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Holiday fest, celebrities move east

By PAM PULLEY

The fanciful Festival of Trees will be unwrapping a new attraction and a new location for its sixth annual celebration of the holiday season.

Event organizers will be moving the locale from the old Curtis Hixon Convention Center in downtown Tampa to the entertainment hall of the Florida State Fairgrounds.

And, two-foot tabletop trees themed and decorated by Bay area celebrities should bring the total of charitable offerings to 100, said Mart Pieper, executive director of Holiday Festival Charities Inc.

That group parents the fund-raising venture that donates proceeds to the Child Abuse Council in Tampa and the Florida Center for Contemporary Art.

Mark your calendar for Nov. 29 through Dec. 2. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$3.50, children. Advance tickets are discounted by \$1 at the festival office, 315 S. Arrawana Ave.,

west of downtown Tampa. A four-day festival pass is \$10, adults; \$5, children.

The celebration is a departure from the traditional Florida Christmas. Picture the icicles and chilled holiday lights of the north-eastern United States. Santa's throne--where the ageless gent welcomes youngsters-- sits in a snow-white cottage on a convention floor that hoists artificial trees with themes ranging from fabric bows to reflections of an early 20th-century Christmas.

Expressionistic and commercial adaptations--one garbed as a nurse carrying two babies--have shared the spotlight.

The trees, expected to market anywhere from \$75 to \$300 each, will go to buyers at the festival's conclusion.

Some 15 Bay area community leaders recruited to be "Sunshine Santas" will get first choice before the festival opens, Pieper said.

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The Festival of Trees is moving to the Florida State Fairgrounds this year with, above, decorative trees and ornate skirts. Above right, the snow-covered Santa House will be ready for youngsters. Below right, gingerbread houses are available to buyers.



Bloomingfield OK'd for traffic circles

By PAM PULLEY

In a historic move, the first installation of traffic circles in Hillsborough County has been approved for the uneven traffic flow onto Bloomingfield Drive.

Traffic circles--or roundabouts--have long been a source of traffic and speed control in western Europe.

The County Commission approved the installation Oct. 17 after the county engineering services department claimed other control measures would be unsuccessful.

The installations are scheduled for Paddlewheel Court, Sweetleaf Drive and Rosedale Drive roughly 1,000 feet to 1,200 feet apart at a cost of \$36,000 to the county.

A construction startup date had not been determined at press time.

Greg Prytyka, county traffic engineering manager, said speed humps are too short for the 28-foot width of Bloomingfield while turn restrictions and traffic diverters "would not help and stop signs are not

warranted."

Turn restrictions would clog up traffic while diverters would route motorists to neighborhood roadways.

Traffic circles are used in Gainesville and Greater Miami, Prytyka said. The northeast United States and Seattle, Washington have also had success with traffic circles that simply move traffic in a circle to the north, south, east and west exits.

Prytyka said the county will erect stop signs for at least six months to familiarize motorists with the system.

"We want people to have to stop and get re-accustomed to going around them," he said. At that point, he added, the status will be reassessed and yield signs may replace stop signs.

A county survey showed 4,700 vehicles traveling east and west on Bloomingfield in 24 hours from Feb. 12 through Feb. 13, Prytyka said. Another

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BSHS Seniors Nick Adams and Kelly McElheny were crowned king and queen at the school's recent homecoming. Teri Bauer, left, and Candy Beldon are the king's court.

Homeowners set meeting with Pulte

By PAM PULLEY

Bloomingdale East residents who claim their homes are victimized by inferior construction are scheduled to meet with the builder on Thursday.

Organizers Hugh Golletz and Gary W. Smith allege rotted sidings and weakened garage door panels are plaguing some 38 homes built by Pulte Home Corp. in the mid-1980s on Peachfield and Murray Dale drives.

Tom Collins, a vice president with Pulte, said he had not examined the complaints at press time but was willing to meet with homeowners although the warranties "expired seven years ago."

The meeting is scheduled at the Bloomingdale Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Suite 101, Valrico, at 7 p.m.

The complaints are the latest lodged against Pulte, a firm that builds throughout Hillsborough County.

Some 60 homeowners in the Plantation at Carroll-

wood subdivision have lawsuits pending against Pulte. They have alleged rotten siding, moldy walls and crumbling ceilings occurred as a result of Pulte's poor workmanship.

A six-person jury found Pulte innocent in Hillsborough County Circuit Court of committing fraud in selling a house the company claimed would be maintenance free for 10 years. The buyer was awarded \$12,000 in compensatory damages to repair the home she acquired six years ago.

Trials for other homeowners are expected to begin shortly.

Golletz and Smith said the sidings of their homes on Peachfield Drive began deteriorating when rain-water seeped between the stucco walls and the roof's wood framework.

Smith said the water has invaded his home.

"We are having the same problems as Hugh on the siding of the master

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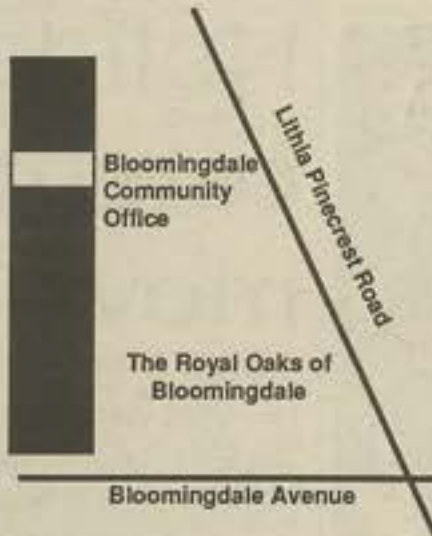
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All meetings take place at the Bloomingdale Community Office (see map on left). These are public meetings and all Bloomingdale residents are invited.

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 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

November 12, 1991, 7:30 p.m.
 Bloomingdale Community Office.
 Elections will be held at this time for the BHA Board of Directors.

BLOOMINGDALE OAKS SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING

Monthly Meeting: First Thursday 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 times.

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Voters Registration is now available at Barnett Bank located at the corner of Bloomingdale Ave. and Bell Shoals Rd.

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Builder bonds to community

By PAM PULLEY

It is problem-solving time. Don't shy away. Throwing two bales of hay onto the path of five pedestrians every five minutes between noon and 2:35 p.m. when the wind suddenly changes directions is not involved.

Here goes. What do homebuilding and managing a Little League team have in common?

Not much, you say? Riley Tucker, James MacKay and Brian MacKay offer another answer.

The owners of MacRiley Homes Inc. support more than a handful of community activities in Bloomingdale—including the Little League that plays baseball on the clay field at the intersection of Lithia-Pinecrest Road and Bloomingdale Avenue.

MacRiley has built 50 homes in Erin Arbor in three years.

Tucker, 50, and the company's sales and marketing director, Max Staszak, coach teams, while MacRiley offers continuous financial support.

"We provide a lot of improvements," Tucker said. "Structural maintenance, tractor work, sodding the fields and sponsoring teams."

Brian MacKay, 39, is company president. Brother James, 33, and Tucker are vice presidents.

Jim MacKay's wife, Pamela, volunteers time to a meals-for-the-elderly program at Apostles Lutheran Church in Brandon.

Her husband and his brother, both avid boaters, are members of a committee dedicated to cleaning up the Alafia River.

Development has spurred the river's pollution.

"We want to make sure the waterways are clean," Brian MacKay says. "And we want to make sure development is conducted properly."

Brother Jim says the lack of free time forces him to rely on monetary donations.

Evenings and weekends are reserved for his wife and daughter, 2.

"Unfortunately, with my schedule, it is impossible to do the social activities myself," he says.

"I do it in a monetary way rather than a physical way. When someone asks for a contribution to a cause for the needy, I always contribute as much as I can."

He mentions MacRiley's strong support for the Bloomingdale Little League and a Christmas food program.

"We like to help people less fortunate. We have been very fortunate," he says. "I contribute personally to social organizations such as the Rotary Club of Brandon to help them when it is needed."

The Bloomingdale Senior High School Band Boosters and the school's annual yearbook also get company financial support.

None of the trio's children attend BSHS.

"It's part of the community we build in," Tucker says. "Many of the families we have sold homes to have children there."

Two other MacRiley employees are Cub Scout leaders.

"I think most of the people in our company are active in the community," Tucker says. "It is not because they are pushed, it's their own initiative."

Brian MacKay says he was a community-minded resident of Riverview before moving to Brandon.

"We try to be involved with (the community)," MacKay says. "Now we are more and more involved in the Brandon area."

The MacKays and Tucker worked for another homebuilding company before joining forces in 1988 as MacRiley.

Tucker is in charge of administration and finance, while Brian MacKay handles construction from ground clearing to the dry-wall stage and his brother takes the project at that point to its conclusion.

Brian, a University of South Florida graduate with a bachelor of science degree in accounting, doubles as the chief architectural designer.

The group is close-knit, Tucker says.

"If we had not been good friends, we would not have incorporated," he says.

But the strength generated by a friendly working relationship can't sock the slag from a recessionary economy.

MacRiley has built 65 homes ranging in price from \$110,000 to \$250,000 in the Brandon area this year, Tucker says, up 20 percent from 1990 when new housing inventory in Hillsborough County virtually stood still.

Tucker, a Bloomingdale Estates resident, says 100 housing starts annually would be more palatable.

"The more homes you build, it lowers the overhead cost on each home," Tucker says.

MacRiley homes feature spacious rooms and facades of wood and brick.

Prospective homebuyers seek big lots, good schools and "roomy" homes, Tucker says. In today's market, they also expect an increase in amenities.

"They are tougher customers because they know they can be more demanding in times like these. They drive a hard bargain on price and the amenities package," he says.

BHA to elect board

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will elect five new board members to two-year terms at the annual general membership meeting Nov. 12.

Elections will be held in the Bloomingdale Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest Road, Suite 101, Valrico 33594.

BHA elections chairman Jerry Hoffman urges all members of the BHA to complete the ballot insert

in today's Gazette and return to the Gazette office on or before Nov. 12.

Only members whose dues are paid in full are eligible to vote. If the \$10 fee is not paid for this six-month period, Hoffman assures immediate reinstatement by paying the dues at the Bloomingdale Community Office.

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Holiday crafts

The Bell Shoals Baptist Academy's Mothers Club is sponsoring a Craft Show Dec. 6 and Dec. 7 at Bloomingdale Square to raise funds for school improvements.

Fund-raising chairman Tina Pietrzyk said up to 70 or 75 vendors may pay the individual \$25, two-day exhibit fee that will help fund the school's computer system and purchase books for the library.

The show will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days along the sidewalks of Bloomingdale Square at the intersection of Bloomingdale Avenue and Bell Shoals Road.

Featured will be artisans offering such crafts as woodworking, t-shirts and crocheted dolls for sale.

The Mothers Club, with a membership of some 75 moms of pre-schoolers, will also man a booth with donations from the vendors.

"We will not take a percentage, but we will ask to donate one craft to be sold," she said.

Xmas celebrated

The First United Methodist Church of Brandon's fifth-annual Christmas musical drama, "Come Let Us Adore Him," will be presented Dec. 6 through Dec. 8 at 121 Knights Ave. in Brandon.

Musician director Jeff Brant will conduct the performance that will feature a choir, live orchestra, so-

loists and a dramatic presentation.

Tickets are available at the church Monday through Friday. A \$2 donation per ticket is asked.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. each evening of the performance. A musical prelude begins at 7 p.m., with the performance starting at 7:30 p.m.

Make a date with Santa

Santa is on his way—and right into your living room.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Brandon has promised to assign the jolly gent to the homes of children in the Brandon area beginning Monday, Dec. 9. His 15-minute visits will

continue through Christmas Eve.

The cost is \$25, with the price rising to \$50 the night before Christmas.

Proceeds will benefit Brandon Charities including the Brandon Outreach Clinic.

Dental process whitens teeth

By DIANE RAGGARD WRIGHT, DMD

Dental services today provide many exciting procedures which are painless, conservative, safe and not only for the rich and famous.

A recent innovation that has become popular and readily available in most dental offices is a smile-whitening procedure using a peroxide or oxidizing agent to dissolve surface stains caused by foods, (such as coffee, tea, alcohol, cola drinks, dark fruit and vegetable juices, gravies and soy sauce), or the eventual yellowing of teeth through the natural aging process.

This method of whitening teeth is a more gradual and more economic alternative to other cosmetic dentistry procedures, such as bonding, veneering or crowning. University studies have demonstrated no known permanent damage arising from the bleaching of teeth.

Two bleaching systems are available in many dental offices: in-office "power" bleaching and at-home "passive" bleaching.

In-office bleaching involves the application of a peroxide solution to the teeth.

In some systems, the peroxide is activated by a heat lamp or heating instrument. Three to seven office sessions are usually necessary to whiten the teeth to a desired shade.

The other procedure is the at-home bleaching system. The patient is given a

kit containing a mild oxidizing agent and a custom-made clear plastic tray that fits over the teeth.

Instead of multiple office visits the bleaching is done on the patient's timetable. The whitening drops are placed in the invisible tray at regular intervals and is worn as long as the patient chooses for two to six weeks.

The more severe the stains and the lighter the shade desired, the longer the appliance is worn.

Of course, dental supervision and evaluation are necessary.

How much improvement can an individual expect? Generally, yellow or brown teeth bleach better than gray, violet or striped teeth. Teeth that have darkened with age will whiten more readily than teeth that have always been dark.

Bonding or veneering may provide more favorable results if the teeth are very dark or if they are also misaligned, gapped, chipped or irregular.

Consult your dentist to determine if you are a good candidate for tooth bleaching.

The writer is a Brandon dentist and resident of Bloomingdale.

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Skaters got ready to pound the pavement, above. At left, 5K winner Steve Littlejohn proudly displays his trophy.



To brush off an old axiom, a good time was had by all at the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association's annual double-whammy weekend of entertainment.

The "Triple Header" attracted approximately 80 competitors in the 5K (3.1 miles) run, 8.2-mile bike-a-thon and 4-mile skate meet, said chairman Maj. (ret.) William S. Armstrong.

5K winners and their times were Steve Littleton, first place for men, 16:15, and Sue Moucha, female first place, 22:40.

Bike-a-thon: Mike Carppe, first place men,



The "Triple Header" offered a morning of activities for the entire family--5K and 1-mile runs, 8.2-mile bike-a-thon and 4-mile skate meet. At left, a new mom takes her baby on a stroll in the 5K-run.

"Triple Header" photos by Larry Rivers

"Circus" photos by Pam Pulley

22:22, and Patti Haase, female first place, 26:03.

Skate: Dennis Bell, male first place, 14:18, and Tina Heselton, female first place, 16:53.

One-mile run: only one entry.

Participants in the last competition used either four-wheeled skates or roller blades.

Non-Bloomingdalian Pam Kok entered all three events.

"What a hero she was," Armstrong said. "She said she'd always wanted to do a triathlon, but couldn't do the swim part."

Another woman run-

ning the 5K pushed her baby in a stroller in front of her.

Armstrong gave plaudits to the following Bloomingdale residents for their assistance: Larry Brown, coordinator of the bicycle and skating events; Larry Magnuson, 5K; Paul Henry, one mile; and the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch, traffic control and parking.

The Triple Header raised \$350 for BHA community activities, Armstrong said.

On the following day, the Roberts Bros. Circus erected its three-ring tent

for two performances in Park West.

There were aerialists, jugglers and clowns. There were soft drinks, hot dogs and cotton candy. There were toddlers with parents, grandparents with grandchildren and school chums wearing matching caps who made the pilgrimage to the past.

To a past that is alive and well today.

Circus chairman Bill Povilus said the BHA's share of the proceeds totaled \$904.40 that will also go to community activities.



The Roberts Bros. Circus told many stories. Above, souvenirs were available for mere dollars. At right, an elephant was alone for only a moment. Above right, caged goat saw some feed. Far right, Johnathan and Jennifer Richens enjoyed snowcones with dad Randy.



Stacy Earl, niece of circus co-owner Robert Earl, was ready for art show.



Will tax woes ease?

By ROBERT MORRIS, CPA

Recently the Internal Revenue Service released its plan for an \$8 billion modernization of its tax system which is supposed to improve its operation.

It is expected to allow better access to information from assistors, update accounts more quickly and allow collection to be handled more timely and precisely.

This all sounds like more confusion over the next three to five years of implementation and more headaches for taxpayers if it works as planned.

Some good news: The IRS ruled that utility customers with energy conservation rate reductions or credits are not required to include such deductions as income.

If you included a credit received for installing an energy efficient heat pump or insulation as income in the past (all those raise their hands!) you should amend your returns and ask for a refund.

There is a significant change in the earned-income credit which could create a refund of up to \$2,020 for 1991.

The basic credit can be \$1,192 with one child (or \$1,235 with two or more qualifying children).

Included will be a health insurance credit of up to \$428 for taxpayers who paid for health insurance covering a qualifying child.

Also new for 1991, there is an additional maxi-

mum credit up to \$357 for a child born in 1991.

Families with at least one qualifying child living with them for at least six months and an earned income of less than \$21,250 may be eligible for this credit.

A qualifying child is a son, daughter, adopted

child, stepchild, grandchild or foster child.

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Mobile Watch October busy

By LA WAYNE WYATT

September finished with a total of 28 events being logged by the Mobile Watch. Seven occurred during the last 12 days of the month.

Included were one report of activity at The Spot, one teen party with drinking, three reports of cars/people in the parks after dark, one car in the golf course lot and one occurrence of toilet-papering a tree.

October started slow but picked up dramatically with 30 events reported through the 17th.

Included were two shootings, four reports of activity at The Spot, one damaged mailbox, three smashed car windows, one cruelty to animals incident involving local teens, four reports of suspicious activity, two speeding/reckless driving, two occurrences of cars/people in the parks after dark, one car in a partially developed area, one car in a wooded area party site, two reports of cars cruising the area, one possible construction theft, two cars parked at Alafia Elementary School, two events in which Mobile Watch signs were stolen, and a missing 12-year-old boy.

The Mobile Watch signs were stolen Oct. 10 and 13. In the first instance, six 13-16-year-old males approached patrol at Canoga Park Drive and Sandy Creek Drive in the West.

While one individual talked to the driver, the others removed two signs from the car. Several of the teens then departed in a red Toyota while the others scattered on foot.

The second theft occurred while a patrol member was assisting parking at the BHA Circus. A group of male teens walked on both sides of the car while it was stopped at Canoga Park Drive and Isleton Drive. One sign was taken and everyone scattered.

In both cases, it was apparent that some of the teens lived in the area. Parents are requested to check the possessions of their children and return the signs, if found.

On Oct. 16, a resident of Bloomingdale Oaks notified us at approximately 8:45 p.m. that a 12-year-old male was missing. The Mobile Watch put seven cars on the streets to assist in the search until 12:30 a.m.

One of our patrols and the boy's father found his campsite in the woods west of the Oaks, but the boy could not be located. At about 12:45 a.m. the boy was found hiding in a neighbor's house.

One of the shootings involved a car passenger firing a BB or pellet pistol at an early morning jogger. The jogger was only slightly injured. There is no information available on the second shooting at this time.

We lost seven members in October and gained six. Our thanks to the following for volunteering:

- Ron Croy, West
- Norbert Gobin, East
- Jonathan Kruger, Erin Arbor
- Lee LaFontaine, Erin Arbor
- Bob and Joan Poynton, Windsor Woods

The following Mobile Watch members assisted with traffic control for the Bloomingdale Triple Header on Oct. 12: LaWayne Wyatt, Ted Evans, Steven Allen, Robert Benza, Tony Interdonato.

The following Mobile Watch members assisted with traffic control/parking at the BHA Circus on Oct. 13: LaWayne Wyatt, Ed Holzman, Rick Sopka, Jim Matthews, Tim Lovejoy, David McPeake, Paul Warr, Joe McDonald, Art Elsass, Ted Evans, George Besa, Richard Barnes, David Marek, Brad Tanzer and Carlos Frey.

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But, their prices range from \$500 to \$1,000.

"A lot of them will keep the trees but some will donate them," she said. A committee will then evaluate and price the unsold trees.

"Many are bought to go into offices, and they will be delivered if they cost \$200 or more," she said.

Tampa Electric Co. furnishes a 25-foot tree--the festival centerpiece. Designers, florists, unrelated businesses and junior high classes sponsor the full-height and tabletop trees.

The celebrity trees will carry thoughts of such personalities as WFLA-TV co-anchor Bill Ratliff and meteorologist Laura York to Tampa Bay Lightning chief Phil Esposito, Pieper said. The New York Yankees are planning to decorate a tree with "lots of autographs and things like that," she said, while radio-television personality Jack Harris will celebrate "Jackson's First Christmas."

The mention of other "celeb" sponsors such as the Florida Lottery, Buccaneer head coach Richard Williamson and Busch Gardens whose motifs were unannounced at press time is clue enough.

Can you imagine the lottery campaigning to ban gambling in Florida? Or Busch Gardens promoting Cinderella's Castle? Look for the more predictable.

But the festival is not all green branches and ornaments.

There will be wreaths, exhibits, gingerbread houses and entertainment. The Children's Pavilion houses a Little Secrets Shop, a Teddy Bear Tea, illuminated carousel and--of course--Santa at home.

"Peace Lights the World," an animated exhibit, applauds the freedom existing beyond North America and Western Europe.

The Little Secrets Shop is for children only. Parents, keep your distance from the kingdom that is stocked with top-secret merchandise to make Christmas morning mem-

orable. "The shop is especially for pre-schoolers with low tables so they can shop," said Pavilion chairman Nan Beyntin.

The gifts ordered by Beyntin range in price from 50 cents to \$3, from handkerchiefs rolled and tied by clients of Goodwill Industries, fabric hand-made dolls, barrettes and Koolie Kups to key chains, picture frames and sachets with potpourri.

The "salespeople" are festival volunteers, and the wrappings are white bags emblazoned with the Festival of Trees logo.

Some 10,000 youngsters are expected to become customers this year while the overall turnout may reach 35,000, Pieper said. Last year's assembly, the largest ever, attracted 28,000 visitors.

The intellectual side will have its berth.

Clara Scroggins, an authority on contemporary ornaments, will decorate a tree and lecture on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m. Mary Emmerling, the author of several books on country decorating styles, will give a presentation including a box lunch featuring her recipes Monday, Dec. 2, at 10:30 a.m.

A limited edition of gold-leaf commemorative ornaments designed by Hand & Hammer Silversmiths of Woodbridge, Va. will be on sale for \$8 each. Scroggins, Pieper said, initiated the project.

Sports will not be ignored.

Concluding the Festival of Trees will be the fourth annual Jingle Bell Run featuring a 5K and one-mile run through the streets of downtown Tampa at 8:15 a.m. and 9 a.m. Sat., Dec. 7. Pre-registration of \$8 per adult, \$6 per child is accepted at First Union banks, YMCA branches and Athletic Shoe Factory locations. The competitions begin and end at the First Union Center.

Tampa's Festival of Trees has donated \$390,000 to the two charities since its inaugural celebration six years ago in the parking lot of the city's Harbour Island complex, Pieper said.

Benefactors include the First Union National Bank of Florida, The Tampa Tribune and radio station Q105; sponsors: Publix Super Markets Inc., Nutmeg Industries and the Florida State Lottery; major contributors: Barnett Bank of Tampa, N.A., Citizens and Southern National Bank of Florida, Olive Garden Italian Restaurant, TECO Energy Inc./ Tampa Electric Co., McDonald's Restaurants of Tampa-Caspers Co., American Speedy Printing Centers.

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Fat Willie's is open Monday through Thursday, 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and, Sunday, 12 noon to 8:30 p.m. The bar is fully licensed. Dress is casual. Reservations are not required. The location? Front and Main streets in Valrico. Call 685-1940.

Every entree is a specialty at **Kalani's Cafe** in the Holiday Inn at Sabal Park. Mexican, you say? How about nachos loaded with shredded lettuce, chili, cheese, guacamole, sour cream, tomatoes, scallions and jalapeno peppers for \$6.95?

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Other influences are Italian, French and denizens of the deep.

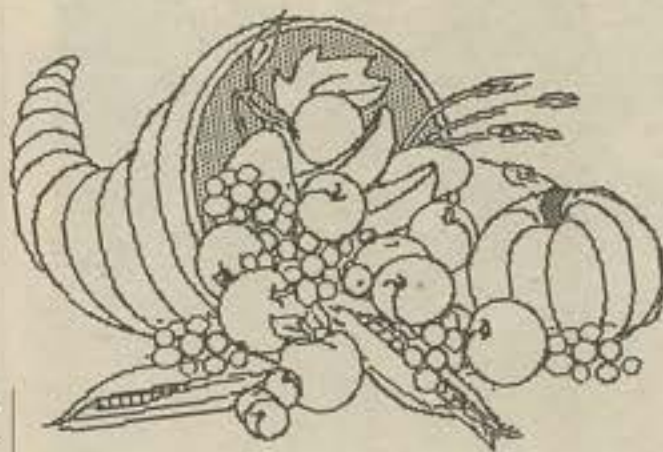
The cafe's bright lighting mixes with walls of muted tones. Picture windows reveal the tree-cloaked acreage of Sabal Park. The atmosphere is familial.

Dress code is casual. Hours are 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sabal Park is located off of exit 52 from I-75 on Martin Luther King Blvd. Call 623-6363, ext. 7190. Reservations are not required.

Like Kalani's, the bar is fully licensed. The color scheme is the same but bathed with soft lighting. A piano player sets the mood.

Hours are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday brunch is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The dress code is casual to dressy. Reservations are requested. Phone 623-6363.



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But it is not all beef. The duck and chicken are roasted and, straight from the kitchen, your attendant will bring veal marsala, grilled salmon, blackened Florida red snapper and grilled pork chops.

All entrees are served with a salad buffet, choice of cottage fries, baked potatoes or potatoes du jour, corn cheese rolls and butter.

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Hours are 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Sunday brunch is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Ruth's Steak House

is more than that. Sure, plump, juicy steaks with side dishes are menu-toppers at \$11.95, but the down-home atmosphere lends itself to just plain good dining.

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Soup and sandwich with chips are \$3.25 "and our soups are fresh," Tomer insists.

Those luncheon menus change daily. In the evening, the dinners start with pork chops, turkey breast, roast beef and roast pork, rock boiled shrimp, scallops, oysters, clams, grouper nuggets and filet of lemon catfish.

The down-home atmosphere attracts a diversity of customers, from senior citizens and laborers to young people and strangers wanting to sip a cup of coffee.

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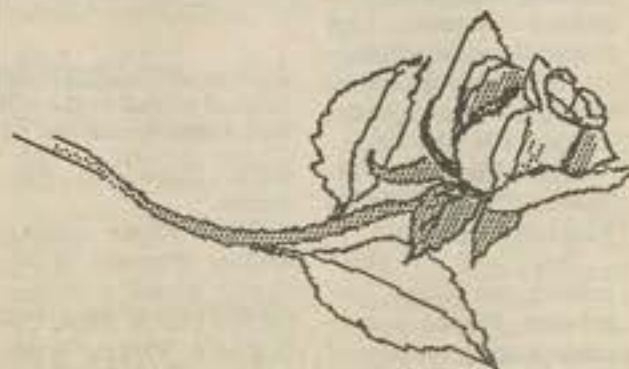
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The new **Taco Bell** on Bloomingdale Avenue just west of Bell Shoals Road offers a variety of taste-tempters native to America's neighbor to the south.

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Homecoming spirit ran high

By BARBARA LING

BSHS--The Manatee High School Hurricanes may have walked away with a 36-9 victory over the Bulls at the recent homecoming game, but did not defeat the spirit of the students and fans.

The Bloomingdale side of Charley Harris Stadium was filled to capacity. Many watched the game on their feet, as the Bulls' defense held up the progress of the top-rated team in the state through the first two quarters of the game.

Fumbling on the Manatee 19-yard line, the Hurricanes gave the Bulls the chance to score with quarterback Chad Hermida carrying the ball.

Homecoming queen Kelly McElheny and her court were honored at the half-time performance. She was crowned by homecoming king Nick Adams at the dance themed "One Mystical Night." It was held in the school cafeteria.

MORE SPORTS

Sixteen schools participated in the Don Bishop Cross Country Invitational three-mile run sponsored by the Lions Club of Brandon at Brandon High School in October.

The club provides all

trophies and a ribbon for each participant.

The BSHS junior varsity team took the top three spots in their competition. Jim Cantu placed first with a time of 15:55; Jay Taylor, second, 18:23; and David Ochenridger, third, 18:24.

The BSHS varsity boys team showed John Little, fifth, 16:41; Matt Burnett, seventh, 16:48; and Rob Whitener, eighth, 16:51.

Two BSHS students placed in the top 20 in the varsity girls' two-mile run. They were Amber Ling, 14, 14:18 and Brenda Weers, 20, 14:13.

Overall tournament winners were Plant, Sarasota and Winter Haven high schools.

SCIENCE

After four years of preliminary work and committee organization, the BSHS science department is prepared to begin developing an ecological preserve and nature walk.

The ecological study program will be developed not only for Bloomingdale student studies, but also for other schools and groups in the area.

Nature walks eventually will wind through school property that has been preserved for environmental studies. Identification will



Photo courtesy of BRYN-ALAN

BSHS Senior tight end Stevie Grant was busy on gridiron in Oct. 17 homecoming game. Bulls lost to Manatee 39-6.

accompany the plant and animal life, said a spokesman for the department.

The school is depending on businesses and local, state and government agencies such as Gardiner Inc., county and school district administrative offices and environmental groups to put the project on it feet.

Gardiner has donated \$2,500 and access to Lewis Environmental Services along with the time and expertise of its people.

Soon, spokespeople say, gates to the access area will be installed and work should begin.

A \$10 gift will put the donor's name or message on an identification marker

along the trail. For details, contact the science department of BSHS at 684-6192.

ARTS MERGER

BSHS was joined by Burns Junior High School for the "Fall String Fling" Oct. 22.

The fifth- and sixth-period orchestra students from Burns joined the BSHS symphony orchestra for performance under the direction of Bloomingdale orchestra director Gary Mousseau.

Selections included Can-Can by Rossini and Isaac; Suite for Strings by Del Brgo; and Capriccio Espagnol by Rimsky-Korsakoff and Dackow.

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BSHS--The fifth annual Bloomingdale Senior High School homecoming celebration generated more than on-field spirit.

The pageantry extended to store-front windows at Bloomingdale Square where members of 17 BSHS clubs presented personalized versions of the homecoming message.

In competition, the winners were: first place, WBUL, the school's in-house television station; second, "Imagine," the literary publication; and, third, the Russian Club.

WBUL's entry featured school colors of red, white and black as a bull in sneakers videotaped a BSHS football player claiming victory over a downed Manatee High School Hurricane athlete.

Six students worked on the three-window display, said junior Heather Fitz.

(The Hurricanes defeated the Bulls 39-6 in the homecoming game.)

"Imagine's" multi-colored, two-window contribution showed a minotaur holding a bolt of lightning in clouds that are perched on the gridiron. The message was "Go,



Photo courtesy of BSHS

Staffers of "Imagine," BSHS's literary magazine, finished second in the window display competition with a mighty bull and lightning bolt.

Bulls. Storm the Hurricanes."

Bold white lettering spelling "Phantom of the Opera" framed a masked red bull with St. Basil's Cathedral in Moscow at his side in the Russian Club presentation.

Russian/German teach-

er and club sponsor Paul Boyette said six students--including four art students--designed and painted the 5-foot-wide by 6-foot display.

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Photos by Kathy Dotson

Winners in the Heather Lakes Fun Festival were, above, best original, left to right, Kristine Frank, first, and Nicole Valenti, second. At right, among "most scary" winners were, left to right, Joshua Morgan, second, and Jason Morgan, first.

Input vital for HLCA

By TOM LEAVITT
HLCA President

On Tuesday the association will hold its annual meeting and I would like to encourage each of you to attend and participate.

This is an appeal that I have made on numerous occasions and I am sure that many of you who do not care or have time are surely tired of my requests or comments of how much of a difference you can make.

We have 10 vacancies to fill on the board this year with three directors running for consecutive terms. I know the importance of good leadership. It is these people who, over the past four years, have made the decisions for Heather Lakes so that it can become a better community.

These are the same people who have instituted programs that have benefited each resident. And they have done a fabulous job (without compensation), and in most cases without gratitude.

They have fielded your complaints and once in a while received a word of encouragement from you. These are the same people who have fought against the developer during times of crises, represented the community with regard to the crosstown extension and taken issue with the municipalities when it was not in your best interest.

The decisions they have made were good and served your needs whether

Editorial

you personally agreed or not. They remained, through all, your friend and your neighbor. And yet, you may not be aware of who they are.

I have two requests to make and they both involve you...

First, we need your membership. That fee goes a long way and really isn't much for the service that you are getting.

You received an invoice in early October and I would ask that you fill it out now and return it. The association needs a membership of 150 (minimum) to continue the programs that have been implemented over the past four years, continue delivery of this publication, cover operating expenses and take on any new projects.

Most of you in the mandatory association do not belong for whatever your personal reasons may be. Yet, you have as much need for the Heather Lakes Community Association as all other residents do.

Your membership and representation can go a long way to one day bringing the associations together. Therefore, we need you, too.

Secondly, we need at least seven volunteers to serve on the board of directors. It doesn't matter what street you live on, which association you are presently a member of or what your profession and background may be.

It takes wanting to be a part of this community and to make a difference.

You possess special skills (no matter what your background is) that we desperately need and want.

This is what has made us so successful in the past and we will continue to capitalize on it in the future. Call me and help us make a difference.

I would like to thank those who have served at some time in the past four years as a member of the association board of directors. I can say that your efforts have made a difference to all of us and we could not have done it without you. Thank you for making a difference!

Show your neighbors, friends and relatives that you intend to make Heather Lakes your community! Send your membership today and/or serve on the board. Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, Nov. 12, at the general assembly meeting. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. and will be held at the Good Samaritan Church on Providence Road. The 1991-92 Board of Directors will be elected at that time. For additional information, call Tom Leavitt at 681-9470.

Fun fest a 'frightening' success

By KATHY DOTSON

On a sunny Saturday morning, Heather Lakes celebrated Halloween Fun Festival with ghouls, super-heros, animals, dolls, insects, brides, soldiers and fruit-costumed characters.

The basketball courts at Heather Lakes Park were used as a stage to showcase the variety of costumes worn by more than 60 Heather Lakes children.

Families and friends were first entertained by Jumbo the Clown who performed balloon-sculpting

and magic tricks.

Then all the children paraded before the judges for the costume contest. The judging panel consisted of Heather Lakes residents Janet Colie, Janice Parker and Walter Parker.

The selection of winners was not easy. "All the costumes were wonderful," said Walter Parker. The final results were: Best "Overall" winners: first place, Desiree Amezcua; second place, Britnee Roque and third place, Alex Shaumont.

Best "Scary" winners: first place, Jason Morgan; second place, Joshua Morgan and third place, Adam Chastine.

Best "Original" winners: first place, Kristine Frank; second place, Nicole Valenti and third place, Paul Tanski.

Following the contest, a Halloween skit, "Dorrie and the Blue Witch," was presented by several neighborhood children.

Leading the cast were Louis Valenti as the Blue Witch; Danny Chastine as

Dorrie; Adam Chastine as Gink the cat and Gerilyn Valenti as the Blue Stars.

Karen Every directed the production and Janice Parker was prop coordinator.

As the festival came to a close, tired and hungry Halloween characters snacked on Halloween cupcakes and drinks. Treat bags were distributed to all children as they headed for home.



Students attend Mintz—finally

By KATHY DOTSON

Amidst the hoopla of a red ribbon-cutting ceremony (red, signifying a drug-free school) and various video cameras set up to preserve the moment, approximately 15 school buses drove over the controversial access road and into the new Hortense

Mintz Elementary School.

After spending about eight weeks cramped in 32 portables and trailers at Kingwood Elementary, 800 students eagerly filed out of buses and marched into new classrooms while parents and teachers stood by and cheered.

Aside from the final

touches, such as landscaping, painting and the usage of the kitchen facilities, Mintz was in full operation.

Mintz was the last of five new elementary schools to open this fall in Hillsborough County due to property rights held by U.S. Home.

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HLCA sponsor expands office, busier than ever

By KATHY DOTSON

Dr. William Dargo may not be a familiar name to many, but the Heather Lakes Community Association (HLCA) wouldn't be able to communicate with its members without his assistance.

Dargo, owner of Bloomingdale's Family Chiropractic, is the sole sponsor of the Heather Lakes section in the Bloomingdale Gazette, thus making it possible for the HLCA to speak to its members.

"I have several patients from the Heather Lakes area, and I feel it is extremely important to support the community," says Dargo, 35.

Dargo opened his Brandon practice in 1987.

"I moved to Florida in 1986 and was looking for a young, growing area, because I wanted to grow with it. I settled on the Tampa area and chose Brandon as my home because of its family-oriented atmosphere," says Dargo.

A native of Long Island, N.Y., Dargo earned bachelor of science and master's degrees in health administration at Delphi University. He later was employed as director of

cardio pulmonary and respiratory therapy at Mercy Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center.

The experiences began to have a strong effect on Dargo. "I realized that I wanted to keep people out of the hospitals rather than in them". So in 1985, Dargo graduated from the New York Chiropractic College.

"Chiropractic medicine doesn't treat symptoms, it gets to the cause of the problem", explains Dargo. An average patient will complain of low neck and back pain, headaches and sciatica (pain from hip through thigh and surrounding areas.) Dargo doesn't limit his patients to adults; he has even treated newborns with symptoms related to colic. Overall, his practice, with a staff of six employees, also specializes in personal injury, workman's compensation and sport injuries.

Dargo, who has little time for favorite hobbies such as tennis, sailing, boating and baking during the holidays, confesses to his unmarried status while adding that his "work takes up most of his time".

Although adding Dr. Stephen Cox as a business

partner in 1988, Dargo still maintains a busy schedule.

"The office hours provide much flexibility to all our patients. That includes Saturday and emergencies on Sunday."

Since the words "spare time" are rarely used in his vocabulary, Dargo also manages to squeeze in memberships with the Brandon and Riverview chambers of commerce as well as the Hillsborough County Chiropractic Society, Florida Chiropractic Society and Florida Chiropractic Association.

This past September, Dargo proudly announced the opening of his second office location--Seffner's Family Chiropractic. The office will be managed by Dr. Carolyn Gendreau, "the only female chiropractor in the Brandon area," boasts Dargo.

His views on the future of chiropractic health care are simple. "I would like the chiropractic and medical community to work closer together for the benefit of all patients," comments Dargo. "I see it slowly happening."

His support is appreciated by the HLCA.

Traffic

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study showed that 85 percent of the traffic originated in--or was destined for--the subdivision and speeds were excessive. "It was not a cut-through problem," he said.

Petitions circulated by Bloomingdale West resident Byron Newcomb had sought any combination of speed humps, partial traffic diverters or traffic circles.

The county earlier this year proposed the installation of a single traffic circle at Paddlewheel and Bloomingfield. "I said, 'That's not enough,' Newcomb said. 'In other words, do what you need to do to fix the problem.'"

A March public meeting before a county hearing master attracted only 30 Bloomingdale residents after county employees had hung bagged notifications on the doorknobs of homes in the "affected area," Prytyka said. Signs were also posted at access points.

The county has agreed to provide initial landscaping for the traffic circles.

Newcomb said he will ask the Bloomingdale Special Dependent Taxing District to finance additional landscaping and the installation of sprinkler systems.

The district, funded by an \$80 annual tax on individual homeowners, is charged by the county with maintaining and improving

public areas in Bloomingdale.

The county is also required to approve its annual budget.

STD president Pam Mabe said the issue has yet to come before the board and, if approved, a scheduled project would have to be postponed.

"There is no budget line or budget approval by the county for us to pay for that," Mabe said. "As we had no knowledge of it, we had no money budgeted to take care of it."

Wayne Kirby of the county traffic engineering services staff said small plants native to Florida will be provided and the county road and street maintenance department will service the traffic circles at no additional expense to Bloomingdale residents.

Construction of the 19.5-foot wide traffic circles probably will be assigned to the road and

street crew instead of a private contractor, Kirby said.

"We do not have a timetable yet," he said. "But they should be finished six to eight weeks after construction starts."

The safe transit of such heavy-haul vehicles as school buses and garbage pickup trucks was considered before the project was adopted, Kirby said.

"The school buses will not get off of Bloomingfield," he said.

The decision to step into the uncharted territory of traffic circles was made after checks were made of their success in other areas of the United States.

The omens were good. And, Kirby said, action had to be taken to stem the congestion that was plaguing that area of Bloomingdale.

"(Motorists) were ending up in yards, knocking down mail boxes and children were at risk," he said.

The HLCA general assembly meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m., at the Good Samaritan Church, 1317 Providence Road.

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Pulte

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bedroom," Smith said. "The rain came in over the siding and down the walls and over the baseboard onto the carpet. It is squishing around (our) toes."

Golletz also said the bottom panel of his garage door fell off recently. Replacing the panel would cost \$150, he said, while installing a new garage door would require a \$1,200 expenditure.

"In the space of six or seven years," Smith said, "we should not see what we are seeing."

Connie Pulvermacher, also a Peachfield Drive resident, said she paid \$1,058 in August to replace masonite siding on the gable ends of her home, above the garage door and between the bedroom windows.

She and her husband Carl moved into their home in September 1984.

Terry Crawley, owner of Target Construction Co. in Brandon, said he has worked on several Pulte homes with similar problems.

Water had damaged the masonite siding of Pulvermacher's home. He said the z-flashing (a long L-shaped strip of metal dividing the stucco and wood) might have been in-

stalled improperly and was collecting rainwater.

"If there are cracks, the water will seep in and cause the wood to deteriorate," he said.

The z-flashing is mounted on the gable ends where the stucco terminates.

Crawley said masonite siding is an acceptable building material, but "water will get in any seam if it is not caulked. Water will soak into the wood and the wood starts to flake. If it is properly sealed and caulked before painting, there is no problem."

He replaced the two sidings on the Pulvermacher home with plywood.

Smith said 12 owners of Pulte-built homes in his area have already paid for repairs. Others -- including the Golletz family -- would like financial assistance from Pulte.

Both Smith and Golletz bought their homes in 1984.

Golletz said normal "wear and tear" over seven years should bear part of the blame, but he seeks "some assistance from Pulte to help compensate. We are making an attempt to come forward with Pulte, but rest assured we will not go away."

Smith said he will ask 75 percent to 80 percent reimbursement of the repair costs from Pulte.

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57 students on safety duty

By GINNY WONG
 BROOKER-- Hillsborough County Sheriff's Maj. Steve Saunders wore 57 Brooker Safety Patrol students into duty at October's general PTA meeting. Saunders, assisted by principal Milton Lovelace and kindergarten teacher Kay Pradera, handed out patrol badges as the students took their oaths to a round of applause from parents. The patrols monitor the safety of students to and from school. The special sound and bus patrols are early at their appointed school and bus stations to assure the safe passage of incoming students.

Tiffany Brittain, a fifth-grader in Kathy Baxter's homeroom, was named October's patrol of the month at the ceremony. Tiffany, a ground patrol and crossing guard, said her biggest challenge is convincing bike riders to be cautious. **PTA 100 PERCENT**
 The Brooker Parent-Teacher Association membership drive reached this year's goal of 100 percent for the 15th consecutive year. Each homeroom was assigned a paper stew pot to be filled with vegetables as students climbed to their goals. Top winners were Kay Pradera's kindergarten class and the first-grade

classes of Marge Fallon and Amy Zilbar. Each class will be given \$15 in cash for classroom materials or games. **VOLUNTEERISM**
 Brooker principal Milton Lovelace recently welcomed PTA volunteers who had committed their time and skills to another year at the elementary school. "The response was tremendous," said PTA president Belinda Nessmith, who explained responsibilities to the volunteers. Due to the large turnout, more than one aide will be available for each classroom.



Tiffany Brittain, a fifth-grader, was named October's patrol of the month at Brooker. She said she feels challenge.

Age no barrier to Ila Simpson

By GINNY WONG
 BROOKER--Wearing colorful clothes and sunglasses, Brooker's cafeteria staff supported the theme, "It's Cool to Eat at School," during October's National School Lunch Week program. Ila Simpson, Brooker's food service manager, spearheaded a pilot program last year promoting a choice of menus for the students. Its success prompted school officials to continue the program which offers students the chance to choose among three or four entrees which

may include spaghetti, pizza, chef's salad or a balanced bag lunch. Frozen yogurt or juice bars are expected to be added to the menu. Brooker was one of four schools in the county to experiment with the "choice" program. Simpson said she and her staff discovered that providing a variety of foods is a successful but tiring venture. The staff already is serving 600-plus lunches each day, but Simpson said her goal is to convince the bulk of Brooker's 1,050 students a balanced lunch, costing \$1.25, contributes to good health. Simpson considers herself a "built-in fixture" at the school. She remembers showing a delivery man where to hook up the kitchen stove 30 years ago when Brooker opened. And, she frequently walks around the lunchroom, observing what entrees the students most eagerly accept. A hot breakfast is served daily for 50 cents. As an incentive, Simpson is offering prizes to students who eat breakfast at school for 20 consecutive mornings. After all, it's cool to eat at school.

Brooker awarded cash grants for programs

By GINNY WONG
 BROOKER--Brooker Elementary School has received two awards honoring its ingenuity in education. NCNB's Educational Awards for Technological Excellence are cash prizes given on a competitive basis. The awards are for innovative projects that foster learning in science, mathematics and computer education. Computer specialist Sharon Todd and fifth-grade science/math teacher Kathy Baxter received \$2,422 for their "Logomotion with Legos" program. Their goal is to implement a math-computer-life science program with a software package that can

crisscross departments within the school. Brooker, the only Brandon school to be honored, was one of 69 applications submitted to the Hillsborough Educational Partnership Foundation. Brooker also received a \$500 grant from the State Department of Education to start up a Friendly Helper program headed by guidance counselor Cheryl Asycue. Asycue said she is training 13 fifth-graders to work with kindergartners and first-graders on adjusting to school and improving self-concepts and social concepts. Todd, Baxter and Asycue, along with Brooker principal Milton Lovelace, accepted the two awards at an October Hillsborough County School Board meeting in Tampa. Students from Brooker's classes for the hearing-impaired sang for the turnout.

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Alafia takes 'jump'

By GENEVA BONER
ALAFIA - The seven second-grade classes at Alafia Elementary School were off to a "jumping" start this year. After finishing a reading lesson called "Frog and Toad," the students celebrated with a "frog-jumping" contest.



Photo by GENEVA BONER

Alafia assistant principal Robert Haner and principal Grace Ippolito join second graders Megan Winslow and Benjamin Profit, who got the winning bullfrog off to a leaping start.

Literally. The son of an Alafia teacher collected seven bullfrogs - one for each class - from a pond and they were off and jumping!

The bullfrog, known as "Miss Lily Pad," representing Kathy Mulvihill's class reached the finish line on the school grounds in first place. Its mentors were students Megan Winslow and Benjamin Profit. Principal Grace Ippolito and assistant principal Robert Haner wore froggy

costumes to judge the contest.

The competitors were then returned to their native habitat.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

A vigorous campaign led to the slate of new Student Council officers for the 1992-1993 year. They

are: president-elect Paul Wilson, son of Naomi and Kenneth Wilson; vice president-elect, Denis Butson, daughter of Barbara and James Davis; secretary-elect, Denis Butson, daughter of Rebecca and Christian Butson; and treasurer-elect Shin-Shan Lang, daughter of Lynn

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 1310 E Bloomingdale Ave, Valrico 681-2790
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 Sunday Schedule:
 Worship 10:30 & 6 p.m.
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 (Disciples of Christ)
 910 S Bryan Road, Brandon 689-4021
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 1310 John Moore Road, Brandon 685-6786
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Synagogue Listing
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members. The congregation now has more than 200 members. Rev. Larry L. Chambers (a Bloomingdale West resident) has served the congregation since 1985. The anniversary celebration is open to the public. For further information, please contact the church (910 Bryan Road, Brandon 33511) by phone (689-4021).

Christ Church offers crafts

Christ Community Church of Brandon has announced its Fall schedule of Craft Fellowship, which is open to the public.

- Nov. 14 - Ornament Night with teachers, Tina Knight, Yvonne Jarrett and Gillian Turner. Fee of \$3.
- Nov. 22 - Children's gift night when school-age children can be left to make their own gifts for Mom and Dad. Fee \$6.

• Dec. 5 - Twisted Ribbon Angel with teacher, Ilene Stubbs. No fee.

Two weeks advance reservations are required for each class, as well as payment of any fees, which are non-refundable. Classes begin at 7 p.m. and end at 9 p.m. Baby-

sitting services are available during the classes at a cost of \$1 per hour, per child. For additional information, schedule sheets or registration forms, interested persons should contact Gillian Turner at 651-1024.



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Fair lady

Jennifer Hughes, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Bill Hughes of Bloomingdale Oaks, took time to model her attire on Halloween.

Scout plans child safety

David Bingham, a ninth-grader at Burns Junior High School, will host a finger-printing session for children age 8 and under at Bloomingdale Park East on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

David chose the community service project as part of the requirements to earn his Boy Scout Eagle badge. The service, along with refreshments, is free of charge.

The Missing Children's Help Center has agreed to provide one to three volunteers who will train and supervise three adults handling the finger-printing, said David's father, Wayne Bingham.

David is responsible for planning, supervising and controlling the event, but will not be responsible for the legal process of providing the law enforcement service, Bingham said.

David and his family live in Bloomingdale East.

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