



Happy Birthday, Sweet 16



Valentine's Day is the best time to wish the Bloomingdale Community and *The Bloomingdale Gazette* a happy birthday. The

newspaper was created 16 years ago by residents in the original 70 homes of Bloomingdale East. Happy Sweet 16th!

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BHA Briefs

Monthly Meeting

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 in the Community Office's new location in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale. The Community Office has moved to 3244 Lithia Pincrest, Suite 103, next door to Kim Hall's Dance Studio. Residents have the floor at the top of the meeting. Election of officers will take place at this month's meeting.

Board Position

One board position remains open and interested residents are asked to attend this month's meeting. The BHA board is served by 10 directors. They meet once a month to discuss matters of concern to the residents.

Special Thanks

The BHA board would like to extend its appreciation to Tom Hayden and Victor Perez for separate acts of kindness.

Hayden, a Bloomingdale resident and professional painter, contributed his time to paint the interior of the new community office. He did an excellent job.

Good neighbor Perez, of Kim Hall's Dance Studio, loaned a helping hand with the move into the community office and also helped save the day when a leak caused water to accumulate and soak through the office carpet.

Good Neighbors - good friends of the BHA.

Welcome, New Residents

The BHA welcomed two new residents at last month's meeting. New to the community are the Vince Santillo family who reside in Fox Run and the Clarence Dempsey family who reside in East. It was terrific to see new residents show an interest in the community.

Mobile Watch

Mobile Watch director LaWayne Wyatt is happy with the response he has received with the recent membership drive. Several new volunteers have offered to join the mobile watch patrol. And just in time, it seems. Late night teen activity in several areas of Bloomingdale East have Wyatt and local law enforcement personnel on the lookout. The "hang-outs" show signs of illegal drinking. Residents who notice such activity in their neighborhoods are asked to notify the sheriff's office.

Membership Drive Underway

The 1996 BHA membership drive is enjoying great success. Residents of the Bloomingdale communities are still receiving packets, which are being mailed in manageable numbers. Dues are \$20 and are for the calendar year. Packets will include a notice of dues, Mobile Watch volunteer sign-up form and an informative brochure about the BHA and other area organizations. If you haven't received your membership information, it will be forthcoming in one of the many mail-outs still remaining.

What BHA Membership Gives You

Residents who take advantage of all the services offered by the BHA get their money's worth. In the last year the BHA has provided community symposiums on deed restriction and zoning violations, road and street lighting/traffic control advocacy, public safety information, a community picnic.

In addition, the BHA sponsored a parks and recreation advisory committee that continued the efforts of the 1987 board and accomplished the goal of bringing a rec center to the Bloomingdale community.

The BHA continues to support the Mobile Watch program and *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

They also continue to stay on top of local government issues that affect the community and are advocates for the

Former Principal Recalls 20 Years Of Double Sessions

by Rozel Sciulli

Former Brandon High principal Orlan Briant remembers the school on double sessions when it was the only high school in the growing community east of Tampa. And he wants to tell Bloomingdale parents, some of whom are his former students, double sessions is not the monster they perceive it to be. There might even be some advantages.

"It certainly has its problems," said Briant, now an area director. "On double sessions you have to adopt the philosophy that the problems won't get in the way of education.

"Believe it or not, when we went off double sessions,

Parents of 1996-97 Bloomingdale students are invited to attend a planning session concerning double sessions at Bloomingdale High on Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Questions and suggestions will be heard.

parents, teachers and coaches complained."

From the mid-1960s through 1985 Brandon High operated on double sessions in two separate buildings. McLane Junior High was the original Brandon High until 1971. Under pressure from parents, the school board lifted double sessions for one year when students moved to the present campus on Victoria Street, but in 1973

an enrollment of more than 2,000 forced the school back on double sessions. By the time Armwood opened in 1985, Brandon High's population had sky-rocketed to over 4,000.

Under double sessions, Brandon High was the first school in the state to win the National School of Excellence Award.

Briant explained that at Brandon, double sessions

didn't keep a student from getting required courses or from participating in extra-curricular activities. Double sessions, he said, may even benefit some students who will take advantage of the school being open and its faculty being available for 12 hours from 6:30 until 6:30.

"Of course, we didn't have freshmen, but it can work the same way," Briant said. "Any sophomore that needed a class, we made sure it was offered during that session, or that the student was enrolled in the other session. Students even arrived early to take a last period class in the earlier session."

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A Valentine's Story Of Love And Commitment



Amos and Afton Bossa

by Rozel Sciulli

Amos and Afton Bossa sit comfortably in their den surrounded by family photographs that are a loving testament to their 54 years of marriage. And although they are separated from their five children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren by thousands of miles, the Bossa family is linked by faith and by love.

"I don't know where the years have gone," Amos said. It was a love that began in a time of turmoil when a strapping young Air Force officer from Toledo, Ohio attended the University of Utah and met the young Afton.

They were married on Oct. 9, 1941, just before the outbreak of World War II, and the honeymoon was short lived.

War was declared that December while Amos was en route to the Phillipines. He never got there. Instead, the airmen hid from the Japanese on a number of Pacific islands. After tours in Australia and New Guinea, the young officer returned home in 1944.

Afton had remained in the states living with her sister and on her own while working at Remington Ammunitions.

Making the military a career, the Bossas and their three children - Allen, Kathleen and Michael - were sent to Tokyo in 1953, during U.S. occupation of Japan. One more child, Lorraine, was born in Japan and the fifth, Norman, came after their return to the states. The last time the Bossas were all together was at Norman's wedding four years ago, but they stay in touch via an 800-number the parents had installed.

"We hear from everyone every week," Amos said, stopping to reminisce with Afton about a recent conversation with one of their daughters.

Amos, a retired Lt. Col. since 1968, and Afton looked for a sunny locale when they moved from the Washington, D.C. area. Living near an Air Force base to take advantage of the many services was a stipulation. With Allen residing in West Palm Beach, the Tampa area was a logical choice. They moved to their home in Fairway Manors in 1990.

"We didn't want to live in Sun City Center. We like See VALENTINE, page 6

Reclaimed Water Available To Residents

Special to *The Gazette*

Reclaimed water for irrigation in residential subdivisions is becoming popular in neighborhoods around Hillsborough County and Bloomingdale residents may now take advantage of this program.

Reclaimed water is highly treated wastewater generated by Hillsborough County's water reclamation facilities. It is colorless, odorless and can be used for landscape irrigation.

Residents who use reclaimed water are not subject to the watering restrictions mandated by the county.

The benefit to the environment is the conservation of drinking water supplies.

Bloomingdale has already been identified as a feasible reclaimed water service area. The service is currently in use at Bloomingdale Golfers Club.

A petition must be signed by more than 50% of the homeowners in a particular area, not 50% of all Bloomingdale.

An annual assessment is added to the property tax bill of each resident within the area and is amortized over a 20-year period. This is used to build the distribution system within the subdivision. In addition, there is a \$6 per month residential user fee and a one-time connection fee of \$40.

Residents who wish to find out more about this program

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

NIP Report

The volunteers in the Neighborhood Involvement Program hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and we wish all a Happy New Year.

Things have been very slow during the holiday season. A few call trickled into the BHA office. Since a lot of folks had company from out of town and extra company, we didn't send out cards for parking violations, but we have started sending out notices again.

Parking Violations

Parking on any grassy area is prohibited in all divisions of Bloomingdale unless the vehicle is parked out of sight from the street. Please comply; we get a lot of calls from your neighbors who don't like to confront the offenders.

Those folks who have garage sales are only allowed to have two per

year, according to county code. It would also be appreciated if you would remove any signs you post on corners or on poles at the end of the sale.

Off Limits Area

The area between the homes on Sweetleaf Drive and Park West is county property with Tampa Electric Co. easement. Trespassing is prohibited. Dog walking, jogging, riding bikes or horses are not allowed in this area.

It would also be appreciated if parents would tell their children not to use the properties on Sweetleaf land Cedar-grove to cut through to Park West.

Got a complaint? Volunteer!

We have two new volunteers who will be officially trained sometime this month. If you have any desire to help

out, please call the BHA office at 681-2051. We will be glad to welcome you aboard. The more volunteers we have, the better job we can do. Remember, we're only trying to keep our neighborhoods attractive and our property values up. If you have a complaint, get involved; it's a sure way to have some positive input and get things done.

Deed Restrictions Copy

If you recently moved into Bloomingdale and didn't get a copy of your deed restrictions, call your realtor and ask for a copy. If you don't have any luck, call the BHA office, and we'll see to it you get a copy.

With all the new places to shop so close to Bloomingdale, we think we have a very desirable place to live. Please do your part to keep it that way.

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MEETINGS

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

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District
Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
BHA Board of Directors
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Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District
First Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch
Watch this listing for dates & times. The meetings are held on a per need basis.

Our Times

Talkin' Trash Is A Nasty Subject

by Rozel Sciulli

This is a trashy topic, but somebody has to address it.

Imagine taking an early morning stroll down Nature's Way toward Greenhollow. The dew is clinging to waking blades of grass. Birds are beginning to notice the sunrise. The air is fresh. There's no traffic on the streets.

Ah, the splendor of suburban living. You awaken from your daydream after stumbling over a pair of old sneakers, nearly falling and avoiding serious bodily damage. That's odd, you think, until the next sight reveals a crumpled pair of jeans and an old sweatshirt nearby. Looking for a body in the bushes, you don't find one, but you do spot a pair of socks and some underwear. Still no body.

And there won't be one, either. The wardrobe sampling is some of the more unusual "trash" found daily on the streets of this community.

Each week, STD property manager Alan Devney collects six to eight 33-gal. trash bags full of garbage, tossed from cars driving through Bloomingdale. These aren't visitors to the community, he says. These are residents who have little regard for the property shared by all of Bloomingdale.

Commercial litter includes pop cans, beer cans and bottles, whiskey bottles, sacks from McDonald's, Taco Bell and Burger King, wrappers and cups. He has found newspapers, hub caps, brake linings and tires.

Community advertising trash is also intolerable. This includes the leftover garage sale signs and lost (or found) pet signs.

On the nastier side, he has discovered

Oh, and one lucky find - a \$20 bill. That was one piece of trash Devney didn't throw away unlike it's original owner who must not have realized he was throwing money out the window.

If you wouldn't throw any of these in your yard, why would you throw them around the community?

If you would not permit your kids to throw their McDonald's bags in your front yard, why do they throw them in your neighbor's yard?

If you have an outdoor barbeque and 20 guests leave their trash (paper plates, etc) strewn all over your backyard - would that make you angry?

I've never understood littering - whether a cigarette butt or a styrofoam coffee cup - if it's not something you would want thrown in your yard, why throw it anywhere other than in a trash can?

Me? I throw everything on the floor of my car - in front of the passenger's seat. Just ask anyone who has had to share the passenger's side floorboard with fast food bags, cups and old newspapers. About once every couple of weeks I clean out my car, but I can't ever say that I thought of throwing something out the window.

Guess it goes back to that litter campaign commercial that was aired repeatedly on television when I was growing up - the one of the American Indian surveying the littered highways - in closing shot we see this hulk of a man with a tear in his eye. That picture has stayed with me all these years.

People caught littering shouldn't have to pay a fine. Money may mean nothing to them. Community service in the way of weekend roadside clean-up - now that's a punishment that fits the crime.

STD Seeks Input On 'No Solicitation' Signs

by Rozel Sciulli

While several interior sections of Bloomingdale East have prominently posted "No Soliciting" signs at their entrances, the majority of East and all of West is open to outsiders who enter the community peddling their wares.

It may be the guy selling a miracle "specially concentrated" liquid guaranteed to remove oil stains from the driveway or children selling candy door-to-door, but the Special Taxing District would like to know how the residents feel about dealing with travelling salesmen/women.

That's why the STD is taking a survey to determine the wishes of the community. Do you want Bloomingdale to be off-limits to solicitors, they want to know?

"We want to close off the community to outsiders," said STD president Rick Pitrowski. "We don't want to keep the neighborhood children from raising money for their school, teams, or church groups. But we know who our neighborhood

children are and chances are we don't mind giving donations when we know they will benefit a group in our community."

Pitrowski cited the risk of having strangers roaming the streets of Bloomingdale, and the often poor timing of solicitors.

"In communities where soliciting is prohibited, residents feel more at ease," he said. "We don't know if it will stop soliciting 100%, but posted signs will deter outsiders."

In Fox Run where No Soliciting signs are posted, residents say even if someone comes to their door, they feel they have a leg to stand on.

"I don't have a problem letting someone know that soliciting is not allowed in our neighborhood and asking 'didn't you see the sign?'" said Fox Run resident Belinda Kimbrough. "It hasn't stopped children from coming around, but we know who our kids are."

No-Soliciting Survey

Please indicate in the space below whether or not you would like the Bloomingdale communities to be Solicitation Free

YES, I would like the STD to post No Solicitation signs
 NO, The STD should not post No Solicitation signs

Name _____ Address _____
(you may choose to remain anonymous, but an address is necessary in order for the survey to be considered valid)

Please mail your response to the Bloomingdale STD, 3244 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 103, Valrico, FL 33594, or drop off your response to the STD at the Community Office in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale

Bits N Pieces



Local Child's Entry Wins Mickey Mouse Contest

by Shannan D. Powell

As the new year unfolds, Bloomingdale residents prove unfettered in their endeavors, involved in as many news-worthy events as ever.

Head wins Disney card contest



Michelle Head

Michelle Head, a first-grade honor student at Seffner Christian Academy, was named grand prize winner of the Mickey's Stuff for Kids Birthday Card Contest, a nationwide contest celebrating Mickey Mouse's Nov. 18 birthday. Her card will be published in the March issue of Parents magazine.

Chosen from more than 1,500 entrants, Head, 6, won a \$1,000 United States Savings

Bond and \$1,000 in toys, games and accessories from Mickey's Stuff for Kids, plus a photograph.

"I didn't even intend to enter the card," said Kate Head, Michelle's mother. "It was just something to keep her busy one rainy day. And it was so cute, I almost kept it."

The card showed Mickey Mouse on the front with a poem and little girls inside. The girls were decorated with buttons, ribbons and lace. The poem read, "All the children of the world are happy every day, Thanks to Mickey and his ways."

"I guess art runs in the family. Her uncle is a commercial artist and my great-grandfather, Daniel Kotc, has art in the Smithsonian," said Mrs. Head.

The contest judging panel included Andrew Lawrence, star of the NBC comedy series "Brotherly Love"; Barbara Rentschler of Binney & Smith, maker of Mickey's Stuff for Kids products and Wendy Smolen, Lifestyles editor of Parents magazine. The contest was open to children between two and 10 years old.

Magnuson and Lindley to wed

Larry and Candy Magnuson, former residents of



Robert Magnuson and Miss Kelley Lindley

Bloomingdale East, wish to announce the engagement of their son Robert "Rob" Magnuson to Kelley Lindley, daughter of Lonnie and Diane Lindley of Orlando.

Magnuson, a 1993 graduate of Bloomingdale High, proposed to Miss Lindley on Dec. 27.

"He was shaking like a leaf," Miss Lindley said. "After we opened all the Christmas gifts, he brought out a big, beautifully wrapped box."

Inside the box was a little Teddy bear with the velvet box containing the ring.

Both juniors at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Magnuson is a marketing major and Miss Lindley is a

religion major. They plan to be married May 6, 1997, at Pinecastle United Methodist Church in Orlando and will reside in Washington.

Fox Run holiday dinner progressive

The residents of Fox Run held their annual holiday progressive dinner Dec. 9. Thirty-five couples participated in the event organized by Linda Cacioppo and Pat Hanly, down from 48 couples in December, 1994.

The couples gathered at the home of Ellen and Craig Gesell for a cocktail hour and then broke into nine groups for dinner, proceeded to one of the nine dessert homes and reunited at the home of Tim and Karen Maguire for nightcaps.

"Everybody seems to enjoy it," Mrs. Cacioppo said. "This is one of the best events (the social club) has all year."

Hockey fans in Boston

Bloomingdale residents Alan and Mary Devney and son Tom along with John and Rose Profetto had the time of their lives in Boston last month. The couples attended the National Hockey League All-Star game and the trip also provided the chance for the Devneys to visit with daughter Ann who works for the NHL.

Devney said they withstood the bitter cold which still found snow on the ground from the January blizzard. They watched ice skaters on the commons and saw the Ducks on the Green. But the rest of the weekend was devoted to hockey as they watched the Friday night skills competition and the big game on Saturday.

"A great time was had by all," said Devney, who was glad to get back to the Florida warmth.

Crafts Competition

Bloomingdale adult residents may join others in Hillsborough County who will participate in the Neighborhood Village at the Strawberry Festival in Plant City. There are no pre-entry or entry fees.

Entries are now being accepted in the following departments: needlework, sewing, toys, knitting & crochét, food preservation, pictures, heritage arts and genealogy. Entries may be submitted at the Festival grounds on Thursday, Feb. 22 from noon until 7 p.m. All baking and cake decorating entries must be submitted Tuesday, Feb. 27, from noon to 7 p.m.

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Restaurant Review Dinner Cruise Three-part Pleasure

by Elton Dumont

As you can tell quickly from the name, this is not your typical restaurant, so it defies a standard review. However, a group of us took this wonderful dinner cruise on a recent Saturday night and I wanted to tell you about. It is one of the best kept entertainment secrets in the Tampa Bay area.

The Starlite Princess Riverboat is an authentic paddlewheeler built in 1986 by Patti Shipyard in Pensacola. From the moment we boarded, we were treated warmly. There are three areas of enjoyment on-board - dinner, dancing with live entertainment and the 3 1/2-hour cruise.

The lower deck of the boat has the main dining room and the bigger of the two dance floors along with the stage for entertainment. This level is all enclosed, very quiet and climate controlled. The draped windows and upholstered seats add warmth. The second deck can be used for private parties or as an addition to the lower dining room. This deck also has a dance floor with a view to the lower deck. The third deck is open to the night sky and has benches, tables and chairs for spectators to sit and enjoy the great view of the surroundings of Upper Tampa Bay.

First, we were served a dish of hot appetizers of bacon wrapped scallop, barbecued chicken filet strip, a miniature pastry quiche and a mushroom stuffed with crabmeat. My first thought was that the food would be so-so since food was probably not their main calling card. I was wrong. The food was very, very good.

As the paddlewheels began to churn, salad was served with a choice of Italian or ranch dressing. It wasn't a typical lettuce salad. It appeared to be a crisp romaine that was properly chilled complemented by cucumber, tomato, grated carrots and purple cabbage. We have been in some fine restaurants where the salad was not as appealing. Fresh, crisp French bread with real butter was served on the side.

There were six entree choices including seafood Alfredo, chicken Marsala, seafood of the day, Starlite filet, chicken Grillade, and a garden harvest of fresh vegetables. Since we were a large group, I can attest to the quality of the only four entrees selected among us. There was not a bad meal.

The Alfredo combined shrimp and scallops in a bed of fettucine noodles, smothered

in a sauce of creamy parmesan with a slight indication of garlic. The chicken Marsala was a tender breast in a mushroom and wine sauce. The catch of the day was salmon, prepared perfectly with a special sauce. Finally, the Starlite filet was a tender premium cut served with Bernaise sauce. A squash and zucchini medley was enjoyed rather than left on the plate, a testimonial in itself. The meal was capped by New York style cheese cake with an amaretto flavor. It was more than a normal sliver.

It was a terrific meal from a group that obviously takes pride in food preparation.

The second area that bears comment is the dancing and entertainment. On this night, the music was supplied by Eric Enfield who had enough electronic equipment to turn his one-man show into an orchestra, and vocalist Kris Teran who sang show tunes, pop and oldies. From waltzes to the electric slide, there was music for dancing, dining, conversation and romance.

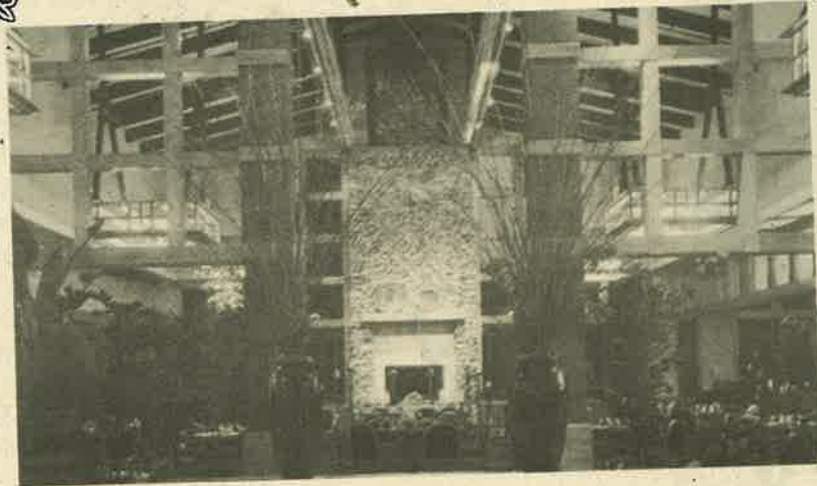
The third area was the cruise itself. The tour of Tampa Bay takes site-seers around downtown with its lighted skyline, the blue-domed aquarium, the under-construction ice hockey arena, Harbor Island, Davis Islands and the Tampa Convention Center. In between dining and dancing, a visit to the upper deck provided a wonderful view.

And now for the cost. Would you agree that a 3-hour cruise around Tampa would be reasonable at \$15 a person? Would you also agree that a four course dinner in a fine restaurant with good service would be worth around \$30 to \$35 a person? And would you say that visiting a lounge with live entertainment and drinking just coffee all evening would cost about \$10 a person and a cover or a minimum charge?

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sion. There are many options."

Briant cited marching band as an example. It was offered last period of the morning session so both groups of students could participate. In fact, he said, student athletes weren't practicing until 6:30 p.m. Practices were held after the first session and athletes were home by 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.

"Kids will live at the school," Briant said. "The top 10 to 15 percent of the kids will take advantage of labs and the availability of the media center. Some (at Brandon) even took seven classes for credit - six during their session and one at the end or beginning

of the other session. That was a good way to get in those electives.

"For the students who needed extra help, tutoring was available during their off-session."

Briant remembered there was community and parent concern about students with idle time. "It was a problem then and it will be a problem now. No doubt a freshman or sophomore will be apt to skip school if he doesn't have to come until 12:00, and that students who get out at noon and get a job and want to buy a car will find earning money more attractive than attending school.



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Schools Select This Year's Best Teachers

by Rozel Sciulli

In Bonnie Herzog's spacious Bloomingdale office, Abraham Lincoln shares wall space with actor Harrison Ford. Bulletin boards and shelves are covered with 12 years worth of student photographs. And bumper stickers proclaiming women's rights let visitors know that this pint-sized teacher stands tall on her convictions.

Herzog is one of four teachers who touch the daily lives of Bloomingdale students and who have been honored as their school's Teacher of the Year. The others are Suzie Janss from Burns, Karen Willis at Alafia, and Kelly Brocato from Lithia Springs. They will be honored along with others in the county at a banquet Feb. 15 when the Hillsborough County Teacher of the Year will be named.

A original Bloomingdale faculty member, Herzog has been teaching American history and government for 12 years, coming to the local high school from East Bay. She and her husband Edward moved to Brandon from Kentucky, and their son Robert is a senior at Bloomingdale.

It was a book on Harry Truman that led Herzog to a teaching career in history.

"I had no idea what I wanted to do (after high school). I didn't even think about college," Herzog said, who spent time working as a veterinary assistant. "Then I read a book on Harry Truman and I thought 'I'd like to know more about this'."

Herzog attended and graduated from Northern Kentucky University while raising a toddler and absorbing all the history books and movies she could fit into her hectic schedule.

"In history I want to bring people alive to the students. I've never been one to have the students read a chapter and answer the questions at the end," she said.

Instead, she has her students sit in "trenches" while studying World War I, so they know what it felt like for the soldiers.

"I like to think that the enthusiasm a teacher has for (a subject) transfers to the students."

Herzog also is Bloomingdale's Student Government sponsor. Under her direction, the student leaders stage Carnibull, Homecoming, pep assemblies and their current blood drive project.

It's Herzog's mission to instill in her students a sense of individual and social responsibility. She does this by emphasizing life skills in her teaching and in student government projects such as providing a motivational speaker who will address the entire student body prior to Prom Night in an effort to avert carelessness and irresponsibility.

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Suzie Janss also is an American history teacher who has taught in Hillsborough County for 12 years. She is an original faculty

member at Burns which was built prior to the county's technological updates.

"Burns was computer poor," Janss said. So she set out to help remedy the situation. Her interest in technology inspired a fund raising campaign in the school's social studies department that in two years has raised \$24,000 for technology.

She is a member of the middle school committee as Burns prepares to welcome sixth and seventh graders. Part of that preparation is a pilot program in which several teachers, including Janss, are carrying out the philosophy of middle school teaching this year.

Janss, who was raised in a military family, has lived "all over" the United States and brings her love of history into the classroom.

"I enjoy getting the students excited about American History," she said.

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Karen Willis is Alafia's computer instructor. She has taught in the county for 18 years and is an original member of the Alafia faculty.

She is the only teacher at Alafia who touches base with all 982 students through computer classes. But there's more to this former second grade teacher.

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Bonnie Herzog (standing) enjoys leadership training as part of her teaching day at Bloomingdale.

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Church and Synagogue News

by Ellen Slovacek

Valentine's Day is right around the corner and I can't help but think of that oft quoted scripture in John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another, as I have loved you..."

With that scripture in mind, I want to relate to you an experience I had a couple of weeks ago. I won't bore you with all the details, but I happened to meet a kind-faced, well-dressed woman who at first seemed nice enough until she found out that I was not of her faith.

She then proceeded to tell me that my church was inconsistent in its teachings with the Bible, and that my religious leaders were "immoral and probably going straight to hell." Interesting, I thought, that this woman would know so much about the doctrines of my church.

I asked her where she got her information. A pamphlet. Oh, yeah. That makes a lot of sense. To my further amusement/exasperation/amazement, she tried to tell me that I didn't know the true doctrines of my church because my church leaders purposely keep the congregation "in the dark". Wow, that's a new one.

I teach the gospel doctrine class in Sunday school, and so far, I have not attended a "Keep Them in the Dark" seminar. But who knows? Maybe this pamphlet-reading-therefore-I-know-all-about-your-church woman is in the know. Maybe there is such a seminar and it's only for narrow-minded women that wear nice clothes and like to irritate the general church-going populace because we are not of their faith. If those are the qualifications, count me out. I'm too sloppy a dresser.

But going back to "Love one another"...It has always seemed strange, even incongruent to me that some people who claim to be Christian, are not. Indeed, their very actions speak of intolerance and narrow-mindedness.

I am reminded of the time I was nearly run down in the Walmart parking lot by a truck bearing the bumpersticker "I Love Jesus". Or, on a more serious note, the people who kill medical doctors in the name of Christian values. Murder is murder.

I guess you could call it selective Christianity...love others only when they share your beliefs. All others, be intolerant.

I know I'm speaking of only a very small group of people. But we all suffer from intolerance on some level. So here's a Valentine's Day challenge for people of all faiths: For just one day, try to see things from the other person's perspective. Then maybe we will be able to truly love one another.

Now here's what's happening:

The **Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale** has received great news from its sister church in Guatemala. Two students from that country are furthering their education with the scholarship money

made available to them from the Bloomingdale church. Lijia Ayola recently received her degree in accounting and Donald Cruz has successfully completed a year in college. For these two students to receive so much education in this poverty-stricken country is amazing and quite an accomplishment. The church welcomes donations to the scholarship fund. Contact Ellen Abramson at 621-2213 for more information.

Congregation Beth Shalom has arranged a special Scout Shabbat service for Friday evening, March 15. The service will give religious recognition to Boy and Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Brownies and Explorer Scouts. All the scouts are asked to be in uniform for the 8 p.m. service with Rabbi Goodman officiating.

Ribbons and badges paid for by Congregation Beth Shalom will be presented to the scouts that evening for meeting the requirements of such religious recognition. The special service is open to non-members and is being coordinated by Robin Rogovin. She should be contacted at least one month prior to the service at 654-1650.

Armed with huge bolts of sturdy cotton fabric and a vast array of scissors and sewing machines, an army of women from the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints** cut, sewed, appliqued, and painted their way into the hearts of children in need. The idea came to Bloomingdale Ward member Daphne Roland after speaking with representatives from Human Resources services. Daphne was saddened to hear that hundreds of children without families in Hillsborough County travel from foster home to foster home with nothing more than a garbage bag to house their belongings.

"These kids take what precious few items they have and transport them in a black garbage bag. My heart went out to them. It was sad enough they were being moved from home to home, but the garbage bag made it seem all the more pathetic," Daphne said.

And that's when she and the women of the Bloomingdale ward moved into action. For over two months, they measured, but and sewed 150 tote bags for the foster children. For the finishing touches, they added paint and applique. The project was completed just before Christmas, so for extra good measure, they sponsored a toy drive and filled each bag with new toys for the children.

"It made all of us feel good inside knowing we filled a need for these kids," said Bloomingdale Relief Society president Shirley Farrer. "I particularly enjoy the fact that these tote bags will be used for many years to come."

Bravo to these good women and many others of you who give so selflessly of your time and energy in helping others.

Happy Valentine's Day!

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being near young families," Afton said. "This area has been delightful."

Their church also is an integral part of their lives. As members of the Bloomingdale Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the Bossas feel they are among family.

"I'm glad that we lived and raised a family when we did," Amos said. "I can't imagine raising a family today when over 50% of marriages fail." While both held jobs while raising children, the Bossas made sure there was always one parent home at all

lifetime commitment," Amos said. "The romance fades when there's hardship."

And the secret to their success in marriage...

"We're pretty good sparring partners," he said with a chuckle. "But no episode goes longer than three minutes. And we've never been moved to anger."

Afton likes to think it's because she and Amos are such good friends. "We do everything together."

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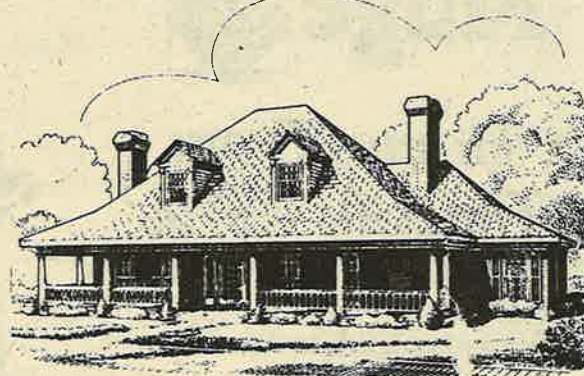
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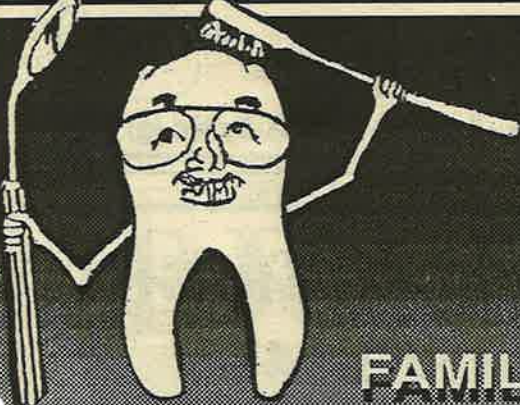
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Because she missed having "my children (it's hard with 1,000)", Willis initiated the Gator Gazette, a school publication that 25 of her students put out each month. That inspired her and several parents to write a grant for which they were awarded funds to start up the Gator Community, a working town complete with bank, store and post office, which has been in operation now for three years.

Willis also trains teachers in computer skills and makes all the technological purchases for the school. "I love Alafia and the community," Willis said. "They have been perfect for me. They are like family."

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Kelly Brocato has been teaching second grade at Lithia Springs since the school opened. Prior to that she taught at Palm River Elementary coming from Pittsburgh where she received her degree as a K-3 math specialist.

Brocato is involved in training for teachers and parents and this year is organizing a two-day Math Carnival at the school, a hands-on math activities event.

Brocato also is involved in a pilot program in the county called the Portfolio Program which is an ongoing assessment of teacher performance.

Traditionally teachers undergo a Florida evaluation based on the principal's observations. Under the Portfolio Program, Brocato explained, teachers set goals to achieve all year.

"The teachers at Lithia Springs are outstanding," she said. "I feel so honored to have been selected to represent this wonderful group."

A Moment In Time

by Ellen Abramson

John Scali, a nice Italian boy, had been my classmate and friend.

War, marriage and distance had separated us; but I watched his career unfold as a sensitive journalist in the newspaper and T.V. world.

I was so proud of him when he was appointed U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations.

Recently I read he had been contacted by a KGB officer during the Cuban missile crisis. John warned the officer that "President Kennedy would retaliate against Moscow, not Cuba, if any missile were fired." Over lunch, steps were outlined for the Soviets to dismantle the missiles. John delivered this to the President; the crisis was defused; but the President would not allow John to tell the story.

After Kennedy's assassination, the Los Angeles Times published the information, scooping John on his own "once-in-a-lifetime" story.

That nice Italian boy deserved better than that.
John Scali, 1918-1995.



Kids Kalendar - Rated G

Children's Theater

Patchwork Players will present "The Ugly Duckling" on Thursday, Feb. 22 at Center Place. The 10:45 a.m. show is recommended by children ages 3 and older and requires a reservation.

In March, Stages Productions will present a family night performance of "Three Little Pigs" on Friday, the 15th at 7 p.m. A daytime performance at 10:15 will follow on March 18. Not the traditional story, the three unique pigs find themselves "home alone" when a certain well known wolf invites himself to dinner. Through the use of creative dramatics, the children help the actors.

Tickets for both performances are \$2.50 a person and must be purchased in advance at Center Place.

Coloring contest slated

The second annual American Heart Association's Valentine Day Coloring Contest for children 4-12 will take place throughout February.

The event is one of several activities being celebrated during this month, also known as American Heart Month.

Members of the school site committee for the Brandon Division of the Heart Association will do the judging. Beverly MacKenney is the chairman and Windsor Woods resident Luana Russell has coloring sheets available in her Sun Cove office in Bloomingdale Square. Parents, teachers and other interested in coloring sheets may write to Mrs. Russell with self-addressed stamped envelope or call Woody Russell at 685-8545 for more information.

Entries must be received at the Heart Association, 1411 N. Westshore Blvd., Suite 211, Tampa 33607 or Mrs. Russell's office before March 1.

The three prize categories are for youngsters 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12 years of age. First place winners will each receive a \$50 gift certificate, with \$35 and \$25 certificates going to second and third place finishers. Honorable mention winners also will receive toy prizes.

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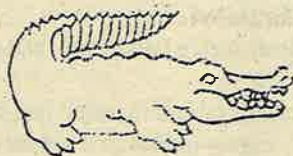
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Walk-a-thon To Benefit P.E.

by **Ruthe Brunson**

Congratulations to the six students at Alafia who will have their Reflections entries go on to State Competition. They are Kristin Jones, Matthew Hamm, Mike Wiesenhart, Kara Walther, Caleb Forde and Ashley Novitske who has two entries.

We are proud of them and all the students who participated in the Cultural Arts Program sponsored by the National PTA. Alafia had 227 entries which is great considering we do not have an art teacher.

- The general membership PTA meeting will be Feb. 13 in the school cafeteria. The topic will be the New Discipline Procedures - Stop and Think. This social skills training program is geared to teaching children classroom survival skills that will prepare them for the real world.

- The PTA will sponsor a walk-a-thon fundraiser Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. The profits will benefit the P.E.

program by providing funds to purchase equipment. A kick-off assembly was held Jan. 29 when students received pledge sheets. Students will walk for 25 minutes during school. One class from the kindergarten through second grade and one class from the third through fifth grade collecting the most money based on the number of students will win a Taco Bell and sundae party. The teacher from the winning class will receive a gift certificate to Tia's Tex Mex Restaurant.

- On the same day, children in the kindergarten classes will hold a medieval festival at 8:30 a.m. concluding with a feast at 12:30.

- Discount tickets to the Florida State Fair are available in the school office.

- A big thank-you to the December volunteers of the week, Beth McDonald and Pamela Smith and to the January volunteers for the first half of the month, Betty Sherman and Theresa Eaves.

- Market Day pick-up is Feb. 20.

- The National PTA will recognize Alcohol and Other Drug Awareness Week during March 4-8. Each child at Alafia will receive a Hershey's Hug to represent hugs not drugs. On March 6, the students will be wearing their clothes backwards for Turn Your Back on Drugs Day.

School Spotlight

by *Gazette Staff*
Spaghetti Dinner

Immanuel Lutheran School will host a Valentine Spaghetti Dinner on Feb. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. Area families are invited to attend the fundraiser sponsored in part by Macaroni Grill of Brandon.

Prices are \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children for a dinner that includes spaghetti, salad and garlic bread. Guests may stay to eat in the gymnasium or may pre-order for take-out. Call the PTO at 684-0726 or the school office at 685-1978 to place orders.

Immanuel Lutheran School is located at 2943 S. John Moore Road, less than one mile north of Bloomingdale.

Student's Works go to State

The works of area students are among the 93 pieces of work that will represent Hillsborough County at the state-level of Reflections, a PTA-sponsored Cultural Arts Program.

Alafia, a school without an art instructor but where parents volunteer their talents, will be represented by the most students

from Bloomingdale. Caleb Forde will have a literature entry and Kristen Jones will have an entry in the visual arts category. Three Alafia students - Matthew Hamm, Mike Wiesenhart and Kara Walther - have photography entries, and Ashley Novitske has an entry in the music category.

Lithia Springs will be represented by Mary Catherine Schugel in the music category.

Mini-Grant Winner

Alafia Elementary was the winner of a PTA Mini-Grant for its Art Smart program. In Art Smart at Alafia, PTA volunteers bring art monthly to classrooms. They show a style of art, give a brief biography of the artist and then lead the class in an exercise using that artist's genre. The grant will help fund the program and was one of four awarded in the county.

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Sports Salute

Mitchell Wins Award

State champion cross country runner Katie Mitchell was awarded the Dr. Ben Walker Award last month. The award is presented annually to the most valuable cross country runner in the county.

Mitchell made it matching state championships for her family. Her twin sister Jen won the 6A title in 1994. Katie, an honors student, will be headed to the Air Force Academy.

Janss Headed to SMU

Bloomingtondale soccer standout Emily Janss has committed to play at Southern Methodist University. She led

the Bulls with 24 goals during the regular season. The girls were 14-1 headed into district competition last week and were ranked in the top 10 in the state's Class 6A.

Boys Soccer

Attempting to defend their state title, the Bulls' soccer team entered district competition with a 16-3-1 record and ranked 3rd in the state. But districts have never looked so gloomy for Bloomingtondale in their new pairing with Sarasota and Manatee county schools. Bradenton Manatee defeated Bloomingtondale early this season. Manatee has made a habit of defeating defending state champions - they also beat Jesuit and Berkeley Prep.

The Bulls have been led by Jeff Prugh with 13 goals

during the regular season plus 12 assists; Rob Hill with 15 goals; and sophomore Chris Gatlyn with 15 goals.

Baseball

A large group of returning players welcomed veteran coach K. B. Scull to his first year at Bloomingtondale. Scull has Windsor Woods resident Brian Merkle returning to the line-up. Merkle made the All-Saladino Tournament team last season as the designated hitter and finished the season hitting .400-plus. In addition, one end of Bloomingtondale's battery will be solid with the return of junior Mark Rogers. The action on the mound is untested and could be the Bulls' only area of weakness. Other top returners include Brad Guagliardo, Kevin Steinestel and Neil Tatum.

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Sports Spots

Booster Meeting Changed

The February meeting of the Bloomingtondale High Athletic Boosters Club will be held Wednesday, Feb 7, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The meeting was previously slated for Feb. 14.

The 7th also is the night a planning session will be held at the school for parents of current and prospective students who have concerns and questions about double sessions at the school next year. The boosters meeting will be held in conjunction with the planning session, according to school administration.

Bulls' Athletic Calendar

- Baseball & Softball**
 Feb. 20 at Armwood
 Feb. 24 at Gaither
 Feb. 27 at Tampa Tech
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 *Home Opener at 1 p.m.
- Basketball**
 Feb. 5 Girls at Plant
 Feb. 6 Boys vs Jefferson
 Feb. 8 Girls vs Chamberlain
 Feb. 9 Boys at Plant
 Feb. 12-16 Boys/Girls Districts

- Golf - Home matches at RiverHills**
 Feb. 12 vs. Leto/Hillsborough
 Feb. 15 Boys host Durant
 Feb. 20 Boys vs. Plant City & King at Walden Lakes
 Feb. 21 Girls vs. Chamberlain
 Boys host Brandon
 Feb. 26 Boys host King
 Feb. 27 Girls vs. Plant City & Brandon at Walden Lake
 Feb. 29 Girls vs. Leto at B'dale

- Tennis - Home matches at B'dale East Park**
 Feb. 22 Boys at Armwood
 Girls host Armwood
 Feb. 29 Boys host Brandon
 Girls at Brandon (BSTC)

- Track**
 Feb. 20 at Brandon
 Feb. 27 host Durant

- Wrestling**
 Feb. 9-10 Regionals at Chamberlain
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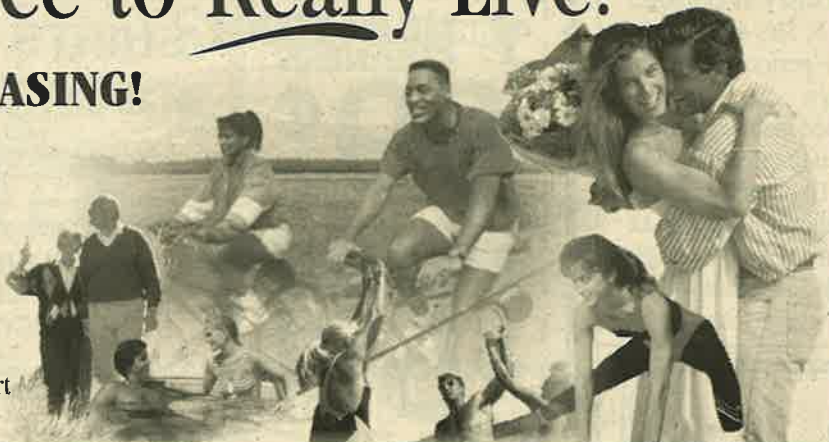
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Business Notes



by Gazette staff
Fine Furniture Connections

Information - everybody needs it. Time - not everyone has enough of it. It was through these concepts that Fine Furniture Connections was born.

Jeanie Stagliano of Bloomingdale established Fine Furniture Connections to serve customers by saving them both time and money. "We eliminate the hassles of purchasing furniture by locating the lowest price possible as well as place your orders for you," Stagliano said.

The idea of a personalized shopping service arose when Stagliano was looking for a dining room suite. She experienced what she calls "Severe sticker shock." Unwilling to yield to the high mark-ups, Stagliano began an intensive search that took two weeks and calls to more than 120 furniture stores. She found what she was looking for for \$1200 less than the original

price quote.

Stagliano said she guarantees 30-60% off the price of over 500 furniture manufacturers. She also guarantees that if Fine Furniture Connections can't find what the client is looking for, their service is free.

Tax Help at Columbia

Columbia Bank will once again offer free tax preparation services at all branches including the one in Bloomingdale at Lithia Pinecrest and Bloomingdale Avenue.

Beginning Feb. 1 and continuing until April 15, volunteers from the American Association of Retired Persons who have been trained in cooperation with the IRS will provide the service to individuals of low to moderate income. Two volunteers will be available from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the different branches.

Call the Bloomingdale branch at 654-4464 to set up an appointment.

Chad's World Opens

A family fun and entertainment center has opened on Bell Shoals next to Beef O'Brady's. Chad's World appeals to arcade fans 12-24 and features video

games, darts, foosball, air hockey and pool. The adult-supervised center prohibits smoking and drinking, but offers a snack bar.

Hours are Sunday through Thursday, 2-11 p.m., Fridays 2 p.m. to 1 a.m., and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Davis No. 1 for 1995

Michael Davis, a real estate professional for RE/MAX Realty Unlimited, was designated the No. 1 sales agent for the Bloomingdale office for 1995. Davis, who resides in Bloomingdale, has served the Brandon area for the past 15 years.

"I love helping people find the home of their dreams and I take very seriously the importance of this investment as probably the largest one most people make."

Davis is one of the leading area professionals to provide essential information to prospective home buyers and sellers. He has compiled a variety of reports, such as 29 Essential Tips that Get Homes Sold Fast (And For Top Dollar) that Davis sends out free. For further information about these reports, call 684-8881.

Online Homes for Sale

More than 2,000 homes for sale in west central Florida are now available to the 40

million people worldwide who "surf" the Internet, according to Coldwell Banker.

Coldwell Banker Online along with Home Facts, their interactive phone line, offers exposure 24 hours a day, 7 days a week until the property is sold. The home page allows computer users worldwide to instantly access information on the homes available for sale in Sarasota/Manatee counties, Tampa Bay and Orlando, as well as all homes listed by company-owned Coldwell Banker offices throughout North America.

Coldwell Online can be reached at <http://www.coldwellbanker.com>.

Santa Calls a Success

Santa Claus and his wife received an avalanche of mail from Hillsborough County children asking the couple to call them. Brandon Sun Cove Realtor Luana Russell helped schedule the free telephone calls from the Clauses' home in the North Pole from mid-November through Christmas Eve.

Santa made calls to those from one to 77 years. In most cases the children, parents, other relatives or friends wrote Russell asking for calls. Several telephoned Russell.

Real Estate Moves

Selling Own Home Takes Commitment

by Michael Davis

Selling your home soon? Will you be able to find a buyer? More importantly, will buyers be able to find you? If you plan to sell your home alone, without the professional assistance of a realtor, staying at home should also be included in your plans.

At first, when you begin running advertisements and place a "For Sale" sign in your yard, you may receive many phone calls from prospective purchasers. They may also

come to your front door to ask questions - unannounced. That is good, however, it places responsibility squarely on your shoulders to be there at all reasonable hours to graciously show the home at their convenience.

You may say to yourself, "I'm home most of the time, and if I do happen to be gone, my telephone answering machine will take their call." Yes, some will leave a message or call back - the ones with plenty of time on their hands.

You will probably encounter two types of buyers, the not-so-serious "time-wasters" and the sincere buyers, motivated to make a purchase. In the first case, if you are not home when they call or come by, don't worry. They will call back. They like to look at homes and are in no hurry to buy. They like to call people selling "by owner"

because they will not have to deal with a realtor who may ask them qualifying questions before showing the home.

The second group of buyers, those motivated and prepared to make a purchase right away, will rarely call a second time or return if you are not home. They intend to buy - plain and simple. If you have your home "for Sale" and are not home, they will probably go to homes which can be seen with little notice, usually those listed with a local realtor.

To purchase a home, buyers must first see the home. To be sure your home is exposed to the wide variety of potential buyers, at their convenience, seek the representation of a realtor. You benefit from the convenience, and your best interest are protected.

Tax Topics

You May Qualify For Earned Income Credit

by Robert J. Morris, CPA

A refundable earned income tax credit is available to certain deemed low-income taxpayers who meet certain criteria. You must have "earned" some income, have adjusted gross income limitations and properly complete the correct form and request the refund.

It is possible to not have paid in any tax at all and not be required to file but still be able to receive a refund from the IRS. This is where some people who do not file or fail to report income may actually lose the refund.

Married persons must file a joint return and can receive up to \$3110 this year in additional refunds due to earned income credit with two qualified children, up to \$2094 with one qualified child, and up to \$314 with no children. Single parent households can receive the same amounts.

The credit is based on earned income including wages, tips, other compensation and self-employed income as well as some nontaxable compensation from military subsistence allowances, parsonage, meals and lodging and excludable employer paid child care. This credit is refundable if it exceeds the tax owed.

You may also elect to receive advance payment of the credit through your employer by completing form W-5. This entitles you to the refund each pay period instead of waiting to file your return.

So if your total earned income does not exceed \$26,673 you need to calculate if you qualify for this refund. To properly request all your tax credits you should be sure to see a competent and qualified tax preparer. Be sure you are paying the least tax that you are required to pay this and every year.

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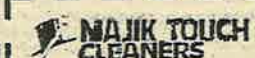
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BHA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will be Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza. This month's meeting will consist of election of board officers. Homeowner concerns and issues are always welcomed. The meeting is open to all dues-paying members and all newcomers are invited to attend.

STD Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District trustees will be Monday, Feb. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3244 Lithia Pinecrest, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza. The meeting is open to all Bloomingdale homeowners. The trustees are seeking input from residents on the "no-soliciting" issue.

Landscape To Be Topic Next STD Meeting

STD president Rick Pitrowski is calling it "Landscape III" and it will be the topic of discussion at this month's meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District, Monday, Feb. 12 in the Community Office.

"Landscape III is a continuation of the aggressive beautification projects we've had going on in Bloomingdale the last two years," Pitrowski said. "But now we are approaching a more upscale appearance such as you find in Tampa Palms."

Pitrowski would not hint at what these "upscale" plans include but photos taken in Tampa Palms reveal tropically landscaped entryways, fashionable entrance signage, and wooden interior street signs.

Residents are encouraged to attend this and all STD meetings on the second Monday of each month.

Double Sessions Meeting

Parents of students who will attend Bloomingdale High next year are invited to attend a planning session concerning double sessions Wednesday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 8 p.m. in the BHS auditorium. Flyers were sent home to current and prospective students with a form to be returned to their current school no later than Feb. 2. Parents should have indicated questions, concerns and suggestions on this form.

BLFA Seeks Artfest Entries

The Brandon League of Fine Arts is seeking entries to its Spring Artfest at Regency Square on April 20. Fine artists are invited to submit applications to exhibit their work as a part of the juried show and sale. Cash awards will be provided for first through third places in five categories including Oil and Acrylic, Watercolor, Three-dimensional Art, Original Designed Crafts and Open Media. Cash awards also will be given for Best of Show and Most Realistic Art.

Applications may be obtained by writing to the League at P.O. Box 451, Brandon, FL 33509.

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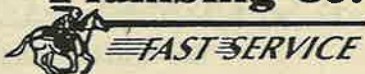
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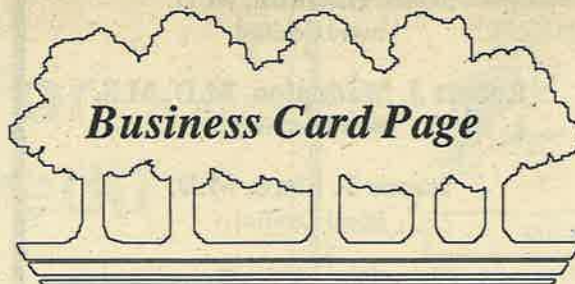
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