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'Houses ...they're selling like hotcakes'



Real estate in 2017 is very strong in the tri-county area, creating a very competitive market, increased home values and many multiple offer situations.



Local Realtors advise how to navigate this very competitive market — as a buyer or seller

By Sally Rummel

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Whether you want to size-up or down-size your home this year, you'll be in a better position to buy in today's fast-paced real estate market if you sell your current home first.

"The beauty of having your home sold is that you're in a much better bargaining position as a buyer," said Carol Ray, Realtor/associate broker at Berkshire-Hathaway HomeServices in Fenton.

"Things are happening so fast; houses are selling like hotcakes and there are multiple offers."

For people worried about selling their home and having no place to go, Ray

advises clients to put their house on the market and ask for delayed occupancy. "Or or you can make the sale 'subject to the seller finding suitable housing within an agreed amount of time.'"

"Sellers shouldn't be afraid," she added. "Now's the time to take advantage of the market. If your agent is diligent, they'll find you a home, even if they have to knock on doors to do it."

John Wentworth of REMAX Platinum says that you have to be prepared with a strategy to be in this competitive market, whether you're a buyer or a seller.

"The market is strong," he said. "Reach out to us early. Get a hold of us now so

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(Top) Listing agent John Wentworth checks out a bedroom in Paul Williams' Fenton home on Thursday afternoon. (Right) Wentworth, Williams and the buyer's agent, Paula Visser, talk strategy for selling Williams' home before it is listed.

“The market is strong. Reach out to us early. Get a hold of us now so we can put a plan in place.”

John Wentworth
The John Wentworth Group
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Just sayin'...

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If I had the resources...

I recently wrote two articles about the number of vacant storefronts in the city of Fenton. There are approximately 35 currently.

One of our readers, Wade Pyles, a successful long-time Realtor and Chamber of Commerce volunteer, commented with a great idea and said let's fill them up. Other readers were asked what they would like to see come to Fenton.

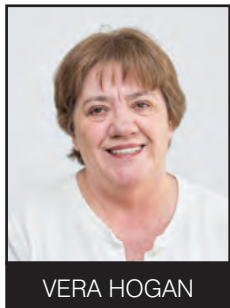
OK, I'll start.

Can you imagine a real art gallery in the city of Fenton. One where the works of local talent are given an exclusive showing for one or two nights. Serve a little wine and allow guests

to roam around enjoying the beauty and creativity. Perhaps buy a painting or two. Shoot, I would even wear a dress to something like that.

Although I've known her for years, I was stunned recently to learn that our editor, Sharon Stone, is a very talented artist, and has recently completed a few very beautiful paintings. Who knew! I wonder how many others are out there, artists whose works deserve to be put on display for everyone to admire and appreciate.

Another store I would love to see open, and I would do it if I had the money, is a shop where repurposed furniture and



VERA HOGAN

other household items are displayed and sold. I am always amazed by what a creative person can do with an old ratty chair, end table or other occasional furniture items, or even (ahem, Mr. Pyles) old wooden ladders. Recycling and giving a colorful new life to something that would have gone into the trash heap, I like it.

The next thing I would like to see is a little shop called something like "Take and Bake." Here, families and people of all ages could stop, pick up a specialty casserole ready to pop in the oven when they get home. Offer the dish in a throw-away tin casserole pan with baking instructions on the lid. Simple ones, like bake for 30 minutes at 350 degrees Fahrenheit, ready, set, eat. Then recycle the pan when it's empty.

Some delicious casseroles that immediately come to mind include a Reuben casserole, spaghetti casserole, taco casserole, and a variety of chicken, veggie and rice or pasta casseroles. There are so many from which to choose. These would make a killing during big game nights and here in Michigan there are many big game nights.

This one is near and dear to my heart because I grew up in the Chicago area. Why can't we get a Chicago-style hot-dog place in Fenton? There was one a long time ago when I first moved to town, but it didn't last too long. I think it was in a bad location to be honest, off the beaten track at the end of the plaza where the old Kmart used to be on N. Leroy Street. If we can support all of these coney dog and pizza places, can't we support one little old Chicago-style hotdog place? My mouth is watering thinking of the sport peppers.

Another idea I had was little gyms for babies and toddlers. One of the smaller storefronts would work for this. Fill them up with colorful mats and mirrors, get a few employees trained to work with small children and let them go to town for a few hours. Not all moms work outside of the home and take their children to daycare, but all moms need a little 'me time' once in a while. What better way to get the little ones interested in fitness than to make it a play date with other kids their age. Start 'em young and I'll bet they keep it up for a lifetime.

Well, those are just a few of my ideas. How about you? Email me at vhogan@tctimes.com and I'll plan a future column around your ideas.

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Paul Williams' three bedroom, three bathroom 1,360-square-foot home will be listed soon. Agent John Wentworth expects the house to sell within two weeks of being listed.

HOUSES

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we can put a plan in place."

He suggests that buyers think about: Can you buy before you sell? What are your options? Are you prepared to move twice?

If you're a first-time home buyer or facing a multiple offer situation, it's important that you make your offer stand out among the competition.

Generally, offers end up being similar, according to Wentworth. "We can advise you on making a strong deposit, waiving the appraisal, waiving the inspection. It all depends on the home and having confidence in your Realtor."

"You've got to think outside the box," he adds. "There's no stock answer for anything in real estate. Every transaction is situational."

What isn't selling in today's market? "An overpriced property," said Wentworth. "If a house hasn't sold in 30 days, there's a good chance it's over-priced, unless it's a million dollar home that typically takes longer to sell."

More people are coming into Fenton as a real estate destination, adding to the competitive market, according to Ken Brant of Brant & Associates in Fenton. "Prices are up and Fenton has more people interested in living here than ever before."

"You need a Realtor looking for you, knowing you'll have the option of looking at homes as soon as they hit

the market," said Brant. Even with the inventory of homes in short supply, Brant said that you have to trust you can find a home. "You may have to open your geographical location a bit, and be a little more flexible."

Sellers can now get top dollar for their home, compared to last year. "It's a positive direction for sellers," said Brant. "If they've taken care of their home, they'll get the price. But you can't sell high and buy low."

John Tremaine of Tremaine Real Living Real Estate says there are opportunities available in this market for people who can grab it. "In my 25 years as a

Realtor here, I've never had anyone unable to find a home. But if your offer is contingent upon the sale of your home, that's not going to work well in this market."

There is good news on the horizon, however. "The active number of homes will be up by 50 to 100 in the Fenton, Lake Fenton, Linden school districts in the next 30 days," said Patrik Welty of Legacy Realty.

"We are tighter on inventory this year even more than last year. It's a huge challenge for all of us, not having the inventory to meet the needs of buyers, especially in the affordable \$100- \$120,000 price range. But this will ease up in April, when many sellers want to get in the market, but are waiting for better weather, less mud, before showing their homes."

“Sellers shouldn’t be afraid. Now’s the time to take advantage of the market. If your agent is diligent, they’ll find you a home, even if they have to knock on doors to do it.”

Carol Ray
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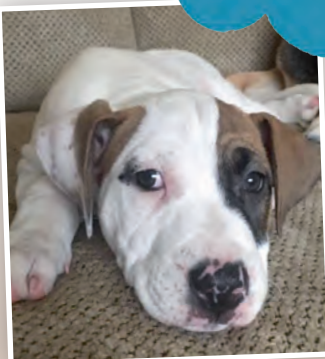


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BY VERA HOGAN

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The question of when do TV commercials go too far is a matter of opinion. There is no doubt, however, that companies are willing to spend big dollars on 30-second or longer TV ads guaranteed to solicit all kinds of responses.

SKITTLES

As though the idea of letting your kid rot his teeth on this sugary chewy candy is not enough, Skittles went to the extreme on its "French Kiss" spot. This was released on Feb. 14, 2014, Valentine's Day no less. The guy, Luis, never smiles, so a girl tickles the back of his neck to get him to grin. It turns out his teeth are made of Skittles, and she goes in for a French kiss to get some. Yum!



SKITTLES AGAIN

Not to worry, the next year, on May 25, 2015, Skittles did it again with "Skittles Pox." Warning signs of a Skittles Pox outbreak include Rainbow colors and loud "Mmmm" sounds from the afflicted. The boy and girl are under the bleachers and he tells her his doctor said he has Skittles Pox. She asks if the outbreak on his face is contagious. He said he doesn't think so. She just had to find out, picked one off, ate it and became covered with them herself.



PLAYSTATION 3

Some people are still scratching their heads, wondering what the creative minds at Playstation 3 were thinking when they produced the commercial called "The Baby." This ad, produced in November of 2006 represented the start of a \$150 million campaign. One, the one who understands what the commercial is about, has to hope they got their money's worth.



CARL'S JR.

Carl's Jr. is known for its racy ads featuring scantily clad women, and the 2015 Super Bowl spot for the chain's all-natural burger was no exception. Featuring a nearly-naked Charlotte McKinney, the ad immediately provoked cries of sexism and a study by ad research firm Ameritest found that 52 percent of viewers surveyed found it offensive. Which, it turns out, is the exact reaction Carl's Jr. CEO Andrew Puzder was gunning for. "If you don't complain, I go to the head of marketing and say, 'What's wrong with our ads?'" he recently said. "Those complaints aren't necessarily bad for us. What you look at is, you look at sales. And, our sales go up."



KMART

What may be considered in bad taste by some is actually kind of funny to others. In Kmart's November 2013 holiday commercial for the retail company's in-house underwear brand Joe Boxer features attractive male models swinging their lower torsos to the tune of the popular Christmas anthem "Jingle Bells" while wearing festive attire. They may not have been the bells of St. Mary but they were jingling all the way.

DORITOS



Babies continued to be popular TV commercial fodder 10 years later with the Doritos commercial, first aired in January of 2016. A pregnant woman is getting an ultrasound from her doctor, while her "charming" husband is smacking his lips, loudly eating Doritos from the bag. He pulls out another one and notices the unborn baby is reaching for the snack. The dad, classy guy that he is, and seemingly unaware of his wife's discomfort, waves the chip back and forth to which the baby responds by moving in the same direction as the chip back and forth. The wife finally has enough and grabs the chip out of his hand and tosses it across the room. The baby follows, out of the womb now, and everyone screams.

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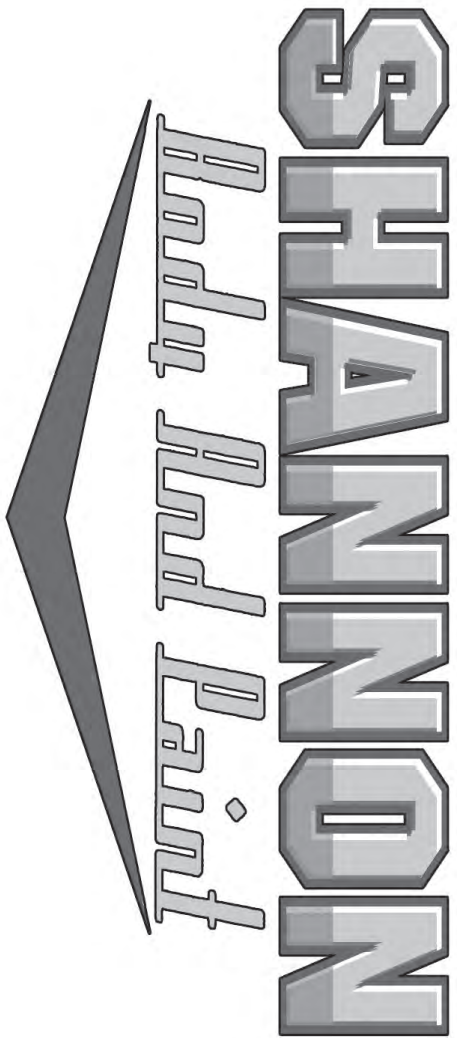


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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Petitioner,
v. Civil Action
No. 15-mc-51209
PATRICK J. CONLEY,
Honorable Linda V. Parker
Respondent.

ORDER ALLOWING ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

On September 1, 2015, an action
was initiated in this Court by the United
States against Patrick Conley, seeking
to judicially enforce the Internal Re-
venue Service Summons. An Amended
Petition to Enforce Internal Revenue
Service Summons was filed and an
Opinion and Order Granting the Gov-
ernment's Motion to Amend Petition to
Enforce IRS Summons and Ordering
Respondent to Show Cause was is-
sued on January 4, 2017. That order
directed the United States to person-
ally serve Mr. Conley with the govern-
ment's amended petition and opinion
and order granting the government's
motion and to show cause.

The government has filed a motion
with a supporting affidavit, attesting
to the fact that the respondent in this
action cannot be personally served
with the amended petition and opinion
and order granting the government's
motion and ordering respondent to
show cause because the respondent
is evading service. It therefore appears
to this Court that personal service of
the amended petition and opinion and
order granting the government's mo-
tion and ordering respondent to show
cause in this action cannot be made
on the respondent, and publication is
the best means available to apprise re-
spondent of the pending of this action.
Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a copy
of this order be published once each
week for three consecutive weeks in
the Tri-County Times, a newspaper of
general circulation within the County
of Genesee in the State of Michigan.
The first publication of this order shall
be made within ten (10) days from the
date of the entry of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the
United States shall serve a copy of
this order, the amended petition and
opinion and order granting the govern-
ment's motion to amend petition and
ordering respondent to show cause at
respondent's post office box by first
class certified mail, return receipt.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the
respondent, Patrick Conley, shall on or
before **April 21, 2017**, serve his writ-
ten response to the Amended Petition
on Jules DePorre, Assistant U.S. At-
torney, whose address is 600 Church
Street, Flint, Michigan 48502, or take
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 13, 2017
s/Linda V. Parker
LINDA V. PARKER
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE

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1. Present: Supervisor Mike Cunningham, Treasurer Marna Bunting-Smith, Clerk Marcella Husted, Trustees Soren Pedersen, Al Pool, David Walker and Chuck Schultz.
2. Approved the agenda as presented; approved the consent agenda as presented.
3. Received and placed on file Communication #1 as presented.
4. Approved the adjusted 2016-2017 budget as presented.
5. Adopted the General Appropriation Measure Resolution #170304.
6. Adopted the Headlee Operating Tax Millage Rate Resolution #170305.
7. Approved to enter into a contract with the Spicer Group for township engineering services.
8. Adopted Resolution #170306 establishing the Supervisor's salary as \$34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
9. Adopted Resolution #170307 establishing the Clerk's salary as \$34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
10. Adopted Resolution #170308 establishing the Treasurer's salary as \$34,839.44 for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
11. Adopted Resolution #170309 establishing the Trustees' salaries as \$164.66 per meeting for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.
12. Adopted Resolution #170310 revising the Cell Phone Usage Policy to remove the stipulation that the Supervisor's emergency phone number be published on the website.
13. Authorized to write off one uncollectible fire run fee in the amount of \$1,062.00.
14. Accepted the bid of .1825 per gallon from Chloride Solutions, LLC for the township's road chloride services.
15. Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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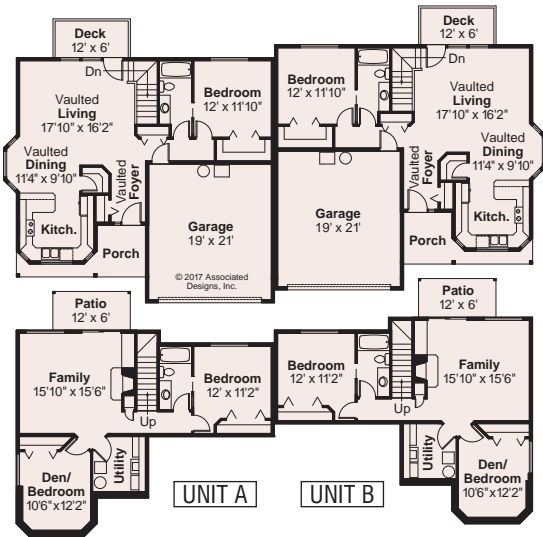
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By: rjohnson

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ORDINANCE NO. 702

Ordinance No. 702, an Ordinance to provide for the enforcement of the Michigan Building, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Codes and to designate the City of Fenton as the enforcing agency was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 702 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on March 27, 2017. This Ordinance will take effect on April 26, 2017.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 702 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: March 27, 2017
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SundaySudoku

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Answer key located in this edition

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FEATURES

SuperCrossword

IT TAKES
TWO

ACROSS

- 1 Sighing word
5 Humiliate
10 Sugar-name suffix
13 Stretch (out)
19 Billiards item
20 Drive rudely (out)
21 Flanders of "The Simpsons"
22 Mambo music's Tito
23 Bicycle add-ons for tykes
26 Make a new blueprint for
27 Cut and Paste setting
28 Give relief to
29 Protein formed during blood clotting
30 Sue Grafton's "— for Ricochet"
31 Sterile hand wear
35 Three, in 6-Down
38 PIN-taking dispenser
39 "Hands off!"
40 Microwaves, e.g.
41 Stalled-car clip-ons

- 45 Metalliferous rock
47 "The Neverending Story" author Michael
48 Related to earthquakes
49 Hi- — monitor
50 A little wet
52 Edberg of tennis fame
54 Horse rider's attachments
59 Dot in the sea, to José
63 Part of Gr. Britain
64 Entertainer Lollobrigida
66 The older Obama girl
67 Theme of this puzzle
73 Asocial sort
74 She had a show with Sonny
75 "It's — -brainer"
76 Rogen of "Superbad"
77 They look like footless socks
81 Gymnast Olga
84 "Ghost" co-star Demi

- 85 Stylist's goo
86 Coastal
91 In a crowd of
95 Pal, casually
96 Rink rentals
98 Ignited again
100 Commercial charge
102 Cozy lodging
103 Tacit assents
104 Part of some made-up faces
107 Teeny bit
109 Little leaves on flowers
110 Old jazz singer Anita
111 Collective software clients
116 Bela of old horror films
117 They often surround titles
119 Wiped from the board
120 A/C abbr.
121 Broadway prizes
122 Luau favors
123 Blank out
124 Jet to JFK, once
125 Garments for Gaius
126 Ineffectual

DOWN

- 1 Funny Johnson
2 Hog fat
3 Antioxidant-rich berry
4 Many Aspen outings
5 Sky ram
6 Old German capital
7 City of golf's Masters
8 Albany-to-Baltimore dir.
9 Passé anesthetic
10 Toddlers' bodysuits
11 Opt for
12 Mag VIPs
13 Parsley part
14 Adobe dwelling
15 Scold gently
16 Pep up
17 Done
18 Lion's locale
24 Abbr. for people with only two names
25 Aerie nesters
29 Ornate
32 Dark area in an eclipse
33 Do — deed

- 34 Dir. 45 degrees from 8-Down
35 Dance club VIPs
36 Regret a lot
37 Big British record co.
38 Brogue
42 Middle of summer?
43 Solemn acts
44 Running times
46 Subj. for some immigrants
50 The "m" of "yes'm"
51 Office sub
53 E-I linkup
54 Skin diver's tube
55 Flock noises
56 "It's —!" ("Untrue!")
57 Surrounded
58 Military band
59 "— turn up"
60 Brogue, e.g.
61 "What a ding-a- —!"
62 Freshly
65 Hard water
68 Mass unit
69 Realty unit
70 Corn unit
71 Congenital
72 Verb counterparts

- 78 Plunder, e.g.
79 Eel types
80 Rub down
82 North fired by Reagan
83 "Bad!" cluck
85 Charges
87 Off-the-wall sport?
88 An Amerind
89 Color of chili
90 Suffix with govern
91 Whelp yelp
92 Put a ruler to
93 Outlawed
94 Get rid (of) display
96 Digital
97 Subsequent
99 China shop ensemble
101 Defies openly
105 Skip, as a syllable
106 Hotel chain
107 Nail-biting
108 Ulna locale
112 Tofu bean, to Brits
113 Environs
114 Kind of milk
115 "To be," in Latin
116 Fronted
117 NFL VIPs
118 Also

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HOMWORK
Word:
4. Thwart
3. Remote
2. Beckon
1. Heart

"ROCK" BOTTOM
When he was let go —
Answer:
COWARD, BOTTLE
MOUND, CHOKER
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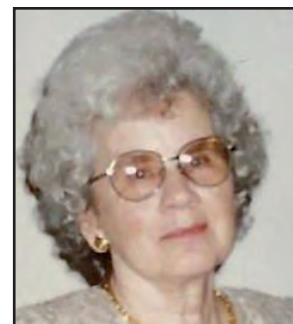
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Elsie Elaine Venema

1924-2017

Elsie Elaine Venema - age 93, of Rockford, MI formerly of Eaton Rapids, MI went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 24, 2017. Elsie was born on February 15, 1924 the daughter of Raymond and Maude (Crosby) Smith in Harrisville, MI. Surviving are her children, Donald (Chris) Venema, Diane (Phil) Sarlo, Phillip Venema, Paul (Jan) Venema, Doris Cruz; daughter-in-law, Sandy McDonald; 23 grandchildren; 59 great-grandchildren; sister, Betty Casey; brother, Dale (Janice) Smith and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at Skinner Funeral Home, Eaton Rapids Chapel. The family will receive friends on Tuesday, April 11, 2017 from 4-8 PM. For those desiring memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church 2592 S. Michigan Rd. Eaton Rapids, MI 48827. To share memories or condolences please visit www.SkinnerFuneralHomes.com.



Lon Vee Bradley Jr.

1945-2017
Lon Vee Bradley Jr. - age 71, of Fenton, died March 24, 2017. Funeral services were held 1 PM Wednesday, March 29, 2017 at Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 Silver Lake Rd., Fenton. Visitation was held 10 AM until time of service on Wednesday at the funeral home. Lon was born October 14, 1945 in Flint the son of Lon Vee and Caroline (Swainston) Bradley. He resided in Fenton for 33 years. Lon graduated from Flint Southwestern High School in 1963. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army serving during Vietnam. He worked for the City of Flint retiring from the Water Department. He is survived by his two children, Kristin Rae Bradley of Swartz Creek, Kyle Lon Bradley of Fenton; sister, Mary (James) Fishwick of Fenton; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Tributes may be shared on the obituaries page at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com.



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Irritable bowel syndrome vanishes after 35 years

DEAR DR. ROACH: I'm a 77-year-old man in good health except for irritable bowel syndrome for 35 years. Six months ago, I started taking two low-dose aspirins daily as a preventive, and since then all IBS symptoms have disappeared. Stools and frequency are now normal and without any intense cramping, gas or urgency, which I had for all those years. Frankly, I'm pleasantly shocked, since I thought IBS had no cure. I take no other medications or supplements, so it seems likely that the aspirin has alleviated or maybe cured my IBS. I thought other readers might be interested. Any thoughts?
— B.C.

ANSWER: Yours is a very unusual but not unheard of response to aspirin. Most people with IBS find that aspirin and other anti-inflammatories worsen IBS symptoms. I have read of others who have the same response you seem to, however. Aspirin remains controversial as a preventive in people without heart disease, but I believe the benefits outweigh the risks in people at high risk for heart disease, even if they are undiagnosed. Always speak with your doctor before beginning a course of aspirin, even if it's low-dose.

DEAR DR. ROACH: I have taken the same dosage of Synthroid for several years. Since this dose successfully maintains my thyroid level, is it still necessary for me to have my bloodwork done once a year, or could I either stop having bloodwork done or have the test performed every other year?
— R.M.

Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu. To view and order health pamphlets, visit www.rbmamall.com, or write to Good Health, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803. (c) 2017 North America Synd., Inc. All Rights Reserved

ANSWER: In general, the dose of replacement thyroid remains roughly constant over the long term. However, the dose may need to be adjusted for several reasons, including weight change, other medication use, change in absorption due to gastrointestinal developments or pregnancy. Also, even normal aging alters the metabolism of thyroid hormone, so I'd recommend continuing to check levels once yearly at a minimum. The booklet on thyroid disorders provides insight into the various forms and treatment of this disease. Readers can order a copy by writing:

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DEAR DR. ROACH: Several weeks ago, I contracted a bad cold with much congestion. I have received an antibiotic plus nasal spray, and most of the congestion is gone. I have no pain. My concern is that my ears are still partially blocked. I can clear them by pinching my nose and blowing, such as one does in an aircraft, but I must do this frequently. I am worried about hearing damage. I don't know what else to do. — R.F.

ANSWER: The Eustachian tube connects your middle ear with the back of the throat and equalizes the pressure in your ear. It is common for congestion to linger. Fortunately, it does not permanently damage hearing, and usually goes away by itself. Decongestants can help, but do not use a decongestant spray such as Afrin (oxymetazoline) for more than three days.

To your GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.



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Action & Adventure, Kids & Family, Science Fiction & Fantasy

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- 1 Tablespoon butter
- 1/4-1/2 cup milk or almond milk
- Salt (to taste)
- Cooked and shredded Chicken - optional
- Sautéed Mushrooms - optional

DIRECTIONS

Add orzo to a large pot of salted boiling water. Cook for 3 minutes then add chopped broccoli and cook for 2 more minutes, or until orzo is tender. Drain well (broccoli florets are notorious for holding onto water) then return to the pot. Add cheeses, butter, and 1/4 cup milk then stir well and add more milk if needed. Season with salt to taste. Optional: add cooked chicken and mushrooms to make a main dish.

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Ditch the shock treatment

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: My little dog "Sherry" barks like crazy every time someone knocks or rings the bell. I've been trying to teach her to stop by using a spray bottle of water, as well as a sonic training device. So far, it's just not working at all. What can I do?
— Janet P., via email

PAW'S CORNER

BY SAM MAZZOTTA



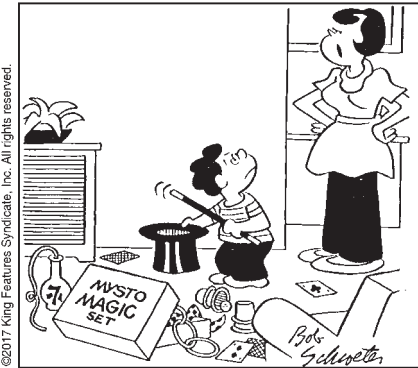
DEAR JANET: One of the reasons I rarely recommend tools like spray bottles or sonic trainers is because owners often rely on them as a primary means of behavior modification, rather than a last resort. Barking at the door is a common behavior for dogs — to them, it's their job! So, when an owner suddenly spritzes a dog as it's rushing to the door, or zaps it with a sonic noise, it's very confusing and even traumatizing. These methods are designed to "shock" your dog into outright stopping what they're doing.

But that doesn't help them understand what you actually want them to do. Get back to the basics with Sherry's training. You need to reinforce three primary commands: come, sit and stay. Work with her every day in a quiet setting. She must come the first time you call; she must sit the first time you tell her to; and she must stay in place until you give the command to come. Give her lots of praise and a little treat only when she does these correctly. (Do not scold her or get frustrated if she doesn't respond quickly — just be patient and positive.) Between training, when someone knocks at the door, command Sherry to come when she starts barking. When she gets to you, have her sit down before you answer the door. Once Sherry responds well to basic commands, you can add the command "quiet" to her repertoire.

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!

Compassion				
RATHE				
Entice				
KEBONC				
Private				
METEOR				
Defeat				
WRATT				
TODAY'S WORD				



"I suppose you made your _____ disappear along with the rabbit!"

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