

Happy Holidays Bloomingdale!



ABOVE: Four years ago Nicole Paquin spent Christmas as an 8 month old.

UPPER LEFT: In 1989 James and Rebecca Schneider shared this memory with their children Kate, 3 years old, and Brad 1 year old.

LEFT: Ryan, Colin, and Matthew Stites know a true Florida Christmas when they see one!



The two daughters of Bill & Peggy Armstrong blow a whisper to an angel.



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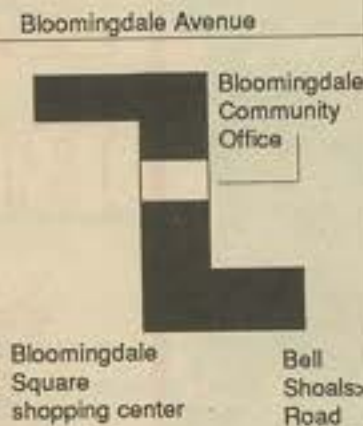
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IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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 January.

BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING
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 _____ STD Board of Trustees
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Cold weather can alleviate mosquito threat

The threat of Saint Louis Encephalitis lessens as each day passes with temperatures dropping into the low 50s overnight but as of Dec. 3, the alert by the county's Health and Rehabilitative Services Department remains in effect.

Residents should still refrain from outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquito activity is at its peak. If outdoor activity is necessary, residents are advised to wear long sleeve shirts, long pants, shoes, socks and mosquito repellent.

According to an HRS spokesman, as of Nov. 30 there was 138 confirmed cases of the disease in Florida as of, 62 other cases presumed to be the disease and eight deaths in the state's 27 counties.

In Hillsborough County, there were five confirmed cases of the disease, three presumed cases and one death.

The spokesman said colder weather—usually a string of consecutive nights with temperatures in the low 50's—will be required before the threat caused by the mosquitoes is lifted.

The Saint Louis Encephalitis virus is spread by mosquitoes who have been infected by feeding on infected migratory birds, HRS says. Humans become infected after being bitten by those mosquitoes.

Symptoms of the virus include fever, headaches, upset stomach and other flu-like symptoms.

If any of those symptoms occur within 21 days of being bitten by a mosquito, the person should contact his or her physician or the county Public Health Unit.

There have been two other serious outbreaks of the disease in Florida. In 1977 there were 110 cases and eight deaths and in 1962 there were 301 cases and 43 deaths from the virus.

Rainbow Food Mart fights eviction in court battle

by Art Bleau

Rainbow Food Mart is fighting an attempted eviction from the shopping center at Bell Shoals and Glennhaven Drive by the owner of the property, James Mikes of St. Petersburg.

Mikes claimed in a November 20 hearing in County court that Rainbow owner Paul Moffit violated his lease agreement when he bought out the existing store on the property earlier this year and reopened as Rainbow.

Moffit insists there have been no violations of the lease because he is the same tenant that has been in the store since it opened four years ago as Convenient Food Mart (CFM).

County Judge Don Castor has not made a decision in the case as of presstime and a final hearing had been scheduled for December 14 at 10 a.m.

During the more than four hours of testimony last month, Mikes claimed that Moffit violated his lease when he bought out CFM and failed to renegotiate his lease with Glennhaven Associates. He also claimed that Moffit erected a sign for the store that violated the lease.

Moffit's lawyer, Michael McDaniel charged in his opening statement that "What it's really about is the landlord seeing an opportunity to get more rent out of a tenant."

Mikes said the lease called for payment of

\$29,250 a year for eight years and 2.5 per cent of all sales over \$1.29 million a year. Gasoline and lottery sales were not included in the amounts.

Under questioning, Mikes initially agreed that Moffit was "basically operating the store the same way it always had been." He later answered a similar question posed by McDaniel, telling the court "The store's operation is different now."

Mikes insisted that he has had difficulty refinancing the shopping center because potential lenders want a more well-known store chain or a showing of much larger profit potential than Rainbow now suggests.

McDaniel got Mikes to admit that overall, food sales, which he had claimed were off significantly, were actually only off by about 8 per cent.

Mikes continued to charge that he leased the store space to CFM which sub-leased it to Moffit. He said when Moffit reestablished the store as Rainbow,

he violated the lease, which called for a replacement by a "first quality" store.

Mikes did admit that although Moffit initially vio-

lated the lease, which called for a replacement by a "first quality" store.

Christopher Lawrence of Landmark Leasing Co., also

is the only one in the community providing such a convenient service to Bloomingdale residents.

The judge stopped her



Rainbow Food Mart, in the shopping center at Bell Shoals and Glennhaven, is fighting in county court to stop an eviction attempt by the owners on a claimed violation of its lease. No decision has been reached in the case but the final hearing in the matter was scheduled for Dec. 14.

Photo by Art Bleau

lated the lease terms on the store sign, he did change the sign to comply with the lease before the hearing.

Eddie Hobbie, a mortgage banker with Southeast Mortgage Co. testified on Mikes' behalf that he would not refinance a shopping center when the anchor store showed financial statements like those of Rainbow since it opened in March.

In answer to a question by Judge Castor, Hobbie said he believed the average convenient store customer would drive several miles farther to use a national name

testifying for Mikes, told the court that based on Rainbow's financial reports, he would reject the store if it applied as a tenant for one of the 10 shopping centers Landmark handles.

He admitted, however, that there was a value to the average customer of shopping at a store that has been operating for four years over one that just opened.

Susan DeLuca, BHA board member and president and general manager of the Gazette, as a witness on Moffit's behalf, testified that Moffit's convenience store

from answering a question about the quality of Moffit's store but Mikes' lawyer, Mark Wolfson agreed that "It's an OK operation. We don't deny he has a good relationship with the community."

Mrs. DeLuca said the store has the support of the community and that Moffit has received the BHA community service award for his participation in community activities.

Moffit was expected to be the main witness during the second day of the hearing on December 14.

Who's been writing on our streets?

If you've noticed those bright orange lines painted on your street with the letters "EPMS", don't be concerned. It doesn't mean that a gigantic marathon will be run from the front of your house.

The Hillsborough County Road and Streets Department is in the process of placing the markings on every street in the county as part of a program of road improvement and repair.

Tony Tedder, head of inventory for the department, said the lines are painted in 100 foot test strips as part of a new system being tried in which the road conditions will be computerized.

The department will then

use the information to set priorities on which roads will be repaired and what repairs must be done, Tedder said.

The testing process will be "an on-going thing," Tedder explained and no time limit on calculations will be set. The workers started in the south end of the county and are working their way north marking the roads, he added. The process will take about two years to complete.

The test strips will be used to monitor such things as cracking, surface deterioration and bumps, Tedder reported. That information will then be used to determine which roads get work.

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Christmas Office Hours for The Bloomingdale Gazette:

Closed: December 24, 25, 31 and January 1

Hours for:

December 26, 27, 28 and January 2, 3, 4 will be 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Watch for the Bloomingdale Business column in the January issue of the Bloomingdale Gazette.

BHA Board elected at annual meeting

Little Professor, Martin Andersen receive awards

by Art Bleau

Bloomington Homeowners Association members elected their board of directors at a special meeting November 15 and the board presented two awards to deserving recipients. One award was presented

by BHA vice president Russ Lembke to former four-term BHA president Martin Andersen.

A community service award was also presented by Lembke to Sue and Joe Pacula, owners of Little

Professor Book Center in Bloomington Square.

Board members elected to seats were Jerry Hoffman, Russ Lembke, Grace Lewis, Bill Povilus and Ron Schall.

Tony Interdonato was elected first alternate to the board and Lawrence Rivers was elected second alternate.

Andersen was presented the award in honor of his two years as president of the BHA and his untiring efforts to better the community. During his four years on the BHA board, he established such annual events as the Robert's Brothers Circus, spoke at many Hillsborough County Commissioner meetings on behalf of the community, and instigated the lawsuit against Hillsborough County government regarding setback violations by Atlantic Homes.

The Pacula's were only the second recipients of the community service award, which is presented by the BHA board of directors to a deserving business or organization for service to the Bloomington community.

Examples of the book store's service cited by Lembke included its acting as a main sponsor for the Bloomington Summer Sizzle two years in a row; as a Silver Sponsor for the Bloomington Sports Festival; for providing college scholarships to local high school students, a summer reading program for youngsters and allowed them to earn free books merely by reading; providing more than 500 books for Santa Claus to give to young children at the Christmas Santa House sponsored by the BHA; and for their continuing to provide a quality example of good business and community participation.



The Bloomington Homeowners Association presented two special awards during its annual meeting last month to elect new board members. Board Vice President Russ Lembke (center) presented a community service award to Sue Pacula and her husband Joe (not shown), owners of the Little Professor Book Shop, for outstanding contributions to the community, and a meritorious award to Martin Andersen, former two-term president of the BHA board, for his outstanding service to the association and community.

Photos by Art Bleau



BHA board members Bill MacKinnon, left, and Dave Fraser count ballots for the new board members during an election meeting of the board in November.

Arts and Crafts Festival scheduled for January 5

The Bloomington Square Arts and Crafts Festival will be held Jan. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

More than 40 artists and craftsmen from across Florida will be exhibiting and selling their unique works of art during the weekend festival at The Square.

The exhibits will include country crafts, driftwood, ceramics, painted mirrors, oil paintings, metal sculpture, jewelry and more.

Artists and craftsmen who wish to participate may obtain additional information by calling 962-0388.

Recycle your tree



Hillsborough County will hold its second annual Christmas Tree recycling program this year on two weekends after Christmas.

Residents may bring their live trees to the Brandon Recreation Center, 510 E. Sadie St. on Saturday or Sunday, Dec. 29 or 30 or Jan. 5 or 6, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any of those days.

You can help to sponsor a family for Christmas

Colony Shop in Bloomington Square is sponsoring a family for Christmas from Rainbow Family Learning Center. There are two parents and three children from Valrico. Colony Shop is accepting donation of clothing, can goods, or toys until December 21.

In conjunction, Riverview Elementary School students are making Christmas Tree decorations and pictures for the family. They would appreciate any help from the community.

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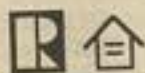


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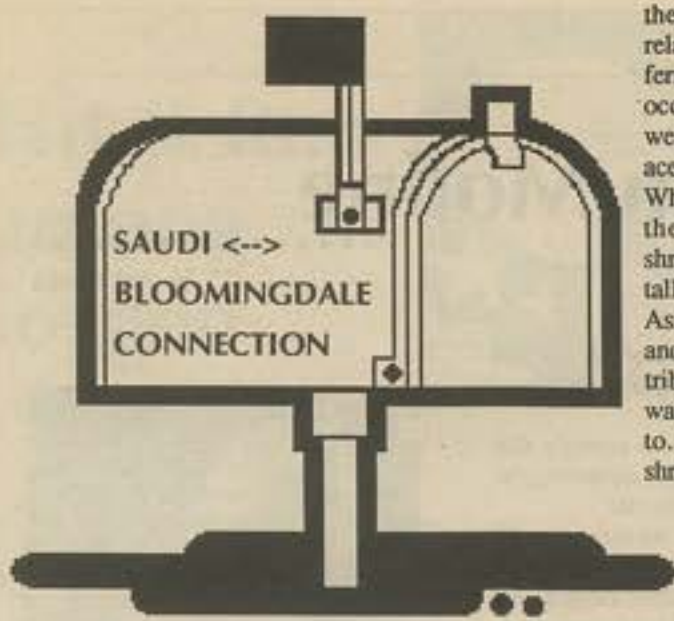
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The Bloomingdale Gazette is now being received in the Middle East courtesy of the Desert Shield Family Support Group and MacDill Central Command.

Some interesting facts about Islamic Customs and Culture that are being faced by our military overseas.

Status:

In the United States, a respected community leader may wash his own car, sweep his driveway, or paint his

house without hurting his public appearance. In the Arab world, he would be thought mad, and might well lose the respect of others. It is shocking, even barbaric, for a person of importance to do manual labor since, in the Middle East, one's status lies in his public face and in appearance—personal dignity.

Role of Women:

The position of women in Muslim society represents a significant difference from what it is in western countries. For centuries, the women of the Arabian Peninsula lived in almost total privacy and were seldom seen by males other than

their husbands and close relatives. The "Harem" referred to a separate quarters occupied by women, and were part of the finest palace and smallest tent alike. When women went outside the home, they were shrouded in black and totally veiled, although in the Asir region of Saudi Arabia and among certain Bedouin tribes the custom of veiling was not as rigidly adhered to. The "Harem" black shroud and veil have far from disappeared, through exceptions or modifications become more frequent each year, particularly in the larger towns. As recently as 1959, the education of females in Saudi Arabia was largely a family matter but in that year a Royal proclamation provided for the establishment of government schools for girls. In subsequent years, the program has expanded, but the demand for facilities continues to exceed the number of students able to acquire training. Marriage is governed by a complex set of religious laws in Saudi Arabia. Middle Eastern countries sometimes have a negative stereotyped impression of Western women.

Reprinted from United States Central Command Family Newsletter, August 30, 1990.

Presbyterian Church begins construction on Bloomingdale

What promises to be one of the most unique phased church structures in Brandon broke ground Sunday afternoon November 11, 1990, in a ceremony that included Presbyterian officials, local dignitaries, banking officials, area press and 150 congregation members who own the facility.

Over 200 guests converged on the vacant land located at Bloomingdale Avenue just north of Bell Shoals in the south Brandon area. Onlookers applauded as the children of the congregation turned the earth with pastel, child-sized shovels and buckets to officially signal the start of construction for the 7,200 square foot Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, Phase I.

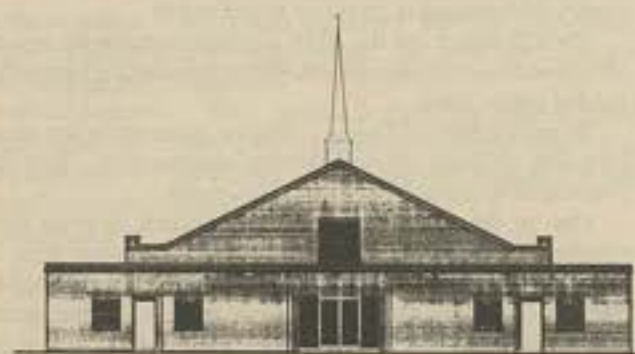
In this unusual ceremony, the children broke ground to symbolize their strong dedication of the congregation to youth issues. Since nearly half of the congregation consists of children from one through seventeen years of age, this church has made a commitment to involve their youth in all aspects of their growth.

This congregation was formed in May of this year and has already doubled its

membership. This phenomenal growth can be attributed to their strong mission statement which emphasizes community concerns and issues.

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale promises

concept. The exterior of the building features brick, a brick arch and prominent steeple suggestion a traditional atmosphere. The interior's warm colors, natural lighting and unique stained windows create an



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLOOMINGDALE

to be more than the usual church structure. It is a building designed and dedicated to anticipating the wants and needs of the rapidly growing congregation, which has doubled in the last year. New City Architects has met the challenge of building a core building which is designed to rapidly expand to multiple wings as the size of the congregation grows.

New City Architects and C.A. Oaks Construction have been charged with implementing the modular

inviting ambiance.

The services and amenities of the church are, however, state-of-the-art. In addition to the traditional chancel, there is also a broad range of activity areas planned to insure the needs of the congregation. These include education, meeting rooms, nurseries, and kitchen.

Construction on the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale will continue throughout the winter, with occupancy slated for April of 1991.



Isaly Klondike of Clearwater has contributed 266,000 of its Klondike Bars to members of the Armed Forces serving in the Persian Gulf. On hand for the loading of the ice cream onto trucks of WW Trucking Oct. 29 were Klondike executives (from left) Bob Work, Ken Fregeau, Jim Cross and Tom Abrado, company distribution director who lives in Bloomingdale. Major Carl Gidlund (center) represented the Armed Forces. The bars were shipped to Oakland, Ca. for the 10-day trip to the Middle East.

Foster children need gifts for Christmas

For hundreds of Foster children, Christmas is a sad time of year. Although most foster parents are kind and loving, many of these children are confused and lonely, especially during holidays spent away from their real families.

The Thirteenth Judicial Circuit's Guardian Ad Litem program is sponsoring a toy drive for these youngsters and is asking that you add a foster child to your shopping list.

The program is seeking new or almost new, unwrapped toys, games and clothing for youngsters from infants to teenagers. The gifts can be dropped off at any Hillsborough County Public Library or C&S Bank or let volunteers do the shopping by sending a check to The Guardian Ad Litem Guild, 800 E. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 204-A, Tampa, FL. 33602 or call 272-5110.

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LETTERS

Personality Profile:

William Moline

by Art Bleau

Dear Editor,

In the annual BHA survey Questions #10 asks: Should the Special Taxing District provide paid security for Bloomingdale? My answer to that question is no.

Reason #1

If Bloomingdale is short on security because of an insufficient county police force, I'm sure that all of the communities around us are too. With recent financial problems in county government is promises to get worse.

I would rather see the BHA continue to network among Bloomingdale citizen and other homeowners' associations for better county government, including an appropriately funded police force.

To use the Special Taxing District to make up for low security on the part of the county separates us from our neighboring communities. This further fragments the general population in eastern Hillsborough County.

One of the worst aspects of this general area we live in is the almost complete fragmentation that exists in the greater Brandon area. Each neighborhood, each development has its own little issue. We are reduced to fighting each other. E.g., the Four Winds neighborhood dislikes those of us from Bloomingdale West who cut through their neighborhood on the way to and from Tampa. (I was at the hearing conducted by the Zoning Master and listened to an hour of anger and frustration directed against "Bloomingdale.")

We all have the exact same problem: insufficient through highways. Why not stop shooting at each other and get together for a united front vis a vis government.

Reason #2

The Special Taxing District is too poorly staffed to handle the supervision required of it if it contracted with a security firm to provide supplementary protection or surveillance in Bloomingdale. I tremble to think of the potential for irritation between the people of Bloomingdale and any security company if our people perceived the security personnel as not doing their job. The derogatory term, "rent-a-cop" has some basis in past experience. As a practical matter I would also be interested to see how the county police would relate legally and administratively to a private security force covering the same territory.

I would rather my county taxes be raised to pay for a competent, trained police force such as we have now than have my Bloomingdale Special Taxing District taxes raised to buy a half-solution to our need for police protection.

With best regards,
L.B. Hoge

Dear Editor,

Joe and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for choosing us to receive the Community Service Award. Although I find it difficult to speak in front of a group, I did want you all to know that we are honored by this special award. We have been proud to be a part of this rapidly growing community. We feel that as a bookstore we have a responsibility to everyone but especially to the children. We were very proud that our Summer Reading Program was so well received and that so many of our children participated.

Once again, we thank you all for your vote of confidence and for the show of appreciation. We will display the placque proudly in the store.

Sincerely,

Joe & Sue Pacula
Little Professor Book Center
869 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511

"Dad, I want to quit Scouts."

by Lt. Col. William Moline

"I wish I had the time!" How many times have you hidden behind those words? I know I did for many years — too many years! What changed the way I think? Well, two years ago, my son's words were driven like a stake into my heart ... "Dad, I want to quit Scouts." I was nearly speechless. As I mulled over my options, three things were apparent: one, he meant it; two, I didn't want him to quit; and three, it was time for action on my part. Something not obvious to me at the time was my son's real motivation; I thought he was just bored with Scouts. Later I found out that this was a sensitive young boy who really wanted to spend more time with his father. The once-a-week Scout meetings and one-a-month campouts were taking him away from quality time with his dad.

I knew that I did not want him to quit Scouts. Quitting is a bad habit to start, and the Scouting program teaches young boys those things necessary for responsible

adulthood. So, it was time for me to get involved, and that was scary. For years I had said, "I wish I had the time." I knew that forcing him to go would only sour his taste for Scouts, so I told him to hang on for just a while longer.

I went to the Scoutmaster of his troop and asked if he needed any help (they all do!). I joined as an adult and was put on the troop committee, a good place to listen and learn. As training opportunities became available, I took them. I also started going on campouts — again, listening and learning. Lo and behold, I enjoyed it! As I got more training, I started teaching the boys outdoor skills; and found out that I liked that too. I also noticed that my son did not bring up quitting.

That was two years ago. My son has never mentioned quitting again. He has now achieved First Class Rank and is several merit badges toward Star Rank. I went

Bill Moline is the kind of person just about everyone hopes to have as their next door neighbor.

He's a man who believes strongly that his family and his community are among the most important things in his life.

He is also a man who, for more than 20 years, has been willing to give up his life for his country. He has even come close to that degree of patriotism on at least three occasions.

Air Force Lt. Col. Bill Moline, a Bloomingdale West resident for the past two years, is a fighter pilot presently assigned as commander of headquarters squadron, 56th Tactical Training Wing.

The Vietnam war vet is also Tampa's Military Citizen of the Year for 1990 and he and his family were selected as the Great American Family for McDill AFB and for the Ninth Air Force.

Bill's much-deserved recognition comes in great part from his involvement in numerous community organizations and projects.

Bill is married to the former Cindy Burney of Valley, Ala. The couple has two children: Sheri, 16, a student at Bloomingdale High School; and James, 13, who attends Burns Junior High.

Cindy is a former station chairman of the American Red Cross at McDill and is presently the president of the Officer's Wives Club at the base.

It was shortly after the Moline family moved to Brandon in September 1988 that Bill's son, a long-time Boy Scout, told his dad he wanted to drop out of scouting.

Bill, who had been a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Explorer Scout in his youth, became concerned and learned that the problem was not with scouting but in Jimmy's need to spend time with his father.

Bill sprang into action and signed on as a member of the committee of Troop 11 at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, the troop to which his son belonged.

Since then Bill has attended every available training session, was promoted to a Unit Commissioner for the troop; then to assistant district commissioner, which he now holds, and is being considered for the district commissioner's slot when the present commissioner retires next month.

During all this, however, Bill has maintained regular contact with his son and troop activities and goes on campouts with the



Bill Moline

troop as much as possible.

"Its all been fun too. I try to make all the campouts and I do all the training," Bill notes.

The career military officer and West Point graduate points out that he used to claim a lack of time as his excuse for not getting involved in his son's activities and other community projects.

"He and I are really closer now than ever before. Most of what I do involves the family. Sheri has even joined Explorer Scouts so that she can be a part of things," the colonel says.

As if all the scouting wasn't enough, Bill is also involved in SERVE (School Enrichment Resources Volunteers in Education) doing many public speaking engagements for the organization. The speaking is usually done at schools and is on any subject from scouting to the Vietnam War.

He is also a member of the McDill Speakers Bureau and gives talks at civic and fraternal organizations on many subjects. He never forgets, he says, "to make a pitch for adult leaders for the scouts."

He is also a volunteer with the American Red Cross at McDill and is an instructor in standard CPR and First Aid there. He is also a member of the Order of Daedalian, a fraternity of military pilots with more than 250 members.

Besides his other community service honors, Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman declared April 17 "Lt. Col. William Moline Day" in the city.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, the son of an Air Force officer, Bill graduated high school and began college in Hawaii, where his father was stationed.

Bill dropped out of college and entered the Army to become a pilot. A year after entering the Army as a private, Bill became a warrant officer and began flying helicopters. He went to Vietnam in 1967 in time for the Tet Offensive of the North Vietnamese. He initially flew troop transport helicopters and then switched to armed helicopters used in combat support.

During his flying in Vietnam, he was shot down once and was wounded on another occasion. In another incident, Bill flew his helicopter into a heavy concentration of enemy troops to rescue members of another helicopter crew who had been shot down and wounded by the enemy. With a severely overloaded helicopter, Bill flew the crews out to safety and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery. He is also the recipient of 41 Air Medals, the Purple Heart and the Meritorious Service Medal.

He got out of the Army in 1968 and attended West Point Prep School for a year before starting his college work at West Point Military Academy. On graduation, he was allowed to take his

A personality profile of William Moline, Bloomingdale Resident, appears on this page.

Hit & Run among logged events



A Mobile Watch Monthly Report

by LeWayne Wyatt

November began as if it was going to be very busy. The first eight days included a hit and run involving two cars in the vicinity of Natures Way and Elba, five incidents of speeding and reckless driving and two suspicious cars. The remainder of the month was fairly quiet with a few scattered significant events.

On November 10 a small pickup truck forced a car off the road and into the wall near Natures Way and Holleman. Luckily there were no serious injuries. The pickup was described as being similar to one that had been seen speeding in the area several days earlier.

On the 13th several young kids were reported to be jumping in front of cars on Gamett Drive after dark. It should not be necessary to explain the potential serious-

ness of this "fun. We would request parents of all youngsters discuss this type of activity and its potential impacts with their children.

During the early morning hours of the 18th a car was stolen from a driveway on Sandy Creek Drive. The car was apparently pushed several blocks from the home after the ignition was pulled out.

The Mobile Watch is still in need of volunteers. There were no new members in November. The BHA has provided a list of residents who indicated an interest when they paid their association dues. The names arrived to late for the December schedule run but each person on the list will be contacted prior to preparation of the January schedule.

Mail stolen from residential mail boxes

A rash of mail thefts have been taking place in the Brandon, Bloomingdale, Riverview, Gibsonton area, according to a spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service.

Some Bloomingdale residents have recently discovered that mail they have placed in their mailbox for postal carrier pickup has also been stolen, only to be discovered in nearby woods, opened and discarded.

Postal officials recommend that residents place outgoing mail in regular mail receptacles when possible to significantly reduce the possibility of theft.

Should a theft be discovered, the spokesman said, immediately report the incident to police, then call the postal inspection service at 281-5200. The theft victim should then notify the delivery supervisor of the local carrier at the respective post office (be: Brandon, Valrico) so that the local postal carrier can be alerted.

WARNING: Imposters pose as law enforcement officers in area

Impostors claiming to be Hillsborough County Sheriff's detectives have contacted at least one Bloomingdale resident and insisted on visiting that person at home on a claim of investigating a murder at Bloomingdale Square.

The resident became suspicious and phoned the real sheriff's department to learn that the police do not operate in the manner of the impostors.

The resident claimed that the impostor called near midnight after apparently following the resident home from The Square. The resident did not know how the impostor was able to obtain his telephone number.

The impostor claimed there had been a murder near Publix and a witness had given the resident's license tag number to police as

having been seen in the area.

The impostor told the resident that a plainclothes detective in an unmarked car would arrive at the home momentarily and to let them in the house immediately. The impostor warned the resident to stay away from the windows of the home.

The resident then became suspicious and called 911. A real sheriff, in uniform and in a marked car, was dispatched to the resident's home and explained that the real police don't not operate the way the impostor suggested.

Any residents receiving similar calls should not respond to them and should immediately call the sheriff's department to report the incident.

Brick through a child's window leaves parents concerned

A Bloomingdale East resident reported an incident of vandalism overnight on Nov. 29 when a brick was thrown through a window in the home.

The brick smashed the window of a bedroom of a 2-year-old child, leaving a residue of broken glass on the floor and in the toy box of the child.

Police said they had not received any similar complaints from other residents, suggesting the incident might have been an isolated one.

Any such incidents should be immediately reported to the Brandon unit of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office.

Safety tips for a happy holiday season

Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office has released a list of tips to help protect people from theft and other crimes during the busy holiday season, when many people get careless and become easy targets for criminals.

Here are some suggestions to help make the holidays brighter:

- Stay alert to surroundings and the people around you.
- Lock car doors, put packages in trunk and close windows, even if you're out of the car for just a few minutes.
- Wait for public transportation or rides in well-lighted places.
- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash and pay for purchases by check or credit card whenever possible.
- Take extra care with purses or wallets by keeping a purse under the arm and a wallet in an inside pocket. In a parking lot women should carry their purse on the side away from moving traffic.
- Lock doors and windows when leaving home even for a few minutes and leave lights and radio or television on to make house look occupied.
- Avoid a display of gifts that can be seen through a window or doorway.
- Instruct children that if they get separated in a store to ask a salesperson for help and not to go into the parking lot looking for lost parents.
- If leaving town, get automatic timer for lights and ask neighbors to keep an eye on your house and to pick up mail and newspapers.
- Share these tips with friends and neighbors to increase their awareness of crime.

Community Tidbits

Melissa Nickerson, daughter of Rees and Frankie Nickerson, of Bloomingdale West, was recently elected editor of the local chapter of the national scholastic honorary Alpha Lambda Delta at Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia.

Melissa, who has been an employee of *The Gazette* during her vacations from school, is a sophomore with a major in telecommunications. She is kept busy with numerous other campus activities also. She is spiritual director in the dorms, creative arts director of the Baptist Student Union, disc jockey on the campus radio station, as well as a member of the concert choir.

Congratulations to Grace and Al Lewis who recently celebrated their wedding anniversary in Bloomingdale East by inviting all the neighbors to a Pina Colada party.

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commission in the Air Force, because his father was an Air Force officer.

After pilot training in jets at Big Springs, Tex., Bill became an instructor at the school. Since then he served in a number of positions around the world, ending up at McDill where he originally started as an F-16 instructor.

Even though he is assigned as the headquarters squadron commander now, Bill still manages to fly jets a couple times a week. "I enjoy doing that a lot," he says. "I still enjoy flying but it's a real kick teaching motivated officers who are eager to learn."

Both Bill and Cindy say they "really like the Brandon/Tampa area" and are considering making it their permanent home after retirement.

As for his involvement in community activities, Bill says, "I got involved because I found I did have the time to do it." And he believes many other parents can also find the time if they are willing to look for it.

Although he feels he has stretched himself to the limit with all his activities, he says he would still like to attend a National Scout Jamboree or the World Scout Jamboree in Korea in August. Of course he would insist that he family go with him.

Tampa and Brandon need a lot more people like Bill Moline and his family. But thanks to a son who wasn't afraid to tell his dad what was troubling him, the whole community has been fortunate enough to know Bill Moline.

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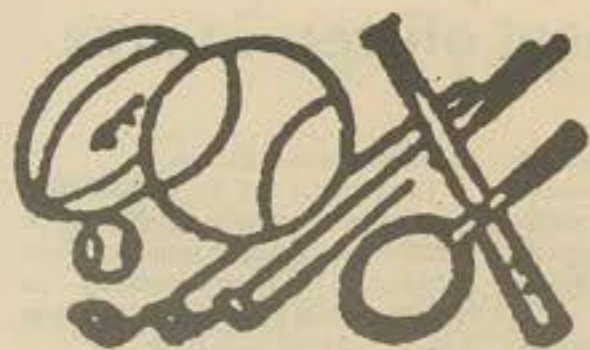
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School NewsBeat

A Book Fair at Brooker...Band Competitions...The Great American Teach In...Math Competition...

Careers get started early

Brooker Elementary School welcomed 60 special guests from the working world to the "Great American Teach-In" for Career Week in November.

This special program, organized by guidance counselor Cheryl Ayscue, featured visits by nurses, engineers, servicemen and women, police officers, a veterinarian, a karate instructor and many others. The students enjoyed a variety of movies, lectures, demonstrations and hands-on activities in their classrooms as part of the event, held in conjunction with National Education Week.

Each volunteer offered his or her time, talent and expertise to make the career day a real learning experience.

Mrs. Ayscue complimented the faculty and staff for their cooperation with the program. The teachers displayed posters on their classroom doors listing previous jobs they have worked. Other jobs held included bakers, cashiers, accountants, taxi cab drivers and a cracker distributor.

Each morning an "Identify a Career" contest was held and every homeroom participated. Clues to three different categories were

given on closed-circuit television. Students had to guess the occupation associated with the three different hats, a job associated with a particular tool, and the names of two teachers based on clues from their posters. Each class filled out one ballot sheet a day. The three homerooms with the correct answers were

randomly selected each morning from a basket and a prize was awarded to each for the winning homerooms.

The week was concluded with a film entitled "A High Price to Pay: A Story About Earning Money." The youngsters also shared the tools from their parent's jobs by all the students in their classes.

Terrific Kids

Alafia Elementary for October

Kindergarten; Adam Ritter, Alyssa Laughner, Chad Phillips, Joseph Donoho, Steven Rose, Cheryl Kravchuck. First Grade; Keely Fischbach, Roger Bledsoe, Felicia Mann, Jacob Stein, Christopher Hutcheson, Ashley Arkin, Jim Hanley, Kelli Reeves. Second Grade; Christine Armstrong, Jason Canty, David Butson, Kyle Houske, Rebecca Brown, Lindsay Flanagan, Samantha Rapisardi. Third Grade; Brian Zocchi, Greg Pryor, Jonathan Carlin, Brandon Brown, Amy Detrick, Matthew RiggsStites, Ben Bunn, Amy Vasser. Fourth Grade; John Tanner, Sean Pheils, Melissa Bostian, David Laughner, Robyn Hopkins, Jennifer Lemar, Amy Rodgers. Fifth Grade; John Chapin, Stephan Patton, Johnny Edwards, Mark Ober, Carla Cook, Lana Schneidt, Shannon Brewer, Daniel Elkins.

Burns Jr. High for Period 1

Katherine Brunny, Mary Cox, Diane Dawson, Jennifer Demers, Kristin Dupre, John Evers, Lindsay Fatta, Sara Grossman, Tricia Higel, Carie Kurek, Christopherr Lind, Kevin Meredith, Nathan Meredith, Tanya Miguel, Wendy Mitchell, Kristina Powers, Morgan Reese, Kerry Sheraw, Darby Silvermail, Sarah Spector, Sean Willson, William Alvarez, Cindy Barrett, Kyle Brennan, Amy Bryan, Jennifer Durso, Amanda Keener, Alicia Kerstyn, Richard Mackiewicz, Jose Negroni, Laura Nichols, Erika Perez, Katie Walker, David Watkins, Michael Wenning, Victoria Wolf, Erin Sheffield.



Ginny Wong



Barbara Ling

with contributions by Alexa Hrvatin and Art Bleau



The Bloomingdale Senior High School FHA Leadership Club has elected officers for the 1990-91 school year. They are, from left: (seated) Kristen Krueger, secretary; Patti Mayle, president; Jenny Kanter, treasurer; and Erika Allen, vice president; (standing) Sandra Ouzts, historian; Lisa Whitley, parliamentarian; Eric Ramsaler, vice president for public relations; Tish DeLones, vice president for achievement, and Cole Smith, vice president for recreation. The chapter has 175 affiliated members.

BSHS Band receives high marks

By Graciela Langan

The Bloomingdale High School Rajun' Bull Marching Band and Crimson Dolls received a superior rating at the District Marching Festival held on Saturday, November 17 at Plant High School in Tampa.

Conducted by Drum Majors Tim Ingram, Christine Phillips, and Scott Rudes, the 188 member marching unit's program was a tribute to James Horner, whose works were heard in the movies "Alien" and "Cocoon." French horn soloist Caroline Holt was featured. Other selections included songs from "Glory", "Year of Jubilee", "A Call to Arms," and "Charging Fort Wagner".

Four large field tents and two Civil War era cannons [all of which were made by members of the Band Boosters] were employed as props for the "Glory" theme.

The main highlight of the program was during the song "Charging Fort Wagner", with firing cannons, smoke, fire, and choreographed fighting by the Crimson Dolls. After the song, the percussion section proceeded to play an ensemble while the band separated and engaged in "battle." Then the field was still with lifeless bodies and smoke as soloist Robert Farkas played Taps on trumpet.

The program was dedi-

cated to Derrick Seward, a member of the band, who was the victim of a senseless drive-by shooting as he waited for his school bus. Derrick is now at home recuperating and should be

back in the classroom soon.

The band's next performance will be the Christmas concert scheduled for December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The public is cordially invited.

Honorees Inducted

The following students were inducted into the National Honor Society during ceremonies at Bloomingdale High School Nov. 13:

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Alex, Fisher	Clark, Benjamin	Northey, Bethann
Alden, Wesley	Cohen, Amber	Norcross, Kimberly
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Beasley, Holly	Collins, Jeffrey	Ott, Heather
Bertram, Crystal	Ditterbrand, Lisa	Perry, Stacy
Brescia, Maria	Duclos, Christopher	Peters, Joshua
Brown, Kelly	Fernal, Eva	Pierce, Steven
Cleveland, Elizabeth	Furrest, Adam	Raney, Stephen
Farras, Robert	Frank, Lisa	Rasmussen, Brad
Fenn, John	Gaines, Kelly	Reid, Shanti
Fulvancik, Lynn	Elsan, Mark	Revel, Katherine
Harris, Curtis	Ellich, Luke	Richardson, John
Hede, Leighton	Erwin, Lex	Schoeffel, Ben
Ingram, Timothy	Geaciano, Kara	Snyder, Suzanne
Kim, Adam	Harold, Alan	Slone, Laura
Kumples, Jeffery	Howell, Tracie	Smith, Christopher
Mitchell, Carrie	Hawkins, Charis	Smith, Wendy
Neuback, Julie Ann	Hughes, William	Stebbins, Faye
Ortenso, David	Hillinger, Ryan	Stevens, Christopher
Parolin, Michele	Hill, Caroline	Stuller, Heather
Reynolds, Catherine	Hunt, John	Suttles, Shelia
Roberts, Jennifer	Jacobs, John	Sweet, Kellie
Shelton, Tracey	Jones, John	Taliercio, Alan
Wade, Ann	Jones, Lisa	Taylor, Jay
Welch, David	Jordan, William	Taylor, Kathleen
	Kanter, Jennifer	Torres, Corrie
	Keller, Brandon	Thomas, Nathan
	Larson, Laura	Toot, Leanne
	Lavorgna, Andrew	Ossey, Brian
	Lewis, Bethany	Varvil, Terry
	Lewis, John	Vaughn, Julie
	Leit, Brian	Walker, Thomas
	Maple, Eric	Ward, Brenda
	Maldonado, Anthony	Welling, Kenneth
	Maldonado, Sylvia	White, Brian
	Mann, Ashley	Whitney, Brian
	Martin, Kathleen	Whitney, Kevin
	Mayer, Kathleen	Witt, Bonnie
	McLean, Melissa	Wood, Michelle
	Nora, Renee	Zika, Kevin
		Zwart, Eric

JUNIORS

Abrams, Anne	Beasley, Madeline	Barabach, Brian	Barral, Matthew	Bauer, Teresa	Berninger, John	Bilimeyer, Jess	Bond, Valerie	Brown, Chandra	Bruscard, Megan	Carr, Denise	Cawton, Joel	Chava, Chad
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Book Fair Successful at Brooker



Brooker Elementary School's Fall Book Fair, run in conjunction with National Education Week and the Parent-Student breakfast, was a tremendous success. The book fair opened its doors early in the morning before school so parents and students could enjoy shopping together after breakfast. The hours were also extended Tuesday evening after the PTA meeting. The flexible hours gave families more time to browse and select their purchases.

Mrs. Beverly Stanley, book fair chairman, and Mrs. Derith Bennett, media specialist, wish to express their thanks and appreciation to the 68 volunteers who worked the fair, and to all the families who helped make it a great success. The proceeds will be used to purchase curriculum-based books and AV equipment for Brooker's Media Center.

Aesop's Fables performed at Brooker

A creative and visual approach to learning about Aesop's Fables was taken at Brooker Elementary School by Mrs. Joyce Gregory's fifth grade Applied Language Arts class.

The students had the opportunity to decide how they would present their own 4 to 5 minute plays, based on the short tales written in 640-560 B.C. whose morals still have a place in school literature today.

Organized into two groups, every student participated as an actor or narrator in one of eight chosen fables. Such well known

tales as, "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," "The Lion and the Mouse," and "The Fox and the Crow" were among the list from which to choose.

A facilitator, Mrs. Gregory encouraged each group to be creative. They had to design and make their own costumes, draw and paint the wooded backgrounds, organize props, and learn staging and dialogue. They were given a week and a half to prepare for their performances.

One at a time, each new group of Thespian players showed it's talent to one another. While Mrs. Gregory evaluated each performance, Media Specialist Derith Bennett filmed the plays which were later viewed by the entire class.

Plans are to share the tape on closed-circuit television with all classes at Brooker. This was a fun learning experience for the entire class.

Sharing breakfast at Brooker

Moms and dads shared a special morning with their children at Brooker Elementary School's annual Parent-Student Breakfast.

Mrs. Ila Simpson, Brooker's Food Service Manager, was delighted with the turnout. The cafeteria ladies served 960 family

members Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Families with Kindergarten, first and second graders attended Tuesday while third, fourth and fifth graders attended Wednesday. There was plenty of room for all and time to relax and enjoy breakfast as a family.

A \$12,000 GTE gift allows inovative program at BSHS

Selected students at Bloomingdale Senior High School are participating in an experimental course in "Fractal Geometry in Nature" thanks to a \$12,000 gift from GTE won by two teachers at the school.

Science teacher Marian J. Marley and Math teacher Roland L. Yoder shared in the award given by GTE in 22 states and the District of Columbia to math and science teacher combinations. GTE gives the gifts, which

include \$7,000 for the teachers' home-school enrichment project and \$5,000 for for the teaching team's professional development, to outstanding mathematics and science teachers from grades 7 through 12 at winning schools.

The school enrichment project is then set up by the teaching team and put into operations at the school. In the local program, Yoder and Ms. Marley are showing high school honors math

and science students new advancements in understanding the fractal characteristics of nature.

The research course, called Fractal Geometry in Nature, is presently in session and uses reference books, textbooks,

computer software, and selected magazine articles. Students then use software packages to create some of their own Fractal images. Students first learn fractal mathematics and then do independent research and computer lab experiment to discover fractal phenomena in the physical world. Finally, the course will concentrate on how researchers are using fractals to solve real-world problems, including percolation cluster and fractal image compression.

Students presented their computer software models, fractal experiments and research at the Florida Association of Science Teacher convention in Cocoa Beach in October and will be mak-



Roland L. Yoder and Marian J. Marley

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ing another presentation at the national Math Teacher's Convention in April in New Orleans, La.

Yoder's professional development gift was used for casework last summer in math modeling and fractals at the Tampa Campus of the University of South Florida. Next summer he will return to the university for courses in topology, linear algebra and computer methods and materials. He will also attend the annual conference of the Association of Computing Machinery.

Ms. Marley plans to complete her Master's Degree program in science education and chemistry at the University of Southern Mississippi.

Burns takes first place in math competitions

The first Math League Competition for the 1990-91 school year was hosted recently by Burns Junior High School as 24 teams from 14 junior high schools in eastern Hillsborough County took part in the event.

The Burns teams garnered first place honors in both the Algebra I and Geometry divisions.

In the Algebra I competition, team members Ben Boehm, Sean Taylor, Brett Kellner, Sara Willson and Sara Grossman took home team honors. All five team members placed in the top 15 in the individual competition.

In the geometry division, Andy Brogdon and Stephen Forinash of Burns tied for first place honors, with Andy winning top honors using a tie-breaking scoring system. Other members of the team taking top team honors were David Watkins, Steve Miller and Evert Eriksson.

How to report a truant student

by Alexa Hrvatin

Students who skip school now may find themselves in a situation much worse than a typical day of school. The Sheriff Truancy Operation Center, or STOP, is designed to make it so.

Sheriff's deputies are now able to take truant kids to the center at 4901 East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Parents are then called and asked to pick the student up and return him or her to school.

Students are often seen around Bloomingdale during school hours. Stores with video games are frequent hang-outs for "school skippers." The number to call if this needs to be reported is 247-8200.

School holidays begin December 22 and students go back to school on January 7, 1991.

The Bull's Corner

Students and faculty alike look forward to the holidays as they bid the busy month of November goodbye.

Because of the Homecoming coverage and other news in the Nov. Gazette, many special events and activities went unreported.

Bloomingdale's vocal department presented their 1990 Fall concert. The Concert Chorus, Treble Chorus, Special Event, Senior Chorales and The Ambassadors gave performances under the direction of Steve Fessler.

On Dec. 4, The Ambassadors were scheduled to perform at the Henry P. Plant Museum at the University of Tampa during the annual Victorian Christmas Stroll.

The high school orchestra, under the direction of Buddy Huthmaker, were

also set to participate in the Stroll on Dec. 7.

The Drama Department presented "Don't Count on Forever" by Nancy Gilseman. Hats off to Mrs. Duclos-Balliet and her students for an endearing performance. The play was produced by special arrangement with the Dramatic Publishing Co.

The East Hillsborough County Band Night was held at McLane Stadium and featured Bloomingdale, Brandon and Armwood High Schools as well as Burns, McLane, and Booker T. Washington Junior High Schools.

Residents living near the high school may have been startled recently by the booming sounds of cannons going off. That was only members of the band and dancerettes practicing their production of "Glory" which

will be featured at half-time of the Bucs game against the Minnesota Vikings this weekend. The cannons and the entire production was brought to the stadium for the half-time show Dec. 16.

The band's Christmas Concert will be held on Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

The school's Power Lifting Contest was held recently. In the Woman's Division, 125 pound Kim Moresco placed first with a total weight of lift 480 pounds, 130 pound Amber Weiss placed second with 435 pounds and 121 pound Stacy Chapa placed third with 390 pounds.

In the Men's Lightweight Division, 139-pound Walt Townsend placed first lifting a total of 725 pounds and 139-pound Steve Cousins was second with 680 pounds.

The Men's Middleweight Division resulted in 163-pound Noel Delgado placing first lifting a total of 1005 pounds, 149-pound Joe Robinson in second with 985 pounds and 157-pound David Cousins in third with 840 pounds.

In the Heavyweight Division, 179-pound Darren Diaz took first lifting a total of 1080 pounds.

The Bloomingdale Swim Team qualified 15 swimmers and divers for the state meet in Orlando recently. First place winners in the district competition leading to the statewide event included Rick Richmond and Karin Schmedeman in diving, Erica Walker in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard butterfly, and the team of Garrett McCreery, Scott Larson, Shannon Kerrigan and Ben Mathis in the Boy's 200-yard freestyle relay event.

At the state meet, Rick Richmond took first place honors in diving. Rick is All American Honorable Mention for 1990.

Erica Walker placed

fourth in the 100-yard butterfly and 6th in the 50-yard freestyle. She also holds Western Conference records for the 100-yard and 50-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley, and 100-yard butterfly.

Members of the cross-country team were feted to a picnic at Menard Park to end their season. Coach Bill Frank and his wife, Elaine, provided the meat and cooked it on the grill while team members provided the other dishes for the event.

Team awards and trophies were presented during the picnic. Trophies were given to Kristin Bartner, John Little and Rob Whitner as Outstanding Sophomore, Amber Ling and Joy Martin as Outstanding Juniors and Heidi Hayes, Alex Prugh and Adam Young as Outstanding Seniors.

Besides those already listed, girls on the team this year included Melissa Wiegner, Stacey Sassone, Krista Butler, Lisa Wilcox, Bridget Cecchini and Nadia Gobsi.

Other members of the boy's team included Rob Whitener, Jack Fenn, Eric Yarborough, Nick Adams, Matt Doyle, Mark Butler, Scott Pohler and Eric Zihmer.

The Lady Bulls Volleyball team finished its season with an 11-2 record, which included wins over Plant High and Plant City High, previously unbeaten by Bloomingdale. Coach Trathowen feels the seniors have started a winning tradition by improving over the past three years from a dismal 3-10 record in 1988.

Members of this year's team were Christina Bailey, Amy Edwards, Stacey King, Kelli Hilbert, Amy Doris, Dawn Dortos, Amy Akery, Mario Cervi, Dani Sterman, Kim Sewell, Kathy Dyar and Jenny Stark.

Honor Students at BSHS

The principals Honor Roll for Bloomingdale Senior High's first grading period has been released. Those who earned high honors are: Summer Aldridge, Azure Avery, Heather Beattie, Charles Boettger, Kristin Bortner, Chad Campbell, Jennifer Campbell, Janet Castle, Holly Cordell, Matthew Doyle and Dawn Drotos.

Also: Carla Duboss, Michael Ellis, Jan Fauntleroy, Jason Faust, Susanne Hathaway, Ziehyun Huh, Charlotte Kelley, Christopher LaDuca, Nancy Maldonado, Cathy Mansis, and Sean McDowell. Also: Hector Melendez, Bryan Meng, Adrienne Meredith, Stanley Nation, Joseph Pergola, Carrie Pless, Laura Rivers, Sara Robbins, Erica Rogers, Bryon Sheffield, and Jennifer Stark.

Also: Traci Summers, Kevin Tweedy, Kathleen Verzone, William Vincent, David Watkins, Chandra Bridges, Meegan Broussard, Joel Cameron, Kary Chambers and Adam Forrest.

Also: Mara Guagliardo, Nikka Heilman, John Hughes, Robert Irzyk, Amy Johnson, Anthony Malangone, John O'Brien, Jay Taylor, Julie Vaughn and Erica Walker.

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Bloomingtondale Real Estate Report

By Chuck Frenz

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Homes Closed
October and November 1989.....25
October and November 1990.....32

Bloomingtondale sales are up 28 percent over 1989.

Another 22 Bloomingtondale homes are currently under contract as of Dec. 5, but not yet closed.

Sales of existing homes are not down in Hillsborough County, despite what you may have read. According to the October report of the Greater Tampa Board of Realtors:

Residential Home Sales*	Oct 90	Oct 89	YTD 90	YTD 89
	484	432	4,784	4,494
Residential Sales pending and Contingent**	1,423	1,149	14,735	11,583
Total Residential**				
Listing on Market	10,900	11,479	113,787	114,340

* Free standing, single family homes

** residential, condos, townhouses, patio homes, villas, vacant land, duplexes, tri's and quads.

Was Trick or Treat really only one month ago?

The kitchen of Brooker Elementary School was decorated in the fun spirit of Halloween while dim lights and eerie music added atmosphere and lunch ladies dressed as clowns, witches and a pumpkin, diligently arranged a nutritional assortment of hot lunch choices for students and faculty.

About 970 of Brooker's 1098 students decorated their own lunch bags earlier

in the classrooms and brought them to the cafeteria. As each student walked through the lunch line, he packed his own lunch.

The kindergartners were dressed in a variety of colorful costumes and truly enjoyed this special event planned by Mrs. Ila Simpson, Brooker's food service manager.

The lunch bags were collected at the end of the period and one student from

each grade level was awarded a free ice cream pass the following morning on closed-circuit television for the best designed and colored lunch bag.

The winners were Lynda Gregg, Leonard Washington, Keri Donaldson, Marie Rimoldi, Tiffany Midgett and Annette Collins.

Congratulations to all the winners and runners-up. The Trick or Treat Lunch was a huge success.

So here are the facts:

1. Sales are up 6 per cent in the county over Jan.-Oct. 1989.
2. Houses under contract are up 27 per cent over this time last year.
3. The number of listings is down 5 per cent below Oct. 1989.
4. The average sale price is virtually unchanged for year-to-date from 1989 (down less than 1/2 per cent to an average of \$95,542.)

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

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IRA Management

By Tom Peterson

There are several aspects of IRA Management that need to be considered. Unfortunately, most people who maintain IRA's don't find out about some of the management requirements until it's too late.

The first area—Investment Management—is the most obvious. All IRA participants make some decision regarding investment management. The decision can be passive (i.e. let someone else manage the investments). This is the case when you maintain your IRA with a bank, Mutual Fund or professional money manager. Those who choose a "self-directed" IRA have chosen to actively participate in investment management.

The next area of management is one that few people ever consider—Contribution Management. This type of management involves a thorough analysis, possibly every year, of whether or not a contribution is warranted.

Those who cannot take a current deduction for an IRA contribution should not make a contribution. (While this may be a somewhat

controversial statement, the facts support it!) The only benefit is tax deferral, and you can obtain benefit by participating in deferred annuities, or (properly funded) life insurance contracts—fixed or variable—without exposing your investments to the stringent penalties inherent to IRA's.

Those who are in the 15 per cent (marginal) tax bracket should also forgo a contribution. The 15 per cent tax savings is not sufficient consideration in view of the prospective penalties and the probability that future tax rates will be higher.

Even those in the higher (marginal) tax brackets should investigate the alternatives. A properly funded life insurance contract, which can produce tax free retirement income, may be more attractive as an integral part of the Total Financial Plan.

Lastly, we will discuss Distribution Management. This area of management focuses on when and how to take income from an IRA.

For those approaching retirement as well as those already there, this should

probably be the first source for providing supplemental income. If you are fortunate enough to leave an inheritance to your children, it should be assets such as CD's, insurance, etc., which are not taxable income. The IRA distributions will be taxed to you or to your heirs. And odds are good that your heirs will be in a higher tax bracket!

Also, proper distribution management might involve a "transfer" of IRA assets into more tax-advantageous investments when your current tax position would accommodate such action.

And although this becomes a problem only when there is significant accumulation (over \$750,000), the IRA must be managed to avoid "Excess Accumulation" and "Excess Distribution" taxes. Distribution Management may mean taking distribution before age 59 1/2.

This is possible without penalty when the proper steps are followed. As an example, I am currently working with a client who has been fortunate enough to accumulate \$3.5 million

in his IRA (mostly from a terminated pension plan). He is 58 today and does not need to access the account for current income needs. While it may sound like he has nothing to worry about, just the opposite is true.

By age 70, his account is projected to be valued at \$10.5 million. If he were to die at 70, his heirs would receive only \$750,000 after taxes (Income, Excess Accumulation and Estate Taxes) That's an 88 per cent loss to taxation.

Regardless of the size of your account, all of these important areas of management should be addressed. A professional Planner is your best protection against mismanagement.

(Tom Peterson is a resident of South Oaks and is an investment counselor.)

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Tax Tip of the Month

Year End Tax Planning for December 1990

Robert Morris, CPA, CTP

This article is intended to briefly describe several year end possible suggestions which may or may not apply to each individual. You should meet with your tax advisor if these situations appear to benefit you so an individual case study determination may be made. If you are potentially subject to the alternative minimum tax, consider controlling the timing of the events which give rise to the AMT TAX such as large contributions to charity of property may be gifted over several years instead of all at once. Reduce certain tax preference items such as changing depreciation methods. Also, you may consider accelerating income and/or postponing deductions.

Distributions from qualified pension plans should always be reviewed not only to save the income tax but also the potential additional 10% tax on early distributions. Rolling these over within 60 days will usually defer as well as save taxes. If you have investments subject to capital gains and losses now is the time to analyze you actual and un-

recognized or potential gains and losses to see if selling some assets



may be advantageous before year end. Also, Bondholders may usefully take advantage of a "bond swap" but be aware of the 30 day wash sales rules. It may also be advantageous to defer tax, especially with real estate, to exchange the property for similar property instead of selling the real property and replacing it at a later date. However, if you sell property, consider the installment sale but also consider whether you will have depreciation recapture, prevailing rate of interest on the deferred payments, whether you will be deemed to have received payments you have not actually received and if the sale will effect your alternative minimum tax. Consider CD's that allow you to defer interest income into a future period unless you have excessive portfolio interest expense which will go unused.

If you have a business activity (self employed, partnership, or other type entity)

there are several decisions you can make this month. Review the timing of business receipts and payments as well as the timing of acquiring fixed assets before/after year end for the best advantage tax wise. Look closely at all depreciation methods available as well as an expense option under code section 179. Be sure to calculate inventory at year end and look at possibly paying year end bonuses to reduce not only income tax but also self-employment tax which may save up to 48% in tax.

You may need to determine if estimated tax requirements are satisfied as January 15, 1991 is the last deposit date to avoid penalties and interest on underpayment of estimated taxes. Once again if some of these suggestions may apply to you then seek proper tax advise to determine your potential savings.

County Ordinances as they apply to Bloomingdale's Park East and Park West

The following are the Hillsborough County Park and Recreation Department Ordinances for our local BloomingdaleParks:

Enforcement and Obedience to Regulations

Authority of Hillsborough County Sheriff and Park Department Officials.

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 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

a. It shall be the duty and responsibility of Sheriff Officers, Special Deputies and Park Officials to enforce all provisions of permits issued by the park department.

Section 32. Penalties

A violation of any provision of this Ordinance is a misdemeanor punishable as provided by Florida Statutes.

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The community came together to accomplish wall maintenance



By Juli McGill and Lauren Powers

Thanks to all who helped paint "The Wall." It took so little time with all the help this time and looks great!

There was no formal meeting this month but a Neighborhood Christmas Party has been planned for Sunday, Dec. 16 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Lauren Powers home. It will be Block Party style and each person is expected to bring their favorite dish. Santa Claus will be there for the children too.

Work by Judy Prieto on getting a light for the front of the subdivision is still in progress and should be completed before the first of the year.

The next neighborhood meeting will be Jan. 7 from 7 to 8 p.m. at the home of Juli McGill, 3303 Acapulco Dr. Yearly plans and events as well as organizing the Crime Watch Program will be on the agenda. All residents are urged to come to the civic group's meeting for the betterment and social involvement of their neighborhood.

For information call Lauren Powers at 684-8495 or Juli McGill at 654-5684.

HLCA elects a new board of directors

The Heather Lakes Community Association elected its board of directors at a meeting Nov. 15.

Only 29 Heather Lakes residents showed up for the annual meeting, but nominations for the six board seats were made and the six nominated were elected.

Susan DeLuca, Bloomingdale Gazette general manager and Bloomingdale Homeowners Association board member, spoke to the participants on deed restrictions, special taxing district, county code violations, and problems the BHA has encountered during legal battles with developers.

The board elected new officers for 1991

at its Nov. 28 meeting. Tom Leavitt was elected president; Joseph Dotson, vice president; Anthony DellaSala, treasurer, Janice Parker, recording secretary; Joanne Buechner, corresponding and financial secretary; Pat Dwinell, sergeant-at-arms, and Mark Freeman, outgoing president, as community service director.

Other association directors are: Bob Smith, Joann Pirolozzi, Jean Brook, Linda Boyce and Randy Cardwell.

Three major goals for 1991 were set by President Leavitt. They are: a special taxing district, a major social event for the year and a membership drive.

Outgoing HLCA president Mark Freeman and BHA Director Susan DeLuca discuss deed restriction enforcement at the November 28 HLCA meeting.



Heather Lakes

EDITORIAL

Heather Lakes Hotline

by Mark Freeman
HLCA President



A new year has already begun for your community association.

The Board of Directors welcomes three new members: Linda Boyce, Tony DellaSala and Janice Parker, as well as a new slate of officers.

Our by-laws specify only two consecutive terms may be served in office to keep responsibilities distributed. This past year four officers had served a second term and are serving another term on the Board this year. Continuity within our association is very evident and the depth of experience exhibited in the Board is a major asset for the coming year.

Congratulations to our new president, Tom Leavitt, now serving after two terms as

Vice President/Chairman of the Board and to Joe Dotson as new Vice President/Chairman. I am confident in the future of our organization with leaders like Tom and Joe taking charge.

As the new Community Service director I am looking forward to working with the Special Taxing District committee to address the present leading issues of our development. Next to self-sufficiency, property management and deed restriction interpretation are priorities of most every resident. Expect to see a lot of action on these areas now that they have made the top of the list of concerns among your neighbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president the past two years. The experience has been very gratifying.

Tom's Words

by Tom Leavitt, Incoming President of HLCA

We have just completed our second year as an association and are about to embark on an exciting new year. I would like to congratulate the general membership for its choices in selecting the new board of directors for 1991. I am certainly impressed with their enthusiasm and determination to best serve your needs.

On November 28 the board met to elect a new set of officers and established the objectives for the next year. When we started two years ago, we decided to keep it simple and this year we intend to continue that same approach. Therefore, we have selected three objectives as direction for the association:

1. To increase the membership in the association;
2. To lay the groundwork for the special taxing district;
3. To enhance the quality of our programs to benefit the majority of the residents.

But in order to accomplish these, we will need your help. You may ask in what way: By becoming a member of the association and investing a little of your time, expertise or skills.

Just think what type of voice would be heard with just 50 percent of the more than

700 homes participating. What if all 700 homes are active members of the association. The goals that we set would be far too small.

What can we do to gain your support? What can you do to make Heather Lakes a community to be proud of? Would you be willing to become a member now?

Board meetings are open sessions and members may attend. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month. Please contact Joe Dotson, vice president, if you wish to attend.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

a tradition for the past couple of years has been to light up Heather Lakes on Christmas Eve. We want to continue the tradition by placing luminaries along the curbside beginning at 6 p.m. on December 24.

Last year we had an outside home Christmas decoration contest on Christmas Eve. We plan to do the same again this year. Let's light up Heather Lakes.

On behalf of the board, I would like to wish each and every one of the residents a happy holiday.

The 1991 Budget for the Heather Lakes Community Association was presented and approved as follows:

Expenses	Budget '90	Actual '90	Proposed '91
Legal Fees	100.00	146.08	200.00
Insurance	150.00	86.47	100.00
Crimewatch	100.00	0.00	50.00
Social Activities	400.00	362.56	400.00
Meeting Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
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TOTALS	3000.00	1640.72	3000.00
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Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Membership Dues	2400.00	1420.00	2400.00
Other	600.00	350.52	600.00

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Heather Lakes

The Board of Directors of the Heather Lakes Community Association would like to wish you and your family a very happy and warm Holiday Season!

Heather Lakes' "Everything you ever needed" Form

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Brandon, FL 33509-1256

Name _____
Address _____
Home phone _____
Daytime phone _____

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- To join:
_____ Mobile Watch
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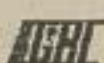


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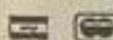
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Personality Profile



Name: Robert "Bob" Smith

Age: 43

Job: Newspaper reporter and college student. Graduate on December 15, 1990.

Family: Wife, Kathleen; two boys, Brad, 16, and Kris, 13.

Former Home: Kissimmee, Florida

Heather Lakes: Lived in Heather Lakes 1 1/2 years.

Phone: 684-5758

Heather Lakes Community Association
Position: Chairman of Social and Publicity committee. Acts as reporter and photographer for the Heather Lakes news portion of the Bloomingdale Gazette. Block captain in Neighborhood Watch, driver for Mobile Watch.

Perdomo's Christmas Baseball Camp

The purpose of the camp is to teach the fundamentals of baseball to various age levels, helping each to better understand the game. The camp should also aid in further development of skills through instruction, individual and multi-player drills, video tapes and game experience.

Instructors will include: Coach Charles Perdomo, and head coaches and assistant coaches from area high schools and junior colleges (one instructor per every 10 campers.).

General Camp Information

Dates: December 26, 27, 28.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration: By mail or by calling Coach Perdomo at 681-5428 (limited space).

Ages: 7 to 16 years old.

Lunches: Bring your own (drinks available).

Insurance: accident insurance fee is included in camp tuition.

Facilities: camp will be held at South Brandon Little League complex on South Parsons Ave.

Tuition: \$45 per three-day session.

Refunds: no refunds.

Items to bring: Glove or mitt, sneakers or rubber cleats, cap, baseball pants.

How to Register:

Completed registration and sign consent form below should be mailed with full registration fee (\$45). Make checks payable to Charles Perdomo. Mail to: Charles Perdomo, 801 Knowles Rd., Brandon, FL. 33511.

Additional Information: telephone 681-5428.

Registration Form Perdomo's Christmas Baseball Camp

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Parents Name _____ Phone At Work _____

Campers Age At Camp Entry _____

Parents Consent: I, as parent or guardian, have actual knowledge and appreciation of the particulars of Charles Perdomo Christmas Baseball Camp, and hereby voluntarily consent to said minor's participation, and assume the risk arising therefrom. I give my written permission for my child to be treated by a medical doctor if deemed necessary by coaches.

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689-2571
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Worship 8:30 am & 11 am

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

Bloomington Community Brethren Church
1310 E. Bloomington 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
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 Rd, Brandon
689-1457
Minister: Larry Delks
Assoc. Minister: David Watts
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45 a.m. & 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 St, Valrico
689-3130
Pastor: Stephen L. Rudacille
Sun. Worship 8/10:30 a.m.
Christian Ed Class 9 a.m.
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Wednesday Eve 7:15 p.m.

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

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

St. Andrews United Methodist Church
3315 Bryan Rd. at Bloomingtondale, 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 of Christ
2914 Lithia-Pinecrest Rd, Valrico
685-0998
Pastor: Garry A. Scheuer, Jr.
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45
Church School 10:45

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
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689-4900
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 am, 9:30 am,
11 am
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. Bloomingdale Ave, Brandon
653-2317
Pastor: Ed Ross, 653-2417
Youth Pastor: Jeff Dunn
Sunday Schedule:
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Tampa Bay Christian Center
3920 S. Kings Ave, Brandon
689-9497
Pastor: Dr. David 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, Brandon

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
2913 John Moore, Brandon

Westminster Presbyterian Church
402 E. Lumsden, Brandon

Synagogue Listing

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.

The information in this directory has been provided by the churches and synagogues listed. If your's is not listed or has only a partial listing, please submit the information in full to this newspaper and we will gladly add it.

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Announcement

FREE DRAWING On A "Hand Crocheted" Christmas afghan. Cooper's Yarn in River Bay Plaza. Home of Winn-Dixie in Riverview. 677-5713. (dec)

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Astrology by Renee

Happy Birthday Sagitarius!!! November 23 to December 21

A cycle of personal confidence and heightened self-esteem seems to propel forth better circumstances for you and yours. Now you can envision your possibilities for the future and discover a sense of the promise of tomorrow.

The financial squeeze that some Sagitarians have been experiencing should begin to lessen in the new year. It is not quite what it should be yet, but the most worrisome troubles seem to be over. However, be careful not to be over enthusiastic prematurely and get right back into a financial bind.

The possibility exists that you will over-extend yourself during this period. You will need to be aware of your goals and jump on opportunities that could bring them to reality. If you follow your instincts you will experience abundance in every area of your life. Note that success often is accompanied with diligent work and responsibility. You can do it.

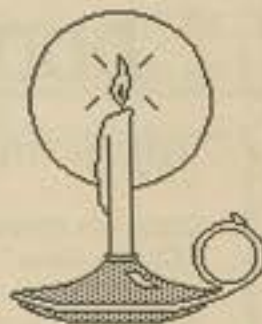
You may decide to increase your knowledge, as you will be thirsting for new experiences and start new educational programs to add to your current knowledge base.

Over the past year, your spiritual awareness probably deepened and resulted in a more sensitive understanding of others. Continuing in this path will bring additional pleasure as you see all differently now.

Your close relationships go along rather well, but in May you may be tempted to run away from your feelings, especially if you are or perceive yourself to be dissatisfied with a present relationship. Be careful not to jump too quickly.

Fall may bring a change in your life, perhaps job-related. Be flexible and enjoy your new exciting year ahead.

Renee is a pseudonym for a professional astrologist who resides in Bloomingdale.



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