Plaid pants and pushy attitude give way to customer-driven, tech-savvy professionals

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From Danny DeVito in the 2005 movie “Deck the Halls” to Kurt Russell in 1980s “Used Cars,” used car salesmen have earned a stereotypical reputation, and it wasn’t always positive. Plaid pants, white shoes, slicked back hair and a pushy sales attitude are just a few of the annoying traits that were not only visible on the big screen, but may have been a reality at some dealerships decades ago. Car sales were a man’s game, and not a very diverse one at that.

Turn the calendar to 2016 and the picture of a “typical” used car salesman is a far cry from those movie roles and negative stereotypes.

“You won’t find any plaid pants, but you will notice a certain dress code for both men and women in sales,” said Jeff Canever, general sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton. “Our goal is to look professional.”

You’ll also find more women at the top of the sales charts and more racial diversity than ever before.

Emily Lorencz, 32, has been in car sales for 10 years, the last three at Lasco Ford in Fenton. She was recently awarded “Employee of the Month – Top Customer Satisfaction” for November, racking up a customer satisfaction rating for the year of 93 percent.”

“Customers used to have to drive from dealership to dealership to car shop. Now they can do all that from their computer or phone.”

Jeff Canever
General sales manager at Vic Canever Chevrolet in Fenton

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This classic 1978 Vic Canever Chevrolet photo depicts the plaid pants and white shoes era of the typical car sales staff of that period.

She had more customer satisfaction surveys returned to Ford, which isn’t easy to do,” said Jay Lasco.

“Lasco added that Lorencz is one of five women on the Lasco sales team. “There aren’t many dealerships that have a mix of females on the showroom floor like we do. That stereotype of a car salesman still does exist. However, you can find a much better experience than that at most dealerships today.”

Selling cars today is seen as a professional gateway to a successful sales and marketing career, instead of a dead end job. It is one career where a college education is not typically required, and good money can still be made.

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See CAR SALESMAN on 6B
Some Christmas memories

Christmas time always reminds me of some fun (and not so fun) things with my family when we were kids.

Like the time my older sister, Renate, was piling my younger sister, Monika’s, long thick hair into a bun on top of her head. We were getting ready for a Christmas pageant at the church.

At the same time, our dad had four or five rows of Christmas lights spread out across the living room floor. He was checking to make sure the little bulbs were all working and twinkling.

In the meantime, Renate had Monika on a stool at one end of the living room. When the bun was all pulled together and pinned in place, Renate pulled out the big gun—a can of hairspray and began spraying the bun into place. She accidentally sprayed Monika in the eyes and she cried.

Monika jumped off the stool and went screaming and crying jumped backwards several times, smashing most of Dad’s lights. He started yelling, my mom and sisters were crying. It was awesome. I’m the middle child, so all you middle children out there know that I need not explain why this was funny.

Several years later, during the early 1980s, my dad worked in a high rise in downtown Chicago. He had to travel about 10 miles every day on the L-train to get there.

Dad’s male coworkers, all executives, were always asking him to join them for drinks after work. He always declined, saying he had to get home to the wife and kids.

One year, one of these men pulled my father aside and said the guys would ‘like him more’ if he would say ‘yes’ once in a while. He told Dad that there was going to be a little Christmas get together at the office that upcoming Friday, and that all the guys would be there with dates — dates who were not their wives.

My dad accepted the invitation. He found a woman named Nancy, bought her a fancy holiday dress and away they went. He introduced the guys to his ‘girlfriend’ Nancy. They ate, they drank, they danced and had a wonderful time. Nancy even danced with the other guys, told jokes and everyone was delighted.

After the office party, the guys asked my dad and Nancy to join them at the bars down the street to continue the party. As on previous occasions, my dad declined and said, “Nancy and I have to hit the sack, if you know what I mean.”

After a lot of wink, wink, nudge, nudge, my dad and Nancy started walking away. He then stopped, turned to them and said, “I’d like you guys to meet Elli, my wife of 35 years. She’s still my girlfriend. We had a great time, thank you.” Then they hailed themselves a cab and giggled all the way home.
THE ORIGINAL ROCKERS
what would they look like today?

COMPiled by Vera Hogan

Have you ever wondered what some of the great rock and roll musicians of our time would look like today - if they had lived?

Three of those individuals were only 27 years old when they died, an unfortunate result of too much alcohol, too many drugs, and fame and fortune that came too fast.

They are Jimi Hendrix (barbiturate overdose, 1970), Janis Joplin (heroin overdose, 1970) and Jim Morrison of The Doors (congestive heart failure brought on by drug abuse, 1971).

JIMI HENDRIX

Widely recognized as one of the most creative and influential musicians of the 20th century, Hendrix pioneered the explosive possibilities of the electric guitar. His innovative style of combining fuzz, feedback and controlled distortion created a new musical form. Because he was unable to read or write music, it was considered nothing short of remarkable that Jimi Hendrix’s meteoric rise in the music took place in just four short years. Hendrix’s greatest hits include “Purple Haze,” “Foxy Lady,” “All Along the Watchtower,” “Hey Joe,” and many more. But it was his rendition of the Star Spangled Banner that rendered him and his style of music iconic.

JANIS JOPLIN

Joplin, whose popular songs included “Me and Bobby McGee,” and “Piece of My Heart,” was a heavy drinker, and Southern Comfort was her drink of choice. The whiskey became so synonymous with the singer, and she therefore boosted the company’s sales to such an extent, that she managed to get them to give her a lynx coat as a thank you gift.

JIM MORRISON

Morrison, too, has dozens of greatest hits to his credit. They include, “Hello, I Love You,” “Light My Fire,” “People Are Strange,” “Riders on the Storm” and, of course, “When the Music’s Over.”

ELVIS PRESLEY

Other iconic musicians that died way before their time include Elvis Presley, known as the “king of rock and roll,” who died of a heart attack at the age of 42 (1977).

JOHN LENNON

John Lennon, one of four members of The Beatles, who brought the British music invasion to American shores (1964), was assassinated at the age of 40 (1980).

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Dec. 19
1998: After nearly 14 hours of debate, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, the second president in American history to be impeached, vowed to finish his term.

Dec. 20
1957: While spending the Christmas holidays at Graceland, his newly purchased Tennessee mansion, rock-and-roll star Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for the United States Army. Fans sent tens of thousands of letters to the Army asking for him to be spared, but Elvis would have none of it. He received one deferment, during which he finished working on his movie King Creole, before being sworn in as an army private in Memphis on March 24, 1958.

Dec. 21
1988: Pan Am Flight 103 from London to New York explodes in midair over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 243 passengers and 16 crew members aboard, as well as 11 Lockerbie residents on the ground. A bomb hidden inside an audio cassette player detonated in the cargo area when the plane was at an altitude of 31,000 feet. The disaster, which became the subject of Britain’s largest criminal investigation, was believed to be an attack against the United States. One hundred eighty nine of the victims were American. Islamic terrorists were accused of planting the bomb on the plane while it was at the airport in Frankfurt, Germany.

Dec. 22
1978: John Wayne Gacy confesses to police to killing over two dozen boys and young men and burying their bodies under his suburban Chicago home. In March 1980, Gacy was convicted of 33 sex-related murders, committed between 1972 and 1978, and given the death penalty. At the time, he was the worst serial killer in modern American history.

Dec. 23
1888: Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear.

Dec. 24
1865: In Pulaski, Tennessee, a group of Confederate veterans convene to form a secret society that they christened the “Ku Klux Klan.” The KKK rapidly grew from a secret social fraternity to a paramilitary force bent on reversing the federal government’s progressive Reconstruction Era-activities in the South, especially policies that elevated the rights of the local African American population.
HYPOCRITE DEMOCRATS ENDLESSLY claim Americans wages are too high. The current owner of the former River Beach Club, Dan Zalewski, claimed Americans wages are too high.

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WHAT SAYS "Elf." — Buddy (Will Ferrell) in "Jingle All the Way."

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I'M PRETTY SURE CONTINUED

You can’t what Snyder did before he was re-elected.

Robert Zalewski (Chevy Chase) to Cousin Eddie (Randy Quaid) in National Lampoon’s “Christmas Vacation.”

— Howard Langston (Arnold Schwarzenegger) to Mall Santa in “Jingle All the Way.”

“I’m pretty sure," Snyder said at a Detroit Economic Club luncheon last week, Republicans suggest a ceiling of $1 million annually, compared to $5 million for public companies.

Awarding a contract with a private vendor to install automated “photo cop” school bus tickets to allow the Detroit public school district to contract with a private vendor to install and operate an automated traffic citation system to ticket motorists who illegally pass a stopped school bus, based on images collected by cameras attached to school buses. Fines would start at $300, rising to $1,000 for a third offense, and the money would go to the Detroit public school district (less the amount collected by the private vendor).

Senate Bill 652: Let Detroit issue automated “photo cop” school bus tickets

Senate Bill 291: Authorize wrongful imprisonment compensation to authorize payment by the state of civil damages to a person wrongfully imprisoned for a crime he or she did not commit. The damages would be $50,000 for each year of wrongful imprisonment. Passed 104 to 2 in the House Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47) YES Rep. Joseph Graves (R-Dist. 51) YES

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LOCAL LIVING

ARGENTINE TOWNSHIP The Argentine Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19 at the township hall.

LAKE FENTON SCHOOLS The Lake Fenton Board of Education will hold a special Board Workshop at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 19 in the Alberta B. Martin Board Room inside Lake Fenton Middle School.

TYRONE TOWNSHIP The Tyrone Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20 at the township hall.

HOLLY TOWNSHIP The Holly Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Holly Township Hall.

LINDEN The Linden Downtown Development Authority (DDA) will hold a meeting at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 in Council Chambers.

LINDEN SCHOOLS The Linden Board of Education will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at the Linden High School Media Center.

SENATE BILL 1163: Give multi-million dollar subsidy to AK Steel owners to revise a state business subsidy program in a manner that would allow the current owner of the former River steel plant (AK Steel) to collect refundable tax credits (which are often paid as cash subsidies). According to the House Fiscal Agency this could result in the state giving tens of millions to the company’s owners.

Passed 30 to 7 in the Senate Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14) YES Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15) YES Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22) YES Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27) NO Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32) YES

HOUSE BILL 4423: Increase speed limits To increase speed limits on rural freeways to 75 mph where engineering studies and traffic patterns indicate this is safe. General speed limits elsewhere would be 70 mph on other freeways, 65 mph on state trunkline highways with light traffic, 55 mph on county roads, and 55 mph on unpaved roads except in Oakland and Wayne Counties, where they would be 45 mph. The speed limit on subdivision streets would remain at 25 mph.

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HOT LINE CONTINUED

I’M PRETTY SURE the King hasn’t attended college in a few decades and has no idea what he’s talking about. 

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CAR SALESMAN
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Most car dealerships pay by commission, but some include a salary or a “draw,” guaranteeing a minimum but having to be paid back if the salesperson didn’t earn that amount by commission. A salesperson’s pay may also include bonuses for exceeding sales goals or for volume sales.

“It’s a month by month business,” said Lorenze, “Business has been great this year. The last two weeks of the month are usually really, really busy. Every month what you’ve sold by the 15th, you basically double that in the next two weeks.”

The use of technology has created a need for today’s salespeople to be more tech-savvy than ever.

“A used car salesperson has to know more than ever about each car, from model features to its actual history, including accident and service reports.”

Lorenze goes on to drive from dealership to dealership to shop for the next best deal. He can do all that from their computer or phone. We have to be a lot more competitive on price.”

On the customer experience and using technology are two keys to success for Lorenze. “I’m very concerned about my customer’s feelings, goals and budget. I want a happy customer, not only for repeat business for myself, but also for the dealership.”

Lorenze shoots videos regularly for customers who request information online.

“We have a big online presence. Instead of being afraid of it, I embrace technology in this business embrace technology instead of being afraid of it. One thing he knows for sure — The days of guys sitting around with their feet up, playing cards and waiting for customers to walk through the door are over. “I know that stereotype,” she said. “I’ve worked with some of them in the past. Today, with all the online reviews, we want happy customers.”

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Now’s the time to get a good deal on a new or used car

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Although dealerships offer promotions and discounts on new and used cars throughout the year, some experts say November and December are the best times to buy.

According to autotrader.com, some people think that Dec. 31 is the best day to buy a new car, especially as the calendar year comes to an end. While it is certainly a good day, the first few days of the new year can be a good time to shop, too, as those days are counted in the previous year.

Dealers work with what is known as a “U.S. Sales Reporting Calendar.” For 2016, the sales month and year cutoff is on Wednesday, Jan. 4, 2017.

Many dealers are open on New Year’s Day and almost all will stay open late on Jan. 4, in a bid to get that final sale.

Just like in life, timing is everything in car buying — and buying a car at the right time can often mean saving thousands of dollars.

Another way to use timing to your advantage when buying a new car is by getting a vehicle from the previous model year. New-model-year vehicles will start to come out in the fall of the previous year — for example, a 2016 model will debut in the fall of 2015 and dealerships usually want last year’s stock gone before the new model arrives.

But that doesn’t always work out, and a 2017 model is still on the lot when a 2018 model arrives, dealerships will usually offer heavy discounts on the older model in order to sell it. According to autotrader.com, vehicle buyers can also save money by shopping during holiday weekends, such as Labor Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day or Thanksgiving.

You’ll often see or hear car dealerships advertising huge deals or blowout sales during holiday weekends, and those ads are almost always accurate. Automakers often put out special financing or cash-back deals for holiday weekends, and dealers sometimes add on to those deals with special offers of their own.

The day after Thanksgiving, known as “Black Friday,” or when merchants offer tantalizing deals to help kick off the Christmas shopping season.

Consumer Reports noted that Black Friday is an especially beneficial day to shop as “dealers may even sweeten the deal further to clear their lots.” The day is also close to the end of the month and dealers may be more willing to negotiate to meet their quotas.”

Once you’re ready to buy a new car, visit the manufacturer’s website to find the vehicle and trim level that best suits you. Compare at least three dealerships to obtain quotes. Learn what incentives are available, which is information typically found on the manufacturer’s website.

Sources: Carfax.com and Autotrader.com
Holiday dangers for household pets

Christmas decorations can be hazardous, even toxic, to dogs and cats

Compiled By Vera Hogan

The following decorations may go a long way to making our homes look more festive during the holiday season — but many of them may be hazardous to the wellbeing of our household pets.

According to petmd.com, they include:

CHRISTMAS TREES

Some dogs tend to jump up a lot and may jump into the tree, knocking it over, breaking precious ornaments, and possibly injuring themselves.

Cats have been known to climb into Christmas trees, causing the same effects. It is best to keep your pet out of the room with the tree, unless supervised.

IMITATION SNOW

Also called flocking, imitation snow on a Christmas tree can be very hazardous to pets if ingested. Since Christmas tree branches just look like fun sticks for a cat or dog to chew on, it is very likely to be ingested if you use it at all. Stick to other forms of tree décor for the sake of your pet.

PRESERVATIVES ON YOUR TREE

Chemical preservatives are sometimes used on Christmas trees to keep them fresh longer. The problem with these chemicals is that they will leach down into the water bowl at the bottom of the tree, making the water poisonous. It is best to not use these preservatives at all, but if you must, use a tree skirt, towel, aluminum foil, plastic wrap, or something to cover up the water bowl.

EDIBLE ORNAMENTS

Of course you’re proud of your young child’s homemade maraschino ornament. And yes, candy canes are extremely festive. But if you’re hanging these items all around your tree, you’re just asking for your pet to try and eat them. Too much sugar from the candy canes can cause a sugar rush, glue used on ornaments could be toxic, or the materials used may be poisonous or hazardous. It is best to place these ornaments on areas of the tree where your pet cannot reach.

LIT CANDLES

This should go without saying, but lighting candles on or around a Christmas tree is extremely hazardous. Christmas trees are very flammable and a cat or dog can easily jostle the tree or knock over a candle.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

When wrapping lights around a Christmas tree, keep the strands away from the very bottom where a cat or dog can easily get to them. If your pet ingests even a few strands of tinsel — and pets do this more often than you might guess — they are highly likely to suffer the ill, and even deadly effects of an intestinal obstruction.

Avoid holiday food dangers

By now, most people know not to feed their pets chocolate and anything sweetened with xylitol, but it’s also important to make sure to keep your pets away from the table and unattended plates of food, and be sure to secure the lids on garbage cans.

Fatty, spicy and no-no human foods, as well as bones, should not be fed to your furry friends either. Pets can join the festivities in other fun ways that won’t lead to costly medical bills.

If your celebration includes adult holiday beverages, be sure to place your unattended alcoholic drinks where pets cannot get to them. If ingested, your pet could become weak, ill and may even go into a coma, possibly resulting in death from respiratory failure.

Looking to stuff your pet’s stockings? Slick with chew toys that are indestructible. Choose healthy foods or chew treats that are designed to be safely digestible. Long, stringy things are a feline’s dream, but the most risky toys for cats involve ribbon, yarn and loose little parts that can get stuck in the intestines, often necessitating surgery.
Christmas Coloring Contest

WINNERS

The Times would like to thank all of the parents and their children who stopped by the office to submit their coloring contest entries and to have their photograph taken. The staff enjoyed looking at all of the works of art.

Coloring Contest Entrants
Pets, trees, power outages and sickness sometimes take the ‘Merry’ out of Christmas

By Sally Rummel
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Take a close look at Rick and Sue Holtslander’s live 10-foot Christmas tree in the great room of their Fenton Township home, and you may notice a few things missing.

A bunch of lights aren’t working, there are a few broken ornaments and a sentimental star topper is precariously held together with super glue.

‘Tis the season of Christmas disasters, and the Holtslanders had their turn this year.

Sue had spent four hours decorating her family’s 10-foot Fraser fir Christmas tree on Sunday, Dec. 4, with her typical enthusiasm for the holiday. No sooner had she completed that holiday chore, including a trip to Traverse City to get the tree, than she turned around, the tree fell over and hit her.

“I had just filled it up with water, and there goes a gallon and a half of brown water, all over the carpet,” said Sue. “I had to get down on my hands and knees to scrub it up. I literally told my husband to take that tree out the door.”

But they put the tree back up, crooked trunk and all. “The branches are longer on one side than the other, and when I decorated ‘the good half,’ Rick figures I made it top-heavy,” she said.

Next year, Sue has resolved to get an artificial tree. “I love decorating the tree, but it’s a hassle,” she said.

However, the Holtslander’s Christmas disaster ended on a very positive note for Christmas dinner, heated on the wood stove.

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TOWNSHIP OF HOLLY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

2017-2022 RECREATION MASTER PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on January 3, 2017 at 6:30 p.m., or shortly thereafter, at the Holly Township Hall, 102 Civic Drive, Holly, MI 48442. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider proposed Master Recreation Plan and to seek public input before final adoption.

The hearing is open to the public to view their views or to submit written comment. Citizens are encouraged to attend and participate in the hearing. Written comments may be submitted prior to the hearing by writing to: Clerk at 102 Civic Dr., Holly, Michigan 48442.

A copy of the Master Recreation Plan may be reviewed at the Clerk’s office at the above-mentioned address during regular business hours Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except holidays or online at www.hollytownship.org/publicnotices

The Holly Township Hall is handicap accessible. Arrangements to reasonably accommodable special needs will be made upon receiving a seven (7) day advance notice. Contact Holly Township Clerk at 248-634-9331 ext. 301 for special services.

Karin S. Winchester
Holly Township Clerk

HOLLY TOWNSHIP
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Holly Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on:

DATE: JANUARY 3, 2017

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PLACE: HOLLY TOWNSHIP HALL
102 CIVIC DRIVE
HOLLY, MI 48442
PHONE: 248-634-9331 ext. 301

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CHAPTER 32 ZONING, ARTICLE V ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS: ADD SECTION - WOODLANDS PROTECTION ORDINANCE

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Ordinance No. 701, an Ordinance to regulate storm water control; to provide for storm water permits and for payment or reimbursement of costs incurred by the City due to storm water permits and to provide penalties for violations was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 701 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on December 12, 2016. This Ordinance will take effect on December 22, 2016.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 701 is on file in the office of the City Clerk and available for review by the general public during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

ADOPTED: December 12, 2016
EFFECTIVE: December 22, 2016
PUBLISHED: December 18, 2016

Renee Wilson
City Clerk
Carolyn Kaiser

George Litinas

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John MacGready

Keshaval Korant

Patricia DeMoss

Pauline Murphy

Doss Edward Brown
Doss Edward Brown - age 79, of Yucca Valley CA, formerly of Flint, went to be with the Lord on December 7, 2016. He was born on September 11, 1937, in Flint, son of Clifford and Florence Brown. He served in the Navy. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Brown. Surviving are his daughter Dolores Mullens (Donald Brake), 12 step children and several grandchildren.

Richard Roudebush

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George Spohn

Darrell Lily

Nola Cavett

Gladys Rubin

Carrie Bell

William Shaw

Lyle Irish

Carolyn Kaiser

E. Doran Kasper, OD

Vina M. Naras

Harold Freiburger
Harold Freiburger - age 87, died December 15, 2016. Harold Freiburger was married to the former Marilyn Greenberg. They have three children and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Victor and Marie Freiburger. Harold was a native of Fenton, Michigan, and a life-long Fenton resident. He was a graduate of Fenton High School, Class of 1956. Harold was a pilot in the United States Air Force from 1956-1960. He was a pilot for 30 years, retiring from the United States Air Force as a Lieutenant Colonel. Harold was a Senior Master Sergeant in the Michigan Air National Guard. He was a proud and active member of the Fenton Community Sailing Club and the Lake Fenton Yacht Club. He was a member of the Fenton Jaycees, where he was an active member of the Fenton Rotary, President of the.Fenton Jaycees, President of the Fenton Jaycees, President of the Fun and Fenton Junior Achievement, and was on the board of the Genesee County Planned Parenthood, among others. After his longtime tenured in education and coaching, he coached his daughter in both Fenton High School and Fenton Community, and he was still active in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club and he served as President and Commodore of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club in the mid-1980s. He had a passion for golf and spent many summer afternoons at Spring Meadows Golf Club playing golf with his buddies. He was a proud father and grandfather of his daughter, son and their eight grandchildren. He loved to travel and often went to Colorado and North Carolina to visit his friends. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his two sons, Steve Bauer of Ellenton, Florida, and Greg Bauer of Grand Ledge, Michigan, his daughter, Michelle Bauer Carpenter of Boulder, Colorado, his son, Michael Bauer of Charlotte, North Carolina, and his eight grandchildren. A celebration of Al Bauer’s life is planned for July of 2017 in the Fenton area. A memorial website has been set up in the Al Bauer’s honor at Forever Missed, www.forevermissed.com.

Mrs. Lottie Englehart
Mrs. Lottie Englehart - age 74, died suddenly November 29, 2016. She is survived by her loving wife of the late Dennis Englehart, her mother of Brian Englehart and Michelle Englehart Kawaiie, and grandmother of Donovan and Galem Broski, and Taeber Englehart. A private burial took place at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude’s Episcopal Church, 106 E. E. St., Fenton, MI 48430 or Livingston County Sheriff’s Office, 150 S. Highland Way, Howell, MI 48843 where the donor can designate that their donation be specified for the Mounted Division or our K-9 Division or the Shop with A Cop program. Share memories at www.temrowskifamilyfuneralhome.com.

Nola Cavett

Barbara Gooding

Mark Kilbourne

Marjorie Wentworth

Alfred “Al” Martin Bauer
Alfred “Al” Martin Bauer - age 78 of Fenton, passed away in his home in Fenton in the community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as President of the Fenton Jaycee’s, President of the Fenton Rotary, President of the Fenton Jaycees, President of the Fun and Fenton Junior Achievement, and was on the board of the Genesee County Planned Parenthood, among others. After his longtime tenured in education and coaching, he coached his daughter in both Fenton High School and Fenton Community, and he was still active in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club and he served as President and Commodore of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club in the mid-1980s. He had a passion for golf and spent many summer afternoons at Spring Meadows Golf Club playing golf with his buddies. He was a proud father and grandfather of his daughter, son and their eight grandchildren. He loved to travel and often went to Colorado and North Carolina to visit his friends. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his two sons, Steve Bauer of Ellenton, Florida, and Greg Bauer of Grand Ledge, Michigan, his daughter, Michelle Bauer Carpenter of Boulder, Colorado, his son, Michael Bauer of Charlotte, North Carolina, and his eight grandchildren. A celebration of Al Bauer’s life is planned for July of 2017 in the Fenton area. A memorial website has been set up in the Al Bauer’s honor at Forever Missed, www.forevermissed.com.

Al and his family moved to Fenton in 1970 and became involved in the community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, where he served as President of the Fenton Jaycee’s, President of the Fenton Rotary, President of the Fun and Fenton Junior Achievement, and was on the board of the Genesee County Planned Parenthood, among others. After his longtime tenured in education and coaching, he coached his daughter in both Fenton High School and Fenton Community, and he was still active in the Lake Fenton Sailing Club and he served as President and Commodore of the Lake Fenton Sailing Club in the mid-1980s. He had a passion for golf and spent many summer afternoons at Spring Meadows Golf Club playing golf with his buddies. He was a proud father and grandfather of his daughter, son and their eight grandchildren. He loved to travel and often went to Colorado and North Carolina to visit his friends. He was loved by many and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his two sons, Steve Bauer of Ellenton, Florida, Greg Bauer of Grand Ledge, Miami, his daughter, Michelle Bauer Carpenter of Boulder, Colorado, his son, Michael Bauer of Charlotte, NC, and his eight grandchildren. A celebration of Al Bauer’s life is planned for July of 2017 in the Fenton area. A memorial website has been set up in the Al Bauer’s honor at Forever Missed, www.forevermissed.com.
DEAR AMY: I’m a 25-year-old woman. My fiancé of nearly three years recently broke up with me because of my mood swings and anxiety. They are linked to my depression. I have had bouts of depression since high school, but they were mild and short. My episodes increased while my fiancé and I faced increasing financial problems and unemployment. Then my depression reached a breaking point when we had to move in with my parents and I faced another long period of unemployment. Things got so bad that I started to lash out at him, even though I was not angry at him and never meant to cause him pain. After the break-up, I finally managed to get help. I am currently undergoing therapy and taking antidepressants, and I have a diagnosis. As a result, I feel like I have a chance to finally see myself as a normal human being. I realize just how badly I treated the man I loved. Now that we’re broken up, he barely wants to talk to me. I have hopes of getting another chance with him after completing more therapy, because I still love him. How do I tell him of my diagnosis and apologize for my behavior during those turbulent months without making it seem like an excuse? — Depressed, Now Broken

DEAR AMY: You should write to your ex and explain your situation, disclose your diagnosis and describe your treatment. Apologize for your behavior that caused him pain. This is not an excuse, but an explanation. Please don’t do anything to make him come back. Do this to complete the circle and as part of your recovery. Stick with your treatment and therapy, and do your best to get a fresh start.

DEAR AMY: I loved your advice to “Upset.” She and hubby had a deal about where they would ultimately live, and you suggested she should expect him to hold up his end of the agreement. I know what it’s like to live in a place where you are unhappy. After a year of living in Cleveland, a return to California became essential for both his career and our family. He and I also had an agreement. He kept his part of the bargain. We’ve been in California for 30+ years, and he would agree that changing home was the best thing we could have done! — Grateful

DEAR GRATEFUL: A deal is an agreement between two parties, and both need to make good on their part.

Few children outgrow tree-nut allergy

DEAR DR. ROACH: Can you tell me if there is any hope of a cure for tree-nut allergy, particularly for a child? — X.M.

ANSWER: Tree-nut allergies, like all allergies, vary in severity from mild to life-threatening. Allergies to tree nuts (these include walnuts, cashews, almonds and others) are common, are more likely to be severe, and tend to persist throughout lifetime. People with one tree-nut allergy may have others, and about 30 percent to 40 percent also may be allergic to peanuts (despite their being legumes, they share enough characteristics for co-allergic reactions). Peanut and tree-nut allergies appear to be increasing in prevalence over time. The mainstay of treatment is avoiding the allergen, which requires constant vigilance, careful reading of nutritional labels and a plan for treatment in case of ingestion, such as an epinephrine auto-injector. Only about 15 to 20 percent of younger children will develop tolerance to “outgrow” their allergy; an allergy that develops later in life usually is lifelong. Your allergist can do an oral food challenge to see if the allergy is resolving.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I’m a retired ob-gyn and am married to a practicing MD. I’m writing you today about autism and its use as a diagnosis. My view is that each individual is unique, mentally and physically. While autism may be one way to describe a personality, each person must deal with the world on its terms, not because of a diagnosis. I personally believe I am a variant of Asperger’s, but who knows? I don’t qualify as an Asperger’s diagnosis given by psychologists/psychiatrists. Yet, I have had many life experiences that are best explained by an Asperger’s diagnosis. What are your thoughts on Asperger’s syndrome? — A.G.

ANSWER: Since I recently published a letter by an adult who believed he was autistic despite never having received a diagnosis, I have had several letters like this. Autism, including its variant Asperger’s syndrome, is a spectrum of illnesses that share deficits in social interaction, communication and stereotyped, repetitive behaviors. In Asperger’s syndrome, there is no clinically significant delay in language and intellectual development. I certainly agree with you that each person is unique and that the label of a psychiatric condition, such as autism, bipolar or a personality disorder, has only limited usefulness. In the best case, it can give a person a way to start learning how to overcome challenges that similar people have faced. At worst, a label predisposes others to look at the person through a certain lens and to expect certain behaviors. I have had many patients with psychiatric diagnoses ask me not to put that into their medical record, after learning how built up enough trust to share the diagnosis with me. People have had such negative experiences based on their diagnosis, their label, that I don’t blame them for wanting to avoid being stereotyped. There is so much variation in all of these conditions — even in those of us considered neurologically typical — that we need to recognize the good and the bad side of making such a diagnosis.

DEAR DEPRESSED: You wrote to me about your depression and the death of your husband. I am married to a 40-something news producer, discovers that she’s pregnant. However, she isn’t sure if the baby’s father is Mark Fox (Calvin Fiber), her on-and-off boyfriend, or Jack Qwant (Patrick Dempsey), her new American love interest. Sharon Maguire, who directed 2001’s Bridget Jones’s Diary, returns to helm this sequel. Jim Broadbent, GemmaJones, and Emma Thompson co-star.

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.

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