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Happy Holidays to every Bloomingdale Resident from the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association

And a Season's Greetings
from your Bloomingdale
area merchants

Dear Bloomingdale Children:

I've accepted an invitation to visit you and stay overnight at the community office. The Fire Department will pick up me and Mrs. Claus at the North Pole.

I would like to see you at the Bloomingdale Community Center on Saturday, December 16th from 10 am - 12 noon, or 1 pm to 4 pm, or Sunday 1 pm to 4 pm.

Love,
Santa

Animal Medical Center
Jim Antunano, D.V.M.
4338 Bell Shoals Rd.
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Paul Moffett
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681-7216

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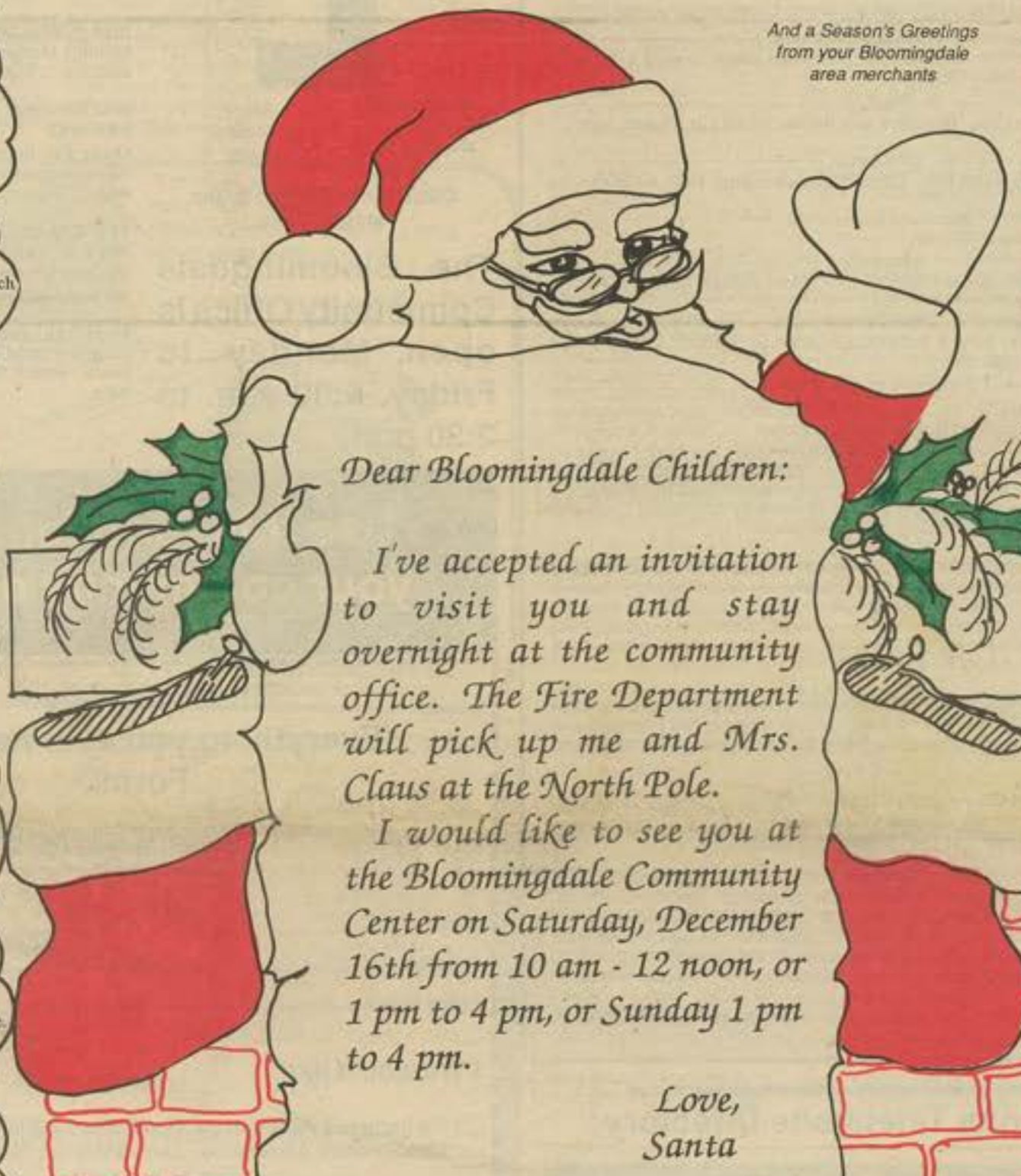
Quality Solar
819 E. Bloomingdale Ave
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Brandon, FL 33511

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

President
Linda Hagan...681-6223

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

DISTRICT IV
Director Needed

T. J. Pinta, Deputy, HC Sheriff's
Department
Crime Prevention Bureau, 247-8555

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



Office space donated by the
Paragon Group

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

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
Monthly Meeting: Second Wednesday of
the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings for Mobile Watch and
Neighborhood Watch are on a per need
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time.

Use this form for all of
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Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Offices
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Brandon, FL 33511

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
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I/We would like:

- To become a Participating Member in the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association: Dues \$10/year; Nov. 1 to Oct. 31.
- To make a donation to:
_____ BHA Legal Fund
_____ BHA Scholarship Fund
_____ Other: _____
- To join _____ Mobile Watch _____ Neighborhood Watch.
- To be placed on waiting lists or volunteer lists for:
_____ BHA Board of Directors
_____ STD Board of Trustees
_____ Committees as needed
- To report a code violation such as unmowed lots, junk cars, safety hazards, etc. (Your name remains confidential, but MUST be on this form at the top.)
Location & nature of suspected violation--

- To be contacted regarding advertising in *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.
- To make a comment about:

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

My Turn

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Editor

Have you seen the Trib lately? Now the proposed routes for the Crosstown are up to 16! And the fun part about it is that one of these routes ("suggested by the public"—whoever that is) goes through Bloomingdale. If they really worked at it and used a little ingenuity, they could make sure the new route goes down Bloomingfield Drive to Canoga Park Drive and out Garnet, then over Glenhaven to Nature's Way and finally exit out through

Monte Lake Drive in the south. Voila! An instant cure for residential speeding in Bloomingdale. By picking every bad road in Bloomingdale known for the hot pursuits and just wipe them all out in putting a Crosstown right over the top of the problem and burying it, they can sweep the problem right under the rug. What you can't see won't hurt you(?)

Meanwhile...have a house for sale? Good luck. Everyone that is trying to sell a house in all of the proposed route areas has got to be faced with an unbelievably bad marketing situation.

I think it's time they (Hillsborough County) stopped this whole fiasco. They need to take an eraser and forget the whole thing. They are playing games with our lives and I don't like it.

They are already I using money on the Crosstown they have. So we should go out and build another one? Makes no sense to me. A \$250,000 study the Commissioners had done said they shouldn't build an extension. I guess the idea of using someone else's money (the state's versus our own county's funds) is just burning a hole in their

pocket. After all, why not build a road just so you can spend money and say you did something (even if it's the wrong something). They are using this as a smokescreen to cover over their own inadequacies in the current road system. For all the money they are spending on consultants and considering the needs of the community, it would make more sense to widen the roads they already have, even though the state money wouldn't be available. The roads are already there—no disruption of lives. None of the current roads are adequate that feed Brandon except the newest part of Lumsden and some of 301. Fix what's here so the growth can fill in the current holes. Putting in a Crosstown that's going to carry more growth/traffic away from the current hub is going to cause a fragmentation and spreading out of growth. This means more sewer lines, more roads, more electricity lines, more telephone lines.... Why not fix what's here first?

Everyone is angry about the children that were assaulted here in Bloomingdale—and no one more so than I. Two years ago, Lynn Wagner (then Property Manager for the STD) presented a study to the Trustees of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District supporting a full-time security patrol in Bloomingdale paid from tax funds. The STD said no. One year ago, Mike Kelly (past BHA President) and I again asked the STD to put this into our yearly budget—the STD said no. Just who are they working for?

Frankly, I would much rather have my 10-year old be able to ride his bike safely on my own street than pretty flowers in the entrances. I think the STD should re-think their community priorities. Their ordinance says that they can have security as one of their budgeted items. They are constantly asking for input

from the community as to what to place in their budgets. But when they get it, such as the requests for security, the input is turned aside.

In one of the recent surveys that came back, one resident responded that the reason he/she doesn't attend General Membership Meetings is because they came to one about two years ago in which the board sat at the front and totally ignored this resident making him/her feel uncomfortable and unwelcome. Anyone who has visited a BHA General Membership Meeting knows that this is not how they are handled. No Board sits at the front but rather the President leads the audience in an open forum of information giving and question answering. BUT...on the other hand—anyone who has visited an STD meeting, would realize very quickly that the meeting this individual must have attended was an STD meeting and not a BHA General Membership Meeting. We are all volunteers and we are all neighbors. Let's act that way and put on a neighborly face at the STD meetings and stop trying to act like the HC Board of County Commissioners. Unfortunately, the STD is imitating the worst parts, not the best.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS

1. It is the 10th Anniversary of the Gazette in January. Do you have any photos of your street as it was being built (even if it was last year)? We are especially interested in OLD photos of the area to publish in the January issue. Call the office at 681-2051.

2. The Bloomingdale Community Office will be open 9:30 to 12 noon December 26 to 29.

Thanks Susan, and keep up the good work. I enjoy reading every article you publish in *The Gazette*.

Sincerely,
Charles R. Vanderford

Letters...

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on correctly reporting the actions of "our" elected representative to the Hillsborough County Commission Jim Selvey. Our county commissioner did indeed vote against the wishes of the residents of Bloomingdale, the BHA, and the law, when he sided with Atlantic Homes over the current housing variance issue in Bloomingdale East. Over the years I have been watching with great interest how "Big Jim" fails to support the residents of Bloomingdale. Nearly two years ago I requested *The Bloomingdale Gazette* interview and publish an article "our" elected county commissioner. Needless to say I was surprised at the resulting article which praised Mr. Selvey for his job performance. I still think of "Big Jim" every time I sit waiting in the long lines of rush hour traffic on Bloomingdale Avenue while his own way home along Rt. 301 is being widened. Big Jim continues to side with campaign donating builders instead of the residents who elected him. Hillsborough County needs a building moratorium, not Big Jim's approval to develop more land for new homes. It's no small wonder Bloomingdale residents can't sell their homes with Commissioner Selvey approving developer's requests. When Gardiner Inc. spilled thousands of gallons of acid into the Alafia River recently, Big Jim voted not to penalize the company. He invariably votes in favor of projects to benefit the business his family personally owes thousands of dollars to. You can bet I'll be voting for Jim Selvey's opponent in the next election.



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Area Worship Listings

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bell Shoals Church of Christ
2908 Bell Shoals Road, Brandon

Immanuel Lutheran Church & School
2913 John Moore Road, Brandon

St. Stephen's Catholic Church
5049 Bell Shoals Road, Brandon

Westminster Presbyterian Church
402 East Lumsden Road, Brandon

Synagogue Listing

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

Happenings and Festivities

by Sandra Santucci
Bloomingdale Resident

Chabad of Brandon Jewish Center will be hosting a Hanukkah Festival at Sabal Park Holiday Inn on December 17. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by a world famous singer and story teller from New York Chiam. There will also be gifts, entertainment and surprises.

For advanced reservations send name, address and phone number and the number in your party along with your payment to the Jewish Center at P.O. Box 269, Brandon, FL 33511-0269.

Family reservations are \$20 and an individual reservation is \$10 before December 10 or you can purchase tickets at the door for \$25 for family or \$15 individual.

Chabad of Brandon will also host a Hanukkah Skate Party at Skateland of Brandon on December 26 from 6-9 p.m. All age groups are welcome to come skate with us.

For information contact Rabbi Levi Shentov at 689-7770.

Kudos to Schmidt Brothers

This letter of intent was received on Friday, December 1. Other builders should be as community conscious.

Dear Mr. Andersen:

It is the intention of Schmidt Brothers Executive Homes, Inc. to purchase the remaining 26 lots in Bloomingdale, Section "L" (Fairway Manors) on which to construct custom homes.

The intent of this letter is to inform the Homeowners Association that we will construct a model home on lot 1 at the corner of Natures Way and Polumbo and to have a parking area on lots 2 and 3, which we will occupy as model/office until such time as all lots are sold.

If the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has any objection to this plan, please inform us immediately. If not, please sign the approval on the bottom of this letter and return it to us. (If you will call my office I will have it picked up.)

Sincerely,
Andrew H. Schmidt
President
Schmidt Brothers
Executive Homes



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3413 Bloomingdale Oaks - Oaks
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1607 Oak Arbor Lane - South
3714 Kingsford - East
625 Ephrata Drive - West

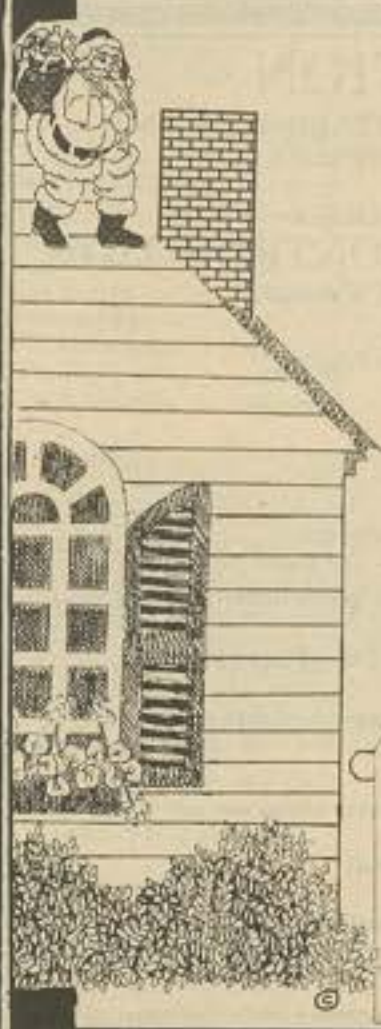
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Angry residents caught in "sweep"

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Editor

On Saturday, November 11, at approximately 9:40 a.m., HC Deputy Sherry Perez stated that a Bloomingdale Resident came and got her and requested that she move cars from the grassy areas of Park West. He stated that he was a member of the taxing district and that his group was responsible for the maintenance of this grassy area. He further stated that the homeowners association had had the signs placed there to protect the grass and stop people from parking on it.

The Deputy went to Park West and found a large function going on. She asked everyone to move their cars off the grass and suggested Bloomingfield Drive. She stated that the adults became angry and verbally abusive—one woman in particular. As they moved off the grass the adults "patched" out. She stated that many individuals attempted to hide behind the curtain of the BHA stating they were members. She stated that that had nothing to do with obeying the law

and that she was there to enforce it. One ticket was issued.

The Deputy stated that she knew she was in her right because of the signs, but that she was sure there were going to be a lot of complaints. She stated that last week she asked someone to move their car off the grass at Park East and the person reported her to her supervisor and complained they were a member of the BHA and had no right to do what she did.

On multiple occasions letters and telephone calls from the BHA have gone to the HCSD asking that there be stricter enforcement of the no-parking in both East and West. These letters and calls were made based on requests from residents living near the two park areas and from the STD who have to maintain the turn-up grass.

Unfortunately, many residents were caught-up in this sweep. But, according to President Martin Andersen, the deputy was there to enforce the law, not to serve the BHA.

With the help of a consultant and input from residents, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority is now considering 16 possible routes to extend the crosstown.

The firm, Brown & Root-Genesis Engineering has been hired to do an 18 month study. They were scheduled to open an office at Bloomingdale Plaza on November 28. The office is an information center, and will be staffed from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The plaza is located at Bloomingdale and John Moore.

For Parents Eyes Only RE: Santa House

Like the lovable Kris Kringle from *Miracle on 34th Street*, our Bloomingdale Santa is a wonderful guy. He sees each youngster individually and takes a personal interest in every child. With your help, he will delight your children by knowing their names and special things that only Santa could know. While the elves greet your children, they will give you a notecard and pencil to secretly tell Santa what you want him to say.

This event is sponsored by the BHA with gifts and

donations from the local merchants. The Community Center will be magically transformed with even a bed for Santa to sleep in during his stay.

Santa will be at the Bloomingdale Community Center on Saturday, December 16 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.; and Sunday December 17, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Bloomingdale Community Center is located at Bloomingdale Square Shopping Center. To volunteer to help with Santa's visit, call Sherrie Whelan at the Center office 681-2051, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or leave a message on the answering machine after hours.

Congratulations to the newly elected BHA Board...

At the General Membership Meeting, a newly elected BHA Board was announced. Those elected are...

Thomas Brophy
David Fraser
David Lees (incumbant)
Bill MacKinnon (incumbant)
Brad Tanzer (incumbant)
Dana Todsen

Each of these individuals have been elected to a two-year term of office beginning January 1, 1990.

Also elected at this meeting were two alternates:

Joyce Morric, 1st Alternate
Carmen Forestier, 2nd Alternate

Homeowners Softball Starting Up Again

by Ray House, BHA Softball Coordinator

The Bloomingdale Men's Softball League is gearing up for a new season for the second week of January.

Bloomingdale Resident homeowners interested in participating are invited to a general meeting on Sunday, January 7 at Bloomingdale Park West. At the 2 p.m. meeting, sign-up will begin. It is asked that participants be homeowners.

All games will be played at Park West on Sundays.

If there are any questions or for further details call Ray House at 681-9678. Good luck to all players and teams.

Residents win two dinners to Bern's Steakhouse

Due to the outstanding generosity of Dr. Jerry Wishik of Physician's Care Walk-In Clinic two VERY lucky Bloomingdale Residents will be dining in style.

November 21 from all of the residents who had paid their dues by November 21 (over 600). Dr. Wishik did the honors himself as everyone in the room kept their fingers crossed.

Walt and Cindy Tamminen of 1328 Peachfield Drive in East had their names drawn out of a hat at the General Membership Meeting on

Said Mrs. Tamminen "I've never won anything before in my life. This is wonderful!"

Gazette story pays off handsomely

Due to an article published in the *Gazette* in the November issue, a donation of \$200 was made to the young man who wants to go to Washington, D.C.

Gerry McCormick, owner of Diversified Marine Technicians, Inc., and Tampa Bay Marine Services, Inc., donated \$200 towards Chris Wilburn's trip scholarship.

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Reducing Household Pollutants Protects the Environment and Saves Money

by David Fountain
Chairman of Hillsborough County's Environmental Awareness Steering Committee.

As part of the 1989-90 Strategic Plan of the Board of County Commissioners, an Environmental Awareness Program will be implemented by January 31, 1990. The goal of the program is to generate public commitment to its role in programs which protect the environment. Columns such as this one are critical to the program because they describe exactly what individuals can do to help.

With three to ten pounds of hazardous waste in the average home, households rank right up there with businesses as major sources of volume of hazardous waste generated at home—and save money at the same time. Many less hazardous and non-hazardous products can be substituted for products containing hazardous ingredients.

Alternatives to commercially available products:

If you have this:	You may not need this:
Ammonia and soap*	Glass polish
Chlorine bleach	Disinfectant cleaner Mildew-stain remover Toilet bowl cleaner Tub and tile cleaner
Cooking oil	Nonstick cooking spray
Cornstarch	Laundry starch powder Carpet and rug shampoo Some stain removers
General purpose household cleaner (powder)	Floor polish remover Scouring powder Tub and tile cleaner Oven cleaner
Laundry detergent	Laundry presoak
Mineral oil	Some household oils Some rust preventative oils
Scouring powder	Stainless steel cleaner Aluminum cleaner
Soap and water	Some jewelry cleaners Plant insecticides Plastic cleaners
Vinegar	Coffee pot cleaner Some stain removers
Baking soda	Detergent boosters Drain cleaners Household detergents Water softeners

*Note: Never mix ammonia and bleach. The result is deadly poisonous chloramine gas.

Other suggestions:

- Use baking soda for scouring instead of oven cleaners. For baked-on grease, put 1/4 cup of ammonia in the oven overnight to loosen.
- Instead of drain cleaners, pour boiling water down the drain or use a plunger or metal snake.
- Instead of chlorine bleach, use dry bleaches. They are safer and less destructive.
- If you do use liquid chlorine bleach, reduce the needed amount by adding baking soda as a booster. For top-loaders add a 1/2 cup the usual amount of liquid bleach. Clothes get just as clean with less bleach odor.
- Instead of silver cleaner, use the "electrolyte method." Soak silver in a quart of warm water with one teaspoon of either baking soda or cream of tartar, and a small piece of aluminum foil. Let silver soak until shiny.

Aerosols:

Aerosols are a major source of home pollution. There is a danger of exploding aerosol cans and harmful mist

particles enter the lungs and the bloodstream. Aerosols are also more expensive than alternatives.

- Instead of aerosol deodorant, use roll-ons, creams, sticks and non-aerosol sprays.
- Instead of hair spray, use setting lotions, gels or non-aerosol sprays.
- Instead of glass cleaners, make your own solution by adding two teaspoons of vinegar to one quart of water.
- Instead of air fresheners, ventilate. Air fresheners work by masking one odor with another, coating the nasal passages, diminishing the sense of smell with nerve-deadening agents or deadening unwanted odor. Instead, place a box of baking soda in enclosed areas or set out an open bowl of vinegar.

Editor's Note: David Fountain will be supplying The Bloomingdale Gazette with a monthly column to increase the effectiveness of environmental awareness and to help us protect ourselves.

Crosstown information

With the help of a consultant and input from residents, the Tampa-Hillsborough County Expressway Authority is now considering 16 possible routes to extend the crosstown.

The firm, Brown & Root-Genesis Engineering has been hired to do an 18 month study. They were scheduled to open an office at Bloomingdale Plaza on November 28. The office is an information center, and will be staffed from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The plaza is located at Bloomingdale and John Moore.



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Bloomingdale's Watchers

Mobile Watch News

by LaWayne Wyatt
Mobile Watch Core Committee

We would like to welcome 15 new members to the Mobile Watch. All signed up when they sent in their 1990 BHA dues and will be on the December schedule. A big welcome to:

Charles Monson, South Grant Hays, Oaks
Joe & Mildred Girolami, South
John Mudri, Oaks
Scott Lancaster, Fairway Manor
Ned Schroeder, South
Jim & Nancy Heston, West
Andy Calcagno, West
Charles Bregg, West
Patrick Tracy, East
Ed Gunby, West
James & Kathy Shriner, South
Thomas Abrado, East

We have five additional volunteers who will be added to the roster in January. If others have volunteered and not been called we will be contacting you this month. Unfortunately, we also lost seven members in November. We still need members from West/Estates, The Greens/Fox Run, Windsor Woods, Oak Crest, Bloomingdale Ridge, River Crossings and The Oaks.

November saw a slight decline in the number of incidents reported by Mobile Watch patrols and residents. A total of 33 incidents were logged through November 23. Included were a possible construction trailer theft, teens entering or at the

various party sites (some drinking), several eggings, speeding and reckless driving, possible breaking and entering in progress, a party at a vacant house, car accident with drinking involved, several incidents of cars in the parks after dark, mailbox smashings, a breaking and entering which was foiled by an alarm, a suspicious car in the vicinity of Alafia School and an aggravated assault. Most of the incidents in November occurred between the 1st and 6th but any weekend still has a relatively large number of incidents. The cooler nights has apparently had some impact.

Based on the increasing number of incidents from June to October several proposals to provide additional deterrents to crime and

improve the Mobile Watch have been considered. One of the proposals was to have a general membership meeting and discuss ways for the patrols to be more effective. Next month we'll report on the results of that meeting and discuss the other proposals.

The BHA desperately needs someone to be Chairman of the Neighborhood Watch program. If this program was functioning properly both the Neighborhood Watch and Mobile Watch could be an even more effective deterrent to crime in our community. If you're interested please call the BHA office and volunteer to be the Chairman of Neighborhood Watch.

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One Night With A Deputy

by LaWayne Wyatt
Mobile Watch Core Committee

Have you ever wondered what a Deputy Sheriff does during his or her tour of duty? Probably not unless something happens and you need their help. The question then becomes "why does it take so long to respond?" or "why wasn't a Deputy in the area to stop this situation from happening?"

To gain some insight into what goes on during a Deputy's tour I participated in the Hillsborough County Sheriff's ride-along program on Saturday, November 18, 1989. I specifically requested to ride with the Deputy assigned to the Bloomingdale area during the 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift. According to the Sheriff's Department, this shift has the most Deputies on duty based on historical data of when crimes are committed.

For reference purposes, the Bloomingdale zone during this shift is bounded by the Alafia River on the south, Kings Avenue on the west, Bloomingdale Avenue on the north, and Lithia-Pinecrest Road on the east.

Following is a summary of the events which occurred during the eight hour shift:

- 2:15 p.m. - Arrived at District II Office
- 2:30 p.m. - Roll call for ongoing shift. Deputies were briefed on significant events. All squads were short personnel due to the Rolling Stones concert at Tampa Stadium.
- 2:45 p.m. - On duty. Checked boat ramp, south end of Kings Avenue. Drove through zone towards "The Spot". Got as far as Glenhaven and Natures Way.
- 3:00 p.m. - Assigned to disturbance at business, Bloomingdale Avenue and John Moore Road. Resolved dispute.
- 3:20 p.m. - Resumed patrol. Checked off-road party sites at "The Spot". Found three young boys from Fox Run by Alafia River. Nothing illegal was occurring but advised boys to be careful in area.
- 4:16 p.m. - Assigned to minor traffic accident on Whitney Place (northeast of Valrico Road and Lumsden Road). Took statements and prepared reports. Finished at 4:55.
- 4:58 p.m. - Assigned to stolen car complaint, Parsons Green apartments, Parsons Avenue (south of Oakfield). Interviewed owner, prepared reports and put out alert for car. Finished at 5:30.
- 5:55 p.m. - Assigned to assist lady in picking up possessions. Met lady at Bloomingdale Avenue and Kings, followed her to house on Lindenwood Drive (south end of Kings Avenue). Turned into malicious mischief call. Prepared reports. Finished 6:30.
- 6:39 p.m. - Assigned to call of neighbor hitting children, Bent Oak Street off of Bloomingdale Avenue. Interviewed parties concerned and prepared reports. Finished at 7:35.
- 8:20 p.m. - Assigned to security alarm call at Burns Junior High School, Brooker and Bryan Road. Investigated with school security. Finished at 8:50.
- 9:02 p.m. - Assigned to complaint of strange car parked near home, Desiree Drive and Gertrude Drive (southwest of Lumsden and Bryan Road). Checked for warrants on tag and owner.
- 9:38 p.m. - Assigned as backup to report of prowler on Providence Road. Call cancelled by primary Deputy as we approached Providence Road.
- 9:47 p.m. - Assigned to report of juveniles drinking in Sterling Ranch development on Providence Road. Met development project manager and followed him to party site. No one found but saw evidence of party.
- 9:55 p.m. - Discussed several events with squad sergeant.

DEPUTY, see pg 8

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Assaults on two Bloomingdale teens-- one may have been avoidable

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Residents of Bloomingdale were the victims of random attacks by a gang of teenagers on November 19. On this Sunday afternoon, some of our youths were viciously assaulted by the two carloads of teens.

The weather was sunny and beautiful. Many children were outside on this afternoon and could well have been the targets of these attacks. In fact one of the victims might have escaped injury had the residents of Bloomingdale bothered to organize a Neighborhood Watch.

The Sheriff's department called Hal Labkon of the Mobile Watch to ask him to alert the community that the attacks were taking place and people should stay off the streets. At that time, Hal could have set off a chain of phone calls through the Neighborhood Watch by contacting the Neighbor-

hood Watch Director that would have alerted residents. Almost all of Bloomingdale could have been notified in 15 minutes, if there had been a coordinator and block captains to initiate the calls.

Why doesn't Bloomingdale have a Neighborhood Watch? No one has volunteered to be the coordinator. Hal Labkon, core committee member of the well-respected Mobile Watch, feels that the two organizations would compliment one another in providing more security to the area.

"A Neighborhood Watch can do what we can't do," stated Hal. "It can operate 24 hours a day—we cannot. It would be very helpful in daytime hours when it is difficult to man the Mobile Watch."

Susan DeLuca, Editor of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, felt that the attack on the last child could have been prevented.

"It's this neighborhood's fault that the last attack happened. We were asked to activate our Neighborhood Watch telephone chain at 4:30 p.m. But these chains don't exist. The last assault occurred at 5 p.m.—thirty minutes AFTER the Sheriff's Department asked us to let the entire community know."

It is only a matter of time until another incident requires involvement by a Neighborhood Watch. By that time Bloomingdale could be prepared. Initially it would require a lot of work by a coordinator, but once established the block captains assume responsibility too.

Drop by the Community Office for more information or to volunteer to be the new coordinator. The hours are Monday through Friday 9:30 to 2:30. Or consult the form provided on page 2 of this paper and mail it in.

Happenings at the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale

Sunday, December 17 at 4 p.m. for A Festival of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Music for the whole family and Sunday, December 24 at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candle Light Service.

Softball
Instead of accepting a win by forfeit The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale showed their good sportsmanship by recruiting players from Kingsway Bible, only to lose their first game, KB 15-BP4. In their second game BP played Kings Avenue Silver in a close game to lose by 1 run. BP9-KAS10.

Their third game was also a loss BP6-Kings Avenue Baptist 16. Using the three previous games as warm up practices BP played their fourth game against Brandon Assembly of God to win BP9-BAG6.

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DEPUTY, from pg 7

10:20 p.m. - Met squad corporal at Lumsden Road and Kings Avenue to review and turn-in reports.

10:50 p.m. - Returned to District II Office.

Observations and discussions with the Deputy provided several insights into why a Deputy may not respond immediately to our call for help:

- All calls are assigned by the dispatchers on a priority basis with threats to human life and crimes in progress having the highest priority. Based on information provided by the dispatchers none of the calls we received fell in either category and did not warrant use of lights and siren.

- Deputies are not limited to

calls within their assigned zone. Only one of our calls was within our assigned zone, two were on the boundary with adjacent zones and six were well out of our zone. During the evening another Deputy answered a call in our zone because we were already on a call.

- Deputies are not immediately dispatched on all complaints received by the dispatchers. Several factors may contribute to this delay: higher priority calls are being handled or unavailability of a reasonably close Deputy. Some of the calls we saw had a 5-10 minute delay from receipt to dispatch.

- Distance to the call and the same traffic we all complain about. The furthest we travelled was approximately five miles. Since our calls were not of an emergency

nature we moved with the traffic flow.

- The lack of easily seen addresses on homes or not providing an apartment number. The stolen car call did not contain an apartment number so time was lost while the dispatcher obtained the number. Missing house numbers may cause a Deputy to go to the wrong way on a street or miss the house completely.

As you can see we never made it back to Bloomingdale for routine patrol after 4:16 p.m. According to the Deputy this shift was a fairly typical tour of duty.

Hopefully, the above pro-

vides some indication of the delay in response time to our calls for assistance. It also provides one explanation of why we don't see a Deputy continually patrolling the streets of Bloomingdale.

According to Major Terry, District II Commander, the Sheriff's Department does not have sufficient Deputies to properly cover the entire County. District II includes almost 800 square miles, therefore, Major Terry and his Deputies need all the help they can get from the citizens. As a result, we need to help ourselves by being alert and reporting suspicious or criminal activity to the Sheriff.

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Christmas Spirit

by Bill Armstrong
Bloomingdale Resident

"Dad", Bobby raced in the house. "It's starting!"

"Just as planned," I chuckled as I went with Bobby to the front window. We peeked out. Marv was standing in the hot December sun, a woeful six inch plastic candle in his hand. He placed it on his front windowsill and disappeared into the house.

"He's gone to plug it in" I whispered. "Now we act!"

Bobby and I raced for the garage. Hidden in the corner, still in its bright cardboard box, was a brand-new, made-in-Hong Kong, all-weather, hand-painted, three-foot plastic candle. In a split second we had it up in the front yard, plugged in and glowing! Heh! Heh! I thought I saw Marv's front curtain move as we ducked back inside.

Marv started it last week. "Time to get out the old Christmas decorations. Bob-Boy! I have something special planned for this year!"

Something special! Was Marv declaring Yard Decorations War? Right then I resolved to do him in. I'll show Marv who has the old Christmas Spirit, I swore, my fist shaking.

As I came home from work the next night, I noticed a large wreath next to Marv's dumb candle. "Happy Holidays", it mocked at me-OK for you, Marv!

"Let's put up some outside lights", I suggested non-chalantly.

It took two hours to untangle the lights. (Why do they go into the attic in a neat loop and come out like a rat's nest?) Another two

hours to replace all the bulbs that somehow burned out while being stored in the attic. Three more hours to hang them up.

"They're crooked", Betty said.

I snuck a look at Marv's house. Was that Marv peeking jealously between the blinds? I couldn't be sure.

The next day a small stable appeared in front of Marv's window. I gritted my teeth.

I zoomed to Wal-Mart.

"Where's the Christmas stuff?" I screamed as I pawed my way through the Easter candy.

Two hundred dollars later, I had a genuine, four-foot Santa (with reindeer) (imported directly from Korea) proudly prancing across my yard. Industrial strength extension cords carried the juice to their lighted, smiling faces.

"Eerie", Buffy said. I ignored her as I watched for movement at Marv's curtain. Boy-oh-boy, I giggled hysterically.

Marv countered with a small set of Advent candles.

I bought Wal-Mart out of plastic snowmen and cherub-faced angels. I bought more lights. I had to get a generator because the fuse box in the garage was smoking.

"That's the Christmas Spirit!" I cried shrilly as I nailed plastic stockings into the brick.

Marv and his wife carefully set out a 12 inch angel.

That did it! I countered with the deathblow! Off to Clearwater I went—to the famous Christmas Wonderland store!

"Gimme plastic statues!" I screamed. "Make sure they light up! Gimme more lights! Another generator! Quick!"

"Merry Christmas", they muttered as they loaded my U-Haul.

I stood back, panting. The yard was aflame with glowing plastic! What a Christmas! 782 lights! Plastic Snowmen! Smiling Santas! Fake presents! Lotsa Angels, blinking madly!

I could see a crowd gathering. "Poor Marv", I cackled madly. "And his puny decorations."

I strutted out front to meet my adoring masses. I paraded triumphantly around my lighted pieces of cheer. The crowds moved closer. My chest swelled. They came closer. I cleared my throat. (Might as well give 'em a little speech, I thought.)

"Ahem."

They moved past me over to Marv's yard. Between the

six inch Angel and the plastic candle was a table with pitchers of cider. They all began to sing. I stood dumbfounded, sweating from the heat radiating from my bedazzling yard.

"Come on over, Bob-Boy" Marv called out. "We're going caroling!"

I pulled the plug on my decorations and went.

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by Peggy Frinak,
Bloomingdale Resident

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Going... Going... But just not quite gone

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Although the end is in sight, Bloomingdale will have to tolerate the interim sewage treatment plant on Nature's Way for just a little longer. Construction delays on the new plant have caused the closing of the Bloomingdale plant to be delayed also.

Currently, residents in the area have noticed and reported odors arising from the plant. At a recent meeting with the County, BHA President Martin Andersen asked if the building in front and the land from the plant would be available for community use. Unfortu-

nately, he found that the building on the site will remain a part of the utilities department, and will not be converted into a community building as once hoped. The land itself is available, however, for use as a passive park.

When asked about this land for park use, Director of Parks and Recreation Ed Radice stated he envisions a park similar to the parks in East and West. Swings, slides, and picnic shelters would be built, and tennis courts might be possible too. He also stated that open grassy areas would be included as part of the new park in Bloomingdale.

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Elementary School News

by Shannon Cox
Gazette Staff Reporter

Alafia Elementary School is already looking forward to the Christmas holidays. There will be a canned food drive from December 4 through December 11, with a flat bed cart located in the Media Center and in the lunchroom for collection. People wishing to donate may send canned goods in with their children.

Student Council elections are over, and the following students were elected to Alafia's Student Council: 5th Grade President, Walter

Carter; Vice-President, Alex Zwahlen, Secretary, Jeff Moxley. 4th Grade-President, Michelle Jones; Vice President, Jennifer Gardner; Secretary, Krista Lewis. 3rd Grade-President, Melanie Michael; Vice-President, Mary Kate Owens; Secretary, Steven Batson. Congratulations to all!

Alafia's "Fun Day" was held on the P.E. Field on November 21 as a reward for the fundraiser. Game booths were set up on the field, and refreshments were provided by the PTA.

Alafia continues to participate in the "Terrific Kid" program, sponsored by the Brandon Kiwanis Club. A

child is chosen monthly from each class to receive the award. Winners for the month of October were: Mohamed Abdel-Aziz, Shantelle Smiley, Jennifer Kroneberger, Daniel Pollock, Samantha Rapisardi, Adrian Schmidt, Shanelle Regencia, Timothy Weismann, Shaun Porter, Jeremy Fields, Eddie Owens, John Vitale, Stefan Bradham, Pablo Riley, Craig Little, Travis Crossland, Brad Hamilton, Michael McDonald, Jennie Barber, Patrick Pogue, Leslie Dalaza, Douglas Evans, Joey Muniz, McKenzi Passarella, Justus Fuentes, Timothy Kilcullen, Harrison Perry, Lori Alvarez, Mark Ober, Roby DeLuca, Todd Pulvermacher, Holly Alagood, Jason Povio, Sara Honsberger, Paul Pino and

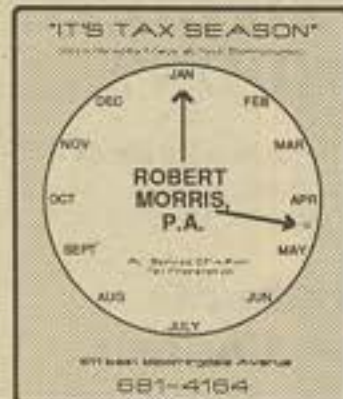
Emily Jackson. Nice Going!

Alafia will celebrate "Our Favorite Time of the Year", a holiday program, at 7 p.m. in Alligator Hall. The talented participants are "Alafia Singers", "Alafia Rhythm Machine", Kindergarten classes, "Alafia String Ensemble", and Alafia Movers and Shakers".

Music Specialists, Dorothy Cutler and Melanie Ford

Don't miss the Alafia Elementary School holiday entertainment at Tampa Bay Mall December 14. The "Alafia Singers" and "Alafia Rhythm Machine" will perform at noon.

The Brooker Elementary School will present an annual program of holiday songs at 7 p.m. in the Bloomingdale High School auditorium. Seasonal vocal and instrumental selections are sure to please every listener. Music Specialists, Beverly Kelly and Rona Matheny



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Fun Day as provided by the Alafia PTA

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Television Acting Workshops

The Clubhouse Kids Productions, under the direction of Bloomingdale Resident Yvonne Cummings, Director/Producer of Television Specials for Children will host "Television Acting" for children 3-12 and

teens 13-17 in the Bloomingdale area during December.

Workshops will be three hours long (9 a.m.-12p.m.) and are available on Saturdays and school vacation mornings.

All children attending the workshops will be considered for roles in "The Clubhouse" television series

presently airing locally.

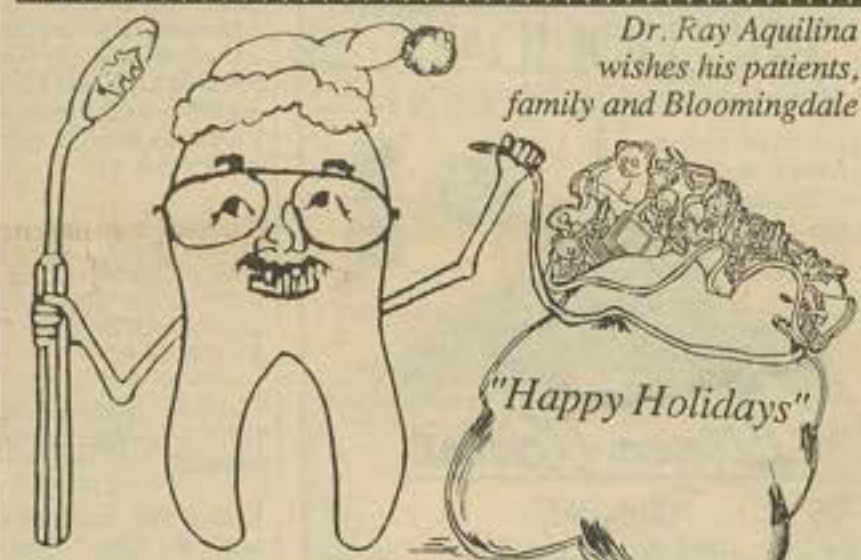
The children will experience performing on camera for commercial as well as sitcom work. Parents can view the video work the children have accomplished 20 minutes prior to the end of class.

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by Michael Strong
Gazette Staff Reporter

One robust turkey, sixty-five children and one orchestrating lady can put together a special program to be appreciated by all. Recently, Bloomingdale Resident Yvonne Cummings rounded up what she calls her "Family" to film a holiday special called "Griswald the Turkey." The production was shown on the Access Channel for viewing by Bloomingdale Residents over the Thanksgiving Holiday. Many hours of hard work went in to the making but as usual Mrs. Cummings had a wonderful time.

For thirteen years now, Mrs. Cummings has been the creative force behind this annual special and she has many screenplays to her credit. Her greatest pleasure, however, is received from the children. An impression of genuine concern for the children was felt when she stated that it's done, "For the growth of the child on stage and in life."

She is thrilled with the way her little actors (the youngest being four years old), as well as the parents, acted on and off camera. She is proud to say she has no trouble with stagemothers who always push their children; all children that were involved did so of their own will. Two Bloomingdale youngsters, Shane and Audra Obedzinski, were in

the production. Mrs. Cummings speaks very highly of these very talented children and she plans to use them in future activities.

Yvonne feels there is a definite need for quality television today and this is the best way to change the situation. In hopes of more quality alternative programming, a possible series

is in the making. Mrs. Cummings will be having a weekly talk show hosted in her home and her son will play host for a teenage talk/call-in show, called Clubhouse Kids, as well. All in all, Mrs. Yvonne Cummings is a talented person who puts forth the effort to improve the environment of her "Family" and in turn, the community as a whole.

Seen on the left is Bloomingdale Resident Yvonne Cummings giving pointers during the Thanksgiving filming. On the far right are Shane and Audra Obedzinski.



Photo by Alexia Hrvatin/Bloomingdale Gazette

Junior and High School News

by Pam Mahlum
Gazette Staff Reporter

Bloomingdale Senior High School's 1989 Homecoming King and Queen were Dan Garner and Toni Guidry.

Sophomore Mark Gibson was elected to represent BSHS at the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar held in spring. Joe Robison is the alternate.

To help you get into the wintertime and Christmas spirit, how about attending these concerts. The Chorus' Winter Concert is December 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium; and the Band will perform on December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

The Elk's Christmas Basketball Tournament will

be held at BSHS, December 28-30. Game times are 2, 4, 6, and 8 p.m. daily with the championship game scheduled for Saturday at 8. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Participating schools are BSHS, Chamberlain High School, Lakeland High School, Palm Beach Gardens High School, Pensacola Escambia High School, Plant City High School, Robinson High School, and St. Joseph's High School from Cleveland, Ohio.

The next meeting of the Academic Booster Club is December 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Principal's Conference Room. The purpose of the club is to encourage academic achievement at all levels of study. Please join us!

The Guidance Department maintains a scholarship and award file. All students should frequently check the file.

There are scholarship ap-

plications for specific schools, such as University of Miami, University of Florida, Ball State, Belmont, Young Harris College and the Academies.

General scholarship opportunities are also included in the file. Several of these are the Better Business Bureau \$1,000 award, Tampa Bay Baptist Association Scholarship, and National Scholarship Program of the Printing, Publishing and Packaging Industry.

The National Peace Essay Contest is open to students in grades 9-12. Winners will receive scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$10,000.

Christmas trees to benefit BSHS are on sale in Bloomingdale Square next to McDonald's.

Vacation begins December 20 and ends January 3. Have a safe and happy holiday!

The Ragin Bull Band of

Bloomingdale Senior High School competed in the Florida Bandmasters Association Festival recently in Tampa. The festival was held at Plant High School with 18 high school marching bands competing. The Ragin Bulls and their auxiliary group The Crimson Dolls received a Superior rating. Under the able direction of Mr. Ted Hope, Mr. Willie Lawson, and Mrs. Shirley Raulerson the Bull and Dolls presented West Side Story. The show features a "combat dance" number by the Dolls and a grand finale of the entire band lying on the ground playing "Somewhere". Drum majors for the 1989-90 year are Greg Barker, Scott Rudes, and Tim Ingram. Crimson Dolls heads are Ashley Smith, Kim Chahoc, Deanna Braun, Samantha Greene, and Holly Mudri. Well done kids, we are very proud of you.

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The Gift of Good Health -- The Gift That Keeps on Giving

by Jim Lott
Gazette Staff Reporter

If you have a special someone (maybe yourself) on your Christmas shopping list who is overweight or whose weight change chart looks like a yo-yo, you might want to consider a gift of physical fitness.

Ranking as high as not smoking and dieting as factors to a longer, more enjoyable life, getting into shape can also reduce or eliminate the personal anguish that often accompanies being over weight. For example, results of a recent research study by a family researcher from the University of Minnesota and published in *USA Today* showed that moms who haven't regained their figures a year after the baby's birth pay for the extra pounds with lower self-esteem and angry husbands.

Whatever one's weight control goals are, the critical issue is to burn more calories than you consume. A scientific way to determine a healthful diet/exercise routine is to base the program on the concept that energy needs are based on activity requirements plus your Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR). The BMR is influenced by a number of factors including body size and composition.

For example, tall, thin

people with a large body surface are subject to greater heat loss than short, heavy people. Hence, tall, thin people tend to be more successful in maintaining their desired weight. In addition, muscle tissue uses a greater amount of energy than fatty tissue, so fat people have lower BMR's than muscular people of the same weight.

Your BMR can be measured directly with expensive equipment that translates the results into an exact caloric requirement than can guide both exercise and diet routines for reaching and maintaining a target fitness/weight goal.

The most effective weight-reduction programs combine the proven success formula of exercise and diet with an accompanying change in lifestyle that lead to the weight gain.

A problem many people have with putting the formula into practice is loss of the initial motivation for losing weight. This comes from both a lack of positive reinforcement from others and using exercises learned as kids that may, in fact, be more harmful than beneficial to total fitness. Dr. Richard Dominguez, author of *Total Body Training* and an orthopedic surgeon, has pinpointed eight popular stretching exercises, such as

deep knee bends and straight leg sit-ups, that offer limited benefits while having the potential for serious injury.

The problems of motivation and proper exercising can be avoided by engaging in any of the numerous organized exercise and fitness alternatives available to Bloomingdale Residents. For example, if you want to get your exercise by playing golf, your choices include the Buckhorn Springs Golf and Country Club and the Bloomingdale Golfers Club. Buckhorn also has tennis memberships and a large community-sized swimming pool. The club is currently conducting a special promotion that offers new members a discounted initiation fee.

Tennis buffs can combine swimming and/or physical fitness at the Brandon Swim and Tennis Club, Hidden Palms Racquet Club or Maharaj Tennis and Country Club.

If you aren't really interested in golf or tennis, then you may want to consider one of the three major fitness centers in the Brandon area. These include: The Brandon YMCA, Athletic Clubs of America (ACA), and American Fitness Center.

HEALTH, see page 14

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STD Monthly Report

Where does all the money go?

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

The board for the Bloomingdale STD was called to order on November 13 with all members present but one. Mary Lou Olivera, the absent member, sent in a letter of resignation from the board, effective immediately. Resumes are being taken to fill the vacant position at the present time.

In other business, GTE responded to an STD letter asking for the replacement of sod destroyed by pipe installation. The areas of concern include Nature's Way, Greenhollow, and Bell Shoals as well as the Greenhollow and Glenhaven entrances. In a letter received by member Ronald Delavan on November 1, GTE asked the board to contact its contractor Harris-McBurney and restitution would be made.

Bids are being taken for the irrigation and landscaping of Lomewood and Havenstone entrances. It was determined that any landscaping would be an exercise in futility without irrigation.

Information was presented from the office of Melvin Smith regarding the "levy, collection, and enforcement of non-ad valorem assessments." This requirement from the tax collector's office places the burden of complying with the new requirements on the STD board. The first public hearing in regard to this matter must be held before January 1, 1990, at which time a resolution must be adopted to continue the process, or an alternate method for assessment must be chosen. That first meeting has been scheduled for December 11 at the Community Office.

If adopted the resolution is sent to the tax collector, appraiser, and Department of Revenue. Eventually the assessment roll must be certified and the tax bill can be mailed. The procedure is a costly one for the STD, and it is unbudgeted, as it is responsible for considerable mailing costs, but it will allow for the uniform collection of taxes by Hillsborough County.

Bloomingdale Special District
Treasurer's Report

October 1, 1989 to October 31, 1989

Opening Balances:	
Checking	\$10,985.26
Money Market Acct.	42,301.44
CD (#9280)	10,000.00
CD (#1700)	7,500.00
CD (#4580)	7,500.00
Total Opening Balance	\$78,286.70
Revenues:	
Interest (CD #9280)	\$63.70
Interest (CD #4580)	57.97
Tax Collections	74.70
Mics. (TECO refund)	70.60
Property Appraiser Refund	54.76
Tax Collector Refund	7.34
Total Revenues	\$329.07
Total opening balance plus monthly revenues	\$78,615.77

EXPENSES

Description	Ck. #	Amount
Curry & Associates	529	\$4,500.00
Central Florida	530	550.00
Bloomingdale Gazette (rent)	531	25.00
Hills Co. PUD	532	148.64
USPS (Stamps)	533	25.00
Tampa Tribune	534	5.68
Walter Briss Masnry	535	554.00
Wills. Co. PUD	536	43.26
TECO	537	48.10
TECO	538	50.89
Curry & Associates	539	750.00
Central Florida	540	1,533.33
Dunedin Sod	541	101.37
Bobby Cole (salary)	542	1,808.34
Bobby Cole (supplies)	543	50.00
Bobby Cole (misc.)	544	12.66
Oliver & Company	545	250.00
Bloomingdale Gazette (rent)	546	25.00
Dunedin Sod	547	85.44
Total Expenses		\$10,566.71

Opening Balance	\$78,615.77
Less Expenses	10,566.71
Balance	\$68,049.06
Closing Balances	
Checking	\$551.25
Money Market	42,497.81
CD (#9280)	10,000.00
CD (#1700)	7,500.00
CD (#4580)	7,500.00
Total Closing Balances	\$68,049.06
TOTAL CLOSING BALANCES	\$68,049.06

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December 19 at 7 p.m. at the Bloomingdale Community Office, 827 East Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon the Bloomingdale Oaks STD will hold a public hearing where the Board of Trustees must decide if the district's 1990 special assessment will be placed on the real estate property tax bill.

Many people in Bloomingdale have asked the burning question,



"Where are our entrance signs?"

The Bloomingdale STD is now in a position to answer that question. After considering three bids, the Dixie sign company was awarded the job, and will erect new signs in West at Garnet and at Rosemead. A sign is also planned at the John Moore entrance to Bloomingdale Estates.

Look for the new signs to be finished and erected in four to six weeks.

Brandon Evening Women's Aglow

by Georgann Wyatt,
Bloomingdale Resident

nightclub singer, Terri Lynn captivates her audiences with her energetic personality and simplistic style of presenting the gospel.

Brandon Evening Women's Aglow will meet Thursday, December 21, 1989 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the All Occasions Banqueting Hall on South Moon Avenue in Brandon. The guest speaker for the month will be Terri Lynn in concert. All are welcome; donations only.

From Dallas, Texas, Terri Lynn has had several years of experience as a background vocalist for name entertainers and also commercial jingles. Emphasizing biblical principles in her song, Terri Lynn reaches out and "touches the heart of all who will listen."

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Books for Christmas or Anytime! A Children's Book Review

by Georgann Wyatt
Bloomingdale Resident and Teacher

The most obvious books to give children at Christmas are the ones about Christmas, but generally they are only read during the Christmas season each year. There are many other books which can be read and enjoyed all through the year.

Some great stocking stuffers for pre-kindergartners are board books which fall into two groups: My First Kitchen Gadgets Books and My First Tool Books. Some of the titles are *My Cooking Spoon*, *My Rolling Pin*, *My Drill*, and *My Wrench*. Each book is in the shape of that object and tells a story using that tool or gadget.

Carl Goes Shopping, by Alexandra Day, is an ideal book for children who can't read yet but really want to. Carl is a

Rottweiler who takes care of a baby in a department store while the mother is on another floor. There are only a few sentences at the beginning and end, but the story is very clearly told through the pictures and children enjoy "reading" the book by describing the pictures.

The Read-Aloud Treasury, compiled by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmenson, contains a range of selections from nursery rhymes to poems and stories. Some of the stories are *Corduroy*, *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* and *Little Bear Goes to the Moon*, all popular stories which children enjoy hearing over and over.

There are several new picture story books this fall. *Amy the Dancing Bear*, by Carly Simon, is a story which Carly told to her children. It is about a bear who wants to dance instead of going to bed and finds new reasons to keep dancing each time her mother comes

into her room.

Danielle Steele is a popular writer whose adult books have made the best seller lists. She is also a mother of nine children and has written several books for children which deal with contemporary situations. Two of them are *Max and the Baby-sitter* and *Martha's Best Friend*.

Budgie the Little Helicopter is an adventurous helicopter who rescues a kidnapped girl. It was written by the Duchess of York after she completed training as a helicopter pilot. Budgie was the nickname of her training helicopter.

Middle grade students love anything written by Judy Blume. She has an understanding of middle graders, the way they think and express themselves, and this comes through in her writing. Three of her books are *Superfudge*, *Freckle Juice*, and *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. Her books are so popular that students will spend their own money to buy them.

Three other authors who are also very popular are; Beverly Cleary with her books on Ramona Quimby, Lois Lowry who writes about Anastasia Krupnik, and Betsy Byars who has several books about Bingo Brown—a seventh grade boy.

The books mentioned are just a few of the children's books available.

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HEALTH, from pg 14

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by Bonnie Abrado
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Christmas present ideas may include china, glassware, pictures, furniture and other items of special interest.

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The construction on the new Mobil gas station at the corner of Bloomingdale and Bell Shoals is almost complete as seen by the happy grins on the gentlemen doing the work. Contrary to popular belief, this Mobil station is not owned by Bill Bradley, who owns the other Mobil station less than one mile away at the corner of Kings Ave. and Bloomingdale. Needless to say, Mr. Bradley is not very pleased with Mobil's decision to put a corporate station so close to his own.

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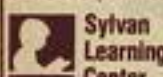
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by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

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Investment Planning

by Tom Peterson

It is an interesting phenomenon that the average taxpayer in the United States enjoys a greater income than that of the citizens of any other free world country; but we are at the bottom of the list when it comes to saving money!

The reason for our poor performance in this area is very clear: People do not PLAN. Most of us approach the idea of saving from the position that we will "spend first and save what is left." Rarely, however, is there anything left...the only way to assure a successful savings pattern is to "save first and spend what is left." In other words, savings must be PLANNED.

A 1980 report from the

Committee on Aging (US House and Senate) revealed that in order to enjoy a dignified retirement, the retiree would receive "income" from the following sources: 25% from Social Security; 25% from pension plans; 25% from personal savings; and 25% from a reduced standard of living. If the pension and/or savings element is not available, or is inadequate, the retiree has two basic choices: (1) Continue working if possible; or (2) drastically reduce the standard of living. (Remember, retirement should be the happiest time of your life!)

How much do you need to save to continue your living standard throughout retirement? That depends on a number of variables: The number of working years to retirement; the realized rate of return; and taxation-present and future. The ideal no risk investment would provide tax-deferred growth

and tax free income. If such an investment is available, you should be saving from 5% (age 30) to 55% (age 55) of your current income. Note that the percentage increases substantially with age. For someone who absolutely cannot budget the full recommended percentage, something is better than nothing. You should start today with as much as you can and PLAN to increase it as soon as possible.

What is the best investment? It will vary from person to person depending on a number of factors, including the level of risk the investor is willing to accept. As a general rule, the greater the return, the greater the risk. Most people will make a decision based heavily upon the published or projected "rate of return" offered by a certain investment vehicle. A better approach, however, is accomplished by measuring the "realized rate of return." In


short, this is true yield after adjusting for taxation and/or ancillary savings attributed to participation in a specific investment vehicle. For example: Suppose you have \$1,000 to "invest", and you can earn 7% in a bank CD. But, you have a \$1,000 balance on your credit card which is charged at 18%. By paying off the credit card, you earn a "relative rate of return" of 12.96%. (18% non-deductible less 5.04% which is the 7% CD yield reduced by 28% income tax-nets 12.96%). Once you understand the basic concept, choosing the proper investment for you becomes somewhat easier.

Out of 100 Americans, age 25 today, upon reaching age 65...1 will be wealthy; 4 will be financially secure; 5 will continue working; 29 will

be deceased; and 61 will live in poverty!

Start making your PLAN by meeting with a professional planner who will help you evaluate the relative return of your present investments and get you on track for a more enjoyable retirement. As a fringe benefit, you will also be more comfortable during your working years, knowing that your future is secure!

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Year End Tax Tips

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

Now is the time to consider some strategies which may reduce this year's taxes and make filing your 1989 tax return much easier. Keep in mind that these suggestions are general guidelines and may not pertain to each individual. If you determine that some or all apply to you, we recommend that you have your personal tax advisor review your situation.

First and foremost in planning should be to organize your records for filing the return. By doing this now you will save time and frustration later. Also, you will need to analyze your tax situation as a whole before deciding if any planning will be beneficial. There are also limitations imposed on many deductions which must be addressed in any tax planning.

Child Care - Beginning with this current year, the tax-

payer must disclose the name, address and taxpayer identification number of the child care provider in order to claim the child care credit. You should request this information from your provider at an early date to assist in organizing your files.

Dependents - Starting with 1989 you must include the social security number of each dependent child who is at least two years old by December 31, 1989. Apply now by visiting your local social security office or by mail and avoid the rush expected next year. Personal exemptions have increased to \$2,000 for 1989. Also, a personal exemption is no longer allowed for a 24 year old student who has gross income in excess of \$2,000.

Interest Deductions - Personal interest, as defined by

the IRS, is deductible but only 20 percent of the amount paid on personal debt and investment interest is limited to net investment income plus 20 percent of the excess up to \$2,000. To maximize interest deductions consider converting personal debt into home equity loans. Be aware this will now become a secured debt as opposed to an unsecured and there are limitations on equity loans.

Standard Deduction - This deduction has been increased by an inflation adjustment: Single \$3,100, Married \$5,200, and Head of household \$4,550.

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RESTAURANT REVIEW

BY ELTON DUMONT

Selena's
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Well I did it. I went way outside the Brandon-Valrico area to come up with this review. But I'm sure some of you know the story. We had company from out of town, we wanted to go someplace different, and shopping was on our list as well as dining. And so—Selena's.

First of all, let me try to paint a picture of the area. Old Hyde Park Village section of Tampa is the trendy, yuppified, upscale section of our town. If your taste runs toward Polo, Ralph Laurant, Banana Republic or other upscale shops than Old Hyde Park Village is the place to be. If, on the other hand, browsing is your speed (as is ours) than this is still the must see area of Tampa. And Selena's is one of the old venerable institutions in this area. We visited on a Saturday afternoon and ordered off the lunch menu. If you are particularly hungry, you can ask for the dinner menu.

We were acknowledged very promptly and directed into the lounge while a table was prepared for the four of us. The lounge was spacious, carpeted and well stocked. Although it was quiet this afternoon they do offer entertainment in the evening. In less than five minutes we were shown into one of the two public dining rooms, (they have a third for private parties). The decor was splendid Victorian with paneled walls, thick maroon carpeting, antique wooden chairs and tables, and ceiling fans. The ceiling lighting and wall lights successfully gave the impression of old fashioned gas lights.

The restaurant bills itself as Italian as well as New Orleans Creole Cuisine. As you will see, both areas have excellent credentials. Although we all passed on appetizers per se, we did inquire about the soup of the day. It was split pea with ham. One of our party ordered it and turned out to be a wonderful decision. It was thick from stock (not just flour) and had ample ham chunks throughout. AND faithful to the Creole tradition, it had a slight spicy tinge to it that added so much to the flavor. The appetizers include shrimp remoulade, fried broccoli, squash casserole and Selena's crab rolls.

The entrees we ordered certainly ran the gamut of taste. It included a New Orleans oyster po-boy sandwich, shrimp remoulade (from the appetizer section), spinach salad, and a simple dinner salad. The po-boy turned out to be an open face sandwich with gobs of lightly breaded, large oysters, once again with a trace of Creole spice. The tarter sauce

served with it, turned out to have a definite trace of mustard and served to enhance the entree. The shrimp remoulade also had a mustard sauce base, tomato wedges, hard boiled egg slices served over crisp, fresh Romaine lettuce. A very nice order for the undecided. The spinach salad comes in small and large. The small that we ordered turned out to be enough for a hearty appetite, which caused us to wonder who would be bold enough to order the large. It was served with fresh, very fresh spinach, very large chunks of mushrooms (enough mushrooms to be labelled a mushroom salad), bacon (not bacon bits), hearts of palm and artichoke served with a special house dressing. A very nice selection even if you are hungry for lunch. And finally the dinner salad. It was anything but standard since it came with red onions, radishes, and Romaine lettuce as opposed to Iceberg. But the key was the dressing. We took "Selena's House" which was a creamy Italian. But it stood apart from any creamy Italian we ever had, since the base ingredient was Tofu, along with garlic and oil. A new and unique taste that we all agreed was a pleasant surprise. As an added treat, we ordered garlic bread. Lightly flavored but fresh bread. Based on the Creole and Italian we had come to expect, we were a little disappointed that the garlic bread didn't have the strong garlic taste we were looking for.

Other sandwich offerings included softshelled crab, New Orleans French dip, Joshua's choice (1/2 pound hamburger), Sicilian cheese and meatball to name a few. For the heartier lunch appetites, there was spinach lasagna, linguine or spaghetti with scampi sauce or white clam sauce, grouper florentine, shrimp tempura, and grouper manale to name a few.

We had to pass on dessert, even though they had a dessert tray with old world tradition type offerings. We did have coffee and it was served in cut glass with a hand crafted design. Keep in mind that Hyde Park is a pricey community and Selena's certainly keeps that tradition alive. Sandwiches range from \$5.50 to \$6.95. Pasta entrees from \$7.25 to \$10.95, and seafood entrees around \$11. Our total for four including tax tip and a cocktail was \$36. We could have gotten by for less but we tipped 20 percent because of the excellent and very attentive service.

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Correction

In our November issue regarding the story about Sylvan Learning Center we inadvertently published the wrong telephone number. The correct number is 684-2400.

Brandon Branch Library

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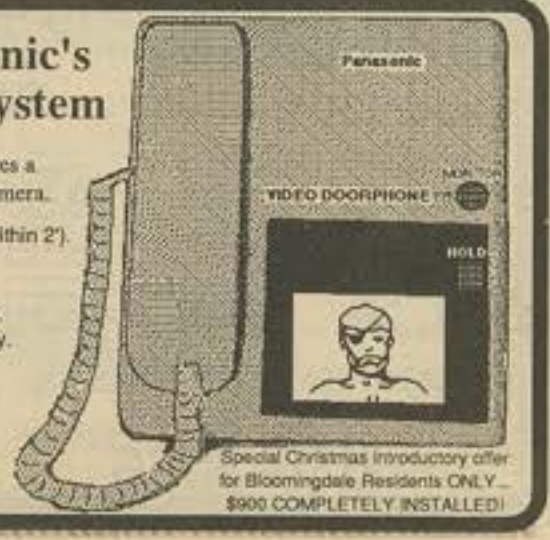
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Applications are being taken for the Florida State Fair "Sew It and Show It" Competition for Hillsborough County residents. To be eligible to compete at the State Fair, contestants must first be selected at the county level.

Categories include: Sewing for Others, Coats and Suits, Dress, Separates, My Choice, and Evening Wear. The competition is open to youth (ages 8 to 19) and adult, both amateur and professional. Garments must have been made since January 1989. Judging will take place by mail in January.

Awards will be presented at the State Fair with \$25 for first place, \$15 for second place, and \$5 for third place. Best of Show Winners will receive \$50. Garments are also eligible for display at the Hillsborough County Fair and Strawberry Festival and may also win \$5 or \$20 in award money.

For more information and complete rules, contact Diana Mires at the Cooperative Extension Service, 5339 State Road 579, Seffner, 33584, or call at 621-5605 or 754-2621.

Are you a good Bloomingdale Neighbor? Especially at this time of year you may want to think about these good neighbor tips...

Good Neighbor Sam Says:

- A good neighborhood is not something you can eat; a bad one, however is one that you may have to.
- One neighbor's music is another neighbor's noise.
- Two neighbor's music makes music.
- Selling your home for top dollar depends on your neighbor's view.
- Empty garbage cans left out front for days invite indoor garbage pickers.
- Whether or not a child turns out to be a good kid or a bad kid often depends upon what kind of neighborhood his friends live in.
- Cutting your grass at 6 a.m. wakes up the living.
- Garbage cans seen from the street are a sight for more eyes.
- Your dog's scat on your lawn is fertilizer; on my lawn it's still your fertilizer; thanks, but no thanks.

Trash Pickup

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

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

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

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

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