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Photo courtesy of Silver Springs



This jeep safari is only one of the many exciting adventures awaiting you in the Special Activities Section with this month's issue.

Bloomingdale Mobile Watch becomes an officially sanctioned unit of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

by Alexa Hrvatin, Gazette Staff Reporter

As a result of a meeting held March 18 of the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch, the Mobile Watch has voted by 5-1 to come under the official control of the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association. The umbrellaship was then made official as Carl Stickeler made the motion at the April Board of Directors meeting to "welcome the Mobile Watch with open arms." The vote of the Board was all in favor with Director Tom Brophy casting the lone nay vote.

Based on procedures to yet be developed, Mobile Watch will now provide a complete list of its inventory to the BHA, and must keep the list updated. This inventory will be listed on the balance sheet of the BHA as corporate assets. The BHA will also require an accounting of Mobile Watch expenditures, including receipts, at the monthly Board of Directors meeting.

WATCH, see page 7

Mobile Watch signs to appear around Bloomingdale

by Susan L. DeLuca, Gazette Staff

In an effort to make the bad guys aware that Bloomingdale is crime alert, the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch has requested that signs be placed around Bloomingdale indicating that an active mobile crime watch unit provides surveillance for the community. To do this would mean mounting a sign on the current Neighborhood Watch posts throughout Bloomingdale.

Representatives of the Mobile Watch plus BHA President Martin Andersen first
SIGNS, see page 7

There's a new family in Bloomingdale, but due to confidentiality laws, we can't show you their family picture.

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette General Manager

Mental retardation and autism are facts of life. This could be a nightmare that any family might have to face. But for some families, the family dynamics are not conducive to caring for children who are developmentally slow; thus, the painful decision of institutionalizing this child might have to be made.

Fortunately, there are now alternatives to an institution and the most notable is the family congregate living facility which recently opened on Isleton Drive in Bloomingdale West. Where the lifespan of institutionalized exceptional children can be as young as 20 years old, they can now live to 50-60 years old, go on to adult living centers, and some can even hold productive jobs.

Using the family structure as a baseline formation, the Florida Center for the Handicapped, a non-profit organization, cares for a maximum, licensed five non-violent, school-age boys at the Isleton home.

They are first carefully screened to live in this home-like environment. One of three homes operated by the Center, they moved in on February 1 and are currently renting the Isleton home on a lease/purchase arrangement.

Although the screening is designed to stop any unwanted intrusions into the peace and calm of a community, mistakes can be made. According to Elena S. Stewart, Human Services Program Specialist for HRS and the individual who oversees this home, a 17 year old was transferred into District 6 without the proper paperwork (Hillsborough County is part of this multi-county district). Due to this, the boy was then transferred into the Center without the home having the knowledge needed to properly screen the boy for appropriate

placement. "Our district was not given the information we were suppose to have to help with our decision to place this child in our home," said Manny Mira, Vice President of the Florida Center for the Handicapped.

"Despite what was stated in some of the daily papers, an actual sexual assault did not occur."

Tom McClusky, President, Florida Center for the Handicapped and confirmed by Elena V. Stewart, HRS, Human Services Program Specialist

During the night, in the month of April, this 17-year-old boy (who turned 18 while in the home) got out of his bedroom. Due to an alarm on the bedroom door, a counselor was instantly alerted and the boy was immediately stopped. (Alarms are not needed for any of the current residents.)

"Despite what was stated in some of the daily papers, an actual sexual assault did not occur," said Tom McClusky, President and

Executive Director of the Florida Center for the Handicapped. According to Stewart of HRS, she also verified that an assault did not occur. But due to the non-violent nature of the home, the boy was removed.

Stewart also stated that the Florida Center for the Handicapped has no citations in HRS records and also do not have to take the children that HRS suggests. She went on to state that the Center has "turned down handfuls."

"We are very selective. We don't want to be disruptive in the neighborhood." Said McClusky.

Since the only information that the Bloomingdale Community had was that which was provided in the daily press, multiple calls were logged at both the Community Office and to BHA President Martin Andersen. Residents complained not only about the alleged assault and the safety of their own children,

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IMPORTANT MEETINGS

General Membership Meeting: May 22

The next General Membership Meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., has been called for Tuesday, May 22, at the Bloomingdale Community Office, 827 E. Bloomingdale Ave. in Bloomingdale Square. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. with the call to order by President Martin Andersen at 8 p.m.

The main item on the agenda will be the awarding of the BHA scholarship. As of press time, 14 applications had been received with the scholarship committee having chosen 7 of these outstanding individuals for personal interviews. The committee will be awarding one \$1,000 scholarship with \$900 being divided amongst others as to be determined.

All residents of Bloomingdale are cordially invited to attend, ask questions, mingle, and meet your BHA Board of Directors.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF:

Bloomingdale East, West, South, and Estates

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Bloomingdale Special Taxing District has proposed an \$80 assessment for the 1990-1991 fiscal year.

A public hearing to make a final decision on the budget and taxes will be held on:

May 21 at 7:30 p.m.
Bloomingdale Community Offices
Bloomingdale Square Shopping Center
827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL.

Bloomingdale Residents are encouraged to attend.

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Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

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Treasurer--Carl Stickeler...689-5556
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Bill MacKinnon 684-8524
Bill Povilus 654-4917
Chuck Walsh 689-9688
Alternate: Ron Schall

BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

P. O. Box 3132
Brandon, FL 33509-3132

President
Linda Hagan...681-6223

BLOOMINGDALE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH ASSOCIATION

827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511 • 681-2051

DISTRICT II
Position available
Coordinator
T. J. Pinta, Deputy, HC Sheriff's Department
Crime Prevention Bureau, 247-8115

BLOOMINGDALE SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT

P. O. Box 902
Brandon, FL 33509-0902

President
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BLOOMINGDALE MOBILE WATCH

827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511

Core Committee
Coordinator
Hal Labkon...681-6853
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Location of the
Bloomingdale Community Office
827 E. Bloomingdale Ave.
Bloomingdale Square



Office space donated by the
Paragon Group

The Bloomingdale Community Office is open:

Monday to Friday

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Saturdays

9:30-12:30 p.m.

IMPORTANT COMMUNITY MEETINGS

All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office (See map on left). These are public meetings and all Bloomingdale Residents are invited.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETINGS
Monthly Meeting: Second Monday of the month at 8 p.m.

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Monthly Meeting: Second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Occur five times per year in September, November (elections), January, March, and May. The next meeting will be May 22.

BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING
Monthly Meeting: Second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.

Meetings for Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch are on a per need basis. Watch this listing for dates and time.

Use this form for all of your community needs.

Bloomingdale's "Everything you ever needed" Form

Mail or bring to: Bloomingdale Community Offices
827 E. Bloomingdale Avenue
Brandon, FL 33511

Name _____
Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home phone _____ Daytime phone _____

I/We would like:

- To become a Participating Member in the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association: Dues \$10/year, Nov. 1 to Oct. 31.
- To make a donation to:
 - _____ BHA Legal Fund
 - _____ BHA Scholarship Fund
 - _____ Other: _____
- To join _____ Mobile Watch _____ Neighborhood Watch.
- To be placed on waiting lists or volunteer lists for:
 - _____ BHA Board of Directors
 - _____ STD Board of Trustees
 - _____ Committees as needed
- To report a code violation such as unmowed lots, junk cars, safety hazards, etc. (Your name remains confidential, but MUST be on this form at the top.) Call the office if the problem is not cleared up within 2 weeks of sending in this notice.

Location & nature of suspected violation--

To be contacted regarding advertising in *The Bloomingdale Gazette*.

To make a comment about:

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

resident's perceptions

Martin Andersen
resident of the
Bloomingdale
Homeowners
Association

TIME -- it's here and, in the statistics, it is not going away. As Bloomingdale grows we will continue to be a target for those who have no respect for the law or the property of others. It is a fact that the Sheriff does not have the manpower to adequately cover the county, no less Bloomingdale. So where does that leave us? At the mercy of those who violate our rights and sense of security? The answer is YES and NO. We will always be vulnerable to crime, but we as a community can reduce that vulnerability by taking an active part in our crime watch programs.

Bloomingdale has two formal programs in our community. The Mobile Watch, which puts out teams at night to patrol the neighborhoods as a crime deterrent force. They are very dedicated groups, but limited by the number of patrols and hours because of small membership numbers. The other residents willing to give a few hours of their time one evening a month, the more patrols we will have to cover Bloomingdale. The Neighborhood Watch is another program, it is struggling to remain operational. We have just recently lost our Coordinator of three months. This is the third Coordinator we have had in the last three years. We need the help of the community to avoid losing our credentials as a Neighborhood Watch com-

munity. We need someone who can devote the time and effort to serve as the Watch Coordinator as well as several residents to serve as Area Coordinators. These positions would be ideal for retired residents who are willing to help control crime in our community.

We need all of you to take notice of what is going on in the neighborhood and report anything that is suspicious. Report it to the Sheriff. Pass it to the Mobile Watch if you cannot get a response from the Sheriff's Office and it will be logged in. Pass the information to the Community Office and it will be recorded. The BHA works very closely with the Sheriff and has been a valuable source of information in the crime prevention efforts of the Sheriff. By getting information to the BHA and Mobile Watch, we know where to concentrate our efforts.

The bottom line is that we all need to be the eyes and ears of the community. By working together as a community we will reduce crime in Bloomingdale. Regardless of how you give of your time, be it through Neighborhood Watch, Mobile Watch, or just as an alert resident, you can make a difference. Don't let the other guy do it. Take the first step yourself--STOP CRIME--call the BHA Community Office and volunteer.

WATER---we have all been asked to conserve and curb our use of water. The recent changes in water use have been some of the most severe restrictions placed on county residents in many years. I think we all should

be concerned about our natural resources and the ecology and do our share to save these resources. I'll do my part as I am sure the rest of you will. What does concern me is that the burden of conservation always seems to fall solely on those of us that live and have businesses in the county. The county government makes big issues about the need to conserve water, landfills overloaded and running out of room, air pollution is getting worse every day, etc., yet, I see the county continue to approve new construction and developments that put more strain on the system. I am not against growth, but isn't it time that we put on the brakes and take a look at what is happening to our resources and ecology? Each new house just puts more strain on an already stressed system. We need to have a balance between growth and Mother Nature. I for one am not looking forward to having the water turned off two days a week because there is not enough to serve all the homes, nor do I want a repeat of the blackouts we had last December because there was not enough power to serve us.

The county needs to take a lesson from Truman and realize where the "buck stops"; not much money gets through county fingers, but this is one "buck" that seems to get quickly put on the backs of the taxpayers.

I want to thank all those residents who expressed their well wishes for my recovery from recent surgery. I am doing well and should be fully recovered by mid-June.

Letters to the Editor

The following are a series of letters received and sent by a Bloomingdale Oaks Resident. We think you will find them interesting.

February 27, 1990

Mr. Sargent, Director
Real Estate Department
Hillsborough County

Re: Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant - Surplus Land

Dear Mr. Sargent:

Mike McWeeney suggested that I write you to let you know my concerns regarding the above.

It is my understanding from Mr. McWeeney, that tanks at the Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant are currently being dismantled, the ponds are being cleaned and the grounds will be graded to their original level. Mr. McWeeney assures me that there will be no problem with flooding due to the changes in the land. The maintenance building and the pumping station are the only county facilities that will remain on the property. The rest of the property is considered 'surplus' land and that the county will try to find something to do with this land.

My hopes are that it will just stay excess surplus land for the maintenance people and the remain a nature preservation or bird sanctuary. It is also my understanding that these wetlands are protected by the EPC.

Some people have sug-

gested that this area be considered for a county park or civic center. My concerns are as follows:

1. What kind of health hazards would there be to little children playing on this land. Even though it's being cleaned up, aren't there still gases from the raw sewerage?

2. Although Richard Schnaare, County Maintenance Supervisor has attempted to keep this under control, the trees on county property are over-run with a highly dangerous vine growing. This vine is called "rosary pea vine". If this pea is eaten by a child, it's deadly.

3. What type of nuisances would a park create for the residents bordering the property (as we are)? How much noise would a park produce? What amount of land buffer would separate existing residents from the park. What would be the hours of operation? Would the park be closed and locked up after dusk? The residents have suffered for 3 1/2 years from the nuisances caused by the Bloomingdale Interim Waste Water Treatment. I only hope you do not replace one nuisance with a new one.

I would be very interested in seeing the plans for this land and would like to be kept informed. My address and phone are listed below.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours truly,
Lillian Coughlin

March 20, 1990

Re: Administrative Referral No. 13556, Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant/Surplus Lands

Dear Ms. Coughlin:

Reference is made to your letter dated February 27, 1990, to myself with a copy to Commissioner Selvey regarding the property located at the Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant.

As of this date, we have not been notified by Mr. Michael McWeeny, Director of the Public Utilities Department, to declare any of the land as surplus property. After we receive notification from the Utility Department as to what portion is surplus, all County agencies will have the opportunity to review the property for utili-

slide down the slide everytime he got on and was totally incapable of doing it himself. They need help brushing their teeth and getting dressed, but help is what they are getting from very dedicated individuals who are afraid of what the community will think about them. Afraid for themselves and for the little children they care for.

I invited them to the July sports festival and the September Flea Market and Picnic. I certainly hope they will feel comfortable enough to come and bring their family.

zation by their department.

By copy of this letter, we are requesting that Mr. Michael McWeeny respond to items 1 and 2 of your letter dated February 27, 1990.

Also by copy of this letter we are requesting that Mr. Ed Radice, Director of Parks and Recreation, respond to item 3 of your letter.

We will keep you advised as to any future plans, or if you have any additional questions, please contact me at 272-5810.

Very truly yours,
Richard Sargent, Director
Real Estate Department
(813) 272-5810

March 27, 1990

Dear Ms. Coughlin:

Richard Sargent, Director, Hillsborough County Real Estate Department, has asked me to respond to an item in your letter to him, dated February 27, 1990.

First, let me state that I was contacted by the Bloomingdale Civic Association* and requested to evaluate the waste water treatment site as a possible county park location. At this time, there has been no determination regarding that possibility.

When we identify a potential park site for acquisition, public meetings are scheduled in the neighborhood for the purpose of obtaining comments regarding future plans for development and operation. Items you mention such as buffer zones, hours of operation, security, are all addressed at these meetings. If this site is considered for a park in the future, you will be notified of the meeting date and location.

Please contact me by phone (282-5840) or in writing should you have any additional questions or comments.

Sincerely, yours,
Ed Radice, Director
HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
PARKS AND RECREATION
DEPARTMENT
*(Editor's Note: the BHA, not a civic association)

April 2, 1990

Subject: Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant/Surplus Lands, Admin. Referral No. 13556

Dear Mrs. Coughlin:

Richard Sargent has forwarded a copy of your letter
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**To report
water
restriction
violations
call
247-8000**

My Turn

Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette General Manager

The Isleton story was interesting in two respects. One, the children at the home on Isleton were fun little children--literally. Two, I was palled by the lack of faith in our current journalistic stem.

It's address the second st.

When the stories were published in the Tribune, we all read about the assault on the child by the 17 year old boy, so we thought. While they were in my office, HRS stated they wouldn't grant interviews to the press because of confidentiality vs. But they DID grant the same interviews to us and even bent over backwards to assist. I can't make judgment call on what the reporter from the Trib wrote because I don't have the materials he was working from, so I don't know whether the story was essentially correct. But HRS is very sensitive to sensationalistic press right now and so are most people. Several times during the course of my conversation with the Center owners and HRS the subject of redundant coverage about the al-

leged assault occurred. They felt that an initial story was warranted but to keep repeating the same information just for the purpose of keeping the issue alive served no purpose.

The Bloomingdale Gazette was founded and is promulgated for the purpose of disseminating information so you can make enlightened decisions. But this basic premise is what all newspapers should be based on. The Tribune and the Times and other daily newspapers hide behind the words of the First Amendment and say "We have the right to write these words as we deem them to be correct" but they are forgetting what their main purpose of existence is: To communicate correct, unbiased facts to the reader to help the reader be a wiser and more informed person. By so doing, our freedoms and democracy are assured.

The residents I interviewed (about five households) stated they don't believe what they read in the dailies. The Brousseau's said they have to read between the lines to get at what they determine to be the truth. This is not the first time I've heard this statement from similar college-educated residents. If people feel they can't trust what the newspapers print as being

factual material, then this country is ripe for whoever wants control. All the bad guys have to do is proclaim they are in charge, let the press print their outlandish proclamations, and no one will believe it. Then--look out--they will be in charge.

So this note is to the Trib and Times, when your stories are not complete because you need to crop the article for another advertisement, or your reporter doesn't really have a grasp on the situation he or she is about to espouse on, think twice before you print. The people you wrote the story about are going to say "That's not correct" to anyone who will listen while the cycle will be perpetuated and every story will then be suspect.

Now the first item.

These are neat little kids and in many ways are no different than any Bloomingdale family. Yes, HRS screwed up by accepting that boy from outside of the area and placing him into the Center without all the facts. Yes, they potentially exposed the neighborhood children to harm--after all this was a big kid who could have climbed the fence regardless of what the Center owners say regarding supervision. But at the same time, HRS also immediately recognized that there was a

flaw in the system and they set in motion ways to fix it.

But these little kids need to have a home to live in and need to have care just like our children. In many ways they get more care than we could ever hope to give our own. They love to lick the brownie spoon, they put puzzles together and they even hid their toys in the closet to "clean up" when I came for a tour. And to top it all off, one little boy calls Tom McClusky "Daddy."

Although I heard there was opposition to the house being here in Bloomingdale, no one would state that to me directly, in fact I found the opposite to be true. When I spoke to the next-door neighbors, Susan and Paul Brousseau, they felt that now they know what it is they can keep an eye on the situation. They have three children, two of whom are under 6 years old and would have every right to feel concern, and yet they don't.

Nothing is ever a sure thing in life. The family you live next door to could have a juvenile delinquent who smashes mailboxes or does drugs--who knows? But these little children can hardly even speak. The one child, that although he appears to be about 14 years old, needed to be told how to

AREA CHURCHES

Apostles Lutheran
200 N. Kingsway, Brandon
689-2571
Mary & Tim Canniff-Kuhn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 8:30 am & 11 am

Bell Shoals Baptist Church
2102 Bell Shoals, Brandon
689-4229
Pastor: Dr. Bob Reccord
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:55 & 6:30 p.m.
Bible Study: 9:30

Bloomingdale Community Brethren Church
1310 E Bloomingdale Ave, Valrico
681-2790
Pastor: David L. Stone
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30

Brandon Christian Church - (Disciples of Christ)
910 S Bryan Road, Brandon
689-4021
Pastor: Rev. Larry L. Chambers

Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Church
1310 John Moore Road, Brandon
685-6786
Pastor: Clifford Bassett
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 11:00 & 6 p.m.
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

First Christian Church of Brandon
207 New Hope Road, Brandon
689-1457
Minister: Larry Delks
Assoc. Minister: David Watts
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

First Pentecostal Church
2207 Lithia-Pinecrest Rd, Brandon
685-4827

Pastor: F. E. Goldsberry
Sunday Worship 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Holy Innocent's Episcopal Church
Valrico Road at Front Street, Valrico
689-3130
Pastor: Stephen L. Rudacille
Sun. Worship 8/10:30 a.m.
Christian Ed Class 9 a.m.
Nursery available all morning
Wednesday Eve 7:15 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale
3212 Lithia, Valrico
North of Bloomingdale Ave
654-3699
Pastor: Reid B. Isenhart
Sunday Schedule:
Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Church School: 9:15 a.m.

Resurrection Community Church
3225 Bell Shoals Road., Brandon
685-6377

Pastor: Wayne Radd
Sunday Schedule:
Worship: 10:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Childrens Church & Nursery:
10:30 a.m.

St. Andrews United Methodist Church
3315 Bryan Rd. at Bloomingdale, Brandon
689-6849 or Preschool 689-1207
Pastor: Robert A. Hahn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 8:30 & 11; 6:30 p.m.
Sunday School 9:40; Youth 5:15;

St. Mark United Church United Church of Christ
2914 Lithia-Pinecrest Road, Valrico
685-0998
Pastor: Garry A. Scheuer, Jr.
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:45
Church School 10:45

St. Stephen's Catholic Church

5049 Bell Shoals Road, Valrico
689-4900
Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Weekdays Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m.

South Brandon Baptist Church
4929 Bell Shoals Road
681-1045
Pastor: Al Browder
Sunday Schedule:
Bible Study 9:45 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

South Brandon Community Church
Office: 406 E. Bloomingdale Ave, Brandon
653-2317
Pastor: Ed Ross, 653-2417
Youth Pastor: Jeff Dunn
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10 a.m. at Bloomingdale High School
A brand new non-denominational church which had it's first service on December 17,

1989. Youth, Singles, Home Bible Studies, Softball, Volleyball, Fellowship Groups Offered

Tampa Bay Christian Center
3920 S. Kings Avenue, Brandon
689-9497
Pastor: Dr. David K. Blomgren
Sunday Schedule:
Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
Mid-week Service:
Wednesday 7:30 p.m.

Synagogue Listing

Chabad of Brandon Jewish Center
889 E Bloomingdale Ave. Bloomingdale Square, Brandon
689-7770
Rabbi Levi Shentov
Service Schedule:
Friday - 7 p.m.
Saturday - 10 a.m.
Sun. Hebrew School - 10 am
Tuesday Adult Classes - 7 p.m. & 8 p.m.



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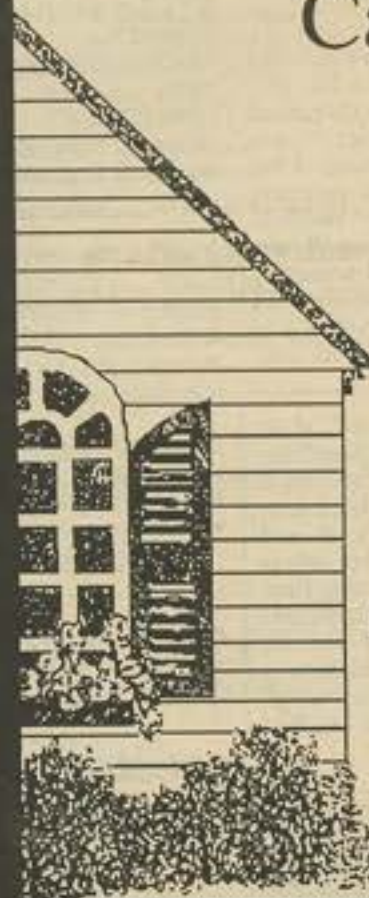
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by Sandy Santucci
Bloomingdale Resident

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We are organizing our Hebrew school which with community support and assistance will begin in August. Plans are being made for a community membership drive and family outing in June. Check your local paper for further announcements.

For more information about the Brandon Jewish Center please call:

Sandy Santucci 685-0322 Phil Brenner 684-0215
Bonnie Schweid 681-9680 Sam Greenberg 645-0166

Criterion Story Followup

On April 22 the resident of the Erin Arbor area met to discuss Criterion and the Erin Arbor Homeowner's Association. This letter was sent on April 26.

Susan L. Meitz
President
Erin Arbor Homeowner's Association
Valrico, FL 33594

Dear Ms. Meitz:

Your February 28th letter concerning annual homeowner's assessments and the March 19th meeting of the Association raised many questions and concerns among the homeowners. Subsequent to the meeting, a check with the Secretary of State's office revealed that the Erin Arbor Homeowner's Association had not been incorporated. This information created questions among the homeowners concerning the legality of assessments.

A meeting was held on April 22nd by the homeowners to discuss their concerns. Twenty of the thirty residents of Erin Arbor were represented. I was appointed spokesperson to represent the homeowners and was asked to write this letter on behalf of the homeowners present.

Many of the homeowners are in receipt of a second

notice concerning payment of the assessments. In order to satisfy our concerns about the incorporation of the Association and the legality of the assessments, we request that you provide us a copy of the Articles of Incorporation, the Bylaws, and the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association during which the 1990 budget and assessments were determined and approved.

These documents may be sent to me at the above address or I will gladly pick them up at your office. I may be reached Monday through Friday from 7:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M. at xxx-xxxx and at xxx-xxxx at all other times. An alternate point of contact is Paul Heins, telephone: xxx-xxxx.

Upon receipt of the requested documents, a committee appointed by the homeowners will review them and advise the homeowners appropriately concerning payment of the assessments. We look forward to a speedy resolution of this issue and are anxious to work with the Board of Directors concerning all issues and concerns.

Sincerely,
Danny L. Rhodes
Homeowners' Representative

Summer Hours for the Bloomingdale Community Office

Beginning Friday, June 15 to Friday, August 3, the Bloomingdale Community Office will close at 12:30 p.m. every Friday during the summer.

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dated February 27, for response to items 1 and 2, relative to wastewater facilities.

Item 1 questions whether there will be any residue from raw sewage being processed at the wastewater treatment plant. During the time wastewater was processed at the Bloomingdale interim treatment plant, raw wastewater was delivered to the treatment plant which consisted of a steel tank for treatment and removal of pollutants. The liquid product of the plant (reclaimed water), was disinfected and discharged to a pond. Reclaimed water in the pond was then pumped to both the Buckhorn Springs Golf Course and the Bloomingdale Golf Course for landscape irrigation. Use of the water in this manner has proceeded for several years with no detrimental effects reported. Solid products from the plant (sludge), after being stabilized through

the treatment process, was hauled by tank trucks under contract to the County for land application in agricultural areas as permitted by the Department of Environmental Regulation. Sludge solids were not disposed or retained on site.

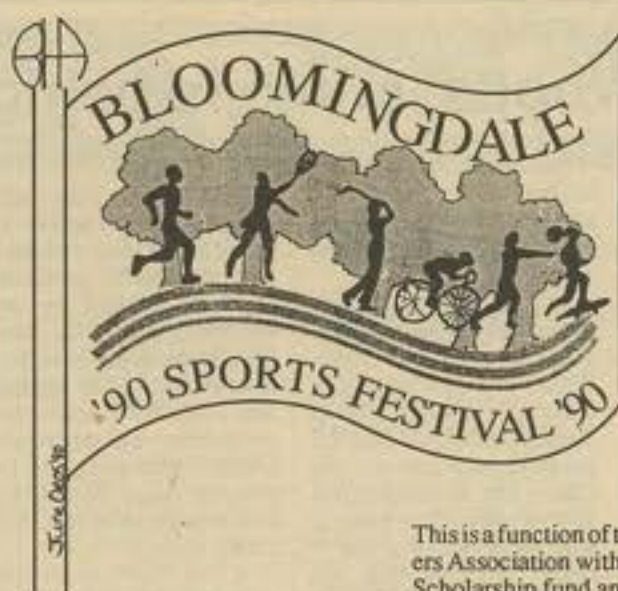
Under the construction contract for the Valrico wastewater treatment plant, the Bloomingdale Plant is to be removed from the site and the site restored by June 1990. The restoration will include the removal of the two above ground ponds to conditions approximating the before construction conditions. The restored ground will be suitable for any number of public access uses without any danger of contamination from its prior use as a wastewater treatment plant site.

Item 2 discusses the existence of rosary pea vine in trees on County property.

As you are aware, the natural environment in Florida contains many plants and animals that might be considered dangerous or present possible health hazards. I believe it would be impossible for the County to guarantee a non-dangerous or non-hazardous environment at any of our facilities. It is my expectation that the County will maintain the site in a manner commensurate with the potential use of the site once it has been declared surplus and transferred to the ultimate user of the site if that user is another County department. If the property is sold, that the purchaser would be responsible for its maintenance.

If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,
MICHAEL W. McWEENY, P.E., Director
Public Utilities Department



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• 5k RUN/WALK

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Entry Fee: \$12 per person

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28 at 8 a.m.

• 2 MILE SKATEBOARD RACE

Where: On the Nature's Way loop in Bloomingdale East

Entry Fee: \$12 per person

Date/Time: Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

• 2 MILE BICYCLE RACE

Where: On the Nature's Way loop in Bloomingdale East

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Date/Time: Saturday, July 28 at 10 a.m.

• VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Where: Bloomingdale's Parks

Entry Fee: \$15 per person (4 person teams)

Date/Time: Sunday, July 29; Time to be announced

• HOLE-IN-ONE CONTEST

Where: Bloomingdale Square

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Windsor Woods' crime is being confronted by active residents

by Alexa Hvratin
Gazette Staff Reporter

Residents of Windsor Woods have been drawn together as the result of an unfortunate set of circumstances involving vandalism and crime in the neighborhood. On April 13 the neighbors met in a backyard to listen to Captain Walker of the District II Sheriff's Office. His message called for cooperation as well as community involvement in solving the problems encountered in Windsor Woods.

Captain Walker explained that residents need to work with the Sheriff's office before any progress is made.

Walker also stated, "A neighborhood watch is one of the strongest deterrents to crime."

In answer to questions regarding response time, Walker cited the "tragically understaffed" conditions of the department, which at 1.3 per 1000, is the lowest in the state. The sheriff's office has not been able to keep up with the growth in crime or traffic problems that has paralleled the population growth.

Another facet of response time is the priority placement that the call receives. The highest priority is placed upon crimes in progress, and these will be answered first.

Other calls will be answered as soon as possible. Walker indicated that the traffic problems residents endure in the Bloomingdale area, also hamper the deputies as they answer calls. The captain admitted that "non-life-threatening calls might take awhile, and even an in-progress crime may have a five or ten minute response time."

However, it is most important that all crimes be reported. As Captain Walker reiterated, "We are only as effective as you help us to be." He encouraged the neighbors in attendance to join their neighborhood watch, and to stay involved.

Detective Rich Walker also spoke and detailed some of the problems in the Bloomingdale area, explaining that most of the crimes occur in houses with no audible alarms, when no one is in the house. The most frequent hours for the typical Bloomingdale robbery, are from morning until 3 p.m. on weekdays.

Walker urges residents to take photographs of all valuables, and to record a serial number for the items, because it is virtually impossible to recover property without the numbers.

Automobile burglary is another problem that has hit Windsor Woods as well as

the rest of Bloomingdale. An auto burglary will usually occur between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m., on a Thursday through Monday. Most likely the burglar is a juvenile from this area or nearby.

Another problem for Bloomingdale is the criminal mischief that has occurred on a regular basis. Detective Walker stated that "A mobile watch is a good defense on foot or bicycle is the best." But he stressed that an individual should not confront a suspect, due to the fact that

once physical contact is made, the individual may be liable in a civil suit.

Wanda Smith, one of the residents who has actively sought to bring the neighborhood together, hopes to encourage her neighbors to report all crimes to the authorities. She estimated that 80% of those attending the meeting, had either been the victim of vandalism or more serious crime in recent weeks. Her hopes are for a stronger-knit community. "We need to watch out for each other," she stated at the end of the meeting.

Twice a victim

by Liz J. Fox
Gazette Staff Reporter

9:30 a.m. is a safe time of day. At least that's what Amanda Luber used to think until Easter weekend. Not only once, but twice on that weekend, her home on Greenstone Place in Bloomingdale East was the target of break-ins.

On Good Friday, Amanda's husband thought she had left the door open between the house and garage. She said she always checked and didn't think so - that someone had been in their home. Her husband's skepticism changed when he discovered his cologne missing... and they discovered a bottle of wine gone from the refrigerator. "Kids," they thought - home from school for the holiday. But didn't report the incident to the Sheriff's Department.

After an uneasy weekend, Amanda stayed home Monday, and at 9:30 a.m., while watching television, heard the front door knob jiggle. "Someone putting a flyer on it," she thought, until the jiggling continued and the voices didn't go away. She peeked out a window and saw a white van with worn paint. Her heart beat faster and she went around to the back to check to be sure doors were locked. After a few more minutes, she heard a voice say, "There's somebody home," and they took off in the van.

Amanda was truly shaken for the second time that weekend. But again, did not report the incident to the Sheriff's Department. She shared several things on thinking back over the weekend.

Because they were renting,

they did not think they could put dead bolts on their home; they now encourage everyone to do that.

Even though we live in a transient community, Amanda recommends that we get to know our immediate neighbors, so that an unusual vehicle will draw attention.

She also recommends that every incident, no matter how small, be reported to mobile watch and the Sheriff so they may track patterns. Amanda reported the incidents to both after advice from the BHA office.

That same week she reported an out-of-county car with four men roaming the neighborhood. "I don't know if they were bad," she said, "but it just didn't look right."

Amanda and Jay are moving soon, having purchased a home in another community, but they both feel that caution is important, even at 9:30 in the morning. "It's not worth it to wait until it's too late."

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Mobile Watch Report

by LaWayne Wyatt
Core Committee

Several events have come to our attention which highlight problems all residents need to be aware of: reporting of crimes and observation of suspicious activity.

On April 4 one or more carloads of individuals smashed a total of 41 mailboxes within a 20 minute time span in the South and Hooker Barnes areas. At least three cars were observed speeding from the area immediately following the incident and reported to Sheriff's Deputies. Normally, mailbox smashings are treated as a misdemeanor; however, when a large number are hit and everyone reports the incident, the Sheriff's Department can turn it into a felony. Initially, very few residents reported the damage but, through the efforts of several residents and Mobile Watch members, a total of 37 had been reported by April 25. If you have not yet reported the damage, please do so. Additionally, if anyone has information which could tie a specific car to the incident report it to District II.

On April 8 the residents of Windsor Woods held a

meeting to discuss what could be done about a rash of vandalism, burglaries, car break-ins and a stolen car. The President of the BHA and two representatives of the Mobile Watch also attended the meeting. During the meeting it became apparent that many of the incidents had not been reported to the Sheriff's Department for a variety of reasons. These varied from "the damage was only minor" to "nothing could/would be done." As a result of the meeting these residents are now in the process of establishing a Neighborhood Watch structure under the Bloomingdale Neighborhood Watch program and 14 residents volunteered for the Mobile Watch. Two of these residents also volunteered to operate a Mobile Watch base station. On April 10 a representative of the Mobile Watch met with Major Terry, Captain Cipriano and Lt. Latimer, District II, and apprised them of the situation. As a result, Captain Walker and Lt. Latimer attended a subsequent meeting of the residents on April 13 and patrols by the Sheriff's Department were increased.

Recently, Susan DeLuca observed some suspicious

activity on April 20 and ran into a problem when she tried to report it to the Sheriff's Department. What should you do if you see suspicious activity or a crime in progress?

1) Observe the situation and obtain as much information as possible, i.e., description of activity, persons and cars involved.

2) Call the Sheriff's Department dispatcher, 247-8203, report the information and request a Deputy investigate.

3) Call Hal Labkon, 681-6853, LaWayne Wyatt, 685-2072, or any other member of the Mobile Watch Core Committee listed on page 2 and report the same information.

The last step will ensure the information is recorded in our log and get to the Sheriff's Department, District II Office. An update of our log is provided to Major Terry on a weekly basis. He and his staff review the log for information which may assist in solving crimes or indicate trends which need further attention.

Several lessons can be learned from the above examples:

1) All residents need to be alert for suspicious activity to help ourselves and the Sheriff's Department.

2) Report ALL incidents to the Sheriff's Department. They can and will respond but need to have the information in order to solve crimes or know where to place emphasis.

3) Reporting incidents to Mobile Watch ensures that all information is available to the District II Office, even if the Deputy finds nothing upon arrival, and also lets us know where to place our emphasis.

Our thanks to the following who volunteered for Mobile Watch in April:

- Chin Ancrile, Erin Arbor
- Colleen Barrett, Windsor Woods
- Rick Borling, Windsor Woods
- Sam Gabsi, South
- Paul Johnson, Windsor Woods
- Bill and Joan Mould, Windsor Woods
- Jeff and Cynthia Ritter, Windsor Woods
- Terry Smith, Windsor Woods
- Paul and Nina Warr, Windsor Woods
- Ray Wise, Windsor Woods
- Dale and Dave Wozniak, Erin Arbor

Mailbox Smashings

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

In a forty-five minute period on April 4, over at least 41 mailboxes were smashed in the southern areas of Bloomingdale, near the golf course. Lomewood, Monte Lake, and the River Crossing area were hard hit by the destruction.

Almost all of the mailboxes were the wooden variety, which run about \$40 to replace. While the destruction of a mailbox is regarded as a misdemeanor, if many boxes are destroyed within a short period of time and the value of the destroyed property is placed over \$1,000 then the crime is classified as a felony.

Only eight of the residents contacted the Sheriff's department at first, with thirty-seven reports finally filed. While one smashed mailbox may not seem worthy of calling the Sheriff, it quickly becomes evident that residents of Bloomingdale must report such incidents due to its serious nature.

The Sheriff's department has three suspects.

Mobile Watch Bumper Stickers Go On Sale

by LaWayne Wyatt
Mobile Watch Core Committee

The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch has bumper stickers available so that BHA members may show support for the efforts of the Mobile Watch. The stickers are sold for \$1 to BHA members, and are available to other Bloomingdale residents for a donation.

While the Mobile Watch hopes that the stickers will be a deterrent to crime, they are also hoping to raise funds for necessary equipment purchases. Some of the older donated equipment needs replacement, entryway signs need to be placed, and base station equipment is needed.

The stickers may be purchased at the Bloomingdale Community Office Monday - Saturday or from any Core Committee member listed on page 2.

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met with Colonel Cal Henderson of the Sheriff's Office to seek sanctioning for the Mobile Watch as perhaps a mobile unit of the Neighborhood Watch and also to request the implementation of signage as the Neighborhood Watch is a product of the Sheriff's Department.

Although the Sheriff's Department was unable to officially sanction our Mobile Watch, they were not only impressed with the organization, but will be using it as a role model for others throughout Hillsborough County.

At a meeting with the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Watch group, Martin Andersen and Mobile Watch core member LaWayne Wyatt presented the position of the community and asked for approval to attach a small Mobile Watch sign on the posts. Approval had to be sought as Neighborhood Watch owns the signs and post rights. Not only was this approved, but they strongly encouraged anything that will enhance Bloomingdale's crime watch programs.

In a followup to these approvals and encouragements, the following letter was received from Colonel Cal Henderson:

Dear Mr. Andersen:

As you know, on April 26, 1990, the Hillsborough County Neighborhood Crime Watch Association met and approved a request by the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association to install "Bloomingdale Mobile Crime Watch" signs below the existing Neighborhood Crime Watch signs.

The initiative and effort demonstrated by you and your association on this project is a clear indication that law enforcement can continue to count on the support of its citizens. While law enforcement shares in the public's concern for a safe community, our resources alone are not enough. It takes the direct involvement of citizen groups, such as the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, working with law enforcement through programs like the Mobile Crime Watch to ensure the safety and security of our communities.

Again, thank you and your association for your efforts and, as always, be assured of our cooperation in all matters of mutual concern.

Sincerely,

Cal Henderson, Colonel Enforcement Operations Department Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office

Crime Update

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

The Mobile Watch has seen a dramatic increase in the number of incidents that have been logged in March. While 75 incidents, from speeding to vandalism, were recorded in the month of March, only 40 were

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With this decision this lessens the possibility that a member of the watch could be held personally liable for any activity of the Mobile Watch. The BHA, a non-profit corporation, would be responsible in the event of any liability questions, although, according to insurance and legal professionals, the individuals own automobile insurance would take precedent.

With the acceptance of liability, the BHA also accepts the financial responsibility of the Mobile Watch. With the recent funding from Columbia Bank, the financial burden is expected to be greatly relieved. The officers of the organizations will meet in the near future to set down the regulations that will apply to Mobile Watch.

Susan DeLuca contributed to this article.

When in doubt— REPORT IT!

Have your mailbox bashed, your car paint scratched up, tire marks in your grass, or maybe even threats and a robbery?

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Will they come out to investigate? NO! Probably not. But in all likelihood they will give you a case number. The more case numbers there are, the more the computers and the people who run them can see if we need increased patrols and protection.

So...Do everyone a favor...REPORT IT!

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Illegal Scavenger Hunt

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

The Sheriff's Department notified the Bloomingdale area on the last weekend in March, that an illegal scavenger hunt was planned by teenagers for that weekend. The affair was to include students from Bloomingdale, Brandon, and Armwood high schools, according to information received by the Mobile Watch in Bloomingdale.

Deputies advised the Mobile Watch that many items on the scavenger hunt list were to be obtained illegally. The list of 135 items utilized a point system, with a range of points that were applied according to the difficulty of obtaining the item. Lawn ornaments earned 10 points, while the lights from a police cruiser could earn 500 points.

Many of the items were to be stolen from area establishments. A table from Burger King was worthy of 300 points, a Publix cart was 90 points, and other items were to be taken at Harbour Island and other locations throughout the county.

A list of rules was also outlined. The participants were not allowed to purchase items—they had to steal them. Taking part in the hunt was at the player's own risk. If caught, no names could be revealed. And while the participants could take items from others involved in the hunt, no damage could be inflicted to the cars of the players.

While many of the listed items had to be obtained illegally, there were also some disturbing requests for certain dead animals. One item requested a specific individual's pet dog for 400 points. If the animal was dead, it would count for 415 points.

The Sheriff's office will continue its investigation.

Hartline bus returns in Bloomingdale

by Susan L. DeLuca
Gazette Staff

First the buses weren't here, then they were, then they weren't and guess what—now they are again!

The Hartline bus route has changed many times based on the flow of communication from the communities involved, but it may now have changed for the last time.

Originally, the bus only came as far as St. Andrews and this was considered the end of the route. Due to growth and expansion, the bus route was changed to include a route to Bloomingdale with the bus making a turn around at Nature's Way and Greenhollow. Later the route was expanded further with the bus running down Nature's Way through the East with staging on Glenhaven. But the staging created problems for the residents due to the diesel fumes and the loud

engine noises as early as 6 a.m. (Staging is the term used for waiting until it is time to turn around and go through the route again.) So staging was conducted at St. Stephens Church, but this pulled the route out of Bloomingdale and only down Bell Shoals Road. At the time Hartline incorrectly blamed the route change on the BHA, which they have recanted.

After continued dialogue by BHA President Martin Andersen, and also the loss of the St. Stephen's staging area, the Hartline bus now again travels the Nature's Way loop with staging on Glenhaven as of April 29. According to Hartline officials, the staging on Glenhaven will only occur after 8 a.m. in the morning. It was also noted that if there were further problems with the staging, that the end of the line would go back to St. Andrews and the Bloomingdale route would be deleted.

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reported in January and 41 in February.

According to LaWayne Wyatt of the Mobile Watch, the increase is only partially due to more problems. Another part of the explanation is that the volunteers are recording such information more diligently. And because of some articles in the Gazette, more people are beginning to report the problems to Mobile Watch.

The logs kept by Mobile Watch are looked at by the Sheriff's Department, and statistics are determined for certain incidents. The Department will sometimes change their coverage of an area that shows an increase in certain activities at a certain time. In this way the Sheriff becomes aware of trends in specific areas, and is able to deploy deputies where they are most needed.

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Cultural Academic Student Exchange (C.A.S.E.) is a non-profit organization founded with the belief that international student exchange makes a viable contribution toward human understanding between countries and cultures.

C.A.S.E. students will be arriving in August and will attend local high schools in the Tampa Bay area. Students speak, read, write, and understand English and are between the ages of 15 and 18 years old.

C.A.S.E. students are fully insured and bring their own spending money. C.A.S.E. students are coming from Germany, France, Spain, Japan, Belgium, and Austria, and will be here for the school year. The students are responsible for their school expenses, medical needs and entertainment. Host families have no obligations other than to provide food and lodging for the students. These boys and girls are all very anxious to experience life with an American family and to live in America is a dream come true. It will be a rewarding experience for all involved.

For further information call:
Nancy Raisch - Regional Coordinator
511 Tangerine Drive
813-855-5110
Out of town, please call collect.

The above space, offered monthly as a community service of Columbia Bank, is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Requests should be made in writing to this newspaper.

Bloomingdale Beauty Shaping up for State Pageant

by James E. Lott
Bloomingdale Resident

A Miss America perfect figure is just one trait Miss Brandon, Teresa Jennewine, will need to win the Miss Florida Pageant, June 27 - 30 in Orlando.

The 21 year old Bloomingdale beauty says that like any other worthwhile goal, wanting to win the Miss Florida competition and bring home a Miss America title demands concentration, dedication and hard work. Working full-time as administrative assistant to the president of Athletic Clubs of America helps with all three factors.

"When I get off work, all I have to do to begin my daily fitness workout is cross the room," Teresa said.

Spending one to two hours after work on the club's cardiovascular and fitness equipment each evening is just the beginning of her pageant preparation routine.

Judging in the Miss Florida competition is based on a

number of factors. These include 40% for talent, 30% for the judges interview and 15% each for swimsuit and evening wear competition.

Teresa, who has played the clarinet for 11 years, plans to play a ragtime piece in the talent judging. This means additional long hours polishing her skills on the instrument. And preparing for the judges interview is a constant process of broadening her knowledge about contemporary issues and learning interviewing techniques.

Teresa holds an associates of arts degree from Brevard College, North Carolina. She resides with her parents in Bloomingdale West.

New Bloomingdale Fire Station to open

by Bonnie Abrado
Gazette Staff

James Brady, Acting Fire Chief of Hillsborough County has provided updated information regarding the Bloomingdale Fire Station being built on Little road. The station will be manned by a voluntary force of fire fighters, with two paid volunteers on day-time duty at the station.

Mr. Brady further explained that there are no monies budgeted to make the station a career station and that the county is satisfied with the level of volunteers in the area. Although not continu-

ously manned 24 hours, some volunteers may starve overnight on occasion.

Mr Brady's main emphasis was to clarify to residents that any structure fire would be reported for response not only to the volunteer station, but also to the main career station in Bloomingdale as well as the Brandon station. Any smaller fires such as auto fires, may only require a volunteer response.

The new station, which is slated to handle the Bloomingdale area, is scheduled to open around July 1.

Bloomingdale Business

by Bonnie Abrado
Advertising Director

Maureen Pheils, Bloomingdale West Resident, has been selected from all the Wal-Mart associates from the Bloomingdale store to represent them at the June 1 annual stockholder's meeting in Bentonville, Arkansas. A special feature of the meeting is an invitation to dinner at Sam Walton's estate. Congratulations Maureen, and have a great trip.

Nancy Heston, Bloomingdale Resident is the new owner of the New Hope Antique Mall at 202 E. Robertson, Brandon. New Hope Antiques will feature individual dealers with a wide variety of furniture and many other articles of interest to collectors. There is space available for additional dealers and purchase of more merchandise. Call Nancy at 681-9592.

GINNY Lindberg, Bloom-

ingdale Resident, has begun operation of Ginny's Grooming Gallery. A graduate of the Florida School of Grooming, Ginny will provide professional grooming for all breeds of dogs and cats too. She is knowledgeable of the latest techniques in pet grooming. Call Ginny for an appointment at 653-2006.

Clarifying last month's column regarding Wal-Mart's awards to area students, please note that Nina Hamlin received the \$1,000 award and the other girls, Erin White and Hui Ning Zhou each received a \$25 gift certificate.

Pioneer Federal Savings Bank has appointed Jackie Heron as manager of their Bloomingdale branch at 955 E. Bloomingdale Avenue. Mrs. Heron previously served as Customer Service Representative. Pioneer Federal Savings Bank has 34 locations throughout the

area. Liz Fox, Bloomingdale Resident, has begun a free lance communications consulting and desk top publishing business in Bloomingdale. For assistance with your business or personal needs, call Liz at 681-9434. She is presently offering a free half-hour communications check-up.

The Florida Bay Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation is seeking grant proposal for 1991. The proposals should describe methods that enhance the early and regular use of prenatal care services and resources for women in Florida. Representatives from the business community are encourage to participate by lending their expertise or becoming involved in a specific project. For information, call Cathy Rogert at 1-800-333-3463.

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Fast Growing Shade Trees

by Astrid Davies
Bloomingdale Resident
Pat & Mike's Nursery

As the summer season approaches, many Bloomingdale homeowners are looking for shade trees. There are many varieties to choose from depending on the amount of shade a tree will give and it's growth rate; and whether it will stay green all year or drop it's leaves in the winter months. Some of the most popular shade trees are the maples, oaks, sweetgums and camphor trees. These are all cold hardy trees but some will lose their leaves (deciduous) in the winter.

The red maple tree will eventually reach up to 75 feet, the leaves change color (red) in the fall, it is not salt tolerant, but is considered a fast growing shade tree. The laurel oak will grow up to 100 feet and it is used as a fast growing shade tree. Also, it's growth pattern is upright, taller than wide. The water oak or live oak may also be considered.

The sweet gum tree also changes color in the fall and the only drawback is the fruit "gum balls" on a mature tree. It will establish a height of 100 feet and is considered fast growing. The camphor tree will not shed it's leaves in the winter months, and it will reach an eventual height of 50 feet. The black berries borne by this tree can become a nuisance when they fall on walks or driveways, however.

There are many other choices of shade trees. Proper planting and regular watering and fertilizing is essential to get the best growth rate out of a new shade tree.

Happy Gardening!

Congratulations to the Bloomingdale Senior Class of 1990

Abbate, Claire Christine
Ackiss, Jason Roger
Adams, Stephanie Lyn
Aebischer, Kristofer Nicholas
Akhter, Salma
Akridge, Michael Lee
Alexander, Lisamarie
Alexander, Terri Ann
Allen, David Matthew
Allen, Graham Eston
Alspach, Mark David
Alvarez, Marilyn
Anderson, Tracy Raenor
Anglin, Ryan Keith
Armistead, Darryl Edward
Armstrong, Robert Paul
Arndt, Keith Alan
Arlona, Gina Lynn

Austin, Tamara LaJuana
Autry, Brennan Spencer
Aversa, Darren Nelson
Backman, Robert Harold
Bahlow, Marcia Lynn
Baird, Charles A.
Baker, John David
Bakise, David Michael
Banzhoff, Andrew Brady
Bard, Sharalyn Marie
Barker, Gregory Richard
Barlaan, Lenore S.
Bartlett, Kristi Lynne
Bartley, Andrea Jane
Bates, Tara Lynn
Beal, Daniel Judson
Beale, Nicole Arlette
Beck II, James Harwood
Belden, Patrick Joseph
Bell, Glenn Kim
Bell, Gregory Jason
Bell, Susan Hough
Bennette, Robert Lewis
Bermudez, Raquel
Bermudez, Rebecca
Berrios, Jr., Rafael H.
Bishop, Christine Marie
Bishop, Gregory Earl
Blackburn, Christy Diane
Blake, Kimberly Mashell
Bogdanowicz, Joseph Thomas
Bohlig, Karin Marie
Bontadelli, Jamie Jeanette
Borden, Dwain Edward
Borozinski, Jason Charles
Bowen, Chad Stanley
Bowen, Donnie Eduardo
Boyd, Carrie Ann
Boykin, Jennifer Lyn
Brady, Steven Michael
Brantley, Jason Charles
Bratton, Cynthia Ann
Braun, Deanna Marie
Brewer, Deborah Ann
Bricker, Julie Ann
Bridges, Chad James
Brooks, Jeannette Renee
Brooks, Maurya Agnes
Brooks, Shelly Elizabeth
Brown, Christine Elizabeth
Brown, Devin William
Brown, Eric Richard
Brown, Jr., James Hubert
Brown, John Dale
Brown, Michael Sean
Bruffett, Shannon Dwayne
Bryan, Justin Christopher
Bryant, Gary Michael
Burke, Michael Jerome
Burnett, Michelle Marie
Burns, Consuela Estelle
Byrd, David Scott
Caballer, Jr., Daniel Lawrence
Caban, David Noel
Cabo Verde, Dinah
Callahan, Scott Oran
Cameron, Mark David
Camille, Elizabeth Lance
Campbell, Christopher Sean
Campoamor, Christina Marie
Cannella, Donna Marie

Carlisle, Christopher Edward
Carson, Andrea Danielle
Carter, Benjamin Alan
Carter, Kevin Grant
Caskey, Larry Michael
Cassell, Michelle Leigh
Catalano, Michael Sebastian
Cervi, Marc Anthony
Cervi, Marissa Ann
Chahoc, Kimberly Sue
Chambers II, Richard Francis
Christian, Casey William
Chupka, Jeffrey Allen
Church, Jason Edward
Cicarrello, Salina Jean
Cochran, Jason Michael
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Coeville, Michael Scott
Collado, Robert Michael
Collins, Nicole Elizabeth
Comlish, Tracey Marie
Connell, Stacy Lynn
Connelly, Russell Clifford
Cooper, Jimmy Darren
Cooper, Melissa Marie
Cooper, Ross Anthony
Copher, Heather Renee
Corredor, Alexander
Costanzo, Richard Anthony
Coull, Katherine Mary
Crabtree, Michelle Elaine
Crawford, Bryan Rhodes
Creager, Tiffany Lynn
Crist, Gary Lee
Cross, Frank Collins
Crouse, Stephen Edward
Cummings, Christopher Mark
Cummings, Dean Russell
Curchin Heather Michelle
Czaplicki, Robert Aaron
D'Anna, Kristen
Dail, Stephanie Ann
Davis, Carolyn Jennifer
Davis, Marcus Ian
Davis, Natalie Marie
Dazzi, Tammy Lynn
Deckert, Tammy Lynne
Dehring, Brenda Lynn
Delaney, James Francis
deLaski, Katherine Hope
DeLeo, Michelle Renee
DeLeon, Michael John
DeMasse, Robin Jayne
DeMedici, David John
Denuzzio, Mark Anthony
De Paul, Jennifer Michele
DesMarais, Timothy Joseph
Diaz, Angela Elizabeth
Diaz, Jennifer Marie
Diaz, Nicole Marie
Dickinson, Robert Adams
DiGregorio, Cindy Ann
Dixon, David George
Dixon, Lynda Christian
Donn, John Patrick
Doyle, Roger Spencer
Drea, James Michael

Drye, Brian Christopher
DuBose, Ronald Michael
Duffy, Peter John
Dunson, Andy Lee
Durazo, Lisa Ann
Durrance, Sally Ann
Dyer, Candace Leah
Dyer, Nancy Elizabeth
Eggleston, Theodora Lorie
Eldrige, Benjamin Pryor
Ellenburg, Kevin Ronald
Engstrom, Eric Todd
Enochs, Michael Jon
Eshelman, Kimberly Anne
Espinosa, Eduardo
Fagan, Kristi Jo
Fallen, Charles Howard
Fallon, Robert William
Feighner, Mark Matthew
Fernandez, Walter Alex
Fernkas, Shelley Danielle
Ferrell, Jonathan Patrick
Findlay, Dwight Percival
Finger, Derek Allen
Finke, Marci Jean
Finley, Amy Kathleen
Fischer, Erik Leighton
Fletcher, Wyatt Lee
Flomberg, Bruce Starr
Forinash, John David
Foster, Timothy Ross
Fragos, Marc Steven
Francis, James Stanley
Frank, Scott David
Franke, Shana Reinelle
Freeman, Eric Josselyn
Frisch, Nicole Marie
Gaglio, Adam David
Gain, Trent Roman
Gaines, Deni Pauline
Gammill, Ari Renoir
Garner, Ali Jamal
Garner, Daniel Reese
Garren, Christopher Daniel
Gearhart, Scott Michael
George Shaunessy Deirdre
Germany, Kara Lynn
Gianino, Angela Renee
Gill, Jason Lee
Gill, Jon Ethan
Gillespie, Brian Emil
Gilliard, Christine Lynn
Gilmore, Chad Alan
Glass, Jennifer Gail
Goeddaues, Michelle Renee
Gonzales, Donna Marie
Gonzalez, Alyssa Renee
Gonzalez, Miriam
Gonzalez Jr., Jose
Goodwin, Lisa Marie
Gordon, Tammy Michelle

Gough, Thomas Warren
Gray, Sandra Lynn
Gray, Troy Lee
Green, Samantha Collins
Greenhoe, Darcie Anne
Groce, Jon Barrett
Gross, Edythe Michelle
Guerra-Rojas, Christine
Guidry, Toni Alisa
Gustafson, Amy Elizabeth
Habbeshaw, James Richard
Hadnott, Catherine Sue
Hafeman, Cindy Michelle
Haley, Eleanor Elizabeth
Hall, Kathrine Louise
Haller, Jennifer Rebecca
Hancock, Frances Marie
Harbridge, Teresa Lynann
Harden, Andrew John
Hardin, Meredith Ashley
Hardwick, Gregory Ernest
Harrell, Rita Fay
Harris, Alvin Augustus
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Hayes, Holly Sydel
Hayes, Rudolph
Heald, Michael Warren
Hebbard, Kimberley Louise
Helburn, Stephanie Lee
Henness, Steffanie Lynne
Henry, Bryce James
Hernandez, David
Hernandez, Johanna Lynn
Hickey, James Clarence
Hicks III, George Howard
Hilbert, Holli Lynn
Hill, Daren Glenn
Hill, Selena Patrice
Hill, Tracy Elizabeth
Himmel, Stephen Carl
Hinson, Curtis James
Hodge, Cotina Danyielle
Hoening, Eric Charles
Hoffman, Glenn Matthew
Holman, Kristie Lynn
Holmes, Daniel Clinton
Hooper Chad Lawrence
Hooper, Kerrie Anne
Hooper, Steven Douglas
Howell, John Thomas Richard
Hoyland, Karen Elizabeth
Hudecek, Michael Henry
Hudgins, Kenneth Robert
Huntsman, Stacie Ann
Hutcheson, Teresa Lynn
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Chad Hooper
John McCray
Derek Sopko
Mike Heald

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Jones, Catherine Marie
Jones, Cynthia Diane
Jones, Ericca Kerry
Jones, James Webb
Jones, Jennifer Lynn
Jorgensen, Cindy Renee
Julian, Mindi Jaye
Kash, Dodi Michelle
Keen, Amy Witt
Keiser, Kara Jeanine
Keith, Robert Perry
Kelly, Jr., Michael Spencer
Kendall, Denise Bernadette
Kincaid, Margaret Ann
Knowlton, Thomas Brian
Kotas, James Gerard
Krasnokutsky, Lisa Marie
Kulczycke, Gregg Henry
Kunz, Todd A.R.
Lackie, Michell Christine
Lamkin, Kevin Michael
Landsberger, Marisa Dee
Lang, Melinda Sue
Lanzas, Alejandro Jose
LaVecchia, Eric James
Laws, Melissa Louise
Lentz, Renee Lynn
Lewis, Llewelyn Udena
Lewis, Mark Larry
Lindsay, Heather Jean
Little, Michael David
Lloyd, Nickolas Evertt
Logalbo III, Joseph Frank
Lott, Brian Eric
Lowe, Jason Lee
Lowry, Teresa Rene
Lucas, Deanne Louise
Lundgren, Kimberly Susanne
Lyew, Steve Fernando
MacKenzie, Kimberly Michelle
Madison, Andrew
Mahlum, Bradley Warren
Malatesta, Stacy Ann
Manlove, Linda Marie
Marine, Ulrich Stanley
Marine, Uston Shane
Markley, Danny James
Markley, Katherine Mary
Marshall, William John
Martin, Christopher John
Martin, Felicia Raquel
Martin, Sean Michael
Martinez, George Adam
Mathers, Melissa Lea
Mathis, Michael Andrew
Maye, Shawn B.
McClendon, Crista Ann
McCoy, Donald Allan
McCray, John Edward
McElheny, Shannon
McGlinsey, Janette Marie

McGregor, Andrew Sean
McIvor, Michael Patrick
McNeal, Michael Shane
McNerlin, Roy Clayton
Meadows, Jeffrey Ryan
Meccia, Karen Lynn
Melovich, Shelly Lyn
Memory, Andrea Suzanne
Merkle, Philip Bradley
Merriam, Tina Maria
Middleton, Tina Marie
Miguel, Alan Steven
Miley, Karyl Gail
Miller, Nikki Colleen
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Wrigley
Moore, Cheriee Chalene
Moore, Whitney Alexander
Morris, Brian Michael
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Mote, Jennifer Lynn
Mowry, Wayne Allan
Mudri, Holly Christine
Munger, Deanna Lynn
Munoz, Laura Elena
Murphy, Edward Jason
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Nailling, Joyce Michelle
Natale, Laura Anne
Neal, Kristine Anne
Neff, Michele Lee
Nelson, Toben Dekker
Newlin, Nicholas Paul
Newnam, Larry Dudley
Nissen, Sherianne Muriel
Nolte, Christopher Michael
Norton, Connie Nicole
Oaks, Jennifer Dee
O'Connell, Edward Mathias
Oder, Cynthia Dawn
Oglesby II, William Bert
Oladell, Theresa Lynne
Olivero, Jason Matthew
Ozard, Scott William
Pace, Melanie Dawn
Pacula, James Michael
Page, Stephanie Rose
Palmer, Cheryl Elaine
Parham, Penelope Jeanne
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Parry, Melissa Dawn
Patel, Seema D.
Patterson, Michael Jay
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Peeples, Cade Tyson
Peeples, Kyle Matthew
Perkins, Brian Keith
Peterson, Hans Christian
Pfaffko-Boyer, Samantha Leigh
Philip, Sangeeta George
Pickering, Marcella Ruth

Pietras, Jeanette Lynne
Pingitore, Michael David
Pittman, Sara Laine
Plumley, Ronald Jason
Poe, Lisa Diane
Polacek, Jennifer Jean
Pope, Jennifer Lynn
Potter, Jeffrey Michael
Povilus, Jeffrey William
Price, Chad
Purtell, LaShawn
Queen, Jason Lee
Raikes, Russell Karl
Raines, Donald Wes
Ramos, William Roger
Ray, Brett Matthew
Rechkemer, Joseph Michael
Rector, Kimberly Beth
Reed, Michelle Christine
Reeves, Pamela Jean
Reinhard, Andrew Douglas
Reisinger, Dawn Marie
Richards, Darla Nadine
Richardson, Darrin LeRoy
Ricks, Jr., Thomas Samuel
Riddle, Sandra Dee
Rimes, Tina DeNeice
Roberts, Jr., Arthur Lee
Rodriguez, Kristina Lynn
Rodriguez, Selena Marie
Roegner, Kristina Jean
Rojas, Sykeem Angela
Rook, Victor Ethen
Rooks, William Eric
Roseberry, Melanie Elaine
Rosenau, Sandra Emi
Rossie, Patricia Veronica
Rouse, Aileen Marie
Rusnak, Tamara Lynn
Russ, Amy Elizabeth
Saas, Brian Christopher
Sammons, Robert Daniel
Sanders, Christopher Loyd
Sanders, Jonathan Carl
Santucci, Nicholas Joseph
Sappington, Teresa Gale
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Sarsour, Tokan A.
Scarper, Jonathan Alan
Schmedeman, Andrew John
Schwimmer, Keli Nicole
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Shaw, Scott Charles
Sheets, James Kelly
Sheffield, Scott Allen
Shillady, Tracie Diane
Siedlack, James Allen
Siker, Shawn Christopher
Sims, Grady Darrick
Sims, Jean L.
Sims, Kevin Allen
Sisson, Bridgette Lee
Slone, Stephanie Dawn
Smith, Ashley Leigh
Smith, Joyce Ann
Smith, Melissa Susan
Smith II, Donald Joseph

Snow, Jeffery Bryan
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Sopko, Rance Derek
Sorg, Ronald Roy
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Speicher, Kimberly Ann
St. Pierre, Derek William
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Walter, Nicole Lea
Ward, Donald Eugene
Waters, Kimberlee Ann
Watson, Wesley Alan
Weldy, Kristi Lynne
White, Dietrick Lynette
Wiebeld, Elizabeth Ann
Wilburn, Christopher Ray
Wilkes, Penny Ann
Williams, Kevin Patrick
Williams, Krista Yvette
Williams, Saskia Cass
Williams, Thomas Harrison
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Wilson, Lisa Kathryn
Wilson, Lorraine Diane
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Wolfram, Carmen Marie
Wood, Christopher Michael
Wooddell, Ryan Jeffrey
Salutatorian
Woods, Melitha Lynn
Worden, Jay Tracey
Worthen, Shelby Diane
Wright, Jay Paul
Wyatt, Steven William
Yake, Jennifer Kay
Yeatts, Colleen Renee
Zimmerman, Anne Elizabeth
Zimmerman, Holly

Names in BOLD are the Honor Graduates with a 4.0 grade-point average.

Congratulations James!

All of us at Little Professor Book Center have enjoyed working with you the past 2 1/2 years and know you will have a great future. Best wishes always!

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Video Fair wishes the best of luck to graduating Senior:

Nick Newlin

Congratulations and best wishes to **Amy Finley** from all your friends at **Klassy Kids!**

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Best wishes to our graduates

of Pasta Bloomingdale Soccer Seniors

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Dave Allen
Dave Bakise
Scott Sheffield
Coach Mike Houle

field, a valued employee!

Derek St. Pierre

Congratulations on your tremendous success in High School; best wishes in college.

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Wishes congratulations to our special graduates

Terri Harbridge and Danny McCoy

Congratulations:

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The Mahlums



High School News

by Pam Mahlum
Gazette Staff Reporter

Bloomingdale High The "Sound of Music" will be filling the high school auditorium during May. The following groups will be performing:

- May 22 - Jazz Ensemble Concert at 7:30 p.m.
- May 24 - Chorus Spring Concert at 8 p.m.
- May 29 - Band Concert at 7:30 p.m.
- May 31 - Ambassadors Spring Concert at 7:30 p.m.

The football jamboree will be held at Armwood High School on Thursday May 24 at 7 p.m..

The seniors of the month for May are Sally Durrance and Walter Fernandez.

The Academic Booster Club hosted a pizza party to honor seniors who received academic letters for the first semester. The next Academic Booster Club meeting will be on Monday May 21 at 7:30 in the Principal's conference room.

Class of 1990 - The Baccalaureate Program will be Sunday June 3 at 3 p.m. in the school gym. Graduation will be held Thursday June 7 at 8 p.m. at the USF Sun Dome. Mitzi Woods and Mike Cocville will give the salutatory and valedictory addresses.

Elementary School News

by Shannon Cox
Gazette Staff Reporter

The voting is over for the new t-shirt design for Alafia Elementary and the winner is 1st grader Michael Grafton and his family. Michael's design will grace the front of the school's t-shirts for the 1990-91 school year.

County level winners in the state PTA Reflections Contest are as follows: Photography Jonathan Lieb, Jessica Goldfarb, and Kimberly Adkins. Literature-Rachel Mikaelson and Jamie Melton. Visual Arts-Robin Stovall, Alexandra Zukowski, Melissa McDonnell and Kristin Panfilio. Visual Arts Needlework-Michael McDonnell. Music-Colin Reinhard. Honorable Mentions in Visual Art-Natalie Grayston, Courtney Blount and Nicole Hays. On the state level, Colin Reinhard and Jonathan Lieb received Honorable Mentions and Michael McDonnell received President's Choice. Michael's work will be displayed at the Florida PTA office in Orlando.

At Brooker Elementary, Terrific Kids for March were: Robert Hayden, Devon Breny, Courtney Wynn, Jonathan Peck, Sean Royal, Danielle Moore, Maurcen Allen, Michael Jones, Joseph O'Neil, Crystal Boren, Anthony Carbo, Abby Dean, Patrick Ogden, DeOnte Woodruff, Melissa Reinstein, Daniel DeGiglio,

Chris Hancock, Lakreshia Tolbert, Samantha Berube, Romero Hayes, Tess Williams, Christy Williams, Bucky Rogers, Amber McGee, Lindsay Thompson, Karrie Rhoads, Jennifer Waller, Erica Murphy, Leslie Collins, Christina Perez, Jason LaRoque, Candice Madrell, Samantha Kuchaj, Ashley Miller, Trenton Williams, Jennifer Ryan, Cheri Rodgers, Kelly Johnson, James Purnell, and Scott Anderson.

Brooker's first graders will be visiting Tampa International Airport during the months of April and May. They will be given a guided tour of the airport and will observe the arrival and departure of planes; learning how the control tower uses radar, radio and signal lights to direct air traffic. They will follow the processes of a passenger, from ticket purchase to final boarding.

The AGP fourth and fifth graders will visit Kennedy Space Center. Mrs. Brown's and Mrs. Fallon's classes held an all day "camp-in" on April 6. They had a picnic lunch, and investigated wildlife habitats in the school backyard.

Melissa Blair, Mary Ann Worley and Anne Feighner were recognized for their outstanding participation in the Book-It program. Among them, the three girls read a total of 397 books in 5 months!

Booker T. Washington News

by Mandi Oros
Student Reporter

Well, since this is my last report for the school year, I would like to wish everyone who reads this newspaper to "Have a safe and Happy Summer".

Activity day number 3, was a big hit! Everyone had a great time. Special thanks to the teachers who participated, the student council, and especially the D.J.'s from Q105, it was "simply the best!"

May 4 students who were in Mrs. Hammontree, Ms. Casey, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Koontz went to Epcot. It was totally awesome! The week of the May 14 the whole school went to Lowery Park Zoo. We didn't go at once but by lunch periods (first lunch on Monday, second lunch on Tuesday, third lunch on Wednesday).

Booker T. is having their finals on the last week of school. (Study hard) We get out on June 8.

Once again, have a great summer.

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Kurek, Carrie L.
Lind, Christopher R.
McBride, Meredith
Meredith, Kevin M.
Meredith, Nathan A.
Mills, Travis W.
Moore, Jason
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Reese, Morgan
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According to a summary of the April 27 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee of the MPO of Hillsborough County Government, an update was requested on the status of sidewalks being built within two miles of schools. This would allow the Hillsborough County School District to save an estimated 7 million dollars by increasing the number of walking students.

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Above: The winners display their projects just before they were shipped for exhibition at MOSI. Below: Ms. McGlynn's 2nd grade class project at MOSI.



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Tax Tip of the Month

by Robert J. Morris, C.P.A., C.T.P.

This is an election year and therefore, it is my belief that tax rates will not go up in 1990. However, there are restraints, such as deficit reduction, which will most likely result in another tax bill being passed in the coming year. Some of my expected changes are as follows:

There has been heavy debate in both Houses for the past two years on reducing the tax on capital gains. I believe such legislation will pass this year and the most likely to succeed appears to be the proposal by Congressman Archer. This bill will be a three-tier exclusion consisting of 10% reduction for short term (less than one year), 20% reduction on assets held between one and two years, and 30% reduction for assets held for more than two years. This may reduce the tax on long term capital gains by as much as 8.4%. When selling stock,

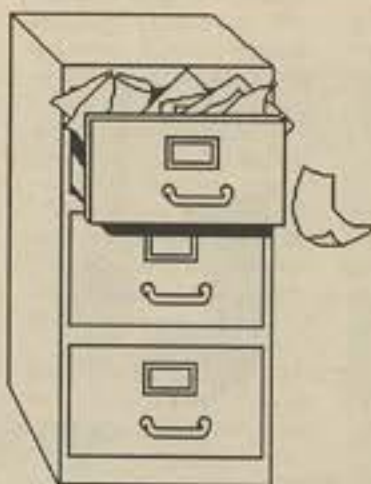
etc., this year, give consideration to selling the "older" stock before the newer.

I also feel rather strongly that some correction will be made to once again allow IRA deductible contributions. The most likely to succeed appears to be a bill allowing deductible contributions of up to \$5,000 to families with less than \$120,000 of income. This would re-open IRA accounts to the majority as is should be. If passed, there may be other limitations applied such as a minimum number of years it must remain invested to be tax-free deferred.

Many people were introduced this year to the additional tax on premature distribution from IRA's and pension plans. I think special new withdrawals will be introduced as pen-

alty free such as first-time home buyer and college payments.

tax to be collected. So to neutralize the effect Congress will have to collect more on other taxes, some of which may be:



Congress will probably consider dropping the last 10% deductions allowed in current law on your personal interest deduction. I feel our congress will suggest the vast majority are used to the fact of lower interest deductions on Schedule A so what's 10% more! This will probably go!

Also, telephone excise taxes are another easy way to raise taxes without raising taxes (political semantics). How many people look at their

telephone bill anyway. Congress can hide the tax increase here easily. Likewise gasoline, cigarettes and alcohol taxes may be targeted to increase. After all, we have proven in the past that we will drive, smoke and drink at almost any cost. These seem easy to pass.

Congress will also look at quickening the payroll tax deposits. If you own a small (or large) business, be sure to meet your deposit deadlines. By speeding up the tax collection Congress can raise up to \$1 billion without any tax increase. Another easy increase not to cause a stir in an election year.

Congress has also, in the last four years, looked into taxing the income of charitable organizations which are earned from businesses and not related directly to the charitable function. This

will most likely be looked at once again, but due to strong lobbying against such a proposal, will most likely fail again.

Senator Moynihan has crusaded to cut Social Security taxes and has developed a tremendous amount of interest as well as support. Unfortunately, I feel a cut here will cause too large a drop in taxes and therefore any attempt in this area will most likely be vetoed by the president. To increase the Social Security intake, we may see state and local government workers be added to these rolls which will increase receipts by approximately \$2 billion.

The above are some of my forecasted changes I expect to occur in 1990. These are only projections and only time and our Congress will prove them right or wrong.

Bloomington Real Estate Report

By Chuck Frenz Realtor



Well, sales have slipped. As you can see from the Box Score the houses that closed between March 19, 1990, and April 20, 1990, are down from that same period in 1989.

However, whether the market is down or up, this is the best time of year to have your house on the market. Right now is when people have caught a bad case of spring fever and are out shopping for a new house.

Make sure yours has as much "curb appeal" as possible so that it goes on their

"Must See" list. Pay special attention to the lawn, landscaping, exterior paint, and that all important front door. You want your house to smile at passersby and say "Come On In!"

Bloomington Box Score

March 19, 1989 - April 20, 1989
17 closed
March 19, 1990 - April 20, 1990
13 closed

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Bloomington Resident

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but also that they had seen the residents of the home traveling the streets unsupervised, climbing over the fence, and staring into neighbors houses. (It should be noted that after interviewing neighbors, HRS, and the Center, none of these allegations could be substantiated by this reporter, although one incident of verbal profanity by the 17 year old who was removed from the home was reported and corroborated upon by witnesses.)

Dealing with overwhelming community concern, Andersen and Susan DeLuca (General Manager of The Bloomingdale Gazette)

met with McClusky and Mira of the Center and Stewart from HRS to discuss the community's concerns and any future remedies to ensure the safety of Bloomingdale Residents.

Stewart stated that due to this specific situation, HRS' rules for the transferring in of children have been changed. "Some of the procedures from our own office have been tightened up. All placements will be reviewed by the District Administrator (currently Tom Weinberg) and he must sign off," thus making him responsible for any incoming transfers. "We can't guarantee that it won't ever happen again, however."

But having HRS change

their procedures does not necessarily make one next-door neighbor feel better.

"I have no problems with the home being here, the idea's a good idea; however, I have a real concern with HRS in general administering the program," said Paul Brousseau.

Although Brousseau and his wife Susan state that now they have no concerns about the congregate living facility being next door to them, they didn't always feel that way.

According to both, they had no idea the Center was next door until they read about the alleged assault in the *Tribune*, although they were witness to the Sheriff's response to the Center's call and the removal of the 17-year-old boy by Sheriff's Deputies.

They both agreed, when interviewed, that they would have preferred to have had the Center come next door and introduce themselves when they moved in. Because they didn't "it gives them the appearance of being secretive and of wrongdoing," said Susan Brousseau. She, too, stated that she felt the home was a good idea and "thought it would be a good idea to adopt them" as a Bloomingdale Community project. According to Paul, "Let's make it an asset."

According to another resident who asked for his name to be withheld, "I think they are good people and have no problems with them being there."

Who is the Florida Center for the Handicapped and how are they guided? According to Chapter 89-

372 of Florida law, it is called a community residential home for the developmentally disabled. To meet the criteria, the Center can only have a maximum of six children; but currently this Center is licensed for five. The ages this Center accepts are 6 to 17 in chronological age; the children currently at the center have IQ's of 20 to 70 (100 is "normal"). The homes are not subject to county laws or government except for items of local zoning for a single family residency or where licensing may be at issue.

The children may or may not have been legally given up by their parents. These residents, as defined by the state law, live in the home 365 days per year. Occasionally, depending on the situation, they may go home to their family for special occasions.

The Department of HRS does the initial screening of the applicants before they are referred to the Center. The Center then has the right to turn down any applicant they feel is not qualified for their non-disruptive home setting. Currently, HRS has a waiting list of over 350 children and adults. One recent placement was a girl who had been on the waiting list for 10 years. Placement may or may not be based upon length of time on the list. For the most part it is based on appropriateness of the individual and the facilities available so that a suitable match is found. They also try to place children close to the homes of their families. One of the boys in the Center's care has been with the Center's founder, Tom McClusky, for over four years. At the time he was placed in the center, not only did he have Rubinstein-

Taybi Syndrome (this syndrome has the appearance of Down's Syndrome), but he had also been abused. His vocabulary at placement was two-word sentences, he now speaks in eight-word sentences and is a happy, well-adjusted child.

The care of these children falls to two full-time counselors during the day and one live-in counselor at night. Tom McClusky is a Certified Behavior Analyst with many years of exceptional child experience. He also has a BA in Psychology and Behavior Management and was the Center Director for the Nettles Group Home for 12 years. He is the live-in counselor at the Isleton home. Manny Mira is an ex-law enforcement officer who specialized in this area of care. His wife, Patricia Mira, is a Certified Special Education School Teacher.

Funds to care for these children come totally from HRS and occasionally from private donations. Although they are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and able to accept donations, they haven't as of now. Because donated funds are in short supply, outings such as Saturday morning horseback riding have been curtailed. HRS funds everything the child needs from food and clothing to medical expenses, toys, and schooling.

Not only does HRS review and observe the Center but Dr. Brian Jacobson of the Behavior Program Review Committee meets one time per month and discusses the patients and their individual programs which are put into writing. A child being sent to a bedroom as punishment requires committee approval before it can be implemented, for example. No corporal punishment is allowed. The idea behind the

system and programs is to normalize and blend in in a mainstreaming effect.

Fire drills are another example of care implementation. Drills are carried out one time per month, while fire and health inspections are done on a yearly basis. A Social Worker visit one time per month rounds out the list of frequent visitors to the home to check on the residents and their welfare.

The children, all school age, attend local schools which they reach by riding a school bus in the morning and afternoon. Eisenhower Exceptional Center is one of the schools attended. Some of the boys attend the local Boy Scouts, while others prefer Chuck E. Cheese for a special treat.

According to McClusky, the children get off the school bus around 2:15 p.m. They change out of their school clothes, into play clothes, and then get their snacks. The favorite item being brownies. They then go outside to play to get the rigors of the school day out of their system. When they get thirsty, Kool Aid hits the spot. Although the adults do the cooking, the children each have separate chores such as putting out plates, napkins, and silverware at dinnertime. According to McClusky, "I have three good stirrers."

After dinner is bathtime and quiet play. It is also a good time to practice dressing and some independent functions. Bedtime is anywhere from 7 to 8:30 on weeknights.

According to McClusky, neighborhood children have come over to play and have never been turned away.

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Eagle Scout Follow-up

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

It took 37 hours of planning, with another 117 hours of work put in by troop 266. But finally Bloomingdale Resident Steve Zwalen's Eagle Scout Project was complete—one day ahead of schedule.

Steve Zwalen's project was detailed in a Gazette article last month, as he was planning to canvass Bloomingdale homes with a double purpose in mind. His first priority was to draw attention to the fact that keeping outdated drugs may be dangerous to one's health. With assistance from pharmacist Celeste Vega and her employer Eckerd Drugs, he also provided residents with bags (courtesy of Eckerd's) which could be filled with old drugs and brought to the Bloomingdale Eckerd's for proper disposal.

Once Steve planned his project, he even earned the money necessary for printing the cards and flyers. These items were placed in the bags, and then Steve organized routes that covered 1500 Bloomingdale homes. After stuffing the bags, the scouts distributed them for Steve. As a result of his efforts, 50 people turned in outdated drugs that had been sitting on their shelves.

Eckerd's Pharmacist Celeste Vega stands next to the sign Steve made to encourage everyone to dispose of old medications.

Divorce Recovery to be Subject of June Workshop

by Pastor Ed Ross
Bloomingdale Resident

Beginning on June 12 at 7:00 p.m. and running the next six consecutive Tuesday evenings, South Brandon Community Church will host a Divorce Recovery Workshop aimed at helping people separated or divorced learn to grow and heal through one of the most difficult times in their lives. "Of the 53 million single adults in America, the divorced represent one of the largest segments," says Bob Culbreath, coordinator of the workshop program. Divorce ranks high along with the death of a spouse or child as one of the most traumatic experiences a human being could ever face.

This workshop, entitled "A New Beginning" will have as its two primary goals to create a safe, loving, yet confidential environment, and it is further designed to help loosen the bonds which existed between themselves and their former spouses,

and to learn to set new goals for themselves as single adults. "Naturally our fondest hope is for reconciliation of spouses in a broken marriage," said Culbreath. "However, realistically that is not going to happen in the majority of instances. This workshop is for those who have definitely concluded that their union is irretrievably shattered and for whose marriage there is no chance of salvation."

The participants in this workshop will be residents of our community who are currently separated and whose divorcees may not be final, or even initiated, and who have been divorced most generally two years or less. However, there may be some who will attend having been divorced five years or longer and who still have not healed of the wounds of their relationship. The group will include persons who are members of various churches in the area, and those who attend no church. It will contain persons who

feel an urgent need to talk, but who may be afraid of their vulnerability. Some may be distrustful, others may be lonely. Several may have already established new social contacts while a few may need to set new priorities and new goals. Many may already know each other, while many others will not.

Our society has a pill or prescription for almost every malady. Precious little, it seems, has provided a cure for those struggling through the devastation of a broken marriage or family. South Brandon Community

Church, through its divorce recovery workshop, hopes to provide persons with perspective which will make their path through life a little easier to navigate. A fruitful, fulfilling life can exist after divorce. For more information concerning this program, or to obtain a registration form, call the church office at 653-2317 or write to: South Brandon Community Church, 406 E. Bloomingdale Avenue, Brandon, FL 33511. South Brandon Community Church worships at Bloomingdale High School at 10 a.m. on Sundays.

Special Taxing District Meeting

by Alexa Hrvatin
Gazette Staff Reporter

The STD met on April 9, starting the meeting at 8:15 p.m., with all members present except Fred Uphoff. Treasurer Joe Liguori presented the treasurer's report.

Two letters were presented from Pulte Homes whose representative Robert Fleck offered to meet with the STD in order to discuss the fence issue. Pulte has offered their contractors and expertise, but will not contribute to the cost of the fence. They are willing, however, to provide cost estimates and a list of their vendors to help with the project. Peter Aluotto and Ron Delavan will meet with Pulte Representatives to discuss the fence issue.

STD administrator Bobby Cole reported there was no vandalism for the past month. He also reported on the Lornewood and Havenstone entranceways. Proposed landscaping of the entranceway was delayed due to sidewalk construction in the area. After the landscaping is in place, it will be hand watered for six weeks until the plants are well established.

Cole recommended that landscaping be upgraded at the entranceway at Elba Way as well as Elton Way with \$1,100 presently budgeted for landscaping at each location. He also recommended using xeriscaping, which would eliminate the need for water and electrical hook-up.

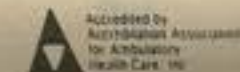
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Building the Budget

by Peter Aluotto
Vice President
Bloomingdale Special Taxing District

The Bloomingdale Special Tax District budget is now being prepared. There will be a public hearing to approve the budget on Monday May 14. If you live within the district you are welcome, indeed, encouraged to attend this hearing. You can pick up copies of the proposed budget in advance from the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association office.

Building your STD budget is not a simple matter and I think it is important for all to develop a basic understanding of the process. Each spring, your board must establish the goals and objectives it expects to accomplish in the next fiscal year. These goals and objectives are derived from several sources: (1) commitments from prior years, (2) continuing contractual and other obligations, and (3) new ideas for the improve-

ment of the district. In each case, we start from zero and we estimate the expected costs (based upon the best available data) and total them up. This, together with the number of assessable parcels, tells us how much the assessment has to be in order to fund the budget. If this number exceeds \$80 per unit we start looking for expenses to cut. If this number is less than \$80 per unit, improvement projects can be added or the assessment cut.

For the past several years, the Bloomingdale STD has maintained its assessment level at \$80. This is due in large part to Gazette polls which consistently indicate a general preference for continued maintenance and improvement over a reduction in assessments. As long as this is satisfactory to the majority of residents, I suspect this will continue.

By now you are probably saying, "swell Pete, but what we really want to know is who decides what gets funded and what doesn't?" Believe it or not, the answer is the board itself. Collectively and as individuals, we respond to needs presented to us by our property manager, the BHA, builders and developers, and individual homeowners. Unfortunately, (or fortunately, depending upon your point of view) this is not a formal process. We do not have forms for people to fill out expressing their ideas and preferences. We do not have an official project evaluation and ranking system. Why not? Thus far, we haven't needed one. Very few individual homeowners attend board meetings. We'd like to think that's because they're happy with the job we're doing. If not, by all means come out and tell us how your feel.

Bloomingdale Special District

Treasurer's Report
March 1, 1990 to March 31, 1990

Opening Balances:

Checking	\$ 9,571.58	
Less	.98	Note 1
Money Market	45,048.78	
Plus	804.60	Note 2
CD #5250	100,000.00	- App. A
CD #4920	30,000.00	- App. B
CD #4580	7,500.00	- App. C
CD #1700	7,500.00	- App. D
	\$200,423.98	
Total Opening Balance		\$200,423.98

Revenues:

Tax Collections (3/09/90)	\$ 1,177.47	
Interest CD #5250	583.01	
Interest CD #4920	181.15	
Interest CD #4580	49.93	
Interest CD #1700	50.24	
Interest MMA	233.35	
Insurance check, wall on Sp'vale	324.00	
	\$2,599.15	
Total Revenues		\$2,599.15
Total Opening Balance plus revenues		\$203,023.13

Expenses:

Description	Ck.#	Amount
Tampa Tribune	611	6.16
Dunedin Sod	612	35.60
Guthrie's Neon	613	66.00
Hills. Cty. PUD	614	16.44
Hook & Holsinger	615	10.91
Brandon Supply	616	37.73
Yrene's	617	26.25
Central Florida	618	1,451.00
Ron Delavan	619	2.30
Hills. Cty PUD	620	224.31
Walter Britt Masonry	621	270.00
TECO	622	95.39
TECO	623	7.00
Brandon Supply	624	67.56
Bobby Cole	625	1,808.34
Bobby Cole	626	36.00
Total Expenses		\$4,160.99

Opening Balance	\$203,023.13
Less Expenses	4,160.99
TOTAL BALANCE	\$198,862.14

Closing Balances:

Checking	\$ 5,409.61
Money Market	48,452.53
CD #5250	100,000.00
CD #4920	30,000.00
CD #4580	7,500.00
CD #1700	7,500.00
	\$198,862.14
Total Closing Balance	\$198,862.14

Accompanying Footnotes:

- Note 1 - Deducted from checking account, per meeting with Oliver & Company who aided in reconciliation.
- Note 2 - Added to Money Market Account, per meeting with Oliver & Company who aided in reconciliation.
- Appendix A - CD #5250 is a non-dedicated CD. Matures on April 11, 1990 and carries a 7.60% interest. It will be transferred back to the MMA as the needed.
- Appendix B - CD #4920 dedicated to fence replacement in Section J. Maturity is June 15, 1990 and carries 7.25% interest.
- Appendix C - CD #4580 is dedicated to irrigation project in Bloomingdale East. Maturity is May 31, 1990 and carries 8.10% interest.
- Appendix D - CD #1700 dedicated to maintenance of up to 1000 linear feet of wall. Maturity is April 30, 1990 and carries 8.15% interest.

Additional Notes:

- (1) CD#4920 was renewed on March 16th. Our interest rate went from 7.60% to 7.25%
- (2) Upon maturity of CD#5250 it will be dissolved and re-allocated with the following intention:
 - a. adding to CD# 4920 as per budget
 - b. adding to CD#4580 as per budget
 - c. adding to CD#1700 as per budget
 - d. purchasing a CD with the balance, or depositing in MMA as needed.

Submitted by Joe Liguori, 4/8/90

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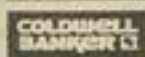
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