Popular Livonia deli satisfies lunch bunch appetites



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Preddi Dan had had no experience in the restaurant business and, in fact, had been pouring concrete for a living. His first idea was to put up an office building but eventually decided on a deli. The odds of success must have been long considering Dan's lack of relevant experience but he got some professional puring a great location didn't hurt. Dave's Deli is a popular lunch destination for many che office workers in central Livonia. There is a small dinigarca—and a parking lot not much bigger—but much of the

David's New York Deli

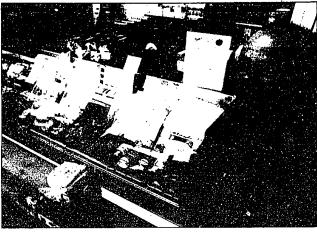
Where: 15215 Farmington Road, south of Five Mile Road in Livenia. Phone (734) 425-8170. Fax (734) 426-0072. Open: 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Fidely; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seturdey; closed Sunday. Menu: Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40. Menu: Twenty-six sandwiches ranging in price from \$2.50 to \$4.40.

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business is take-out.

Observer typesetter Cindy
Wald always orders the egg
salad sandwich when I go to
Dave's. 'Its the best egg salad in
the world,' alse said.' I always
order two, one for today and one
for tomorrow.'

A receptionist raves about the
spinch pie (\$1.25). 'There's a lot
of spinach and cheese in it,' she
said. 'It's not just all crust. And
the crust that is there is a real
flaky, light crust.'
Reportor Richard Pearl considers the turkey breast delux a
good value for less than \$6.
Personally, I like the grilled
cheese and the chili.
But love for Dave's deli sin'
taniversal. Reporter LeAnne
Rogers sometimes orders from
Dave's if that's where I'm going



Lunch destination: Dan Ayyash, the owner of David's New York Deli, satisfies the appetites of office workers and other people who want lunch in a hurry.

Schoolcraft College, local restaurants celebrate Mardi Gras

Celebrate the end of winter and the coming of spring in true New Orleans style at a gala Mardi Gras celebration Satur-day, March 4 at Schooleraft Col-lege in Livonia.

Join fellow revelers as they dine on a traditional New Orleans meal, listen to the SCool JAzz singers' mellow tones and dance to music of Tom Saunders and the Detroit All-Stars.

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The dinner menu includes andouille sausage with chicken gumbo, solad and sweet patheses, Bourbon Street pork over jambolaya, corn with peppers, cernhread and southern pecan ptc. The celebration begins at 7 p.m. in the Waterman Campus Center. Schoolcraft College's yeal ensemble, SCool JAZz, will harmonize on juzz standarda and the Detroit All-Stars will inspire datheers to fill up the floor.

Tickets \$35 a person, call (734) 462-4417. VISA, MasterCard or Discover cards are accepted. Proceeds support student scholarships.

Schoolcraft College is at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Road just west of 1-275.

Here are some other Mardi Gras celebrations:

E Fishbone's Rhythm Kitchen Cafe Restaurants are planning Fat Tuesday celebra-tions on March 7. Marcus Beltions on March 7. Marcus Bel-grave headlines at Fishbone's Grecktown's 10th annual porty 8 p.m. to midnight. Join the 10th annual Mardi Gras "Fat Tues-day" Musquerade Party at 8 p.n. Expect the most elegant and cre-ative costumes in town. Prizes for best costume range from \$500 to \$1,500 and will be deter-

mined by colebrity judges. Cover is \$20 and includes a New Orleans Mardi Gras buffet. Cash bar available, Call (313) 955-4600 for more information. Files bone's Southfield hosts John Davis and Smooth Vibrations 7-11 p.m. (481) 351-2925; Fishbone's St. Clair Shores hosts an all star Dixieland Band 7-11 p.m. (4810) 498-3000, Call the restaurant of your choice for details.

■ Mac & Ray's harborfront restaurant in Harrison Township hosts the fifth annual Michigan Food and Wine Extravagaza 6-10 pm. Tuesday, March 7. Proceeds benefit the Michigan Culinary Team and scholarship fund for local culinary arts students. Tickets \$85 per person (general admission), \$125 per person (gold patron), available at the door, or call (810) 463-9650, Ext.

429. Gold patrons receive evening-long admission to the VIP room, which includes special appetizers, an open bar and table seating.

Guests will enjoy tastings from more than 20 local metro Detroit more than 20 local metro Detroit restaurants, specially paired wines and live entertainment. Participating local restaurants include Cafe Cortina in Farmington Hills, and East Mario's in Livonia. Mac & Ray's is at 30675 North River Road, three miles cast of 1-94 on Lake St. Clair's Anchor Bay.

Back's Waterfront Restaurant hosts its sixth annual Marid Gras bash beginning at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7. Dixiebelle & the Dixie Jazz Cats will provide live music. The restaurant is at 24124 Jefferson, St. Clair Shores. Call (810) 445-8080 for information

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■ La Bistecca Italian Grille ■ La Bistocca Italian Grille
— offers live jazz featuring
Larry Nozero and Frienda, starting at 7:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every month. The restaurant, which specializes in Fiedmontees Beef, is at 38405 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Call
(734) 254-0400 for
reservations/information.
■ The Pasta Stop.— for dinner to go visit The Pasta Stop.
23631 Farmington Road (at the
corner of Grand River), (248)

477-7600. The menu offers subs and sandwiches, homemade Italian food including lasagna, ravioli, and stuffed shells, your choice of many different pastas, and saluds also available. Mealtess entrees and kid*s meals, and catering available.

Dine-in or carry-out, restaurant hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Thureday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday, and 2-8 p.m. Sunday.









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