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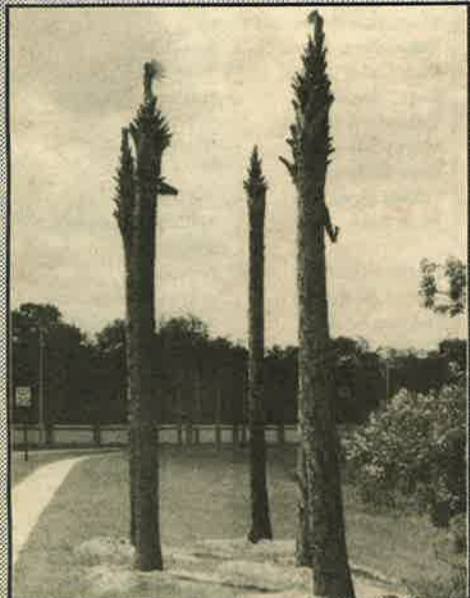
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Sabal palms now dot the curves along Nature's Way as part of the STD's beautification project. An additional 50 trees will be planted this month.

Why The Trees Have No Fronds And Other Beautification News

by Rozel Sciulli

They point skyward as if summoning up a UFO, according to one Bloomingdale resident, referring to the newly planted Sabal palms that are dressing up Nature's Way.

But, what's wrong with this picture? Where are the feathered green fronds that typically crown these majestic trees? Cut off! Hacked at the base, and all for the good of these towering monocots indigenous to Florida.

Project beautification has begun with the initial planting of 55 of the 225 trees that will eventually grace the community, according to Rick Pitrowski, president of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District.

Property manager Greg Atkinson explains that the central bud of the trees must be protected. By sheering the fronds, the "dead weight" is eliminated, because in transplanting the trees, the fronds "always die."

"In the old days, they used to tie up the fronds around the bud," said Atkinson, "but they would die and have to be removed. Taking off the fronds before the tree is planted eliminates pruning afterwards."

Atkinson added that loss of nutrients and water is also prevented. For the first month, the new trees require about 10 gallons of water a day. The recent heavy rains have helped with that need, and the proof is evidenced in the new fronds that are already sprouting.

Currently the trees adorn the curves of Nature's Way between Alafia Elementary and Park East, plus at the end of the entrances to Greenhollow and Glenhaven. Fifty more trees will be added this month, also in East.

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Neighborhood Involvement Initiated

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will soon take part in a training session that will teach them how to look for and respond to county code violations within the community as part of the county's Neighborhood Involvement Program.

Headed by BHA member Brian Goblen, the new committee will perform drive-by inspections of an area each has been assigned to cover within the Bloomingdale community. Their job will be

to identify code violations such as overgrown lawns, trash or rubbish in yards and inoperable vehicles. The local committee would then serve the resident with the initial notice of the code violation, and the county would then respond within 72 hours.

The county hopes that through this program, the response time to residents' concerns will be expedited.

The BHA is looking for volunteers to take part in the training class, and interested residents may call Goblen at 620-0828.

BHA Membership Drive Underway

by Rozel Sciulli

Bloomingdale residents will begin receiving their 1994 Annual Dues Notice from the Homeowners' Association during the next few weeks. Already several hundred notices have been mailed, according to board member Ted Grable.

Residents are encouraged to read the contents of the mail-out carefully, as the BHA has included new and interesting information in this year's membership packet.

Of particular interest to residents will be a brochure that explains the difference between deed restriction violations and county code violations. The informational pamphlet also includes important phone numbers and procedures to follow for filing complaints in the event of a violation.

The board has also included a community survey on the reverse side of the

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dues notice. Residents are asked to complete the brief survey, which addresses community issues such as traffic control and parks and recreation.

"The BHA would like to know what residents think about issues," said Grable, who added that the responses will help the BHA set its goals and programs for the year.

According to Grable, if one household wishes to furnish a survey response from each spouse, a copy may be made and submitted. He asked that residents include their address on the survey form.

The \$20 in dues are for the calendar year, 1994. Residents who are renters are asked to forward the dues notice to the homeowner, and new residents should contact the Community Office at 681-205 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. with their name and address.

STD Looks At Improving Local Security

by Rozel Sciulli

"Violent crime is real and people want protection from it," said Col. Ron Poindexter of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department. And, while, Bloomingdale doesn't rate as one of the county's crime hot-spots, the area's Special Taxing District has plans in the works to make the community a safer place to live.

STD president Rick Pitrowski met recently with Poindexter and other Sheriff Department officials to find out what it would take to provide 24-hour patrols in Bloomingdale East and West.

"If the STD can feasibly provide this type of security to our residents, then we're going to make every attempt to make it possible," said Pitrowski. What needs to be determined, according to Pitrowski, is the number of hours a day patrols will be used, and if residents are willing to pass, by vote on a referendum, an increase in non-ad valorem taxes to pay for these services.

Homeowners currently pay \$80 of their non-ad valorem taxes to the STD, a tax that has never been increased since its inception in 1985.

"We don't need a tax increase to continue with the services the STD is currently providing, however, if residents want the additional services of security, then it's something we'll have to take a look at," explained Pitrowski.

According to Poindexter, it will cost \$19 per hour to hire off-duty deputies to patrol the neighborhoods, of

which \$2 goes to the county for administrative services.

"For an additional \$1 per week, the STD can provide 24-hour patrols for our community," said Pitrowski, adding that the plan calls for deputies to patrol every interior street of the neighborhoods three times a day, be a presence in and monitor the parks, and reduce response time in the

event of an emergency.

"Hillsborough County does an outstanding job," he said, "but because of limited resources, they can't provide us with the security we expect."

"Bloomingdale's very large tax base supports the sheriff's department in lower income areas, so our contribution is diluted."

Poindexter explained that the addition of off-duty patrols would not take away the regular duty deputy assigned to the sector that includes Bloomingdale.

In the event of an emergency, according to Poindexter, the paid patrol would be the first to respond, but would return to his patrol when the deputy on assignment arrived.

"You would be enhancing the protection in your area," said Poindexter, who added that the only time the off-duty patrol would be called

Residents Speak Out

Security and safety issues are of paramount concern to area residents according to a random, man-on-the-street survey conducted last month by *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

Over 85% of those interviewed would be willing to pay additional non-ad valorem taxes to the Special Taxing District for increased security.

An overwhelming majority of the residents interviewed feel that crime in Bloomingdale is on the rise, with only 14% responding that crime is not a problem in the community.



A sheriff's response time should not be more than 3 minutes. - Gail Wood, The Greens



Definitely, yes, there has been an increase in crime. - Pat DeMarinis, Bloomingdale Estates



There's been a rise in juvenile crime, theft. - Joanne Francis, East



We feel safe here, but the park is getting pretty rough. - Steve Madison, Chadds Ford



I've never seen a deputy patrolling my street. - Jay Silverstein, East



I would agree to a tax increase if it meant more security. - Diane Buchelt, East

away would be in a life-threatening emergency.

Should the plan be implemented, Bloomingdale would be the first community to take advantage of a statute that

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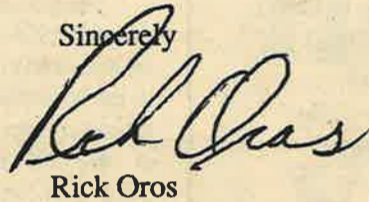
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Rick Oros

Notice

The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District will be open on May 9th from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. to answer any questions.

The office is located at 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Suite 101, Valrico in the Royal Oaks Shopping Plaza.

Picnic Will Rekindle Community Spirit

Some of my favorite towns have squares right in the middle where the towns' folk gather. All the commerce in town takes place around the square. Children run around the 100-year old trees that stand as sentries around the fountain where a young couple sits and dreams of tomorrows yet to come. The seniors of the town sit on park benches discussing politics and turning a curved eyebrow up at the teenagers not the least bit shy in making their presence known.

Mostly what I like best about town squares is that they are traditionally where the community celebrates their oneness. Whether at arts and crafts festivals or at a Fourth of July picnic, for several special occasions a year, the people of the community come together.

Bloomingdale, a community of over 10,000 residents, is larger than most small towns. And while we don't have a town square, there is a need for our residents to gather in fellowship and good time. If for no other reason, than to recognize that we are indeed a community.

On Saturday, June 11, we will have that opportunity.

Several residents including *Gazette* president Rick Oros, BHA board members Ted Grable and Jeff Campbell, and the STD's Joe Liguori have set out to renew the community picnics of old.

It will be a day filled with family fun on the grounds of Park West. Activities are planned for children and food and beverage will be served. Organizers will have public service displays from county agencies and

the parks and recreation center folks have offered their assistance in planning games and providing equipment.

But more than planned activity, it is a chance to visit with neighbors. Not the

one's on your street. Your community neighbors. The ones with whom you share this community and its concerns as well as its accomplishments. What a great chance to renew old acquaintances and welcome newcomers.

It's an opportunity to give your children a sense of community, renewing pride that instills responsibility.

We may not have a town square, but we have a town. Let's all set aside whatever keeps us busy on Saturdays to ring in the summer and help bring back the Renewed Community Picnic.

The children can run around the trees. Young couples can stroll hand-in-hand thinking about a thousand tomorrows. The seniors of our community can discuss politics and raise their eyebrows at our teenagers who surely will make their presence known.

Come, join the fun.

It promises to be whatever you make of it.

Our Times

by Rozel Sciulli

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MEETINGS

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

Bloomingdale Special Taxing District
Second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA Board of Directors

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

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District

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

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch

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

A Letter To The Community

Dear Bloomingdale Residents:

Heartfelt thanks to all Bloomingdale residents that donated food, clothing, toys, and money for the Malkin Family. Steve and Paula Malkin lost everything they owned in a house fire on the night of March 3rd. The fire started in the fireplace, but was fully engulfed by the time firefighters arrived.

Due to the wind conditions that night, it took very experienced firefighters to control the fire and keep it from spreading. On behalf of all the neighbors in Bloomingdale Oaks, we want to thank all the firefighters who participated in the call. We are truly grateful for your courageous efforts.

The Malkins moved here in December from Ohio. They were amazed by the outpouring of love and compassion by the community. We thank everyone who gave them clothes and food within hours after the fire. The response from the Alafia PTA and teachers is also greatly appreciated.

The Malkin family has truly been blessed by the Lord to have their three children, Doug, Greg and Valerie, safe and to have a neighborhood that really pulls together when a tragedy takes place.

Thanks,
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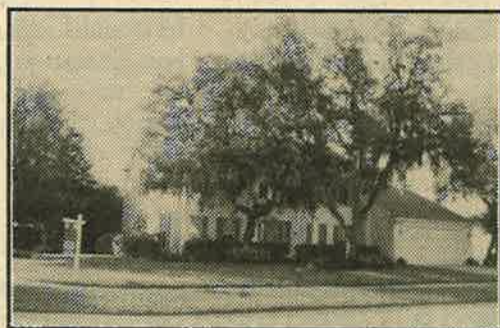
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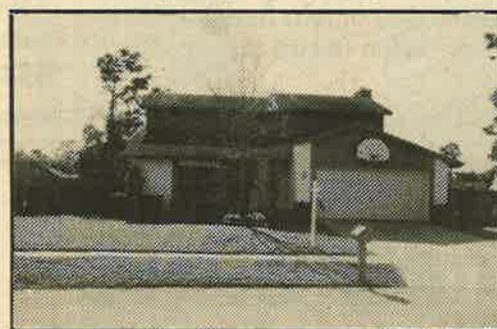
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by Yolanda Boronell
**Memorial Day:
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One night last week, I was flipping through the television channels searching for something to view, something to learn, something to feed my mind, when I came across a documentary on the Civil War. I settled back into my chair and began to watch the show. As the story unfolded, I became more and more interested, more and more drawn into the events and turmoil of that desperate, dark time in American history. A time when Americans fought Americans, a time when brothers fought brothers.

As I experienced these feelings, I became overwhelmed by a profound sense of respect for the soldiers who had courageously given their lives for this great country. At that moment in time, I was proud to be an American and shall always give honor to those who pledge and fight to keep America free.

This month, our nation will celebrate, honor, and recognize the courageous and heroic men and women who have died so we can all live in democracy.

On May 30, Memorial Day, pay special tribute to those who have fallen so that this great nation may stand. Honor their worthy contributions so that we never forget the price we have all paid for this precious thing we call freedom.

Navy Recruiting Activity

"I look for quality when I recruit," said Petty Officer First Class Bruce Taylor, and quality is what he has found

in the young men and women who are joining the United States Navy.

Sister and brother, Alana and Ariel Castro have both chosen the Navy to begin their careers. Ariel recently completed basic training and now has orders to serve in Japan. Older sister Alana left for basic training in April and up completion, she'll study to become a hospital corpsman. Their parents are Bloomingdale East residents Freddie and Mattie Castro.

Taylor, the Navy recruiter for this area, works with possible enlistees in Bloomingdale and Valrico, with approximately 10 to 12 students recruited from BSHS each year.

Andre Brown, an East resident, graduated from Bloomingdale, entered the Navy, completed basic training, and is now on active duty.

Right now, there are several new recruits waiting to leave for basic training. Local resident Christopher Kwiecinski, will leave for basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., in July. Chris has a guaranteed job and school loan in the medical field. After basics, he will attend the Hospital Corpsman School.

Another recruit, Thomas Albright, will arrive at basic training in June. Thomas is in the accelerated, advance program and will work with the elite Air Crew.

Also leaving in June is Tenecia Taylor. She will join her sister in the Navy as a data processor after basics.

Many Navy enlistees go on to over 70 technical vocations after initial training, but according to Taylor, "the Navy provides more than just technical jobs; there are college programs as well."

Andres Diaz, is awaiting his scholarship program results. He aced his entry test and will be working towards a degree in Nuclear Engineering.

"The Navy promotes higher education and can be a stepping stone to a variety of careers," said Taylor, who has

been a recruiter for 13 years, working in this area since 1992.

"All of the (new recruits) are quality individuals, and the Navy is still hiring quality people."

9313th Serving The Community

When the moving wall exhibit, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, came to Brandon recently, Bloomingdale's JROTC color guard team was there to participate in the recognition ceremonies.

The team presented the massing of colors for this event. In attendance were Cadet 2nd Lt. Chris Lee; color guard commander, Cadet Staff Sgt. Anson Hurt; Cadet Master Sgt. Brian Morbach, Cadet Sgt. Dustin Braswell, and Cadet 2nd Lt. Chris Opalenik.

Ask Your Vet



Fleas: Preventing The Problem Makes More Sense

by Harry Vildibill, D.V.M.

The flea cases I get from my clients are commonly those cases where the flea problem has gotten completely out of hand.

The pet is severely infested and suffering. The owner is frustrated, exasperated, even alarmed. And fleas are everywhere - on the pet, in the carpet, on the furniture, and biting the pet owner.

These cases of severe flea infestation are regrettable for three reasons. First, the pet itself is miserable. Also, the pet may develop allergic dermatitis and anemia, and a flea infestation can lead to tapeworms. Second, the pet owner typically has used collars, shampoos, sprays, and dusts that have failed. And third, a good deal of expense has been incurred in a futile effort.

Even so, flea problems can be prevented.

Once a flea infestation problem is out of control, treatment includes the pet, the house and yard. This involves spraying the house, including closets, and under furniture and cushions where you can reach; vacuuming twice, sealing and discarding the vacuum bag, and fogging in carpeted rooms.

The yard also should be sprayed. And areas that the pet frequents should be cleaned up.

Actually, the extreme measures necessary to treat a severe infestation shouldn't be necessary. Flea problems can be prevented, ask your vet about effective products that are available.

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Around Bloomingdale



by Marcy MacKenzie

Once again, we celebrate the women who give us the greatest gift of all - unconditional love. It isn't very hard to think of all the wonderful things mothers do for us everyday. Many things get overlooked, so here are a few reminders of all the things on which Mom is expected to have expert knowledge.

Mom is a

- baby feeder, changer, bather, rocker, burper, hugger and listener to crying and fussing
- picker-upper
- comforter, counselor, mediator, motivator
- linguistic expert
- teacher of everything from how to chew food to how to drive a car
- assistant on school projects
- ensor of TV, movies, music and books
- party planner and hostess
- central control for appliance repair and carpet cleaning
- executioner of ants, roaches, spiders and other pests
- resident historian in charge of photo albums, school records, and baby books
- resident encyclopedia for all those hard questions
- food preservation expert/nutrition specialist
- appointment secretary
- one who prays
- custodial engineer
- refinisher of furniture
- nurse/doctor
- financial planner
- chauffeur
- fan and spectator

And much, much more. Just reading that list makes me tired. All the work she does for the family and how can we show her how much we care? Here are a few suggestions to help create the kind of Mother's Day celebration you want.

A most clever idea for Mom would be the promise coupon. This idea is great for children of all ages. Write on each coupon things that you can do for Mom to ease the work load. For example, pick a chore that your mom usually does, like cleaning the kitchen after supper, as

Share Your News With Us

Share your happy news with us and your neighbors. *The Bloomingdale Gazette* wants to feature your social news on our new HOME Pages. Whether you're getting ready to tie the knot or still feeling like newlyweds even after 50 years; welcoming a new arrival, or sending someone off; celebrating a 1st, 40th or 100th birthday- we want to hear about it. If it's happy and it's about you or your loved ones, then please let us share it with the Bloomingdale community.

Send your social news to *The Bloomingdale Gazette*, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Suite 101, Valrico, FL 33594, or stop by our office in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale plaza. Please be sure to include a phone number. Photographs are also welcomed.

something special you can do for her. Promise to not fight with your brother or sister for a while day. Here's a hint - don't write an expiration date!

Creating a family card is a great tradition to start with your family. Use a piece of construction paper and some markers or crayon, attach a recent picture of the family and have each child sign his or her name.

A special dinner (Mom's favorite meal) to be served up on that special day, in a chair of honor (Mom's dinner table chair could be decorated with streamers and balloons), and served on an honor plate, a special plate reserved only for special occasions and only for the one to be honored.

The most important job in the world, mothering. With all the reasons provided, Mother's Day should be celebrated at least once a week. Share your love and respect with your mother this Mother's Day and she'll be glad you did.

Hellier-Cole Wed

JodiLynn Hellier and Matthew Lance Cole exchanged vows in a candlelight ceremony on April 16 at Kings Avenue Baptist Church.

Given in marriage by her parents, Tom and Jan Hellier of Bloomingdale East, Jodi is a 1992 graduate of Bloomingdale High School. Cole is the son of Deane Cole of Pittsburg, Pa., and Candace Mobley of Gibsonton. The 1989 graduate of East Bay High School.

The bride wore a floor length, white satin gown, with a cathedral train and fingertip veil, and accented with lace and beading. Following the ceremony, family and friends celebrated at a reception held at the Days Inn of Bahia Beach.


The couple will reside in Brandon.

Stebbins Birth

Chris and Amber Stebbins are the proud parents of a baby boy born April 13, Brandon. Christian John Stebbins was 6 lbs, 7 oz and measured 19 3/4 inches at birth. He was welcomed by proud grandparents, Marty and Wendy Stebbins of Bloomingdale.

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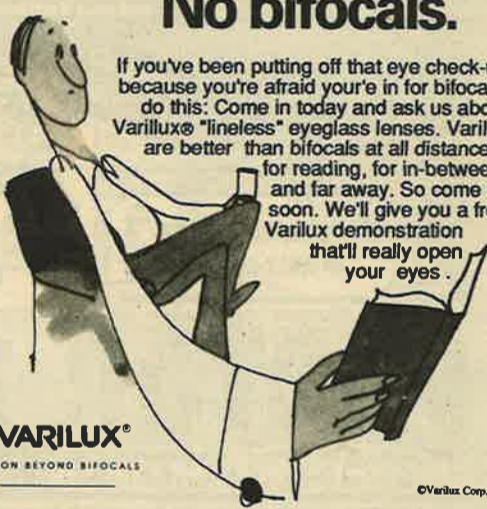
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Church and Synagogue News

by Erin Mule'

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church

Mother's Day will be celebrated with the singing and instrumental group "Unto Thee" who will present a concert at 7 p.m. on Sunday, May 8. The concert is free and open to the public.

The church's junior and senior high youth group, "Vision", will perform the musical production, "Friends Forever." The performance will be given in the church at 7:30 p.m. on May 22.

St. Stephen Catholic Church

Members of the St. Stephen's Men's Club will host its annual Mother's Day breakfast Sunday, May 8, from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for

children 12 and under with a \$10 maximum per family. And, of course, Mom eats free. Parishioners attending 11:30 mass will need to have breakfast prior to mass.

St. Stephen's is also preparing for their Vacation Bible School which will be held June 27 through July 1 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The theme this year is "Code J.E.S.U.S., Investigate the Good News with Paul". It is open to children ages three to 10, and parents should register their child at the church office.

St. Mark's United Church

The church celebrates Founder's Day on May 15 with a picnic on the grounds. Members will also honor their Sunday school teachers on this day. The church's new bell choir will give their first performance on May 22.

Calvary Church

Church officials and volunteers are providing synergetic ministries to meet the needs of area families. Among the classes and support groups are the Sunday

series on family values and relationships; "Crosswinds," a singles group; an upcoming workshop on divorce and parenting; "Divorce Recovery," for help in dealing with abandonment, despair, betrayal, lost hope and anger; "Centerpoint for Teens", a multimedia program to bring balance into young people's lives; and "Confident Kids", designed to help children identify their feelings and express them in a healthy way. A new parenting support group will meet on Monday nights. Contact Calvary Church of Brandon for more information regarding these groups.

Living Savior Lutheran Church

Church members will sponsor a blood drive on May 14 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

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An end-of-year picnic will be held May 15 at Lithia Springs Park following Sunday school. Registration for next year's Sunday school classes will be held at the same time.

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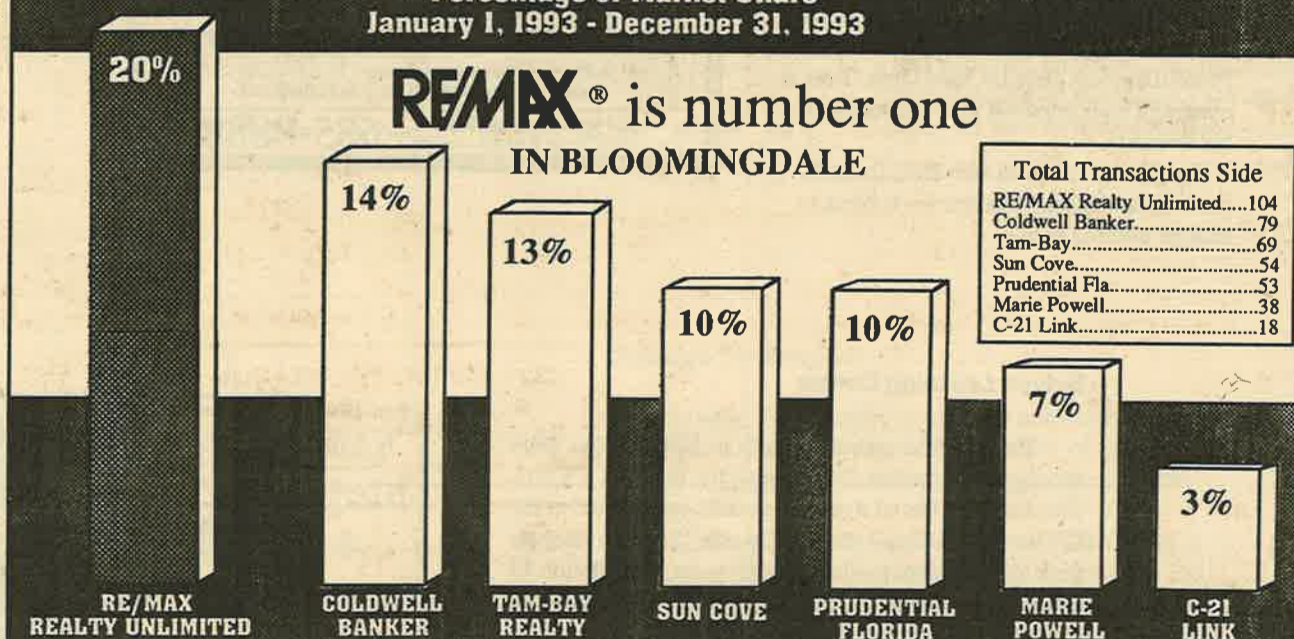
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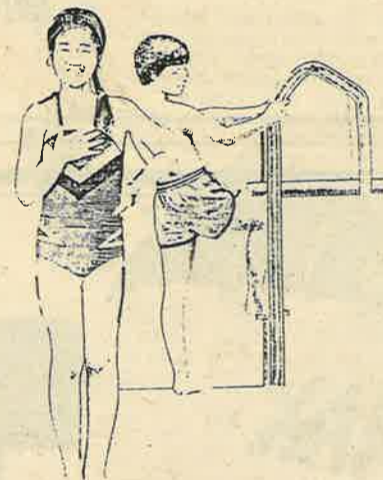
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Bulls Eye



by Michele Sager

As May approaches and summer fever gets high, most seniors are becoming excited because the end of 12 long years is finally in sight.

Remember the beginning when there was nap time and snack time, and coloring in the lines was an accomplishment. Then you began to read and write and you always knew you did well when the teacher put a happy sticker on your paper.

But you knew you had arrived when you began to multiply and write in cursive. Bus monitors were cool, hall patrols were not. You graduated from lunch boxes to paper bag and you started picking out your own clothes.

Then you graduated from elementary to junior high where you had your own locker, more than one teacher, and lots of homework. Just as you get comfortable it's time to move on to high school where grades start meaning something, and teachers expect more. There were seniors to bully you, hallways to get lost in, and school buses to avoid riding.

You tried to dodge that last cone in Driver's Education, and be absent the day the frog was being dissected in biology. But no one could avoid that mean math teacher who always caught you being tardy. Many of you got jobs to pay for gas, class-rings, yearbooks, dances, movies,

parties, and field trips.

When you finally reach the top you gloat in your glory. After all you have the best parking spots, are first in lunch lines, and you get to miss exams. Then you feel sad, for this is the end of a long but fun 12 years, and as you move on in life you will make many new friends, and do many new things, but somewhere in the back you will always remember the past. Memories are the best yearbooks of all.

So let's not say this is the end, but a departure from one train to another. We can only hope that some day we will pass by a familiar face in the depot.

Service Clubs' Food Drive by Brian Crim

Four service clubs at Bloomingdale High School held their second annual Canned Food Drive for the benefit of local charities. Approximately 100 members of Interact, Jayteens, Key Club and Leo Club participated in the event amidst intense afternoon heat and heavy Saturday traffic in getting to their pick-up destinations.

Last year, the clubs amassed between 5,000 and 6,000 cans, and although a final tally for this year was not available at press time, hopes were high that this year's total topped the 1993 count.

A special ingredient to this event is the element of competition that exists among the four clubs. Bragging rights go to the club that collects the most cans. Handicaps are used to create parity between the larger and smaller clubs. Last year's winner, Leo Club, edged out Key Club in a tight race, but the sentiment among all club advisors and members is that it is the people in need of receiving these cans that come out winners regardless of which club collects the most.

The friendly competition serves merely to motivate club members to do their best during the collection, not to supersede the values of community service that they are committed to performing in their respective clubs.

All the cans collected were donated to the local chapter of the American Red Cross.

German Club Competes by Brian Okay

Last weekend the German Club competed at the German State Convention in Daytona Beach. Nearly 1,000 students competed and were graded in areas of German culture, vocabulary and reading comprehension.

Sponsored by Mr. Boyette, the club's members began preparing for the trip in December when they raised funds through the sale of Advent calendars. As a result of that sale, 15 students were able to make the trip. In addition, they began sprucing up on German culture and grammar in early April.

"This year we have the largest and best group of students from Bloomingdale that has ever gone to the Florida German State Competition," said Boyette, who had extremely high expectations of a successful competition.

Following the competition, students enjoyed a festive German banquet which featured traditional dishes and delicacies, and folk dancing. Students were also free to enjoy swimming at the beach and the volleyball competition that was staged between the schools.



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OM Kids Win Special Award

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The outstanding efforts of five Alafia students were recognized when they were presented the prestigious Ranatra Fusca Award by judges at the Regional Odyssey of the Mind competition recently.

According to OM officials, the award is not one that is presented annually by only when outstanding achievement is recognized. Based on creativity and teamwork, the award is given to "risk-taking students who dare to be different."

For this year's competition, the theme "Set It Free" challenged students to design and build a structure that housed a ping pong ball which could escape unharmed when the

structure was crushed.

Alafia teammates - fourth grader Ashley Wierzbicki, and second graders Whitney Wierzbicki, Julie Cochran, Nicholas Zalkovich, and Andy Jensen - created a haunted house made of balsa wood and glue. With two chimneys, one on each end of the house, to bear the weight of the crusher, the house was equipped with a trap door and a slide through which the ping pong ball escaped.

According to the Alafia team's coach, Gayle Wierzbicki, the children could receive no help from their parents in neither planning nor preparation stages.



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NJHS Inducts New Members by Nathan Stahl

Every school year, the National Junior Honor Society, sponsored by Ms. Severance and Ms. Nanss, inducts many bright students. This year was no exception. At ceremonies held last month, 36 new members were inducted after earning a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 since 7th grade.

The new members had to pass a faculty screening indicating scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Final acceptance of all candidates is determined by a five member faculty council.

Students inducted were Matthew Allegretti, Janee Aska, Lea Banks, S. Nicole Baxley, Ryan Bolchoz, Jennifer Cacioppo, Melissa Cantwell, Christopher Countney, Angela Convington, Kris Doss, Jana Escibano, Robert Fallon, Kathryn Fox, Christopher Gatlyn, Alexis Gordon, Charity Goss, Ashley Guins, Linsey Hill, Andrew Hooker, Diane Hurt, Yong Kim, Elaine LeBlac, Maureen Lennon, Matthew Lepley, Daniel Lorch, Jessica Moats, Sarah Mueller,

Nekeshia Negussie, Natalie Papienski, Erin Porter, Michael Rhey, Melanie Robinson, Katherine Teel, Veronica Tegen, Sean Thomasson, and Laura VanVliet.

Math Winners by Kira Slovacek

Algebra and geometry students from Burns Junior High took first place honors at the Mu Lambda Math Competition held recently at Mann Junior High School.

Scoring 156 out of a possible 160 points, the geometry team was made up of ninth graders Geoff Brown, Russ Robison, Angie Covington, Sarah Crawford, and alternate Elaine LeBlanc. Individually, Geoff Brown placed fourth out of 33 students. An outstanding team round and good individual performances by all members, the Burns group captured first place for the Winter Competition in the Eastern region.

Algebra students also finished first with a team totals of 503 points. In addition, students Diane Hurt and Jamie Ramirez took first and second place in the individual round. The other team members were Megan Allen, Aju Jacobs, and Kelly Boehm.

Principals' Honor Roll

The following students made straight A's during the third quarter:

8th graders Megan Allen, Ashley Anderson, Elizabeth Bauer, Jason Beattie, Arika Brown, Valerie Bryan, Monica Butera, Jennifer Cacioppo, Melissa Cantwell,

Amandeep Dhaliwal, Amanda Eady, Daniel Elkins, Jana Escibano, Joseph Fintak, Chris Gatlyn, Darcie Gaudreau, Alexis Gordon, Lauren Hammond, Linsey Hill, Andrew Hooker, Megan Hubbard, Aju Jacob, Alyssa Kochansky, Matthew Lepley, Daniel Lorch, Kimberly McCoy, Jessica Moats, Sarah Mueller, Nekeshia Negussie, Erin Porter, Michelle Price, Jaime Ramirez, Kathryn Reese, Melanie Robinson, Nicole Ross, Vivian Ryan, Katherine Teel, Veronica Tegen, Tiffany Tharpe, Amanda Wetherington, Kelly Wicklund, and Heather Wright.

9th graders Lisa Bancroft, Koren Britt, Angela Covington, Amy D'Urso, Robert Doss, Joshua Latham, Andrea Leto, Allison McDonalds, Christine Nichols, Michael Pennock, Pamela Scharf, Nina Seenath, Diane Standaert, William Stephens, Anthony Thomas, Courtney Tinder, Laura VanVliet, Margaret Willman, and Brian Zilka.

May Calendar

- 7 Chorus Garage Sale 8a.m.-3 p.m.
- 10 Health Fair - All day, Media Center
- 13 Band Trip to Disney World
- 14 Band Trip to Disney World
- 20 Band Banquet, 7 p.m., cafeteria
- 21 Chorus Trip to Disney World
- 25 FFA Awards Program 6 to 8 p.m.
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- 26 End of Year Orchestra Concert

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6th Graders Chosen As Delegates

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Six students from Mrs. Newberry's class at Alafia Elementary School were among 225 delegates to the Sixth Grade Summit on Tobacco held recently at St. Joseph's Children's Hospital. As members of the Smoke Free Class of 2000, the delegates represent the entire class of 9.905 sixth




Members of the "Smoke Free Class of 2000" include these six students from Alafia Elementary School pictured here with their teacher Mrs. Newberry and parent chaperone Lisa Rodriguez, are Kaia Rodriguez, Melody Hefner, Sunshine Kaaa, Nykole Smith, Jacob Wiggins, and Sandra O'Donnell.

students ways to recognize and resist the pressures of tobacco use. The program focuses on children who entered first grade in 1988 and who will graduate in the year 2000.

At the summit, the children learned more about the dangers of tobacco and took part in a public pledge to remain smoke-free for life. Program highlights included a presentation by physicians about the dangers of tobacco use, a panel discussion featuring individuals


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Love Letters To Mom

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I love my mother because...

She has a good sense of humor and she comforts me when I'm down. I love my mother! - Brian Arnett

She is a very cool mother. - Bryan (Mrs. Townsend's class)

She tucks me in bed and she makes good dinners. - Matt Vassalotti

She's beautiful, careful, helpful, and nice, but the best thing about her is she loves me! - Mariel

She is my best friend. I can depend on my mother. - Chelsea Waterman

My mom is the best mom in the world over everyone's. - Richard Halsted

She is like a rose that is blooming. She can be Mrs. Mom of the world! - Katy Proly

She always has time for me. - Gretchen Moss

She cares for me and loves me very much. - Brandy Prast

She gives me love and I can trust her. I love you the most in the world. Happy mothers day. - Todd Roberts

She lets me help her when she needs help. - Danielle Mallory

If I didn't have her it would be the worst thing in the world. - Bryan (Mrs. Mero's class)

When I got wet before we bought our new car, she wasn't mad at me, she was mad at the person who did it to me. - Kristen Lewis

She gives me allowance five bucks every two weeks. - Brooke Richardson



-Lisa Wiley

She is the best mother a kid could have, we do tons of stuff together, and she loves me and I love her. - Matthew Busby

She'll give you a hug when you're hugless. - Michelle McNabb

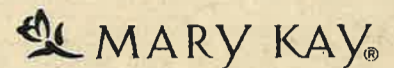
She is smart, pretty, and fair. - Jennifer Daily

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Alafia fifth graders' study of the South American rainforest was highlighted on Earth Day when they had a hands-on experience with some of the reptiles that call the rainforests home. Here, Alafia teacher, Cheryl Lembke, wears a 9-foot boa around her neck as curious students decide whether or not to touch.

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Business Notes



Bob's Farm Market

After 17 years in business on Bloomingdale Ave., Bob's Farm Market is all decked out in new facilities at their same location, just east of Bryan Road. Owner Robert Henderson has chosen a country, antique decor for his stand that welcomes visitors through several sets of open French doors complete with fresh fruit and vegetables displayed in early century wash tubs and picking baskets. In addition to the variety of fresh produce, Bob's now offers fresh fruit pies, milkshakes, and shortcakes. His on-site cooks have also put up jars of fresh vegetables from applesauce to tomatoes.

Visitors to the new 3400 market will also find fresh flowers, potted plants and herbs, and some crafts. Bob's Farm Market is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

Cadillac & Saturn Dealerships

April 22nd marked the official opening of the long-awaited Ed Morse Cadillac and Saturn of Brandon dealerships on Lumsden just east of the overpass. Gleaming with over 200 new automobiles, the dealerships will be operated by general manager, Bob Nelson, a six-year Ed Morse affiliate. He will be assisted by some 50 employees.

According to Nelson, the Lumsden location was

chosen because of the area's expected growth with the advent of the new Town Center Mall. Both dealerships are the third in the Ed Morse family with other located in Tampa and Lakeland.

Business hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bike Ambulance

A new concept in bicycle repair and parts sales takes the worry out of figuring out how to get that broken bike to a reputable repairman. Bike Ambulance, a Valrico-based business, has been owned and operated by Richard Dittmar, for six months. He offers free pick-up and delivery of all makes and models of bicycles and wheelchairs. With same-day pick-up, Dittmar offers 48-hour turn-around on most repairs. Some minor repairs, such as flat tires and simple adjustments, can be completed at the owner's residence.

Dittmar says bike owners should maintain their bicycles with regular tune-ups, which he says can cost less than making individual part repairs and in most cases, takes care of all of a bicycle's safety needs.

Although based locally, Dittmar's bike-aid travels take him around the county. He has been a bike racer for 10 years and in that time started working on his own bicycle and those of other riders.

Local Realtor Honored

Michael Davis was recently inducted into the Re/Max International Hall of Fame in Orlando during a celebration of the company's 21st anniversary. In order to qualify for induction, Davis had to have closed over one million dollars in commissions for Re/Max. Only three percent of the 35,000 Re/Max realtors in the country have achieved this award. He has been an annual member of the company's 100% Club since 1988.

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Bulls' Mitchell, Bratzke Honored

One current and one former Bloomingdale High School athlete were honored last month at the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce annual Sports Night. Cross country standout Jennifer Mitchell was named the outstanding amateur female athlete, and male athlete honors went to former Bulls' defensive end Chad Bratzke.

Mitchell, completing her sophomore year at BSHS, is the current Class 5A Individual State Champion. She posted a time of 11:48.8 over the two-mile course at the Florida High School Activities Association State Meet in Jacksonville. Her time was not only the fastest in 5A competition but the best among all classes in the state. She was named the county's Girl's Cross Country Athlete of the Year by both daily newspapers, Mitchell is also the Western Conference and District 4 champion, and helped her Bulls' team place second overall in the state.

Bratzke, who was picked by the New York Giants in the recent NFL draft, was a member of Bloomingdale's first graduating class. He was a 1993 1AA All American while attending Eastern Kentucky University, and was named the 1993 Ohio Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Bratzke was named first team defensive end on the Kodak, Associated Press, Walter Camp, and Sports Network teams.

Bloomingdale High School lead the list of nominees. Baseball senior Mac Mackiewicz and swimmer John Reich were the other two male finalists. Senior soccer player Shannon Anderson was the other Bloomingdale female finalist. The Bulls' boys' golf team, undefeated in dual matches since 1991, was a team finalist. But it was North Brandon Little League's state champion senior boys team that snapped a five-year winning streak for team honors by Brandon High's wrestlers.

Nominations for Brandon Sports Night are accepted from the community in early spring.

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SECURITY, from pg. 1 has been on the books since 1990, giving the local deputies authority to use department resources during off-duty hours. Hillsborough County incorporated this policy on April 15 of this year.

"The down side to this for some residents," said Poindexter, "is that the off-duty deputy on patrol must still enforce all the state and local laws. Residents paying for the deputies' services within the community could themselves be cited for violations, and some people may not like that."

"The STD is venturing into new territory," said Pitrowski. "But it would be great to be able to send a deputy where we want him, when we want him."

TREES, from pg. 1

According to Pitrowski, once irrigation projects in Bloomingdale West are completed, palms will also adorn Canoga Park Drive and Garnet.

The year-long project includes planting of shrubbery and additional oak trees, plus plugging the common grounds with St. Augustine grass. This has already begun near Bloomingdale Golfer's Club and along the Glenhaven entrance.

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What you need to do is call Bike Ambulance, your bicycle tune-up specialists. They will make a house call the same day, and many times can make on-the-spot repairs of flat tires and simple adjustments. They may need to take your bicycle, but at no extra cost to you. There is no fee for pick-up and delivery, only the going competitive rates for needed repairs and parts.

Innovative owner Richard Dittmar has 10 years of experience racing and repairing bicycles, but he said his business is not just limited to bikes. They do wheelchairs, too.

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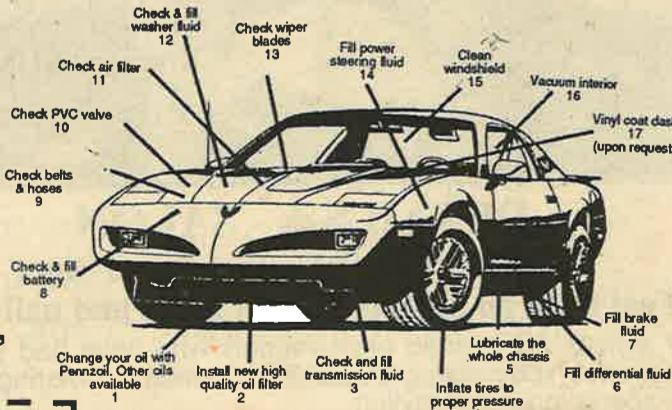
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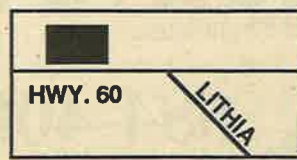
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A public hearing on the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District budget for 1995 will be held Monday, May 9, at

7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Road., Suite 101.

Meeting With Rep. Johnson

State Representative Buddy Johnson will hold one of his May Satellite meetings at Bike Works, 867 Bloomingdale Ave., from 9 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday, May 10. One of his staff members will be on hand to assist constituents of the 62nd District with problems related to local and state agencies. Written information or documentation relating to the problem should be taken to the meeting. Others who wish to express views on state issues are encouraged to attend, according to a Johnson spokesperson.

According to chairwoman Pat Odiome, proceeds from the event will go toward support of Center Place Fine Arts & Civic Association, a non-profit organization.

Art Show

Members of the Brandon League of Fine Arts will present its 35th Anniversary Members Show at Center Place during the month of May. Artists from the Brandon area will exhibit their finest drawings, photographs, paintings, and ceramics in the Mook Gallery and Center Place showcases. It may be viewed Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The public is invited to meet the artists at an Artists Reception on Friday, May 20, from 5 to 7 p.m.

Overcomers Meet

Overcomers in Brandon offers support groups to members of the community who need help in dealing with problems that seem unmanageable. Meetings are held weekly at two area churches and babysitting is provided. Meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. on Mondays at Kings Avenue Baptist Church, or Thursday nights at First Baptist Church of Brandon.

Center Place Patron Party

The 10th annual Patron Party for Center Place will be held Saturday, May 14, at Rotary's Camp Florida in Brandon. A Patron membership of \$100 includes reservations for two.

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