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Father calls hiker's recovery a miracle

By D'ANN LAWRENCE WHITE

Prayers and support continue to pour in for a 25-year-old 2003 Bloomingdale High School graduate who nearly died after a 150-foot fall from a South Carolina cliff.

"She's a miracle of God," said Luis Canino, the father of Sophia Loren Canino, who was initially told his daughter was unlikely to survive injuries she sustained. "The only reason she's here is because thousands of prayers were heard."

Sophia was hiking with six friends in a South Carolina state park May 27 when she decided to take a photo of a waterfall. She was crossing a small gap in the rocks at the top of a cliff when she stepped onto a mossy surface and slipped, falling more than 150 feet and tumbling onto the rocks below, according to her father.

"The last 20 days have been a horrific journey for our family," said Luis Canino, a member of Nativity Catholic Church. "She died twice, once for nearly four minutes, and was brought back to life. God said, 'It's not your time,

Sophie.' She's undergone nine surgeries. And doctors say it will be a year to a year and a half before she's completely healed."

This isn't the young woman's first brush with death, however. Sophia Canino served two tours of duty in Iraq driving a Humvee. During her three years in the U.S. Army, she was shot at, had her truck destroyed by a roadside bomb and nearly died from a fever.

"She's a survivor," said her father.

Her miraculous recovery from nearly fatal injuries is documented by family members on the website, www.caring-bridge.org/visit/sophiacanino.

Sophia's sister, Chelito, attributes prayers and encouraging messages through the website to her sister's recovery.

"Our heartfelt thank you to everyone for all of your prayers and uplifting messages," she said. "We thank you for your continued encouragement and we thank God to be surrounded by people like you in times like this."

The family also credits

the rescue workers on the scene and the doctors at Greenville Memorial Hospital for saving the life of the war veteran. It took nearly two hours to rescue the young woman from the park and transport her to the hospital by helicopter.

Doctors weren't sure they could save her life when they discovered she'd perforated a main artery and had internal bleeding. They called in a priest to perform the last rites.

She was then placed on an artificial respirator and given nearly 50 units of blood to replace the blood she'd lost. Her father said the surgeons had to open her abdomen and pull her internal organs outside her body for five days until they could stabilize her.

Once the artery was mended and the internal bleeding stopped, doctors were able to focus on her pelvis, broken in six places. They spent seven hours in surgery placing screws in her front pelvis bone and lumbar vertebrae.

"Doctors were amazed at Sophie's scans of her spine and brain," said Chelito. "They are intact. Amazing after a 150-foot fall. Soph is doing great. She's going to make it. The breathing tube is out and she's starting to talk again. She's awake, more comfortable and doped up enough to be making the family roar with laughter. She's had it with being in the hospital and is openly trying to scheme her way out already."

As of June 15, doctors were preparing to move Sophia out of intensive care. Her fiancé, Luke, was released from his Special Forces duties in Afghanistan to be at her side. He

returns to duty July 2.

U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, (R-Palm Harbor) has been in touch with the family and vowed to have the government cover all of the veteran's medical expenses. Eventually, Sophia will be moved to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa for therapy.

Friends of the family also have established a fund to help pay the travel and living expenses incurred by the family members who will be traveling back and forth from Tampa to Greenville for the next three months while Sophia is in the hospital there.

Anyone wishing to donate can visit www.sophiacanino.com.



Photo from Sophia Canino

Sophia Canino was hiking with friends around waterfalls in South Carolina on May 27 when the group tried to take a photo on the edge of a cliff. She lost her footing and tumbled 150 feet onto the rocks below.



Photo from sophiacanino.com

Sophia in uniform.



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One of the many personal photos from the website dedicated to Sophia.



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NUTRITION FOR CANCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

July 14, August 11 • 2:30pm

Oakfield Medical Plaza, Classroom B, Suite 260.

This class is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month and includes an overview of nutrition guidelines for cancer prevention and nutrition care during cancer treatment.

OUTPATIENT DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT

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Brothers make heavenly music

Bloomingtondale residents, Brendan Dunn, plays guitar for his younger brother, singer Tynan Dunn. The duo performed in the talent show to help raise money for the Horizon Christian church's youth program.

Library heats up the summer with special events

By **SHERRI LONON**
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Families looking for affordable things to do this summer will find a host of special events on tap at the Bloomingdale Regional Library.

"If you're looking for an economical, cool way to spend the summer, come to the library," said Karen Slaton, brand manager.

Youth services librarian Vickie Trice said programs on tap for youngsters, families and adults include everything from computer classes and storytelling sessions to guest speakers and more.

There's even a zombie-themed event July 10 at 2 p.m. for tweens and teens

called "Got Brains?" This afternoon event features trivia, games and more all with a "graveyard" theme. Teens are encouraged to dress up like zombies or other ghouls for the event.

The idea for "Got Brains," comes from the popularity of the vampire and werewolf books and movies out today, Trice said.

Teens and younger children will also discover the library has several reading promotions going on to help encourage them to dive into books this summer. Younger children can take part in Reading with the Rays. Youngsters who read for a certain amount of time during the sum-

mer will get a free Rays baseball ticket.

Tweens and teens can take part in Teen Bingo. This reading program awards participants who complete seven bingo squares with a certificate for Chipotle Mexican Grill. All teens that complete bingo cards by reading books will also be entered into a drawing to win a burrito party for up to 25 people.

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great classic hymn arrangements for all to enjoy. The group will also share great patriotic favorites as well, including "God Bless America," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America The Beautiful."

This is an event that is fun for all ages - espe-

cially those who appreciate a professional big band. Michele Pruyn, Director of Music and Worship Arts at St. Andrew's, promises a special morning of worship, "It is so wonderful to experience everyone singing the hymns we all know and love!"



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Newland asks to scratch Bell Shoals widening project

By D'ANN LAWRENCE WHITE

Three years ago, Bloomingdale residents were bracing for major traffic jams as property to the southeast was targeted for intense development.

Now, with the economic downturn, the developer of Circa FishHawk is being more circumspect with development plans and is asking the county to relieve it of its obligation to widen the 2.2-mile stretch of Bell Shoals Road between FishHawk Boulevard and Bloomingdale Avenue.

Bell Shoals Road has been on the county's capital improvements plan to be widened to a three-lane enhanced roadway for years. Originally, construction was due to be completed in 2005 at a cost of \$3.6 million using county Community Investment Taxes.

That plan was delayed when developers proposed a planned community, then known as Lake Hutto, on 1,229 acres of property around FishHawk Ranch that would have added more traffic to the road, which was rated at a service level of F in 2008, the lowest level of service possible.

At that time the county negotiated to use developer impact fees to widen the road to four lanes.

Newland Communities, developers of FishHawk Ranch, which lies south of Bloomingdale East, across the Alafia River, has since purchased Lake Hutto and renamed it Circa FishHawk.

The property is approved for 3,192 homes and 360,000 square feet of office space. As part of the development order, Newland is required to make

\$72 million in transportation improvements including four-laning FishHawk Boulevard; Lithia-Pinecrest between Adelaide and Bloomingdale avenues; and Bell Shoals Road from FishHawk to Bloomingdale to accommodate the additional traffic the development will generate.

However, the sluggish economy has put a crimp in Newland's plans, prompting the developer to ask to scale back its development by 18.7 percent.

Newland notified the county in March that it wants to cut the number of homes it plans to build to 2,599 and add 25,000 square feet of retail and 135,000 square feet of medical and professional space.

In exchange for reducing the number of homes,

Newland is asking the county to relieve it of \$39 million of its transportation obligations including the promise to four-lane Bell Shoals Road.

Newland was due to begin construction on Bell Shoals in 2009.

However, Rick Harcrow, senior vice president of Newland's Tampa division, told county officials that new traffic studies don't bear out a need for the road widening. The studies show that traffic from the development will, in large part, use Boyette Road, which is currently being widened by the county. He said the impact of Circa FishHawk on Bell Shoals will not be significant.

Newland, however, will continue with plans to widen FishHawk Boulevard to four lanes between Bell Shoals and Circa FishHawk and between the FishHawk Sports Complex and Lithia-Pinecrest Road. Newland has asked to leave the section in between two lanes because it borders environmentally

sensitive lands.

Charles White, transportation review manager for the county, said Newland is now in the process of conducting a traffic analysis at the county's request to see if its request to reduce its impact fee obligations is merited.

"This could take six months to a year," said White. "Until then, the current development order is in place. At this time, they are still obligated to widen Bell Shoals and they've already done some of the right of way acquisition work."

White said, once Newland completes its traffic analysis, the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, the Florida Department of Transportation and the Hillsborough County Commission will review the results and determine if the changes in Circa FishHawk merit relieving the developer of any transportation improvement obligations.

"There will be plenty of opportunity for the public

to comment. We will hold public workshops and the request will go before the county commission before any changes to the transportation plan are made," said White. "If we don't feel the analysis is sufficient and they've addressed our concerns, we won't allow them to change the plan."

Residents can now follow road construction projects of interest on a new county website, www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pwprojects.

The site allows residents to check on the progress of a construction project, see the construction schedule and view an informational video.

The site will not post projects already under construction but will post new projects, such as the Bloomingdale Avenue and Culbreath Road intersection improvements at the Boyette Road widening, phase 3, from Donneymoor Drive to Bell Shoals Road, which is currently out for bid.

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Valrico resident making a run for Tallahassee

Attorney taking on GOP incumbent Ronda Storms in the primary.

By **PAUL CATALA**
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Brandon native Paul Phillips says he has always had his hometown close at heart.

That's why, despite having moved away to Seattle for about 10 years, he was drawn back to the town he loves and is now working to represent the people who live there.

Phillips, 42, is making his first run for public office, vying for a Florida Senate seat in District 10. An attorney with Tampa's Iglar & Dougherty P.A., he's running on the Republican ticket against GOP incumbent Ronda Storms.

A Valrico resident and 1986 Brandon High School graduate, Phillips said he thinks there's too much focus on "moral" issues and not enough on the "business issues" facing a

growing community like Valrico, Lithia and the FishHawk Ranch area.

District 10 encompasses much of the eastern half of Hillsborough County and a small part of southeastern Pasco and a small portion of Polk County, just east of the Hillsborough County line.

"They should be focusing on business taxes, property taxes," said Phillips, from his Westshore office. "I saw the good ol' boys network, chosen by a few handpicked rich folks. We should have multiple people in the primaries so people can decide not based on money."

Phillips, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps after high school before getting a degree in business administration from Hawaii Pacific Uni-

versity, said he saw too many examples of growth without builders having to "ante up." He said that was partly the reason he decided to run against Storms, a former Hillsborough County commissioner seeking re-election after one term.

Another reason he decided to make a run for it was what Phillips saw was too much of a focus on moral and civil issues and not more concrete topics - like property taxes, insurance and supporting local business owners. He also wants to see more responsibility in large-scale development - like FishHawk Ranch - no matter how much support a project has.

"I think it was completely impractical to build that (FishHawk



Staff photo by PAUL CATALA

Florida Senate District 10 Republican candidate Paul Phillips works at his desk in a Tampa attorney's office. Phillips lives with his wife, Michelle, and children Tristan, 11 and Tatum, 9.

Ranch) without the proper infrastructure," said Phillips, referring to two-lane Bell Shoals Road. "It's a nice area, but getting in and out is tough."

Phillips said he would eventually like to revive

eliminating property taxes and increasing sales taxes, which Marco Rubio suggested when he was House speaker.

By the time Senate elections rolls around Nov. 2, Phillips, the former treasurer for the

Hillsborough County GOP, said he thinks his platforms will have enough stability to make a change in Florida politics.

"I have a history of getting things done," he said.

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Center Place invites children to explore the arts this summer

By SHERRI LONON
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Just because school's out doesn't mean youngsters with a passion for the arts need to give up learning. Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association in Brandon has a calendar-full of classes and workshops for budding painters, dancers, scientists and even models.

Planning for summer programming begins in January, said Dawn Galia, executive director. "We try to give them a good (variety)," she said. "We also try to keep our prices down for families so they can enjoy our classes."

Center Place is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to promoting and sharing the arts. Located at 619 Vonderburg Drive, Suite B, the center offers year-round art classes for all ages. Its summer programs are designed to provide toddlers through high school-age children a place to explore the arts and learn how to express themselves, Galia said.

"Kids that explore the arts end up being more civic minded," she said. "They do better in school, (develop) leadership skills and more."

Instructor Greg Manley agrees.

"We know across the board that any experience with a creative outlet is going to effect the child no matter what they do in life," said Manley, who teaches at Armwood High School in addition to Center Place. "They test

higher and achieve higher in life. The creative outlet at an early age is important. It is just a wonderful experience."

Manley has been teaching art since 1982. He began at both Armwood and Center Place in 1990 and said his passion for teaching has never waned.

"I am really blessed that I get to spend my day doing what I love and what I believe in," he said. "I enjoy it so much. Every child and every adult brings something different to the plate - they have different perspectives."

Manley teaches a selection of classes for Center Place's summer program. He will head up such programs as "Discover America," "Creative 3-D Creature Masks," and "Space Art." He also instructs the drawing for kids programs for ages 8 to 10 and 11 and up.

Classes vary in price based on length and materials costs. Members receive a discount. Annual membership to Center Place is \$75 for a family. Other programs set this summer include "Charm, Etiquette & Modeling," "Mad Science," "Mommy & Me," "Mime & Magic" and "Hip Hop Dance Class." For a full listing, visit Center Place or go online to centerplacebrandon.org. Registration for classes remains open until a session begins its run or until seating is full. Adult classes are also offered in the summer. To find out more, call (813) 685-8888.



Photo by Kim Wallace

Sam Morgan signs his baseball scholarship to South Florida Community College with former Bloomingdale baseball coach Nick Cafaro, parents Lisa and Fletcher Morgan, sister Mary Morgan, head coach Kris Wilken and Jim Masson looking on.

Bloomingdale infielder signs scholarship

By KIM WALLACE

On May 27, Bloomingdale infielder Sam Morgan signed a baseball scholarship with South Florida Community College of Avon Park, Fla. Sam started playing baseball when he was 4 years old in the Bloomingdale area. His parents knew then that he would go far with his baseball career.

Sam, who was a three year starter for the Bulls, will play infield for SFCC. Morgan was Bulls Defensive Player of the Year in

his sophomore and junior years with the Bulls. He was Second Team All Western Conference his junior year and First Team All Western Conference his senior year. During his senior season, he finished with a .395 batting average, two home runs, six doubles and a triple. Head Coach Wilken said that Sam knew what it took to be a baseball player, but most of all, he knew the difference between baseball and being a role model for others.

Sam was voted the team MVP after his senior season. Sam said that if it had not been for his coaches, he would not be where he is today, and he appreciates all that they have taught him over the years.

Sam looks forward to playing summer ball with Gil Morales of Game Time Academy out of Windermere, Fla., before he leaves in August to start conditioning with South Florida Community College Baseball Team.

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Everyone is allowed one free credit report per year from the three reporting agencies (Experian, Equifax and TransUnion). Review the reports for accuracy and act quickly to correct any errors or omissions.

Approximately 35 percent of your credit score is based on the timeliness of your payments. Make sure

that no late payments older than seven years are still on your report.

If you have paid off loans or credit cards, a zero balance should appear on those accounts. Sometimes, agencies don't properly update those balances after settlement.

Fifteen percent of your credit score is based on the length of your credit history, so make sure that the opening dates of all your accounts are accurate. Also, make sure that the limits on your credit cards are correct, and keep the balances under 50 percent of those limits. Total debt accounts for 30 percent of your credit score.



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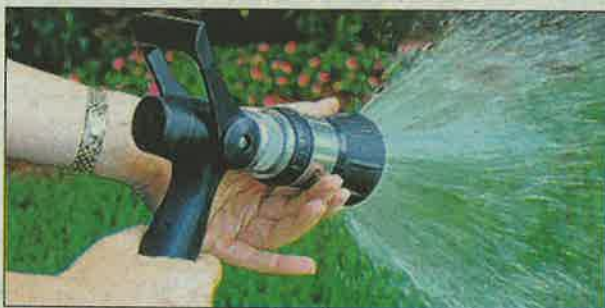
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Summer fun

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Bloomingtondale residents decide to start summer off right with tubing! Shown are Lauren Pannell, Madison Sckonie, Hannah Baxter, Bethany Wallace, Daniel Baxter, TJ Connelly and Riley White.

Lauren Pannell, Madison Sckonie, Hannah Baxter, Daniel Baxter, Bethany Wallace, TJ Connelly and Riley White are starting off summer with fun on the water.



Austin White of Bloomingtondale, Kent Shader of Brentwood Hills and Chris Diemer of Bloomingtondale are relaxing during their day on the water.

Chris Diemer, Austin White and Kyle Connelly sail across water in mid air as boater turns around to make it exciting for tubers!

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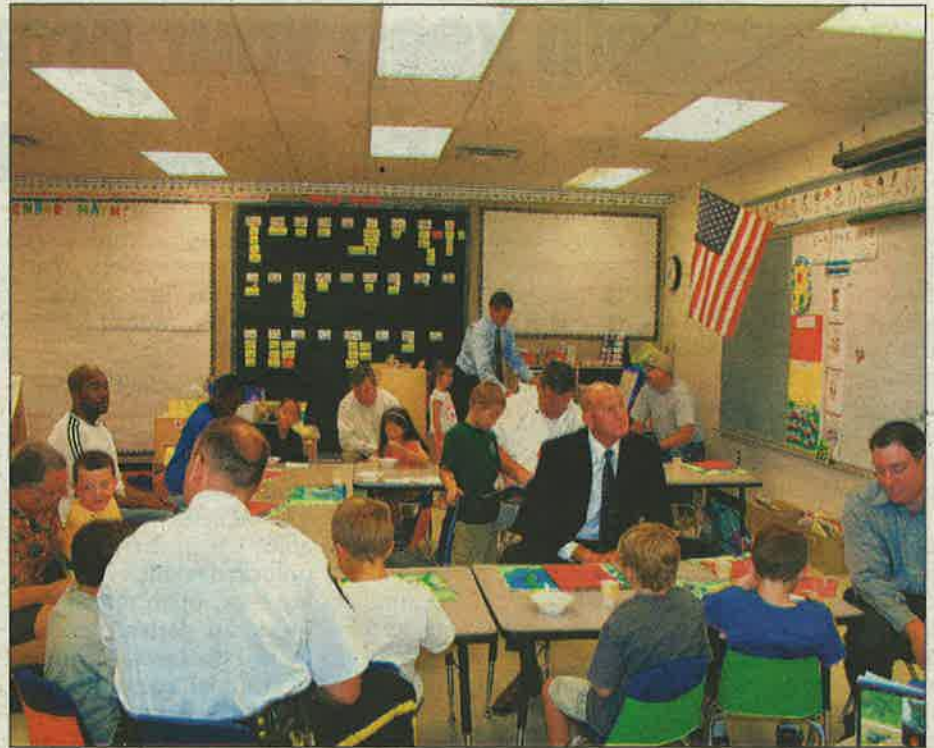


Bloomingdale High School seniors line up and awaiting that final walk to receive their diplomas



Nicholas (Nick) Robert Nashas was excited about getting his diploma with all his fellow graduates Wednesday June 9, 2010 at USF Sun Dome.

Father's Day breakfast



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Help keep your property safe — don't make crime easy

At the June Sheriff's Bloomingdale Area Community Council (BACC) members were briefed on the current statistics covering crime in our community. We discussed armed burglary, residential burglary, vehicle burglary and thefts.

Crime overall has dropped in District IV, which includes Bloomingdale, for this same period last year. However, there are specific areas that showed increases. Home invasion — robbery increased by 150 percent and car jacking increased by 250 percent. One deterrent to some home burglaries is that new require-

ments have been put in place at pawn shops. Owners are now required to check photo IDs and sellers are required to leave a thumb print. Homeowners can also help with getting their property back by taking photos of their property — especially electronics — by recording the serial numbers and putting their driver's license number on their property by engraving it on or using tags. This helps detectives find the owners of recovered property. Also, the most critical protective measure homeowners can take is locking up their homes. Again, these

are clear examples of how homeowners can work with law enforcement to protect their valuables.

The other main area of concern is vehicle burglaries. Criminals work in teams and go through neighborhoods checking for vehicles with valuables left in them and/or unlocked vehicles. These are easy, open targets for quick burglaries. Recently, in FishHawk, a couple of criminal teams hit over 60 vehicles in a couple of neighborhoods in one evening. Take two seconds every time you get out of your vehicle and check for valuables and

be sure your vehicle is locked. Don't make crime easy! Your vehicle is either locked or it isn't. It's that simple!

We plan on having HCSO property detectives attend one of our next BACC meetings to discuss important techniques homeowners can use to help protect their property.

Intelligence law enforcement works again

Last month was another successful time for our intelligence law enforcement teams. Utilizing technology that tracks common or prolific offenders who continuously commit specific type crimes they were able to solve several crimes.

Many criminals are creatures of habit and leave evidence that can be used to track and catch them. They break in at specific times, usually early mornings and afternoons when parents are picking up their children at school. This last technique drops when school is out but criminals find other ones to use.

One major scam that our detectives are tracking involves gypsies, criminals who come in at certain times of the year posing as different types of salesmen. The latest is a group posing as insurance salesmen for a company called "Family Heritage."

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The more active participation we receive from area residents, the better we can work to solve crimes in the Bloomingdale area. This is just one of many ways the Sheriff's Intelligence Led Policing programs can work to decrease crime and put the bad guys in jail.

Now is the time to prepare for disasters

For any newcomers to our area the 2010 hurricane season has officially started. Predictions for this year are very high. These include 14 to 24 tropical storms, 8 to 14 hurricanes and the big one — three to seven major hurricanes. Emergency officials who track the hurricanes ask that we remember that "it only takes one to totally change our lives for a very long time."

Now is the time to prepare your Family Disaster Plan and get your Family Disaster Kit together. Emergency officials tell us that everyone should be prepared to "be on your own" for a minimum of 72 hours after a major storm. Depending on storm damage, power lines down, trees down and other conditions, emergency services may not be able to reach you for up to 72



Curtis Warren
Community Resource Deputy

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These and other important emergency preparation information can be found at www.hillsboroughcounty.org in the Emergency Management site. Some of the new 2010 Hillsborough County Hurricanes are available at the Sheriff's Community Station on Bell Shoals Road in "small" quantities. This guide is very important, especially for newcomers to our area. The hurricane guides are available in "larger quantities for groups" such as homeowners associations at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Call (813) 236-3800 to make arrangements to pick them up.

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