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## BHA DUES DRIVE IN FULL FORCE

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## The Sky's the Limit: BSHS Class of 1999 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

by Laura Frazier, Editor

Setting goals, getting priorities straight, persistence in the pursuit of academic excellence; these are the common creeds of Bloomingtondale Senior High School's Class of 1999 Valedictorian and Salutatorian.

able to earn the astronomical Grade Point Average of 6.18 by excelling in the Advanced Placement classes offered at Bloomingtondale High, and by keeping her long-term goal in mind. "I have wanted to be Valedictorian for as long as I can remember," she says smiling, perhaps a little in awe of the realization of



*Bloomingtondale High School's Class of 1999 Valedictorian Shih-Shan Lang and Salutatorian José Miguel González.*

Valedictorian Shih-Shan Lang, known as "Shin-Shin" to family and friends, credits her parents, Bloomingtondale residents Shing-Ling and Allen Lang, with supporting and encouraging her throughout her high school career. "My parents are both very intelligent and motivated people, and I think growing up in that type of atmosphere just kind of rubbed off," she says. Shih-Shan was

her dream. Her advice for others with big dreams, academic or otherwise? "I really believe that if you work as hard as you can, set your priorities straight and balance your life, it can be done."

The balance Shih-Shan refers to is reflected in the long and well-rounded list of extracurricular activities she has participated in during her (continued on page 7)

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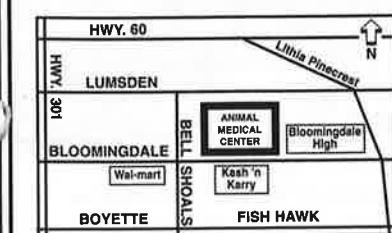
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## Bloomingdale Special Taxing District: Fiscal Year 2000 Proposed Budget

On May 3, 1999 the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District held a special meeting to plan the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2000. The current budget, which expires on September 30, 1999, called for expenditures of approximately \$398,000. The proposed budget reflects a 15% increase, calling for expenditures of approximately \$468,000. STD board members agreed that although the budget calls for an increase, it could be implemented without increasing the \$80 tax that each resident currently pays.

Capital projects slated for the fiscal year 2000 include updating entryway landscaping and signage and more extensive underground irrigation lines.

The budget now goes to the Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners for their approval. The budget will be printed in its entirety in a future issue of the Gazette. Residents may direct any questions they may have to the STD at 684-6667. ☺

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## Bloomingdale Special Taxing District Property Manager's Report — April 1999

Submitted by Devney Property Management, Inc.

1. Irrigation: Brandon Irrigation repaired three pump systems, two broken zone lines and replaced one timer. DPMI checked the 8.5 miles of irrigation and repaired or replaced 55 spray heads, 7 rotors, 1 solenoid, 1 quick disconnect, 1 30-amp breaker, 1 rain sensor, 7 lights, 2 light receptacles and 1 zone line.

2. Landscaping: Yardworks completed the St. Augustine grass plugging on Rosemead and Nature's Way. A & W Lawn Maintenance installed new flowers and enlarged the flowerbed at the corner of Greenhollow and Nature's Way. Greenturf mulched all the beds. DPMI conducted a joint inspection of all the property with a Greenturf representative.

3. Others: Hillsborough County removed a large dead tree on Springvale. DPMI photographed all the signs in the Bloomingdale area for presentation to the board. Phoenix Painting completed painting and DPMI inspected the wall on John Moore and on Nature's Way between Callista and Moondale. DPMI met with Cambridge Cove representatives about resuming responsibility for their area and provided estimates to replace the maintenance gate.

4. In the land of eat, drink and pitch out the window, DPMI picked up 24 bags of trash, 2 hubcaps, 3 Blockbuster videos, 5 tennis balls, 2 ashtrays, a car window, a muffler, a plastic ducky, a shirt, a bowling ball, a cat and a squirrel. Monetary collections plummeted to a paltry 5 cents. The beverages of choice for April were Budweiser, Pepsi and vodka. ☺



DPMI Management, Inc. has significantly improved this corner located by the Bloomingdale West Recreation Center. Photo by Mack Austin.

## Bloomingdale Community Substation Notes

by Deputy Pete Maurer

### "Nature's Speedway"

You can't miss them; you just hope they miss you! You have to step back and wonder what motivates some people driving through a residential area like Bloomingdale to operate their vehicles as if the streets and roads were racetracks. What compels one person to put the lives and property of others at risk?

A member of our Bloomingdale Area Community Council has experienced the inevitable results of irresponsible driving firsthand. The Bloomingdale resident got the dreaded call at work that his son had been involved in an accident. The officer indicated that he was okay and that he was not at fault. It seems a couple of teens were in a hurry to go somewhere and ran the stop sign at Glenhaven Drive and Nature's Way.



The Speed Monitor III system is manufactured by MPH Industries. Funds are being raised to purchase one of these systems to be used by Deputies in the Bloomingdale community. Photo by Mack Austin.

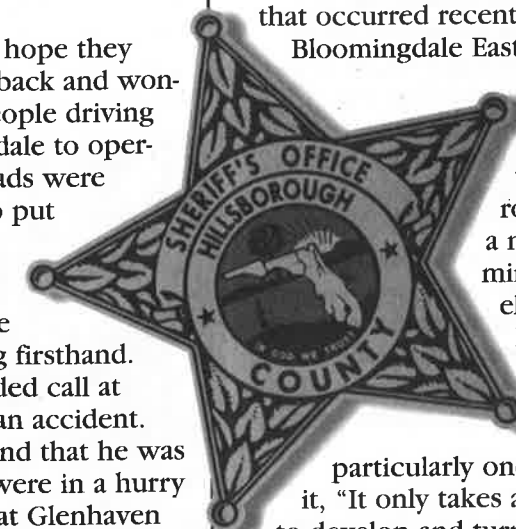
No one was hurt, but our friend still had to wonder why it had to happen. What was so important that they couldn't just 'stop' like the sign says? The offenders lost their vehicle, and the victim lost the car he and his father had spent four years carefully restoring. The intersection the accident occurred at is near his home and he thinks of the accident every time he goes by it. He wonders what would have happened if his son had been in a newer, smaller car without the old heavy bumpers. He wonders, "Why?" Even with my many years of experience as a law enforcement officer, I have to tell him there is no sensible answer.

**Special note from the Bloomingdale Area Community Council:** To help prevent speeding related accidents, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies have increased their patrols of the Bloomingdale Community. The BACC has obtained information on speed monitoring equipment that can be purchased for use exclusively in our community and utilized to help identify motorists exceeding the speed limit. The "Speed Monitor" would be used around schools, recreation areas and other areas identified as having speeding problems. The cost is

\$3000. Any business or resident interested in helping raise the funds to purchase this equipment is asked to call Tom Karpenske of CB Richard Ellis at 273-8437.

### Cars, Kids and Keys

Tragedy was narrowly averted due to a close call that occurred recently at the Village Center Plaza in Bloomingdale East. An unattended vehicle was left running with an unsupervised child left waiting in the vehicle. The child managed to put the car in drive, and it rolled over 300 feet straight into a neighboring building. Only a miracle saved the child and anyone else from being injured. Deputy Maurer would like to remind all drivers and parents that it is illegal to leave an unoccupied vehicle running, particularly one with an unsupervised child in it, "It only takes a heartbeat for a serious situation to develop and turn into a critical one."



### Bicycle Helmet Enforcement

Since January 1998, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Deputies have investigated over 106 traffic crashes involving bicyclists under the age of eighteen. Only nine were wearing helmets.

According to the Florida statute on bicycle regulations, "A bicycle rider or passenger who is under sixteen years of age must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and is fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap, and that meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute."

Hillsborough County Law Enforcement personnel have been instructed to issue citations or warnings to anyone violating this regulation. ☺



Kelci Ragsdale, a first grade student at Alafia Elementary School, rides safely with her helmet properly fitted. Photo by Mack Austin.

## Bloomingdale's King of the Smoothies

by Laura Frazier, Editor

Dave Gregory, owner of Bloomingdale Square's Smoothie King shop, practices what he preaches; good nutrition, an active lifestyle and an honest, up-front approach to one's personal and professional life. The store, which features the popular blended drinks known as Smoothies along with vitamins and nutritional supplements, was recently honored as the national franchise's "Number one Smoothie/Vitamin store" in the country. "To have those kind of results out of an 800 square foot facility is pretty amazing," Gregory says. "I would like to personally thank the residents of Bloomingdale for supporting our store for the past 6 1/2 years and relate what a pleasure it has been for us to serve this community, my hometown."

Gregory, 35, was born and raised a few short blocks from his store, off Bryan Road. He graduated from Brandon High School in 1982 and headed off to Loyola University in New Orleans. While at Loyola, Dave frequented the first of the now 300+ Smoothie King stores and liked what he saw. He watched as the founders of Smoothie King grew their company.

After graduating, Gregory returned to Brandon with a degree in Marketing and Management, and joined the corporate world as a pharmaceutical representative. Although he excelled in this field for 7 years, he found himself devoting a lot of time and energy to a career that his heart wasn't really in. That's when he decided it was time to strike out on his own.

In 1993, Gregory set up shop in Bloomingdale and became the first Smoothie King franchise to open in the state of Florida. The shop has since developed a loyal and continually growing customer base. Plans are currently in the works to open a second location on Lumsden Road, and Gregory has taken the popular icy-cold concoctions on the road. The Brandon YMCA on Kingsway now features a Smoothie stand. Smoothie King concessions are also now available at special events like grand openings and festivals and are offered for sale at local high schools, including Bloomingdale High. Gregory designed the high school sales program to give some of his good fortune back to his community. "We bring our cart to the schools when classes are let out for the day, and the kids just love it. Plus, a portion of the proceeds are put back into the school's athletic booster program."

Aside from his store's prime location and the continued patronage of local residents, Gregory credits his success with the quality of his products and his commitment to providing personalized attention to

the customer. "I really strive to make sure that people get the product they need for the results they are after. I will not, and my employees will not, sell you something you do not need." With all the controversy in the media about herbal remedies and supplements, of which the store carries many varieties, Gregory is insistent. "Before I put a new product on the shelf, I research it. I keep up with the latest findings, and will pull the product if it's safety or effectiveness becomes questionable."



Bloomingdale's King of the Smoothies, Dave Gregory

His intent to help customers make informed choices about supplements and remedies is apparent in Gregory's manner with customers. His nutritional expertise, garnered through his experience in the pharmaceutical industry and through his own evolving fitness programs, is impressive. He explains popular products such as ginseng, creatine, ginkoba and chromium to inquiring customers, helping to separate the hype from the facts. He takes the time to discuss patrons' nutrition and exercise routines, to learn their health, weight loss or bodybuilding goals, and steer them to the appropriate supplements or remedies to use. No hype and false hope here, just facts and straight-forward advice from a man who believes in his products and wants to help others reap the same physical benefits he has.

And let's not forget the drink that has contributed to Gregory's success - the Smoothie. A basic Smoothie features fresh fruit blended with various add-in ingredients, made fresh to order. The shop offers an endless variety of the nutritional drinks with ingredients such as protein powder, egg protein and a mixture referred to as "immune stimulating nutrients." The "Light & Fluffy" Smoothie contains banana, honey, strawberries, orange juice and turbinado sugar cane. There are Smoothies for energy, Smoothies for weight reduction (the new 'Slim and Trim' variety), even "The Hulk", which contains banana, wheat germ, honey, milk, pure vanilla, turbinado, (continued on next page)

(from previous page) egg protein, ice cream, protein and weight gain powder. Be careful with that one unless you're a body builder.

Gregory has watched in amazement as his little hometown has grown up. "The growth of this town has been just incredible," he says. He would like to tell us more about the changes he's seen over the years, but another customer comes through the door needing his expertise. Soon it will be time to pack up his cart and head to Bloomingdale High School, then back to the store, and we must mention also that his daily schedule includes working part time as a

(from front page) high school years. Her club related activities include President of Mu Alpha Theta and BHS Math League, Senior Class Council and Key Club Officer, a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Cross Country and Speech and Debate Teams, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and participation in both the Chinese and Taiwanese Youth Clubs. She has been an Assistant Concertmaster and violinist with the school orchestra and symphony, and is an accomplished pianist.

While maintaining a more than perfect GPA and filling her spare time with extracurricular activities, Shih-Shan has also found time to volunteer at the Rainbow House for Abused Children, Ronald McDonald House and Tampa Children's Museum. Her development of leadership, team work and community service experience is sure to serve her well in her future. And what does the future hold for Valedictorian Shih-Shan Lang? "I have always wanted to be a surgeon," she reflects, "but I have come to know that it is also very important for me to be able to have a family." She has decided that it would be difficult to raise a family with the hectic schedule and grueling hours required of a surgeon. For that reason, she has amended her career goal to becoming an anesthesiologist. "I will still be an M.D.," she says pointedly, "but will also have the time and attention for children and a family."

Shih-Shan will be attending The University of Florida, chosen primarily due to the Advanced Placement credit program offered. "I will be able to finish in 3 years," she says. "Plus, I like the fact that I will be out on my own, living in the honors dorm, but still very close to home, just in case. I think my Mom is pretty happy about that too," she admits. Mrs. Lang should appreciate this gradual separation from her daughter, who is determined to eventually head for the hills, so to speak. "In ten years, I see myself married, with two young children, working as an anesthesiologist and living in the mountains in North Carolina." It is a vision as big and as clear as the beloved mountain vistas this impressive young woman is sure to surround herself with one day.

pharmaceutical representative for the Upjohn Corporation. All this he does with verve and a smile, never seeming to tire. Gregory's wife of just over 2 years, Dawn, offers her unprejudiced assessment of husband Dave's drive and success. "He is just an incredible guy. He is full of energy and enthusiasm, honesty and sincerity and is a big time go-getter. It has to be something in those Smoothies!"

Bloomingdale residents are invited to visit Smoothie King in Bloomingdale Square Plaza (open Monday through Saturday 9:00 - 9:00 p.m., Sunday 1:00 - 7:00 p.m.) or call 684-6636 for more information. ☺

Salutorian José Miguel González shares his fellow honoree's propensity to dream big. Miguel will be attending Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, a school he selected primarily for its renowned biomedical engineering program. "In ten years, I see myself as an orthopedic surgeon, possibly doing research in biomedical engineering, specifically using technology to repair or replace the damaged nerve cells of paralyzed patients." Known as "Miguel" to friends and family, the high honors student graduates with an extraordinary GPA of 6.04. Miguel credits his parents, Bloomingdale residents José and Coki González, for guiding him in the right direction to achieve his goals. "There have been times that they have pushed me to achieve my potential," he says, "but always in a very encouraging and supportive way. They knew I could reach my goals." Miguel's plan of action? "Be persistent, never slack up in your studies. Know your limits, and keep on pushing them."

Miguel's extracurricular activities during his high school years are numerous and varied. He is an accomplished pianist and award-winning violinist. He has been a member of the Spanish Honor Society Club, School orchestra, Tampa All County Orchestra, Florida All State Orchestra, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, Mu Lambda Geometry Team, Mu Alpha Theta Algebra II Team, Mu Alpha Theta Pre-Calculus and Calculus Team, Advanced Chess Club, National Honor Society, and has completed the University of South Florida Biomedical and Life Science Honor Program with honors and perfect attendance.

Miguel has logged over 1200 hours of community service, including his volunteer work at Brandon Columbia Hospital as a Red Cross volunteer and at Metropolitan Ministries of Tampa's soup kitchen. The awards and recognition this exceptional young man has been honored with are too numerous to mention in their entirety, and include the distinction of having been the Brandon Elks Lodge Teenager of the Month, Martin Luther King Scholarship Winner, and the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Scholarship recipient. (continued on page 30)

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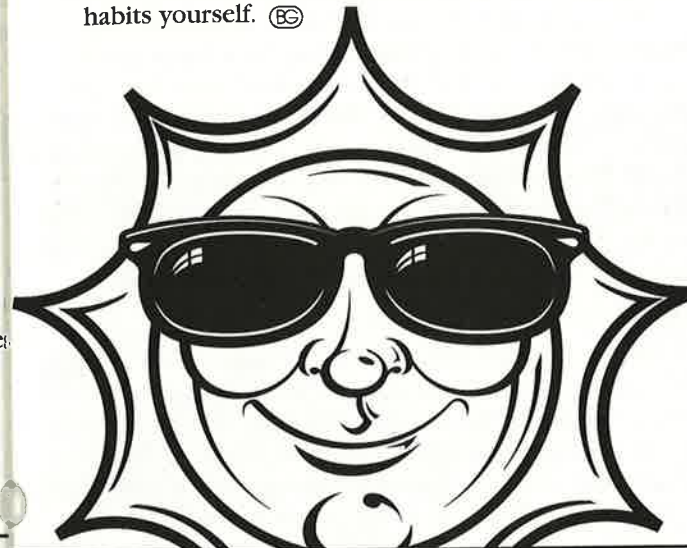
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Taking a few simple steps to block the sun can reduce these health risks for children. Research indicates that regular use of sunblock with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 15 or higher during the first 18 years of life can significantly lower the risk of certain skin cancers.

The Coppertone Solar Research Center in Memphis, Tenn., offers the following tips for blocking the sun's damaging rays from children:

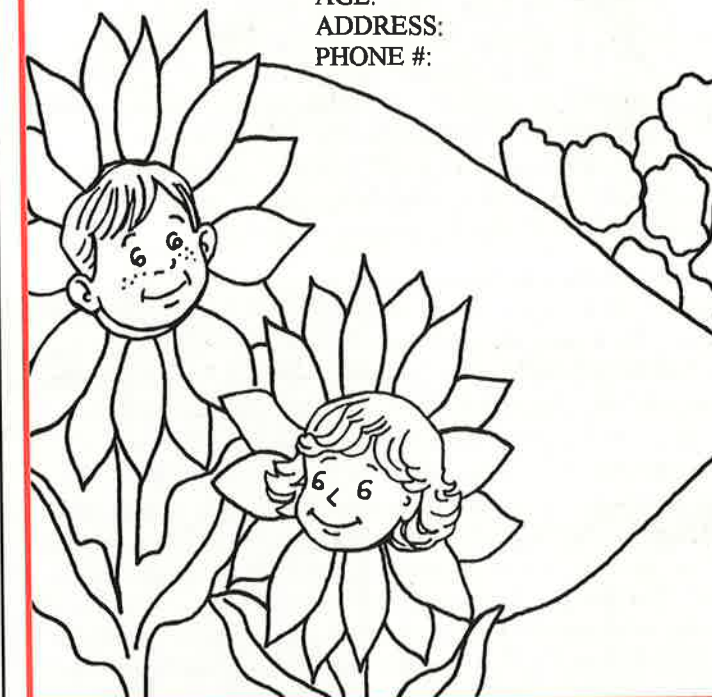
- Whenever children are outside, doing any activity, all year-round, make sure they use a sunblock with an SPF of at least 15. Children with fair skin, light-colored eyes and hair, freckles, or who spend a lot of time outside, should use an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Apply sunblock liberally to children's skin 15 minutes before they go outside. Try a product children will have fun with such as Coppertone KIDS(r) Colorblock Disappearing Colored Sunblock Lotion, which goes on blue or purple, then disappears after it's rubbed in. Read and follow label directions.

- Dress children with wide-brimmed hats, UVA/UVB blocking sunglasses and a long-sleeve T-shirt.
- Reapply sunscreen after prolonged swimming, excessive perspiring, vigorous activity or toweling.
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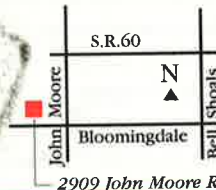
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## It's 10 o'clock... do you know where your children are?

by Laura Frazier

The City of Tampa's curfew ordinance\* does not affect Bloomingdale and other areas outside Tampa city limits. There are, however provisions for Homeowner's Associations or individuals to bring proposals for a county-wide curfew before our Board of County Commissioners. Do conditions exist in Bloomingdale to warrant our community considering such a proposal?

Bloomingdale Community Substation Sheriff's Deputy Pete Maurer says that the curfew issue is generally a complicated and unpopular topic. "During my various assignments in other area communities, the subject of curfews has come up," says Deputy Maurer. "I have in the past spoken with officials including a County Attorney as to what provisions were available for individual communities to enforce neighborhood curfews. The officials I have spoken with indicate that there is not a lot of support for this type of restriction and that people in general do not want more laws and more restrictions imposed upon themselves and their communities." Does Deputy Maurer see any situations in Bloomingdale that would warrant opening discussions about a community wide curfew?

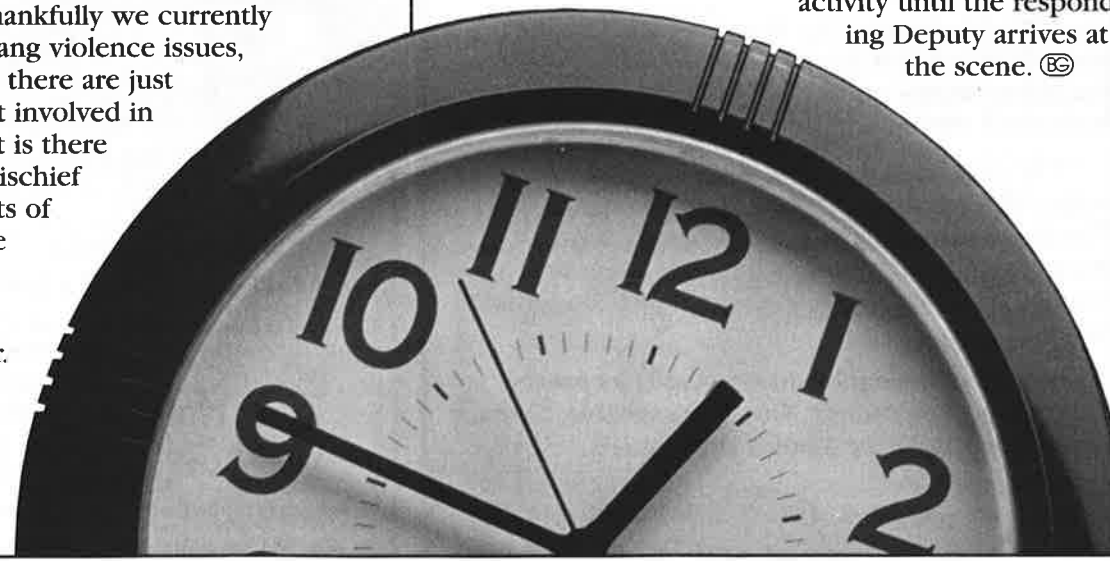
"We generally don't have a problem with kids being kids," Deputy Maurer says of the inevitable handful of minors out 'exploring' on the weekends. Of key problems that would indicate a need for a community wide curfew, he says, "Thankfully we currently do not have any major gang violence issues, and most of the kids out there are just 'hanging out' and are not involved in any criminal activity." But is there unsupervised juvenile mischief that parents and residents of Bloomingdale need to be aware of?

"Most definitely," responds Deputy Maurer. Some of the post-midnight wanderers are doing more than just being mischievous. "Mailbox bashing is a

crime," warns the Deputy, "as are the theft of yard ornaments and signs." The perpetrators may see this activity as a small act of defiance, but theft and vandalism are real crimes with real consequences. Deputy Maurer expresses his concern, not only for our community and personal property, but also for the safety of the children themselves. "We don't need our kids out walking the streets of Bloomingdale after dark," he says. "Aside from the resident's concerns about possible criminal activity, there is the real possibility of these kids being hurt or abducted."

Bloomingdale Mobile Watch Coordinator LaWayne Wyatt reports, "Thankfully, things have been pretty quiet and Mobile Watch has received very few calls this year." Wyatt indicates there has been some trespassing activity reported at new home construction sites, with evidence of underage drinking. Mobile Watch members are continuing to patrol these areas in an effort to assist the Sheriff's office in discouraging and gathering information about the encroachers, so that appropriate measures can be taken.

Bloomingdale residents concerned about unsupervised minors congregating or traveling through their neighborhoods late at night are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office dispatcher at 247-8200. Non-emergency calls are handled through the dispatcher, and the Bloomingdale Community Substation investigates repeated or unresolved complaints. Residents are encouraged to call the Mobile Watch Coordinator at 685-2072 after calling the Sheriff's Office. Mobile Watch is available to observe and record any suspicious or criminal activity until the responding Deputy arrives at the scene. ☺



\*Editor's note: Tampa's curfew law took effect in 1994 but was not strictly enforced until 1996 when it was revised to incorporate certain exemptions.

The ordinance bans anyone under the age of 16 from being out on the streets between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from midnight to 6:00 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays, with the exception of minors who work at night or must attend select functions. Special thanks to County Commissioner Ronda Storms for her contribution to this article.

## Bloomingdale residents voice issues with county officials

by Mack Austin

A recent "Neighborhood Partnership Meeting" to discuss projects and issues of concern to Bloomingdale Community Area residents was held at Brooker Elementary School. Just over thirty residents were in attendance along with fifteen staff members from several Hillsborough County offices. Commissioner Jan Platt, Commissioner Chris Hart and Audie Bock, Commissioner Ronda Storms' aide, were present. The meeting was opened



Coordination has begun to address the critical need for a crossover bridge to connect the Campo Family YMCA and the Bloomingdale Little League Park. Photo by Mack Austin.

by County Administrator Daniel Kleman and then turned over to staff members from The Office of Neighborhood Relations. Members of the Bloomingdale community were given the opportunity to voice their questions or concerns. As each issue was presented, it was recorded on a briefing chart which was to be taken back to County Center and each issue distributed to the appropriate department. County staff members also took notes and answered questions as they were presented.

Mr. Kleman explained how the County staff is conducting this type of meeting at each of the twenty-six areas designated in Hillsborough County to "take County government to the citizens." Staff members

from the Office of Neighborhood Relations discussed how they meet with representatives from Neighborhood Associations and discuss issues of concern prior to the Community Meeting open to residents. Several residents asked for additional publicity for future meetings.

Both Commissioner Platt and Hart answered questions on concerns about the need for more comprehensive and effective planning, zoning and the current status of impact fees. Engineers addressed concerns about the need for more sidewalks. One specifically mentioned was the sidewalk on Canoga Park near the Bloomingdale West Recreation Center. The response was that "those sidewalks are funded and will be constructed very soon."

The main topic of discussion was, as expected, traffic. Traffic issues and concerns included speeding on Natures Way, Bloomingdale Avenue and other residential areas such as Oak Crest; the use of Bloomingdale Avenue as a truck route; improvements with existing traffic lights and additional traffic lights; traffic flow and congestion in and around Bloomingdale High School; the need for a "crossover" between the new YMCA and Bloomingdale Little League Park; students cutting through Bloomingdale Oaks, and drivers passing school buses.

Traffic engineers briefed the meeting on the widening of Bloomingdale Avenue. They are still completing the property acquisition phase and currently expect construction to start in late 1999 with completion in fourteen to fifteen months.

The meeting was well organized and many serious concerns were addressed and recorded. Staff members from The Office of Neighborhood Relations will follow up with correspondence to those attending the meeting. Representatives from the Bloomingdale Area Community Council were present and will follow up with additional research and coordination on the issues discussed. ☺

## Bloomingdale Homeowners Association 1999 Dues Drive

The annual BHA Membership Drive is in full force. According to BHA Treasurer Pam Liguori, "The residents are once again responding very positively to the dues drive." Mrs. Liguori indicates that with almost 4,000 homes in the STD database, total participation is expected to surpass the 1998 drive.

Dues notices mailed to Bloomingdale residents in May were accompanied by information outlining the functions and accomplishments of the BHA, including the funding and operation of the Bloomingdale Mobile

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Watch program, Neighborhood Involvement Program and Deed Restriction Enforcement Program. The BHA acts as our communities' liaison to communicate with Hillsborough County school board and government offices, and has been an advocate for new sidewalks, streetlights and road signs for Bloomingdale.

Due to the rapid growth of our community, some of our newest residents may not yet have been entered into our database. If you have not received a dues notice, please feel free to use the coupon below or call the community office voice mail at 681-2051 for more information. ☎



BHA President Randy Wolfe makes his personal dues contribution to BHA Director Patricia Radel.

## Bloomingdale building boom!

Lately, changes taking place on Bloomingdale Avenue seem to occur at a daily rate. Our tally of the latest changes, new construction projects and rezoning requests, as of press time, is as follows:

- MacDill Federal Credit Union, replaces Bob's Farm Market
- Brandon Physicians Walk-in Clinic, new office next to Dunkin' Donuts
- Air Conditioned Storage, new, behind Taco bell
- Eckerd's Drug Store, replaces Nations Bank on Bell Shoals
- Latin Café 2000, new, in Blockbuster Video plaza (estimated to open in August)



- Campo Family YMCA, new, across from Bloomingdale Little League Park
- Orthodontists Office, by Kentucky Fried Chicken
- New Post Office, location to be determined
- Air Conditioned Storage, new, behind Kash 'n Karry
- Bloomingdale Oaks Baptist Church, new addition
- Selph's Produce Barn, new manager
- A rezoning request has been made by a contractor concerning over fifty acres of property located between the east side of Bloomingdale High School and the Royal Oaks Shopping Center. The request would change the property from residential to suburban mixed use. Residents living within 250 feet of the area were invited to a meeting wherein prospective businesses mentioned included a 160,000 sq. ft. medical complex, a 120,000 sq. ft. Target store, a Wendy's restaurant and several small businesses. Future public meetings will reportedly be announced with increased publicity.

Residents with questions concerning these or other changes are encouraged to contact Mack Austin of The Bloomingdale Gazette at 681-2051. ☎



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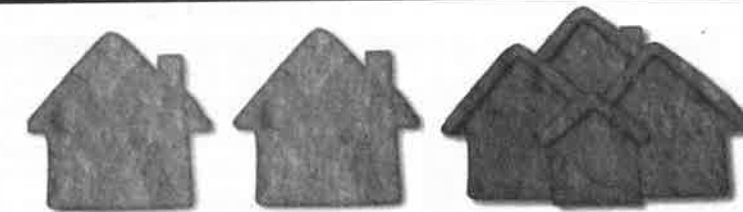


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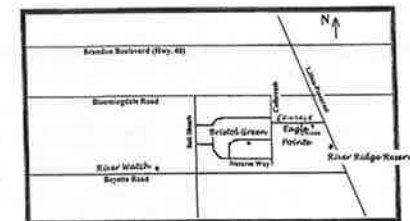
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## Bloomingdale Yard of the Month

by Paul Almeida

The home of Bloomingdale West residents Ralph and Madeline DiBenedetto at 3927 Applegate Circle has been chosen as the Yard of the Month for June.

This is a couple who obviously loves to be outdoors. Their yard is adorned on both sides with an assortment of azaleas, African iris, pentas, ligustrums and a myriad of impatiens. The St. Augustine lawn is attractively landscaped to accentuate the mature plants on the property.

Ralph and Madeline's efforts don't go unnoticed by fellow Bloomingdale West residents. As one neighbor put it, "Mr. and Mrs. 'D' are always doing something out in the yard"! We congratulate the DiBenedetto's on being selected this month, and are pleased to present them with a \$25 gift certificate and the Bloomingdale Yard of the Month sign.



Photo by Mack Austin

The daunting task of selecting the Yard of the Month is made easier because of the calls we have received from you, our residents. Please continue to call us with your suggestions and nominations.

Residents are invited to contact Paul Almeida at 661-2018. ☺

## Your investment - our future Brandon Physicians Walk-In Clinic opens on Bloomingdale Avenue

By Mack Austin

All of us who are adults have been there the formidable years, the years of change and decision - the high school years. We all know the definite difference that the positive influences we encountered and the support we received make in our lives. We all owe something to the young people going through this experience now as our way of saying thanks to those who helped us.

The officers and members of the Bloomingdale High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) are working hard to provide the programs necessary to ensure that its students receive the support they need to assist them in getting a quality education. BHS is an outstanding high school with superb teachers and administrators. But they alone cannot provide the essential, detailed support that can only come from an effective PTSA. As with any organization funding is one of the key elements.

We've all encountered or been part of the multitude of fund raising activities put together to obtain the financial support needed by a group or organization. The Bloomingdale PTSA decided not to put together a fund raising program, which would only compete, with the many other such programs in this area. Instead the BHS PTSA as adopted an ongoing program whereby sponsors are sought from within the ranks of its members and community. These sponsors will come from three main areas - Corporate, Business and Professional and Individual. This type of program obtains support from those who directly benefit from the students and their families who are already customers or clients and who are or one day will be there employees.

Bloomingdale High school has a very proud history of accomplishments. It boasts a graduation rate of 96 percent. With 27 percent of its students receiving scholarships from the State of Florida. Last year's graduating class received over \$4.5 million dollars in scholarships. BHS has produced 51 National Merit Scholars.

Until 1998 Bloomingdale High School did not have a PTA. But now it has a PTSA with the "S" representing "Student", which is what schools are all about in the first place. The PTSA is there to support the students. It needs you - the Corporation, the Business, the Professional and yes, you the Individual, to make your investment in our future. To make that investment, call the PTSA mailbox at 744-8018 EXT 563. ☺

Brandon Physicians Walk-In Clinic has officially begun accepting patients at their new facility, located at 812 Bloomingdale Avenue, west of Bell Shoals Road next to Dunkin' Donuts. The full service medical clinic is owned and staffed by Valrico residents Dr. Jagdeep Sandhu and wife Dr. Ravneet Sandhu, Board Certified Doctors of Internal Medicine. The clinic features three examining rooms, an emergency treatment room, private walk in bays, a full x-ray room, lab and waiting area.

Administrator Tim Russell says the doctors have received a lot of positive feedback about the need for a walk-in clinic in the Bloomingdale area. "We look forward to providing Bloomingdale residents with prompt, professional care," says Russell. "Patients requiring urgent care can be spared the inevitably long hospital emergency room wait. Those with urgent care needs are treated within the hour at our clinic. We also provide routine medical care such as x-rays,

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- Consider delaying your trip until the fog clears.
- Check weather forecasts before and periodically during trip making.
- Be patient — slow down!
- Use low beams, not just parking or fog lights and not emergency flashers when vehicle is in motion.
- Don't tailgate, leave safe breaking distance. Avoid slamming on breaks, except in an emergency.
- Minimize lane changing.
- To hear any trouble ahead, turn off music/radio and open windows.



- Avoid crossing traffic.
- Use wipers and defroster as necessary to maximize vision.
- If your vehicle stalls or becomes disabled, move vehicle off the travel-way and put on emergency flashers, then move away from the vehicle.

Fog forms when temperatures are between 40-60 degrees Fahrenheit, the dew point is close to the air temperature and there are calm winds and clear skies. Fog is also seasonal, scattered, forms in the early morning, continues through the morning commute hours and usually dissipates after sunrise. ☺

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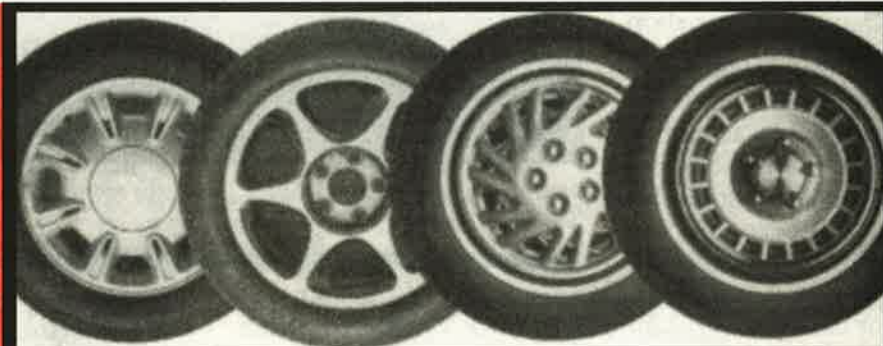
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## 'Thangs' are busy for Bloomingdale couple

by Laura Frazier, Editor

Bloomingdale residents Jewell and T.J. Johnson say 'thangs' are going so well at their custom wood craft store that they are planning to expand the shop to nearly twice its' size this summer. T.J.'s Wood 'n Thangs will remain in its' present location at 3322-7 Lithia Pinecrest Road at Oliver Station, just north of Bloomingdale Avenue. The store features furniture, shelving and decorative accessories, most handcrafted from pine and oak, created by the owners and several other area artisans. Large furniture pieces such as bookshelves, vanities and wall units are offered for sale, along with smaller decorative items with a rustic country, Americana, nautical, or seasonal flair. Beanbag doll display shelves and c.d. storage towers are popular pieces for sale. Collectibles such as the Cat's Meow line of wooden village scenes are also sold at the shop.

The furniture is handsomely crafted and solidly assembled. Some pieces offered for sale are unfinished, others beautifully stained or painted.

Customers can order any piece they see custom made, or cash and carry the store's stock. Unpainted pieces can be stained or painted for a small fee. The Johnsons have a healthy backlog of custom ordered furniture that has facilitated their expansion plans.

The Johnsons, natives of Georgia and Kansas, were stationed in Hawaii twelve years ago, a period in their life that brings back many happy memories for the couple and their three children, Tasha 9, Tushae 14 and T.J., Jr. 18. One of those memories is how this little hobby of T.J.'s turned into a full-fledged business. Jewell explains, "I was in the market for one of those onion and potato bins that they sell in specialty stores but was not willing to pay the price. T.J. had dabbled in woodworking since he was a young boy, working by his father's side. I asked him to make me one and he did. Then he made a matching trash bin and I was pretty happy with how it turned out." Jewell wasn't

the only one impressed with T.J.'s practical and beautiful creations. Friends began asking where she found the items. "I had a neighbor who wanted one of the bins and a matching breadbox, so I told her, 'Go ask T.J.'" Next thing they knew, the Johnsons were in business. "We had orders from everyone in our cul-de-sac, and it just took off from there," she says. The couple began offering their creations at craft fairs and soon found themselves busier than they'd ever dreamed of being. Jewell recalls those hectic days. "T.J. would get home from the base, jump out of that uniform and start working!"

These days T.J. has a little more time to devote to his woodworking craft. Five years ago when he was transferred from Hawaii to MacDill, he packed up his family and his woodworking business and moved to Bloomingdale. Two years later, T.J. retired as a Sergeant 1st Class after 19 years in the military. Now he is the Dad passing his skills on to his son Tushae. But apparently that still isn't enough to keep him busy. He recently acquired a janitorial franchise and is plugging away at making his latest venture successful.

While T.J. simultaneously gets his janitorial business off the ground and keeps the shops'

inventory stocked with handcrafted works, Jewell happily stays put and minds the store. She wouldn't dream of moving her shop, or her family, anywhere else. "I never leave this area," Jewell says of her affinity to Bloomingdale. "I love it here," she says sincerely. "We have everything we need right here in the community. There are three grocery stores right around the corner from our home plus Wal-mart and Beall's. The schools are great, our kids ride their bikes and rollerblade on the neighborhood sidewalks; what else could you need?" Aside from an occasional trip to Brandon Town Center, Jewell is quite content to be a Bloomingdale homebody. Sounds like a pretty good 'thang' to be.

Jewell and T.J. Johnson would like to invite their Bloomingdale neighbors to stop by their shop Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or call Jewell at 684-7784 for more information. ☺



Bloomingdale resident Jewell Johnson minds the family store, T.J.'s Wood 'n Thangs.

## Welcome to Bloomingdale

Thanks to the help of Brandon Regional Hospital, we are happy to announce the following new arrivals to Bloomingdale:

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### Bloomingtondale residents take to the skies

Bloomingtondale residents Mark Karlen, son Sean Karlen and friend Will Frazier took to the skies at the 17th annual Brandon Balloon Classic held in April at William Owens Pass park in Brandon. The first-time balloon passengers were treated to a thrilling 45-minute flight over Brandon, Dover and Seffner courtesy of WFTS-ABC28, a sponsor of the event.

Karlen, WFTS Design Director, described the journey as "beautiful and ultra-quiet." The passengers were enthralled as the sound of barking dogs hundreds of feet below carried effortlessly through the air. Any reservations Karlen may have had about ascending 500+ feet into the air in a balloon were quickly assuaged upon meeting the trio's assigned pilot, Paul McLaughlin of Gainesville. "Paul is obviously very meticulous about safety and preparation and is definitely a professional," he said. McLaughlin has piloted his craft, 'Midnight Magic' for the past five years at various locations across the country.

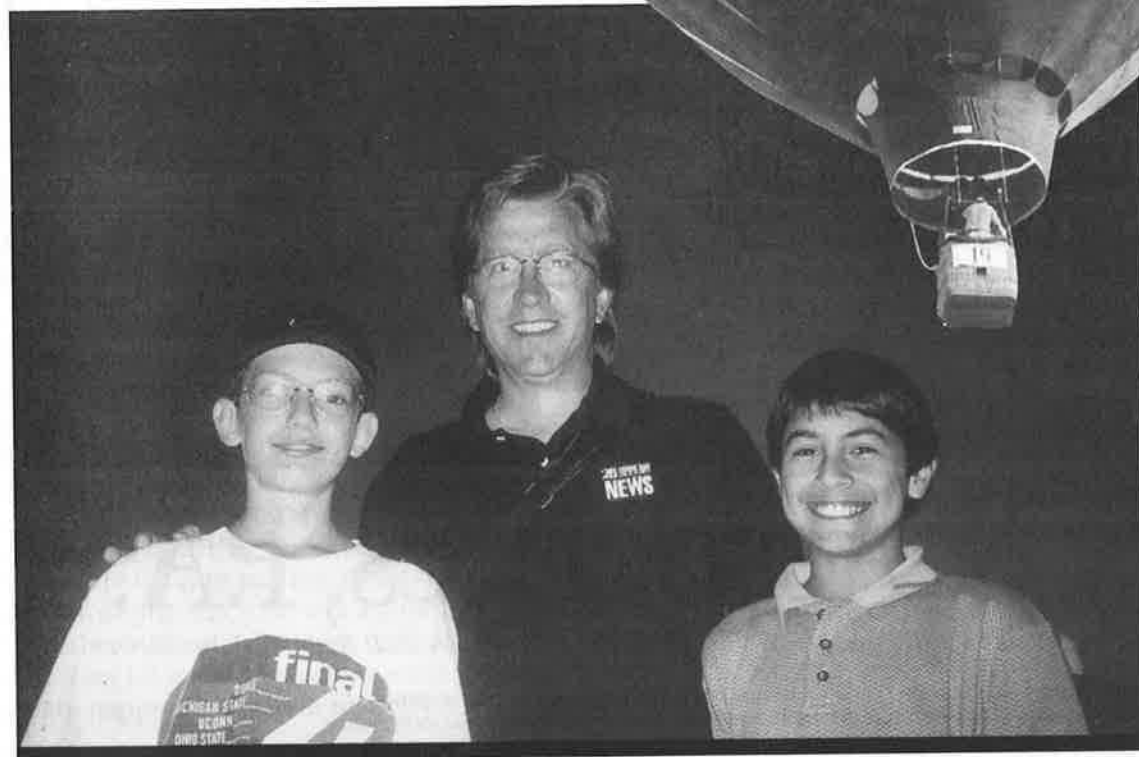
The journey consisted of many one-step forward, two-steps back maneuvers due to shifting winds. The balloon came to rest about 10 miles shy of its target, in a field a few short yards east of I-4, just north of Seffner. The passengers

experienced a bumpy and slightly off-the-mark ending to a reportedly "awesome" flight. But the 12-year-old passengers were not exactly overcome with the beauty of their surroundings or this rare opportunity to participate in an event they will remember for the rest of their lives. In addition to the inevitably jarring and precarious landing (which they relished), Sean and Will relayed their amazement with the craft's 'torch', the propane device that forcefully shoots blazing hot air into the balloon to keep it afloat. "The flame-thrower was the coolest," the boys agreed. Even 500 feet in the air, it's all a matter of personal perspective! ©



Left: Bloomingtondale residents (L-R) Will Frazier, Mark Karlen and Sean Karlen took to the skies at the 17th annual Brandon Balloon Classic.

Above: "Midnight Magic"



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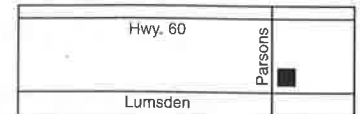
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## Summer Home Security

by Mack Austin

Neighborhood Watch Programs are very effective, especially during the summer months when many families take extended vacations. But there are other steps that homeowners must themselves take to improve the security of their homes and property. Some simple but effective steps can be taken to keep from returning to a vandalized home.

One of the first is very simple; if you are going to be gone, lock it up. This means your home as well as any cars you may leave in the driveway. Many burglaries occur in broad daylight. Even when you are at home, if you are not going to be in your garage or working in the front yard for a long time, close your garage door. Many thefts of bicycles and other garage items have been by 'grab and run' type thieves.

Let a neighbor that you trust know you are going to be gone. Have them retrieve your newspapers and bring in your mail. If necessary, arrange for someone to mow your yard. Use timers on lights and radios to give your home a "lived in" look.

Perhaps the most effective tool we have is to watch out for each other. If you notice unusual activity

around neighborhood homes, call the Sheriff's office at 247-8200 (non-emergency) or 911(emergency). Be prepared to give as much detail as you can, including clear descriptions of people, cars with tag numbers, correct house numbers, street numbers and the nearest intersection.

A 'Vacation Watch' service is available for all Bloomingdale residents. Vacation Watch forms are available at the Bloomingdale Community Substation. Under this program, a deputy is assigned to monitor the homes of vacationing residents during their absence.

Enjoy your vacation time; you've earned it. But before you go, take the time to secure your home properly. ☺



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## REAL ESTATE UPDATE

By Luana Russell



### REDUCING ELECTRIC BILL

**QUESTION:** My electric bill has more than doubled since I bought my present home. Any suggestions on reducing the bill?

loaded. Wash clothes in cold water. One 100-watt bulb burning around the clock for one year adds \$30 to your electric bill. Finally, a 40-watt fluorescent gives more light than a 100-watt incandescent one. It last 10 times as long and uses half the energy.

**ANSWER:** Concentrate lighting in the reading and working areas - reduce lighting in the other areas. Use one large bulb rather than several smaller ones. One 100-watt bulb produces more light than two 60-watt bulbs. Use clothes washer, dryer and dishwasher only when fully



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### FUTURE FOR SMALL HOMES

**QUESTION:** We don't need anything larger than a two-bedroom house, but wonder if this makes financial sense. Will there be a market for smaller homes in the future?

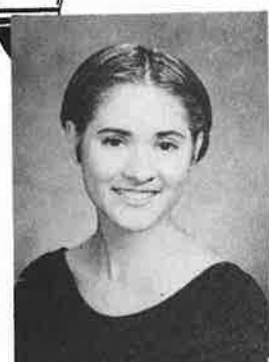
time, there has been a sharp increase in divorces. And divorce takes one household makes it into two households - each with needs simpler from the standpoint of numbers and dollars - then when they were single households.

**ANSWER:** Buy the home that fits your needs and your pocket-book. You don't have to worry about selling a small home in the future. Single-person households now number 20% of the home buying market. At the same



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With just a few quick tips from Nancy Musco, registered nurse at Johnson & Johnson, you can raise your "skin sense I.Q." — and be on your way to a softer, happier, healthier you.

**Cleanse Carefully**

First and foremost, don't overdo it when cleansing your skin. Use a mild product that is specifically designed for your skin type. And consider using a no soap cleanser that won't dry out your face and body.

Take care to use an oil-based product when removing eye makeup. It won't strip natural oil or clog pores in the delicate eye area.

**Make the Most of Moisturizing**

Want to know one of the most effective beauty secrets of all time? Hydrate, hydrate and hydrate

some more. It's one of the easiest and least expensive ways to a healthier body — and a calmer mind. Be sure to always drink enough water, at least six 8-ounce glasses of water a day. Skin loses its glow and suppleness as its surface dries out, and dehydration leads to signs of premature aging.

Although most people don't usually think about it, our skin is the body's largest organ," said Musco. "It's highly sensitive and functions as the first line of defense against environmental bacteria and toxic elements."

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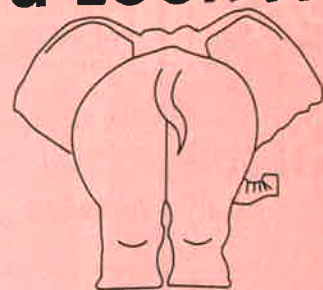
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### Hurricane Preparedness "If only I had..."

by Mack Austin

Thousands of residents in Oklahoma endured many terrifying hours last month as tornadoes tore through their state. Many returned to destroyed homes to find their precious mementos and possessions broken and missing. Countless Florida residents also spent many anxious moments during Hurricane Andrew's wrath. It's an experience many of us could share if a natural disaster hit our area.

I was able to personally see the aftermath of a disaster of this magnitude when I deployed to Miami with a special military communications team the morning after Hurricane Andrew hit. With sunrise came sights, sounds, smells and sensations that words can't fully describe. It was as if we were in a war zone. We saw firsthand the true power of destruction contained in a hurricane and the tornadoes it spawned.

Once our communications systems were up and running, we worked with other organizations providing security and assistance to the victims in the communities during the recovery operations. Everywhere we went, we heard the same comment over and over, "If only I had something... or If only I had saved... or If only I had thought to..." This phrase stayed with me during the entire recovery operation and afterwards.



To many, this photo shows just another pile of rubble left after the storm. But to the family who lived here it's all that's left of their home and their irreplaceable mementos from the past. Preparing now can save having to search through the rubble later. Photo by Mack Austin.

Most had done all they could to prepare themselves for the hurricane to hit, but not much to prepare for what was to follow. When it was over they were very grateful to have survived. Many had gained "a new outlook on life," "a new realization of how trivial possessions are" or "a renewed value for family and friends." But many still dug through the rubble trying to find some memento of their past as well as proof of their existence. Most had only the clothes on their backs. I saw a serious need to prepare before the hurricane hits for the recovery time.

While we're busy planning for our physical needs during and after the disaster, we should also prepare for our spiritual and emotional needs, especially for the sake of the children. Some of the things that Hurricane Andrew victims mentioned might seem trivial, but anything irreplaceable or of special significance, such as treasured photos, special gifts or favorite toys, can mean even more when it's all you have left. Most "things" can be replaced, but there are some we've saved over the years that simply can't. They connect us to our past and give us hope for the future.

One way to prepare these items is to store them in heavy plastic bags in a sturdy, watertight container. You can bring the container with you if you evacuate, or secure it in an inside closet. Be sure to put your name, address and phone number on both the outside and inside in case it does get blown away. Hopefully, it'll be returned.

Having these precious items to hold after the disaster may not seem important now, but they can carry a tremendous healing power. It helps the children realize that all is not gone or destroyed, and gives them some degree of hope.

We saw so many precious memories broken and ruined by the hurricane. If only they had been protected. If only someone had taken a few more minutes to prepare. If only... ©

### Restaurant Review

by Elton Dumont

Exclusively for The Bloomingdale Gazette

After years of suggestions, inquiries and cajoling, Tony Lauro, owner of the original Villa Rina between Roberd's and Waccamaw on Brandon Boulevard, has finally expanded his restaurant operations to Bloomingdale. This second location is nestled between Beef O'Brady's and the Sheriff's Substation on Bell Shoals Road. The Mrs. and I popped in on a recent Wednesday evening for dinner, and found out that the food is just as good here as it is at the original location. Now Villa Rina Too! Can cater to the businessman and shopper in Brandon, as well as the general population of Bloomingdale.

Years ago, I reviewed the original Villa Rina and commented that it was the first truly authentic New York Pizza restaurant in Brandon. This could become the "in" place for an evening slice of pizza. They are open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. most days, and until midnight on Friday and Saturday. They even have delivery and take-out.

I chose the linguine with shrimp in the red sauce, while my wife selected the chicken parmesan. Both entrées were accompanied by salad and bread. The salads were chilled and had ample quantities of lettuce, tomato, pepperoncini, olives and onions. The house dressing was a tasty Italian, but there were certainly others to choose from. The Italian bread was fresh and warm, served right from the oven.

The linguine portion was large and delicious with miniature shrimp scattered throughout, giving it the seafood flavor I was looking for. The chicken parmesan consisted of two large and tender breaded breasts with red sauce and mozzarella cheese, and an ample side of spaghetti. It was a wise selection, one we would opt for again.

The dinner prices are quite reasonable for a neighborhood type restaurant. The chicken parmesan was only \$6.70, and the shrimp linguine was only \$6.95. Salad and bread were included in the price.

Other dinner entrées offered include veal or eggplant parmesan, lasagna, manicotti, stuffed shells or spaghetti and broccoli, and a selection of dinner salads. For the less adventurous, there is the standard baked ziti or the

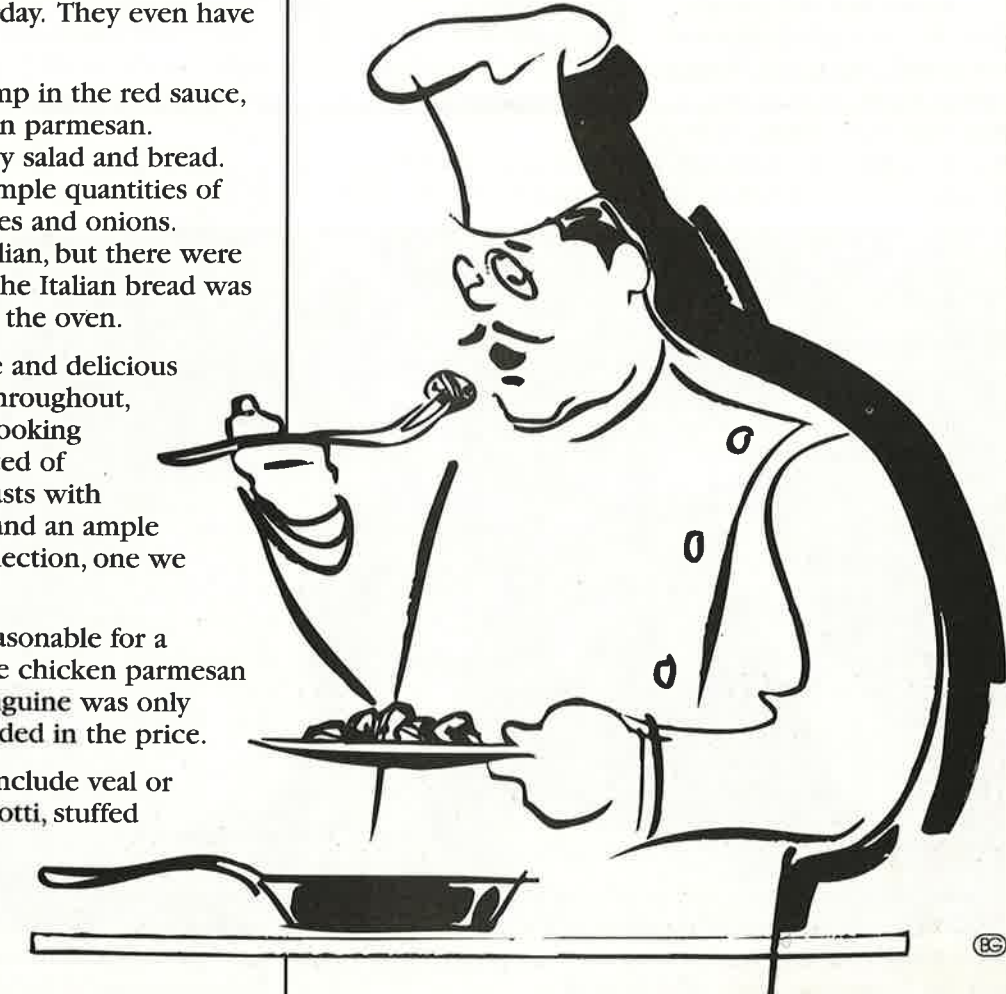
spaghetti and meatballs. In addition to authentic New York style pizzas, the restaurant also offers Calzones, Strombolis and stuffed pizza. Hot and cold subs are available all day. You can choose from a large variety of sandwiches including vegetarian subs, Philly steak sandwiches, sausage and pepper or meatball subs. Roast beef sandwiches, grilled marinated chicken and eggplant parmesan subs are also available. Also on the sandwich board are Italian deli subs consisting of ham, salami, provolone and capicola. Chicken wings and cheese sticks are offered as starters or snacks. Original Italian desserts such as cannolis, tiramisu and Italian rum cake are featured.

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Our bill for the two entrées, including salads, bread and two iced teas was \$19.75, including tax and tip. And, they even accepted our "Gusto" card (Mikey, are you listening?). Until we eat again,

Elton Dumont



### Bloomingtondale residents solve a "murder" aboard the Seminole Gulf Railway

Maid, Sherlock Holmes, and the intrepid Rooster Mendez, the crack reporter for Chicken News, TV channel 12 3/4. Mrs. Peacock (of "Clue" fame) and Detective Columbo also made an appearance.

A number of Bloomingdale residents took a weekend trip recently to help solve a murder mystery play on a Seminole Gulf Railway excursion that started in Ft. Myers.

There were a total of 42 fun seekers, and they weren't disappointed. Saturday started off with lunch at the Bubble Room restaurant on Captiva Island. Prior to boarding the train, Jenga and Yahtzee contests were held simultaneously.

About half the group decided to wear costumes on board. Mike and Mary Bosler came as Jean Dixon and Detective Kojak (who loves ya, baby?). Other noted attendees included Miss Scarlett, Father Dowling, Fifi the Maid, Yvette the Old



Jean Dixon and Kojak, a.k.a. Bloomingtondale residents Mike and Mary Bosler

Some of this group repeated their antics when they were chosen as jury members in another murder play put on by the Valrico Players at the Valrico Playhouse. Is Shakespeare next? ☺



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(from page 7) Both students will enjoy a final, quiet summer at home. Miguel will keep busy working part-time at Albertson's, while Shih-Shan visits with relatives and makes plans to intern with a local doctor. Bloomingdale Senior High Schools' Valedictorian and Salutatorian, along with 585 fellow graduates of Bloomingdale High, are excited and just a little anxious about venturing out into the world to follow their dreams. The community of Bloomingdale is proud to have been the springboard for these exemplary students to launch what promises to be a future full of hope and possibilities for us all. Congratulations and good luck to the Class of 1999. ☺

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