

# Marco's reopens after 17 days

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Marco's Dining & Cocktails, located at 32758 Grand River, reopened Jan. 17. Marco Conte, who closed his restaurant after a large, memorable New Year's Eve party, is back in business. He's owned Marco's for more than 13 years.

Rob Nofar, Conte's friend who is helping out, confirmed that Conte still owns the business. "We were going to close, but Marco decided to stay," Nofar said. "He closed for 17 days." Conte had complained about declining business, debt, poor parking and the lack of foot

traffic. He wanted a larger, more visible spot. Conte is also still working at Farmington Hills Manor on Orchard Lake Road, Nofar said. He started working there after his restaurant closed. Sandra Thomas is the manager of the reopened restaurant and Matt Zytowski is the chef.

Nofar said. The restaurant is open for lunch 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday and dinner 5-9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The restaurant is closed Sunday. Lunch prices are scaled back to under \$10, Nofar said. sbuck@oe.hometown.net | (248) 417-5490

# Forum to discuss sleep research

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Parents and officials who are paying close attention to adolescent sleep time research will have another opportunity to learn more at an upcoming forum. The Walled Lake Consolidated Schools Sleep Needs for Learning Committee will host a panel of experts to discuss the issue at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, at the Clifford Smart Middle School, 8500 Commerce Road in Commerce. The public is invited. Officials and parents from Farmington Public Schools participated in meetings on later start times last year, with the goal of giving secondary students extra sleep time in the morning. The program, "How Important Is Sleep for Your Child?" will feature Huron Valley Hospital physicians Marc Bookbuck, a Farmington Hills resident, speaking on "Sleep Needs for Today," and SueAnne Hill, "The Over-Scheduled Child."

healthy, more productive learning experiences, said Judy Evola, director of Walled Lake community relations and marketing. "The emphasis is not on later start times," Evola said. "We're not pushing for later start times. This is for a higher level of awareness and to dispel myths. We're doing a survey of elementary, middle school and high schools as well as our staff." This is the first of two panels. The second will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, where district administrators will talk about the impact of sleep deprivation.

Last year, the Farmington Public Schools board decided not to initiate later start times for a number of reasons, including the high cost to make transportation changes. The board, however, agreed that the district should continue to follow information on the subject. A Farmington district implementation committee studied the issue for several months.

For the facts about the connection of sleep and learning, resources and current research, contact www.walledlake.k12.mi.us and click on Making Tomorrow and scroll down to Sleep Deprivation Information. For more information about the panels, call committee chair Lauren Childs, (248) 956-2176. sbuck@oe.hometown.net | (248) 417-5490

# Educators invited to Understanding the Arab World workshop Jan. 30

All educators are invited to a workshop on Understanding the Arab World and Arab and Chaldean Americans. The event is from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30 at St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University in the Dabrowski Fieldhouse, 3535

Indian Trail in Orchard Lake. It's sponsored by the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services, Chaldean Americans Reaching and Encouraging, St. Mary's College of Ave Maria University and West Bloomfield School District.

For more information, contact ACCESS Cultural Arts at (313) 943-2844. There is a \$10 fee for accreditation. The day will be broken into sessions on The Arab World: An Overview; curriculum development and education

resources on the Arab world, Islam and on the Arab and Chaldean American communities and culture; The Arab American Community and Culture and The Chaldean American Community and Culture. Breakfast and lunch will be served.

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