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BHA Board Welcomes Three New Members

by Rozel Sciuilli

If length of residency is any indication, then it takes about three years of living in Bloomingdale for a resident to become involved and active in their community. That seems to be the case with the new board members elected at last month's meeting of the BHA.

Patricia Radel, Brendan Duffy, and Steve Miller are all

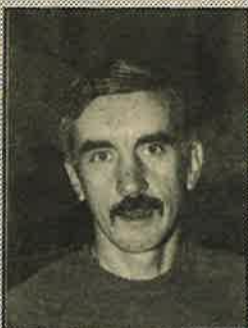


Radel

relatively new, each within three years, to the Bloomingdale community, yet each saw a need for community involvement.

Radel, a homemaker and mother of five, moved here from Kingsville, Ohio, where she was never involved in community organizations. Since she and her husband, a retired high school principal, moved to Bloomingdale, Radel said she has seen her neighborhood deteriorate. For that reason, she would like to assist in enforcing deed restrictions.

Brendan Duffy, a New York native, has been a familiar face at BHA board meetings. He hopes that his input over the next two years will help return community involvement to what it was when



Duffy

he first moved here. A former banker, Duffy is now working toward a degree in nursing. He and his wife Catherine have two young children.

Miller, also an active participant in recent BHA board meetings, would like to see community spirit improve. The computer analyst said he would do this by encouraging and helping to organize more community-wide activities. Miller and wife, Donna, moved here from St. Louis.

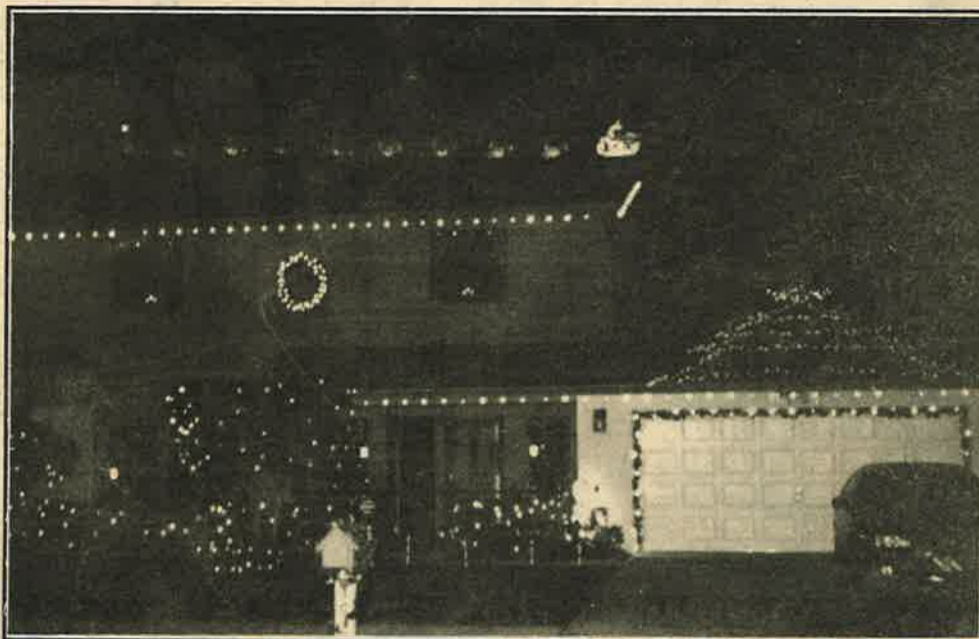
Returning board members who were elected for another two-



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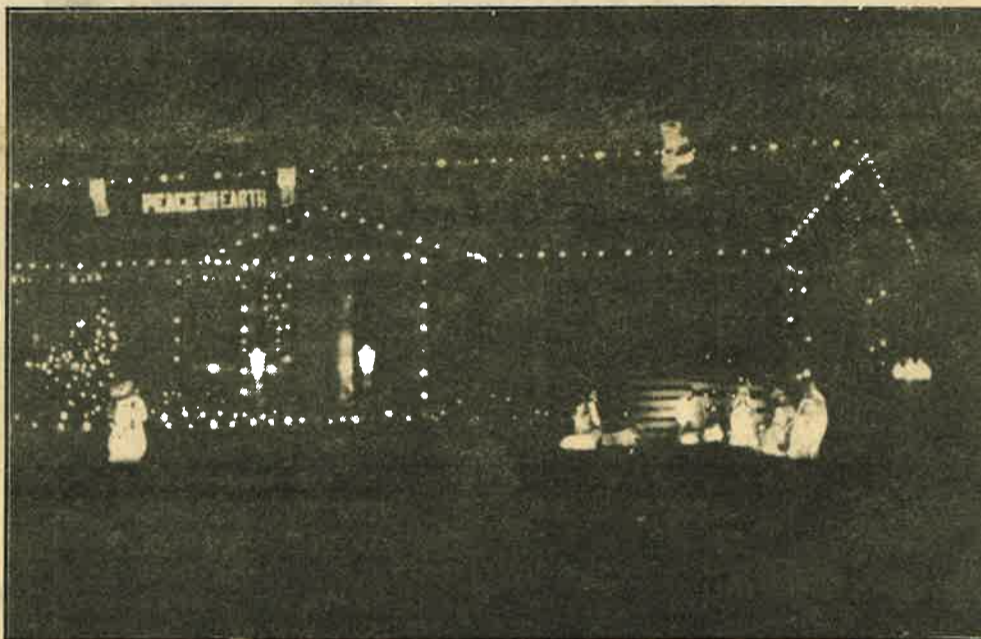
year term are outgoing president Randy Wolfe, Ted Grable, David Lees, and Jim Wiley.

The election of officers will take place at the January board meeting, Tuesday evening at 7:30.



Couples Display Happy Holiday Homes

Joyful, joyful were two families in East and West when their homes were selected as the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. Lighting up their neighborhoods with delight, the two winners were Mr. and Mrs. James Mcrory (above) of 3927 Dunaire, and James and Carrie Kershaw (below) of 3815 Hollister. Each couple won dinner for two at Brandon's Macaroni Grill. The contest was sponsored by the BHA, whose expert exterior home decorating engineers drove around the communities in search of two homes displaying the most holiday spirit.



Teacher Rates First With Mom, Daughter

by Rozel Sciuilli

Her six-year old eyes light up and her little arms open wide as she runs to embrace the woman who has stood up to greet her. They exchange warm hugs as the mommy looks on; her roll at this point is secondary. There is a unique relationship - that of teacher and pupil. Not just any teacher, but a first grade teacher, that special person who sets eager minds on the path to a lifetime of learning.

Little did Elsie Maggio, a 30-year classroom veteran, know that when she received her class list this year at Alafia it would have on it the name of her first "grandstudent", the child of a former first grade student.

For Kelli Reed Coker, a native Brandonite, it was too good to be true. Mrs. Maggio had been her first grade teacher at Kingswood Elementary when it opened 25 years ago.

"When a friend told me her daughter's teacher last year was Mrs. Maggio, I knew Sara had to be in her class. She's loving and patient and gives a lot of individual attention."

For Maggio, having Sara in her classroom this year is "like being a 'grandteacher'".

In 30 years, Maggio has left her mark on hundreds of first graders. Starting her career at Oak Park School in Tampa, Maggio has been present for the openings of Kingswood in 1968, Buckhorn in the late 70's, and Alafia in 1987.

While teaching philosophies and parents may have changed with the times, Maggio says that children are still

children, although perhaps a little better prepared now that kindergarten is compulsory.

"When Kelli was in first grade, she was quiet and shy. It was her first classroom experience," she said. "Now children like Sara are better prepared."



Elsie Maggio with former student Kelli Reed Coker and "grandstudent" Sara Coker.

As educators in administrative positions make the changes they feel are necessary to prepare students for the ever-changing world, Maggio said that the one thing that has not changed is the teacher's role as motivator and guide. She now mixes new concepts with old practices.

"The new philosophy involves empowering students to do their own learning. The teacher is the facilitator."

Maggio said the thinking here is that children interacting and helping each other learn will foster leadership qualities. "Something the business world has been telling educators its students are lacking.

"By letting children work together it builds leadership and cooperation.

"Learning is exciting," she said. "Everyone is a learner, and it's up to the teacher to provide opportunities for the children to prove this."

As for the students, mom and daughter agree that first grade still means learning how to write. Sara's favorite part of school is keeping her daily journal, a writing assignment on a topic provided by the teacher. Math and reading are right up there too.

Maggio said she has been fortunate to have had so many helpful and cooperative parents over the years.

"Parents' expectations are higher today. They question teachers more, especially with regard to discipline. But I have a lot of wonderful parents."

Coker, the mother of two, hopes that her favorite teacher has no thoughts of retirement, at least not until three-year old Rachel has an opportunity to be in her classroom.

For Sara, wide-eyed and eager, first grade is just the beginning. There will be more classrooms, more classmates, more teachers. But only one Mrs. Maggio.

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

The Bloomingdale Gazette

Dear Bloomingdale Residents,

Happy New Year to you. We at *The Gazette* wish you a prosperous and healthy 1994. We are looking forward with great anticipation to this coming year. With the help of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Special Taxing District and your involvement we can surely make the Bloomingdale area a better place to live and work.

I am encouraging and challenging all of you to get involved in our community, the future of all of us is resting in your hands.

If during the year you need any special assistance concerning community matters please feel free to call or stop in to the community office.

Happy New Year,



Rick Oros
President

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MEETINGS

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

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District

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

BHA Board of Directors

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

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District

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

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch

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

Out Vith Di'Shpeed Homps'

Please welcome to this forum Dr. Heinrich Von Humporbump, a graduate of the University of Berlin's Autobon School of Road Engineering and Traffic Study.

First of all Doctor, is it "Hump" or "Bump?"

"Vell, zi boms is in zi parking lots of what you Americans call shopping centers. Yust a leetle bomp, yah? Zi homps is what is vider und rounder. Not so shteeep. Yust a leetle roll."

Well, Doctor, we have invited you here for a visit to take advantage of your expert analysis of a terrible traffic situation we have in our community. Already, it has cost tax payers \$23,000, and many are still not happy with the results. Is there any advise you can give our county's road department that will be cost effective and at the same time will make residents on Bloomingfield happy?

"First, zi homps is no goot. Too square. Bad for car shprings, alignment, brakes, und leetle old men's shports cars. Also not wery pretty. But, zi homps make zi cars shlow down. No?"

Uh, yah, I mean, yeah.

Doctor, some people want more humps. Is this really the answer?

"Nein, nein!"

So, what do you suggest?

"Obstacle course. Cheap und practicle.

"First ve put orange cones in "S" formation on first part of shreet. Cars must go in und out of cones. Impossible to go fast.

"Next, big puddle of vater where circle vas. Must be deep. All drivers they go shlow in puddles. Do not vant mud on pretty cars. Also, always check brakes after puddle. Pushing brakes, can not go fast! But puddle must always to be kept full. Cheaper than shtupid circle.

"After puddle comes automatic soccer ball, maybe basketball, thrower. Drivers shlow down because think leetle kids come running after ball. Ball goes into gutter shcooped up like in bowling alley ready to come out again. Button in bottom of puddle lets ball thow machine know car is coming.

"Close to end. About half a block shcattered vith broken glass, maybe boards vith nails.

"Last, make life-like automobile accident on side of road. Drivers always shtop to look.

"All this wery cheap. Oh, yah, almost forgot. Need big pot of super glue. Leetle thieves vill vant to shtead di cones."

I just can't help it. Please allow me this bragging space. Anyone who knows me knows that my blood is garnet and my veins are gold. For those of you who don't know

me, know this: I believe that if I lead a good life, when I die, I'll go to Bobby Bowden's house.

My 'Noles are Number One. Yes! Let Notre Dame say their Hail Mary's all winter, let Nebraska pick corn instead of play football next fall. Let West Virginia try to take their foot out of their mouth. Because finally, FSU is the NATION'S COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPION.

Thank you, Charlie Ward and all your wonderful receivers. Thank you, Scott Bentley for choosing Big Bend over South Bend. And, thank you, Bobby for resurrecting my team and making it rise like the Phoenix out of the ashes that was once its program in the mid-70's when I was there, but especially for not taking that job in Alabama a few years back.

Fr. Patrick Irwin, pastor of St. Stephen Catholic Church and a real Irish Irish, said Sunday that the championship would go to those closest to God. It did!

Amen.

Our Times

by Rozel Sciulli

Letter To The Editor

Dear BHA:

I would like to know if the Homeowners Association can do anything about a dangerous situation that exists (particularly in the morning) at the intersection of Culbreath Drive and Bloomingdale Avenue? There is a tremendous amount of traffic trying to come out of Culbreath Drive and turn either right or left on to Bloomingdale Avenue. The amount of cars heading East extends from Lithia Pinecrest Road all the way past the intersection of Culbreath and Bloomingdale. The potential for an accident is tremendous at this intersection as you cannot see past the line of cars if you're trying to head East on Bloomingdale. There are also a lot of cars that try to "shoot straight across" into and out of the Royal Oaks Shopping Center (another dangerous situation).

We need a traffic light at this intersection not only for the reasons cited above, but also because there are a lot of children in this area because of the ball field. There have already been accidents at this intersection and I believe a traffic light could ultimately be a lifesaver.

I appreciate your efforts to make Bloomingdale a nice place to live and I hope the association can help get this light installed.

Sincerely,
Ruth Edmonds

P.S. I like the trees on Culbreath and Natures Way!

STD Seeks New Property Manager

by Rozel Sciulli

Bob Stalker, owner of Leatheneck Enterprises, which manages the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District, will not be looking to renew his company's contract with the STD for 1994. According to STD president, Rick Pitrowski, the one-year contract ends on Jan. 31, and Stalker will not seek to renew it, citing opportunities elsewhere.

Stalker, however, has agreed to remain in his position through February

to assist in the transition and training of a new manager.

Pitrowski said that the board is accepting resumes in order to find a qualified property manager, whose job it is to oversee the subcontractors who have been hired by the STD to do work in the community.

"Naturally, we would like the property manager to be a Bloomingdale resident," said Pitrowski, pointing to the amount of time that a manager spends around the community

daily. "But we're going to hire the most qualified person."

Pitrowski said that a good property manager must have experience in preparation of bid specification sheets, as well as have knowledge of irrigation and landscaping.

The STD board is comprised of non-salaried elected officials who create a budget each year for the disbursement of tax dollars designated for the improvement of the common areas of Bloomingdale East and West.

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Officers of the Kiwanis Club of Bloomingdale/Valrico include (L-R) Craig Collet, Tim Dunne and Patti Travis,

Newest Kiwanis Club: Bloomingdale's 1ST Service Organization

Special to *The Gazette*

Kiwanis, the worldwide service organization for men and women, has a newly chartered group in Bloomingdale. Committed to the youth and community which it serves with leadership and involvement, the local Kiwanis Club is 60 members strong.

Chartered in July, the club has wasted little time in becoming active. They recently completed a successful bell ringing for the Salvation Army during the holidays. In addition, a pancake breakfast with Santa benefited five needy families at Christmas, and a golf tournament was held for the benefit of ECHO and Outreach Clinic, a Kiwanis-sponsored service to families in need of medical care who otherwise would not be able to afford it.

But perhaps the organization's greatest emphasis is placed in the next generation of leaders. By sponsoring recognition of school-aged children, Kiwanis hopes to begin building the foundation for tomorrow's community leaders.

Through the Terrific Kids program, the organization awards students based on character, behavior, and citizenship. This non-academic award is presented to students at six area elementary schools by all three local

clubs. One child a month in each grade is selected by the classroom teacher to receive an award certificate and various "gifts" from local participating merchants.

Expanding on the club's motto, "We Build", the local group sponsors a "Builder's Club" which provides involvement for middle school children to help prepare them for community service. Currently, Brandon Academy is the only participating school.

Its students have prepared Thanksgiving food baskets and they have organized an adopt-a-highway program. In addition, students have assisted teachers in a volunteer capacity for special events and clean-up around school.

The newest organization is one of three in the greater Brandon area and meets every Wednesday at noon at Pat's Place. Tim Dunne of Dunne Mortgage Co. is the group's president.

Other board members are Curt Rogers, first vice-president; Craig Collet, second vice-president; Patti Travis, treasurer; Darlene Dixon, secretary; Teresa Curry, Darlene Hutton, Carl Mathews, Tim McCarty, Anne Nymark, Gabe Panepinto, Don Pate, and Gary Scheuer.

County No Longer Dealing With Bloomingfield Humps

by **Chris-Ann Phillips**

Need a wake-up call? Here's one.

Since 1991, the county has spent \$23,000 on a quarter-mile of residential street. That makes Bloomingfield Drive the recipient of one of the most expensive face-lifts since asphalt met tar.

Because Bloomingfield is a nifty shortcut from John Moore to the inner roads of both Bloomingdale East and West, the residential neighborhood has been plagued by excessive traffic which travels at even more excessive rates of speed.

In 1989, the county received its first request for a speed control study at Bloomingfield, and by 1991, commissioners, at the recommendation of the traffic hearing master, had approved the installation of a circular island in the hopes that traffic would slow down if it had to go around an obstacle in the road.

It didn't work.

The study, design, installation, and eventual removal of the island cost taxpayers over \$19,000, according to Steve Valdez, spokesman for the county's Engineering and Construction Services Department.

While the island slowed traffic entering and leaving Bloomingfield, it did nothing to reduce speed between Rosedale and Canoga Park Drive.

After further study and resident input, it was decided to install speed humps at an additional cost of over \$3,000. Yet, even these were suspect.

Bob Gordon, director of Hillsborough County engineering, said three of the humps did not meet proper height specifications, three to four inches with gradual incline and slope downward. So, to facilitate access for emergency vehicles, the humps were "shaved".

Even that measure met with opposition from residents who think the humps were just fine the way they

were. In fact, said Valdez, "for every resident who wants them out, we have two who want more installed. They want speed humps in between the ones that are already there."

For now, though, the county has not determined the full impact of the humps, and according to Valdez, work on Bloomingfield is finished.

Commissioners are in the process of determining how long a speed control such as humps should stay in place before changes, if any, are made.

Valdez said commissioners are leaning toward five years of placement before a change is made.

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No Light At Rosemeade

by Chris-Ann Phillips

It's official, at least for the time being, there is no traffic light being considered for Rosemeade and Bell Shoals, that troublesome exit from Bloomingdale West.

In response to a request by Bloomingdale West resident Marie Machowski, Robert Gordon, director of Hillsborough County Engineering, said a multi-way stop installation is an "inappropriate traffic control device" for that intersection and the one at Garnet and Bell Shoals, stating that it would create "excessive delays" on Bell Shoals.

The intersection of Bell Shoals and Rosemeade, however, has been placed on the Intersection Improvement Priority List, said Gordon. Currently this list consists of

39 locations which have met similar criteria for signalization and/or geometric improvement.

Gordon said these intersections compete for funding and are completed as funding becomes available. Since Garnet and Rosemeade did not meet any of the criteria for signalization, county traffic engineering has been working on geometric improvements at both intersections.

According to Gordon, these improvements involve the addition of right and left turn lanes and are expected to help alleviate traffic congestion. Gordon said design work is complete and work orders have been sent to the Traffic Service Unit of the Road and Street Department for implementation.

Smiling Faces: Meet BSHS's 'Mrs. Activity'

by Mandi Oros

Teachers are the unsung heroes of the American culture. They work endlessly trying to educate the eager masses. Mrs. Bonnie Herzog, of Bloomingdale High School is one of the many teachers who deserves recognition.

Herzog teaches Honors American History and AP American History. At an early age, she read a book that was written on the life of Harry Truman. From that point on, her love for learning and teaching history grew. She decided that she would "either run for political office or teach". Luckily for her students, she decided on the latter. She got her teaching degree at Northern Kentucky University ten years ago, then moved to Florida to begin her career.

Her first job was at East Bay High School where she taught for three years. When Bloomingdale High School opened, Herzog was brought to the new

school by Mr. Bartells, who was also working at East Bay. Besides her knowledge, she brought her great organization and school spirit with her.

She helped to start the Student Government here and is still involved with it. She also runs the Homeroom Representatives

and the Interclub Council (ICC). And if that isn't enough, she organizes Homecoming, the Carnibull and the Moovie. When asked why she enjoys teaching, she replied, "I don't want to sound like a cliché, but I really love working with the kids".

Her first love is history, but if she had the opportunity, she would like to teach English, Journalism, or some sort of news-

paper class. "Being a total teacher, includes being involved, and supporting the activities in the school," she said.

And Bloomingdale students can be sure that if there's an activity going on, it will have Mrs. Herzog's mark on it.



Herzog

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Area Churches Prepare For New Year

by Erin Mule'

After the holiday activities, most people slow down in January to recover and plan for the new year. It seems that most churches do the same. Still, a few churches have slated activities.

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale will host SOS (Seeking Other Solutions), a program designed to help people regain their pep. It is not a diet or exercise seminar, but a lifestyle approach which anyone can implement. It will be held on Jan. 22, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The free class is open to the public, but because class size is limited, reservations must be made by calling the church at 654-3699.

Members of the church's "Golden Oldies" helped sort clothing and pack 25 cartons of useful items including vitamins, medical supplies, and 200 gifts, which were sent to the church's sister congregation in Guatemala.



Youth and Golden Oldie members of the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale sent Christmas packages to a mission in their sister city

Children of all ages topped off the Christmas season with neighborhood caroling and a hayride led by children's choir leader Carol Shaw. Community youth are invited to get involved. Sixth graders meet on Sunday evenings at 4:30 and high school "Quest" members meet at 6:30.

Congregation Beth Shalom is making an effort to establish a building for their Temple in Brandon. To help do this they are running a "Buy-A-Brick" campaign. A brick, complete with "brick certificate" is \$18 and can be sent to anyone. A "brick-let" can be purchased for \$3. For more information, you may writeto "Buy-A-Brick" Foundation, P.O. Box 348, Valrico, FL 33594-0348.

Members of St. Andrews United Methodist Church will honor its United Methodist Women for the work they do in a special service on Sunday, Jan. 17, "Women's Sunday."

Area residents are invited to South Brandon Baptist Church on Sunday, Jan. 17, to celebrate "Sanctity of Human Life" Sunday. The church is located at 4929 S. Bell Shoals Rd.

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Restaurant Review

Amore Pizza: Now That's Italian!

by Elton Dumont

If you are a lover of pizza, hoagies, and Italian hero sandwiches or a connoisseur of superb Italian pasta and dinners, please pay close attention.

Even though the name indicates "pizza", it is so much more. Thanks to Tony Lauro and Al Carapella, the Bloomingdale area now has a full fare Italian restaurant to satisfy even the pickiest culinary desires. Amore Pizza opened in September in Bloomingdale Plaza (Winn Dixie Marketplace), and judging by word of mouth and this writer's own repeat visits, it will be around for a long time.

Those who have discovered Villa Rina, also owned by Lauro and Carapella, in the Brandon Crossing Center can now get the same quality of food closer to home. Each section of the tempting menu offers up something familiar with a delightfully different twist.

Pizza dough made fresh daily is turned into a delectable taste treat. In addition to the usual pepperoni or mushroom, patrons can choose among the varieties of Sicilian style (thick and hearty), stuffed pizza, or prima vera (vegetable) pizza. Also available are Italian Calzones, pocket dough filled with mozzarella and ricotta cheeses, Stromboli made with pepperoni, ham, salami and cheese, or Broccoli pizza.

Hoagies, not be confused with heros, subs, or grinders, fall under the heading "The Original Philly Cheese Steak Sandwich." Since it is outside of Philadelphia and everybody knows how hard it is to find a real Philly cheese steak outside of Philly, Amore's attempt here is particularly satisfying. Although in the B+ range of greatness, it will still give diners a hint of Broad Street. Try one of these hoagies which include a cheese steak with lettuce, tomato, onion, oil and vinegar, or the pizza steak with onion as well as the standard cheese hoagie.

Heros come in a wide variety from sausage, meatball, veal or chicken cutlet each available with melted mozzarella cheese. The cold heros offer up a pleasing variety of cold cuts and cheese.

On a recent visit, the menu's succulent dinners were the order of fare. The stuffed shells were prepared just right, in other words - not soggy, and the tomato sauce had just the right blend of spices for that "up home" taste. The chicken parmigiana was a tender breast that was neither tough nor stringy. The ample portion was served up with a side dish of pasta and a house salad. Almost a dozen different entrees include pasta, egg plant, and veal dishes.

If there's still room, dessert includes Italian cheesecake or Tira Misu (of "Sleepless in Seattle fame").

The total bill for two was under \$20, and there are children's portions priced accordingly.

Rating (based on 5 Stars)

Food.....****

Service.....****

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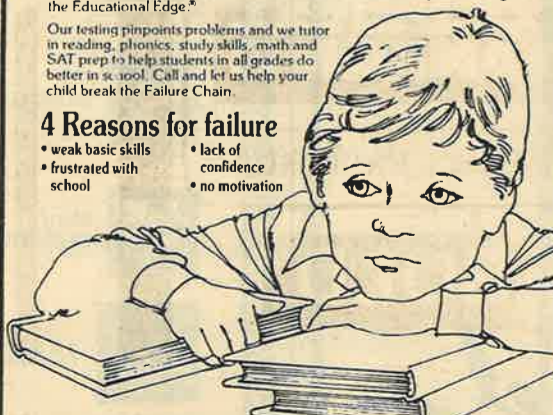
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RSV - An Unwelcome Winter Visitor

by Sonia Ruiz, M.D.

Dear Dr. Ruiz,

My baby is not yet a year old and has cold symptoms more severe than usual. He was born premature and goes to day care. Should I worry?

Sincerely,
Bloomington Resident

Dear Bloomington Resident,

For the past 40 years, we have known of the presence of a virus called respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) know to cause cold symptoms most severely in children less than one year of age. It was first isolated from chimpanzees and found to be transmitted to humans.

It is the major cause of lower respiratory tract infection in children less than one year of age during the months of December through April, especially for the child 2-5 months of age.

Babies will usually start a few days of clear nasal discharge propensing to very frequent coughing and fast breathing over a period of two to three days and lasting three to five days. Low grade fever may be present from the start but frequently may disappear as the disease progresses. Premature babies may have a greater chance of developing apnea (cessation of breathing for longer than 20 seconds) and hypoxemia (decreased oxygenation) presenting as blueness around the lips usually during coughing episodes.

As the disease progresses, a baby's respiratory rate increases and the skin between the ribs may be seen moving in and out as the babies try to breathe while increased wheezing or upper airway sounds may be heard.

Wheezing, a high-pitched sound heard best over the lung while babies try to exhale, may be frequently heard with RSV especially in children with parents who smoke or in children with a strong history of allergies.

Children at risk for severe disease are children below 12 months, especially below six months, and those with underlying medical problems such as prematurity, lung

disease, congenital heart disease, immunodeficiency states resulting from chemotherapy or from congenital diseases, and hospitalization during RSV season.

Your child has a 69% chance of getting infected with RSV during his first year of life and 83% by the second year of life during the winter and spring months. As many as one-third to one-half of children infected will require hospitalization especially those children in the high risk category.

Reinfection is common at all ages with the highest rates reported from day care centers. Severity seems to diminish with repeated infection and with age.

RSV is spread by direct contact with secretions via hands, objects touched with secretions (ie, toys or large-droplet aerosol). It is highly contagious and hospital personnel and day care workers frequently become infected. Because adult airways are larger than a child's airway, adults can pass it off as "just a cold", and parents may tend to discount the risk involved for the child exposed.

Antibiotics are not useful in the treatment of RSV infections. The only drug available must be used in a hospital setting for severe cases of hypoxemia and has been shown in some studies to be of low teratogenic potential in rabbits and not in primates.

Long-term complications are common in about 50% of children who have had RSV especially during the two years following the infection. Asthma is the most common long-term complication. Apnea is the most common short-term complication.

How to avoid it or prevent it? Good handwashing! Avoid toys that belong to other children in your child's mouth. RSV can survive for hours on countertops, glasses, paper tissues, and clothes, and for one-half hour on skin.

A vaccine is in the works as well as a specific immunoglobulin to RSV to be given to those at risk, but further testing is required.

Ask Your Vet

by Harry Vildibill, DVM



Dear Dr. Vildibill,

I have a problem that is really bothering me. I don't think my owners love me anymore. I have been their faithful companion for many years now. I would always run to greet them at the door and shower them with kisses. Well, they don't want me to kiss them anymore. They push me away and make faces at me like they just ate a lemon. I have this funny brown stuff all over my teeth and I lost a tooth yesterday. Do you think this is why my parents don't love me anymore? Isn't there any way to fix my teeth and bad breath?

Sincerely,
Tar-Tar

Dear Tar-Tar,

I understand your problem and there are many things you can get your owner to do to help with your dental problems. It sounds like you have tartar, "that brown stuff" on your teeth that should be cleaned off and polished by your veterinarian. If the tartar is left on the teeth for too long, it will cause gum disease and eventually you may lose all of your teeth.

Once you get your teeth cleaned, you can keep them clean and white by getting your owner to brush your teeth on a regular basis. You have to make sure they use dog and cat toothpaste and not human. Human toothpaste doesn't work well and can upset your stomach. They even make special finger toothbrushes that are soft and get to those back teeth.

If you get your owners to pay attention to your dental hygiene, your breath will be smelling better in no time. I think they may even let you give them kisses again.

Sincerely,
Dr. Vildibill

Please send your pet questions to Ask Your Vet, *The Bloomington Gazette*, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Rd., Suite 101, Valrico, FL 33594.

Put Dental Pain On Ice

by Diane Raggard Wright, DMD

When a toothache strikes, rubbing an ice cube on the web of skin between the thumb and index finger may take the sting out of dental pain, reports the Academy of General Dentistry.

Make sure the ice cube is massaged on the same side of the body as the toothache for seven minutes. When the area is numb, the dental pain may decrease significantly, researchers found.

The McGill University study found that the ice massage relieved the intensity of pain by at least 50 percent in most patients.

The ice cube massage is only short-term relief to a long-term dental problem. The toothache pain will continue to increase if the problem is not treated by a dentist. **Teeth Can Go Crazy(ng)!**

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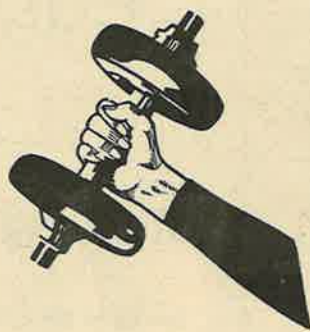
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New Year!



Carol Williams, C.H.E Independent Professional Beauty Consultant

A New Year's resolution aimed at self-improvement very appropriately begins with tending to basic skin care. As Florida residents we experience seasonal fluctuations in temperature and humidity as well as in the amount of sun exposure we receive. And with those seasonal changes come changes in our skin care requirements. Now is a perfect time to reprogram and adjust skin care supplements to maintain healthy skin through the winter months.

As a Professional Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics, Carol teaches basic skin care and make-up application by appointment to individuals and small groups. All instruction is complementary. With over 10 years in the classroom - seven in a special education setting, Carol enjoys working with clients in a teaching format. In addition to skin care consultation, Carol also provides an all-occasion professional gift-buying service.



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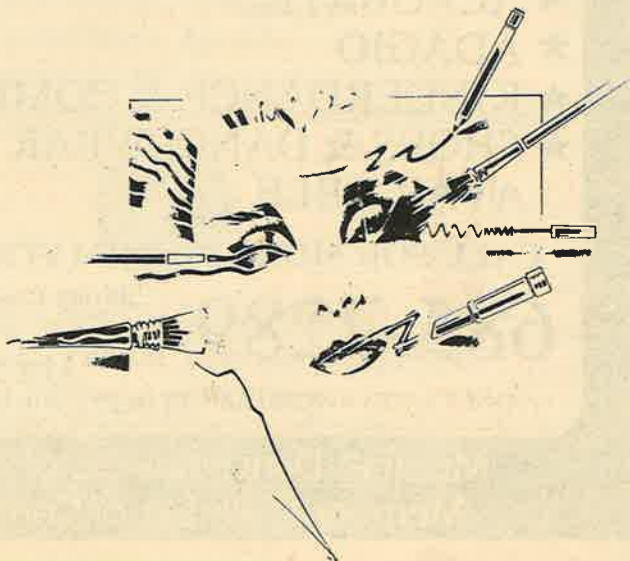
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Cultural Arts Fair Planned At Lithia



Austin Harrell, a third grader at Lithia Springs School, was dressed for the occasion during the school's Madrigal Dinner last month.

by Gayle Turner

The new year at Lithia Springs Elementary will continue to reflect the busy schedule of 1993. The PTA calendar is quickly filling as upcoming activities are planned. Among them is the school's first Cultural Arts Fair on Jan. 26.

Emphasis will be placed on the promotion of cultural arts. Many education leaders believe that a vital link to education reform can be found in arts education. Through a National PTA sponsored activity called Reflections parents are hoping to show the children at Lithia Springs the ways in which the arts can affect their lives and encourage appreciation for the arts in each family.

Each year, the National PTA provides a theme for Reflections. This year's theme, "If I could give the world a gift...", will be used by students expressing their ideas through visual arts, photography, music and literature. Chaired by Joanne Calsetta-James, the fair will provide interaction with artists from the area and a chance to enjoy exhibits by each of

these artists. Each student will be encouraged to express his or her feelings through art.

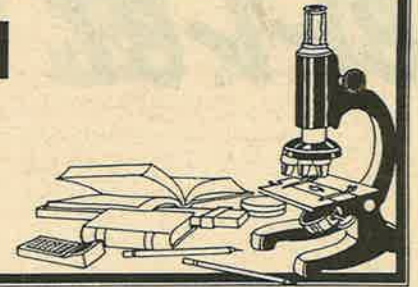
Preparations are also underway for the school's second annual Talent Show scheduled for Feb. 15 at 7:15 p.m. during the PTA's general meeting.

In other school news, local photographer Tim Golden is sponsoring a Camera Club for all third through fifth graders. Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month starting in January. Meetings will be held from 2:30 to 3:30 in the school's multipurpose room. Parents are invited to attend, and each member should take a camera without film to the meeting.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 11 PTA Board Meeting
9:30 a.m.
- Jan 24 Skate Party 6:30 to 8:30
- Jan 26 Reflections Cultural Arts Fair All Day
- Feb 1 PTA Board Meeting
- Feb 15 PTA General Meeting 7:15 Talent Show

Educational Edge



Studying Requires Right Place And Time

Special to *The Gazette*

Getting back in the swing of school is difficult after the holidays, but for junior and senior high students, this time of year presents the first major hurdle - semester exams.

Here are some helpful hints for successful studying.

• **Set aside a place for studying.** This place can be a desk in a bedroom or it can be the kitchen table. All that is really needed is a table to work at in a relatively quiet place that has good light and a comfortable chair. It is also helpful to have supportive materials, like a dictionary and scrap paper.

• **Establish a set time for studying.** Finding time for work, play, and the daily chores of living is often difficult, especially for busy teenagers. But, by learning to manage time more effectively, students can fit in school, study, and fun. First, determine how the student's time is currently being spent. A log can be kept for a few days on which students can write down their activity every 30 minutes. They will probably be surprised to find out how much time they are wasting.

Creating a schedule can help them make better use of their time. A weekly schedule that includes time for studying, relaxing and seeing friends will give them an idea of how to plan their week. Sched-

ules will also help children see where they can shift and trade among things they have to do and things they want to do.

It is important that schedules remain flexible. If an unexpected event comes up, a modification of plans must be possible. Everyone makes trade-offs with their time. The main point is that with a schedule, students can see how to find time for the important things, including studying.

A regular study schedule has advantages beyond getting written assignments done. Too many students think they have homework only if it is written work to be turned in the next day. If a teacher asks students to write the definitions of some words and turn in the assignment, most students will do it. But when a teacher asks students to study the definitions of words or review a chapter, students often ignore the assignment.

By having an established study period each evening, the student is going to spend that time studying, whether or not written work has been assigned. These study habits may ultimately make the difference between success and failure.

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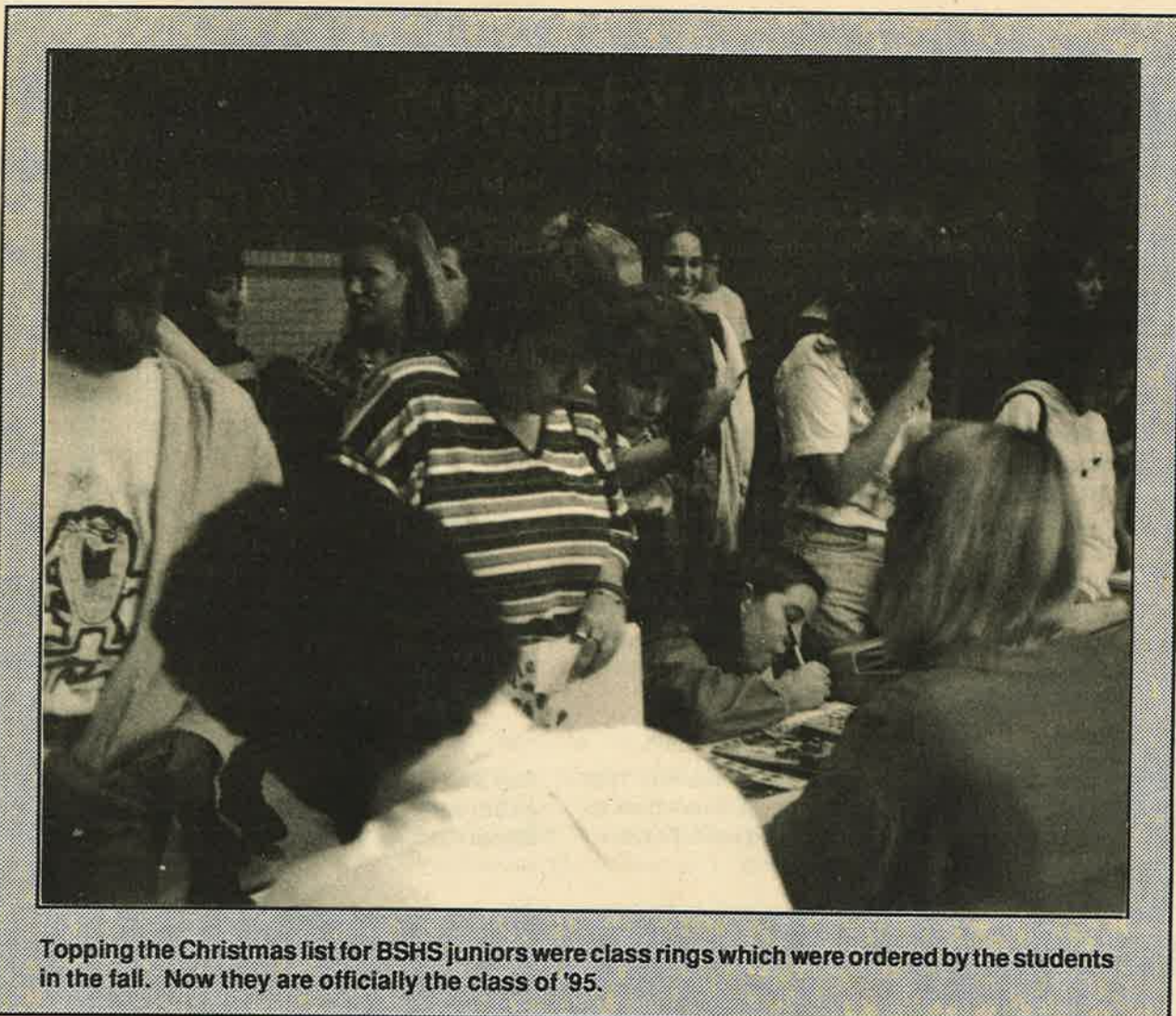
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Topping the Christmas list for BSJS juniors were class rings which were ordered by the students in the fall. Now they are officially the class of '95.

Bruin Beat



by Elizabeth Ancker

Members of the National Junior Honor Society, with the help of other Burns students, celebrated the true spirit of the holidays this year. All profits made in the NJHS annual candy gram sale were donated to cancer patient and fellow Burns student Tim Bias.

Tim was diagnosed last year with leukemia, and is currently seeking out-of-state treatment in North Carolina. He is receiving his academic help from a tutor.

Word got back to Burns, and the NJHS voted to donate all profits from the 1993 holiday candy gram sale to assist his family with their medical bills.

The grams were holiday cards in which a personalized message was written to a friend at school, and a piece of candy was attached. They were on sale for one week at 25 cents apiece, and delivered the following Friday - the last day of school before holiday vacation.

The sale was a huge success. Most students jumped at the chance to send a friend a greeting and help Tim's family. Many students went to school with Tim last year, and even those who had not were glad to help out with the hope of him possibly coming back to finish up the school year.

Members of Burns Student Council spread holiday cheer when they shared a morning with the children of the Rainbow Center, a day care for children and parents with special needs. Each council member took a gift for one of the pre-school aged children ranging from infants to age five. The junior high students and the children enjoyed playing and eating a snack. In addition, each student got his or her picture taken with their special child.

Burns 8th grader Krista Marie Lewis was the only representative of her school to participate on a 12-member panel of teens featured in a recent television broadcast. "The Age of Reason", a special production by local station WTVT Channel 13, featured area students in a discussion with commentator Denise White. The students discussed such topics as family break-up, teen sex, drugs, and violence. Krista and 11 others were chosen from among 28 finalists representing schools from Hillsborough and surrounding counties. Krista is a gifted honors student and a member of the school's band and Junior National Honor Society.

Bulls' Eye



by Brian Okay

Clubs at Bloomingdale showed the spirit of the holiday season by sponsoring parties for underprivileged children during the weeks before winter vacation.

The Spanish Honor Society, along with their sponsor, Mrs. Fernandez, hosted its fourth annual pizza party for migrant children from Dover Elementary School. Each Bloomingdale student adopted one of the 143 children and gave them a gift. There were also six pinatas for the children to break. Funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Greater Tampa and private donations, the club was able to distribute 175 blankets and 143 pairs of shoes to the children.

The Bloomingdale *Crimson Times* staff held a Christmas party for needy children in their newsroom.

The 21 four and five year-olds who attended the party were from Mrs. McLean's pre-kindergarten class at Ruskin Elementary School. The children were entertained by a magic show, a game of Simon Says, a pinata, and a visit from Santa Claus. Refreshments were served before presents were opened.

Special to The Gazette

Bloomingdale's volleyball team received honors recently as the top academic volleyball team in Hillsborough County. Academic awards are given in each sport throughout the year and are based on the team members' comprehensive grade point average.

Bloomingdale's 11th graders placed second in the county behind Plant in the state's high school competency test. Students must pass both the communications and mathematics portions of the test in order to graduate as mandated by the state. For the fourth year in a row, Hillsborough County out-performed the state average in both areas and finished first among the top 10 school districts in Florida. At Bloomingdale, 97% of the students

passed the communications portion and 92% completed the mathematics portion successfully. Both were higher than the county's average of 93% and 85% respectively. The county's and school's averages were higher than the state's which were 89% in communications and 77% in math. Plant High School in Tampa topped the county and state with results of 99% and 98%.

Calendar of Events

- Jan 11 Semester Exams
- Jan 12 Semester Exams
- Jan 13 Semester Exams
- Jan 14 No School for Students- Teacher Work Day
- FFA Dairy Judging Contest - Lakeland
- Jan 17 No School - Dr. M.L. King Jr. Day
- Jan 21 All-County Band at Chamberlain
- Jan 26 Early Dismissal - Club Day

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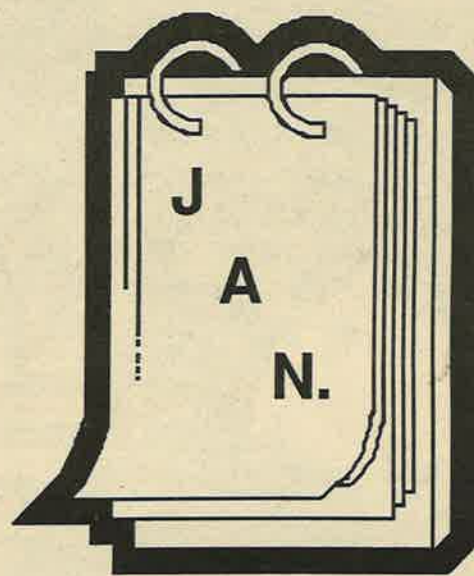
The Brandon Youth Theatre will hold auditions for its spring production of "Bye, Bye Birdie" on Thursday, Jan 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Mark's United Church on Lithia Pinecrest Road. Children ages 11 to 18 are eligible, and rehearsals will be on Thursdays, beginning Jan. 20 and every Thursday thereafter from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Mark's. The production will be staged at Center Place on April 22 and 23. Interested students must register to audition by calling Center Place at 685-8888. The fee is \$115 for members and \$120 for non-members.



a family performance on Friday, Jan. 21, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$2.50 per person and must be purchased in advance at the Center Place office.

Children's Chorus Auditions

The Tampa Bay Children's Chorus (TBCC) will hold auditions for new singers during the first two weeks of January. Girls and boys with unchanged voices, ages 8-16, are invited to call Mrs. Hamilton at 985-1804 to schedule an audition. No prior experience is necessary. Rehearsals will be held on Monday afternoons in Temple Terrace. During the upcoming season, the group will perform with the USF choruses and orchestra in March, at a spring concert in May, and in Washington, D. C. in June. Dr. Averill Summer, a professor of music at USF, is founder and director of the 90-member chorus.



\$9.50 and are available at all Ticketmaster locations or at the Performing Arts Center box office.

"Peter And The Wolf"

Stage Productions will present two performances of "Peter And The Wolf" this month at Center Place. The symphonic fairy tale about the wicked wolf and the young hero will be presented on Thursday, Jan. 20 at 9:30 a.m., in

Pinocchio on Stage

The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center Kid Time Series continues with the popular childhood favorite, Pinocchio, Saturday, Jan 22 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are

Kids Kalendar Rated G will feature a monthly listing of children's classes and cultural events in the Bloomingdale, Brandon, and Tampa Bay areas.

MOSI Sponsors Winter Events

Special to *The Gazette*

Gargantuan robotic versions of a scorpion, black widow spider, unicorn beetle, and other backyard monsters make up a special exhibit at the Museum of Science and Industry from Jan. 28 through May 1. More than 1,000 exotic insect and arachnid specimens accompany 14 other hands-on exhibits during this special event.

Also in January MOSI has scheduled a FunShops on the 15th from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The series of classes promotes an understanding and acceptance among young children of peers who have exceptional and special educational needs. The instructors of these classes are school teachers of exceptional and special needs children. There is a class limit of six children with special needs, and a maximum number of 12 per class. The cost is \$10 for members and \$14 for non-members.

This month's Great Escapes will take place along the Withlacoochee River on Jan. 22. Great Escapes are trips for individuals and families. This month's day hike is a five-hour trip.

The anniversary of the fatal Space Shuttle Challenger flight is Jan. 28. Born out of tragedy, the Challenger Learning Center is a living memorial to the crew of the shuttle orbiter Challenger. "It is a unique opportunity for all ages to explore our universe through the use of space simulators," said MOSI spokesperson Beverly Littlejohn. The center offers public mini-flights, birthday parties, Camp-Ins, day camp, and Saturday flights.



Students of local piano instructor Erin Mule' recently held their fall recital which was attended by 50 family members and friends. Pictured are (front l-r) Alana Shawah, Lindsay Otto, Steven Partin, Jessica Labrecque, and Maria Padgett. (back l-r) Kyle Houske, Stephanie Cacciatore, Tanya Riedhammer, and Melody Farrer.

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Business Notes



Bloomingtondale Rental Opens

Need equipment that you would not normally find among your household items? Well, you don't have to drive into Brandon anymore to get that power saw or pressure washer you might need for the day. Bloomingtondale West residents Ken and Monica Gerena have opened Bloomingtondale Rental close to home at 11104 W. Bloomingtondale Ave at the corner of Providence Road.

Bloomingtondale Rental carries a wide range home, lawn, and contractor equipment, plus steam cleaners,

pressure washers, paint guns, electrical equipment, tables, chairs and lighting. In addition, the local business will also be a propane gas outlet.

Open for business seven days a week, Bloomingtondale Rental's hours are from 7:30 to 5:30 Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sundays.

According to co-owner Monica, their prices will be competitive and in most cases lower than those found at area rental stores.

Landscaping Is Gary's Specialty

After 28 years in the landscaping business Gary Zierden knows something about what makes the best looking lawns. And now he's opened his newest enterprise, appropriately named **Gary's Landscaping**, at 1014 E. Bloomingtondale, next door to the Green Boutique.

Besides carrying a variety of trees, Zierden special-

izes in landscape design and installation. He also installs irrigation, sod, and patios or walkways to transform a backyard into a picturesque garden setting.

Gary's Landscaping carries over 20 varieties of shade, evergreen, and ornamental trees in addition to over 20 varieties of citrus trees, so popular with new residents.

Business hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

Coldwell Banker Achievers

Local realtor **Frank St. Pierre** was recently named the Top Sales Producer and Top Listing Agent for the month of November at Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. St. Pierre works out of the Brandon office and was one of three agents recognized in Hillsborough County.

Real Estate Moves

Make Your Move

Planning to buy a home? One question you may ask is "When can I move in?" That is a good question, but one with a variety of possible answers.

Real estate purchases are created with a document called an Agreement of Sale or Purchase Contract. This document spells out all items agreed upon by both buyers and sellers, including such basic facts as the purchase price, the terms of payment and the closing date.

The closing date is that day on which the buyers will transfer funds to the sellers, and the sellers will deed the property to the buyers. It is the day the transaction is concluded.

Another important item included in the purchase agreement is the "possession" date, the date when the sellers transfer physical possession of the property to the buyers.

Often, that date is tied to the "closing" date, i.e. "Possession is to be given to purchasers at closing." Once the buyers have paid for the home, and have a deed, it is logical that they should also be allowed to occupy the home. Nevertheless, possession is a negotiated item in the purchase agreement.

Other dates are sometimes chosen for possession, i.e. "14 days after closing", or "7 days before closing". This approach may be taken to allow the sellers time to move after the closing, or to accommodate special needs of the buyers to move early.

If any date other than the "closing date" is chosen for possession, a temporary occupancy agreement should be attached to the purchase agreement. This document spells out the conditions of occupancy, any rent to be paid, and the responsibilities of all parties.

Whether you are the buyer or seller in the transaction, be certain that the "possession date" is spelled out clearly in the purchase agreement. This will insure a smooth transition of the property for all concerned.

Michael Davis is affiliated with RE/MAX Realty Unlimited.

Tax Tips

Know Your '93 Tax Return Changes

It's January, 1994, and some of you have already received your W-2's, 1099's, and 1098's, and are ready to prepare your 1993 individual tax returns. But before you start, it's best to review some of the changes that may affect your return.

The personal exemption amount this year has increased to \$2,350 for each exemption to which you are entitled.

The standard deduction for most people has increased this year to Single individual - \$3,700; Joint return - \$6,200; Head of household - \$5,450; or Married filing separately - \$3,100.

The most significant provision of the new tax law is the two-step increase in individual income tax rates. Effective Jan. 1, 1993, a 36% bracket is added, which applies to the following income levels:

Single individual - \$115,000; Joint return - \$140,000; Head of household - \$127,000; or Married filing separately - \$70,000.

A top tax bracket of 39.6%, which applies to taxable incomes of \$250,000 regardless of filing status, has also been added.

Higher earned income credit -

The amount of money you can receive from the earned income credit has been increased from \$2,211 in 1992 to \$2,364 in 1993.

Individual Alternative Minimum Tax - For 1993, a two-tiered structure replaced the flat 24% rate. The rate is raised to 26% on the first \$175,000 of alternative minimum taxable income in excess of the exemption (which is phased out above certain income levels) and 28% beyond that amount.

Health Insurance Deduction -

The provision that allows self-employed taxpayers, including shareholders in S corporations, to deduct up to 25% of their health insurance premiums has been extended retroactively from July 1, 1992, through the end of 1993. You may want to amend your 1992 returns if you didn't claim the full amount in 1992.

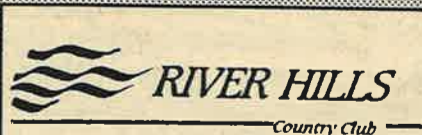
And for the icing on the cake, the optional Presidential Election Campaign Fund contribution has been increased to \$3 to go toward a general fund established by Congress to help pay for Presidential election costs.

These are only some of the changes for 1993. When preparing your return, remember to read the instructions if preparing it yourself, or seek out a reputable paid professional to do it for you.

This month's Tax Tips is provided by James Laughlin of Laughlin & Company, PA, Certified Public Accountants.



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The MABL of Tampa Bay will hold a workout

for all interested players Sunday, Jan. 16, and Sunday, Feb. 6. The 32 to 36 game season will begin March 20. Individuals, new and established teams, and those wishing to manage are invited to call for more detailed information.

Contact Michael Huff at 681-4327 or Mike Krawczyk at 885-3231.

Hats Off



Terrific Kids At Alafia for the month of November were kindergarteners Kaylyn Stanaland, Su Strang, Krista Henderson, Brandon Dlugos and Amanda Elkins; first graders Ryan Giacomini, Zael DeLaCruz, Beth Coen, Joshua Lutz, Delmonshay Myles, and Megan Fast;

Second graders Alonzo Godwin, Mathew Smith, Brandon Mosley, Stevel Butler, Kierston Allen, and Benjamin Miller; third graders Justin Ballou, Ryan Antinori, Jason Spraight, Marc Dunnam, Ben Obrigawitch, and Camila Grajcarek;

Fourth graders Ryan Hirsch, Brent Akers, Amanda Cooley, Diana Westerman, Matt Collier, Jenna Weinstein; fifth graders Michael McDonald, Stephanie Melodini, Mike Clark, Mario Baker, and Lisa Milnamow; PEP students Omar Mahieddine and Myron Godwin; and EMH student Sandra O'Donnell.

Terrific Kids is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Bloomingdale/Valrico.

Principal's Honor Roll students at Booker T. Washington School in Tampa for the first grading period were Vanessa Ayer, Steven Batson, Heather Bedford, Matthew Boonstra, Tyffany Brittain, Kristen Broecker, Jessica Brooks, Cheryl Carpenter, Alexis Clarkson, Rebecca Collier, Dana Contos, Sarah Cox, Jennifer Dean, Lance Elrod, Natasha English, Kathryn Farr, Raymond Fermo, Kristin Frinkley, and Kristen Gaffney. Also...

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Pfaffman, Orlando Ramirez, Jonathan Rodriguez, Canice Schlappo, Kristen Shaffer, Nicole Smith, Christy Williams, Heather Williams, and Nicole Wuckovich.

Bloomingdale High School students named to the Principal's Honor Roll for the first grading period were **tenth graders** Michael Allegretti, Melissa Bader, Richard Boettger, Danielle Bradford, Kelly Collier, Lisa Colligan, Laura Coyle, Vivian Cortes, Scott Decelles, Jane Drennan, Brian Evans, Glorianna Felix, also

Gayle Freeman, Pamela Frysz, Susan Gardieff, Marcia Garvin, Lina Grady, Lindsay Groover, Stephen Hopkins, Ryan Kangas, Lori Kensel, Matthew Krenger, Kimberly Madison, Michelle Masiello, Lori Mayers, Morgan McCabe, Colleen Mulligan, Brian Okay, Christopher Pearson, Jeffrey Prugh, Darah Royer, Laura Spangler, Melanie Taylor Jeremiah Vencel Clifton Wiggins and Jennifer Wilson.

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Listed among **Students of the month** for November/December at Mary Help of Christians School were local residents Alex Zukowski and Abby Abraham. Students are selected based on their achievements in academics, class conduct, and interpersonal relations.

Athletic Calendar

Jan 8	Wrestling vs Chamberlain	1 p.m.
	Basketball Boys at Gaither	1 p.m.
Jan 13	Soccer Girls and Boys at Chamberlain	6 p.m.
Jan 14	Basketball Girls vs Brandon	8 p.m.
	Wrestling vs Gaither	7:30
Jan 15	Basketball Boys at King	7:15
	Wrestling vs Plant City	1 p.m.
Jan 18	Wrestling vs. King	1 p.m.
	Soccer Girls and Boys at Armwood	7:15
	Basketball Girls at Gaither	5 p.m.
		7 p.m.
Jan 20	Basektball Boys vs Chamberlain	7:30
Jan 21	Soccer Girls and Boys vs Hillsborough	6 p.m.
	Basketball Girls at Plant City	8 p.m.
		7:30
Jan 24	Basektball Boys vs Leto	7:30
	Girls Soccer Districts thru 28th	
Jan 25	Soccer Boys at Robinson	7 p.m.
	Wrestling at Leto	7:15
Jan 27	Basketball Boys vs Brandon	7:30
Jan 28	Soccer Boys vs Jefferson	7 p.m.
	Wrestling at Brandon	7:15
	Basketball Girls vs King	7:30
Jan 29	Wrestling vs Armwood	TBA
	Basketball Boys vs Gaither	TBA
Jan 31	Basektball Boys at Plant City	7:30
	Boys Soccer Districts thru Feb. 4	

Little League Sign-Ups This Week And Next

Registration for the Spring season at Bloomingdale Little League will be held Saturday, Jan. 8, and Saturday, Jan. 15, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Civic Center located at the corner of Bloomingdale Ave. and Lithia Pinecrest adjacent to the field. In addition, an evening sign-up will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 11 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Boys and girls ages seven through 15 before Aug. 1, 1994, are eligible for the baseball and softball programs. A birth certificate must be shown as proof of age, as well as proof of residency within the Bloomingdale Little League boundaries.

Bloomingdale Little League, the largest in Hillsborough County with 58 teams, is headed for the third year by East resident Allen Berry. Under Berry, the league raised nearly \$20,000 during the fall season

with proceeds earmarked for capital improvements.

According to Berry, a building committee has been hard at work since early November and is now ready to approve final plans for the renovation and expansion of two bathroom facilities at the privately owned park. With construction set to begin this month, the new facilities should be completed in time for opening day the first weekend in March.

Committee members had to decide whether it was best to construct new buildings or completely renovate and enlarge the existing bathrooms. Because the cost of new buildings was prohibitive (in excess of \$50,000), the committee accepted plans for the major renovation project.

Berry pointed out that the league is still in need of team sponsors, managers, and coaches for most age levels. He said that those interested may contact him at 685-9845.

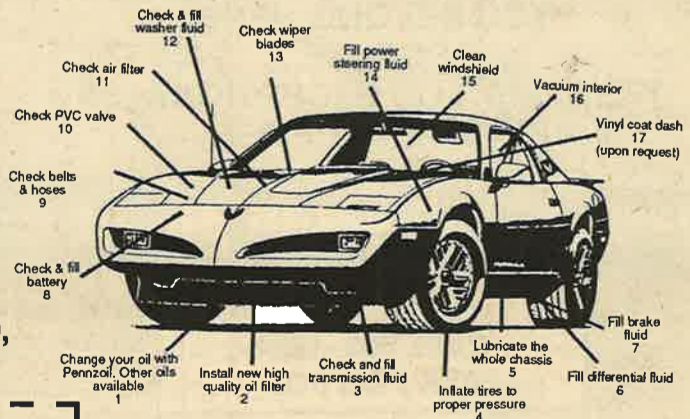


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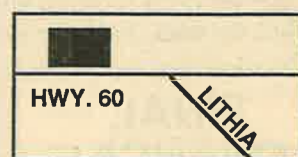
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BHA Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association will be held Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7:30 in the community office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale plaza.

Kiwanis Meeting

The Kiwanis Club of Bloomingdale/Valrico holds weekly meetings on Wednesdays at noon at Pat's Place Restaurant at Bloomingdale and John Moore.

Magnet School Meeting

Brandon High School will be the site of a meeting for parents interested in more information about Hillsborough County's magnet schools of Technology. The meeting is set for 7 p.m. on Jan. 13. The two technological schools, Middleton for grades 6, 7, and 8, and Lee for grades 1-5, will host open houses on Jan. 22 and Jan 29 at 11 a.m. and then again at 3 p.m. Magnet schools are open to all children in Hillsborough County.

Zoning Approval Hinges On Road Study

Yet another obstacle may delay the approval of re-zoning requests by Metropolitan Life for designated areas of Bloomingdale East.

According to county planner Dan Santos, officials of the state Department of Community Affairs (DCA) believe that interior roads of the community can not handle the

additional construction and the traffic that the proposed development will generate

"The DCA and the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council have determined that the project as it is now proposed would have greater impact on the area's roads than in the original plan (from 1975)," said Santos.

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Class Covers SAT Changes

Free seminars and literature on the new format of the 1994 Scholastic Achievement Test (S.A.T.) will be offered by Sylvan Learning Center in Oak Park Plaza, 711 W. Lumsden Road, Brandon. Two sessions will be offered on Thursday, Jan 13 and again on Thursday, Jan. 27 from 7 to 8 p.m. There is limited seating available, and those interested in attending are asked to call 684-2400.

HCC Classes

Hillsborough Community College is offering two non-credit courses in January. There are still openings for "A Night Hike in the Park" and "Astronomy". The Night Hike will take place Tuesday, Jan. 18, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Upper Tampa Bay Park. The cost is \$5. The Astronomy course will be offered Thursdays from Jan. 20 through Feb. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m. also at Upper Tampa Bay Park. The cost is \$13.50. In case of clouds or rain, the class will be held on the following Friday. For further information, please call 253-7827 or 757-2104.

Other classes to look for that are coming up in the months ahead include a series on Exploring Florida's Environment covering the Everglades, the West Indian Manatee, and Ecology. Classes on Florida Birds, Exploring by Canoe, Basic Sailing, and Indian Mounds You Can Visit.

Metropolitan Life, the county, and the state were meeting at press time so the applicant could present its traffic study findings to the state.

"From the county's standpoint," said Santos, "we are recommending that the developer pay higher fees to supplement the cost of road improvements to Bloomingdale and Bell

Shoals."

The long-awaited final hearing before county commissioners is tentatively set for Tuesday, Jan. 11, unless there are still questions, according to Santos.

The previous hearing of Dec. 7, was postponed because one resident had not been notified of the re-zoning request as required by law.

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STD Begins New Landscape Projects

by Rozel Sciulli

Bloomingdale's Special Taxing District has big plans for your tax dollars in 1994, and most of it will be green. But they also hope to save homeowners several thousand dollars a year with a major landscaping plan for East and West.

The STD has already planted test plots of creeping fig, a clinging green plant, along a section of wall on Erindale. According to STD president Rick Pitrowski, if the experimental planting is successful, the wall-hugging greenery, will be planted along all the walls in Bloomingdale East and West. This, he said, will save an average of \$12,000 a year in pressure washing and painting costs to the walls.

"This is a long term project," Pitrowski said, adding that he got the idea when he and other STD members studied the landscaping in prestigious Tampa Palms. It is just one of many planting projects in what he calls a major plan to beautify the community.

Part of the landscaping plan includes the addition of flowering annuals at the main entrances and planting legustrums and palms to camouflage electrical boxes and pumps. The STD is temporarily discontinuing the planting of additional oak trees until the comprehensive plan is completed.

In an effort to coordinate the appearance of some of the entrances to the various subdivisions in Bloomingdale East, walls will be extended to give a more uniform appearance. In addition, a wall will be erected on the one remaining section of Bloomingdale West along Canoga Park Drive that still has wooden fences. Pitrowski said the project may begin in late winter.

The STD president hopes to have a meeting with the various leaders of the individual homeowner's associations to receive their input on improvements to the common areas.

"Hopefully we can avoid duplication of efforts by working together on the various projects," Pitrowski said.

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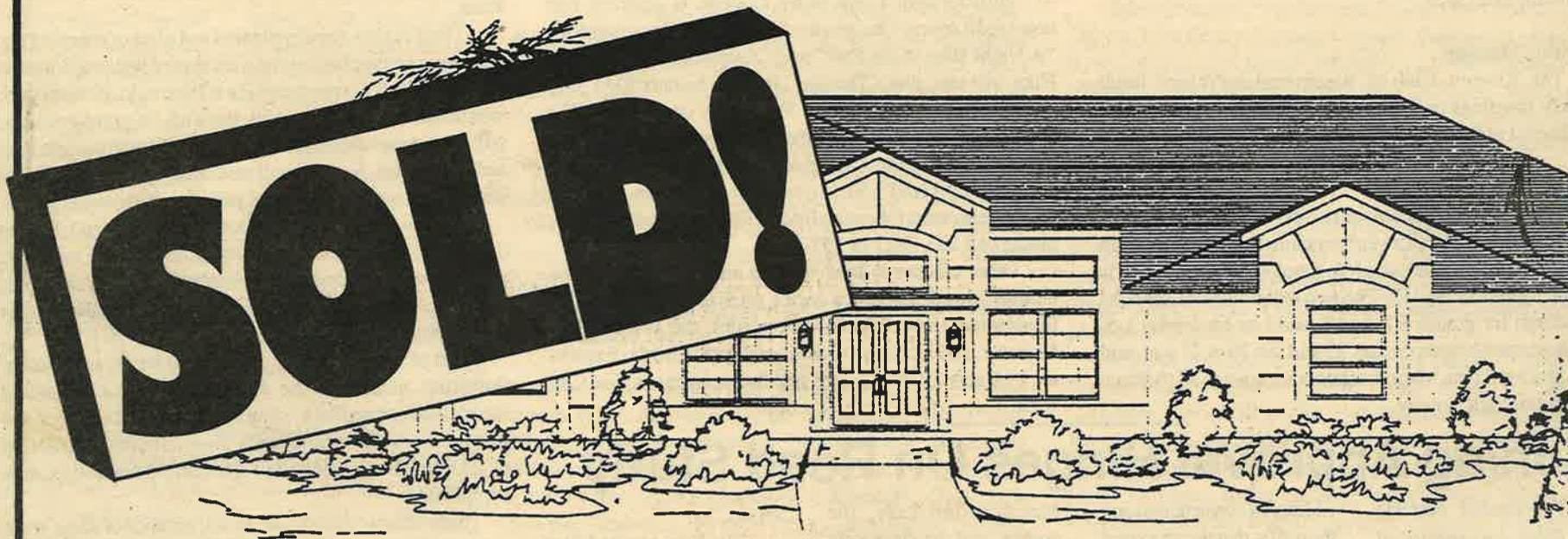
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