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EDITORIAL

Through a major effort of a few people in the East a strong opposition has been raised to the convenience store by Park East, including a financial obligation. Maybe next month someone will be needed to fight a store or poolhall in the West or Estates, who will come forward, I doubt many of the 300++ who oppose the current issue. The real frustration is in this opposition group going independent of their, our, Association. The BHA is a device to voice our concerns for all, not just one area, a greater voice. Few of the opposers of this store are BHA members. The BHA is a Democratic group, if the membership wants to change a Director or position, they need only speak (vote). Even if the majority doesn't oppose an issue, that doesn't mean they can't lend support to a small special interest group. Why isn't this opposition group spending a few dollars to join the in-place organization and taking over direction with their votes, instead of waiting for a few to decide the issue, and then say the BHA opposes them?? Maybe we need 12 different homeowner groups, one for each small section of Bloomingdale, either that or hope there will always be a few concerned persons with enough time and energy to organize and conduct these splinter groups. And, be prepared to spend BIG bucks, especially against the bigger buck developers who may come our way. (The developer can change the zoning ig. Park East and Golf Course deletions-- The BHA was there for us on those). Important issues will come again. It is past time we decided if we want an Association. A few people can't do it, ask the old directors who have disappeared. We need the people we try to represent to give the group direction and support, to take control of your own investment in this community. I have the utmost respect and admiration for the leaders of this opposition group, they have the "grit" to stand up and say "this is my neighborhood, my development, we don't want..... this is where I stand". I only wish they had put their effort through the BHA, in not doing so they may have damaged things for the rest of us, because these concerned community advocates aren't going to be here to do OUR work for us forever. If you feel a development wide association is beneficial, or could be, join, support, if an issue of concern to you comes up, speak out, if it is of strong concern-- get active. If you want a neighbor on the Board, vote him/her to the job. If not then get your street organized, the issues aren't going to go away, or you can close your curtains and pretend you live in the country, all by yourself, until someone puts a convenience store across from your house, or your Park is in shambles and your property values slide.



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Dear Homeowners:

After reading the article which appeared in the February 9th, edition of the Hillsborough East, I feel I have to clarify any confusion that the article may have caused.

I wish to correct any misconceptions or confusion as to the stand that the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has taken on this issue of the beer and wine sales. The B.H.A. has taken the avenue of non-opposition. What I mean by this is we are not publicly opposing the licensure, but neither are we endorsing the sales. This is what we, the B.H.A., were directed to do by a majority vote, of the membership at our last general meeting.

Mr. Robert Knott was acting solely as an independent homeowner, when he attended the hearing, and not as a spokesman for the B.H.A. There should have been no mention of his ties to the association. Mr. Knott was expressing his views and not those of the B.H.A. or of the board of directors.

I have sent a similar copy of this letter to the Tribune to Mr. Steele, the author of the article to which I refer. I welcome those with different view points to our February 19th general meeting. If you do not like what is happening the only way to change it is to get in there and work to make you vote and voice count.

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An agenda for 1985 was presented and voted on by the membership. After a presentation by the FastTrack people and lively discussion the membership voted the BHA not oppose the development of the convenience store, or support it. If new memberships generate more concern this issue can be brought up again.



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We would like to make another request of some of the older members of the BHA. After looking through our books, we are missing equipment and supplies. If you should happen to have any BHA property, please call any board member to pick it up, we are trying to do an inventory.

The Junior Bloomingdale Recreation Association is still looking for alluminum cans as a fund raiser. When you get a bag full call 689-4842 for pick-up. The group is also looking for members. Most teens feel there is nothing to do. the JBRA won't tie you up every weekend or entertain you all the time, but it is something to do and a way to do something for yourself and for others. Their next meeting is Feb 23rd at 3711 Casaba loop at noon, a summer outing to Bush Gardens is under discussion.

Did you remember to mark your calander for Feb 24th? The Moile Watch is co-sponsoring a finger printing of the children of Bloomingdale. Park East at 12 noon to 2 PM and Park West from 2:30 to 4:30, guidelines were outlined in the Watch Log. Hopefully this will never be needed by any of us, we hope we never need our car, home or life insurance either, but we all buy it, Take the time to help "insure" our kids, they're more important than homes or cars.

The STD/Master Association question is at another turning point and we need to inform the new homeowners and update the others. We are trying to get the new information on the new owners and the new Master plan that is in the works, we will let you know what we find out at the Feb Meeting.

If any of you don't like my typping the job is still open, we do need help.

Remember my comments last month on the cost of this Gazette, good I won't repeat it. If this turns out to be our last paper for awhile watch the Saturday West Hillsborough for announcements of meetings, ect... we seem to be lacking neighborhood financial support, ig membership dues are lower than past years.

I have in my file a letter from The Missing Childrens Help Center thanking Jean Hope, former Chairman of the Craft Club for their donation of all remaining monies from the club to that fine Organization. Thank you.

(Space limitations prevent us from running the entire letter)

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The common household cat is the only animal known to shed toxo parasites in its feces. If your cat is infected you could get toxo from its feces in the litter box or garden.

Toxo can be avoided. Keep your cat free of infection by feeding it only commercial cat food. Keep it indoors so that it cannot hunt or eat mice or birds.

Change the cat litter daily. If possible someone other than the expectant mother should do this.

Another way of getting Toxo is by eating raw or undercooked meat. Cook all meat and poultry thoroughly. Wash or cook homegrown vegetables that may have come in contact with cat feces in the garden. Wash your hands after touching raw meat, after changing the cat litter, or working in gardens that cats have access to.

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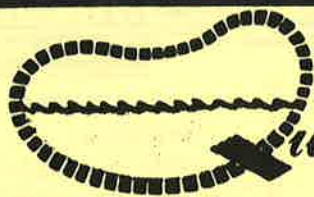
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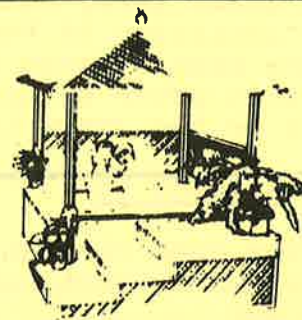
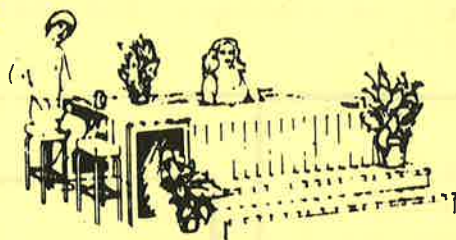
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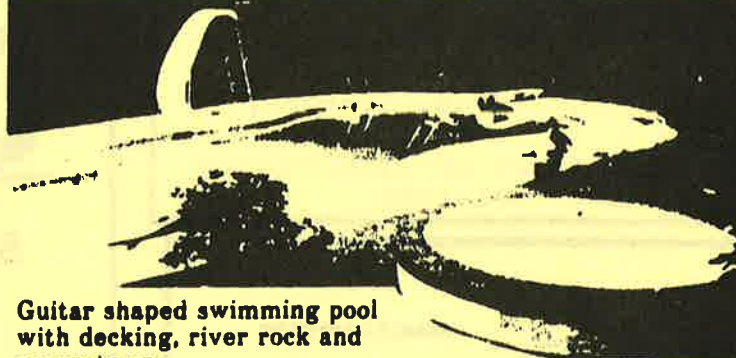
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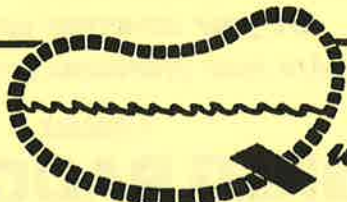
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