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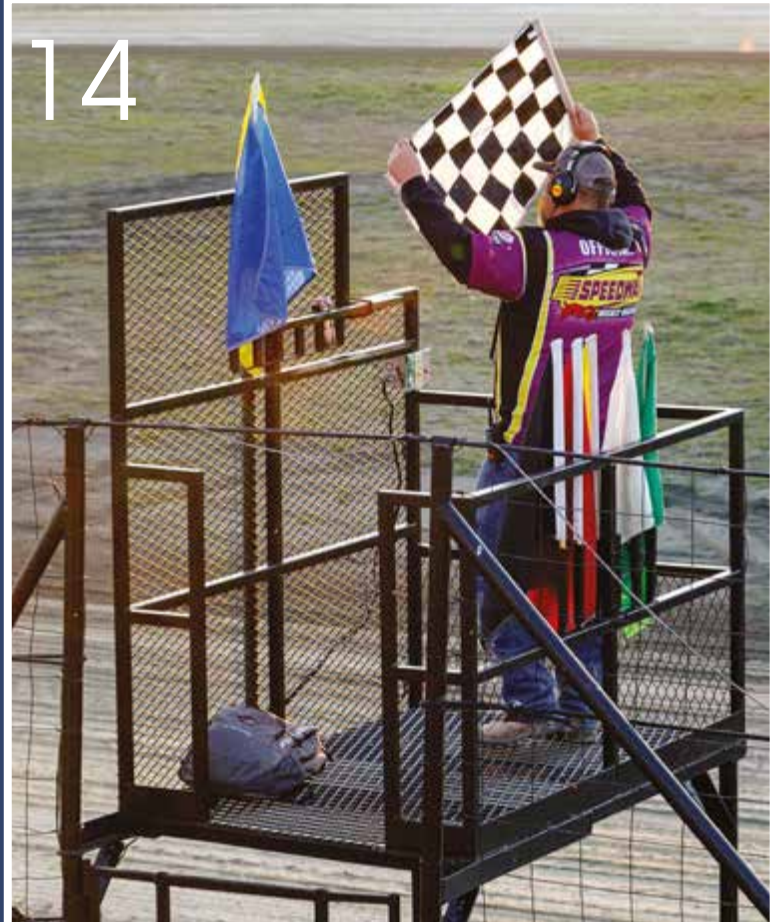
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Time for fun ...

As the cool, breezy days of spring yield their grip to the longer, warmer days of summer, even those of us still working five (or more) days a week usually feel like we have more time to relax, as the days seem to be lengthened. There is a meme attributed to an old Indian that says, "Only the government would believe that you could cut a foot off the top of a blanket, sew it to the bottom, and have a longer blanket." So, the battle over daylight saving time continues to rage, but it is true, each day still has only 24 hours.

In the summer, our thoughts usually turn to a relaxing vacation, and there is some vacation time rapidly approaching. Somehow, the whole family is committed to gathering in the same place at the same time this year. I don't know how it is in your family, but that is rare for mine. My wife and I can hardly wait!

I hope you and your family and/or your friends will be able to find some time to "get away from it all" and enjoy the freedom we have to explore a part of this beautiful planet. When you recognize some of the beauty God created, be sure to say "thanks." Our plans include a trip to the beach this year, where there will be gleaming white sand and crystal blue water. The waves will fall gently on the beach, as they are pushed along by a gentle breeze. Sounds perfect, doesn't it?

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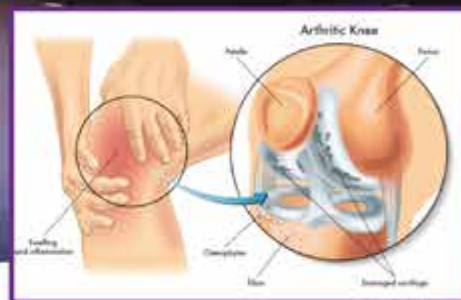
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AT HOME WITH JESS AND ERICA TODD



Visit with Jess and Erica Todd and you'll get the impression that they have lived "everywhere." Erica began listing the cities, "Memphis, Columbus, Houston, Cleveland, Toledo, Kilgore, Scottsdale ..." she turned to Jess to fill in some of the blanks.

"West Palm Beach, Lakeland ..." Jess offered, and then the list trailed off again.

A career in professional baseball kept them moving for many years. "I'm still in baseball, but not as a player, and I admit I miss having a jersey on my back," Jess reflected as he glanced at the muted TV broadcasting a major league game. Today, they are putting down roots in Ennis.

Erica was born in Ennis and graduated from Ennis High School. Like many local youth, she thought when she left for college she would never return to her hometown. She obviously loves being back, and she and her family are investing in the future of Ennis.

Her parents continue to live here, and together they remodel older homes and take pride in seeing them come back to life as a new family moves in. However, there was one home that they realized was too special to sell as they were doing the remodel. "My father grew up just down the street from the Hoeffler House on Denton Street. This was his neighborhood. The home had such a rich history that we decided to keep it and make it a bed-and-breakfast."

As they build their own new home, Jess, Erica and their sons, Titan, age 4, and Leo James, age 1, live in one of the new loft apartments downtown in the restored building at the corner of Dallas and Brown streets. "We can look out our window and see the police and fire station," Erica continued. "Titan and Leo James just love it when they hear the sirens go off. They run to the window to watch the trucks pull out. Titan waves to the firemen."

"In our travels we have lived in all kinds of housing, including tiny homes, big homes, flats and hotel rooms. The loft is great for us right now. I love the brick walls and original hardwood floors," Erica noted.

The corner loft has the antique brick on two walls of the living area. "We can't hang pictures on the brick walls, but why would we want to? They are beautiful just the way they are," she proclaimed.



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Erica and Jess met in college and after graduation settled in Kilgore, Texas, where Jess is from and where his parents continue to live. Jess was drafted to play ball before his senior year in college at the University of Arkansas and went back to Texas A&M-Commerce to finish his degree.

Erica studied business in college but always loved to write. She obtained her teaching certificate to teach English while they lived in Kilgore. After a brief move to Houston, Jess had the idea to move to Ennis. "We were living out of a suitcase because we were here so often. It just made sense to move here. We are closer now to Erica's parents and mine. Of course, that appeals to the grandparents, too," Jess added. "We like the smaller town, and it is nice for Erica and the boys to be close to her parents on the occasions when I might have to travel with baseball."

Living in the loft appeals to both. Erica offered, "We are active people, and we like to walk. We take the kids and walk for donuts. The pizza restaurant is just a block away. I noticed recently that the gravel has been put in place for the pocket park that is in the middle of the block we live in."

In addition to the convenient galley kitchen and the beautiful brick walls and hardwood floors in the living room, Jess and Erica also talked about how well the loft is appointed in the bedrooms. "The tall ceilings are great, and there are hardwood floors there, also. The windows add a lot with the tempered glass, but one of the outstanding features of the bedrooms is the large,





modern closets,” she continued. “They are walk-in closets with all of the accessories to make them comfortable for us.”

Most of the loft apartments are on the second floor. There are two entrances to the building that are secured. The owners obviously took care during the restoration process to preserve the history of the old building.

Stairways and hallways have the familiar hardwood floors, and the brickwork indicates how there was access to the adjoining building in days gone by. Even the old paint on the ceiling over the Brown Street entrance was retained, just sanded a little and sealed to maintain the old structure’s ambiance.

Jess admitted that they have the remainder of their furniture and other things in storage, but the two-bedroom loft is just what they need right now. “Ennis is a great place to live. Having grown up in Kilgore, I enjoy the small town,” Jess said.

Erica mentioned that they like to travel, “When we come home after four or more days, we notice the progress being made downtown. When we left on our last trip, the Dallas and Brown streets intersection had not opened, and when we returned, it had. It made a big difference in the traffic. Right now, many people can’t see past the big mounds of dirt, but it will get better.

“We are here to give back to the community,” she continued. “I want to see Ennis grow, and I think the downtown area will attract people, even if they can’t park directly in front of the store. When I first moved back, it seemed like there were not a lot of people here that I knew. Then Titan started T-ball and at his first practice I felt like I was at a high school reunion!” **NOW**

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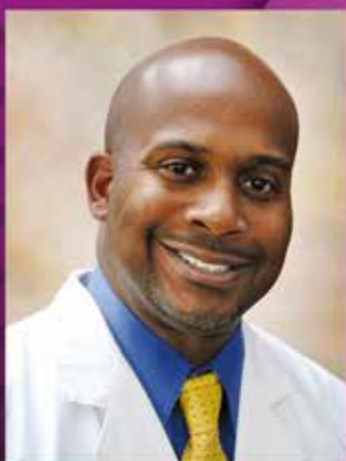
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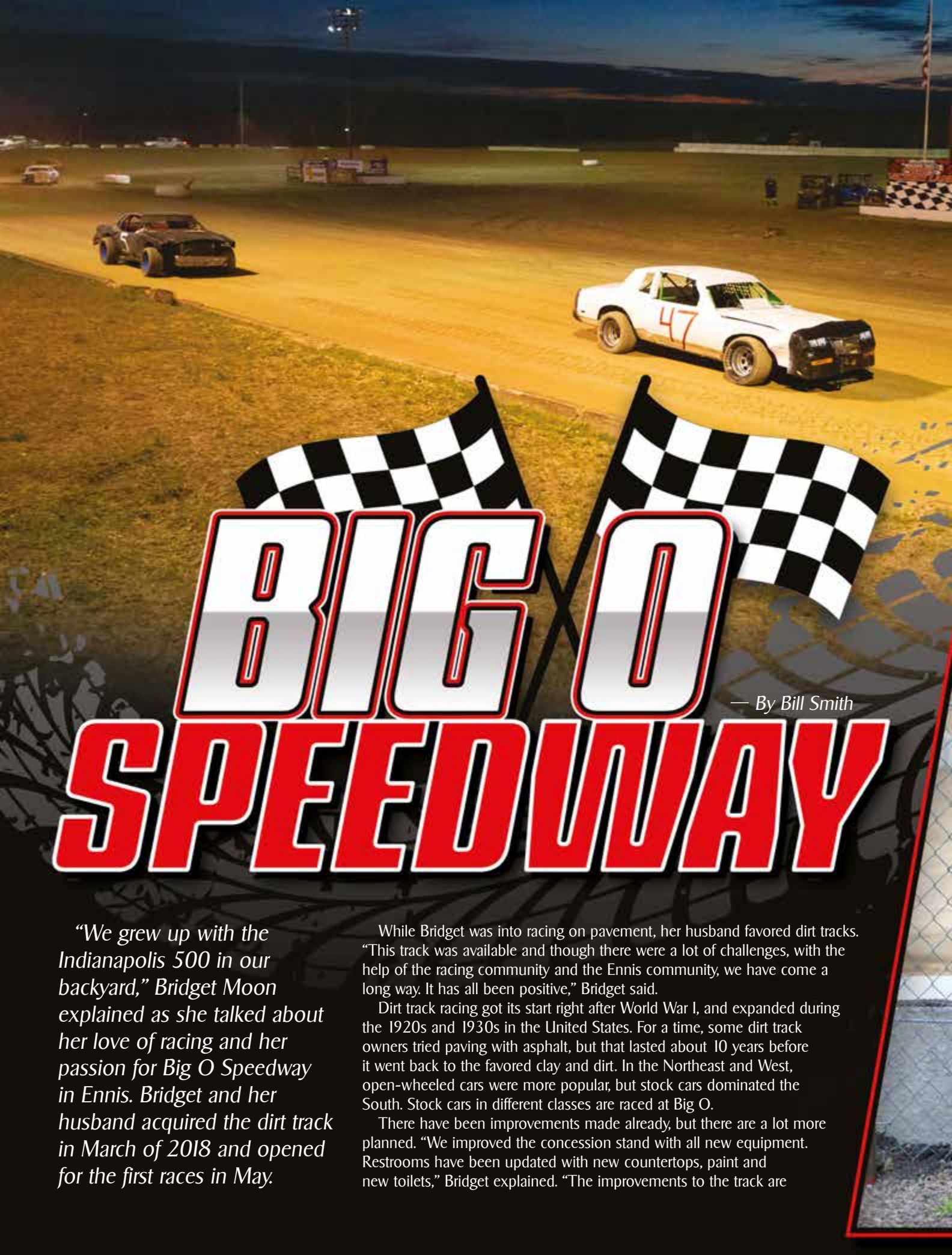


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“We grew up with the Indianapolis 500 in our backyard,” Bridget Moon explained as she talked about her love of racing and her passion for Big O Speedway in Ennis. Bridget and her husband acquired the dirt track in March of 2018 and opened for the first races in May.

While Bridget was into racing on pavement, her husband favored dirt tracks. “This track was available and though there were a lot of challenges, with the help of the racing community and the Ennis community, we have come a long way. It has all been positive,” Bridget said.

Dirt track racing got its start right after World War I, and expanded during the 1920s and 1930s in the United States. For a time, some dirt track owners tried paving with asphalt, but that lasted about 10 years before it went back to the favored clay and dirt. In the Northeast and West, open-wheeled cars were more popular, but stock cars dominated the South. Stock cars in different classes are raced at Big O.

There have been improvements made already, but there are a lot more planned. “We improved the concession stand with all new equipment. Restrooms have been updated with new countertops, paint and new toilets,” Bridget explained. “The improvements to the track are



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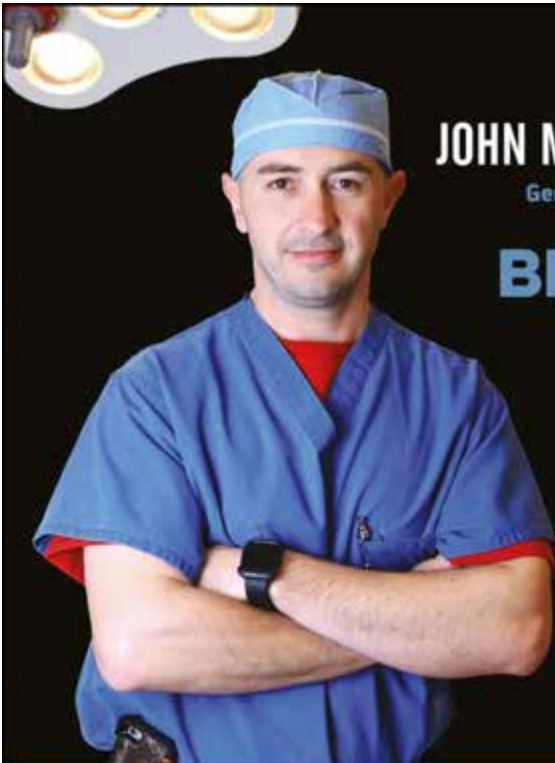
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significant also, as we brought in new dirt from another area on the property to improve the track and created a bank on the curves. A concrete wall was added to protect the cars from running off the track and down an embankment. We also leveled the pits for the drivers.

"Another big thing we did was add what we call 'The Bullring,' our go-kart track," Bridget said. "It is a one-sixth mile track."

Ryan Puyear is a young man who loves the sport and has been racing go-karts for about two years. "I got started racing go-karts after watching my uncle. He has raced for many years, back before the track was known as Big O," Ryan said. "Now I am selling my go-kart to buy a bomber to race on the big track. A bomber," he explained, "is a step below the factory stock cars. They are not as quick as the factory stock cars, but can still develop plenty of speed."

"I won a lot of races in the go-karts, and I got a lot of advice from my dad and uncle who helped me out. I have not driven on the big track yet, but I rode on it with my uncle a couple of months ago. Everyone agrees the track is a lot better than it was before Big O took over."

Bridget makes sure there is an emphasis on family entertainment. "We had a nickel drop for the kids. We dropped 2,000 nickels on the track and let the children run out and gather as many as they could in a cup. In the future, we would like to provide a couple of \$500 scholarships for 12-year-olds, perhaps based on an essay that pertains to racing, like what makes dirt racing their favorite sport or what they would



change about dirt racing. "We keep the sport alive by bringing in children. Last year, we had more than 40 kids participate. There are free drawings every night for pictures with your favorite driver. We have also had foot races and bicycle races on the track," Bridget said.

The Big O name could have come from the oval shape of the track, but more credit goes to the nickname Bridget's father



gave to her son, Ortanik. He has been "Big O" to his grandfather almost since he was born. Bridget added, "My father is our biggest cheerleader. He still lives in Indiana, but we would love to have him here."

Ortanik has been racing go-karts since 2014. "He is very laid-back and not one to get very emotional, but he recently won a tough race, and you could tell he was really excited," Bridget, the proud mom, continued. "He was last year's Junior 3 Flats Champion, which is an upper junior class in go-karts."

Racing is a family affair for the Moons, and it shows that racing is fun for all ages. Not everyone can drive a fast car around an oval track, but being a spectator can also be a lot of fun! **NOW**

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As a family-owned, local business, Lone Star Floorcovering has served Ellis County homeowners and businesses since 1985. With a welcoming bell chime, customers enter the soothing and relaxing interior design showroom to match products to their dream. “It’s important that we fulfill customers’ needs,” said Jesse

Law, manager and son of owners Mike and Kellie Law.

The store offers free decorating assistance to help you choose among the granite countertops, window coverings, tile for backsplashes and showers, interior and exterior lighting, wood floors, waterproof floors and more. “We work with our contractors daily to install the products we sell, but also offer cash and carry,” Jesse said. “Additionally, we sand and finish wood floors.” Most customers come from Ellis County and surrounding cities.

Some of the flooring product lines include Daltile, Inter ceramic, Shaw, Mohawk, Prestige, Armstrong, Bella Cera and Mannington. “We carry carpet, hardwood, laminate, stone, tile and luxury vinyl flooring,” Jesse added. Cash, check and most major credit cards are accepted as payment.

The business employs six people. “We work with great sub-contractors every day. Our contractors are true craftsmen,” Jesse explained. Whether the customer’s job is residential or

commercial, new construction or remodeling, building a great relationship with customers is paramount. They work to accomplish this goal by creating a beautiful finished project in a timely manner. "We get a sense of pride out of a successful job and happy customers' smiles," Jesse said.

High tech has offered customers many more products from which to choose. "It's a challenge to keep up with new decorating trends, installation techniques and all the new products," Jesse explained. "We stay up-to-date through education." Lone Star Floorcovering is a member of the Better Business Bureau and American Home Services. The business earned 2014 Best of the Best in Ellis County honors.

Jesse grew up in Ellis County, served in the Marines from 2002-2006 and earned a business degree from the University of North Texas. "I grew up in this business, so I have a lot of hands-on experience," he said. "I have a brother living in Midlothian, a sister in Waxahachie and another brother who lives in Hurst. In all, my parents have 10 grandchildren. We're very much a part of Ellis County." Jesse and his wife, Madison, who teaches in the Midlothian ISD, are parents of a 3-year-old son.

Lonestar Floorcovering supports the local community through their sponsorship of the Ennis Polka Festival and other local charities. "My dad and I have run in the Polka Fest's 5K, and I serve the Ennis community through my membership in the Lion's Club," Jesse stated.

Through all the years in business, the Law family has opened three different Ellis County showrooms, settling in their present, conveniently located Ennis showroom in 2007. "We're proud to be in Ennis! Ennis is central to the area we serve, and its growth, with so many new homes and offices, is exciting to see," Jesse said.

The opportunity to meet people from all walks of life and days that are always different are just two things Jesse noted that make coming to work wonderful. "It's the legacy. I'm proud of what my dad started, and I want to carry his work forward. We take pride in our showroom, design expertise, products and in seeing a project successfully completed." **NOW**

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Zoomed In: Dudley Fox

By Bill Smith

Dudley Fox is getting ready to put his “tools” away after preparing another fish fry for more than 50 people at Baylor Baptist Church. The tools include high-temperature propane burners and large cooking pots filled with peanut oil. Besides the fish, there are always hushpuppies and fries.

Dudley gets a lot of help from his friends these days, most of whom help with the cooking, so they can participate in consuming the first fish out of the oil. Dudley says he “inherited” his cooking skills from his in-laws, Charles and Roger Gentry. Dudley commented, “It’s a labor of love, and I really enjoy this. It is another way for me to serve the Lord as I serve my church family.”



Brook Betik performs with the Lionettes at the Ennis Noon Lions Club. She will be on the pom team at SMU in the fall.



Sisters Linda Ventrica and Paula Lasos serve hamburgers for the ERMCC fundraiser benefiting Relay for Life.



Directors of Keep Ennis Beautiful smile at their ribbon cutting at Minnie McDowell Park.



Cody Rudd, Joe Edwards, Wade Rhodes and Chris Kelton with the Ennis Fire Department show up at Wal-Mart on tax-free weekend for emergency supplies.



Matt Howerton of WFAA news addresses the Ennis Noon Lions Club.



This group has a good time at the local Dairy Queen.



Kelly Kovar, Ashley Colunga and Becky Henry volunteer at the Ennis Visitors Center during the rush of visitors before the Bluebonnet Festival in downtown Ennis.



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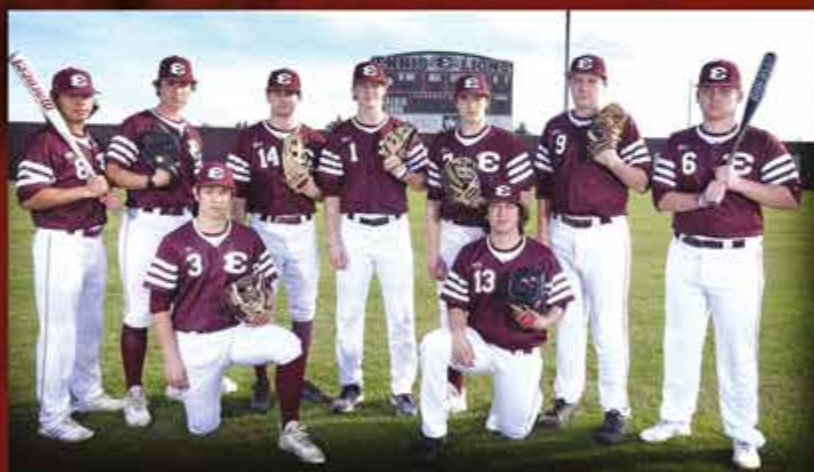


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In the Kitchen With JESSICA CORREA

— By Bill Smith



A resident of Ennis since age 5, Jessica Correa admits that she is not a professional cook, but her cooking is inspired by her parents who owned a restaurant and sold food to provide for the family. “I cook for my husband and my four beautiful children, as well as family and friends on special occasions,” she said.

Jessica shared a story about one of her featured recipes. “I made chicken flautas with my mom’s famous jalapeño cream cheese sauce and some Mexican rice for my pastor. I gave him the dishes with all of these items in them, and then he brought them back a couple of days later and said, ‘Fill these up with food, please.’ My guess is that he loved them!” **NOW**

Baked Cheesecake With Drizzled Cajeta

- 1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk**
- 1 14-oz. can whole milk**
- 1 bar Philadelphia Cream Cheese**
- 4 large eggs**
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract**
- 2 graham cracker piecrusts**
- 1 bottle Coronado Cajeta Quemada**

- 1.** Preheat oven to 350 F
- 2.** Pour condensed milk into a blender. Fill that same can with whole milk; pour into the blender. Add cream cheese, eggs and vanilla extract; blend until smooth.

- 3.** Pour half of the mixture into each piecrust.
- 4.** Bake both cheesecakes for 45 minutes to 1 hour, depending on the type of stove. (Gas stoves cook in about 45 minutes.)
- 5.** Let cheesecakes cool off completely; drizzle cajeta on top of the cheesecakes and enjoy!

Black Bean Chicken Chili

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil**
- 1 large onion, diced**
- 1 small jalapeño, deseeded and diced**
- 1 Tbsp. chili powder**
- 1 Tbsp. garlic powder**
- 1 Tbsp. cumin powder**

- 2 15-oz. cans black beans, drained**
- 1 rotisserie chicken, shredded**
- 1 28-oz. can Old El Paso Mild Red Enchilada Sauce**
- 1 15-oz. can kernel corn**
- Salt and pepper, to taste**
- Shredded cheese (optional)**
- Cilantro (optional)**
- Sour cream (optional)**

- 1.** Heat olive oil in a large pot over medium heat.
- 2.** Add onion and jalapeño to the pot; sauté for 1 minute.
- 3.** Stir in next three ingredients. Add black beans, chicken, enchilada sauce and corn. Bring to a boil; then simmer for 5 minutes.
- 4.** Season with salt and pepper. Serve with optional toppings of your choice and cornbread.

Chicken Flautas With Jalapeño Cream Cheese Sauce

- 1 4-lb. pack boneless, skinless chicken thighs**
- Salt, to taste**


Lettuce and tomatoes, to taste
1 bar Philadelphia Cream Cheese
1 26-oz. can La Costeña Pickled
Jalapeño Peppers
Olive oil cooking spray
16 corn or flour tortillas

1. Boil chicken thighs with salt.
2. When chicken is cooked, remove from water, and place in a bowl to shred once it is cooled off. Set aside.
3. Cut up lettuce and slice tomatoes for garnish.
4. Place cream cheese bar into a blender; pour half of the liquid from the jalapeño can into the blender. Take 4 peppers from the can. Peel off the tail; place them into the blender. Blend together with cream cheese and pepper juice. Add more pepper juice as needed for cream cheese sauce.
5. Spray tortillas with cooking spray; microwave them for 2 minutes at a time until soft enough to roll.
6. Warm a pan with oil to fry flautas.
7. Lay tortilla flat. Place shredded chicken on the tortilla. Roll it up; place it in the hot pan. Repeat with each tortilla. Once golden brown, place them on a dish with a napkin under them to drain the oil.
8. Serve with lettuce and tomato on the side and a drizzle of the cream cheese sauce on top. (You may also serve this with your favorite side of yellow rice.)

Pork Pozole

3 lbs. pork stew meat
2 lbs. bone-in pork meat
1 onion
1 garlic head
10 chile guajillos
6 chile de árbol
1 Tbsp. garlic powder
1 Tbsp. salt
2 Tbsp. oregano
1 108-oz. can white hominy
1 cabbage or lettuce
1 radish, sliced (optional)
1 avocado, sliced (optional)
2 lemons, sliced

1. Boil meat with onion sliced in fourths and garlic head.
2. Take seeds out of chile guajillos and boil with chile de árbol.
3. Blend all the chilies with garlic powder and salt.
4. When meat is tender, add blended sauce, oregano and hominy.
5. Let boil for about 15 minutes.
6. Cut 1 cabbage or lettuce, whichever you prefer, to place on top of pozole.



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Chicken Flautas
With Jalapeño Cream Cheese Sauce

7. Sliced radish and sliced avocado are also optional for the top of the pozole after it is served in a bowl. Squeeze sliced lemon on top; enjoy!

Red Chile Chicken Thighs (Spicy)

Olive oil

1 4-lb. pack boneless, skinless chicken thighs

1 onion, sliced

8 medium-size Roma tomatoes

5 chile de árbol

1. Heat olive oil in a pan. Cut thighs into medium-size pieces.

2. Carefully place thighs into the pan with the hot oil; cover pan with a lid.

3. Cook each side for about 6 minutes. Once golden brown, add sliced onion.

4. Sauté onion with thighs for a couple of minutes.

5. Boil tomatoes with chile de árbol until soft; blend until smooth.

6. After chicken thighs and onion have sautéed for a couple of minutes, pour sauce in with the chicken. Bring to a boil; simmer for 5 minutes.

7. Serve with your favorite recipe of yellow or white rice.

Strawberry Tres Leches Cake

1 box strawberry cake mix

1 14-oz. can condensed milk

1 12-oz. can evaporated milk

1 cup whole milk

1 1/2 cups heavy whipping cream

1 cup sugar

1 20-oz. can sliced pineapples

1 cup maraschino cherries

1. Bake cake as directed on the box. Let cake cool completely.

2. Poke a lot of small holes in the top of the cake with a fork.

3. Mix condensed milk, evaporated milk and whole milk together in a large bowl; pour evenly over top of the cake. Let it soak, preferably overnight in the refrigerator.

4. Using an electric mixer, mix heavy whipping cream with sugar until the sugar is dissolved.

5. Spread whipped cream evenly on top of the cake.

6. Lay out a bed of napkins; place pineapples and cherries on the napkins to dab off excess liquid. Decorate the cake with the pineapples and cherries.

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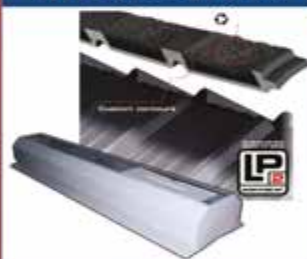
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Visit the La Mamounia historic hotel to enjoy 200-year-old gardens and a place Winston Churchill called “the most beautiful spot in the world.” Balconies overlook the terra-cotta buildings of the desert-like city, while the snowcapped peaks of the Atlas Mountains create harmonious views. In the busy streets, motorcycles and people commuting by donkey give the city a primitive feel.

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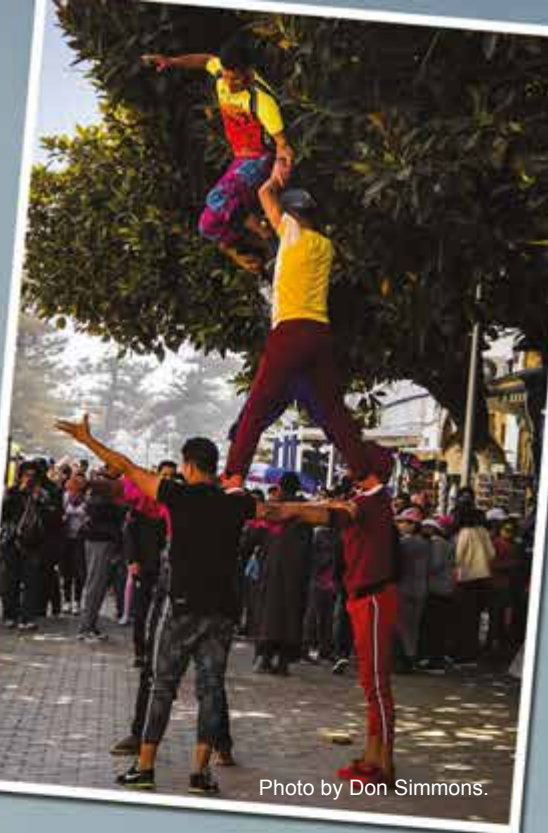


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Other Moroccan delicacies include couscous, shish kabobs and roasted lamb. Exotic spices, such as cumin, saffron, turmeric, cinnamon and ginger, are used to enhance the flavor of fresh food and are sold at the market in heaping mounds of colorful displays. Sign up for a cooking class to learn the art of Moroccan cuisine.

Once the sun sets in Marrakesh, wander into the world-famous market called the Jemaa el-Fnaa, located in the old city, or medina, to experience live entertainment, such as dancing, snake charmers and magicians. Even with all the excitement, alcohol is never seen and not an element of the culture, although some restaurants serve alcoholic beverages.

Nearby, markets, or "souks," beckon shoppers or curious onlookers into a world of color, aroma and diversity. Treasures, such as leather bags, Moroccan-style rugs and brass hanging lamps, are among the loot that can be bought at a bargain.

One thing you must know when traveling to this area is how to barter. Additionally, though the official languages of Morocco are Berber and Arabic, almost everywhere you go people speak some English or Spanish making communication possible.

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Venture out of the city for a change of scenery and trip to the mountains. For about \$130 plus tip, hire a driver to take you through beautiful farmland flourishing with orange trees and olive groves. Along the way, visit the Atlas Studios to see the world's largest film studio, home of shows such as *Ben Hur*, *The Mummy* and *Game of Thrones*.

Another attraction worth seeing is Ait Benhaddou, also known as "The Mud City," located in the foothills of the Atlas Mountains. The buildings, made from clay brick, date to more than 1,000 years old. Throughout the countryside, you can also find Argan farms where the popular oil is harvested by goats who climb the trees.

If beach life is your vibe, there is plenty of coast to choose from, where life slows down compared to the frantic streets of Marrakesh. Stop into Essaouira, and go for a camel ride on the beach, or visit a local market to feast on freshly caught fish.

Seaport fisherman sell their catch for the day and throw carcasses to the birds while outdoor restaurants allow you to pick your own fish before cooking it to perfection. Visit the farmer's market to see tables piled with strawberries, oranges with the stem and leaves attached and blueberries arranged in huge mounds free from plastic containers.

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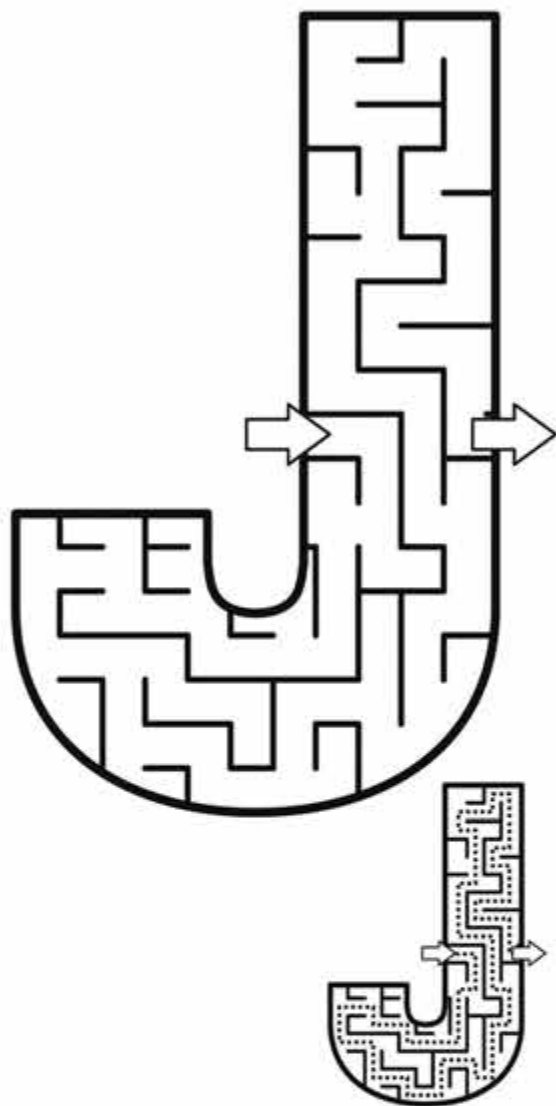
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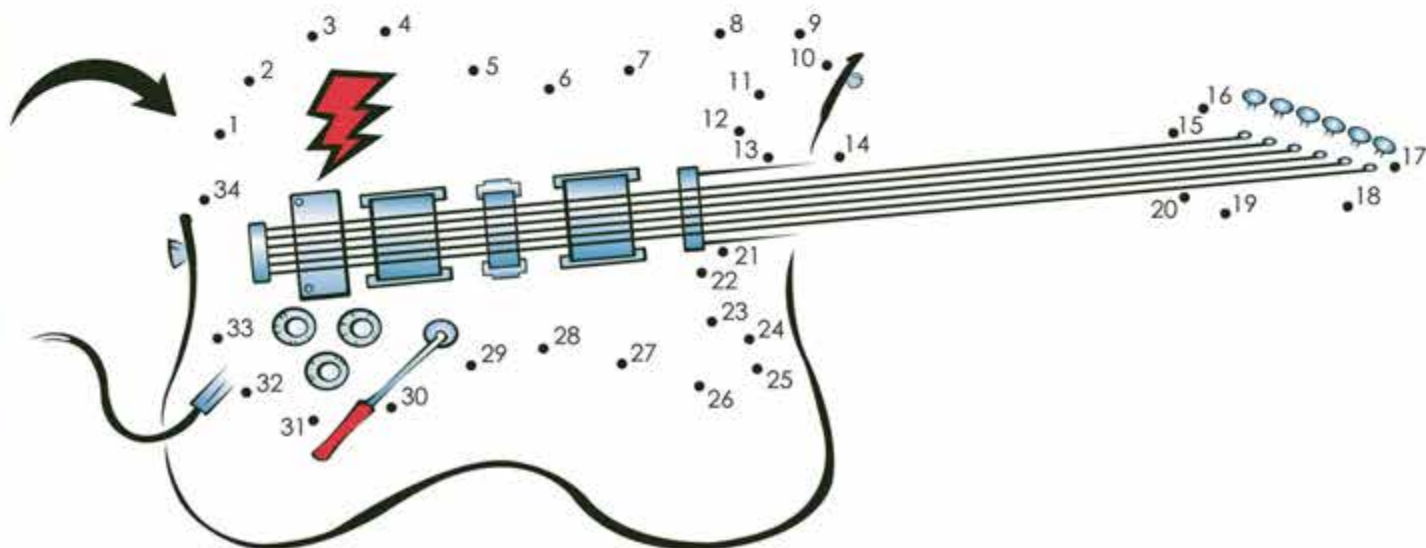
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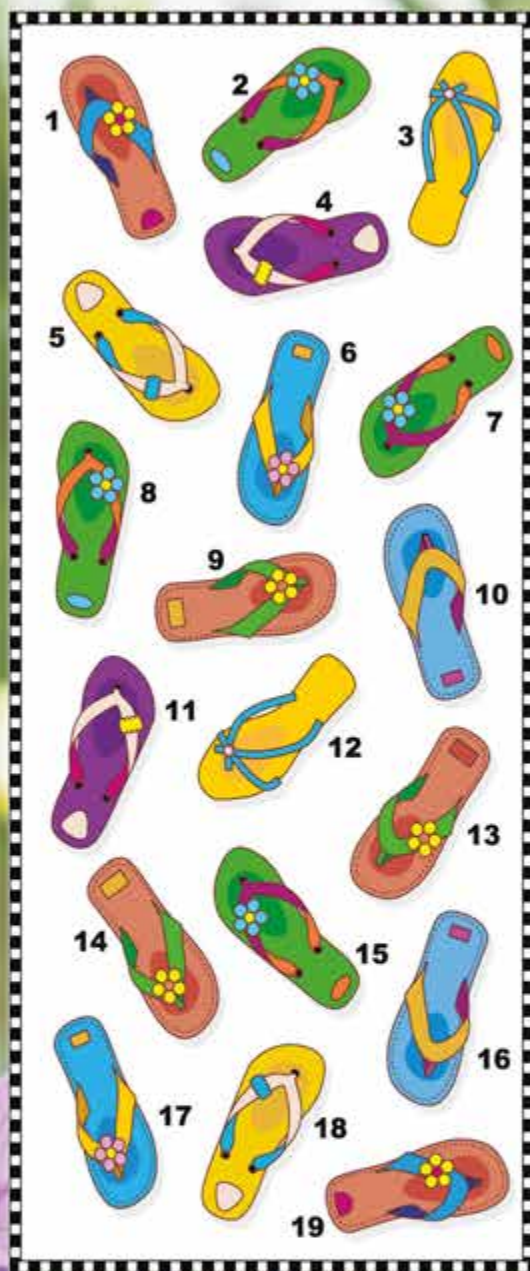


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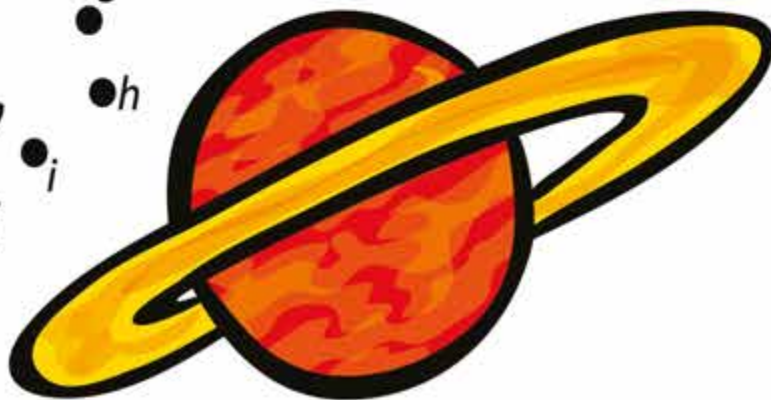
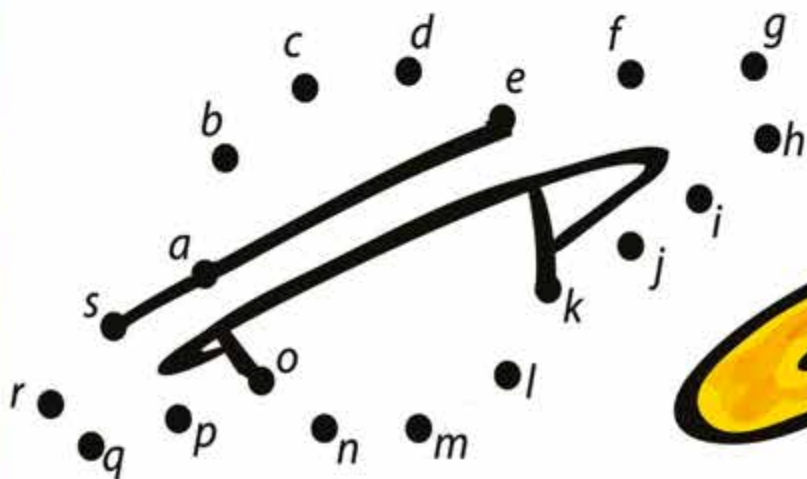
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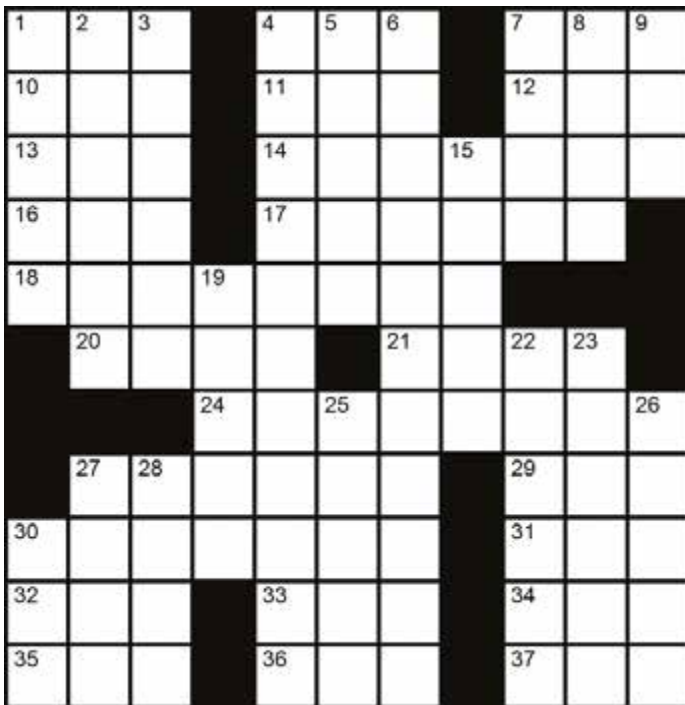
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- 4 Dashboard acronym
- 7 Ungentlemanly sort
- 10 Newsworthy N Y S E event
- 11 A Gershwin
- 12 Tint
- 13 And so on
- 14 Scooting
- 16 Old card game
- 17 Enthusiast
- 18 Fix-all material
- 20 Implement
- 21 Hazard
- 24 Deplored
- 27 Rock concert venues, often
- 29 Before in verse
- 30 Inner city areas
- 31 Nelson Mandela's party
- 32 Silver state
- 33 Anger
- 34 Meadow
- 35 Tony Blair and others, briefly
- 36 Spanish literary hero
- 37 Wily

Down

- 1 Paddock
- 2 Decide to quit
- 3 Post-Baroque architectural style
- 4 Delaware's region
- 5 Italian designer Mario ---
- 6 Put-upon
- 7 With it, sartorially
- 8 Agatha, to Bertie Wooster
- 9 Acad. award
- 15 Connection
- 19 Property manager's sign
- 22 Purloins
- 23 Essence
- 25 Native New Zealander
- 26 Rot
- 27 "May I interrupt?"
- 28 Guns
- 30 Country's output, for short

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

Medium

					9			3
					2		8	1
		5	7		8		4	
9						2		
			1				3	
	4	7				5		9
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To succeed as an investor, you might think you need to know about the economy, interest rates and the fundamentals of companies in which you'd like to invest. And all these things are, indeed, important. But it's most essential to know yourself. Specifically, you need to know how much risk you are willing to tolerate to achieve your goals.

Of course, you've lived with yourself your entire life, so you probably have a pretty good idea of your likes and dislikes and what makes you comfortable or uncomfortable. But, investing can be a different story.

Initially, you may believe you have a high tolerance for risk, but if the financial markets drop sharply, and you see that you've sustained some sizable losses (at least on paper — you haven't really "lost" anything until you sell investments for less than what you paid for them), how will you feel? If you find yourself constantly fretting over these losses, perhaps even losing sleep over them, you might realize your risk tolerance is not as high as you thought. In this case, you may need to scale back the part of your portfolio devoted to growth in favor of a more balanced approach.

On the other hand, if you believe yourself to have a low risk tolerance, and you start off investing in a conservative manner, you may, indeed, minimize short-term

losses — but you also might find yourself frustrated over the slow growth of your portfolio. So, you may decide that being highly risk-averse carries its own risk — the risk of not making enough progress to achieve your long-term financial goals. To reduce this risk, you may need to tilt your portfolio somewhat toward more growth opportunities.

In short, you may have to invest for a while before you truly understand your response to risk. But even then, don't get too locked in to one approach — because your risk tolerance may evolve over time.

When you are first starting out in your career, and for many years after, you are probably investing primarily to accumulate assets for retirement. Consequently, you may need to include a relatively high proportion of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, in your portfolio. While stock prices will always fluctuate, you will have many years, perhaps decades, to overcome short-term losses, so you can possibly afford to take on a greater risk level in exchange for the potentially higher returns offered by stocks and stock-based investments.

However, things can change once you reach retirement. At this stage of your life, your overall investment focus may shift from accumulation to income. This means you will need to start selling some investments to boost your cash flow, and you won't want to sell when prices are down. (Remember the first rule of investing: Buy low and sell high.) To help avoid these "fire sales," you may want to adjust your investment mix by adding more income-producing vehicles and reducing your holdings in growth-oriented ones. By doing so, you will be lowering your overall risk level. Keep in mind, though, that even in retirement, you will need some exposure to growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance. It can play a big role in your investment decisions. **NOW**

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13	E	T	C		14	D	A	R	T	15	I	N	G			
16	L	O	O		17	A	D	D	I	C	T					
18	D	U	C	T	19	T	A	P	E							
	20	T	O	O	L		21	R	I	S	K					
					24	L	A	M	E	N	T	E	D			
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32	N	E	V			33	I	R	E		34	L	E	A		
35	P	M	S			36	C	I	D		37	S	L	Y		

Easy

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

Medium

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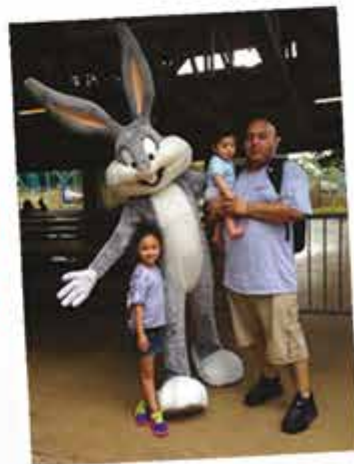
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