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## BHA SURVEY RESULTS

In October, 1987, the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association included a community assessment survey in with the yearly statement of dues.

By December 31, 1987, 662 surveys had been returned and tallied. Each of the Board members

participated in the tallying of the information with the majority of the work being done by BHA Secretary, Janet Holzman.

The results of this survey are presented for your information and

review. These results will be made available to other persons who will benefit from them. Also, the BHA Board will use them when making decisions concerning the community. 2400 surveys were distributed with a response of 662. This is a response rate of 28%

which is considered exceptionally high for this type of survey.

The Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association Board of Directors would like to thank every family who took the time to complete their survey and send it to us.

1. Residents were asked to rank the following 14 items according to importance with 1 being of most concern and 14 being of least concern. 228 residents said Crime Prevention was #1 and 280 said Social Functions were #14.

	Deed Restrictions	Speeding	Walls	Crime Prevention	Comm Leadership	Retention Ponds	Bi-cycle Paths	Parks	Political Involvement	Side-walks	Street Lights	Sewage Treatment	Beautification	Social Functions
1.	88	114	13	228	32	12	7	9	14	7	36	51	22	1
2.	67	130	19	150	24	23	9	18	28	18	45	56	32	2
3.	68	81	39	83	34	22	22	30	20	24	65	75	31	2
4.	59	70	37	45	38	28	35	34	36	37	61	63	44	5
5.	53	51	39	37	33	45	37	52	28	40	51	53	60	8
6.	38	35	37	29	43	43	36	50	33	52	54	55	40	12
7.	36	25	61	22	43	45	36	42	27	55	58	50	54	9
8.	27	17	54	12	52	43	52	47	28	67	43	38	52	20
9.	33	13	62	7	30	55	48	52	36	59	37	29	59	25
10.	34	19	53	1	47	53	63	58	38	50	32	32	45	33
11.	28	16	36	2	50	48	62	64	45	55	27	32	39	27
12.	18	12	41	2	52	61	57	63	60	37	17	19	46	55
13.	21	6	26	0	58	48	66	30	77	37	26	13	45	79
14.	20	7	36	1	19	32	49	6	84	19	8	9	4	280

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

THE DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE WILL BE MARCH 10.

THEREAFTER, THE DISPLAY ADVERTISING DEADLINE WILL BE THE 10TH OF THE MONTH.

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You can win \$100 and have your name go down in history --

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### IMPORTANT MEETINGS

#### SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICT MEETING

Monday, February 8, at 8 p.m. at Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 E. Bloomingdale Avenue.

#### BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tuesday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Bloomingdale Senior High School.

The next General Membership Meeting will be in March.

**SUBSCRIPTION RATE:** \$14 per year.

**WATCH FOR THE BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE TO BE DELIVERED ON YOUR DOOR ON THE FOLLOWING WEEKENDS:**

March 12/13	April 9/10	
May 7/8	June 25/26	August 20/21
September 10/11	October 8/9	November 5/6

The next Special Edition will be May 28.

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Bloomingdale needs a logo, an identifying and unifying symbol to represent our community. This logo will be placed on signs throughout the neighborhood, as well as on stationary and official documents of both the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association (BHA) and the Special Taxing District (STD). Such an important logo, that will represent our community for a long time, should come from the people that it stands for. Therefore, the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association and the Special Taxing

District are sponsoring a contest for some artist to grab a place in history, by designing a logo for Bloomingdale.

Artists should submit their creative efforts on an 8 1/2" by 11" piece of white paper to any STD or BHA Board member, or by mailing their entry to the Bloomingdale Gazette (P. O. Box 918, Brandon, FL 34299-0918), to be received **no later than February 24, 1988**. On a separate sheet of paper, attached to their design, include a paragraph as to why you think your

design is representative of our community. The artist must be willing to surrender the trademark and copyright of their design to the BHA and the STD.

The following recommendations and guidelines should be kept in mind in the design:

1. It should be an original design, simple but unique.
2. It should be bold.
3. It should not be finely detailed and difficult to reproduce.
4. It can have more than one color,

but not more than three. The colors should be basic and easily reproducible.  
5. The logo should be recognizable from a distance of 50-100 feet.

A panel of judges, chosen from the BHA and STD, will choose the best design from the entries submitted. A prize of **\$100.00** will be awarded to the person with the winning design; and, best of all, a special place in history will be reserved for the winner.

## FLEA MARKET: FEBRUARY 27

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To participate, you do so by purchasing booth space for \$7 by February 15 or \$9 at the door.

In return, we will: 1) provide the advertising throughout the entire county, 2) provide traffic control, 3) keep out the "early birds," and 4) put up signs to show the way. The aggravation and trouble is on us--not in YOUR garage.

#### DETAILS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**WHO:** Bloomingdale Residents only may purchase booth space  
10 x 10 ft large (approx)

**DATE:** Saturday, February 27

**TIMES:** Set up -- 7:30-8:30 a.m.  
ONLY.

*You will be allowed to bring vehicles on the Park grounds, but they must ABSOLUTELY be removed by 8:30 a.m. with no exception for any reason.*



**YOU PROVIDE:** Your own tables, chairs, shade, and things to sell.

**SELLING TIME:** 9 to 1 pm

**(YOU MUST STAY THE ENTIRE TIME WITH YOUR BOOTH SET UP)**

**WHERE:** Park East in Bloomingdale East

**COST:** \$7 by February 15  
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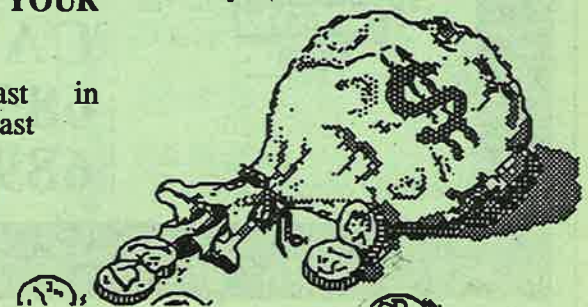
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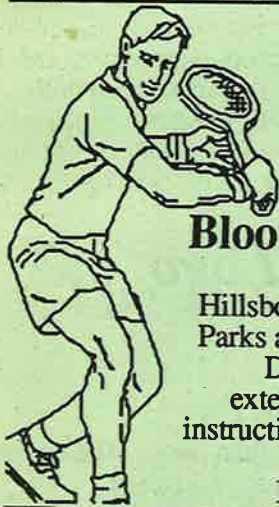
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### Tennis Class Schedule For Bloomingdale

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## Letters to the BHA

Dear Editor:

HERE WE GO AGAIN - Just when you thought it was safe to leave the house, Hillsborough County starts their shenanigans with the Bloomingdale Sewage Plant.

The County has tried several times to perform a 3-month test to increase flow from 500,000 gallons of effluent per day to 8 or 900,000 gallons per day to see how the plant would work and to determine the plant's actual capacity. They're also adding different chemicals to see if they will aid in killing odor, but we know that has done nothing but changed the smell of the odor. The increase in flow poses odor problems; however, there have not been many complaints from residents regarding the odor. The increased capacity will most likely cause permanent odor problems. We have had odor problems for several months due to the County's test of increasing flow. We made repeated calls to the Department of Wastewater and was assured the problem would be remedied. However, when the situation persisted, we called the E.P.C. and was informed that the Wastewater Department never filed the odor

complaints with the E.P.C. Mr. Boostani of the E.P.C. recommends that any person being bothered by bad odors from the plant call his office 24 hours a day - seven days a week at 272-5960 and leave your name, phone number, date, time and a description of the complaint. He also recommends that the DER at 623-5561 (Sandra Tippin) be notified Monday-Friday, 8-5, of odor problems. Even though the plant has been emitting strong odors lately, Mr. Boostani states that he receives only a few calls from certain people. Good weather is on its way folks. If you want to enjoy your pool, barbeque, etc., you better start calling when the need arises. It is the opinion of this writer (from my experience/knowledge of the situation for the past 2 years) that the Bloomingdale Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity is ONLY 500,000 gallons per day. Any amount over this causes odor to emit. I cannot understand why the County after 2 years persists in wasting time and money to do studies, tests, etc. when the obvious is already evident.

If you do not want to become accustomed to the odors or have

developers convince the DER that the plant should stay indefinitely or have your children who attend the Alafia Elementary be exposed to odor and possible health problems, then you must call from now until the plant is closed. If only a few people care enough to complain as the need arises, then we have no one to blame but ourselves if the plant becomes a permanent nuisance and fixture in our community.

Lillian Coughlin  
Carter Oaks Drive

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## Gourmet Club Anyone?

TO: "The Five Star Gourmet"  
c/o The Bloomingdale Gazette

Dear Mr. Hughes:

I greatly appreciate the recipe section included in *The Bloomingdale Gazette* and your invitation to write in order to chat about food.

I wonder if there is some way that an informal group might meet on occasion not only to share recipes but also to demonstrate how to make a specific dish. I am particularly interested in recipes from Thailand.

I feel certain that there are members in the community who have special ethnic dishes they can share with those who want to learn. Since most of us work, I would prefer an occasional Saturday meeting.

Thank you, again, for the sharing of your ideas.

Sincerely,

Marge Fleischman  
Sand Pebble Drive

\* \* \* \* \*

Dear Editor of *The Bloomingdale Gazette*:

In response to the letter from Ms. Fleischman that you received at the office, I think that her idea of an informal get together to discuss food, cooking and exchanging recipes is an excellent idea. I suggest that an informal gourmet club be formed in the Bloomingdale area. The format would be one that would meet either once or twice a month on a rotating basis at different homes.

It could also include monthly visits to local restaurants and hotels to get an idea of what the "professionals" in the area are doing. I would be willing to give seminars or lectures from time to time on cooking, planning and some general question and answer sessions.

I feel that this could be an interesting and fun group allowing everyone to share his or her favorite recipes and ideas. I think that Ms. Fleischman would be the first choice to set up the organization and to get the ball rolling. I would be willing to give any input to her that she would need to get such a club going.

I hope that this will be of some help and insight. I'm glad that she enjoys the column and I look forward to writing more interesting and informative yet fun columns in 1988. Thanks for the space in your terrific little newspaper. Lynne and I enjoy it very much.

Sincerely,

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## Bloomingdale Students Win Human Relations Awards

Students from Bloomingdale Senior High School have earned several recent awards presented by the Human Relations Department. Joyce Nailling won a school essay contest for her "Recipe for a Perfect High School" (see below). Joyce received \$25 and a certificate from the Student Advisory Committee (SAC). SAC is a student leadership group that works with the Human Relations Department.

Two Bloomingdale students also earned awards for their essays in the county-wide Human Rights Essay Contest. Stacie Suttles won second place in the county and was awarded \$75 and a trophy. Cynthia Melton earned an award as an honorable mention. The topic for the essay was, "How Does Our Future Depend on Human Rights?" Both students were honored at the Human Rights Award luncheon, sponsored by the Tampa/Hillsborough County Human Rights Council, Inc.

The Human Relations Department will be sponsoring two county wide contests in February--an oratorical contest and a

poster contest. The theme for both contests will be "Brotherhood/Sisterhood: Our Hope for the Future."

### \*\*\*\*\* RECIPE FOR A PERFECT SCHOOL

by Joyce Nailling, Sophomore

In a fresh, clean, and modern building combine:  
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ADD:  
1 c. Scholastic excellence

1 c. Athletic talent  
3 c. School spirit  
Stir well.

Meanwhile, in a separate bowl, blend:

2/3 c. Determination to be #1  
2 t. Leadership  
3/4 c. Student participation  
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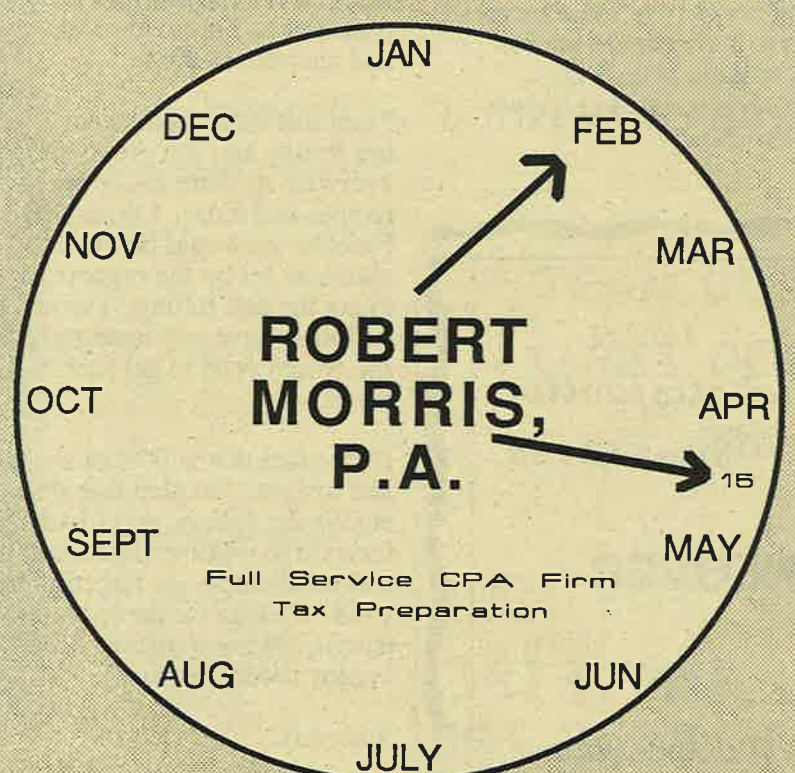
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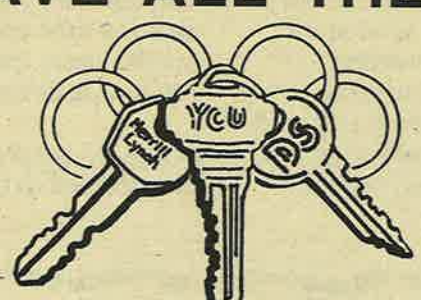


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## MOBILE WATCH REPORT

Last February, the Mobile Watch core committee met and developed a long range plan for the future. The plan was to be put into effect in stages. The goals were to have 1 car patrol the West, 2 cars patrol the East, and 1 car in Bloomingdale Oaks. The people manning the cars would live in the areas they patrol and each area would have to maintain sufficient manpower to staff the car 7 nights a week.

We put the plan into operation last April and for a few months everything went smoothly. Manpower, however, soon became a problem. First one area then the other didn't maintain adequate manpower to staff a car 7 nights a week.

We repeatedly asked for more volunteers but to no avail. As of this date, the East side does not have enough people so we are unable to put a car in the East 7 nights a week. The West side has barely enough and if we lose a few more without replacement, the same situation will result.

Our suggestion to run a car in the Oaks has resulted in about 8 volunteers; we need 40-50. We have no response from the eastern part of Bloomingdale near Lithia-Pinecrest Rd.

The Mobile Watch will continue to operate to the best of its' ability in the future. We must, however, come to terms with the obvious lack of interest of the community in general. We will put cars on the road as many nights as possible with our limited manpower. The entire West side will be patrolled on those nights as the West is basically built out.

We have no choice but to establish strict boundaries on the East side due to lack of participation. All occupied areas along Natures Way south to

Augusta Village will be covered and we will cover the areas East along Natures Way to the Fairway Manor area. No section east of the wastewater treatment plant will be patrolled, nor will Bloomingdale Oaks, at this time.

We still hope to establish coverage for these areas in the future if the residents desire it. This would require a third car per night staffed by people living in the area. We welcome any suggestions or volunteers. Call Chris Pheils at 681-9026 or Hal Labkon at 681-6853.

## NEWS OF NOTE

The Mobile Watch extends best wishes to George Ball on his pending move and thanks him for all his help as a base station, mobile volunteer, and core committee member. He will be missed by all of us.

In the S.T.D. report in the January gazette, a suggestion was made that the S.T.D. hire security for Bloomingdale during the nighttime hours. As the sole purpose of the Mobile Watch is to help protect the community, we are in complete agreement with this suggestion. Any additional security for our neighborhood would be welcome. The cost of this would be shared by every homeowner in Bloomingdale. With enough volunteers to enable the Mobile Watch to continuously operate 7 nights a week, perhaps paid security wouldn't be needed during our operating hours, thereby saving the S.T.D. (our tax dollars) some expense. THINK ABOUT IT. VOLUNTEER!!!

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1987-88 Mens Basketball Schedule**

2/9 Scarlet/White	Home	TBA	2/25-27 Districts	TBA	TBA
2/12 East Bay	Home	6:15/8:00	3/2 Regionals	TBA	TBA
2/16 Brandon	Home	6:15/8:00	3/5 Sectionals	TBA	TBA
2/19 Plant City	Away	6:15/8:00	3/11-13 State	TBA	TBA
2/20 Tampa Bay	Away	6:15/8:00			

The ducks at the pond on Bell Shoals got some help from a concerned citizen following a rash of duck/car accidents in December.



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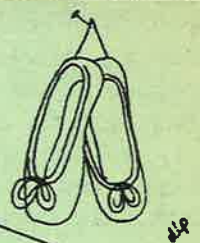
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*SURVEY, from front page*

(On many of the following listed answers, more than one resident may have responded with the same answer. Only the list of items is presented rather than the number of individuals responding with that answer.)

*2. What other projects/issues do you think are important in our community?*

1. Widening Bloomingdale, also Kings Ave & John Moore Rd.
2. Growth Control
3. Crosstown Extension or Expressway
4. Street Repair & condition, especially Fortuna Dr.
5. Incorporation of Brandon
6. Property taxes-lower
7. Zoning-keep area residential
8. Traffic, roads
9. Entrances need attention
10. Replace wooden fence walls
11. Littering & trash
12. Jogging Paths - jogging on streets at night
13. Sewage treatment
14. Playground for Bloomingdale Oaks
15. Lights & timer on racquet ball and tennis courts
16. Wall repair
17. More tree and planting along walls
18. Cleanup & maintenance of empty lots and vacant homes
19. Parking on streets
20. Animal control, cat/dog leash laws
21. Keeping children out of streets
22. Beautification and maintenance of Bloomingdale Oaks entrance
23. Pedestrian crossing on Bell Shoals-suggested Flashing Light
24. Solid waste removal
25. Bloomingdale license plate
26. Cleaning ponds
27. Lowering utility rates
28. More sheriff patrol and faster police response
29. Extending bus stops
30. Edging sidewalks
31. Alcohol and porno sales in neighborhood store
32. Grass cutting, scalping on Sweetleaf Dr.
33. Park West security
34. Drinking water
35. Canoga/Rosemead intersection, suggested center line painting
36. Safety & Upkeep of neighborhood
37. Parking RV's behind fences or a special parking lot for these
38. Mother support group
39. Cleanup & maintenance of parks and common areas
40. Crime watch and neighborhood watch
41. EMS Coverage
42. Christian Fellowship
43. Sidewalk on Canoga
44. Signs to slow down speeders and restricting speed
45. Water conservation
46. School Board spending and adding sixth grade to Alafia
47. Door to door solicitations
48. Unification of organizations
49. Enforcement of deed restrictions
50. Drug prevention
51. Maintaining natural beauty of area/preserving present landscaping
52. Sidewalk from Bloomingdale Oaks-Bloomingdale
53. Community Club House and Pool
54. Return of Bloomingdale "West" sign
55. Vandalism-Graffiti on the walls
56. Noise and Damage of off-road motorcycles
57. Political awareness
58. Summer recreation programs for children
59. Private entrance for each subdivision
60. School crossing guard for Alafia Elementary School on Natures Way
61. Better public transportation
62. Sidewalks to Florida Choice

63. Water drainage
64. Excess sales literature left on doors
65. Commercial zoning on Rosemead
66. Peach colored wall on Rosemead (unsightly) and lack of trees
67. No basketball loops
68. Do not allow "For Sale" cars to be parked on Bell Shoals or in Bloomingdale public property
69. Getting to know your neighbors
70. Controlling the building of more apartments in Bloomingdale
71. Future of schools
72. Our own post office so we can have our own identity
73. Beautification on corner of Bloomingdale and Bell Shoals
74. Social center, gym

*3. What community activities/social functions would you like to see the BHA sponsor in addition to our Easter Egg Hunt, Picnic, Santa Claus, and July 4th Activities?*

1. Bike Rally or Races
2. X-mas Basket & share kitchen for needy
3. Fun runs
4. More sports leagues
5. Craft and flea markets
6. Halloween costume contest or party-also Halloween on Sunday afternoon
7. Teen Club or activity or dance
8. Meet the candidate fish fry
9. Tennis teams
10. Playground equipment in Park East
11. Monthly or quarterly picnic
12. Over 50's get-together
13. Welcome wagon
14. Community yard/garage sale
15. Golf and Tennis Tournament also racquetball
16. Pancake Breakfast
17. Flag football
18. Clean-up Day & beautification
19. Anything for children
20. Marathon
21. X-Mas light decorating contest
22. Block Party
23. Track or street dance and festival
24. Fall festival
25. Thanksgiving function for those away from families
26. Exercise or Run Club and Aerobics Club
27. All Adult Function
28. Tree-Shrub Sale
29. Christmas caroling
30. Band Concerts
31. Candidate for Honorary Mayor of Brandon
32. Spring Picnic
33. Youth programs
34. Dinner & Dance
35. Yearly social at local hotel
36. Bridge group
37. Easter Sunrise Services
38. Discount tickets for performing arts
39. Teen Halloween function, Halloween Carnival or Haunted House
40. Oktoberfest
41. Car Show-Antique and Parade
42. Weekend activities for children
43. Bicycle club
44. Charity activities
45. Income tax service
46. Card clubs
47. Resident exchange of information
48. Fund raisers, paper drives, etc.
49. Park dances
50. College age get-togethers on holidays or summer
51. Garden club to improve and beautify entrance areas

*SURVEY, from page 9*

- 52. Square dance classes-all ages
- 53. CPR Course
- 54. Social center for all ages
- 55. Teach trade skills

5. Are you satisfied with the BHA? Yes 554 No 13

6. Do you read The Bloomingdale Gazette ?

Cover to cover, all items including the advertising	434
All the news items	53
Most of the news items	127
Glance at it only, save what I want	29
Never read it	5

7. Do you read the advertising in The Bloomingdale Gazette?

I look at all of it even if I don't need the product at the moment	308
I look at most of the advertising	204
I read some of the ads	109
I never look at the advertising	3

8. When do you read The Bloomingdale Gazette ?

Right away, as soon as I get it	346
Within 2-3 days	282
4+ Days	12

9. Is the Gazette delivered properly on the door on the correct weekend?  
Yes 606 No 5

10. Do you save the Gazette (or portions of it) for future reference?  
Yes 475 No 142

11. What do you like in the Gazette?

- 1. Everything - all of it - good job
- 2. Classified Ads
- 3. Sales Ads & Coupons
- 4. Battles with government agencies
- 5. BHA editorials
- 6. STD news
- 7. New business in the area updates
- 8. Informative
- 9. Community News
- 10. Meeting minutes and pending action
- 11. Neighborhood news and concerns
- 12. Commissioners reports
- 13. Owner want ads
- 14. Local stores
- 15. News about Bloomingdale and STD
- 16. Local news about growth
- 17. Little bit of everything
- 18. Brief, concise articles
- 19. Whole paper
- 20. Artwork
- 21. Upcoming events notifications
- 22. Sitter listing
- 23. Children summer activities listings
- 24. Updates on commissioners & county projects
- 25. Ads
- 26. Restaurant review
- 27. Board reports
- 28. High School information
- 29. Community events
- 30. Crime watch log and Boonesbury
- 31. Information on issues
- 32. Political and legal developments

- 33. Calendar of events
- 34. News on shopping areas
- 35. Construction that impacts on community
- 36. Letters to editor
- 37. Local ads

12. What don't you like in the Gazette?:

- 1. Need more guest writers from the community
- 2. Need more frequent distribution
- 3. Too many ads
- 4. Need more news
- 5. Lack of community input on articles
- 6. Personal references to individuals and family activities
- 7. Cutsey articles
- 8. No cartoons
- 9. Grammatical and spelling errors
- 10. Susan DeLuca's editorials
- 11. Remember Bloomingdale WEST.
- 12. Need to be more politically active in Brandon Incorporation news
- 13. Free ads to Amway, Avon, etc.
- 14. Need more Bloomingdale news
- 15. Color
- 16. Filler stories
- 17. Put similar ads together
- 18. Narrow minded editorials
- 19. Articles to update deed restrictions
- 20. Poor organization
- 21. Lack of school news
- 22. Neighbor to neighbor complaints not listed any longer
- 23. Need a separate editorial page
- 24. Need listing of more local happenings
- 25. Need more home improvement ads
- 26. Tends to serve the few-most vocal
- 27. Ads and gardening tips
- 28. Recipes
- 29. Need more Brandon events listed
- 30. Hard to read
- 31. Don't think children's names and phone numbers should be in Gazette
- 32. Items not relevant to issues
- 33. Only monthly; would like bi-weekly
- 34. Would like pet articles
- 35. How about a page for kids only: information, games, essay contest, short stories, artwork, etc.





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## Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association Board of Directors' Meeting, December 17, 1987

The monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by President Henry A. Brosnaham at Bloomingdale High School. New Board members were introduced: Dan Heeter, Martin Andersen, and Dominick Tuzzo. Departing Board members, Bill Armstrong and George Ball, were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their work on the Board and their service to the community. The following Directors were present: Bill Armstrong, Susan DeLuca, Henry Brosnaham, George Ball, Carlos Frey, Janet Holzman, and Mary Cummings.

The following is a brief summary of those items not previously presented in *The Bloomingdale Gazette* as individual stories.

**BHA Membership List:** The motion was made and passed to designate the BHA Membership List as confidential information. The motion was made and passed that the BHA Membership list

cannot be used for commercial purposes.

**Community Service Award:** Per the request of residents at the last General Membership Meeting, the motion was made and passed to present Paul Moffett an award for his service to the community at the General Membership Meeting in January.

**Budget Committee:** The following people were appointed to the Budget Committee: Janet Holzman, Mike Kelly, Dan Heeter and Martin Andersen. They will present their budget ideas at the January 12 meeting of the Board.

**Miscellaneous:** Bill Armstrong expressed regret that the Santa Party had not been held this year. The appointment of a Program Coordinator for such activities was discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m. by President Henry Brosnaham.

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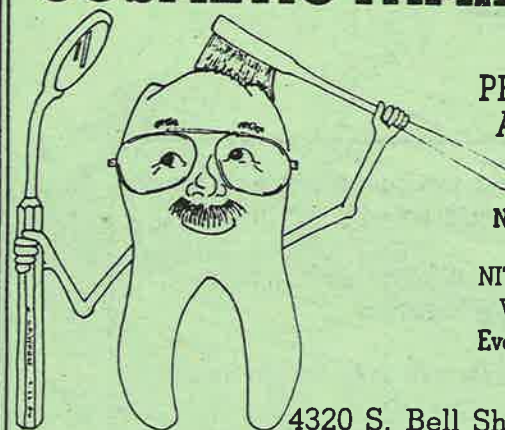
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## SCHOOLS HOLD MATH EXPO AT MALL

The Hillsborough County Schools Math Expo was held at Eastlake Square Mall Saturday and Sunday, January 23 and 24, 1988. The Hillsborough County Elementary Math Expo was established to focus attention on student's academic achievements and strengthen student interest in mathematics. This event provided a medium for students to apply learned knowledge and skills to solve real problems and answer real life questions.

Successful completion of a project required application of language, as well as skills in mathematics. Projects were developed by individuals, small groups of students or entire classes. Math Expo projects were divided into the following topics: number ideas, geometry, measurement, probability and graphing. All students in grades K-6, public or private schools, were eligible to participate.

Besides the student from Alafia Elementary (See article, *Bloomingdale Gazette*, December 1987), ten students from Brooker

Elementary School saw their math projects on display at Eastlake Square Mall January 23-24. Congratulations to the following:

### Third Grade--

Julie Taylor: "Do Milk, Water, Orange Juice and Pre-Sweetened KoolAid Freeze at the Same Rate?"  
Kelley Lavandera: "Does the Price of a Battery Affect How Long it Works?"

### Fourth Grade--

Toby Henry: "Does the Height of a Person Affect the Size of His Foot?"

Tony Fischelli: "Who Throws More 6's on a Die, Left or Right Handers?"

Dara DeHart: "How Much Will Grocery Prices Change Over Six Weeks?"

### Fifth Grade--

Matt Chittum: "Does Compression of a Golf Ball Affect the Distance it Rolls From a Ramp?"

Sabrina Maharaj: "Does Freezing Salt Water Reduce the Amount of Salt in the Water?"

Seri Worden: "Do Nails Rust Faster in Water, 7-Up, Orange Juice, or Tea?"

Benji Boehm: "Does the Temperature of Water Affect the Dissolving Time?"

Tanya Miguel: "Does an Alarm Clock Raise the Rate of the Heart?"



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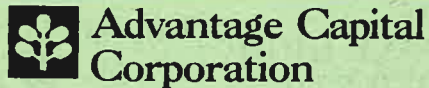
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**Bloomingdale  
Resident Receives  
Donation on Behalf  
of Center Place**

Bloomingdale Resident, Claudia Yake, Executive Director of Center Place, recently received from S.L. "Spud" Clements a \$2,000 check from Tampa Jai-Alai to the Center Place Board of Directors at their meeting on Tuesday, January 19.

"The check will go into the Operating Account of Center Place," Claudia said. Programming funds are drawn from that account according to Yake.

The \$2,000 donation was a part of the proceeds from Tampa Jai-Alai Charity Night held on April 28, 1987.

**Bloomingdale East  
Sisters Perform on  
Channel 8**

Ashley and Farrah Lauten auditioned for TV Channel 8's "Studio 8" program on January 24 at Baldwin-Fletcher Music Center in Tampa. They were among several Hillsborough County musicians, and the only ones from the Brandon-Valrico area, selected to perform a piano duet on the "Studio 8" program Saturday, January 30.

Ashley, age 6, is in the first grade, and Farrah, age 11, in the fifth grade at the Alafia Elementary School. They are the daughters of Major John Lauten and Dianne Lauten, Bloomingdale East residents. Both girls study piano at the Olga A. Finch Piano Studio in Brandon.

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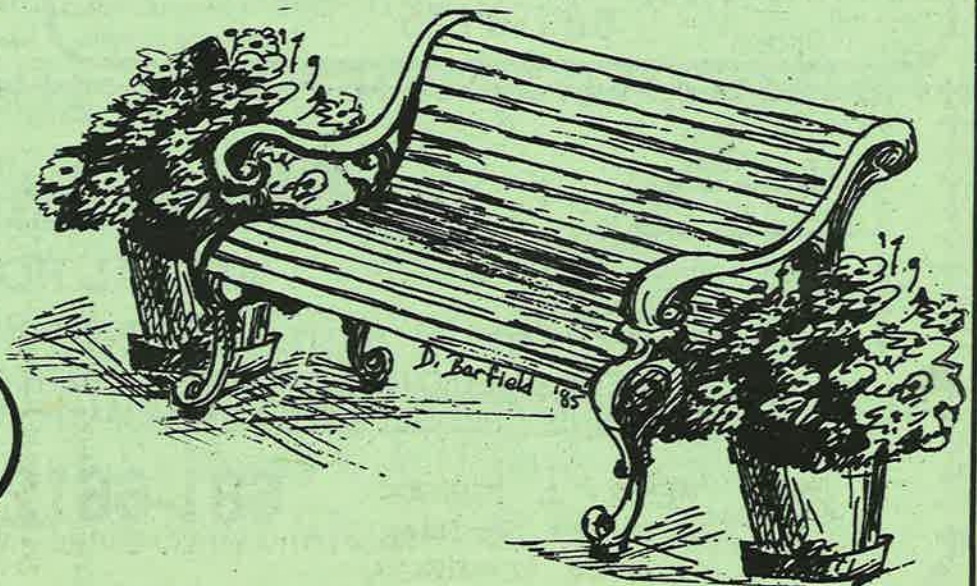
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## Dinner Theater Performance at Center Place

by Rhonda Loos  
Gazette Staff Reporter

The Compass Players, a Brandon-based community theater group, will be performing their rendition of "No Sex Please, We're British," on February 12 and 13, 7 p.m. at Center Place as a dinner theater performance.

The play, written by Anthony Marriott and Allison Foot, ran successfully for 9 years in London, making it the longest running comedy in London. The comedy is a story about a newlywed couple who mistakingly become the owners of some risqué materials, and then proceed to find a way to rid themselves of this material discreetly. However, the couple experience some difficulty in doing this, and the mishaps that arise as a result of their shame, are the focus of the comedy.

Anyone wishing to make a reservation for these performances,



Rehearsing for their new production of "No Sex Please, We're British" are Frank Dodd (left), Kimberly Blibow, and Richard Coppinger.

can do so by calling Center Place at 685-8888. The dinner theater ticket prices are \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. Curtain time 8:15 p.

The Compass Players is a group of talented individuals from Brandon and Tampa that enjoy the theater. Carol Copinger, the secretary for the group, commented, "We are just a fun group of folks that have a great hobby, do the best that we can at it, and love to make audiences happy." Anyone wishing to become part of this unique group of individuals can call Carole Copinger at 681-9794. Auditions for the next play, "Bell, Book, and Candle," will take place during March/April.

## BLOOMINGDALE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

by Gayle Redstrom  
Publicity

February's meeting will be on Monday, February 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria, 1700 Bloomingdale Avenue.

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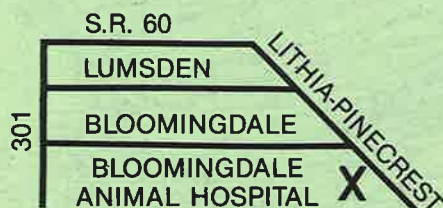
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## Where Does All The Money Go?

### A Special Taxing District Monthly Report

by Jackie Tuckey  
Gazette Staff Reporter

The Special Taxing District board met January 11 at 8 p.m. Attending were Russ Thompson, Frank DeVito, Errol Whitfield, Joe DeLuca, and Fred Uphoff. Hugh Golletz was absent. The following items on the agenda were discussed:

1. After presenting his report, treasurer Joe DeLuca suggested that the board invest \$100,000 in a Jumbo CD for 30 days with the option to roll it over for another 30 days. He advised this due to the better rate of interest received as opposed to the money market

certificate now held. The board agreed.

2. Bids for the mowing contract were opened and read at a special December 17 meeting. Property Manager Lynn Wagner gave a report on the interviews he did with the top bidders. He told the board that the low bid STD contract. He felt the company can provide the necessary services as well as insurance. The board voted unanimously to have the contract drawn up by the STD attorney and awarded to Fox Mowing. The contract will run from February 1 through September 30, 1988. (All new contracts will follow the fiscal year from now on, rather than the calendar year.) Mark Reoch, Paragon's property manager for the Met Life properties, was attending the meeting to get information

about the mowing contract. He will notify other Bloomingdale developers and a decision will be made about hiring the same contractor to mow those properties. Met Life and other developers will pay for their own mowing.

3. Landscape architect Tom Sheppard presented his blueprint for landscaping the Garnet entrance. This will also serve as the basis for landscaping other entrances in the future. He recommended stucco over concrete retainers instead of railroad ties for longer life and less maintenance in the long run. Lynn Wagner will give him more information on the present irrigation system at Garnet. He would also like some direction on the entry signs to be designed, recommending one sign placed in the center island instead of signs on each side of the entrance. The board agreed to have Mr. Sheppard begin writing bid specifications with options for signs, lighting, and irrigation to be ready by the board's February meeting.

4. One lawsuit has been settled, one is still pending. These involved accidents causing damage to walls.

5. Attempts are still being made to get the Kindercare Corp. to paint the concrete wall on their property on Glenhaven. The regional office in Jacksonville is being contacted by corresponding secretary Hugh Golletz.

6. Fred reported no progress with communications with Home America. Lynn said they destroyed an entire line of sprinklers and the control box for the system at the corner of Rosemead and Bell Shoals. This happened when the concrete sidewalk was poured over it.

7. New contract for property manager--see accompanying story

8. Lynn's contract as property manager expires January 19. Frank moved to extend the contract 30 days at the same rate of pay (see story on new district administrator's position). It passed unanimously.

9. Under new business Fred presented a report on the status of the development. This was the number of tax assessable units in each plat section of Bloomingdale. This is determined by a count of metered residences as of December

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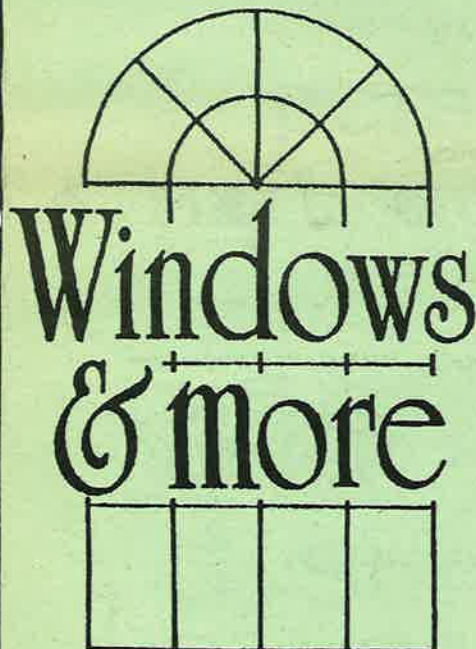
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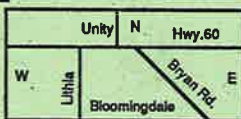
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STD, from page 17

31. Fred explained the major problem by the tax assessor's office--the apartments were not assessed the STD tax on their December billing. Russ said he would contact the head of the office, Bud Parker, and get an explanation. Fred said they will not send amended bills. This puts assessable units short of that projected by the STD board when the 1987-88 budget was voted on

## The Romantic Meanings of Flowers for Valentine's Day

by Sally Brosnham  
Owner, Brandon Florist  
Bloomingdale Resident

While Valentines use all flowers today to express their romantic feelings, there was a time when certain blooms had specific meanings.

In the Victorian era, a number of authors wrote little books titled "The Language of Flowers" so that lovers could exchange hidden messages with their floral gifts.

White roses with yellow tulips, for example, meant, "I am worthy of you and hopelessly in love."

A swain in hot water with his beloved might have sent a bouquet of daisies and chrysanthemums to say, "I am innocent and telling the truth."

Bachelors who wanted to stay that

way sent, naturally, bachelor's buttons while those interested in marriage included ivy in their bouquets.

Fern meant you were fascinated and a yellow rose said you were jealous. Turndowns also were possible, with a striped carnation denoting refusal and a yellow carnation standing for disdain.

For the emphatic, a four-leaf clover, if it could be found, demanded: "Be mine!" An equally strong retort could have been an ice plant which says, "Your looks freeze me."

### Highlights of the January 19 General Membership Meeting...

Photos by Jackie Tuckey/Bloomingdale Gazette



Outgoing BHA board of directors' president, Henry Brosnaham, left, congratulates new president Mike Kelly at the general membership meeting.



Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moffet received the first community service award from Susan DeLuca (left) at the January general membership meeting. The Moffet's are the owners of the Convenient Store at Bell Shoals and Glenhaven. The award is for outstanding support of activities in Bloomingdale.



Mike Kelly (left), president of the BHA board of directors, gave two residents their door prizes at the January general membership meeting. The winners of the drawing received Entertainment '88 coupon books.

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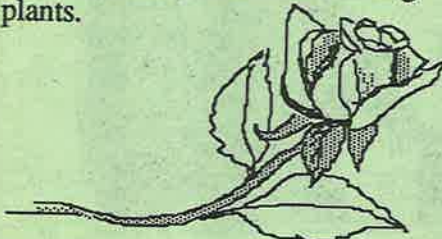
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## Guide for Plant Care in February

by Rosalind Creager  
The Green Boutique Nursery

The weather is unpredictable and frosty nights with freezing temperatures may still occur. These are just the kind of conditions that cause uncertainty about what to plant and how to care for existing plants.



In order to get some color into your yard there are many varieties of blooming plants to choose from. Petunias, pansies, dianthus and snapdragons are some of the annuals that thrive in cooler weather. Unlike northern climates where you would wait to plant annuals, these annuals tend to die-out as soon as the summer heat arrives. By planting these annuals now, you will have a longer season

to enjoy them. Woodbine and Carolina Jasmine are two vines that are blooming profusely this time of year. Perennial Gerber Daisies and the colorful foliage of Joseph's Coat are thriving in February.

Remember to remove faded flowers on annuals and perennials for optimum flower production. Fertilize with an all-purpose, water soluble fertilizer or a granular fertilizer such as 6-6-6.

Wait another couple of weeks to do any serious pruning of shrubs. New growth that would form from pruning would be susceptible to cold damage. Roses may be pruned at about the end of February or the beginning of March. Spray roses weekly with a fungicide and check for infestations of spider mites. Rose sprays work well on annuals and perennials, too. Keep all trees, shrubs, and annuals watered regularly during dry periods. Fertilize your trees and shrubs now with a good quality fertilizer containing minor elements.

Even though it may be cold outside, keep watering, feeding and spraying your plants.

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## Bloomingdale Resident Wins Major Cooking Contest

by Woody Russell  
Gazette Staff Reporter

Bloomingdale East resident Rebecca Randles was one of the gold medal winners at the Tampa Bay Chef's Open. "I just entered for fun. I entered two recipes for me and two for my friend Sandra Mapes. I was



Photo Courtesy of Southeast Bank

Mrs. Randles

surprised when we both were accepted for finalists," Mrs. Randles said.

Mrs. Randles, who lives with her husband Air Force Major Andrew Randles and their 16-year-old son George at 3715 Greenford St., received her award for her entry of Mexican Cheese Soup in the Soup Division. Ms. Mapes, also a Bloomingdale resident, won fourth place in the Salad Division with a Cookie Salad.

There were more than 3,000 entries in the contest that was divided into professional and amateur divisions. Sponsored by several businesses and groups, the event was conducted at the Harbour Island Hotel on January 10 and involved 400 finalists in 20 categories.

Judges used a computer to keep score in the selection of the three top finalists of each category.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were presented. Gold medal winners also received \$100 gift certificates from Florida Choice, Mrs. Randles said.

"The recipes had to be original...not from a cookbook. Judges went through them and selected the finalists. After we were notified we had to bring our dishes almost totally prepared," she added.

Mrs. Randles, who also is a teller at Bloomingdale Southeast Bank N.A., said the contestants were scored on the basis of the uniqueness of taste, taste appeal, the way the

finalists presented their dishes to the judges, creativeness and general appeal.

A winner in last year's Bloomingdale Newcomers-Oldtimers Picnic dessert contest,

*RANDLES, see page 24*

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**RANGLES, from page 23**

Mrs. Randles said fellow bank employees urged her to enter the Tampa event.

"I've cooked a long time and made my first Thanksgiving dinner when I was 10 years old. We think three of us from the bank will enter the Tampa Bay Chef's Open next year for fun. It is open to anyone," she concluded.

And her winning recipe is...

**Recipe for Mexican Cheese Soup**

by Rebecca Randles

Cooking Time 2 hrs. Serves 10

- 1/2 stick butter or margarine
- 8 oz. cheddar cheese, grated
- 3 green onions, chopped
- parsley flakes
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- tabasco sauce, salt, pepper to taste
- 2 carrots, grated

- 2 cans 10 3/4 oz. chicken broth
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 3 cans 10 3/4 oz. potato soup
- 3 tlbs. cooking sherry

Melt butter in pan and saute onions, celery, and carrots. Add chicken broth and cover, let it simmer for 30 min. Add potato soup, cheese, parsley, tabasco sauce, salt and pepper. Stir in sour cream and let simmer 15 min. Add sherry and stir.

**Recipe for Cookie Salad**

by Sandra Mapes

Serves 6

- Mix together:
- 1 c. buttermilk
  - 1 package instant vanilla pudding

- Add:
- 2 cans mandarin oranges, drained
  - 1 8 oz. carton cool whip
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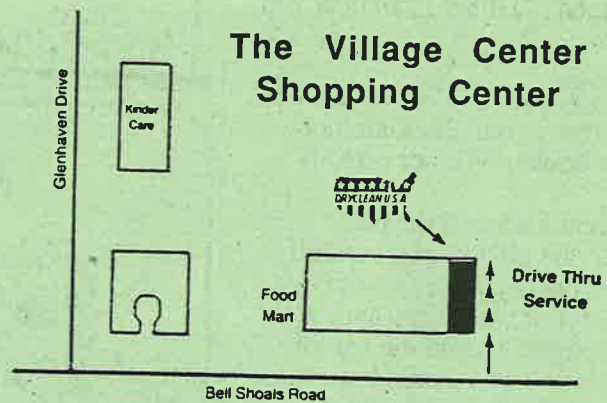
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**The Great Wall of Bloomingdale  
Undergoes a Change for the Better...**



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**Above^**  
Cleanup at the Great Wall (corner of Bloomingdale and Bell Shoals) improved the appearance of the whole corner.



**Right>**  
An employee of the landscaper hired by Met Life plants azaleas in the shady areas of the Great Wall.

**While the Grass in Park East Undergoes a Change for the Worse...**



Tennis players who don't want to walk the extra couple of feet from the parking lot in Park East have been parking their cars up on the grass next to the tennis courts. The results are obvious above.

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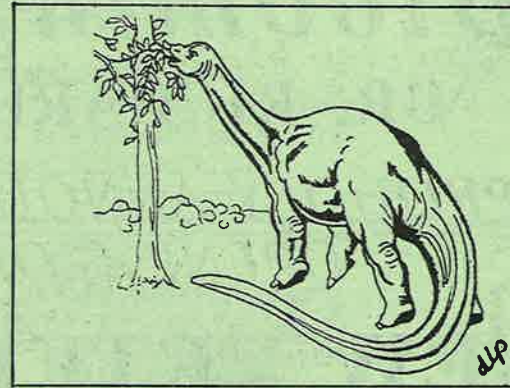
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"What a morning!" I sighed as I dropped my lunch, newspaper, radio, crossword book, magazines, and soccer schedules on my desk. "The drive was terrible!"

"How do you drive to work?" Felix, our office accountant, asked.

"Oh you know, I try to stay off Bloomingdale. It usually takes me 40 minutes to get here."

Felix smiled craftily "It only takes me 34.6 minutes! I have a secret route to avoid Bloomingdale."

"Oh yeah?" Rudy, the salesman, joined us. "How do you drive to work, Felix? It only takes me 33.7 minutes."

"Well," I leaned back, "I've been thinking about coming a new way. I'll bet I can drive to work in under 32 minutes."

Rudy stared. "OK, Bob" he said slowly, "just what would you like to bet?"

"Put up or shut up!" Felix challenged. "I'll bet I can beat you both!"

The chase was on! We decided to each throw in our Entertainment '88 coupon books. Winner take all.

That night I washed the car, checked the oil and gas, carefully mapped out my route, set out my clothes for the morning, and, as a final thought, backed the car into the driveway so I would have a quick get away. We would race in the morning! We swore to be honest and synchronized our watches. We would all leave at 7:15 a.m. sharp. "Oh Boy," I chuckled, "Three Entertainment '88 books. That's 3 free foot long hotdogs and 3 complimentary visits to that health spa that just closed down!"

The morning dawned clear and crisp. "Perfect weather" I thought, watching my car warm up. It was 7:14. I reached for the front door.

"Bob," Betty called, "You forgot--"

"Not now, Betty, it's 7:14!"

"But, your----"

"Gentlemen, start your engines!" I screamed, racing for the car.

"Bo-o-o-b" I heard Betty call as I careened around the corner. I saw her in the rear view mirror, wearing bathrobe and slippers, and waving something. Free luncheon specials at Greasy Harry's, here I come.

I passed the Hartline bus with my horn honking and screamed out onto Bell Shoals. Never mind the turn signal - no time. I moved up Bell Shoals and turned left on Brooker. Boy, what a route. They'll never beat me. Down to Bryan, turn right. Oops! A school bus. It's ok, kids are getting on - not coming out. I sped on

through, ignoring the bus driver's shaking fist. On to Julie Lane for the secret cut-through to Parsons. Speed limit on Julie Lane? Must be 40.

Meanwhile, Felix had sped down Bloomingfield, ignoring the stares from irate residents. Out onto John Moore and a quick left on Windy Place. Felix had discovered all the good residential cut-throughs, too. He slid through a couple stop signs and charged for the Crosstown.

BOONESBURY, see pg 29

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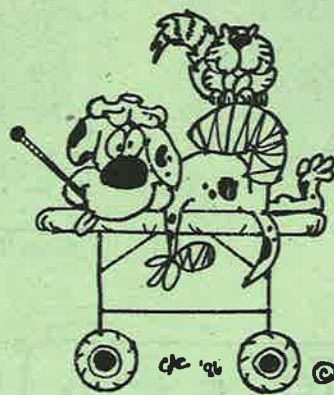
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Upper left: Mrs. Baker's fifth grade class charted statistics from a survey they took on the public's general knowledge of alligators.



Left: Mrs. Baker's class presented their statistics in a "Gator Mania" display sent to the State Fair.

Right: The gifted math and science class of third to fifth graders made a model of the school. Working on it are (left to right) Amber Bauman, Kimberly Madison, Melissa Chapman, and Jamie Hollinhead.



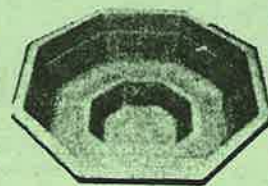
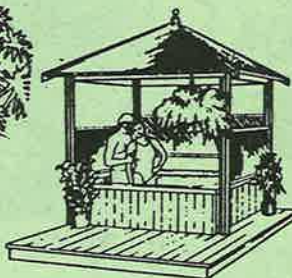
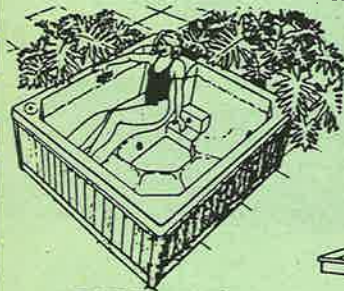
Above^ Many students from all grades worked on this rug with alligator motif. Finishing up the rug are, from left, Hebah Abdel-aziz, Rosie Crawford, and Sanda Thomson.



Above^ Second grade classes designed displays illustrating alligator families and relationships with other animals in its environment. These students from Mrs. Willis' class show their clay 'gators and nests. Front to back are Adam Hopstetter, Michelle Jones, Michael Riley, and Kiran Mir.

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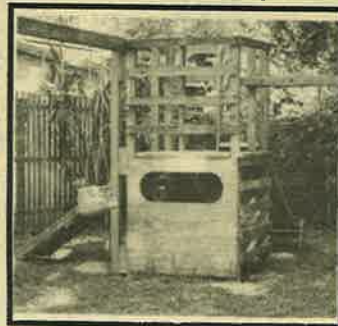
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Contributed by Kathy  
Watkins  
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3. Train, don't strain. Increase workloads and responsibilities gradually. Don't take on more than you can handle.
4. Love thy neighbor as thy old slippers. Be casual and comfortable with people. Accept them as they are. Enjoy others.
5. Find your funny bone. Laugh at yourself and at situations. Humor melts stress.
6. So, who cares? Maybe today, but 500 years from now? Or even 5 years from now? Put things in their right perspectives. They may not be as important as you think.
7. Don't tie tin cans onto dog's tails. Be kind. Respect the feelings of others. Be nice to everyone. Let relationships run smoothly.
8. Go to the North Pole. Or a cave, attic, or bomb shelter where you can be by yourself. Try to be alone for a few minutes each day just to relax, meditate or read.
9. Avoid leaping contests with kangaroos. Don't compete with everybody doing everything. Refuse to compare yourself to others. Set you own standards.
10. Are you a magnet or flypaper? Do you attract positive things and people to your life, releasing them easily and naturally if they aren't right for you? Or do you get stuck with a lot of nuisances and burdens that won't go away?

*STRESS, see page 34*

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## STD Revamps the Property Manager's Contract and Increases Duties

by Jackie Tuckey  
*Gazette Staff Reporter*

With the current property manager's contract expiring in mid-January, Special Taxing District Board member Fred Uphoff was given the task of preparing to renew or change the document. He reported to the STD board at their January meeting that he asked the present manager, Lynn Wagner, to make suggestions that might be considered in the new contract. Fred then presented the job description for a new position, adapted by Lynn, to be called district administrator. (See Job Description immediately following this article.) This full-time employee would replace the independent contractor property manager. The salary would be taken from the contract labor portion of the 1988 budget. Taxes and social security would be deducted from his paycheck. The board may have to pay workmen's compensation. This employee would file expense forms and be reimbursed, and accounts would be opened at most frequently used stores (such as hardware). Fred said this type of position would give the employee the authority as well as the responsibility to carry out the wishes of the board. Russ Thompson agreed, adding that it could ease the agenda and move business along quicker than in the past. Concern was expressed by Trustee Frank DeVito, who asked if this wasn't giving someone else work that ought to be done by board trustees. Russ responded that the board would always retain certain jobs such as writing checks and certain letters. He felt that the job description could be fine-tuned as needed.

The STD board unanimously passed the motion to change the position of property manager from sub-contractor to full-time employee with the title of district administrator. The board then voted to extend Lynn's present contract for 30 days. This

would allow time to consult the STD attorney on whether the board can hire Lynn for the new position or must advertise or go out for bids for the job. This will be on the agenda for the February 8 meeting.

When Lynn was asked by the *Gazette* how the new job would be different, he said that there has been a great deal of responsibility on the trustees, who also have full-time jobs and families. STD work is done in their free time. "This will consolidate a lot of the responsibility into one position." He also explained that part of the job will be to draft the annual budget based on a yearly guidance written by the board president. The administrator would also be required to present a five year plan every October. The president would then set annual goals based on the plan, to be implemented by the administrator.

Below is the Job Description as prepared by Fred Uphoff:

Job Title: District Administrator

Reports to: President of the Board of Trustees or his designate

Duties: Responsible for the daily operation of all matters pertaining to the district. Supervises all employees and subcontractors hired by the district. Establishes the annual budget for the district for approval by the Board of Trustees. Writes all bid specifications for the district for those items to be bid and conducts all pre-bid meetings as

required. In conjunction with the President of the Board, sets the agenda for all Board meetings. Provides a monthly report to the Board, both written and oral, of the status of all contracts in force, status of special projects as assigned by the Board and updates the Board on items which need to be attended to with Board approval to be given. Verifies all billings for Board approval of work done by subcontractors. Performs miscellaneous maintenance work as determined by the Board or on his

own initiative. Provides the required liaison between the district and all County Agencies (police, fire, water and sewer, etc.) and public utilities (TECO, GTE, SWFWMD, etc.) as required. Responsible for the maintenance of all real property owned by the district. On October 1 of every year, will present a five year plan for the district to be revised and updated annually thereafter.

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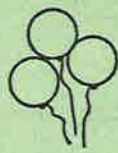
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