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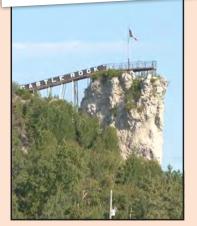
From a genuine tourist trap addict

By Yvonne Stegall • ystegall@tctimes.com; 810-433-6792

Ever since I was a kid and my parents took me to my first tourist trap, I have been addicted. I make it a point to return to my favorite roadside attraction destinations at least once every three years. Some of them change, and some of them never change. The only thing that makes me sad are the ones that go away - like Prehistoric Forest in Irish Hills and Deer Acres in Pinconning (which

has been slated for reopening for about three years now). As a self-proclaimed 'tourist trap addict,' I feel I should share with you my top choices for Michigan's





HONORABLE **MENTIONS**

 Cross in the Woods — A 28-foot-tall crucifixion sculpture located in Indian

River. • Castle Rock — A castleshaped rock jutting out over the roadside in St. Ignace.

• Mystery Hill — Another mystery spot, this one is located in Onsted.

odd attractions. **Dinosaur Gardens** — This prehistoric zoo is located at 11160 US Highway 23 S, in Ossineke. Enjoy a walk through the woods where there are giant monstrous dinosaur replicas, and many mosquitoes. The earliest photo I have found of this awesome destination was when I was about 5 years old — probably the first time I went there. See ATTRACTIONS on 2B

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Not only are the dinosaurs fun to look at (and touch), Dinosaur Gardens offers a wide array of fun items inside their gift shop. **Call of the Wild Museum**

For those who do not appreciate taxidermied wildlife, Call of the Wild Museum at 850 S. Wisconsin Ave. in Gaylord is not the destination to visit. According to their website, Call of the Wild opened in May 1965 by Carl and Hattie Johnson and is now operated by their three children. It is an educational exhibit filled with critters and history. Each animal display shares information about their habitat, feeding and mating patterns, and more. While most of the animals are displayed behind glass, there is one room where kids can actually touch a deer, a bear and even a skunk.

Sea Shell City

One of the most comical, and somewhat less impressive attractions Michigan boasts is the "Man Killing Giant Clam," located at Sea Shell City. The clam is a crusty white bivalve (long dead) covered in plastic seaweed. This one is an interesting place to stop once, but the attraction is one that has never called me back. Sea Shell City is mainly a gift shop filled with shells, none of which



The entrance to Call of the Wild Museum in Gaylord welcomes visitors.

comes from Michigan.

If you have the time and energy to make a trek across the bridge, St. Ignace offers a bunch of great roadside attractions, including these three:

Mystery Spot Mystery Spot, at 150 Martin Lake Road in St. Ignace, is not the only place of its kind, but it is strategically located in an area populated with other roadside attractions.



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TRI-COUNTY TIMES I YVONNE STEGALL This is the fierce mountain lion visitors see while strolling through the museum.

The story behind this stop is that in the early 1950s, three surveyors named Clarence, Fred and McCray came from California to explore the Upper Peninsula. They stumbled across an area of land where their

This is Call of the Wild's 50th summer. **Call of the** Wild has become a family tradition for many families.77 Janis Vollmer Owner, Call of the Wild Museum

surveying equipment did not seem to work properly. As they continued their research of this land, they noticed a constant feeling of being light-headed.

Later, they realized their queasiness and problems with the surveying equipment only occurred in an area about 300 feet in diameter.

Millions have visited the Mystery Spot, many of them returning often. While I have only

been to this one once, it was not my first mystery spot, nor will it likely be my last.

The best part? Sitting in a chair that is balanced only with its back legs on a small leg against a wall!

Weird Michigan Wax Museum

One of my weirdest discoveries when visiting the Upper Peninsula was the Weird Michigan Wax Museum at Martin Lake Rd. & US 2 in St. Ignace. It is home to some of the strangest wax figures ever, including The Snake Princess of Belle Isle and The King of Beaver Island. Each exhibit has some relation to myth, or fact, in Michigan's own strange history.

While this is only a taste of the wonderful oddities in our great state of Michigan, it is surely a list that will get you on the road to find your own beloved tourist traps to visit every few years and share with your children.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | YVONNE STEGALL My step-daughter, Devon Stegall, was willing to pose for a fun photo at Dinosaur Gardens. Look at that face!

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At their meeting of August 4, 2014 the Fenton Township Board conducted the first reading of a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise the provisions and conditions of a previously approved Planned Unit Development (PUD) for parcels 06-33-400-030, 06-33-400-031 & 06-33-400-032 (formerly 06-33-400-026), which are located on Vicinia Way, (near the intersection of Owen Road and Jennings Road).

The second reading of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment will be conducted at the August 18, 2014 Fenton Township Board meeting.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance may be obtained at the office of the Fenton Township Clerk, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, MI 48430. The proposed ordinance is also available on Fenton Township's website at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK



The Township Board of the Township of Argentine, Genesee County, Michigan Ordains:

SECTION 1

Section IV - Purchase Price and Transfer Fee -- is hereby deleted and shall be replaced by the following:

Section IV – Purchase Price And Transfer Fee

Each burial space shall cost the sum of Three Hundred and 00/100 (\$300.00) Dollars.

The Township Board, by resolution, may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommo date increas reserve funds for cemetery maintenance and acquisition.

SECTION 2

All other provisions of Ordinance No. 56 shall remain in full force and effect, and the entire ordinance may be reviewed at the Argentine Township Hall during regular office hours at 9048 Silver Lake Road, Linden, Michigan.

SECTION 3

This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after publication.

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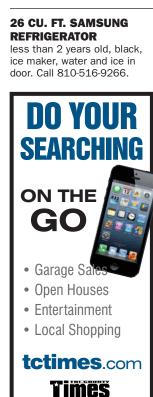
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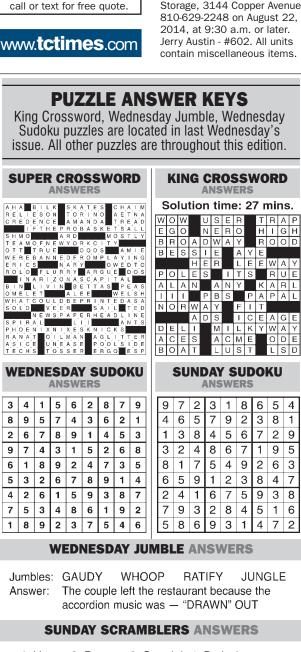
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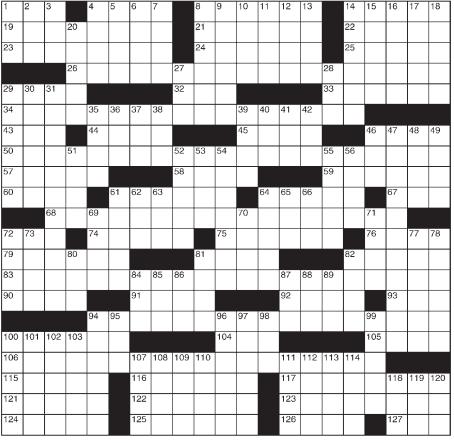




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CITY OF LINDEN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO BYRAM LAKE

The Linden City Council will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers on the lower level of the Mill Building at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to hear citizen's comments on continuation of the Byram Lake Improvement Project. The project will be financed by a special assessment district which includes all properties in the city within 500 feet of Byram Lake which abut the lake. A copy of plans and cost estimates for the project are on file with the City Clerk.

The current aquatic plant control program on Byram Lake is scheduled to end this year. It is proposed to continue the project through 2019 with a combination of herbicide treatments, mechanical harvesting for aquatic plant control and continued water quality monitoring to gauge the effectiveness of the project. Estimated project costs for the proposed project 2015 through 2019 are:

Improvement

Improvement	<u>Cost</u>
Aquatic Plant Control (Herbicide Treatments/Mechanical Harvesting)	\$27,000
Aquatic Plant Control Coordination/Field Evaluations	6,000
Water Quality Monitoring	4,000
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Total	\$40,000

In order to ensure assessments levied are proportionate to the benefit derived from the project, it is proposed that lot size be considered when determining individual assessments. Under this plan, a "unit" assessment would be levied against lots with a mean lot width of 300 feet or less. Lots greater than 300 feet in width would be assessed two units in the proposed Byram Lake special assessment district. This equates to a unit assessment of \$264.90 per year for 5 years.

Any person wishing to comment may do so in person or in writing by addressing written comments to Lynn M. Henry, City Clerk, at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan, 48451.

PUBLIC NOTICE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FENTON

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF A REGULAR PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD TUESDAY AUGUAT 26, 2014 AT 7:00 PM BY THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF FEN-TON ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AT 12060 MANTAWAUKA. THIS HEARING WILL BE HELD TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA14-018 Lori Perrigo Sowle, 12233 Dalhart Fenton:

Requesting a sight line variance to add to deck and for stairs down to lake, parcel 06-11-529-076

ZBA14-019 Nick Will, Trademark Building, 338 Center St. Fenton:

Requesting a front yard set back variance, property is located at 16489 Red Fox Trail, parcel 06-32-651-028

ZBA14-020 DeAcres, 255 N. Alloy Fenton:

Requesting a to construct a pole barn on property without a principal residence, property is located on Fenton Rd. south of Fentonwood parcel 06-12-300-012

HO14-021 Michael Conway, 4401 Silver Lake Linden:

Requesting a home occupation to have a barber shop in his home, parcel 06-28-100-001

ZBA14-022 Paula Klein, 14110 Eastview Fenton:

Requesting a sight line variance to build a shed, parcel 06-22-528-033

ZBA14-023 Charter Township of Fenton Board of Trustees,

12060 Mantawauka Fenton: Requesting a determination as to the non-conforming status of a 30 ft. wide strip of land used for riparian access this strip of land is adjacent to property at 2549 N. Long Lake and 11450, 11454, 11464 & 11472 Moffett Ct. on the north end of Lake Fenton

COPIES OF THE ABOVE LISTED APPLICATIONS AND THE TOWNSHIP ORDINANCES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TOWNSHIP OFFICE FOR YOUR REVIEW. YOUR OPINIONS MAY BE EXPRESSED VERBALLY AT THIS HEARING OR IN WRITING TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS PRIOR TO THIS HEARING. THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS ENCOURAGES YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THESE APPEALS.

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ROBERT KRUG. FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK





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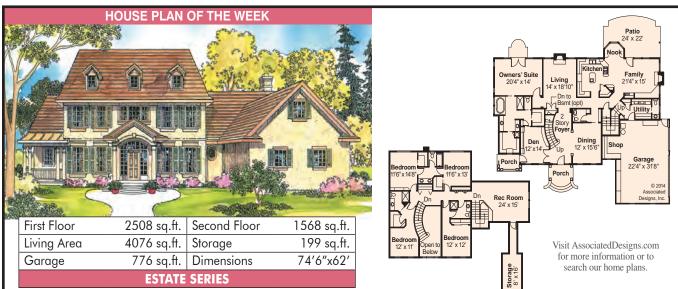
The Fenton Township Board held a regular meeting on Monday August 4, 2014 at the Fenton Township Civic Community Center, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan and took the following actions.

- Supervisor Mathis led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. 1.
- 2. Trustee Goupil offered the opening prayer.
- 3. Approved the agenda as presented.
- Approved invoices and expenditures for payment in the total amount of 4. \$164,039.51.
- 5. Postponed until 8/18/14 a proposed resolution to confirm the special assessment roll for the Dartmouth Drive Road Improvement Special Assessment District
- 6. Conducted a public hearing on, and the first reading of, a proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to revise PUD conditions for a previously approved PUD project, commonly known as Vicinia Gardens.
- 7. Received the 2nd quarter report from Ordinance Enforcement Officer Bob Atkinson.
- 8 Referred to the Fenton Township Zoning Board of Appeals the issue of whether the access to Lake Fenton by properties on Moffett Court constitutes a legal, non-conforming use.
- 9. Adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

A complete copy of the minutes of this meeting and any ordinances adopted at the meeting are on file and available for review at the Fenton Township Office, 12060 Mantawauka Drive, Fenton, Michigan 48430. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Friday. Ordinances, meeting schedules, meeting minutes and other Township information are also available at www.fentontownship.org.

ROBERT E. KRUG FENTON TOWNSHIP CLERK





Palmary Plan 10-404

The Palmary is a colonial-style home with traditional detailing. Its symmetrical central section has all the right touches, from the arched and columned entry porch, to shuttered multipaned windows and attic dormers.

Inside, the layout is a comfortable blend of classic styling and contemporary amenities, starting with the elegant curved staircase that sweeps up the left side of the lofty two-story foyer. Move past it to step through an arch into a bright living room with a wide masonry hearth.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams

Thomas Genei, Thomas Genei - age 70, died August 5, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Hidezo Fujiwara, Hidezo Fujiwara - age 65, died August 5, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



James Lentz, James Lentz - age 62, died July 30, 2014. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Justin Fazekas, Justin Fazekas - age 23 died August 2, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Charlotte Strong, Charlotte Strong - age 85, died August 4, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Thomas Hufton, Thomas Hufton - age 71, died August 4, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com



Ronald Tondu, Ronald Tondu - age 36, died August 5, 2014 Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Laurice Lee, Laurice Lee - age 69, died August 5, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Michael Tkacz, Michael Tkacz - age 68, died August 2, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Robert Bowsher Sr., Robert Bowsher Sr. - age 87, died July 30, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sofia Servis, Sofia Servis - age 94, died August 3, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Carroll Atchley, Carroll Atchley - age 60, died August 3, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Jennifer Korth, Jennifer Korth - age 30, died August 4, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Neil Clark, Neil Clark - age 76, died August 2, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Kevin Cronin, Kevin Cronin - age 53, died July 31, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.







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Christopher **Michael Demaray**

1972-2014 Christopher Michael Demaray - beloved husband, father, son, brother, uncle, friend, and child of God

> passed away on August 1 2014. He was born March 7, 1972. Chris' childhood was filled

with unique adventures alongside lifelong neighborhood friends and siblings. He was theatrical from a young age and held an unparalleled performance in theatre in high school. Proceeding high school he began his yearly tradition of WCCCCY canoe races. On an academic scholarship he completed a BS Degree in Physical Therapy with high honors and pursued an enthusiastic, caring career. Following a phenomenal marriage proposal, he was married in September, 1999. Marriage led to two amazing children and family adventures to include: biking, hiking, traveling, discovering, swimming, teaching, learning, and lively reading. Chris is survived by his wife, Melissa; children, Nicholas and Grace; parents, Thomas and Marilyn Demaray; In-laws, Bev and Ray Durgan; siblings, Kathleen Bourgeau (Aiden, Ava), Gerry Demaray (Logan, Hannah); brother-in-laws, Dan Durgan, Devin Durgan; friend, Lew Wilson; lifelong buddies, Mark Foster, Matt Williams, Fawaz Atchoo. Services were held at Evergreen Cemetery on August 5, 2014. www.demaraymemorial.weebly.com.





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Lorraine Talmadge, Lorraine Talmadge - age 73, died July 31, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marie Wright,

Marie Wright - age 94, died August 2, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Florence Mabel Sortman 1925-2014

Florence Mabel Sortman - age 88, of Fenton, died August 7, 2014. Funeral services will be held 11 AM Tuesday,



Fenton, Dr. Mark Fisher officiating. Committal services 1 PM Tuesday at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Visitation will be 4-8 PM Monday at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Road, Fenton; and 10-11 AM at the church on Tuesday. Those desiring may make contributions to Transfiguration Lutheran Church. She was born November 30, 1925 in Gaines Township the daughter of Mahlon and Mabel (Ingram) Wise. She married John Sortman on May 25, 1946 in Flint; he preceded her in death May 28, 2007. She was a graduate of Fenton High School. She had worked for Fenton Schools for 25 years. She was a member of Transfiguration Lutheran Church, and the Fenton O.E.S. Mrs. Sortman is survived by: three children, Raymond (Karen) Sortman of Kalamazoo, Jacqueline Williams of Fenton, John Sortman of Grand Blanc; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister, June Wise Miller of Linden; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Ron, William, Charles, Leo, and Harold; and sisters, Rose Ann, Edith, Dorothy, Alberta and Irene. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Reba Jeffryes,

Reba Jeffryes - age 85, died August 4, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Russell Bunker, Russell Bunker - age 85, died August 5, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Louis Popovits Jr., Louis Popovits Jr. - age 68, died August 6, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Helen June Moore

1925-2014 Helen June Moore - age 88. of Fenton, went home to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on



August 4, 2014 Funeral services were held 2:30 PM Thursday, August 7, Ž014

at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Chris Tenneriello officiated. Burial followed in Oakwood Cemetery. The family received friends from 12 PM until the time of service. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to **Bibles** International. Helen was born August 26, 1925 in Plainwell, MI, the daughter of Alfred and Florence Ellendorf. She was married to Rev. L.S. "Joe" Moore on July 26, 1945; he preceded her in death on September 17, 2003. Helen was a longtime Women's Bible Study teacher and was a Pastor's Assistant to her husband at Baptist Churches in Milford, Belleville and Granite Falls, MN. Helen was a loving wife, mother, friend and spiritual guide to many. Surviving are: daughter, Sharon Chirrup of Homosassa Springs, FL; sister, Judy Brock; brother, John Ellendorf; many nieces, nephews, family and friends, including the Warford, Rupp and Golightly families. She was also preceded in death by her sisters, Nadine and Linda. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www. sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Richard Rosalez, Richard Rosalez - age 82, died August 6, 2014. Services entrusted by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Connie Graves,

Connie Graves - age 69, died August 6, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Helen Lancewicz, Helen Lancewicz - age 76, died August 8, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gossip transforms teacher into terrible teen

DEAR AMY:

There is a teacher at the local high school who I see at many social, school and sport events. She is always telling stories about the students

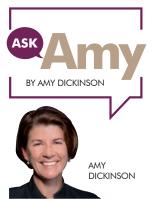
at the school to anyone who will listen. These stories are highly confidential in nature, such as a young adult who was hospitalized for depression and a suicide attempt, a child who has anorexia and an anxiety disorder, parents who are going through a nasty divorce, etc. I have both pulled her aside and also said in front of the entire group that she is gossiping and that I think she should

stop sharing this information, but she does not stop. She once said that she would not use the child's name, but it is obvious who the child/family is by the details of the stories. How can I get her to stop? Should I tell her supervisor or the principal? I do not want these early episodes and mistakes to follow them through life.

- Concerned Parent

DEAR PARENT:

When a teacher disrespects students through gossip, it turns the teacher into the very thing she criticizes: an immature, misbehaving, attention-hogging teenager. You have tried and obviously cannot get this teacher to stop gossiping. The only course of action left to you is to contact the principal and possibly the superintendent of the school. If this teacher is violating official privacy guidelines, then she should get into trouble.



DEAR AMY:

Our sixth-grade daughter, 'Anna,' has a school friend 'Krista,' who she really connects with, but Krista's mother is a nightmare. She intrudes

> herself uninvited, behaves badly and is overall inappropriate. Anna and I recently witnessed her yanking Krista around by the hair while insulting her. Privately I told her how uncomfortable what she did to her daughter made us, hoping to advocate for the child. Her response to my admittedly intrusive critique of her parenting was predictably awful, and she told Krista that I think

she is a lousy mother. Krista is welcome in our home, but I will not allow Anna to return the visits, nor does she want to. Is there a good way to allow Krista to visit my daughter in our home but not in hers? We have been able to find excuses so far, but what do I tell a 12-year-old? - Challenged

DEAR CHALLENGED:

This mother already knows you disapprove of her parenting because you were brave enough to be honest with her. She has told her daughter that you think she's a lousy parent — and so it is out there. Explain to 'Krista,' 'I've talked with Anna about this and I don't feel comfortable sending her to your house right now. But we always love having you here and would like you to be with us whenever you want.' You don't need to supply reasons, but let the girl know that the directive comes from you.

Stretching helps ease back pain

DEAR DR. ROACH: My wife

suffered from spinal stenosis. She had a cortisone shot, which helped for 90 days. She had regular physical therapy meetings. She was in constant pain, but insisted on playing tennis (against her doctor's wishes). Then, we happened to vacation for a month in Florida, and one of the offered activities was a "stretch" workout. She insisted that

she wanted to try it. After the very first time she thought she felt a little better. She went to several of the sessions, and finally asked the trainer what she could buy to keep it up at home. The trainer suggested a stretching DVD. It takes about an hour to complete, and she now does it three times a week. She plays hard tennis five days a week, hasn't

DVDS AND MOVIES

RELEASED THIS WEEK



complained about pain since 2010, and hasn't needed any physical therapy, either. I continue to be amazed. Certainly this kind of therapy can't hurt anyone, since you do it only to your personal comfort levels. Perhaps you might mention this type of therapy in your column sometime. It worked miracles for us at virtually no cost. — R.M.

> **ANSWER:** Spinal stenosis is caused by pressure on the nerves at the level of the spinal column. Physical therapy is one effective treatment, and one I always recommend prior to considering surgery. I thank you for taking the time to point out that gentle stretching can help, probably by opening up the spaces in between the vertebrae to allow the nerve more room.



DIVERGENT SPEED Adventure. Sci-Fi Featuring: Action & Adventure Shailene Woodley, Featuring: Aaron Paul Theo James PG-13, PG-13, 2 hr. 10 min. 2 hr. 19 min.

DIVERCENT



OCULUS Drama, Horror Featuring: Karen Gillan **Brenton Thwaites** R 1 hr. 44 min.

iPhone tip of the week

Lock focus and exposure

TAP TO SET FOCUS When the camera is active, tapping the screen sets the focus and exposure for that object. But, the moment the camera moves, these settings are lost.

HOLD TO LOCK FOCUS

To lock the focus and exposure, tap and hold until you see a yellow bar appear at the top of the screen, Even if you change your composition, the focus and exposure will be unaffected.

Tip provided by cnet.com

Recipe of the week GRILLED **CHIPOTLE LIME FLANK STEAK**

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 T. chipotles in adobo
- 2 T. extra-virgin olive oil
- juice of 2 limes
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped • 1/4 t. coriander
- 1/2 t. cumin
- 1/4 t. smoked paprika
- 1/2 t. chili powder
- 1/4 t. pepper
- 1/2 t. kosher salt
- 1 flank steak

DIRECTIONS

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1. In a small bowl, whisk together the first ten ingredients. Place your flank steak in a plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Refrigerate for at least 12 hours or overnight.

2. Remove the steak from the refrigerator 30 minutes prior to grilling and remove excess liquid with a paper towel.

3. Preheat grill to high. Cook for 4-5 minutes on each side for medium-rare. Allow the steak to rest for 10 minutes before slicing.

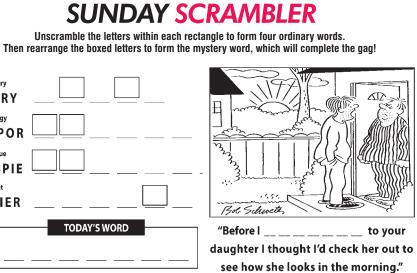
Answer key located in this edition

Recipe from www.themessybakerblog.com









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