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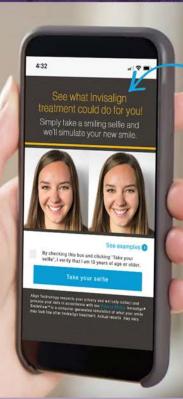
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I was thinking I would be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel by now. Instead, every day on social media, I see sad and negative

news. Another person struggling with COVID and being sick. Someone looking for work, or how the United States is going to hell in a handbasket. I can really see negativity getting to people. Especially my teen girls. I know I am not the only momma that has struggled to raise a teenage girl, but throw in a pandemic on top of normal, everyday struggles, and I feel like it makes it parenting far harder.

I have talked to other parents, and we all feel like we are in the same boat. Every day I hear, "Can I go virtual today?" or "I don't feel like going to school." The kiddos are bored and need life to get back to normal as much as possible. You know that saving "idle time idle mind."

I want to encourage you to look at what your kid is looking at on social media every day. They spend lots of time looking at a screen. I am guilty of it as well, but I am mature enough to know when it is time to put it away. They might not see their screen time as causing harm, but they could be adding so much stress to their growing brains and don't even know it. It was eye-opening for me as a parent to see how my daughter was acting on social media. When teenagers look at pretty girls, fast cars, cute boys, or whatever they are looking at repeatedly, it can cause negative feelings of all kinds. You always want what you don't have. It's human nature. So from one teen mom to another. Check on your kid, look at their phone. You pay for it, so you have access. Mine tried to tell me it was her personal property. I had to remind her who pays the bill. Teens are fun...

See you next month.



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FINDING YOUR TEAM

home is one of the largest purchases most people will make. An oversight can be costly or can be the difference between finding your dream home or missing out. You want to be sure you've got the best people on your team.

Putting together a team you can trust gives you the best chance at getting the best deal on your new home. But if you're a first-time buyer just diving in or new to town, how do you find the best people to help you navigate the local market? You could Google or Yelp. One of the best ways I've found, however, is to ask your neighbors. They have already been through the process and can give you more reliable, first-hand recommendations. Their experience can help you choose the best real estate team that can find the perfect house before the listing hits Zillow or an insurance agent who can safe you money now and down the road. Plus, a local real estate team *are* your new neighbors. Odds are, they live and work right here. They know here because they live here.

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There are plenty of online resources, but sometimes the best advertising is word of mouth and your neighbors here in Burleson, Crowley, and Joshua (as well as all of us here at *Local Life*) think the local agents and companies listed here are worth checking out.



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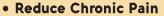


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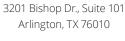


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Homes for Heroes serves five groups of local heroes: members of the military, members of law enforcement, firefighters, healthcare workers, and teachers! When asked how Homes for Heroes helped our local heroes, Melissa told us, "We reward these heroes with a check at closing for their service when they purchase or sell a home. Also, we donate an additional percentage to the Homes For Heroes Foundation which award grants to the different hero groups across the nation." Not only do these two women help heroes in our community, but they also are donating to heroes all across America!

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