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## EDITOR'S NOTE

*Time travel ...*

If you could get in a shiny DeLorean with a fully fueled flux capacitor driven by either Marty McFly or Dr. Emmett Brown, where would you go? Perhaps a better question might be, to what year would you go?

Your choices would be as far as your imagination could take you. The movie was called *Back to the Future*, but it also includes trips back to the past. If time travel were really a possibility, would you travel back in time to see what Ennis was like during the time of the early settlers, or perhaps forward to see if your distant descendants are flying to work on other planets?

The novel *1984* by George Orwell was written in 1949 and was, in my opinion, a dark and pessimistic look forward. *2001: A Space Odyssey* is a movie from 1968, just a year before we put a man on the moon. If you are familiar with both of these, would you venture that one contains more truth than the other?

Looking back is obviously easier than forecasting the future. We can read history, and I think each generation recalls their youth as a simpler time. George Burns was an actor, singer and comedian whose life spanned more than 100 years. In 1980, when he was 84 years old, he recorded *I Wish I Was Eighteen Again*. For some reason, maybe because I know there are a lot more years behind me than are ahead of me, George's song resonates with me.

If there is any place you dream of going or any time you want to forecast or recall, it is probably living in either fact or fiction in a book. Go visit our local library. I'm sure you will find where, or when, you want to be.

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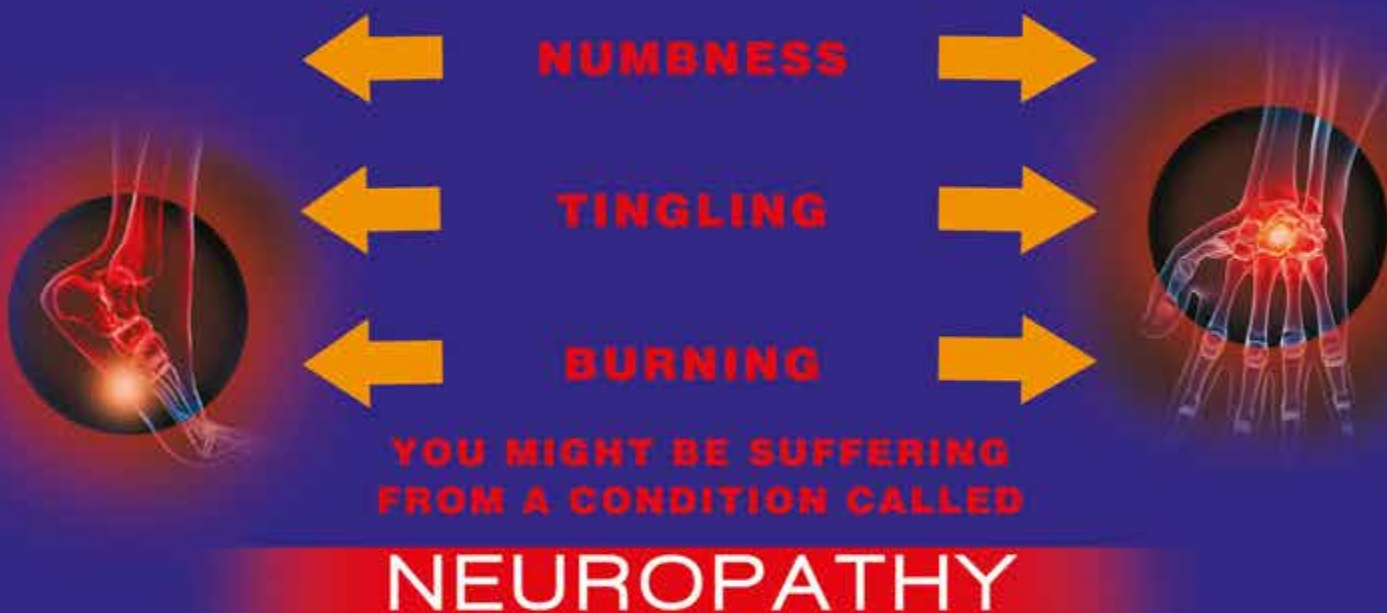
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— By Bill Smith

*Jason Gadberry says he is “from Oklahoma” even though he was born in England. “Dad was in the military and stationed at RAF Lakenheath when I was born. We were only there for a couple of years before moving back to the States, so I really don’t have a memory of it.” His father grew up in Ennis, and his grandmother and other relatives still live here. Judging by the way Jason speaks of the Ennis community today, it sounds like he is going to be here for a long time.*

“We were in Norman while I was growing up, and the Norman public schools had great fine arts programs. I have always loved music, as far back as the second grade,” he remembered. “My brother tried the band for a while but did not stay in it. Dad thought I would probably do the same thing, so I turned to voice.

“I was heavily influenced to pursue a music career by our high school choir director, Tony Gonzales. He really sparked my passion and pushed me to audition for the advanced choirs. As a result, I was in the All-State Choir for three years and also in the National Honor Choir. I envisioned myself eventually becoming a high school choir director,” he shared.

Jason admitted that it may be uncommon for students to choose their future career as young as he did and then successfully stay on that path, but he gives his students the same advice he took, “Follow your passion. I know that their interests may change in the future, but mine never did. I love what I do and can’t see myself doing anything else.”

There was a good foundation for the choir program in place when Jason came to Ennis four years ago, but it has grown significantly since then. There were about 40 students in the choir in seventh through 12th grades. The choral program now has about 180 students. “Students have an inherent desire to be a part of something greater than themselves, and it is important for them to be part of a positive group. We have about an 85 percent retention rate with students who join the program,” Jason related.

“I have a ‘famous’ nickname, ‘The Candyman.’ I offer candy to students in exchange for about a 45-second choir audition. They see that as a pretty good deal,” he said with a smile.



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Jason's undergraduate degree in music education was completed at Missouri State University. "I never had any dream while I was pursuing my degree other than being a high school choir director. Music education is time consuming, but worth the effort. For instance, music theory might require five classroom hours per week, but was considered a one credit hour course. I also took private voice lessons while I was there."

It was also in Missouri that Jason had his first teaching job, and he smiled as he recalled meeting his wife, Amanda, there on a blind date that was set up by the school secretary. "We had the opportunity to go to Italy to teach English at a summer camp. We actually got engaged in Rome! We married in Missouri in 2015, and we went back to Norman for me to pursue my master's degree in conducting at The University of Oklahoma. We came to Texas and taught in Mesquite, but we were living in Ennis at my grandmother's house at the time. Our first child was born at OUI Medical Center seven days before we moved to Texas, and our second child was born after we started working here. Amanda teaches special education at Bowie Elementary now, and our daughter, Kennedy, is at Bowie, while our daughter, Haddie, will start pre-K next year."



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"I would be remiss if I did not mention how important my family's support is. Amanda is a 'choir widow,' doing everything behind the scenes to take care of the kids and make sure I am ready for our choir performances. I certainly don't do this job in a vacuum."

"Another great contributor to our success has been our collaborative accompanist, Janet Thomas. She keeps telling me she is retired, but, thankfully,





she keeps coming back for us. I also have to mention how supportive other teachers and the EISD administration have been. When we started, we were getting 3 and 4 ratings at UIL contests, and now we are getting 1's. Our varsity choir achieved sweepstakes by getting all 1's. We took six choirs to sweepstakes, and four of them received the highest possible score. The other two were rated 'excellent,' which is the second highest score. Students want to be part of something good. They want to be held to a high standard and be successful. We are continuing to improve. The Super Bowl of choir is to sing at the Texas Music Educators Association state convention. That would be a goal to work toward."

The EISD choirs have been seen performing downtown for the past couple of years. Jason recalled, "That came out of COVID. We could not have concerts indoors during that time, so Amanda said I should talk to the city about performing downtown. Becky McCarty was excited about it as soon as we mentioned it. We will have our fall concert again this October in historic downtown Ennis. The Bluebonnet Market vendors ask us if we are on the schedule because they enjoy the performances, and it draws more visitors downtown. The winter concert will be in December at the EHS Auditorium."

"Another way we get out into the community is caroling at nursing homes during the Christmas season. The kids love seeing the joy in people's faces as we sing."

Jason is looking forward to many more years in Ennis. "Ennis is our little slice of 'Hallmark,'" he opined. "Mesquite is a nice town, but there is an intangible quality to Ennis. It is a great place to raise a family. We love it here." **NOW**

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Jessica Correa began her real estate career in 2018 and has spent the majority of her career with real estate broker Rendon Realty. Shortly after joining Rendon Realty, she and her sister, Amira Choi started Lion Realty Group together, and they have helped many families reach their real estate goals. “Before I ventured into real estate, I worked in a



doctor’s office,” she mentioned. “I loved the patients that I worked with, but the clinic hours really cut into my time with my family. Real estate hours have proven to be more flexible, and Rendon Realty has been a Godsend for me,” she said. “They have great resources and helped me tremendously with the success of my business.” Rendon Realty’s website affirms that they are built on family values, as well as their belief in working with honor, integrity and high ethical standards. Jessica continued, “From my initial interview with them until this day, I feel like family with Rendon Realty.”

Another part of Jessica’s career that she is proud of is serving as a mentor for other real estate agents who are just coming into the business. “I guide them and teach them everything I know about the business. They are as excited about real estate as I was when I started.

“To be a great agent requires that we put the buyers’ and sellers’ interests before our own. The real estate business has changed a lot since 2020, including inflation and changes in interest rates. These changes have affected what it takes for buyers to qualify for mortgages, as well as the availability



of homes on the market. We do all we can to help the client acquire the home they want.”

The majority of Jessica’s clients come from referrals from prior happy clients. “I never worry about where my next client is going to come from. I pray about every transaction, and I believe God makes things work out, so we find the perfect home. Families appreciate what I do. I work hard to educate them and lead them through the buying process. I teach them what to look for in the home as a first-time buyer. I will point out how to look for issues, such as foundation problems, and even after the deal is closed, I stay in touch with them. I will explain things like filing for their homestead exemption, which can save them a lot of money in the future.” Another thing Jessica offers is free market analysis reports if a client is just curious about what they might sell their home for, or if they need it to protest their property taxes.

*“To be a great agent requires that we put the buyers’ and sellers’ interests before our own.”*

Jessica works from her home, and that has worked out well for her and for her clients. “I can do almost everything ‘virtually’ from my home office. Clients can text, call or email me anytime. We also have Zoom meetings when we need to. I post videos on Facebook, TikTok, Instagram and LinkedIn. For clients who want to meet in person, we can meet at a coffee shop near them, or wherever it is convenient. My marketing territory is Ellis County and the surrounding counties.

“Though interest rates are not ideal, prices have started to come down quite a bit and with not many buyers shopping the market, there is room to negotiate seller concessions when purchasing a home,” Jessica concluded. “Also, builders may offer low rates to buy new and first-time homebuyer programs to assist with down payments.” **NOW**





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Phillip and Vicki Bierhalter celebrate Phillip's 80th birthday.

**Zoomed In:**  
Sheila Motley and Thor Jordan

By Bill Smith

Sheila Motley proudly stated that she has lived in Ennis “all my life” — and wouldn’t want to live anywhere else. She said, “You know that shirt that was printed for the Polka Festival this year that had all of the Czech names on it? That is my family. I am kin to Trojaceks, Martineks, Skrivanek, Honzas, Marusaks, and I can keep naming them!”

Thor Jordan said he is from all over but has claimed Ennis as home for 13 years. Thor said he came to Ennis “because that’s where Sheila was!” He works as a carpenter, rancher and jack-of-all-trades.

They spent the day downtown celebrating the Fourth of July weekend. Their grandchildren, Issabella and Eric, were visiting with them for a few days.



Ollie and George Kerr cool off at the splash park.



A good crowd attends one of the city’s Summer In the Park programs.



Magician Mike Corry has kids raising their hands at Mornings at Minnie.





Olivia and Sophia Butler are ready for the Red, White and Bike parade.



Rhonda Smith and her granddaughter, Atalie, display jewelry at their Bluebonnet Market booth.



Children enjoy crafts at Make it at the Market.

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A photograph of Savannah Fisher, a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling in her kitchen. She is wearing a black V-neck shirt and holding a glass dish filled with a dark, chocolatey mixture. In the background, there is a stainless steel microwave and a black electric stove with silver knobs. The text "CookingNOW" is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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*In the Kitchen With*  
SAVANNAH FISHER

— By Bill Smith

Savanna Fisher recognizes that gathering family around a good meal at the table keeps them close. “Eating is a tradition for my family. I remember my Pawpaw eating breakfast and, before finishing that meal, asking what we were having for lunch or dinner. I enjoy giving everyone a good reason for us to get together and do what we enjoy!”

Social media is a source for many of her recipes. “My rule is always to follow the recipe as written the first time I make it, then I can tweak it and change it up as needed.”

Savannah is excited about a recent career change. After her degree in communications from Texas A&M University and working in that field for a while, she just completed a new degree and began a new career as a registered nurse. **NOW**

## No-Bake Chocolate Eclair Cake

### Filling:

**3 cups milk**  
**2 3.4-oz. boxes instant vanilla pudding**  
**1 3/4 cups heavy whipping cream**  
**1 box graham crackers**

### Topping:

**1/3 cup cocoa powder**

**1/4 cup milk**  
**1 cup sugar**  
**1/2 cup butter**  
**1 tsp. vanilla extract**

**1.** For filling: In a large bowl, add the milk and vanilla pudding; stir until thickened.  
**2.** In a medium bowl, beat the whipping cream on medium-high speed for approximately 4 minutes or until it turns

into whipped cream.

**3.** Once the pudding mixture has set, stir the whipping cream mixture into the pudding mixture until well combined.

**4.** In a 9x13-inch dish, cover the entire bottom with a layer of graham crackers (approximately 1 full sleeve).

**5.** Add half of the pudding mixture over the bottom graham cracker layer. Use a spatula to spread it evenly over the graham crackers.

**6.** Repeat with another layer of graham crackers, topped with the remainder of the pudding mixture.

**7.** Add a final layer of graham crackers on the top.

**8.** For topping: In a small pot, add the cocoa powder, milk and sugar; bring to a full rolling boil. Boil for 1 minute, stirring constantly.

**9.** Remove the pot from the heat; let cool for 1 minute while continuing to stir.

**10.** Add the butter and vanilla, stirring until the butter is melted and it forms a smooth chocolate glaze.

**11.** Immediately pour over the top layer of graham crackers. It will spread on its own, but tilt the dish as needed so that the entire top is covered.



**12.** Refrigerate for 8 hours, or overnight (preferred).

**Honey Garlic Meatballs**

- Meatballs:*  
**2 to 2 1/2 lbs. ground beef**  
**2 eggs**  
**1 cup panko breadcrumbs**  
**1/2 cup milk**  
**2 Tbsp. minced garlic**  
**Pepper, to taste**  
**Salt, to taste**  
**Onion powder, to taste**  
**Garlic powder, to taste**

- Sauce:*  
**1/2 cup ketchup**  
**1/2 cup low-sodium soy sauce**  
**1/3 cup honey**  
**2 Tbsp. minced garlic**

- 1.** *For meatballs:* Heat the oven to 375 F.  
**2.** Add all the meatball ingredients to a bowl; mix together well.  
**3.** Shape the meatballs; place them on a baking sheet. (You should have approximately 24 meatballs.) Cook for 35-40 minutes.  
**4.** *For sauce:* While the meatballs are cooking, combine all the sauce ingredients in a saucepan; mix well.  
**5.** Let simmer for several minutes, allowing to thicken.  
**6.** After removing meatballs from the oven, pour the sauce on top of them and enjoy!

**No Churn Banana Pudding Ice Cream**

- 2 yellow bananas (not ripe)**  
**1 14-oz. can sweetened condensed milk, minus 1/3 cup (for a total of 11 oz.)**  
**Good pinch of kosher salt**  
**1 tsp. vanilla bean paste (or vanilla extract)**  
**1 drop yellow gel food coloring (optional)**  
**1 8-oz. container Cool Whip, thawed**  
**2 cups vanilla wafers, plus more for topping**

- 1.** In a food processor, blitz the bananas until smooth.  
**2.** Add in the sweetened condensed milk, salt and vanilla bean paste/extract; blend until smooth. Blend in a drop of yellow food coloring, if desired.  
**3.** Pour the mixture into a bowl; scoop in about half of the Cool Whip. Fold to combine.  
**4.** Add in the remaining Cool Whip, along with the vanilla wafers. Roughly crush them in your hands as you drop them in.  
**5.** Gently fold together, allowing some ribbons of Cool Whip throughout.

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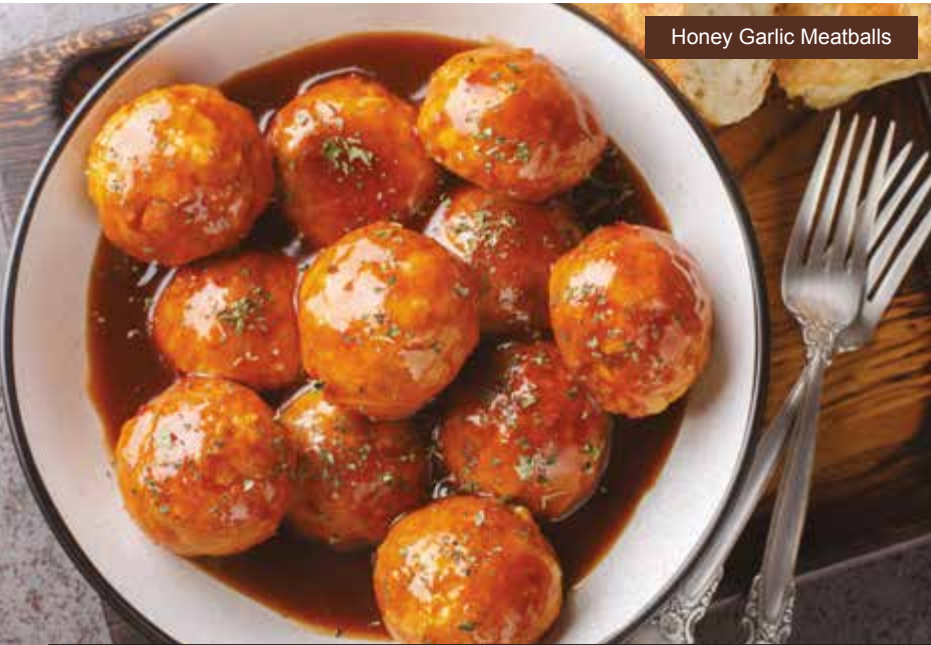
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- 6. Pour the mixture into a 9-inch pie dish; top with more vanilla wafers.
- 7. Cover in plastic wrap; chill overnight.
- 8. The next day, allow to thaw for about 10 minutes, then scoop and serve!

### Loaded Potato Soup

2 large or 3 medium russet potatoes  
1/2 onion, diced

Olive oil or butter, for sauteing  
2 10.5-oz. cans cream of chicken soup  
2 cups half-and-half  
1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded (divided use)  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. pepper  
1/2 tsp. garlic  
1 cup sour cream or plain Greek yogurt  
Bacon bits, to taste (for topping)



Shredded cheese, to taste (for topping)

- 1. Dice the potatoes; boil until tender.
- 2. While the potatoes are boiling, sauté the onions in the olive oil or butter; set aside.
- 3. Add the cream of chicken soup, half-and-half, 1/2 cup shredded cheese, onions and seasonings to a Crock-Pot; mix together.
- 4. Add the potatoes. Stir the Crock-Pot contents together; cook on high for 2-3 hours.
- 5. Just before serving, add the remaining 1/2 cup of cheese and the sour cream/ Greek yogurt to the Crock-Pot; stir.
- 6. Serve with bacon bits and shredded cheese, to taste.

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# *Revealing America's* PAST AND PRESENT

— By Sandra Walters





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As you conclude, enjoy unique places like the city hall, prison turned into a museum, zoo and Boathouse Row. The dominating cityscape features Philadelphia City Hall, which is an architectural masterpiece. Take a guided tour to learn the history and experience the grandeur of the iconic building. Allow your thoughts to run wild as you gaze at the statue of William Penn atop the tower while appreciating the panoramic views of the city. Then, take a step back in time at the Eastern State Penitentiary, a former prison turned museum. Tours reveal the history of this imposing structure and its notorious inmates, while capturing the criminal justice systems' past. However, for a family-friendly adventure, visit the Philadelphia Zoo, America's first zoo. Encounter various animals from majestic big cats to playful primates. The zoo combines entertainment with education, making it an ideal destination for visitors of all ages. Finally, stroll along Boathouse Row by the Schuylkill River. The historic boathouses are beautifully illuminated at night, creating a picturesque backdrop. It is a tranquil spot to unwind and admire Philadelphia's natural beauty.

Philadelphia beckons travelers with a blend of history, art and culinary delights. Whether you are exploring the birthplace of American democracy or immersing yourself in the city's vibrant cultural scene, this city offers a memorable experience for every visitor. Plan your trip, embrace the spirit of brotherly love and discover the charm of the city. NOW

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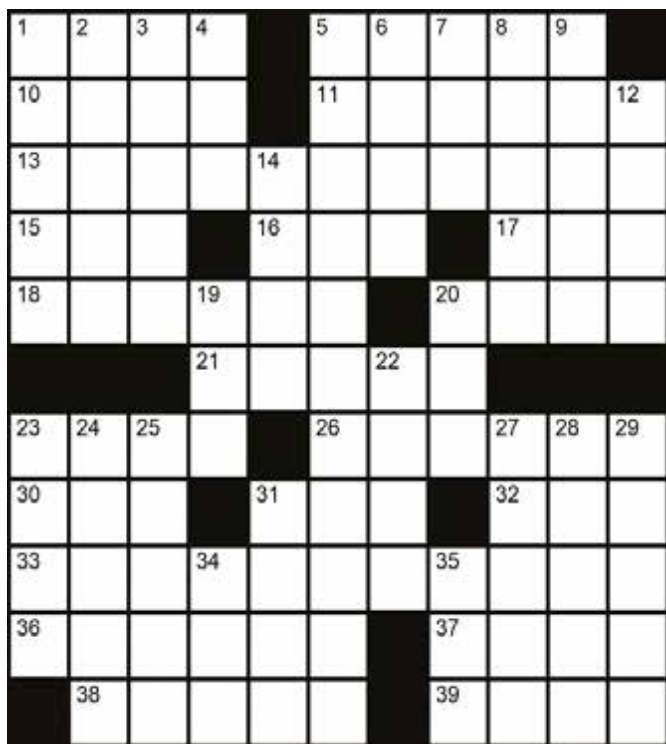


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### 5 Galley drudge

**10** Libya neighbor

11 \*Stranger

Things\*  
actress ---  
Ryder

### 13 Constraining

**15** Ingested

## 16 Seek to know

17 --- bono (who profits?)

### 18 French apéritif

20 Football Hall of  
Famer, "Old  
Indestructible"  
Mel ---

21 They built

Machu Picchu

## 23 Honshu

seaport hit by earthquake in 1995

Down

1 Fragment

2 8th letter of the Greek alphabet

### 3 Relaxes

#### 4 San Francisco

setting

**5 Food**  
renowned for  
its holes

6 Attack a  
popsicle

7 Hill dweller

## 8 Express

## 9 Boredom

12 Opposed, in  
Dogpatch

14 Drops from the sky

**19 Railroad track element**

**20** Atomic  
bomber,  
briefly?

**22** Opera set in Memphis

### 23 Young goats

24 Kosciusko's

most famous  
daughter?

**25** Gas law pioneer Robert

27 Remain stationary at sea

28 Elderly Harry Potter owl

29 Hoarse

**31** Edifice, briefly

34 Scoundrel

35 Pass





# Sudoku Puzzle

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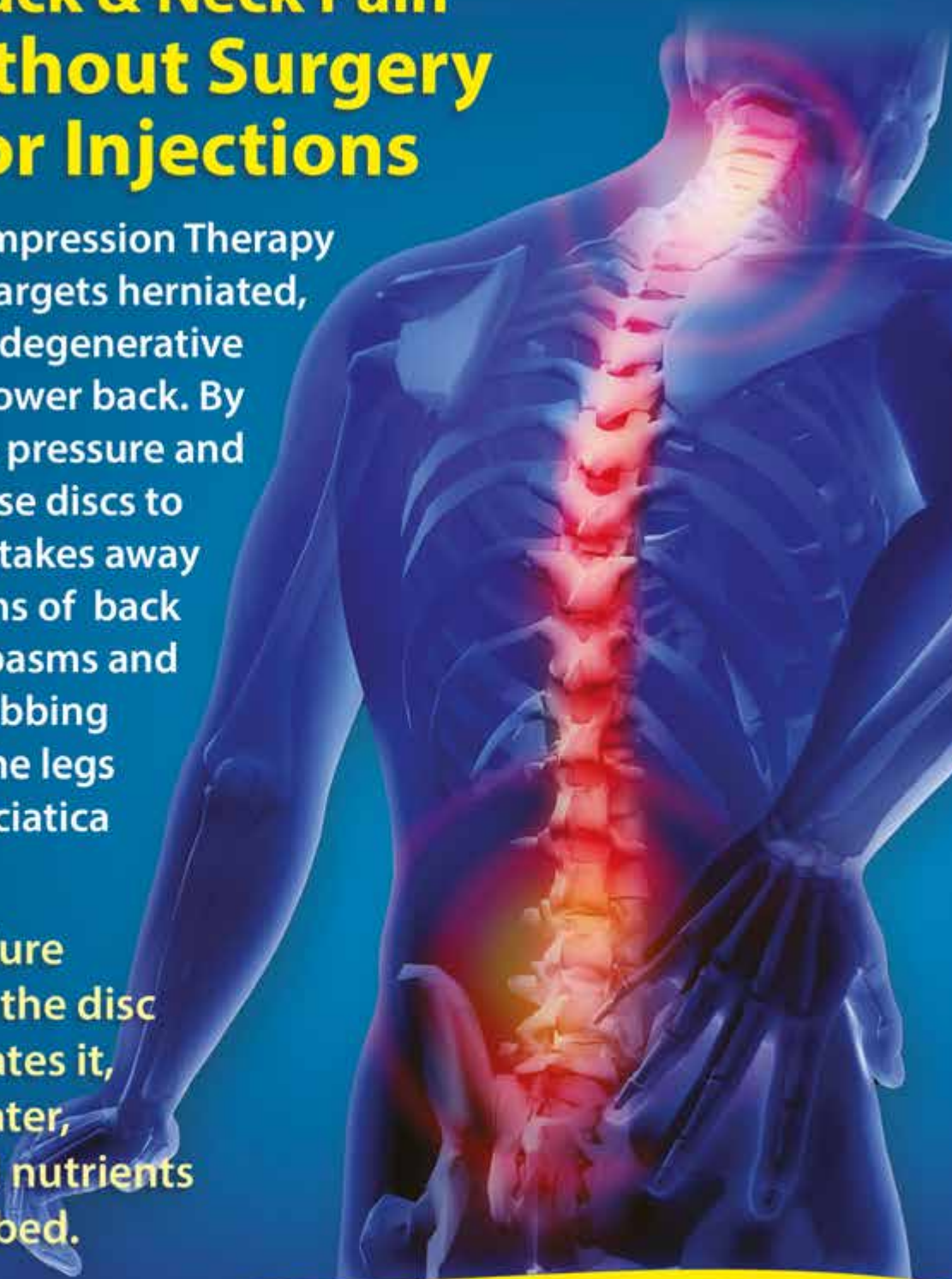




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