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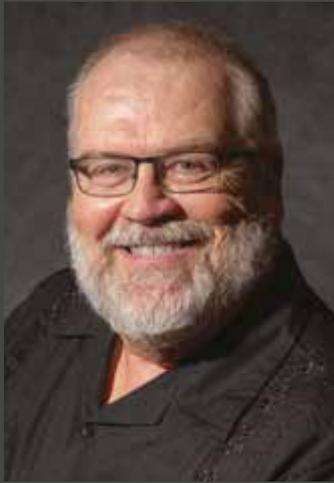


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*Freedom has a price ...*

Independence Day is upon us. I muse back to the original day in 1776 when our fledgling nation declared the same. While it should be obvious, I think often today we fail to consider that if we declared our independence, we must have been dependent on that thing from which we declared. Of course, the thing the colonies had been dependent upon was the nation of Great Britain, the nation from which most of the colonies had sprung.

England was not recognizing the colonists' rights of representation in the government that governed them from across the sea. Thus, independence was declared, but of course, history records that declaring oneself independent does not necessarily accomplish the independence. In the case of the colonies, the Declaration of Independence, signed in 1776, became a declaration of a costly war that had already begun a year earlier, and would continue until 1783, when the Treaty of Paris was signed, ending the conflict. In today's vernacular, the new nation was keenly aware that "freedom is not free." In the freedom we enjoy today, many are so far removed from the reality of our government in Washington that it might as well be as far away from us as Great Britain was from the colonies.

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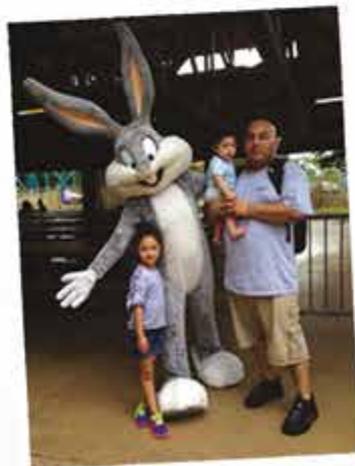
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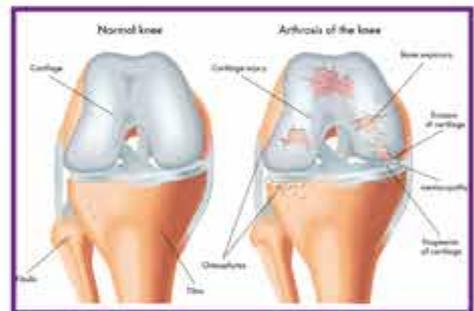
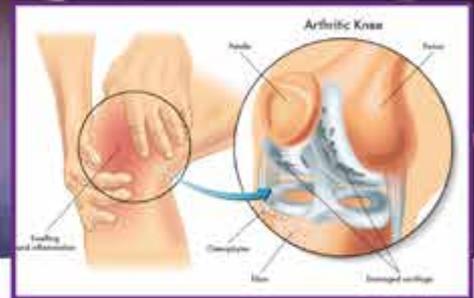
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— By Sally Fuller

*Fifteen major rivers and 3,700-plus named streams make up the more than 191,000 miles of waterways winding through Texas' 171 million acres. All that space and water make the state a kayak lover's dream come true and are at least part of the reason kayaking enthusiast Dan Molinski has settled in Ennis after spending the majority of his adult life in places more exotic.*

A native of Arizona, Dan has lived in Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and even New Jersey — admittedly not as exotic as his Latin American stops, but working as a reporter for *The Wall Street Journal* in downtown Manhattan no doubt had its share of glamour. Currently an energy reporter for *The Wall Street Journal*, Dan now works from his home near downtown, within walking distance of “some great Mexican food.” Living where he does allows him a chance to absorb Ennis’ small-town vibe. “That’s one of the things I like about it here. It’s just such a hometown,” Dan said.

Dan has enjoyed kayaking for many years, but after settling in Ennis a few years ago, he became more ardent about his sport. It was then that he began to see the allure of Texas’ rivers. “When I first moved to Texas, I was like, ‘Yeah, Texas is great. It’s got great food and all, but it doesn’t have mountains, and I love to hike.’ But then you discover the rivers,” Dan said, with a knowing nod. “Texas rivers are a blast, and they more than make up for a lack of mountains.”

Through his extensive travels, Dan has paddled his share of white water and oceans. “I’ve done kayaking on and off for many years. I think the Deschutes River [Oregon] is really where I first started to enjoy kayaking. In Cartagena, Colombia, I actually did a lot of sea kayaking. I would go out into the Caribbean



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Sea and just paddle around,” Dan said.

Texas’ meandering rivers, streams and bayous afford kayakers a slow pace to appreciate the beauty of the waterways and experience firsthand the wildlife that lives along or comes to drink from the rivers. “You see deer constantly. You also see these groups of feral hogs, from the little baby piglets to the big mama hogs. They travel down to drink. If they don’t hear your paddle, you stop paddling and just let the river take you. It’s just amazing to watch all of them. They’ll eventually see your green or orange kayak and run up the bank, but until they do, it’s great,” Dan said.

For the past few years, Dan has been taking regular paddling trips all over the

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state, sometimes with a kayaking group, other times with just a close friend or two. “That’s when I really started to fall in love with kayaking,” Dan said of the typically multiday trips and the friendships fostered with other fans of the sport.

It was during one trip in far South Texas that Dan got an up-close view of some of the more off-putting river residents. “You actually go through rivers filled with alligators. I never knew people actually paddled in that. The first time I did it, I actually thought the guide was kidding. He was like, ‘This is where Alligator Alley is.’ And I was like, ‘Yeah, we’re not going to’... but sure enough, we did. He was just like, ‘Don’t fall in,’” Dan said, with a slight laugh. “Even if you did fall in, I think in general they’re going to try to avoid you. The bigger ones have less fear of you. They just stay on their log like, ‘Don’t get closer, buddy.’ You get used to it,” he added.

Unlike canoes or other rowboats, kayaks allow paddlers to ride very low on the water, giving kayakers an experience of immersion into the nature through which they travel. That immersion can quickly become literal moving through rapids common in other states. On Texas rivers, the calming effect of the peaceful paddle is a great stress reliever while still exercising the upper body and strengthening the core and the heart.

“The exercise is great. I used to run, but it started really getting to my joints. Kayaking is a great way to still get an upper body workout and cardio without putting too much pressure on



your joints. I used to always go to the gym, but kayaking is just so much more enjoyable,” Dan said.

Along with his kayaking cohorts, Dan counts his three dogs among his favorite companions: Clyde, a Chihuahua who showed up on his doorstep a few months after he moved to Ennis, and two he acquired during his travels. In Manhattan, Dan adopted Sunny, a Beagle-Lab mix named for her disposition and color-of-sunshine coat. Sasha, a spirited redhead of undetermined pedigree, was rescued from the streets of Bogotá.

Sunny and Sasha both love the water and often accompany Dan to the local lakes where he kayaks for exercise, though he learned that they don't make great river kayaking partners. “I took Sunny and Sasha to Oregon and took Sasha in the kayak with me. When she saw a duck, she jumped out, and it turned into a complete mess. I don't do that anymore,” he said, smiling.



As with any sport, kayaking offers challenges that sometimes mirror life. On one particularly difficult kayak adventure, Dan and his friends found themselves battling “massive headwinds” as they crossed a bay in the Gulf of Mexico.

“It's one thing paddling down a river. It's another thing altogether being in the Gulf of Mexico and trying to paddle across to get to the other side. It was such a struggle,” Dan said. He then added, sounding unintentionally philosophical, “You feel like you're going nowhere, and sometimes you're not. But that's the great thing about kayaking. You see these challenges with logjams and a little bit of white water and stuff like that, but you get through it.” **NOW**

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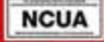
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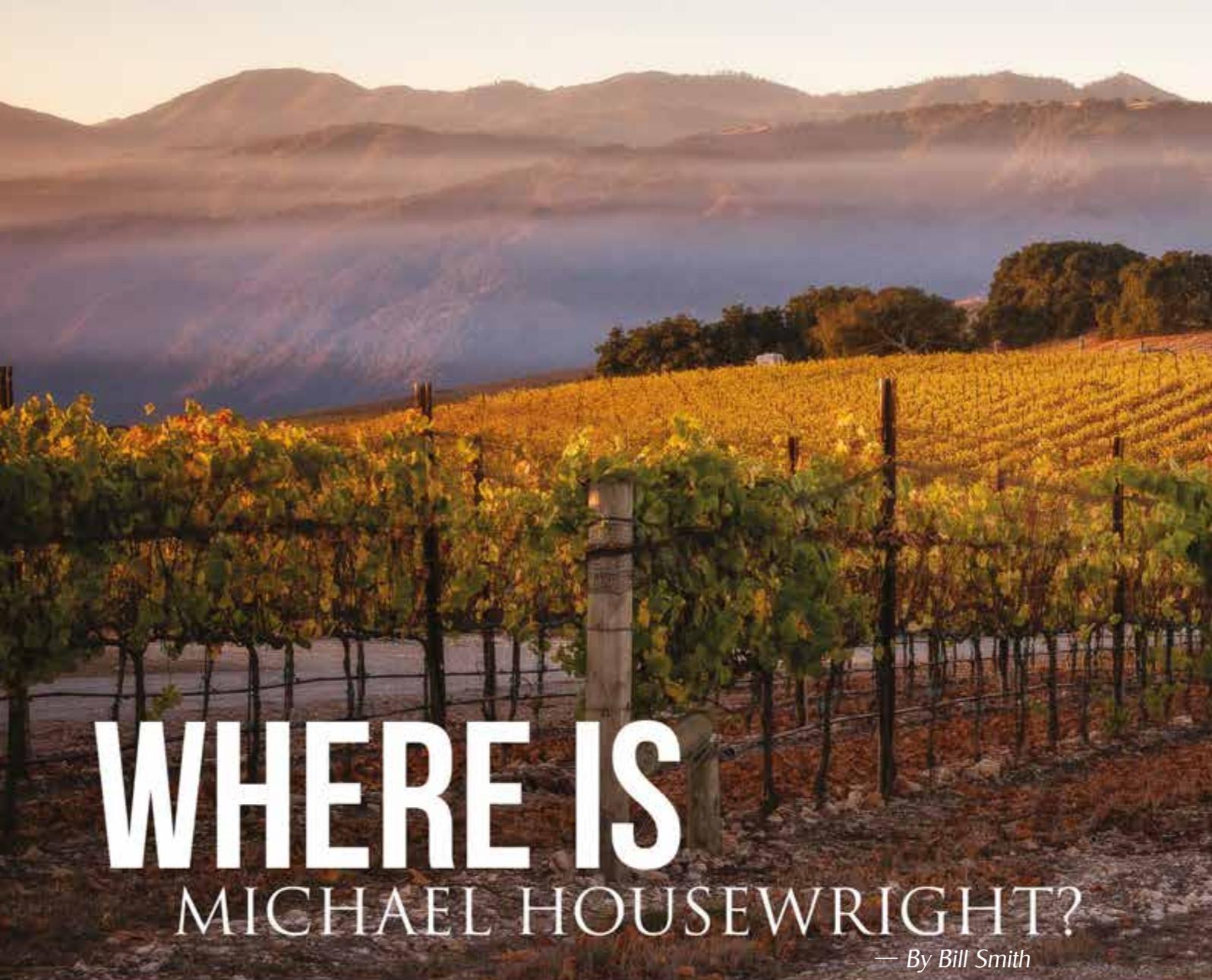


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# WHERE IS MICHAEL HOUSEWRIGHT?

— By Bill Smith

*“If I had to choose one place to go on vacation that I would really enjoy, I would have to say Italy,” Michael Housewright said, with a nod of agreement from his lovely wife, Juliet. As a native of Ennis and a 1989 graduate of Ennis High School, he could wink and say he was referring to the little hamlet just down Highway 34, but Michael really was referring to Italy, the country in Europe, home to many famous vineyards and wineries.*

“We lived in Italy longer than anywhere else we have lived, except for our present home in California,” he continued. A long time for Michael is only six months, but he indicated that he had resided in Italy for as long as six months on more than one occasion.

As a professional photographer, Michael’s largest client is *Wine Enthusiast* magazine. Just enter Michael’s name in the search bar of winemag.com and his artistic photographs burst from your computer screen like paintings in a museum.

“I grew up in Ennis, and I liked the town. I like Texas, and I loved the time I spent at the University of Dallas. I really did not ‘like’ high school, but it was not because of the school. I just did not enjoy the structure. From kindergarten on, all I wanted to do was talk and tell stories. That got me into a lot of trouble,” Michael said. “I think that is the reason I enjoy the wine business. It brings people together at the table. Everyone has stories.”

Michael’s interest in the wine business has been varied over the years, far beyond his interest and vocation as a photographer. “I was in the wine business a long time ago at Pogo’s Wine & Spirits in Dallas,” he reflected. “Today, I am still involved with importing wine with the University of Dallas from their vineyards and winery that is associated with their campus in Rome.”

One of Michael’s pictures of the vineyard in Rome shows roses growing along with the grape vines. Michael explained that at one time it was thought that the roses were indicative of soil health, but, today, they are just planted to make the vineyard more attractive.

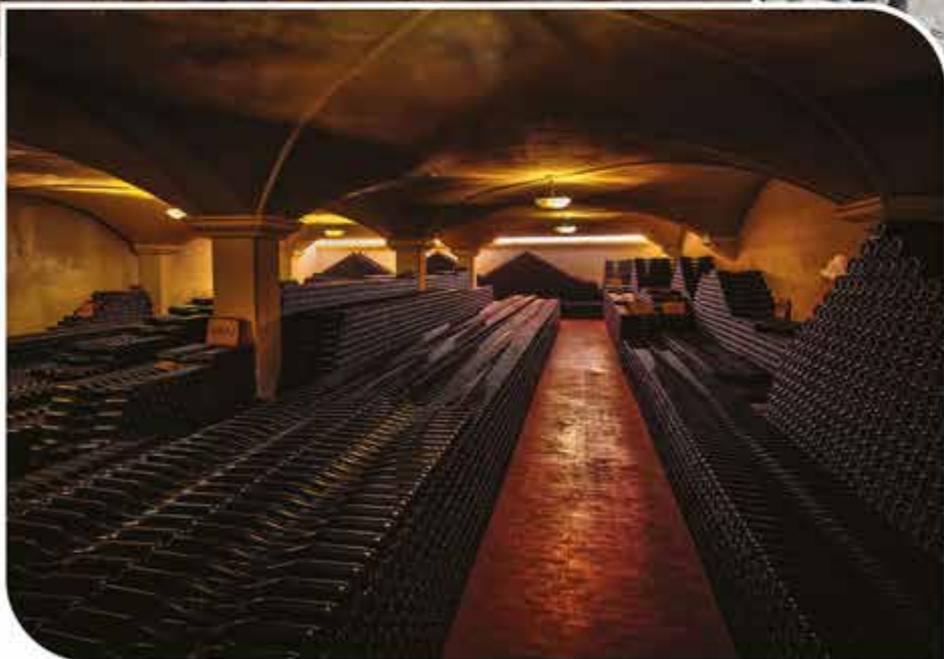
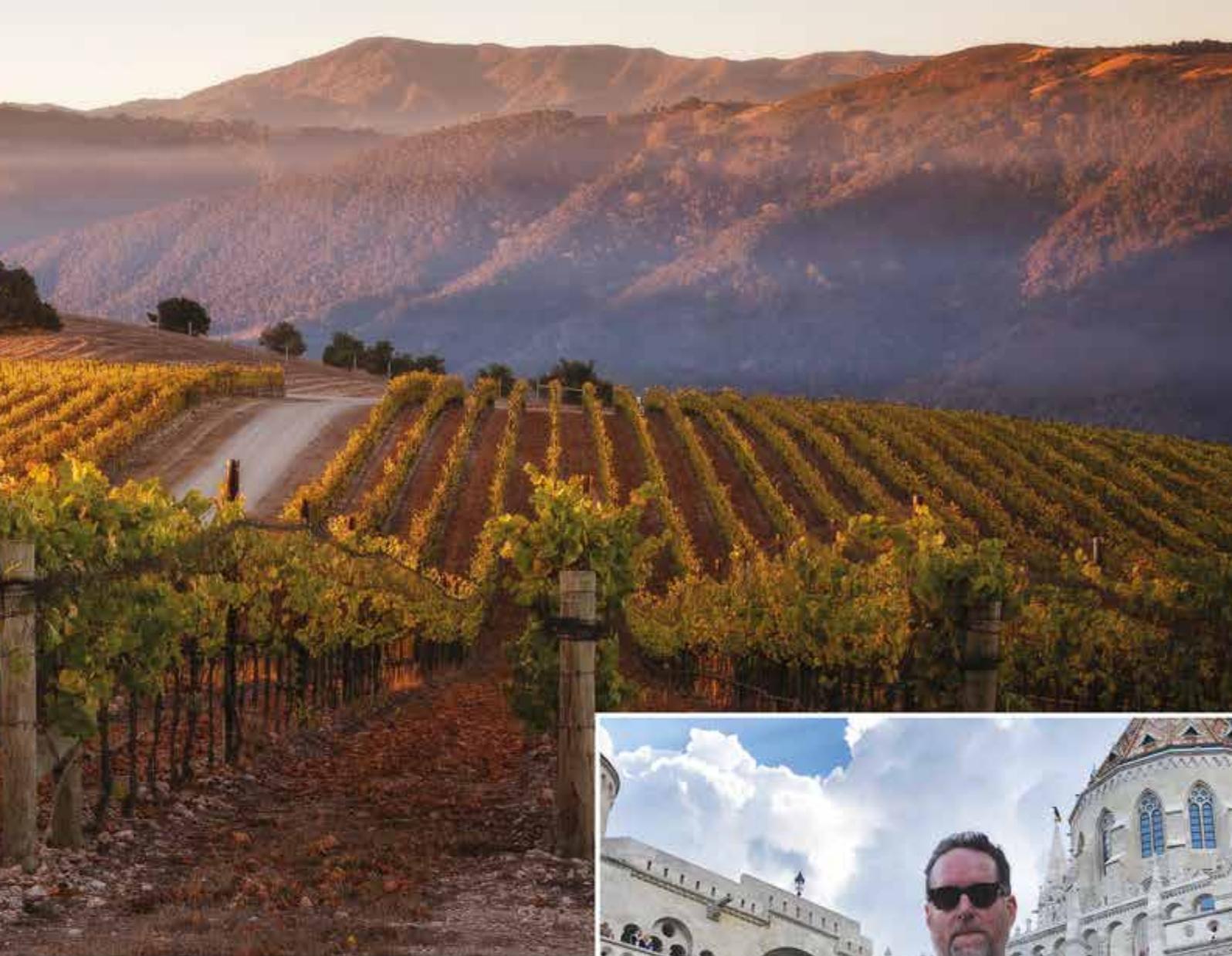


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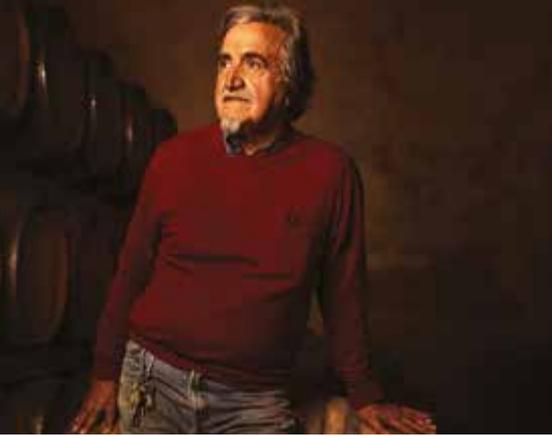
Michael and Juliet just returned from New Orleans and were passing through Texas to visit with Michael's parents on their way back to California. Prior to New Orleans, they spent some time in Southeast Asia. One of the pictures Michael took in Cambodia shows a small boat in the water at sunset. The sky and the reflection of the sky in the water has a dramatic effect. The water is as still as glass, except for the widening ripple at the rear of the craft caused by the oar, and the reflection of the boat in the water looks like a mirror image. Michael unabashedly admits the picture was taken with his iPhone.

Photographers, whether amateur or professional, are susceptible to "gear acquisition syndrome," a desire to acquire whatever camera or lens is currently being touted as the "latest and greatest." "I am not a gearhead," Michael said. "I have published at least a dozen photographs that I took on my iPhone. It is not all about the camera. A great photo has much more to do with the composition, such as where the subjects are placed in the frame.

"My first introduction to this was when I was studying theater direction in college. Then it was about placing the actors onstage so the production was most pleasing and made the most sense to the audience. I found that the same principles apply in photography."

Posing people has become more natural in the "selfie" era, Michael noted. "The subjects are more used to what they look like in a picture and it is not as 'unnatural' to pose for a professional photograph."





Like many artists, becoming a professional photographer was not Michael's initial plan. "I went to college to study theater, and my photography emerged from needing another class to delay the beginning of my student loan payments," Michael mused. "I actually enrolled in a photography class at a junior college. The photography part was OK, but I did not like the darkroom work. I got away from photography for a while. My interest was rekindled by a friend that was taking pictures with his iPhone and an app called Hipstamatic."

Traveling light is the norm for Michael as far as camera equipment is concerned. "It is usually one camera and one light. When a major shoot is called for, we have all of the studio lights and softboxes available, but I am not as concerned with the technical side as I am the final image. On many shots I could not tell you what my camera settings were."

Michael has tried other interests and said, "Painting was something I really wanted to do. I can't paint. I am also not at all mechanically inclined, like my father is. My father is an artisan and can design and build anything."

"Even as a child I could not fit someone else's idea of what I should be. My father thought I should pretend to be one of the superheroes you would read about in books by DC Comics. I always wanted to make up my own superhero."

The entrance into wine photography came from a beginning as a travel writer. From there, Michael found *Wine Enthusiast* magazine as a client, or better stated, they found him via a photo that he had taken for his travel website. They bought the photo from him. Michael aspires to provide the cover photo for the magazine someday. **NOW**

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— By Bill Smith

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Lisa Lytle felt the need for a new child care facility in Ennis, and her calling to this labor of love was confirmed with every circumstance along the way. “It began when Debbie Shimonek with Candy Cane Corner in Corsicana called and referred me to a pastor in Kerens who wanted to open a day care center there,” Lisa related. “I had met Debbie through my other business as a Paramed\EMS instructor. I had conducted CPR and first-aid classes for her staff. She told the pastor that I would be the best person he would find to own and operate the new center in Kerens.



“I prayed about it a lot,” Lisa continued. “That opportunity did not work out, but another day care center in Corsicana made a similar offer. I thought I would enjoy doing this, and I certainly saw the need, especially for babies, but if I did invest myself in this, I would rather do it in Ennis. My husband further affirmed the decision, saying he thought I would do really well.”

In March 2018, just less than a year-and-a-half ago, Sunshine Kids Academy opened in a small building on Gilmer Street in Ennis. “Within six months, we were at our license capacity of 37 children. We knew the demand was great and began talking to the owners of the building we are in today about acquiring it. I prayed that if it was to happen, God would open the door, but if not, close it quickly. We came to terms on Thursday and closed on the building on Tuesday!” she proudly proclaimed.

Sunshine accepts children from age 6 weeks to 12 years. Lisa explained, “There is such a great need for care of the

babies. We are licensed for 53 infants, and we already have 32. That is almost as many total children as we had at our former facility.

“Our motto is ‘Every Child Needs a Soft Place to Land.’ It is painted on the wall in the lobby. As a former police officer and current paramedic, I saw a lot of child abuse cases. We accept Child Care Services (CCS), and, of course, we have a lot of private pay children, as well. We care about children — all children.”

Morgan Fisher, the assistant director, interjected, “For some of our kids we may be the only compassionate person in their life to love them. We realize that after breakfast, lunch and a snack here, their next meal may be here the next day. They have consistency at Sunshine that they may not have anywhere else.”

Director Thresa Cates offered, “Some say there is a lot of paperwork involved serving the CCS kids. When you are helping a child, the paperwork is nothing.”

**“Our motto is  
‘Every Child Needs a  
Soft Place to Land.’”**

The team is also very proud of its awning-covered playground, with its modern equipment and the path for pushing baby strollers. “The residents of the nursing home next door love to look out their windows and smile at the children as we push them around the path,” Lisa said with joy.

The facility is staffed with smiling, compassionate workers who love children. Lisa went on, “We are always concerned about the health and welfare of the kids. All our employees are trained in CPR, first aid and the use of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) that we have here.

“We have a great curriculum, and our summer program was planned in early spring. The future is bright at Sunshine.” **NOW**

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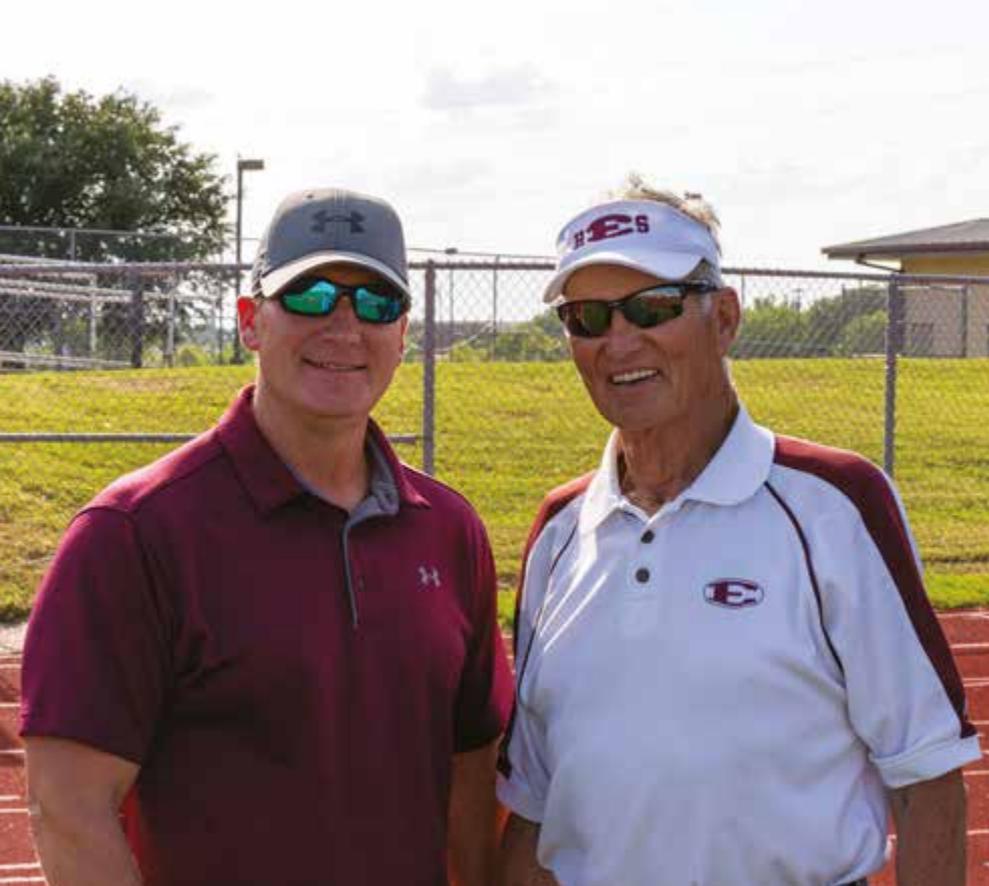
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*Helen and Clay Fincher at the pottery booth at the Farmer's Market.*

## **Zoomed In:** By Bill Smith Rel Lipscomb and Don Howard

Rel Lipscomb and Don Howard are some great Lions fans. Don has been the stadium public address announcer for many years. Rel is an active supporter with the Lionbackers, and at the spring inter-squad scrimmage, he was helping set up the tunnel that the Lions traditionally run through. Don remarked, "I think this is building the excitement for next year's team. We usually do this at the Meet the Lions event at the end of two-a-days at the beginning of the school year."

"I think this team will be pretty strong on defense and a better offense than last year," Rel added. The coaches agreed that it has been a good spring, and everyone is looking forward to cheering for Ennis Lions in the 2019 season.



*Lupe, Maddox and Marlina Martinez fly a kite on a blustery day.*



*Chad Knight and Rodney Johnson from the Ennis Boys & Girls Club present a program to the Ennis Noon Lions.*



*Henrietta Novoty runs into her friend, Elaine Eubanks, at the Polka Parade.*



Jesse Gomez smiles as he works at Cotton Patch.



Mike Harrison entertains with his guitar for Mother's Day.



Greg and Terri Tyner attend the Polka Festival in Downtown.

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Madison Hamm - Grand Champion Market Hog Ellis County Youth Expo.

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*In the Kitchen With*  
MALLORY CASE

— By Angel Morris

Like many, Mallory Case learned her way around the kitchen by shadowing the women in her family. “Growing up, I watched my mom and my grandmother cook big meals. It’s probably why I don’t know how to cook for just two people,” Mallory joked. “As I got older and started cooking myself, I realized I loved cooking for people, too.”

Over time, Mallory discovered her dishes make others happy. Whether she is serving family favorites or introducing others to meals they might never have tried, Mallory finds people enjoy what she cooks. “I watch a lot of cooking shows, and I like finding parts that I favor out of other recipes and turning them into my own,” she said of her creative approach to cooking. **NOW**

### Chicken Tortilla Soup

*A family favorite.*

*Broth:*

**1 whole chicken**  
**Onion, to taste**  
**Celery, to taste**  
**Garlic, to taste**  
**Parsley, to taste**  
**1 jalapeño**  
**Salt, to taste**  
**Pepper, to taste**

*Soup:*

**2 1/2 Tbsp. cumin**

**2 Tbsp. chili powder (FIESTA brand recommended.)**

**4 bay leaves**

**1 tsp. cayenne, or more to taste**

**1 14-oz. can whole kernel corn (do not drain)**

**1 28-oz. can crushed tomatoes**

**1 pack corn tortillas**

**8 Tbsp. butter or vegetable oil**

**1 large yellow onion, diced**

**8 garlic cloves, chopped**

**2 bunches cilantro, chopped**

**Monterey Jack cheese (optional)**

**Avocado (optional)**

**Rice for garnish (optional)**

**1. For broth:** Boil chicken and all broth ingredients about 30-45 minutes. Remove chicken; strain and keep broth.

**2. For soup:** Add all the spices, corn and tomatoes to the broth. Let simmer during step 3.

**3.** Cut about 1/2 of the corn tortillas into small squares.

**4.** In a separate pan, heat butter or oil; add the tortillas, onion, garlic and cilantro, sautéing until onions are softened and tortillas are golden brown.

**5.** Debone chicken; set aside. Add sautéed mixture and chicken to the soup; let simmer for about 15 minutes.

**6.** Garnish with fried tortilla strips, cheese, avocado and rice, if desired.

### Gram’s Ranger Cookies

*A childhood favorite my grandma always had for us!*

**1/2 cup shortening**  
**1/2 cup butter, softened**  
**1 cup brown sugar**  
**1 cup white sugar**  
**2 eggs**  
**2 tsp. vanilla**

- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 2 cups oats
- 2 cups Rice Krispies cereal
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup pecans

1. Cream shortening and butter with sugars. Add eggs and vanilla. Add remaining ingredients. Mix to combine.
2. Bake at 375 F for 10-13 minutes, or until light brown around the edges.

## Jalapeño Chicken Salad

- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp. lime juice
- 3 cups cooked chicken, shredded
- 1 celery rib, finely chopped
- 1 small red onion, finely chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, finely chopped
- 3 Tbsp. fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1/3 cup pickled jalapeños, chopped
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste
- Bread or tortilla chips, for serving

1. Mix first 8 ingredients together until evenly coated; add salt and pepper.
2. Let chill for 1 hour; serve on bread or with tortilla chips.

## Mexican Street Corn Salad

*Salad:*

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 4-5 ears fresh corn, shucked and kernels sliced from the cob (Three small cans may be substituted.)
- 3 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1 avocado
- 1/2 cup cilantro leaves
- 2 garlic cloves, chopped
- 1 jalapeño, chopped (or more to taste)
- 1/2 cup red onion, chopped
- 1/2 cup cotija cheese, plus additional amount for topping

*Dressing:*

- 3 Tbsp. mayonnaise
- 1 clove garlic, chopped
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1/2 tsp. cayenne pepper
- Salt, to taste
- Pepper, to taste

1. *For salad:* Heat oil in a skillet. Add corn; cook, stirring occasionally until charred, about 8-10 minutes. Remove from heat; let cool.



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2. In a separate bowl, pour lime juice over the avocado; add to bowl with corn and remaining salad ingredients.

3. *For dressing:* While the corn is cooking, whisk together mayonnaise, garlic, lime juice, cayenne, salt and pepper.

4. Pour dressing over salad; toss until evenly coated. Top with extra cotija cheese. Serve warm or cold.

## Spicy Sriracha Roasted Sweet Potatoes

4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and diced  
3 Tbsp. real mayonnaise

1-2 Tbsp. Sriracha (depending on how spicy you like them)

1 tsp. red pepper flakes

1 garlic clove, chopped

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

1. Heat oven to 450 F. Toss sweet potatoes with all ingredients; roast on a baking sheet for 30-45 minutes, or until browned on the outside.

## Dill Pickle Pasta Salad

*Salad:*

1/2 lb. dry shell pasta  
(about 3 cups)

1/2 cup pickle juice

3/4 cup sliced pickles

2/3 cup cheddar cheese, diced

3 Tbsp. white onion, finely diced

2 Tbsp. fresh dill

*Dressing:*

2/3 cup mayonnaise

1/3 cup sour cream

1/8 tsp. cayenne pepper

4 Tbsp. pickle juice

Salt, to taste

Pepper, to taste

1. *For salad:* Boil pasta to al dente, according to package directions. Run under cold water to stop cooking.

2. Toss cold pasta with about 1/2 cup of pickle juice; set aside for about 5 minutes. Drain; discard the pickle juice.

3. *For dressing:* Combine all dressing ingredients in a small bowl; mix well.

4. Toss pasta and all remaining salad ingredients in a large bowl. Cover with dressing. Refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving.



Dill Pickle Pasta Salad

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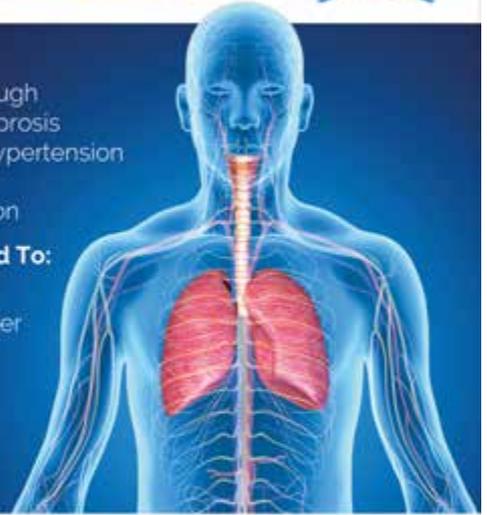


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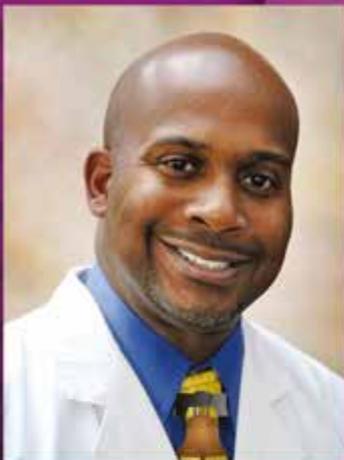
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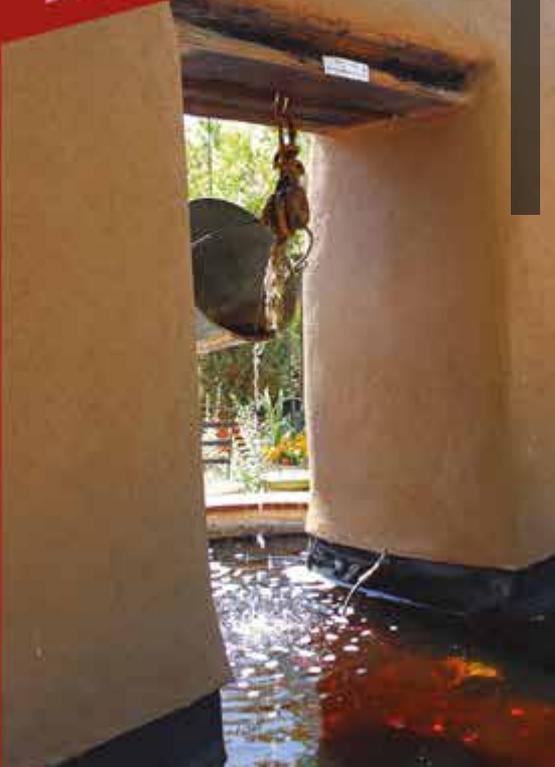
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Founded in 1706 by Don Francisco Cuervo y Valdés in honor of the Duke of Albuquerque Viceroy of New Spain, the first "r" was dropped in later spellings, leaving the city nicknamed the "Duke City." Old Town Historic District's plaza, anchored by the stately walls and quiet spirituality of San Felipe de Neri Church, built in 1793, is surrounded by *placitas* (small plazas), home to residents, shops, galleries and historic sites. iExplora!, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science and the Albuquerque Museum are sure stops.

In Spanish style, roads fan out from the plaza in all four directions. East to west, enjoy time travel back to the 1920s- 1960s when much of downtown and the Nob Hill-Highland District grew up around the historic Route 66, which, in town, becomes Central Avenue.

Iconic neon signs, vintage shops, period eateries and the beautiful architecture and gardens of the University of New Mexico campus, with its museums, bring back memories of when Route 66 was known nationwide as the Mother Road.

At the east junction with I-40, visitors can head north to catch the aerial tramway to the Sandias' peak. Moving farther east through the pass, visitors may exit to the Turquoise Trail leading to Santa Fe after a side trip to Tinkertown Museum and Sandia Peak.



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Southward from the plaza, the Barales community hosts the National Hispanic Cultural Center of New Mexico with its art galleries, performing arts venues, library and archives. Historic Barales grew up around a Rio Grande River ford near the Camino Real, the Spanish road connecting Mexico City and Santa Fe.

Travel northward from the plaza on Rio Grande Boulevard a few miles to the North Valley where fertile, irrigated farms, ranches and vineyards thrive. Hike along the river at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park and visit the Unser Racing Museum.

Enjoy driving to the historic Village of Corrales, the state's self-proclaimed horse capital. Return to Albuquerque by way of 4th Street, which bisects the Village of Los Ranchos de Albuquerque as a continuation of Route 66.

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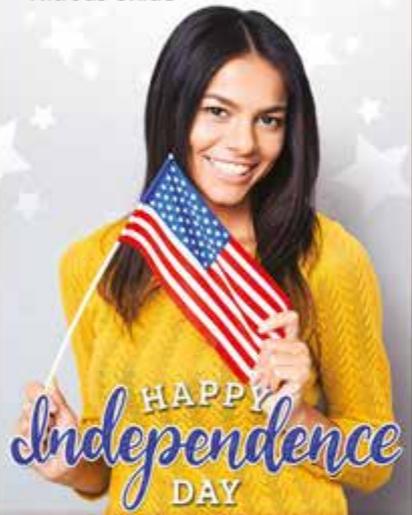
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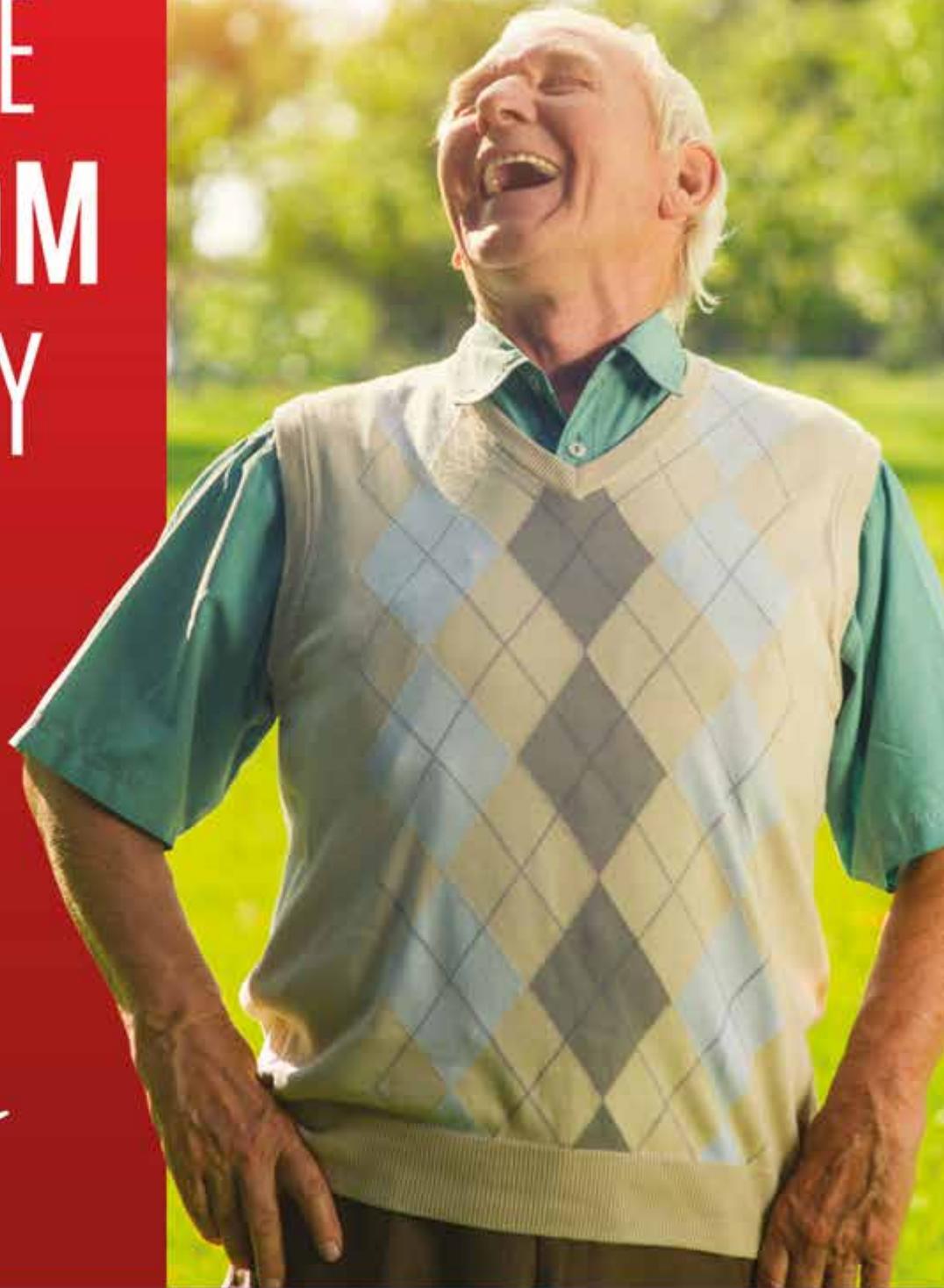


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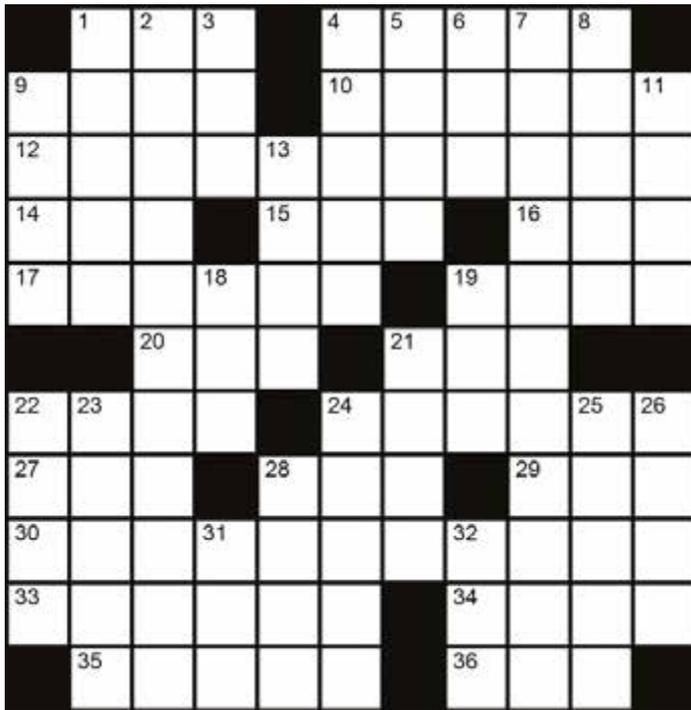


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| 4 Knitted wrap              | 2 Just the one                 |
| 9 — Falco of "Nurse Jackie" | 3 Long Island iced cocktail    |
| 10 Hawaiian Punch fruit     | 4 Crosses                      |
| 12 Lawsuit                  | 5 Writer for hire              |
| 14 Exclamation of contempt  | 6 Disposed                     |
| 15 Writing fluid            | 7 "Hey, that's not right!"     |
| 16 Blaster's material       | 8 Film critic Jeffrey ---      |
| 17 Wedding vow sites        | 9 Able was I ere I saw ---     |
| 19 Sunday rite              | 11 Pangolin food               |
| 20 Pro bono promo, briefly  | 13 Old Italian money           |
| 21 Female sibling           | 18 Nova Scotia hours           |
| 22 Encourage in wrongdoing  | 19 It may be open at a bar     |
| 24 Most pleasant            | 21 Location                    |
| 27 High rock                | 22 Cash caches, perhaps        |
| 28 Rollaway                 | 23 Prepares eggs               |
| 29 Dove sound               | 24 Din                         |
| 30 Impish                   | 25 Narrow sea channel          |
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## Fourth Mondays

### American Legion Riders Meeting:

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## Second Tuesdays

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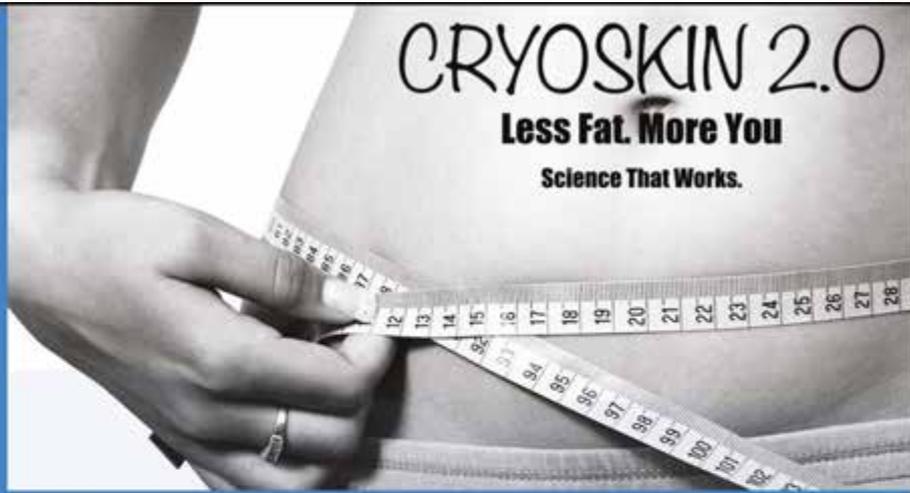
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### Medium

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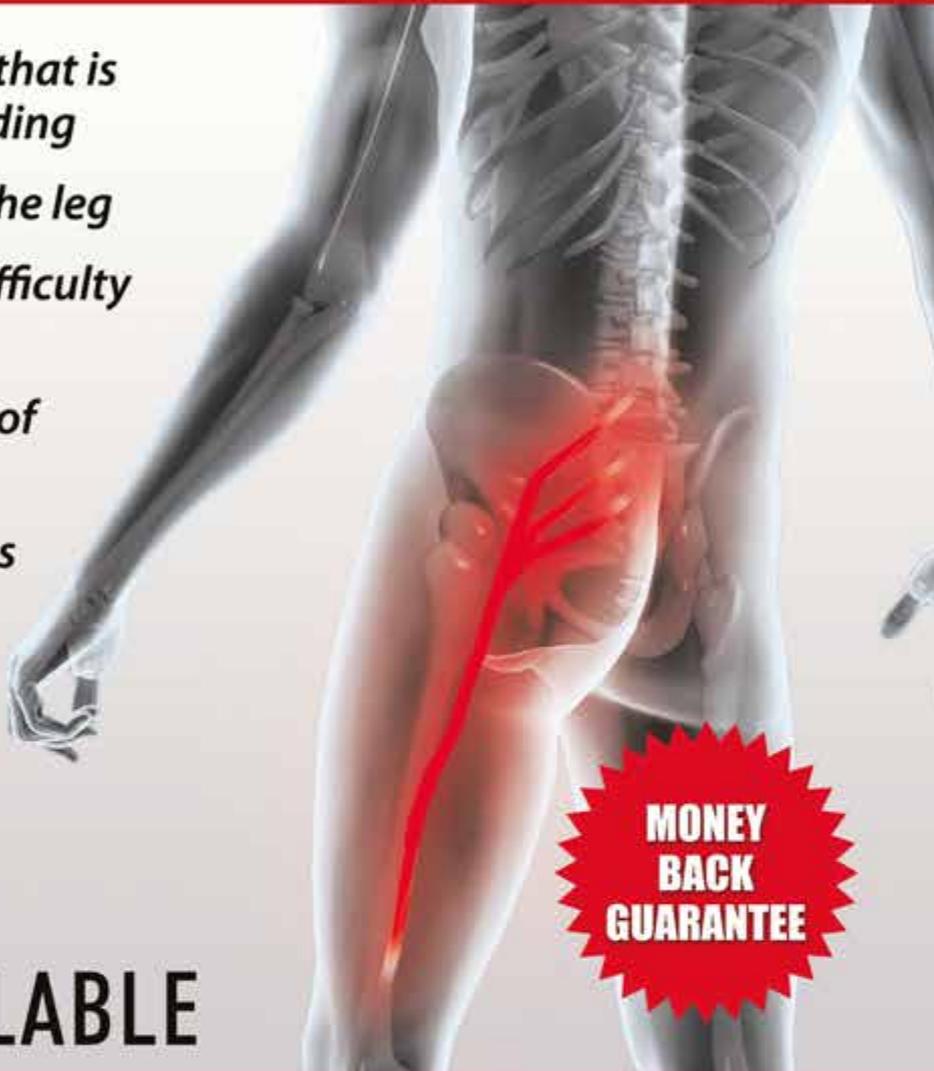


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