

Hannah Bea's Comforts the Community

Restaurant offers down home cooking

More than just a place to get the most delicious poundcakes around, Hannah Bea's Restaurant in northeast Portland has become a meeting place for a community that appreciates mouth-watering comfort food and a welcoming, neighborhood feel.

"We're very friendly and down home," said Anita Smith, president of Hannah Bea's. "It's really comfortable. Most people love it and they stay for hours."

The restaurant is named after Smith's mother, Hannah Jo Warren Johnson, and her mother-in-law, Beatrice Smith. It's a fitting homage to the two souls that inspired Smith's cooking, her belief in people and God, and her strong business sense.

Everything created at the restaurant is homemade, with the main ingredient being love, Smith said.

"You can't do anything without the support of the people around you. I have a wonderful staff that works beyond the call of duty. We believe in customer service because we can't make it without your love," Smith said.



Anita Smith, president of Hannah Bea's Restaurant at 3969 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., oversees a successful local business that has been welcomed whole-heartedly for its relaxed atmosphere.

In addition to poundcakes, cobblers and other specially made desserts, the meals at Hannah Bea's are addicting. Delectable country breakfasts include eggs, biscuits and gravy, homestyle potatoes, grits, hot links, french toast and more. Sandwiches and cheeseburgers made to

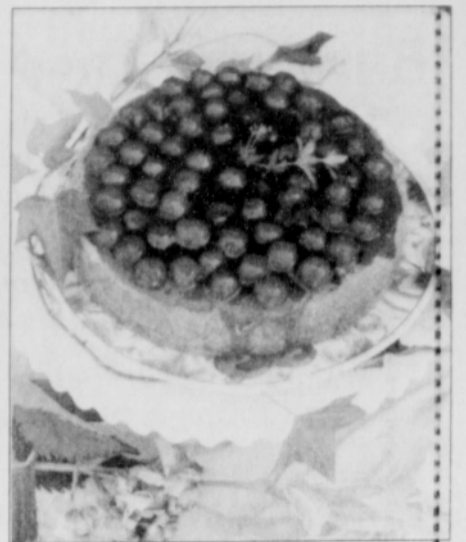
your order can be garnished with a yummy Cobb salad. A specialty lunch is made every day, which rotates between pork chops, gumbo, chicken, meatloaf, salmon or spaghetti. Those needing something a little lighter can go for a rice bowl topped with shrimp, chicken, beef or a

veggie patty.

"We personalize your lunch and breakfast is made to your specifications," Smith said.

The eatery will celebrate its fourth birthday in April of 2006.

"We've gotten a lot of love from a lot of



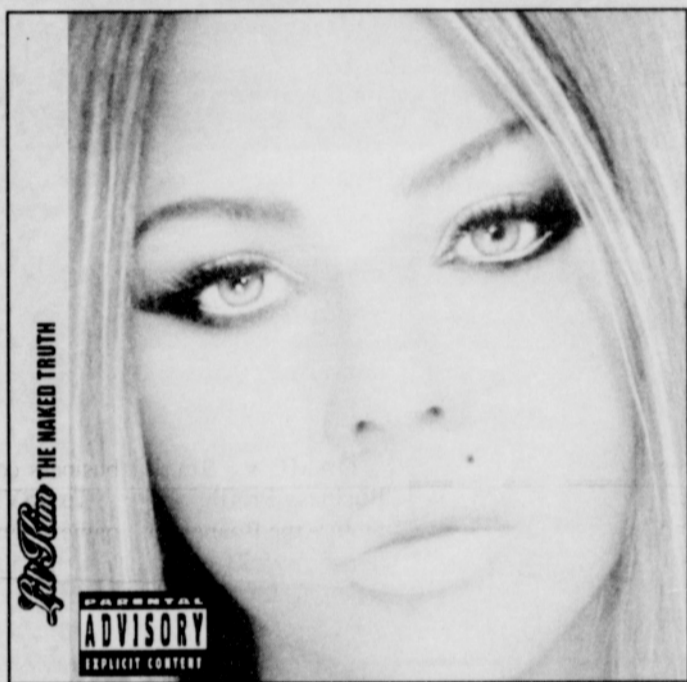
Hannah Bea's is well-known for its delicious pies, cobblers and poundcakes.

different people all over. They see that we're growing," Smith said.

Even NBC's Today Show has recognized Hannah Bea's, making it a feature last year on Al Roker's traveling cooking show, "Roker on the Road," aired on the Cable Food Network. During the stop, Roker sampled some yummy poundcake and cooked salmon croquettes with chef Saan Patterson.

Hannah Bea's is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The restaurant is located at 3969 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and can be contacted at 503-282-6334. For more menu and pricing information, visit www.hannahbeas.com.

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