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EDITORIAL....

"Ask and thou shalt receive" and boy do we!! The response to last month's editorial was overwhelming. From Mr. Les Butler we received a 13" black and white TV set for use as a computer monitor; from Mr. Charles Kuznicki we received a file drawer/cabinet combination for our Treasurer; from Mr. William Wade we received four 4-drawer file cabinets (all are already in use); from Chris Pheils and Joe DeLuca we received a beautiful handmade computer desk; and from the Brandon Newsstand, Don Houston is the owner, we received a brand new computer printer for an advertising trade. Boy are we cooking now! A great big THANK YOU to every single one of you.

January 11 at 5:59 a.m. my husband and I were blessed with a beautiful and healthy little girl. Kelly Ann DeLuca weighed in at 7 lbs, 10 oz. and was 20 inches long. Thank you to everyone for all your beautiful cards, gifts, plants, and cheery phone calls--I cherish every one of them.



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Last month we advertised for a teen reporter for the GAZETTE from which the response was very good and we were able to choose from the applicants--Keri Brissette and Jerry Coffey. Keri and Jerry are students at Brandon High School and for the most part will be submitting their stories together about the teens here in Bloomingdale. As an added note, Keri is currently serving as the Sports Editor to the "Emblem," the Brandon High newspaper. WELCOME to you both!

A sad goodbye goes to two brand new BHA board members--Jeff West and Hugo Ramos. Jeff has to leave us as he has found that his job is going to take him from his home more often than he would like. If you remember, Jeff was our attorney liaison for the STD, which was greatly appreciated. Even though Jeff will not be able to serve as a Director, I'm sure Bloomingdale will see his smiling face as often as he possibly can.

Hugo is currently serving in the Air Force and has received transfer orders to South Dakota (brrrr). We are lucky in that he won't be leaving until sometime during the summer, so we'll still have him on the Board for a little while longer.

Filling in for Jeff is Bob Hermida. Bob was next in line with votes at the November 19, 1985, Board of Directors election and has already assumed his new position. In line for Hugo's job will be Daryce Moore when he is transferred.

We are very sorry to see Jeff and Hugo leave us, but we wish a bright Hello to Bob and Daryce. -SLD

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BY KERI BRISSETTE
GAZETTE TEEN REPORTER

Many of the parents and residents here in Bloomingdale have a question as to what the area teens do and where they go. Not only those in high school, but those in junior high as well. Some parents with children under those "terrible teen" years may feel left out or odd that they don't know where the teens "hang out." There really hasn't been an all-around place to go out on the town--there are a few places, but none voted as MVH (most valuable hang out).

Our younger era of teenage comrades still find it in their hearts to remain loyal to the old American favorite--roller skating. Even though roller skating isn't a big part of today's fads, many junior high students find it a rather relaxing activity to relieve the pressures of becoming a teenager.

While most of the younger teens are wheeling around a roller rink, some of their other

school buddies can be found trying to defeat the age of the computers at K-Mart Plaza's Chuck E. Cheese. But this group of teens aren't left to stand alone as the older generation occasionally joins them for a night of entertainment with break dancing as the main event.

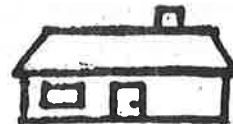
Five doors down is the well known and very controversial hang out for the senior high students--the Plitt Theater. The Plitt provided plenty of parking space for just about anybody and everybody who wanted to get out of the house. But the large amount of space led to the development of so-called "territories" which heightened tensions. Small fights erupted with police breakups acting as the resulting factor. The settings at the Plitt have tremendously calmed down with the patrolling of police to keep things cool.

But a new place in town must take most of the credit for relieving the tempers of hostile teenagers. "Shout," located at the LaViva Plaza at Kings and Lumsden, is the biggest hang out to hit the Brandon scene. Once one of two theaters, now a favorite

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BHA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

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Agenda items will include, but are not limited to:

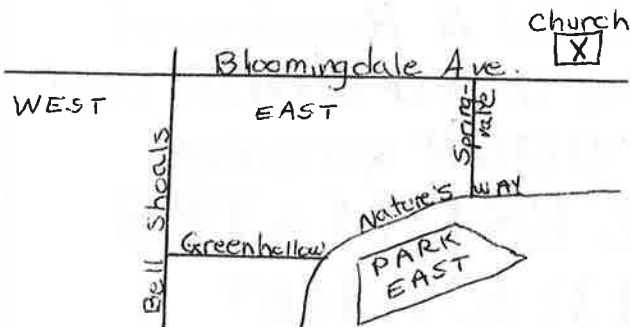
1. Approval of the 1986 operating budget.
2. By-laws changes.
3. Arts and crafts show as a fund raiser.
4. Allocation of monies to the Mobile Watch.
5. RAFFLE of an ENTERTAINMENT '86 book.

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is scheduled for Monday, February 10, 1986. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. It will take place at the home of Mr. Robert Knott, 4039 Eastridge Drive. Interested observers are invited to attend.

SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT PUBLIC MEETING:

The next public meeting of the newly formed Special Taxing District will be held by the Board of Trustees on Tuesday, February 11, 1986, at the Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue. The meeting will be called to order by the board President, Fred G. Uphoff, Jr., at 8 p.m. All residents of Bloomingdale are encouraged to attend.



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 among 500-600 high schoolers per weekend, this teenage non-alcoholic dance club provides plenty of fun-filled entertainment for those under 20.

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CRITERION REPLIES TO EDITORIAL

In the November issue of the GAZETTE an Editorial was written regarding some of the many concerns of the residents of Bloomingdale. The following is a reply from Susan Meitz, Executive Vice President of Criterion Properties, Inc., regarding these items:

"The November issue of the Gazette noted in its editorial several items which have been put forth by homeowners concerned about the community. As developers of Bloomingdale, we at Criterion are happy to have been given the opportunity to offer what insights we can.

One comment dealt with the design of the community, specifically: "Why are there no sidewalks down Springvale Ave., Nature's Way Blvd. and Park East?" Although walks were not included in the Master Plan, we are now exploring the issue with county staff.

Two issues dealt with deed restrictions and/or their enforcement. The wooden fence surrounding the Pulte project is, to some, not in keeping with the tenor of the community. It was, however, the choice of the builder and it does not violate deed restrictions. On the question of a neighbor's unmowed lawn or lot, any or all homeowners may enforce the restrictions. Criterion is more than willing to assist by mailing a notice, but ultimately enforcement rests with concerned homeowners.*

Three comments addressed maintenance concerns. Firstly, the maintenance of ponds is the responsibility of contiguous landowners. Those ponds which are on rights-of-way or on property still owned by Criterion's client, National Investors Pension Insurance Co., are maintained by Criterion. Those which are in completed, sold out sections are the responsibility of the contiguous homeowners. The walls in the community are painted, cleaned and/or repaired on an ongoing basis by Criterion in an effort to keep pace with accidental damage and vandalism. A comprehensive cleaning or repainting of all walls is not currently budgeted or contemplated. Finally, the noted growth behind Park East by Nature's Way has been cleared by

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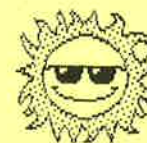
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*Editor's Note: See Page 9 of the January 1986 issue of the GAZETTE for more information regarding unmowed lots. -SLD

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PET NEWS

PERIODONTAL DISEASE

BY DR. MARGARET WISSMAN

Periodontal disease affects the supporting structures of the teeth, including the gums. It is the major cause of tooth loss in small animals. It develops where the gums normally meet the teeth. These grooves are inhabited by bacteria. In a healthy mouth the gum tissue protects itself from the bacteria. However, as periodontal disease develops, the bacteria invade the gum tissue and cause infection. The body then attempts to fight off the bacterial infection, resulting in an inflammation of the gums. The gums swell and separate from the teeth allowing food to become trapped between the teeth and gums. Bacteria thrive on this food, causing plaque to build up in the groove and above the gum line on the surface of the tooth. Eventually, the plaque can become mineralized to form calculi (also called tartar).

The signs of periodontal disease are: 1) a change in eating habits due to a painful mouth; 2) bad breath; 3) yellow plaque or brown calculi on the teeth; 4) reddened, inflamed gums (possibly exuding pus); 5) loose or missing teeth; and 6) sometimes a diseased tooth forms a draining abscess below the eye.

Treatment requires anesthesia, then the teeth are cleaned, and severely affected teeth are extracted. Antibiotics are usually given.

Unless the pet receives careful attention at home, signs of this disease may soon reappear. If plaque and calculi are again allowed to build up on the gums and teeth, infection recurs. Periodontal disease may be slowed or prevented by feeding dry foods, nylon chew toys, dog biscuits, and rawhide strips. Teeth may be brushed using baking soda or toothpaste made for dogs and cats.

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BY CHERYL LEDFORD
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

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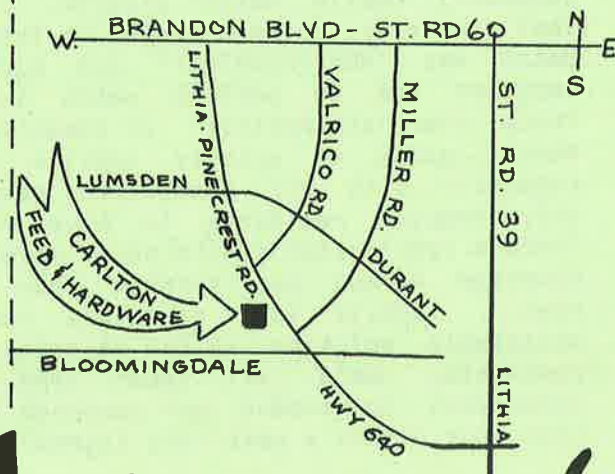
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MOBILE WATCH UPDATE

BY DAVE CVETAN

In response to December's article, we were fortunate to have 30 plus residents volunteer their services to the Mobile Watch and our community. While this figure is not very impressive nor representative for a community of our population, the response was good enough to keep the mobile units rolling. We welcome and thank each of the new members for committing your support for three hours of community service a month. For those of you who feel that this response is adequate and we don't need your help, let me offer this: I received a phone call from one of our residents who was amazed that we had to solicit volunteers to support a community Mobile Watch program. In their last community, being a member of the Mobile Watch was "NON-VOLUNTARY" and each adult resident had to perform watch duty only "once every six months." It doesn't take a mental giant to quickly realize that a community with our population size would only require residents to have the duty "once a year"--that's with seven days a week coverage versus our current four days a week. While this certainly isn't an acceptable solution to the majority of our residents, we'd at least like enough volunteers to expand our coverage to more than four nights a week--any takers?

The holiday season has been fairly routine. The Park West wall was defaced again, a few mail boxes were destroyed, we logged the usual amount of license plate numbers, and responded to requests for assistance from our residents. Additionally, some cows had wandered into Bloomingdale East and were reported to the Sheriff's department as they presented a traffic hazard as well as a potential danger to landscaping (The frost has already done enough of that!). As usual, the Sheriff's department responded rapidly and appropriately. Our community is fortunate to have a capable law enforcement office that responds when we need their help--thank you! On the brighter side, we helped reunite a pet with his lost family?!

Again, I welcome the newcomers and thank all of our dedicated volunteers for their continued support.



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SHOPPING CENTER SOLD

BY SHERRY HARDIN
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

The Paragon Group has purchased the soon to be built shopping center at the corner of Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale Avenue, according to a recent interview with William Hobson, Vice President of Retail Development. The purchase of this 250,000 square foot site came recently and with it the lease contracts for Publix, Eckerd's, Beall's, and Wal-Mart. Site work was restarted during the week of January 27 with an opening date of the larger stores scheduled for this fall.

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STREET LIGHTS

BY CHRIS PHEILS

I am sure some of you have noticed that there are a few areas in Bloomingdale that don't yet have street lights. Some time ago I took on the task of trying to get the few roads in the West lit that weren't--so far to limited success.

The main focus of the inquire was Canoga Park Road, Garnett, and Rosemead. The county and TECO finally agreed they forgot Garnett, and those lights are due to be installed soon. Through the efforts of the county lighting district engineers (aka Ms. Cindy Foster) it has been discovered that the section developers failed to include some streets in the definition of their sections. Then, when they applied for lighting, those streets were omitted. In one case a developer forgot to apply at all--the Hooker Barnes area. Fortunately, through the efforts of the homeowners there, they were able to rectify the oversight and will get lights.

Back to Canoga Park...one small section of Canoga Park is to be lit, the section adjacent to the park (Pulte remembered to include Canoga--no one else did). There is no record of Canoga Park Road adjacent to the Suarez area, Hallmark, or near Herlong Road, nor is there any record of Rosemead in any section requests.

Ms. Foster has suggested that in order to get these particular problems fixed, and to eliminate future oversights, she would try to get the entire Bloomingdale development listed as a single district for lighting. This would bypass the developers having to apply for each separate section. Each section would be lit when the county determines the area to be "developed."

If we, the BHA, or the STD, pursued this issue regularly, we could see lights very early in a section's growth. This would not cost any of us more on our annual lighting bills, and could, according to Ms. Foster, be cheaper. As a bonus, this process would not divide Bloomingdale; therefore, all of Bloomingdale would be lit--including Bell Shoals Road from Bloomingdale Avenue to where the Bloomingdale development ends. This could be of tremendous safety value. With more businesses opening in the Clover Plaza traffic will increase, possibly foot traffic, and lights will surely help.

Ms. Foster assures me this can be done, but like most government jobs it may take some time. I for one will encourage the BHA board to pursue this matter.

TWO NEW CRITERION DEVELOPMENTS

BY SHERRY HARDIN
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

On Springvale, just off of Bloomingdale Avenue, construction is going on for two new multi-family units. The west side of the street will house an apartment complex and the east side will be condominiums.

Phase I of the condominium project will have 48 units in seven buildings. They will be constructing four 1 bedroom units, 30 2 bedroom units, and fourteen 3 bedroom units.

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The majority of business conducted concerned the "nuts & bolts" of forming and organizing any new business.

The next public meeting will be held on February 11 at the Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue, at 8 p.m.

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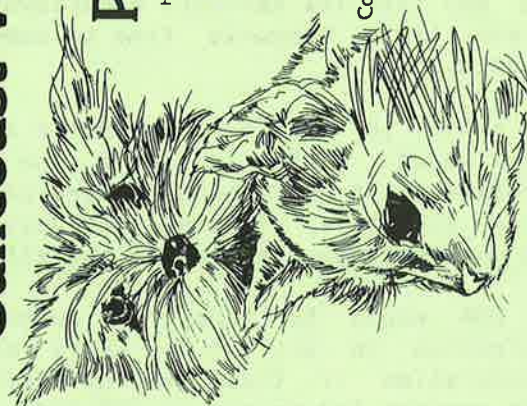
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The reply in writing from Pulte was that they would like to have the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of anyone having difficulty getting warranty repair work done so they can rectify the situation.

The BHA would be happy to submit your information in writing to Pulte for their consideration if those having difficulty would contact Ted Keiser at 689-4842. -SLD

CHILD UNDERGOES RABIES SHOTS

BY SHERRY HARDIN
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

WARNING FOR PARENTS: Tell your children to be aware that wild animals are in the area and even though they look soft and cuddly they are very dangerous.

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