

# THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE

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SUSAN DeLUCA



The new library and Center Place buildings are now open. The library is a two-story building with beautiful and unique architectural interior designs. This winding walkway leads to the library's second floor. See pages 12-13 for more photos and feature story.

## Bloomingdale teens arrested for thefts

BY PAM PULLEY

Three teen-agers were arrested for burglarizing five homes in March while a sixth entry remained unsolved at press time, a Hillsborough County Sheriff's detective said.

The first five burglaries were committed in Bloomingdale East; the sixth, Bloomingdale West, Det. Richard Walker said.

The three youths who allegedly stole bicycles from the garages of five homes were arrested following a tip from one of the victims.

The unidentified teenager began his search by riding a borrowed bicycle through the streets of Bloomingdale.

"He literally rode every street in Bloomingdale," said the boy's father. "And he actually found it, along with several other bikes by the side of a house."

The bicycles were being repainted. The teen-ager and his father reported the dis-

covery to the Sheriff's Office in Brandon.

Walker said each youth has been charged with five counts of burglary and theft and has been released to the custody of his parents. All are residents of Bloomingdale, Walker said.

locked or opened by forcible entry, he added. The bicycles were returned to their owners.

The boys are now awaiting adjudication in juvenile court.

Walker said the three arrested juveniles are not alone

*"Crimes against property have increased."*

Detective Richard Walker  
HC Sheriff's Department

The burglaries were committed between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Sunday, March 16, on Briar Park Way, Orange Crest Street, Greenford Street, Casaba Loop and Peachfield Drive, Walker said. The boys, ages 15 and 16 years, allegedly entered through the side doors of garages, Walker said.

Doors were either un-

in Bloomingdale's growing crime rate.

"I don't have evidence to show that the three who were arrested have been involved in other crimes," he said. "But there are other juveniles doing the same kind of crime." The burglary and theft charges are felonies.

THEFT, see page 10

## Find your name and win 2 FREE Dinners

Everybody likes contests and the chance to win something really good. Of course, the readers of *The Bloomingdale Gazette* are no different. In the spirit of fun, we are going to give two lucky families (one from Bloomingdale and one from either Heather Lakes or Las Brisas/Random Oaks) the chance to win 2 free dinners courtesy of Jesse's Steakhouse at 524 W. Brandon Blvd.

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### Other rules:

1. The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc., is doing this solely as a promotional tool

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**GOOD LUCK!**

## BHA College Scholarship Award applications now being accepted

BY PEGGY ARMSTRONG  
BHA Scholarship Chairperson

The importance of a good education can never be denied. With that in mind, the BHA is again offering a college scholarship to a high school senior living in the Bloomingdale community.

The BHA will be awarding this year's funds at the general membership meeting in May. Funds for this award come from community fund-raising activities and membership dues.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of student life to include grades, course work, extracurricular activities, and leadership.

Also included in the judging process are letters of reference and an autobiography written by the student.

Any high school senior living in the area served by the BHA (East, West, Estates, South or Oaks) and wishing to apply, should contact the BHA Scholarship Committee through the Bloomingdale Community

Office in Bloomingdale Square (857 E. Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511, or 681-2051 during office hours, leave a message after hours).

An application package will be sent to each applicant. The committee will also make applications available through the BSHS Guidance Department.

**Deadline for applying:  
April 30, 1991  
2:30 p.m.**

## What's the difference between C-U & PD-MU?

BY SUSAN L. DeLUCA

In a nutshell—nothing.

All Bloomingdale Residents receiving a notification that Bloomingdale Subdivision, currently a C-U (Community Unit) designation, would be changed to a PD-MU (Planned Development-Mixed Use) designation after public information workshops and public hearings.

According to John Walker of the Planning Department who was available to answer questions at the first of two public workshops on March 26, the only change we'll see is the name from C-U to PD-MU.

"It's no different than changing your name of Susan to Sally. Everything about you remains exactly the same."

When asked about vari-

ances that were in place, specifically the C-U variances granted to Atlantic Homes in Bloomingdale South, he stated that "all variances remain exactly as they are."

The purpose of the name change is to bring the entire state of Florida under one set of titles so that as the growth-management plan is implemented and/or utilized there is an industry standard that ensures everyone is speaking the same language.

Anyone wishing to speak to a county representative regarding this change may do so by calling 272-5555 and speaking to The Zoning and Planning Office. Public Hearings are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. on April 18 and May 2 at the County Courthouse, Room 214B, Tampa.

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 Brandon, FL 33511

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P. O. Box 3132  
 Brandon, FL 33509-3132

**President** Linda Hagan 681-6223

**BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION**

857 E. Bloomingdale Ave.  
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**DISTRICT II**  
 Position available for a Coordinator  
 T. J. Pinta, Deputy  
 HC Sheriff's Department  
 Crime Prevention Bureau, 247-8115

## Location of the Bloomingdale Community Office 857 E. Bloomingdale Bloomingdale Square



Office space donated by the Paragon Group

The Bloomingdale Community Office is open:  
 Monday to Friday  
 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
 Closed on  
 Saturday & Sunday

## IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office (see map on left). These are public meetings and all Bloomingdale Residents are invited.

**SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETINGS**  
 Monthly Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

**BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
 Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

**BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
 Occur five times per year in September, November (elections), January, March, and May. The next meeting will be in May.

**BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING**  
 Monthly Meeting: First Thursday of the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings for Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch are on a per need basis. Watch this listing for dates and time.

### Bloomingdale's "Everything you ever needed" Form

Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Offices  
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 Brandon, FL 33511

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- To join \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Watch \_\_\_\_\_ Neighborhood Watch.
- To be placed on waiting lists or volunteer lists for:  
 \_\_\_\_\_ BHA Board of Directors  
 \_\_\_\_\_ STD Board of Trustees  
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- To be contacted regarding advertising in *The Bloomingdale Gazette*
- To make a comment about:  
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## PERSONALITY PROFILE

### LaWayne Wyatt; assisting the eyes & ears of the community

LaWayne Wyatt, coordinator of Bloomingdale's Mobile Watch program, was nominated by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association for the Alice B. Thompkins Community Service Award for 1991 given by the Presidents' Roundtable of Brandon.

The award, given in honor of the late publisher of the Brandon News, is "presented to the person who has shown exemplary service to the Brandon community over the years," according to the Presidents' Roundtable. Clif Curry, attorney for Bloomingdale's Special Taxing District, was this year's winner.

Wyatt, well-known in the community, is a previous winner of the Bloomingdale

Resident Community Award. He is a member of the BHA, the Retired Officers Association and the Association of the United States Army.

His nomination to the Presidents' Roundtable, submitted by BHA president Russ Lembke, read as follows:

"LaWayne A. Wyatt is the coordinator for the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association's Mobile Watch program. The Mobile Watch is an organization of resident volunteers who patrol the community to deter crime and act as eyes and ears for the Sheriff's Office. The patrols report observations to a Base Station operator who then calls the Sheriff's Office if action by

a Deputy is required.

"LaWayne originally joined the Mobile Watch in 1985 as a patrol member while stationed at MacDill Air Force Base as a U.S. Army officer with the U.S. Readiness Command. In 1986 LaWayne also became a Base Station operator and in 1988 he accepted the job of scheduling the Mobile Watch's 7-day a week patrols.

"In 1989 LaWayne was elected Secretary of the organization and performed these duties in addition to those he already held. In December 1990 he was elected Coordinator.

"During the last two years LaWayne has been the driving force behind the Mobile Watch and was responsible for initiating several programs which significantly improved its operations.

"He revised and updated the operating procedures, instituted and conducts a training program for new volunteers and maintains a data base of patrol observations.

"In January 1990 he presented a briefing to Colonel Cal Henderson, Sheriff's Office Enforcement Operations Department, which outlined the organization and operation of the Mobile

Watch. He also presented several recommendations on improving coordination between the two organizations.

"One result of this briefing was recognition of the Mobile Watch by the Sheriff's Office as an effective organization interested in the safety of the community.

"Colonel Henderson also indicated the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch would be used as a model for other such organizations within Hillsborough County.

"LaWayne also initiated closer coordination with District 11 of the Sheriff's Office and the School Resource Officers at Bloomingdale High School and Burns Junior High School by providing them with weekly updates of the Mobile Watch's event log.

"LaWayne has also coordinated the Mobile Watch's traffic control support of many Bloomingdale community activities such as our annual Sports Day, Flea Market and neighborhood circus.

"In addition, he attends the monthly Homeowners Association Board of Directors meeting to provide updates on Mobile Watch activities.

"LaWayne currently devotes approximately 25 to 30 hours of service per month to his community.

"Based on his relationship with District 11, he was invited to address the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc., during its reaccreditation examination of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office in December 1990.

"In addition to his Mobile Watch activities, LaWayne assisted in organizing the Brandon Independence Day and Veterans Day parades in 1990.

Wyatt has lived in Bloomingdale for six years.

BY PAM PULLEY

### Erin Cummings...One of the Rent-A-Kids

BY DAVID CUMMINGS

The Bloomingdale Gazette has been in existence for 11 years now, with many programs helping the community and allowing the community to give back.

The Gazette offers everything from reporting neighborhood news, features and events to "Rent-A-Kid." Yes, you read correctly, but let me explain before you get any strange ideas.

"Rent-A-Kid" is a special program that allows children to deliver your Gazette every month.

In order to give you a deeper look, we will be interviewing a different child each month so that you can be introduced to the enterprising young "suburban" professionals in Bloomingdale.

This month I was privileged to interview an entrepreneur between her busy schedule of school, playtime and work. I asked Erin Cummings about some of her business techniques.

"I deliver the newspapers on my roller skates," Erin said. "That way it's only 45 minutes." When asked if she has other ways of making her job more efficient, her reply was impressive.

Not only does the young business woman, 8, deliver the Gazette to 62 houses in a short time, but has two "employees" working for her.

Erin said she pays her two friends 10 percent of her earnings each month and deposits what is left over (after buying bike accessories)

in the bank.

Whether drawing, painting or playing with her cat, Figaro, Erin knows how to enjoy life.



Erin said she wants to be an artist or an animal trainer when she gets older, but for now her work is fun and she promises to do it "until I am tired."

However, residents of her Pine Grove route are so nice she won't realize the fun has stopped, except, perhaps, while stuffing the papers into bags. "That," Erin said, "is a 45-minute job in itself."

Erin's mother said she accompanies her daughter on her weekend morning routes, and is happy that "Rent-A-Kid" has taught Erin responsibility.

Erin has been with the Bloomingdale Gazette since the summer of 1990.

She is the daughter of Mary and Russ Cummings of Bloomingdale East.

### Jason Gill

Airman Jason L. Gill successfully completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX, March 17 and is currently completing technical training at Illinois' Chanute Air Force Base. Gill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Gill of Bloomingdale East.



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### Stephanie Boner

Stephanie Boner, a senior at Bloomingdale Senior High School, won two grand championship ribbons and a first-place ribbon at the March Florida Strawberry Festival and Hillsborough County Fair in Plant City. Stephanie received the grand championship ribbons for her entries of a decorated bunny cake and a six-layer specialty cake called "Mandarin Orange Extraordinaire." Her third entry, a Kentucky Derby pie, won first place. Stephanie is the daughter of Geneva and Bill Boner of Bloomingdale East.





# OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP OF THE BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., OF A PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

BY JERRY HOFFMAN, DIRECTOR

At the March 12, 1991, Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Board of Directors' meeting, the following changes to the Bylaws were approved by the Board to be submitted to the membership. Final approval will be voted upon by the Board of Directors at the April 9, 1991, meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the corporate office. Any suggestions or requests for modification should be mailed to or delivered in writing to the corporate office at 857 E. Bloomingdale Ave., Brandon, FL 33511, on or before the close of

business (2:30 p.m.) on April 9, 1991.

It is proposed that Section 1.1 ANNUAL MEETING of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc. (Not For Profit Corporation) shall be amended to read:

**Section 1.1. ANNUAL MEETING.** The annual meeting of the Members of this corporation hereinafter "Corporation," shall be in November of each year or at such other time and place designated by the Board of

Directors of the Corporation. Business transacted at the annual meeting shall include the election of Directors of the Corporation. There will also be regular meetings of the Members to be scheduled as follows: Two meetings (sequenced one per every six months) will be scheduled on such a date so as to be in conjunction with Board of Directors meetings. These meetings will be either 30 minutes prior to the start of the Board of Directors meeting or will occupy the first 30 minutes of said meeting.



# Planned activities for the year by the BHA

## July 20 • Golf

The Second Annual Bloomingdale Golf Tournament will be a stand-alone event this year. It will be held at the Riverhills Country Club on Lithia Pinecrest by Bloomingdale East on a Saturday morning. Chairpersons for this event are BHA Directors Ron Schall and Bill Povilus. Assisting will be Bill MacKinnon, last year's golfing chairman.

If you are interested in playing at Riverhills: Call the Bloomingdale Community Office and the appropriate form will be mailed to you.

If you are interested in being a Sponsor: Call Doris Pence at The Bloomingdale Gazette at 681-2051. Information will be provided.

This event is open to anyone, resident and non-resident alike.

## Turn lane approved at Oaks entrance

BY LARRY RIVERS, DIRECTOR

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has received a response to its request for information on the posted speeds on two of our most heavily traveled roads Bloomingdale Ave. and Lithia Pinecrest Rd.

We are concerned about the safety of these roads as the amount of traffic increases. We will continue to monitor the situation with the county. Their spot speed studies revealed an 85th percentile speed of 52.05 mph on Bloomingdale from C.R. 640 (Lithia Pinecrest) to John Moore. The speed limit on this section is 45 mph.

We received some good news to our request to create a turn lane for those who use Cade Lane at Bloomingdale Ave. by the high school. The office of Gregory A. Prytyka, Sr. P.E., Manager Traffic Engineering for Hillsborough County, advises us that plans to do this have been implemented.

## October 13 • Circus

Roberts Brothers 3 Ring Circus will again be visiting Bloomingdale courtesy of the BHA. Playing one show on Sunday afternoon, the circus will be located in Bloomingdale's Park West.

Corporate sponsorships available:

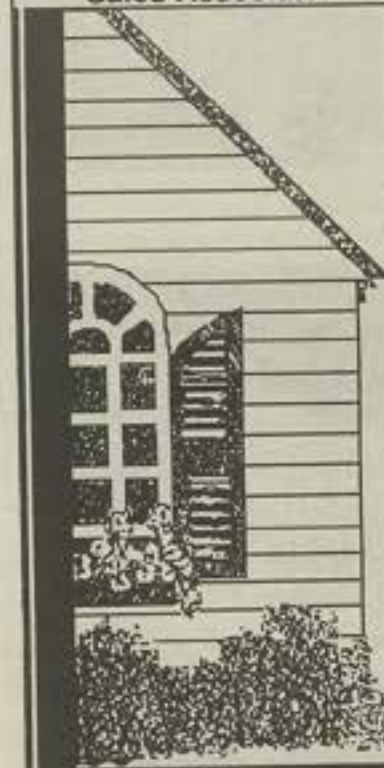
Not only will banners be available, but corporations will be allowed to purchase blocks of tickets in advance to use as promotional tools within their own businesses. Contact Cecile Dorety at the Bloomingdale Community Office (681-2051) to be placed on the information needed list.

## November 2 • Picnic & Sale

The Annual BHA Family Picnic will be held on Saturday, November 2, at Park East. In conjunction with this will be a Community Garage Sale in which residents sell their wares from their own homes. Chairman of the Picnic will be David Lees who is available at 681-3999 (call to volunteer). Chairperson of the Community Garage Sale will be Susan DeLuca. Registration blanks for both events will be available after July.



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# Advertising Deadlines for May & Summer Activities editions

## May 11 — Regular News Issue

News deadline: April 26  
Advertising deadline: April 26

## June 1 — Special Summer Activities Edition

News deadline: May 15  
Advertising deadline: May 17

### Summer Activities Edition article submission:

Anyone offering classes, tutoring, activities, functions, team sports, or anything Adults, Children, or Families can do during the summer, are strongly encouraged to submit this information **No Later Than May 15** for consideration. Submission does not guarantee publication. Send your information, along with name and daytime phone number, to:

The Bloomingdale Gazette  
ATTN: Summer Activities  
857 E. Bloomingdale Ave.  
Brandon, FL 33511

### Questions?

Call 681-2051, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, or leave a message and your call will be returned.



Jerry Fields, owner of Fields Art and Framing in Royal Oaks Shopping Center, is putting the finishing touches on the framing of an original painting that will be hung in the lobby of a Sabal Park hotel. Located at the corner of Bloomingdale Ave. and Lithia Pinecrest in East, Jerry's frame shop is open 10-6 Monday through Friday and 10-4 on Saturday.

## Do you teach sales techniques or are very good at selling?

*We don't know how, and would like to learn!*

As The Bloomingdale Gazette has expanded, we have found that our search for advertising has put us into some rigorous competition with other news media. Because of this, we are finding that we don't have the serious skills it takes to ser-

vice our current customers and enlighten others into joining our newspaper. Our advertising staff is excellent, but lacks that "competitive edge" we need.

If you teach sales techniques and skills, or if you are very successful at this

and can teach us how to sell, we would be interested in talking to you. Hopefully we will find someone who is willing to volunteer some time to us on a weekend or during an evening(s). If you are unable to do this as a volunteer, we would still like

to talk to you.

Please call the Bloomingdale Community Office, 681-2051, at your earliest convenience and ask for Susan DeLuca. If it is after hours, please tell us when is the most convenient time for your call to be returned.

## Bloomingdale Business

Dee's Grooming Center Boutique, specializing in the bathing, dipping and grooming of animals, opened March 19 at 807 E. Bloomingdale Ave. in Bloomingdale Square.

The shop is owned by Dee Correll, former owner of Sarah's Poodle Salon of Valrico. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Phone number is 685-0854.

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Beef O'Brady's made its debut in Bloomingdale at 4330 Bell Shoals Road in the Village Center in February.

Promising a family pub atmosphere and a strong sports theme with 10 television sets and three satellite dishes, Beef O'Brady's entrees range from chicken wings to thick hamburgers and pitchers of beer.

Hours are Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Phone number is 653-1888. (John & Patricia M. of 1072 B. -- YOU WIN!)

Beef O'Brady's also has a location at 210 S. Kings Ave. in Brandon.

## Bloomingdale Real Estate Report

BY CHUCK FRENZ

### Bloomingdale Box Score

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1990 = 12 • 1991 = 9

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## Southeast Bank needs your donations

Southeast Bank on Bell Shoals Road in Bloomingdale is looking for your donations. They need a lot of them on April 8 and 9 to pull them through.

Trash and treasure donations that is.

In conjunction with the March of Dimes WalkAmerica program, Southeast Bank, along with its other branches, will be holding a Trash & Treasure Sale in the parking lot of their Brandon branch office. The proceeds from the sale of your donated items will be going to the March of Dimes.

Small furniture, household items, clean clothing, toys--you name it, they'll take it. Bring these items to the Southeast Bank branch at 3511 Bell Shoals during regular banking hours on Monday, April 8 and Tuesday, April 9. Tax deductible receipts will be given.

Then, on April 13, enjoy yourself at the Parking Lot Sale at the Southeast Bank Brandon Banking Center at 510 Oakfield Drive from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

According to Susann Bell, Banking Center Manager, "Each of the branches will be in competition with the other to see who can sell the most. It should be a lot of fun and it's for a good cause!"

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## President's Perceptions

BY RUSS LEMBKE, President  
Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

I would like to begin this article by publicly recognizing the outstanding contribution made by two Bloomingdale residents. The first is Mr. Thomas Brophy of 1403 Holleman Drive. As an active director on the BHA board, Tom contributed numerous hours of time to assuring the success of BHA sponsored activities at the Bloomingdale Sports Festival, the circus and the annual Flea Market and Picnic. He also contributed significantly to our board meetings. We, the board and the Bloomingdale community, will certainly miss his outstanding support and his candid and educated opinions.

The second is Mr. LaWayne Wyatt, coordinator of our highly successful Mobile Watch.

His hard work and dedicated support has made the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch program one of the most successful in the county and outlying areas.

On the 15th of March 1991, the Presidents Roundtable held its annual Town Hall/Commissioners Dinner. One of the highlights of the event was to announce the winner of the Alice B. Thompkins Community Service Award. This award is presented to a person who has shown exemplary service to the Brandon Community.

Because of his outstanding and dedicated service to our community, LaWayne was selected, unanimously by the BHA board, to be our nominee for this year's award.

Although LaWayne was not selected as this year's winner, he is, nonetheless, a winner in our eyes.

Also attending from Bloomingdale was Mr. Bill Povilus and his wife Priscilla. Bill is vice president of the Board of Directors of the BHA.

One of my objectives as president of the BHA is to meet with other leaders. On March 20 I had the pleasure of meeting with Maj. Larry Terry, Commander, District II of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office. Also attending that meeting was Capt. Richard F. Cepriano.

My purpose was threefold: To assure our continued excellent relationship with Maj. Terry and his organization; to learn more about how the Sheriff's Office operates and to discuss in general terms an incident that occurred on Saturday night, February 23, involving a resident of Bloomingdale, the Sheriff's Office and our Mobile Watch (see *Letters...* this issue).

Maj. Terry and Capt. Cepriano were very cooperative and open during our discussion. I was very impressed with the

scope of operations of District II and the vastness of their area of responsibility. District II encompasses 748 square miles of Hillsborough County. The area is divided into 9 zones. By the time this paper reaches you there will be 10. Each zone is patrolled around the clock by highly trained/certified deputies, each in constant contact, through a highly sophisticated and computerized communication systems, with a central control center headquarters in Tampa. All 911 calls from citizens throughout the county are received in the central control centers in Tampa and deputies dispatched immediately, based upon the seriousness of the call. The system is impressive—and it works. Maj. Terry offered me and any of the board members the opportunity to ride with one of his deputies to witness for ourselves how efficient the system works. I plan to accept his offer.

I was pleased to learn that our community, (Bloomingdale, Brandon, Valrico), is not identified as having a serious problem with persons either using or selling "crack cocaine." Overall, I was extremely impressed with Maj. Terry's operation and feel very confident in the support he and his deputies give toward assuring a safe environment in which to live.

However, it should be noted that **he and his deputies can't do their jobs if they are not called!!!** It is disturbing to find that many Bloomingdale residents who fall victim to vandalism, robbery, mail box smashers, etc., elect to call the Mobile Watch or the Bloomingdale Community Office rather than 911. The only agency that can put a stop to vandalism and crime is the Sheriff's Office—

no one else. It has been noted that vandalism, misdemeanors, and more serious crimes are increasing in our community. However, in many cases the crime goes unreported. **No matter how efficient a law enforcement agency is, if the crime is not reported there is nothing it can do to help. The bottom line is: Call 911 if you are the victim of a crime or if you witness a crime taking place. Take an active role in stopping crime and vandalism in Bloomingdale—Report It!!**

Regarding the incident that took place on February 23, I and Maj. Terry discussed the case fully; however, I am not at liberty to reveal the details of our discussion. I will say this—I commend the resident involved for reporting the incident to the proper authorities. I commend the Sheriff's Office for its thorough investigation of the incident and of the contents of the letter submitted by the resident involved.

Last but not least, I commend our Mobile Watch people who responded and provided outstanding help in keeping the lid on a potentially serious incident. A letter from Sheriff Walter Heinrich describing, in detail, the results of the investigation conducted by the Sheriff's Office will be sent to the resident involved.

Congratulations for a job well done and a hearty welcome home to our servicemen and women who just returned from the Middle East. Also I wish to extend our continued strong support to our armed forces personnel who remain. God bless you all.

## My Turn

BY SUSAN L. DeLUCA

There are good ways to handle vandalism, destruction of property, theft, and nuisance and then there are bad ways.

Take for instance the following telephone calls I've received:

Resident A calls and says "My house has been broken into two times. They've taken wine from my refrigerator and some small things. Now this second time I'm upset because they've taken something that belonged to my husband that he like."

Did she call the Sheriff's Department? No, to both times; even though there were strangers in her home and objects were missing.

Reason? "I'm sure it's just kids."

Resident B calls and says "The field in back of my home is on fire and creeping up to my lawn, what should I do?"

She had not called the Fire Department assuming it wasn't necessary.

Resident C calls and says "We had shots fired into our home last night. Thankfully they were high and no one was hurt, but there is damage to the house."

Did they call the Sheriff's Department? No. Reason? They didn't see anyone so what was the sense to calling them.

Resident D calls and says "My son's bike was stolen, but he found it. When I went to get it back, I found his plus four other bikes that were being painted by the side of a house. I took my son's bike home."

Had he called the Sheriff's Department? No. But he did after I made a very strong case to do so. Reason? He didn't want to get involved.

All of these phone calls are true.

All were received at my home be-

cause they knew I ran the newspaper.

All called because they thought it would be interesting for readers.

Those are the bad ways to handle crime. None had called the Sheriff's Department.

I call the Sheriff's Department about everything. If they think I call too much—tough.

I called when I saw teens jumping over a wall under suspicious circumstances. I called when a very scruffy man was walking through the middle of the back yards during the day. I called when our mailbox got

smashed.

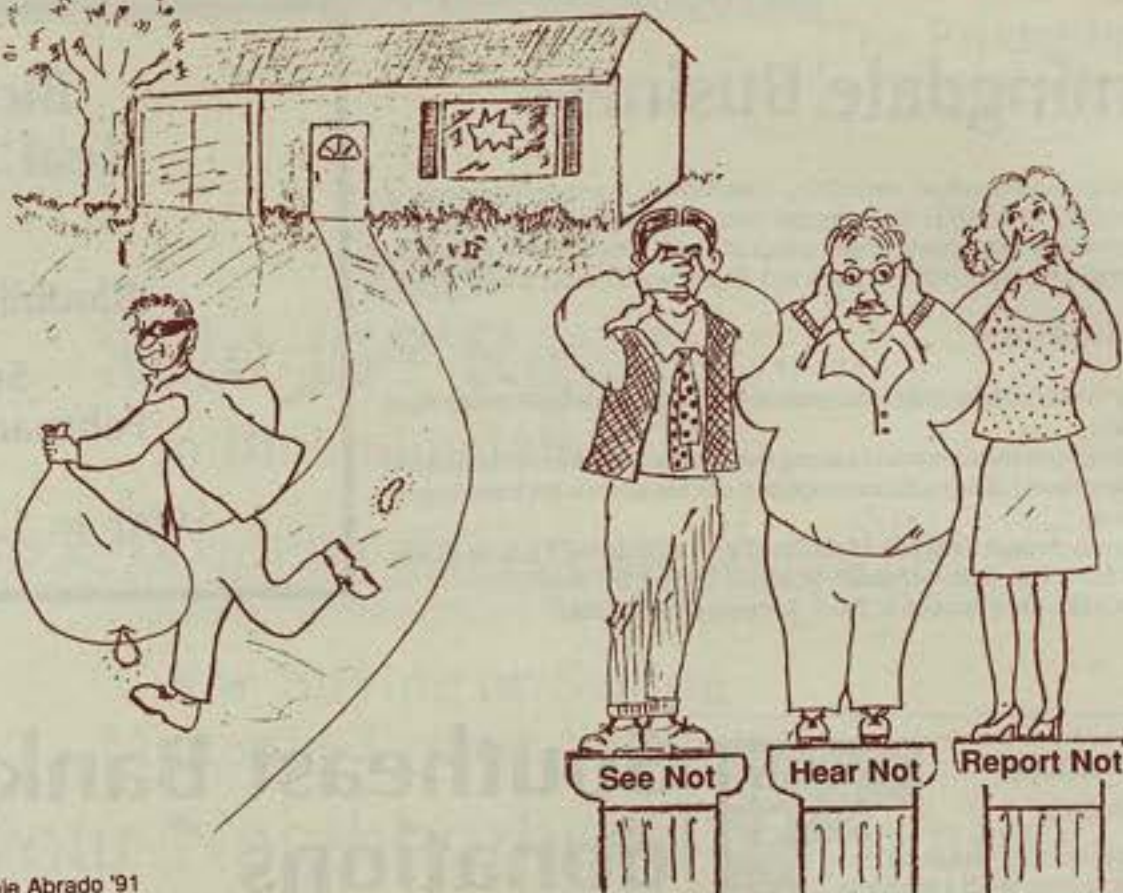
But I didn't call when our house got egged. Why? Because I knew the perpetrators and went directly to the parents of the parties. The parents handled it in a mature and amicable manner. No, they weren't happy; but it stopped. (And yes, I do feel sometimes like I'm the meany of the neighborhood. And yes, the next one to egg someone's house could very well be one of my own kids.)

We are creating a false sense of security by lowering our crime rates and this little panacea is keeping everyone happy. But the

truth is we are hurting ourselves badly. By not reporting every single incident, we are technically lowering our crime rate while in actuality, the crimes-against-property rates in Bloomingdale are on the rise. By not reporting, we aren't going to get the attention of the Sheriff's Department.

The saying goes that the crime rate is 0% until you are the victim and then it rises to 100%. Don't sit back in your recliner at night and tune out the world—it's your world. And like it or not you've got to take a part in it or maybe YOU are going to be the next statistic.

## The Latest Bloomingdale Code Of Ethics...



Bonnie Abrado '91  
Susan L. DeLuca



## Input Needed for Yearly Budget & a Wall Starts

BY PETER ALUOTTO, President  
Bloomingdale Special Taxing District

There are several items I wish to share with you this month.

First and foremost, I would like everyone to know that their Special District has begun its annual budget process. Although the public hearing will not be until May, the Board of Trustees must have your input now. If you have any ideas, please bring them to our next regularly scheduled meeting on April 8. Be prepared to tell the board what you propose to be done. If at all possible, try to present such details as the specific location of the project, its approximate cost, if the project requires more than one year to complete, and a general justification for the project in terms of how it would benefit the community. We want to hear from you.

As for the remainder of this year, a contract has been let for the painting of approximately 1/3 of our buffer walls. The work will take place on Nature's Way from the beginning of the wall at Lornewood to the end at Havenstone; Nature's Way from the beginning of the wall at Elba to the end near River Crossing; the entire east side of Bell Shoals; Bell Shoals from Rosemeade south to the ditch; and the east. The work will begin in just a few weeks and take about one month to complete.

Phase I of the District's wall replacement program will likely be started ahead of schedule. Thanks in part to proper planning by our predecessors, funds are expected to be available this year to undertake replacement of the wood fence surrounding Section J with the community standard stucco over concrete block. Specifications for this wall are currently being written.

On the subject of walls and improvements to common areas, I would like to remind all property owners that they should seek the permission of the Board of Trustees before undertaking any alteration of common areas. The District Ordinance delegates the maintenance of common areas to the district including the landscaping of entrances. If you have any questions or problems, please call me or better yet, come to the meeting.

About signs and yardsales, let me say that most of us have been very conscientious about the size, placement and removal of our homemade snipe signs. Some of us however, are making huge banner signs, putting signs in the flower beds, and forgetting to take them down after the event. Although technically against the law, the board has never made an issue of these signs. Moreover, the board is not anxious to get into the sign patrol business. So please, be considerate of your neighbors and keep your signs under control. Thanks.

## LETTERS...

### Where are the street lights on Bell Shoals Road?

Dear Editor:

I am writing to inquire about the status of the lighting project on Bell Shoals Road in the South Brandon area. The project was/is to start at the intersection of Bloomingdale and Bell Shoals and proceed south on Bell Shoals for approximately one mile.

The area involved is one of rapid growth and heavy traffic speeding along at a 45 mph clip. There are four traffic entrances to the Bloomingdale East and West subdivisions along this route, which is frequented by young and old alike on evening walks, jogs or bicycle rides to and from one of the three shopping areas off of Bell Shoals. It is truly an adventure (sometimes life-threatening) trying to cross the road. Numerous accidents have occurred along this route at night and I'm sure that there have been many near-misses, as well.

So much for the justification factors which have been done by others long before my interest in this project began. I first talked to Mr. Bob McCullough of your staff in October, 1989, about the project's status. At that time, there was a problem with the design of the light fixtures as well as how they were to be installed. Several months later Mr. McCullough retired and the project was turned over to others and since then the project has apparently "died on the vine" so to speak.

During this same time period, early in 1990, I spoke with Mrs. Cindy Foster of the Engineering Services Department of Hillsborough County. Mrs. Foster verified what

Mr. McCullough had said about the project having all of the necessary approvals as far as the county was concerned.

It is inconceivable to me and those of us who must travel this busy road night after night, how such an important project could encounter delay after delay. Surely the design process on this project cannot be any more difficult than some of the others that have been completed in other areas.

I am aware that there has been some question about a long-term projection that Bell Shoals is to be widened. However, I have not seen that on any projected road plans.

The residents of this area deserve to have this project completed in the name of safety with the utmost of haste. Since there are not any approvals pending from the multitude of agencies that could normally delay timely completion, it seems that the ball is in TECO's court and it has been dropped, flatly.

It would be most appreciated if you would verify the status of this project and provide me with an update as to the timeline that is to be assigned that will allow this project to be completed as soon as possible. Also, please notify the people who are receiving courtesy copies of this letter, so that we will all know at the same time what to expect.

Your comments are eagerly awaited and, as mentioned earlier, appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Bruce H. May

## LETTERS...

### Rainbow Food Mart of Concern to Resident

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your clear and concise reporting of Paul Moffett's (Rainbow Food Mart) current problem with his landlord ("My Turn," *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, March 1991). I, like you, have found Paul and Rainbow Food Mart to be a true community asset in the best tradition of service to the community.

If Jim Mikes and Glen Haven Associates are successful in evicting Paul, it

will be another example of big business forcing out the small entrepreneur. I agree with you that Mr. Mikes should hear from ALL of us; therefore, attached is a copy of my letter to him indicating my support for Paul.

If you get enough response, please consider a "Paul Moffett Rally" to show the Bloomingdale residents overwhelming support for Paul.

Joe Liguori

(Mr. Liguori's letter to Mr. Mikes follows.)

Glen Haven Associates  
c/o Rednick and Wolf  
101 E. Kennedy Blvd.  
Tampa, FL 33602

Dear Mr. Mikes:

I have read the article in the March issue of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, that indicates you have sighted 7-Eleven and Farm Stores as being better options.

As a 5 year resident of Bloomingdale, I have found Rainbow Food Mart and Paul Moffett to be excellent community citizens. If you are successful in your attempt to evict Paul, you may be assured that I won't patronize the "chain" that you may get to replace him. Who knows, if enough people feel as I do, maybe a new tenant won't consider the location because of a potential decrease in customer traffic.

I don't believe that Rainbow Food Mart has ever filed for bankruptcy. Can 7-Eleven, one of your "better options" make that claim? And what about your community spirit? How many times were you or your agents contacted before you finally refurbished the Bloomingdale sign.

For the sake of the residents, please take some time to rethink your position; and not ask Paul to incur any more costs in attempting to run his business.

Sincerely,  
Joe Liguori

### Gazette Story Helps Auction Succeed

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the Bloomingdale Band Booster Association and Ted Hope, Bloomingdale High band director, I wish to take this opportunity to thank you very much for your running of our auction announcement in your Gazette issue of February 2.

Our auction was held on Saturday, March 2, and we feel that through the support of your public service announcement along with all of the other advertising avenues that were employed, our auction resulted in a rousing success both profitable and attendance wise as it was determined that it attracted the largest crowd ever for that particular event.

The funds raised will go toward the purchase of much needed instruments, music, instrument, repairs, uniforms, and to help offset the costs of the students' upcoming band competition trip to Williamsburg, Virginia.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Graciela Langan  
Publicity Chairperson  
Bloomingdale Band Booster Association  
Bloomingdale Senior High School

### Drinking, Physical Safety, and an Unsupervised Party

(Editor's Note: Identifiers were deleted to protect the writer.)

Dear Neighbors:

The night of Saturday February 23, 1991, my wife and I heard loud voices outside our house. We looked out the front door and observed four young males in the driveway of XXX Bloomingfield Drive. They were taking turns hanging on a basketball rim and appeared to be trying to break it.

They began moving west on Bloomingfield Drive and as we watched they slammed their fists into the mailbox at XXX Bloomingfield Drive. They continued to move west on Bloomingfield Drive.

At this time I placed a call to 911. I explained what happened and told the dispatcher they were on the south side of

Bloomingfield between Applegate and Bessemer. My wife and I then moved to the front porch and yard to see if we could continue to observe their movements.

At this time we discovered there were many cars parked at and near XXX Bloomingfield Drive. From our yard we could see many people in the front of XXX Bloomingfield Drive. There were also people around cars parked all the way to the front of XXX Bloomingfield Drive. They were talking loud and appeared to be drinking beer and moved back and forth from the house at XXX Bloomingfield Drive.

While watching this, two females came out of the house at XXX Bloom-

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ingfield Drive and got into a car at the front of the house. As the driver entered the car she said to someone, "Wait here! We're just going to get more beer". She proceeded east on Bloomingfield Drive then turned onto Bessemer Circle. She then turned left through the back yard at XXX Bloomingfield Drive. I ran toward Bessemer Circle as the car approach Bloomingfield Drive and got the license number of the vehicle. (License XXX XXX) I then went in the house to write down the license number. I was evidently observed by people at the party because while I was in the house two males, one carrying a tire iron, came into my yard then approached and threatened my wife with a tire iron. As I returned to the front yard they left and went into the house the XXX Bloomingfield Drive.

I again called 911 and told them what happened and pleaded that they get an officer there quickly. We were told to stay inside. We continued to observe from our front door and bedroom window.

People came out of XXX Bloomingfield Drive and some of the cars began to leave. One pickup truck with several people in the back raced up and down the street several times. Soon there were only a few cars left in front of XXX Bloomingfield Drive and all of the lights in the house were turned off.

As we continued to observe, five males came from the vicinity of XXX Bloomingfield Drive heading east on the south side of Bloomingfield Drive. Three of them crossed the street and came into my yard. I moved onto my front porch. As I did, they saw me and crossed back to the other side of the street and continued east to Rosedale. They moved up Rosedale a few feet out of the light.

At this time I saw a Sheriff's car approaching from the east. I ran to the street and flagged down the car and told the Deputy what was going on. The Deputy backed up to Rosedale and talked with three of the males. The other two has already fled up Rosedale. He quickly let them go. There was no attempt to get their ID's. The boys told the Deputy that the culprits were from a party down the street at XXX Bloomingfield Drive. (In thinking about this later I had to wonder. Why did they cross the street when they saw me? Why did the other two run?)

The Sheriff proceeded to XXX Bloomingfield. Nobody would answer the door. While the Deputy was at XXX Bloomingfield, we talked to other neighbors who had just returned home. They said they had also placed a 911 call due to the people and cars on the street. We also talked to the mobile watch.

The Deputy returned from XXX Bloomingfield. I explained everything that happened and gave him the license number of the car that drove through the neighbors back yard. I told him then that I wanted to file a complaint. He said I couldn't until they caught someone. He then left to check out known drinking spots. (No attempt was made to get our formal statement or a signed

complaint.) The Mobile Watch also left. We went back inside the house but continued to watch the street.

Within a minute after the Sheriff and Mobile Watch left, cars and people began returning to the house at XXX Bloomingfield Drive. The cars mostly came from the area of Rosedale. People also came from that direction on foot. All headed back to the house at XXX Bloomingfield Drive. (They had to have been watching us all along and/or monitoring the Sheriff and Mobile Watch with a scanner.)

As people returned to XXX Bloomingfield Drive I saw the Mobile Watch car at Rosedale and Bloomingfield. I walked out to tell him what was happening. We continued to observe from the house.

For over an hour I saw two Mobile Watch vehicles continually pass up and down the street and go around Bessemer Circle. Soon everyone appeared to leave XXX Bloomingfield and all cars were gone from the driveway and from the front of the house. As cars left, the Mobile Watch cars would follow. I assumed to get license numbers. We never saw nor heard from the Sheriff again.

On Sunday morning I took a walk around the neighborhood. The mailbox at XXX Bloomingfield was damaged. Fortunately, the owner was able to easily fix it. There were no other signs of damage except the street sign at Bloomingfield and Bessemer Circle was knocked over. (This was vandalized on Friday night.)

The Sheriff still had not called by 10:00 AM Sunday.

On Sunday February 24, 1991 at 10:30 AM I called the Sheriff's office to find the status of the 911 calls I had placed the previous night. At that time I was informed the only calls that were logged were my first call and one other call from the XXX block of Bloomingfield Drive. (It's no wonder the Sheriff says we are in a low crime area. Only half of the calls get logged.) I was told that if I wanted to pursue the problem, I would have to call the shift supervisor after 3:00 PM.

At 5:00 PM I called the shift supervisor and explained my situation. He gathered the information and called me back. I was told then that my first call was recorded and "cleared" within 20 minutes when the Deputy found nothing on the street. (I find this hard to believe since there were people and cars on the street during this time.) The call from XXX Bloomingfield, for a mailbox bashing, was "cleared" as a duplicate call. (It should be noted the houses are 1/2 mile apart. Also, my earlier report indicated the boys I saw were moving west. The XXX block is well east of my house.) My neighbors call was also cleared as a duplicate even though the calls were at least a half hour apart.

My second call which referred to someone threatening my wife with a tire iron was never logged.

The shift supervisor sent a Deputy to my house on Sunday evening to take my state-

## Support groups wind down

A military wife who led a family support group for spouses of soldiers stationed in the Persian Gulf region says the approaching conclusion to the war has exhausted the need for the group's monthly meetings.

The Brandon Desert Shield Family Support Group was organized in August when Iraq military forces invaded Kuwait. The group's identity was changed to Desert Storm when the United States began dropping missiles over Baghdad Jan. 16, said Doris Pence, who pulled together wives—and one husband—left in limbo by the deployment of American forces to Saudi Arabia.

"Because of husbands going home and wives returning to their homes, the need is no longer there," she said. "If the need does arise again, our group is ready to start at a moment's notice. God knows, we hope that does not happen."

The monthly meetings—attracting any-

where from 29 to 60 spouses—focused on a number of topics with contributions by guest speakers.

"The last guest speaker was a counselor who talked about how difficult it is to reunite after the separation," Pence said.

To honor spouses of active-duty military personnel who remain in the Persian Gulf Region, the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce recently hosted an "appreciation" luncheon and fashion show with financial and volunteer support from area businesses and civic groups at the Holiday Inn Sabal Park Hotel and Conference Center.

Invitations were mailed to 325 spouses, said Carol Todd Johnson, chairman of the chamber's military affairs committee.

Special guest speaker was Brenda Schwarzkopf, wife of Desert Storm commander Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf.

ment. It turned out to be the same Deputy that I flagged down on Saturday night. At that time I showed him this report which at that time contained everything that happened on Saturday night. I also informed the deputy that I thought I knew the name of the people living at XXX Bloomingfield. The Deputy wrote down some information and gave me a case number. (XX-XXXXXX) He did not take a copy of this report.

On Monday I received a call from another Deputy. It was apparently his job to read all of the complaints and wanted to clarify some things on my complaint. I reviewed the whole incident with him. He seemed bothered that some of the information was not recorded in the report. He took all of the information and promised to follow up and keep me informed. This was the first time that I really had a good feeling that something might get done.

I will keep pushing to find out the name of the individual who threatened my wife and will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law. I know that some of the individuals involved in this incident are from the sur-

rounding neighborhood. Hopefully these people will step forward and do the right thing by providing information to the Sheriff's department.

You can be sure that I will report every incident that I observe. I am determined to seek legal action against any and every offender. I will also follow up on every report to ensure it was properly recorded and proper attention was given. Hopefully all of you will do the same. Maybe then the Sheriff will provide the appropriate attention to our neighborhood.

The Sheriff's department has promised special patrols in our neighborhood. This should deter these people from vandalizing our property or terrorizing the neighborhood.

I would like to especially thank the members of the Mobile Watch who kept their vigil until the entire party dispersed. Without their efforts I feel certain there would have been another attempt to vandalize my property that evening.

Name withheld by the Editor with the writer's consent



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# Good Enough for a Queen

BY PAM PULLEY

British food may range from the predictable fish and chips (actually, french fried potatoes) and steak and kidney salad with several varieties of lettuce to roast leg of lamb (a specialty of the country) and sole with cream sauce.

And, visitors should never ignore the Indian and Pakistani restaurants that proliferate throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Ethnic owners and staff proudly serve traditional meals from their homelands. Mild to medium seasonings on such entrees as curry of any kind, chicken tikka and vegetables may please the palate—but without the sensation of a trail of rocket fire zinging down your throat.

Grab a steak-and-kidney pie for your trip to Dover on the Rail. Stop in a pub for a haggis pie and ale near Windsor Castle. Relax in the ornate restaurant at the Wyndham Hotel in London for a lesson in dining elegance.

Following are recipes for several starters, courtesy of the interview-based British Best Illustrated.

**Shrimp Balls**  
Excellent as a tidbit for hors d'oeuvres or set out on a buffet, the seafood balls are light and fluffy.  
1 pound prawns  
10 water chestnuts  
1 egg, beaten  
1 tablespoon onion  
Dash of ginger root (to taste)

2 teaspoons cornflour  
1 tablespoon sherry  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
Cooking oil  
Mince the prawns, water chestnuts, onion and ginger root. Add the egg, cornflour, sherry and salt. Mix well. Shape into small balls or drop by the teaspoonful into hot oil and deep fry until golden, 5 minutes approximately.  
Drain and serve with a sweet and sour sauce to dip into or sprinkled with lemon juice and parsley. Serves 6 to 8.

**Drawns in Garlic**  
This Spanish dish is always popular with lovers of hot, spicy food. The quantities of garlic and chilies can be reduced to taste but, in any case, plenty of French bread should be available for "dunking" in the sauce.  
4-6 ounces prawns, shelled  
1 fluid ounce olive oil  
1-2 fresh chilies, chopped  
OR 1 dried chili, chopped  
1 small green pepper, sliced thinly  
4-6 cloves garlic, crushed  
Heat the olive oil. Add the chilies, garlic and pepper. Cook gently until soft, approximately 10 minutes. Add the prawns and cook 1-2 minutes longer, just enough to heat through. Serve in warmed bowls. Serves 4.

**Savory Meatballs**  
MEATBALLS  
1 pound pork, minced  
1 cooking apple, minced  
1 onion, minced  
2 eggs  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
Salt and pepper  
Plain flour  
3 ounces breadcrumbs  
Cooking oil  
SAUCE  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 carrot, cut in strips

**Piperade**  
A delicious way to dress up scrambled eggs, flavoring them with a variety of golden vegetables.  
1 onion, sliced  
1 large pepper  
3 tomatoes, skinned and chopped  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
Salt and pepper  
1 ounce butter  
1 tablespoon olive oil  
4 eggs, beaten  
1 tablespoon milk  
Gently cook the onion in the butter and olive oil until soft. Reserve 1/4 of the pepper for a garnish and shred the rest. Add to the onion along with the garlic and tomatoes.  
Simmer until blended into a puree. Pour the combined eggs and milk into the pan and cook, stirring, until set. Turn onto warm serving dish and garnish with reserved pepper. Serves 4.

**Savory Meatballs**  
MEATBALLS  
1 pound pork, minced  
1 cooking apple, minced  
1 onion, minced  
2 eggs  
1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
Salt and pepper  
Plain flour  
3 ounces breadcrumbs  
Cooking oil  
SAUCE  
1 small onion, chopped  
1 carrot, cut in strips

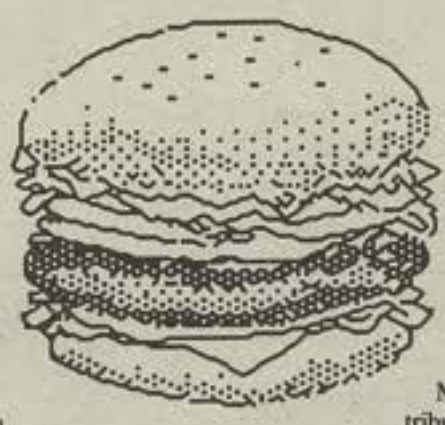
1 leek, sliced  
2 sticks celery, sliced  
2 ounces mushrooms, sliced  
1 ounce butter  
2 heaped teaspoons cornflour  
4 teaspoons sugar  
1/4 pint chicken stock  
2 tablespoons wine vinegar  
2 tablespoons catsup  
4 teaspoons soy sauce  
Combine the meat, apple, onion and eggs. Add the seasoning and blend. With floured hands, roll the meat into 24 small balls. Coat with breadcrumbs. Fry until golden.  
Gently cook the vegetables for the sauce in the butter until they are soft. Combine the cornflour and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Slowly add the stock and stir until smooth. Add the vinegar, catsup and soy sauce. Pour over the vegetables and cook, stirring, until slightly thickened.  
Just before serving, stir the meatballs into the sauce and cook 5 minutes only, to mingle the flavors. Leaving the meatballs in the sauce too long will remove their crisp coating. Serve immediately. Serves 4 to 6.

**Stuffed Mushrooms**  
1 pound button mushrooms  
8 ounces butter  
2 cloves garlic, crushed  
3/4 teaspoon salt  
2 tablespoons onion, finely chopped  
1 small lemon  
1/2 teaspoon black pepper  
Pinch ground nutmeg  
1 teaspoon parsley  
2 ounces bread crumbs  
Cream 6 ounces butter and mix with crushed garlic, onion, salt and pepper, nutmeg, parsley, grated rind and juice of the lemon. Blend well, then form into a roll and chill.  
Gently fry the mushrooms in the remaining butter until beginning to soften. Drain and place in ovenproof dish. Top each mushroom with slice of butter mixture. Grill until brown on top. Serves 4.

**Stuffed Tomatoes**  
4-6 tomatoes  
1 ounce butter, melted  
1 ounce pine kernels  
8-10 water chestnuts, sliced  
4 ounces uncooked rice  
8 fluid ounces chicken stock  
Toss the pine kernels, water chestnuts and rice in the melted butter to coat them. Add the stock, cover and cook gently until all the liquid is absorbed.  
Slice the tops off the tomatoes and scoop out the seeds. Fill with the cooked rice mixture. Serve warm. Serves 4 to 6.

# The Burger War Heats Up

By MICHAEL WATKINS



Bloomington residents may not be aware of it, but they are in the middle of a big, hard-fought war: the rivalry between Burger King and McDonald's is heating up at the intersection of Bloomington Avenue and Mill Shoals Road.

Only one organization stood ready to don its armor and enter the battlefield—The Bloomington Gazette.

The test would be simple: the best burger for the best price and best nutritional value.

But we were ready. "One hamburger, please." The 39-cent pricetag (plus tax) raised eyebrows.

The taste was good. More outstanding was its nutritional strategy. There were only 9.5 grams of fat and 260 calories, but we remained objective due to the explosive road ahead.

The battle was only 1/2 over. The next adventure led us to the doors of Burger King.

Pastel colors were calming as we entered. It was a tactic to tempt our palates. Would it tempt our wallets?

The price was a tad more expensive: 82 cents plus tax per hamburger.

The taste was good; the nutritional information,

however, told a different story. Eighteen grams of fat and 272 calories were that chain's only miscues.

Arriving at a decision was perplexing. We had ventured to the front lines, only to find the answers to our questions were tougher than we first thought.

Then a suggestion was made that we missed something, perhaps the tie-breaker. The Wendy's on Brandon Boulevard (State Road 60) would be the only other participant in our quest for the best burger.

Wendy's provided the raw excitement we had sought. A 1/4-pound burger cost \$1.89. We were surprised by the price—first-

timers everywhere, of course—yet we kept open minds.

The statistics were good, only 12 grams of fat and 340 calories (that being the chain's weakest link).

The results were in. We had boldly gone where no man had gone before—in this area, anyway—and survived.

We dedicated the results to the nameless soldiers in the fast-food war and to all who would participate in the future.

Judging was close in every category.

The burger from Burger King, according to a spokesperson, weighed 2 ounces. McDonald's contribution weighed 1.6 ounces.

Condiments at McDonald's and Burger King were similar; at Wendy's, standard garnishes were joined by sliced onions and lettuce.

The winner, for now, was Wendy's. The underdog battled with the big names and won. Another battle ends, but who will win the war?

Another day begins with early sunshine, and the aroma of competition and fresh-cooking burgers is in the air...

## Be on alert for yard pests

BY ASTRID DAVIES

April is ideal for pruning shrubbery and taking precautions against pests that silently damage greenery and flowers in Florida yards.

Most shrubs should be pruned, then fed and mulched to help retain moisture in the soil.

To further the growth, action should be taken against yard pests such as the minute, slender thrips that suck plant juices and leave faded or whitish blotches, withered foliage and distorted bulbs. Many buds fail to open or show only partial blooming.

Eradication of the thrips that are yellow, black or brown may be accomplished by spraying the plants with a mixture of four tablespoons of Ivory Liquid dish soap with one gallon of water.

It works as well as harsh chemical compounds.

Fleas, with or without the presence of family pets, flourish in April and May and should be eliminated by a professional "bug man" or by a homeowner's spray application of Diazinon or Malathion. Read labels carefully.

### SHOO, SOOTY MOLD

That sooty mold discovered on so many plants is the product of whiteflies, the small, white-winged insects that congregate on the foliage of plants such as gardenias, citrus, ligustrum, eugenias, viburnum, confederate rose, crepe myrtle and many others.

The whiteflies' honeydew, carried by ants, spreads rapidly and spoils the appearance of greenery.

Spray with the Ivory Liquid mixture twice for three days, then once a week until the breeding cycle is broken.

### DAY LILIES

The graceful day lilies should begin to bloom this month. The time is ideal to plant other day lilies, but transplanting and splitting the plants should be delayed until autumn months.

### PHOENIX RISES—AND FALLS

Palm Skeletonizer may be gnawing away at Phoenix Family Palms which include the Canary Island date palm, pygmy date palm and reclination palm.

Butterflies lay eggs between the prawns and a hatched worm will eat the leaves before leaving a brownish residue.

Spray with Liquid Sevin, according to bottle directions.



An assortment of items ranging from Canadian currency to Nintendo tapes and a gold chain that were removed from a Bloomingdale West home the afternoon of March 19 had not been recovered at press time.

Walker, a sheriff's detective for the East Hillsborough stretch that canvasses Bloomingdale Avenue on the north, John Moore Road on the west, Culbreath Road on the east and the Alafia River on the south, said no suspects had been apprehended in the burglary of the home that was apparently entered through an open kitchen window.

The home-owners said they were at work and their children were in school when the burglaries and thefts occurred.

The victims fit one of Walker's profiles of criminal targets in Bloomingdale's middle-class and middle-upper class neighborhoods.

"There is more than one entrance, both parents work, the kids are in school," he said. "Most don't have security systems. They are busy buying (orthodontic) braces and keeping the cars running."

The crime-against-property rate for his territory increased in February, Walker said.

Walker said the rate appeared to have increased specifically in Bloomingdale East and West, but he

could offer no figures.

Crime against property is adjudicated leniently because of severe overcrowding in the Florida State Prison System, Walker said. By the fourth arrest for property misdemeanors or

might require in-person meetings with a probation counselor and input on job absenteeism from the employer, Walker said. Somewhere along the line, in-house arrest may be ordered in the adjudication.

Property felony crimes may include thefts of property valued above \$300; burglary of residence, car or business; auto theft and criminal mischief where damage to property exceeds \$1,000 in, Walker said.

Property misdemeanors are criminal mischief where the damage to property is under \$1,000; running over a mailbox, shooting a firearm from the window of a car; theft of property valued at under \$300; loitering and prowling and driving while intoxicated.

No criminal activity should be ignored, he urged.

"All crimes are serious, especially when they happen to you," he said. "I don't want to minimize that type of thing."

Walker offered hints to help reduce residential crimes:

- \* Park cars in garages.
- \* Install audible alarm systems. "(Residential) crime would be cut in half if people would do that—maybe more," Walker said. "People—cops, too—tend not to act until something happens to them."

**Following are crime statistics for February and January for Bloomingdale:**

**Burglary vehicle**  
February, 9  
January, 2

**Burglary residential**  
February, 7  
January, 2

**Grand theft**  
February, 1  
January, 2

**Grand theft auto**  
February, 3  
January, 3

Source: Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dept.

felonies, the offender may be sentenced to a light prison term, he added.

"Everybody gets probation for any property crime regardless of it being a misdemeanor or felony," Walker said.

Adjudication of a first offense may call for probation; second, extended probation with possible community control; third, community control; fourth, possible prison time, Walker said.

Community control

# Only the Sheriff can take direct action--so call 911 first

## A Mobile Watch Monthly Report



BY LAWAYNE WYATT

Last month I indicated 38 events had been recorded in Bloomingdale as of February 21, including a string of house and car burglaries. The rest of the month was fairly quiet with only six more events logged.

These included several mailbox smashings, a report of shots fired on Bell Shoals Road, activity around The Spot, a rowdy party, a car break-in and a jimmied sliding door during daylight.

March activity decreased slightly. Through March 23, 26 events were recorded. Included were cars parked in partially developed areas, several mailboxes smashed, several reports of suspicious persons or cars, another rowdy party and activity in the woods south of The Spot.

During the past month the number of residents reporting events to Mobile Watch has increased. The reports are appreciated because they let us know what to watch for and where to concentrate patrols.

Everyone needs to keep

in mind, however, that we cannot take direct action to stop criminal activity or apprehend suspects.

Only the Sheriff's Office has the authority.

We can observe the activity and report our observations to the Sheriff's Office, pending the arrival of a deputy.

If you observe suspicious or criminal activity or are the victim of a crime, by all means call us, but also report it to the Sheriff.

In many cases only the victim can file a legal complaint.

Occasionally, residents indicate to us that they never see a deputy in Bloomingdale. We can report that our zone deputy does spend considerable time in the community.

We often coordinate with the deputy and exchange information on what is happening.

Of course, we and the deputy can't be everywhere at once so observant residents also play a key role in

keeping our community safe.

We are still looking for volunteers. On those days when only one patrol is scheduled, adequate coverage for the entire community cannot be accomplished.

We especially need volunteers from the Estates/West, Windsor Woods, Erin Arbor, Oak Crest, Fox Run, The Greens, and the entire area along South Natures Way.

With over 3,000 homes in Bloomingdale there should be more residents interested in preserving a safe community than the current 150 active members.

We would also like additional volunteers to be base station operators.

Two of our base station operators may be moving and it will put a strain on the remaining operators.

Anyone interested in volunteering should call me or any of the core committee members listed in the Community Directory on page 2 of the Gazette.

## Sponsor needed for Mobile Watch

You would receive in return:

- Exclusive advertising rights on this page.
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If you are interested, contact Susan L. DeLuca, General Manager of The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc., at 681-2051 for more information.

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Candidates, male and female, must be 18 or older. Applications may be obtained at the station Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Monday evenings or by telephoning 684-2272.

# You can rent a child safety seat for 4 years for \$7.50 per year



BY LIZ FOX

Two-year old Sara\* was crying. Her brothers were arguing. Mother took Sara on her lap... and then came the crash. Sara didn't survive. Not only did this family lose Sarah, but to add to the tragedy, her father was cited for a felony for not having Sara in a child-safety seat!

The local Sheriff's Office wants to be sure such an incident involving child safety remains only a myth in Hillsborough County. Through the county Sheriff's Office Explorer Post #238, child-safety seats, donated by the Tampa Area Safety Council,

avoided if the children were only in their safety seats." He added that most accidents involving these injuries occur within two or three miles of home. Why? Seats are too much bother, particularly when there is more than one child to place in restraining seats.

But it's the law — all children through 4 years of age must be in child-safety seats. Above 4 years of age, they must wear a seat belt. And, yes, the Sheriff's Office does give traffic citations if deputies witness a child who is not properly protected.



are available for a four-year rental for only \$30.

Some parents may need the seat only until they purchase one. If the seat is brought back clean, they will receive a \$5 refund.

Deputy Sheriff Earl Chantlos, advisor for the Explorer program, says, "It is a shame that children have to be injured or die every day, when it could be

The safety-seat program has been in effect for many years, with the Explorer Troop maintaining the seats in good order, pressure cleaning and repairing them, for parents who need them.

Just recently, the Sheriff's Office has gone to a one-step seat, instead of offering a seat for infants and another for tots age 1 year and older.

The seats can work for the child from birth until he is 4 years of age. Area fire departments no longer provide seats.

A young mother in Bloomingdale with a two-year-old and 11-month-old, said, "I would never think of going anywhere without the children in their safety seats; it would be crazy. I have just grown up with them from the time my children were born."

Not everyone shares her view. On one of her trips, she spotted a toddler in another vehicle climbing over the lap of the driver and blocking his view.

Parents can concentrate on safer driving when their children are safely buckled in. What happens when they cry and complain? Deputy Sheriff Chantlos advises, "Don't take them out. Find another way. It may not be easy, but think of the alternative."

If you are interested in obtaining a child-safety seat, stop by the Brandon Sheriff's Office on Hilltop, just north of Oakfield Drive or call 247-8560.

## What you should put into a First Aid Kit

You know you should have a first aid kit at home, but most of us only have some band-aids and Neosporin. The following list is designed to help you set up a complete kit for your family. Fishing tackle boxes work great to store the items in and can easily be carried around.

2 each size roller (or Kling) bandages - 2", 3", and 4" wide (can be made from old sheet)

## If someone is hurt, what do you treat first?

**TRIAGE:** To sort by 3's. In first aid, the determination of priorities comes first. Based on this, you can determine whether the cut on the hand should be treated first or whether the lack of breathing is more important. While this list is a start in the right direction, consider taking a certified first-aid class—that is truly the highest priority of all.

**Highest Priority:**

- Airway and Breathing Difficulties
- Cardiac Arrest
- Uncontrolled or Suspected Severe Bleeding

cloth cut diagonally—makes two)

- 1 blanket
- 2 splints 12" x 3" (made from plywood or a magazine can be used)
- 2 splints 15" x 3" (made from plywood)
- 2 towels (bath type or paper roll)
- 2 bars of soap, or hydrogen peroxide, or pHisoDerm, or a small bottle of green soap
- 2 small wash cloths
- 1 small stick 6" - 8" long to use with tourniquet
- 1 box multi-size band-aids
- 3 2" x 2" sterile gauze pads

- 3 4" x 4" sterile gauze pads
- 1 roll adhesive tape (medium width)
- 2 oval eye patches
- 1 small pair scissors
- 1 pair tweezers
- 1 pencil and small slips of paper
- 1 needle
- 2 packs of matches
- 1 Snake-bite kit if going out into wooded areas
- Syrup of Ipecac, Activated Charcoal, and Epsom salts
- Baking Soda and Salt
- Powdered Gatorade
- 5 small paper cups
- Safety Pins
- Flashlight
- Antibiotic Ointment or First Aid Cream
- Caladryl Lotion
- 6-12, OFF, or some bug spray
- Baby powder or cornstarch
- First Aid Book

- Shock
- Open Chest Or Abdominal Wounds
- Severe Head Injuries
- Medical Problems: Poisoning, Diabetes, Cardiac Disease

**Second Priority:**

- Burns, Major or Multiple Fractures
- Back Injuries With or Without Spinal Damage

**Lowest Priority:**

- Minor Fractures or Other Injuries of a Minor Nature
- Obviously Mortal Wounds
- Obviously Dead (D.O.A.)

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Above: At left, Simone Cartwright and Pat Odlorno, Chairman of the Gift Shop, unwrap a new item for display. Located by the main foyer, this shop sells the works of local craftsmen.

Below: With over 200,000 books at the new location of the Brandon Library, patrons are sure to find any subject, title or author they want.



# BRANDON AND CENTER PLACE COMES

Story by LIZ FOX  
Photos by SUSAN L. DeLUCA

Center Place may be a mystery to Brandon-area residents, but the mystery is lifting at its headquarters on Vonderburg Road as part of the Brandon branch Public Library.

As you walk in the door there is a gift shop with hand-crafted items for sale. Then look around the walls of the large reception room which is available for plays, cabarets, special functions and rentals by the public for club meetings, weddings and other events.

There is always an exhibit. April's exhibit is "Youth In Art"—a display of two-

and three-dimensional art from junior and senior high students from the East Hillsborough area.

The gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For your children there are classes such as drawing, cartooning, clay art, and special holiday programs. During summer months, there is an eight-week "Cruise around the World" with art teacher Greg Manley from Armwood High School.

For adults there is a wide variety of choices—oil painting, quilting, petal por-

celain, applique work, watercolor, ballroom dance, wearable art, porcelain doll making, basket making, plays, supper theater, travelogues and more.

For instructors, if you have a skill which you would like to share with the community, Claudia Yake, director and one of only three paid staff at Center Place, would love to talk with you.

Although the Brandon League of Fine Arts was established in 1959, as late as 1978 artists and craftspersons in the Brandon area had only a few places to exhibit their work

## A DIRECTOR FOR ALL SEASONS

CLAUDIA YAKE

BY PAM PULLEY

lights in her office may still be burning after dusk has settled and night has fallen.

Admittedly, "I get so excited when I talk about Center Place," Yake, 45, says.

A former resident of Maine, Yake became coordinator of Center Place seven years ago when the organization was unsure of its destination.

"I was the only employee," she says today. "Center Place had just gone through a major change to become more community-oriented. There was no money anywhere. You need money if you don't close."

Additional special events and arts workshops were added to the roster. A closer working relationship with the media was established. Home was a funeral parlor that had been moved from another location in Brandon to Vonderburg Road.

Center Place today has a membership of 400. Individuals pay \$20 yearly; families, \$35. Only "four or five" private donors or corporations pay the \$1,000 annually required for top-level memberships, Yake says.

And, today, there are 32 classes and workshops monthly. In 1984, she says, "A good guess might be 18."

The budget has grown from near nothing to a "shoestring" of \$100,000 that pays the salaries of Yake and two other employees, she says.

The blond administrator and her husband, now-Ret. Maj. John Yake, moved to Brandon when he was transferred to MacDill Air Force Base. Daughter Jennifer now attends the University of Louisville (Kentucky) on a soccer scholarship.

"In Maine, I worked with the school systems as an art teacher, librarian, did volunteer work in schools and was a substitute teacher," she says. "A friend was exhibiting (at Center Place) and heard a position was going to be opening up. I was hired as coordinator."

Multiple events are ongoing at Center Place. The 5,000 square-foot building hosts monthly meetings of such groups as the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce, the Brandon League of Fine Arts, Newcomers Club and East Hillsborough Republican Club.

The 2,500-square-foot ballroom is open for dinners, arts and crafts classes and theatrical productions—for children and adults.

Yake lauds the small—and sometimes—non-exis-

tent admission fees. Art exhibits are free; a recent dinner with a blues cabaret floorshow cost \$12.50 per person.

A summer "Cruise Around the World" will be open to 20 youngsters, aged 6 to 12, who visit eight ports of call. "They make and stamp their passports. They do crafts that are indicative of that country. They snack.

"For instance, if they are in Hawaii, they may have pineapple. We will show the kids where books are on Mexico. They will make pinantas, maracas, wall weavings as they are learning to work with different materials," Yake says.

Keeping the kids off the streets is not the only message. The thrust is creativity with few restraints.

Yakes says standard operating procedure is necessary up to a point before the bridles are released.

"You have to follow the steps..." she says. "If you know the ears of a horse go on top of the head, then you might think, 'Hey, I think it's more real if one is bent.' If a horse is listening, then maybe the tail is in a different position.

"If everyone did exactly the same thing, life would be boring."

Adults may also benefit,

although their paths have widened and interests may be more channeled.

Yake's words return repeatedly to opportunities for children.

The setting: Aftermath of a puppet production of "King Arthur and the Magic of Merlin" that attracted 600 children for two performances on successive days

in February.

The cast: A child and her father.

"On the second day a 4-year-old girl came back and her daddy came with her. She took him on a tour of the building and showed him everything," Claudia Yake says. "Hopefully there are more like that we don't even know about."

Claudia Yake is shown in the foyer of the new Library/Center Place building of which the benefactor plaques are proudly displayed.

SUSAN DeLUCA





# LIBRARY HER PLACE ALIVE!

or take classes. It began as an idea in 1968 and became official as the Brandon Cultural Center on October 20, 1979. It became not only an arts center, but a prime meeting place for local clubs.

In 1986 the center contracted with the Tampa/Hillsborough County Library system, donating its land to the agency in return for a 99-year lease at one dollar a year for space within the new Brandon Branch Library to be constructed on the site by the county. The new Center Place facility opened in February, 1991. Membership categories

based on donations vary (family membership is only \$35 per year), and all members receive a monthly newsletter, invitations to exhibit previews, and special rates for activities and classes.

As Gene Bishop, the newly elected president of Center Place, says, "Center Place is the best kept secret in Brandon, but we don't want to keep it a secret; we want to reach more people."



Right: These happy volunteers are readying the Center Place newsletter delivered to its members each month.

Below Left: This beautifully ornate room is the focal point of Center Place and can be rented.



Below: The children's section of the library has a stage from which a Puppet Show can be performed. The chairs, tables, shelves and books are all sized for the younger set.



## CLASSES...CLASSES...CLASSES...ADULT ONE

### Adult workshops scheduled for April:

#### STUFFED BUNNY

Tuesday, April 9, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., or Thursdays, April 11 and April 18, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$15; non-members, \$20. Instructor, Roberta Smith.

#### DESIGN AND WATERCOLOR

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18 and 25; 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$30; non-members, \$35. Instructor, Meletha Everett.

#### PHOTOREALISTIC DRAWING

Mondays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6 and 13, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$2; non-members, \$47. Instructor, Mitzi Chilton Frosell.

#### PORCELAIN DOLL

Mondays, April 8, 15 and 22, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Wednesdays, April 17, 24 and May 1, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fees: members, \$85; non-members, \$90.

Instructor, Becky Flanagan.

#### BEGINNERS BRIDGE CLASS

Tuesdays, April 9 through June 11, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Fees: members, \$50; non-members, \$35. Instructor, Ellen Smith.

#### INTERMEDIATE WATERCOLOR

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., or Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fees: members, \$30; non-members, \$35. Instructor, Sue Allen.

#### BALLROOM DANCE

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 8 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$22; non-members, \$27. Instructor, Truitt Sutton.

#### DECORATIVE FOLK ART

Wednesdays, April 10, 17 and 24, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., or Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Fees: members, \$22.50; non-members, \$27.50. Instructor, Janet Hall.

#### WEARABLE ART

Tuesday, April 16, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$10;

non-members, \$15. Instructor, Susan Weilbacher.

#### BAHAMA T-SHIRT

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$10; non-members, \$15. Instructor, Susan Weilbacher.

#### BEGINNING, INTERMEDIATE OIL PAINTING

Wednesdays, April 17 and 24, 12 noon to 3 p.m. Fees: members, \$18; non-members, \$23. Instructor, Judith Johnson.

#### LOG CABIN QUILT TOP

Wednesdays, April 17 and 24, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., or Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$25; non-members, \$30. Instructor, Roberta Smith.

#### TEEN/ADULT OIL PAINTING

Thursdays, April 18 through May 23, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$43.50; non-members, \$48.50. Instructor, Minnette Webster.

#### PETAL PORCELAIN

Saturdays, April 20 and

27, 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$16; non-members, \$21. Instructor, Ginny Connolly.

#### APPLIQUE PILLOW TOP

Monday, April 22, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., or Tuesday, April 23, 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: members, \$15; non-members, \$18. Instructor, Roberta Smith.

#### BEGINNERS WATERCOLOR

Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Fees: members, \$25; non-members, \$30. Instructor, Sue Allen.

### Children's workshops for April are:

#### SWEET SATURDAY

Saturday, April 6, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Fees: \$6 per child. Instructor, Susan Weilbacher.

#### DRAWING FOR KIDS

Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25, 7:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. Fees: members, \$28; non-members, \$33. Instructor, Mike Broderick.

#### JUST FOR KIDS

Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23 and 30, 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$25; non-members, \$30. Instructor, Sue Allen.

#### KIDS ART FUN

Wednesdays, April 10, 17 and 24, 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Fees: members, \$22.50; non-members, \$27.50. Instructor, Vic and Peg Moore.

#### DRAWING CLASS

Thursdays, April 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16 and 23; Children's Drawing, grades 1-5, 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Youth Drawing, grade 6 and up, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Fees: members, \$43.50; non-members, \$48.50. Instructor, Minnette Webster.

#### CARTOONING

Tuesdays, April 23, 30; May 7, 14, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Fees: members, \$30; non-members, \$35. Instructor, Tim Gibbons.



Terrific Kids...A Celebration of the Land...Money for the USO...A Critter Cart...

BY



GINNY WONG

BARBARA LING

Alafia School News by Norma Marsh

## Terrific Kids

**ALAFIA:Kindergarten:** Kathryn Clark, Katherine Psinos, Kara Hudson, Stephanie Lane, Christopher Ferguson, Kerri Matyniak.

**First Grade:** Justin Wiwi, Christopher Borni, Brett Szabo, Poppy Lopez, Chris Wargo, Jessico Meloy, Jesse Smalley.

**Second Grade:** David Todd, Kevin Biada, Ryan Golloday, Jessica Goldfarb, Erin Cummings.

**Third Grade:** Gavin Henry, Amy Daniels, John Adcock, Katie Mudd, Ian Dickey, Peter Fetzer, Aerial Triplett, Jeffrey Reidy.

**Fourth Grade:** Ryan Miller, Matt Butler, April Green, Christopher Fasulo, Gabrielle Bledsoe, Kristen Frinkley, Alison Waldron.

**Fifth Grade:** Iana Thomas, Ryan Sterritt, Kristen Hudson, Billy Hancock, Michele Serrano, Joy Poinsette.

**BROOKER:** Kyle Butz, Dee Ann Quiggle, Bobby Coleman, Ryan Boyd, Katie Devereux, Roland Thornton, Stephanie Smith, Desiree Brown, Amanda O'Neil, Lisa Martin, Adam Scarbrough, Colin Bonham-Lovett, Nathan Merryman, Kate Johnson, Maghann Perry, Eddie Smith, J. T. Roberts, William Weil, Greg Francescon, Anthony Carbo, Michelle Lee, James Conroy, Ryan Carr, Ben Franklin, Larry Hendrix, Jeff Lundy, Chad Clanton, Samuel Mattison, Kristina Krulic, Kim Guida, Mike Manali, Clay Connolly, Melissa Smith, Candice Kemper, Carla Pullman, Michael Rhey, Chris Smalley, Kammie Spence, Neal Bryne, Monique Martin, Lisa Mortellaro.

## You gotta have heart at Alafia

**ALAFIA**—The fourth annual Red Cross enrollment drive—themed "We Care from the Heart"—is ongoing at Alafia Elementary School, with an emphasis on patriotism.

Alafia has been the county's most successful public school in raising funds through membership for the past three years. This year, the fund-raising goal is \$1,500.

The campaign's theme is being promoted in puppet shows, skits and announcements on WAOK, the school's closed-circuit television morning newscast.



## Kuwait aims Cupid's arrow and other Alafia news

**ALAFIA**—Students in Kathy Mulvihill's fourth-grade class learned that not only had they supported military forces in Saudi Arabia but American soldiers, in turn, were supportive of them and their words of kindness.

In March, Lt. Col. Jere Medaris sent Saudi Arabian key chains to each of Mulvihill's students and valentines that had been given to American military personnel by residents of Kuwait.

Medaris' daughter, Sophia, is one of Mulvihill's students. Other children who had parents stationed in Saudi Arabia were Scherriece, child of Sgt.

Chin-Quee; Adam, son of Capt. Tony Hamlett; and Robyn Hopkins, daughter of 1st Lt. Rebecca Neufeld.

Hamlett and Neufeld have returned home.

*The Valentine's Day verse read:*

*"Dear Courageous Soldier:*

*On August 2nd as every-*

*one knows,*

*Our former brothers be-*

*came our foes.*

*They invaded our land at*

*night as we slept,*

*Over our borders by the*

*thousands they crept.*

*In helicopters and trucks*

*and in tanks they came,*

*The evil warriors of*

*Saddam Hussein.*

*But then YOU came and*

*brought hope to us all.*

*That Kuwait would be*

*free and Saddam would fall.*

*We'd like to thank you*

*for your courageous stand,*

*To expel the Iraqis and*

*free our land.*

*You're in our hearts*

*this Valentine's Day,*

*And you're in our*

*prayers*

*EVERY day."*

*Sincerely,*

*The Kuwaiti People*

## IDAHOANS SHOW THEIR STUFF

A quest for knowledge led the 25 students in Jackie Darrow's third-grade class

to find new friends in far-off Idaho. Idaho? Yes, Idaho, home of baking-potato fame.

The students broke into six groups and dispatched letters to an assortment of elementary schools in that state. The plan was to learn about cultures and lifestyles that don't depend on sun, sand, surf and tourism for highlights.

The replies were rewarding.

Emerson Elementary School in Idaho Falls sent postcards, brochures and a class picture.

Richard Peterson-Davis, a teacher at Mt. Hall Elementary School in Bonners Ferry, ID, send a video with the history of Idaho along with the local newspaper and a letter explaining that was born and reared in Brandon's neighbor—Plant City, Darrow said.

The most nutritious

package arrived from an elementary in Roberts, ID. In addition to 25 Idaho pins, were a package of instant potato mix and "two beautiful, honest-to-goodness" Idaho potatoes, Darrow said.

## BOOKS, PIZZA GOOD COMBO

Karen Willis' second-grade students recently earned a pizza party by reading an assigned number of books for October, November, December and January. Their grand total: 1,343 books.

The project, called Book-It, is sponsored by Pizza Huts to encourage young readers. Top readers were Lisa Milnamow, Lindsay Slowiezek, Matthew Marchant and Diana Lau.

## This Land is Your Land

by Alafia Elementary School

Photos by Susan L. DeLuca



Above: Mrs. McKenzie's first grade class became farmers, mountain climbers, Indians and square dancers as they performed songs and skits about North Carolina. Performing this square dance are Laura Underwood, Jennifer Ellis, Jessica Watts, and David Schmidt.



Above: From Mrs. Darrow's third grade class is Summer Smith who is posing with the media center display the class prepared.



The media center had many displays in which books were drawn into the study of the states. This is Mrs. Newberry's class' Hawaii exhibit.



Using their fifth grade classroom, courtesy of Mrs. B. G. Baker, the students transformed it into an old west Texas style setting. From the left, Amy Gavin and Natalie Latizio keep bad guys Dan Loggins and Adam Tallercio in check.



## The "Critter Cart" is life on wheels



Mrs. Kathy Baxter and members of her Life Science team (l to r): Joseph Gomez, Michelle Roberts, and Annette Collins.

**BROOKER**—"The Critter Cart is a miniature menagerie of life on wheels," according to fifth-grade teacher Kathy Baxter.

She should know. Baxter conceived and designed the project for members of the fifth-grade science team. The vehicle is a mobile cart built by Bruce Staley, a Scotty's manager. Its function is to tote plants, animals, supplies and equipment which the fifth-graders can share with students in other classrooms.

Small groups of students prepare displays that will expose other students to life-science, foster enthusiasm

and "encourage minds of wonder and discovery," Baxter said.

It's not a game, but the elements are fun.

Members of each team wear individually designed t-shirts, and fill the critter cart with an assortment of insects, fish, crustaceans, amphibians, reptiles, plants and props such as plastic fish and flowers, display boards and pictures in preparation for 40-minute presentations.

Each fifth-grader gives a segment of the presentation. Teaching methods include guessing games, question-and-answer sessions, then a hands-on opportunity for

students to share the mysteries of plant and animal life.

The animals are easily identified, Baxter said.

There are Esther the guinea pig, Laura the lizard and Annie Oakley the red oak snake. On the outskirts looking in is Snowball the white hamster. The cantankerous little mammal must stop biting before regaining her place on the cart, Baxter said.

Back in the classroom, the animals relax in their clean and spacious homes.

Until the next presentation.

# School NewsBeat



Southeast Banking Center Manager Susanne Bell proudly displays the first place winner of the Easter coloring contest held recently in which over 550 entries were received.

First place went to Leah Maratou of Mrs. Perry's third grade class at Alafia. Leah won a \$25 youth savings account. Second place winner was Lauren Prewitt of Mrs. Terrell's second grade. Lauren won an Easter bank filled with coins. Kindergartener Kristina Hernandez of Mrs. Wilson's class took third place. All 30 finalists received goodie bags for their artistic efforts.

## Everyone was a winner

**BROOKER**—Brooker Elementary School decided to forego competitive student fairs this year and chose to sponsor an education celebration that recognized the contributions of each member of the student body.

The result? Everyone won at the fair.

Dr. Walter Sickles, county superintendent of schools, attended the opening ceremony with Chuck Kiker, Classroom Teachers Association representative; Stephanie Ford, alumnus and violinist; and Albert Brooker, son of J.R. Brooker, the man who inspired the school's name.

Some 1,100 students accompanied by 81 members of the Bloomingdale

Senior High School band sang "God Bless America" while forming a symbol of the American flag with red, white and blue cards held high.

Each classroom was colorfully decorated and balloons were anchored throughout the campus. Each child displayed such personal items as projects, reports, poetry and artwork.

The grounds were festive with the Hillsborough County Parks' snake collection, the Children's Museum of Tampa demonstration of papermaking, a Smokeout presentation by Ed Luker of Brandon High School and art exhibits.

Other groups participating included the Museum of Science and Industry, the Fire Marshal's Office, Tampa Museum of Art, Animal Control, Humana Hospital, the state Department of Forestry, watercolor

and computer professionals. Brooker spoke of his boyhood home which occupied the site where the elementary school now stands.

Idea for the celebration was from special education teacher Charlotte Galloway who wrote the approved grant application that provided funds to sponsor the celebration. Her assistants were Pati Williamson and Susie Rorhbaugh, teachers in the school's academically gifted program.

Toiling beyond school hours were planning committee members Derith Bennett, media specialist, and art teacher Paula Andrews. Ten other committee members assisted along with school principal Milton Lovelace, who gave his full support for the education celebration.

An additional 200 meals were served to families and friends.

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## Kathy Baxter, teacher of the year

**BROOKER**—Kathy Baxter has been named the 1990-1991 teacher of the year at Brooker Elementary School, the second such honor in her career.

The recent award recognized her work, efforts and contributions to the school.

Baxter's former colleagues at Whitehouse Elementary School in Jacksonville where she taught for seven years before moving with her family to Brandon in 1988 also gave her the same title.

Baxter, a fifth-grade teacher who said she "looks forward to going to work

most every day," is the math contact representative at the county level for Brooker's fifth-grade students.

In addition, she introduced a program allowing fifth-graders to wheel a small menagerie of plants and animals into the classrooms, fostering a learning-sharing experience with other students.

Baxter, a graduate of the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, lives with her husband and three elementary-school age children in Brandon. Other "family members" include a dog, cat and horse.



## The BULLS Corner

BY BARBARA LING

**BSHS**—Traditionally speaking, March is known to enter like a lion and exit like a lamb. At BSHS, it entered with tigers.

Three Siberian tigers were part of a special program to ease the tense preparation for the High School Competency Test. At their side was Vernon Yates of the Wildlife and Rescue organization.

The school's science department and teacher Cynthia Coady planned the assembly which concluded with a skit by the guidance department and rap session by students Jeff Clark, Donte Williams, Von Chaney and Kenny Mills.

### SPRIT OF GIVING

The Leo Club built a playhouse/sandbox for youngsters at the New Life Dwelling Place, a center for abused women and their children, with a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Tampa. Teacher Mrs. Raul DeMello and the school's architecture club designed the blueprints for the project and the students went to work—under the sponsorship of teacher Matt Hauer.

### GOODWILL EN ESPANOL

The "Los Toros" chapter of the Spanish Honor Society recently hosted a brunch for students from Dover Elementary School. Students enrolled in BSHS' Migrant Language Education program performed traditional Spanish songs and dances, concluding with a rousing delivery of "Proud to be an American."

Dilia Fernandez, Spanish teacher and sponsor of the chapter, said she hopes the special day will be repeated.

### AWARDS GALORE

Robert Elliott's woodshop classes took home seven awards during the Florida State Fair in competition with students from 14 other high schools and adult schools in Hillsborough County.

Christian Murtha placed first in plastics and stained-glass. Second-place ribbons went to Nick Mandese and Will Ashley for stained-glass clocks, while Mandese also won a second-place ribbon for his free-form cedar coffee table.

Mike Shaw took a third-place finish for his rocking

horse. Shari Brooks and Tess Handing won third-places for a shaker shelf and cedar chest.

As usual, academic achievements abound. Robert Charles-Liscombe is one of 1,800 semi-finalists from a field of 60,000 applicants across the United States for the 1991 Coca-Cola Scholars Program. Robert was recognized for his leadership, achievements and potential.

Jennifer Stanberry is the BSHS winner of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award competition, and the victory has earned her a spot in the upcoming weekend seminar in Tallahassee for preliminary winners. A male and female representative will be given the go-ahead to represent Florida at the World Leadership Congress to be held at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, IL.

### SPORTS, SPORTS

Softball, baseball, boys and girls track, tennis and golf are ongoing, so come out and enjoy the efforts and entertainment.

The 1990/1991 Bulls soccer team faced the task of trying to duplicate the success of the previous year's state runnerup squad. The team posted another enviable record this year, but missed a spot in the state playoffs.

"Maybe we didn't make it to state again this year. However, we did enjoy a

very successful season and posted quite an impressive record while we were at it," said Coach David K. Tennian.

The overall record was 14-4-1, with three losses to state-ranked opponents. Two were ranked number one during the season.

"We, ourselves, enjoyed a ranking of ninth in the state for a good deal of the season. Our regular-season record was 10-1-1, and we also placed third in the Pizza Hut Tournament."

Tennian said the team is losing only two athletes to graduation.

Andy Laverghetta and Mark Romans were among the county leaders in scoring. Andy, in particular, was named to the Pizza Hut All Tournament Team and chosen for one of the St. Petersburg Times' "Outstanding Performances of the Week" columns.

Andy scored three goals in victories over Plant City High and Brandon High.

The 1990/1991 basketball team finished the season without luster—but with an optimistic outlook for next year.

Coach Phil Zimmerman blamed stiff competition and poor luck in posting a 9-15 record.

Coach Michael Phillips and his Lady Bulls basketball team pulled together for a 12-11 season after slumping to losing records the previous two years.

## Dimes, nickels & pennies for the USO

**BOOKER**—The 702 students of Booker T. Washington Junior High School recently collected \$75 in nickels, dimes and pennies for Tampa's United Service Organization's military assistance programs.

The USO is a privately operated international organization offering assistance and recreational programs to military troops stationed at home and abroad.

Students dropped their donations in colorfully decorated buckets during a showing of support for American troops in the Persian Gulf region in February.

ary, said school principal Barbara Harvey.

The fund-raising drive was sponsored by the school's Student Council.

Harvey said council members wanted to assist the USO in "keeping with their support of troops...and children being without their mothers and fathers," Harvey said.

Council members making the presentation to the USO were Rachel Peterson, president; Megan Gillis, vice president; Kelly Foster, secretary; and Troy Howell, treasurer.

## Student art show

**BSHS**—National School Library Media Month will be celebrated in April with a student art show and money-management campaign.

The art show, scheduled for April 26 in the BSHS media center, will feature an assortment of projects produced by students in art classes.

A "Media Money" campaign will allow students to "earn" money (actually, play money) by checking out books and writing or videotaping book reviews, according to a press release.

In turn, the students will "spend" the money by paying off fines, making photocopies and laminating posters.

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**Las Brisas and Random Oaks**

EDITORIAL

**Presidential Perspective**

BY LAUREEN POWERS  
President  
Las Brisas Civic Association

I can hardly believe the association got off to such a slow start in March.

It just seems life is so busy for everyone; it is really difficult to get everything organized.

I feel everyone has been concerned about the Persian Gulf crisis and, like myself, has known of someone over there.

My main concern was that the war would end and that our friends and family would return very soon.

Now that our wishes are beginning to come true, I hope that we can get everything on a strong roll again.

Our last association meeting, scheduled to be held April 2, was expected to become a seminar against crime. Susan Hinton, a Plant

City representative of Citizens Against Crime, was expected give a 45-minute presentation on car-theft prevention, burglaries, dealing with rape and various types of weaponry—including tear gas—available to the public.

Citizens Against Crime is a nationwide organization headquartered in Dallas, TX. A St. Petersburg office represents the surrounding nine-county area.

Paperwork requesting permission to organize a Mobile Crime Watch patrol was expected to be signed by 50 percent of Las Brisas' residents. Reaching that number would qualify Las Brisas for Crime Watch status.

EDITORIAL

**Heather Lakes Hotline**

BY TOM LEAVITT  
HLCA President

Each month I address you through this newspaper and ask for assistance to make our association better and also encourage you to become a member. This month, I'd like to share with you what I feel are the three most important advantages of having a home in Heather Lakes.

First and foremost, our home symbolizes a "savings account" and represents the biggest financial investment we will ever make. None of us who purchase a home expect to lose money on that investment.

We are all unified in our desire to see our property

values increase, whether we are first-time homebuyers, previous owners or landlords of multiple dwellings. The Association is actively pursuing the formation of a Special Taxing District (STD) for Heather Lakes.

Secondly, we buy in a particular area because of the security it provides for our family. We don't look for a high-crime area; in fact, we do just the opposite by avoiding neighborhoods known for their problems. Again, we are unified in wanting to live where drugs, burglary, assaults, etc., are at a minimum or non-existent. The Association

has brought to all residents the security of Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch.

Finally, there is pride in our particular lifestyle. From a financial standpoint we have to choose a particular area because it fits our budget.

We select neighborhoods that exemplify how much residents care about their property by keeping it well maintained. The Association has maintained a relationship with Heather Lakes Property Management and U.S. Homes.

I feel that your association has strived to promote those advantages from its

inception to the present. Some of our efforts have maintained property values and taken a "bite out of crime".

Because of this, the association has assisted in making Heather Lakes a better community and a desirable place to live.

To get where we are today could not have been done without your help. But we still need to continue to work together to make it even better. One evening, when you see the Mobile Watch car patrolling the neighborhoods, remember your association did it for you.

**Arts & Crafts Fair / Community Garage Sale May 18**

**Arts & Crafts Fair**

On May 18, HLCA will hold its third annual Arts & Crafts Fair at the Heather Lakes Park.

All Heather Lake residents and non-residents are invited to enjoy a day of crafts, food, door prizes and food.

The fair will continue from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

All interested arts and crafts vendors are encouraged to submit booth reservations as soon as possible. (Fill out form below.) Booth rates (\$7 for HLCA members and \$10 for non-members, include a table and chair.

In the event of bad weather, a rain date has been scheduled for Saturday, May 25. For additional information, please call Janet Colie at 681-7311 or Karen Every at 654-8182.

The HLCA also will be having a bake sale at the Arts & Crafts Fair. The social committee is urging Heather Lakes residents to become involved by donating baked items. Cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies and more will be accepted. If you can volunteer baking time, please call Karen Every at 654-8182 at the number above.

**Community Garage Sale**

In conjunction with the third annual Arts & Crafts Fair on Saturday, May 18, the HLCA will also sponsor a community garage sale booklet. All garage sale entrepreneurs are invited to sign up and participate in the community project.

Here is how it will work: All customers attending the Arts & Crafts Fair will automatically receive a garage sale booklet highlighting the names and addresses on a map of participants holding garage sales that day.

Now, you're probably saying: "I do pretty well on my own!" Well HLCA is offering in a raffle to all registered participants, dinner for two at Garlic Louie's located in Brandon Centre South Plaza and two Piitt Theater tickets.

Participants may promote their garage sales, help the community and win an evening of dining and entertainment for two.

So don't delay. Reserve your space in the booklet now. (Fill out form below.)

Participating costs only \$3 for an HLCA member and \$5 for a non-member.

If you're a non-member and want to take advantage of the member fee, just send in your \$10 annual dues along with your registration form and receive a double entry into the raffle.

Net proceeds will benefit the Heather Lakes Community Association, the group providing residents with social events, Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch services.

For additional information, please call Janet Colie at 681-7311 or Karen Every at 654-8182.

**Arts & Crafts Fair and Community Garage Sale**

**REGISTRATION FORM**

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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____ \$10 non-members	____ \$5 non-members
Price includes table & chair	

All Garage Sale Booklet registrants include automatic entry into the raffle for: Dinner for 2 at Garlic Louie's and 2 movie passes at the Piitt Cinema

Make checks payable to: Heather Lakes Community Assoc. P. O. Box 1256 Brandon, FL 34299-1256

**Registration Deadline is May 11, 1991**

**Walk scheduled for crisis center**

BY JULI MCGILL

The first annual "Walk-For-Life" to benefit the Brandon Crisis Pregnancy Center's bid for a maternity home is expected to raise \$150,000, according to coordinator Libby Maynard.

The walk, scheduled for April 20, will leave center headquarters at 122 Moon Ave., continue to Morgan Street, Parsons Avenue and Brandon High School. Participants will then backtrack 2/3 of a mile to Kings Avenue, Sadie Street and Knights Avenue before concluding in front of the First Methodist Church. The walk will span 2.3 miles, Maynard said.

Maynard said she hopes 1,000 walkers will register and be responsible for \$150 in pledges and donations. Families of the walkers are invited to participate.

The Brandon Crisis Center, a non-profit corporation registered with the state, plans to convert an existing home into a maternity home, with the grand opening tentatively scheduled for July.

"We don't have land. We are looking for a house for rent or through donation," Maynard said. The home initially would house five pregnant women who would volunteer free time for charitable work or continue schooling while confined, Maynard added.

"We will teach pregnant women to look for an apartment, cook on a budget, the cost of a baby and whether they should keep the baby or place the baby up for adoption," she said.

Maynard predicts an annual operating budget of \$125,000, with expansion of the home projected in four to five years.

Starting times for the walk are scheduled for 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Pre-registration begins one hour prior to each departure.

A Walk-For Life t-shirt will be awarded each walker who raises \$150 or more in sponsor pledges and donations.

Telephone 685-6081 for more information.



## Heather Lakes

### COMMUNITY MEETING

The Heather Lakes Community Association Board of Directors meets the second Tuesday of the month. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and are held at Rivergate Industrial Part on U.S. 301 North. All HLCA members are invited. Call Joe Dotson at 685-4962 for details.

#### Heather Lakes' "Everything you ever needed" Form

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## Las Brisas and Random Oaks

### Craft Classes

By JULI MCGILL

Christ Community Church is looking at spring for its "Creative Crafts Fellowship" that is offering an

armload of classes to parishioners and other art aficionados in the community.

Best of all, the classes that teach students to add an artistic touch to their daily activities are free.

Each class meets for two hours and is led by an instructor who has exhibited work in craft shops and

#### PERSONALITY PROFILE

### Laureen Powers, LBCA President



By JULI MCGILL

Open your front door. Her smiling face wanted your help with "the wall" or "the grass" the last few years. That is, until knocked on my door and I grabbed her and said, "Let's get this going."

Laureen and Steve Powers, along with their children Tiffany, 11, and Allison, 8, live in Las Brisas.

Tiffany and Allison attend Kingswood Elementary School and love to visit your home "to walk your dog for \$1."

Laureen and her family have lived here for four years.

Laureen, a native Tampan, graduated from Jefferson High School there and worked for CSX Transportation for 17 years until she was unexpectedly laid off in March.

Now enjoying her free time at home, Laureen luxuriates in bike riding, wearable art, gardening, exercising, shopping and spending time with her children.

Steve was born in California, then traveled across country and graduated from King High School in Tampa.

He enjoys basketball, golfing and talking with everyone who crosses his path. He is employed by CSX as a locomotive engineer.

Laureen is the busy president of the Las Brisas Civic Association.

"It takes a lot of people to accomplish projects, socials and just generally get together and know one another." She said, "Wouldn't we all feel better if we knew each other and were looking out for one another?"

shows. Following is the spring schedule:

\* April 19, Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., "Decorated Hats." Victorian and spring ideas to decorate a wall or gift for Mom will be explored. Teacher:

Yvonne Richens. Phone number: 689-5681.

\* April 30, Tuesday, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., "Photo Albums." Make them for Mother's Day or any other celebration that should be remembered. Teacher: Tina Knight. Phone number: 654-0456.

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# YOU are wanted!

By KAREN EVERY  
**MOBILE WATCH  
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"Let someone else do it. I support the concept, but I just don't have the time." That is said of Mobile Watch. When will people understand that the way to reduce crime is to get involved?

We must be the "someone else" because some day there will be no "someone else" left.

As a member of Mobile Watch, I become discour-

aged sometimes by the lack of support to remedy the problem. I start to wonder if being a participant is worth the trouble, then I see my two children and I say "Yes, definitely!" I want them to feel safe in their home and within their community.

Considering the number of people presently involved, I think we do OK.

Ideally, Mobile Watch wants to be out seven nights a week. Realistically, we know this is inconvenient to the multi-working households in today's society.

Because we know Heather Lakes homeowners are caring people, we are seeking their involvement. We are only asking for three hours a month.

Beforewarned! there will be a sense of pride and the reward of helping to make the community safe for the homeowners and their families.

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## VOLUNTEERING TIME

Heather Lakes Community Mobile Watch is seeking homeowners to donate three or four hours once a month to boost security and safety within the community. Telephone Walter Parker, number above, or David Every, 654-8182. Mobile Watch, by the way, has celebrated its first birthday in Heather Lakes. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhoods safe.

## I've made my choice; how about you?

By JOANNE BUECHNER  
**HLCA Membership  
 Chairman**

In today's fast-paced world, it's nice to know that just around the next corner is "HOME".

"HOME" that little piece

of real estate that represents our pride in our families, our status is life and the community. The quality and standard of living we choose as individuals should tell all who pass by "THIS IS MY HOME, AND THIS IS THE COMMUNITY I CHOOSE

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The HLCA is YOU. We can only continue with YOU. Please contact Joanne Buechner at 689-9582 or Jean Brook at 684-2989 to become a member or to renew your membership for 1991. The annual fee is only \$10.

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# Volunteerism--The Parkers' credo

By KATHY DOTSON

When Walter and Janice Parker moved from their home in Providence Rhode Island to Brandon in 1989, little did they know how much the Heather Lakes community would benefit from their volunteerism.

Janice, a busy full-time registered nurse, spends a vast amount of time in Tampa General's Recovery Room. She recently became certified as a CPAN (Certified Post Anesthesia Nurse). When she's not busy caring for patients, she devotes time and energy as a board member of the Heather Lakes Community Association (HLCA) where she is recording secretary and social committee chairperson.

Her husband Walter, "Wally", is a retired auto-

mobile and truck mechanic with the City of Providence, R.I. Wally devotes a large quantity of his time to organizing HLCA's Mobile Watch where he is mobile watch coordinator.

This husband-and-wife team also works together as block captains of their street.

The Park-er's share a home in Woodbridge with their two children, Tracy, 15 and Walter, 14, along with two cats and dogs.

Many residents of Heather Lakes may not personally know the Parkers, but through their hard work, Heather Lakes has become a safer and friendlier community.

Just ask Wally about Mobile Watch and he'll be happy to update you on its

accomplishments and, in the same breath, ask if you would like to be a volunteer of the Mobile Watch team.

Janice, on the other hand, plays a major role in bringing together neighbors of Heather Lakes to help organize the upcoming Arts and Crafts Fair in May.

As members of the Homeowners Association formed by U.S. Homes, the Parkers will claim they joined the HLCA because the association was "socially oriented toward the people in the community through



social events, Mobile Watch, Neighborhood Watch and also provided us with a voice to express our opinions".

The Parkers have made a significant contribution to Heather Lakes in such a short time. We are all appreciative of their hard work and loyalty.

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# Recycling comes to Heather Lakes

By KATHY DOTSON

Recycling is a major step for Heather Lakes homeowners who want to participate in preserving the environment. And, the wish of many who want to forge ahead has come true.

Daryl H. Smith, director of the county department of solid waste, notified residents that Hillsborough is now including the Heather Lakes community in its Curbside Recycling Program.

Since April 2, residents have placed their recyclable items in green containers provided by the department of solid waste every Tuesday by 6 a.m. at their curbside.

Homeowners wishing to participate previously had to transport newspapers, aluminum and glass to the nearest recycling center.

The department advises:

\* Place containers at curbside Monday evenings for potential early-morning pickups.

\* Standard garbage collections will be made at other times.

\* Acceptable are glass bottles and glass jars and aluminum containers. Labels may remain, but discard lids and rinse out the containers before depositing them for pickup.

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# You can turn a tax liability into a tax deduction

By TOM PETERSON

That's right; through a perfectly legal series of transactions—which involve a charity of your choice—you can: (1) turn a tax liability (from the sale of an appreciated asset) into a current tax deduction; (2) increase the (your) income produced from the sale of that asset; and (3) create a substantial legacy for a deserving charity—without reduction in the value of assets available to your heirs.

All of this is accomplished through the utilization of two wealth-conservation vehicles: A "Charitable Remainder UniTrust" and a "Wealth Replacement Life Insurance Trust."

Rather than create confusion by using this space to explain the details involved

ample of an actual case history.

Our clients were a husband and wife, both age 55. They wished to sell a small farm that had appreciated in value to \$250,000. Their "basis" (original cost less depreciation) was only \$75,000; thus, they were faced with a taxable gain of \$175,000 via a traditional sale.

After paying federal and state income taxes (totaling \$57,750—33 percent of the profit), they would have only \$192,250 (net proceeds) to invest.

Assuming a constant return of 8.5 percent, they would realize a level annual interest income of \$16,341.

By transferring the asset—before contracting for

sold without current taxation.

In fact, the donation created a current tax deduction of \$27,178, which resulted in a current tax savings of \$8,969! (The deduction is calculated using IRS tables with the trust structured to pay an 8.5 percent constant annual income as long as either of the "donors" is alive.)

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But, after both of "donors" die, the \$250,000 is

the basic idea of making a major gift, they were not keen on the fact that their children would be disinherited.

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The results: The couple enjoys an additional \$3,344 of annual lifetime income (after paying the premium on the life policy).

Their children will receive the full \$250,000 as an inheritance (they would have received only \$192,250,

possibly reduced further by estate or inheritance taxes, under a traditional sale situation); and "their" charity will benefit from a \$250,000 gift upon their deaths.

The following are examples of capital gain assets which may be considered for utilization of those trusts: a personal residence, a closely held incorporated business, commercial real estate, a farm or ranch, patents/copyrights/trademarks and securities.

It is most important that a qualified tax advisor (attorney or CPA) is consulted when contemplating a transaction such as that presented herein.

Is there a subject you would like to see covered in this column?

If so, write to Tom c/o of

## TAXES TAXES TAXES TAXES

the Gazette!

Tom Peterson is a resident of South Oak and the president of First Financial Capital Planning Corporation, a financial planning agency.

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## Tax Penalties and How to Avoid Them

By ROBERT J. MORRIS, C.P.A.

The following are some examples of IRS penalties common to individuals and how to avoid most of them:

You can be charged a penalty for filing a late tax return and payment. You can avoid this penalty by filing an extension by 4/15/91 and paying most of the additional tax with extension.

The total of your withheld taxes, estimated taxes and payment with the extension should be greater than 90 percent of your total tax liability for the year. You

will then still be charged interest but you should not have to pay penalties.

Also, the failure to file penalty is 5 percent per month up to 25 percent and the failure to pay penalty is one-half percent per month up to 25 percent.

If circumstances are such that you were unable to comply, you may still avoid the penalty due to reasonable cause. Some examples may be serious illness or death in the family, fire or natural disaster or some other crisis which made it impossible.

Effective with the 1988 tax year, there is a negligence penalty of 5 percent for underpaid taxes applied after an IRS audit.

Negligence is defined as any disregard of the rules whether careless, reckless or intentional.

The primary avoidance would be to be sure you are filing the most accurate return as possible.

If the IRS determines your underpayment was due to intentional disregard of the law, the fraud penalty can be 75 percent. Avoid this determination in all

cases.

There is a penalty for failure to make estimated payments equal to 90 percent of your current year's tax liability. You can avoid this by having taxes withheld or estimated payments made equal to 100 percent of your prior year's tax liability.

If you underpay your taxes by more than 10 percent of your tax liability or \$5,000, the IRS may impose a penalty of 25 percent of the amount attributable to the underpayment.

To avoid the penalty, you must be able to prove you had substantial authority to rely on a particular position you took on your return. If you fully disclose the questionable position on your return, you will avoid the penalty.

There are numerous penalties that can be assessed. Ignorance defense does not work on most, therefore you should seek a qualified tax advisor or preparer to assist you.

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**Bell Shoals Church of Christ**  
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## Your Horoscope for April

### Aries

**March 21 to April 20**  
During the month you will find relationships will be the best on the 13th and 16th. Don't be too critical of new people you may meet and keep your temper in check especially on the 8th, 15th, and 25th. Although you have the chance of coming into some money before the 12th, you still need to cut back expenses even more. You will see a very positive upswing to your financial status and/or career on the 1st and again on the 7th, but to a lesser amount on the 7th. Be careful with your health this month, especially on the 28th, and don't allow yourself to exhaust your energies.

### Taurus

**April 21 to May 20**  
Upgrading your appearance is a must for you this month. Although you will generally find relationships to be good through the 12th, the best will be on the 1st. Your financial picture is very good for the entire month with the 17th and 18th being very

good, but the 29th will be exceptional. You will find an upward turn in your career, but keep impulsiveness in check. Your tendency this month will lean toward improper eating habits.

### Gemini

**May 21 to June 20**  
Daydreaming will get you into trouble this month and thinking of broad ideas instead of sticking to details. This is a favorable time for the travel ideas you have. On the 14th there will be a change to a love relationship or friendship. Business and money are especially good for you on the 10th, 19th and 29th. If you were thinking of asking for a raise, now is a good time. Your health will be good all month but be careful for possible down swings on the 4th, 9th, and 22nd.

### Cancer

**June 21 to July 22**  
This is not a very friendly period for you. Although you will receive some unexpected help, either monetarily or mentally supportive, you will still find the 5th, 13th and 28th to be a trying time. Along with this be careful as to stress and stick to good health plans especially on the 3rd, 20th,

and 28th. Your financial outlook is good on both the 13th and 21st but should be watched closely on the 25th and 28th.

### Leo

**July 23 to August 22**  
Leo's—don't push or the good relationships you can have will be overcome by tension especially with partners or a spouse. Watch for these tendencies on the 1st and 16th. The highlight of your whole month will be on the 16th as your goals show sign of becoming attainable. This month is very good for career matters and special projects. Just don't allow them to cause a strain on the domestic scene on the 25th. While you will enjoy good health all month, someone close to you will need attention on the 3rd, 6th, 20th, 26th, or 28th. But don't become alarmed. Money matters are strongly emphasized for you on the 16th, 21st, 26th and 30th.

### Virgo

**August 23 to September 22**  
People-oriented activities are favored for you this month. On the 19th and 29th social and romantic interests will be highlighted, but on the 10th will be your

strongest day as far as relationships go. Conflicts may cause concern on the 3rd and 28th, but to a lesser extent on the 6th. Business is favored on the 17th, 18th, 26th, and 28th, especially if your career is people oriented. Your poor health habits need to be fixed and the need to do so will be strongest on the 21st and 27th.

### Libra

**September 23 to October 22**  
For you, career activities will be accentuated on the 2nd, 20th, and 29th. Because you are going to be heavily involved in social matters with a lot of changes coming your way, you must not forget the mundane matter of paying bills. Sharing interests will be best from the 15th through the 19th of the month. Take extra health precautions this month as you may find your spirits and stamina strained.

### Scorpio

**October 23 to November 22**  
If you are married, you will find the 1st and the 7th especially pleasant. But on the other hand, don't look for domestic tranquility on the 21st or the 27th. Success and recognition are yours on

the 21st and 30th due to your ability to get things done. Be careful of social invitations and local travel plans as they can adversely affect your health anytime during this month.

### Sagittarius

**November 23 to December 21**  
The future is more important to you now as never before while the 3rd should be watched closely. Love is your strong suit, but don't put yourself on a pedestal. Love and relationships will be highlighted on the 13th, 14th and 28th while being the strongest on the 26th. Job related items especially as related to co-workers will be positive on the 23rd. The 28th is your only negative day for monetary matters. The first and fourth weeks of April find you with extra energy, while the 27th might be the only negative health day.

### Capricorn

**December 22 to January 19**  
While love can motivate changes in you this month on the 2nd, 20th and 29th, it can also cause conflict on the 13th, 26th, and 28th. Money plays an important role in your life this month

but avoid making decisions that could be unwise investments. Stimulation and unrest are the watch words for you in April. On the 25th and 27th money matters could get out of hand, be careful. If certain foods or drinks tend to bother you, be extra careful to avoid them on the 3rd and 6th.

### Aquarius

**January 20 to February 18**  
The 26th will be a good day for you in terms of both love and money. While at the same time good relationships will be accentuated on the 17th and 18th. On the 25th a spouse or co-worker might be in the mood to argue, and in reverse it will be your turn on the 28th. You have money coming your way this month, but you need to use it to pay off your debts. Perhaps now is the time to follow up your educational dreams and get your future ready for the changes that are coming. Overall, life is very pleasant for you now.

### Pisces

**February 19 to March 20**  
Your temper is a problem this month but on the 28th you should make an attempt to patch up any old problems.

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**APRIL 13 AND 14:** Carseat, tricycle, high chair, toys, tool trunk, shop vac, fog lights, household goods, fridge with icemaker, no junk. April 13 and 14, 10 am to 5 pm. 4025 Paddlewheel Drive off Bloomingfield in Bloomingdale West. 651-1755 for earlybirds.

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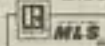


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