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Super Bowl spot has local tone

EWING — Millions of people around the world who tune into Sunday's Super Bowl broadcast will be treated to some local flavor in the form of background vocals sung by township resident Cynthia Elise Cooper.

Cooper, , who sells real estate for RE/MAX of



Cooper

Princeton, has provided background vocal riffs for an NFL Films spot expected to air prior to and during the game.

The commercial consists of interviews of NFL players who talk about their own involvement with charities, Cooper said. Viewers will be directed to a Web site where they can learn how to make a charitable contribution or volunteer at a local organization, she said.

"I sang high riffs and low riffs — you could call it melodic improvisation," Cooper said. She recorded the riffs at NFL Films headquarters in Moorestown and was paid \$750 for her contribution to the 30-second commercial, Cooper said.

Cooper was born in Delaware and grew up in Ewing from age 6. She attended Ewing public schools and is a member of Cadwalader-Asbury United Methodist church on Stuyvesant Avenue in Trenton. She is a former Trenton Public Schools elementary teacher.

Cooper is working on a solo gospel album expected to be released this summer. She sings for an Eddie Bruce Entertainment wedding band, "Dreamtime," and has sung background vocals for Patti LaBelle, Teddy Pendergrass and bassist Gerald Veasley. In 1993, she received a standing ovation for her performance on the television show, "Showtime at the Apollo."

The commercial is planned to run once in the halfhour prior to kickoff and again prior to halftime or sometime during the game's third quarter, she said. d in divorce, and ebardt, who was a w. Her age was acluded in the wedannouncement. bbi David Lincoln of : Avenue Synaie performed the ceremony,



Sen. Frank Lautenberg, Bonnie S. Englebardt.

elegant and modest, while Parker's decollete jet satın was anything but. Parker thanked her newborn son for the breasts that helped fill out her dress.

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on the air; Wing Bowl goes on alert

.1) and WHYY-FM c to where he started Temple freshman. ating that the WMMRing Guys show will atit Friday's Wing Bowl, WIP-AM (610) at the r. Morning Guys cohost WIP after last year's urity is on alert.

rsity in Glassboro will lcast Pioneers of Philas, and is seeking donangs, scripts, books, or relating to Philadeldio broadcasters. Conat 856-256-4006.

ational Pie Day on Fri-

Clementon was named one of five winners of Crisco's All-American Pie Recipe Contest. DeMatteo won an April trip to the American Pie Council's Great American Pie Festival in Florida, where she'll bake her Sub-lime Blueberry Coconut Truffle Pie.

The Lonely Planet, the travel guide, will come out with a Philadelphia edition in March.

On the tube

Pregame cooking expert "Tailgate Russ" Stevenson of Worcester, Montgomery County, today plans to tape a Sharon Osbourne show segment on pre-Super Bowl eating. It's set to air Friday (2 p.m., Channel 17). Also expected on the show is Holly Robinson-Peete, wife of former Eagles quarterback Rodney Peete.

If all goes as planned, the voice of hich Julie DeMatteo of Trenton's Ciady Cooper will turn up on

a commercial for NFL Network during Sunday's pregame show. She sings for Huntingdon Valley's Eddie Bruce Entertainment and its band Dream-

Society Hill's Amy Melton, 28, turns up on Friday's telecast of A Dating Story (11 a.m. on TLC). Melton, who does marketing for a software company, was fixed up with Carlos, a pilot originally from Chile. It's safe to say sparks did not fly. Their date started with salsa lessons at La Luna in Bensalem, followed by dinner and dancing at Cuba Libre in Old City. When did she realize that he wasn't The One? "Pretty much by the end of the dance lesson," she says. "He was a little bit overbearing. We still had fun."

Contact columnist Michael Klein at 215-854-5514 or mklein@phillynews.com. though I hate the fact that you aren thinking more about these kids, wh have already had a tough enough lif from the sounds of it. You're right kids are so much trouble. Raisin teens can be hard, as you know. Stel parenting is extremely challenging even when everyone is motivated t make things work. The last thin these kids need in their life is a step mother who can't wait for them to go out of her hair so she can go on twilight cruise.

Since you know for sure how yo feel about it, I hope you'll end the relationship, and not because you' "waste" any more of your time. You time is of little consequence. I'm thinl ing about your guy's time and his chi dren's time. They deserve someone their life who will make a commi ment to them "for better or fe worse," and not just "for later - whe they're out of the house."

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Pauline Pinard Bogaert's "Social Scene" column does not appear today.

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