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The Bloomingdale Gazette

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Things really aren't as bad as they seem. Mike Pletrzyk, one of the tennis players during the July 27-29 Bloomingdale Sports Festival '90, takes a short break with a broken friend out on the courts in West.

The event was very successful and 100's of participants enjoyed healthy competition, food, and good neighborly fun.

For more pictures and a list of winners, see pages 12-13, Section 1.

We are expanding into Heather Lakes Subdivision and this is the reason why

by Susan L. DeLuca, President/General Manager

Have you ever picked up a copy of the *Trib* to find out what happened in the car accident at the corner? Or who knocked down the wall at the corner? Or what Mrs. Baker's 5th Grade class is doing?

Chances are if you have, you wouldn't have found it. Not that this is bad, but the purpose of the big daily papers is different than a small community newspaper like us.

"County digs hole in Nature's Way" is big news to us, but it won't sell newspapers for a daily.

The *Bloomingdale Gazette* is successful in disseminating information that is important to the home front of the readers. We fill a void in communication and information that cannot be obtained elsewhere except through word of mouth.

So why go any further? Why not just keep it all to ourselves?

Because by communicating with other homeowners associations through our own medium, we are attempting to stop any recreations of the wheel.

For example: This month we find that U.S. Homes (the main developer for

Heather Lakes) is in violation of setback ordinances. They were brought up before the Board of County Commissioners on July 24. Not only did our BHA President speak at this meeting, but this information is now available to the Heather Lakes Community Association should they find themselves in legal problems like our problems with Atlantic Homes.

censored and contains none of the current information their Board would like to see in print.

Heather Lakes will be joining us with 729 new homes in a rapidly growing community expanding to over 2,000. They are writing their own news and deciding their own issues based on the decisions of their board of directors, exactly as ours is done.

Physically, the only changes you will see in this newspaper will be a splitting into two sections with the front section to remain basically untouched. As other homeowners associations join us, their

renderings will be added to Section II and this will expand.

Are other homeowners associations welcome to join us? Probably, yes. If you have an organized voice in your community and wish to upgrade your communications with your residents, contact me and we can talk.

Meanwhile, if you are a Bloomingdale Resident and want to respond to what we are doing--tell me. I want to know how you feel about the expansion.

Next month, we will be doing a story on the retention ponds in Bloomingdale. A problem that similarly annoys the residents of Heather Lakes.

The statement of "united we stand" carries through here, too. By the sharing of information, ideas, results, and problems, we make our homeowners associations that much stronger and efficient.

Currently, Heather Lakes has no newspaper that is their own except that which is put out by the developer U.S. Homes. It is highly



Dear Bloomingdale Residents:

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program is in a serious state of crisis. (This is not to be confused with the Mobile Watch Program.) This is in spite of many hours spent by the Board of Directors in an attempt to rectify this situation.

The Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., is faced with dismantling the Neighborhood Watch Program in Bloomingdale for the following reasons:

1. Although several have thought they could, or would, assume the helm of this program, none have followed through to completion.

2. Area coordinators can't be located. In some areas coordinators have been found, but these are far and few between.

3. Unless an overall coordinator is found and the Neighborhood Watch Program put back on its feet quickly, the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department is going to pull its official sanctioning of our area. To receive the sanctioning back, it would take a 70% participation level of Bloomingdale to bring it back.

The BHA Board has found that there are an abundance of volunteers to assume Block Captain positions and other volunteer areas, but not a lead person to run it all. Several individuals have tried but have not had the time it takes to pull it off. Before the Block Captains can be put into effective use, an overall coordinator must be found and subsequent area coordinators.

Based on information put forth from those who have been involved, the overall Neighborhood Watch Coordinator would have to do the following:

1. Have the time to follow

Mail this form to:

The Bloomingdale Community Offices • 827 E. Bloomingdale Ave. • Brandon, FL 33511

I will volunteer my time to keep the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch Program going in the following areas:

I agree to become the Overall Bloomingdale Coordinator

I realize that this is not an easy job and will involve time and effort.

I feel I am up to the challenge and will follow through.

I agree to become an Area Coordinator for this section: _____

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Daytime Phone _____

through; possibly a retiree or someone home during the day.

2. Be willing to make phone calls, do canvassing, and have the skills to recruit volunteers to get the program going.

3. Once the program is active, serve as an effective administrator.

This is not an easy job position to fill and it's all volunteer work.

Some areas of Bloomingdale already have a quasi Neighborhood Watch set up and in effect. On Applegate Circle in Bloomingdale Estates (West) they actually caught a burglar using the telephone chain which is the integral part of Neighborhood Watch.

But in another instance, we failed because we didn't have a Neighborhood Watch in place for all of Bloomingdale. Teenagers were being beaten by a gang along Nature's Way at 4 p.m. on a Sunday. After the first instance, the Sheriff's Department asked us to warn the residents to pull their children inside. We couldn't and two more teenage boys were needlessly beaten.

This is how Neighborhood Watch works:

All of Bloomingdale is divided into area sections. Windsor Woods, Erin Arbor, Estates, Oaks, etc., are examples of areas. An area coordinator (under the overall coordinator) is in charge of each section. Inside of each section, it is broken down further with Block Captains being in charge. These Block Captains (and Assistant Block Captains) go to every house in their assigned area (about 10-15 homes) and get the name, address, and phone number at each. This is then placed on a sheet of paper that creates a telephone chain. Each person on the chain is con-

nected to 2-3 others.

If there is an emergency, the Sheriff's Department will call the Bloomingdale Coordinator and ask that the telephone chain spread the information. The Coordinator then calls the Area Coordinator who notifies the Block Captains (maybe 3-4 calls). The Block Captains then call their assigned telephone chain residents who then call their assigned people and so on. Within 10 minutes, 100's of residents can be notified. This notification doesn't have to be limited to just one area. By calling every area, every resident in Bloomingdale can be notified in as little as 20 minutes!

This telephone chain process can carry enormous potential. Mailbox bashers can be caught before they leave the area. Missing children can be located quickly and safely. Every outside light in Bloomingdale can be turned on at once to help the Sheriff's Department catch a perpetrator in the act. The list of possibilities is endless—and it is all under the sanctioning of the Sheriff's Department.

And the greatest potential of all is the Neighborhood Watch Program's active deterrent against crime!

But...

None of this can happen without a committed overall Coordinator.

The choice is up to you, do we continue with the Neighborhood Watch Program, provided a Coordinator can be found...? Or, do we dismantle the program and lose our sanctioning?

Sincerely,

Board of Directors
Bloomingdale
Homeowners
Association, Inc.
Martin Andersen,
President

Photos of Bloomingdale Sports Festival '90 along with all the winners and sponsors

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The Bloomingdale Community Center became a Command Center for the Sheriff's Department as the hunt was on for a missing boy

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Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

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Brandon, FL 33509-0902

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

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BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION
827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

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

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



Office space donated by the
Paragon Group

The Bloomingdale Community Office is open:
Monday to Friday
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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 September.

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

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

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 _____

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.

Location & nature of suspected violation--

To be contacted regarding advertising in *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

To make a comment about:

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Editorial

President's Point Of View

by Martin Andersen
President
Bloomingdale Homeowners Association

With the help of community volunteers and the sponsorship provided by the local businesses, the BHA Sports Festival was a success. It takes the efforts of the whole community to bring together these type of events. On behalf of the BHA Board of Directors, I want to thank the volunteers that helped with setting up and running the events and to those in the community that participated in the events. We also appreciate the help provided by the County Parks & Recreation Department, they have always been there to help this community. A special thanks goes to those businesses that provided the financial support, prizes, and materials needed to support such a large undertaking.

There were some glitches, as there usually is with an event this size, but we have learned from our mistakes. We will soon start planning for next year and will be looking at ways we can make the Sports Festival even better. Now is the time to step forward and offer your services as a volunteer for next year.

This is your Association and community and it is your support that makes it work. We are a growing community that needs to have a focal point to bring the community together. It takes the BHA and the STD working together to serve the needs of the community, however, you are the catalyst that is needed to make it

all function properly. Your input and support is needed.

We are an active organization, dedicated to the community and solving its problems. We have taken on the County Commission more than once in an effort to protect community interests. We also work closely with County Staff to get the services we are entitled to for our tax dollars. We are a recognized and creditable organization.

We are able to provide that community focal point. On August 1st a nine year old Bloomingdale boy was reported missing. The BHA made our community office available to the Sheriff for his command post. It was our office that became the hub for the search efforts. We were an organized and committed community, ready to help. That's what it is all about. That's what the BHA stands for.

For almost two years the Paragon Group has provided the BHA with free office space in one of their vacant stores. The Bloomingdale area is continuing to grow and the Square is filling up. We have indeed been lucky to have a close working association with Paragon. They have supported the BHA, our activities, and the community. Paragon is truly a community spirited organization. We owe Paragon a debt of gratitude and thanks for their support.

My Turn

by Susan L. DeLuca
General Manager

I haven't quite figured it out yet, but somebody hasn't learned from their mistakes—either it's Hillsborough County government or it's Atlantic Homes.

Would you believe that in over 10 years there have only been 17 set-back violations but that 12 of them have occurred in just the last 1.5 years by Atlantic Homes!

Not only did the County, who should have learned from our lawsuit, approve these illegal plans, but they approved 9 more in the Pebble Creek area. (For those of you who don't remember/know, the BHA has an active lawsuit going against Atlantic Homes for building homes 20 feet back instead of the 25 feet they are suppose to be; and against the BOCC for letting them break the law and do it.)

You would think that at this point the county would catch on to the fact that Atlantic Homes doesn't play by the rules.

They granted a variance in Bloomingdale because they felt that Atlantic Homes "made an honest mistake." (I guess it shoots that theory

to heck and gone.)

It seems to me that if the county got real smart all of a sudden, they would admit they were wrong, settle out of court for our lawyer's costs, and fine Atlantic Homes for some BIG bucks!

Then, those monies could go directly back into this community only; not to replace our tax dollars, but to augment them with, say, a new community center.

The Sheriff's Department couldn't believe it! They were absolutely amazed at how efficient and organized a newspaper, community, Mobile Watch, and homeowners association we were. They asked, they received. People, flyers, telephones, desks, personnel... You name it, they got it—instantly. What an accomplishment.

I think what I got out of this most of all, though, was the feeling that if all else fails "you call the Community Office or you go there to volunteer." People had heard about the missing boy and where did they go? To the Community Office. I could tell that people felt comfortable, like they belonged there, and that they had a sense. It's nice to think that if an emergency should arise again, that the community will have a central place they can feel they belong at.

Letter to the Editor

Susan,
Enclosed please find an Open letter to the Residents of Bloomingdale and an article for the Gazette. In the spirit of fairness, I expect that the letter will be printed exactly as submitted. Thank you.
P.A.

(Note: But of course! But in fairness to the Bloomingdale Residents it would only be appropriate to say that it is very important that they read the response to this letter from Martin Andersen, President of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association. -- SLD)

An Open Letter to the Residents of Bloomingdale

August 2, 1990

Dear Neighbor:

In the July issue of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, there appeared an article (See the editorial "My Turn" July 1990) which alleged, among other things, that your STD board does not represent you. As Vice President of the STD board, I must object to both the content and the tone of that article. While I appreciate the fact that reasonable people can disagree, indeed, even be unhappy with a board decision there is simply no justification for challenging the motives of the board as a whole or in part.

Now let's talk about security. No one, least of all your STD board, denies that crime is a problem in our community. But, as you probably already know, there is much more to our crime problem than the acquisition of security services and the mere allocation of a budget line item. First and foremost, there is the question of effectiveness. What kind of manpower do we need? How many men and how many hours of service will we require? Daytime or night? Must they have powers of arrest? Should they be armed or unarmed? How might they interface with our Mobile Watch?...the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department? What are the risks to the District for the negligence, or worse, of the security contractor? Are these risks insurable? And are there effective alternative to private security services?

Then there is the question of cost. Security is not cheap. How much of your tax dollars are you, the residents of Bloomingdale, willing to spend for security? Alternatively, what services which the District now provides would you be willing to cut back or sacrifice to hire security? These are questions which have not yet been raised on any residential survey that I am aware of. The fact of the matter is, these are all questions which must be answered before rushing headlong into politically expedient "solutions." The STD board has a fiduciary responsibility to you, the taxpayer, to be sure that your money is spent wisely. While it might be of comfort to some to know that money is being spend on security, little will actually be accomplished if, in spite of our efforts, crime is neither prevented nor criminals apprehended.

Researching the answers is taking quite some time but we are working on it. Joe Liguori has volunteered to work with Martin Andersen, your BHA President to investigate these issues. As the July article correctly pointed out, we are a volunteer board with no staff. Someone has to research the issues, write the specification, select the contractor, amend the budget, adopt procedures for community interface, dispatching, reporting, etc. The way I see it, organizing a campaign to satisfactorily resolve our crime problem will take an effort at least equal to or more than that needed to organize an annual sporting event or a community garage sale. Fortunately, I believe volunteers for this effort will be forthcoming on a list to be presented to the Board at a future meeting. All residents are, of course, welcome to participate.

Sincerely,

Peter Alutto,
Vice President
The Bloomingdale Special District

Dear Peter and members of the Board of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District:

The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department cannot prevent all crimes. To be effective in their job, they need help from the local citizens who are actively helping themselves—something the Sheriff's Department recog-

nizes. This is why the Sheriff's Department sanctions and promotes the Neighborhood Watch Program and why they look so favorably upon our Mobile Watch. Prevention is the best of all medicines.

But we cannot expect our volunteers to handle it all—that's just not fair. Yes, they can and do play a major and active role in our crime prevention, but we have the ability and money—yes, money—to go the next step. Specifically, that next step is paid prevention in the form of a hired security firm.

The BHA has done, and the *Gazette* has printed, the results of surveys done in Bloomingdale. Based on the number responding (over 500 surveys returned each year) we can safely assume that the data we receive from these surveys accurately depicts Bloomingdale as a whole. The one overwhelming fact that stands out is: Crime and crime prevention is the number one concern to the residents of Bloomingdale.

Based on that information given over a three year period with three different surveys, the BHA is obligated to act on this information; and so we have.

If the BHA had a paid tax base, such as the Special Taxing District does, we would be able to provide the security ourselves—but we do not. Just as the Mobile Watch must depend on its 200+ volunteers to make it work, we must rely on volunteer monies to support the projects of the BHA.

The BHA also feels it has an obligation to its residents and members to protect their community assets and functions. Part of this is to pass on information that we feel is pertinent to other organizations—such as the STD. The *Gazette* and the Bloomingdale Community Office field questions and information on a daily basis from residents and surrounding communities. Their reports supply us with the information the board needs to make decisions as a whole. They are able to judge the overall feeling of the community at any point in time due to the tremendous amount of community contact. They report to us the good along with the bad.

From this information, editorials are written to express the community's frustrations about a specific point. Editorials and the expressing of opinions do no more than serve as a gauge to what is being said in the community as a whole. They are intended to promote discussion and change—which last month's editorial did successfully.

In an effort to resolve the issue of "Can we or can't we?" some research has been done regarding the physical implementation of a paid security force for Bloomingdale. This research was prompted by the questions in your letter above. This information will be given to the Special Taxing District Board of Trustees for use at their next meeting to assist them in their final decision. But the bottom line is this: For \$28 per year per house, paid security can be implemented here for 16 hours per day, 7 days per week.* The liability is totally assumed by the security corporation.

Although the STD is limited in its scope it must still meet the needs of the community and truly represent the community in their decisions and actions. Perhaps money would be well spent by the STD to poll the residents as various decisions come before the board, such as the BHA does through community input. This will give the STD a foundation from which to base their decisions and plans for maintenance and upkeep.

As always, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., and The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc., stand ready and willing to cooperate with the Special Taxing District in all matters of community concern.

Sincerely,

Martin Andersen
President, Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.
Chairman of the Board, The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc.

*Royal Guard, Bryce Meyers, President and General Manager (854-6222). This organization currently provides the security for the Carrollwood area and works in conjunction with their Mobile Patrol and the Sheriff's Department to boost the effectiveness even further.

A special thank you to all the volunteers at the Bloomingdale Sports Festival '90 plus a special thank you to all those who helped participate in the search for the lost boy.

Board of Directors
Bloomingdale Homeowners Association

Area Churches

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

Bell Shoals Baptist Church
2102 Bell Shoals, Bran-
don
689-4229
Pastor: Dr. Bob Reccord
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:55 & 6:30 pm
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 am & 6 pm
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

First Pentecostal Church
2207 Lithia-Pinecrest Rd,
Brandon
685-4827
Pastor: F. E. Goldsberry
Sunday Worship 10 am
& 6 pm
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
No. of Bloomingdale Ave
654-3699
Pastor: Reid B. Isenhardt
Sunday Schedule:
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

Resurrection Community Church
3225 Bell Shoals Rd,
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 a.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.
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45
Church School 10:45

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
Office: 406 E. Bloom-
ingdale Ave, Brandon
653-2317

Pastor: Ed Ross, 653-
2417
Youth Pastor: Jeff Dunn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10 a.m. at
Bloomingdale High School
A brand new non-
denominational church
which had it's first service
on December 17, 1989.
Youth, Singles, Home
Bible Studies, Softball,
Volleyball, Fellowship
Groups Offered

Tampa Bay Christian Ctr
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 Listings

Chabad of Brandon Jewish Center
889 E Bloomingdale Ave.
Bloomingdale Square,
Brandon
689-7770
Service Schedule:
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am
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Jewish Community Center of Brandon will be holding reform services in the social hall of the Apostles Lutheran Church, 200 N. Kingway. The services will be held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month at 7:15 p.m. For more information call 681-9680 or 645-3759.



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And on top of all of this, you can purchase raffle tickets for our one-time per hour prize giveaway. The grand prize goes at 4 p.m. and is only open to booth vendors.

So don't miss out! Send in your booth reservation now while you still have your choice and prepare for the time of your life on Saturday, September 22!

Types and rates are as follows:

	Open Rate	BHA Rate
• Commercial Booth This includes craft sales, business products, an entire organization, food sales, or anything that is not used merchandise for a garage-sale	\$75	\$50
• Garage Sale Booth	\$35	\$25

Included in the price of the booth is 1 six-foot table + 2 chairs.

Over \$1,300 worth of advertising is planned for this event, so the turnout of buyers should be spectacular especially since it is also being coupled with

the annual picnic this year!

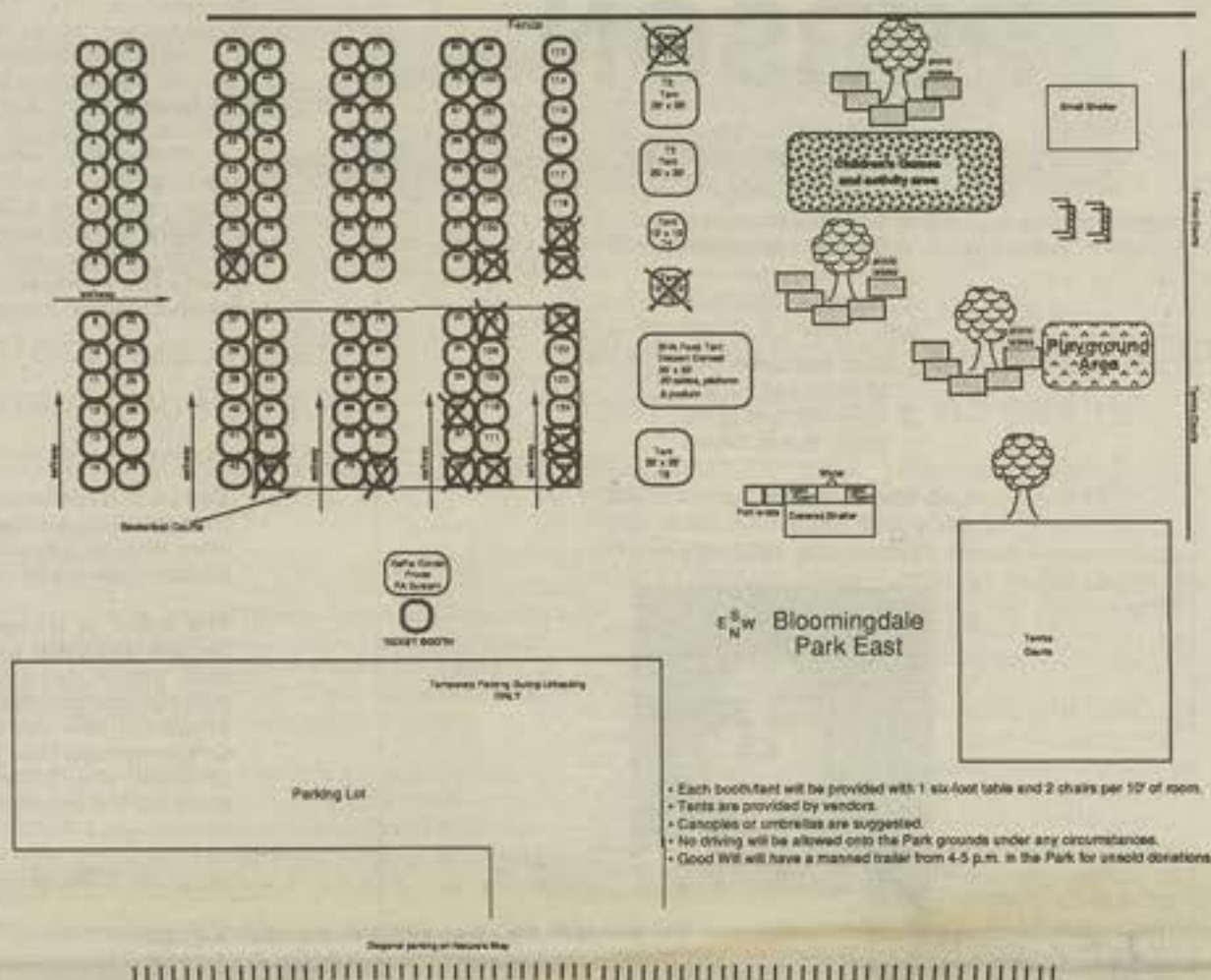
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tions and FREE food coupon.

Net proceeds will be used for the BHA Scholarship Fund and other special projects.

BHA Flea Market and Family Picnic Committee Directors...

Susan DeLuca, David Lees, and Dave Fraser



- Each booth/tent will be provided with 1 six-foot table and 2 chairs per 10' of room.
- Tents are provided by vendors.
- Canopies or umbrellas are suggested.
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Offer expires September 1, 1990

Flea Market and Picnic Registration Form

RETURN THIS ENTIRE RESERVATION FORM

Make your checks payable to: The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc.
Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Office
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Section A.

Name: _____ 1990 BHA Member Number: _____
 Business name if applicable: _____
 Daytime telephone: _____ Evening telephone: _____
 Street address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Section B.

Using the map provided on this page, choose the booth #'s you would like in order of preference (Tent spaces are the same price with you providing the tent):

1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____ Anywhere _____ or Tent space _____ Tent space _____

Type of booth (all booths are 10' x 10' in size, you may purchase more than one booth):

_____ Commercial spaces at \$75 each (BHA Members \$50) \$ _____
 # _____ Garage Sale spaces at \$50 each (BHA Members \$25) \$ _____

Description of what you plan to sell: _____

Will you be bringing very large items to sell such as large pieces of furniture? _____

Section C.

I would like to donate the following:

_____ Prize(s) for: the giant raffle; and/or for children's games; and/or for the dessert contest.
 _____ My time as a volunteer.

Section D.

_____ I would like to be contacted with prices for advertising space in the program/map that is going to be printed for this function of which over 6,000 copies are going to be printed and distributed in the area plus at the event. This advertising space is available to both garage sale & commercial vendors plus any others who wish to support the BHA.

Section E. PICNIC RESERVATIONS

_____ Yes, we will be attending the picnic:
 _____ # Adults (18+) _____ # Children
 _____ No, we will not be attending the picnic.
 _____ Yes, we will be bringing an entry for the dessert contest.
 _____ Yes, we will have children participating in the children's games.
 Ages of each child _____

Please return this form no later than September 14.

When one small boy was lost, this entire community came together as one

Photos and captions by Alexa Hrvatin/Bloomingdale Gazette

When Bloomingdale resident Pablo Riley was reported missing on the evening of July 31, his ninth birthday, the Sheriff's department began an extensive search throughout Bloomingdale West. From the very start they were assisted by Bloomingdale's Mobile Watch. Coordinator Hal Labkon estimated that thirteen cars with radios were helping out between the hours of 10 p.m. and 3 a.m.

MISSING PERSON

Pablo (Paul) William Riley
9 Years Old

Bloomingdale West Resident
4 feet tall 80 pounds
Dark Hair
Dark Complexioned
Right Forearm is discolored

Last seen wearing:
Multicolored Shorts
Blue Pullover Shirt
Black Tennis Shoes

Last seen at 10 a.m., July 31, 1990
riding a 20" Huffy Bike, red in color
in Bloomingdale West subdivision



If seen, contact the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
247-8000

With the boy still missing the next morning, the sound of helicopters filled the air. Meanwhile the Sheriff's department was literally moving in at the Bloomingdale Community Office to organize the search at 9:30 a.m.

At 10:05 a.m. when the sheriff's department asked about making up a flier with the boy's picture, the Gazette quickly obliged and had a quality flier ready within the hour with help from Advantage Inc. Mail Boxes, Etc. donated several hundred copies and had them ready for distribution by 10:50 a.m.

By 11 a.m. Gazette circulation manager Karen Ellis had assembled over 30 volunteers from the Rent-A-Kid system and they met in the back of the Community Office. Others were also on hand from the mobile watch, as well as friends and neighbors from Bloomingdale who had heard about the situation.

The office at Bloomingdale Square was filled with more than fifteen deputies along with all three major television crews and two newspapers. Office manager Dale Wozniak directed the activity and assisted the deputies.



In an effort to gain a measure of privacy, the sheriff set up a mobile unit in the parking lot. Teams of volunteers checked in with the unit before being sent out with the fliers.

An additional command was set up in Park West, with some deputies on horses waiting nearby. The dive team also searched some of the many ponds in the areas, while some were checked from the air by helicopter.



The search came to an end when a youngster recognized Pablo's face on a flier at Valet Cleaners in Bloomingdale Center. He told owners Ed and Cass Thompson that he had seen the missing child the day before at another child's house. They went home, placed a quick call, and sure enough Pablo was still there — safe and sound.



Captain Walker had nothing but praise for the concerted effort of the Bloomingdale community. "You (Bloomingdale) did one heck of a job. It was outstanding! We had all kinds of support, even fliers of high quality in short order."

He continued, "We had maps duplicated that we needed" and the facility was "the logical place with the maps available and telephones."

Walker also mentioned that without the volunteers who turned up, his deputies could only have done a spot check of the area, as opposed to the door to door effort we had here. It demonstrates that all the planning and coordination in Bloomingdale worked "and it paid off." "The key to it was the (Bloomingdale Homeowners Association's) Mobile Watch and the Gazette staff. They got the people out there. If we ever have an emergency, we know now that it can be handled well by Bloomingdale."

Bloomingdale's Watchers

Photo by Susan DeLuna/Bloomingdale Gazette

Mobile Watch Report

LaWayne Wyatt, Core Committee

July was a moderately active month with 31 events being reported by Mobile Watch patrols or residents. These included suspicious activity, possible construction, vandalism/theft, speeding, cars parked in partially developed areas, teens in developed areas, teens smoking, cars in the parks for hours, eggs or other items thrown at cars and a stolen bike, which was later found. Patrols also reported parked and unmarked department cars in Bloomingdale on ten different occasions.

Three items were especially significant. During the early morning hours of July approximately 17 cars were broken into and a variety of items stolen. This event was very similar to the break-ins which occurred in Windsor Woods several months ago and could very well be the same people. All residents are urged to take several actions — lock your cars at night and don't leave loose items exposed inside the car. Additionally, if you happen to be outside after midnight be alert for strangers cruising the streets or to or more suspicious individuals walking the streets. Report anything suspicious to the Sheriff's Department.

The second item was a report of a cat burglar working in the Bloomingdale area. This individual has been known to enter homes while the residents are present and take anything of value which is easy to remove.

The third item was a 9 year old reported missing on the West side on July 31. Mobile Watch had at least 13 cars working with the Sheriff's Department until 2:30 a.m. and more members continued with the search on the morning of August 1. Our thanks to those who helped. (See page 6.)

Once again, we are in need of members, especially in the West. Although we have over 200 members, most of these are in the East, South and Bloomingdale Ridge areas. The West currently has only 60 active members which is not sufficient to support a patrol seven nights a week. The following is a list of streets in the West and the number of members on each street:

- Applegate Circle 1
- Bayfield Drive 1
- Bloomingfield Drive 3
- Buttonwood Court 1
- Caliente Drive 13
- Cedar Grove Drive 8
- Cloverhill Court 1
- Emberwood Drive 2
- Ephrata Drive 2
- Fallon Court 3
- Fieldstone Drive 1
- Fortuna Drive 3
- Isleton Drive 4
- Oak Moss Drive 2
- Sabal Palm 2
- Sandy Creek Drive 8
- Shady Nook Drive 8
- Wynwood Drive 4

If your street is not listed or has very few members, why not volunteer your time. We only ask for one evening a month and you'll be helping to make Bloomingdale a safer place to live.



This hole in the wall could have had serious consequences if it had occurred during the week. A truck lost control and went through the masonry block wall that directly abuts KinderCare's outside play ground. Luckily, it was an early Saturday morning and no children were outside next to the wall.

Motorcycle Accident claims two lives in Bloomingdale West

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Residents in the area have frequently complained about motorcycle racing on Garnett due to its long and straight path and their worst fears were confirmed when, on August 5, a motorcycle accident resulted in the death of James R. Smith, and the critical injury of his passenger Jade Lofton.

The accident occurred as the motorcycle was driven east on Garnett and failed to stop at the intersection for Bell Shoals. The vehicle struck a tree on the east shoulder of Bell Shoals, with the sheriff's report noting that 131 feet of skid marks were measured at the scene.

Both the driver and passenger were thrown from the motorcycle; Smith was pronounced dead at the scene. Lofton was transported to Brandon Humana Hospital where he later died of his wounds. Neither individual was a Bloomingdale Resident.

With "Kidprint" locating a lost child could be easier

BLOCKBUSTER Video superstores is offering a FREE safety program called "Kidprint" in which children's images, voices and mannerisms are recorded on videotape.

The program is offered free of charge as a part of a national public service at eight BLOCKBUSTER Video superstores throughout Hillsborough County until August 29. The closest to Bloomingdale is at 901 W. Brandon Blvd.

"Kidprinting" will take place Sundays through Wednesdays from 2-6 p.m. and is open to children under age 12. Parents can supply their own VHS vide-

otapes or purchase special Kidprint tapes at BLOCKBUSTER Video for \$2.25. The proceeds from these tapes go to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C.

Kidprints may help locate and identify children who unfortunately — later disappear. Over the past six years in the United States, more than 24,000 missing children were reported to the National Center, more than 13 children per day. According to the U.S. Justice Department, in 1988 alone, almost one million children had been abducted, had run away or were otherwise missing.



Missing Children Statistics

by The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

As of April 1990

Because there is no federal mandate requiring that all cases of missing children have to be reported to the National Center, the FBI, or any other agency, no one has data to indicate exactly how many children are missing. The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Department of Justice is in the process of concluding an incidence study, and we have been advised that data from this research is scheduled for release in Spring 1990.

Since we, at the National Center, are not comfortable estimating the numbers, the only statistics we provide are the actual cases filed with our organization. In our first five years of operations (June 13, 1984 - March 31, 1989) we have recorded the cases of 24,655 missing children. The breakdown is as follows:

Runaways (includes only runaways missing over 30 days or endangered/at risk) There are a total of 12,763 cases with 11,626 located alive and 33 located deceased.

Family Abductions (includes parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles, older siblings, etc.) There are a total of 9,508 cases with 3,464 located alive and 7 located deceased.

Non-family abductions (includes "strangers," acquaintances, babysitters, unknown-cause/suspicious circumstances) There are a total of 920 cases with 199 located alive and 119 located deceased.

Lost, Injured or Otherwise Missing There are a total of 1,464 cases with 425 located alive and 25 located deceased.

Grand Total:

There are a total of 24,655 cases with 15,714 located alive and 184 located deceased.

However, please be aware that these figures in no way represent the scope of the problem of missing children in the United States. These are cases filed with the National Center only. Many more cases exist that go unreported to this organization.

Total telephone calls taken by the National Center's Hotline since its inception (October 19, 1984): 415,088

Total law enforcement and criminal/juvenile justice personnel trained since the NCMEC was established (June 13, 1984): 29,037 in 44 states and Canada. (Training includes child sexual exploitation and missing children detection, identification, and investigation instruction).

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Community News...

J. Povilus goes to Air Force Academy

Congratulations to William & Priscilla Povilus, Bloomingdale Residents, whose son, Jeff, has been accepted to the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Congrats to some new Grandparents

Believe it or not, Shelia and Dennis Brown are grandparents. Their new grandson, Craig Anease Rasheed, born Friday, July 13, in Charleston, South Carolina, recently spent a week with the doting grandparents who did everything they could to spoil him.

Stebbins and McMillan Wed



Christopher Stebbins and Amber McMillan were married on Saturday, August 4 at Emmanuel Church in Dover.

Christopher is the son of Marty and Wendy Stebbins of Bloomingdale East. He is a student at the University of South Florida. She is employed by an ophthalmologist in Tampa. They will reside in Brandon.

Births, promotions, weddings, engagements, college information, reunions... These are just a few of the types of information we want from you WITH PICTURES IF YOU HAVE THEM!

Call us at 681-2051 and leave the information on the machine after hours, or talk to a human Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The Circus is Coming to Bloomingdale on October 20!



Keep your eye out for the Elephants, Clowns, and other circus activities. Mark October 20 on your calendar and bring the family. Showtimes will be at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Advanced tickets will be available, \$3 for children ages 2 - 14 and \$5 for Adults 15 and up beginning September 22 at the annual Flea Market/Picnic. More information will be forthcoming in future Gazette's.

Right on Dad!! That's a great idea!!

A young Bloomingdale resident found that a bike and wet cement can bring him an unusual punishment. Finding that his son had defaced community property, Dad called the Bloomingdale Community office and asked how his son could contribute to the community to make amends. Good for you Dad!!

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Hillsborough Community College Fall Classes Scheduled for Bloomingdale

The following classes are scheduled for the Bloomingdale Community Office this fall:

Flower Arranging — Wednesdays from September 5 through October 10, 1990

Choose Your own Investments — Wednesdays from October 17 through November 7, 1990, with a field trip on November 7th.

Holiday Creations — Wednesdays from November 7 through December 5, 1990.

For more information contact Mary Rodriguez at Hillsborough Community College, 253-7399 or 253-7373.

Republicans to Meet

The East Hillsborough Republicans club is to meet at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Center Place, 526 Oakfield Drive, next to Camera Hut.

Absentee Ballots available now

Registered voters wanting to vote absentee in the 1990 elections may now request an absentee ballot in person, by phone or in writing. A voter may also designate, in writing, another person to pick up the absentee ballot.

Voters may make their request to the Supervisor of Elections, Hillsborough County Courthouse, Rm 195, 419 Pierce St, Tampa, FL 33602 or by calling 272-5854. There is no deadline for requesting an absentee ballot. However, requestors should allow enough time to receive their ballot in the mail.

Voters qualify to cast an absentee vote in several ways.

One common reason is being a legal resident of the country but away on election day. This includes people in the military or other government service and their dependents or those away at school. It also includes persons out of town on business.

Several other reasons qualify people to vote absentee. A person may be unable to go to the polls without the help of another. Some cannot vote in their home precinct on election day because of election duties. Others may have religious reasons.

People who move between counties near election time

are others who may vote absentee. If the move is in Florida and within 30 days of an election, they may request a ballot from their former county supervisor of elections. These voters are eligible to vote only on statewide issues.

In addition to voting absentee by mail, voters may cast their absentee ballot in person at the Supervisor of Elections office. The office is in Rm 195 of the Hillsborough County Courthouse. The Elections office is open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Builder repeats setback violations

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Once again, Atlantic Homes has been found guilty of set-

back violations in Hillsborough County. This time the violations occurred in the Pebble Creek area.

Because of a current lawsuit by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association against Hillsborough County and Atlantic Homes, BHA President Martin Andersen attended the July 24 meeting of the Board of County Commis-

sioners and addressed the board in regard to continued setback violations by builders in Hillsborough County.

During the course of the meeting David Jones, of the county building department, spoke to the BOCC about his plans to prevent such violations. Jones made reference to the difficult situation faced by his field inspectors when they must survey an irregular shaped lot. He admitted a department error in approving the plans submitted by Atlantic. After the Atlantic Homes violations were discovered in Bloomingdale, his department checked the builder in other areas of the county, and found more setback violations.

Rather than penalize all builders for the mistakes of a few, Jones has determined that his department will target their efforts toward those builders who have not complied with setback specifications. Once a foundation permit is issued, it must be verified by a registered surveyor before a building permit will be issued.

Martin Andersen spoke in support of David Jones and the county in their effort to prevent further violations. However, Andersen called for more stringent measures against those who violate codes, suggesting either a fine or revoking a builder's license in the county. He urged that the county take a harder stance against those "builders and developers who continue to violate the code."

Jones cited an increase in setback violations from the occurrence of four in a two-year period, to thirteen violations in the last year and a half. As land is becoming more scarce to builders, they utilize irregular shaped lots to attain the best use of the land available, according to Jones.

Currently the BHA lawsuit is still in litigation, and although one decision was made in favor of the BHA, a final decision is still pending.

Tax Tip of the Month

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

Certificates of Deposit have been a fairly safe investment for the most part over the last several years, but buyer beware, as not all CD's offer the same degree of security as many individuals have realized with recent events in that market.

Many people have the mistaken understanding that all CD's are the same and totally secure investments. Therefore, the CD's with the highest advertised interest rates, many times become the deciding factor as to which bank we acquire them from. Usually banks advertise rates to get investors to come in, but some

investigation may still be advisable. Read the print, as some CD's rates may last only a short period of time and then revert down to a lower amount.

Some banks and CD's are backed by private insurance and not as secure as some federal agency insurers, or with a lower limit of protection. Is the additional risk worth the small additional return on investment?

Some banks issue CD's with much tougher early withdrawal penalties. Again, be sure to know all the facts to determine if the higher interest rate is worth possibly losing most of the interest should an emergency arise. Typically, 3 months or more of interest is forfeited on early withdrawal. It may be to your advantage to open several smaller

CD's with different maturity dates than one larger CD, and possibly at least one CD with short term (30 day to 90 day) maturity in case of unexpected cash requirements.

Another fact to analyze is the method and/or frequency of interest compounding. The yield on each CD is different depending on the interest compounding daily, weekly, monthly or semi-annually. Sometimes the actual yield may be higher on a lower rate CD if the compounding is handled with more frequency.

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Bloomingdale Real Estate Report

by Chuck Frenz, Realtor
Gazette Columnist
Bloomingdale Resident

The chart below shows the 1989 vs 1990 sales for Hillsborough County vs Bloomingdale for the first half of the year and for July. As you can see Bloomingdale is doing GREAT!!



Bloomingdale Box Score

July 1989 10 Sales
July 1990 17 Sales

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."

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Bloomingdale Major Girls Finish Second in the State

by Eric Strutz
Bloomingdale Resident

After defeating Orange Park 6-4, and Port of St. Lucie 8-5, Bloomingdale lost to defending national champion Naples 2-0 on August 2 in the Little League Fastpitch softball championship game at Ft. Myers. Bloomingdale had out-hit Naples 6-1 during regulation time. Naples finally won combining two hits with two Bloomingdale errors in extra innings.

north Florida champ, Orange Park. Deborah Hughes' pitching overwhelmed champion Naples during regulation play in the championship game. Lindsay Fatta was 3-1 in tourney play including an over powering sixteen strikeout performance against North Brandon in the district tourney.



Front row left to right: Heather Bowers, Tanya Miguel, Erica Strutz, Melissa Thompson, Debra Hughes, Layne Walters, Rachel Peterson
Back row left to right: Mary Anne McDowell, Alissa Montgomery, Erin Biada, Pam Buchanan (Coach), Kelly Sambuchi, Kelly Hagee, Eric Strutz (Manager), Lindsay Fatta, Heidi Buchanan.

Bloomingdale won nine games to reach the state finals. Bloomingdale featured outstanding pitching with an aggregate earned run average of only 1.9 and total runs against average of just over 3 runs. Erica Strutz paced the pitching staff with a 6-0 record and an ERA of only 1.2. At the state tournament Erica struck out 10 in Bloomingdale's win over east coast champ, Port St. Lucie and struck out 11 in the semi-final win over

Bloomingdale's offense was very strong. No team in the tournament really could match Bloomingdale's hitting. Melissa Thompson led the team with a 448 batting average and several game winning hits. Layne Walters batted 440, Erica Strutz hit 417, Deborah Hughes hit 382, and Heather Bowers hit 321 to lead the Bloomingdale's hitting. Tanya Miguel along with Walters and Strutz led the team in on-base percentage of 65.

in the district tourney giving up only one bunt single in each of it's first two wins, 12-1 over North Seminole and 21-2 over North Brandon. Strutz and Hughes then combined for a no-hitter with East Bay. Bloomingdale then defeated North Seminole 9-6 in the district final.

Bloomingdale combined strong offense, great pitching and excellent fielding in the sectional wins over Orlando's champ, Union Park 10-0, and West Hillsborough's champ, Tampa Bay 5-2. Despite seven errors in the sectional

final, Bloomingdale prevailed 7-6 in extra innings over Pinecrest.

Catchers Rachel Peterson and Kelly Sambuchi made several key plays during the tourney and second basegirl Mary Anne McDowell was outstanding defensively.

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About the District....

by Peter Aluotto, Vice President, Bloomingdale Special Taxing District

During the course of the Board's deliberations, many sensitive issues arise which require further public explanation. The extension of District services, both direct and indirect, to Bloomingdale residents is one such issue. The following is, to the best of my knowledge, an explanation of current District policy.

Problem: Some residents of Bloomingdale are located in subdivisions which have not yet been completed. These residents pay the same \$80 which everyone else pays and yet, they do not perceive any direct benefit to themselves in the form of maintenance, improvements or betterments to their subdivision. Why?

Explanation: All of the revenue collected from the District is spent within the District. Consequently, all residents regardless of their

location within the community receive an indirect benefit from District's maintenance and improvement activities. While it may be true that no direct benefits are accruing to them at this time, the reason is because the sum of the area's tax contribution is less than the amount needed to defray the projected cost of the District's activities in that area. Our present policy is to extend District services to those areas which can pay their way. Eventually, all areas will be equally served as they near buildout.

The rationale for this policy is derived from the belief that the District ought not to subsidize developers during the marketing phase of their projects. Clearly, such maintenance would be their responsibility in the absence of a Special District. Hence, what public purpose

would be served to prematurely relieve them of this responsibility?

But what of the residents' interests? Are they not entitled to something more than indirect benefits for their contribution? Sadly, no. Each of us pays some taxes of which we receive no direct benefit. Childless couples pay school taxes. Working people pay unemployment taxes. We all pay social security taxes! And so on. As representatives of the entire District, the board must do what it deems best for the whole community lest it become mired down in ward politics: If section A gets a tree, Section B wants a tree. If Section B gets a tree, Section A wants a bigger tree.

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^123 runners participated in the 5K run and 1 mile fun run.

(Below) Kathy Dodson, sporting an official T-shirt, was Sport-support's right-hand person and coordinator for the event.



<Bob Gaudreau, owner of Sportsupport and overall coordinator, looks on as BHA committee chairperson, Bill MacKinnon takes a measurement on the ball that was closest to the hole in the \$10,000 Hole in One Contest.

No one won the \$15,000 car--but it was sure fun trying!>

Only one women's team signed up for the tennis tournament but soon found their male competition was no match as they went undefeated.>



^And what do golfers do best after a golf tournament? They eat!

<"Are you really going to print this picture?" Asked two tennis winners as they posed with a couple of pretty young ladies from Hooters.

The bike ride event brought out young & old alike and a lucky 10-speed bike winner (r).



And the winners are...

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Men's Division Based Upon Age:

0-9	1st	Michael McDonnell	27:22
10-19	1st	Adam Young	17:36
	2nd	Sean Martin	17:59
	3rd	John Heyman	18:11
20-29	1st	Jeff Pigg	14:59
	2nd	Bill Crossland	16:53
	3rd	Craig Cary	17:42
30-39	1st	Thomas Ochoa	15:00
	2nd	Bob McDonnell	18:46
	3rd	Charles Weaver	19:03
40-49	1st	Vincent Laverghetta	19:32
	2nd	Ted Cranmer	19:52
	3rd	John Lansberger	20:00
50-59	1st	Joe Knapp	22:49
	2nd	Wm. Garner	23:58
	3rd	Ralph Carveor	25:05
60-69	1st	Bob Russell	23:09

Women's Division Based Upon Age:

10-19	1st	Kristin Anderson	25:27
	2nd	Jennifer Hughes	27:30
	3rd	Karmyn Laverghetta	29:59
20-29	1st	Leigh Knight	20:08
	2nd	Sue Macavay	21:04
	3rd	Lisa Hamister	21:33
30-39	1st	Debbie Smith	24:14
	2nd	Sandra Maurer	24:36
	3rd	Sharon White	25:03
40-49	1st	Carol Yates	23:20
	2nd	Kris Landkomma	27:39
	3rd	Jean Harrison	27:49
50-59	1st	Ann Knapp	27:46

GOLF

The winners of the Golf tournament are:

Tom Abrado
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Jim Tucker

BIKE RIDE

Winner of the 10-Speed Bike: Linda Gerth

Winners of Putt Putt Golf Free Games and \$10 in tokens from Pandy's Playhouse:

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OVERALL WINNERS

Angie Connell won the Mobile Phone

John Vitale won the \$25 gift certificate from the Colony Shop

Janice Nicholson won the gift certificate to Selena's with a limosine ride and champagne

VOLLEYBALL

The winners of the volleyball tournament are:

TEAM NAME: Cosmos

TEAM MEMBERS:

Jeff Davis • Dave Lesnek • Paul Obyrne • Keith Kibler

Bloomingdale Sports Festival '90 photos by Susan L. DeLuca, Alexa Hrvatin, and Bill MacKinnon.



The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch provided traffic control for all events and pace/tag cars for all the street functions.



The 5K winners pose by banners of the sponsors who helped make the festival a reality.

In volleyball, sometimes it's hard to tell exactly who has the ball.



The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association would like to thank the following people who volunteered their time during Sportsfest '90:

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Due to the tremendous volume of volunteers, we found that not all volunteers were needed. So for those who said "Yes--I'll help" but didn't find themselves with an assignment--THANK YOU. We'll call you again for next time.

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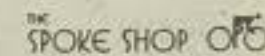
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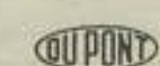
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Primus Clinic offers an alternative for military families

by Bob Smith
Heather Lakes Reporter

For all eligible military, both active duty dependents and retirees, in Brandon, Valrico and south and east Hillsborough County, the long trip to MacDill Air



Force Base for medical care is over. MacDill opened the Primus Clinic June 1 in the Brandon Center South Shopping Center at 1937 West Lumsden Avenue.

The clinic offers a wide range of primary and acute care to eligible military people on a walk-in basis. There is no emergency care though. Hours are 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and federal holidays.

<Primus Clinic in Brandon Centre South at Lumsden and Providence

The clinic is staffed by board certified primary care physicians, registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and administrative people. The staff includes nurse practitioners and physician's assistants. All patients will be greeted by a registered nurse at the reception desk where an immediate priority of care determination will be made.

Prescriptions will be filled free for eligible people at the Walgreen Pharmacy in the shopping center.

Brandon Crosstown Action Committee Alliance to meet

The newly formed coalition of anti-crosstown extension citizen groups — BRANDON CROSSTOWN ACTION COMMITTEE ALLIANCE — will be having its second (2nd) meeting. The meeting is open to the public and begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. in the Annex of the Brandon Christian Church on the Northwest corner of Lumsden and Bryan in central Brandon. Come join the "in crowd" to stop the extension of this tollroad through our community. Get involved. Remember, "United we stand, divided we fall!"

For further information and the exact date of the meeting(s), contact Jack Kitco 685-9853, Beth Lewis 689-1482, or Jan Jaworski 681-2485.

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P175/75R14	\$38.09	P215/75R15	\$54.70
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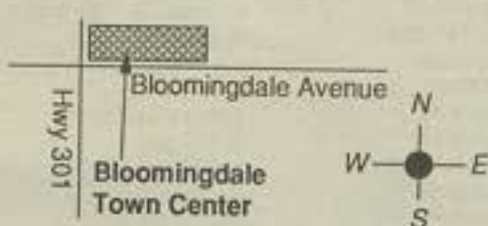
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RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY ELTON DUMONT

Shananagan's Restaurant and Lounge
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As some of you might know, I'm always reluctant to try a new restaurant during its first month. It usually means confusion and a mediocre review, so I avoid it. I broke this rule on a recent Friday night, so the four of us could try out some more authentic Cajun cooking. And as I anticipated, we did get off to a shaky start; but read on and you will see how it got infinitely better and worth returning again, and again, and again.....

For those of you that don't know, Shananagan's is on the site that used to be known as the Sports Emporium. Our first impression was that it still looked like a sports pub, both outside and inside. This seemed a little confusing for what was billed as Italian, American, Seafood, and Cajun dining. We were seated quickly, but waited a full 10 minutes until our server (or anybody) came to our table. During that period we observed all the sports para-

phernalia that still adorns the walls, as well as the two TV's with different stations and the live entertainment hitting us all at once. This tended to make us a bit uncomfortable. It appears that in this early stage they suffered from an identity crisis as to whether to go completely with a continental setting or continue with the wide range of American fare such as hamburgers, etc., and the continental offerings. As it turns out, with the current trend, they do offer something for nearly everyone and that is a positive sign.

The menu was extensive, starting with very intriguing choice of appetizers ranging from beer battered onion rings, all the way to Oysters Rockefeller and the Seafood Skillet Fondue for two. Chef James Graham, has moved from another location in Brandon to Shananagan's and some of the dishes have his distinctive trade mark. We highly recommend anything that Chef Graham prepares. We started out with Fired Crab Fingers and Oysters Bienville. Both were excellent choices. The first was a large serving of miniature crab claws, lightly fired and served with a delicious sauce, that was partially sherry wine and tasty cocktail sauce. The Oysters Bienville were filled with a shrimp and vegetable stuffing and topped with the house Sauce Luis, which is a rich white sauce and extremely tasty. This is one appetizer that should not be overlooked.

If you are into salads, the menu has one full page of salads, including a Greek salad or an Antipasto Salad to name just two. We passed on the special salads in favor of the salad bar, and also passed on the soup selection, but they do offer a Conch Chowder in a "spicy red." This will be on must order list when we next visit Shananagan's. As you can probably tell, we don't intend to wait too long. Trying to capture the best of Italian, American, Seafood and Cajun, you can imagine that the entrees offered were numerous. Just to name a few you could choose from Maryland Crab Cakes, Shrimp Florentine, Blackened Grouper, Linguini with White Clams, Filet Mignon, Baby Back Ribs,

Shananagan's Burger, Philly Steak Hoagie, or a Jamaican Chicken Sandwich. And if that isn't enough, your server always has some off menu specials. On this night, we ordered the Shrimp Florentine, Combination (steak and chicken) Fajitas, Blackened Grouper, and Grouper Shananagan's.

While waiting for our entrees we visited the salad bar. It was adequate, but not a very large selection. The sculptured watermelon boat with many, many types of fruit was wonderful and helped enhance the salad bar. On the other hand, the bread was simply cold rolls, and butter pats. I think they can work on the bread and offer it in a more interesting setting. Our server had help in delivering our entrees from a lad known as "Wildman Bill." He is a very hard working chap, and proved many times that he really is dedicated to helping you enjoy your dining experience. If he is not introduced to you, I suggest you ask for him. Aside from great service and tickling your funny bone, Wildman Bill will delight you with a short story of where he is from the interplanetary travel that brought him to Brandon.

Well, our main course arrived. We challenged Wildman Bill to promise that the Fajitas were as good as any we had in Texas or the Southwest. He did and they were. If you are into Fajitas, these are not marinated by adding a bunch of seasonings to the steak or chicken. According to Bill, they are marinated for at least 24 hours so the flavor is right down to the last mouthful. The tortillas were super light. If you're into Tex-Mex don't overlook these. The Grouper Shananagan's was a true Gulf Grouper fillet, stuffed with shrimp, crawfish, and spinach. Then melted cheese and the House Sauce Luis finished it to perfection. A definitely unique grouper preparation. The yellow rice which accompanied it was also very tasty, not thrown in, but served with the same care as the entree. Now the Blackened Grouper lived up to its name in every respect. If you are reticent about ordering anything blackened, don't be afraid to try this. It is only lightly done and does

not detract from the wonderful taste of the Gulf. The secret combination of Louisiana spices along with seasoned onions and peppers also made this dish a home run for anybody that was undecided. And finally the Jumbo Shrimp Florentine. Blended in just the right combination with spinach, cheese and crab, and topped with, you guessed it, their famous white cream sauce, Sauce Luis.

All in all, we couldn't decide which entree was better than the others. They were all expertly prepared and graciously served. And don't be surprised if Jim Litizio, the owner, visits your table to find out if you are enjoying your meal. Between our server (who was terrific) Wildman Bill, and Jim, we were all convinced that they really really wanted to please us.

Having our quota of Corona's and Gin & Tonics, our first thought was to pass on dessert. But reviewing the dessert menu, how could anyone pass on authentic Key Lime Pie, or wonderful Mississippi Mud Pies. We took a chance on the Key Lime Pie and it turned out to be delicious. Sweet and tart at the same time with a solid crust.

With a full lounge, wine list, and almost any type of food you could want, Shananagan's is a must for those of you looking for a unique dining experience. And yes they do have a Children's Menu also. Just one entree on the Children's Menu included 4 fried shrimp served with curly fries and applesauce for only \$2.95. It sounds good for the big people too.

Our total bill including tax and tip, without the beer and cocktails was about \$63 for 4 people. And once again, you can enjoy all they have to offer and not spend a lot of money.

Until we eat again.....

Elton Dumont

(Rating based on a 5 stars maximum)

Food	****1/2
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Ambience	***
Overall	****



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by Melissa Nickerson
Advertising Department

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Around the end of June, a Dr. Richard Cohen, specializing in pediatric and adolescent medicine, opened a new office. Formerly with another practice in town, he is now located at 302 S. Bryan Road, Suite 1. He and his wife Jean are Bloomingdale residents. Both former and new patients are welcome at this office. Call 654-1220 for an appointment.

Shirley's Dance Studio is moving to the Bloomingdale area. Their old location was 918 Lithia-Pinecrest Road and in September their new location will be 4326 Bell Shoals Road in the Village Center. Their fall registration will be held at the old location, while fall classes start September 10 at the new one. Shirley's Dance Studio offers ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, acrobatics, ballroom, aerobics, clogging and baton. To register for the fall classes, call 685-7289 or 689-3947 or drop in and welcome them at their new location.

Dr. Kilgore, whose office is located at 130 S. Moon Avenue, is now offering cholesterol screening as a free public service by Heart Protect of Brandon. Insurance and employment physicals and stress testing is also available. If you would like to take advantage of any of these offers, call 654-6604 for more information.

Dr. Joseph Kanzlemar, a Bloomingdale resident, is now pastoring a new church, Sunshine Community Church. The services will be held at 1606 East Highway 60, Valrico. Sunday School starts at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday evening service is a 7 p.m. and family night is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. Sunshine Community Church is a church designed to meet the needs of the contemporary family. For more information call 681-9036.

What are the "Watches" and how are they funded...

The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch, sponsored by the BHA, is an organization of volunteers who are interested in the security of the community. They donate one evening a month to drive throughout the community and watch for suspicious activity or anything out of the ordinary. They do not carry weapons or become directly involved in any altercation. They act as eyes and ears to report activity, via radio, to a base station who can then call the Sheriff if needed. They are also called upon to assist with traffic control for some community events. To become involved, call the BHA office or any of the Core Committee members listed on page 2.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and the BHA. It relies on observation by residents of their community and then reporting suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff's Department. Telephone chains linking the Bloomingdale Community are created by Block Captains which are then put into action by either the Sheriff's Department or the area coordinator thus enabling quick notification of any resident within an affected area.

Funding for both the Mobile Watch and the Neighborhood Watch is currently provided by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., in conjunction with monetary sponsors.

After-School Tennis

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Scott Smith tennis pro at River Hills, is now enrolling students in an on-going after school tennis clinic. The program starts this fall and continues throughout the school year.

The clinics will run on a monthly basis, two times per week for a total of eight sessions a month. Beginners run from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m., intermediate from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., and advanced from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. with a choice of Tuesday and Thursday or Wednesday and Friday.

Smith stresses that the classes are available to members (\$65), as well as non-members (\$69). For further information call Scott Smith at 653-3776.

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Church opens Day Care facilities

Day care for children aged 1 through 4 years is now available at the St. Mark Child Care Center, located at St. Mark United Church at the intersection of Lithia and Guiles roads in Valrico.

The new facility will offer year-round care for 28 children from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, said director Carol Bowles.

"We offer small groups for the pre-school aged child who is used to staying home with a sitter, but now has a need to play with children the same age," said Bowles, a former elementary school teacher and parent of two. Children will be grouped according to age to better aid adjustment from a small home setting to a larger one, she added.

Bowles, a Valrico resident, holds a degree in education from William Penn College in Oskaloosa, Iowa, and taught second grade in Des Moines, Iowa, for 15 years.

For information about the center call 685-0998

Vandalism hits home

by Alexa Hrvatin
News Director

During the month of July at least two residents reported that their screen rooms had been cut by vandals. In one case, nothing was missing, but the other resident reported that plants were stolen from the yard.

A resident of Bloomingdale Estates reported that her yard, driveway and cars were vandalized on July 24.

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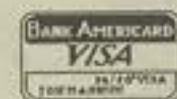
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THE IRS: WHEN IS IT CRIMINAL?

By John Pitcher
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When should our fear of the Internal Revenue Service become very, very real? Many people would answer "any time"! The purpose of this article is to familiarize the reader with the concerns that one should have if an

I.R.S. Special Agent should come knocking on your door.

Practically speaking, there are three divisions of the I.R.S. that the public traditionally comes in contact

with. There is the Examination Division, which is the auditing arm of the Internal Revenue Service. They check the accuracy of tax returns. Next comes the Collection Division, which has the responsibility for collecting delinquent taxes and in some cases following up on failure to file tax return situations. Third, is the Criminal Investigation Division. This division has the responsibility for "making examples." When a Special Agent from the Criminal Investigation Division shows up, his or her first function will be the advice of rights, similar to that which you see on television, "you have the right to remain silent, you have the right to an attorney, etc., etc., etc."

What determines the arrival of such a caring civil servant? An old phrase goes something like "tax avoidance is legal, tax evasion is illegal." Income tax laws have become very complicated and in many cases the laws are "gray." Aggressive tax planning and taking a deduction for an item that may subsequently be felt to be nondeductible by the I.R.S. normally results in proposed adjustments by the Examination Division. However, if the I.R.S., and it can be an inquiry from any of the divisions discussed above, feels that the deduction was taken with a "willful intent to evade or defeat the tax," then a referral to the Criminal Division may be made and the emergence of Special Agents may be forthcoming. The omission of income, be it legal or illegal income, is the most common area that the Special Agents concern themselves with. It then follows that the most common occupational group that falls into this category is in the area of self-employed individuals. The reason is quite simple. Self-employed persons control their own destiny. They don't receive a Form W-2 at the end of the year telling them and the I.R.S. how

much income they earned. In other words, it is truly an honor system to report the amount of income received during the year.

If the I.R.S. feels that they could show in a court of law that an individual knew that he or she had not reported all of their proper income, or on the other hand deducted various items that they knew were not business related, a recommendation may be made that the individual or individuals be prosecuted under various statutes contained within the United States Code.

The most common statutes are Section 7201, Section 7203 and Section 7206(1) of "Title 26, United States Code." Title 26 is also referred to as the Internal Revenue Code.

Section 7201 is the basic willful intent to evade or defeat income taxes, or tax evasion statute. It is a felony, and the Government must show that not only was there additional tax due and owing, but also that there was an attempt to evade that tax, which typically is the filing of what they allege to be an incorrect tax return. The Government must also show that this attempt was willful on the part of the taxpayer. This section is a felony punishable by up to five years in prison and substantial fines for each count, which typically is each year that a tax return is filed improperly, according to the Special Agent. A Special Agent will typically work with three years in a row and make a recommendation that all three years be prosecuted if the findings so warrant that recommendation.

Section 7203 is the willful failure to file or pay the tax statute. Ironically, this statute is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to one year in prison and substantial fines. There have been recent situations in the Tampa Federal Courthouse concerning this section as it related to attorneys and politicians.

Section 7206(1) is the false tax return statute. The Government must show that

a material item on a tax return that was signed "under penalties of perjury" is in effect incorrect, and that the taxpayer knew at the time of the filing of the return that there was a substantial and material error on that tax return. Typical situations involve the omission of substantial gross receipts, the omission of interest income from bank accounts or other sources, the omission of other sources of income in total, etc.. In this statute the Government does not have to show that there was a substantial tax due and owing. In fact, such a computation may not be presented in court.

A little-known weapon that the Criminal Investigation Division uses quite frequently is called "indirect method of proof." Utilizing this method, the Internal Revenue Service traces expenditures that an individual family made, compares these total expenditures to available sources "per the tax return filed," eliminates nontaxable explanations for the expenditures such as loans, gifts, etc., and compares the net total expenditures with the total amount available per the tax return. If the I.R.S. can show that more money was spent by the individuals than can be accounted for, they propose additional omitted income and federal courts will allow such evidence. This eliminates the need for the Internal Revenue to find the actual payor of income to an individual, which may in fact not be possible. This also allows the Internal Revenue Service to trace the omission of cash receipts, commonly referred to as "skim." Probably the most notorious example is the Internal Revenue Service conviction of Al Capone, using methods such as these.

My last case as a Special Agent involved a local self-employed proprietor who had beautifully maintained books and records, utilized the services of a C.P.A. on a monthly basis, and in all aspects appeared to have been reporting accurate income. It was only after checking public records and determining that certain net worth expenditures, such as mortgage payments and payments for a hobby that

the individual was involved with, were not being reflected through the checking accounts, that an indirect method procedure was then instituted in the investigation, and after six years, the individual went to trial for three counts of tax evasion. After a five-and-a-half-week trial, the individual was convicted of two of the three counts, and sentenced to three years in prison. Unbeknownst to many taxpayers, that is not the end of the story. After a criminal case has been concluded, be it by trial, by plea arrangement, or by the I.R.S. "killing the case" somewhere along the various review possibilities, does the civil settlement begin. Yes that's right, after such agony and turmoil, even if one is sentenced, serves time, etc., the I.R.S. now comes back and wants the correct amount of taxes, interest, and numerous penalties, the most notorious being the 75 percent "civil fraud penalty."

What should you do if you feel you have exposure in this area? Certainly this is not an easy question to answer. If you are under I.R.S. investigation, either civilly or criminally, you should seek the advice of an attorney who is familiar with these types of procedures. If you are not under an I.R.S. inquiry at this time, there still may be remedies that you should consider such as amended tax returns, etc.. Again, an attorney familiar with these avenues should be consulted first. It is interesting to know that your accountant does not have "accountant/client privilege" or any other "privilege" as it relates to federal investigations. In other words, if you "bare your soul" to your accountant, it may be that he or she will have to "bare their soul" to the I.R.S. if your number is picked and they are interviewed.

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Measles are BACK!

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Much has been written of recent outbreaks of measles across the county lately. But a call to the Health Department's epidemiology division, offered a fair amount of reassurance to Tampa residents.

According to Ann Towne of the department, there have been no reported cases of measles during the summer — in fact, since last May. She cautions, however, that the situation could rapidly change. Hundreds of cases have been reported in Texas, and "with summer vacations and travel, we might see some cases of measles soon."

While it is a requirement for children to have at least one MMR (measles, mumps, rubella), it is still only a recommendation that children receive the booster. Epidemiologists feel that it will probably become a requirement in the near future, but the vaccine is both expensive and the supply would not readily meet the demand if it were to be required at this time, according to Towne.

Community Pediatrics in Brandon is administering the \$35 vaccine to all patients and staff members from kindergarten to age 32. A nurse at the office also pointed out the fact that colleges such as nearby USF are requiring the measles booster before admitting students.

Since it is likely that the shot will become mandatory, parents may want to protect their children with the extra immunization now. They may contact their own pediatrician for guidance. Parents may also call the health department at 272-6200.

What you can and what you can't do in our parks: Hillsborough County Park and Recreation Department Ordinances

a. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance.

b. It shall be unlawful for any person to do any act forbidden or fail to perform any act required by this Ordinance.

Traffic Section 7. Parking

a. No person shall park a vehicle any place on park property other than in the regular designated facilities provided for that particular type of vehicle. Automobiles parked in unauthorized areas shall be towed away at the owner's expense upon the order of authorized employees of the park department or law enforcement officers.

Recreation Activities Upon Park Areas

g. No person or organization shall conduct raffles, bingo games, card games for money or drawings for prizes or participate in any other forms of gambling within park limits; whether for charity or otherwise.

Section 14. Picnic Areas and Use

b. No person shall build, light, or cause to be lighted any fire upon the ground or other object in any park area except in an approved grill, stove, fireplace or other suitable container, nor shall any person starting a fire leave the area without extinguishing the fire.

Section 15. Games, etc.

No person or persons shall

engage in any activity within the park areas that is dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of others: and no person or persons shall engage in any activity within the park areas that interfere with the use and enjoyment of the park and its facilities by others.

Section 17. Toy Firearms, Fireworks and Explosives

a. No person may bring into or have in his possession or set off or otherwise cause to explode in any building and in any park area, any firecrackers, torpedoes, rockets, toy firearms or cannons or other fireworks or explosives of inflammable material or any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound, may explode, discharge or burn, unless he first obtains a written permit from the department director.

b. Parents or guardians shall be held responsible and accountable for the actions of minors in regards to the prohibitions in the foregoing paragraph as provided by law.

Closing of Parks Section 20. Times of Closing, Exceptions, Activity

a. No person shall be or remain in any part of any park which is fenced in or provided with gates between the closing of the gates at night and their re-opening on the following day. Nor shall any person be or remain in any park not fenced in or provided with gates, between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. on the

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- Garbage cans seen from the street are a sight for more eyes.
- Your dog's scat on your lawn is fertilizer; on my lawn it's still *your* fertilizer; thanks, but no thanks.

following day, except in areas designated as twenty-four hour. The provisions of this Section shall not apply to law enforcement officers or employees of the park department while in the discharge of their duties nor to persons having a written permit issued by the park department allowing them to be or remain in any part of the parks between such hours.

b. No operator of any vehicle shall park or permit to remain parked any vehicle on any driveway, parkway, parking area or other park property between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. or as otherwise posted.

Section 26. Drunkenness

No intoxicants and no intoxicated persons shall be permitted entry to parks or recreation areas, and if discovered therein, the same shall be ejected forthwith by an authorized park official or law enforcement officer.

Section 27. Proper Use of Facilities

No person shall loiter in or around any park department restroom.

Section 28. Authority of Sheriff Officers and Park Officials

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School starts Monday, August 27!

This back to school section brings you the latest information on each of the schools the students in Bloomingdale will attend.

For those living in Heather Lakes, page 22 carries your school information.

General Information

Hillsborough County Public Schools are known for their excellence. Students, individuals and groups achieve in all areas; in addition, many schools and programs are designated "exemplary" and are models for the state.

With an annual enrollment of over 120,000 students in grades K-12, the Hillsborough County School District is the twelfth largest in the nation and third largest in Florida. Enrollment increases each year because of our rapidly growing area. Projections include a need for 15 new schools in the next five years.

Outstanding programs are provided and facilities are modified where appropriate to meet the needs of all students. In addition to special programs for the handicapped and impaired, the school system has designed a comprehensive range of alternative education programs at various sites, programs for the gifted child or child with other exceptional needs such as learning disabilities and emotional problems.

Specific information about programs is available in separate brochures and can be requested from the Public Information Office (272-4055). Each school prepares an Annual Report of

School Progress and, of course, is the best source of information for its unique characteristics.

Registration and Attendance:

Regular attendance is compulsory in Florida for all children from age six to sixteen.

Children who are five years old on or before September 1 may be admitted to kindergarten; and children who are six years old on or before September 1 and who have completed a successful year of kindergarten (public or non-public) may be admitted to first grade.

Before admittance to kindergarten and first grade, the following documents must be delivered to the school principal:

1. Acceptable proof of age (birth certificate)
2. Proof of physical examination (completed within 12 months prior to attendance)
3. Proof of immunization
4. Proof of residence within a school's attendance area (utility bill, lease, etc.)

All other students new to the school district must provide the documents listed above plus a previous school record, such as a report card, indicating grade level. (For high school students, an unofficial copy of the transcript is helpful in programming students to meet Florida's graduation requirements.)

Act Now On School Health Requirements

The time is now to verify children meet the state health requirements for entering a Florida school for the first time, say Hillsborough County Public School officials in urging parents to act before the August 27 start of the 1990-91 school year.

Students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade, who are making their initial entry into a Florida school, must present a record of a physical examination completed within the past 12 months. The immunization record must show that the student has met the minimum state requirements of:

- 5 doses of DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus)
- 4 doses of oral polio
- 1 dose of MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)
- or has a physician-authorized exemption

The MMR vaccine must have been administered after the child's first birthday. Immunizations with dates of administration must appear on a Florida certificate.

Parents with questions concerning their children's

immunization status should contact their private physician or a public health unit clinic. Physical examinations may be obtained through a private physician/clinic or the Hillsborough County Public Health Unit Clinics.

Dependents of active duty or retired military personnel should contact MacDill Air Force Base. Appointments for children of all ages can be made by calling 830-5718; for dependent children under 12 years of age, call 830-5141 or 5142; and dependents of flight personnel call 830-2471 for assistance. For immunization information, the base number is 830-5700.

Families using the Hillsborough County Public Health Unit Clinics should call the clinic nearest their home for appointments. The fee for a school physical is \$15 but it can be reduced or waived, based on financial need. There is no charge for immunizations at the public health unit clinics.

Parents are reminded that the records for the physical examination and immunization must be presented prior to their child's entrance into school.

For further information contact: Mary Ellen Gillette, Supervisor, School Health Services, 272-458

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Special Programs:
Alafia Elementary School provides an extensive and varied curriculum that meets the needs of the individuals as well as the group. The uniqueness of each child's learning style is considered and met through exceptional student programs, music, physical education, guidance and media resources.

Awards/Honors:
Alafia Elementary School received the Little Red Schoolhouse Award in 1988, Letter of Commendation from President Ronald Reagan on Environmental Study of the Alligator (school mascot), the SERVE Golden School Award for 1989 (8140 volunteer hours). Norma Marsh is 1990-91 Teacher-of-the-Year.

Unique Projects:
School-wide project study of alligator (school mascot) and Folk Festival with an integrated curriculum from kindergarten through fifth grade.

Bus Routes for Alafia Elementary School

Bus #: 1825 Route Code: 2205 A-U
Driver: Joanne Branhack
Time at School: 7:30 a.m.

- 1 7:20 2:28 Natures Way Blvd & Havenstone
- 2 7:21 2:25 Natures Way Blvd & Oak River Dr.
- 3 7:24 2:30 Quail Briar Dr. & Levonshire Pl.
- 4 7:27 2:33 Erindale Dr. & Springville
- 5 7:28 2:34 Erindale Dr. & Warmspring Way

Bus #: 1821 Route Code: 2203 A-U
Driver: Louise Hudson
Time at School: 7:30 a.m.

- 1 7:10 2:26 701 Sandy Creek Drive
- 2 7:12 2:27 Sandy Creek Dr. & Brinton
- 3 7:14 2:28 Sandy Creek Dr. & Kerlin Dr.
- 4 7:16 2:25 4123 Tyndale Dr.
- 5 7:19 2:33 4102 Canoga Park Dr.

Bus #: 1757 Route Code: 2202 A-U
Driver: Mary Moses
Time at School: 7:25 a.m.

- 1 7:20 2:28 Bloomingdale Oaks Dr. & Carter Oaks
- 2 7:21 2:29 Carter Oaks Dr. & Cade Ln.
- 3 7:23 2:32 Cleo Ln. & Shady Leaf Dr.
- 4 7:25 2:33 Shady Leaf Dr. & Shady Leaf Dr.
- 5 7:27 2:25 1707 Bloomingdale Ave. (Servis Res)
- 6 7:28 2:24 Bloomingdale Ave. & Little Oak St.

Bus #: 1774 Route Code: 2201 A-U
Driver: Mary Price
Time at School: 7:30 a.m.

- 1 7:16 2:29 Natures Way Blvd & Elba Pl
- 2 7:17 2:30 Natures Way Blvd & Elton Pl
- 3 7:18 2:32 Natures Way Blvd & River Crossing
- 4 7:20 2:33 Natures Way Blvd & Culbreath Rd

Bus #: 1766 Route Code: 2200 A-U
Driver: Donald Stover
Time at School: 7:30 a.m.

- 1 7:22 2:26 Canoga Park Dr. & Caliente Dr.
- 2 7:24 2:28 Canoga Park Dr. & Isleton Dr.
- 3 7:27 2:30 Canoga Park Dr. & Redondo Dr.

Brooker (K-5)
812 DeWolf Road
Brandon, FL 33511
689-2777

General Description:
Brooker Elementary School is located in Brandon and houses kindergarten through fifth grade. Brooker was built in 1961 on 18 acres of land. It has a capacity of 830 students. The school was named for J.R. Brooker, an early settler and large land owner in the community of Brandon.

Special Programs:
Brooker offers academic programs for students who are Gifted, SLD, EH, Speech/Hearing impaired, bilingual and potential dropouts.

Awards/Honors:
Brooker has received the Golden School Award for eight consecutive years in recognition of the outstanding parent volunteer program. The Brooker PTA and faculty have received 100% membership awards from the national organization for 13 consecutive years.

Unique Projects:
Brooker sponsors a monthly "Terrific Kid" program which recognizes and awards students who have shown improvement in academic and/or social skills. Students are also recognized daily on the morning TV broadcast for their "positive actions" as a part of the "ICU" program. Brooker's PTA raised funds to install a computer lab in the school where every student receives computer skills instruction.

Radon--School Update

by Bonnie Abrado
Gazette Staff

In June 1990 an article appeared in the Tampa Tribune entitled "8 Schools Exceed State Radon Limits." Because Brooker Elementary was included in that number, and because many of our younger residents attend Brooker, we contacted the county authorities involved.

The only area school that houses Bloomingdale students that showed higher than 4 picocuries in any building was Brooker. Buckhorn Elementary was the only other school in the area with higher-than-normal levels.

Phil Guffey of the Hillsborough County public schools relayed the following information to us regarding the Brooker school status.

"The readings at the school that were above the acceptable level were found in only two buildings. Both are the new media center and the new kindergarten building. The media center was the lower of the two, and steps are underway to reduce the level by specific ventilation to increase exterior air flow. We are optimistic that our procedures for this particular building will be sufficient.

However, the kindergarten building reading exceeds the allowable limit to a greater extent and requires more involved mitigation. Vendors have been required to submit proposals for the work. Vendors were to have their sealed bids delivered by August 14th. Since the process of gas elimination can be accomplished within a 24-hour period, we are proceeding to have this accomplished before school begins.

After all efforts at reductions have been preformed, new testing will be undertaken. No students will be allowed in these two buildings until levels have been brought down."

Phil Guffey has had reports of parents who believe that once radon is in a building, it can't be reduced to safe levels. "This is just not so," he stated. "We will make sure no students enter a school building until levels are reduced. Some buildings in Florida are built of phosphate rock which naturally gives off radon gas and are much more difficult to deal with, but fortunately none of our schools fell into that category."



Bloomingdale children go through the following schools:

Alafia/Brooker • Grades K to 5

Progress Village • Grade 6

Booker T. Washington • Grade 7

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Bloomingdale Senior High • Grades 10, 11, 12

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General Description:
Progress Village, located in southeast Tampa, opened in 1960 and became a Sixth Grade Center in 1971, including Early Childhood, Head Start and kindergarten. The enrollment is approximately 975 students in Progress Village, the "School of Excellence".

Special Programs:
Progress Village offers PEP, Gifted, EH, SLD, Speech, Computer Education and Art, plus Junior Deputy and Mendez Drug Education Programs. All sixth graders spend one week at Nature's Classroom.

Awards/Honors:
The school has won the Golden School Award and CTA Mini-grants for the past two years, Junior League of Tampa Mini-grants for five years, Hillsborough County Rotary Awards, county and state Economic Education Awards, International Paper Award for Economics, Continental Math League Regional Winner for six years, Math Olympiad National Winner and Florida Math League State Winner.

Unique Projects:
Students participate in various projects such as Advertising the World, Budding Film Makers, Cities of the Future, Risky Business, Bridging the Culture Gap and Parade of Countries, Book-It!, Science Olympics, Math or Science Projects, Language Arts Fair, Olympiads in Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts, Folk Festival, Young Writers and Conversational Spanish.



Guy Burns Jr. High (8,9)
600 Brooker Road
Brandon, FL 33511
685-2398

General Description:
Burns Junior High School was built in 1986 on a 40 acre site in South Brandon. Current student enrollment numbers over 1400 eighth and ninth grade students, who enjoy the benefits of a modern facility.

Special Programs:
Burns offers programs across the academic spectrum from remedial to gifted. Students with special needs are served by classes for SLD, EH, and ILAP.

B.T. Washington (7)
1407 Estelle Street
Tampa, FL 33605
229-0457

General Description:
Booker T. Washington Junior High School was built in 1925 and serves seventh grade students. It is built on a five-acre site and has a capacity for 700 students.

Special Programs:
Special programs include ILAP, SLD, EH, Speech, Gifted and bilingual. The guidance department offers special group counseling for study skills, children of divorce, and death and dying. The elective program includes graphic arts, business occupations, home economics, band, and orchestra. The reading program offers corrective and remedial reading as well as the P.K. Younge Developmental Reading Program. The Teachers-as-Advisors program is provided.

Awards/Honors:
The physical education department has won the fitness award for the past four years. The orchestra and band received superior ratings. The Math League captured the east regional competition title. The school's GPA ranking is consistently second place amount junior high schools. A CTA mini-grant was awarded to the school for the past two years. Over 100 pupils were identified to take the SAT test in the Duke University Talent Identification Program.

Unique Programs:
A sustained silent reading program, DEAR TIME, has been in effect for two years. The student body donated canned goods to Metropolitan Ministries, needy neighborhood families, and to the Salvation Army. Students also collected pennies in the amount of \$1,243.99 and donated them to the Salvation Army. A Book and Poster Fair is held annually. Four Student activity days are scheduled each year including "Fall for the Arts," and a band and orchestra concert, dance, and crowning of a king and queen. A motivational program offers incentive checks which can be cashed for prizes and events.

Awards/Honors:
Burns ranks among the highest in the county in its ability to provide its student body with all they need to achieve academic excellence. Each year an awards program recognizes those students who have excelled in each area.

Unique Projects:
The Parent Interest Committee was organized in 1988 and has been helpful informing parents of school happenings with a semi-annual newsletter. Burns ranked 10th place in the "Pennies-For-Pride" school spirit contest for All Children's Hospital, collecting over 269,619 pennies.

Bloomingdale Senior High (10-12)
1700 East Bloomingdale Ave.
Valrico, FL 33594
684-6192

General Description:
Bloomingdale High School rests on 80 park-like acres, well-coordinated with its natural environment. The school's enrollment is approximately 1900.

Awards/Honors:
The class of 1989 won over \$2 million, including academic scholarships, National Merit, and Florida Academic Scholars. Three graduates received appointments to military academies. Seventy-seven percent of the graduates were accepted to colleges and universities throughout the United States. Academic letters were awarded to 200 students who maintained a 3.5 GPA. Other awards include: CSPA's Medalist rating for Minotaur, Bloomingdale's yearbook; various awards in national and local writing contests; and state and national recognition by Mu Alpha Theta teams for excellence in mathematics; declamation contests; and many awards in math, science, and athletics.



Unique Projects:
Bloomingdale students worked with the Museum of Science and Industry on the excavation of the now famous fossil whale. Extensive areas of the campus are set aside as conservation land. These areas include ponds, marshes, and hammocks. Gardiner has agreed to work with Bloomingdale in developing a boardwalk through and into these areas for biological and ecological studies. The boardwalk will allow use of these areas in science studies and will be the only one of its type in the county.

To provide students with a smooth transition to senior high school, Bloomingdale visits the junior high schools, visits the communities, and holds a special Program Planning Night for parents of sophomores plus a Junior High Reach-out Workshop conducted by the Student Advisory Committee.



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Schools attended by students from Heather Lakes Subdivision

Kingswood (K-5)
3102 South Kings Avenue
Brandon, FL 33511
689-9131

General Description:
Kingswood Elementary School was built in 1968 and houses kindergarten through fifth grade. It is located on Kings Avenue in south Brandon and has grown as the Brandon population has grown. The school is designed like a doughnut with the Media Center in the middle.

Special Programs:
Special programs include the Academic and Conduct Honor Awards and Terrific Kid Awards. There are several school-wide outdoor performances each year utilizing the inner circle courtyard.

Awards/Honors:
Kingswood has an active PTA and has received the Golden School Award along with other county awards.

Unique Projects:
Classroom teachers held a fund-raiser to put a computer in every unit. The PTA purchased printers to go with the computers. These are in addition to the computer lab.

See the previous pages for descriptions of the grade 6 to 7 grade schools plus Burns

McLane (8,9)
306 North Knights Avenue
Brandon, FL 33511
689-7188

General Description:
McLane Junior High School was built in 1914 and celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 1989. The facility is currently being remodeled and has a capacity of 1100 eighth and ninth grade students.

Special Programs:
Teachers as Advisors provides students the opportunity to work with a significant adult who will assist the student with education and social experience. The Peer Facilitators is an organization designed to encourage students' personal growth and to teach them to better serve their fellow students, their home, and the community. The school has the "Movers and Shakers" Program for potential school leavers. In the Career Awareness Program, Occupational Specialists in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America provide students with an insight into a variety of careers. Project Business is provided for students through the Social Studies department.

Awards/Honors:
McLane Junior High School was recently honored with an American Flag which was flown over the Nation's Capital and is now on permanent display at McLane. Several parents were honored by SERVE for the outstanding volunteer participation.

Unique Projects:
SPA (Students and Parents for Athletics), started by McLane parents and administrators, has raised over \$5,000 for materials and equipment.

Brandon High School (10-12)
1101 Victoria Street
Brandon, FL 33511
689-1254

General Description:
Brandon High School is a suburban public high school with a national and statewide reputation for excellence. With a capacity of 1900, this facility houses tenth, eleventh and twelfth grade students. The instructional staff totals approximately 150 with more than half holding masters degrees or higher.

Special Programs:
The academic curriculum includes over 230 courses which include the arts, sciences, humanities and vocational areas; and AP courses in European and American history, calculus, and English literature. Students may also participate in a dual enrollment program with local colleges.

Awards/Honors:
Brandon was named a national school of excellence by the United States Senate. All three publications, *Eagle* (yearbook), *Emblem* (newspaper), and *Aerie* (literary magazine) receive national recognition. The JROTC program is designated as an Honor Unit with Distinction, and the athletic program has been Athletic Program of the Year for several years.

Unique Projects:
Brandon High's Peer group is actively involved in promoting the Smoke Free Society 2000 by presenting programs at elementary schools in the Brandon area. Brandon also holds annually a Say No To Drugs week.



Heather Lakes students follow the following school progression:

Kingswood Elementary • Grades K to 5

Progress Village • Grade 6

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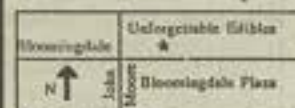
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In addition to weekly rehearsals, winter and spring concerts at the Center, and other public concerts in the Bay area, the Youth Orchestras also offer master classes, chamber ensemble experience and performance opportunities. In October 1989, members of the Youth Orchestra attended a performance of the Warsaw Sinfonia under the direction of the famed violinist Yehudi Menuhin.

There is a yearly tuition cost. For further information and audition requirements, call (813) 886-6223 on weekdays and (813) 885-2957 evenings 7-9 p.m.; or mail inquiries to: Tampa Bay Performing Arts P.O. Box 518, Tampa, FL 33601. Attn: Norbert Burkowski

USF Music Classes in Brandon

The USF Community Music Division announces open registration for the Fall semester for children and adults. The Brandon location is at Alafia Elementary School, 3535 Culbreath Road. Non-credit course offerings include the preschool "Musical Discoveries" Program for ages 2-7; a Music, Song, and Movement Workshop for ages 8-12; and private lessons offered on all band instruments plus piano, voice, and guitar. Call the Division's Director, Judith Cataldo, at 974-2311 for registration information.

What is behavior management?

By Toni Brown, MS
Guest Columnist

Families face many transition stages that may cause stress for children and parents alike. As our youngsters move from infancy to independence, new levels of comfortable communications need to be developed for everyone. Unresolved childhood issues will resurface — often with serious consequences — in the teen years. If you have noticed any of the following problems, now is the time to take positive action:

Difficulty following directions, poor academic performance, disruptive behavior at school, aggression with peers, an inability to make or keep friends, bed-wetting, lying, stealing, unusual fears or nightmares, on-going conflict with parents or siblings, excessive shyness or anger, or low self-esteem.

Behavior management focuses on helping parents find alternative ways of dealing with children who are experiencing difficulties. The use of a wholistic approach includes working with the child, parents, and — if parents wish — the school, in developing new problem-solving and communications skills.

What is a Learning Disability?

Children with a learning Disability often have doubts about their own competence and acceptability. They may feel that "LD" means stupid, crazy, or hopelessly unable to learn.

In reality, many LD children are very bright. The term Learning Disability simply

refers to a difficulty in the way a person takes in new information. The difficulty may be related to hearing, sight, coordination, or paying attention in a focused manner, and each of these disabilities varies in severity from one LD child to another. Problems are most often noticed in the child's academic performance, but Learning Disabilities also affect the child's ability to make friends, play games and sports, and relate to family rules.

To get a sense of what it's like to have a Learning Disability, try this experiment: Sign your name on a piece of paper. Now, sign your name a second time, while simultaneously moving your foot in a circular motion on the floor. Feels awkward doesn't it? How different is the second signature from the first?

It's important for children and their parents both to understand that Learning Disabilities are not related to intelligence. To help your LD child maintain good self-esteem and succeed academically and socially, you may simply need some new communication techniques and a better understanding of what LD is.

Why can't my child pay attention?

Paying attention seems like such an easy task... point you nose in the direction of interest and the rest will just follow. However, for some children, the rest does not follow. The child who has Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) generally has major difficulties in four areas:

1. Inattentiveness & Distractibility: The child has a hard time paying attention and is easily distracted. At home it's a challenge getting him to perform simple chores and getting ready for school each morning is a monumental task. Problems arise in school when the child's attention focuses as readily on a passing car as on the teacher's directions.
2. Overarousal: The "everything is such a big deal" syndrome is familiar to the parents of ADD children.

Even a simple interaction turns into a battle of wills. The child overreacts to any limitation, so there is no difference in his response to a minor inconvenience or a major restriction.

3. Impulsivity: Often the ADD child exemplifies the old Dennis the Menace quote: "By the time I think about what I'm going to do, I've already done it." Because of their poor impulse control, ADD children may be the first to raise their hands in class, without knowing the answer.

4. Difficulty Delaying Gratification: The ADD child has a hard time following rules and seems unable to learn from past experiences, largely because he simply can't wait for the rewards of behaving appropriately.

Typically, the ADD child is a major disruptive force both at home and school. As the child grows, so do difficulties. Although he may not always be in trouble, he stands out in the classroom. At home, stress increases as the parents become exhausted by endless efforts to manage his behavior.

There are successful approaches to working with the ADD child that can be learned by parents and teachers. These techniques center on reaching the child in ways he can understand, and to which he can respond.

If you feel your child isn't "bad", but just can't control himself, and if his teachers report problems sitting still and paying attention, give us a call. A simple analysis of your child's history and behavior can determine if Attention Deficit Disorder is the problem.

Dance with Miss Lezlee Correction

The following song was left out of last month's article entitled "June was Dance Recital Month in Bloomingdale."

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