of this on each bowl of soup.

Koko Sabzi

- 1 bunch cilantro
- 1 bunch chives
- 1 bunch dill
- 1 bunch parsley
- 1 bunch spinach
- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 8 large eggs
- Salt, to taste
- Turmeric, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- 1 Tbsp. yogurt
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- Pita bread
- Walnuts, crumbled
- 2 Tbsp. zereskh (also called barberries, these taste like sour cranberries)
- Tomatoes, sliced, to taste
- Olives, to taste
- Sour pickles, to taste

1. Wash and finely chop the herbs and spinach. Add oil, eggs, spices, yogurt and baking powder; beat thoroughly for 5 minutes.
2. Brush baking pan with oil. Tear or cut pita bread to cover bottom and sides of pan; add egg mixture.
3. Sprinkle with walnuts and zereskh. Cover with foil; bake at 350 F for 20 minutes, until it begins to brown. Turn out of pan and slice. Serve with sliced tomatoes, olives and sour pickles.

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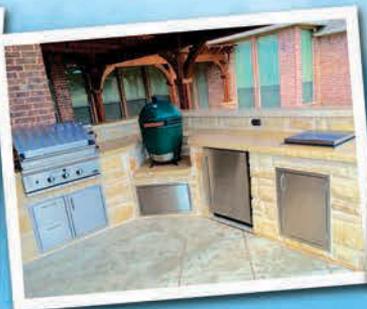
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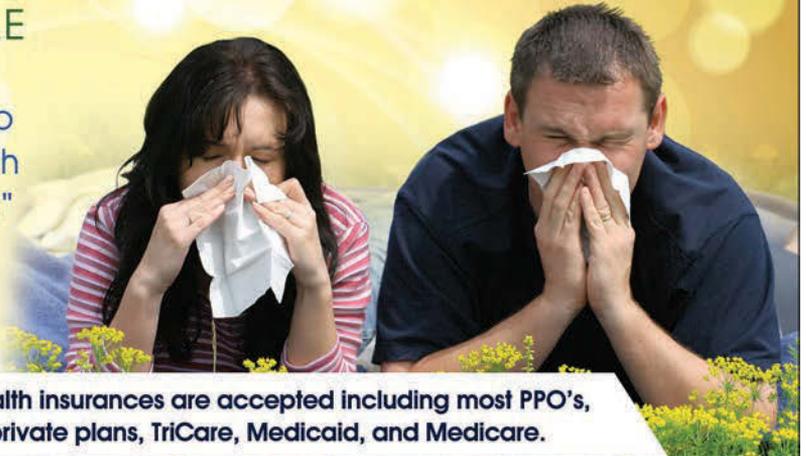
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At the Gulf Coast, beaches and waterparks offer water fun for most of the year. When temperatures cool down, there are still opportunities to play golf or fish. From an oceanside dock or out on a chartered boat, one can enjoy catching more than 200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



River

— By Lisa Bell

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

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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 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



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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.

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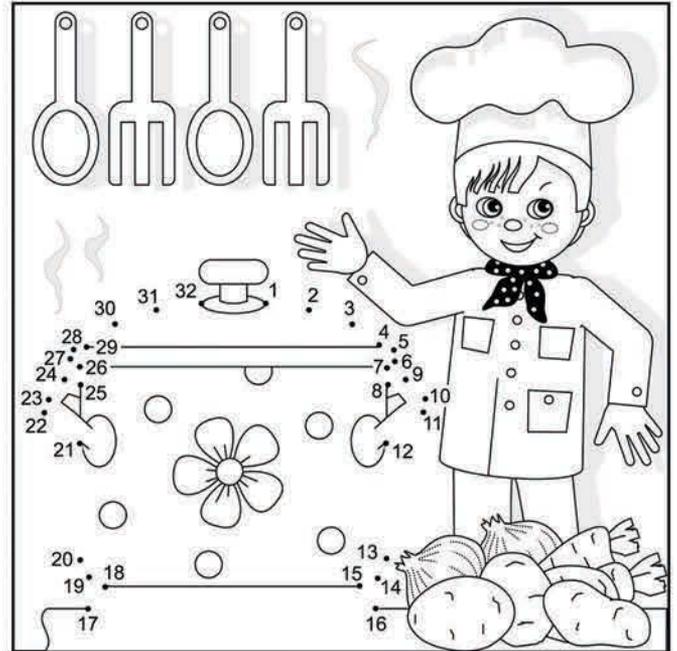
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- 3: Zebra (3)
- 4: Whale (4)
- 5: Crocodile (5)
- 6: Wolf (6)
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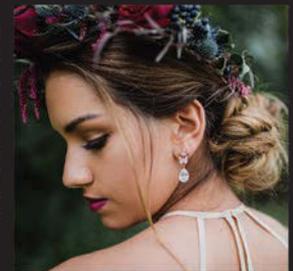
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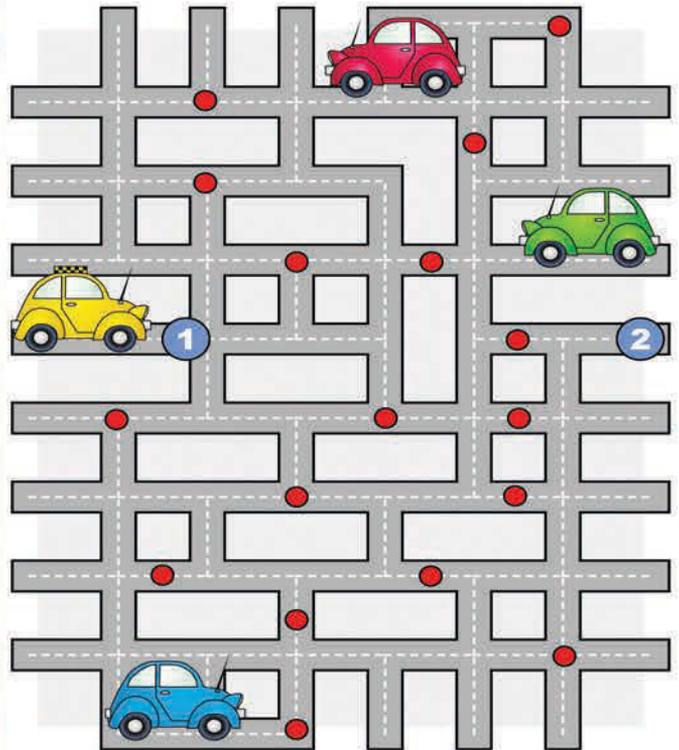
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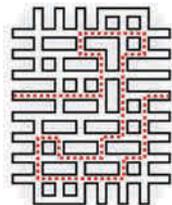
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ANSWER: 1) FRUIT, APPLE, LEMON, PEACH, MANGO, 2) TREES, MAPLE, BIRCH, ASPEN, BEECH.

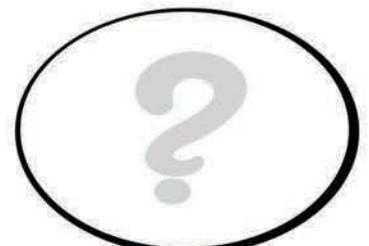
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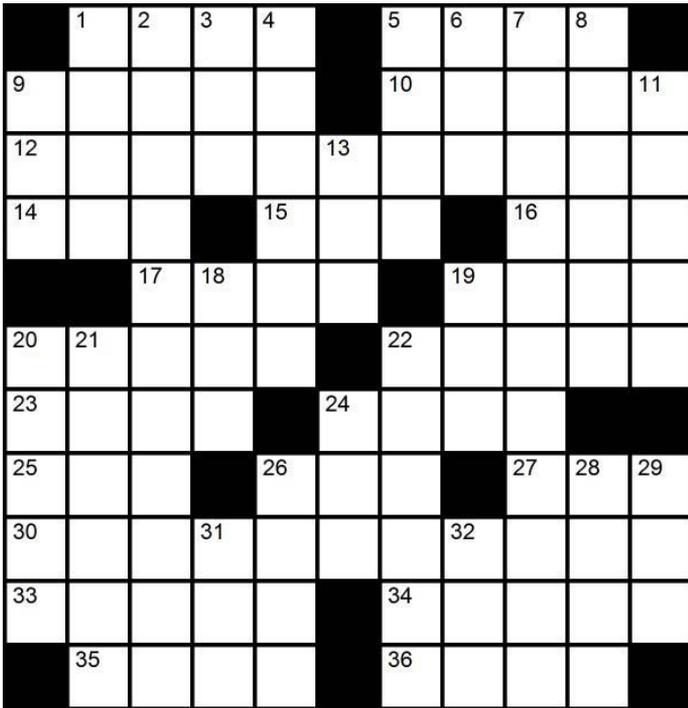
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- 1 Continuous dull pain
- 5 Garage sale warning
- 9 What Rhett didn't give
- 10 Ate sumptuously
- 12 Alphabet start
- 14 Cost-of-living measure
- 15 Electrically charged particle
- 16 Med. care choice
- 17 Mint with Retsyn
- 19 Shed tears
- 20 Magnitude
- 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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1/12

Business 101 Workshop:

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1/14

Family Fun Night:

Watch *Incredibles 2*. 6:30 p.m., Zula B. Wylie Library, 225 Cedar St., Cedar Hill.

1/17

Thursday Movie — *The Equalizer 2*:

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1/18

Indy Author Meet and Greet:

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1/18 — 1/19

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1/27

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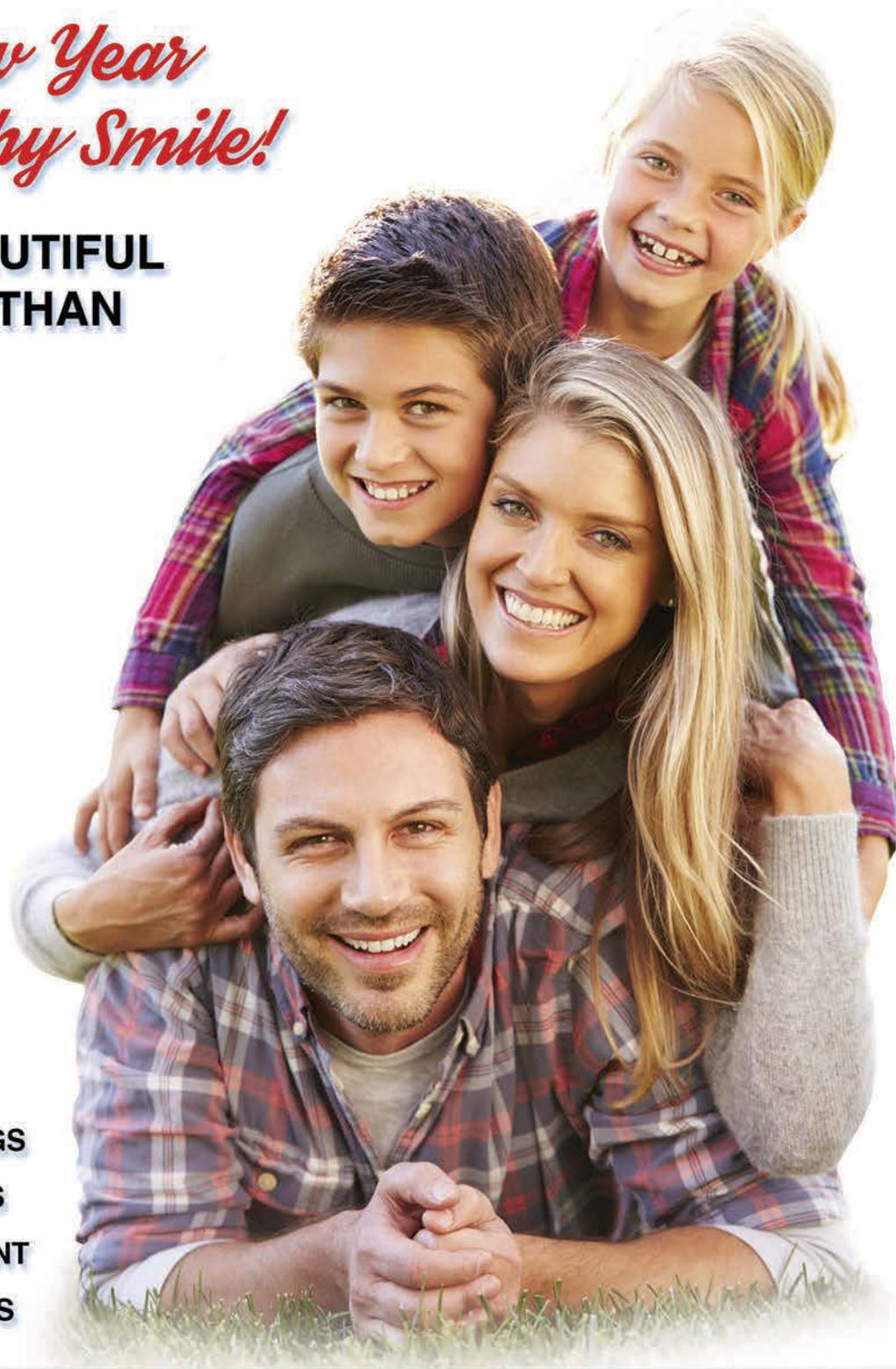
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