

LET'S GO! DINING

Restaurant Specials

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Festive events

AT WILLY'S
New restaurant bar, 7 Mile at Farmington Road, Livonia. Opening Friday, April 28. Burgers, salads, appetizers, tropical frozen drinks.
(810) 415-1330

BORDEN CANTINA
Cinco De Mayo Celebration, Friday, May 5, 2-1420 Novi Road, between 8 & 9 Mile Roads, Novi and 8724 W. Grand Blvd., Brighton.
(810) 347-7827

ROCKY'S
Rocky's of Brighton opens May 3, 6311 Brighton Road. Seafood entrees, steaks, and a variety of pasta dishes.
(810) 227-7500

SADONIA UNIVERSITY
Seventh annual "Around the World" Scholarship Dinner Auction Friday, April 28 at Laurel Manor in Livonia. Will feature a large selection of fine art. Tickets are \$65.
(313) 591-5123

MARCO'S
Monday Special Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Thurs. April 27, in the Village Commons, 32785 Grand River, Farmington. Cost \$50 per person. Entree choices include veal chop, Filet Mignon, roasted Rock Cornish Hen or Dover Sole.
(810) 477-7777

COON'S GARDEN CAFE
Afternoon Party/Event featuring photos by Bill Graham, veteran captain of the Great Lakes, entertainment by jazz saxophonist Daniel Carbone, strolling buffet, 5-8 p.m. Thurs. April 27, 225 E. Maple, Birmingham. Cost \$10.
(810) 645-0509

LA GALE DE CUISINE
Features more than 45 chefs from 30 metro Detroit restaurants, 3-7 p.m. Sun., May 7, 550 Lone Pine Road on the Cranbrook campus. Cost ranges from \$125 to \$200 per person.
(810) 645-3000

RESTAURANTE DI MOGOSTA
Cinco De Mayo celebration buffet 5-9 p.m. Fri. May 5, Cost \$17 adults, \$8 children under 10. Music. The restaurant is at 20410 Northwestern, Southfield.
(810) 358-0334

SPINNY BROOKER
Dinner, 209 W. Sixth St., Royal Oak, 6:30 p.m. Tues., May 9, Spring Cigar Smoker. Fine cigars, four course wild

game dinner, cognac by Remy Martin, gun & fly fishing seminar. Cost \$150 per person.
(810) 541-2507

RUSLAN BEAR
Orchard Lake Road, west of Maple, authentic Russian cuisine, entertainment & dancing 6-9 p.m. Wed. & Thurs., Wilbert Pezger at the Piano; 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., "Overline." Happy hour, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri., complimentary appetizers, drink specials. Open for lunch & dinner, Sunday brunch.
(810) 855-9229

SOS
Share our Strength, 5:30 p.m. at down patron event, 7 p.m. buffet style benefit event, Thurs., April 27, Rattlesnake Club and Stony River Place Atrium in Detroit. Tickets \$250 (patron) and \$50 (benefactor).
(313) 623-7853

STAN CLIPPER DOORER TEAM
"Murder Madness!" Tuesdays and Thursdays, "I Shot the Sheriff," musical murder mystery, Wednesdays, "Cool Cats & Hot Chickens," review of music from 1950s & 1960s Fridays, Copper Cabaret Sundays featuring Broadway show tunes. Train boards 9 p.m. Tues.-Sat., 7 p.m. Sundays. 4 p.m. boarding Sundays, 5 p.m. departure.
(810) 960-9440

OPUS ONE
Prime Seats Theatre packages includes four-course dinner, transportation to and from the Fox Theatre and prime seats for "Kiss of the Spider Woman." Prices are based on ticket price, plus \$50 for dinner, Monday through Saturday. Red Wing hockey package available through April based on \$25 for dinner in the bar lounge.
(810) 961-7766

Music
BERNARD'S PUB
Entertainment 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 33210 W. 14 Mile Road, (north-east corner Farmington Road), West Bloomfield.
(810) 855-6220

DEPALMA'S
Saxophonist Larry Nizora, 8 p.m. to midnight, Monday's, 31733 Plymouth Road, Livonia.
(313) 261-2430

NOTESFORD INN
Jack Brokenshire Quartet, 8 p.m. Thursdays, 20000 Grand River, Farmington Hills with April & Dennis Tini. Dusty Rhodes performing 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays at the inn. He plays a Michigan-made 12-string guitar, banjo, the end harmonica.
(810) 474-4800

LA METRO
Jazz Duo, Marvin Kalin on alto clarinet and Keith Vreeland, piano, Thursday nights at Le Metro, 29655 Northwestern, Southfield.
(810) 353-2767

MEYER'S
Entertainment 7 p.m. Mon. & Tues., Michele Coulet & Company, various groups 7 p.m. Wed. & Thurs., 9 p.m. Fri. & Sat. nights at Le Metro, 29655 Northwestern, Southfield.
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Bistro offers warm atmosphere, fine food

BY JUDITH DONER BERNER
SPECIAL WRITER

If you want to go where everyone knows your name, or seems to, Sweetwater's Bistro, appropriately half a block from the shores of Cass Lake, should fit the bill nicely.

If you're from the lakes area, you're almost sure to see someone you know on a weekend night at the cozy, 100-seat bistro, whose signature appetizer is sweet potato fries dipped in pecan molasses. Broiled whitefish a la Joel is a popular house specialty.

Formerly the Cabana Cafe, only two walls of the original 30-year-old building remained standing when the restaurant opened for business last September.

And the food, service and ambience make first-time restaurant owners Dr. Joel (of the whitefish) and Cheryl Kimelman of West Bloomfield look like pros.

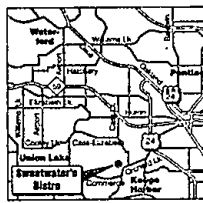
"We have a lot of people who make us look good," said Cheryl, who has a counseling degree, but who most recently helped develop the Meals on Wheels program for Detroit's elderly.

One ingredient is experienced general manager, Joe Buda, a Farmington Hills resident who is formerly of Pike Street Station and the old Chimney's (now Allegro's) restaurants.

Then there's artistic executive chef Robin Tuttle, also living in Farmington Hills, whom they plucked from a position in Dallas. Her rim of colorful and very edible chopped peppers and onions scattered around each dish both "cleans the palate and presents the plate," she says.

Another is the Kimelmans' framed, displayed, written commitment to meeting the needs of their guests. "It is easier to be successful than it is to be unsuccessful," it begins.

So, although grilled salmon comes with a caper lemon butter and grilled swordfish is served on a black bean sauce with sour



cream, you can have both just plain grilled.

And last is the simple, warm ambience of the bistro itself, designed inside and out by Cheryl, using blue-grays to represent water, sands to represent the beach and corals for the shells found there.

Parties of six are seated at a series of dining room sets, purchased at the Saline Antiques Market, while smaller groups surround them at booths lining all four walls of the restaurant.

A cozy bar made of wood serves up wines and beers, as the restaurant doesn't have a full-scale liquor license. Buda wants to educate patrons to a variety of after-dinner wines.

Irv and Evelyn Stevens of West Bloomfield came on a recent Saturday night, with five of six at their table happily ordering Joel's up-north style whitefish. Irv held out for the fillet served with a Jack Daniels pepperoni sauce, which he enjoyed.

"The salad was good" — house-made dressings include canew honey mustard and blue cheese. And Irv liked the fact that "the owner (Cheryl) came to the table and we met her husband on the way out. They're very friendly people." They really revamped the place," Irv said, explaining

Sweetwater's Bistro
1978 Cass Lake Road, Keego Harbor (810) 683-9010
Menu: Contemporary American. Lunch and dinner (breakfast coming!). Appetizers, soups, \$2.45-\$6.45; Salads, sandwiches, \$2.95-\$10.95; Entrees, \$10.95-\$19.95 (includes bread, choice of soup or salad); Desserts, \$3.25-\$4.25. Vegetarian dishes and designated "lite" entrees.
Reservations: Combination of reservations and open seating.
Credit cards: American Express, Visa, MasterCard.
Hours: Lunch, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; Dinner, 5-10 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 5-11 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 5-9 p.m. Sunday. Closed Monday.



Ready to serve: Dr. Joel and Cheryl Kimelman own Sweetwater's Bistro. The Kimelmans' spend evenings at the restaurant. They enjoy visiting customers, and Joel has been seen bussing tables.

that he used to come to the restaurant it replaced for breakfast. Well, soon, he may be able to do the same at Sweetwater's. That's because in early April, Keego Harbor OK'd the restaurant's expansion to allow for a larger kitchen. "This was a big breakfast spot," Buda said. "Our goal once the expansion is complete is to open for breakfast."

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