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Photos by Alexa Hrvatin/The Bloomingdale Gazette



This computerized station (above) will be the only reminder of the unsightly tanks (below) and pungent odor after the tanks have been totally removed. This station is fully operational and has taken over the job of diverting the wastewater to the Valrico plant.



Bloomingdale's wastewater treatment plant is finally GONE!

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

In the past several years area homeowners have objected to the strong odors emitting from the wastewater treatment plant on Nature's Way. In desperation those same homeowners made regular calls to the plant voicing their concerns. The problems were most noticeable in Bloomingdale Oaks, where residents were often unable to use their own backyards because of the stench. Although the county eventually installed devices that successfully controlled the smell, Bloomingdale is now officially rid of the source of the problem.

As of January 17 at two in the afternoon, the plant went off line and began sending the sewage to the newly constructed wastewater treatment plant located on Route 60. The wastewater will still travel through a pumping station at Nature's Way, flowing through a pipeline that lies between the double concrete walls adjacent to the plant, and then out Miller Road to the Valrico plant. Odor should not become a problem at the new plant since it is more modern and was built with the odor control devices that were added later at Nature's Way.

Richard Schnaare, section manager for water and wastewater in this area, explained that the plant will be completely dismantled in the coming weeks. First of all the holding tanks will be emptied, washed down, and cut apart for scrap metal. The ponds will be filled in and leveled with the entire area seeded with grass. Schnaare cautioned that the process may be a noisy one, but it will be music to the ears of some residents!

While no decision has been made, the hoped-for passive park is still a possibility. Since the utilities department owns the land, it would be necessary for the parks department to purchase the land before developing the park. It is definite that the county will remain in their offices at the site, however.

Your BHA at WORK!

At the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday evening, January 30, residents asked BHA President Martin Andersen to look into the holes and uneven paving at the intersection of Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale Avenue left by the contractors during construction.

By 3:02 p.m. Thursday, February 1, it was fixed by the Hillsborough County Road Department at Martin's request.

Now THAT's responsiveness!

Deed Restrictions -vs- County Ordinances

What are they and how are they enforced?

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Editor

Deed Restrictions (DR) and County Ordinances (CO) in many ways are both the same. They control the actions of the populace. DR's provide control within a small limited area; while CO's set controls for an entire county.

DR's are imposed on the land and were written by the developer before the builders started building. They set the rules and controls for your piece of property and the subdivision/section you live in. This was done to protect the overall integrity and value of the community. The DR's have a legal description in them that describe exactly whose homes they apply to. In Bloomingdale, there are approximately 50 different sets of DR's even though the entire subdivision is legally

known as "Bloomingdale Subdivision." The reason for so many sets is that within this legal description of the community there are subsections and there is a set of DR's for each of these subsections. So if you live in Bloomingdale Subdivision, Section M, Lot 5, you live at 3906 Kristin Place in Bloomingdale East. The DR's for Section M apply only to that section and nowhere else in Bloomingdale.

You should have been handed a copy of your DR's at or before the closing of your home by either the title agent or your real estate agent/builder. (If you can't find them, come to the Bloomingdale Community Office, Monday to Friday 9:30-2:30 p.m., or Saturday 9:30-12:30 p.m. and pick up a January 1988 issue of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*. This issue printed all of the

known-to-exist-at-that-time DR's for Bloomingdale.)

Some examples of what DR's are (which may or may not apply to you):
No chain link fences
Only 4 household pets
A/C compressor must be hidden by foliage
Garbage cans are to be out of sight
No parking boats in yards or on driveways
No antennas

DR's also state items that were meant to guide the builder such as how many square feet the home is to have, the setback requirements, and even architectural control in some cases.

On the other hand, CO's effect every person and piece of land in Hillsborough County, so they are, by necessity, broader in design and concept. These rules

(ordinances) were written and passed into law by the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners.

Unlike DR's, these CO's are not handed to you in writing so sometimes the only way to find out if you are in violation is when you are cited for one.

Some examples of CO's are:
Only boats less than five feet from the sidewalk can be parked in the driveway
Outbuildings have to be certain measurements from property lines and homes
Grass can't be over 18 inches long
No dumping of trash

Where the similarity of DR's and CO's begins is that many CO's are contained in our DR's. Examples are no dumping, no hazardous conditions, no junk cars and the cutting of grass.

To enforce the DR's and CO's is a totally different procedure for each.

The CO's are enforced by the County in coordination with the BHA; this way the individual making the complaint remains anonymous, it gets taken care of, and you can still live peacefully and happily next door to the neighbor with the violation because he'll never find out who made the complaint.

But DR's, on the other hand, are a major problem to enforce. If the DR is also a CO, then the County can and will enforce it. But if it is not also a CO, DR's have to be enforced by you—and that's not easy. It means that you are either going to have to confront the neighbor with the information that he is going to have to remove his \$2,000 chain link fence because the DR says "no chain link fences," or

maybe send him an anonymous note which he'll enjoy just as much, or you have to hire a lawyer and take him to court.

One of the residents in East handles it this way—"When someone new moves into my neighborhood, I hand him a set of deed restrictions. Nobody may like me very much, but I'm going to protect my investment. If they won't comply with the restrictions, I have no problem with taking them to court." But this could be very costly.

So what do you do? Let's look at an example...

Your neighbor is feeding his goats on the 20 inch long grass growing under the abandoned car in his front yard next to the tree house he built for his kids.

RULES, see page 4

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Have you thought much about the NEW CAR you can win courtesy of Brandon Chrysler/Plymouth and the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association this July?

Do we have your attention yet?

Fantastic Gazette
COUPONS!

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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. and
Saturdays 9:30-12:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings take place at the
Bloomingdale Community Office
(See map on left)
These are public meetings and all
Bloomingdale Residents are invited

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETINGS
Monthly Meeting: Second Monday of the
month at 8 p.m.

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of the
month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Occur five times per year in September,
November (elections), January, March, and
May. The next meeting will be in 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
basis. Watch this listing for dates and
time.

Use this form for all of your community needs.

Bloomingdale's "Everything you ever needed" Form

Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Offices
827 E. Bloomingdale Avenue
Brandon, FL 33511

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____

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 \$ _____

President's Perceptions

by Martin Andersen, President
Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

Once more the Board of Directors of the BHA have asked me to serve as President of the Association. This is a task that I have accepted and thank the Board for their show of confidence in asking me to serve for another year. This is a year that I hope will continue to bring more community togetherness and pride in Bloomingdale.

There are some new directions and activities planned for the coming year. Many are still in the planning stages, but if we can get the support from the community they will become a reality. One major activity in the works is for a circus this Fall. We are now in the preliminary planning stages with the local agent. This

should be a fund raiser that will allow for more family/community activities in the following year. There is more to come, so watch *The Gazette* for more information.

Things change fast. We started the year with a full Board of Directors and with two alternates. We have already lost two directors and moved up the alternates to Director's positions. We need some volunteers to fill the three alternate vacancies now open. This is your chance to serve your community.

Recently there was a change in the bus schedule which had a negative impact on some residents in Bloomingdale East. This change

was blamed on the BHA by HART line. This was not true and I spent much time on the telephone with HART line trying to get to the bottom of where they were getting their information. It was amazing the number of different stories I got when I questioned HART line, as to their action; small wonder that there have been changes recommended in the HART line management structure. What started out as a simple request to have HART line stop staging buses (buses parked with their engines running above idle) in a residential area in the early morning hours, turned into a major fiasco. We tried to work with HART line to find a solution to the staging problem for several months. The BHA only requested that the staging stop. HART line took that as an opportunity to extend the line down Bell Shoals and eliminate the Nature's Way loop with-

out discussing this action with the BHA. Note: I was told by HART line that they do not like to loop bus lines through residential areas. Could this be the events that led up to why HART line changed the route in this issue of *The Gazette*, but I can assure you that the BHA did NOT request that any route be eliminated. We work for and with the community, not against it.

A word of CAUTION — recently East Bay Sanitation has mailed out collection stickers with your name and address adhered to it with a mailing label. The Crime Prevention Unit of the Sheriff's Office has told the BHA membership in the past it was not a good idea to have your name painted on your mail box before it could help a burglar identify you and your telephone number. That kind of information could make a burglar's job easier when trying

to find out if anyone is home. It would be a good idea to remove the mailing label from the sticker before using it on your mail box or trash can.

The Crosstown Extension remains a strong issue of contention in Brandon and hopefully it will be resolved with the least negative impact on the community as a whole. There is however, another transportation artery that we all face every day — Bloomingdale Avenue. No one needs to tell you that the traffic congestion seems to be getting worse each passing day. We have been working with the county to provide some relief, traffic light arrows have been installed, timing of lights checked to enhance flow, etc., and the cooperation of the county has been great. The school buses do cause some traffic problems, but this is during a small segment of time and basically is a fact of life we

must live with. Large tractor trailer trucks are another matter and they are hard to control. As the area grows commercially, it will need to be supplied with goods for the stores. Eliminating through truck traffic or overweight trucks is a law enforcement matter that in many cases is difficult to control and is on a low priority scale when compared to crime prevention requirements in the county. We continue to hope that the widening of Bloomingdale Avenue will provide some relief. While the BHA expressed safety concerns over the proposed five lining of Bloomingdale, work on the project continues. What is interesting is that the latest 2010 plan from the county, dated 5 January 1990, shows Bloomingdale as a required four lane divided road. Makes one wonder who is in charge of planning county roads and watching how our tax dollars are spent.



Letters

Dear Editor:

I would like to respond to the letter in your January issue signed "A disgusted Bloomingdale Community Resident (with no ties to the school). I have very strong ties to Bloomingdale Senior High School, and am one of the "Bloomingdale" teenagers so often referred to in the Gazette.

I have lived in Bloomingdale for eight years. This, by the way, is before Bloomingdale High School or Armdale (correctly named Armwood) existed. Back then did anyone ever suggest naming Brandon High anything else, or did they have to much pride in their school?

I wonder if "Disgusted" has ever visited Bloomingdale High School? Has she ever seen the numerous awards and trophies we have won in our short three year existence? or heard of our service clubs, who help to support the community, the KEY CLUB, for example? or is she even aware that our accumulative Grade Point Average is one of the highest in the county?

To the Gazette Staff in general, I would like to suggest that you devote more space to the positive aspects of your teens, who are after all, your future, and less to the Mobile Watch, who seem to attribute everything wrong in the neighborhood to the resident teenagers.

As for "Mrs. Disgusted," if the families aren't responsible enough to teach their children not to deface property, I don't think the blame should fall on my school

Wesley Alden
Class of 1991

Dear Editor:

I am sure you were very warm and cozy in your very lit up homes while other residents were freezing as a result of the blackouts being experienced during the cold snap of the recent holidays.

Another very sad, yet real aspect of the lack of electricity we experienced during these "blackouts" was the inability to prepare food for our children. Let's face it, there is a limit to how much cereal anyone can stand to eat.

It was bad enough to be without electricity; however, I personally found it intolerable to stomach the fact that those residents of Bloomingdale who had electricity abused it. My point is this: it was obvious to all of us which neighbors were experiencing the blackouts. In some situations, neighbors were across the street from one another. I was one of those who did not have electricity. As I went out into the neighborhood, I quickly discovered that those homes who did have electricity were unforgivably inconsiderate; they had every room lit up — and they had all of their Christmas lights (inside and outside) turned on. It was impossible for anyone to miss the issue of the shortage situation. Radio and TV were announcing to cut back in the use of electricity to all of those fortunate to have it. Yet, there were many, many residents in Bloomingdale abusing these requests. It is accurate to state that if these inconsiderate, wasteful neighbors had not abused their usage of electricity — if they had not been the gluttons they obviously were — the rest of us might have been able to enjoy at least a minimal

My Turn

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Editor

The STD is going to have to pay thousands of dollars for something they've received a lot of literature on, talked to the attorney about, discussed at length, and yet still don't understand. And I assure you...it is not their fault.

Alexa, a very bright lady on my staff who covers the STD meetings for this paper, has tried to write a story about this for three months but she can't find anyone who understands why the county is requiring this and what exactly is going on. According to STD Trustees, it involves a mailing to all the homes here and they all seem to feel that they are doing the county's work for them (so what else is new?).

As soon as we figure it out, we'll let you know.

Everyone in Bloomingdale is loving the use of the new sidewalks along Nature's Way. I just hope the county isn't going to get cute on us this August and eliminate school bus service.

When the school opened, the school chose to use buses because there were no contiguous sidewalks. That problem has now been remedied. If they adhere to the two-miles-and-over-only-ride-buses policy, almost all of East and most of South will be without school bus service.

Speaking of kids, have you talked with your kids recently about drinking, drugs, and strangers?

I was amazed when I realized that my three (ages 4, 5, and 10) didn't have the foggiest notion of what any of the above meant in relation to the real world. They were so good at the coined phrases—"Say NO to Drugs" etc.—that somewhere along the line what that meant has never really sunk in (and

degree of warmth and a little cooked food.

I realize the power company was ill prepared — they created the real problem. However, I also realized, as I drove around in my vehicle and counted over 73 homes abusing and wasting electricity, that there was little or no compassion shown by those who had current towards helping out those who did not have it. This was a time when neighbors should have pulled together — to help one another — but the Bloomingdale community did not do this. I am very disappointed. I had believed us to a special group. A unified community. And, indeed we had the capability of being just that.

Let me close by saying — should this happen again — joint together and follow the

guidelines and pull together so that each of us might have the best possible situation in a crisis. And, to those who chose to be wasteful and abusive — shame on you. What an awful example you chose to set for your children.

An upset resident of East Bloomingdale -

Dana C. Collins

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that *The Gazette* is doing one fine job of keeping us neighbors well informed on the happenings around us. Thanks, and keep up the good work.

However, I would like to respond to a letter you

it's not just mine, either).

My middle daughter was very nervous every time we drove to her daycare before she started school. Only when she was in tears one day did I find out that she thought "drinking and driving" meant the constant mug of tea I carry around with me would cause an accident and that I was breaking the law. My older son, also had no idea exactly what alcohol was and where it came from (beer, wine, etc.) nor that I wasn't breaking the law. Sheltered life? No, not really. My children have seen their Dad and I have a glass of wine or a beer and they do understand what they are, but had no concept of how that related to the phrase "Drinking and Driving is Dangerous."

Drugs and peer pressure seem to be another understanding problem. I asked my son point blank that if he wasn't feeling well and his friend offered him a pill and said "here this will help you feel better" would he take it? He said he would. He didn't realize that the pills we hand our children for headaches, tummy aches, and all the rest are the same kind of drugs he is suppose to say no to. Kids don't know what is a "safe" drug and what is a street drug. Frankly, I don't know that I would either.

And the last problem is with strangers. Have you ever seen a "Stranger?" What do they look like? How do you describe one to a child?

The best answer is that you can't. But what you can do is teach your child to avoid situations that can create problems.

Unfortunately, child molestations occur frequently by people that are known to the child—so "stranger" warnings doesn't help.

Less than two months ago, we started changing tactics in our home because not one of my children truly understood what was really dangerous. Now we talk situations (such as the nice, smiling man in the car with a message from Mom).

So ask your kids, and find out for yourself, do the kids really understand what's behind those glossy slogans or are they just saying words without true meaning?

printed in the January 1990 issue on page 3, from Mrs. Judy Barker.

First, I want it well known that my oldest boy of 12 years owns one of those expensive remote controlled cars, and I live across the street two houses to the west of the father who Mrs. Barker's husband allegedly had a shouting match with. I have no idea just where Mrs. Barker lives, but I must assume that it is nearby, so she should know the problems we have in this neighborhood concerning the number of automobiles that traverse back and forth on Peachfield Drive, and the speeding that goes on right in front of our homes here. In fact, I would put my bottom dollar on a bet that if the Sheriff's Dept. put up a speed trap along Peachfield Drive, they would net a nifty

amount of dollars into the county fund with all the speeding tickets they would issue out in a 24 hour period, any time of the week.

I have known this father for over five years. In fact, we were some of the first people to have moved into this neighborhood. This father is one of the kindest and best neighbors I have had the opportunity to know in my life. He will not hesitate to reach out and give anything he has to help out any of the neighbors around. I should also point out that he is very protective of "all" the children in this neighborhood. In fact the expensive remote control car my son has was a gift by this father. Believe me, he is not rich by no means. It is just his way of letting the children know he loves

LETTERS, see page 5

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

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

Brandon Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
910 S Bryan Road, Brandon
689-4021
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 Bloomington
3212 Lithia, Valrico
North of Bloomington 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 Bloomington, 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;
Singles: Monday 7 p.m.
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.

Synagogue Listing

Chabad of Brandon Jewish Center
889 E Bloomington Ave., Bloomington Square,

South Brandon Community Church
New congregation at Bloomington High School
653-2317

Pastor: Ed Ross
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10 a.m.
Nursery & Childrens Church
Youth & Singles Program

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

Brandon
689-7770
Rabbi Levi Shentov
Service Schedule:
Friday - 7 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m.
Sun. Hebrew School-10 am
Tuesday Adult Classes - 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.

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

Westminster Presbyterian Church
402 East Lumsden Road, Brandon

RULES, from page 1

To remedy this situation, you report all of the above to the Community Office either in person, by phone, or by using the form on page 2 and let the County Enforcement Officer figure out what is in violation of the CO's and what will take enforcement as a DR. One time per week your complaint goes to the county under the name of the BHA and you remain anonymous.

BUT THERE IS A STRING—

If there has been no change within two weeks of reporting this to the BHA office, YOU MUST NOTIFY US AND TELL US SO!

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Unfortunately, the BHA was not granted the ability to enforce DR's in Bloomington from the developer, although a test case would resolve this issue according to our attorney. Unfortunately, enforcing DR's requires manpower and money.

This issue is by no means dead. I personally have talked to the State Attorney's office in Tallahassee and with Representative Spud Clements and his aides to work out answers; but it always comes back to the same thing—it will cost a lot of money to enforce deed restrictions and take on a test case. The BHA President would like to see a resolution of this issue soon and so would the entire board of directors. And I am sure, so would you.



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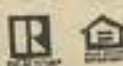
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Go Karts

They look like fun, but they are being used illegally in Bloomingdale

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Bloomingdale residents from all areas are reporting problems with children driving Go Karts on the streets. Besides the ques-

tion of safety, there is another question that responsible parents had better ask themselves — is it legal?

According to Deputy J.D. Forbes of the Sheriff's Department, the answer is

"no." As he explained, "A Go Kart is a motorized vehicle subject to the same requirements as any other vehicle on the road. In other words it needs a tag, headlights, tail lights and registration."

no driver's license. the deputy may also take the child to his home, and charge the parents with allowing an unauthorized person to drive a vehicle. With each ticket running a minimum of \$32, the cost to the parents could be quite substantial.

The county parks are not an alternative for the youngsters either. The parks are private property with the county as the owner, so the child would be charged with trespassing once again.

If parents who have purchased Go Karts wish to be protected, they will need to find a safe area out of the way of traffic where their children may ride the vehicles. In other words, they must obtain permission from a private property owner who does not object to the vehicles. Otherwise they may find a deputy at the front door with unwelcome news.

Deputy Forbes pointed out the fact that many parents believe the child is permitted to ride on the shoulder or in the grassy area along the roadway. Again he explained that this is a violation. State statutes govern the road from the property line on one side to the property line on the other side. And without a property owner's permission the child would definitely be trespassing once he crosses that property line.

Should a Go Kart be stopped by a deputy, the young driver could be charged with 6-7 driving violations including no registration, no insurance, and

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them all. It should also be known that this father has three children of his own to support.



Homeowners Softball

by Ray House
BHA Softball Coordinator

The Bloomingdale Men's Softball League is gearing up for a new season and they want to know if you have signed up yet. All games will be played at Park West on Sundays.

To sign up NOW call Ray House, BHA Men's Softball Coordinator, at 681-9678. Good luck to all players and teams.

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children will ever play there. What's the solution? As for Mrs. Barker's husband having a name calling session with this father, it sounds to me like her husband must have said those names in front of all the children present. What did it accomplish? It should have been assumed that the father was only trying to protect the child involved, and with all the speeding, it was only natural for the father to assume her husband was speeding to. I believe I would have done the same in telling him to slow down. Why I couldn't and wouldn't stand out near the

street all day watching my children to insure they don't play in the street. What I am attempting to say is that Mrs. Barker's husband should be constantly alert (which he was) when driving on Peachfield Drive. Please don't blame the children or parents for something we all did when we were children. If all of us drivers would just slow down and keep an eye out for that seven year old who could and quite possibly would run out in front of a car, less pinto beans would be spilled.

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Church to open new day care center

by Melody O'Shea
Bloomingdale Resident

Just in time for summer vacation, working parents in south Brandon will have one more day care center available.

By the time school is out in June, the St. Mark Child Care Center will open at St. Mark United Church at the intersection of Lithia and Guiles roads.

The church building, a fellowship hall with a nursery and several classrooms, initially will be licensed by the department of Health and Rehabilitative Services for 28 children, said Marsha Mayers, day care task-force chairwoman for St. Mark.

"Our goal in the near future

is to have 40 children at the center," Mayers said. "A search for a director and staff is going on now, and we still have openings on our waiting list for children."

The need for added child care facilities in South Brandon is constantly increasing because of the large number of families moving into the area.

In the first nine months of 1989, 828 permits for single-family units were filed for the area bound on the north by Brandon Boulevard, on the west by Route 301, and on the east and south by River Hills, a new community of 1200 single-family homes being built by the Arvida Corporation, said Hillsborough

County Planning Commission planner Sam Dennis.

Because of the high level of construction in the area, child care needs—especially care for infants—have greatly increased, said Henry Huerta, executive manager for the Department of Consumer Affairs in Child Care Licensing.

St. Mark United Church, a United Church of Christ, will be adding the day care facilities as part of its effort to offer service to the community, according to the church's pastor the Rev. Garry A. Scheuer.

Built in 1987 on busy Lithia Road in one of the fastest growing sections of Hillsborough County, the church building is used to support the area's escalating social needs, Scheuer said. "Our congregation is small by most standards," said Scheuer. "But our sense of responsibility to social action drives us to help those

in need."

The church houses the Brandon Outreach Clinic, which serves area residents who cannot afford medical care, and an area office for Hillsborough County Services for the Aging. Volunteers cooked meals for 35 elderly residents in the church's kitchen each week. Any Boy Scouts, Brownies, and homeowners' organizations hold regular meeting in the building.

A congregation of 240 supports the church's efforts and is now raising funds to pay \$124,000 for mortgage payments over the next two years on the building, said Ted Evans, administrator of the church's capital fund drive.

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PhoneFriend--A hotline for children

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

While the term "latchkey" children seems to be a symbol of this fast-paced generation where both parents work, it was actually first coined during World War II, when children wore a housekey on a string around their neck, because they returned home to an empty house.

Today's parents often worry about leaving children at home unattended while they fulfill their professional obligations. For this reason Northside Centers, Inc. developed a toll-free, non-profit service to meet the needs of families caught in this situation. The service, known as PhoneFriend, is available to all families in Tampa Bay, and offers a child social contact, assistance and reassurance over the telephone. Usually that is all a child requires when

he calls, but further assistance is available if immediate intervention is necessary.

Children call the hotline to share important good news, or to ask for advice about cooking, homework, minor accidents, or other unexpected situations. Trained volunteers will suggest solutions, share jokes, or read stories. The center sees itself as a support system for parents, not as substitute parents.

PhoneFriend can be reached weekdays from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. The center is located at 13301 Bruce B. Downs Boulevard, Tampa. The number for children and parents to call is 681-6543.

Adult volunteers are needed, with training provided. To volunteer call Northside Centers at 977-8700.

It's Town-Hall-Meeting time again

A Board of County Commissioners' "Town Hall Meeting" is scheduled for the Brandon area for Tuesday, February 20, 1990 at 7 p.m. in the Brandon High School Auditorium.

This is the second in a series of old fashioned quarterly "Town Hall Meetings" around the county. The gathering is planned to take county government to the residents and to provide an informal forum for the public to discuss issues and concerns with their elected officials.

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Bloomingdale's Watchers

Mobile Watch News

by LaWayne Wyatt
Core Committee

During January and February the Mobile Watch made a significant increase in new members. A total of 38 residents were added to the membership in both months. Our thanks to the following for volunteering:

- Darrel & Sue Allen, East
- Steven Allen, Oaks
- Robert Allison, West
- Bill & Lindsay Baker, East
- Richard & Diane Barnes, West
- Jack Davis, East
- Robert & Libby Dircks, South
- William & Phyllis Eich, South
- Ted Evans, East
- Steven Feigeles, Estates
- Gerald Fournier, Oaks
- Bob & Eleanor Haley, East
- Ken & Monica Gerena, West
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- Roberto Iglesias, Oakcrest
- Pat Lancaster, East
- James & Josephine Larsen, South
- Dick Loeffler, Estates
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- Donald Ray, West
- David Seal, West
- Janet Smelser, West
- Dave Spence, Estates
- William Stewart, Estates
- Tom Stites, Oaks
- Vince Vassallo, Fox Run
- Oscar Wildman, East

Total active membership now stands at 196, which allows for three patrols to be scheduled five nights a week and two patrols the other two nights.

On January 10 representatives of the Mobile Watch and the President of the BHA met with Colonel Cal

Henderson of the Sheriff's Department. Col. Henderson was given a briefing on the policies, organization, operating procedures and actions the Mobile Watch has taken to keep crime at a minimum in our community. Several proposals were discussed on how the Sheriff's Department and the Mobile Watch could work more closely together to further reduce or minimize crime. These proposals will be discussed in later articles as they develop further.

Last October the *Gazette* devoted a two-page center spread to crime and potential trouble spots within Bloomingdale. One of the purposes of these articles was to have parents take an active interest in what their children were doing at night and where they were going.

On January 13 we saw some results.

At 11:45 p.m. on that night one of our patrols found a concerned mother and father at "The Spot." It seems their son repeatedly came home from Friday and Saturday nights out with mud on his car. He never provided a satisfactory explanation so they were visiting all of the known party sites in an attempt to see where he was spending his evenings. Hopefully, more parents will take an active interest in where their children are spending their time on weekends.

Neighborhood Watch News

by Ray Serrano
Coordinator

The Neighborhood Watch program is currently under way. Realizing its only been a few weeks since I took office as Director, we are starting to pick up momentum. First I started by attending a Board Members meeting, where I got to meet all of the VIP's that keep the BHA organized. I found it to be very interesting and its Board Members very receptive and warm. It was also great knowing that we the Neighborhood Watch program was going to get a small but needed Working Budget. They also acknowledged the importance and level of priority that our program has. The next I'm doing is meeting with the Boards Liaison Carl Stickeler who I feel will be a great help as area coordinator to assist me. He has coordinated with Bill to get all the maps needed to start Distributions of Area Coordinates and Block Captains. These maps are very important in breaking each area for the best and most effective communication network. In addition I've traveled with LaWayne Wyatt Mobile Watch Base operator through Bloomingdale to access the amount of Neighborhood Watch signs now standing and how many are still needed and some need to be moved because there covered by overgrown shrubs or trees. Understand

we will in time put more signs in the actual neighborhoods and not just the main entrances, of course Budget permitting. So if your area doesn't have one please give us some time we are working on it. Once we get the networking in full operation I would like to call a Drill Day possible Saturday, Sunday and use the calling Network to get home owners outside on the yards to see if its come together this will take all of 10-min or so and will reassure us that were on line in case of an emergency. Please remember that Rome was not built in a day and neither was Bloomingdale so be patient with me I do have to start from scratch to organize the Network, but I will work diligently and expeditiously to get the program operational. Remember we need your support to correct this chain and make the network strong. If you would like to become a member of this organization please call me or fill in the bottom part of this page. What we ask is minimal just be ready to receive a call from a Block captain and walk outside your home as easy as that and report and suspicious problem to your area coordinator. I do not think that's much to ask for our peace of mind. Bloomingdale is a fine community with fine families and I'm proud to live here and I know you are too.

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

The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch is an organization of volunteers who are interested in the security of the community. They donate one evening a month to drive throughout the community and watch for suspicious activity or anything out of the ordinary. They do not carry

weapons or become directly involved in any altercation. They act as eyes and ears to report activity, via radio, to a base station who can then call the Sheriff if needed. They are also called upon to assist with traffic control for some community events. To become involved, call the BHA office or any of the Core Committee members listed on page 2.

The Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch is sponsored by the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department and the BHA. It relies on observation by residents of

their community and then reporting suspicious activity directly to the Sheriff's Department. Telephone chains linking the Bloomingdale Community are created by Block Captains which are then put into action by either the Sheriff's Department or the area coordinator thus enabling quick notification of any resident within an affected area. Ray Serrano is the Coordinator for the Neighborhood Watch and is listed in the Community Directory on page 2.

Funding for both the Mobile Watch and the

Neighborhood Watch is currently provided by The Bloomingdale Gazette, Inc., under the auspices of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc. The current rate of funding is \$80 per month with \$40 to each crime watch organization. Efforts are currently underway to provide permanent funding for both organizations in the form of underwriting from interested parties.

How To Contact Mobile Watch

by LaWayne Wyatt
Mobile Watch Core Committee

Have you wondered how to contact the Mobile Watch? Maybe you've seen something suspicious or you have had something you want them to know about, such as vandalism or a crime at your residence. It's really very easy.

Then just call one of the Core Committee members listed on page 2 of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*. If you don't keep your copy, cut out this article and put it by your phone or on the refrigerator. The following members will take your info and pass it to the current base station operator. **If it is a crime in progress or just occurred, call the sheriff first.**

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Thinking of dumping your grass clippings or old furniture in the undeveloped areas?

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Remember the unsightly dumping going on in South by one of the builders? Well, it has been cleaned up, according to residents of the area, but commercial interests accustomed to stashing their trash along highways or on vacant lots will be shocked to learn they face forfeiture of their vehicles if apprehended.

Catching up with the culprits is the main job of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's new Environ-

mental Enforcement Unit headed up by Detective Jerry Young. According to Young, new teeth in the state's anti-litter law "make certain parts of the statute a felony which could result in the forfeiture of your truck, trailer or whatever you're using to do the illegal dumping."

The State of Florida has also made certain sections of the statute a felony offense which can net violators up to five years in prison or a \$5,000 fine. "Anyone who is making money by (illegal dumping) falls under this felony category and can lose their vehicle forever," Young said.

The new squad's crack-down on dumping is a joint effort between the Sheriff's Office and the county's Department of Solid Waste. Similar programs are already in operation in Polk, Duval, Pasco, Marion, Manatee, Pinellas and Lee counties.

Young stressed that all members of the Environmental Enforcement Unit are seasoned veterans of the Sheriff's Office, with tours of duty ranging from six to 13 years.

Citizen participation is expected to play a vital role in the Environmental Enforcement program, although Young said that merely getting the auto tag number of a

violator is insufficient evidence for prosecution. "A description of the vehicle or the person driving is just as valuable...the only thing we can get from the tag number is the address, but if we have no description of who we need to talk to, no further action can be taken on an individual," he explained.

Any Bloomingdale Resident who observes illegal dumping is urged to call the Department of Solid Waste at 272-6674 or the HC Sheriff's Office at 247-8000.

According to Young, both residents and commercial interests are equally responsible for illegal dumping. "Among the items most commonly dumped are old tires, construction and demolition debris, grass and tree trimmings, mattresses and cast-off furniture." All of these items can be seen in great quantity in some of the undeveloped areas of Bloomingdale South.

Richard Mims, public service representative for the Department of Solid Waste, added, "Some haulers think that because they have an occupational license to dump, they are free to dump anywhere, but that simply isn't true."

Illegal dumping is not only unsightly, but is a hazard to the environment and costly to the taxpayer, according to

David Nixon, executive manager of Customer Services for the Department of Solid Waste.

"Many loads dumped illegally—such as roofing materials, tar, paint, batteries and chemicals of various sorts—contain toxic properties," Nixon said. "All of these pose a threat to the Florida Aquifer, our sole source of drinking water. In addition, many plastics are nonbiodegradable and are harmful to wildlife that may ingest them." According to County figures, some \$50,000 were spent on right-of-way clean-up during 1989.

According to Mobile Watch sources, builders in the Bloomingdale area have taken to dumping construction trash in the far southern areas of Bloomingdale, which has been reported to the County Code Enforcement Officer.

While on duty, Young's deputies will be out of uniform and will be driving unmarked cars, he said. They will also be on the lookout for drivers with loads that are not covered by a tarpaulin. Under the new litter law, all loads must be covered by a tarp, or the driver will receive a traffic citation. Violators will be fined \$54 and may also receive two points against their driver's license, Young said.

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Bloomingdale Crime Update

Lock Boxes
For the past year a burglar has been operating in Pinellas County, and to a lesser extent in Hillsborough County, concentrating on lock boxes which have been placed on homes that are for sale. Detective Rich Walker of the Sheriff's Department

recently alerted Bloomingdale of a burglary that took place January 20 on Monte Lake Drive which is in Bloomingdale East.

The burglar's usual procedure involves opening the lock box with a cordless drill. He then uses the key to gain entrance to the homes and then takes jewelry.

The mother of the child would like other parents to be aware of this situation. Should the suspect repeat the offense, it can be reported to the Sheriff's Department and possibly identified with case #90002074.

Stolen Car
Tony Abate of Bloomingdale West had a car stolen from his driveway in the early evening. It was found in Tampa, wrecked, and containing stolen merchandise such as stereos.

Stolen Bike
Beverly Alderman reported the theft of her son's bicycle from the park at Bloomingdale West. He had left the bike to play in the tree area, emerging later to find his bike was missing. He then returned to his home near the park, only to discover that his custom skateboard had also been stolen. Neither item has been recovered.

Bus Stop Exposure
Monday, January 8, a student waiting for a bus on Culbreath Road was approached by a white male. He had first circled the bus stop several times in what appeared to be a black Toyota MR2, finally stopping and opening the car door to reveal his partially unclothed body.

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Girl Scouts -- The ultimate adventure for girls

By Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

While Girl Scouts have their basic promise and laws, there are many options and opportunities available to girls involved in scouting today. Girl Scouts are encouraged to learn how to accept responsibility and make decisions, with an emphasis on developing leadership skills.

Doris Mitchell, public relations director for the Suncoast Council stated,

"Girl Scouting is one place for a girl to go and have fun, with the parents being able to feel secure in the knowledge that the child is with trained adult leaders."

Before an adult is assigned to a group, she must receive training in an orientation course. The course is aimed at the age level that is appropriate for the leader. In this way the adults are trained to help girls develop their leadership skills. Other courses are also available to the leaders,

including Red Cross training, basic camping, or nature and environment courses.

Scouting has also addressed itself to special-needs groups, including blind, deaf, mildly retarded, or the wheelchair bound. In extreme cases some troops have been formed for a specific handicap, but the girls are usually included in a regular group when possible.

"Recycle Florida! Don't Trash It"

by Alexa Hrvatin

Girl Scouts throughout the state of Florida are embarking on a new project known as "Recycle Florida! Don't Trash It." In this program the Girl Scouts are hoping to aid the state in achieving its goal of reducing solid waste by 30 percent in the next five years.

Every Girl Scout — Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Seniors—

will have the opportunity to help in some way, and will be able to share what they learn with their families and communities. A wide range of activities and programs are possibilities for the girls, depending upon their ages and abilities.

One suggestion made by the council, is to adopt a roadway parking lot, or bench and clean it for an extended period. Other troops may elect to tour a recycling station or wastewater plant, while some troops might involve

others by sponsoring contests or games. They might also establish a recycling center for the troop or family.

This service project will earn each participant a patch, so it is expected that the girls will be quite enthusiastic in their endeavors. This service project is a statewide goal for 1990 as well as 1991, so the Girl Scouts should be able to make a substantial contribution to recycling in Florida.

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Boy Scouts -- The ultimate adventure for boys

Eagle Scout Program Builds Leadership and Life Skills

by Angie Niehoff
Gazette Staff Reporter

Just two of every 100 Boy Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout. To become an Eagle, a boy must achieve the six other ranks, earn twenty-one merit badges and conduct a service project that he has developed," explained Warren Kelly, District Executive for Timucua District, Gulf Ridge Council, Boy Scouts of America.

"Boy Scouts, ages 11 through 18, work through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second and First Class Scout by participating in such life skills activities as camping, cooking and first aid," Kelly continued. "The Star and Life ranks which precede the Eagle designation, focus on developing leadership skills, exploring possible careers and life-long hobbies.

"Today's scouts learn much more than how to tie knots and build fires. There are

over 120 different merit badge topics — from personal fitness, personal (money) management and citizenship, to environmental studies, golf and space exploration. Opportunities to build career awareness, develop new interests, and learn leadership skills are a vital part of the scouting experience."

The most rigorous requirement for Eagle Scout is the service project. While a boy can work on other scouts' projects when earning the Life rank, he must personally conceive and direct every aspect of his own project to become an Eagle. Identifying the need, making the plan, finding the financing, recruiting assistance and supervising the activity are all the responsibility of the prospective Eagle Scout.

Christine Morse, Public Relations Officer for Timucua District offered the following examples of Eagle Scout projects in the Bloomingdale area: "Recent projects include landscaping efforts at the Bloomingdale East Park, Alafia Park, Immanuel Lutheran Church, and numerous other locations within the community. Boys have built boat ramps and barbecues, bought books for the Brandon Library and recorded tapes for blind children." She added, "In 1989, Eagle Scout projects in the eastern half of Hillsborough county totaled 20,000 hours of civic service."

Following the project, the boy meets with the Board of Review. This committee of leading citizens focuses on the project experience, — what the scout has learned and how he will apply his scouting experiences in the future. The review board assesses the youth's maturity and growth through scouting, before conferring the rank of Eagle Scout.

Tom Cox, the Timucua District Advancement Chairman provided the following list of boys from the Bloomingdale area who earned the rank of Eagle Scout during the 1989. He pointed out that since the troop boundaries often extend through several communities, this list may not be complete. (Editor's note: Please contact the Gazette office to make additions to this prestigious group.)

Troop 11 — St. Andrews United Methodist Church

Gregory Barker
Mark Gibson
John Meyers
Jeff Pavilus

Troop 39 — St. Mark United Church of Christ

John M. Weathers

Troop 61 — Bloomingdale Civic Center

Nicholas Bodwell

Troop 79 — Immanuel Lutheran Church

Russell Connelly
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John R. Kelly

Troop 89 — Nativity Church

Richard Romero

BSA Timucua District Honors Bloomingdale Resident

Christine Morse, a Bloomingdale Resident, received the Award of Merit from the Timucua District of the Boys Scouts of America and its annual recognition dinner held in December. This recognition is the highest adult award given at the district level and limited to four recipients each year.

A Scouting volunteer for over eight years, Ms. Morse serves as the Public Relations Officer for the Timucua District, which covers eastern Hillsborough County. She is also a unit commissioner and a committee member for Troop 79 and has been elected to the Order of Arrow.

Boy Scouts Celebrate 80th Anniversary

February marks the 80th year for Boy Scouts in America. Since Lord Powell introduced scouting in the United States, millions of boys and girls and their communities have benefited as scouting has grown.

In Bloomingdale alone, 637 youth and 330 adult volunteers are currently members of a Boy Scout program. Cubpacks, Scout troops and co-educational Explorer groups abound throughout our community. Bloomingdale scouts are part of the Timucua District of the Gulf Ridge Council, covering eastern Hillsborough county, from Tampa to Plant City and

Seffner to Apollo Beach. In the district, (named for an Indian tribe from this area), over 2,000 youth and nearly 750 adults participate in scout activities.

In 1989, scouts from the Timucua district provided over 30,000 man hours of community service — approximately 20,000 hours from Eagle Scout projects and an additional 10,000 service hours from other scouting activities.

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Elementary School News

by Shannon Cox
Gazette Staff Reporter

Alafia Elementary School will be holding a skating party on Tuesday, February 20, at Brandon Skateland from 3:30-5:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the PTA, and everyone is invited to attend.

On January 25, Alafia was presented with a Macintosh computer by Publix Supermarkets in conjunction with

their "Apples for the Students" campaign. Remember to save your colored Publix receipts, and send them into school with your favorite Alafia student. The contest is not over until March 31.

The faculty of Alafia has nominated Mrs. Norma Marsh, LIFT teacher, as Teacher of the Year.

Brooker Elementary students have been enjoying the talents of some master storytellers during the month of January. Fifth graders visited Bloomingdale High School on January 4 to hear Jackie Torrance, and the kindergartners, first, second and

third graders were treated to an appearance by Ralph Wallenhorst on the 24th. Also visiting the school were Julia Bryant from the Tampa Museum of Art, and the "Talking Car" from the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. On January 31 Weeki Wachee Springs presented a program to the entire school featuring a variety of birds, mammals and reptiles.

Brooker's Terrific Kids for the month of December were: Wendy Norris, Josh Ebner, Jimmy Langmaak, Barrett Davis, Sujen Leon, Reese Barillari, Jason Crimi, Gregory King, Phil

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Most local schools are involved in the program, with parent organizations setting up collection boxes at the schools. It is not necessary to have school-age children to support the school of your choice. A collection box for the Publix tapes will also be located at the Bloomingdale Community Office.

The program, which started in September, will end March 28, 1990.

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

Toddler time, Mondays at 10 am & 11 am, Feb. 5-26, and Tuesdays at 1:30pm, February 6-27, for ages 24-36 months, with a parent present. Picture books and fingerplays are highlighted. (Registration is required; prgm. lasts approx. 20 mins)

Pre-School Storytime, Wednesdays at 10am, 11am & 3:30pm, Feb. 7-28, for ages 3 to 5. Stories, songs, and fingerplays are highlighted. (Registration is required; prgm. lasts approx. 30 mins.)

After-School Club, Tuesday, Feb. 20 at 4 pm, for children in grades 4-7. Bring a friend and lots of ideas for future programs. (Prgm. lasts approx. 1 hr.)

Black Heritage Folklore, Thursday, Feb. 22, at 4 pm for children in grades 1-3. Explore the rich heritage of African and Black American folklore. (Registration is required; prgm. lasts approx. 1 hr.)

ADULT PROGRAMS:

Income Tax Assistance, Thursdays from 9am-1pm and Saturdays from 9:30am-3pm. Volunteers from AARP and VITA will help you with income tax forms and answer questions, free of charge.

Adult Book Discussion on *Cities on a Hill*, by Frances Fitzgerald, on Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 2:30pm. Fitzgerald reports on four different communities and separate cultural enclaves that took shape during the 1960's and 70's. Copies of the book are available at the branch.

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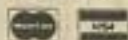
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Having a dream is wonderful; having the courage to follow through takes a miracle.

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Bloomington Resident Pastor Ed Ross knew what his calling was as early as 5

left a successful, growing congregation near Detroit and came to Bloomington with a plan in mind. He planned to start a new church on his own, incur-

The Pastor and his wife Kathi moved to Bloomington East last June, and began laying the groundwork for the church. 12,725 calls were placed to homes south of Route 60, with mail being sent to 41,000 homes. Through this research, Pastor Ross found that 45% of the homes contacted had no church affiliation and would welcome information about a new church.

The South Brandon Community Church had its first meeting on December 17 at the Bloomington High School Auditorium. There are now about 100 families who have visited the church and many of those have made a commitment to join the non-denominational church. Pastor Ross is pleased at the response he has received in Bloomington, and

hopes to encourage others to attend. Recently he stated, "Visitors are welcome to slip in and out unnoticed if they so desire." Of course he is pleased to meet newcomers, but realizes some people prefer not being ac-

knowledged.

One of Pastor Ed's hopes is to reach those who do not attend a church. His is a contemporary worship style that features uplifting services dealing with real life issues.

In his words, "You will find practical answers to your problems, a church that helps you to succeed in today's world, a church where you can build lasting relationships. While the approach is contemporary, the church is founded on the Bible and committed to the person of Jesus Christ."

Pastor Ross holds a Doctor of Ministry Degree from Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. His wife Kathi teaches second grade at Palm River Elementary and holds a Master's degree from Ball State University, Indiana. They have three children attending Alafia, Benjamin, Nicole, and Jonathan. Already they feel as though they fit right in, and hope to spend the rest of their lives in Bloomington. "It's all that we hoped for and much more!" he stated.



years old. Using his own personal funds at great sacrifice to himself and his family, he came to Bloomington to build a church.

With twenty years of experience as a minister, Ed Ross

ring personal debt in order to satisfy the strong commitment he felt for this new church. Pastor Ed's decision was the result of years of feeling called to organize a new church and finally acting upon it.

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High School News

by Pam Mahlum
Gazette Staff Reporter

Edie Gross and Tokan Sarsour were named "Seniors of the Month" for February.

Senior teachers submit nominations and a committee selects the winners. Selection is based on good conduct, leadership, cooperative attitude with peers and teachers, and 2.0 grade point average.

Former "Seniors of the

Month" are:

- Oct. - Mitzi Woods and Eric Freeman
- Nov. - Tamara Austin and Hans Peterson
- Dec. - Phaedra Thomas and Kevin Williams
- Jan. - Heidi Walker and Danny Garner

Bloomington High hosted a Jazz Festival on February 5. Schools participated were Bloomington, King, Leto and Plant City.

Good luck to the BSHS Cheerleaders who will be competing at the Florida State Fairgrounds on February 10.

The Spectrum Club is presenting a variety-type show on February 24 from 7-9 pm in the school auditorium.

The BSHS Key Club is hosting a leadership seminar for area Key Clubs sponsored by the Kiwanis of Greater Brandon on Saturday, February 17, from 12-4.

MEETINGS: The Academic Booster Club will meet in the Principal's Conference Room on February 19.

The Athletic Booster Clubs next meeting is February 12.

Seniors are encouraged to

check the scholarship file in the Guidance Office. Scholarships are offered by specific colleges and general scholarships are also offered. Applications are available for many scholarships including Wal-Mart Foundation, Oxy10, United Auto Workers of America and others.

Sophomores and juniors should check the file for special seminars and scholarships. Information is available about a High School Student Ambassador Program to Europe. Juniors interested in the 1990 Florida Governor's Summer College must apply by March 1.

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 experiences. The Scouting For Food program of collecting canned goods aids the homeless and needy within the community. In 1989, 20,000 cans of food were collected and distributed within the Timucua district.

Through work on merit badges, Explorer troops, and its national career awareness program, scouting helps boys and girls learn about potential careers and develop the job skills they will need to be successful. In the Brandon area, there are co-ed Explorer Posts covering veterinary medicine, law enforcement (linked with the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office and the City of Tampa Police Department), banking and finance, computer science through GTE Data Services, and a Post interested in fashion design and modeling. The Career Awareness program, offered through junior and senior highs, provides the schools with speakers and seminars on career opportunities.

Through the national organization's monthly magazine, the Boy Scouts have launched an anti-drug program, named the best national program of its kind, by "Readers Digest", and the Read to Lead program to promote literacy. The national organization also has a program to address and prevent child abuse.

At 80 years old, the Boy Scouts of America is anything but geriatric. Happy Anniversary to all of the Bloomingdale scouts

and thanks for the continuing good works within our community.

Bloomingdale Cub Packs and Scout Troops:

CONTACT Chris Morse, Public Relations Chairperson, Gulf Ridge Council

PHONE 681-8506 after 1 P.M.

List of Cub Packs and scout troops in the Brandon area as of December 27, 1989.

11 Thomas Beattie St. Andrews Methodist Church 7:00 Wed

39 Bob Rainey St. Marks Church 7:00 Mon

61 Albert Nebaum Bloomingdale Civic Center 7:30 Tue

79 George Watt Immanuel Lutheran Church 7:30 Mon

89 Harry Dunlap Nativity Church 7:30 Wed

99 Ray Mason Limona Village Chapel 7:30 Wed

109 Donald Berger Holy Innocents Apostles Church 7:30 Tue

110 Steve Saunders Apostles Lutheran Church 7:30 Tue

172 Roger Thornton First

United Methodist Church 109 Debbie Williams Holy Innocents 7:30 Tue

178 James Jarrell Brandon Christian Church 110 James Bull Apostles Lutheran Church 7:30 Tue

266 Steve Zwanlan Morman Chapel on Parsons 172 Terry Rogers First United Methodist 7:30 Tue

267 Dewey Murry Church of Jesus Christ, LDS 7:00 Tue 266 Timothy Larsen Church of Jesus Christ, LDS

399 John Brengle Limona Village Chapel (Handicap) 7:00 Tue 105 Jay Heidt Seffner Elementary School

605 Robert Burch Seffner Presbyterian Church 7:00 Mon 610 Raymond Calandro St. Stephens

610 James Melchert St. Stephens 7:30 Tue 690 Jeff Garber Brooker Elementary School

797 Larry Stone First United Methodist Church, Seff. 7:30 Mon 797 Kevin Sammon United Methodist, Seffner

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How do grownups find out if a child-proof container really is?

You hand it to a child at a Bloomington preschool for testing.

Photo by Susan DeLuca/Bloomington Gazette

By Alexa Hrvatin and Susan DeLuca
Gazette Staff

Some of the children at the Bloomington Primary Prep Preschool in Bloomington West had the opportunity recently to participate in the active testing of child-proof containers. This type of testing is done all over the country; and in the Tampa area, Walker Research is involved in such testing.



Due to industrial espionage, the actual container couldn't be photographed, but Hillary did participate in the testing as seen here with Walker Research's Anne Stadel.

Walker Research, whose local offices are in Eastlake Mall, has conducted numerous studies on behalf of various manufacturing and packaging companies. The firm has been in business for fifty years, with its corporation based in Indiana. Recently they began conducting studies in the Tampa area, finding that Brandon people are quite receptive to the research studies.

the feasibility of ideas.

During the testing of the child-proof containers, Stadel stressed the safety of the testing situation.

"There is no way the children can get hurt. The containers are either empty or contain a placebo."

The study itself is governed by regulations from the Poison Prevention Packaging Act which was passed by Congress in 1970. In accordance with the regulations outlined in the Act, the children must be of a precise age and a specified number of 200 children. The study must take place in familiar surroundings, with the children working in pairs. Anne Stadel explained the "teamwork" aspect by pointing out that children are more likely to get in trouble together, and

to give each other ideas or advice as they attempt to open the containers. After five minutes the children receive a small break while the containers are checked and then they can go back to their attempts again.

knowing that these children and others like them are going to be safe in the future is the true reward," said Gail Bjornson, Primary Prep Director.

(By the way...the safety closure test was a success—none of the containers were conquered on this day, so they all passed.)

In return for allowing the testing, Primary Prep was rewarded with a small incentive per student. "But

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Tax Tip of the Month

Robert Morris, CPA, CTP

Tax planning never ends and especially not because we have seen December 31, 1989 go by. I would like to suggest some post-year-end tax saving ideas. You should see your tax adviser if any of these apply to you.

It is sometimes advantageous for a married couple to file separate returns. Be sure you calculate your tax liability both ways before filing.

If you are co-supporting a family member but no one individual supports more than 50% of the expense, consider a multiple support agreement. You can claim the dependency exemption if you provide more than 10% of the support and other contributing relatives agree in writing that you should claim it. Complete form 2120 for multiple support agreements.

Include your children's investment income on your return if entirely from interest and dividend and is less than \$5000. This increases the amount of investment interest expense if needed.

Possibly choose to accrue annual interest on your child's series E or EE bonds such that the interest will not be taxed currently or later.

If you do not intend to pay your final estimated tax payment by 1/16/90, then file your return on 1/31/90 and avoid penalties and interest for the missed estimated payment.

In the 1988 tax act, you can deduct donations you made to a college that were tied to athletic event seating preference of up to 80% of the amount. Consider filing amended returns back to 1985 if this applies to you.

If you suffered a casualty loss in an area declared a disaster area by the president, such as is expected to occur with the freeze damaged crops in December

1989, you can elect to take the loss either in the year of occurrence on the prior year. Consider which will produce the maximum benefit.

Consider maximizing your Keough, SEP-IRA or IRA contributions and made the deposit by the return date or April 16, 1990. Be sure you do not contribute more than the maximum allowed as their are serious consequences. Talk this over with your tax advisor.

If your mailing expense qualifies as employee moving expense, you have the choice of taking them as deductible this year or to reduce the selling price and therefore the taxable gain on the sale. Also, remember the one-time exclusion of \$125,000 gain is still available for qualifying taxpayers. Look over all options.

If you received a lump-sum distribution from a pension plan you can avoid tax by rolling it over into an IRA or other allowed plan within 60 days. Be sure to review

your options here before the 60 days have past.

Avoid penalties on excess contributions to your 401K plan by withdrawing the excess prior to April 16, 1990. The maximum allowed amount for 1989 is \$7627 and for 1990 it is approximately \$8000.

Consider paying off consumer debt with money in low interest savings accounts or possibly with an equity loan. Consumer debt interest is only 10% deductible in 1990.

Consider buying US series EE savings bonds if you have children you expect will be going to college. The interest will be tax-free if used to pay for higher education for many qualifying families. They must be purchased by people over 23 years old and certain income restrictions.

In all cases that may appear to fit your scenario, it is advisable to consult your tax advisor and by all means always keep good tax records.

IRA Alternatives

by Tom Peterson
Financial Planning Expert
South Oaks Resident

First of all, let's look at some of the reasons you might not want to participate in an IRA (or other contributory qualified plan) whether you can take a full deduction or not:

1. All withdrawals from a full-deductible IRA will be taxable income. If your future tax bracket is higher than today, which is probable, the advantage of a current deduction will be questionable.

2. The formula for recovery of non-deductible IRA contributions is such that you will pay tax on almost every dollar every withdrawn.

3. Whether deductible or not, all of the same restrictions apply; such as: Dollar amount and age limitations on contributions, penalties for premature distributions, mandatory distributions at age 70.5, etc.

4. Assets of a qualified plan may not be assigned or pledged as collateral.

5. Death benefits from a qualified plan are: Taxable, subject to probate, and subject to the claims of creditors.

6. Upon retirement, a qualified plan participant must make a very difficult decision: Disinherit the surviving spouse or irreversibly elect to accept a reduced income to assure the continuation of an income in the event of the participant's death. And, there will usually be not option to preserve any part of the account value to any other heirs.

7. Last, but not least, the taxable income produced by these plans could effectively reduce your social security income due to increased taxation!

Now, that I have painted such a gloomy picture for IRA's, and other qualified plans, here are a few options for your consideration:

A. One option is a tax-deferred annuity. It provides the same tax-deferral advantage produced via investment in a non-deductible IRA with fewer of the "down-side" aspects of qualified plans.

B. Another option would be US Savings Bond. Although the return is relatively small, they are tax deferred; and they have few of the previously-listed disadvantages.

C. A popular new alternative is a program called RetiFlex, which has been

designed around a product similar to the old "single premium whole life" investment vehicle. Using tax laws that have existed for over 100 years and guidance provided by the 1989 tax act, a program has been created that provides: Tax-deferred growth; tax-free/probate free/creditor proof death benefits; tax-free retirement income (which will have no effect on social security earnings); built-in survivor protection (for spouse and/or other heirs); unlimited contribution ability; and provisions for assignment or pledging of the plan as collateral.

For some of you, an IRA may still make sense. However, you owe it to yourself and your family to investigate the alternatives. If you already have an IRA, long-term planning to evaluate the advisability of future contributions, and time of withdrawals, is a must.

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Bloomingtondale Business

by Bonnie Abrado
Gazette Advertising Director
The 1990 Class of Brandon Christian Academy is selling ads for their Yearbook. Prices are \$100 for full-page ads, \$75 for half-page ads, \$45 for quarter-page ads and \$25 for business card ads. Call Roger Davis at

685-4827 for ad placement.
Congratulations to Diane at Southeast Bank, Bell Shoals Road, Bloomingtondale, who is the new mother of Alexandra, weighing in at 7 lbs. 4 oz.
Bloomingtondale Resident, Arthur Lely, owner of House of Pasta, Lithia-Pinecrest Road, invites you to come by for a free drink with your meal.

Bloomingtondale Resident, Christopher Loizou, has opened his hair salon, Christopher's, in the Royal Oaks Shopping Center. The full-line salon features many specialties. Call 654-2055 for an appointment.

Jeffrey Karp of Brandon Bagels, Creekside Village, Bloomingtondale Avenue, would like to thank the residents of the Bloomingtondale area for your patronage of his store and making it a successful first year. Jeffrey has been able to introduce numerous new items this year, including honey bran bagels, extra flavors of cream cheese, and the newest item, bagel chips. New items will continue to be introduced, including an upcoming salt-free bagel for sodium-restricted diets.

To further show his appreciation to his many customers, he has included coupons with his advertisements and will be sponsoring a Little League team in Bloomingtondale.

Pandy's Playhouse, a children's entertainment center, will be opening in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingtondale. The Gazette will have an article about them next month.

Bloomingtondale Special Taxing District Treasurer's Report

December 1, 1989 to December 31, 1989

The following is the report presented at the January monthly meeting of the STD Trustees by Treasurer Joe Liguori:

Opening Balances:	
Checking	7,690.43
Money Market	39,885.87
CD (#9280)	10,000.00 App A
CD (#1700)	7,500.00 App B
CD (#4580)	7,500.00 App C
Total Opening Balance	72,546.30
Revenues:	
Interest CD #4580	54.22
Interest CD #1700	51.92
Interest CD #9280	63.70
Tax Collector	11,323.40
Tax Collector	88,724.74
Tax Collector	30,955.92
Total Revenues	131,173.90
Total opening balance plus revenue	203,720.20
LESS:	
Expenses:	
<i>Description</i>	<i>Ck</i>
Oliver & Co.	561 600.00
Tampa Tribune	562 7.10
Bank Debit Charge	2.00
Central Florida	563 1,451.00
Tampa Tribune	564 39.76
Bloomingtondale Growers	565 51.00
HC PUD	566 162.11
HC PUD	567 60.09
Central Florida	568 499.00
TECO	569 70.93
Bloomingtondale Gazette	570 50.00
Central Florida	571 150.00
Total Expenses	3,142.99
Total Balance	200,577.21
Closing Balances:	
Checking	4,547.44
Money Market	151,029.77
CD (#4920)	30,000.00 App D
CD (#1700)	7,500.00
CD (#4580)	7,500.00
Total Closing Balance	200,577.21

- App A CD #9280 matured on 12/12/89 and was returned at \$10,000 face value.
- App B CD #1700 is dedicated to maintenance of up to 1000 linear feet of wall, current funding is \$7500. Maturity date 4/30/90; interest 8.15%.
- App C CD #4580 is dedicated to the irrigation project and is currently funded at \$7500. Maturity date 5/31/90; interest 8.10%.
- App D CD #4920 is dedicated to replacement of wooden fence in Section J. Current funding is \$30,000. It replaces CD #9280 and was increased by a vote of the STD Board of Trustees. It matures on 3/16/90; interest is 7.60%.

The STD is looking for a volunteer to fill the vacancy that currently exists. Anyone wishing to serve on the STD Board is asked to call anyone on the STD board on page 2 of this newspaper for more information. The names of those individuals who have indicated an interest on their BHA membership forms were given to STD President Errol Whitfield.

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