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# Gratitude

The act of gratitude has been preached and promoted for hundreds of years, and now there is scientific research backing it up as well. Practicing gratitude has been shown to reduce depression and anxiety, aggression and envy. Physically, gratitude has proven it can reduce stress, improve immunity, and help you sleep better. Gratitude can also be an amazing tool for helping you build relationships with new friends and improve your self-esteem.

So how do you put gratitude into practice? Start by noticing the good things – seek them out, especially in difficult moments. Start and end your day by listing three things you are grateful for. Uplevel that practice with a gratitude journal. How special to be able to look back at days, weeks, years worth of things that you've felt grateful for. Many say grace before a meal; you don't even have to make it a spiritual practice if you don't want to, just a moment of reverence for the moment and food before you. Especially in light of all that is happening in the world right now – how wonderful to have a home, a table, a meal, children to hug.

Another easy way to practice gratitude is by simply saying 'thank you'. It seems obvious and needless to say, but how often do we forget to say it? Gratitude practices are also deeply appreciated by the people in our lives. Bringing new parents a meal or offering to hang out with their baby so they can shower or have a moment to recharge. Offering to walk or watch a neighbor's pet. Bringing dinner to a friend or family member that has had a long week. Or even just texting someone to say 'I am so happy you're in my life and I'm so grateful to know you' can have such an impact. Like Gandhi said, we need to be the change we wish to see in the world. And it can start quietly, simply feeling grateful.

"Gratitude is a quality similar to electricity: It must be produced and discharged and used up in order to exist at all."

— William Faulkner

"It's a funny thing about life, once you begin to take note of the things you are grateful for, you begin to lose sight of the things that you lack."

— Germany Kent

*Happy November, y'all!*

Warmly,

*Cyle*



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- Every 2nd Fri. **Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS)** group meets at 9am at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit (301 Hays Country Acres at Hwy 290W). Childcare available. For information call 512 858 4924 or [DrippingSpringsMOPS@gmail.com](mailto:DrippingSpringsMOPS@gmail.com)
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- Every Saturday, **Live music at the Barber Shop**, 4-6pm
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  - Saturday, December 2, 10am-5pm, Christmas on Mercer

# Have you been looking for a natural, drug free solution for acne?

by Breca Tracy, PhD



Do you or someone you know suffer from acne? Have you tried everything under the sun and still suffer from acne? Have you been looking for a natural alternative to Accutane without the terrible side effects? Let us educate you on AviClear, the first and only FDA-cleared device for the treatment of mild to severe

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40 minutes, and the protocol is once a month for three months. Clinical studies have shown clear skin out to at least two years post treatment protocol.

People of all ages can suffer from acne. The AviClear treatment and outcomes are not dependent on what is causing your acne! If you have tried all the things and nothing has worked for you, and/or if you have been waiting for a natural solution because you *do not* want to be on Accutane – or do not want your children on Accutane – we just might have a solution for you!

*We have a very unique team of experts. Come see us, call, or email us! Dr. Breca Tracy currently serves as Director of Science & Operations at REGENERATE Dripping Springs. Breca has resided in Dripping since 2007 after obtaining her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Contact us at 512-368-4548, 800 Hwy 290 W, Building F, Suite 200. NaturalHealingTX.com.*

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## How can I look my best this holiday season?

by Rocco C. Piazza, M.D



While we're excitedly anticipating this holiday season, we want to look our best when seeing close friends and family, attending parties, and enjoying celebrations. In our clinical practice, we believe strongly that combination treatments can deliver fantastic results quickly. In fact, most of our Annual Skin Care Treatment plans are creat-

ed to maximize the effectiveness of your treatment, consolidate downtime, and minimize the frequency of your visits to increase efficiency for you! Here are some of our most popular combination treatments to prepare for the holiday season.

**BBL HERO and Skin Pen Microneedling with Growth Factors...** This is my favorite treatment – a big bang with a small amount of social downtime. This combination procedure starts with a BBL laser skin resurfacing treatment and is followed immediately with a Skin Pen microneedling treatment. Combining these procedures enables us to effectively treat tough pigment problems and maximize the skin's amount of collagen production in a single treatment. This in turn makes it very effective at treating acne scarring and other textural issues. There are approximately 1 to 2 days of social downtime associated with this combo treatment.

**BBL HERO and MOXI...** This combination treatment is one of the best to reduce stubborn hyperpigmentation and reduce the appearance of melasma on the face, neck, chest, and body. BBL laser

skin resurfacing is utilized to break up pigment in the skin, immediately followed by MOXI, a non-ablative laser technology, that increases cell turnover in the deep layers of the skin, removing unwanted pigment and creating a more even skin tone. It's safe on all skin types with no contraindications. It can be utilized year-round with social downtime of only 3 to 5 days following treatment.

**BBL HERO and HALO...** This treatment combo is the most desired treatment here at our clinic. It starts with a BBL HERO treatment to the face, neck, and décolletage, allowing us to break up tough pigment in the skin and stimulate collagen production. We follow this with a HALO laser skin resurfacing treatment to resurface the skin and further stimulate collagen production as the skin heals. When combining these treatments, we see some of the most effective corrections of fine lines and wrinkles and other skin texture concerns. The social downtime is approximately 5 to 7 days following this treatment. Request an in-person or virtual consultation to see how we can help you look as good as you feel this holiday season!

*Rocco C. Piazza, M.D is a Diplomate of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, a member of the American Society of Plastic Surgeons, as well as a national spokesperson for the ASPS. Call 512 288 8200 and visit the website [ThePiazzaCenter.com](http://ThePiazzaCenter.com).*



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# Unhealthy family ties that bind

by Leslie Tourish, LPC



Family is a place where we develop our sense of self and belief of whether the outside world is made primarily of friends or foes. While social scientists continue to learn how much of our personality is already hard-wired within our brains from birth, no one is disputing the fact that a person's self-esteem has its foundation in how they were treated while growing up in their family.

All families have their share of quirks and dysfunctions, and for the most part, many families function in a stable, calm, and predictable way. But in some families the level of abuse – be it emotional, physical, or sexual – causes such extreme damage that the detrimental effects can have consequences in the here-and-now and into future generations.

Often parents who have mental health issues produce children who develop neurotic belief systems and behaviors. These children may grow up into adults who suppress their emotions, feel overly responsible for the happiness of others, or attempt to continue to please toxic family members. And usually at the cost of their own happiness and peace of mind. While it's best to try and improve family relationships whenever possible, sometimes it's also healthy to step back and look at the bigger picture: *is the maintenance of this relationship emotionally fulfilling, merely tolerable, or causing significant emotional harm?*

A sense of obligation: *It's up to you to define what is an obliga-*

*tion and what is not.* You don't have any obligation to see people you don't want to see. You don't have any obligation to see those who have hurt you or forced you to do things you didn't want to do.

You can't stay away from her or him because he is your \_\_\_\_\_ (father, mother, brother, sister, aunt, cousin, or grandparent.) You don't have to spend time with people just because you are related. You never need to spend time with people who treat you badly.

You should just forgive and forget. Choosing to be kind to yourself by setting boundaries is essential for health self-care. Give yourself the time you need to heal from trauma. Tell yourself you don't need to forgive anyone, except maybe yourself for trying to improve toxic relationships that are impossible to repair. And no one forgets trauma. It sears into our memories. You can forgive someone in your heart without ever forgiving them in person.

You can't survive without them. They are the only family you have. You can decide you can do anything you need to do to take care of yourself and support yourself. You can even create a new family or a found family from friendships.

You just want the whole family to be together. You can decide that getting the whole family together may be a very bad idea. You can arrange to spend time only with those people who treat you well.

Daily decisions to be your own loving force in your life can help you create a foundation to bloom where you're planted, on your terms.

Leslie Tourish, LPC, is a Dripping Springs psychotherapist in private practice. To contact Leslie, visit [LeslieTourish.com](http://LeslieTourish.com) or [LATourish.com](http://LATourish.com)

## Savoring the harvest: A curated November cannabis experience

by Heidi Pousson



November is the month of harvest, celebration, and gratitude. Cannabis can play a role in enhancing these experiences. Haus of Jayne is committed to providing high-quality, curated cannabis products that cater to the needs and preferences of the community.

It is important to consume cannabis mindfully and responsibly, fostering a sense of gratitude and well-being. Be sure to select a strain and dose that promotes relaxation, social connection, and enjoyment without overwhelming effects. At Haus of Jayne, we believe it is important for all of our employees to be educated about our products and to share this knowledge with our customers as well.

Since this is the time of year when parties and socials begin to ramp up, here are some easy party treat ideas using caramels. If you are wanting to use cannabis infused caramels, just remember to divide the total milligrams of THC or CBD by the total number of servings – and remember – a little can go a long way. Caramel apples or popcorn, caramel cheesecake cookies, chocolate turtles, and caramel apple crisp are favorites at this time of year.

Embrace the harvest season with open minds and hearts, exploring the myriad ways cannabis can enhance your holiday experienc-

es. Haus of Jayne is ready to assist you in curating your perfect fall cannabis journey, offering expert advice and premium products for every need and occasion. Whether it's beverages, edibles, CBD, or topicals, we've got you covered. Be sure to follow us on Facebook at [HausofJayne420](https://www.facebook.com/HausofJayne420) and on Instagram @[hausofjayne\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/hausofjayne_official). You can also sign up for our monthly newsletter on the Haus of Jayne website to stay updated on new products, sales, and industry news.

We are thankful for you, our loyal customers, and want to show you our appreciation through the month of November.

*Wife, mother, friend, 8th-grade teacher, member of Haus of Jayne. Follow Haus of Jayne on social media: [hausofjayne\\_official](https://www.instagram.com/hausofjayne_official) on Instagram and [Facebook.com/HausofJayne](https://www.facebook.com/HausofJayne). Visit Haus of Jayne at 766 Old Fitzhugh Road. They can be reached at 512 648 7420.*



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# Will AI destroy the real estate agent?

by Steve Mallett



News sites have been predicting the end of real estate agents ever since AI Gore invented the internet. When Zillow came along the same *analysts* predicted that within two years agents would go the way of Napster and the Blackberry. To say that they were flat out wrong is to give them too much credit. There are more agents now than at any point in history. Why do we continue to listen to these pundits? It's like going on 50 terrible dates with the same person hoping that this next date will be the one where you hit it off. Sometimes you need to call the mess the bull makes what it is.

The release of AI prompted many of those same talking heads to say that agents are done. Why use an agent when a computer can find a house, write the contract, and close the deal for you? Emotion and feelings are what makes that prediction so wrong.

Sure, agents will use AI for descriptions and marketing jargon. You'll be able to identify it by its lack of passion and character. Last month's Mallett Integrity Team column was written by AI and tweaked to cut out the inaccuracies. I am certain you will agree that, while it is fact filled, it is dull.

Where AI would have a hard time is when a buyer asks for a credit from a seller to paint the kitchen because the color *reminds him of a dress his ex wife wore*. Have a computer try and make sense of that. Only a human being can figure out a way to get him

to see reason. It takes empathy and tact to do that; something computers lack and always will lack.

Sometimes silly insignificant facts clog up people's thinking. Who will be the level headed adult to figure out a solution? AI shouldn't be your go-to in a messy situation. *Hey, Chat GPT... How do I sell my house?*

It takes human beings to work through messy, emotionally charged situations. Computers work fine when everything can be templated. Every single deal is so completely different that there can be no template. No computer is powerful enough.

Agents always have and always will adapt. The good ones will use AI as a tool, but AI isn't going to replace them anytime soon.

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# Autumn and edible

by George Altgelt

Hello gardening, friends! It's time to take advantage of autumn in Texas. With cooler weather, it's possible to actually work outside in the garden. In addition to that, plants can grow again with the goal of producing fruits and vegetables that have seeds to carry on to the next generation. That wasn't possible in the blistering heat of the summer. In summer, some things do

well like okra, however, okra does not do much in really cool weather. So here's a short list of what does do well.

The best ones are plants in the family called *cruciferous*. That would be cauliflower, broccoli and broccolini, and cabbage. Don't forget your alliums – those are chives, onions, garlic, green onions. Where there is cool weather, there is a huge variety of lettuces. Winter squashes, which you planted on the Fourth of July, should be ready to harvest and store. They don't grow in the cold weather. However, they store very well and that's always a good reason to plant them in the summer. They cook up nicely. All that beta carotene on the inside of squashes turns into vitamin A when you bake that pumpkin, butternut squash, Hubbard squash, and the like.

The green leaf vegetables are another store house of delight. Mustard greens! Swiss chard and its close relative five color silver beets (that's also a chard). In the same family are beets. The

benefits of beets are immense! The deep, red pigment in beets will correct genetic damage in your body. Radishes and turnips also do well in cold weather.

Continue growing your peppers and your tomatoes, just know that if there's going to be a frost or freezing temperatures, you'll need to put wraps over them that are airtight. Many gardeners have fresh tomatoes all the way to Christmas. Same story with peppers.

And never forget to keep your plants well-watered in cold weather. If they are fully hydrated, they will be less likely to freeze or be damaged by frost. Do not leave them wet right before nightfall. The water on their leaves will chill them below freezing.

Share your experience with neighbors who are also gardening. You can come up with some pretty amazing solutions. Have fun!

*George Altgelt is the owner of Geo Growers, located on 290 & Bells Springs Road. Make gardening easy & effective is his motto.*

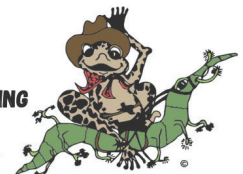


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Marsh and Mihaly Marketing Group originated four and a half years ago, here in Dripping Springs with a focused mission to serve small to medium-sized businesses and nonprofits. Our marketing and advertising agency is well-versed in navigating the ever-evolving digital landscape, where we adeptly turn challenges into opportunities.

Our approach is rooted in innovation and creativity, factors bolstered by the unique synergy of incorporating wellness into our workflow. We believe a fit body fuels a vibrant, creative mind – an ethos born from our most productive brainstorming sessions amidst workouts and on treadmills. We're not just about metrics and campaigns; at our core, we value the human touch – fostering personal connections with every client, who we consider an extension of our family.

We serve Dripping Springs businesses and nonprofits by offering marketing solutions as well as by building lasting relationships. Our strategies are tailored, taking into consideration both the ad-



vancements in technology and the budget constraints typical to smaller businesses. Our client engagements are characterized by a shared vision, respect for collaboration, and an infusion of positivity, making each project not just a job but a fulfilling experience.

Our story is a testament to the power of combining strengths, values, and unique approaches. In the unpredictable world of digital marketing, we are grounded by our commitment to each other, our clients, and the community. Every campaign we craft and every strategy we devise is infused with passion and perseverance, highlighting our belief that with the right approach, anything is achievable.

We are Marsh and Mihaly Marketing Group – your local launch and brand-building partners – turning marketing challenges into triumphs.

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## What to look for in a reputable rescue

by Diana Ozimek



There are so many ways to adopt a dog, adopt from an open access shelter (aka, city pound), head to your local rescue shelters and rescues who run on foster homes only. If you are planning a good life for your dog, getting one from anywhere can benefit the dog but we should be responsible for what organizations we support when looking to adopt a dog. Supporting a shady

organization might help the dog you adopted but it's not helping future dogs who will be put into rescue.

When looking to adopt a dog, what should you look for? A good rescue will vet *you*; you don't get to just pick a dog and leave. Rescues should ask about prior pets and if you have dogs at home, they should ask for your veterinarian information as well as setting up a meet and greet for the dog you are interested in and your current dog. Calling your veterinarian lets them know you are properly caring for your current dog and keeping them up to date on vaccines and general care. Too many dogs get returned due to bad intros at home. Having a meeting prior can help alleviate this issue. Some rescuers may even ask for references. I know it may feel like a lot of information and hoops to jump through, but everyone's goal is to place a dog into the best environment for them and have it stick.

I prefer to give the adopter a one-to-two-week grace period. This way, they can have the dog in their home and if it doesn't

work out, there is space for the dog to return. This was a personal policy I had when I was a foster. I didn't take in a new dog until I knew the adoption was good to go. Not every rescue can offer this, but if they do, take them up on it.

Red flags: *Dogs are not up to date on vaccines.* The dogs have not seen an actual veterinarian and have only been treated by the person running the rescue. *Adopting out intact dogs without a contract or follow up to get them spayed or neutered.* Usually, you will only find pure breed rescues adopting out young, intact dogs due to health issues but they should have a strict follow up policy.

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# Smelly water?

by Randy Lawrence



One major water quality issue shared by many of us is water which emits a rotten egg odor caused by hydrogen sulfide gas. This problem is unique to homes whose water source is a private well, as municipal and community water supplies are required to treat the water at the source. In the past, getting rid of rotten egg odor has been inconvenient and expensive, but recent advances have made eliminat-

ing it a much easier task to accomplish.

One common method of treating well water for hydrogen sulfide was to inject chlorine directly into the water as it is pumped from the ground. These chlorine systems can often be maintenance intensive and prone to breakdown. It is also difficult to maintain a consistent level of chlorine without constant monitoring. Additionally the homeowner is responsible for proper dilution rates so as to avoid exposure to high levels of this caustic chemical.

Another way of removing odor is to use a well water storage tank, allowing the release of the gases. This is an effective way to remove the gas without harmful chemicals, but it typically requires a large amount of space, as well as a separate pump to re-pressurize the water. Unfortunately, storing water in a tank subjects it to possible bacterial contamination from outside sources. Ultraviolet disinfection and filtration are usually recommended when water is stored in a holding tank. There are benefits to this type of system, but the need for extra equipment can be cost prohibitive for many.

Many people aren't aware that reliable, user-friendly equipment has been developed which will aerate and filter your water inside a sealed, pressurized tank. This tank takes up very little space and can be used alone or as pre-treatment for a water softener. The result is water that is completely free of hydrogen sulfide, iron and any sediment that may come from your well, without the need for chemicals or maintenance by the homeowner. Contact your favorite licensed water treatment specialist to discuss details on how to make your water smell better!

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# The Dripping Springs Meteor Theatre's Inaugural Production: **Mama Won't Fly** Written by Jones-Hope-Wooten Directed by Josh King

Your community theatre, Meteor Theatre, will open its inaugural production this month. *Mama Won't Fly* is an outrageously hilarious race against the clock. It begins when Savannah Sprunt Fairchild Honeycutt agrees to get her feisty mother all the way from Alabama to California in time for her brother's wedding. Savannah's problem: *Mama won't fly*.

With only four days to make it to the ceremony, this determined daughter has no choice but to drive cross-country with her equally willful mother, Norleen Sprunt, in Mama's vintage sedan. As Savannah steels herself for this hastily conceived road trip, another outrageous complication arises – the bubbly, over-eager bride-to-be arrives unannounced.

Hayley Quinn, delighted to finally meet her future in-laws, is convinced that travelling together to her wedding is the perfect way to bond. The folly of her decision quickly becomes apparent when the journey begins and comedic chaos ensues. Every conceivable – and inconceivable – mishap that can occur does, including the theft of their car and all their clothes, a near-fatal encounter at an underwear museum, the accidental homicide of an ancient Texas relative, a mad dash across the desert in a hijacked eighteen-wheeler, and a riotous detour to Vegas that ends in a brawl with an ordained showgirl/minister. As the misadventures multiply, the beleaguered trio rapidly develops the urge to ditch each other anywhere along the way. Eventually the race to get to the church on time takes its toll and the overwhelmed bride calls off the wedding. Rising above their age-old mother-daughter issues, Norleen and Savannah work together to get the nuptials back on track. In a surprising and heartwarming resolution, they forge an exciting new path for their own relationship and welcome Hayley into their delightfully wacky family.

This ferociously funny, family-friendly comedy will have you laughing your way across the country and all the way down the aisle!

How do you support your new community theatre? *Buy* a ticket, *see* the show, and *tell* your friends! Tickets are \$22 and can be purchased at [MeteorTheatre.org](http://MeteorTheatre.org).

Performance dates and locations:

*The 19th Hole at Putters and Gutters, Marble Falls*  
4100 N US Hwy 281, Marble Falls 78654  
**Friday, November 24 through Sunday, November 26**

*Meteor Theatre, Dripping Springs*  
603 US 290, Dripping Springs 78620  
**Sunday, December 3 through Sunday, December 17**



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## Litigation: That glassy-eyed look

by Roland Brown



She looks at him; he looks at her; they both look back at me. There it is – that look that says *what in the world are you trying to tell me?!*

These two nice folks and their pre-teen child were injured and have asked me to help them recover their damages from the other driver's insurance company. I am explaining to them that I cannot represent the wife

who was driving when the crash occurred and represent the husband and child as well unless they sign a waiver of the potential conflict of interest. This is one of the most difficult conferences which I encounter in my practice.

So why is there a potential conflict of interest? Even though the crash report may reflect that the driver who hit them was at fault, that driver's insurance company might nevertheless argue that the driver of my clients' vehicle contributed to cause the crash. Since a jury might agree that the wife was partly at fault, a lawyer acting solely in the interests of the passengers in the vehicle would sue both drivers so that no matter who was found at fault, the damages awarded by a jury would be recoverable from either or both liability insurance policies.

Failing to include the wife as a defendant could risk some, or even all of the damages, being unrecoverable. Hubby is thinking

*no way I'm suing my wife; she did nothing wrong! Why would you even suggest that?* Of course, I have just explained why, but the concept is so at odds with typical family unity that my explanation sounds like Greek to them. I've had some potential clients leave to "think about it" – never to return. Perhaps some other lawyer took the case without such a careful explanation or maybe did a better job than I did in explaining it. Generally, though, the eyes clear up and the clients sign a document that says I've explained it all to them, they understand there is some risk in that, and they still want me to represent all of them. Usually, it all works out well. If a serious conflict should develop in a case, we would reevaluate and I might have to withdraw and let the clients retain separate attorneys, although I don't recall that ever happening in my experience.

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## Do your investments match your goals?

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As you go through life, you'll have various financial goals – and to achieve them, you'll need to invest. But just recognizing the need to invest is not as useful as matching specific types of accounts or investments with specific goals. How can you make these connections?

Saving for a down payment on a house. When you're saving for a down payment, you want a certain amount of money available at a certain time. So, for this goal, you won't

want to take too much risk. Consequently, you might consider investing in certificates of deposit (CDs), which will pay you regular interest payments and return your principal when the CDs mature. CDs are issued in a range of maturities, from one month to 10 years. Other vehicles you might consider are money market accounts or other cash equivalents.

Saving for a child's education. You may want to consider a 529 education savings plan. Any earnings growth in a 529 plan is federally tax free, provided the withdrawals are used for qualified education expenses, and you may also receive state tax benefits. A 529 plan can be used for college, approved trade school programs, student loan repayments, and some K-12 costs. And if the child you've named as a beneficiary chooses not to continue their

education, and doesn't need the money in a 529 plan, you can generally switch beneficiaries to another immediate family member.

Saving for retirement. This is the one goal that will remain consistent throughout your working years. Fortunately, you likely have access to several good retirement savings vehicles. If you work for a business, you might have a 401(k) plan, which offers you the chance to put away money on a tax-deferred basis. (If you have a Roth option in your 401(k), your withdrawals can be tax free, although, unlike a traditional 401(k), your contributions won't lower your taxable income.) If you work for a public school or a nonprofit organization, you may be able to participate in a 403(b) plan, which is quite similar to a 401(k), and the same is true if you work for a state or local government, where you might have a 457(b) plan. And even if you invest in any of these plans, you can probably also contribute to an IRA, which gives you another chance to invest on a tax-deferred basis (or tax-free basis, if you're eligible for a Roth IRA). Try to take full advantage of whatever retirement plans are available to you. Here's one final point to keep in mind: *While some investments and accounts are appropriate for certain goals, they may not necessarily be suitable for your individual situation – so keep all your options in mind and take the steps that are right for you.*

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