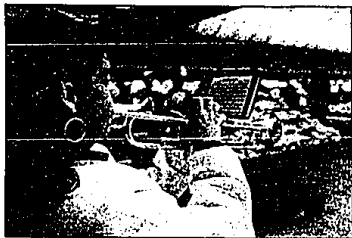


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Ninth grader Almee Chevallier plays the trumpet with the marching band near the Great Scott! produce section.



Barbara Zapinski (right) of Southfield is serenaded by North Farmington's Northern Lites.

Students bag it for boosters

They lent a hand to the tune of about \$2,500.

Five percent of the total sales at Great Scott!, 13 Mile and Orchard Lake Road, Wednesday, will be donated to support North Farmington High's academic, club, drama, music and sports programs. Students provided free grocery carryout. They also help bag groceries.

Despite a cold, rainy day that left the

North Farmington High School Booster Club about \$500 short of its last similar fundraiser, president Barrie Armstrong called it "a successful outing." Great Scott! co-sponsored the outing.

"Everybody who participates shares in the duties — kids, husbands and wives. That's what makes it fun," he said.

About 60 students and 100 parents pitched in. North Farmington's Northern Lites and

Marching Band provided entertainment. A drawing culminated the daylong fund-raiser. The twice-annual Great Scott! fund-raiser is the booster club's largest.

Armstrong, who with his wife, Toni, spent about 15 hours at the supermarket, credited his 12-member executive board with assuring successful outings.

"They do all the preparing, planning and organizing," he said. "It's a real team effort."



Ninth grader Jennie Duncan bags groceries at Great Scott!

business briefs

If you recently opened a shop, captured an award, earned a promotion, are planning a new venture or project, or have information about other business-related happenings — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Observer readers. Send items to Business Briefs, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

• BANK PRESIDENT

Lee Knutson of Farmington Hills has rejoined Michigan National Bank. He will oversee banking activities in Saginaw.

Knutson began his career with Michigan National Bank of Detroit in 1960. He has been co-partner of Drake Printing Co., Ferndale, since 1982.

During his 22 years with Michigan National Bank, Knutson held various positions in the branch and commercial lending areas. From 1976 to 1982, he was Michigan National Bank of Detroit president.

His community activities include United Foundation, Boy Scouts of America and the Economic Club of Detroit. He is a member of the Adcraft Club, Detroit.

• RUNNER-UP CHAIN

Farmington Hills-based Little Caesar Enterprises ranks second among metro Detroit's largest restaurant chains, based on 1987 system-wide revenues, including franchises.

That's according to Crain's Detroit Business.

Michael Ilitch's company weighs in with total revenues of \$725 million; up 30 percent from the year before. It trails Thomas Monaghan's Domino's Pizza, which posted total revenues of \$1.9 billion, up 26 percent.

• HITACHI OPENING

Hitachi, a sales and technical ser-

vice mainly for the Detroit automotive industry, will have its grand opening May 3 at 34500 Grand River, Farmington Hills.

Offices from the state Department of Commerce and the city of Farmington Hills will be on hand for the opening.

A cherry tree planting ceremony will take place outside. A Japanese Sake Barrel Breaking will take place inside.

The company will donate a picnic shelter for the newly renovated Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

"We, at Hitachi, love the Detroit area and expect to do a prosperous business here within the harmony of the local community," said Tadahiko Otani, president.

• HOMEARAMA COMMITTEE

Twenty-five local business people and residents were named to the Homearama committee, builders' corps and liaison group, announced Herbert Lawson, president of the Farmington Hills-based Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan and of Herbert Lawson Inc., Southfield.

Homearama, a multimillion dollar cluster of new homes built for public display by BASM, will launch its sixth annual run with a spring run May 25 to June 12 at Dunham Pointe in Clinton Township.

Among the committee members is Irvin Yackness, Homearama's executive director. The Bloomfield Hills resident is BASM general counsel.

• NEW IN TOWN

Dean Witter Reynolds Inc. has opened a new office in Farmington Hills, at 32605 13 Mile, Suite 276, in the Orchard Ridge Office Building.

The office is behind the Farmington Hills Public Library. It specializes in pension plans, retirement planning and professional money management.

Monica Melton announced that Designer's Den, a new women's clothing boutique, will open May 14 in the Village Mall, 33335 Grand River, Farmington.

The new business offers a full line of clothing for the working woman.

A special wardrobe consultation service will be provided to help each customer make correct choices that suit personality and budget. Appropriate dress for specific occasions and businesses will be stressed.

Other services include free wardrobe consultation, personalized shopping assistance, wardrobe workshops, accessorizing techniques, advance notice of sales and style profiles.

• KEY AGENTS

Griffin-Smalley Inc. of Farmington Hills was named to the Key Agents Club in 1988 by the Howell-based Citizens Insurance Co. It is the first year the insurance agency has achieved this honor.

"The Key Agents Club is a special honorary group established by Citizens to recognize above-average premium combined with outstanding underwriting results by the independent agencies representing us," said James Coville, Citizens marketing vice president.

Griffin-Smalley placed \$1.25 million in premiums with Citizens in 1987. It fulfilled all of the other requirements to qualify for the Key Agents Club.

The agency was one of 44 selected to receive this honor from among 600 independent agencies representing Citizens, based upon their 1987 results.

Citizens is the largest writer of insurance through independent agents in Michigan. It operates full-service branches in Grand Rapids and Indianapolis.

• WHO'S WHO

Dr. Gershon Weiner of Farmington Hills appears in the 21st edition of the 1988-89 Who's Who in the Midwest, covering 12 states and two Canadian provinces.

Weiner, a specialist in physical medicine and rehabilitation, is a former team physician for the Detroit Sparks (wheelchair basketball team), former consultant to the Detroit League for the Handicapped, Goodwill Industries; and past president and Fellow of the American Osteopathic College of Rehabilitation Medicine.

• PATIO show •••••

Poolside and Patio Collection
Informally Modeled, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday, May 5, Birmingham
Friday, May 6, Livonia
Saturday, May 7, Rochester

See breezy leisure shifts in smock, wrap and peasant styles. Stripes, geometric and floral prints. All cotton. Shown: a rose print. S-M-L-XL, \$54.

SHOP UNTIL 9 P.M. ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
Until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday

Jacobson's

School bus drivers set fund-raiser

The Farmington school bus drivers are hosting their annual car wash/bake sale to support Farmington Youth Assistance.

The event is scheduled 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Ten Mile School, between Power and Farmington Roads.

All proceeds will go to FYA.

There are no expenses for the event — all items and time are donated, organizers said. "We hope the community will again give us the support that will help us to help others," said spokeswoman Darlene Thompson.

Donation for a car wash is \$3 for cars, \$4 for trucks and vans, and \$5 for large commercial vehicles.