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is coming
to Bloomingdale

Goodies
Photos with
Santa



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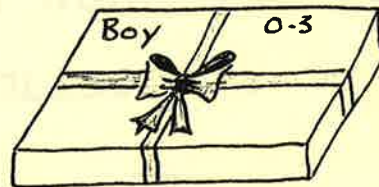
Santa-Santa-Santa



ATTENTION MOMS AND DADS: Santa is coming to Bloomingdale!!

He will arrive at East Park at 11:00am (for all the East kids) and leaves at 12:30 so he can arrive at the West Park by 1:00 (for all the West and Estates kids). He will be leaving at 3pm so as not to miss his next stop at 3:30. Please accompany your child to see Santa so you can make sure he/she gets to sit on Santa's lap!!! (one request per child). Santa will be passing out goodies for kids and his helpers also have something for each child.

PICTURES IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE: 50¢ BHA Members, \$1.00 Non-Members. Each child is to bring a wrapped \$1.00 gift with "boy" or "girl" written on the front. Also, put the correct age group on the front: 0-3, 4-5, 6-8, 9-10. If, for example, your child is a girl and 7 years old, then you bring a gift for a girl marked: "Girl, 6-8 yrs. old."



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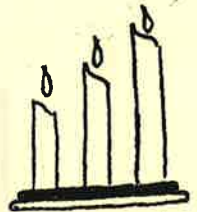
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For the Hayride (& some carolling): Meet at 6:00 pm at Park West - don't forget a flashlight. The hayride starts at Park West at 6:30 and ends at the lake on Bell Shoals (across from the entrance to Bloomingdale East) at 7:30. PLEASE - no children under 8 unless accompanied by adult.

Carolling & Refreshments: Meet at the lake at 7:15 pm. Carolling will be from 7:30 to 8:15 and refreshments from 8:15 to 9:00 pm.

THIS YEAR THE B.H.A. IS GOING TO HAVE A GIANT "FLOATING" CHRISTMAS TREE ON THE LAKE WITH LUMINAIRES FOR ADDED DECORATION! ! !

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- D E A D L I N E - WE NEED ALL ITEMS BEFORE THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8th * * * * * SO WE CAN HAVE EVERYTHING SET UP ON TIME.

ps- We could use some help, please call Bob @ 685-0011 to help.



Mobile Watch

Welcome to the first monthly column providing information from the Mobile Watch committee to all homeowners.

During the past month there have been a substantial number of instances of rock throwing at homes and nuisance doorbell ring. There have also been at least one instance each of a smoke bomb and a firecracker being set off at the front door of a home. The individuals responsible for these acts are suspected to live in our community. If anyone has information about these or any future occurrences, please notify any watch committee member.

A home in Bloomingdale West was broken into during the early morning hours on Nov.14th and some property was stolen.

During the course of our watch, we were able to identify a car causing disturbances in Bloomingdale Estates and turn the matter over to the Sheriff for action. We were also able to notify a homeowner of open doors to a van filled with presents late at night.

Beginning this month, we will be increasing to four nights a week building towards seven nights. We now have over 70 volunteers on the watch. We need 50 more volunteers in order to reach our goal.

We have received monetary donations from the BHA in the past. However the BHA represents only a small portion of the residents and we provide our voluntary services to all residents. We have no means of funding other than contributions. We would appreciate any donation of equipment or monetary contributions toward purchasing necessary supplies and equipment. Contact any committee member to donate.

We would like to thank all current members of the Mobile Watch for their participation and encourage you who have not joined yet to do it now.



During the Holidays Families join together to celebrate and be with one another at least once during the year. This is the one time that all are together and in a joyful mood, the perfect time to capture all of your loved ones in an everlasting PORTRAIT by BRANDON STUDIOS.

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The arrival of Christmas magazines in the newsstand used to bring me great joy. I bought and perused each issue, every year-- searching for new recipes, crafts and decorations. (Mind you, I only read the magazines. Everything I actually did was my version of how my mother created Christmas...and I did it the same each year.) But now, I no longer buy the magazines. There is so little I can relate to. Do writers really believe that women have the time and energy to make each package look like a miniature castle? Do we have time to plan and execute a seven-course dinner for twelve while making eclectic decorations in foil paper and mirror pieces?

According to glossy pictures, all homes are complete with sparkly-clean rooms, stylized trees, homemade (and different from last year even) decorations, a well-groomed, cooperative, charming family-- plus unlimited time and funds--not to mention a stylish mother in a jump suit covered by a cutesy apron who must never sleep to accomplish all this. The only similarity between me and the magazine-mother is the lack of sleep. Women of the world don't sleep in December... but should they accidentally doze off, they dream of lists of things to be done.



Magazine families and my family are of different worlds. Magazine mothers worry if shopping isn't completed by Halloween! I worry if stores are open Xmas Eve! She worries whether to "do" her tree in velvet bows or silver foil roses--I worry about getting a tree that will last until Dec. 26th! She wonders if she should re-buff the floors prior to the holiday--I worry about finding mine! She's wondering if she should buy another gift for the children--I'm wondering if my children will have any gifts (hustle those Sears boxes, Mr. Mailman)! She's hoping her children will finish their homemade cards by December 1--I'm hoping my children will pick up their crayons before the dog eats them!

Magazine children spend the month of December doing 'good deeds-- real ones fight and whine and extend their lists as the excitement overtakes them. Magazine husbands shop for fur jackets and jewels-- real husbands shop near steam irons, nighties and costume jewelry. "Magazine husbands smile genially and say, "Go shopping, honey... afterall Christmas is only once a year." Real husbands scream, "@#*! Have you seen the checkbook balance?!"



And on Christmas Eve, magazine families finish all the tasks in cheerful cooperation as the fire crackles in the fireplace and the house sparkles with cleanliness and glittery ornaments. In new nightclothes they climb the stairs to clean-sheeted beds-- tranquil with the knowledge that the toys are together and the breakfast table is pre-set...and all this before midnight! NOW REALLY!! Let's face it--in most homes long after the children are in bed, Daddy is struggling and calling to Mommy, "Why the **** did you pick THIS bike out!" And long after Daddy has collapsed, Mommy is still finishing the stolen, finding the stocking stuffers and muttering frequently, "Next year we're going to simplify!"

But then, magazine mothers don't get teary Xmas Eve as they look in on their 'sugarplum dreaming' children--and fur jackets aren't a necessary garb in Publix--and nothing replaces a steam iron when you need one. Nor are the best memories and family stories created in orderly, uneventful atmospheres. The lists, the running, the shouting, the struggling--all make the awaited event--Christmas Day--that much more special. You DID get it all done; you made it. And its been that way since the first Christmas. Mary didn't arrive at the Jerusalem Hilton in a sedan chair...she rode right up to delivery on a donkey, collapsed on the stable's straw and said. "I make it!". And so will you.

November 15th

BHA's Christmas plans were unveiled at the November Homeowners Meeting. They include A Visit From Santa for the development, a neighborhood Christmas tree, luminaries, caroling, and an adult dinner party.

The Board wants input as to whether the development would be interested in BHA sponsoring an adult team in, for example, softball.

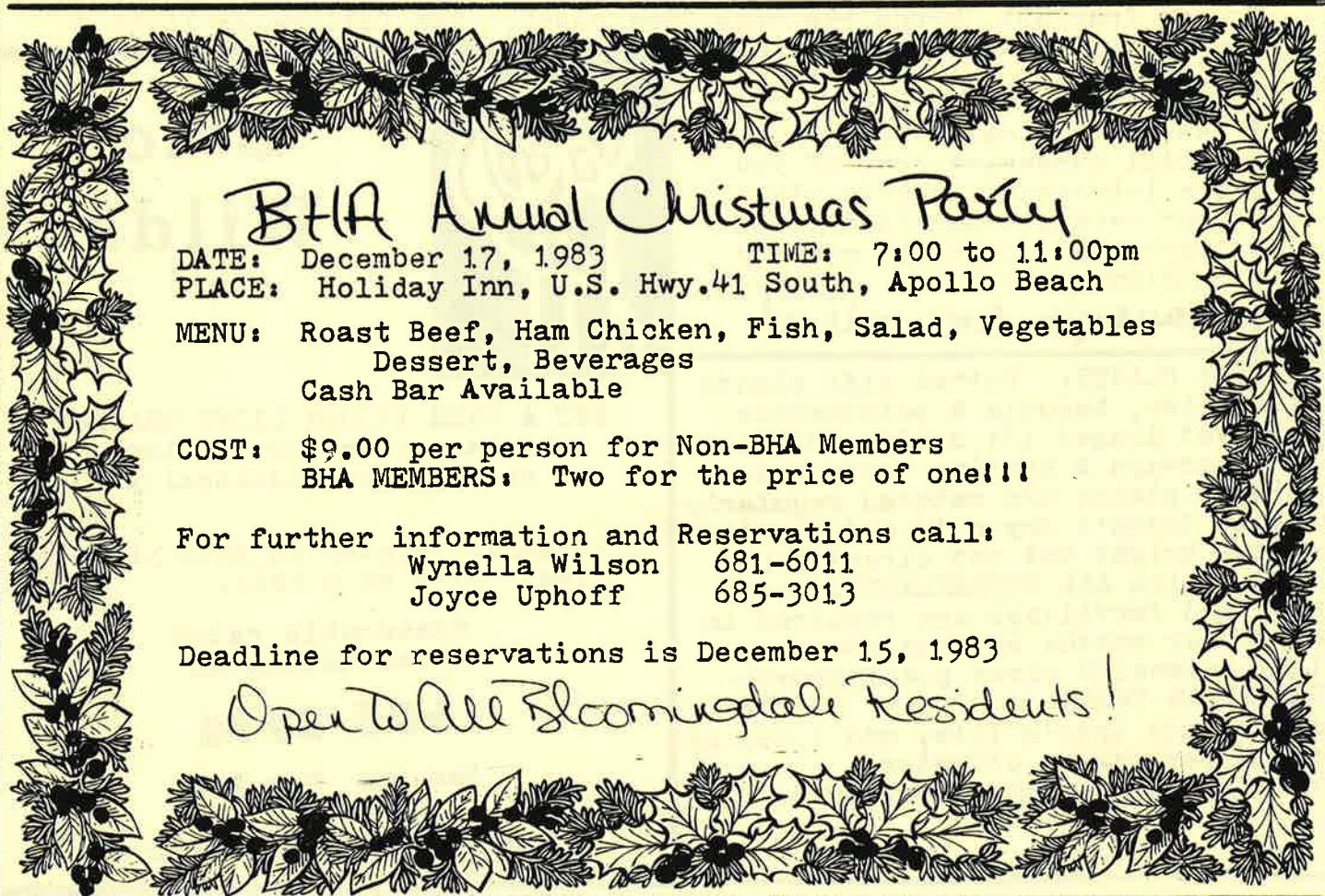
The new Board will have a lot of work ahead of it: STD information output, membership drive, rewriting the By-laws and handling The Gazette--also under consideration is a possible change in the monthly meeting date.

Vickey Kemper asked for volunteers to help with the Children's Christmas visit with Santa. Contact her at 681-5364.

The Mobile Watch has increased its membership list of volunteers but is always on the look-out for more interested residents. Call Chuck Loomis 681-4835. Because the Watch is dependent upon contributions, they are happy to accept any financial or equipment donations from any resident whether in BHA, MHA or neither. There is a special need for drivers on New Year's Eve if you have a few hours open.

Prior to voting for new Board members, nominations were opened to the floor and two candidates submitted. The slate was: Dave Burke, Les Butler, John Dalrymple, Frank Devito, Gloria Dyke, Art Hollows, Tome Kemper, Vickey Kemper & Hal Labkon. The first 7 people listed above are the new Board members. Congratulations!!!

This new Board met after the regular meeting and accepted specific Board duties: Dave Burke-Sgt.-at-Arms; Tom Kemper-Recording Secty; Brenda Manning-Corresponding Secty; Gloria Dyke-Treasurer; John Dalrymple-Vice-President; Since so many Board members are new to our community they asked Bob Knott to be President again. npe



BHA Annual Christmas Party

DATE: December 17, 1983 TIME: 7:00 to 11:00pm
 PLACE: Holiday Inn, U.S. Hwy.41 South, Apollo Beach
 MENU: Roast Beef, Ham Chicken, Fish, Salad, Vegetables
 Dessert, Beverages
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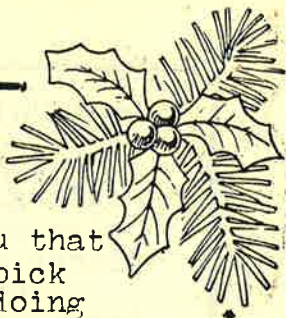
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Christmas Trees and a Native Plant...



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Two trees especially suited for this purpose are the juniper *syvesterii* and the Florida red cedar. The juniper is reminiscent of a blue spruce and is very fragrant. When planted in the ground, it does best in partial to full sun where it achieves a height of approximately 15 feet. The Florida red cedar is a dark green, fragrant tree with dense foliage and an even symmetrical shape. Outside, it grows slowly to about 20 feet. Both trees are excellent as large border hedges or as understory specimens. The cedar is a native Florida plant and is resistant to most problems but susceptible to spider mites, as is the juniper. Many retail nurseries carry these and other trees suitable for holiday decorating. I've even seen ficus used as Christmas trees, so anything goes in Florida. Just have a wonderful time decorating, and keep smiling as you try to unravel those lights!

The native plant I'd like to talk to you about this month is the "Bee bush" or *Lucothea axillaris*. This plant is native to oak hummocks in north Florida and does well in shady to partially shady, well-drained soils. It flowers heavily in spring and is very fragrant, hence the name "Bee bush". The foliage is light green with small leaves shaped similarly to the bottlebrush. The new growth is pink. The bee bush is rarely found in retail nurseries, but if you are interested in this plant, your retailer can find it at Gramblings Wholesale nursery in Plant City.

Thank you, Eric Wilds!



Eric Wilds

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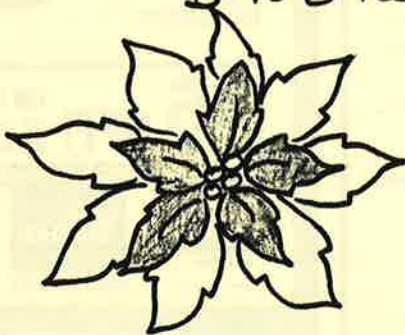
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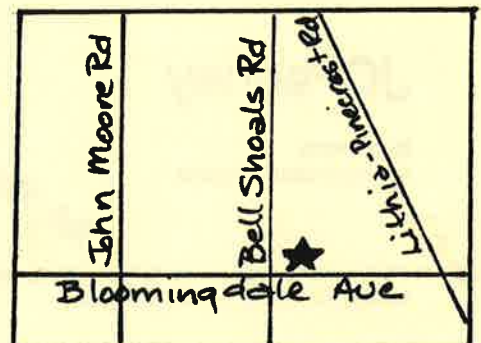
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BLOOMINGDALE MOBILE WATCH

Volunteer Information Sheet

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- 1. NAME: _____
- 2. ADDRESS: _____
- 3. PHONE: _____

Circle One

- 4. Do you object to having your phone number listed on printed schedules going to all mobile watch volunteers? yes no
- 5. Have you performed a mobile watch before in the Bloomingdale area? yes no
- 6. a. Are you in the military? yes no
b. Frequently travel (TDY or business trips)?
 yes no
- 7. Do you object to going on watch alone? yes no

Fill in blank

8. What CB equipment do you have? _____

 (type) (# channels)

9. Who is your partner? _____
 Can you get one? yes no

10. What four nights would you prefer to work?
 1. _____ 3. _____
 2. _____ 4. _____
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11. Would you be willing to give some time on holidays, especially Halloween, New Years, and the Fourth of July? yes no
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Letters

Dear Editor:

Regarding Ollie Boody's letter in the Nov. issue of the Gazette: First, there was not a general lack of support from Bloomingdale residents in the formation of an STD. Over a period of 1½ years, the residents, not just BHA members, were surveyed to first determine if there was interest in investigating the feasibility of an STD. And then a second survey, by petition, to solicit their support. Over 65% of the residents signed. In addition, on the day of the public hearing, over 40 people made the effort to show up before the County Legislative Delegation to show their support one Saturday morning, while only 2 were in opposition.

During this entire 1½ year period, an unbiased forum was provided on the pros and cons of the issue for those residents who cared to attend and/or listen. The STD was discussed at every Assoc. meeting; articles appeared in issues of The Gazette and general residents meetings were held to pass on all available information and to solicit input. So I must take issue with your implications that communication was a problem. The facts-pro and con- were there for those residents who cared to listen and speak.

If an STD is not a viable alternative, then why has Criterion (the developer) formed a Master Community Property Assoc. (MCPA) with By-Laws that provide for the dissolution of the MCPA when and if an STD is formed? If the developers and builders have more to gain from continued maintenance of common grounds and walls, then why have walls and open ground needing repairs for over 4 years gone untouched?

Second, the County Legislative Delegation did not deny our bill for formation of an STD. For denial to have occurred, a vote among the County Delegation would have had to be taken. No vote was taken. Representative "Spud" Clements refused to accept sponsorship of our bill (take it to Tallahassee for vote by the legislature and then allow the residents of Bloomingdale to then vote on the formation of the STD at public referendum). His refusal to sponsor our bill was because we had not pre-filed the bill with his office in line with political etiquette. Let's not mislead the current residents by implying that our bill had defects. The STD would have been a duplicate of one now in existence in Carrolwood, Twelve Oaks and one which was sponsored at the same hearing by Rep. Grant for Carrolwood Meadows and is now in place following a public referendum conducted last June.

Third, the issue of fact and fiction. Facts were and will be dispersed to all residents who care to hear them. Fiction will come from those who don't care to hear the facts. Some examples: Fiction "One catch, all existing homes would not be allowed to join." Fact While the MCPA as created by Criterion, provides for the maintenance in only certain new sections with the new residents being forced to join at closing, present residents can join the MCPA and have a lien placed on their home if they so desire. But, joining the MCPA provides no guarantee that maintenance in that resident's section will take place until a majority of residents from that section voluntarily join. No definition of what constitutes a majority exists in the MCPA By-laws. Fiction: "BHA spent over \$1200 to provide information..." Fact: BHA spent over \$2500 to refine the MCPA documents for residents who may or may not ever join the BHA as a volunteer organization. These new residents benefited from the revenues and efforts of the BHA to have a set of documents with which they could live and not be subjected to.

These errors and many others which may exist about the MCPA and what an STD is could be solved if you and many others had cared to attend the STD and the MCPA meetings.

An MCPA creates a set of "second-class" residents in Bloomingdale; The residents who were in and provided the developer and builders with the look of prosperity which has made Bloomingdale one of the more successful major developments in the Tampa area. And STD would spread the cost of maintenance over all residents.

Ollie, your request for an unemotional discussion of the STD/MCPA issue is difficult. Difficult in that no one, including myself, wants to pay more taxes. But each resident must first accept the fact that Criterion Corp. will not be around forever to cut grass, paint walls and replant entrances. The County has already gone on record denying responsibility or financial capabilities to do so. So, I ask, who is it left up to? US!!!

Yes, there are many questions that need to be asked and answered regarding the STD and the MCPA. Maybe the MCPA is the best solution. At present, I'm not that convinced. But the only way that the questions can be answered is by every resident of this development becoming involved. The questions you and a lot of others are asking pertain to everyone and can affect their property values. I urge you and everyone to get involved. Find out the facts, ask questions, help look for the answers and then make a decision. Lets do something before it's too late to do anything.

Fred Uphoff

Letters

Dear Editor,

I truly hope that the homeowners who read the letter by Mr. Boody in the last issue were not "taken in" by his narrow and poorly informed perspectives regarding an STD in our community. Let me attempt to at least set the facts straight so each resident can make his/her own decision about an STD for our community.

Last year's proposed bill for creation of an STD was not voted on by the county delegation because local political protocol dictates that the bill must be sponsored by our local representative, "Spud" Clements. Representative Clements informed me that he did not sponsor our bill because he felt "embarrassed" for not having been adequately informed of our efforts in advance. Both he and the Chairwoman, Senator Pat Frank, expressed opinions that we obviously had widespread community support in favor of taking the issue to a referendum vote within the community.

The high level of confusion referenced in Mr. Boody's letter was in fact a high level of concern - not confusion - and that is healthy on an issue of this magnitude. There were two community-wide meetings held specifically to provide a forum for explaining the pros and cons of an STD. If those meetings were perceived as "biased", it is because the majority of people in attendance were in support of the STD being taken to a vote within the community. I fail to see how the "voice of the majority" can be twisted to imply unfair, biased, emotional control of a community forum. Mr Boody's letter stated that one problem with Criterion's new Master Community Association is that all existing homes would not be allowed to join. That is totally incorrect. The documents clearly state provisions for any existing resident/owner to join the MCA. The BHA has in fact spent over \$2500 to positively impact the documents controlling the creation of a MCA; and I believe that the assurance of long term maintenance, architectural integrity, improvement and control of our community common grounds and amenities is the front-runner of "...the problems facing a large suburban housing unit and what its future needs will be." Mr. Boody's letter asked "In what way would the STD benefit a community that is still less than 25% complete, when the developer and all the builders have more to gain from continued maintenance of common grounds and exterior walls?". A quick look around our existing walls, streets, planted areas, and parks should show you just how much concern the builders and developer have for their continued maintenance - and if you'll check the new house sales figures, you will find that the existing level of general disrepair is not hurting the builders at all. I therefore believe that an STD would give us, as a community, the ability to maintain our own community, since the builders and developer obviously aren't. Furthermore, with Criterion's corporate financial difficulties and their present austerity program, I believe we would be negligent as a community to look to them for any guarantee of long term maintenance.

There are many remaining emotional issues in Mr. Boody's letter which I will not address at this time as I feel it would only serve to "fan the flame"; however I welcome each resident to contact me at 685-0011 so we can share our respective opinions and ideas. I believe we must work to keep control of our community within our community and the STD is the best option we have.

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EDITORIAL

Since we have had several letters of late re: STD I want to give some background for new residents.

Non-STD has been represented by Ollie Boody in several Gazette letters. In Dec. 17, 1982 he stated that it was time to reevaluate the need for the creation of an STD because 1. Criterion has a major investment in developing this area and will maintain the outward appearance to sell property. and 2. because "in most cases an STD is not created until a developer is at least 80% complete and the developer has less of an investment". In 27 Jan. 1983 Mr. Boody's letter stated that after a weekend poll of 164 homes he had gathered 191 signatures against an STD now and urged those against STD to go to the Feb. Legislative meeting. He felt we were "traveling too fast with the STD." Due to the lack of political stroking of our state legislator the vote never came to be.

Now we face the STD question again but the situation has vastly changed. Mr. Boody has attended no BHA sponsored meetings for about a year so his opinions/questions could not be met until now. The situation is different because we have grown so much larger in the past year-- there is a much greater area to be considered. And Criterion has gone on record by establishing the Master Homeowners Plan stating that it has NO intention in maintaining the walls, entrances, etc. indefinitely... we have even been told that they will be maintained at the whim of the developer except in areas covered by the new MHP. They will no longer enforce the codes in the 'old' areas.

How soon is too soon? It takes a year to establish an STD (get it through the legislature and voted upon in community); then it would be a second year before the funding base would be available. How long can we afford to wait? In saving a small tax fee we could find out that aspects that affect the value of our homes like wall upkeep, looks of entrances, uniformity of neighborhood, etc. are suddenly not taken care of. A potential buyer might accept the incorrect statement that maintenance crews are just around the corner...but disrepair will hurt sellers eventually...and hurts the image of those who continue to live here.

I personally prefer to pay a once a year tax than to take a chance that maintenance will have stopped...and we would have to scramble at the last minute to set in motion that which could be done now... before walls crumble, weeds take over and entrance landscaping withers.

As Jan Sealy so aptly put it in his Feb. 8, 1983 letter: "Why did we buy a house in Bloomingdale? the area was neat and clean, pleasant surroundings, resale value of your house, recreational facilities? It is easier to maintain well developed common areas, park facilities, walls, etc. than to renovate after the above has reached a noticeable state of disrepair. It is better to maintain the reputation of being a concerned, progressive development than to try to rebuild a reputation after the area starts to deteriorate....Take a look at some of the subdivisions in the area that have not allowed for maintenance... The value of comparable size homes in these areas is approximately \$10,000 or more less than ours....Ten years STD taxes of (eg) \$840 is far less than the probable \$10,000 lost value of your house....If we consider ourselves responsible enough to assume the responsibility of homeownership, then we must also consider ourselves responsible enough to protect our investment. We have insurance to protect our homes and property. The STD is insurance for our development.

One last question: do you invest money to make money or to lose money? If we wait...we may save \$168...or we could lose several thousand. The choice is yours." The choice is ours and we MUST THINK ABOUT IT...AND ALL THE OPTIONS...WITH THE FUTURE NOT JUST THE PRESENT IN MIND.

Nanni

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Nanni's Notes: This is my last issue as Editor and I have enjoyed the challenge and the learning experience. The Gazette still needs an Editor and staff. I would like to thank the many people who have volunteered to deliver the Gazette... and especially Sandy Hollows, Distribution Chrm. Thank you Mr. + Mrs Donhaisen of Redondo for volunteering to deliver the whole Bloom. West area... which is why the rest of you got a paper this month! I will continue to help with the paper so call me if you have something you need re: The Gazette. Merry Xmas + I love you. Nanni

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The Wondering Age by Bernadette Kernen

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Is there really one?
Mother, if there is a Santa Claus,
How does he really come?
I've never seen a reindeer fly
A magic is make-believe.
How they could go around the world,
I really don't conceive.

Mother, if there was a Santa Claus...
If his reindeer really flew,
If he could fly around the world
And bring nice things to you...
How could he go down chimneys
With the gifts flung on his back?
Why even one red bicycle
Would not fit in his sack.

Santa Claus, my child,
Is a mixture of these things:
Our love for one another
And the joy that giving brings.
Christmas was the birthday
Of the Christ Child long ago.
The star and angels in the sky
Were sent to let man know.

Giving gifts hows back to Bethlehem
And all the things that were...
The shepherds and the wise men,
The frankincense and myrrh.
Santa Claus is love, my darling,
Dressed up in red and white.
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A symbol of God's might.

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11 Brandon Marathon + 10 K.runs	12 Craft Club 8pm	13	14	15	16 school out	17 BHA Adult Dinner Santa's Visits at Parks
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 	26 Boxing Day	27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve

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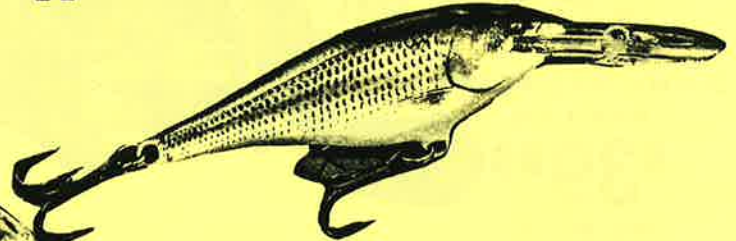
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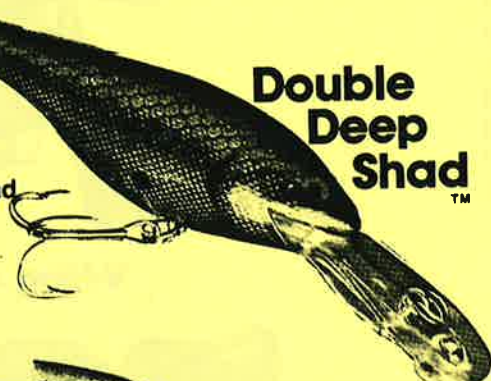
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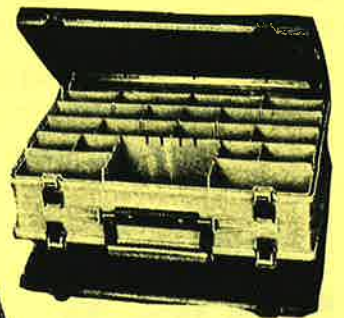
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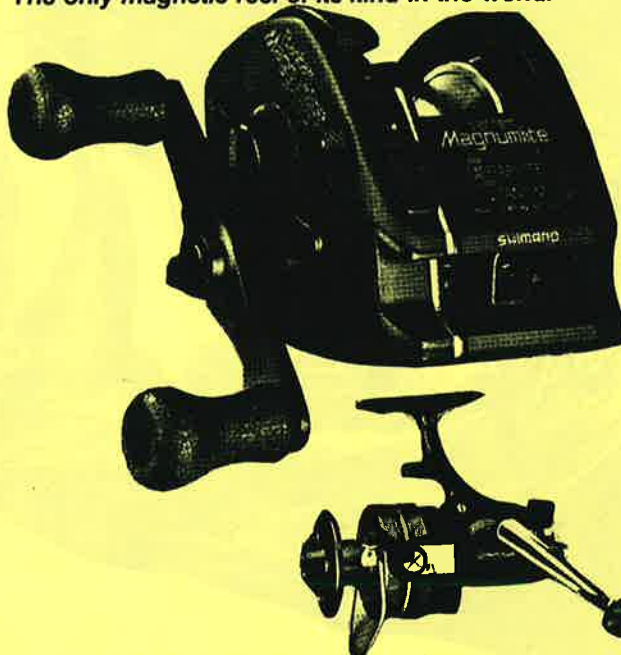
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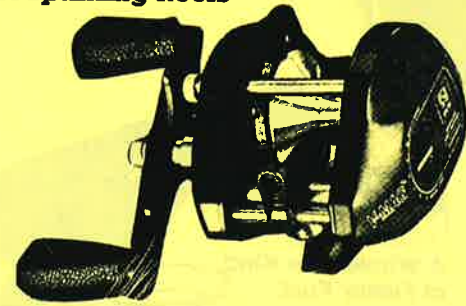
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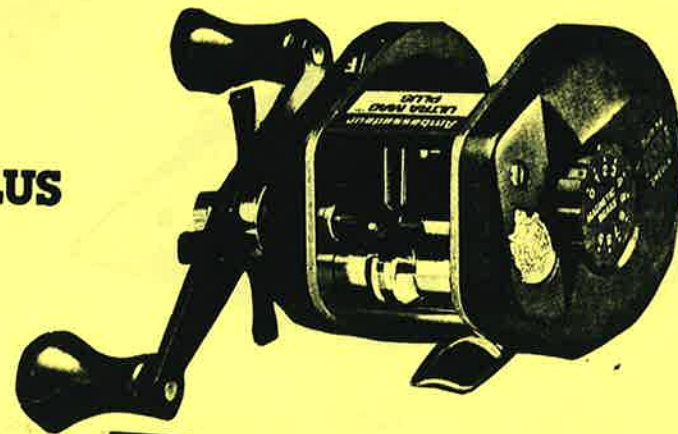
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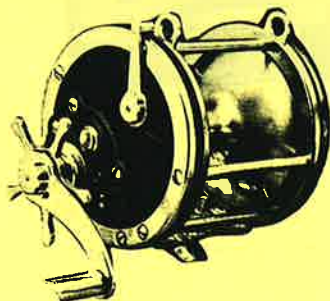
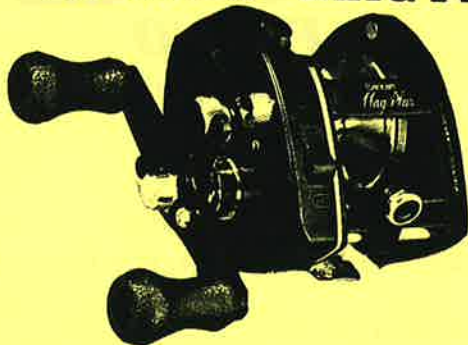


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