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By Tim Jagielo

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On Tuesday night, Fenton High School hosted a 70-musician concert, drawing 250 guests. It featured Fenton High School jazz and percussion ensembles, and 32 French students in an exchange program through the Flint Institute of Music.

Fenton students also have the opportunity to play internationally. "That's taking music to the next level," said Jennifer Fleck, executive director for the Fenton Community Orchestra, which recently received a grant, making Fleck's unofficial position for the past four years official.

She said concert attendance, and rehearsal attendance are both climbing.

On Wednesday morning, Laura Blanchard gave lessons to infants, children and teens.

See **INSTRUMENT** on 4B



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Lake Fenton High School Band Director Ryan Gonder leads the Symphonic Band through "Armed Forces on Parade," for a patriotic performance in Washington, D.C. in the spring. He said he enjoys seeing his students engaged in the music while they perform. This is where music lessons end up for some — performing with others, in front of a crowd.

“It might be that smart kids get involved in music, or music makes you smart.”

Ryan Gonder
Lake Fenton High School band director

What do lessons cost?

At **A Joyful Noise** in Fenton, there are 10 options for private lessons, and many others for small group, and group classes. Instruction costs between \$40 and \$60 an hour, depending on the instructor.

Classes for children 0 to 6 can be found at blanchardstudio.yourvirtuoso.com, through **Kindermusik**.

Also check out the **Flint Institute of Music** at thefim.org.

Instruments themselves vary widely in cost — you can buy new or used, electronic or acoustic. Band instruments can be rented or bought locally. Musiciansfriend.com lists a student violin for \$159, for example. An electronic drum kit to save family members' ears can cost \$160 as well, to get started.

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LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **107 DAYS**

NICOLAS CAGE & LISA MARIE PRESLEY

Elvis' daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, married Nic Cage in 2002 and regretted the decision almost immediately. "I'm sad about this," Presley said in a statement issued by her publicist. "But we shouldn't have been married in the first place. It was a big mistake."



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **55 HRS.**

BRITNEY SPEARS & JASON ALEXANDER

Britney Spears and childhood friend Jason Alexander went all in during a 2004 trip to Las Vegas. The pair said "I Do"... and 55 hours later said "I Don't."



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **163 DAYS**

DREW BARRYMORE & TOM GREEN

The couple enjoyed teasing the public about their impending wedding date — even staging a Saturday Night Live stunt to get the country clamoring for the real thing. But in the end, the Hollywood couple enjoyed the thought of marriage much more than the action.

Sources: time.com, huffingtonpost.com, xtinity.com

LENGTH OF MARRIAGE:

122 DAYS

PAMELA ANDERSON & KID ROCK

One would think that a booze-filled wedding on a yacht in St. Tropez would be the secret to lasting happiness, but Pamela Anderson and Kid Rock proved that despite their tropical nuptials, marriage isn't always smooth sailing. They married in true rock-star style with Anderson in a white bikini and Rock in a white T-shirt and baseball cap. But the whirlwind marriage came to a screeching halt in November 2006, when Rock and Anderson literally raced each other to the courthouse to file divorce papers. He beat her to it by 53 minutes.



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **4 MOS**

JENNIFER ESPOSITO & BRADLEY COOPER

Chances are you didn't even know Bradley Cooper was married. Well, he was... but for less than six months. Cooper wed actress Jennifer Esposito in December of 2007 after announcing their engagement in October. She filed for divorce that May.



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **26 DAYS**

AXL ROSE & ERIN EVERLY

Guns N' Roses rocker Axl Rose wed Erin Everly, the muse behind his hit song "Sweet Child o' Mine," in a quickie wedding in Las Vegas. Unfortunately, their marriage didn't make it to day 30.



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **72 DAYS**

KIM KARDASHIAN & KRIS HUMPHRIES

Reality star Kim Kardashian and the basketball player Kris Humphries got married on August 20, 2011 in a \$10 million ceremony that was filmed for a two-part special on E! Despite the media blitz, their marriage quickly crumbled and Kardashians filed for divorce after just 72 days.



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **218 DAYS**

JENNIFER LOPEZ & CRIS JUDD

Jennifer Lopez spent a brief seven months married to professional dancer and choreographer Cris Judd. The two met when Judd was hired to perform in her music video for "Love Don't Cost a Thing." Married in September 2001, the couple called it quits by June of the following year.



LENGTH OF MARRIAGE: **225 DAYS**

RENÉE ZELLWEGER & KENNY CHESNEY

Renée Zellweger once thought Kenny Chesney's tractor was sexy. The pair, who wed in May 2005, tied the knot on the Caribbean island of St. John, a mere four months after they met at a tsunami-relief event. But like their brief courtship, their marriage quickly ended.

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CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 690

Ordinance No. 690, which amends the City of Fenton Human Rights Ordinance No. 679 to renumber said ordinance which shall result in adding Chapter 15.5 Human Rights to the City of Fenton Code, and to repeal all ordinances or parts thereof in conflict therewith, was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

Ordinance No. 690 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on February 9, 2015. This Ordinance will take effect upon publication.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 690 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.

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INSTRUMENT

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She runs the Kindermusik program out of her home in Fenton, under the umbrella of her business, Blanchard Music Studio.

At Lake Fenton High School, Band Director Ryan Gonder prepared his symphonic band for a show this spring in Washington, D.C., as other local high schools rehearsed for the next event.

There's music happening at all levels all around the tri-county area, all the time, and experts agree — learning an instrument is good for you. Blanchard said, "It's a motivator for so many things. It engages children in a way that nothing else can."

Gonder said music helps connect the brain hemispheres at a young age, and can enhance development. It can become a relaxing hobby at an older age, and a great brain workout for anyone.

Lake Fenton students can take music all the way up from the elementary level. A "true music education" seems to enhance ACT scores, though Gonder can't say for sure if it's causal. "It might be that smart kids get involved in music, or music makes you smart."

Scientists measuring brain activity see a jubilee of fireworks go off in the brain of a musician the moment they pick up their music instrument.

To get started in music as a child in school, it's easy — engage with the program at school.

For adults, Fleck, who plays string bass, suggests sitting in on an orchestra rehearsal to see which instruments interest you, and see how they work.

Gonder said that it's difficult to decide which instruments are more challenging to learn. Something that requires careful breath support, like a French horn, would be difficult. Adults might find that learning an instrument is harder for them than it would be for a child.

Blanchard said that although her children can play piano and are taking violin lessons, the violin might be more difficult because of the control and the ear that it takes — although a piano demands all 10 fingers be used in rhythm, at once.

A good place to start might be private music lessons, and then jump into working and playing with other musicians at a similar skill level.

"You're sharing something with other people, with the joy of music," said Fleck, adding that working in the group can keep you going. When you have to get ready to perform, you work harder at it. "It's very easy to quit if you're on your own," she said.

News briefs

Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Home Services collecting HAP's Boots for Kids

The Fenton office of Berkshire Hathaway Michigan Home Services is once again collecting boots for the HAP's Boots for Kids campaign, now through the end of February. Steven Melchor, who is coordinating this drive locally, said the campaign is in special need of adult-size boots for teens. "You can drop off any kid's boots or monetary donations at our office or any other Berkshire Hathaway office in Grand Blanc, Clarkston, Commerce, Saginaw or Troy. Last year, HAP collected over 1,000 pairs of boots." A special event will take place on Friday, Feb. 20 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the office located at 2359 West Shiawassee Ave. in Fenton. Free pizza and prizes will be given away. Last year, the Fenton office was the third largest donor for this boots campaign. For more information, call the office at (810) 629-0680.

Easter baskets for area families in need

Efforts are underway to help families in need in Fenton and surrounding areas by providing Easter baskets for children age birth through eighth-grade. This project involves the combined efforts of local churches, businesses and volunteers. Organizers are asking the community for assistance to ensure that each child may have their own Easter basket to enjoy. Easter baskets will be assembled on Thursday, April 1 at 9 a.m. in the Family Life Center, next to the Fenton United Methodist Church, 119 South LeRoy St. Baskets will be available for pick-up from 1 to 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. Volunteers are welcome to assist with the basket assembly. If you need or know of a family in need of assistance in Fenton or surrounding areas, call LOVE, INC at (810) 235-4990 (9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday) to request an Easter basket for your child/children. To contribute to this project:

- Donate or collect items, including Easter baskets, individually wrapped candy, gum, chocolate bunnies, small books, small stuffed animals, small toys, plastic eggs, toothbrush/toothpaste, ribbon and cellophane.
- Monetary donations are accepted. Checks are to be made payable to FUMC, with Easter Basket written on memo line. Mail or drop off at church (address above).
- Assist with basket assembly on April 1.

For more information, contact coordinator Carolyn Lynch at lynchcar@aol.com or (810) 629-2132.

CITY OF LINDEN – PUBLIC HEARING ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT

The Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Monday, March 2, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., as part of the regular meeting agenda, in the Council Chambers located at 201 N. Main Street, Linden, Michigan, to consider an amendment to Section 9.8.2 of the City of Linden Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the membership of the Sign Review Committee. The text of the proposed amendments is available for review at the city offices during normal business hours. Persons wishing to comment on the matter are encouraged to attend the public hearing or to address written comments to the City Clerk in City Hall at P.O. Box 507, 132 E. Broad Street, Linden, Michigan 48451 prior to the date of the public hearing.

Compiled by Alexei Rose, intern

What scholarships are you applying for?

Asked of Lake Fenton High School students

streettalk



"I am applying for hon-ors scholarships at Ferris State University."

Lucy Reigle
Senior



"I am applying for schol-arships from US First Robotics Organization and Michigan Tech."

Nic Knoch
Senior



"I am mostly applying for academic scholar-ships."

Chloe Frey
Senior



"The Lake Fenton schol-arship and academic from Oakland Univer-sity."

Emma Donnelly
Senior



"I am strictly applying for robotics scholar-ships."

Justin Boyle
Senior



"Robotics scholarships along with a few others I may apply for in the future."

Wiley Thomas
Senior



Happy, snowy trails at Dauner-Martin

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | TIM JAGIELO

Sunday afternoon weather was pleasant for a hike through Dauner-Martin Nature Preserve in Fenton. (Above) Cindy Ross walks Smokey, her 12-year-old Australian cattle dog mix toward Dauner Road. (Below) Brothers Antonio Caballero, 17, and Francisco, 11, build a snowman. Because the preserve is so close to their home, "There's no point not to go," said Antonio, who goes at least once per week.



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►Larger updates will take more resources and planning, but will make your home ready for spring

By Sally Rummel

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The best cure for cabin fever is to keep busy, and there's no better place to start this time of year than inside your home.

Looking at your four walls during these long winter months makes you see all the home interior possibilities that will freshen your living space for the coming spring.

Some of the projects you may want to tackle include short-term and long-term upgrades. Let's start with the projects that are easy on the budget and your time, then we'll tackle those long-term projects that require more planning and resources.

EASY FIXES

- **Paint a wall** with an accent color that you pick up from a favorite accessory or piece of furniture.
- **Paint the ceiling** a darker color than the walls to cozy up a room.

See **INTERIOR** on 9B

“When you're changing the flooring in your kitchen or bath, that's the time to put in the heated flooring. You'll never regret doing it, but you'll always be sorry if you don't.”

Scott Tarkleson
Fenton Lakes
Building & Design

Here's a budget bathroom makeover

6 simple steps to re-finishing the vanity

If your bathroom contains a typical dated oak vanity, globe lighting with gold fixtures, here's an affordable, not-too-time-consuming budget fix, according to a blog on Centsational Girl.



Remove all hardware and cabinet doors.



Prime cabinet door fronts, drawers and frame with oil-based primer. Sand away any brush strokes or drips.



Tape off walls, countertops and flooring with painter's tape.



Paint with two coats of either oil-based paint in semi-gloss, or latex paint especially designed for bathrooms.



Clean all parts of cabinetry and lightly sand with medium grit sanding wedge to remove any debris.



Reattach doors/drawer fronts and hardware.

This project also included disassembling the faucet and painting over the gold with a nickel paint, adding a new light fixture and frame around the mirror.

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GRAY is still the most popular neutral

►Pair it with new colors for an exciting new look at home

By Sally Rummel

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"Fifty Shades of Grey" may be the name of a new movie based on a series of titillating novels, but it also speaks volumes about the continuing popularity of the color gray as a neutral for home décor.

"Gray is still our most popular neutral paint palette," said Morgan Freeborg of Sherwin Williams Paints in Fenton. "Grays don't age a home's decor like beiges do. Be sure to

choose a rich gray tone in gold, green or blue to avoid an industrial 'garage-feel' in your home."

A fresh coat of paint is still the best "bang for your buck" in bringing a new look to your home's interior.

"People are playing with different sheens, like flat on walls and semi-gloss on trim," said Freeborg, who provides in-store design help for customers who request it. "Popular this year is the matte finish, which is in between a flat and a satin. Gray is still the neutral of choice; it's a good foundation, which

Gray is still the neutral of choice; it's a good foundation, which allows you to ease into color.

Morgan Freeborg
Sherwin Williams Paint in Fenton

allows you to ease into color. Blues and teals are very pretty with grays."

If you're planning to play a bit with color this spring while tackling a paint job, you might want to look at some of the color trends for 2015.

The Pantone Color Institute has once again made its selection of "Color of the Year," choosing Marsala, named after the full-bodied wine. It's a rich and welcoming hue in paint, accent pieces and upholstery, especially when the color is applied to textured surfaces, such as rugs and upholstered living room furniture, according to the Pantone website. It's a natural fit for the kitchen and dining room, providing a unifying element for walls, tabletops and linens. The hue will be especially prominent in striping and floral patterns found in printed placemats, dinnerware, bedding and throws.

Marsala combines dramatically with neutrals, including warmer taupes and grays. Because of its burnished undertones, this sultry hue is highly compatible with amber, umber and golden yellows, greens in both turquoise and teal and blues in the more vibrant range.

Speaking of blues, dark navy is a growing trend because of its versatility with other colors, including pink, cream, gray, coral and sage.

With so many choices, a wise homeowner will take home a sample of custom-mixed paint in the desired hue and try it out on a wall, or at least on a poster board "swatch." The natural light at home, plus the ability to try out the color with your own home furnishings, will make it more likely that the paint will be the exact color you were looking for.

The right tools for the job

For a consistent, long-lasting finish, you need to apply paint with high quality brushes and rollers for a thicker, more uniform and durable coat of paint. Top quality equipment will also speed up and simplify your work.

"Having the right brushes and rollers is huge, when it comes to the outcome of your paint job," said Ken McKay, of McKay's Do-it-Best Hardware in Holly.

Which brush do you need?

Match the size and shape of your brushes to the job at hand — large brushes for **See GRAY on 10B**

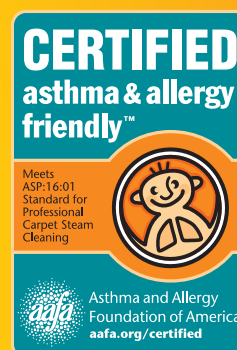
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MAKE THE MOST
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Beyond that door — tips to tame your cluttered closet

By Yvonne Stegall

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When it comes to organizing your home, one of the hardest spots may just be your closet. Closets serve many purposes, as you likely know. The closet isn't just home to clothes — it can often become a catchall to many items.

Holly resident Brigitte Todd of Clutter T.O.S.S. said, "They tend to be over filled. The results are no space, wasted time in searching, being late, and the emotional stress one feels as a consequence."

If your closet is causing you stress, it's time to get it organized. As an expert at decluttering and organization, Todd has many tips for getting your closet back in shape.

First, she said, "Go through your closet and anything not being worn should go." Damaged and stained items should be gotten rid of, including items with any bad memory associations.

For anyone without time, or motivation, for a closet redo, Todd suggested, "Take all the clothing on hangers and hang the hangers backwards in your closet. As you use items in your closet, hang them correctly." This will show

you what you've worn and what you haven't, making it an easier decision on what to toss.

Don't just throw all the unwanted stuff in the trash to go to the landfill. Todd said, "Have a container to put clothes that you wish to donate." When your container is full, drop it off at Goodwill.

Todd also suggested ensuring that you use all of the available space in your closet. "The high shelf, the back of the doors and the walls are all great spaces to use to their fullest potential," she said. "On the high shelf, place items that you use the least. If they are used rarely but needed, perhaps you can find a place elsewhere in the house," she added. Use the back of the door too, by hanging a towel bar for scarves or belts, or a pocket organizer for the small items in your closet.

She said, "The walls too can be used to hang hooks, bars or small shelves."

Once your closet has been decluttered, Todd said, "Everything in your closet should — fit well, be worn regularly and project the image you want to project. Any clothing that does not fall into one of these categories should be gone."

"It's about function and what your needs are. You can have the best closet system in the world and if you don't commit yourself to the organization it won't work."

Todd Swartz
Owner, The Closet Place

INTERIOR

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- **Give a room** an updated look with an accent wall of wallpaper in a geometric print or texture.
- **Use indigo blue** or deep navy as an accent color, as the perfect complement to Marsala, the 2015 Pantone Color of the Year, according to Zillow Digs home design expert Kerrie Kelly.
- **Change out knobs** or handles in cabinetry, dressers and vanities for an easy, updated look. "Be sure to measure carefully where the holes are, so you don't have to fill in holes later," said Scott Tarkleson of Fenton Lakes Building & Design.
- **Re-facing or re-painting** cabinets for a fresh new look. Try a vanity in your bathroom first (see sidebar).
- **Update your kitchen** or bath countertops with granite or quartz. "I've sold more quartz countertops than ever before," said Tarkleson.
- **Learn how to design** and install your own backsplash for an easy and affordable new look in your kitchen. Check out do-it-yourself workshops at home retailers or youtube.com videos to get started.
- **Install chair rails** and moldings on walls, around ceilings and doors to add a touch of class and texture to any room.

LARGER UPGRADES

Kitchens and baths are always a good place to start, according to Tarkleson. "To create an open concept floor plan, you can gain space by removing the walls from a small formal dining room and small kitchen."

Here are a few other large upgrades:

KITCHEN

- **Add a second sink** for food preparation. "People want to have room for two cooks in the kitchen," said Tarkleson.
- **Add a second oven.**
- **The newest cabinetry** style is painted cabinets. Custom painted cabinets allow homeowners to match, accent and customize their new cabinets. "People are mixing up cabinet colors, using whites and tans on cabinetry and an accent color on an island, for example," said Tarkleson.
- **Engineered wood-look** laminates are becoming more and more popular. "Many of our clients are requesting heated floors in their kitchens, for cozy comfort for early morning coffee and late-night snacking," said Tarkleson.

BATH

- **Big showers with** multiple showerheads and Euro-style glass shower doors continue to be the most popular bath renovations, according to Tarkleson.
- **Oversized deep soaking** tubs are more popular than hot tubs or air tubs for the bath, but most homeowners are replacing tubs with large showers.
- **Electric heated floors** under tile are becoming an affordable luxury, said Tarkleson. For 50 square feet of heated flooring, you can expect to pay about \$400 for the heating units, plus \$300 to \$400 to wire and install, adding the cost of tile. "When you're changing the flooring in your kitchen or bath, that's the time to put in the heated flooring," said Tarkleson. "You'll never regret doing it, but you'll always be sorry if you don't."



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large surfaces and small brushes for small areas. For interior walls and ceilings, use brushes between 3 inches and 4 inches wide. To cut in corners of walls, use a 2-inch wide brush with tapered edges. When applying any type of latex paint, use only brushes with synthetic bristles. With oil-based paints, you can use either natural or synthetic bristle brushes.

Selecting paint rollers

You'll need several different sizes, depending on whether you're painting large surfaces or a small area. When using latex paint, use roller covers with a synthetic nap. When applying alkyd or oil-based paints, you can use either synthetic or natural fiber covers. In general, you should paint smooth surfaces with short-nap rollers and rough surfaces with long-nap rollers.

Source: BobVila.com

Compiled by Sally Rummel, Staff Reporter

What home improvement project would you like to tackle first this year?**streettalk**

"We're finishing up painting a beach scene in our bedroom."

Megan Worley
Fenton



"We're re-doing our kitchen, starting with the cabinets and countertop."

Darren Warford
Fenton Township



"We just remodeled our entire home and are putting it up for sale."

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"We're going to have our 15-year-old roof re-done."

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"I'm going try to re-do the electrical job that a drunken electrician did in 1996."

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► Warm grays, tailored accents, texture are trending in 2015

By Yvonne Stegall

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If you want to have windows that make your friends jealous, it helps to look into the trends and designs that are being predicted for the year. The New Year is well under way, and folks are busy talking about beautiful Victorian patterns that will be adorning many a window.

Actually, Victorian and art deco are the looks to watch for according to HGTV. They both add whimsy and texture to your home's overall look.

When visiting the store to purchase your window treatments, you can expect

to see more subtle color palettes, with relaxing grays and pale blues. These tones will match up well with other natural tones that are popular right now.

Pale isn't the only way to go, though. There will be some more loud colors from nature out there too. The bright floral colors of the Brazilian rainforest are also looking to be in style this year.

“Many are going for just a blind and a panel or decorative rods.”

Dawn Volz
Interiors by Bonnie

According to Dawn Volz, at Interiors by Bonnie in Fenton, “We are still seeing a lot of browns, but now they are merging into a gray/brown.” She said the gray is staying a warm tone, such as cement colors.

One of the biggest judges of the popular color palette each year is Pantone, an X-Rite company and the global color

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Common mistakes made on home renovation projects

Home improvement projects can turn a house into a home. Homeowners plan scores of renovations to transform living spaces into rooms that reflect their personal tastes and comforts.

Homeowners going it alone may find things do not always go as planned. In fact, a Harris Interactive study found that 85 percent of homeowners say remodeling is a more stressful undertaking than buying a home. But homeowners about to embark on home improvement projects can make the process go more smoothly by avoiding these common pitfalls.

TREATMENTS

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authority. PANTONE 18-1438 Marsala, which is a naturally robust and earthy wine red, is the Color of the Year for 2015. A reddish brown color was named after a wine produced in the Italian city of Marsala in Sicily.

Color isn't the only aspect of having eye-pleasing windows in your home. It's also important to look at textures, drapery and curtain length, and what types of materials you are using.

Volz said, "Accents are popular right now, but people are going for a more tailored look." Valences with accent colors in bands or cording are popular.

While HGTV says lengthy looks are in,

with curtains and draperies that sweep the floor, Volz said people are more interested in blinds. "The blinds this year are different, with people going for a more patterned or textured look with roller shades." She said many want the added sun protection in their homes, especially in the winter when the sun is lower.

HGTV said layers are in, but Volz said that around here simple is what people are looking for. "Many are going for just a blind and a panel or decorative rods."

Choose colors that help your furniture stand out. Your window no longer needs to be the focal point of the room; instead, it can help enhance the overall look. Texture, using embellishments like beads, is also a popular look this year.

Failing to understand the scope of the project

Some homeowners don't realize just how big a commitment they have made until they get their hands dirty. But understanding the scope of the project, including how much demolition and reconstruction is involved and how much time a project will take can help homeowners avoid some of the stress that comes with renovation projects. For example, a bathroom renovation may require the removal of drywall, reinforcement of flooring to accommodate a new bathtub or shower enclosure and the installation of new plumbing and wiring behind walls. So such a renovation is far more detailed than simply replacing faucets.

Not establishing a budget

Homeowners must develop a project budget to ensure their projects do not drain their finances. If your budget is so inflexible that you can't afford the materials you prefer, you may want to postpone the project and save more money so you can eventually afford to do it right.

Without a budget in place, it is easy to overspend, and that can put you in financial peril down the line. Worrying about coming up with money to pay for materials and labor also can induce stress. Avoid the anxiety by setting a firm budget.

Making trendy or overpersonal improvements

Homeowners who plan to stay in their homes for the long run have more free reign when it comes to renovating their homes. Such homeowners can create a billiards room or paint a room hot pink if they so prefer. However, if the goal is to make improvements in order to sell a property, overly personal touches may make a property less appealing to prospective buyers. Trends come and go, and improvements can be expensive. If your ultimate goal is to sell your home, opt for renovations that will look beautiful through the ages and avoid bold choices that may only appeal to a select few buyers.

Expecting everything to go smoothly

Optimism is great, but you also should be a realist. Knowing what potentially could go wrong puts you in a better position to handle any problems should they arise. The project might go off without a hitch, but plan for a few hiccups along the way.

Overestimating DIY abilities

Overzealous homeowners may see a renovation project in a magazine or on television and immediately think they can do the work themselves. In the long run, leaving the work to a professional may save you money.

How thermostats save money and energy

Homeowners who have not yet upgraded to a programmable thermostat could be doing themselves a significant disservice. Not only are programmable thermostats key to saving energy, they also save money.

The Alliance for Environmental Sustainability note that for every degree they adjust their thermostats, homeowners save between 1 and 3 percent on their heating and cooling bills. Setting the thermostat slightly warmer in the summer and a notch or two cooler in the winter can save a considerable amount of energy and money. The United States Department of Energy says homeowners who make slight seasonal adjustments to their thermostats can save as much as 10 percent a year on heating and cooling costs.

But such adjustments are only truly effective when homeowners commit to them on a daily basis. The best way to stay on top of temperature settings is to purchase a programmable thermostat, which allows homeowners to predetermine when heat or air conditioning will turn on and off. Many programmable thermostats can store multiple daily settings, allowing homeowners to further customize their heating and cooling schedules based on the time of day as well as the day of the week.

According to Energy.gov, a common misconception associated with thermostats is that a furnace or an air conditioning system works harder than normal to get the space back to a comfortable temperature after the thermostat has been set back, and that this hard work means the

overall savings are negligible. However, when a home's interior temperature is similar to the temperature outside, the home will lose energy to the surrounding environment more slowly. The lower the interior temperature, the slower the heat loss in cold weather, and a higher interior temperature will slow the flow of heat into your house in hot weather.

Programmable thermostats are available in a variety of models.

Some are easier to program than others. Certain thermostats can be linked to a home's wireless system so that adjustments to the thermostat can even be made when you are not at home. Consult with an HVAC expert to see if a particular thermostat works best with your system. Some homes may benefit from a dual- or multi-zoned system, which allows homeowners to adjust

the temperature independently from other floors or wings of a home.

The location of the thermostat also is important. The thermostat should be placed where it can get the most accurate reading of the house. It should be on an interior wall away from direct sunlight, doorways, drafts, and windows. It should not be directly facing an air vent. Avoid placing furniture above or below the thermostat, as such furnishings can impede proper air flow.

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99 "King Ralph" actor Peter

100 Ocular cleansing receptacle

104 One way to mark debits

105 Uninspired

106 Like skim milk

107 Mozart's "Così fan —"

108 "Danke —"

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119 Model-making set

120 "Annabel —"

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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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Solution time: 21 mins.

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WEDNESDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

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SUNDAY SUDOKU ANSWERS

7	1	8	5	6	9	3	2	4
5	3	9	7	4	2	1	6	8
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WEDNESDAY JUMBLE ANSWERS

Jumbles: VITAL LIBEL PIGEON MYOPIC
Answer: What the visitors had when they picked grapes — A "VINE" TIME

SUNDAY SCRAMBLERS ANSWERS

1. Beckon; 2. Squalid; 3. Convey; 4. Accost
Today's Word: SQUEAKY

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VILLAGE OF HOLLY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE OF SIDE-YARD SETBACK VARIANCE, REAR-YARD SETBACK VARIANCE AND MINIMUM LOT AREA VARIANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with Articles 16, 17 and 25 of the Village of Holly Zoning Ordinance, the Village of Holly Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on a request for a reduced front yard setback variance on March 2, 2015 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as possible) in the Holly Area Schools Board of Education Meeting Room located at 920 E. Baird Street, Holly, MI 48442.

An application has been received for reduced side-yard setbacks, reduced rear-yard setbacks, and reduced minimum lot area requirements filed by John Abro – Abro Design Group on behalf of Ray Anton for a portion of the property located at 15191 N. Holly Road, which bears tax identification number IH-01-27-151-016. The applicant is applying for side-yard setback variances and rear-yard setback variances to allow the building to be located not closer than 11 feet from the lot line and locate 20 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom dwelling units on a lot 43,500 sq. ft., all of which are less than required under Article 16-A, Schedule of Regulations for Principal Buildings, Residential District.

Written comments may be submitted to the Village Clerk-Treasurer, 300 East Street., Holly, Michigan 48442 prior to the review and may also be submitted at the meeting. All documents pertinent to the application are available for inspection in the Village Offices at the above address during regular business hours.

Interested persons are encouraged to attend the meeting. Handicapped persons needing assistance to attend are asked to contact the village offices at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at (248) 634-9571 during regular business hours.

Cathrene Behrens
Clerk-Treasurer, Village of Holly

CITY OF FENTON ORDINANCE NO. 689

Ordinance No. 689, which amends Article 22, Signs, of the City of Fenton Zoning Ordinance (Chapter 36 of the City of Fenton Code) was enacted by the Fenton City Council.

The following sections of Article 22 were amended:

Section 22.04(c) - General Standards for Permitted Signs: wording requiring that new box sign panels with a white or tan background be blackened internally so only the letters show when illuminated.

Section 22.05 – add the words ‘or approved private street’ to footnote (a) of Section 22.05.

Section 22.05 – Specific Sign Standards, footnote (c), Changeable message signs: These amendments will eliminate changeable message wall signs in any commercial or industrial district and all changeable message signs in the CBD, Central Business District, while allowing them for institutional uses in residential districts with Planning Commission approval.

Section 22.05(c) – Specific Sign Standards, Projecting and Canopy Signs: Word-ing clarification and a reduction in the size of projecting signs from 32 to 16 square feet in area.

Section 22.05 (g) – Vehicle Signs – eliminate language in Section 22.05(g)(1)(a)

Section 22.08 – Changes to Permitted Signs. This is an added Section that requires a new sign permit for physical, structural and electrical changes to an existing permitted sign.

Section 22.09 – Former section 22.08 – Administration and Appeals of Sign Ordinance Standards has been renumbered as Section 22.09.

Ordinance No. 689 was adopted at a regular meeting of the Fenton City Council held on February 9, 2015. This Ordinance will take effect seven (7) days following publication.

The complete text of Ordinance No. 689 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: February 9, 2015
EFFECTIVE: February 22, 2015
PUBLISHED: February 15, 2015

Renee Wilson
City Clerk

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF GROVELAND TOWNSHIP 2015 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING

The Board of Review of the Township of Groveland will meet at the GROVELAND TOWNSHIP HALL, 4695 Grange Hall Road, Holly, Michigan, Upper Level, for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll and hearing any objections thereof, at the following dates and time:

Tuesday, March 5, 2015	6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Monday, March 9, 2015	1:00 PM to 4:30 PM 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Wednesday, March 11, 2015	1:00 PM to 4:30PM 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Additional days will be scheduled, if necessary, to give everyone an opportunity to appeal their assessment.

Property owners may file their protests by letter provided they are received at the Township Hall by Monday March 2, 2015.

For those wishing to protest in person, please schedule an appointment by calling:
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If you have any questions regarding the above notice, please feel free to call GROVELAND TOWNSHIP OFFICE during regular business hours at (248) 634-4152.

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2015 BOARD OF REVIEW
PUBLIC NOTICE

The 2015 Board of Review will be held at the Tyrone Township Hall, located at 10408 Center Road, Fenton, MI 48430 on the following dates and times:

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2015	Organizational Meeting 10:00 am
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2015	9:00 am -12:00 pm., 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2015	2:00 pm - 5:00 pm., 6:00 pm - 9:00pm

Please call (810) 629-8631 for a recommended appointment. Letters of appeal will be accepted and must be received by 9:00 pm. on March 11, 2015. No faxes or emails will be accepted.

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Bruce Little, Tyrone Township Assessor

2015
BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
ROSE TOWNSHIP
9080 Mason St
Holly, Michigan 48442

MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
The 2015 Rose Township Board of Review will be held at the Rose Township Offices, 9080 Mason Street, Holly, Michigan on the following dates and times:

March 3, 2015 2:00 pm Organizational Meeting

Appointments will begin on:
March 5, 2015 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
March 9, 2015 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
March 11, 2015 9:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

FOR AN APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL OAKLAND COUNTY EQUALIZATION DIVISION, TOLL FREE, 1-888-350-0900, EXTENSION 80773 OR (248) 858-0773.

APPEARANCES BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW ARE LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES.
PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL BY MAIL IF RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM MARCH 11, 2015

All agents protesting values on property other than their own **MUST** have written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

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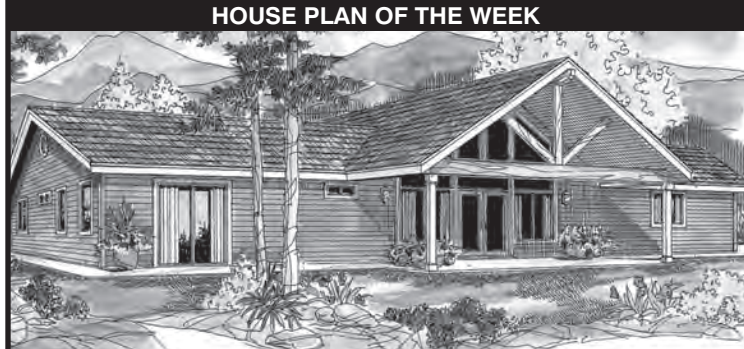
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Frederick Vader,
Frederick Vader - age 74,
died February 11, 2015.
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Mario Festa,
Mario Festa - age 86, died
February 8, 2015. Services
provided by Sharp Funeral
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Patricia Fultz,
Patricia Fultz - age 83, died
February 6, 2015. Services
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Thomas Culhane,
Thomas Culhane - age
75, died February 7, 2015.
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**James Edward
"Jamie" Hughes**
1975-2015

James Edward "Jamie"
Hughes - age 39, of
Linden, died Thursday,
February
5, 2015.
No ser-
vices will
be held.
Those desir-
ing may make contri-



butions to the Genesee
County Humane Society.
Jamie was born July 15,
1975 in Flint. He was a
1994 graduate of Linden
High School. He was
employed as a carpenter
for many years. He also
was involved with the
Boy Scouts of America.
Surviving are: his mother,
Judith Grodzki of Linden;
siblings, Kenneth and
wife Sarah Hughes of
Redford, Diane and hus-
band Craig Morningstar
of Linden, Dorothy and
husband James Wilcox of
Flint, and Robert and wife
Patricia Hughes of Grand
Blanc; family friend, Alex
Bolduc of Flint; and sev-
eral nieces and nephews.
Online tributes may be
posted on the obituaries
page at www.sharpfuner-
alhomes.com.



**Sally L.
DeCarie,**

Sally L. DeCarie - age 85,
of Boynton Beach and
formerly of Palm Beach
Gardens passed away on
January 30, 2015. Mrs.
DeCarie was predeceased
by her sons, Robert and
Paul DeCarie; and her
grandson, William Tilley.
Sally is survived by her
daughters, Jeanie Tilley
(William "Billy") and Susan
Burdzilauskas (Willis);
brother, William Cowan
(RoseAnn); grandchildren,
Erika, Chad and Wesley
Burdzilauskas Brenan,
Carey, Nathan Tilley, Marty
Wardman, Leah Denmark
and Angela Johnson; 12
great-grandchildren; 4
great-great-grandchildren;
and several nieces and
nephews. Funeral services
were held in Delray Beach,
FL. **Lorne and Sons
Funeral Home (Lorne-
andsons.com.)**



Patrick Thompson,
Patrick Thompson - age
75, died February 8, 2015.
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Wendle Brown,
Wendle Brown - age 85,
died February 6, 2015.
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**Clarabele
Burgess Jones**
1925-2015

Clarabele Burgess Jones
- age 90, of Fenton, died
Monday, February 9, 2015.



Funeral
services
were
held
1 PM
Friday,
February
13, 2015
at Sharp
Funeral

Homes, Fenton Chapel,
1000 Silver Lake Road,
Fenton. Pastor Jeremy
Peters officiated. Burial
in Woodland Cemetery,
Reed City. Visitation was
held at the funeral home
Thursday from 4-8 PM.
Those desiring may make
contributions to Lake
Fenton United Methodist
Church. Clarabele was
born February 5, 1925 in
Owosso the daughter of
Harry and Ida May (Man-
ning) Burgess. She was a
1942 graduate of Owosso
High School. She married
Dean Edgar Jones June
20, 1942 and he preceded
her in death August 16,
1994. Clarabele had
resided in Fenton since
2006 coming from Fran-
kenmuth and Reed City.
She had been employed
by Smith Bridgman's De-
partment Store. She was
a member of Lake Fenton
United Methodist Church.
She volunteered at the
grocery store at Lock-
wood Senior Living, the
Clothes Line Thrift Shop in
Frankenmuth, and Reed
City Skilled Nursing Faci-
lity. She also had learned
Morse code, because
her husband was a Ham
Radio Operator. Surviv-
ing are: daughter, Susan
and husband, Patrick
Hegarty of Gaylord and
Jennifer and husband,
Michael Clapp of Fenton;
2 grandchildren, Ryan and
wife, Jillian Clapp of Costa
Mesa, CA and Alyssa and
husband, Ryan Wilson of
Sandusky; great-grand-
son, Maxwell Wilson;
brother, Charles and wife,
Mary Ann Burgess of
Chelsea; and several nie-
ces and nephews. She was
also preceded in death by
her parents; adoptive par-
ents, Cliff and Clara Doan;
brothers, Lee Burgess and
Cliff Doan; and sister, Eva
Way. Online tributes may
be posted on the obituar-
ies page at www.sharpfu-
neralhomes.com.



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Michael Conaton,
Michael Conaton - age
65, died February 6, 2015.
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funeralhomes.com.



Twins come up with solution that doubles the trouble

DEAR AMY:
I am a father of 17-year-old twin daughters graduating soon from high school. I divorced seven years ago. My ex-wife remarried immediately; I have not. She is no longer the woman I married 27 years ago. My ex-wife anticipates hosting a graduation party at their house to which I will not be invited. This does not sit well with my daughters. One daughter wants to say that if I am not invited, the girls and I will rent a facility, throw a party, and that neither my ex-wife nor her husband will be invited (I wouldn't care if they were invited or not). What should my daughters do, and how can I

help them? — All About the Kids

DEAR ALL ABOUT:

You sound like a laid-back but very proactive and protective father. Good for you! Though I think you should be proud of your kids for advocating for you, I don't think they should be encouraged to throw a competing graduation party that is basically the mirror image of the party being hosted at home — complete with the exclusion of parents. I believe that if you do choose to host a graduation party, you should not hold it the same day. Also let the daughters know that you don't exclude family members and that their mother and stepfather would be invited.

ASK

Amy

BY AMY DICKINSON



AMY DICKINSON

Carpel tunnel syndrome keeps getting worse

DR. ROACH:
I had surgery on my right wrist for carpal tunnel syndrome eight months ago. The numbness in my fingers has not changed. Now I'm faced with the same problem in my left hand. I'm going to forget surgery, seeing as it wasn't successful in my right hand. I decided to go to an acupuncturist for laser treatments. I also had a cortisone shot. Neither of these has helped. Do you know of a solution for my problem? — P.M.

ANSWER:
Carpal tunnel syndrome is caused by compression on the median nerve, as it runs down the arm through a "tunnel" of bone and connective tissue deep in the wrist. It may cause pain, numbness and weakness of the wrist and hand. The thumb and middle three fingers are most often affected. In advanced cases, the hand muscles may become atrophied. The sooner the pressure on the nerve is relieved, the more likely there will not be permanent nerve damage.

It sounds to me like the first surgery was not done soon enough to prevent damage. If that's the case, then surgery on your left hand, done sooner after the onset of symptoms, might prevent the long-term numbness present in your right hand. However, it's possible that the diagnosis was wrong or that the surgery might not have been effective, even if done promptly. At least one study of needle acupuncture showed that it is as effective as a cortisone injection. This study excluded people who already had fixed numbness in the fingers, who are less likely to be helped by any treatment. I have not found any evidence that laser treatment is effective.

My advice is to first be sure of the diagnosis. An EMG test is a study of nerve function, which can confirm the diagnosis and may be able to predict how much damage there is and provide guidance on treatment. If damage is not too severe, other treatments — such as splinting, medication, yoga or ultrasound — may be helpful. If advanced, surgery done quickly still may be your best bet.

To your

GOOD HEALTH

BY KEITH ROACH, M.D.



KEITH ROACH, M.D.

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!

Call

BONCKE

Filthy

QUIDALS

Send

ENVOYC

Annoy

CASTCO

TODAY'S WORD



"That's nothing — he should try coming home at four in the morning and avoid the stairs."

Answer key located in this edition

DVD RELEASES

87%

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NIGHTCRAWLER
Nightcrawler is a pulse-pounding thriller set in the nocturnal underbelly of contemporary Los Angeles. Jake Gyllenhaal stars as Lou Bloom, a driven young man desperate for work who discovers the high-speed world of L.A. crime journalism. Finding a group of freelance camera crews who film crashes, fires, murder and other mayhem, Lou muscles into the cut-throat, dangerous realm of nightcrawling — where each police siren wail equals a possible windfall and victims are converted into dollars and cents. **R, 1 hr. 57 min**

61%

liked it

(Audience score on rottentomatoes.com)



ALEXANDER AND THE TERRIBLE, HORRIBLE, NO GOOD, VERY BAD DAY
Disney's Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day follows the exploits of 11-year-old Alexander (Ed Oxenbould) as he experiences the most terrible and horrible day of his young life—a day that begins with gum stuck in his hair, followed by one calamity after another. But when Alexander tells his upbeat family about the misadventures of his disastrous day, he finds little sympathy and begins to wonder if bad things only happen to him. He soon learns that he's not alone. **PG, 1 hr. 20 min**

CHILI HUMMUS

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 1/4-1/2 C. extra virgin olive oil, divided
 - 1/2 cup yellow onion, roughly chopped
 - 1 jalapeno, roughly chopped
 - 2 (15 oz.) cans dark red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
 - 2-4 T. spicy tomato juice
 - 1-2 T. tomato paste
 - 4 cloves garlic
 - 2-3 T. chili powder
 - 1-2 t. cumin
 - 1-2 t. smoked paprika
 - 2 limes, zest and juice
 - Salt and pepper, to taste
 - Cilantro, kidney beans, cheese, black olives, for garnish
 - Tortilla chips, for dipping

Recipe from thegourmetrd.com



- DIRECTIONS**
1. Heat 1 Tbsp. olive oil in sauté pan at medium-high heat. Add chopped onion and jalapeno and cook until soft and browned, about 5-7 minutes.
 2. Add sautéed onion and jalapeno, kidney beans, 2 Tbsp. tomato juice, tomato paste, garlic cloves, spices, zest and juice of 1 lime and a dash of salt and pepper to a food processor; turn it on and drizzle in olive oil until it forms a smooth paste. Add more tomato juice if it is too thick, and add more lime juice if it needs more acidity. Process again until you reach desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper and other spices as desired.
 3. Garnish with cilantro, kidney beans, cheese, black olives and/or other toppings, as desired.
 4. Serve with tortilla chips for dipping!
- Note: This recipe is very versatile, so make changes as you wish and taste along the way.

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Posted by: fentonorchestra

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