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Parents Organize

By GWEN SZAFRANSKI
"Educational Cuts Never Heal!" was the warning aimed at motorists traveling past Bloomingdale Senior High School during the month of May; however, the ominous message won't disappear with the warmer weather and school dismissals in June.

In meetings across the county, parents watched a video of Superintendent Walter Sickles and Dr. Michael Bookman discussing the disturbing statistics that Hillsborough County ranks 63 out of 67 in educational funding; that, unless an investment budget is passed, the county faces a funding shortfall of roughly \$56,099,661; that as many as 1,600 teaching positions may be cut; and that the county may have to join Dade County in filing a lawsuit for equal funding. Further cuts may have to be made in academic, athletic and enrichment programs.

"It's like watching a finely tuned race car being taken apart," commented Dr. Michael Bookman, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Research.

Speaking to a crowd of roughly 130 at Brooker Elementary School last May 12, Bookman gave an

overview of an educational system whose rapid pupil growth may have outstripped available revenue. (Hillsborough averages 3,000 new students each fall.)

Bookman also pointed out the unequal funding formula based on property taxes. For example, Hillsborough County receives \$3,070 per student while Monroe County receives \$3,770 and Broward \$3,620 per student.

Bookman also questioned the Lottery as a means of revenue. Educational funding has dropped from 62% in pre-Lottery days to 52.8% today.

Joining Bookman on a panel of speakers were Rep. Buddy Johnson of the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation and Joe Newsome of the County School Board.

Newsome lauded the local delegation and pledged that the School Board would "protect the classroom." Rep. Johnson felt that there needed to be more communication between the Board, delegates, constituents, and the state government in Tallahassee.

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Two Views on Educational Budget Cuts

By GWEN SZAFRANSKI

Recently, State Representative Chris Corr of the 62nd District and Mr. Charles Harris, principal of Bloomingdale Senior High School, were asked to comment on the proposed budget cuts as well as other issues facing education. The resulting interviews revealed two thoughtful men passionately dedicated to the betterment of education, yet, at times, espousing divergent views on how to reach that goal.

"The battle for education is won or lost out here in the schools," stated Harris. "For example, I feel there should be more guidance counsellors and more school psychologists to handle the needs of students."

Yet, as principal of a school which has already suffered the loss of 20 teachers for next year due to budget cuts, Harris might as well place this statement of need in the "wish" category.

The impact of the losses increases with the litany of those cut: one football coach; two business teachers; three in Home Economics; four in English; Three in Math; two in P.E.; and one each in Driver's Ed., foreign language, and social studies.

This massive hemorrhage is one reason Harris supports Gov. Chiles' "Fair Share Plan"

tax reform and advocates "Equalization" or equal funding for each county.

Although he was disappointed with the turnout of 35 parents at



Mr. Harris

the budget cuts meeting last May 5th, Harris said both parent and student interest in the issue has increased since then. Senior student leaders held a petition drive forwarding the results to Tallahassee, and the Parent Advisory Board Chairperson, Mary Emmons, has actively represented Bloomingdale Senior High School at S.T.O.P. meetings (Students and Teachers Organized with Parents).

When asked if he thought that Accountability will soothe any of these educational woes by giving control of the schools back to teachers, parents and school administrators, Harris replied that Bloomingdale Senior High School has already demonstrated accountability by its students' consistently high scores on national tests, its less than 1% dropout

rate, and its daily attendance of 94%.

Harris has seen many changes in education since he began at Brandon Senior High School teaching 7th and 8th graders. He cites being principal at Bloomingdale as the highlight of his career for the opportunity to open a new school, hand pick a new faculty, and work with students who really care about education. Little wonder that this dedicated man, so close to retirement, would like to remain at Bloomingdale until these current budget concerns are settled.

"Lack of local control and flexibility is the greatest problem in Florida's educational system," attests Representative Chris Corr, adding that Hillsborough County should be able to manage itself if educational funding were directed to local school districts and managed by elected school board members-- not Tallahassee.

When asked if Accountability was a step towards local control, Corr replied that "Accountability was political eyewash" and cautioned parents to read the writing on the wall-- the people that are telling them to spend more money on education are the same people that have doubled the education budget since 1981 with diminishing results.

In a ten year period the budget has jumped from 4.1 billion dollars to 8.1 billion; however, S.A.T. scores have declined while dropout rates have increased.

Corr firmly believes that educational funds can be raised by cutting wasteful spending in Tallahassee and cutting administrators, not teachers.

Corr questioned seriously the validity of administrative pay increases of 55% in five years compared to the 18% increase in pay for teachers.

In addition, only 40% of funding reaches the local classroom while 60% goes to support services.



Rep. Corr

Corr suggests all of his constituents review the summary of the Republican Priority Budget amended by Corr and 37 fellow representatives to see where cuts and gains can

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Students Alarmed By Cuts

By EDIE GROSS

When Kris Pierce thinks about what the future holds for him, he gets scared.

"I'm worried because I know that I won't be able to get the education I need to make the standard of living I want," said the Burns Junior High School ninth-grader. "I won't be able to fulfill all the requirements for college."

"Write to Congress," Pierce said. "Tell them that we are kids that want to have a future."

Pierce and thousands of students like him across the state of Florida are facing a bleak educational future under a system weakened by continued budget cuts.

The Florida State Legislature will decide the fate

of these students when it reconvenes in Tallahassee in June to create a budget for the coming school year.

Until then, Hillsborough County school officials and students are preparing for the worst.

The worst case scenario at Bloomingdale Senior High School would mean losing about 20 teachers while increasing class size; cutting back on vocational classes like shop and drafting; decreasing the number of extracurricular activities and changing from a seven period day to one of only six periods, according to Principal Charley Harris.

"With the new budget cuts, we're going back to six periods which means

the kids can't have an elective," Harris said.

"I know that kids go to school for academics... but there are other things they are going to miss."

Bloomingdale has already canceled all of its shop and drafting classes for the coming school year and has had to cut down on art, music, physical education and driver's education classes, Harris said.

To make matters worse, the classes that remain may hold as many as 36 students each period due to the loss of teachers and the proposed switch to a six period day, Harris said.

Student Kim Sparks echoed Harris' concern for the loss of teachers, classes and outside activities.

"I know for sure we'll probably see a lot of good teachers leaving because of the budget cuts," Sparks said. "We're not going to have enough money to do the things we did before."

Perhaps the most pressing issue facing Florida high school students right now is the need for 24 credits to graduate, said Bloomingdale Guidance Counselor Juan Saye Harris.

If the schedule is shortened to only six periods a day, many students may have problems earning those credits, she said.

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Johnson urged that all join in the fight for local funding control.

The meeting, organized by Principal Milton Lovelace, Diane Mosely and Janice Arnold Jones, also included a question and answer session between panel and audience.

Grace Ippolito, principal of Alafia Elementary, seemed encouraged by the turnout of roughly 120 participants at a similar meeting at her school on May 7.

"I felt we had quite a bit of support from parents," commented Ippolito. "We have to continue to work together to solve this problem."

After viewing the Supt. Suckles/Dr. Bookman video and discussing the budget crisis, parents and school personnel signed letters to legislators and suggested ways to defray educational expenses on forms that were collected and sent the next day to the appropriate officials.

The audience determined that personally composed letters would be more eye-catching to state and local officials as well as phone calls to their offices to register comments and suggestions.

"Of course, we need to work towards equalization so that this type of crisis doesn't occur again," said Ippolito.

When asked what par-

ents can do in the long run, Ippolito responded that parents can support the system of "Accountability" when it is implemented in the near future, and defined Accountability as a collaborative team of parents, students, teachers, administrators and business community members at each school that will combine to provide a system of school improvement.

Many parents who attended budget crisis meetings throughout the county came away wondering what more they could do besides calling legislators and submitting budget cut suggestions to the school board. In response to the dire news of the meetings, citizens met at Brandon High School on May 9 to create the S.T.O.P. Coalition (Students and Teachers Organized with Parents).

Initially targeting the Hillsborough County Legislative Delegation, S.T.O.P. is, however, looking for long-range solutions to the funding crisis.

In the meantime, S.T.O.P. held a protest rally on May 30 at Chamberlain High School in Tampa. About a dozen county schools were represented at the rally which featured speeches by students and parents, guest speaker Dr. Michael Bookman from the County Board of Education, and musical selections by the Brandon High School Chorus.

The finale featured a mock funeral for education

with drama students as mourners and James Warren of Brandon High School giving a eulogy.

Parents, students or educators wishing to join S.T.O.P. may call 654-6781.

On April 2, 1992, a group of Brandon, Valrico and Dover parents met to discuss issues including school boundaries, class size, funding and Special Needs Children. Currently, the group is focusing attention on the budget crisis. Further information may be obtained by calling 684-8025 or 684-9987.

Excel, an organization that has been in existence for a year, is also focusing attention on the budget issue, although its main thrust is acting as a liaison between the schools and parents of gifted and talented children.

Since programs for the Academically Gifted and Talented and Special Needs Children are usually targeted for budget cuts, the group is focusing their attention on protecting these programs. Those interested in joining Excel can call President Colleen Sylvester at 968-1628 or Vice President Janine B. Nickerson at 681-3983.

The Concerned Parents Association is an organization dedicated to the betterment of the education of all children through positive attitude, encouragement, and creative learning. Alice R. Becker is the founder and can be reached at 684-8664.

MEETINGS

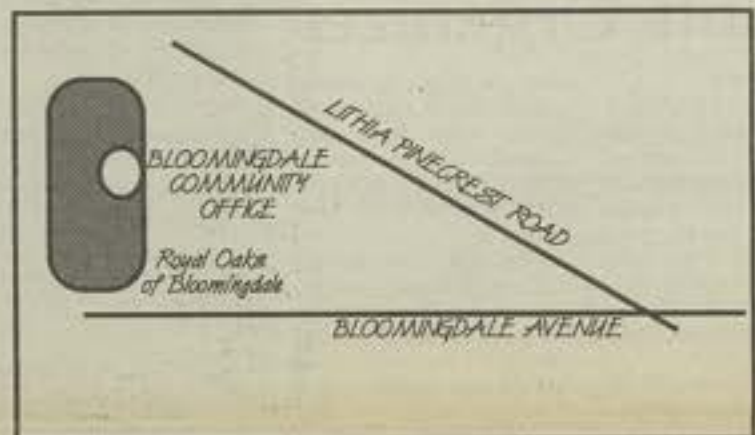
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be made in the budget. (Request to see copies at the District 62 office in Brandon.)

Although he disagrees with Mr. Harris on the means to raise funds, Corr joins him wholeheartedly in urging parents, teachers, and students to demand equalization. Once this is achieved, Corr believes they should work on equal spending on students and facilities throughout Hillsborough County.

While new schools meet improved standards, older facilities suffer faulty air conditioning, water damage, and, in one case, no fencing around the school.

"We need to keep up with improvements to old schools by retrofitting them to meet the higher standards," stated Corr.

Adopting an "education first" budget is another suggestion Corr advocates, commenting that the education budget should be decided on first and kept separate from the state budget.

In summation, Corr suggested parents and teachers should concentrate their efforts to ensure equalization, gain local control of funds, and fight for budget reforms, not new taxation.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION

Brandon is celebrating it's 34th Annual July 4th Celebration on Saturday, July 4th, and we don't want you to miss it! Madeline Golletz, who organizes the July 4th celebration every year, was kind enough to provide us with the event schedule so we will pass it on to you.

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11:30 A.M.-10:00 P.M.

The Roundtable and Regency Square will be providing activities/entertainment & food.

11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Flash Band & The Pits

12:00 P.M. All American Karate - Lee Jacobs

12:30 Showsteppers

1:00 Amanda White singing National Anthem

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1:30 Kids In Motion - Shirley's Dance Studio

2:00 Jaycee's Pageant

3:00 Southern Comfort Band

6:30 Jack Sigler - Hit Record "Love Can Make You Happy"

7:30 Tom Denham & The Restless Natives Band

9:30 Fireworks

The Veterans will be selling barbecue sandwiches to raise money for the Veterans Memorial. Food will also be available from the Regency Square Food Court. Moonwalk, face painting, & Jumbo the Clown for the Children.

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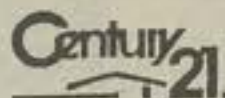
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SPORTS, SPORTS, & MORE
SPORTS PAGE!!

T-riffic T-Ball!



By Joe Vance

Bloomington Little League produced a force to be reckoned with in T-ball this year, the Pepsi-Cola Smashers! The Smashers, coached by Carl Stickeler and Rick Fernandez, not only learned the fundamentals of baseball, but went on an incredible 19 game winning streak, that was finally broken by the Bloomington Pirates in a close 27 to 25 win.

The Smashers showed they understood teamwork and never lost sight of the fact that everyone was there to have fun. The team consisted of 14 up and coming baseball players: Kevin Vaughn, Josh Cohen, Devin Fernandez, C.J. Keating, Kyle Miller, Amy Kohler, Joey Kohler, Michael Wiesenhart, Jared Rodriguez, Jonathan Hiers, Adam Ritter, Tony Stickeler, Kevin Crimi, and John Cantrell.



The "Smashers", from Left to Right: Team Manager Carl Stickeler, Kevin Vaughn, C.J. Keating, Michael Wiesenhart, Jared Rodriguez, Amy Kohler, Adam Ritter, Jonathan Hiers, Kyle Miller, Tony Stickeler, Josh Cohen, John Cantrell, Joey Kohler, Kevin Crimi, Devin Fernandez, & Team Coach Rick Fernandez.

Part of the beauty of T-ball is that every kid plays every position in a rotating roster, so there are not set positions, giving everyone a chance to pitch, catch, play first base, and centerfield. By doing this, the kids can experience where they think they'd like to play as well as not feel slight-

ed by someone else. Bloomington Little League consisted of 8 teams, including the Smashers and the Pirates; the Sluggers, the White Sox, the Orioles, the Wildcats, the Braves, and the Red Sox. Congratulations to all the kids and parents who participated in the 1992 Spring Season. Good luck in Winter League!

1992 FLORIDA COCA-COLA CLASSIC RELAYS
One of track & fields most prestigious high school events, the Florida Coca-Cola relays, recently took place, pulling high schools statewide together to compete. Probably the closest sampling for High schoolers to Olympic level competition, the F.C.C.R brings not only new faces, but awesome talent together to challenge for the trophies. Bloomington Senior High had a fantastic showing by their girls track team. In the discus, Natalie Jones took 9th place with a throw of 94' 7". In the 4x200m Relay, Bloomington took 7th with a time of 1:50.23. In the 800 Meters, Amber Ling brought home a 9th place finish with a time of 2:27.95.

Coached by Ms. Addie Singfield, the girl track team has really come on strong in the latter half of the season. Not only did Ms. Singfield lead them to the Gainesville Florida Relays (which is an honor to be invited to), she also coached them to a Five A District Championship. She will lose a few of her seniors, but the majority of the team is young and will be returning next year.



Addie Singfield (BSHS Girls Track Coach) accepts the trophy for 5A District Championship



B.S.H.S. winners at the Coca-Cola Relays in Gainesville Bottom Row: Nicole King, Amber Ling Top Row: Kasanti Saffore, Tamika Hawkins, Natilie Jones, & Tesnichia Barnes.

The Special Dependent District

will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Bloomington Community Office Royal Oaks Shopping Center 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 13, 1992

all are invited to attend

Baseball camp

BY JOE VANCE

There's no better way for an aspiring athlete to improve his game, than by attending a camp. And if your sport is baseball, the camp for you is Charles Perdomo's Baseball camp.

The purpose of the camp is to teach the fundamentals of baseball to various age groups, helping each to better understand the game. Headed by Charles Perdomo, locally known for his help with the Bloomington Senior High girls softball team, the camp will consist of a highly qualified staff of local high school and junior college coaches.

The Perdomo camp, in its fourth summer season, breaks down the game of baseball into its component parts; hitting, in-field play, outfield play, stretching, base running, situation instruction, as well as installing the right attitude in his campers; team work, no drugs, & making good grades. Perdomo's camp also aids further development of skills through individual and multi-player drills, video tapes, and game experience.

The camp caters to three age brackets: 7-9, 10-12, & 13-15, and contest prizes are awarded daily in each group for throwing, base running, and bunting.

Four dates have been set for the Perdomo camp: June 15-19 at Plant City

Little League, June 22-26, July 6-10, & July 13-17... at South Brandon Little League. For more information on these summer camps contact Charles Perdomo 681-5428.

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The First Place Trophy

Brandon YMCA Gymnasts bring home First Place!



BY JOE VANCE

I wish when I was 6 or 7 years old I was in 1/10 the physical shape that the girls at Brandon YMCA are in. It is truly unbelievable that 6 year olds could be such finely tuned athletes, who are not only beautiful, but as graceful and seriously committed to their art as any athlete could be.

Three years ago, Kathy Edwards and the Brandon YMCA had boys and girls enroll into their pre-school gymnastics program to initially interest them in gymnastics and tumbling, and teach them body awareness. They learn and improve on floor, bar, beam, and basic gymnastic skills. I doubt Kathy realized that in three short years her original class "The Mighty Munchkins" would be bringing home the first place trophy from the 1992 Sunshine League state tournament! Held May 2-3 at Northwest YMCA, the seven "Mighty Munchkins" all had excellent showings. Jennifer Eisele took second all-around in her age division. Bloomingdale East's Julie Cochran took first place in the bar. Maryellen Simonetti took second place on the vault, Theresa Harris took first on the bar, and finished 3rd all-



around. Ashley Hicks, from Bloomingdale West, placed second on the bar and beam, and finished in fourth place All-Around. Alisha Demmi, also from Bloomingdale East, overcame her bar routine to score which helped the team win first place. And last, but definitely not least, was Charity Hall who had missed much practice because of a bout with chicken-pox, but was able to compete and just barely missed placing. The Sunshine League is a nationwide YMCA organization, and due to these girls determination, teamwork, heart, and not to mention supportive parents, they gave the Brandon YMCA their first First-Place finish. At the AAU State Championships this past April at Clearwater Central Catholic, the girls showed they were coming on strong when they placed Fifth as a team. Jennifer Eisele took

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gressed so rapidly and have made mammoth strides in their short time with gymnastics; at the pace they're going they could definitely one day compete at a Collegiate level. To compete nationally in the U.S.G.F. (United States Gymnastic Federation) the level at which the Olympics are based on, was not really considered because they have an age requirement of seven years old and up. But now that the girls are almost at the age requirement, the Brandon Y and the girls parents have to decide whether they should join such a competitive league. Missy Voightmann, one of Terry Hicks' instructors and an incredible gymnast, is hoping to take her skills as far as possible, shooting for a chance at the Olympics. Missy was the only state qualifier in the advanced optional level of the AAU Competition. Gymnastics offers an option for parents with athletically inclined children. The Brandon YMCA's pre-school program, coached by Terry, teaches such children the fun of tumbling and the skills of gymnastics. They are offering summer camps that are open to pre-schoolers between the ages of 3-6, with a student/ teacher ratio of 5:1. All parents interested or would like to learn more should call Terry Hicks at 685-5402.

Body Beautiful
 Body building has become well known due to Arnold Schwarzenegger, Cher, and Hans und Franz of SNL fame. Football teams, baseball teams, swimmers are all lifting weight to increase their strength and reduce the risk of injury. Bloomingdale Senior High recently had some Body Builders of their own bring home victory for the Bulls. Jeanette Newcombe won the Hillsborough County Championship and went on to win State. Jill Robinson also won County and took second in State. Mike Smith took second in County and placed third in State. Coached by B.S.H.S. wrestling coach Kelly Williams, these students have shown they take fitness seriously and will be working on keeping their titles. Congratulations to Jeanette, Jill, Mike & coach Williams.

TENNIS TIP of the MONTH
 BY PETE STECHER

Hitting against the wall is the fastest way for the beginner to get past the "miss the ball blues", the junior to get past "choking on the close ones", and the club player to "fix that awful backhand forever". The wall never misses and has unlimited patience for a beginner's mistakes. The wall is great for junior players in that control is automatically stressed. Even the most hard headed hard hitter is forced to work on control over power after chasing their mistakes a couple of times when over hitting against a wall. And finally, the wall lets a player work on a weakness for hours until the weakness has become a strength. I learned the benefit of the wall when I was 15 years old. I couldn't find a practice partner when I decided I would go out for the high school tennis team. I started hitting against the side of our garage a couple hours a day. After two weeks of wall banging I asked a boy in the neighborhood to play who played Wisconsin junior tennis tournaments. I found I had caught up to a player with a couple years of experience in two weeks of hitting against a wall. Andrea Jeager got her start in tennis at an early age against the wall. Andrea's older sister was taking tennis lessons and Andrea wanted to take lessons too. Andrea's father told her "If you hit against the garage door the entire winter I will let you take lessons in the summer." Andrea eventually reached a world ranking of three before injuries ended her career. When working with Hopman at his 42 court facility I remember one young girl about eleven years old who used to constantly use the camp's wall more than anyone. Monica Seles has come a long way since then. She is presently number one in the world.

Pete Stecher is the Director of Tennis at Buckhorn Springs Golf & Country Club. He writes a monthly tennis tips column for the Bloomingdale Gazette.

LOCAL PROFILE

ROBERT TATE
 Occupation: Owner Tate's Athletics
 Hobbies: Golf, Football, work
 His Wife: Cheryl
 Children: None yet
 Interesting Fact about him: His father is the legendary University of Miami Football Coach, Charlie Tate
 Favorite Movie/T.V. Show "Bonanza, any one of the Rocky movies"
 Favorite Music/artist: Pop/contemporary, Phil Collins
 a perfect evening would be "Relaxing evening dinner with my wife"
 Major accomplishments: "My eleven year marriage, and graduating from College"
 Best Idea I ever Had: "to open a sporting goods store in Brandon"
 One thing I could change about the World it would be: "For people to be content with what they have, and to realize that how you act & treat other people is what matters."
 Goals in Life: "To be remembered as an honest friend"
 Best Advice I ever Received: "That I need to listen to advice more."

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Families find comfort in home away from home

By EDIE GROSS

It was no mistake that Gabriel Davis was born on May 14, the same day 300 people gathered at Tampa General Hospital to dedicate the new Suncoast Ronald McDonald House.

When Gabriel required further care at Tampa General, the baby's parents, Kim and Kent Davis of Valrico, faced the problem of finding a place to stay where they could be close to their son. The new Suncoast Ronald McDonald House provided the answer.

"Our baby went into NICU [Neonatal Intensive Care Unit] for extended treatment. [Kim] had to be available every three hours around the clock [for nursing]," Kent said. "We were basically in the hall."

The employees of Tampa General then told the Davises about the Suncoast Ronald McDonald House,

a place where families can stay while their children are treated at the hospital. The Davises spent two nights in a room at the facility within walking distance of Tampa General, and on May 20, they were able to take a healthy Gabriel home to join sons Kent, 9, and Joel, 8.

"One of the nurses called over, and they just set it all up," Kim said.

"It's been a lifesaver," Kent said. "Everybody's been very friendly, very helpful. In fact, I'm going to volunteer to help here. I'm really impressed with what's been done here."

The Suncoast Ronald McDonald House, located at 35 Columbia Drive, joins more than 150 houses worldwide, designed to board families of ill children near treatment facilities. More than 300 community members and hospital employees joined

Tampa General President David Bussone, Mayor Sandy Freedman and, of course, Ronald McDonald at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on May 14.

Special guests Pat and Susan McDuffie told of spending three months at the St. Petersburg Suncoast Ronald McDonald House in 1991 while son

Pat Jr. received treatment for medulloblastoma, a form of brain cancer.

The McDuffie family is actively involved in the fund raising and volunteer efforts at the new Ronald McDonald House, and in an open letter to the crowd expressed their feelings about the support offered by such a facility.

"If you ever have to use one, know that you will never have to go it alone," the McDuffies said.

Measuring 14,000 square feet, the house has 13 bedrooms, each with a

private bathroom. There is an efficiency apartment for families anticipating lengthy stays. The two-story house also provides its residents with a living and dining room, a stocked kitchen, laundry facilities, a library, a private phone room and a play room filled with toys, games, stuffed animals and a home entertainment system. A patio and a playground offer families a chance to enjoy the Florida sunshine.

Families are charged \$5 per night to stay at the House. The fee for the efficiency apartment is \$10. If a family cannot afford the nightly charge, the House covers the cost through community donations, said House Manager Sheila Savage.

The House is staffed with volunteers from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. everyday.

Volunteers go through a 6-hour training session before assuming duties which include registering families, giving house tours and linking families to the hospital and community services. The House is currently in need of volunteers for daytime week-day hours.

The \$1.5 million project was the brainchild of Gretchen Hall, a former Tampa General Hospital burn unit nurse.

"I remember taking blankets out to families in the hallway," Hall said. "I watched them sleep on chairs, night after night...I wished there was something we could do to provide them comfort, a warm



From left, Ronald McDonald, Pat McDuffie Jr., Tampa General President David Bussone, Mayor Sandy Freedman and Gretchen Hall cut the ribbon of paper dolls created by pediatric patients from TGH and All Children's Hospital at the Suncoast Ronald McDonald House grand opening, May 14.

bed and more emotional support."

Eleven years ago, Hall presented her idea to the Board of Directors of the Tampa Junior League, and in 1983 the Sunshine House Board was formed to encourage the community to contribute to the project. After a land grant from the City of Tampa and a \$25,000 donation from the McDonald Corporation, builders broke ground for the House in May of 1990.

Although a capital campaign, begun in 1991, has raised more than \$775,000 for the project, more funds are needed to cover the rest of the construction costs, to retire the mortgage and to help with operational expenses estimated at \$250,000 per year, Savage said.

In addition to donating cash, which provides new equipment and supplies for

the House and helps off-set the nightly charge for families who cannot afford, the community has donated in-kind items such as furniture and food for the kitchen.

Major national contributors include DuPont, Motorola, and Coca Cola. Local contributors include My Bedroom and Westshore Glass; among the Tampa area contributors to the House are numerous families and community organizations. Many have sponsored the construction of the room.

Tampa General Hospital employees, including 10 valets who donated \$7.30 in tips to the project, have been largely responsible for the capital campaign. Anyone interested in contributing to the House funds or volunteering call The Suncoast Ronald McDonald House 254-2398.



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Campers . . . Beware of Stings and Things

By JERRY A. WISHIK, M.D., P.A.

Every year thousands of kids from the Tampa Bay area attend some form of camping situation. Camps for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, horseback riding, space exploration, sports and religious venues expose campers to new and sometimes unexpected environmental insults. Although camping remains an all-too-necessary, enjoyable and rewarding experience, certain precautions should be taken. In addition, a modicum of knowledge can be extremely valuable in this regard.

Before your child trots off to camp:

Update his or her immunizations—Often, this simply means a tetanus-diphtheria booster shot. A person should have this booster every ten years after the age of 4 or 5 (i.e. if your child is 15 years of age, he probably needs one). Maybe Mom or Dad are due for theirs as well!

Highly allergic children should be "prepared"—If your child has developed severe reactions (such as shortness of breath, generalized hives) to insect stings or to particular foods in the past, your physician may wish to prescribe a special kit containing Epinephrine (auto-injection) and antihistamines, which your camper can take with him/her should a severe allergic reaction occur.

Make sure the camp has a complete medical history. Food, medication, animal, insect and environmental allergies should be documented in your child's medical records, along with pertinent medical history, such as asthma, previous seizure activity, anemia, previous surgeries.

Make sure your child has a recent physical exam. A history and physical exam is recommended to look for such things as significant heart murmurs, hernias, lung disease, sinusitis, diabetes or high blood pressure. Most camps require this type of examination and documentation.

What to be on the "look-out" for:

Swimmer's ear—otherwise known as "External Otitis," this painful ear canal infection occurs frequently after prolonged exposure to water (swimming, showering). Apparently, the normal skin lining breaks down, allowing bacteria to penetrate and start an infection. A solution of rubbing alcohol (90%) plus white vinegar (10%) flushed into the ear canal after swimming or showering will usually prevent the infection altogether. However, once an infection is active, antibiotics are required.

Tick bites/Lyme Disease—In 1975, a condition known as "Lyme Disease" was recognized (in Lyme, Conn.) as a potentially severe three-stage disorder transmitted to humans via ticks, usually transferred by white-tailed deer, white-footed mice or birds. These ticks harbor a spirochete-like organism known as Borrelia burgdorferi. The good news is that a tick usually has to be present for some time on your body to transmit the disease. The bad news is that the condition may be on the rise, is under-reported and may progress to stage three disease:

Stage One - a rash occurs in 75% of cases within 3 to 20 days after a tick bite. It is characterized by a red, raised area which spreads out from the bite site. The center of this rash may clear. Fever (up to 103 degrees), chills, malaise, stiff neck, headache and backache may occur as well.

Stage Two - After one week to four months, one or more joints may become painful and inflamed (arthritis). Knees, shoulders, elbows, ankles and wrists may be involved. Heart, central nervous system (brain), muscles and lymph system may also be involved.

Stage Three - If symptoms last greater than one year, this is considered Stage Three disease.

The most effective treatment for this disease is early antibiotic therapy. The most effective prevention is wearing protective clothing which covers all extremities, tick insecticides, looking for ticks on the skin and removing the tick in entirety as soon as possible.

Fish Stings—Jelly Fish, Portuguese Man-of-War and sea anemones (dead or alive) possess "toxin-containing" barbs on tentacles which may be ejected into the skin upon contact with a human. Scuba Diving, walking on the shore, or snorkeling may predispose a camper to these stings. Treatment should include removal of tentacles with a gloved hand only. Do not rub area, as more toxin may be released. Vinegar may inactivate the toxin.

Lionfish, Scorpion fish, and Stingrays have spines which cause local intense pain, but this can be controlled with non-scalding hot water (for 30-90 minutes), effectively inactivating a "heat-labile" toxin. Professional medical attention should be sought as soon as possible.

Spider Bites—Although many species of spiders exist, only two really deserve comment.

1. Brown Recluse - distinguished by brown, fuzzy body hair and a violin or pearshape on the back of its body. A bite by this spider usually causes local pain and skin destruction over a one or two day period. Fever, chills and nausea may occur two or three days after the initial bite. Seek medical attention as soon as possible.

2. Black Widow Spider - commonly characterized by shiny black body and a red hourglass-shaped marking on its abdomen. The Black Widow is found around houses in dry, dimly-lit places. A bite by this spider may feel like a pin prick, but within one hour, abdominal pain and muscular rigidity may occur, as well as fever, chills, nausea, vomiting, sweats and respiratory depression. Seek immediate medical attention.

Snake Bites—There are more than 8,000 snake bites annually in the U.S. Of these, approximately 12 people die each year, making snake bites a medical emergency. The venomous snakes can be divided into Pit Vipers (massasaugos, rattlesnakes, cottonmouths, copperheads and pigmy rattlesnakes) and Coral Snakes.

1. Pit Vipers - Soon after a Pit Viper bite, local pain and swelling develops, followed by muscle fasciculations, tingling, numbness around mouth with a metallic, minty or rubbery taste. Weakness, fainting, vomiting, chills, sweats and occasionally bleeding may occur.

Immediate treatment includes placing a broad constricting band (not a tight, thin tourniquet) proximal to the bite and splinting to immobilize the affected body part. Because identification of the snake is important, bring the dead snake (if able to safely capture) to an emergency facility. Anti-snake venom may be given in some cases.

2. Coral Snakes - Bites by Coral Snakes may cause abrupt symptoms but sometimes findings will be noticeable 10 hours later. Locally, pain may occur, and more generalized complaints such as drowsiness, shortness of breath, muscle incoordination, twitching, salivation, swallowing problems and occasional seizures may occur. Medical attention should be sought as soon as possible.

Wild Animal Bites—Human and domesticated animal bites can be problematic in terms of infection control and pain, but "wild" animal bites epitomize fear of the unknown, especially if the animal is unable to be captured for observation or analysis.

Human Rabies, a disease often characterized by irritability, breathing problems, disorientation, seizures and death, is probably the most dreaded complication of a wild animal bite. However, only 0-5 documented human rabies cases occur per year in the U.S. In fact, on a local level, the last case of human

rabies in Hillsborough County was 1948.

The following wild animals are to be considered rabid until proven otherwise: bats, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, bobcats and other carnivores.

These may be rabid and should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis: dogs, cats.

These animals are not usually considered capable of transmitting rabies: squirrels, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, chipmunks, rats, mice, other rodents, rabbits, hares, livestock.

If treatment is needed for rabies, post-exposure vaccination consists of five injections (spaced over 28 days) given in the arm or thigh muscle.

Make sure your child is aware of potentially rabid animals!

Contact Dermatitis—Many campers will be exposed to Poison Oak, Poison Ivy, Poison Sumac or similar "contact allergen". This itchy, blistering, allergic reaction is usually easy to diagnose and treat. Characteristically, these exposures show "linearity" (or blisters in a line), due to skin "brushing" against an offending leaf. Cortisone-like creams and antihistamines are the usual treatment options, but shots or pills are sometimes required in extensive cases.

Hopefully, the information provided in the preceding paragraphs will assist campers and their parents in having a safe as well as a fun-filled summer vacation.

(Jerry A. Wishik, M.D., P.A. is a Florida-licensed and Board Certified Internist, practicing in the Brandon area as Medical Director of Physician Care Walk-In Clinic.)

Mobile Watch

By LAWAYNE WYATT

Despite the fact we had 33 incidents reported during May, it was a quiet month. The log included six reports of cars in the parks after closing, two suspicious cars, five speeders/reckless driving, three illegal dumpings, a report of burglary suspects in the area, one home burglary, two abandoned vehicles, a broken lift station gate lock, one report of teens playing a car radio excessively loud, a teen party involving alcohol, several reports of a runaway girl, an unsecured rifle, a group of teens parked in the middle of the street, and four reports of activity at The Spot.

In at least two of the cases at The Spot, several people were given trespassing warnings by Deputies. For those who do not know it yet, the wooded area around The Spot is private property. It has been posted and the Sheriff's Office has increased patrols in the area. They are writing tickets for trespassing for anyone caught

in the area.

We have also seen two pickup trucks enter this area with a full load of brush and exit a short time later with an empty bed. When caught, these individuals will be cited for trespassing and illegal dumping.

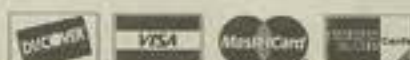
Last month, I reported a suspicious activity in which two females were seen videotaping a home. Another resident also reported a similar event. It all turned out to be very harmless. The Sheriff's Office traced the car tag and discovered the "suspects" were two Bloomingdale Senior High School girls working on a class report. Their assignment was to photograph community life activities in and around Bloomingdale. They readily admitted they had taken pictures in several areas, all of which correlated with reported events. We're glad it was harmless, although it would have been better if the girls had stopped and explained what they were doing.

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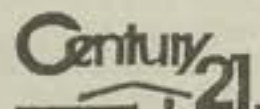
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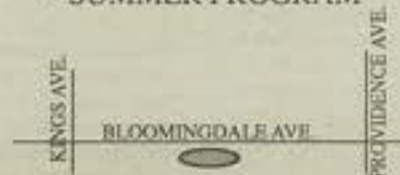
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Bloomingtondale Homes and Gardens...

Watch Out!... Curbs Ahead

BY JEFF DANIELS

In spite of our best intentions, we rarely live in any one house for more than five years. Whether it be for personal or professional reasons, we all eventually face the need to sell our home.

The decision to sell is only the first of many more to come. Such as "are you going to try and sell it yourself or hire a professional? at what price? what terms? and in what time frame?" to name a few.

Next, you will need to review your home's "curb appeal". That first impression will often determine how long it will take to sell and for how much. A good way to do this is to take a look at neighboring houses for sale and builders models. From the street is the paint fresh or faded? is the driveway clean or stained? is the

landscaping green and lush, or half dead? These questions may seem trivial, but a buyer will often take them as signs that the rest of the house is uninteresting or is not well cared for.

Now take a good look at your house using the same perspective. Does it give a good first impression? or better yet, would you buy it? If not you will need to take some steps to correct the areas in need of attention. Money spent on these improvements, whether it be a few dollars spent on cleaners or hundreds spent on professional landscaping, it is money well spent if it separates your house from the rest. In today's flooded housing market it is more important than ever to give a good first impression!

Jeff Daniels is a Bloomingtondale resident and local realtor with Sun Cove Realty, member of National Association of Realtors.

10th ANNIVERSARY FATHER'S DAY FISHING TOURNAMENT

Gulfwind Marine supports the Tampa Bay Wildlife Federation 10th Anniversary Fishing Tournament by paying the fee for captains of Sea Ray entries into this Father's Day event, June 20, 1992.

This 10th Anniversary Tournament features fifty tagged catfish released into Tampa Bay. The lucky angler who catches one of these fish will win a prize, one of which may be the \$10,000 grand prize. Owners of Sea Ray boats purchased at Gulfwind Marine need only call Sherri at (813) 536-9489 to register. Entry reimbursement is limited.

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A SPRINKLE A DAY...

BY BOB POYNTON

Bloomingtondale residents have many options to make and keep their lawns and gardens looking great. Many homeowners choose to do the yard work themselves as this kind of work is very rewarding. The problem is how best to do all the work needed.

This monthly column will help the "Do It Yourself" gardener schedule and complete some of the work items necessary for a good looking lawn and garden.

As water is a necessary element for lush lawns and shrubs, a properly calibrated sprinkler system is important. (A sprinkler system itself may or may not

be needed, but if you have one and use it, you should have it properly calibrated) Take 7 or 8 empty tuna cans (any flat bottom, wide-mouth can will do) and put them randomly in one of your sprinkler zones. Run the zone for exactly 15 minutes. Add the water collected together and divide by the number of cans used; then multiply by 4 to determine the average amount of water your system puts down in one hour. On average, you should put down 3/4" per watering.

Next month, we will look at options for your sprinkler system that can save you money, especially during the summer rainy season.



Allison Jordan picks her salad.

Teach your kids to Grow a Pizza!

BY MARY
COLLISTER

Gardening is one of the most rewarding hobbies you can teach children. It is an activity they can participate in throughout their lives. Gardening allows children to witness the miracle of growth and development. Just remember not to tell your child that the gardening experience is actually educational!

When getting your child initially interested, start small and think about those plants that will be easily successful. In Florida, now is the opportune time to get the entire family out in the garden.

Make the first gardening experience fun and easy and watch them come back for more! Ask your kids if they are ready to "grow" a pizza and be prepared for the funny looks on their faces. Have the kids make a list of their favorite pizza toppings. Now the cheese and

meat products you will still buy at the store, but if they like the sauce (tomatoes), peppers or onions you can grow these in your garden. You can also grow the herbs; garlic and basil, for the sauce.

One tomato plant will give you plenty of fruit for enough sauce for a number of pizzas. Pick a sauce variety for the best results. Let the kids pick out the plant from the nursery. Start with a strong healthy seedling. Plant in a sunny area in your garden or grow in a container. Give the kids instructions on how to take care of the plant and then leave them on their own. Keep the soil moist. Help mix liquid fertilizer and use this every two weeks.

Whether you grow bell or hot peppers they are cultivated the same way as the tomato. Once again, just get one plant so your young gardener is not overwhelmed. Teach your kids to keep an eye out for insects. With just one or two plants most pests will be easy to remove from the plant by hand or use water pressure from the hose to wash them away.

Onions are most easily grown from sets. Look at your nursery. A hand full will take little space and provide abundant amounts. As with the tomato and pepper plants, you don't have to prepare a separate vegetable garden. You can tuck your pizza ingredients here or there in your landscape. Garlic is grown from bulbs also.

Look for herbs at a full service nursery. Herbs will continue to grow and produce for you even after you have finished your pizza project. Keep well watered throughout the summer.

See PIZZA,
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CRAFT SHOW ENTRIES WANTED

The Temple Terrace Junior Woman's Club is now accepting applications for exhibitors for their 4th Annual Craft and Collectible Show to be held under the oaks at the Woodmont Clubhouse Park on September 19th. The show is being sponsored by W101-FM Radio and Crystal Water Company. For more information call Faye Reichert at 985-2356. For an application send a self-addressed envelope to TTJWC, P.O. Box 16206, Temple Terrace, FL 33687.



THINGS TO DO IN JUNE

- Summer flowers to plant— celosia coleus, impatiens, marigolds, salvia, periwinkle and zinnias.
- Apply mulches to continue summer weed control
- Look for mole crickets in bahia grass, and chinch bugs in St. Augustine grass.
- Pinch back tips of new shrub growth to develop bushier plants.

Bob Poynton is owner of Shamrock Lawn & Garden, and is certified by the American Lawn Maintenance Association. Your questions and comments are welcome. Send them to "Hey Bob!" 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Rd. Valrico, FL 33594.

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Burns Students Honored

Burns Junior High School's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) inducted 60 new members on Thursday, April 23. Faculty members judged students on scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Inductees have attended Burns for at least one semester and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.75. New HS members are as follows:

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School News

BLOOMINGDALE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The National Hispanic Scholar Awards Program has awarded Bloomingdale senior Sylvia L. Maldonado a \$1,500 scholarship and senior Mark W. Gibson an Honorable Mention Award of \$100. The students were selected from among 3,200 semi-finalists.

Bloomingdale Senior High School teacher Peggy Barr received this year's Hillsborough Vocational Association's Outstanding Teacher Award.

Bloomingdale Senior High School students appearing in Who's Who Among American High School Students honored their favorite teachers this year by voting them into Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

The following teachers were selected:

Clyde Trathowen, history; Ron Yoder, geometry and computer science; Bonnie Herzog, social studies; Dan Barr, English and journalism; Dilia Fernandez, Spanish; Barbara Ramsey, advanced placement American History; Linda Peters, English; Karen Chernoff, advanced world history.

This year's keynote speaker at Bloomingdale Senior High School's Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 31st, delivered a special message to 1992 graduates. Dilia Maria Fernandez, the 1989 BSHS valedictorian and a recent Harvard graduate, encouraged students to strive for their goals in life.

"One must always take advantage of every opportunity that comes along," Fernandez said. "Opportunity is created."



Sue Harbridge, owner of Mail Boxes Etc., is pictured with Bloomingdale graduate Eric Zwygart, winner of the second annual MBE scholarship.

Business Notes



Roger and Kimberly Rivard with children, from left, Emily, Connor and Cade.

JAMES PONTIAC

Roger and Kimberly Rivard, along with their three children, Emily, Cade and Connor, are one of Bloomingdale's newest families. The Rivards, fresh from the Motor City, are the new owners of James Pontiac/GMC Truck, Inc.

Roger is a CPA and former general manager for the largest Pontiac/GMC dealership in the world, Causley Pontiac in St. Clemens, MI, and honored to be a member of the Brandon business community.

Kimberly, a former teacher and state championship cheerleading coach in Michigan, not only loves raising her children in the Sunshine State, but is overwhelmed by the kindness and helpfulness of her new friends and neighbors.

Emily is in kindergarten at Nativity School, and enjoys horseback riding and gymnastics. Cade and Connor are loving the Florida sunshine.

The Rivards look forward to lots of community involvement and to building many lasting friendships in the Brandon area.

THE GREAT BAY TRADING COMPANY

This unique emporium has recently relocated to the Bloomingdale Square Mall and is open 7 days a week. It features a complete line of Fuller Brush Products, and Personal Care Items from around the world, including a complete line of Caswell Massey Apoth-

ecary and personal products, plus Pinaud from France. A wide range of professional kitchen accessories for the discriminating cook is also available from around the world...even gourmet foods, such as Vermont maple syrup and sharp cheddar cheese from a 40 lb. wheel.

The Great Bay Trading Company was formerly located near Rooster's, and if you haven't been in to see their wide array of products you're really missing out! Linda Mason and Mary Vaughan, the company managers, invite you to bring in this article and receive a 10% discount on your total purchase! Stop in soon.

LOVE CREATIONS

A new country crafts and collectibles shop has opened in Bloomingdale Square offering residents charming handcrafted items in a cozy setting.

The name of this delightful store is Love Creations, and that is exactly what customers will find inside. Owners Teresa and Vincent Harwood go out of their way to find unique accessories and gifts, including some home-made

by family members!

The merchandise is made up of handcrafted items as well as collectible bears, porcelain dolls, baby and wedding gifts, gourmet gift baskets and more.

Love Creations is open Monday thru Saturday, 10 am to 8 pm, and Sundays noon to 5 pm.

Let The Games Begin



Science Olympiad: Back row, 1 to r, K. Sutterfield, C. Vanderburg, D. Watkins, P. McLane, J. Berninger, M. Gilcrest; 2nd row, 1 to r, J. Faust, J. Taylor, M. Ellis, D. Serret, G. Irizarry; 1st row, 1 to r, C. Cowan, L. Rivers, F. Lin, R. Stafford and Marian Marley, sponsor.

by TANYA SZAFRANSKI with FRANCES LIN

On May 14-17, 1992, fifteen students from Bloomingdale Senior High School attended the 1992 Science Olympiad at Auburn University in Alabama. The Science Olympiad is a national non-profit organization devoted to boosting the quality of science education and increasing student interest through competition.

These students served as Florida's representatives in the 48 state Olympiad. They competed in events such as the BioProcess, Physics and Chemistry Labs, Bridge Building, and Science Bowl. Participant Frances Lin called the Olympiad "an opportunity to explore. We also met other people—the best of

the nation—and had fun exchanging knowledge and ideas."

Although the county had no money to offer the science team, area businesses contributed more than \$2,000, enabling the team to travel to Alabama.

Mrs. Marley acknowledged, "We'd like to thank our supporters who invested in the futures of these students."

Among the supporters were: Red's Sporting Goods, Lang Engineering, Morehouse Financial Services, Love Creations Gift Shop, Tina's Jewelry, United Safety and Abatement Supplies, The President's Roundtable, Oliver and Company P.A., Primrose and Oliver, and Bear Auto.

quickly cultivate a gardener. Encourage the children to weed and water the garden when needed but don't push. Be prepared to assist. When it comes time to harvest and prepare their pizza the kid's interest will once again peak.

Now, wasn't that easy. In fact you may want to grow a side dish to accompany your pizza.

Other contributors included The Brandon Homemakers Club, The Brandon Chamber of Commerce, Drapeman Textile Outlet, Distinctive Floral Designs of Bloomingdale, Don Bua Allstate, Mail Boxes Etc., Tate's Athletics, Pat's Place, Video Fair, Parent Advisory Board, Cassidy's, Nelson One-hour Martinizing, MacRiley Homes, GTE Tampa South, Cargill Fertilizer, Winn Dixie, Brandon Academy, Graybar Electric, First Union Bank, Southern Hospitality Wholesale and Retail, Brandon Chrysler-Plymouth, Field's Art and Framing, Baskin Robbins 31 Flavors, and appropriately enough, Teacher's Helper.

za. What about adding a salad? Just throw in some lettuce and a few carrots and you've completed the meal!

MARY COLLISTER is the author of "MiniGreenThumb: A Collection of Horticultural Activities for Children." To order send \$8.95 to Grapevine Communications, 2830 Timber Knoll Dr., Valrico, FL 33594 or call 684-1050. Mrs. Collister will be teaching children's gardening classes at Center Place in Brandon starting June 30. Call 685-8888 for info.

BURNS JUNIOR HIGH

Burns Junior High ninth graders displayed a healthy outlook on life at the third annual school health fair on May 14. Students showed videos, hung posters and designed booths to represent the American Cancer Society, S.A.D.D./M.A.D.D., body fat testing, The American Heart Assoc., stress management, CPR, AIDS, and blood pressure screening. Health teacher Gail Butler sponsored the event.

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Kelly Reeves and Erin Dobrzanski celebrate the Festival of States at Alafia Elementary on May 21.

NEWS
from page 11

The Burns math team competed in the county championships at King High School on April 28. The algebra team won first place while student Leonard Jacobson finished third as an individual. The geometry team earned third place, while Sean Taylor placed first and Mark Streufert placed tenth individually.

An understanding of American economics paid off for Christine Nickerson and Ryan Hrvatin, Burns ninth graders. Christine won a \$200 savings bond and first place in an essay contest sponsored by the University of South Florida and the Florida Council on Economic Education. Ryan placed second in the contest about the American free enterprise system.

ALAFIA
ELEMENTARY

Sixteen of Alafia Elementary's 33 entrants in the 1991-92 cultural arts Reflections Program moved on to the state competition.

Congratulations to Ronda J. Norman for her Honorable Mention award in the Literature Prose category on the state level.

PROGRESS
VILLAGE

Congratulations to Jaime Melton who received third place in the Reflections Literature Poetry category on the district level.

More than 500 students attended the Progress Village Annual Folk Festival on May 29. This year's event featured performing students and the well-known Medieval Society.

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Travel Back in time:
Visit St. Augustine

Looking for a family vacation or a weekend away for just the two of you? Just 3-1/2 hours away via I-95, US1 and Hwy A1A is the crown jewel of "Florida's First Coast"...St. Augustine.

St. Augustine was founded Sept. 8, 1565, 42 years before the English colonized Jamestown and 55 years before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. Founded by Spanish sea captain Don Pedro Menendez de Aviles, the city was the first continuously inhabited European settlement in the U.S.

St. Augustine's history and resort attractions draw over one million visitors per year! That's because there are so many things to see and do here.

As the nation's oldest city, this is where some of America's oldest buildings can be found. *The Oldest House*, a National Historic

Landmark, dates back to at least 1727. *The Oldest Wooden Schoolhouse* was built during the first Spanish occupation before the American Revolution, and now houses related period artifacts as well as copies of books from which the pupils studied. A varied collection of more than 100,000 momentos of yesteryear can be seen at *The Oldest Store Museum*.

St. Augustine is the home of more than five museums, including the elegant Lightner Museum, the former Hotel Alcazar, which houses one of the largest collections of American Brilliant Period cut crystal as well as exhibits of natural history and American, European and Oriental art.

The children will enjoy life-like replicas of more than 170 history-making people at Potter's Wax Museum, the first wax mu-

seum founded in the U.S. The museum has been recognized worldwide for authenticity and unique costuming.

For recreation, choose from some of the finest golf courses on the east coast, as well as the oldest course in Florida (designed in 1916 by Donald Ross, the Ponce de Leon Golf and Conference Center).

Tennis buffs are offered twenty two municipal courts which offer lighted evening play and give the visitor a good chance at court time.

There is always something to "catch" in St. Johns County, and St. Augustine offers great fresh-water fishing. The Camachee Island Open Fishing Tournament August 14-15 at Camachee Cove Yacht Harbor gives fishing enthusiasts a chance to hook a winner! Sailing charters and boat rentals are readily available.

Boat owners are invited to help enlighten Matanzas Bay in early December during St. Augustine's annual Holiday Regatta of Lights, a bright seasonal tradition.

Or...just relax and enjoy St. Augustine Beach, situated on Anastasia Island, separating the mainland from the Atlantic Ocean. This barrier island comprises a major portion of St. Johns County's 43 miles of oceanfront.

Very reasonably priced are sightseeing tours...walking, by train, by boat, by trolley, by carriage. Attractions include the historic area, dolphin shows, the Lighthouse Museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, the historic Spanish Quarter, the Cross and Sword (a play which is presented by the city from June through Au-



Historic St. George Street in St. Augustine's restored area where living history is recreated.

gust depicting the origins of the city), Zorayda Castle and, of course, the Fountain of Youth!...a ticket for adults to this last attraction is only \$4, much less than a visit to the cosmetics counter and lots more fun!

Satisfy your appetite for atmosphere at some of the many fine eating establishments in and around the historic areas and beaches. When it comes to ambiance, these restaurants rate five stars! Along a cobblestone street you will happen by a place called Monk's Vineyard, where a monk may serve you lunch. Or enjoy a Spanish serenade, dine in an elegant turn of the century home or feed the fish while you wait for your meal...lots of fun, interesting and delicious places to visit.

No matter what your budget or lifestyle, visiting St. Augustine offers many options for sweet dreams. In the heart of the old city, bed and breakfast inns offer old-fashioned warmth and the personal touch known in days gone by. There's something special about sleeping where history was made.

Accommodations vary from campgrounds (where you may bring your own RV to beautiful, scenic parks) to The Marriott at Sawgrass Resort (the home of the

second largest golf course in the U.S. and which is bordered by 2-1/2 miles of shell-white beach).

Visits to St. Augustine or any of scores of other wonderful Florida locations can be enhanced by staying at a small and historic lodging rather than a standard motel. The costs are comparable to chain motels and hotels in a given area, but what you generally gain is a lot of personality, personalized service and an ambiance that would make it worth twice the price.

An excellent reference for anyone who likes weekend getaways is Herbert Hiller's *Guide to the Small and Historic Lodgings of Florida*, Third Edition.

Make your plans and reservations soon for the most delightful vacation ever! Contact your travel agent for more details, and "get away from it all" in beautiful, historic St. Augustine.

(Special thanks to Brenda Roth of St. Augustine/St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce for materials and photos. More information is available to you at the Bloomingdale Community Office.)



The Gonzalez-Alvarez House, known as "the oldest house", was built in the early 1700's with alterations during the Spanish & English colonial periods.



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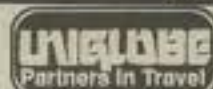
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School Districts Clarified

By GWEN SZAFRANSKI

The *Bloomington Gazette* received several inquiries from parents of Brooker Elementary students reassigned to the new Lithia Springs Elementary concerning the students' progression sequence in the future. As residents of Bloomington West, they expressed concern that their children would be bused out of the Bloomington area to the south Plant City area for middle school and high school.

According to Sheron Beauchamp, Attendance Area Specialist, those students who reside south of Bloomington, west of Bell Shoals and east of John Moore will continue on to Progress Village, Booker T. Washington, Burns Junior High and Bloomington Senior High schools. There is no plan to send these students to the new South Plant City High School when it is built.

At present, the county is slowly working towards the Cluster Plan that would have sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from Bloomington West

sent to Burns Junior High School and ninth graders channeled to Bloomington Senior High School; however, this plan will not be realized for at least six years.

Although continual increases in area student populations are a variable, Beauchamp stated that changes to this plan are "...very, very slim."

Confusion to area parents may be caused by the fact that Lithia Elementary students residing in Mason Oaks, Lithia Ridge, Riverhills, And Tevalo Hills are scheduled for the progression to the south Plant City area.

Beauchamp commented that property for the new school had recently been purchased, and it would be three full years before construction is completed for the 1996 - 1997 school year. Even then, the school may open under capacity and may not affect the Bloomington cluster area at all, she added.

Beauchamp was pleased to announce the site of the new school, which will be located by the proposed Bloomington Avenue extension close to Valrico.



Students mourn the loss of education funds at a mock funeral at Chamberlain High School on May 30.

"I'll have to go to summer school, so I'll graduate late," Kelly said.

Many students and teachers have questioned how the education budget could be in such bad shape when the Florida lottery was supposed to help fund education.

Principal Harris admitted that while the lottery does give a portion of its profits to the school system, the amount is not enough to keep the state's education at an acceptable level.

"It's not funding education the way it was intended," he said.

"It just seems that the money the lottery generates should be used for what it was originally earmarked. It needs to be enrichment. It needs to be additional funding," said Juan Saye Harris.

Mrs. Harris believes that one way to improve the situation in Florida's schools is for students, parents, and teachers to let congress know how angry they are about the cuts in education.

"Educators need to have membership in their professional organizations for representation. Parents and students need to voice their concerns to school board

members and legislators," she said. "This state and this country...need to be more focused on education...and [they are] not."

Cuts in available classes, teachers, and extracurricular activities have left Burns Junior High School Guidance Counselor David Cone not knowing what to expect next year.

"This is something entirely new in my [30 years] experience. I haven't seen things this bad before," Cone said.

"You get to a point where it's extremely difficult to provide effective instruction."

Cone encouraged community members to attack

the budget problem by writing their legislators.

"I think the most important thing is to let the members of the state legislature know how they feel," he said.

Bloomington sophomore Robin Stafford agreed that students should voice their opinions about the budget crisis, and she also encouraged parents to get involved in their children's education.

"I think we definitely need for the parents to speak out more. The school board has no idea what we want unless we tell them," Stafford said. "The school board needs to re-evaluate its priorities. Education comes first!"

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scholars are currently required to earn 26 credits at graduation. If this requirement remains, these students would have to attend summer school to earn extra credits not offered during the regular school year, Mrs. Harris said. In addition, other students would have to work harder to graduate at all.

"The kids who are not strong academic students, they're worried because if they fail anything, they're looking at summer school or night school," she said.

Although she has a little until she graduates, Burns eighth grader Melissa Merkle is already concerned about how she will get all the classes she needs in time.

"I think it would burn me if I had to work harder for my credits," she said.

More immediately affected are Bloomington seniors Michael Mitchell and Kevin Kelly.

"I don't have my full 19 academic credits," Mitchell said. "If they cut it (schedule) down a class, then I can't make it."

Keep Children Safe At Play

by DR. JOHN OKUN

Part One of Three
School vacation is almost upon us. Many children will spend their summer at camps, day care centers, playgrounds or on neighborhood swing sets. With few simple precautions, any playground related accidents and injuries can be avoided.

In 1990, over 250,000 children under the age of 15 were treated at emergency rooms and other facilities throughout the country for injuries sustained at a playground. Nearly 72% of these injuries involved some type of fall from playground equipment either landing on the ground or striking a piece of equipment.

falls are by far the most common type of playground accident. Therefore, to insure a healthy and safe summer and to make

playgrounds safer all year round, certain simple precautions can be made to help prevent falls and lessen the severity of any injuries.

Of course, whatever precautions we as parents may take children will continue to slip, lose their grip and lose their balance while playing on monkey bars, merry-go-rounds, swings, seesaws, tree houses, forts, trampolines and many other types of recreational equipment. Often the injury is caused not so much by the fall to the ground but by striking a piece of playground equipment on the way down.

In choosing a safe play area for your child, one must look at three major factors...playground surface, playground design and most importantly, equipment installation and maintenance.

In this article, we will consider playground surface.

The type of surface of a playground is probably the most important factor in determining the incidence and severity of injuries to children.

It is obvious that hard surfaces such as asphalt, concrete or gravel will result in much more severe injuries to a falling child. These are obviously not suitable as a playground surface.

The best materials to reduce injuries are soft surfaces such as wood, mulch or chips, shredded tires, rubber tile or sand.

In most instances, soil, packed dirt, grass or astro turf are less advisable. Their shock absorbing ability can be greatly affected by weather conditions, compaction of the material and general wear and tear.

These precautions as well as proper playground design and maintenance will certainly not stop children from falling from playground equipment. They will, however, lessen the severity of any injury and hopefully prevent the majority of trips to emergency rooms and to the doctor.

Certainly, any self respecting five year old can defeat almost any safety device or circumvent any safety rules at a playground. Our goal as parents, physicians and playground directors is to minimize the damage that these children will do to themselves while just having a good time.

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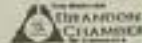
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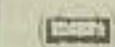
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