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It's Prom Time! This beautiful arrangement in the window of Bloomingdale Florist at Bloomingdale Square, reminds the students that it's time to order tuxs and flowers for the big event.

Columbia Bank makes major donation to the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association's crime program

by Susan DeLuca, Gazette Staff

Beginning with this issue of the *Bloomingdale Gazette*, Columbia Bank will be underwriting the Crime Watch programs of the BHA. Between now and December 31, Columbia will be donating over \$2,000 for the prevention of crime in Bloomingdale.

The entire Bloomingdale Community extends a very appreciative thank you to Columbia Bank and their serious commitment to the prevention of crime in our area.

(For more information about Columbia Bank see page 7 of this issue)

BHA College Scholarship Award applications are now being accepted

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 has \$1,875 to award this year at the general membership meeting in May. Funds for this award come from community fundraising 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 liv-

ing 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 (827 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 Mrs. Harris in the BSHS Guidance Department.

Deadline for applying is April 20 at 2:30 p.m.

Coming this JULY 27-29 A whole weekend of sports activities for the entire family!

Maybe YOU can win a new car or \$10,000 CASH!

Bloomingdale Sports Festival '90

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- Tennis Tournament
- 2 mile Skateboard Race
- 5K Bloomingdale Run
- Hole in One Competition
- Volleyball Tournament
- 2 mile Bicycle Event

All with UNBELIEVABLE prizes!

Net proceeds to benefit the BHA scholarship fund and other special projects.

Watch for entry blanks and detailed information in the May 19, Summer Activities Issue of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*!

Coming Soon: BSHS Senior Prom
by Jennifer Rogers
Gazette Staff Reporter

Get ready parents, because prom time is here again. On May 19 from 8 to 12 in the evening, Bloomingdale Senior High School's class of 1990 will be attending their final high school dance, which will be held at the Sheraton Grand on Kennedy and Westshore. Tickets are \$25 a couple.

Chosen earlier this year, the prom song is "I Remember You," by Skid Row. The traditional BSHS colors of black, red, and white will be used to decorate.

As for the attire, dresses range from the traditional floor length to a modern short dress. All the dresses come in many different colors, with black being the overall favorite.

For guys, tuxedos also come in more colors imaginable, but black wins out as the most rented color. Rentals are urged to be made early due to the "prom-time rush" that comes each spring.

When questioned as to post-prom plans, answers included: dining at a nice restaurant, a trip to the beach, or renting a hotel room with friends.

Residents angry as developer initiates assessment and association

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Staff

Using reasons such as "the STD doesn't maintain Bloomingdale well enough," and "we have higher standards" builder/developer Criterion Corporation instituted two master homeowners associations with an assessment as high as \$90 in

three sections of Bloomingdale East against the wishes of many of its residents and at complete surprise to most.

Criterion Corporation, at one time the major developer and property manager of Bloomingdale, has several under-construction areas in Bloomingdale East. The first

is Bloomingdale Ridge, known as "The Greens" and "Fox Run." Its legal description is Section U and Section V. The second is referred to as Erin Arbor with a legal description of Section JJ. There is a separate set of deed restrictions for each of these two areas although they are basically the same.

Erin Arbor is located off of Erindale in the East and is comprised of Horton and MacRiley homes. Bloomingdale Ridge is at Nature's Way and Culbreath and is comprised mainly of Sunrise and Schmidt Brothers homes.

According to Dale

Wozniak, a resident of Erin Arbor, at the time of closing, she signed a document stating that they would abide by the deed restrictions and covenants placed on the land by the developer (Criterion) but did not receive a copy of these documents. "Unfortunately, we weren't smart enough to see what the covenants were," she said.

Approximately the first week of March, Residents

in both areas received an assessment and budget from Criterion for maintenance of items such as landscaping, wall painting, mowing and pond upkeep. The statements were both sent from Susan L. Meitz as President of Erin Arbor Homeowner's Association, Inc., and as President of Bloomingdale Ridge Homeowner's Association, Inc. Erin Arbor residents were billed \$90 as a

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Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

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P. O. Box 3132
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BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

DISTRICT II

Ron Serrano...684-9640

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Department

Crime Prevention Bureau, 247-8115

Location of the
Bloomingdale Community Office
827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Bloomingdale Square

Bloomingdale Avenue



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.
Saturdays
9:30-12:30 p.m.

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: Second Wednesday 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.

Use this form for all of your community needs.

Bloomingdale's "Everything you ever needed" Form

Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Offices
827 E. Bloomingdale Avenue
Brandon, FL 33511

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____

I/We would like:

- To become a Participating Member in the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association: Dues \$10/year; Nov. 1 to Oct. 31.
- To make a donation to:
_____ BHA Legal Fund
_____ BHA Scholarship Fund
_____ Other: _____
- To join _____ Mobile Watch _____ Neighborhood Watch.
- To be placed on waiting lists or volunteer lists for:
_____ BHA Board of Directors
_____ STD Board of Trustees
_____ Committees as needed
- To report a code violation such as unmowed lots, junk cars, safety hazards, etc. (Your name remains confidential, but MUST be on this form at the top.) Call the office if the problem is not cleared up within 2 weeks of sending in this notice.

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President's Perceptions

As many of you are aware BHA President Martin Anderson recently underwent major surgery for wounds received during his tour in Vietnam. He is doing well and on the mend.

We are looking forward to Martin's column (President's Perceptions) returning in the May 19 issue.

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prorated amount from April 1 and Bloomingdale Ridge \$75.

The letters go on to state that a copy of the first Annual Budget is included and that an officer of the Association would be available to answer questions and to explain the assessment at a meeting which was set for March 19 in the Bloomingdale Community Office.

"I was really surprised to see that \$90 was due. I knew we were part of the BHA and I thought we were getting hit up for another (association)," said Dale.

At the March 19 meeting, the Bloomingdale Ridge residents met with Criterion officials (Susan Meitz and Mrs. Heirlmeier) at 6:30 p.m. and the Erin Arbor group met separately beginning at 8 p.m.

The residents in Bloomingdale Ridge were aware of the impending association due to the efforts of Carl Stickeler who had provided copies of deed restrictions to each new homeowner as they moved in. According to resident Angie Niehoff, "it was a very casual, friendly meeting." Even though residents "weren't overly thrilled," at the end of the meeting they paid their assessment.

On the other hand, Criterion officials asked that the office be closed at 10 p.m. as nothing was being accomplished with the second group. The Erin Arbor residents had no foreknowledge of a planned master association and became upset and angry with the assessment.

My Turn

by Susan L. DeLuca
President
The Bloomingdale
Gazette

Doing the story about the developer Criterion was no easy or laughing matter. Not only is the President of Criterion a Bloomingdale Resident, but the *Gazette* and the STD have risked a lot and we realize that any future relationship we may have had with Criterion is probably now shot. But like Errol Whitfield said, "It's important that the residents know the truth, so print it." I have to admit though, it was very hard to keep my opinions out of this story so that you could make the decisions yourself. Printing this story was sort of like enforcing deed restrictions here in

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Stated one resident afterwards, "they knew we were so mad they didn't have the nerve to ask us for the money."

By initiating a master association, these fees go into common area maintenance that is already being done by the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District in other parts of Bloomingdale. The STD taxes every home \$80 per year for most, but not all, of the common areas in Bloomingdale. Many of these areas are still maintained by builders such as the entrances and areas of River Crossing, Culbreath Road, and most of Erindale Road. The residents didn't want to be "taxed" for the same item twice.

According to STD President Errol Whitfield the cost to the STD to maintain Section U/V (Bloomingdale Ridge) would be \$9,000 and Section JJ (Erin Arbor) would be \$3,500. According to the budget provided by Criterion, the identical same items would cost \$25,274 per year for Bloomingdale Ridge and \$12,070 for Erin Arbor.

"The STD will gladly take over the maintenance of these areas when there are enough tax monies coming from the two areas; currently there are not. On the other hand Section R, which Criterion has asked us to take over, does have a high enough tax base so we can maintain it without a loss." But according to Property Manager Bobby Cole, he is going to recommend that the STD not begin the maintenance of this area until Criterion brings it up to a better standard by repairing sprinkler systems, the walls, improving landscaping, and upgrading the grass.

When asked why they were instituting a master association, Susan Meitz stated "because the STD doesn't do a very good job." She also stated that they felt they wanted a higher level of upkeep and maintenance on the whole for their areas to protect investments.

But, according to Errol Whitfield, the maintenance of Bloomingdale is mostly a "catchup" from when the developer and Criterion pulled out three years ago and gave the district to the residents to maintain.

"They left the subdivision, especially the older section, in disarray. They had no property in the West and didn't care. In the East, they had only maintained properties they had an interest in. Since the inception of the STD, we have done nothing but catchup and we are still trying to catchup. Once we are caught up, then the assessment (\$80) can go down."

According to Bobby Cole, STD Property Manager, the following is pertinent about the STD:

"1. The County ordinance establishes us as a dependent district. The BOCC approves our budget before we levy a flat tax. Not only does the ordinance describe what we can and can't do, but residents have total input to the budget process. The principal function is the

maintenance of the common areas.

2. The STD is the only one in the county to hire a property manager. I am responsible for the day-to-day overseeing and maintenance and I live in Bloomingdale.

3. Not only does the STD pay for maintenance, but also items such as insurance, utilities, irrigation systems, signs, and reserves for items such as the wooden fence replacement along Nature's Way.

4. The STD takes care of 8 miles of walls which are painted and maintained on a rotating basis."

Dale Wozniak stated that at issue was not the payment of a \$90 fee, but rather, the following: Criterion has total control of the monies, where they are spent and do not have to give an accounting.

She said the residents would like to see the following:
A. They want a resident to be on the Board
B. They want an accounting of where the funds are spent
C. They want a say as to what the funds are used for

According to BHA attorney, Jack Holsonback, as members of both associations, they would have certain rights under the corporation laws of Florida. Such as the right to inspect the corporation documents at the corporate headquarters (minutes, balance sheets, charter, etc.) and to be informed of meetings of the Board of Directors and the corporation as a whole.

Upon further checking based on information provided by the attorney, the *Gazette* found that as of March 30, 1990, only Bloomingdale Ridge Homeowners Association, Inc., is a Florida nonprofit corporation and that Erin Arbor Homeowners Association, Inc., is not listed with the Corporation Department of the State of Florida in Tallahassee.

According to Attorney Holsonback, "it would be pretty difficult for a corporation to have a board meeting and vote in the annual budget and assessment if the corporation doesn't exist."

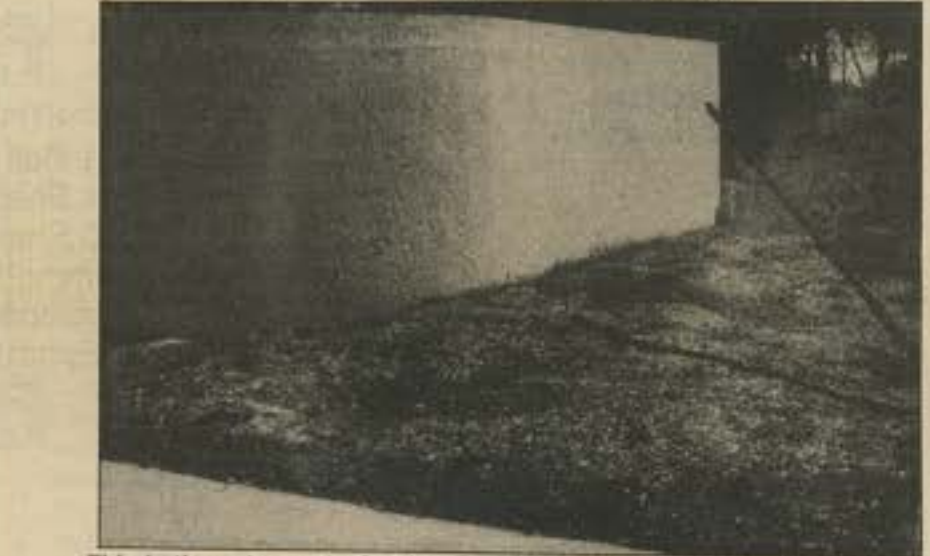
Jack Holsonback further stated that "the public is charged with the responsibility of being aware of what is in the public records provided they are given notice that the record exists. In other words, when the residents signed the Warranty Deed and accepted the title policy for their land, since the Warranty Deed stated subject to deed restrictions and since it was also noted on the title policy, this is considered being informed. At the time of the closing, the residents could have asked for a copy of these documents from the closing agent and would have been provided with them. The residents were the ones that were under obligation to go find out about them. They would also have had the right to refuse to close until they had read the documents." According to the information received, none of the resi-



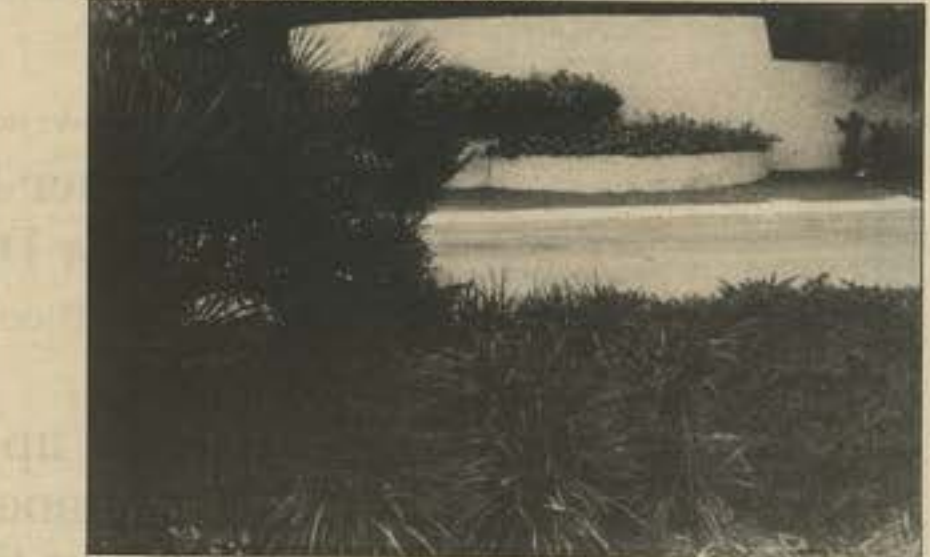
On the left, the grass as it is being maintained by Criterion in Section R. On the right, grass maintained by the STD in West.



This entrance is part of the catchup the STD is still doing.



This is the entrance to Section R which is currently being maintained by Criterion who would like the STD to take it over. The STD Property Manager says that it will have to be maintained first.



This entrance at Greenhollow was one of the ones redone by the STD after the developer had cemented over the flower areas.

dents asked or received these documents. According to Jack, "once you've closed and accepted the title, you're stuck with it."

The association documents prepared by Criterion show there are two classes of membership Class A and Class B. Class A membership are the homeowners and according to the deed restrictions "shall not be entitled to vote." Class B is the corporation. Class A can't vote until either the lots are fully developed, on January 1, 1993, or the Class B members terminate

their rights.

The deed restrictions go on to state that Criterion (the association) can demand "Annual Assessments," "Special Assessments," and "Specific Assessments," all without the vote of the residents. If the assessments are not paid, Criterion has the right to place a lien upon the lot.

The deed restrictions go on to state that the Association (Criterion) "may levy...a Special Assessment for the purpose of defraying, in whole or in part, the cost of

any construction, reconstruction, repair or replacement of a capital improvement upon the Common area." Approval requires 2/3 vote of those members authorized to vote (Class B members).

Said one resident, "We don't have lots of legal rights, but our recourse is to leave or make it economically unfeasible for them (Criterion) to sell any future properties. It's a win-win situation if we all get along."

Area Churches

Apostles Lutheran
200 N. Kingsway,
Brandon
689-2571
Pastors: Tim Gamelin
Mary & Tim Canniff-
Kuhn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 8:30 am & 11 am

Bell Shoals Baptist
Church
2102 Bell Shoals,
Brandon
689-4229
Pastor: Dr. Bob Reccord
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:55 & 6:30
p.m.
Bible Study: 9:30

Bloomingdale Community
Brethren Church
1310 E Bloomingdale
Ave, Valrico
681-2790
Pastor: David L. Stone
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30

Brandon Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
910 S Bryan Road,
Brandon
689-4021
Pastor: Rev. Larry L.
Chambers
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Church
1310 John Moore Road,
Brandon
685-6786
Pastor: Clifford Bassett
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 11:00 & 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

First Christian Church of
Brandon
207 New Hope Road,
Brandon
689-1457
Minister: Larry Delks
Assoc. Minister: David
Watts
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45 a.m. &
6:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

First Pentecostal Church
2207 Lithia-Pinecrest Rd,
Brandon
685-4827
Pastor: F. E. Goldsberry
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
& 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 p.m.

Holy Innocent's Episcopal
Church
Valrico Road at Front
Street, Valrico
689-3130
Pastor: Stephen L.
Rudacille
Sun. Worship 8/10:30
a.m.
Christian Ed Class 9 a.m.
Nursery available all
morning
Wednesday Eve 7:15 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of
Bloomingdale
3212 Lithia, Valrico
North of Bloomingdale
Ave
654-3699
Pastor: Reid B. Isenhart
Sunday Schedule:
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

Resurrection Community
Church
3225 Bell Shoals Road.,
Brandon
685-6377
Pastor: Wayne Radd
Sunday Schedule:
Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7
p.m.
Childrens Church &
Nursery: 10:30 a.m.

St. Andrews United
Methodist Church
3315 Bryan Rd. at
Bloomingdale, Brandon
689-6849 or Preschool
689-1207
Pastor: Robert A. Hahn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 8:30 & 11; 6:30
p.m.
Sunday School 9:40;
Youth 5:15;

St. Mark United Church
United Church of Christ
2914 Lithia-Pinecrest
Road, Valrico
685-0998
Pastor: Garry A. Scheuer,
Jr.
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Worship 10:45
Church School 10:45

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St. Stephen's Catholic Church
5049 Bell Shoals Road,
Valrico
689-4900
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11 a.m.
Weekdays Mon.-Fri. 8
a.m.

South Brandon Baptist Church
4929 Bell Shoals Road
681-1045
Pastor: Al Browder
Sunday Schedule:
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. and 7
p.m.

South Brandon Community Church
New congregation
forming in Bloomingdale
1332 Monte Lake Drive,
Valrico
(Home of Pastor Ross)
653-2317
Pastor: Ed Ross
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 6 p.m.
Bible Study 2 p.m.
Tuesday

Tampa Bay Christian Center
3920 S. Kings Avenue,
Brandon
689-9497
Pastor: Dr. David K.
Blomgren
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
Mid-week Service:
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Bell Shoals Church of Christ
2908 Bell Shoals Road,
Brandon

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
2913 John Moore Road,
Brandon

Westminster Presbyterian Church
402 East Lumsden Road,
Brandon

Synagogue Listing
Chabad of Brandon
Jewish Center
889 E Bloomingdale Ave.
Bloomingdale Square,
Brandon
689-7770
Rabbi Levi Shentov
Service Schedule:
Friday - 7 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m.
Sun. Hebrew School-10
am
Tuesday Adult Classes - 7
p.m. & 8 p.m.

Who says you can't change the world?

Earth Day 1990 -- April 22

Earth Day Celebrations

by Angie Niehoff
Gazette Staff Reporter

On April 22, Earth Day 1990, people throughout the world will renew their commitment to saving the planet. Some of the area celebrations include Earth Day Tampa Bay at Lowry Park and an Open House at the Hillsborough County Resource Recovery Facility.

Earth Day Tampa Bay will offer a day packed with

Earth Day. With beautifully landscaped grounds, this state-of-the-art facility is a fascinating example of the latest technology used for trash incineration. Tours will show how the plant's ferrous metal recovery program uses powerful magnets to salvage scrap, and explain the incineration process which generates 23 kilowatts of electricity for TECO. Tours will take

Earth Day Issues and What We Can Do

by Angie Niehoff
Gazette Staff Reporter

Scientists say we are living on an endangered planet. Here are some signs:

Global warming/sea level rise: Excessive pollution has caused the Earth's atmosphere to retain too much heat, promoting global warming or the "greenhouse effect." A related problem is the sea level rise due to polar melting.

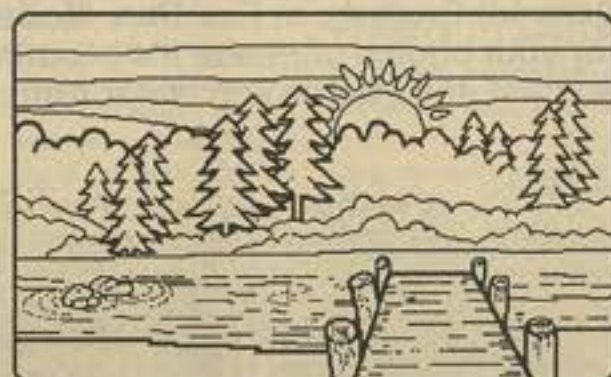
Acid rain: The burning of fossil fuels acidifies the atmosphere, causing acid rain. It is corroding archeological treasures such as the Parthenon and Taj Mahal, while the long-term effects are not yet known.

Ozone holes: Over the past decade, the ozone layer over the South Pole has become considerably thinner. Continued depletion will increase the occurrence of skin cancer.

Rainforest destruction: Each year, the Amazon rainforest is being diminished by an area the size of Connecticut. This is exhausting a major portion of the Earth's oxygen supply and causing the extinction of many species unique to the area.

Water shortages, environmental damage through oil spills, air and water pollution—the list continues. Ecologists offer the following list of simple things we can do to reverse these trends and improve the condition of the Earth:

- Avoid plastic and styroform
- Carpool
- Conserve energy
- Conserve water
- Don't litter
- Don't use aerosol sprays
- Plant trees
- Recycle and choose recycled materials



entertainment and family fun plus thoughtful information on ways to save the environment. On Sunday, April 22nd from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., celebrate the world at Lowry Park, 7525 North Avenue in Tampa. The World of Displays will include recycling exhibits and conservation booths while kids of all ages can plant a tree, paint a mural, or build a manatee in the World of Children. Reggae, rock, jazz, and folk music are in store at the World Of Entertainment and a variety of foods from numerous concessionaires will be featured in the World of Food. There is no charge for the event and remote parking is provided.

Closer to Bloomingdale, the Hillsborough County Resource Recovery Facility at 390 Faulkenburg Road, just North of Route 60 is hosting an Open House on

place every 20 to 30 minutes from noon to 4 p.m. All guests will be offered free hot dogs, sodas, popcorn, and giveaways, and the first 500 visitors also will receive free T-shirts.

The first Earth Day, in the Spring of 1970, brought out over twenty million people to express their concern for the environment. It furthered the passage of the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, and prompted the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. This year, as many as 100 million people, in 133 countries are anticipated to demonstrate their commitment to preserving our planet.

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Where do we stand on the lawsuit?

As most of Bloomingdale is aware, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has filed a lawsuit against the Board of County Commissioners and Atlantic Homes because the BOCC allowed the builder to build several homes incorrectly situated on the lots. Because of the action of the BOCC, they opened the door for any builder in Bloomingdale to do likewise at the expense of the investment of all of the homes here.

As of now, the BHA has won the first two rounds in the litigation, but round three is the final and biggest round. As of press time there is still no answer, according to our attorney, Jack Holsonback. The judge who is reading and deciding on the final outcome of this case has not yet made a final decision—so all we can do is wait.

The cost of this suit still continues to be a financial burden on the association.

A loan was taken out to repay legal costs, courtesy of Columbia Bank here in Bloomingdale. Contributions to the legal fund are requested and welcomed and should be directed to the BHA.

If you are unsure as to what the lawsuit is about or have any questions regarding Bloomingdale in general, you are more than welcome to contact the Bloomingdale Community Offices at 681-2051.

Regarding the STD...

The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District is run by a volunteer board of Trustees. The monthly meeting is held on the second Monday of each month in the Bloomingdale Community Center. Every Bloomingdale homeowner contributes to this tax fund and is invited to make suggestions and comments. The list of Trustees is on page 2 of this newspaper.

Beginning Friday, June 15 to Friday, August 3, the Bloomingdale Community Office will close at 12:30 p.m. every Friday during the summer.

The hours for the office during this period are as follows:

Monday - Thursday,
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Bloomingdale's Watchers

Mobile Watch News

by LaWayne Wyatt
Core Committee

In a previous article I mentioned that representatives of the Mobile Watch and the President of the BHA had met with Colonel Cal Henderson of the Sheriff's Department. Colonel Henderson was given a briefing on the policies, organization, operating procedures and actions the Mobile Watch has taken to keep crime at a minimum in our community. Several proposals were discussed on how the Sheriff's Department and the Mobile Watch could work more closely together to further reduce or minimize crime. Following are the results of several of these proposals based on a verbal reply through the President of the BHA from Col. Henderson.

same manner as the Neighborhood Watch signs. The Mobile Watch sign will be placed on the same post as the Neighborhood Watch Signs.

The proposal that the Mobile Watch be formally sanctioned by the Sheriff was denied due to a potential liability problem for the Sheriff's Department, however, the Sheriff now officially recognizes and supports the Mobile Watch as an organization interested in deterring crime in our community.

Col. Henderson also indicated the Sheriff's Department intends to use the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch as a model for other communities in the county who desire to start similar programs. These communities will be referred to us for guidance and set up assistance. On March 22, copies of our policies and procedures were provided to Deputy LeClerc, Crime Prevention Office, as a first step in this process.

The Mobile Watch is now selling bumper stickers. The stickers are green with

the words "I Support Bloomingdale Mobile Watch" in white. Members can obtain the stickers from the base station operator on their patrol night. Some members will also be contacting their neighbors to see if they are interested in supporting the program. If no one contacts you and you are interested in obtaining a sticker or providing a donation contact any member of the Mobile Watch or LaWayne Wyatt, 685-2072. All proceeds will be used to purchase the entry way signs and additional radios and antennas to replace older equipment.

For the past six months we have made a concerted effort to record all tag numbers of cars seen cruising the community, traveling at excessive speeds, parked in unusual places, or otherwise acting in a suspicious manner. Coordination with the Sheriff's Department has indicated that most of these cars do not belong to Bloomingdale Residents. This means that most of our problems are probably caused by non-residents. Everyone needs to stay alert for suspicious activity at

Burglaries are Back

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Burglaries in the Bloomingdale area seem to be on the rise lately, with residents calling in to report such occurrences or to ask the *Gazette* to verify the information. According to Detective Rich Walker of the Sheriff's Department, burglaries in Bloomingdale are showing a significant increase in the last month.

A residence on Bell Grande was hardest hit, with approximately \$13,000 worth of possessions taken. Almost all of the burglaries

involve the theft of electronics and jewelry, and with the arrival of spring there are a lot of lawn mowers stolen due to open garage doors.

According to Detective Walker, "The vast majority of burglaries in this area occur in broad daylight, when there is no one at home." The very few burglaries at night are the result of a situation in which the burglar has received information that the house will be empty. But most cases are not that sophisticated. It is much more common for the typical burglar to park his car in a neighborhood and set out on foot looking for a likely target. He will

usually ring the doorbell and gain entry to the home if there is no answer. If there is an answer, he simply tries to sell something to the resident or ask for a certain individual and then explains that he must have the wrong address.

Detective Walker pointed out that a daytime mobile watch would be an ideal deterrent, although he realizes that it would be impossible to implement at this time. Walker continued "It would be very effective to hire an off-duty patrolman at \$15 an hour to patrol the area. I feel that if he covered the Bloomingdale area aggressively, it would help cut down the burglary rate."

any time during the day or night and report it to the Sheriff's Departments and/or Mobile Watch. Always remember to call the Sheriff first if you think there is a crime in progress.

Our thanks to the following who volunteered in March: Eric Mueller, East Pilar Gonzales, East Judy Pounds, Oakcrest, who returned to active status

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Don't forget—your taxes are paying for the Sheriff's protection. Not reporting an incident because you don't want to bother anyone, or you don't want to make a

big deal about a little incident, is counterproductive. Your incident is just one piece in a bigger picture.

Will they come out to investigate? NO! Probably not. But in all likelihood they will give you a case number. The more case numbers there are, the more the computers and the people who run them can see if we need increased patrols and protection.

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Columbia Bank... Committed to the Crime Prevention Community

by Alexa Hrvatin
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Columbia Bank has announced its decision to underwrite the Crimewatch programs of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association effective April 7, 1990. Columbia, which opened a branch at the intersection of Bloomingdale and Lithia Pinecrest two year ago, is the oldest independent bank in the county area.

Columbia Bank established in 1923, is locally owned and therefore able to deliver a more personal one-on-one relationship to its customers than a large holding company. A.J. Grimaldi Jr. spoke of his family's involvement in the bank, relating that his grandmother still goes to work everyday. At 84 years of age she is the chairman of the board and a vital entity of the operation.

Grimaldi further stated that his family's bank has had a

long history of community involvement and feels a responsibility toward insuring a high standard for quality of life because they share the same local environment themselves.

"We are committed to the community and plan on being here the rest of our lives. We believe that what we do affects our own lives too, so we have a long-term commitment to the area," Grimaldi stated recently.

He also spoke of the rapid and sometimes unplanned growth in Hillsborough County, calling for the need to establish a more deliberate plan. "We need to take one step backwards, and look at where we have been and where we want to

go," he continued. "There is a need to re-evaluate the growth of the last 20 years and begin a new period of controlled growth."

The bank is beginning its involvement with Bloomingdale crimewatch programs in order to help enhance the lives of its customers. The bank has a sense of civic duty that is reflected in this new support of Bloomingdale's own efforts at improving the quality of life in the area.

Have you joined
Mobile Watch or
Neighborhood
Watch?

See page 2
and sign up
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BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION SURVEY - 1989

Each year the Bloomington Homeowners Association conducts a survey of residents concerns related to the quality of life in Bloomington. This survey helps direct the BHA and the Special Taxing District in formulating action plans in 1990 and beyond. The following is a basic set of results compiled from November 1 to December 31, 1989. Those statistics which provide the most amount of information have been supplied. Approximately 463 surveys were used to complete these results which represents approximately 16% of the homes in Bloomington.

1. Recently the BHA filed a lawsuit against the Board of County Commissioners because they refused to enforce their own building code. This lawsuit is an effort by the BHA to maintain standards and the quality of life at its highest in Bloomington.

Question: If the BHA has to continue this lawsuit and/or initiate others for the same reasons as above, would you be willing to contribute to a fund to support such an activity?
 166 Yes ___ No

2. Do you think the Bloomington Special Taxing District's objectives should be maintaining the existing areas as they do now and... (circle your choice)

a. Working to lower the homeowner's yearly tax assessment?

b. Initiating additional beautification improvement projects while holding the yearly tax assessment the same as it currently is at \$80. **222**

c. Initiating major community projects by increasing the yearly homeowners tax assessment from \$80 per year to a higher amount specifically during that project?

SURVEY, see pg 9

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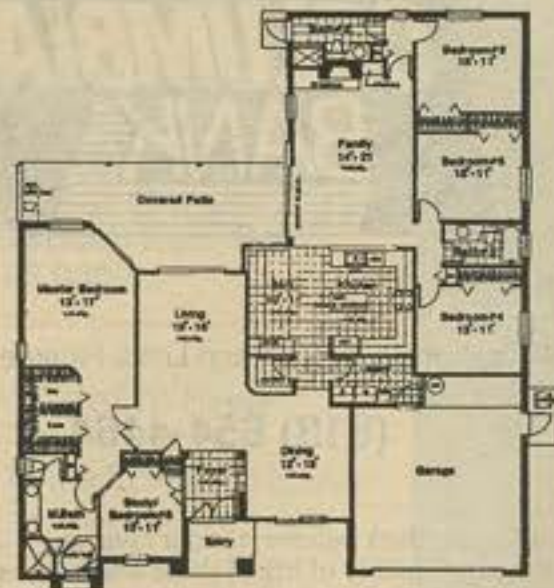
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SURVEY, from pg 8

3. Rank these items in order of importance with a 1 being most important to you and a 12 being the least important

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| 2 Deed restriction enforcement | 10 Additional sidewalks |
| 5 Sewage problems | 3 Drinking Water |
| 4 Speeding | 1 Crime prevention |
| 11 Political involvement | 6 Underage drinking |
| 12 Social functions/activities | 7 Additional street lighting |
| 9 Beautification of main entry ways | 8 Maintenance of Parks (Park East & West) |

4. Rate the quality of service provided by Hillsborough County in the categories listed:

	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Sheriff's Protection		134		
Emergency Medical Service				125
Fire Department Protection	130			
Mass Transit (Bus)				102
Traffic Management			161	
Drainage/Storm water		153		
Drinking Water			185	
Road Repair		162		
Education (Schools)	146			
Park and Recreation		138		
Animal Control		127		
Environmental Protection		139		
Code Enforcement			124	
Consumer Affairs				114

5. Rate your Bloomingdale organizations

	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Bloomingdale Homeowners Association	197			
Special Taxing District	128			
Mobile Watch	169			
Neighborhood Watch	124			
The Bloomingdale Gazette	252			

6. Have you had any of the plumbing problems listed below?

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|
| 48 Copper tubing leaks | 51 Hot water tanks | 100 Faucet |
| 22 Incoming Water line to the house | 126 Commode | 26 Other |

If you answered yes to any of the above: Builder?
Pulte and Suarez Year built 1984, 1983

7. Have you experienced vandalism to your home or property? 210 Yes 254 No

Type of damage: 74 mailbox smashings, 37 car burglary, 31 broken windows, 19 house burglary, 17 driving in yard, 10 eggings, 6 littering, 3 tires slashed, toilet papered, paint on house, objects thrown, cut sprinklers, BB's shot, fences broken, stolen bicycle, pools disturbed

8. Each year the BHA holds five general membership meetings. The number of residents in attendance is low compared to the total of residents in Bloomingdale. If you do not attend, please list the reason why.

- 118 Meeting hours conflict with work hours.
- 91 Must be home during these hours.
- 51 Not interested in attending.
- 14 Other: specify Not aware of hours and dates

BHA College Scholarship Award applications are 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 has \$1,875 to award this year at the general membership meeting in May. Funds for this award come from community fundraising 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 (827 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 Mrs. Harris in the BSHS Guidance Department.

Deadline for applying is April 20 at 2:30 p.m.

MY TURN, from pg 3

Bloomingdale, it had to be done, but nobody is going to like you very much afterwards. And it isn't only Bloomingdale that has the problem, from discussions with other homeowners associations, this is at least a county-wide trend if not state wide.

Some very important facts came to me as I wrote this story:

1. Most people are very ignorant when they buy a home, even a second and third home. They have no idea what deed restrictions are or how their subdivision is going to be maintained when the developer/builder leaves. When we moved into our Suarez home, the representative went over over line of the deed restrictions with us and made sure we understood them thoroughly. From what I am finding, this is a rarity.

2. A lot of builders/developers take advantage of this ignorance. Would you buy a home willingly if you knew that the builder could put an unlimited assessment on you to purchase land or any improvements he wanted and you had no say in the matter? Probably not; and yet this was done in three sections here in Bloomingdale and will continue to go on as long as people purchase homes in Sections JJ, U, and V.

3. We need changes in the laws. As a developer builds out an area, he tends to not maintain it as well. The result is that when he is done and ready to turn the maintenance over to those people who paid him a fortune, the area is seriously deteriorated. In most cases, such as happened here in Bloomingdale, the residents have to start over and use tax monies that should have gone for improvements into catchup work. If a developer/builder had to escrow a certain amount of money

based on the size to be maintained that was turned over to the residents at the beginning of the development stage, then the residents would have some way to put the community back together. The legislation could also state that the developer/builder could earn this money back by keeping the area in good condition up to the point of turnover so that reconstruction would not have to take place.

4. We need a meeting between the BHA Board, the STD Trustees and every builder and developer in Bloomingdale. I've been stating this for two years and now I think I need to say it louder. The BHA Board had meetings and tours here with the County Commissioners and all of Larry Brown's administrative staff. The results have been excellent and well worth the time invested. We suffer from a severe lack of communication in this development between the developers/builders and the organizations that run the community. Take for instance the master landscaping plan the STD has. They hired a landscape architect to design every entrance in Bloomingdale. This is the master plan they have been planning. Unfortunately, the builders are not involved and don't seem to be interested in this. So as each builder leaves, the STD will have to either fix the areas up or redesign them so that there is some sense of continuity here which so far is eluding us.

I am very concerned about the misinformation and the lack of information that went out to Bloomingdale Residents at the meetings.

First they stated that the STD doesn't maintain Bloomingdale as well as they want it; but they forgot to tell these residents that they (Criterion as property manager/developer) are the

ones who left it in a total state of disrepair and now the STD has to go back and fix it all over again from scratch—an ongoing job that is still not done.

Second, Criterion told residents from Section JJ that the BHA is just a social club. The BHA attorney expressed regret that we don't have that little goody in writing.

Thirdly, Criterion stated that the STD only cuts the grass every two weeks during the growing season—a statement that is completely wrong. They cut it one time per week, edge, do weed control, and fertilize.

Criterion also told residents how they went back to the STD and asked them to contribute to the care of their sections and were turned away by the STD. First of all, the STD is not a charity organization. The STD agrees to take over a developer's area when it is fiscally sound to do so—sensible business practice if you ask me. Only homes that are ready to be lived in are taxed—which means that all of the developers and builders in Bloomingdale contribute almost nothing to the STD each year because their undeveloped lots are not part of the STD's tax base. But Criterion is asking the STD to do it based on the taxes the STD receives now from their area.

The STD board is not made up of a bunch of dummies. They told Criterion that when there are enough tax monies coming out of areas U/V and JJ, then they would be glad to take them over. There is no reason why the STD should take a loss for Criterion.

Unfortunately there are no laws on the books to protect us or any subdivisions from the types of problems this community has had in the past. Criterion, like others, maintain their areas as they are building and selling. But as the homes are sold the level of maintenance from the developer/builder starts to deteriorate. By the time they withdraw the residents who have to now assume the maintenance find themselves replacing everything from scratch. And there's no legal way to force the developer/builder to do otherwise.

Maybe Criterion recognizes the problem and is trying to remedy this, but if that's the case, it would be nice if they would say so instead of trying to blame the STD who is really only cleaning up their mess.

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The Blue Streaked Lory



Nursery attendant, Nancy Biggins, feeds a just days-old blue-streaked lory a special liquid diet of vegetables and fruit.

Photo and information courtesy of Busch Gardens Conservation Department.

The two blue-streaked lorries recently hatched at Busch Gardens Conservation Department are just one of 19 species of lorries which are part of a larger breeding program for parrots numbering 120 species for a total collection of 750 birds.

Lories are distributed over a large part of the tropics including Australia, New Guinea and, like the blue-streaked lory, Indonesia.

Lories are tree-dwellers and

feed, roost and breed in trees and rarely descend to the ground.

Lories are liquid eaters and in the wild eat pollen, nectar, fruits, buds, small insects and drink from water trapped in palm fronds. In captivity, lories eat a sweet vegetable and fruit mixture which approximates their natural diet.

In the wild, lorries play an important ecological role in pollinating the trees on

which they feed. Lories tend to nest almost exclusively in holes in trees.

As with many of the world's animal species, lorries live in areas of rapid deforestation which may eventually pose a threat to their future survival.

Be careful of imposters at your front door!

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Two young girls have developed an interesting scam which they have attempted on at least one resident here. According to a Bloomingdale East Resident, these girls appear to be in their late teens, or early 20's. They rang the resident's doorbell at 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday March 6. Answering the bell, the resident was told by one girl with a speech impediment, that they were selling magazines to earn money for therapy at Shriners' Hospital. Strongly disliking door-to-door salesmen, the homeowner closed the door, became suspicious, and called the Sheriff's Department, who promised to canvas the area.

Upon further checking, the resident found that all

treatment at Shriners' is free of charge. This information was verified by the Gazette through the public relations department at Shriners' Hospital. According to hospital employee Sonia Monsen, all services and treatment are administered free of charge.

Just how is one to know if a door-to-door salesman is legitimate? According to the sheriff's department, salesmen may or may not have a permit when they knock at the front door. If a resident is suspicious of a salesman, the best alternative available is calling the sheriff's department. If possible they will send someone to check out the situation.



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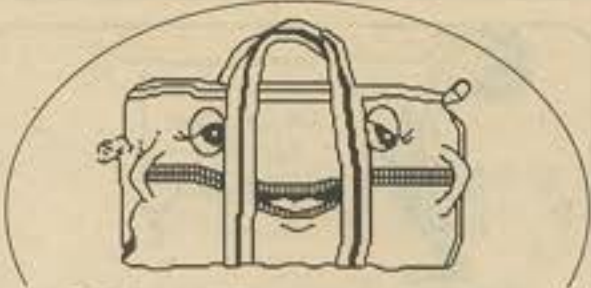


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Scout and store to help residents clear Bloomingdale of LEGAL Drugs

by Alexa Hrvatin, Gazette Staff Reporter

Steve Zwahlen, an Eagle Scout candidate and Bloomingdale Resident, would like to help Bloomingdale solve a serious, yet different, type of drug problem. He has organized troop 266 in his effort to help residents rid their homes of legal drugs that are often allowed to sit on the medicine shelf for much too long a period of time. Some of the drugs may be prescription drugs that should have been used up over a certain period of time. The chemicals in these drugs change over a period of time and are potentially hazardous if used at a later time. Others may no longer be potent.

Steve has been working with Eckerd's Pharmacy in Bloomingdale Square, where pharmacist Celeste Vega has offered her expertise on the project. Eckerd's has compiled a list

of drugs that are commonly found in the home, along with the shelf life of each drug.

That is where troop 266 enters the picture. During spring break, members of the troop will distribute information as well as special bags for the collection of the drugs. It is then the responsibility of the resident to take the bag in to Eckerd's, where the drugs will be properly disposed of. The scouts will not handle the drugs themselves, and it is important to note that drugs should not be flushed down the toilet, poured down a drain, or put in the trash.

The purpose of Steve's project is to prevent people from taking either ineffective or toxic outdated drugs. Celeste Vega praised his interest in this community awareness



Eagle Scout candidate, Steve Zwahlen reminds everyone to check their home medicine cabinets and bring the outdated prescription drugs to Eckerd's for disposal in the special bags provided.

program. "I'm glad that Steve is aware of this problem, and is bringing it to the attention of others too," she stated.

Scout Troop 266, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, will be distributing their

bags during the week of April 16. Steve encourages everyone to take an inventory of the family medicine chest. "It might save your life!" he says.

Call Eagle Scout candidate Steve Zwahlen at 684-9440 for further information.



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Section L -- Continued...

by Alexa Hrvatin, Gazette Staff Reporter

According to Glen Hierlmeier of Criterion Corporation, residents of Fairway Manors have little cause for concern in regard to a builder's plan for that area.

The builder's sign posted on Nature's Way at Polumbo, quotes a price tag of \$115,000 - lower than the price of many of the homes in the section, according to homeowners living there. Hierlmeier's staff at Criterion has reviewed the builder's plans, and found the 2400 square foot homes in line with the existing home sizes. Hierlmeier stated that his staff found the price reflected a "possible pre-construction discount" for those showing an early interest in the homes.

Hierlmeier also discussed the Architectural Control Committee as a guideline for any homebuilding to be

undertaken in the area. The committee's aim is to assure a comparable size and quality of home is built consistently. He feels that the builder will have to satisfy these requirements and will present his plans for a formal evaluation. "This evaluation is a subjective decision, based more on judgmental factors," he stated.

Legally, a builder is permitted to build a home of 1800 square feet, but it would be unusual for a builder to erect an inferior home in such an area, Hierlmeier pointed out. If the committee rejects the architectural plans for a home, there is no legal authority to rule unless the builder violates the deed restrictions for the area. In that case, "he would be subject to litigation similar to the Atlantic Homes case."

The builder has not submitted plans for review at this point in time.

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by Bonnie Abrado, Advertising Director

Bike Works owners, Cap and Mary Pooler, are offering Bicycle Repair Clinics on Wednesdays in May and June from 7-8 p.m. (except June 6). The purpose of the clinics is to provide hands-on instruction to participants in bike repairs and recognition of repair needs. Participants must be 18 years of age. Classes are FREE of charge with all materials supplied.

Bike Works is located in the Bloomingdale Plaza center near Kash 'n Karry. Telephone 685-3104.

Bike Works also has programs slated for bicycle training rides throughout Bloomingdale. Call for details.

Congratulations to Henry Bronsaham, Bloomingdale Resident and owner of Bloomingdale Realty, who finished sixth at the recent race at Sebring.

Congratulations are also in order for three Brandon-area students who were honored by Wal-Mart in

Bloomingdale with \$1,000 scholarships for highest-point scores in several categories, including SAT scores, school curriculum, part-time employment, grade-point average and outside activities. Competing amongst many students, including Bloomingdale students, the winners were Erin White, Nina Hambin, and Hui Ning Zhou.

Elena Aluotto, Bloomingdale Resident and licensed Community Association Manager, announces the opening of Better Community Associations at 4109 Encina Drive, Brandon. BCA will provide customized management services to condominium and homeowner associations in Hillsborough and surrounding counties. For more information, call Elena at 654-9278.

Mr. Chris Bolles, Bloomingdale West Resident, is the new Branch Manager for the NCB

branch at Bloomingdale Avenue and Bell Shoals Road.

Dr. Larry A. Kaler is a new Podiatrist/Foot Specialist to the Brandon area. Dr. Kaler completed his undergraduate training at USF and his podiatric education at the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio. He then completed his residency at Mr. Sinai Medical Center in Ohio. Recently, he attended the Florida Symposium on Podiatric Science in Orlando. Dr. Kaler's new office is located at 3413 S. Kings Ave., Suite 100 (one block south of Bloomingdale Ave. at King's Row Shopping Center); telephone 654-3354.

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I am a teacher at Armwood High and Program Director for this area. Contact me at either 685-2708 or at Armwood at 689-1217, ext 50, if you would be interested in becoming a host family.

(Mrs.) Judi Briant

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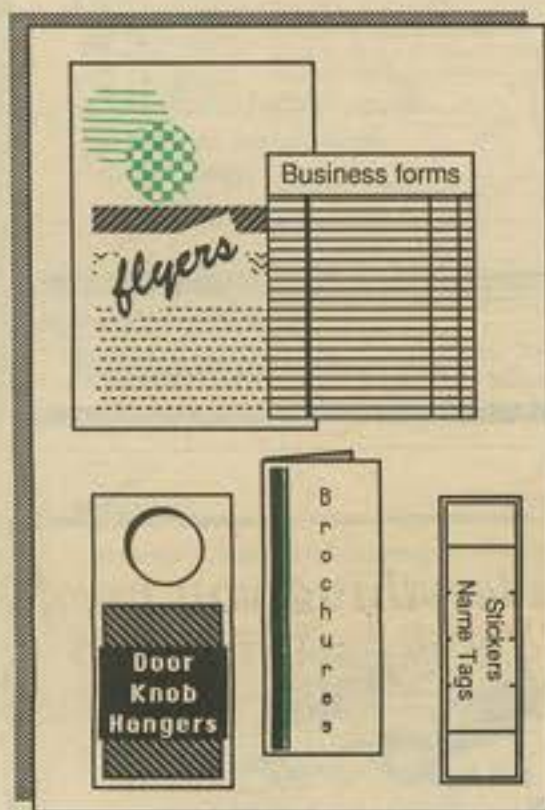
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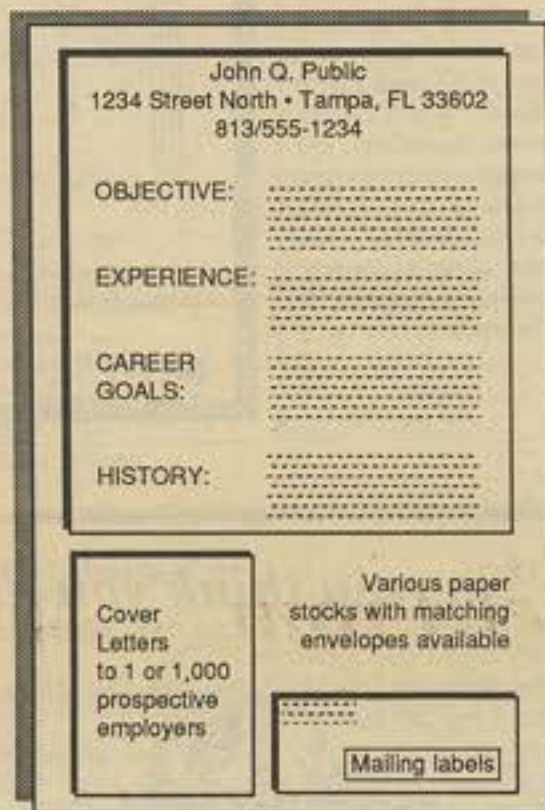
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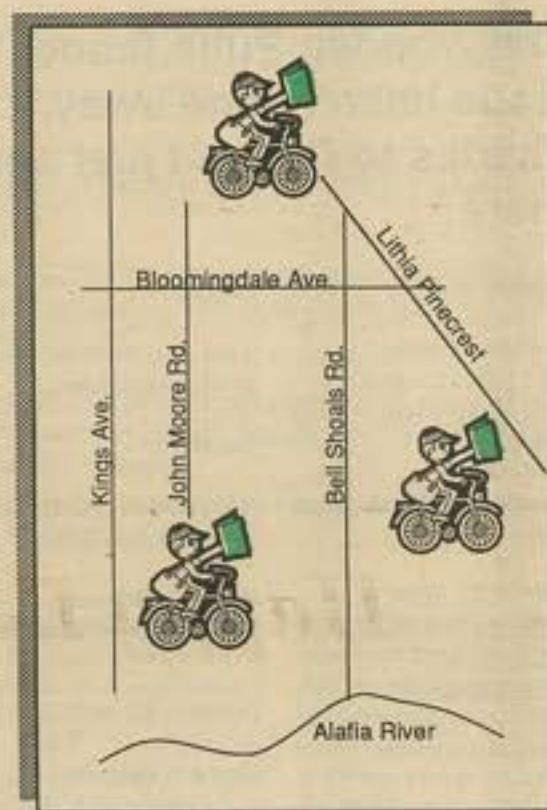
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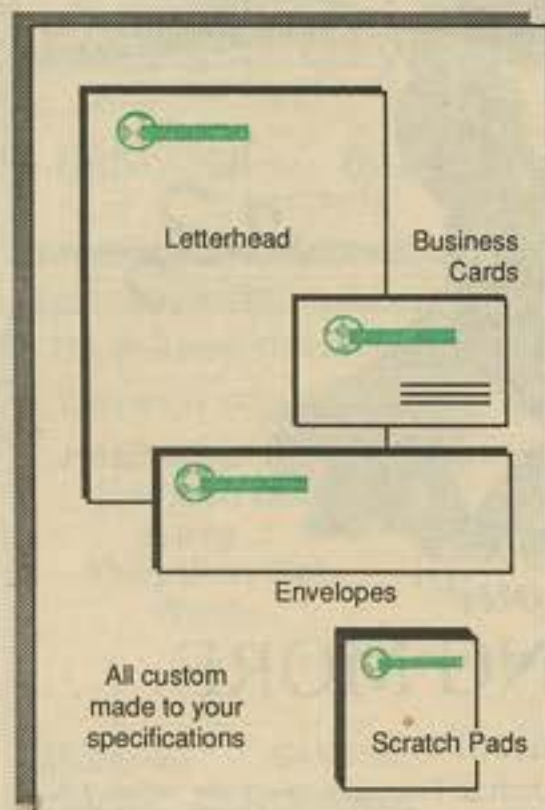
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STD Monthly Report

Where does all the money go?

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District (STD) board met on March 12 at the Bloomingdale Community Office. A check was received from State Farm Insurance to cover the cost of repairs to the wall on Springvale, which was damaged by an automobile accident.

The county Traffic Management Division has agreed to post warning signs at the intersection of Rosemeade Avenue and Canoga Drive. The intersection had recently

been cited as a dangerous one by board president Errol Whitfield, and the sign will be posted for the safety of motorists using that entranceway.

STD administrator Bobby Cole reported that \$238.06 has been spent to date in the restoration of various freeze-damaged plants throughout the area. He also announced that landscaping is slated to begin at Lornewood and Havenstone beginning the week of March 19. Cole also reported there were no acts of vandalism in the past month that required any repairs.

Greg Appleyard, project manager for Criterion, attended the meeting as a representative for Criterion. He spoke against the proposed amendment in which apartment buildings would be assessed in one of several methods, yet to be decided. The STD is interested in amending the ordinance that allows for the \$80 taxation of homeowners in Bloomingdale, to allow a method of taxing apartment units or buildings in the future. Currently the apartment building owners are only paying \$80 for the entire complex.

After some deliberation, the board voted to create a binder for the information and use of members new to the board. It will contain pertinent documents and relevant information concerning the Bloomingdale STD. The purpose of the binder is to provide a history of the STD and its past activities.

The wooden Pulte fence issue hasn't gone away. Thanks to Pulte, it just sits there.

February 9, 1990

Mr. James Grosfeld
Pulte Home Corporation
33 Bloomfield Hills Parkway
Suite 200
Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
48013

SUBJECT: FENCE
BORDERING PULTE
SECTION OF
BLOOMINGDALE

Dear Mr. Grosfeld:

Thank you very much for having your Ms. Maxemovich answer our letter of February 9, 1990.

Mr. Grosfeld, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has attempted to resolve this matter with your Tampa office in the past. The results, however, were less than satisfactory.

For example, your Mr. Mark O'Brien, according to the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, met with their President and indicated a willingness to share in the fence replacement. Now, Mr. O'Brien is no longer with Pulte Home Corporation and your Ms. Maxemovich says there is no record of prior commitments.

Therefore, we respectfully request your assurance that the designated representative from your Tampa office has the responsibility and authority to make commitments on behalf of Pulte Home Corporation concerning this matter. After receiving your assurance, our Board of Trustees will be pleased to meet with your designated representative in

Tampa.

Your early response will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

BLOOMINGDALE
SPECIAL DISTRICT

Ronald J. Delavan
Corresponding Secretary

February 16, 1990

Dear Mr. Delavan:

Thank you for your letter of February 9, 1990 addressed to Mr. Grosfeld. I have reviewed your letter and apologize for any inconvenience you may have experienced due to your concerns.

Because your concerns will ultimately be handled out of our Tampa office, I have referred your letter to Mr. Bob Fleck. Mr. Fleck is responsible for overseeing all activity in the Tampa office.

Mr. Delavan, there is no record at this office to confirm the prior commitments you mention. Therefore, I respectfully request that you work with our Tampa personnel to bring this matter to an expedient conclusion.

Mr. Fleck, or a member of his staff, will be contacting you regarding your concerns or you may reach him directly at (813) 971-4801.

Sincerely,

Laura L. Maxemovich
Customer Service
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PULTE, see pg 15

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Treasurer's Report
February 1, 1990 to February 28, 1990

Opening Balances:

Checking	\$ 392.17
Money Market	62,339.05
CD #5259	100,000.00 - App. A
CD #4920	30,000.00 - App. B
CD #4580	7,500.00 - App. C
CD #1700	<u>7,500.00 - App. D</u>

\$207,731.22

Total Opening Balance \$207,731.22

Revenues:

Tax Collections (2/19/90)	\$ 1,104.04
Interest, re: Melvin Smith	185.18
Interest CD #5250	645.48
Interest CD #4920	193.65
Interest CD #4580	48.27
Interest CD #1700	<u>48.57</u>
	\$2,709.73

Total Revenues \$2,709.73

Total Opening Balance plus revenues \$210,440.95

Expenses:

Description	Ck.#	Amount
PIP (printing)	597	\$8.00
Hook & Holsinger	598	13.30
Joe Liguori (Stamps)	599	25.00
Voided	600	0
Dixie Sign Company	601	7,360.00
Hillsborough County	602	100.61
Oliver & Co.	603	1,100.00
Tampa Tribune	604	6.16

PULTE, from pg 14

February 20, 1990

Dear Mr. Delavan:

Referencing your letter to Pulte Home Corporation dated February 9, 1990, and Ms. Maxemovich's letter to you dated February 16, 1990, please be advised that it was our understanding that our Mark O'Brien and your Mike Kelly had a conversation regarding the fence referenced in your letter in early 1989. Our Division President, Robert Fleck had a conversation on

June 13, 1989 and June 16, 1989 with Carlos Frye of your Association and he advised Mr. Frye that Pulte Home Corporation would assist the Bloomingdale Homeowner Association as follows:

* The Homeowner Association through Mr. Frye was to determine what the Association wanted to do with the fence i.e. repair, replace with new fencing or replace with a masonry wall.

* Predicated upon the Association's choice Pulte would assist the Association in determining the materials required to accomplish same, i.e. material take off.

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Bobby Cole	609	1,808.34
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Total Expenses \$10,820.59

Opening Balance \$210,440.95

Less Expenses 10,820.59

TOTAL BALANCE \$199,620.36

Closing Balances:

Checking	\$ 9,571.58
Money Market	45,048.78
CD #5250	100,000.00
CD #4920	30,000.00
CD #4580	7,500.00
CD #1700	<u>7,500.00</u>
	\$199,620.36

Total Closing Balance \$199,620.36

Notes:

Appendix A - CD #5250 is a non-dedicated CD. Matures on April 11, 1990 and carries a 7.60% interest. It will be transferred back to the MMA as the needed.

Appendix B - CD #4920 dedicated to fence replacement in Section J. Maturity is March 16, 1990 and carries 7.60% interest.

Appendix C - CD #4580 is dedicated to irrigation project in Bloomingdale East. Maturity is May 31, 1990 and carries 8.10% interest.

Appendix D - CD #1700 dedicated to maintenance of up to 1000 linear feet of wall. Maturity is April 30, 1990 and carries 8.15% interest.

* Pulte would then provide to the Association a list of vendors or subcontractors who could do the work and if the Association requested, Pulte would assist in determining a cost estimate to have the work done.

Mr. Fleck spoke with Peter Aluotto of your Association in early September. Our Vince Smith also spoke to your Mr. Aluotto on September 19, 1989. In both of these conversations our firm again offered to assist your Association in obtaining cost estimates once the Association determined what they wanted to do.

According to my meeting

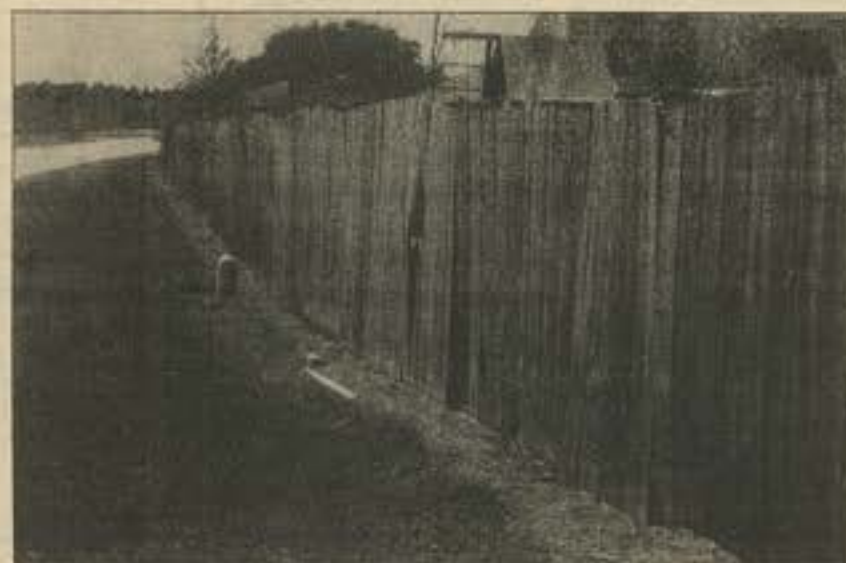
with Mr. Fleck today, please be advised that Pulte would, time permitting, assist you in determining a cost and/or materials estimate, however, please be aware that Pulte advised Masters Frye and Alutto that any financial obligations were the responsibility of the Association and/or those homeowners who wish to replace their fence and Pulte would not provide any financial contributions.

Sincerely,

PULTE HOME CORPORATION
Tampa Division

Joe Rodriguez
Warranty Manager

This wooden fence was built by Gulf Coast Fencing for the Pulte Corporation and goes along the back of the homes on Nature's Way in Bloomingdale East. According to the fence company, there is a 20-year warranty on the wood.




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Please, just one more Byte

by Bill Armstrong
Bloomingdale Resident

"Another D-?" I cried as I eyed Buffy's history paper. "It looks OK to me!"

"Dad, it's terrible! That old typewriter of ours is awful! The teacher told me that my report looked like a ransom note!"



"Yeah", chimed in Bobby, "and my soccer coach is tired of all his newsletters being done in crayon!"

"He's lucky I even volunteered to do them!" I retorted.

"Bob," Betty said, "here's an advertisement for an inexpensive computer. We could use it to do word processing. Why don't I go down there and buy—"

"Great idea, Betty! I know all about computers! I'll buy it!"

"Bob, maybe I should—"
We zoomed to Nerds-R-Us. A salesman approached.

"Software? Hardware? Firmware? Anywhere? Ha!Ha!"

"Look, Dad," yelled Bobby, "a Geek!"

"Er, ah, we saw your ad for the little, cheap—"

"Oh, that! Come now, sir. Do you want to compute or

just fiddle around? Step over here. Let me show you some power!"

"Bob—" Betty warned, as we moved over to a neat stack of humming electronics.

"Spreadsheet!?" yelled the salesman. "Wanna hard drive! I'm talking MEGA here!" He panted.

"Well," I answered, asserting my authority, "we want a word processor to—"

"GREAT!" he screamed "Look at this! VGA, 101 keyboard, emulation card! 4 Meg RAM!" he yelled at Buffy. She shrunk back.

"How about a motherboard?" he asked Betty.

"DOS 12 MHZ!" he bellowed as he threw his hands up in the air. He grabbed me by the lapels. "Asynchronous parts," he drooled.

I bought it in self-defense. Seven thousand dollars. Sigh.

"The one I wanted cost four hundred." Betty mumbled.

Easy installation, the manual said. I worked from Friday to Sunday without sleep. User-Friendly Software, the manual promised. It took me two months to get past "C:/Illegal command." But, at last I was ready.

"Throw away the cookbooks!" I cried as I madly typed recipes into the computer. "No more address books!" I exclaimed as I feverishly worked every night.

"Let me do it," I offered to the boss. "I'll do the Bixby contract at home on my computer!" Everyone in the office turned green with envy!



"I'll do my term paper with the word processor!" exclaimed Buffy.

"The coach will be able to read the newsletter!" screamed Bobby.

"Maybe I can do the budget!" Betty suggested.

We all worked like crazy. The day came for us to reap our rewards.

"Boonesbury!" the boss thundered.

"Yessir!" I snapped, my chest swelling.

"You're fired! There was a blueberry muffin recipe right in the middle of the Bixby proposal! Bixby hates blueberries!"

"Dad," Buffy said sadly, "I got another D-. The printer printed one line per page. My term paper weighed 37 pounds!"

"Bad news, Bob", Betty exclaimed. "The spreadsheet says our checking account balance is minus ten million dollars."



"We mailed the soccer newsletter to everyone on the Christmas card list!" Bobby cried.

We all huddled in the

corner. The room shown pale green as our computer hummed and clicked away.

"There's only one thing to do," Betty said. She whispered quickly to us.

Bobby was first. "Strike any key to continue." He read from the manual as he smashed the keyboard with a sledgehammer.

"Delete files" Buffy cried maniacally as she threw the disk drive out the window.

"Configure the printer" screamed Betty as she backed the Pontiac over that evil device.

"You're now ready for fun!" we all read in unison as we gratefully picked up our pencils and crayons.

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County Directories Available

The 1990 edition of the Hillsborough County Directory of Services will soon be available to the public at the Bloomingdale Community Office.

The 72-page handbook contains information on all services and programs under the Board of County commissioners everything from Agriculture to Zoning.

The directory also lists names of elected officials the their phone numbers, as well as the addresses, phone numbers, and specific services of more than 120 County departments and offices.

The Bloomingdale Community Office is open Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. It is located in Bloomingdale Square between Century 21 and ManTrap.

Trash Pickup Regulations

Everyone likes to get their trash out to the curb early. It certainly beats chasing the garbage truck down the street. "Early" will now have a specific meaning to County residents.

According to the County Solid Waste Department, Ordinance 13-35 reads that trash is not to be placed at curbside earlier than 12 hours prior to 6 a.m. of the pickup day.

Example—If pickup is Monday, trash should not be placed outside before 6 p.m. Sunday.

Complaints of noncompliance will be forwarded to the County Code Enforcement staff through the BHA Community Office. It is hoped that this will reduce the problems of broken trash bags and the mess involved.

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Noise Ordinances in Bloomingdale

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

"What restrictions would apply to a band practicing in the garage of a home in Bloomingdale?"

This question was recently posed to the Bloomingdale

Community Office. The answer was forthcoming from the Environmental Protection Commission's noise pollution division. Marvin Blount cited the Hillsborough County ordinance regulating noise levels:

"From 7 a. m. until 10 p. m. noise must remain under 60 decibels. That level drops down to 55 decibels overnight from 10 p. m. until 7 a. m. Noise that registers just a couple of decibels higher than the limit, is in violation," he cautioned.

If a Bloomingdale Resident is seriously concerned about a neighbor's noisy habits, a call to the Environmental Protection Commission might be in order. A noise advisory letter will be sent to the potential offender in which the allowable limits will be outlined. If the offender chooses to ignore the guidelines, a representative of the commission will go out to take a reading of the noise level, usually from the property line of the complainant. If the level is over the specified limit, a warning letter will be sent that requests corrective action be taken within 10 days.

(Continued next column)

In those situations where there is no improvement and no cooperation with the commission, an additional reading will be taken to document the decibel level. This time a warning is sent

with a notice of intent that action will be taken. At this point the consequences become quite serious and a \$5000 per day fine is in effect until the situation is rectified. Blount added that

the department attempts to work closely with the offender, sometimes offering 20% off the fine if the offender shows signs of cooperation.



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Commissioners meet with area residents

More than 75 area residents turned out for a town hall meeting with Hillsborough County Commissioners February 20. The following is a summary of the questions asked and answers given by Hillsborough County

representatives pertinent to Bloomingdale Residents.

What is the Status of the Crosstown Expressway Extension?

The Crosstown Expressway extension is being evaluated by the Hillsborough County Expressway Authority. The Board of County Commissioners does not have any direct authority over the Expressway Authority, which is an appointed group with the responsibility to develop plans and initiate funding sources for toll expressway systems in Hillsborough County. The Board of County Commissioners could be in a position of exerting some influences if funding were required by the County.

The Expressway Authority is expected to make a final decision on a particular route by November. Currently, the County plans to begin road improvements to Lumsden Road during the summer. Many residents have expressed concern if the County delays these improvements because of the Crosstown, but our current plans are to proceed as scheduled.

However, we will evaluate our position when we come closer to actual construction. Any extension of the Crosstown Expressway is highly speculative at this point, because of cost feasibility and route selection.

What Road Projects are Planned for Brandon in the Coming Months?

The Capital Projects Department has provided the following schedule of when road projects will begin:

Kings Avenue, SR 60 to

Lumsden, July 1990

Lumsden Avenue, August 1990

Bloomingdale, Kings to John Moore, February 1991

What Amount has the County Paid in Fines for Wasterwater Disposal?

The Public Utilities Department has paid a total of \$654,637.73 from 1986 to the present through consent orders, fines and consent decrees. Consent orders and decrees are agreements we reach with state and federal agencies to come into compliance and pay a penalty.

Where There Any Problems with Road Paving on Bell Shoals?

There was a recent conflict between the Road & Street Department's resurfacing contract work and a water main construction project on Bell Shoals Road. The conflict centered around an open-cut across Bell Shoals Road soon after the roadway was resurfaced.

The open-cut was requested as a cost avoidance and time-conserving measure. The resurfacing contractor had already moved into the area and needed to resurface Bell Shoals and two other smaller roads to complete the program. We could not delay the contractor without paying him to demobilize and remobilize after the cut was made. The pipeline contractor agreed to completely repave the disturbed area if the open-cut was allowed. In an effort to avoid time delays and higher construction costs, the work was allowed to cross paths.

County Utility crews were called out to the site to reconstruct the existing fire hydrant thrust blocks that were disturbed by the new

construction.

What Intersection Projects are Being Considered in Lieu of Road Widening?

Lithia-Pinecrest and Bryan Road
Lithia -Pinecrest and S.R. 60

Will a Left-Turn Signal be Installed at Bloomingdale and Kings?

Improvements to this intersection will be accomplished through the road widening projects.

What is the MSTU, and why was it Established by the County?

The Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) was created by an ordinance of the Board of County Commissioners and became effective with the fiscal year beginning October 1982. The MSTU consolidated four previous taxing units comprised of the following:

- Law Enforcement
- Fire Protection
- Parks & Recreation
- Road & Bridge

This taxing district was created to pay for those services provided to the unincorporated portions of the County which are traditionally municipal type in nature.

Can Citizens get Better Notice when Zoning Hearings are to be Continued?

This issue also was brought up at the South County Town Hall Meeting. Further discussion by the Board of County Commissioners was held at the February 27 Land Use Meeting, when the County Attorney was asked to draft an ordinance providing for more notification time for citizens.

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Alafia students who made the honor roll were treated to pizza and soda "under the trees."

Elementary School News

by Shannon Cox
Gazette Staff Reporter

Alafia Elementary

March was a month of major triumph at Alafia Elementary School. Mrs. Norma Marsh, 4th and 5th grader LIFT teacher, was named the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year! She will now be competing in the statewide competition. The day after Mrs. Marsh's selection Alafia students were honored by local radio station WNLN, which broadcast its morning program live from Mrs. Marsh's class. We hope to have an in-depth interview with Mrs. Marsh in our next issue. Everyone in Bloomingdale, as well as at Alafia, is justly proud of Mrs. Marsh.

The Hillsborough County ALL-County Elementary School Chorus performed in a "Music in Our Schools Month Extravaganza" at the Performing Arts Center on March 24. Featured in the program were Brooker students Patricia Edwards and Dana Harris, and Alafia student Colin Reinhard, who performed a solo in one of the songs.

The entire second grade at Alafia went on a HeartWalk around the school grounds. Ms. McGlynn checks the heart rate of her students after the walk.



During the Young Authors' Conference at USF, Mrs. B.G. Baker will be presenting a creative play that was written by her 5th grade class. Young Authors representing Alafia at the conference are Matt Thomson, Natalie Grayson, Christine Nichols, Anthony Webster, Michelle Miller, and Colin Reinhard.

The annual Red Cross Drive ended March 23. Alafia has been the top Hillsborough County Contributor for the past two years.

There are now 15 mile per hour speed limit signs posted on both Nature's Way and Culbreath Road. It is hoped that these will add to safety in the school zone around Alafia.

Terrific kids for the month of February at Alafia are:

Kindergarten: Mary Kate Pittman, Keely Peterson, Kathryn Fanning, Max Benoit, Zina Gabsi, Kristina Gess.

First Grade: Justin Aronson, Daniel Coryn, Maria Riley, Benjamin Bakeb, Bryan Jordan, Sarah Walker, Chris Mayr

Second Grade: Leah Maratea, Ashley Hightower, Jennifer Ayers, Jeff Beetz, Katie West, Nick

Holliday, Timothy Hopkins, Amanda Boiko

Third Grade: Kasey Chunn, Kendra Strutz, Larry Jimenez, Alison Waldron, Jared Houske, Desiree Foci, Thomas Mills, Ronny Lawler

Fourth Grade: Kristen Biada, Daniel Shields, Alicia Flaws, Yvonne Wolert, Melissa Westermann, Matthew Fincke, Mark Ober, Reed Fishback

Fifth Grade: Melissa Rosner, Sarah Honsberger, Ian Murphy, Angie Psoines, Alex Ruiz, Walter Carter, Kim Beiser, Felice Garcia.

Brooker Elementary
Laura Vella, a 5th-grader at Brooker Elementary School, represented Brooker at the Young Authors' Conference. Laura's original story won first prize in her Class's contest. 2nd and 3rd place went to Elisabeth Saunders and Alysia Frenz, respectively.

Submitting entries to the state PTA Reflections

contest this year were Brennian Coker, Danel Pinkston, Phillip Thompson, Kim Nguyen, Joshua Coker, Nathan Morrow, Miguel Gonzalez, Steven Brown, Robert Bass, Christopher Suhr, Robbie Fallon, Peter Fiacco, Brandi Nugent, Brianna Nation, and Elisabeth Saunders.

On March 9, the 4th and 5th grade AGP classes went on a field trip to the new Challenger

Learning Center at M.O.S.I. The center is part of a chain of centers nationwide that are being established by the Challenger Center for Space Science Education in memory of the Challenger crew.

The Sheriff's Department presented a program to the 4th grade on the subject of stealing. Mrs. Brown's 1st grade visited Garlic Louie's Restaurant on March 6. Kindergartners and 3rd graders visited the Tampa Theatre on March 8 and 9 to see the Franzini Family Circus.

February "Terrific Kids" at Brooker were: Emily Dewhirst, Holly Hobbs, James O'Brien, Suzanne Miller, Kate Johnson, Chris Stowe, Robyn Kibler, Paul Sanders, Jessica Vaughn, Jackson Davis, Erika Jaskiewicz, Angel Smith, Stephanie Rogers, Nicole Mobley, Adam Gaudreau, Brooke Wheeldon, Dawn Shine, Holly Shea, Michael Arrington, Antonie Green, Steven Blair, Danette Romero, Casey Carlsen, Ronnie Cook, Ashley

Alewine, Shannon O'Neil, Melanie Midofer, Jaime Hoover, Kelsey Anderson, Brianne Shelley, Tracey Francis, Jennifer Meadows, Danny Shaeffer, Alison Sestile, Carrie Linker, Jennifer Auld, Jenny Boren, Brian Boglin, Amanda Coughlin, Jose Ivey, and Kim Stafford. Congratulations to all.



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High School News

by Pam Mahlum, Gazette Staff Reporter

The BSHS Mu Alpha Theta Math Club composed of students from Bloomingdale and Burns Junior High, continues to build a reputation for excellence in mathematics at competitions.

In December, the club travelled to Vestavia Hills, Alabama. The Geometry, Algebra II, and Pre-Calculus teams finished eight, fourth, and fifth. Scott Suttles placed fourteenth in the Individual Geometry Division.

The club has participated in numerous statewide competitions. In the School Overall Sweepstakes, Bloomingdale finished second at Leto Regional, Hillsborough Regional, Plant City Invitational, and Gaiter Invitational. The club has third place trophies from County Bowl and Robison Regional.

The Algebra I Team has three fourth, third, and sixth place trophies. Individual trophy winners are David Watkins (4 trophies), Chris Vanderburg (1 trophy), Steve Miller (2 trophies), and Stephen Forinash (1 trophy).

In the Geometry Division, the team has first, two second, third, and sixth place trophies. Chad Brown (1 trophy), Charles Boettger (5 trophies), Janet Castle (2

trophies), Steve Kuhlman (2 trophies), Chris LaDuca (3 trophies), and Scott Suttles (4 trophies) are individual winners.

The Algebra II Team placed second, third, fourth, fifth, and seventh. Individual winners are Joel Camerson (2 trophies), Allison Guagliardo (1 trophy), Brandon Kellner (4 trophies), Rathish Moorthy (1 trophy), and Joe Robinson (1 trophy).

The Pre-Calculus Team has captured five first place trophies, and a third place trophy. Brad Mahlum won five individual trophies, Danny Grossman placed third and then captured five consecutive first place trophies.

The club sponsor is Jim Gilroy. Coaches are Jan Mazur, Sue Gilroy and Ron Yoder. Burns coaches are Roseanne Johnson and Howard Davidson.

The Brain Bowl was held at Bloomingdale Senior High in March.



Congratulations to the athletes who were named best in the country. They are:

Kevin Williams - Wrestling
Heidi Walker - Swimming
Rich Richmond - Swimming
Mike Heald - Soccer
Michelle Kilmer - Soccer
Brian Loft - Basketball

Steve Houle was named Hillsborough County's Coach of the Year in Soccer. Scot Tipton received Wrestling's Coach of the year honors.

"Seniors of the Month" for March were Mike Herald and Saskia Williams. Dawn Odor and Greg Barker are April's "Seniors".

The Mr. & Ms. Bloomingdale Bodybuilding Contest will be held on April 26th at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

The Bloomingdale Media

Center has planned many activities for faculty and students to celebrate National School Library Media Month in April.

A student art show was held in the Media Center April 12th. Various art works were displayed.

Students are earning "library money" by checking out books, writing or videotaping book reviews, etc. The "library money" can be used to pay fines, cover photocopy, and laminating charges, etc.

A faculty-staff Ice Cream Social is scheduled on April 25th at lunchtime. The faculty and staff will participate in a paperback book exchange.

Want to give recognition to a graduate?

The Bloomingdale Gazette will again feature the graduation class of Bloomingdale Senior High School in the May 19 issue.

Spaces are available for \$25 each and are again going to be placed on the center spread around every name of the graduating class of 1990.

Make your space reservations early as the 30 available spots sold out very quickly last year.

Call 681-2051 and ask for Bonnie to place your graduation order.

The friends who came to visit and teach us

By Pat Singletary
Guidance Counselor, Alafia Elementary

We would like to thank the following people for their help at Alafia Career Week.

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Dr. Fischbach	Veterinary
Dr. Isiquen	Doctor
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Booker T. Washington News

by Mandi Oros, Student Correspondent

All physical education classes (coaches O'Brien, Padgett, and Brown) competed in something similar to volleyball called neu kum ball. The difference is instead of hitting the ball one catches it, throws it, and 4 teams play against each other at a crossed net. "The Teenage Mutant Ninja Girls" was the girls team that made the semi finals and "Bad

Boyz" was the boys team.

Thursday March 23, the week we come back from spring break, we have an activity day which the geography department organized. We will have Q-105 play music (yeah). We're also having a jail to put teachers in that can be paid by performance checks. Also a dunk booth and a talent show.



French Students Claire Holstein (left) and Arnaud Bethome spent time with Bloomingdale host families last month. They were part of the "FIVE" program which will bring another group of French students to Tampa on April 14.

Publix Tapes

Continue saving Publix register tapes until April 4. After that date, the tapes will no longer be printed on gold paper. Most schools would like to receive all tapes by early May so that computers may be ordered and received before school is out.

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Your Green Thumb

By Astrid Davies, Bloomingdale Resident
Owner of Pat & Mike's Nursery

Now is the time to prune the largest majority of shrubs and trees after the Christmas freeze. Most semi-tropical and tropical plants are dead to the ground, however the root systems in most cases are very alive and most plants have to start from the roots. After cutting back, fertilize and make sure they get adequate watering.

This is also the time to feed roses—remember they are heavy feeders, so give each plant a handful of good rose fertilizer per plant every month. Also give them one cup of bone meal per plant now, and again in the fall, and they will reward you with beautiful blooms. You must not neglect the spraying or dusting if you want roses free from mildew, blackspot, and other diseases and pests. Avoid spraying the foliage with water when watering; also watering is recommended in the early part of the day since they do not like to sleep with wet feet.

This is also a good time to plant all bulbs. Caladiums are one of the most colorful foliage plants for shady nooks, beds in partial sun, or

shady areas, or to grow in pots. You may buy them already started, or you can purchase bulbs in a multitude of colors. They are seldom bothered by insects or disease and once planted you can practically forget about them, however a feeding or a soluble plant food now and then will give you better color. They like plenty of organic material in the soil. The foliage will die down in the colder months, but will come back in the warm weather.

Insects are also becoming very active at this time. Our recommendation to combat white fly, mealy bugs, thrips, spider mites, and all soft-bodied scales is to use the commercial Safer Soap or buy a bottle of "Ivory Liquid Dishsoap" at your local grocery store. Mix 4 tablespoons of soap to one gallon of water. Spray plants thoroughly especially underneath the leaves since many insects lay their eggs in this area. Repeat every three days until pests are gone. Spray early in the morning or late in the afternoon for best results. Soaps will not harm the beneficial insects. Happy Gardening!



Sewing Classes for Children

by Jill Donlin
Bloomingdale Resident

At one time, sewing in our public school system was a "required" subject. The sewing industry was being subsidized to a great extent by the Federal Government through our public school system. Slowly and quietly conditions began the change! In August 1981, the Secretary of Education, T.H. Bell, commissioned a select group of individuals to evaluate the Education System in the United States.

The Commission's findings and recommendations have been far-reaching. For a number of years now, sewing classes have been reduced and/or completely eliminated from the public school system. The "subsidy" has been withdrawn.

A recent survey showed the majority of sewers are now over the age of 35. This means that a whole generation of sewers have little or no basic sewing skills. What Caroline Curtis has presented to increase the

number of sewers is a KIDS CAN SEW program being run in the home of Jill Donlin at 1317 Piney Branch Circle, 654-0187. Jill Donlin is a long-time seamstress in Valrico who will be holding weekly sewing classes for boys and girls ages six through twelve. Each sewing class is one hour a week and is limited to four students. Students will be using the KIDS CAN SEW Fashion Patterns and Sewing Method which are written and illustrated especially for children and created by Carolyn Curtis. Each month they will complete an item to wear which boosts the self-esteem of

each child and teaches them the joy of sewing. Children learn a constructive skill that could take the place of T.V. and give them the opportunity to make useful things for themselves and others.

An Open House will be held Saturday, April 21 from 2-4 p.m. Parents are invited to bring their children to view the items they will be making and sign up for the classes beginning in May. Children will also be able to try out a sewing machine they would use and see a video of other kids modeling their clothes and sewing.

Brandon Evening Women's Aglow

The speaker for this month:

Rachelle S. Levi, A Sefardic Jewess of Orthodox background, born in Salonica, Greece, who came to the U.S.A. as a child. Rachelle's parents are survivors of the Nazi Holocaust where 20 members of her family were all exterminated. Rachelle, a Levite, came into personal knowledge of the Jewish messiah in the late 70's and later became a member of Beth Hallel Messianic Synagogue of Atlanta, Ga.

Rachelle is Director and Teacher of Davidic Dancing at the three messianic synagogues and at international

conferences, and she is also President of the Ladies Sisterhood. Rachelle's love for children has made her an excellent young people's teacher.

Rabbi Levi and his wife, Rachelle, deliver a message about the present day Jewish revival known as Messianic Judaism.

Reservations must be called in no later than Monday, April 16, 1990, to Lynne at 681-2418. Cost is \$4.

Date: Thursday, April 19
Time: 7 p.m.
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Vacancies on Library and Sign Appeals Boards

Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking nominations to fill vacancies on two advisory boards.

Two vacancies exist on the Library Advisory Board, which works with the county regarding the operation of the Hillsborough County Public Library System, including special programs and improvement.

Nominees must reside in Commission District 1 and 4. Financial disclosure is required.

Resignations have opened two vacancies on the Sign Ap-

peals Board. This board maintains the county's Sign Ordinance and hears appeals. It also has the power to authorize exceptions to the ordinance.

Appointments will be for the remainder of the current terms, and financial disclosure is required. Members must be residents of the unincorporated area.

Nominees must complete questionnaires, which are available by calling Charlotte Emrick at 272-6461. The questionnaires must be returned to Room 214-B, Hillsborough County Courthouse, by April 12.

Brandon Branch Library...April Activities

National Library Week
April 22-28, 1990

135 W. Robertson St.
689-7074

Children's Programs:

Toddletime, Mondays at 10 a.m. & 11 a.m., for ages 24-36 months, with a parent present. Picture books and fingerplays are highlighted. (Registration is required; program lasts approximately 20 minutes)

Pre-School Storytime, Mondays & Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m., for ages 3 to 5. Stories, songs and fingerplays are highlighted. (Registration is required; program lasts approximately 30 minutes)

After-school Club, Tuesday, April 17, at 4 p.m., for children in grades 4-7. Work will be continued on mural painting, so bring a painting smock, ideas for crafts and a friend. (program lasts approximately 1 hour)

Adult Programs:

Master Gardener Series: Perennials & Bulbs, Tues-

day, April 3, at 10 a.m. Master gardeners Alice Wilber and Mary Kay Ross color your landscape in glorious beauty; learn all about a showy group of flowers for home landscaping.

Income Tax Assistance, Thursdays & Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., through April 14.

Adult Book Discussion on *Confessions of a Parish Priest*, by Andrew Greeley, on Tuesday, April 10, at 2:30 p.m. The priest-turned-author writes his memoirs in this candid, sensitive autobiography of his controversial life and career in the Catholic Church. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

National Library Week Celebration, Saturday April 21, for all ages.

10 a.m. - Weaving, spinning and basketry demonstrations, from the Suncoast Fiber Guild; quilting demonstration, from the Quilters Workshop of Tampa Bay; observation bee hive from Tampa Bay

beekeeper's Association (until 12 p.m.).

11 a.m. - Oriental Magic Show, performed by magician Frank Lakus.

1 p.m. - Chocolate Fever: Catch this fever by bringing us your favorite chocolate cake, pie, candy, cookie, etc., for a sinfully delicious tasting party and other chocolate activities. Bring your recipe, if you would like to share it with us. (Please, no items that need refrigeration!)

Night of a Thousand Stars Celebration, Wednesday, April 25, at 7 p.m. Local stars, celebrities and their families will visit the branch, to read from their favorite books. Come join the fun and celebrate National Library Week!

The Story of C.G. Jung: Films & Discussion Program, Thursday April 26, at 7 p.m., presented by Carl Fierstein. Jung's life is examined, from childhood through old age, through three films, with a discussion to follow.



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The Bloomingdale Real Estate Report

by Chuck Frenz, Realtor

You may have heard that real estate sales are down. Well not in Bloomingdale. In fact, the first quarter of 1990 (through March 27) actually recorded one more closing than that same period in 1989. While a few more homes are for sale currently than a year ago, the number is virtually the same.

But, it's a BIG number: 169 are listed for sale at this time in Bloomingdale alone. If sales in April continue to look about the same as last year, we can expect around 15 closings this month. Not much of a dent in the 169 for sale here.

So, if your house is on the market, or soon to be, attack the 3 main reasons that houses do not sell: Pricing...Condition...Marketing.

Pricing - Make absolutely sure that your house is priced at or below fiercely competing similar houses. Condition - Put your best foot forward. Even a well priced home needs to be in good shape to compete. (Call for a reprint of my April '89 article "Preparing your home for sale" for inexpensive "how to's.")

Marketing - Good price and condition means little if no one knows. "Ya gotta be a Barnum to get 'em in the tent." Seek out unique and innovative approaches to getting the Buyers through the door.

Good luck, and remember: Your house is at the end of some Buyer's rainbow.

The Bloomingdale Box Score
First Quarter 1989
22 Closed
First Quarter 1990
23 Closed

While these figures are believed to be accurate, they are not guaranteed by Prudential Florida Realty, The Tampa Board of REALTORS, or The Bloomingdale Gazette, and do not necessarily include listings not published at the request of the seller, listing of brokers who are not members of the Board or its MLS, unlisted properties, new construction, rental properties, etc. The information contained herein is for streets commonly considered to be "Bloomingdale."

Garlic Louie's (revisited)
1995 W. Lumsden Rd.
Brandon, FL 33511
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We had reviewed Garlic Louie's when they first opened, but thought it would be nice to revisit them to see if there had been any changes. Our first trip there was an enjoyable one and we were only expecting better things. As it turns out, we were right on the money.

First of all, for those of you that don't know, Garlic Louie's is located in the shopping center at the corner of Lumsden and Providence. They are next to Walgreens. As soon as you enter, you know immediately that this is a fine Italian restaurant. They have Italian medleys on the sound system, pictures of Italy on the wall, and wine bottle candles on the table. A very unique feature is the tree (that's right a tree) right in the middle of the dining room. It makes you glad you are there. The menu is all new and very interesting reading. In addition to the bill of fare, the menu has a history of garlic, a dictionary type definition of garlic, a phonetic spelling of it. You are also treated to a history of Garlic Louie's owner, and a "how the Preziosi family settled in Brooklyn and the Bronx." The menu also has pictures of Louie's grandparents (?), the house that protected the

original recipes and a true blueprint of Louie's Lasagna with meat and cheese. All of this plus the daily specials and the wine list in one menu. I mention that in the lounge, or the rear dining room they still maintain the Raw Bar, specializing in oysters and clams on the half shell as well as peel and eat shrimp and oyster shooters?

And did I also mention that they offer over 10 selections of domestics and imported bottle beer as well as your favorite cocktail? Or you can choose a Louie special cocktail such as Tequila Sunrise, Fuzzy Navel, Long Island Ice Tea, Zombie or Rum Runner as well as many, many others.

And now the fun begins. Appetizers and snacks include Fried Ravioli or Zucchini, Antipasto for two, or Mozzarella cheese sticks. We chose the Fettucinne Alfredo, a smaller portion of an Italian Classic pasta dish. It was delicious, with the right amount of butter and cheese sauce. It will serve two people and that is how we ordered it. We passed on the salad entree (because we were served salad with our meal), but the offerings are noteworthy. You could choose a Caesar Salad, Spinach Salad, or the one that caught our eye, the Gorgonzola Cheese Salad.

The special, when we were there was a combination Shrimp Scampi and Veal Parmigiana. I ordered this while my guest ordered Baked Ziti. Other pasta entrees included Fettuccine Louie, Shrimp Alla Louie (sauteed in butter and garlic), linguini with Shrimp Fra Diavola, or Grouper Franchese. All of these sound perfectly wonderful and the menu explanation makes you want to tell your server "Bring me some of everything." The Italian style Fajitas were a curious offering and the entrees are rounded out with three types of chicken including a la Marsala, Veal Francese or Marsala; and a typical, old fashioned N.Y. Strip Steak.

My combination shrimp and veal was terrific and it was extremely tasty. The veal was tender enough to be cut without a knife and was covered with the correct amount of tomato sauce and melted cheese. The baked ziti is prepared with three types of cheese including Ricotta, Mozzarella, and Romano; then topped with tomato sauce and baked to perfection. It also was an excellent choice.

The salad was served in a huge, bottomless bowl with a very tasty Italian dressing. The lettuce was crisp, the tomatoes fresh and you

could get refills. Interestingly, we found that we were not rushed with our salad as we have been in other restaurants.

We passed on dessert, but found the offering to be very New York in nature. They had Cannolis, N.Y. Style Cheesecake, Tortoni and Spumoni (Italian ice creams). If you are into desserts, we recommend the Cannoli, which is a pastry shell filled with a cheese mixture, chocolate chips, and amaretto flavoring. And once again scouring the menu, we found a small article telling about the cures and wonders of olive oil as well as how to say garlic in over 25 different languages.

Our total bill including tax, and tip was under \$30. We felt this was a bargain, since we didn't have to pay for the history lesson, the photos or the language course. If you are deciding on Italian Food, Garlic Louie's should definitely be on your "We must go there" list. Until we eat again, Elton Dumont.

Rating (based on 5 stars maximum)

Food	****
Service	***1/2
Ambiance	***1/2
Overall	***1/2



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Tax Tip of the Month, April 1990

Robert Morris, C.P.A., C.T.P.

Although most individuals do not have an estate in excess of \$600,000, look over a list of all your assets on an annual basis to be sure. If your estate exceeds \$600,000, there could be a hefty tax of 55% of the excess in your estate before distribution to your heirs. Some advance tax planning should be on your schedule of things to be done as soon as your net assets start approaching this amount.

Another fairly large expense on an estate arises in probate costs even for rather small estates of \$100,000 or less. To avoid some or all probate costs which could exceed 10% of the estate, consider ensuring your heirs their just amounts without the problems and expense of probating a will. Some suggestions are as follows:

You can give up to \$10,000 per year (\$20,000 for spouse joint gifts) per individual which will not be subject to estate tax or gift tax (which taxes gifts in excess of \$10,000). Generally when you surrender ownership and control of assets it ceases to be a part of your probate estate.

Set up your IRA, Keough or SEP-IRA listing your heirs as beneficiary to the property at the time of death circumventing your will and estate.

Joint ownership property generally enables your survivor (heir) to receive your interest through the "right of survivorship." This joint tenancy classification can be considered for most property including vehicles, bank accounts, and the like, whereas tenancy-in-common does not have the same probate avoidance characteristics.

A life estate can be used through a trust which gives the beneficiary the right to use, but not own, the asset. Upon the death of the beneficiary, the life estate expires and the heirs receive the property with all rights.

Life insurance will avoid probate as long as your estate is not named the beneficiary.

Another simple trust to consider is the living trust, whereas the donee and



trustee are the same allowing you to control the assets of the trust. These assets will then pass to your heirs(s) upon the donee's death without probate.

Since some of these methods may have legal or tax consequences it is meant only to advise there are certain vehicles that are available to avoid certain taxes, probate and other consequences. You should always seek the proper legal and accounting professional to advise you on your own unique situation.

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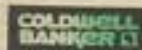
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