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#### **FINANCIAL FOCUS**

#### Sandwich Generation Needs "Stress Busters"

You may be too busy to realize it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Health Resource Network, a non-profit health education group, Stress Awareness Month is designed to promote awareness about ways to reduce stress in our lives. And if you're a member of the so-called "Sandwich Generation," you may well have plenty of stress to deal with — especially financial stress. And that's why you may want to look at this month as an opportunity to explore ways of "de-stressing" yourself.

To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, consider this: One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for an aging parent, according to the Pew Research Center. The definition of "caring" for an elderly parent can range from actually having the parent living in one's home to helping pay for the parent's stay in an assisted living or nursing home facility. When you consider the costs involved in this type of care, added to the expenses of raising your children, and possibly even providing some financial support to them as young adults, it's easy to see that you could potentially face enormous strains, both emotionally and financially.

## To help ease this burden, consider these suggestions:

- Save. As a Sandwich Generation member, you're probably within shouting distance of your own retirement so you need to be saving for it. This may not be easy. You don't know how much financial support you may someday have to provide your elderly parents and even after your children are grown, they may need some help from you. Unfortunately, in helping these "boomerang" children, many people have to disrupt their day-to-day cash flow and raid their savings. That's why it's important to try to "pay yourself first" by deferring part of each paycheck into your 401(k) and by automatically moving money, each month, from your checking or savings account into your IRA.
- Talk. Many people in the "Greatest Generation" (over age 80) have not even prepared a will, so, if your parents are in that group, you may want to (Continued on Page 2)



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talk to them about taking action. Also, find out whom, if anyone, is handling their investments. And ask if your parents understand how Medicare works and if they need to add supplemental health insurance, such as Medigap. Plus, you need to find out if your parents have created a power of attorney or health care directive. It's best to have these conversations sooner, rather than later.

• **Delegate.** You eventually may have to take some responsibility for your parents' care — but you don't have to do it alone. You could, for example, work with a financial services provider that offers trust services, which can be invaluable if your parents are

incapacitated, but which are useful even if they aren't. A professional trust officer can, among other duties, help manage your parents' investments, pay their bills, keep their records and supervise distribution of their assets to beneficiaries. In short, a qualified trust officer can make life a lot easier for you.



Stress Awareness Month only lasts 30 days, but by taking the right steps, you can de-stress yourself for many years to come. After all, just because you're in the Sandwich Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."



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## Playgrounds





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Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with.

But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

**I.** Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground

shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

- **2. Take a good look around.** If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.
- **3. Keep your size in mind.** Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your

age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

4. Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The

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view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

- 5. Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.
- 6. Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.
- 7. Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some

kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

- 8. Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be fixed.
- 9. Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when

the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10.Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave. Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD

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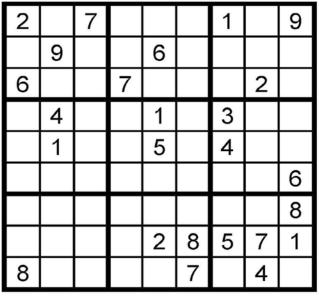
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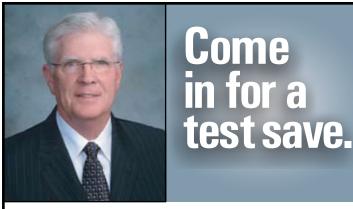
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## Xecipe of the Month

#### **Bread Pudding**

- 5 baked biscuits, crumbled
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 C. milk
- 1/4 C. margarine, melted
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine all ingrediants, stir well. Pour in 1½ quart casserole. Pour ½-inch water in baking pan and place casserole in pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

#### **TOPPING**

- 1/4 C. sugar
- 1½ T. cornstarch
- 1¼ C. milk



Cook on low heat until thick, stirring constantly. After removing from heat, add ½ tsp. vanilla. Pour over pudding. May sprinkle nutmeg on top.

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#### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

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#### **DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM**

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

#### **DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT**



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not scream, splash, or struggle. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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#### **Teenage Job Seekers**

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#### **Attention Teenagers**

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Despite these challenges, these children can be resilient. They bring strengths to their situation that can help to overcome the obvious challenges they face. Take Treyvon, for example. He is anything but an average child! In fact, he is an extremely bright child, who excels in all subjects at school. His future is hopeful as he desires to become an architect, engineer or author. Treyvon is a well rounded child who enjoys outdoor activities like football, swimming and riding horses. Like most boys his age, he loves to eat, with his favorite foods being pepperoni pizza and spaghetti with meatballs.

Treyvon needs a structured family that will provide him the love, encouragement and discipline that he needs while understanding the challenges he faces in adapting to a world much different from his early life experiences. He has a great mind that needs stimulation and direction to help him accomplish his goals. Adopting a child like Treyvon from the foster care system is not difficult or expensive. Perhaps you and your family would be a good place for Treyvon to learn and grow.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

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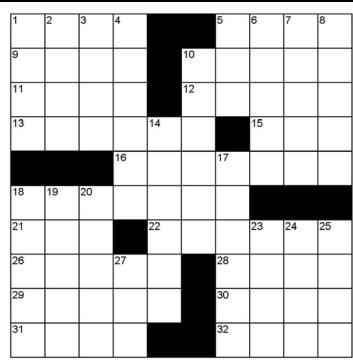
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## Crossword Puzzle



#### **ACROSS**

- 1. Brush's partner
- 5. Father
- 9. Like a wing
- 10. Boss
- 11. Roman emperor
- 12. Slow
- 13. Japanese cars
- 15. Directory (abbr.)
- 16. Lands of an estate
- 18. "War and Peace" author
- 21. Copy
- 22. Potato brand
- 26. Seafood
- 28. Asian country
- 29. Roof overhang
- 30. Connection
- 31. Molt
- 32. Chew

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Can not
- 2. Margarine
- 3. Christ's mother
- 4. Animal families
- 5. Expression of surprise
- 6. Flying animals
- 7. Start
- 8. Before
- 10. Protest
- 14. "Grand" mountains
- 17. Looking at
- 18. Music cassettes
- 19. Ms. Winfrey
- 20. Part
- 23. Smooth
- 24. Male parent
- 25. Fresh
- 27. Newly , Nearly Dead









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1205 Province Lane	\$995,000	1315 Avon Terrace	\$625,000	1713 Prince Meadow Dr	\$515,000	604 Heatherglen Drive	\$379,900
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