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## Gazette Turns 15

The long-awaited 15th Anniversary Issue of *The Bloomingdale Gazette* will be coming your way in January. See what Bloomingdale used to look like not so long ago. Read

stories about early residents who wouldn't want to live anywhere else. And join us in paying special tribute to those residents who have helped shaped our community over the years. Let us take you on a short trip back in time and see how far we've come. We're not only getting older - we are getting better.

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*Happy Holidays From  
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Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be arriving by fire truck direct from the North Pole to visit all of Bloomingdale area's children. See below for details.



## BHA Blurbs

### General Membership Meeting

The annual General Membership Meeting for the purpose of electing board members will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101. All dues paying members of the BHA are invited to attend.

Six of the 12 board positions are open for a two-year term. Current board members **Rick Oros**, **Russ Lembke**, and **LaWayne Wyatt** are seeking re-election to the board. Nominations will be taken from the floor at the General Membership Meeting. Residents who would like to hold a board position need to attend the meeting in order to have their name placed in nomination. Board members are required to attend one evening meeting per month where they will make decisions to improve the quality of life for all Bloomingdale residents.

### BHS Hosts Santa

The BHA wants every child in Bloomingdale to have a chance to meet with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus without having to go too far or wait in long lines to do it. On Dec. 10, the jolly couple will make a special appearance at Sun Cove Realty in Bloomingdale Square. Children will be able to visit individually with the Clauses and parents may take photographs anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

### Park East Clean-Up

Volunteers are needed to help in the clean-up efforts of Park East on Nature's Way. The clean-up day has been scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Coffee and donuts as well as lunch and beverages will be provided.

Residents are asked to bring along their gardening tools and/or painting equipment. The county will mow the park, and volunteers will be planting, spreading mulch, and painting.

**Wally and Gena Schaffer** are coordinating the volunteers. Please contact them at 681-2051.

### Loss Saddens BHA

Longtime BHA board member **David Lees** passed away last month after a long illness. The Bloomingdale Estates resident is survived by his wife, **Donna** who always encouraged his involvement in the community. Board member **Russ Lembke** served with and knew Lees best.

"We didn't always agree, but we could always discuss and in the end, the results were of benefit to all the residents," said Lembke.

Lees was an organizer of community picnics and fun-runs, and was active in the debate over traffic modifications on Bloomingfield. In addition, he was instrumental in keeping the BHA and *The Gazette* functioning during times that were not so prosperous.

"His thoughts first and foremost were to enhance the quality of life for all the residents," said Lembke.

### Another Spring Picnic

With Old Man Winter knocking at our door, it's fun to think ahead to the more temperate days of spring. The BHA has thought ahead and is planning its second Renewed Community Picnic on Saturday, April 22, at Park West.

Picnic organizers already have county and business exhibitors on the slate of events, and are currently looking for volunteers to coordinate children's games and for business owners to sponsor other activities. This year's event already has commitments from the New York Yankees, a hot air balloonist, and various county agencies. Already on tap for children are a petting zoo being brought in by CARE Animal Hospital and pony rides sponsored once again by realtor **Michael Davis**. Plans are also in the works for live entertainment.

So flip that calendar ahead to 1995, and mark April 22nd, as a day for community fun and fellowship.

### Membership

New dues statements for 1995 will be mailed out to residents beginning in January. Not everyone will receive statements then, however. Membership packets are mailed out several 100 at a time. Look for yours sometime in early 1995, and remember that dues are for the 1995 calendar year.

# BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

## Come Visit Mr. and Mrs. Claus



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, direct from the North Pole and on a month-long tour of the world, will take time out of their busy schedule to visit the children of Bloomingdale on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sun Cove Realty in Bloomingdale Square. They will arrive at 10 a.m. on a county fire truck.

The BHA made the arrangements for this exclusive engagement. Children will have an opportunity to sit individually with the famous couple, and parents will have a chance to take photographs of the moment. Children will also receive a treat after their visit.

Don't let your children miss this great chance to tell the head toy-maker their Christmas wishes.

P.S. - Parents, make sure to listen carefully.



## The Bloomingdale Gazette

Merry Christmas Readers:

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Good will is nothing more than an attitude, an attitude of kindness toward a person or business. And, while our success or failure is largely dependent upon our services, in a world full of competitive services, it's helpful when our readers and advertisers look at us with a favoring eye. We will continually build our good will from good public relations and through caring about our community.

May I personally take this occasion to wish you the greetings of the season on behalf of the entire team of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

Sincerely,

Rick Oros

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### MEETINGS

All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office. These are monthly public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District  
Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA Board of Directors

Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District

First Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch

Watch this listing for dates & times. The meetings are held on a per need basis.

### Our Times

## Mightier Than The Sword

by Rozel Sculli

Last month I had the privilege of participating in the Great American Teach-In at several schools in Brandon, among them Burns and Bloomingdale. I continue to be impressed by the caliber of students at both these schools. Journalism students with whom I met posed relevant and intelligent questions about the journalistic profession on which I was invited to speak.

The Teach-In is an elaborate career day staged annually by the public school system. The task of finding speakers rests on the shoulders of each school's occupational specialist. Susan Johnson at Burns exudes professionalism and exemplifies near perfection in this position. There were over 70 speakers at Burns alone.

This year I decided to discuss with students the value of the printed word. There is no tool as powerful as the pen, I told them. I emphasized that good writing skills will serve them well no matter what career choice they make. (Sometimes it helps to hear it from someone other than the teacher.)

Promoting the spirit of Teach-In Day, the *Tribune's* BayLife columnist, Judy Hill, invited readers to submit stories about teachers who had a significant influence on their life. I wish I had seen her request for letters weeks ago. I would have taken the time to write about my ninth grade English teacher, Mary Jane Trout. Whether by design or whim, she had us write and write well. We penned short stories and poetry and even an essay on Shakespeare's Elizabethan England. She made us think, and she gave us creative license. I remember it all. I always made an A-minus on my pa-

pers. Could never figure out what I needed to do to make an A-plus, but years later figured it out. Writing is never finished. It is never perfected.

After a year with Mary Jane Trout I knew I wanted to be a writer, or an English teacher. I've done both.

My own daughters are in the ninth grade, and I am eager for them to learn the way I did. Some things don't change. Ninth graders still read *Romeo and Juliet* and *Great Expectations*. They use the same grammar book, and I imagine have the same number of writing assignments, although I have not seen proof of this. And I'm sure they don't understand the "Jabberwocky" any better than I did. Above all else, I pray they learn the value of the printed word.

As we enter the 21st Century, I'm afraid print journalism will become a dinosaur, what with information super highways and CNN. It's up to the young journalists with whom I had the pleasure of speaking to keep printed news alive. They're getting a great start. If you don't believe me, pick up a copy of *The Crimson Times*. Carol Lopez and her small staff of students at BSHS are putting out quite a wonderful publication.

So, this is a salute to all the professionals who shared their expertise with the county's school children, to all the Susan Johnsons of the county who made it possible, to the teachers (keep up the good work- it shows), and to Mary Jane Trout. I remember her with fondness and gratitude every time I sit down to write.

### Mobile Watch Report

## Holiday Safety Reminders

by LaWayne Wyatt

The past several months have been very quiet in our community. There have been several cases of vandalism, speeding without lights on residential streets, a stolen street sign, cars and people in the parks after closing, and considerable illegal dumping at The Spot. Items found at The Spot include mattresses, tires, brush, and 5-gallon cans of used oil. Hopefully, none of our residents are dumping their trash at this location.

As everyone is aware, the holidays are fast approaching. Unfortunately, this happy time of year is also a time of increased activity for the criminal element. Everyone can and should do their part to reduce the criminal's profit. The following are reminders of actions which will protect both you and your property.

1. When shopping, park close to the store and in a well-lit location. Be alert for any suspicious activity around you. Have your keys ready when leaving. Ask security

for an escort if you feel threatened.

2. Do not overload yourself with packages which may hamper your ability to quickly enter your car.

3. Packages should be out of sight while in your car. If you do not have a trunk at least cover the packages with a blanket. When you arrive home from shopping, do not leave items overnight in your car.

4. At home be alert for strangers cruising the street or any activity which may appear suspicious.

5. Do not leave gifts where they can easily be seen from windows.

6. Keep doors and windows locked at all times. If windows are opened, they should only be opened a short distance and pinned in a fashion so they cannot be opened further from the outside.

7. Remember, criminals do not want to be seen. It is important to keep outside lights on.

## Park Pond Will Not Hold Water

by Rozel Sculli

An aerial view of the new Park West layout that appeared in last month's *Gazette* raised some concern among residents who saw that a stormwater treatment pond is to be located adjacent to the recreation center. They feared that a standing body of water would pose a potential hazard to children playing at the park.

According to Joel Jackson, Park West project manager for the county, the pond is no pond at all. It is a slight slope in the land, six inches at its lowest point, to allow water to drain into the wetlands located on the west side of the park. A skimmer at the low

point will catch silt and leaves and should result in no standing water.

"It is so shallow," said Jackson, "water will not accumulate. The wetlands are lower and water will flow to the lowest point."

Jackson, along with representatives of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Environmental Protection Commission, studied the lay of the land for solutions to potential drainage problems.

"One of the hold-ups in approving the design of the park was improper drainage. We had to make sure to protect the wetlands," said Jackson.



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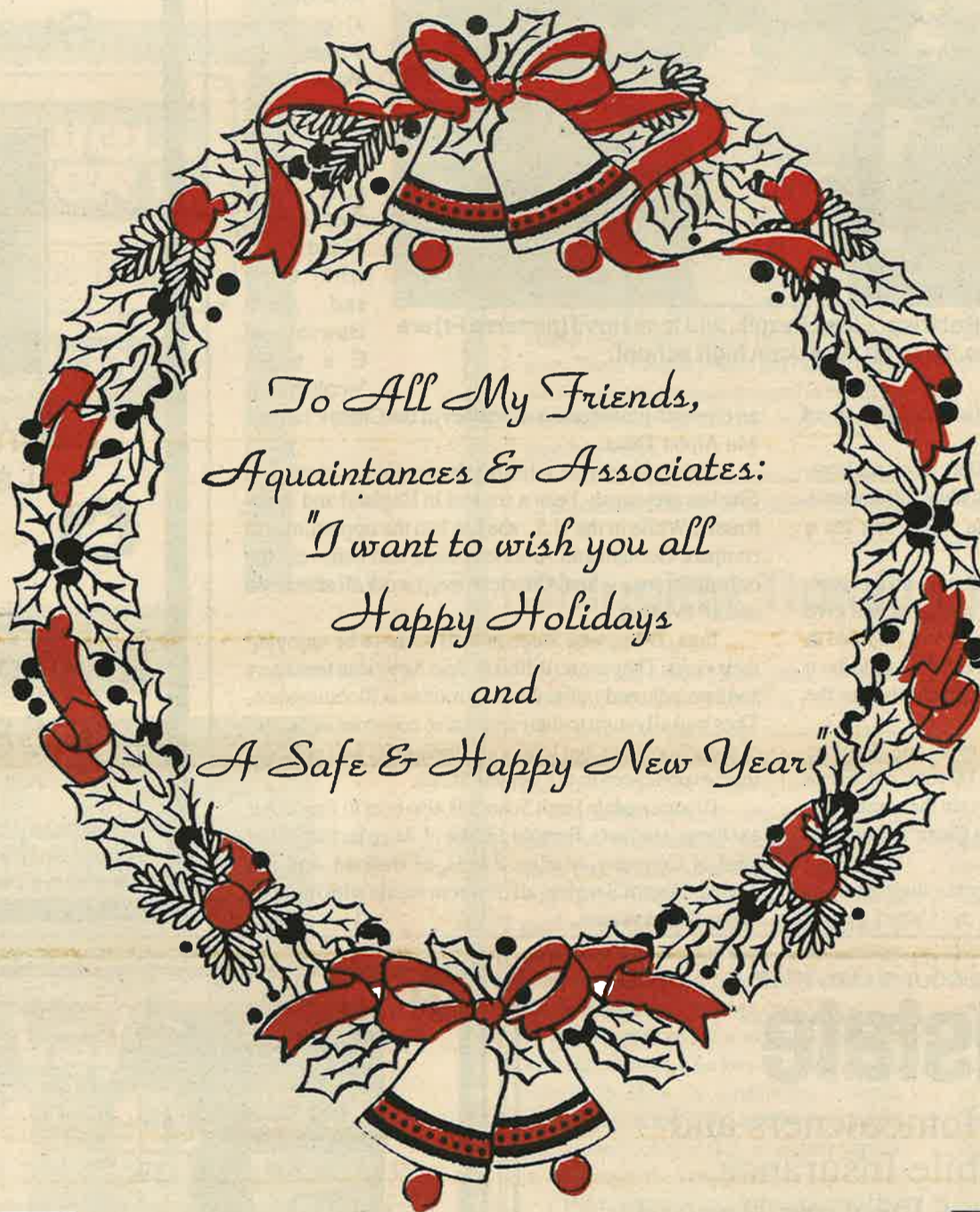


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## Exchange Students Call Bloomingdale Home For A Year

by Brian Bergren

Teenagers are the same the world over. If one doubts this assertion, take a look at three exchange students currently attending Bloomingdale High School. Inge Hovd, Elena Reznik, and Stephanie Rohlfling arrived in the United States this summer and were not sure what to expect. All three have been welcomed with open arms by their host families and the surrounding community.

Inge, a 17-year old Norwegian, is currently enrolled as a junior. Sponsored by the Educational Foundation for foreign study, Inge resides with local residents Jan and Kitty Sealy, veteran hosts of exchange students.

Upon Inge's arrival in the U.S., he noticed the busy schedules of most American teens. "It is amazing how hectic life is. Everyone is always busy; life is much more laid back in Norway," he said. Inge spent no time adjusting to the energetic environment of BHS. His interest in writing drew him toward the award winning yearbook staff.

When not working on

*The Minotaur*, Inge is playing mid-field for the co-ed soccer team, Thunder.

Bloomingdale, a school of over 2000, was a real eye-opener for Inge, whose home school only has 500 students. "Sophomores are lost for a week, but I was lost for a month," he confessed.

While in America, Inge hopes to decide on a career. He is leaning toward business. "Being bilingual will give me more of an advantage in the business world," he said in perfect English. "My trip to America is proving to be a great experience that I will remember and cherish for the rest of my life."

Bloomingdale East residents Steve and Pauline McDermott are the host parents of 15-year old Elena Reznik from the Ukraine where she lives in the capital city of Kiev. World Heritage is sponsoring Elena's exchange under the Freedom Support Act.

This act, sponsored by the U.S., invites students from newly independent states to study in the United States.

Elena is actively involved in many organizations at BSHS including the Chess Club, Student Advisory Council, German Club, Science Honor Society, and Mu Alpha Theta, a math fraternity.

In the Ukraine, Elena studies 14 different subjects in one school week. Students alternate between subjects throughout the week. In her spare time, Elena plays guitar and listens to her favorite music.

Of her U.S. experience, Elena says "so far it has been great, an opportunity to make friends, and to learn about a different way of life."

Elena's Bloomingdale neighbor, Stephanie Rohlfling, is also sponsored by World Heritage. The native of Minden, Germany, Stephanie is 17 and resides with Chris and Gene Dawson of East.

Stephanie is

an eleventh grader and is a member of the Chess Club and Mu Alpha Theta.

This is Stephanie's third exchange study experience. She has previously been a student in England and Belorussia. While in the U.S., she has had the opportunity to compare German and American teens and believes "the only difference is that American teens work all afternoon and all evening."

Inge, Elena, and Stephanie all seem to be enjoying their visits. They are no different than American teenagers and have adjusted well to the daily routine at Bloomingdale. They will all return to their respective countries at the end of the school year, but letters and memories will preserve their experiences in the United States.

Bloomingdale High School is also host to four other exchange students, Bertold Jashke of Austria, Stephanie Graf of Germany, Marlies Zwols, of Holland, and Jon Anduas Fors of Sweden, all of whom reside with families in the Brandon area.



Stephanie Rohlfling, Elena Reznik, and Inge Hovd (pictured l-r) are adjusting to life in an American high school.

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## Good Neighbors

# Meet Resident Ted Grable

by Mandi Oros

In December, 1984, Ted Grable and his family moved to the growing community of Bloomingdale. Grable is a fifth generation native of Tampa, but as a youngster moved to North Carolina only to return 10 years ago with his wife, Mary, and children Eric, Katie and Sarah.

Grable and his wife are both county employees, he the director of purchasing and contracting and she a staffing specialist with the school system. Eric resides in Tallahassee, Katie is a senior at Bloomingdale High, and Sarah is a 6th grader at Nativity.

In his first five years in Bloomingdale, Grable became involved with the community, first as a member of the BHA scholarship committee which he helped organize. Then, Grable joined the board of the BHA and has been instrumental in building membership to an all-time high over the past two years.

In the midst of a national recession, Grable found himself in a community also

affected with vacant homes cluttering the once populated neighborhoods and moving vans a common sight.



Ted Grable

Grable believes that the BHA can be the firm support system that creates community spirit and a sense of community pride. He also feels that the residents of Bloomingdale need to be part of an active neighborhood and that was demonstrated at the last community picnic.

Grable feels strongly towards this community and is constantly donating time and efforts to create a better Bloomingdale. He believes that the homeowners make the community, and it is up to the individuals to strengthen the quality of life and make Bloomingdale a great neighborhood.

Outside of Bloomingdale, Grable is an active member of Nativity Catholic Church, the BHA representative to the President's Roundtable, and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brandon.

## Shipping Tips For Holiday Gifts

by Sue Harbridge

Worried about those precious gifts surviving the hazards of holiday shipping? To insure that packages arrive in good condition, consumers should take special care in packing and shipping holiday gifts.

By following a few simple rules, costly delivery, mishandling, or damage problems can be avoided. One of the surest ways to prevent a mishap is to include a card with both the recipient and sender's address inside the gift box. If the outside label is damaged or illegible, the shipper can still send the package on its way.

It is best to use new corrugated boxes with flaps intact. The box should be large enough to allow for cushioning material on all sides of the gift. Used boxes should not be used because they lose their capacity to protect the contents.

Package contents can be protected by wrapping each item separately. Cushioning material, such as styrofoam peanuts

should be placed around, over, and between items.

Glass or china objects should be packed with extra care. Each item should be placed in a smaller box. The smaller box or boxes may then be placed in a larger one. Filler should then be placed around all items allowing four inches of packing material on all sides.

The outside of the package should be sealed with a strong carton sealing tape that is two inches or wider. Masking or cellophane tapes crack and peel and are generally not strong enough for mailing purposes. String or paper should not be used for wrapping, either as they may be caught in conveyer belts and lead to package damage.

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# Church News

## Sounds Of Christmas Fill Area Churches

by Donna Heinz

The public is invited to visit area churches during the holiday season. They will find musical and dramatic performances by and for children and adults throughout December. The Bloomingdale community is filled with the spirit of Christmas.

**Living Savior Lutheran Church** members will hold a family Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 4:30. to help decorate the tree, sing Christmas carols, and have dinner. Children will exchange gifts. Girls should bring a girl's gift, and boys a boy's gift of not more than \$3.

Church members will give parents a free Christmas shopping day on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Children may be dropped off at the church located at 3403 Lithia Pinecrest. They will enjoy craft projects, videos, and entertainment.

The church's candlelight Christmas Eve service will be held at 7:30 p.m. The Christmas morning worship service will be held at 10 a.m.

For three Sundays prior to Christmas, Dec. 4, 11, and 18, **Calvary Church** will be full of the festive holiday spirit. Lighting, special music and dramatic performances will transform Bloomingdale High School's auditorium, where Calvary meets, into the atmosphere of the season.

A children's Christmas party will be held in the cafeteria of the high school on Dec. 11, at both services. The children's musical group, "Glory Praisers" will present the musical "I Wish You Jesus." The following Sunday, the children's musical group "Power Praisers" will present the musical, "It's The Truth, Ruth...It's Christmas."

The **Mormon Tabernacle Choir** will be presented live via satellite on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints**, 1412 John Moore Road, south of Lumsden. The local church's choir will perform first at 7:30, followed by the live broadcast from the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. For further information, call 689-7140.

**Crosswalk Christian Community Church** will present their children's choir in a musical performance, "Arch the Angel," on Saturday, Dec. 10, at 7 p.m. Christmas morning worship services will be held at 10 a.m., at the church located across from Bloomingdale High.

**Bell Shoals Baptist Church's** "The Living Christmas Tree" will be this year's presentation. Performance dates are Friday through Monday, Dec. 9-12 at 7 p.m. In addition, there will be matinee performances on Dec. 10 and 11, at 3 p.m.

Christmas Eve services will be held at 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. One worship service will be held on Christmas day at 11 a.m.

**St. Stephen's Catholic Church** will present a family Christmas program on Dec. 11, at 6:30. Songs of the season and a narrated presentation of the birth of Christ will be performed.

St. Stephen's also welcomes the arrival of two new staff members. Barbara Allen is the new Coordinator of Christian Education, and Garry Kreines is the new Senior High Youth Minister. The senior high youth group meets Sunday evenings from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The Madrigal Group of **St. Mark's United Church of Christ** will present a holiday program for the entire family on Sunday, Dec. 11, at 2:30 p.m. There will be a puppet show for the children, contemporary Christmas music, and refreshments.

The 11 a.m. worship service on Dec. 18, will feature the adult and bell choirs

who will combine to perform the cantata, "Love Incarnate". Then, on Christmas Eve, the children's choir will perform contemporary Christmas music and will present a live Nativity scene at 7 p.m. At 11 p.m., the church membership will sing carols by candlelight. The Christmas morning worship service will be at 11 a.m.

**Kings Avenue Baptist Church** invites residents to walk through the streets of Bethlehem on the night Jesus was born. If "the city" is too crowded when guests arrive, they will be entertained by the Celebration Choir while waiting to enter. Hours for the "Walk Through Bethlehem" will be Friday, Dec. 9 from 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10 and 11 from 4 to 10 p.m. Admission is free.

**Immanuel Lutheran's** elementary school children will perform the musical "Jesus is the Light of the World" on



Thursday, Dec. 15, at 7:30 p.m., in the Family Life Center gymnasium located at 2913 S. John Moore Rd. Candlelight services will be held at 7 and 9 p.m. on Christmas Eve. The Christmas day service is scheduled for 10 a.m., and a New Year's Eve service is set on Dec. 31, at 7:30 p.m.

Members of **St. Andrew's United Methodist Church** will have an "Advent Festival" on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 4 p.m. Craft booths, holiday music, and refreshments will be featured. The festival will be held on the church grounds at 3315 Bryan Rd. Candlelight Christmas Eve services will be held at 5:30, 7:30, and 11 p.m.

**Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale** will present their choir in a cantata, "Special King of Love" on Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend on the 18th and again on Christmas Eve at 7:30.

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# Bits N Pieces

Around Bloomingdale



by Vanessa Clark

Boy Scout Troop 11 which meets at St. Andrews United Methodist Church, is proud to announce their latest Eagle Scout, **Howard Eriksson**, who will receive his Eagle award in a Court of Honor on Dec. 18, at the church. The Bloomingdale High sophomore is the son of **Austin and Kris Eriksson** of Fairway Manors in East.

Eriksson's Eagle service project involved creating "Magic" kids and a companion video to entertain and teach magic to the teenage resident patients at the Children's Cancer Center, Moffitt Hospital in Tampa. The process of learning magic is intended to distract the teens from their often painful therapy.

A member of the local troop since 1988, Eriksson has been a senior patrol leader and is an Order of the Arrow member. In school, he is best known as BHS's mascot "The Bull". He is also a member of the Drama Club and the Video Production Club. He also received an Award for Excellence in the Sylvia R. Kimball Drama Festival for 1994.

Troop 11 will be selling Christmas Trees again through Sunday, Dec. 11, at

their lot on the south side of St. Andrews. The trees - Douglas, Noble, and Frazier firs - are cut fresh and shipped in a refrigerated truck from the West Coast. Lot hours are 6 to 9 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, and noon to 9 p.m. on Sundays. Proceeds from the sale help defray summer camp costs for the Scouts.

Welcome to new residents **Bill and Tracy Thomas**, who recently moved into Oakdale Reserve from Ft. Worth, Texas.

Fond farewell and best wishes to **Marsha and Bob Doyle** and their sons **Tim and Michael**, who have moved to the New Orleans area. The family has been apart since mid-summer when Bob took a new job in Louisiana, and are glad to be re-united in time for the holidays.

Congratulations to **Robert and**

**Virginia Berland** on the birth of their son **Brian Matthew** on Oct. 28.

Calendar Couples were selected last month at Bloomingdale High School after being judged in casual and formal attire. The cover of this year's calendar will be graced by **Krista Sykes and Bryan Wilson**. The months of the year will feature **Celeste Gardner** and

**Tobin Peterson**, January; **Dionne Jones and Sean Jett**, February; **Megan Davis**

and **Kurt Hunzekier**, March; **Keri Sutterfield and Matt Umbarger**, April; **Ni Carter and Richard Mathews**, May; **Kristy Jarrard and Ted Holler**, June; **Carrie Kurek and Todd Weldy**, July; **Lisa Johannssen and Scott Kasprzyk**, August; **Erin Johnson and Drew Evers**, September; **Katie Heppner and Mike Davis**, October; **Kara Redmon and Ben Richter**, November; and **Jennifer Buffington and Ron Bennett**, December.

Weddings, engagements, births, anniversaries, club news, moving in or out. Please send your social news to *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101, Valrico, FL 33594. Photos are gladly accepted. Please be sure to include a contact name and phone number.



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## Life In These Times

### The Real Nightmare Before Christmas

by Daniel Farrer

Well, Moms and Dads, it will be pretty close to 22 shopping days left until Christmas when you read this column. Only 22 days left to come up with those great gift ideas for long lost relatives, the father-in-law who has everything, and your kids, who already have everything.

Regardless of the stress this crazy time of the season brings to many of us, the really nice thing about Christmas is the special memories that it always brings to mind from Christmases past. Most of my most fond memories of Christmas are the ones I remember from my childhood. The music, sounds and smells of the season always seem to bring back those pleasant times.

I remember the excitement of going to bed on Christmas Eve thinking about all the things that might be under the tree. One thing I recall very clearly was that my parents always stayed up very late. I remember hearing rattling noises and sometimes clanking sounds coming from the living room. It wasn't until years later that I realized my folks had to stay up all night putting together all the toys.

For some of us, there is no challenge greater than the right of passage parents must go through at Christmas time assembling the variety of bikes, trikes, and assorted nightmareish toys that have been graciously provided by the toy companies. Sometimes I can almost visualize

the designers laughing as they lean over their blueprint tables adding little nuts and bolts that add two hours to the assembly time of a tricycle. Or the person on the assembly line who giggles as they leave just one nut or screw out of the little plastic bag that holds all the parts.

One year, I remember a particular toy I was trying to assemble only contained instructions in Spanish. Another time I had almost finished assembling the product when I found out I was short two of the major screws that held a vital part on. I think that one finally lasted until two in the morning. You would think that parents wouldn't have to be rocket scientists, engineers, or certified mechanics to put children's toys together.

After observing our struggles for many years, most of the major stores came to our rescue and developed a clever plan to help parents through the holidays. For a modest fee you can have someone there assemble the item for you. Believe me, it is well worth the money and I must admit, I've used the service frequently over the last few years without a blow to my ego.

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Dr. Snow, a geologist at the University of Florida and Valrico resident, participated in the Great American Teach-In last month at Burns Junior High School.

## Lithia Lynx



by Donnamarie Kibler

The PTA at Lithia Springs Elementary School would like to say "Thank-You" to all the parents, grandparents, faculty and staff for their wonderful support. If it weren't for all the volunteer hours, the fundraiser money and donations, and the communication, the PTA would not be the award winner it is today. You are all appreciated.

During American Education Week, approximately 50 guests took the time to teach a class or two about their profession and the importance of a good education in achieving success in today's world. Every grade level experienced enjoyed talks ranging from chimney sweep to veterinarian. What a great way to spend a day at school! The students of

LSES thank everyone who participated and took the time to prepare such terrific presentations.

Six PTA members went to the Florida State Convention in Orlando last month. They attended several workshops, and were presented with the National PTA Child Advocacy Award. Parents representing Lithia Springs were Gayle Turner, Maureen Carrigan, Bonnie Ussery, Suzanne Livingston, Daphne Rowland, and Donnamarie Kibler.

Special events in December include a presentation of "A Christmas Carol" on Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Reflections - A cultural arts fair and receptions for local artists will be held on the half-day, Dec. 14, during school hours. Market Day pick-up is Dec. 15, at 4:30.

## Gator Tales



Alafia Elementary's PTA received the Local Unit Achievement Award for 1993-94 at the State Convention in November. They also received a Program Award, a Membership Award, and a Grandparent Silver Membership Award. What a great PTA!

With funds collected from an Innisbrook Wrapping Paper fundraiser at the beginning of the school year, the PTA was able to purchase the items requested by teachers in the form of mini-grants. Among the items provided were laser disc players, science project supplies, choir chimes, literature programs, social studies and science books, supplies for planting vegetable and flower gardens, a die-cut machine and various fraction die cuts, and farm sets, books and puzzles for kindergarten. The fund raiser was chaired by Patti Borchik, vice president of Ways and Means.

The PTA has also been able to purchase \$600 worth of books for the media center. These were donated by the teachers during American Education Week.

Currently the PTA is involved in supporting the Tech Booster Committee which was formed to raise money for computers in the school. The committee plans to begin collecting UPC symbols from General Mills cereal boxes. For each UPC symbol collected, General Mills will pay 25 cents plus \$100 per 1000.

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## Bulls Eye



by Maya Smith

Bloomingdale service clubs: Interact, Jayteens, Key and Leo are popular through the school and the community for the prestigious name and the credible community services they perform every year.

Interact is an organization affiliated with the Brandon South Rotary Club. In the past, Interact has been involved in the Special Olympics, Manatee Walk-a-Thon, Adopt a Road Program (Bloomingdale Avenue in front of the high school), school gym awards boards, and working with children without families. On Dec. 19, the members of Interact are going to Central Park Lodge, a local assisted living community. There, they are going to adopt a grandparent and enjoy making arts and crafts.

Jayteens service club is associated with the Jaycees of Brandon. It is an organization comprised of students willing to give their free time and energy to benefit the school and community. During the Christmas holidays, Jayteens

will be taking collections for ECHO.

Key is chartered by the Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon. This service club works closely with Kiwanis on many service projects, such as Salvation Army, the Brandon Fourth of July Parade, and the Outreach Clinic of Brandon. In keeping with the motto of the Kiwanis Club, "Children Priority One", every year at Christmas, Key supports the Rainbow Family Learning Center for abused children.

Leo is a service club whose past projects have ranged from sorting food for the homeless at Metropolitan Ministries to building a play house for abused children at the New Life Dwelling Place. Each Christmas, they sponsor a Christmas party for headstart children at Robinson and Springfield Elementary Schools, and on Dec. 3, they will have a club member as Santa Claus for the Humane Society.

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## A Matter Of Principal

by Constance Gilbert, Principal  
 Lithia Springs Elementary

Students at Lithia Springs are learning about telecommunications. Fifth graders are on-line with the National Geographic Kids Network, and Mrs. Osmanski's and Mrs. Smalley's math and science classes have been a part of the first unit, HELLO, of the network curriculum materials.

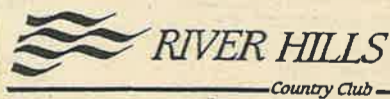
There are 580 classes throughout the U.S., Canada, and 11 countries of the world participating. There are six major units in addition to the introductory unit, HELLO, with such themes as weather, acid rain, too much trash, our water, nutrition, and solar energy.

Students are assigned to a research team with students from Alabama, Virginia, Nevada, British Columbia, Kansas, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, Iowa, Texas and California. They communicate via the Kids Network. So far they have heard from schools in four states.

Scientific investigation, career exploration, discussion on environmental issues and use of technology are some of the activities included in each unit. A real scientist is a part of each unit. We have just begun our second unit, Weather In Action, and the scientist involved is John R. Scala, a research meteorologist for NASA.

The PTA at Lithia Springs provides support for the project. They donated \$5,000 to purchase the curriculum materials used by teachers in the classroom and to pay for the telecommunications fees for each unit of instruction. The cost to remain on-line is re-occurring and the PTA has indicated it will continue to support this program.

The students and teachers are excited about the project. We intend to extend the use of the Network into the third and fourth graders after we have worked out all the "bugs". This opportunity for learning is what children need to meet the challenges of the 21st Century!



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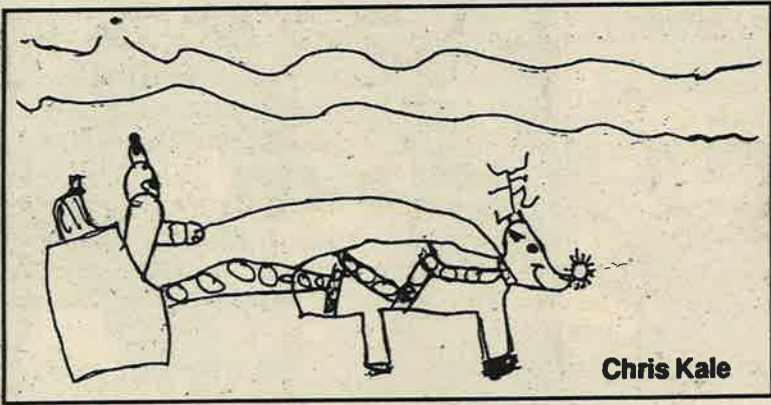


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Letters to Santa were contributed by Alafia Elementary first graders with the help of Mrs. Ford, Mrs. Loadwich, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Stanaland, Mrs. Maggio, and Mrs. Hale. Here is a sampling of their unedited wish lists.

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Dear Santa, I wit a bat and bas boll - Love, Brian

Dear Santa, I would like iguana - Love, Andrea

Dear Santa, Barbie car, my size Barbie, and my mom - Love, Nicole

Dear Santa, I wud lik a bumurag and a aladen vido gam and a hamstr - Love Joshua

Dear Santa, Dog, Cat, Rat - Love, Ashley

Dear Santa, I like you a lot. He is nise to pepl. He cume at nit. He has a big red cot. - Love Jeffrey

Dear Santa, No wun nose wer you liv. But I nowe you bren me sum trits - Love, Scott

Dear Santa, I want all cind of thigs like a tete bear that i can cep (keep) for ever and ever - Love, Arielle

Dear Santa, I wud like my cuszin to come down to vecit - Love Kylee

Dear Santa, I wont a happy crismus four my famley - Love, Catherine

Dear Santa, Don,t fuerget people theat are pore geve them mor toys tan we get for cesmis - Love, Omar

Dear Santa, How are you doweing? I am fine. Can I ples have a burbey doll and amikrwave for my falmory? Can I have a scirmsms reth to? - Love, Ashley

Dear Santa, I huop you like my cyckys (cookies) I huop you can give my cat sum pesnts. I huop you can get to my hous. - Love, Joey

Dear Santa, I wodr how yur radear fly and I ben tring my best two lern. I wel tri my best two be gud. - Love, Derek

Dear Santa Claus, Ask Misis Claus if she can bren crismus cukces - Love, Sean

Dear Santa, I knoe that you are varee bisce. I vugot too put on my list that I wish Nicholas too not be sad abat his aprachn (operation) - Love, Kim

Dear Santa, Will you come down I wont to see you that wood be the vere best present I cood evr hav - Love, Lauren

Dear Santa, I love my sesr and my mom and my dad. I ben nis to my sesr. I got ol As on my frs rebort (card) - Love, Brooke

Dear Santa, I wont yoyo and a hat and a kite - Love, Stephanie



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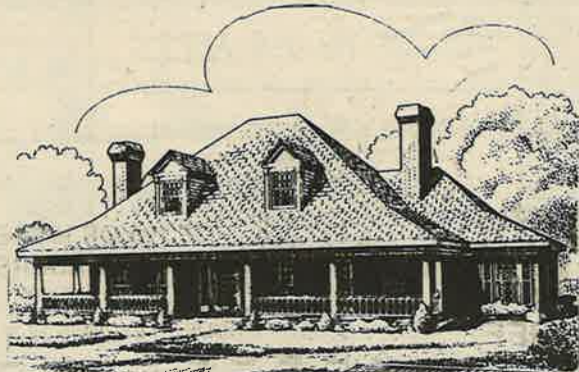
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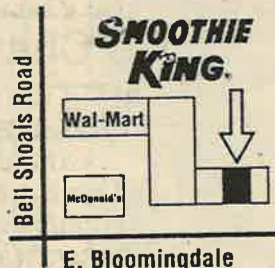
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**New Owners at Huntington**

When Richard and Ilene Davidoff moved here from New York, they brought their love of children and education with them, and on Oct. 1, they took over ownership of Huntington Learning Center on Lithia Pinecrest in Brandon. Richard, who left the printing business to move to Florida, is a former teacher of special needs children. Ilene owned a Huntington Center in her home state for nearly eight years.

They, with their staff of 10 certified teachers, want to offer educational assistance to students experiencing difficulties. Their educational philosophy also includes building confidence and motivation in their students, according to Davidoff, who said he will be visiting area schools and working with educators in the interest of the students who attend the center.

**Tax Topics**

**Home Office Deduction Debatable**

by Robert C. Morris, CPA

The home office deduction for a self-employed person has been in a heated debate since Dr. Soliman, in 1983, claimed a \$2500 deduction for his office. Over the course of 11 years, it has been appealed all the way into the Supreme Court and in their wisdom, it has been all but eliminated for most taxpayers.

The IRS position was to disallow the deduction because according to the statute, it was not the principal place of business for meeting with clients and customers or a separate structure not attached to the dwelling unit. In 1993, the Supreme Court voted 8 to 1 in the decision for the IRS ruling the location must be the "most important, consequential or influential" place of business.

The court noted two primary considerations in determining eligibility: 1) The relative importance of the activity performed within the office as opposed to outside the office, and 2) when this cannot be de-

**Babulski Joins Re/Max**

Re/MAX Realty announces the addition of Sue Babulski to the staff of its new Bloomingdale office. Specializing in residential real estate with an emphasis in the Bloomingdale area, Babulski began her career in real estate 11 years ago. She has a record as a Top Producer and as a Million Dollar Club member.

The new Re/Max office is temporarily located in the Bloomingdale Plaza at John Moore Road, 151 W. Bloomingdale, awaiting finishing touches on their permanent office location at 139 W. Bloomingdale in the same plaza

**Locals Named To Chamber Board**

Area residents Marilyn Kitman, Sandy MacKinnon and Dr. Garry Scheurer, Jr., are among those elected to serve on the 1995 Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Kitman, a resident of Bloomingdale East, is president/owner of Medical Billing Specialists, Inc. She was the chamber's 1993 Small Business Leader of the Year. MacKinnon, this year's Small Business Leader, is owner of Yale Industrial Trucks and a South Oak resident. Dr. Scheurer is pastor of St. Mark's United Church.

terminated on its own, then the time spent at each location. If your business requires you to meet with clients or deliver services, then the place where that occurs is often the indicator of the most important place of business.

One such definition is a plumber with a home office. He/she hires a full-time secretary to answer the phone, make appointments and order materials as well as other administrative functions. The plumber goes to the client and repairs or installs the product(s) or service. Even though it is very important to this plumber to have an office and even though he/she has hired a full time staff to administer in the office, the Supreme Court ruling would disallow the office due to the principal place of business was at the client location.

This will continue to be a highly scrutinized deduction requiring a separate form 8829 and you should discuss your situation with your tax advisor before deducting for a home office. You may be subjected to audit and if your deduction became disallowed, there may be significant penalties and interest assessed by the IRS.

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# Burns Volleyball Champions At Last

By Rozel Sciulli

It took nine years and five tries at the title, but Burns's girls have finally laid claim to the county's junior high volleyball championship.

Always the proverbial bridesmaid, Burns has been runner-up five previous times when they have been the Eastern Division champions only to lose in the finals.

Not wanting to go down again, the Bruin girls defeated western champ, Buchanan, 15-4, 15-9 for the title and to finish a perfect 6-0.

En route, they had to face old nemesis and defending county champs Turkey Creek in what turned out to be the most exciting game of the season. Down 13-6 in the second set, the Bruins rallied for nine straight points on the serves of ninth grader, Jennifer Busciglio, to defeat Turkey Creek 15-7, 15-13.

Coach Tommi Sue Plaire attributes the Bruins's winning history to the students the school draws. "We are sitting in the cream of the crop," she said. "In this area, kids grow up playing sports and the parents are very supportive.

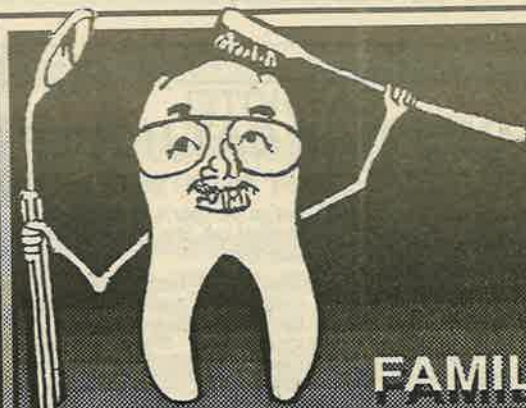
This year's team had four returning players, but whose overall make-up Plaire said is comprised of "very good athletes. Most of them play others sports like soccer, softball, and basketball. They are familiar with competition and know how to be competitive."

The county champs - Ashley Anderson, Shelbylynn McBride, Kathy Burke, Kathy Atkins, Christina Canelli, Jennifer Busciglio, Dori Carson, Gloria McSpadden, Heidi Buchanan, Jaime Melton, Annie Ruiz, and Erica Perry - were honored at a fall sports awards banquet at the school last week.

## Athletic Calendar

December events for Bulls and Bruins

- Dec. 3-7 Soccer Tourney at King
- Dec. 5 G. Basketball at Gaither
- Dec. 6 Wrestling at Plant
- B. Basketball vs Plant
- Dec. 8 G. Basketball vs Gaither
- Dec. 9 Boys/Girls Soccer vs Armwood
- Wrestling vs Jefferson
- B. Basketball at Jefferson
- Dec. 12 G. Basketball at Leto
- Dec. 13 Boys Soccer at East Bay
- Wrestling at Hillsboro
- B. Basketball vs Hillsboro
- Dec. 15 G. Basketball at East Bay
- Dec. 16 Boys/Girls Soccer vs Plant
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- Dec. 19 G. Basketball vs Chamberlain
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Tip of the Month by Scott Coleman

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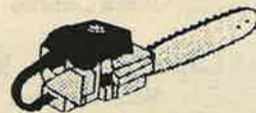
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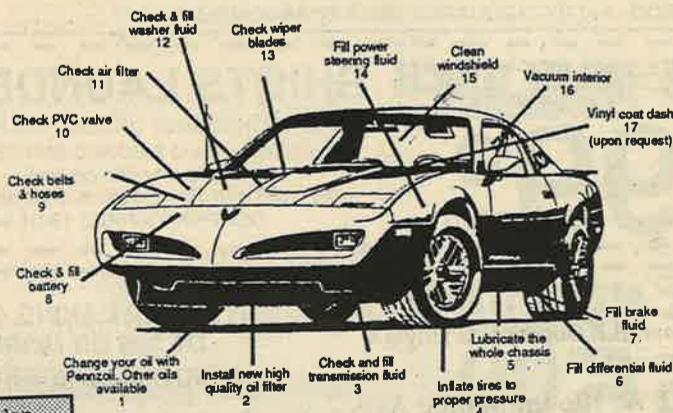
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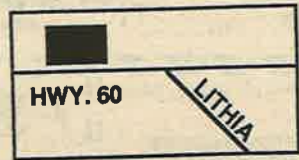
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The annual General Membership Meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, in the Community Office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale. Elections will be held for six vacant board positions. The meeting is open to all homeowners who are dues paying BHA members.

**STD Meeting**

The regular monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District will be held on Monday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale. All residents are invited to attend.

**Meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus**

Children will have a chance to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus on Saturday, Dec. 10, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m., at Sun Cove Realty, Bloomingdale Square. The special event is being sponsored by the BHA. Parents may take photographs.

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**Christmas Tree Lighting**

Center Place will be the site of the official opening of the Christmas Season in Brandon when the annual Christmas Tree Lighting takes place on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at



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7:30 p.m. Bloomingdale High School's "Ambassadors" choral group will perform along with the bell ringers of Apostles Lutheran Church, local dancers, and a special appearance by Santa Claus. Refreshments will be served by various civic organizations

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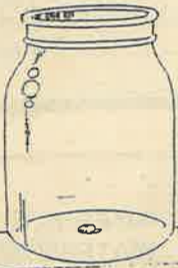
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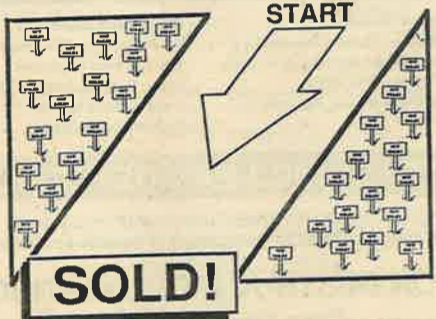


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S	O	L	D!
S	O	L	D!

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