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BHA Briefs

Monthly Meeting

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8, at 7:30 in the Community Office located in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale next door to Fabric King. Residents have the floor at the top of the meeting.

DRA Success

The BHA is overwhelmed by the positive response to its new Deed Restriction Awareness program. Two months ago, 306 cards were mailed to residents in violation of deed restrictions. At last month's meeting of the BHA, it was reported that a resounding 77%, or 236 residents, have corrected the problem with which they were cited.

Present at last month's meeting were seven residents, six of whom attended in response to the DRA program. Four of those six attended in order to inquire about the program and in so doing, acquired new information about the BHA and are now eager to give their support to the organization.

"We are placing the nemesis on the residents to monitor their own neighborhoods," said BHA vice president Rick Oros. "If there's a problem we want them to feel they can come to the BHA for assistance."

Reporting Crime

Residents are reminded that if a crime occurs in a Bloomingdale neighborhood, after calling the Sheriff's office, please also call the community office during office hours 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 Monday through Friday with the information. This will assist the BHA's Mobile Watch program to be on the lookout for illegal activity. Call 681-2051 and pass on the information regarding date, time and the nature of the crime. Office personnel will take the information and pass it on to the appropriate individuals. But remember to first always call 911 in the event of an emergency.

New Meeting Guidelines

While residents are encouraged to attend BHA meetings, board members have found it necessary to set time limitations on speakers so meetings can end at a reasonable hour. The new guidelines will be strictly adhered to, according to Oros. They are as follows:

7:30 - 8 p.m. Homeowners will be given an opportunity to address the BHA board.

- There will be a 10-minute maximum time limit per homeowner, per issue and this includes BHA board response.

- Residents will be heard on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-registration through telephone calls will be permitted. Residents may also sign-up on a list posted outside the community office the night of a meeting. Doors will remain locked until 7:30 p.m.

- Should a group of residents attend a BHA meeting, it is recommended that one person act as spokesperson for the group.

- The board reserves the right to grant variances to the time limit, but only under special circumstances, for example, on an issue of widespread impact.

- Homeowners will not be permitted to speak unless they have paid their dues for the current year.

8:00 p.m. The homeowners' portion of the meeting will be adjourned, at which time the BHA board business will commence. Residents may remain for this portion of the meeting and may ask questions regarding issues on the table. New business may not be introduced by the homeowners at this time.

The order of business is as follows: approval of the minutes from the previous month's meeting, treasurer's report, mobile watch report, NIP report, membership report. The board will then take up special business.

Please note, should a guest speaker who has been invited by the BHA be in attendance, the guest will speak

Bloomingdale gets own resource deputy

'Cop On The Beat' Resurrected

by Rozel Sculli

The old "cop on the beat" has returned with a new twist. In days when neighborhood residents became familiar with one regular law enforcement officer, community problems and crises were discussed and brought to the forefront. As communities have grown the familiarity of old has disappeared, but Hillsborough County has brought it back with its one-year-old community oriented policing program.



Deputy Pete Maurer

Pinecrest.

"Law enforcement used to be reactive. We're the cop, you're not," said Maurer. "We can now be pro-active by

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Community Council Forming

Deputy Pete Maurer, Bloomingdale's new Community Resource Deputy, is looking for a few good citizens to serve on a community council that he describes as "informal".

He is seeking a group of between 15 and 20 residents to represent a cross section of the community to serve as a pipeline between Bloomingdale and the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Department.

"I'd like homemakers, businessmen and women, clergy, educators, and civic minded residents to give their input to this group," said Maurer.

As the newly appointed

CRD, Maurer is responsible for assisting residents with problem solving. (see related)

His hopes are that the council will meet monthly "just to communicate."

"If there's a problem that exists in the community, we can put our heads together to come up with a solution or determine how to begin to find the answer."

Maurer said the commitment would only be about one hour per month.

Residents who are interested to helping form the council are asked to leave a message for Deputy Maurer at the District II office in Brandon at 247-8555.

So Long and Good Luck to Jim Wiley

by Gazette Staff

The Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association has not only lost a good treasurer but also a good friend and community leader when Jim Wiley announced his departure last month.

Wiley has moved to Jacksonville with his wife Diane and their two daughters after he was promoted to regional credit review manager with First Union Bank Corporation.

During his four years as treasurer of the BHA, Wiley helped turn around the organization's finances. Once floundering, the BHA is now one of the most successful volunteer homeowner groups in the county due in part to Wiley's leadership and sound financial guidance.

According to board members, Wiley brought to the board a sense of stability. And when re-election rolled around, Wiley was unanimously voted to return to office by his peers.

Wiley's involvement was not limited to books and figures. He helped coordinate membership drives and assisted in organizing two successful community picnics.

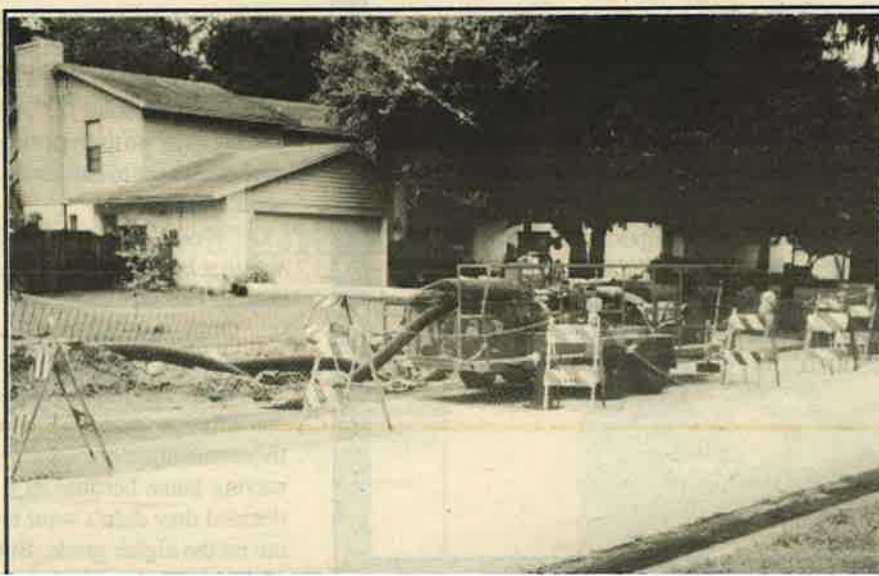
At last month's meeting, Wiley was presented with



The BHA presents a farewell plaque of appreciation to longtime treasurer Jim Wiley.

a plaque from the board members to show their appreciation for his work and dedication.

A native of Chicago, Wiley lived there before moving to Bloomingdale nine years ago.



After being notified one year ago that construction would begin on their street, residents of Paddlewheel in Bloomingdale West are finally seeing proof that steps are being taken to alleviate the stormwater drainage problem on their street. The \$37,000 project will include installation of 900 linear feet of underdrain and will likely cause some inconvenience to residents who will have

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

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Dear Readers,

People in general need to feel free to talk to community leaders and to know they will be met with sympathetic understanding. However, too many leaders announce that their doors are always open fail to listen; and the citizens, in the face of this failure, do not feel free to say what they want to say. As a result, the citizens withdraw from the community leaders. They fail to talk about important problems that should be aired for both parties' benefit. When such problems remain unaided, they often turn in to unrealistic monsters that come back to plague the community.

The Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association (BHA) has found the remedy for this failure. It is applied when the residents feel a need to discuss an issue. The BHA hears, really tries to understand, and shows its understanding by taking action if it is required. Above all, during the discourse, the BHA board members refrain from firing their own thoughts back at the person talking or from suggesting any displeasure or disapproval. The board speaks up only to ask for clarification of a point.

When the residents attend a BHA board meeting, they have a chance to unburden themselves. Equally important, the odds will be better that the BHA can counsel or act effectively when the time comes to take action.

Support your BHA!

Sincerely,

Rick Oros

NIP Report

A Message To The Residents

When friends and family come to visit I have always been proud to show them our neighborhood. When in conversation someone questions where I live, I hold up my head with pride and say "Bloomingdale". We have spent a great deal of money investing in our homes here so that we can live in a nice area with good schools.

I know that the deed restriction committee has upset some of the Bloomingdale residents, but please understand that we are just trying to keep up our community. Just drive through other areas where the deed restriction have not been enforced

and see those areas. Then you will see what can happen when no one cares.

Some of the most common problems that we are seeing in the community include the following: trash containers, water softeners, propane tanks visible from the street; boats, campers, trailers visible from the street; cars parked on lawns; debris left scattered around yards; lawns improperly maintained.

We are volunteers who spend many hours trying to help make this a better community for all of us. But, we cannot do this alone as we need the support of each and everyone of you.

Let's put the pride back in Bloomingdale.

Letter To The Editor

County Parent Group Endorses Sales Tax

Dear Editor:

Hillsborough County Council of PTA/PTSA has endorsed the 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for School Construction, Renovation, and Purchase of Technology Equipment scheduled to go to voter referendum on September 12, 1995.

As PTA members and volunteers who are in the schools daily, we are keenly aware of the critical shortage of classroom space and the continuing need for technology. The financial alternatives are few without significantly impacting the quality of education. Each year our share of state construction dollars continue to decline. This sales tax can only be used for construction and technology and will provide for our county capital outlay funds that are no longer made available to us from the state.

Hillsborough County Council of PTA/PTSA has been working to make a difference in the lives of the children of our county since 1924. We have a presence in nearly 150 schools that provide delegate representation to the council, and a county-wide PTA membership of 48,607 people. We have committed to work with our membership over the next few months to raise awareness and gather support in each and every school community.

We have examined this issue and realize the importance of passing this sales tax to help support our children's needs in the schools of Hillsborough County. You, too, can make a difference for the children of our county by voting "Yes" on September 12 for the 1/2 Cent Sales Tax for School Construction, Renovation, and Purchase of Technology Equipment.

Sincerely,

Doreen J. Markley

Legislative Chairman

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MEETINGS

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

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

BHA Board of Directors

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

Bloomingdale Oaks Special Taxing District

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

Mobile Watch & Neighborhood Watch

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

Our Times

Perks For Attending School? Hogwash!

by Rozel Sculli

When I was a kid, when you were a kid, when our parents were kids we went to school because that's what we were supposed to do. What is the big deal about making kids go to school? Are parents admitting lack of control? Is the tail wagging the dog? Apparently so, because the school board several years ago had to devise a scheme that would make students WANT to stay in school.

Now school officials admit that might have been a mistake.

The school board has made another wise decision by undoing a bad decision which awarded extra academic points to students with perfect attendance.

Excuse me, but I thought grades were supposed to be a reflection of academic performance and progress.

Under the ill-conceived policy, students were given four extra credit points for going to school everyday of a grading period. That meant that a student with an 82 average, a solid "C", could count on getting a "B" on the report card because he or she had been to class every day that nine weeks.

"Well I didn't master algebra, but I was in school every day," said Susie to the college entrance examiner.

Gosh, that "B" is a real indication of the student's ability. Not!

What was happening was that good students were going to school anyway and those students who flirted with the idea of staying home because of a tummy ache decided they didn't want to risk missing out on the higher grade. But the segment of the student population that didn't care

about grades - the ones that incentive programs ought to target - were still adding up absences.

Not only that, but those good students who are so concerned about their grades and struggle to maintain say a "B" average, were going to school sick because they didn't want to lose the points. What about awarding these students extra points for effort!

To compound the problem, students who missed school for a school-related function, were being marked absent and were not eligible for the extra points.

Case in point. A young lady who will be a senior at Bloomingdale this year is a talented musician. She asked her school administrators for permission to perform at USF on a school day a few years ago. This, she was told, was an unexcused absence. No points - no make-up work - no grades for the day. She wasn't going to Adventure Island with visiting relatives. She was participating in a different level of education.

Through their convoluted policies, the school system had lost sight of common sense and fairness.

Now, students will no longer be rewarded with extra credit points. It is up to the schools to come up with their own incentives and rewards for attendance.

Attendance problems need to be addressed and the change in policy will surely cause a rise in absenteeism. Rather than rewarding regular attendance, perhaps serious consequences for regular non-attendance need to be published and enforced.

Bits N Pieces

Around Bloomington



Talented Residents Make Their Own Music

by Gwen Szafranski

Whether organizing block parties, recording C.D.'s, or planning cruises, many Bloomington residents have had a month packed with activity and excitement. Certainly, Maurice Cecchini, featured in last month's column, had a busy July enacting the role of King three times a week in the PCE production of *The King and I*.

I saw the July 22 production with my daughters and was delighted with the colorful sets constructed by Cecchini

and Tom Mitchell and painted by the Paul Hetrick family. The cast members performed their roles flawlessly the night we attended. The "Uncle Tom's Cabin" sequence was particularly captivating and Tyler Leavitt's duets with Jenny Langford won warm approval from the audience. The entire production was a testament to the quality of local talent, and I look forward to future productions.



Allison With One: Esther Langan, Bryan Meng, Matt Jeanes, and John Prpich, from left to right.

Allison Records C.D.

Allison with One is a musical group with a name as haunting and unique as its original songs. Matt Jeanes, one of the band's organizers, chose the name from a poem by the band's drummer about a friend frustrated because everyone spelled with two "i's" instead of one. Drawing on influences from underground dance clubs, Allison members are 1993 Bloomington High graduates Jeanes, Bryan Meng and Esther Langan, as well as Eric Jenkins and Mike Carlton of Tampa, and John Prpich of Brandon.

Having performed recently at the Stone Lounge in Tampa, Allison is currently at work on a C.D. which should be available in late August. Tom Downs of 210 Cook Street Studios, where the C. D. is being produced, commented that Allison is creating some of the most intricate material and advanced mix of sounds of the bands with which he has worked.

Described by Jeanes as computer sequences music, the Allison sound has both futuristic and primeval tones. Vocalist Langan brings an ethereal quality to the compositions featuring her voice while darker moods emerge on many of the male vocals. Intelligent lyrics sometimes blend and sometimes counterpoint the driving yet ever changing

beat of each composition. Jenkins plays guitar to Carlton's drumming fleshing out the sound, which is primarily a mix of different kinds of drum modules, samplers, and synthesizers.

Although Allison's sound is intriguing and should command a large local following, the busy band members find it hard to work in club dates around their demanding academic and work schedules. Jeanes currently attends Florida State University; Langan is at the University of Florida, Meng attends USF, and Prpich studies at Loyola University. Jenkins and Carlton work full time in Tampa. However, music lovers can keep track of Allison's new releases and future club dates by tuning in to Dark Horizons on 88.5 Thursdays at 11 p.m.

Trigger Goes On Tour

They have yet to locate and view the Roy Rogers movie after which their group is named, but what the musicians in the local punk rock group My Pal Trigger have found is a growing number of area fans who enjoy their aggressive style and original songs. Two thirds of this dynamic group happen to be recently graduated Bloomington High students Jack Butts and Thomas Ellison, who play drums and guitar, respectively.

After a fateful introduction by a mutual friend, Butts



My Pal Trigger: Dave Browning, Jack Butts, and Thomas Ellison, from left to right.

joined talents with Ellison and singer and bass guitarist Dave Browning in January. The group built their reputation playing local clubs, such as the Blue Chair in Ybor City, Status Q in Clearwater, Junction Pizza in St. Peters-

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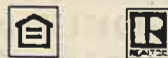
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burg, and the Stone Lounge in Tampa. Butts noted, however, that although there are a lot of good bands in Tampa and young people who want to hear them, "there's not a lot of scene," or opportunities for local bands to display their talent.

"One of the best places to play is the Old Schoolhouse in Fort Pierce," commented Butts. "The city owns the schoolhouse and rents it out to kids for punk and hard core music sessions. The kids have to hire a cop for the evening so there's no trouble; everyone just goes to have a good time and hear the music."

The Trigger musicians cut their first record with Tiny Records out of Miami and have since made a second record and appeared on a number of compilation C.D.'s. July was a breakthrough month for the band with the release of their second record by Little League Records and the completion of their six-state East Coast tour will fellow punk rock band In Like Flynn.

Punk rock fans will have an opportunity to enjoy My Pal Trigger first hand at the 12-band Punk and Ska Show August 12 at the Music Exchange in Clearwater. Cup a Joe, Slinky, Discount, Skahumbug and Skifdank, and In Like Flynn also are scheduled to perform beginning at 2 p.m.



Mr. and Mrs. William I. Latham III.

Latham Nuptials

Col. and Mrs. William I. Latham, Jr. of Bloomingdale East announce the marriage of their son William I. Latham III to Christa Marlene Crawford on June 24 in Gainesville. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gary L. Crawford of Gainesville. The Latham family also hosted a local reception for the couple on July 15 at Bell Shoals Baptist Church.

The bride attends the University of Florida and is majoring in elementary education. The groom is graduated from the University of Florida with a B.S. degree in chemistry. He is employed as a chemist with a private company. The couple will reside in Gainesville.

Block Party Bash on Dumont

Over 100 neighbors celebrated the Fourth of July as well as their community spirit by attending "Block Party '95" on Dumont July 1. Organized by Sharon and Berry Wright and Carolyn and Al Lopez, the holiday bash gave residents of Dumont Drive a chance to meet each other while sharing good food and enjoying a full line-up of activities. Basketball, flag football, street hockey, fireworks and just plain relaxing to music were on the agenda.

The event was concocted by Sharon Wright, who with husband Berry, grew up in the small town of El Dorado, Ark. The Wrights lived in a friendly neighborhood for six



Dumont residents threw a July 4th bash for the entire neighborhood.

years in Memphis, Tenn, before moving to their Bloomingdale home two years ago with daughter, Sarah. Their neighbors of one year, the Lopez's, thought the block party was a great concept so Al created 38 flyers for neighborhood distribution.

"The response was so great this year and everyone had so much fun that we anticipate planning another party for next year," said Sharon, who also decorated two sheet cakes to celebrate the event. She thought the children who participated particularly enjoyed the event, and she appreciated the help she received from 11-year-old neighbor Angela Lopez. Al and Carolyn also have a son, five-year-old Anthony.

Cruise Committee Convenes

If you are looking for a fabulous way to celebrate the spring of '96, grab your swimsuit and join the seven-day cruise leaving April 21 for Grand Cayman Island, Playa Del Carmen/Cozumel and New Orleans aboard the "Fun Ship" Tropicale.



Bill Durocher, Jackie Durocher, Pam Liguori, Mike Bosler, Mary Bosler, Joe Liguori, Dea Girometti, and John Joyce say come along with us for another Carnival fun cruise.

Under the chairmanship of Marilyn Martin, a steering committee met recently to finalize details for the cruise, sponsored by St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Getting into the mood of the moment, members donned interesting headgear to pose for pictures advertising the trip - the hats gathered from various travels by committeeman Joe Liguori. Committee members have participated in a previous cruise and anticipate the success and excitement of the upcoming trip. All residents who enjoy sun, fun, and a touch of the exotic are invited to join the group. For further information, contact Martin at 654-9562 or Jackie Durocher at 654-0949.

Reunion Nears Tri-centennial

The 284th Anniversary Reunion of the Roush (Rausch) families will be held in Point Pleasant, West Virginia this month and Bloomingdale resident Ellen Abramson will be among those present.

Mrs. Abramson, an elder at the Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, is the great granddaughter of Dorothy Roush who married Michael Johnson in 1850 and lived in a farming community of southern Ohio. The annual event has twice been held in Ocala, Fla. in recent years.

The extended family dates back to nine brothers who served in the Revolutionary War.

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Good Neighbors: Meet Allan Berry

by Gwen Szafranski

Any Little League parent or coach can recite a litany of minor crises and inconveniences. There are endless practices on hot, clammy afternoons; countless Saturdays of scheduled games and not "sleeping in"; weekday dinners on-the-go; multiple strains and sprains to tend; skills to hone and talents to coax; tears to wipe; tempers to cool; egos to bolster. And, occasionally, there's the moment when all the guidance and practice come together: a kid makes a really good play and the team works in unison to back the kid up. Allan Berry knows many such moments.

Come October first, Berry will complete four successful years as President of the Bloomingdale Little League and will assume the duties of District 13 Administrator, overseeing 13 leagues in Hillsborough and Pasco counties.

Berry has an obvious love of this sport, having played high school baseball as a student in New Jersey and later

having played on travelling softball teams for the various bases where he served during his 26-year military career. However, he modestly attributes his 11-year dedication to the local Little League as an outgrowth of his two daughters' interest in softball.

"The girls became interested in softball when we were living on MacDill Air Force Base, where I coached for two years. That was my terminal assignment before retiring from the military and moving to the home we'd built in Bloomingdale," Berry recounted. "Of course, the girls wanted to continue with their teams on base, and it was pretty rough driving back and forth for all those games and practices until we convinced them to transfer to the Bloomingdale League."

After this hectic period, Berry thought he could settle back and enjoy the girls', Debbie and Christine, performances on their respective teams, but fate and the Bloomingdale Little League had other plans. The call went out for more coaches and Berry answered. Over the years, he has coached the Major and Senior Girls divisions, volunteered two years as chief umpire for softball, and ultimately served as league president.

Appointed by Little League Southern Region to complete the term of current district administrator Bob Ayo, Berry has considered running for election when his current term runs out. Considering the hours of dedication the position dictates, he feels the program's worth the effort.

"Little League is one of the few sports

that has mandatory play, which gives every child a chance to play at least two innings each game. This is fair to the kids," said Berry, who strongly believes in the rules and regulations of the game as laid out by Little League.

"We're not here to develop major league ball players," Berry continued. "We've only had one player in 27 years that made it up to the AAA League in Major League Baseball, but we are here so the kids can have fun and interact with each other to grow up and be better kids."

Proof that Berry's approach to the sport works is evidenced by the recent success of the Bloomingdale all-star teams. Both the senior girls softball and junior boys baseball teams captured District championships, while the major girls and 9-10-year-old girls took second place in their divisions.

"We must be doing something right," mused

Berry. "Our numbers have increased over the past four years from 500 to roughly 900 players. The Bloomingdale area is growing, but we are pleased that kids are continuing their Little League careers as well, graduating from Major Division baseball to the senior field."

Berry is also justly proud that both his daughters took their experiences and parlayed them into softball scholarships. Older daughter Debbie attends Seminole Community College in Sanford, while Christine recently won a scholarship to St. Petersburg Junior College. Both daughters played on the 1993 Bloomingdale High State Championship team.

Berry and wife, Lin, chose to raise their girls in Bloomingdale because of its good schools and family orientation. They had many areas to consider since they met and married while both were stationed in England, they've had such varied assignments as far away as Thailand and as close as Georgia. Their final tour was Tampa, where Berry worked as a paralegal before establishing his own courier business, L.A. Xpress, in Valrico.

Although he has successfully launched his daughters on their college careers and he eventually plans to expand his business, Berry is content now to continue to devote part of his time to Little League. Local parents and kids involved in this sport should find that fact heartening.



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Church and Synagogue News

by Ellen Slovacek

The end of this month will signal the beginning of a new school year. Thousands of Bloomington children from kindergarten to 12th grade will be strapping on their new backpacks and nervously make their way to school for the new academic year. Alarm clocks barely used over the summer will signal that fateful first day of school.

There is a large group of teenagers who will be setting their alarms extra early this year. They are members of **The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)**, and they will be attending scripture study class, know as seminary, every Monday through Friday before their school day starts. They will meet at their church at 6 a.m. and study Old Testament until 6:45. From there they will go straight to school.

This is not something new. The Mormon youth group has had this program for years. What is amazing is how these kids keep up with their academic pursuits, extracurricular activities, maybe even a part-time job, and still have the dedication, not to mention inclination, to attend seminary every morning.

"They are a dedicated group, that's for sure," said Beth Hedrick, one of the four seminary instructors. "These kids are a real joy to work with because their standards are so high.

In a day and age when teen crime runs rampant, and the juvenile justice system is burdened with more and more serious cases involving juveniles, it is refreshing to see a group of kids who are taking their

spiritual studies seriously.

Congregation Beth Shalom offers a full range of programs and services in a warm Reform Jewish setting. All those interested, are invited to attend the congregation's Prospective Member Service on Friday, Aug. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at Apostles Lutheran Church, 200 N. Kingsway in Brandon. Services will be followed by an Oneg Shabbat. A reception for prospective members will be held during the weekend of Aug. 19-20. Registration is continuing for Sunday School which begins Sept. 17. For additional information, call 681-6547.

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomington will sponsor "Family Bible School" for youngsters to grandparents Aug. 9-13. The "Awesome Adventure" will feature studies of "God's Amazing Deeds" in graded and adult classes from 6:30 to 8:30 on Wednesday through Saturday of that week at the church at 710 E. Bloomington Ave. On Sunday, the 13th, a picnic will be held on the church grounds. Reservations may be made by calling 654-3699. There will be a nominal fee.

Last month the Rev. Dr. Philip Makari taught the first of two training seminars titled "How to Reach Out to the Unchurched." "For those without a church home there is special emphasis in creating a loving and caring community, assisting individuals in their journey of faith and providing for a better understanding of the teachings of Jesus Christ," he said.

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Back To School Fashion Forecast

by Laura D. Frazier

The back to school set will sport many of the old fashion standbys this year, updated with several fun trends - some new and some surprisingly familiar.

Florida's warm climate means shorts for most of the guys, and the ever popular denim will be seen once again this fall. The look for boys and young men is relaxed fit jeans or jean shorts, topped with big, baggy cotton t-shirts. This year's T's feature screen printed artwork and surf wear logo styles. As fall weather sets in, look for denim button down shirts to layer over those T's.

Like it or not, boys and young men will find it necessary to dress up from time to time for school or other occasions. Wrinkle free cotton slacks have made their way from the men's department to boys and young men's departments all over town. These cool and easy care slacks, paired with today's longer and less restrained Polo or Henley shirts will prove to be a bearable (if not favored) dress up option. Boys and young men will sport the latest

leather athletic shoes and suede or leather hiking boots with thick, nubby soles.

Young girls and juniors will be clamoring for those jeans shorts also, and are sure to be delighted with the new denim colors and color washes available this fall. Juniors will be wearing shorts at or above mid-thigh, with a low slung waistline reminiscent of the 60's and 70's hip huggers. Baby T's (the midriff skimming length) and crop tops remain popular with young girls and teens. Many are adorned with shiny satin appliques or popular movie logos.



Emily tries this year's skorts and mock vest top on for size.

Last year's charming daisies and sunflowers will continue to brighten girl's shirts this fall. Another re-emerging trend is the Western influence, featured once again on woven shirts with embroidery and corduroy collars. Juniors can accessorize the still popular look with some of the new western boots available, emblazoned with western motifs such as the cactus or lasso.

A new look making an appearance this year is the orient inspired "Chinese bodies" shirt. These close-fitting blouses that button down the side will be done in cotton and cotton blends in soft solids and small prints. Another surprise for juniors (and their shopping chaperone moms) is the return of the twin sweater set. Colors to look for are off white, cream and pastels, accented with ribbons and floral motifs. The fine cotton knit and new shorter length of these sweater sets will offer teens coolness and comfort along with trend-setting style.

A big item for juniors and an even bigger item for little girls this school



Laron sees there will be no shortage of jean shorts or knit sweater sets in her back-to-school wardrobe. (L)

year is the skooter, which looks like a skirt from the front, but is actually shorts as seen from the back. The skooter should prove to be a popular alternative to shorts for girls of all ages. Again denim is the fabric of choice.

Footwear for juniors continues along the "big and chunky" line, from sandals to oxfords, and all the heels and boots in between. The chunkier the heel and the nublier the treads the better! Texture is the key word in socks and hose, with many ribbed and embossed type style available.



From tots to teens, Bloomingdale's students will be in style this fall.

The look in accessories this year is simple and tasteful. Less is more. Hoop earrings are the popular jewelry choice. Mini backpacks continue to dominate the accessories scene, now in an array of color choices as an option to last year's solids. Young girls can choose from a deluge of barrette and ponytail holder styles featuring realistic looking flowers and intricate ribbon designs, while the understated juniors look will call for the new, slimmer headband in patent leather look vinyls.

While back to school shopping this year, shoppers are sure to find those racks full of comfortable old standbys and fun new trends. Thanks to Cheryl Woeltjen, manager of Bealls and Outlooks, Bloomingdale Square.

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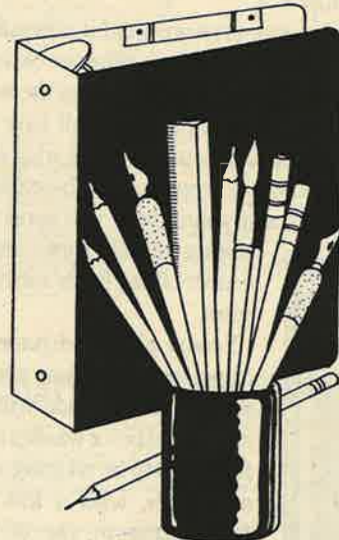
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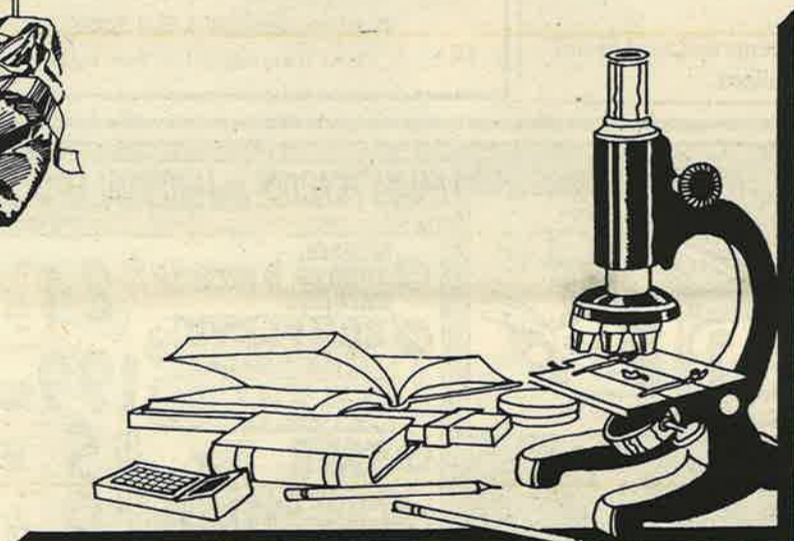
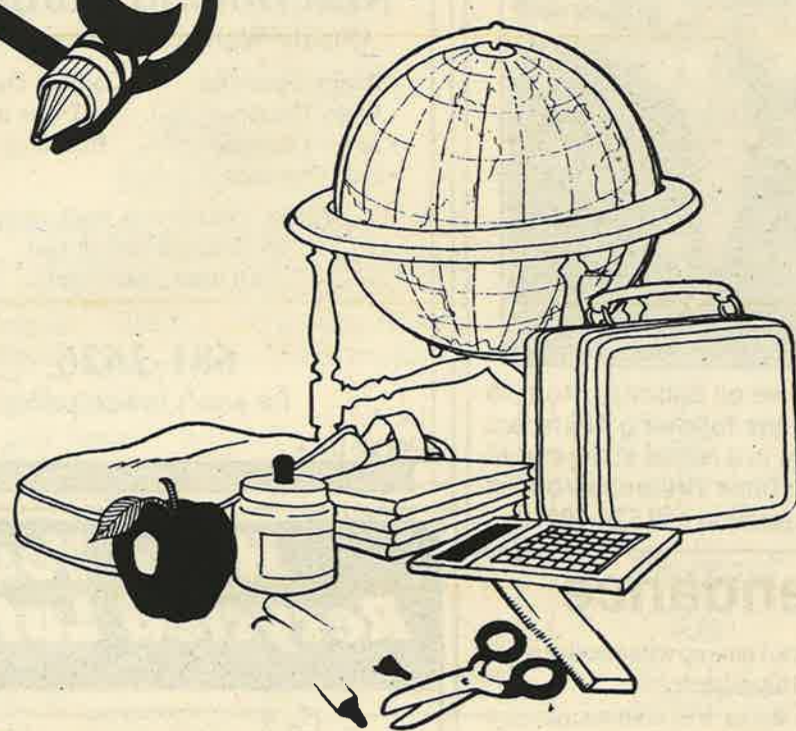
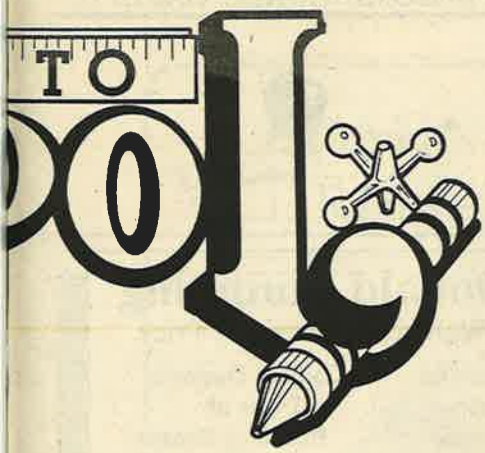

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No More Points For Perfect Attendance

by Rozel Sciulli

Students will no longer receive incentive points for perfect attendance, according to a policy change passed by the Hillsborough County School Board last month.

Parent controversy surrounding the current policy was cited as the reason for the revision, according to Dr. Earl Lennard, assistant superintendent for administration.

According to the previous policy, students were awarded four points in each subject for perfect attendance in that class during a nine-week grading period. Students with only one absence were awarded two points. In some cases, the points allowed a student to jump from one letter grade to another. The points were not averaged into the numeric grade but added on after the nine-week grade was computed. This allowed some students to jump a full letter grade, from a "C" to a "B" for example, simply by attending school everyday.

Conflicts arose when students who were absent from class for school-related business lost attendance points. Other concerns surrounded students with legitimate illnesses who feared losing points and attended school while they were ill.

However, Burns Junior High principal Linda Kipley feels the policy helped the average student who needed extra incentive to attend school.

"I understand the need for the change in policy from the standpoint of the parents who were concerned that their children felt they had to come to school sick, but I also know that it increased attendance among average students who needed that little extra push to keep them in school," she said.

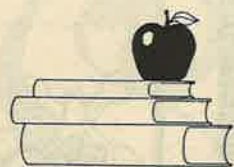
Since the new policy prohibits awarding academic

points, it falls on the schools to come up with creative ways to reward students for good attendance.

Mrs. Kipley said that Burns will continue to give rewards for attendance although not of the academic kind. For the past two years students have been eligible for Bruin Awards each nine weeks - prizes earned for attendance, behavior, or improving grades. Students can earn school t-shirts, food coupons, or entertainment passes by meeting the criteria.

Burns, which is near the top of the county with a 90 percent attendance rate, may see an increase in absenteeism, said Mrs. Kipley.

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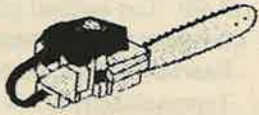
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Tipton, wife **Pam**, and sons **John** and **Jesse** have lived in the Bloomington area for nine years.

Wrestling Gold Medalist

Josh Latham, a 16-year-old Bloomington junior, brought home the first place medal for the 16 to 18-year olds division of the Florida Sunshine State Games held in Gainesville on July 8. Josh had a successful year as a member of the Bulls wrestling team last year, taking second place in two local



Josh Latham

competitions and becoming the first sophomore ever to participate in a state tournament. Josh also received the wrestling portion of the Bloomington All-Sports Award presented by Bulls coach **Scott Tipton**.

Josh looks forward to resuming his place on the wrestling team this year, maintaining his current 4.0 GPA, and continuing his active roles in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, LEO Club, Chess Team and the

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County Softball Champs

Bloomington Little League's senior girls defended their title by winning the President's Tournament for District 13 last month when they defeated East Point 6-2. Team members include **Michelle Austerman, Natalie Deckert, Megan Galinger, Lyndsey Heine, Mindy Laing, Jaime Melton, Allison Murphy, Erin O'Brien, Kristen Panfilio, Michelle Steufert** and **Heather Wright**. The team manager is **Ray Deckert** of Bloomington East and **Mel Laing** is the coach.

Junior, Senior All-Star Champs

Bloomington Little League's junior boys and senior girls are District 13 champions. The boys beat East Bay 8-1, while the girls defeated North Brandon. Both teams advanced to the Section III tournament held at East Bay Little League late last month where both teams were eliminated.

Bloomington's junior boys are managed by **Mike Olson** and coached by **Tony Fiallo**. Team members are **Tony Brewington, Joey Dalton, Adriel Fiallo, Buck Francis, Jason Goodman, Larry Hendrix, Kevin Koudela, Peter McDonald, Garrett Oakes, Eric Olson, Hector Roman, Ben Ruggiero, Sam Skelton** and **Travis West**.

Soccer Bulls Earn Scholarships

Bloomington Bulls' soccer players **Bubby Leasure** and **Gretchen Lindsay** signed athletic scholarships to attend Florida colleges. Lindsay recently signed a letter of intent to attend the University of Central Florida in Orlando. Leasure

will attend the University of Tampa. Leasure, who was named to the all-state team, led the Bulls to a state championship last season. During the playoffs, Leasure had six shut-outs and a total of 20 in the Bulls' 25-1-1 season.

Lady Bulls Rate

Good in the field - better in the classroom. That's where girls from Bloomington High's softball and track have earned their

most recent recognition. The girls track team posted the highest grade point average in the county for their sport with a 3.410. The softball girls did likewise, finishing with an overall GPA of 3.376. Baseball honors went to Plant High in Tampa and boys track academic honors were won by Robinson. The highest athletic team GPA in the county was earned by Hillsborough High's girls tennis team which turned in a 3.857.



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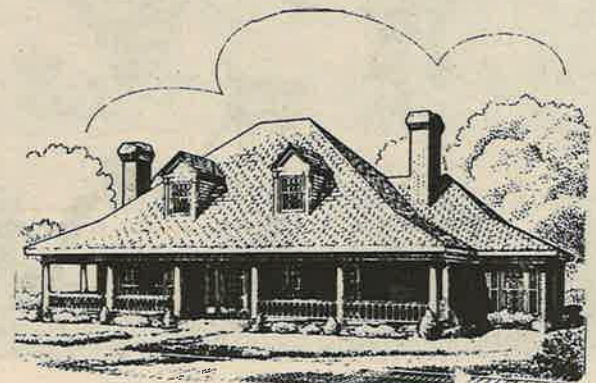
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No Buildings, No Fields, No Deal Youth Leagues Not Moving To Culbreath Property

by Rozel Sciuilli

Bloomington Little League officials will have to keep looking for property on which to expand its operation to accommodate the 900 children they support. The 52 acres at the end of Culbreath Road, once thought a perfect recreational site, is no longer being considered by the county for youth athletic purposes.

"We're still looking at the property as a passive park and nature preserve," said parks and recreation director Ed Radice.

But because the property falls within the county's 100-year flood plane, zoning rules prohibit the construction of permanent structures on the land. That not only includes restrooms and concession stands, but also parking lots.

"We could get away with portable facilities but we can't eliminate parking lots," said county recreation official Bobby Reynolds. "We could put fields, even lights, but no permanent structure and an asphalt pavement is considered permanent."

The county had originally hoped the Culbreath property, owned by Shimberg-

Cross Developers, could meet the needs of not only the Little League but also the Brandon Bears youth football organization and provide some soccer playing fields.

For the next two seasons, at least, the baseball and softball youth of Bloomington will continue to play at their current location and resort to sharing fields with East Bay, South Brandon and North Brandon leagues. The Bears will continue to practice at Providence Park and share the county field on Providence with the Steelers organization.

"Youth football in the county has a better situation because they can play at football fields at the area's high schools," said Reynolds. "We have some very successful operations at the high school fields and the cooperation of the school administrators. But with Little League, they can't play on the high school fields. Each league has to have its own complex."

"With the growth this county is experiencing the Little League districts are going to have to consider changing boundaries to accommodate all the youngsters."

Proper Instruction, Better Equipment Can Prevent Injuries In Youth Football

By John D. Okun, M.D.

The popularity of youth sports is at an all-time high and currently receives a lot of media attention. Despite the popularity of youth athletics, scientific information about the pediatric athlete is limited. Youth sports organizations have evolved over the past 100 years and have reached a sophisticated level.

American football is the most common contact sport for children and adolescents. It has the highest incidence of injuries of all sports in elementary, junior high, and senior high. Head and spinal injuries in athletes have been best studied in football players.

Although severe injuries are rare, the evidence suggests that as many as one-third of participants in organized football at the college level have x-ray evidence of neck injuries. The most common mechanism by which neck or cervical spine injuries occur is by spearing, in which there is axial loading of the slightly flexed neck, such as when a player rams another player with the top of his head.

Better protective head gear allows players to use their heads for tackling, blocking and butting opponents and this has caused an increase in neck injuries since modern helmets and face masks were introduced.

There is no question that organized football is hazardous, but better equipment and rule changes have certainly made it safer. Although changes in helmet design have greatly decreased the incidence of serious head injuries, only changes in tackling techniques can lessen the incidence of spinal injuries. Therefore, it is most important that a coach instruct his players on proper tackling techniques such as not using the head as a battering ram and to keep the head up and the neck extended while tackling

other players.

Physiologically, children are much different than adults and this should be taken into consideration when training and exercising young athletes. In hot, humid environments, children are at an increased risk for heat related illnesses such as heat stroke because they take longer to acclimatize to this type of weather. Also, they experience the effects of exercise less intensely and are not as aware of when they are getting into trouble. Children produce more heat and they dissipate the heat more slowly than adults do.

It is very important to have water available for children to drink and a water break should be taken approximately every 30 minutes when exercising in hot, humid weather. It is important that the young athlete be medically examined before participating in a vigorous endurance training program so that any abnormalities may be detected.

The most frequently neglected training area has been in awareness of the child's psycho-social needs. Children participate in sports primarily to have fun; to become accepted members of the group; to measure their performance against those of other members of the group; to improve their skills and performance; to enjoy freedom of physical expression; and to experience success.

Much has been written about using a child's intrinsic motivation and defining success as the process of learning and developing rather than simply winning. For children, sports should be a challenge to do their best. The emphasis should not be to win at all costs as it seems so often in college and professional sports.

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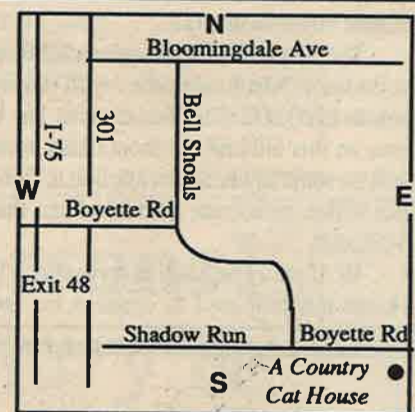
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Gillian Wilkins used to create gourmet English pies for her family. Then, for her friends and then as a catering business out of her home. The meat and vegetable pies were so popular, she opened The Pastry Shoppe at the corner of Lithia Pinecrest and Boyette Roads.

This unique lunch stopover is owned and operated by Gillian and her husband Seth. Daughter Allison Suarez also is employed as are several close friends.

The very British Gillian was inspired by the budget wise pies English families thrived on during World War II. Her menu includes chicken, turkey and shepherds pies, a cornish pastry and scalloped potatoes with ham. She also serves a variety of quiches and salads. Pies are sold as individual servings or as meals for an entire family. For busy families, Gillian helps make dinner time a breeze by offering an evening meal program that families can partake of four times a week.

Catered meals consist of an entree, vegetable, salad and dessert, and Gillian said she also takes into consideration vegetarians and other special diets.

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Winn Dixie Open 24 Hrs.

Winn Dixie of Bloomingdale Oaks will join its Marketplace counterpart in remaining open for business 24 hours per day. According to store manager **Larry Hendrix**, the new hours not only will accommodate the shopping needs of his customers who work non-traditional hours, it will provide other services like indoor ATM machines, money orders, and postage stamps to customers around the clock.

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Tax Topics

Changes Congress Could Enact For 1995

by Robert Morris, CPA

As always politicians promise the moon but provide only a portion of their promises. The "Contract with America" is under way and some areas I expect "Them" to change are as follows:

Capital gains tax reduction is a likely event for 1995. The House has passed a bill including a 50 percent exclusion on long term capital gains. This would reduce the top capital gain tax rate to 19.8 percent and it is now before the Senate for approval. We won't know the final outcome until the Senate votes on this bill.

The House has also adopted a **\$500 per child tax credit** for families with income below \$200,000. The Senate also has to vote on this bill and the most likely event will be some lower credit applied to families with approximate income of less than \$100,000.

IRA's may be back in style also. The House has proposed to create a tax free

savings plan whereby amounts contributed would not be deducted but the growth also will not be taxed.

For the last several years, rumors were that Congress may reduce the amount of **assets exempt from estate tax** from 600,000 to as low as 200,000. Now a bill has been entered to increase the exemption to \$750,000 up from \$600,000. So now more of your estate may be able to pass through to your heirs with a savings of up to \$82,500 in estate tax.

Don't forget for 1995 the **self-employed health insurance deduction** is scheduled to be 30 percent in 1995. The 1994 change enacted April 1995 increased the allowance to 30 percent this year. Also being scrutinized is a little more leniency on home office deductions.

If it appears any of these may apply to your situation, you should confer with your knowledgeable tax advisor to see when the bill is passed and how it affects you.

Legal Matters

Understanding Wills, Probate, Trusts

by Anthony Campisano
Attorney at Law

Historically, a will has been the main component of an estate plan. A will is a written document that takes effect at your death. A properly drafted will 1) specifies how you wish to distribute your property at your death; 2) designates a personal representative (or executor) to administer your estate; and 3) designates a guardian for your minor children, if any.

Without a will, the state, rather than you, will decide how your property is distributed at your death, who will administer your estate, and who will care for your minor children, if any.

A will only governs the disposition of a person's probate assets. Examples of non-probate assets are property held as joint tenants with right of survivorship, property held as husband and wife, trust assets, life insurance and pension plans.

Probate is the process of settling a decedent's estate. The court will appoint a personal representative (or executor) to settle or administer the estate. In general terms, the duties of the personal representative are to collect the decedent's probate assets, pay all the decedent's just debts, and distribute the remainder to the beneficiaries.

Probate has several drawbacks. It is a public proceeding. It is often long, involved and expensive. In many circumstances, probate can be avoided by the use of a properly drafted and funded revocable living trust.

A trust is an agreement between a person who creates the trust (a trustmaker or settlor) and a trustee. The trustee manages the trust property for the beneficiary or beneficiaries. Often, at least initially, the trustmaker, trustee and beneficiary

are the same person. This means that you manage your property for your benefit. If the trust is to continue after the trustmaker's death, the trust normally provides that the trustmaker's spouse or children will serve as the successor trustee upon the death of the trustmaker.

It is called a revocable living trust because the trustmaker can revoke or amend the trust during his or her lifetime. This means that as long as the trustmaker is alive and not incompetent, the trustmaker has the full use and control of the assets in the trust. If the trustmaker becomes incompetent, the successor trustee steps in and manages the property for the benefit of the trustmaker.

If the revocable living trust is properly drafted and funded with assets, the assets in the trust will pass outside of probate to the beneficiaries of the trust. In most cases, the beneficiaries are the trustmaker's spouse and children.

There are several other benefits to a revocable living trust. First, a revocable living trust, unlike a will, is a private document. Second, it is generally more difficult to contest than a will. Third, a properly drafted and funded revocable living trust can be used as a vehicle to avoid federal estate taxes. Simple wills are not designed to do this.

This article is designed to provide a general overview of wills, probate and trusts. Each person's situation is unique and may require special planning. Contact a competent estate planning attorney to answer questions regarding your personal situation.

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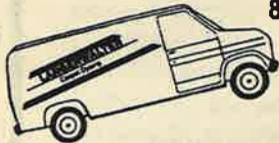
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STD Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District trustees will be Monday, Aug. 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 101, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza. The meeting is open to all Bloomingdale homeowners.

Community Council

Residents interested in sitting on an informal Commu-

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being involved with and getting to know the residents of the community we serve. The county has missed the boat for many years.

"This is not a program; it's a philosophy," he said.

One of Maurer's first functions will be to find resources for whatever the community needs. To identify those needs he will form a Community Council made up of a cross section of residents who will serve as a link between the Bloomingdale community and the sheriff's office.

"I hope to find out what concerns the people have and work to find answers to those concerns."

Whether its vandalism, graffiti, or teen hangouts, Maurer believes the residents and he can work together to resolve the problem.

Besides maintaining his regular patrol, Maurer will spend additional hours each week "being out there, being seen, being accessible."

Already finding answers, Maurer put residents' fears to rest when he informed them that baseball field lights would not invade their nights when it was thought that Bloomingdale Little League would relocate to property at the end of Culbreath Road.

"Residents might not know where to turn to find those answers, but I made one contact and found out they would have nothing to worry about."

Maurer has been finding answers for years. Following the Culbreath tragedy in which a driver killed and crippled teens who

nity Council currently being formed by Community Resource Deputy Pete Maurer, are asked to call 247-8555, and leave a message for Dep. Maurer. The sheriff's department is looking for residents to volunteer one hour per month when they will come together as a group to discuss community concerns.

Kiwanis Meeting

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Brandon Nights meet every Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Game Day Grill, Oak Park Plaza on Lumsden and Kings. President of the organization is Bloomingdale resident Mark Leytze. The group sponsors the Terrific Kids program in the local elementary schools.

Helpful Information

Residents can find useful information in the Community Office. Everything from Hillsborough County resources and deed restrictions to energy-saving tips. An information table is supplied with informative pamphlets and even wrapping paper made from recycled materials. Community Office hours are Monday through Friday mornings 9:30 a.m. to 12:30.

were hanging out at the deadend, Maurer got county agencies involved by erecting no-parking signs at the location and the property owner involved by erecting no trespassing signs.

In his capacity as a CRD, Maurer said he is entitled to contact county officials directly instead of going through the Sheriff Department's chain of command. "I can go straight to a county commissioner now if I have to."

Maurer cautions, however, that people still need to use 911 in the event of an emergency. He will not be around 24 hours a day.

An elderly resident of a north Tampa community approached the CRD in that area after he had been off duty for several days, Maurer related. "She told him she was so glad to see him because her house had been broken into five days earlier.

"An emergency is still an emergency and needs to be treated as such."

Originally from New Jersey, Maurer settled in Idaho after a stint in the Air Force where he was assigned to combat defense security. In Idaho, Maurer became involved in a community action program. He and others took over a vacant building and started a youth program. He eventually became a deputy before moving to New York where he was in the aviation business operating a helicopter emergency lift program. He rebuilt crash-damaged helicopters and that venture brought him to the Tampa area in the early 1980's. Maurer has been a full-time Hillsborough County deputy since 1986.

It is his hope to make the community self-reliant. "We all have a responsibility living here to make it a better place to live."

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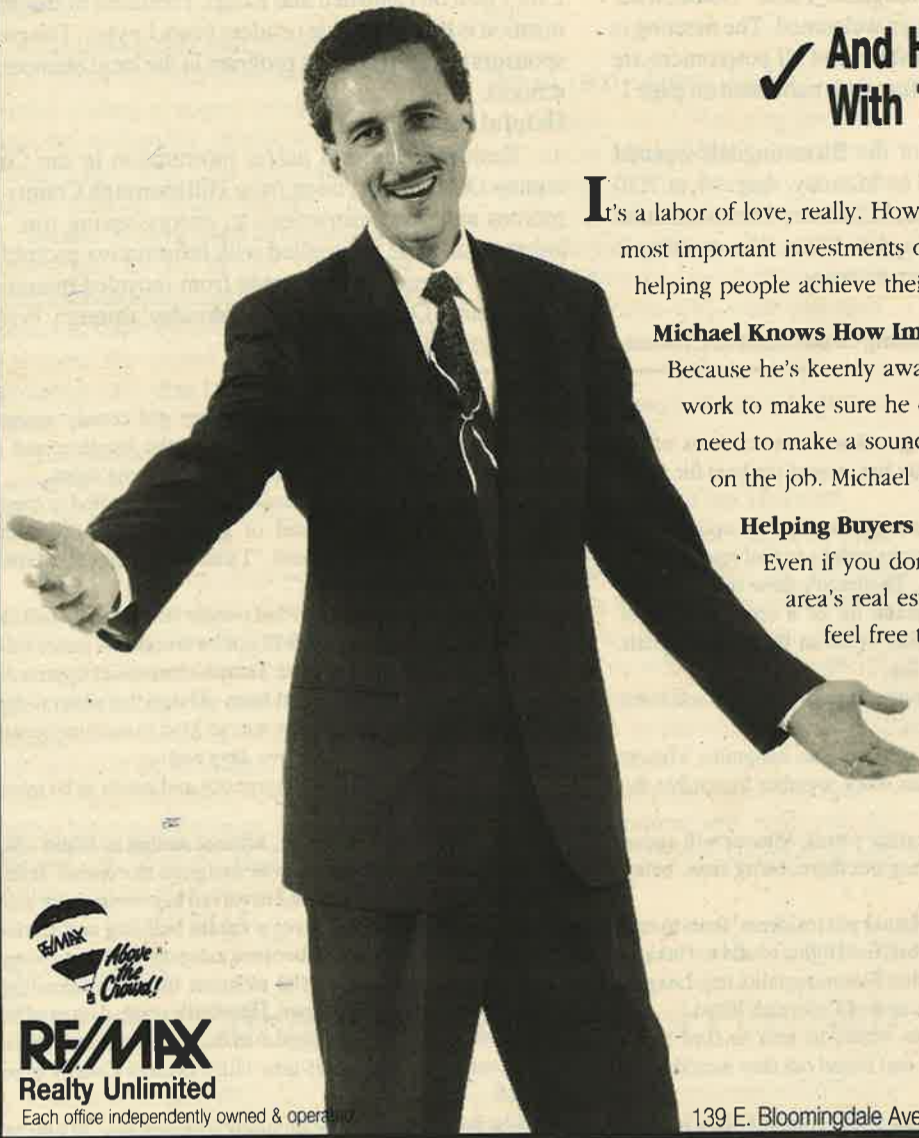
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