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Since Abel has No. 172 out of a series of 360, he believes there are others who have

been duped.

What is even more alarming is the piece

came with a certificate of authenticity, Abel said. The certificate appraises the piece at \$2,650. Abel paid \$850 for the artwork, which is now worthless.

"How does a consumer know with the art that is out on the stroet?"

Abel wendored.

The key is finding a dealer or an expert that you can trust, said Preston Burke of Farmington Hills-based Preston Burke Gallery, Burka suggests joining a group such as the Founder's Society of the Decreit Institute of Arts, which can be a resource. can be a resource.

Auctions, unless they're conducted by a reputable firm, tend to be a "crapshoot," Burke

"Auctions are typically genred to do one thing: To make money," he said. "Nobody is going to give you a \$5,000 piece of art for a couple of hundred dollars. It doesn't happen."

A Birmingham art dealer said a certificate of authenticity is a tip-off that the source of the work is questionable.

"That's almost a dead giveaway that there is going to be a problem," said David Klein, owner of David Klein Gallery. 'Ut's almost like, 'Wo're giving you a certificate of authenticity because it is fake,' 'It's a like a total scam. A certificate of authenticity from a gallery is almost worthless."

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A certificate authenticity should come from the artist himself. "That's easier with contemporary art because they are still silve, "Klein suggests, in general, people buy from a reputable dealer. In order to find that out, consumers should first go to the gallery a number times and check the dealer's reputation before buying any pieces.

Michigan law favors those who have been sold forged art, said Albert Seaglion of the Southfield-based Park West Gallery.

"The court system says the consumer, at the time he discovers it's a fake, is entitled to what it's worth if it inn't a fake, 'Scaglione said. "The Michigan court have held that a person who presents himself as an expert, regardless of the certificate of authenticity, he is then liable for that painting ... forever." Marlin Art Inc. could not be reached for comment.

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usually goes for the spinach-

usually goes for the spinach-mushroom or apple cinnamon bagels at the 10 Mile Bean & Bagel. I love them with cream cheese, but because of the calo-ries I don't do that. I just put jelly on them." He noted that without the cream cheese, bagels actually are a pretty healthy alternative to burgers and other lunchtime fare.

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the com-mission, Wolf has served on the finance, social services, per-sonnel and sonnel and go ne ra l l go ne ra l l go ne ra l go ne r

committee.

Despite his announcement
during today's board meeting,
the conservative Wolf intends on
remaining involved in the political scene, particularly atth
Republican organizational activities throughout the county and
state.

state.
"With presidential races coming up," he said, "I am sure I will also be involved in them in a big

chairman for U.S. Congressman Joe Knollenberg and will also be a candidate for Republican precinct delegate this fall.

"This is an important position and I take it very seriously," said Wolf, elected to that position every two years since 1978.

Wolf, who points with pride to accomplishments on the commission, emphasized it is too early to talk about endorsements for his successor.

"I suppose a number of people will decide to run and I hope all of them believe in less government and lower taxes. It will be interesting to watch?" decision to

ment that the work that the interesting to watch."

Meanwhile, Wolf's decision to leave won't impact his approach to the job in the remaining

months.

For the rest of this year I will be working just as hard as I always have for my constituents and the county. Wolf said. I have had near perfect attendance and have always participated fully in county decisions. I intend to keep doing just that. So I'll still be around to upset the tax and spend liberals.

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No Dall: "The Cosmic Horseman" that hangs in the attorneys' office has been deemed to be a knock off of the famous Spanish surrealist's work.

garbage, we have to go further out.* said drome Neyer, NTH chief executive officer.

"You're going to need that information: not only how big the landfill is, but where it is. You need to know where the landfill is on the ground as poposed to just looking at aerial photos."

The company would subcontract surveying and drilling for costs plus 10 percent. NTH's initial proposal called for costa plus 10 percent, and the proposed dougs.

All three companies' references are excellent, a city report

said.

"I'm not comfortable with this particular process," Barnett said. I' think we have to look at the way we are doing things here." Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi agreed, but voted to approve NTH Ltd. based on confidence in the company. Other council members expressed similar feelings. "When the sun goes down, Mr. Neyer lives here and is going to here," Councilwoman Nancy Bates said.

are a prety neutring internation force.

Supporting a local business instead of national chain is one reason St. Louis backs Bean & Bagel. But another reason st. variety. They seem to keep up with new flavors. "Robust flavor and perfect texture" were reasons cited by Mancy Gilbert of Farmington Hills in her vote for Bean & Bagel.

Begel.

Bean & Bagel owner Charlie
Kaye said the results of the
Observer poll indicate people
like the blond of fresh ingredients and friendly service he demands from his employees.

■ It didn't bother Big Apple Bagel crew mem-bers that their store finished in the runnerup position.

"When we make a Michigan cherry, we make it with real cherries," Kaye said. Bagels are made from scratch every day; whatever doesn't sell cither "goes to charity or into the waste basket."

The first place finish, Kaye said "says something about our customers. It says a let, and it's because our product is consistently good day in and day out."

Placing second by a mere one coupon was Big Apple Bagel, located in the Downtown Farmington Center. In general, their bagels are a bit bigger and more doughy than Bean & Bagel.

Ladean Nagrant of Northville said Big Apple has the best

bagels sho's ever caten, with cinnamon raisin her favorite.

Another regular customer, Farmington Hills' Richard Woglarz, likes Big Apple because bagels are "always fresh" and taste excellent. His top choice is pumpernickel.

Elsie McKeown buys plain, salt and cinnamon raisin bagels at Big Apple, "They are always fresh."

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It didn't bother Big Apple Bagel crew members that their store finished in the runner-up position.

"I know our bagels are better because everyone tells us our bagels are better," asid Dan Blakeley, an employee. According to employee-Jessica Niebylski, "We beat five other places. So that's got to be something." |
Also picking up votes were the following: Bruegger's, Einstein's, Tim Horton's and Bread Basket Deli.

RECREATION NEWS

Each waek the Recreation Divi-sion of the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services presents a synopsis of upcom-ing activities. For further infor-mation regarding programs, con-tact the recreation office at 473-9570.

ADULT SOFTBALL The Farmington Hills Recreation

Division is now registering new teams for men's, women's and co-ed softball. Call 473-9570.

SAND VOLLEYBALL New team registration has begun for adults and volleyball. Call 473-9570. "NO VEGGIES FOR ME"
Children and parents will be delighted through the animation of six colorful puppets who tell the story of a little boy who refuses to eat his vegetables, but by the end of the show realizes their benefit. It's at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 4, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Advance tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for children under 13. Tickets are \$2 more at the door.

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