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“The holidays are our biggest wine selling time of the year.”

gus asmaro
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The right bottle, at the right price, right in your area

By Sally Rummel
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Whether you're looking for a great bottle of wine to bring along to your next party, or want to try a sparkling new variety while dining out, this is the year of wine.

“Wine is more popular than ever,” said Gus Asmaro, owner/wine buyer at Merchants Gourmet Wine Shop in Fenton. “There are literally thousands to choose from.”

So how do you go about choosing a wine? First, it helps to know a little about the process.

Wine is the fermented juice of grapes, yet that doesn't explain the complexities and subtleties of wine and its flavor, according to The Global Gourmet, a foodie website. Wine gets its flavor from three different places: the grape itself, the climate where the grapes are grown and the winemaking process.

See wine on 5B

FIVE OF THE MOST POPULAR WINES

1. Pinot Grigio — one of the world's most popular wines, made from grapes grown in the cooler parts of northern Italy and Alsace, and is also home here in Michigan.

2. Sauvignon Blanc — typically considered a warm weather wine, this dry white can be found all over the world. This is a white wine that is influenced by where it is grown.

3. Pinot Noir — this is a great red grape of Burgundy and is commonly used in sparkling wine production. Flavors range from dark fruit to spicy horseradish.

4. Chardonnay — America's most popular grape, it's always a good fall back white wine. It's been known to have a tropical fruit tang to it, depending on where and how the wine is produced. It can also feature flavors of white fruit or vanilla.

5. Cabernet Sauvignon — known as the “king of red wine grapes,” it has been a very popular grape throughout Europe and the U.S. Black currant, anise and cedar dominate the flavors found in this wine. But occasionally, this grape is combined with others to make a Bordeaux blend-style wine.

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A flexible, workable budget will change your entire financial future

By Sally Rummel

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Money doesn't come with instructions. That's why nearly half of all Americans live paycheck to paycheck, with little emergency savings and too much debt.

A total of 44 percent of U.S. households of four have less than \$5,887 in "liquid assets," according to a recent report by the Corporation for Enterprise Development.

This financial insecurity affects people in more ways than you might think, from low credit scores that impact their buying power to using high-interest credit cards or payday loans when emergencies arise.

Local financial planners say that about half of their clients do not have a budget to structure their spending — a statistic that correlates with the report that half of Americans live paycheck to paycheck.

"The people who have money have a budget," said Kevin Messing, Edward Jones financial advisor in Fenton. "If you write it down, you can find ways to change

your spending habits to help improve your financial picture. We can sit down and do it with you, which will help you visualize your spending."

Rob Harris of Harris Financial Services said it well on a sign outside their Fenton offices: "Act your wage," reads the sign, pointing to the importance of living within, if not under, your means. "Debt is slavery," said Harris. "You think there's freedom in making purchases you don't have money to pay for, but the freedom comes when you have enough money to live on and share."

Sarah Duncan, chartered financial consultant at The State Bank Wealth Management Department, says that the name of her department can be misleading. "You don't have to have 'wealth' to use our services," she said. "We offer

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Dave Ramsey's
'Financial Peace University'

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The cornerstone of the Dave Ramsey program are the seven Baby Steps that will get you out of debt one step at a time — from saving for a \$1,000 emergency fund, to "debt snowballing" from your smallest (most achievable) to your largest debt, amassing three to six months of savings, retirement savings, college funding, mortgage pay-off and more.

"I definitely support Dave Ramsey's financial program," said Rob Harris of Harris Financial Services in Fenton. "You can Google the Dave Ramsey Budget Worksheet and get a PDF to start the budgeting process at home."

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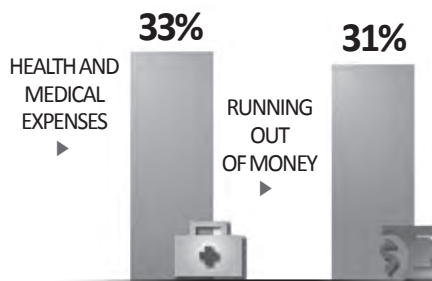
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For Kevin Messing, Edward Jones financial advisor, Ramsey's well-known envelope cash system is what he learned at home long before Ramsey was a household name.

"When I was 18 and had my first job, my dad gave me five envelopes," said Messing, 54. "One was for car/insurance, church (10 percent), savings (10 percent), rent (at home), discretionary for me to spend. When I bought my first house in my 20s, I had saved enough to pay cash for it, thanks, in part, to the 'rent money' my dad gave back to me."

Today, Messing uses a computer spreadsheet for budgeting, but still keeps those same principles in mind.

For information on local or nearby Financial Peace University classes scheduled for early in 2015, visit daveramsey.com.

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a full-service financial platform, from budgeting to paying down debt, risk management, tax planning, retirement planning and education savings plans. Stop in and see if we can help you. We offer a complimentary consultation with no obligation."

If the word "budget" is intimidating or scary the first time you approach it, take a deep breath and relax. Visualizing your spending is the exact opposite of confining; it actually gives you freedom and planned spontaneity. "Money doesn't come with instructions," said Harris. "That's why we are here. The biggest mistake people make with money is spending money they don't have."

How to make a budget

- **Follow the money** — track your spending for a month. Record every purchase no matter how small, including ATM fees.
- **Make savings contributions** automatically. A good rule of thumb is to allocate at least 10 percent of your earnings toward savings, using direct deposit to pay yourself first. Short-term savings can be held in a savings account, CD or money market fund.
- **Define spending and** priorities. About 35 percent of earnings should be earmarked for housing and utilities. Another 10 percent of earnings can be tailored to something specific, like a new car or a child's education.
- **Pay with cash** for non-essential items, to prevent overspending with a credit or debit card.
- **Strategically pay down debt.** You'll never get ahead if you are making big interest payments. Not having to pay interest is the same economically as earning interest.
- **Build a safety net** for rainy day emergencies, about three to six months of living expenses. Set aside any financial windfalls, from bonuses to tax refunds or yearly raises.
- **Live within your means.** Spend less than you make.

Source: bankrate.com

wine

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Each grape varietal is different, referring to the type of grape used in making wine. Some varietals are sturdier while others are more delicate. Some will develop more sugar while growing than others will. The climate in which a grape is grown has a tremendous affect on the wine, depending on the amount of sunlight each vine gets, the length of the growing season, the mineral content of the soil and the temperature of the region.

Asmaro sells many California wines, as well as some from Italy, France, Argentina, Germany and, of course, Michigan. "Michigan wines are great tasting, especially the sweet wines," he said. One of his favorite wines is the Late Harvest Riesling from Black Star Farms in the Grand Traverse Bay region.

He also highly recommends a California Cabernet Sauvignon, widely known as the "king of red wines." Typically full-bodied and complex, this big Bordeaux varietal pairs nicely with red meats and game, according to Eating Well magazine.

If you're looking for a gift of wine, it can be a bit intimidating, especially if



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The number of choices of wines in the store or market can make choosing the right bottle a difficult decision, especially if you're buying a gift.

you're not sure about someone's taste in wine. "Your safest way to go in that case is with a Pinot Noir," said Asmaro. "It's a lighter red."

When you know someone's favorite wine, gift giving becomes much easier. You can always buy them a bottle of their favorite, or you can take thoughtfulness a step further. Contact the wine producer

to find out their recommendation in their "special release" selections or get advice on an upgrade in the same or similar palate spectrum as their favorite wine.

Does price really matter? Asmaro says it does, especially when comparing a \$10 bottle to a \$70 or \$80 bottle. "The texture, even the way the wine looks and smells, is much richer with the more expensive bottle," he said.

His recommendations at different price points:

A \$10 bottle — Go with a Stephen Vincent Cabernet, Merlot or Chardonnay.

A \$15 bottle — "Try a Ca' Momi Merlot or an Anne Amie Pinot Grigio. The latter is one of the best I have bought; it's so clean and crispy."

A \$20 bottle — Buy a Ca' Momi Cabernet. "That's my number one selling wine."

What's Asmaro's most expensive wine at Merchants? "We carry Opus One at \$269 a bottle and a Quilceda Creek at \$219.99," he said.

He said their cheapest bottle is actually a very good deal. "We'll be selling Chianti at \$5.99 a bottle or two for \$10. It used to be \$12 per bottle. For the money, it's very good."

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**ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE TYRONE TWP. HALL ON TUESDAY, DEC. 16 AT 7:00 p.m.
OR CALL OR WRITE YOUR BOARD**

Yes, this date is correct! The newsletter had the wrong date!

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Notice**Argentine Township Residents**

Argentine Township has been working cooperatively with Linden Community Schools to develop an updated five year Parks and Recreation Plan. A presentation of the Draft plan will be given on Monday December 22 at 7:00 pm at the Argentine Township Hall, 9048 Silver Lake Road. This plan reviews public comments related to parks and recreation, evaluation of existing facilities, defines goals and objectives, and a proposed five year plan for improvements. Residents are encouraged to attend. This meeting will begin the 30 day public review period. All comments must be received by January 21, 2015. A copy of the draft plan is available for review and comment at the Township Office or by visiting the Township's website at www.argentinetownship.com or the Linden Community schools website at www.lindenschools.org.

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Daily Deal for

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Daily Deal for

November 14th: Warm up at Andy's Place with 1/2 off appetizers and martinis all night long; live music from 5-9 PM, 208 S Broad St, Holly; See you there!

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ANSWER KEY LOCATED IN THIS EDITION

A Look back at the TOP 10 SONGS

Week of Dec. 14 1996

As determined by Billboard

1. Unbreak My Heart

- Toni Braxton

2. No Diggity - Blackstreet

3. Nobody - Keith Sweat

4. Don't Let Go - En Vogue

5. Mouth

- Merrill Bainbridge

6. It's All Coming Back To Me Now - Celine Dion

7. Pony - Ginuwine

8. I Finally Found Someone

- Barbra Streisand & Bryan Adams

9. I'm Still In Love With You

- New Edition

10. Where Do You go

- No Mercy

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ACROSS

1 Persistent Dr. Seuss character

7 Total stupidity

13 — -faire

20 Actress Wilde

21 Fifth U.S. president

22 Writer Caldwell

23 Dissuade people from using a bridge?

25 "Look, Ma" follower

26 Be a thespian

27 Impressionist Claude

28 Frogs' relatives

30 Destroy the interior of

31 Azure

34 Horse riders' shop?

37 Above, in odes

38 Twofold nature

41 Errand boy

42 Thieving Fink?

46 Grammy winner — James

48 — -Z ('80s Camaro)

49 "Revolver" or "Tapestry," e.g.

50 Lose iciness

52 Run through small holes

56 "GoldenEye" Bond girl

58 Open courts used by opera singers?

62 Delayed

63 "— be back"

66 Poet Edward

67 Drink in

68 Stiller of film

69 Predicament experienced by humans?

73 Unused, in Ulm

74 Self-evident statements

76 107, in old Rome

77 Actress Irving

78 With 33-Down, whom "nobody doesn't like"

80 Moistens meat while drunk?

83 Puerto Rico's — Observatory

86 CPR experts

87 Maladies

88 Author Zola

91 Rights org. since 1920

92 Scratched (out)

94 Arrange meals neatly in a picnic basket?

97 Dance with dips

100 Shooting marble

102 "... — in team"

103 Actor Feldman

106 Feisty fish

110 Endorsed

111 Take the loss

112 Put at 000

115 "Nice one!"

116 Zeros

119 Stress caused by a "Great" czar?

123 Boy in "E.T."

124 New Jersey borough next to Fort Lee

125 "Help Me, —" (1965 #1 hit)

126 Midday naps

127 High regard

128 Wise off to

DOWN

1 Pops

2 Smart —

3 Thurber's Walter

4 "— done it!"

5 Run on TV

6 Fred of "My Three Sons"

7 "That's my cue!"

8 Shot amount

9 Tech. school

10 "... — quit!" (threat ender)

11 Hold

12 "Holy moly!"

13 Ivan of tennis

14 Came up

15 Suffix with amateur

16 Jamaican pop music

17 Honor with a tune

18 Tough out

19 Rind-cutting tool

24 Caviar

29 USN ranker

32 Spotted lynx

33 See 78-Across

34 — Poke (caramel lollipop)

35 USAF NCO

36 Raises one's glass to

38 Apply gently

39 Land east of Arg.

40 24-hr. cash dispensers

42 — Tin Tin

43 Verbal test

44 Plant studier

45 Britain's Tony

46 Suffix with Euclid

47 Time when DST starts

50 Merry refrain

51 A eunuch guards it

53 Like liver, nutritionally

54 Like offenses one can get canned for

55 Perfume since 1931

57 "— at 'em!"

59 Vintage song

60 Architect I.M.

61 Belittle

64 Rank above maj.

65 Molten flows

68 Slugger Ruth

70 "Hot Stuff" actor Davis

71 Pot topper

72 Mariah Carey #1 hit

75 New York county or lake

79 Mimosa-family tree

81 Honorary law deg.

82 "No big —"

84 Homecoming attendees, e.g.

85 Suffix with poison

89 Former Sprint rival

90 Tina's ex

93 Decked in a boxing ring

94 Foyer sofas

95 Josephine of mysteries

96 Hide-hair link

97 Some steaks

98 It has a pH above 7.0

99 Little bump

100 Day after Fri.

101 Threefold

104 Granny on "The Nanny"

105 Ship parts

106 Diem lead-in

107 Adjectives modify them

108 Throng

109 Forward

112 Russo of "Ransom"

113 Buffalo's lake

114 E-mail clutter

117 U.S. fighters

118 Scorching

120 Little child

121 — Na Na

122 "Help us!"

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King Crossword, Wednesday Jumble, Wednesday Sudoku puzzles are located in last Wednesday's issue. All other puzzles are throughout this edition.

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: HABIT STEED JERSEY GRASSY Answer: She followed the diet book because it was — EASY TO "DIGEST"

SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

9 5 3 8 7 2 6 1 4 7 1 6 3 9 4 2 8 5 2 4 8 1 6 5 9 3 7 5 6 7 4 2 1 8 9 3 4 3 2 9 8 6 5 7 1 1 8 9 7 5 3 4 2 6 3 2 4 5 1 8 7 6 9 6 7 1 2 4 9 3 5 8 8 9 5 6 3 7 1 4 2

WEDNESDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

1. Scope; 2. Lapse; 3. Treat; 4. Define Today's Word: PRESENTS

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MICHIGAN VOTES

WHAT YOUR LEGISLATORS
VOTED ON RECENTLY

MichiganVotes.org is a free, non-partisan website created by the Mackinac Center for Public Policy to provide concise, non-partisan, plain-English descriptions of every bill and vote in the Michigan House and Senate. This report was released on Friday, Dec. 5.

Senate Bill 953: Authorize emergency manager for school district that fails to address deficits

To authorize appointment of an emergency manager for a public school district that fails to comply with actions required to correct a deficit or address "rapidly declining financial circumstances."

Passed 23 to 15 in the Senate

State Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 1130: Mandate Hepatitis disclosure to sex partner

To make it a felony for an individual who knows he or she has Hepatitis C to have sex without telling the sex partner about having the disease. This already applies to AIDS.

Passed 28 to 10 in the Senate State

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☐ YES ☒ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 247: Authorize some 4 a.m. liquor licenses

To allow bars and restaurants in a "central business district" of a city to stay open until 4:00 a.m. on weekends if they pay a \$10,000 annual fee and have extra bouncers and security cameras.

Passed 22 to 14 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 4998: Appoint "entrepreneurs-in-residence" at Michigan Strategic Fund

To require the state agency responsible for granting and overseeing selective tax breaks and subsidies granted to particular corporations or developers to appoint up to 10 "entrepreneurs-in-residence" to recommend ways to expand and improve these programs.

Passed 30 to 6 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 1135: Impose new child car seat mandates

To require a child who weighs less than 30 pounds to be transported in a

rear-facing child seat; and a child who weighs from 30 to 50 pounds to be transported in a forward-facing child seat. Age would not be a factor in the above mandates. A child under age 10 who is less than 57 inches tall would have to be transported in a booster seat.

Passed 36 to 1 in the Senate

Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

State Sen. Dave Robertson (R-Genesee County)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5958: Enact a "religious freedom restoration act"

To establish that the state or a local government "shall not substantially burden a person's exercise of religion, even if the burden results from a rule of general applicability," unless this is done "in furtherance of a compelling governmental interest" and uses "the least restrictive means" to further that interest.

Passed 59 to 50 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

Senate Bill 1103: Extend film producer subsidies

To extend the law authorizing state subsidy payments to some film productions until 2022 (under current law it ends in 2017), and make some changes to the subsidy allocation formula. This year, \$50 million was appropriated for these subsidies.

Passed 73 to 37 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☐ YES ☒ NO

House Bill 4539: Phase out sales tax on fuel sales

To phase out charging the 6 percent sales tax motor fuel sales over six years. House Bill 5477 would gradually increase the motor fuel tax by an equivalent amount. The bill requires the legislature to continue funding schools and local government revenue sharing at least as much as the previous year (this is where most sales tax revenue goes). If it did not, then the 6 percent sales tax would automatically be re-imposed on fuel sales. The bills would shift about \$1 billion more from current state spending to roads each year when fully phased in.

Passed 56 to 53 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO

House Bill 5477: Replace per-gallon fuel tax with higher wholesale tax

To replace the current 19-cent per gallon gas tax and 15-cent diesel tax with a 7.5 percent wholesale fuel tax, gradually increasing to 13.5 percent over six years. When fully phased-in this would represent a tax hike of around \$1.0 billion at current wholesale fuel prices. However, House Bill 4539 would phase out the state sales tax on fuel sales over the same period if enacted, resulting in no net tax increase.

Passed 58 to 51 in the House

Rep. Joe Graves (R-Argentine Township)

☒ YES ☐ NO



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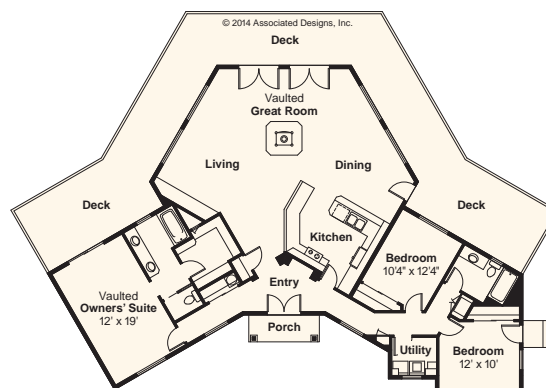
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This home offers broad vistas to the rear, making it ideal for construction as a vacation retreat with a view. But it is equally well-suited for construction in a more urban setting, with a view of a nicely landscaped rear yard. Framed out twin columns support the roof of the lofty, covered porch. Double doors open into a high-ceilinged entry, naturally illuminated by a wide transom.

Obituaries, Funeral Services and Memoriams



Catherine H. Papatheodore,

Catherine H. Papatheodore - age 89, died December 8, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Ida Truax,

Ida Truax - age 80, died December 10, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Marcia Oaks,

Marcia Oaks - age 64, died December 9, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Delores F. Beattie,

Delores F. Beattie - age 88, died December 9, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



William E. Sidelinker,

William E. Sidelinker - age 63, died December 6, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



Carol I. Dreisbach,

Carol I. Dreisbach - age 85, died December 11, 2014. www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.



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Dr. Vemblaserry Jayabalan,

Dr. Vemblaserry Jayabalan - age 77, died December 12, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Gary Morgan,

Gary Morgan - age 68, died December 11, 2014. Services entrusted to Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Frances Marzonie,

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Dr. Eric Freedman,

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Evelyn Doyel,

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Chester Sprygada,

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Frank Schipani,

Frank Schipani - age 90, died December 7, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



George Anibal,

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Howard Hotchkiss Jr.,

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Galen Haynes,

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Earl Cooper,

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Helen Webb,

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James Burgess,

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James Dillard,

James Dillard - age 71, died December 8, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



John Miller,

John Miller - age 66, died December 6, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Leo Torpey Jr.,

Leo Torpey Jr. - age 84, died December 9, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Luster L. "Les" Root 1939-2014

Luster L. "Les" Root - age 75, of Fenton, died December 8, 2014.

Funeral services were held 12 PM Friday, December 12, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Pastor Tom Hoose officiated. Visitation was held 4-8 PM Thursday and 11 AM until the time of service Friday at the funeral home. Those desiring may make contributions to the Salvation Army or Michigan State School of Journalism. Les was born February 25, 1939 in Memphis, TN, the son of Luster and Pearl Root. His broadcasting career began as a senior at Flint Central High School in 1957. In 1958 he began part-time announcing at WMRP-AM (now WWCK-AM). In 1958, he joined the staff of WBBC-AM (WTRX-AM). For the next 11 years, he was full-time air staff at WBBC/WTRX. Les joined the US Army Reserve for a number of years and spent his training at Ft. Knox, KY. Les was appointed News Director of WTRX in 1964, where he led the news operation until 1970. He was then appointed News Director of Flint Radio Station WFDF-AM. At WFDF, Les had the opportunity to report, while on special assignment, from Washington DC, Atlanta, GA, Los Angeles, CA and Israel. He also provided reports to NBC and CBS when WFDF was affiliated with those networks. Les was active in the Associated Press, serving on the AP's Wire Study and First Amendment Awards Committee. He was a prolific contributor to the



Michigan AP Wire Broadcast Report. Les was a panelist and presenter at several AP, Radio and Television News Directors Association and NBC News Affiliates Association Seminars. During his tenure at WFDF, there were six ownership changes with four more stations being acquired. The last owner, Cumulus Media, sold to Disney Corporation in 2002, but retained Les as News Director for the four station Flint cluster. After 53 years, he would receive the highest honor of being inducted in to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame on April 22, 2005. Surviving are his wife of 32 years, Maxine; daughters, Jennifer Dasczynski of Columbia, MO, Jackie (Brian) Sweeney of Maryland/DC area, Janet (Robert) McCrory of Nevada, MO, Shellie (Michael) Odren of Grand Blanc, Susan (Loren) Jackson of Flint, Shawn Ochs of Linden, Michelle (Deric) Holland of Burton; grandchildren, Megan, Mariah, Alexandra, David, Candace, Derek, Natalie, Katie, Sam, Sarah, Tyler, Cristian, Erica, Alex and Alivia; five great-grandchildren. Thanks and gratitude to special friends, Steve and Sher-ee Hoose. Also, a special thank you to the staff and management of the Bob Evans Restaurant in Fenton for their kind and generous support. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Marilyn Reinke,

Marilyn Reinke - age 66, died November 26, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Baxter,

Mary Baxter - age 77, died December 9, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Mary Yonan,

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Robert Hoover,

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Rodney Zudell,

Rodney Zudell - age 59, died, December 4, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Ruth Wood,

Ruth Wood - age 89, died December 7, 2014. Services provided by Sharp Funeral Homes. www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sally Lee Bush

1927-2014

Sally Lee Bush - age 87, of Linden, left this earth late on the evening of December



5, 2014. A celebration of Sally's life was held at 11 AM on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Linden Chapel, 209 E. Broad St., Linden. Following the service, Sally was entombed at Tyrone Memory Gardens. Sally's family invited all who knew her to a visitation that was held Monday, December 8, 2014 from 4-8 PM at the funeral home. Sally entered this world on August 10, 1927 in Saginaw, the daughter of Stephen and Ouita Martuch. The best day of her life was June 19, 1948 when she married the love of her life, Leon Bush, in Flint. They spent the next 66 years, five months and 16 days on their honeymoon. Sally's spirit, grace, class, style, upbeat attitude, beauty and ever-present smile will live on through her beloved daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Sally was a member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority and Spring Meadows Country Club. She is survived by her husband, Leon; daughter Bethany and husband Craig Rockman; grandchildren, Richard and wife Jennifer Koester; Kali and husband Dr. Partha Nandi; great-grandchildren, Annie and Ellie Koester, Charley Beth Holcomb, Partha and Shaan Nandi; sister, Lynne Case; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Robert Martuch. The family would like to thank Hospice Advantage and caregivers Tammy and Tammy for their loving care of Sally over the past several months. Online condolences may be posted on the obituaries page of www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



Sandra Costello,

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Theron Olson,

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Parents are dialed in on teen's first phone

DEAR AMY:
I recently got a phone for my 14th birthday. With the new phone came lots of rules. I have a Kik and a Snapchat app and an Instagram account, etc. (like most teenagers), but my parents decided that they should be able to go through my phone and all my social networking accounts whenever they feel the need. I don't like this because my friends say things my parents would find inappropriate and then my friends get in trouble with my parents. Your thoughts?
— Violated

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON

AMY DICKINSON

DEAR VIOLATED:
My take is that when friends or social connections behave inappropriately, they should be in trouble with you (not just your parents). Confusion, missed connections, misunderstandings, mild (and not so mild) bullying, gossiping, exclusion, etc., are almost universal experiences when people first explore this exhilarating world of free expression on social media. The whole idea is to develop good habits and to be open about your concerns. Your parents are the ones who get to be in charge of your phone — for now. Your loss of privacy is a tradeoff you have to accept.

Pitted nails reveal psoriatic arthritis

DR. ROACH:
I am a 77-year-old male. I had to stop playing golf about two years ago due to joint pain. I had psoriasis from age 15 until I was 40. I am retired from the Navy and had to be hospitalized twice during my time in service due to my skin. Why it disappeared at age 40, I don't know. Is it possible that I could have psoriatic arthritis? One doctor I saw said that I had to have psoriasis in order to get it. I saw that you said that sometimes the arthritis shows up before the skin lesions. Can it show up after you have quit having the lesions? — Anon.

psoriasis doesn't protect you from other types of arthritis, such as osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Since psoriatic arthritis is so destructive, you should see an expert, perhaps a rheumatologist. The arthritis booklet discusses rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis and lupus.

To your

GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.

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ANSWER:
Indeed, psoriatic arthritis can show up years after psoriasis starts and when there are no skin lesions. Often, pits in the nails or other nail changes are seen in those with psoriatic arthritis. However, having

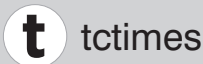
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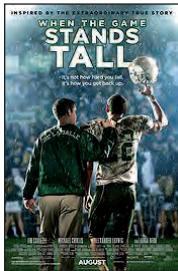
DVD RELEASES



94% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY
From Marvel, the studio that brought you the global blockbuster franchises of Iron Man, Thor, Captain America and The Avengers, comes a new team-the Guardians of the Galaxy. An action-packed, epic space adventure, Marvel's "Guardians of the Galaxy" expands the Marvel Cinematic Universe into the cosmos, where brash adventurer Peter Quill finds himself the object of an unrelenting bounty hunt after stealing a mysterious orb coveted by Ronan, a powerful villain with ambitions that threaten the entire universe. To evade the ever-persistent Ronan, Quill is forced into an uneasy truce with a quartet of disparate misfits-Rocket, a gun-toting raccoon, Groot, a tree-like humanoid, the deadly and enigmatic Gamora and the revenge-driven Drax the Destroyer.

But when Quill discovers the true power of the orb and the menace it poses to the cosmos, he must do his best to rally his ragtag rivals for a last, desperate stand-with the galaxy's fate in the balance. **PG-13, 2 hr. 1 min**



77% liked it
(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)

WHEN THE GAME STANDS TALL
Inspired by a true story, When The Game Stands Tall tells the remarkable journey of legendary football coach Bob Ladouceur (Jim Caviezel), who took the De La Salle High School Spartans from obscurity to a 151-game winning streak that shattered all records for any American sport. When the streak is broken, and tragedy strikes the team, Coach Lad must teach his players - and the entire town - that it's not about how you fall, but how you get back up.

PG, 1 hr. 55 min

SRIRACHA CARAMEL CORN

Recipe from [mybaconwrappedlife.com](#)



INGREDIENTS:

- 6 C. popped corn
- 6 T. unsalted butter
- 1/2 C. brown sugar
- 1/2 t. vanilla
- 1/8 t. salt
- 1/8 t. baking soda
- 2 T. Sriracha

DIRECTIONS

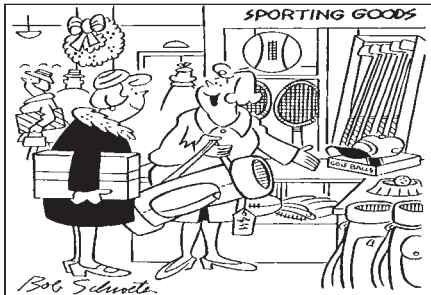
1. Preheat oven to 250°F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Put your popped corn in a large (heat-safe) bowl for mixing with the caramel later.
2. In a small saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat. When totally melted, stir in the brown sugar until well-combined. Bring the mixture to a boil, then boil for 3 minutes, stirring constantly so nothing sticks to the bottom and sides of the pan. Remove from the heat and set aside.
3. Quickly (the caramel will continue to cook a bit as you do this), combine the vanilla, salt, baking soda, and Sriracha in a small bowl. Pour the mixture into the caramel (it will bubble up a bit) and stir very quickly and thoroughly until all combined and smooth.
4. Pour the caramel sauce over the popcorn and toss very gently until all pieces are evenly coated with caramel. Spread out in an even single layer on the baking sheet and bake for 1 hour in the preheated oven, tossing every 15 minutes to make sure nothing sticks. Cool to room temp and either package up or serve!

SUNDAY SCRAMBLER

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Reach	<div>PECOS</div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Error	<div>SLEEP</div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Gift	<div>TARTE</div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>
Explain	<div>FEEDIN</div>	<div></div>	<div></div>	<div></div>

TODAY'S WORD



"This is the one time of the year I'm glad to be a golf widow — it's always easy to find _____ for a golfer."

Answer key located in this edition



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