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BHA Briefs

Monthly Meeting

Members of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association are invited to attend this month's meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 in the Community Office's new location in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale. The Community Office has moved to 3244 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 103, next door to Kim Hall's Dance Studio. Residents have the floor at the top of the meeting.

Principals Promote Tax

Burns Junior High principal Linda Kipley and Bloomingdale High's principal B. J. Stelter, were guests at last month's BHA meeting. They handed out information packets to board members and guests and spoke in favor of the proposed 1/2-cent sales tax up for vote this Tuesday.

Both schools as well as Alafia and Lithia Springs elementary schools will benefit from the tax (see related story this page) which will be used to generate funds for technology and construction.

Mini-Storage in West?

Mike Bardell spoke at last month's BHA meeting to report his plans to construct a mini-storage facility south of Primary Prep on Canoga Park Drive in West. County zoning would permit this type of business at that location with criteria that Bardell still must meet.

The businessman has plans to erect three units that will be two stories each. The storage facility will also have slips for recreational vehicles and boats at the front, he said.

The BHA board withheld its opinion on the project until community input can be gathered.

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.

New Principal, PTA Have Common Goals For Alafia



New Alafia Principal, Tanly Cabrera

by Laura D. Frazier

New faces, new goals and new directions fill the classrooms at Alafia Elementary this fall.

An estimated 1,025 students began the 1995-96 school year last month and were greeted by returning staff members along with five new teachers and a newly appointed principal.

Tanly Cabrera was selected as Alafia's third principal by the Hillsborough School Board on Aug. 15, following the promotion of former principal Susan Lizer who is the new Personnel Supervisor for the school system.

Ms. Cabrera is excited about her new post. "This will be a learning year. My first priority will be getting to know the students, teachers, staff and community," she said. "I have heard wonderful things about Alafia and I am looking forward to being involved in the teamwork that has made this a successful school."

While she is familiarizing herself with Alafia, Ms. Cabrera would like to aggressively foster local business partnerships wherein area business leaders support the school by sponsoring events, providing personnel and/or tutoring, and volunteering services or funds to the school.

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School Tax Election Tuesday

by Rozel Sciulli

It's called "The Proposed Local Option Sales Tax", but residents know it better as the 1/2-cent sales tax for the benefit of Hillsborough County Public Schools. Bloomingdale voters will be asked to vote on the tax Tuesday.

The controversial tax proposal, if passed, is designed to generate approximately \$60 million a year for 10 years. The funds are designated for upgrading technology, new school construction, and renovation of older schools.

Bloomingdale residents, whose children attend the county's newest schools, may wonder what benefit would be derived locally. Besides the construction of another elementary, junior and senior high in the southeastern county to help alleviate overcrowded conditions in the

Bloomingdale area, the tax would provide funds for specific improvements at the local, relatively new schools that are already outdated.

Alafia Elementary, overcrowded with nearly 1,100 students, would be in line to receive \$1.25 million for technology (computers and networking) and \$527,279 for construction of three new classrooms and a covered playcourt.

Lithia Springs, the newest local elementary school, would receive \$855,969 for technological advancement and \$80,000 for a covered playcourt.

Nine-year-old Burns, which received its first portable classrooms this year, would be scheduled to receive \$2.3 million for technology and no funds for construction.

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Rec Center Could Lose Staff After It's Built

by Rozel Sciulli

When the proposed Recreation Center in West is finally built in 1996 a staff of four will open the long-awaited facility. Three months later they could be gone, if nearly half a million dollars is cut from the county recreational budget in 1997.

Cutbacks may mean 17 staff positions will be lost and those that will be eliminated will come from the four new centers being built across the county.

"It doesn't make sense," said parks and recreation director Ed Radice. "But right now the Bloomingdale center would be staffed for the last quarter of 1996. The money doesn't exist for personnel there in 1997."

On September 27, the county commissioners will hold its final budget hearing for the 1996 fiscal year during which a proposed \$498,000 will be slashed from the recreation budget. According to Radice, the Bloomingdale staff would not be affected.

But, he said, residents need to let commissioners

We've Moved: Same Building, New Location

The Bloomingdale Community Office has moved. As of Sept. 1, the community office is located at 3244 Lithia Pinecrest, Suite 103 in the Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale shopping center.

The office of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, also houses *The Bloomingdale Gazette* and the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District, is located south of Racons and Kim Hall's Dance Studio.

The phone number remains 681-2051 and the FAX 681-2824, and the office hours are weekdays 9:30 a.m. until 12:30

BLOOMINGDALE COMMUNITY PAGE

The Bloomingdale Gazette

Dear Readers,

The grapevine is sometimes considered to be a neglected form of informal community communication. There is no dodging the fact that as a carrier of news and gossip among residents, the grapevine often effects the affairs of the community. The proof of this is the strong feelings that different residents have about it. Some regard the grapevine as rumors or gossip - a thorn in the side when regularly spread destroys morale, and reputations, leads to irresponsible actions, and challenges authority. Some regard it as a good thing because it acts as a safety valve and carries news fast. Still, others regard it as a very mixed blessing.

Whether you consider the grapevine an asset or liability, it is important for you to try to understand it. One thing is sure; although no one resident can absolutely control the grapevine, one person can influence it.

If you know of important news or happenings around the community call *The Bloomingdale Gazette* and allow the newspaper to be the grapevine.

Sincerely,



Rick Oros

Our Times

Fall's Fun Topics - Taxes, Rec Center, and Warehouses

by Rozel Sciuilli
Vote 'Yes' Tuesday

For Pete's sake, and Susie's and Tommy's and Allison's and Bobby's - vote 'yes' for the 1/2-cent sales tax in Tuesday's countywide election. It will mean millions of dollars for the next 10 years for construction and technology.

Seven cents on the dollar seems like alot, and it is, but what are the options? Hillsborough is one of the fastest growing counties in the state with over 3,000 new students each year and the Chinese proverb that says it takes a community to raise the children was never truer.

The children belong to all of us, including those without and those who have sent theirs on.

There are students at Bloomingdale High School who have no computer experience. There is outdated technology at a school as young as Alafia because it is too new a school to come under the county's technological improvement plans.

Sure, Bloomingdale residents can sit back and be proud of four schools, the oldest of which is nine years old.

With the tax, schools can be built and enlarged and our children can keep up with the technological times. Without the tax, Bloomingdale residents will be sending their children to their relatively new schools on double sessions who will graduate without knowing the difference between a byte and a mouse, or a mouse that bites.

Where's The Rec Center

Nearly 18 months ago we reported that Bloomingdale West Park would be the site of a new Hillsborough County recreation center. We weren't lying.

It would take six months to build, they said. By last June a summer program was to have been in place and this fall, Alafia and Lithia Springs parents were supposed to have an after-school center for their children to go to.

Well, the park is still there. About the only thing different is the posts that were installed to prevent cars from pulling up on the grass. But the rec center? No sign of it.

At first I started keeping monthly tabs

same old response, I called less frequently. The bidding process, which takes the longest, apparently, was to have finally begun in June with ground breaking 90 to 100 days away. No surprise - the bid process began last month.

Oh, yeah, but when it's finally built, there may not be staff to man the facility for long. When the center was first budgeted, four full-time staffers were promised. It seems that was only for 1996. They could be lost in the 1997 budget. With county budget cuts on the horizon, Bloomingdale's and four other proposed centers may just be buildings for community residents to look at and imagine what might have been.

Mini-Storage - No Way

There are alot of things that could be built next to Primary Prep on Canoga Park Drive in West - how about a convenience store or a laundromat? Not acceptable? Well how about a mini-storage warehouse? Didn't think so.

The BHA would like your input because there is a businessman who has plans to do just that. He would like to be welcomed by the community, so he announced his plans at last month's BHA meeting - three separate buildings, two stories each. Boat slips and parking for R.V.'s would also be made available IN THE FRONT. Now, that's what you want to see when you round the bend everyday.

Perhaps he is under the misconception that it will be a service to the Bloomingdale community to have a storage facility close by. Maybe so. How many of you have furniture and boxes stacked in your garage that you're dying to pay a monthly fee to have stored elsewhere?

No, Mr. Mini-Storage builder, the reality of it is that people from outside the Bloomingdale community could use the facility not only for storage but for setting up small, blue collar businesses - one man or woman operations.

Bloomingdale doesn't need the traffic or the guests. And the children at Primary Prep don't need to hear a rock band rehearsing while they're trying to take a nap

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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.

Mobile Watch Report

Your Help Needed To Maintain Quality Of Life In Bloomingdale

by LaWayne Wyatt

Why do families move to Bloomingdale? Why did you move to Bloomingdale? Families have many reasons for selecting a particular community in which to live.

According to the last survey conducted by the BHA in 1994, the primary reasons were location, housing value, schools, suburban environment and quality of life. That same survey also indicated the major issues concerning residents were crime and safety (16%) and protecting the quality of life (15%).

What does it take to maintain a quality of life and a safe, secure community? It certainly takes an effort by more than a few people. The STD does its part by maintaining and improving the common areas. The BHA does its part by participating in Hillsborough County's Neighborhood Involvement Program, requesting residents to comply with established deed restrictions and supporting residents' concerns.

Neighborhood Watch programs do their part by watching for suspicious activity in their immediate vicinity. The county does its part by enforcing code regulations. The Sheriff's office does its part by enforcing laws and recently expanded the Community Policing Program by assigning a Community Resource Deputy to Bloomingdale.

The Mobile Watch does its part by patrolling the community and looking for and reporting suspicious activity. While the county employees are paid to perform their duties, the others are not. The key to their success or failure is community involvement and volunteerism.

Watch Membership Dangerously Low

The Mobile Watch depends entirely on community involvement to do its part in

we started in 1980, all 50 of the original homes were represented. Over the years, Bloomingdale has grown to over 3,300 homes and, as we all know, is still growing. In January 1990, we reached our all-time high of over 200 members which was less than three percent of the residents.

Today, we are rapidly declining to our original membership of 50. This month we only have 59 active members, six of whom are Base Station operators.

Why the fluctuation in membership? In the mid to late 1980's there were many problems in our growing community. Despite the problems, families chose to move here because they saw great potential and they took an active interest in wanting to make the community work. In the early 1990's, the problems began to decrease dramatically and so did membership. Why?

There are any number of reasons why members drop out - they move, work hours become excessive or conflict, supporting the kids and their activities is time consuming, the patrols have lost their excitement, or "we've done it for several years and it's someone else's turn." The only problem is no one else is stepping up to fill the void.

Why don't residents volunteer? Who knows. Maybe they don't perceive a problem. The BHA survey would appear to negate that reason since crime and safety was the major concern. Maybe they don't want to get involved.

We've all seen the newspaper stories and television coverage of residents

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Bits 'N Pieces



The River Wild and Other Adventures

by Gwen Szafranski

As you read this, September activities will be in full swing and, hopefully, a hint of fall will be in the air. Kids will be comparing their summer adventures with school pals, and adults will swap stories at the office about dream vacations or lack thereof!

I was delighted that some Bloomingdale residents shared tales of their summer activities with me and feel you will enjoy their stories. First,

I'd like to correct a sentence misprinted in last month's column that left some readers even more curious about how Allison With One arrived at their unique name.

The sentence should have read: "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 her name with two 'I's' instead of one." Apologies to the group, but I am happy to report that they had a successful club date at the Stone Lounge on August 26 and that their tape, Broken Sound, was favorably reviewed in Ink 19.

For those curious about My Pal Trigger's tour of states, Jack Butts commented, "It was a lot of fun, but we sure learned a lot about setting up club dates" and cited the Maryland and Virginia gigs as real highlights and the best shows. He did add that having his van, trailer and band equipment stolen and, subsequently, recovered in Georgia was somewhat of a low point. "Overall, it was a great experience," commented Butts just a little tongue-in-cheek.

Campbell "Digs" Archaeology

Jennifer Campbell, daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Campbell, returned home to Bloomingdale West just long enough to recount her hair-raising adventures in Northwest Florida participating in a dig at the Yon Mound in the Appalachian River Valley. An anthropology major and junior at New College of Sarasota, Campbell chose this "hands on" field school due to her interest in the Indian culture being studied and her admiration for Nancy White, Director of the Field School and Professor of Anthropology at USF.



Jennifer Cambell screens soil for artifacts with a Marshalltown trowel.

Little did Campbell realize that her days of sifting through soil searching for artifacts from the Fort Walton Culture circa 1,000

A.D. would culminate in a death defying episode on a fast flowing portion of the Chipola River. Campbell and some fellow students decided to take a break from digging pottery shards and explore the swamp around the otherwise placid river by canoe.

Paddling through the calm waters, Campbell and her canoe mate, Keith, tempted fate by not wearing life jackets. Their canoe hit an underwater snag; Keith managed to swim ashore, but Jennifer was flung out into the river and carried like a leaf downstream. Campbell grabbed onto a Cypress knee and held tight until the other students rescued her.

"This was two days before my birthday, and just before this experience, I'd told everyone that I'd be 20 and nothing exciting ever happened to me!" Campbell exclaimed. Compared to this incident, the rest of the dig was a little less exciting with students excavating pottery shards to determine their ceremonial or utilitarian usage. However, Campbell noted that uncovering the skeletal remains of an Indian with a

tool similar to an axhead by his right hand, signifying the burial of a person- age of intermediate status, was another exciting event of a more academic nature. The field group reburied the remains, which has become part of recent procedure.

Calvary Students Minister To Bahamians

Katie Jeanes and Hollie Nygaard were full of enthusiasm describing their participation in the Calvary Church Bahamas Mission Trip, which also included Emily and Sarah Honsberger, Charity and Kara Goss, David and Daniel Leino, Steve Chadwell, Katie Cosby, Steve Frissell, Heather Kocot, Dawn Myers, Tommy Schilling and Janelle Siparek as well as adults Richard Mull, Mike Honsberger and Karen Wilcox.

The group held three Day Camps (vacation Bible schools) for Bahamian children from ages two to 15 at which the U.S. students taught

crafts, ran workshops, told Bible stories, played games and helped the children to memorize Bible passages. Students also performed such diverse projects for their host church, The Golden Gate Assembly of God, as painting the pastor's office, improving the playground equipment and classrooms, and clearing land.



A shy, pretty Bahamian girl at the Calvary Church Day Camp shows off her artwork at the craft workshop run by Calvary students in July.

Although their accommodations were a little primitive (three minute cold showers, no glass

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in the windows, no air conditioning, and sleeping mats on the floor), Katie Jeanes commented that she never felt so needed or wanted than by the Bahamian children to whom they ministered, adding that the experience taught her a lot about team work. Jeanes also mentioned how providential it was that Hurricane Erin skirted Nassau even though it was due to hit there a day after the missionary group left!

New Theater Group Announced

Well Maurice Cecchini is at it again. This local thespian is busy at work designing sets for the September 22



Members of the newly formed Stage Door Community Theater of Brandon met recently at the Whistle Stop to finalize plans for their first production "Same Time Next Year."



Summer sewing students were Stephanie Haines and (kneeling l-r) Melissa Haines and Amanda Cooley, while Sherrie Boje's daughter, Kindle, is seated.

and 23 dinner theater performance of "Same Time Next Year" to be held at Center Place. The Bernard Slade play will be the first production by the newly formed Stage Door Community Theater of Brandon, organized by Wayne Otto, who was pleased with the turnout at the July 30th organizational meeting. Bloomington residents Doreen Myers and David Hickie will play the lead roles.

"Forty one people showed up for that meeting, and I've had at least forty more people call who are interested in participating," noted Otto, who is president and artistic director of the group.

"We had fifteen teenagers at the first meeting, and they're at work on "Scared Silly," a mixture of poems and scenes based on Edgar Allen Poe writings, scheduled for October 31st. at Center Place. We also have a performance of "Scrooge" planned for December 8.

Summer Sewing Students Model Fashions

Three young students and one adult attended six weeks of sewing lessons in their own homes under the tutelage of Marilyn Martin this past summer. Amanda Cooley, Stephanie and Melissa Haines, and Sherrie Boje', mother of Kindle Boje;, completed their sewing projects in time for Martin to photograph them modeling their tailor-made fashions.

"I chose sewing lessons because I liked the clothes my friends made, and I wanted to be able to say 'I made that!'" commented Amanda Cooley, who created a sundress for herself. Melissa Haines is planning for the future; she would like to be able to make clothes for her children the way her own mom

has sewn fashions for her. Haines made a floor length split skirt/jumper and complimented Martin on her teaching skills."She was nice, encouraging and made sewing seem fun," affirmed Haines.

After receiving a sewing machine from her grandmother, Boje' decided to take lessons to perfect her sewing skills. when she was faced with shortening quite a few new pairs of slacks for her husband. She's enjoying sewing fashions for little Kindle.

What A Birthday Present!

Although little Madeline



Little Madeline Ashlock enjoys the pool at grandparents' Shirley and Daniel Ferrer's home.

Ashlock's vacation at grandparents Daniel and Shirley Farrer's home was a birthday present for mom, Lena Ashlock, the little seven month old made the holiday a grand occasion for all concerned. The Farrer's son

Stuart and daughter, Melody, are proud to be uncle and aunt to such a cutie, but no prouder than Grandma and Grandpa Farrer, who took bragging rights on their very first grandchild.

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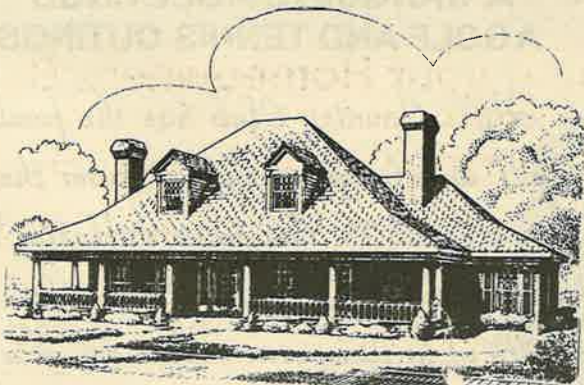
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Brandon Centre Ballet Holds Auditions

The Brandon Centre Ballet Guild, a regional ballet company, will hold auditions today for its third season and next Saturday, Sept. 16, for its holiday presentation of "The Nutcracker. Auditions will be held at The Dance Center, 161 E. Bloomingdale Ave.

Two separate audition times are set today for junior dancers, at least nine years old with a minimum two years of ballet training, at 10 a.m., and senior dancers, at least 11 years old with a minimum three years of training and on pointe, at 1 p.m. Dancers must arrive 30 minutes before their audition and pay a \$10 fee.

Auditions for "The Nutcracker" will be held next Saturday at 1 p.m. Dancers

must be at least six years old with two years of training and currently enrolled in a dance school. Rehearsals will be held once a week and attendance is mandatory, said Joanne Calsetta-James, co-director of the guild.

She said dancers selected into the guild will perform in five presentations of "The Nutcracker" as well as in other community performances and a spring concert.

The guild will stage four performances of the holiday classic for the Brandon community on Dec. 9 and 10. An earlier performance will be given at Sun City Center on Dec. 2. The Spring Gala is scheduled for March 30. For information, call 684-4282.



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by Ellen Slovacek

National Christian music artist, Len Mink, will combine his music ministry with the inspirational messages of Dr. Jiles E. Kirkland at the Lifting Up the Lord of Life Revival at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 3315 Bryan Rd. and Bloomingdale. The revival will be held Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights, September 17-19, at 7:30 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

Mink is a writer and recording artist of Christian music for both adults and children. He has recorded several albums under his own label, and has a powerful and delightful outreach to children through his recordings of "Gospel Duck". Mink has appeared in many Christian television productions, as well as popular network programs such as Johnny Carson's Tonight Show and the Merv Griffin Show. Currently, Mink is the on-air host of Kenneth Copeland's Believers' Voice of Victory television show.

Dr. Kirkland served 40 years as active pastor throughout the Florida Conference of United Methodist Churches before his appointment as District Superintendent of the Sarasota District. He served as D.S. for six years before retiring to North Carolina.

St. Mark United Church of Christ will begin holding two Sunday services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. beginning Sept. 10. A children's bell choir will meet on Sunday at 1 p.m. to practice under the direction of Carolyn Scheuer.

As soon as one comes home, the next one leaves. At least it seems that for Jim and Lynda Henry, members of the Bloomingdale Ward of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. The Henrys are sending their third son Ryan, to Australia on a two-year mission for their church. Their second son, Shane, just returned home last month from his mission in Brazil. Prior to Shane's mission, oldest brother Bryce, served two years in Korea. All three young men were graduates of Bloomingdale High School.

"I think it's a perfect time in a young person's life to step back from academic pursuits and serve the Lord," said Lynda. "When you are busy serving other people, you gain more insight into yourself. Our boys have come back with a greater sense of what they'd like to do in life. Their mission experiences have been invaluable in that regard, and we as a family have been greatly blessed."

The Henrys have three younger children at home, Jamie, Gavin and Karlee, who also are planning missions after graduation.

The American Heart Association will be conducting a CPR certification course at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints chapel on John Moore Rd. on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 7 until 8:30 p.m. For information, call 684-3086.

The Presbyterian Church of Bloomingdale, under the leadership of their new pastor, Dr. Philip Makari, looks forward to an exciting season of ministry. The church

members have been attending a special course entitled How to Reach Out to the People in the Immediate Community.

"Sharing the love of Jesus Christ," said Dr. Makari, "is our basic purpose. Most people are hungry for this ultimate good news of God."

Members will be learning how to better fellowship the people around them. Bible study classes are held each Thursday at 7:30 p.m. and the youth group will continue to meet every Sunday at 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend all services and meetings.

Congregation Beth Shalom has announced its September calendar of events, including High Holiday schedules for later this month and early October.

The Rabbi Robert Goodman will be in town to officiate services Friday, Sept. 15 at 8 p.m. at 200 N. Kingsway; Sunday, Sept. 17 at 9:30 a.m. at 801 Limona Road; and Friday, Sept. 22 at 8 p.m., at 200 N. Kingsway.

Services on Rosh Hashanah Eve will be held Sunday, Sept. 24, at 7:45 p.m. and at 10 a.m. on Rosh Hashanah. Both services are held in the social hall of Apostles Lutheran Church, 200 N. Kingsway.

Yom Kippur Eve will be celebrated Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7:45 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel, 7401 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa. Yom Kippur will be observed Oct. 4 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Sheraton.

Afternoon services will be followed by a Break the Fast dinner. Ticket prices are \$60 per person for non-members, which includes the cost of dinner. For tickets and information call 681-6547.

Life In These Times Store Security A Sad Fact

by Daniel Farrer

One of the things I like most in life is standing in long lines. Especially at the bank or credit union on a Saturday morning when I'm pretty hurried and have 25 things to do that I've put off for the weekend. I'm sure you know the feeling. You've probably also noticed that standing in line can be pretty boring (unless you were smart and brought a magazine or paperback to read).

Last week I got caught in the bank line with nothing to read so I started to look around and I was amazed at what I saw. I counted 12 cameras stuck up on the walls. Two covered the doorway and the remaining ten were located in various strategic positions around the bank to effectively view all the interior of the building. There were also those little round mirror devices on the ceiling that probably had cameras

behind them. I knew that cameras were used for security at banks, but I hadn't seen that many cameras in one place since the presidents' last news conference.

Just for fun I decided to do a little research of my own and look around the places I shopped for the next week to see what kind of security devices I could find. What I did find was kind of sad and says a lot about the state of our culture.

Almost all the things I could find were obviously electronic. There are devices and tags that are placed on items that set off alarms when they are taken through scanners placed at the entrance or exits of the stores. Cameras were everywhere from the largest stores to the smallest gas station/convenience store. They are in the ceilings (mostly concealed) and also stuck in other places you wouldn't imagine. The larger stores have people behind the cameras watching your every move.

Most stores also place small high value items like video games, cameras and jewelry under lock and key. Larger stores also have security people who cruise around pretending to be shoppers and looking for people who have a problem paying for things they like. These professionals sometimes team up with the secu-

rity camera folks who direct them to a suspicious shopper.

Security measures are even in place at the return counter of most large stores. Have you ever noticed that you have to fill out a little form whenever you take back an item for refund or exchange asking for your name and address. Security probably keeps track of people who frequently return things because of a cute little trick called a "switch". I found out about this little game when the wife of one of our workers got caught and was sent to jail for doing it.

A switch goes something like this. A thief/shoplifter goes into a store to buy clothing and picks out two dresses she likes. She takes two identical dresses and

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Good Neighbors:**Meet Three From The Toast Of Tampa**

By Gwen Szafranski

When the award winning women's choral group Toast of Tampa takes the stage November 18th in Festival Hall at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center, three Bloomingdale ladies will be lending their talents to the performance. Singing in four part harmony barbershop style, the group is a chapter of Sweet Adelines, International, and 1994 International Champions of this organization, which includes chapters in Sweden, Australia, Canada, and Great Britain.

Sherry Lewis, Terri Gray, and Janice Foster are delighted to be members of this group, which won the right in April to compete for the 1996 Championship title in a competition to be held in Fort Lauderdale.

Lewis, Gray and Foster guarantee music lovers that the November 18th fundraising performance, entitled "S.R.O. '95" and emceed by WFLA-TV's Wes Sarginson, will meet the consistently high standards associated with Toast of Tampa presentations. All three ladies unanimously agree that a real show stopping number will be "It's Rainin' Men," a tune originally made popular by The Weathergirls trio.

How were these three talented women drawn to Toast of Tampa? Sherry Lewis was attracted to the group's professionalism. A graduate of Lipscomb College, Lewis sang back up as a vocal session musician as well as teaching music for seventeen years in Tennessee. Coming from a musical family, Lewis remembers playing keyboard and violin as routine around her home. "Even grandpa was famous for playing fiddle in bands. In fact, I remember reading music before reading words," avows Lewis.

After moving to Florida, Lewis sought a way to maintain her interest in music by joining the well known choral group. She gives high marks to choral director Randy Loos, whom she calls "the backbone of the chorus." (Loos, who sings bass in the group Back Beat, is a certified

financial planner and Vice President at A.G. Edwards in "civilian Life.") "With Randy, each rehearsal is like a choral lesson. There is always something new to learn. He really makes this chorus tick."

Lewis is also impressed that Toast of Tampa sup-



Terri Gray, Sherry Lewis, and Janice Foster are members of the Toast of Tampa, and will be on stage at the Performing Arts Center in November.

ports The Spring, a charity that aids abused spouses and their children, and are also members of the Arts Council. Associate Director for the 130 member group, Lewis also serves as Music Chairman and works on the management team. She performs with Marquee, a quartet within Toast of Tampa, which also competes internationally. She has lived in Bloomingdale for five years and has three children Cyndi, Lon and Bobby and is a corporate officer with Ken Franklin Homes.

Janice Foster enjoys the chorus for its unique, almost family-like atmosphere and is delighted with the variety of the members ranging from homemakers to professionals. She welcomes ladies in the area to attend guest nights or the rehearsals of the choral group held every Tuesday night from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Jewish Community Center on Gunn Highway. Women interested in joining should call 963-SING.

"Singing with the chorus really helps to build your self esteem and confidence. You experience the pleasure of performing, but you have the security of being a member of a highly talented group," mused Foster.

After hearing Foster sing in church, Lewis encouraged her to try out for Toast of Tampa. Foster has been with the group for four years and served as vice president last year. She presently holds the position of chorus secretary.

Foster, who has spent eight years teaching Child Care Assisting at Armwood High School and also taught three years at Mann Junior High, is pleased that Toast of Tampa has received a grant from The Arts Council to develop projects working with children in the school system. Foster has lived in Bloomingdale for twelve years and has a daughter, Michelle, and a son, Preston.

A fateful invitation to accompany her aunt to a performance is the way Terri Gray discovered Toast of Tampa. Not knowing what to expect from a women's barbershop harmonizing group, Gray was stunned by their competence and the high quality of their show. A high school glee club and church chorale singer, Gray decided to try out for the group and was surprised and thrilled to advance so rapidly in its ranks in four years.

Gray auditioned and won a spot on the front row, a position that demands some choreographical expertise. Currently Member of the Month for the group, Gray is Ticket Chairperson for "S.R.O. '95." She also enjoys her

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Nicole Lacey, a 5th grader, records bus arrival times at Lithia Springs.



Lithia secretary Sandy Jones checks in fourth graders Kasey Coryn and Ali White.



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Gator Tales



by Ruthe Brunson

A touch of Broadway came to Alafia Elementary School recently when teachers were welcomed back to the tunes of "My Fair Lady." The school's PTA board president, Suzie Weisenhart, re-wrote the lyrics to the songs from the musical to create a skit that celebrated the teachers' return for the new school year.

It was all part of the PTA-sponsored Teachers Welcome Back luncheon.

Alafia PTA is keeping busy with its first fundraiser of the year which kicked off in mid-August with the Innisbrook Gift Wrap and gift items. The sale of these popular items will continue through Sept. 29 and are available from any Alafia student.

On Sept. 6, the PTA honored Alafia's grandparents with a breakfast. This was also open to senior citizens who are interested in helping with the education of Alafia's children. "Grandparents" do not have to have a grandchild at Alafia in order to participate.

Market Day also was kicked off in September. The successful fundraiser helps families, by providing good food at bulk rates, as well as generating thousands of dollars for Alafia. Tuesday will be the first order pick-up between 4:40 and 5:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

A Little Caesar's pizza party was held during Open House on Sept. 6 and 7, which saved parents the hassle of cooking before visiting with teachers.

On Tuesday, the PTA will hold a volunteer meeting at 8:15 for all residents interested in helping at the school, and the first general meeting of the year is Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. The guest speaker will be a representative from the Huntington Learning Center who will address homework difficulties and give parents suggestions on how to help their child.

Alafia PTA has started its annual membership drive and they are expecting many new and returning parents to join the organization.

Lithia Lynx



by Ron Pogorzelski

Living up to its motto, "Working Today for Our Children's Tomorrow," the PTA board members of Lithia Springs Elementary School have been busy all summer planning programs for the new school year.

High on its list of projects are parent workshops that are practical and enjoyable. They include CPR and First Aid, Math and Science Fun, a Read Aloud workshop, Helping with Writing, and How to Discipline workshop.

The PTA will once again host the "Reflections" cultural arts program where artists are invited to the school to interpret a theme in their own way that encourages and stimulates children to express themselves and appreciate art.

Developing more child/parent activities is also a PTA interest. Family skating parties, a family bike and skate rodeo, grandparents day, and six one-hour family night general meetings at school are planned. A monthly newsletter, a volunteer produced phone directory, and a school yearbook are in the works.

Lithia Springs PTA president, Gayle Turner, said her board is considering a number of ways to make involvement with the school easier for working parents. Proposals to the school administration are being readied for a "Flex Plan" that helps working mothers and fathers participate more in school activities and meetings.

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Children's Theater

"The Velveteen Rabbit" will be performed by the Patchwork Players on Friday, Sept. 15, at 10:45 a.m. at Center Place. Anyone who has ever cherished one toy above all others will respond to Margery Williams's beloved tale of a stuffed rabbit who happily sacrifices his plush elegance and becomes real because of the love of a child.

The performance is recommended for children ages four and older and the cost is \$2.50 per person. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the Center Place office.

Upcoming plays are "Aesop X 4" on Oct. 12, and

"Mother Goose" on Nov. 17.

Kid's Club

Limona Village Chapel hosts Kids Club on the last Saturday every month from 10 a.m. until 11:30. There is supervised recreation and refreshments as well as a featured guest to entertain the children. Parents are welcomed to stay or drop off and pick up.

The church also offers Orff based music classes for children three years old through fifth grade. Call the church at 689-8385 for information on Kids Club and music classes.

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"An active, growing partnership between our school and the local business community will draw more support for our students, and will greatly enhance the efforts of Alafia's dynamic PTA. It is the teamwork of those four groups (students, teachers, staff and community) that have made this a thriving school, and I am looking forward to continuing in that direction."

Ms. Cabrera's career spans 17 years as an educator starting as an SLD teacher at Simmons Elementary and Adams Junior High. She was a guidance counselor at Egypt Lake Elementary and since 1992 she was assistant principal at Sefner Elementary. She received her undergraduate and Master's degrees from the University of South Florida.

Five teachers share newcomer status with Ms. Cabrera. Local instructors transferred from other area schools include Paula Mann, 4th grade, whose last assignment was as a PEP teacher at Ruskin Elementary; Patrick Murphy, physical education, coming from Brooker Elementary; Sarah Walker, SLD, who transferred from Hunter's Green Elementary; Kathryn O'Rourke who comes to Alafia from Tinker Elementary; and Cheryl Cascio, who is the new speech

therapist.

Suzie Wiesenhart begins her third year as PTA president promoting the theme "Because of Children," which she said is geared more toward child advocacy than fundraising.

"We still anticipate raising over \$40,000 for Alafia this year," she said. "We hope that business partnerships will compliment the PTA's fundraising so that we can concentrate our efforts more precisely on the children."

The PTA will work to establish a parent education library in the media center, and plans to continue the teacher mini-grant program, art awareness and Members Only tutoring.

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Captain of the Crimson Dolls is Krista Sykes and co-captain is Leanne Dignum, both juniors.

The other team members are Tracie Bruneau, Valeria Bryan, Monica Butera, Theresa Capuder, Kristie Colson, Aimee Gaudreau, Robynn Goldberg, Andrea Green, Jamie Henry, Jennifer Hicks, Katie Jeanes, Kecia Keller, Amber Lindberg, Allison McDonald, Michelle McKnight, Sandy Nickerson, Betsy Peipenbring, Danielle Prewitt, Lora Reiter, Kira Slovacek, Laura Smedley, Christina Strohfus, Julie



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'95-'96 School Calendar

Note: Changed from last year's calendar is the half-day dismissal. Previously scheduled on the last Wednesday each month, half-days this school year vary from month to month, some on Wednesdays but others on Thursdays prior to a Friday student holiday. Some half-days are only two weeks apart, while others are over one month apart. This was done to create better planning time for teachers.

Mon. Aug. 21 Teachers Return
Thur. Aug. 24 Students Return

Mon. Sept. 4 Labor Day Holiday
Wed. Sept. 27 Half-Day Dismissal

Fri. Oct. 6 Student Holiday Conference Day
Thur. Oct. 12 Half-Day Dismissal
Fri. Oct. 13 Student Holiday Planning Day

Thur. Nov. 9 Half-Day Dismissal
Fri. Nov. 10 Veterans' Day Holiday
Th-Fr Nov. 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

Wed. Dec. 13 Half-Day Dismissal
Wed. Dec. 20 Winter Holiday Begins

Wed. Jan. 3 Students Return
Mon. Jan. 15 Dr. M.L. King Day
Wed. Jan. 31 Half-Day Dismissal

Thur. Feb. 15 Half-Day Dismissal
Fri. Feb. 16 Student Day at Fair
Mon. Feb. 19 Student Holiday Planning Day

Thur. Mar. 28 Half-Day Dismissal
Fri. Mar. 29 Student Holiday Conference Day

M-F Apr. 1-5 Spring Holidays
Wed. April 24 Half-Day Dismissal

Fri. May 24 Half-Day Dismissal
Mon. May 27 Memorial Day Holiday

Fri. June 7 Last Day of School
June 17-25 Summer School

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Bgnr. & Int. (13-17)	Mon & Wed	5:00-6

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Sept. 19	JV vs Durant
Sept. 21	Burns vs Dowdell at Bloomingtondale
Sept. 22	Manatee
Sept. 26	JV at EastBay
Sept. 28	Burns vs VanBuren at King
Sept. 29	at Chamberlain
Oct. 3	JV vs Brandon
Oct. 4	Burns vs Greco at King
Oct. 5	Brandon

Volleyball

Sept. 12	at Winter Haven
Sept. 14	Brandon
Sept. 19	vs Gaither at P.C.
Sept. 20	Burns vs Dowdell
Sept. 21	vs King at Brandon
Sept. 26	at Chamberlain
Sept. 27	Burns vs Greco
Oct. 3	Winter Haven
Oct. 4	Burns vs. VanBuren
Oct. 5	at Plant

Cross Country

(invitationals feature all schools)

Sept. 16	at Leto
Sept. 21	at Walden Lake
Sept. 30	at Brandon
Oct. 7	at East Bay

Swimming/Diving (at BSTC)

Sept. 12	Gaither
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Winning Coach Takes Over Bulls' Soccer Team

by Gazette Staff

When Bloomingtondale High advertised for a new girls' soccer coach, principal B.J. Stelter was glad to interview and hire a former co-worker to take the helm of the successful program.

Susan Peet, who initiated the girls' soccer at Brandon High and worked with Stelter when she was assistant principal there in the early 1980's, has moved back to Hillsborough County after spending nine years at Coconut Creek High outside Pompano Beach.

Peet, whose teams have reached the state semifinals twice, may earn the title that has eluded her twice before. She takes over a program that under Jo Garber went 115-29-7 since the school opened in 1987, and is recognized one of the best girls' programs in the state.



Garber, who resigned at the end of last year to spend more time with her family, had mixed emotions about turning over a team which has all but four starters returning and has state play-off potential this season.

"I don't want to jinx the team by saying how far they will go," said assistant principal Barry Davis, "but they're very good and we're confident that Mrs. Peet can come in and be successful here."

While at Brandon, Peet led the Eagles to two district titles. Her Chamberlain High team reached the state semifinals in 1985. She also won five districts and regionals, as well as two sectionals at Coconut Creek which lost to Bloomingtondale in the 1992 state semifinals.

SECURITY, from page 6

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Sports Salute

From Local All-Star To International Player

by Rozel Sciulli

Dori Carson - honor student, and softball player extraordinaire - has crossed the border and seen the other side. The 16-year-old daughter of Ted and Cherry Carson recently capped off an exciting summer of softball when she and her teammates from the Tampa Heatwave travelled to Montreal, Canada for the Softball Quebec International tournament.

Previously limited to playing in Bloomingdale, around the state, and even some popular softball sites in the southeast, Carson never ventured far north...to play softball, that is.

"They're very good up there," she said about the mostly 19-year-old competition in the Independent Softball Association tournament. "We were playing college-age girls."

As a team of 15 and 16-year-olds, the Heatwave was the runner-up in a tournament that started with 22 teams in the field. Each team was guaranteed a minimum number of games before the top teams advanced to a double-elimination playoff. Carson, injured in the second game when a pitch hit her on the ankle, was unable to play her customary center field position, but was relegated to designated hitter duties.

Her opponents must have heard about her hitting talents, because Carson was "walked alot", she said.

Her team had just come out of a national tournament in Georgia where Carson was selected to the All-Tournament team. Again, her team finished in the runner-up spot due in part to Carson's hitting (.333), five outstanding defensive plays, and contributing a number of RBIs.

Nationals was not to be the end of a long season that started back in March for the team of Hillsborough and Polk county

girls; Carson is the only team member from Bloomingdale.

Coached by King High softball coach Sonny LeBlanc, the Heatwave plays in NSA tournaments every weekend, through August. "We only had two weekends off all summer," said Carson.

The girls begin practice in late winter and balancing that with Little League softball play and school work sometimes is difficult.

As a third baseman for Bloomingdale Little League, Carson has played since she was eight years old and been an All-Star for seven of those years. She added ASA and NSA competition to her schedule when she was 12 years old. There, she says, she finds a higher level of competition.

"You have to watch the pitches very carefully because they move around more, and everyone can hit so we get very good at defense, too."

Carson credits LeBlanc with helping her improve her game. "He taught me how to move in center field and in hitting, he taught me to come around on the ball much faster."

The Heatwave planned the trip to Montreal for one year, raising close to \$12,000 to get there. Fourteen parents, including Dori's mom, made the trip.

"It was a great experience for the girls, something they'll always remember," said Mrs. Carson.

On the way, the girls made a short weekend stop at a small town in Vermont where LeBlanc's family still lives on a 100-year-old farm. In Montreal, it was all softball for a week. The girls, however, managed to take in an Expos' game and shop downtown.



Dori Carson hit .333 in a national softball tournament held last month.

Returning home meant going back to school. Carson, a sophomore honor student at Bloomingdale, is playing volleyball for the Bulls and in the spring, hopes to make the softball team. She's

excited about the possibility of returning to third base, her favorite position, and she hopes the Heatwave team will stay together for what's bound to be another busy tournament season next summer.

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Tax Topics

Education Funding Can Be Taxing

by Robert J. Morris, CPA CTP

Well, school days are here again and our thoughts are focusing on future college costs for our children. The cost of their higher education is becoming more and more of a burden. The following are some thoughts on reducing the burden.

College tuition is not deductible but scholarship or fellowship funds are not taxable provided the funds are used for education, tuition, fees, books, supplies or equipment needed for courses. Any portion of the scholarship in excess of these allowable expenses and/or room and board are taxable income. Also, grants that represent fees for services are also taxable. Should you have excess funds consider purchasing equipment such as computers and software as allowable expense providing they are used in the course of studies.

Usually, you must file a gift tax return when you give a child or grandchild more than \$10,000 a year (\$20,000 as a joint spousal gift). Instead, if you pay directly to the university or school to cover tuition fees these gifts are not

subject to the \$10,000 limitation. Directly paid tuition is gift tax free no matter how large and also can reduce estate tax in the estate of grandparents as a way to funnel funds to children or grandchildren without gift tax, estate tax or generation skipping tax implications.

If you are considering selling stocks to pay for tuition and you will be taxed on the gain at 28 percent, then think about gifting the stock to your child(ren) and have them sell the stock. They will report the gain and the first 650 is tax free while the remainder will probably be taxed at only 15 percent. This could be a savings of over 13 percent on taxes.

Consider gifting income-producing assets earlier to your children such as dividend stock. Have the dividends help build the college fund while being tax free or taxed at the lower 15 percent child's rate. Be aware, though, if the child is under 14 years old, the income over \$1300 is taxed at your higher rate anyway, so some planning is necessary. This "kiddie" tax does not apply to children 14 years old or older and should be looked at.

Also, consider if your child will apply for certain scholarships and loans, the lenders treat assets in your child's name more detrimentally than if they were in your name. Seek competent advice on the best approach for you.

Interest on series EE Savings Bonds used for higher education is tax free depending on your income. The bonds must be bought in the name of the parent and purchased after 1989. Also, your joint income must be less than \$63,450 the year the bonds are cashed, adjusted each year for inflation. Partial tax exempt status is permitted between \$63,450 and \$93,450 with no benefit if your income exceeds \$93,450.

Another cost reduction may be to consider purchasing housing near campus as opposed to renting. As a second home, the interest and taxes are fully deductible. If you rent a part to other students, you can deduct expenses and depreciate the property hopefully recouping the entire cost when you sell it at the end of the child's education.

And don't forget to consider the State prepayment plan which may reduce your cost significantly. If some of these concepts appear beneficial, you should talk to your competent tax advisor on your situation.

Legal Matters

Business Incorporation - Does It Make Sense

by Anthony Campisano
Attorney at Law

The main legal reason to incorporate your business is to insulate yourself from personal liability for the corporation's obligations.

If you currently operate your business as a sole proprietorship or a general partnership, you are personally liable for the obligations of your business. For example, if your business is sued on a contract, your personal assets may be in jeopardy.

A shareholder of a properly formed and operated corporation is not personally liable for the corporation's obligations. The shareholder's investment in the corporation may be at risk; however, the shareholder's personal assets are not.

There are several other benefits to incorporating your business. An interest in a corporation is often more readily transferable than an interest in a sole proprietorship. An interest in a corporation is represented by ownership of its stock. If an owner desires to transfer his interest, he may do

so by selling his stock. If a sole proprietor desires to transfer his interest, he must separately transfer each and every asset. This can be very cumbersome.

A corporation may be owned by one or more shareholders. Consequently, bringing an investor or a "partner" into a corporation is a straightforward procedure. This is not the case with a sole proprietorship. If a sole proprietor desires to bring in an investor or a "partner", the entire structure of the business must be altered.

This article is designed to provide a general overview of the benefits of incorporating a business. It may or may not make sense to incorporate your business. Each person's business and personal situation is unique and may require special planning. Contact a competent business law attorney to answer questions concerning your personal situation.

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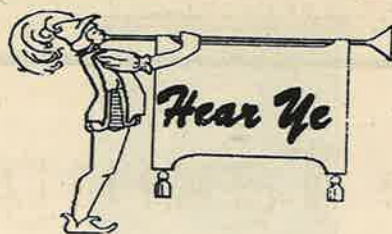
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**BHA Meeting**

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Homeowners' Association will be Tuesday, Sept. 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza. Homeowner concerns and issues are always welcomed. The meeting is open to all dues-paying members and all newcomers are invited to attend. A meeting format is published on page 1.

STD Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District trustees will be Monday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Office, 3232 Lithia Pinecrest, Royal Oaks of Bloomingdale Plaza. The meeting is open to all Bloomingdale homeowners.

Community Council

Residents interested in sitting on an informal Community 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.

ELECTIONS from page 1

Until last month's opening of Durant High, Bloomingdale was the last new high school built. Opened in 1987, it was built to house 1,800 students. This year's projected enrollment is close to 2,000 with 10 portable classrooms on site. Bloomingdale, which has fewer than one computer per classroom, would receive \$3.5 for technology. Already outdated, computers bought since the school was built, need upgrading. Another \$7.2 million is designated for construction of an art lab, four classrooms, an ROTC suite and child care facility.

Proposed technological advancements include having five computers in every classroom that would be linked with computers throughout the county and state of the art video equipment, with each school producing its own morning show.

Countywide, school officials claim 3,000 new students, above the attrition of graduates, enroll each year. Additional schools and classrooms are needed to avoid double sessions, according to school officials.

Bloomingdale High temporarily avoided double sessions when the school board made a decision not to send Burns' ninth graders to Bloomingdale when this area's cluster plan goes into effect next year. Instead, eighth and ninth graders will remain at Burns, and the sixth and seventh who were scheduled to attend Burns will go to the new Valrico Elementary under construction off south Miller Road and originally intended to take the overload of students from Buckhorn and Yates Elementary schools.

The state legislature, in allowing the tax to be placed on the ballot, prohibited its use for operating expenses.

Rep. Johnson Sets Meeting

Florida State Representative Buddy Johnson has scheduled a Satellite meeting for his Bloomingdale/Valrico constituents Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 9 until 11 a.m. at Bike Works in the Kings Row shopping center at Kings and Bloomingdale. One of Rep. Johnson's staff members will be on hand to assist constituents who have problems with local or state agencies. Written information or documentation relating to the problem should be brought.

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.

Pony Baseball Sign-ups

Brandon Pony League baseball will have registration today from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. for Winter Baseball and Clinics at Rogers Field at Sadie Park. Additional sign-ups will be Monday, Sept. 11, and Thursday, Sept. 14, from 6 until 8 p.m. and again next Saturday, Sept. 16 from 9 to 2. Pony League ages are 13 and 14, and Colt League players must be 15 or 16 by July 31, 1996. For information or directions call 654-1967 or 681-1768.

Dinner Theatre

Center Place will present "Same Time Next Year" in a dinner theatre setting Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept.

WATCH, from page 2

banding together to "retake" their neighborhood. It's a lot easier to maintain a safe, secure quality of life that it is to regain control.

Maybe it's an attitude of "let someone else do it". Unfortunately, the BHA survey appears to support this reason. Of the 453 respondents, 368 (81%) indicated the Mobile Watch was an important factor in Bloomingdale safety. If all 368 were volunteers we could field as many as five patrols seven nights a week and significantly contribute to maintaining a safe community. Still, that is only about five percent of the residents. Unfortunately, we often have to tell residents who call "Sorry, no patrols are available tonight."

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REC CENTER, from page 1

them up three months later. While the 1997 budget will not be approved for another year, this month's meeting is the time to make commissioners aware of the need to keep the staff in place.

Lois Kessler, who is in charge of rec center personnel, explained she could not cut staff she already had, so when she was asked to save \$473,981 in 1997, she took away those who were not already in place.

"The commissioners gave us a fantastic budget for 1995 and we were able to implement some very productive youth programs that took kids off the street," Kessler said. Those programs are also in jeopardy.

Radice and Kessler are optimistic that commissioners will find a way to maintain staff, but advise that residents need to let their elected officials know they are grateful to receive a center which would only meet the area's needs if it is staffed full-time.

TOAST, from page 7

jobs maintaining the group bulletin board and acting as a make-up checker for the group. As Gray explained, "All our ladies wear the same base, blush, lipstick and mascara to achieve a uniform look onstage. Since we all apply our own make-up, it's important to assure that every lady has achieved the same effect."

Gray, who is a secretary at Bell Shoals Church of Christ, moved from Illinois with her family six years ago. Along

23. Social begins at 6:30 followed by dinner at 7:15 and show at 8:15. Reservations are required and the cost is \$20 per person. Call 685-8888 for information.

On Exhibit

The Brandon League of Fine Arts will present its 36th Members Show at Center Place during September. Many of the league's 130 member artists will have their works on exhibit, including drawings, photographs, paintings and ceramics. Viewing is Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Toast of Tampa Tickets

Bloomingdale resident Terry Gray is ticket chairperson for the annual fundraising performance of the Toast of Tampa, a chapter of Sweet Adeline's women's choral group. This year's show will be at the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center on Nov. 18. Tickets prices range from \$10 to \$20, while Patron tickets begin at \$50 for two tickets, special seating, and mention in the program. For information call 654-3969.

Parenting Classes

Parents Anonymous/Parents Network is a self-help group for parents who have lost, or feel they are losing, control with their children. Groups meet in Tampa on Monday evenings and in Plant City on Thursday evenings from 7 to 8:30 at local churches. The meetings are free and child care is provided at the Tampa location only.

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BHA, from page 1

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 board be in attendance, the guest will speak first at 7:30, and the normal agenda will follow in order after the speaker has completed his or her presentation.

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