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ACTIVITIES GALORE FOR JULY 4

HOT AIR BALLOONS IN PARK EAST AT 6:30 A.M.



Henry Brosnham, that famed balloonist who got the Brandon Balloon Rally off the ground, will be flying high in the skies over Bloomingdale on the morning of July 4th. Henry and 8-10 other balloonists will begin assembling their hot air balloons in Park East at 6:30 a.m. Once upright and ready, the balloons will take off in a Hare and Pound Chase at 7:30 a.m. The initial "Hare" balloon will depart first and 5-10 minutes later the others give chase (hopefully).

"You can only control up and down movement," according to Henry, "sideways is controlled by the prevailing air currents." The lead balloon puts an "X" on the ground where he lands and the others try to hit the "X" with bean bags, the closest wins. "We will be awarding prizes of \$150, \$50, and \$25 for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners," he said.

BLOOMINGDALE 5K FUN RUN AT 6:45 A.M.



The Bloomingdale Fun Run will be held July 4th morning with registration beginning at 6:45 a.m. in Park East. This 5K (3.1 miles) race will begin at 7:15 a.m. sharp. Units from the Bloomingdale Mobile Watch will be on hand to observe the runners safety as residents trot, jog, walk (crawl) the 5K distance on Nature's Way Blvd. All ages are invited to attend. RIBBONS will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each category.

If you register in advance with the form below, the fee is \$3. On the day of the race it will be \$4. Want more information? Call Chris Pheils at 681-9026 to get the facts. (If it rains, we'll try it again in the fall.)

So get together with your neighbors for a friendly competitive run and watch the balloons at the same time.

BIKE DECORATING CONTEST/PARADE AT 9 A.M.



After watching the balloons at 6:30 a.m. and then running in the race at 7:15 a.m. the kids will be ready for the bike contest and Brandon Parade at 9 a.m. Ages 4 to 15 are invited to bring their decorated bikes to Paul's Drive (the line-up point for the parade) at 9 a.m. for judging. Patriotic Bunting is a must and the theme is "Our Heritage." U.S. Savings Bonds and ribbons will be awarded to the best decorations in three age categories.

After the contest, the Parade will begin at 10 a.m. All decorated bikes will be allowed to participate in the Brandon Parade behind the BHA Banner. (Parents of younger children must walk the parade route with the child.)

Want more information? Call 681-2051 and leave a message for Daryce Moore to call you back.

***THE BLOOMINGDALE FUN RUN**

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Directors above. They would be happy to fill
you in on the happenings of Bloomingdale.

EDITORIAL...

There's a "thing" going around Bloomingdale that seems to
be contagious and I certainly hope everyone catches it.
This "thing" is the spirit of friendly cooperation and
community concern that I have seen and heard recently. A
lot of people have been doing things lately to make our
community just a little bit better. For example, over in
the West they are having problems with their Park, so
neighbors have been taking trash bags down there and
picking up garbage in their spare time; another neighbor
saw that street signs were missing and did something about
it; another is concerned about children having to
bike/walk around cars parked over sidewalks and is doing
something; others go out and pick up around the ponds to
keep things pretty; yet another is volunteering to get up
a work force to help a neighbor paint his fence; and last
but not least a coalition of six managed to get a pond
beautified. Those are just a few of the many examples I
have heard about lately--there have been too many to list
here all at once. It sure makes you feel good about
living in Bloomingdale and especially about the people
that live beside you. THANK YOU!

A scary thing happened over the Memorial Day weekend in
the West--a resident scared away an armed would-be burglar
by brandishing a gun of his own. The thing that bothers
me is that this resident felt he needed to have a gun in
his home in the first place in order to be safe.
Unfortunately, the kid at the door with the gun might also
be a resident and the whole thing depicts a rather awesome
scene of resident shooting resident. When my husband was
transferred to Tampa I was the one who said that we
weren't going to live in the city because I was afraid of
it. When I saw Bloomingdale for the first time, a panacea
of country charm and safety presented an old-fashioned
security that I hadn't felt since I was a kid. But how
quickly my feelings are changing to ones of acute concern.
Drug abuse, vandalism, armed burglars, and a whole
assortment of big-city crimes have come to the country.
The Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch Programs are
fantastic, but maybe we need more. What about a
full-time, off-duty deputy for security patrol? Our STD
cannot afford it now, but maybe it's something to think
about in the future. At \$10/hour for one deputy (or
\$30,000 per year) the cost to each homeowner would be \$20
per year! Food for thought?

THE NEWCOMERS PAGE

In an effort to help our new neighbors make their transition to Bloomingdale a little easier, the BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE would like to provide you with facts and information about your new home.

In the beginning, Bloomingdale was farm and pasture land. Sometime during the mid 1950's parts of this area were reforested (which is why the pine trees line up in straight rows). In the '60's - '70's, Criterion Corporation purchased the land over a five-year period with an eye to future development. There was a ranch where the Suarez model is now (in the East) and beyond was a very large farm. After the land acquisition, it took another 5-6 years for it to become a PUD (Planned Urban Development) which was redesigned 3-4 times.

In the fall of 1978, Bay Homes (the building arm of Criterion) built five furnished models and 10 spec homes in the East. They sold all 10 in the first week. Later, Bay Homes was bought by Pulte. Suarez was the second builder and from there came the builders you see now. Once the builders have finished here in Bloomingdale (in 5-10 years) our subdivision will have 6,853 dwelling units.

The first families moved into the East in May and June of 1979. One of these first families was Fred and Joyce Uphoff. Fred was instrumental in founding the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., and the Bloomingdale Gazette.

The Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association, Inc., (or BHA as it is known) was founded to give a unified voice to the residents of Bloomingdale.

Over the past seven years, this unified voice has accomplished many things such as: The stop light at Bell Shoals and Bloomingdale Avenue; the street lighting districts; parties for children; the Bloomingdale Gazette; the Mobile Watch; and the Fire and Disaster Fund as just a few examples. But most recently the BHA put the Special Taxing District into place.

The Special Taxing District (or STD as it is called) was established January 1, 1986, for the purpose of maintaining the common grounds of Bloomingdale. (Currently the grounds are being maintained by Criterion Corporation until STD monies are collected starting in November of 1986.) This year on the Hillsborough County Property Tax statement which you will receive in October-November, there will be a notation of \$80 for this STD. (If you closed on your home after January 1, 1986, this won't appear on your tax bill until November 1987.) The STD, though founded by the BHA, is a separate entity and is run by a different board of directors. (See page 2 for a list of names.) The County collects the STD money through our taxes from all the residents and then the STD Board of Trustees apply it to the maintenance.

On the other hand, the BHA is funded totally by volunteer dues (\$5) paid one time per year in November.

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association Board of Directors meets monthly in the home of one of the directors. The time, date, and place are always announced in advance in this paper. Interested observers are invited to attend.

The BHA General Membership meetings are held for all residents of Bloomingdale (members or not) five times per year: September, November, January, March, and May. The time, date, and meeting place are announced in advance in this newspaper.

We strongly encourage you to become a member of the BHA. Your donation of \$5 per year to this non-profit organization will ensure the continuance of a homeowner's association placed there for your benefit. So won't you take a minute now and fill out the application below....



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BLOOMINGDALE OAKS FACED WITH NOXIOUS ODORS

RESIDENTS SEEKING RELIEF

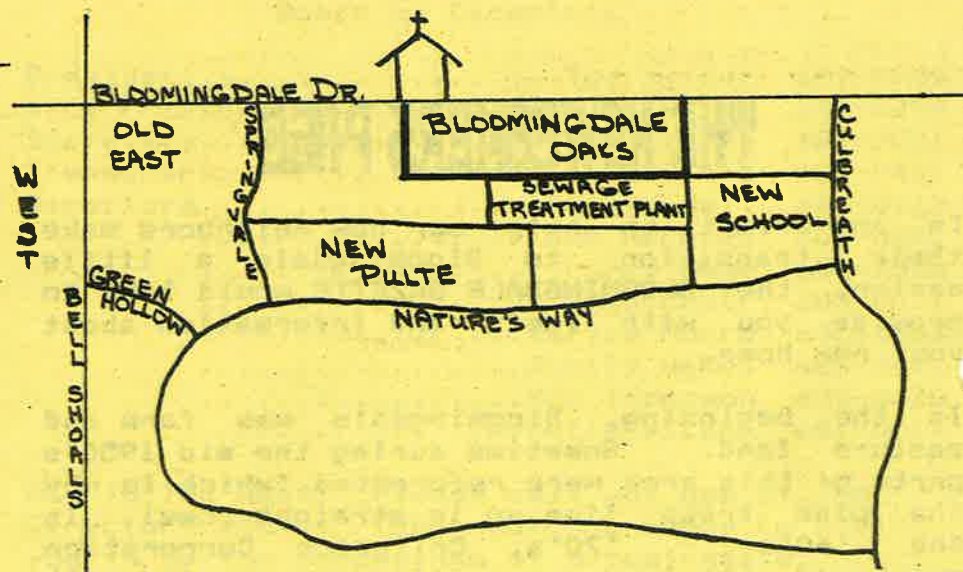
The Bloomingdale Interim Waste Water Treatment Plant is stopping the residents of Bloomingdale Oaks from being able to open their windows or even use their own yards. In March of this year the residents of the "Oaks" started noticing a noxious odor coming from the treatment plant. After contacting various individuals within the county government, they found out that the effluent was spilling out of the plant and this raw sewage was going straight into the surrounding wetlands. The plant was being inundated with too much effluent during the morning and evening hours, causing a backup problem, with the sludge bypassing the necessary filtering system. This meant that the raw sewage was going untreated and being dumped into the surrounding neighborhood area. (We have had similar complaints of odors from the residents in the new Pulte area of East.)

Armed with clothespins on their noses and ardent determination, a coalition of residents began to fight the problem. They were informed by the Environmental Protection Commission that the plant was only designed for 1 million gallons per day but was currently attempting to handle 1.5-2 million gallons per day. The EPC

acknowledges the problem, but says they "are powerless to do anything except to monitor the problem."

When the residents of the "Oaks" purchased their Pulte homes, they were told very specifically that it was a "water treatment plant" not an interim waste treatment plant. Sorenson Home Builders just omitted any information to their buyers. One Oaks resident recently took a tour of the treatment plant and was told by the supervisor that he "should sell out now--it's only going to get worse."

Armed with petitions signed by 95% of the residents, they are asking the county for an Administrative Hearing to hash out their problems. In the interim, the State of Florida Department of Environmental Regulation has issued a CONSENT ORDER to allow the plant to operate (they have been operating without a permit since December 31, 1985). This consent order basically says that if the county doesn't get their act together with this treatment plant, and soon, the EPC is going to start passing out some heavy fines; it also allows the plant to operate as long as they maintain certain controls and standards. (The county has already been fined \$10,000 for dumping sewage into the wetlands.)



The residents of Bloomingdale Oaks are getting one more petition together. This one is to get the EPC to add a noxious odor abatement clause to the current consent order filed with the county on May 29, 1986. What it would do would be to provide for fines against the county should the odor return. According to spokesperson Mark Chapman, they will be sending this new petition with the odor clause to Tallahassee for filing with the State on June 16. "We all have a lot at stake, our homes and our health. This problem needs to be solved quickly."

At the June 9 BHA Board of Director's Meeting, Mr. Chapman spoke to the Board as a representative of Bloomingdale Oaks. The Board thought a story in the GAZETTE would be a good start to get the information out to everyone in the entire Bloomingdale area. Ted Keiser, President of the BHA, also extended an

invitation to the Bloomingdale Oaks community to consider coming under the umbrella of the BHA--they are seriously considering it. The BHA Board also extended a hand to the residents of the Oaks to assist in any way we are needed.

Attached to this article is a small map showing the proximity of the plant to the Oaks, Bloomingdale proper, and the new school.

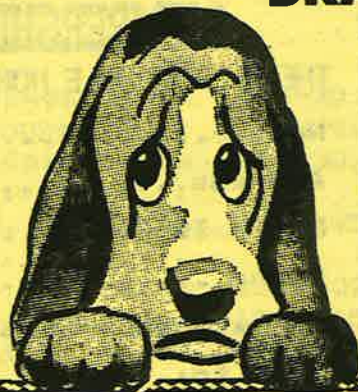
According to a source provided to this paper, trucks are still hauling effluent out of the Hurley Road area sometimes as often as every 2 hours. The idea comes to mind that to be able to move it that quickly, they must be dumping it somewhere and then coming back for more.

Again, should anyone see dumping into the manholes or any questionable activity, please call us at 681-2051 immediately.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor:

As a resident of Bloomingdale West I feel I must write this letter regarding the recent decision made by Criterion to no longer mow or clean the West side. Are we, the residents, expected to sit back and just let this go by??? NO WE ARE NOT! I think there must be something we can do to force them to take care of their development. Perhaps Channel 8 or 10 would like to hear our story.

I really had to control myself a few weeks ago when I read a large ad in the Sunday edition of the Tampa Tribune promoting Criterion as an excellent management company. The ad went on to say that Criterion takes special interest in the properties they manage--that they have a commitment to excellence. Garbage such as this made me want to run for the bathroom.... What lies. We know their management has been caught in more than one lie lately.

Have you noticed how they are putting a lot of effort into making the East side look great while the West side suffers at their hands? Also suffering are the residents who have their homes up for sale. What do you think prospective buyers think of our development? I would also like to appeal to all the Realtors that live in Bloomingdale: How do you feel about this? Isn't it getting a little hard to promote Bloomingdale West these days? It isn't going to get any better. Now that the rainy season has started, the grass will just keep getting higher and higher. The STD will not be receiving any money from the county until late 1986, so don't expect them to do it.

I think what needs to be done is to have some "GI" Parties on the West side to

take care of these eyesores. If we don't do it, nobody else will. Stand up and take pride in your community!

Maureen Pheils

*Editor's Note: As of June 11, Fred Uphoff, President of the STD, and Ted Keiser, President of the BHA, were still trying to get either the County or Criterion to commit to the mowing and cleanup of the West. According to Ted Keiser, if an official commitment is not received soon from one source or the other, the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association will sponsor the "GI Parties" called for in the letter above.

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Dear Editor:

As the furor over the "liability crisis" rages, my personal observations of potential hazards in our community sharpen and bring to mind the proverb "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." After all, isn't it preferable to avoid foreseeable accidents and the resulting tragedies rather than attempting to cheat a victim and his family out of an award determined by a jury of our peers?

One particular hazard that exists is created by the innocent construction of streetside mailboxes that both beautify and resist the attacks of hoodlums and vandals. To serve its purpose the mailboxes are constructed immediately adjacent to the roadside within the county right-of-way and are composed of concrete block, brick, or stone. Though resistant to vandals, such a structure poses a severe hazard for an automobile that may just slightly stray from the street to avoid a darting dog or cat, a

bicyclist, or even a child at play.

Florida law quite clearly imposes liability upon landowners' hazardous roadside conditions. Perhaps the most tragic illustration is City of Tamarac v.

Garchar, 398 So. 2d 889 (Fla. 4th DCA 1981). Thomas Garchar, age 24, married, was a salesman for IBM earning in excess of \$25,000 per year. He was traveling a few blocks from his home on a familiar highway. Mr. Garchar's car left the pavement and struck a coral boulder located approximately six feet from the pavement. The boulder was placed upon the median at the direction of the local beautification committee: the City of Tamarac maintained the median and the county owned it. As a result, Mr. Garchar was rendered a quadriplegic and lost even the most rudimentary of bodily functions and will require personalized care for the rest of his life. The jury awarded Mr. Garchar \$6,000,000 and \$750,000 to his wife for loss of consortium. These amounts were reduced by 30% since the jury found Mr. Garchar comparatively negligent based upon his driving while intoxicated.

In Morales v. Costa, 427 So. 2d 297 (Fla. 3rd DCA 1983), the court held a landowner, who planted a tree which grew to obstruct a stop sign, could be held liable for accidents which occur because of obstructions to the public right of way.

In Bolton v. Smythe, 432 So. 2d 129 (Fla. 5th 1983), the court held that a lawn sprinkler which sprayed water onto the windshields of passing cars and thus obstructed motorists' vision constituted a prima facie case of negligence and, therefore, liability upon the landowner existed.

The examples are endless, so why can't we avoid these

foreseeable accidents and avoid the tragedy of injury and the tragedy of the burden of a large money judgment. Make the foundation of any large mailbox collapsible or break-away upon severe impact. Outfit it with reflectors so it may be easily seen at night. Trim trees or foliage near stop signs. Take an extra moment to more carefully place sprinklers. After all, you're not just protecting others, you're protecting yourself.

John P. Holsonback, Attorney

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*Editor's Note: The following is in response to last month's front page story "Something Illegal?"

Dear Editor:

Ted Keiser requested I respond to you directly. Please be advised that we believe we have eliminated the subject dumping.

This office would still be interested in knowing of any unusual activities in the Bloomingdale area.

Robert L. Buschman, P.E.
Director of Public Works

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Dear Editor:

The following is a copy of a letter that we sent to Commissioner James Selvey's office on May 20, 1986.

Dear Commissioner Selvey:

As we discussed with your office, there is a problem which greatly concerns the residents of Fortuna Drive in Bloomingdale West.

--Over a year ago the county road department installed an underground drainage system. They promised the residents they would return to repave the street after the

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GOLF NEWS
BY JACKIE JAQUISH
BLOOMINGDALE GOLFERS CLUB



Criterion Development Corporation, as agent for National Investors Pension Insurance Company, has arranged the sale of Bloomingdale Golfers Club to Club Concepts, Inc., a local golf management company of which Bobby Stricklin is President. (Bobby will continue as general manager of the club.) Other key principals of the company include: Pat Lindsey, of the PGA tour; and Louise Stricklin, former clubhouse manager of Avila Golf and Country Club and Northdale Golf Club.

In making the decision to sell the club, Criterion and NIPIC gave careful consideration to the buyer's management abilities and

plans for the club. We are confident that Club Concepts will continue the programs and quality operations that Criterion implemented during the three years it managed the club.

Transfer of ownership is scheduled for the end of June. During the next several weeks, Criterion will continue to supervise club operations, and following the sale, will continue to manage the balance of NIPIC's property in Bloomingdale, as well as the development of its homesites adjoining the golf course, Pine Grove Condominiums, and Bloomingdale Woods Apartments.



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completion of the drainage system. They have not returned and the road looks terrible and has many potholes. All the surrounding streets were repaved prior to the Fortuna Drive drainage project. Ours is still unsightly.

In addition to the Fortuna Drive problem, our driveway was ruined.

We have contacted the County numerous times about these matters, basically they are unresponsive. We would appreciate your intervention in the resolution of these problems.

Paul A. and Susan L. Moore

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Dear Editor:

I was pleased to learn of the posting of speed limit signs on Bloomingfield Dr. Although a step in the right direction, without enforcement, the signs are generally ignored.

Anyone who lives on Bloomingfield would attest that speeds of 40 mph to 50 mph are not unusual. Speeding in a residential area cannot be tolerated. It is only a matter of time until one of our children is injured or killed. Might not stop signs or even speed bumps in addition to enforcement, slow these inconsiderate people down?

The B.H.A. as one voice should be able to convince the Sheriff's Department that we deserve more attention.

Antony F. Abbate

On May 8, 1986, at 1:55 p.m., I was contacted by Gary Tait, Supervisor of the Traffic Studies and Investigations Department (272-5912). We discussed speed humps, stop signs, speed limit signs, and truck traffic in Bloomingdale.

SPEED HUMPS

One year ago the old county commission asked for a survey and information regarding the use of speed humps within the county. Eight locations were cited within the county as "collector type" residential roads which have high volume and are used as cut throughs. Bloomingfield Drive was tentatively named as one of these roads. At the June 18 County Commission Meeting, Gary will be asking the county to approve the installation of speed humps in these eight areas.

Mr. Tait warned that there were certain disadvantages to the use of speed humps:

1. The concern for bicycles and motorcycles increases as they can lose control over the humps.
2. There will be an increase in the noise factor as the cars hit the hump.
3. There is a possibility of liability being a problem, but they would like to place signs saying the speed humps are an experiment and perhaps can circumvent this problem.
4. Emergency vehicles are slowed.
5. Some drivers will tend to actually drive faster as the increase in speed will decrease the feel of the humps to the car and passengers.

STOP SIGNS

Stop signs were not designed, nor are they used, for speed control. They are meant to control and assign

the rights of way only. The use of stop signs increases the problem of law enforcement as individuals tend to run them if they see no other vehicles in sight. Stop signs are placed at intersections after there have been three or more right-angle-type accidents. The use of these signs does tend to increase rear end accidents.

SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

Mr. Tait is aware of the speeding problem on Nature's Way in the East. This road is also a "collector type" of road, though there are no homes facing the roadway. He feels a beginning to controlling the speeding on Nature's Way is to post speed limit signs at all the access roads. The 30 mph signs would be posted at Glen Haven, Springvale, Greenhollow, Culbreath, and the others under development. The posting of signs would mean the Sheriff's Department would have something to enforce.

THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC

In the East there have been multiple complaints regarding heavy truck and tanker truck activity at all hours of the day and night. Posting "No Through Truck Traffic" signs alone would not be sufficient as they can argue that by stopping at the waste water treatment facility they are not actually "through" traffic. Therefore, at the June 18 commission meeting, Mr. Tait will request signs be posted at Glenhaven, Springvale, and Greenhollow which will read "No Through Truck Traffic Over 1 Ton." Again this will give the Sheriff's Department something to enforce as the trucks travel through the residential area to Nature's Way. They will instead have to use the Culbreath back road.

Mr. Tait will be letting us know what will be happening with all of the above and dates of installation as he finds them out. -SLD



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DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

BHA TO SEND OUT WARNING LETTERS

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., will be issuing reminder letters to residents for deed restriction violations. Beginning now through December 31, 1986, the BHA will take written complaints from residents who are asking that a deed restriction be enforced. The BHA will investigate the suspected violation and send a letter to the resident citing the specific restriction which has been violated. This will apply only to deed restrictions which are firmly committed in writing and recorded in the official record books of the county. If an "interpretation" of a deed restriction is required, Criterion Corporation, under the authority of Susan Meitz, will interpret the restriction and send a

letter from their office.

The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., will ONLY be sending out reminder letters, they do NOT have the legal standing to enforce the restriction if the resident fails to comply. Should a resident continue to violate a deed restriction, legal followup would have to be pursued by an individual living in proximity to the violator. According to Criterion, legal followup is the exception rather than the rule.

ANYONE WISHING TO REPORT A DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATION SHOULD:

1. State the nature of the suspected violation in writing.

2. Include YOUR name, address, and telephone number. (If no violation exists, we have to have a way to let you know. ALSO, your name will NEVER be revealed.)

3. Include the name and address of the house in question.

4. Mail all the above information to:

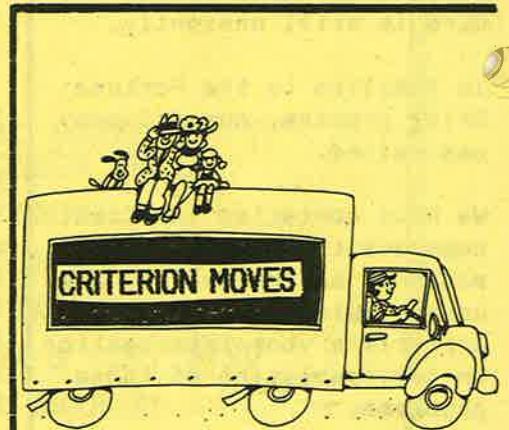
The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.
P. O. Box 918
Brandon, FL 33511

It will take approximately two weeks after we receive your letter for a BHA Board member to investigate and send out a letter of followup.

PLEASE NOTE: This is being done as a temporary measure because Criterion has said they will not enforce deed restrictions. The enforcement of deed restrictions is important to all of us to maintain our

property values. Currently the STD is in the process of having their ordinance amended to include the ability to enforce deed restrictions. Until the BHA and STD are able to sort out the legalities, the BHA will assume this responsibility.

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Criterion Corporation has moved their offices to Tampa. Their new telephone number and address, effective Monday, June 9:

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Mike Moreno, son of Diego and Christa Morena, 3602 Greenstone Place, graduated with very high honors from Brandon High School on June 5. Mike was involved in Beta Club, Interact, HHS, and Student Government.



Brett Buttita, of Bloomindale West, has been selected to the State Select Youth Soccer squad for the under-16 age group.



The Bloomingdale Gazette's own Keri Brissette (GAZETTE Teen Reporter) is now also employed at the Tampa Tribune. Besides writing for us, Keri is also doing features in the Thursday edition of the East Hillsborough Section under Youth Sports. She has been writing for the Tribune for two months and has been a regular in the BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE for approximately five months. Keri will be a senior at Brandon High School this fall where she is also Sports Editor for the school newspaper. Keri's proud parents are Ted and Chris Keiser.

NEW SHOPPING CENTER

BY CHERYL LEDFORD
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

According to Jim Mikes of Glennhaven Associates, Bloomingdale residents will soon have access to shopping facilities right in our own backyard. A Convenient Food Mart is scheduled to open June 19 with a Deli that prepares chicken on site and a full service mini-grocery store. Directly behind the Convenient Food Mart a Kinder Kare Learning Center is scheduled to open. Kinder Kare is one of the largest child-care companies in America. A Physician/Dentist's office is planned at the corner.

The building presently under construction will house 8-10 stores and will function as an extension of the Food Mart. Examples of what we can expect to find in this neighborhood shopping center are: a hair salon; a restaurant; a national pizza franchise; a dry cleaners; a real estate office; and an insurance company. The first store is scheduled to open in August.

For more information, contact the leasing office of Glennhaven Associates at 961-0280.

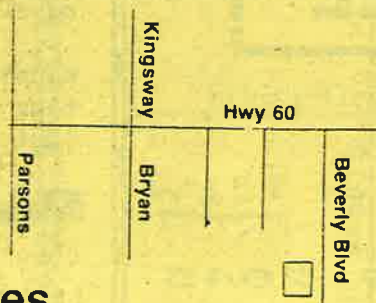


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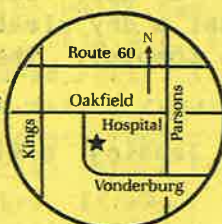
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WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU GET HOT

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Heat Exhaustion is when you sweat out more salt and fluids than you replace. The result can be a pale and clammy skin; profuse perspiration; tiredness; weakness; headache; perhaps cramps; nausea; dizziness; and even fainting.

Heat Stroke is a life-threatening emergency that requires immediate care. The victim's body temperature is high (maybe 106 degrees or higher); the skin is hot, red, and dry with no sweating.

What should you do for Heat Exhaustion or Heat Stroke? For Heat Exhaustion have the victim go into an air conditioned room or apply cool cloths and give the victim water. Have the victim lie down and raise his feet 8-12 inches. If the victim vomits, give nothing by mouth and call the paramedics or your family physician.

Heat Stroke is very serious. With no sweating, the body literally burns up inside. This requires immediate hospital/paramedical care. While waiting for care, strip the individual and cool off the victim as quickly as possible.

Knowing these few first aid tips will make your summer just a little bit safer.



MOBILE WATCH

BY DAVE CVETAN
CORE COMMITTEEMAN

The Mobile Watch is seeking new volunteers to fill the void created by members who have moved or soon will. Traditionally, this is the most transient time of the year for families on the move, both civilian and military (unfortunately for us, many of them are dedicated members of the mobile watch). We are also losing two base station operators, essential for the coverage we now provide the community. Newcomers are invited to join the Mobile Watch; the only thing it will cost is three hours of your time per month. Also, anyone interested in setting up a base station, please call one of the committee members listed below; we have the equipment and will help you install it. For those of our members who are leaving--we will miss you. We wish you a successful transition and sincerely hope that you will give as much unselfish devotion to your new community as you gave to Bloomingtondale--Thank You!





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them back for their generosity. If you are not able to totally volunteer your time, the church might be able to pay a nominal sum.

So please, consider it. If you are an architect, the Bloomingdale Community Church and the Bloomingdale Homeowner's Association would certainly appreciate your invaluable assistance.

Call Reverend Charles Ankney at his home at 684-5318.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS

BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association is scheduled for Monday, July 14, 1986. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. It will tentatively take place at the home of Mr. Larry Hoge at 605 Royan Way. 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, July 8, 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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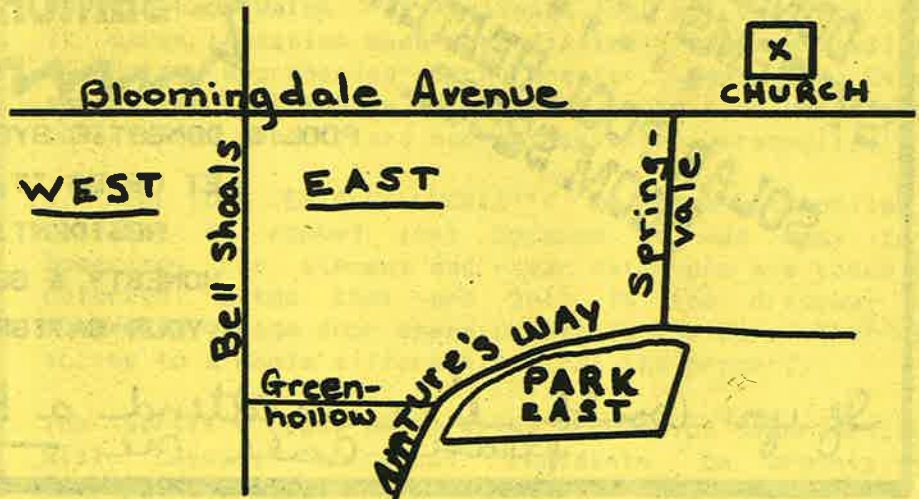
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surrounding homes with around six associates."

The office is going to open in the complex next to the new shopping center at 600 East Bloomingdale Avenue.

KID KORNER

BY HELEN AND MARYELLEN COOKE
KID KOUNTRY CHILD CARE CENTER
BLOOMINGDALE RESIDENTS

"Mommy, I'm bored. There is nothing to do around here."

It seems that as soon as the long awaited summer begins, our children are ready for it to end. They complain that it is too hot to play outside while we keep pushing them out the door in an effort to regain sanity as well as peace and quiet.

What can parents do to keep their children active and happy during the upcoming long summer days? Consider day care. Professionals plan busy summer schedules weeks in advance to amuse and educate children. Bowling, picnics, dancing, tumbling, swimming lessons, aerobics, movie watching, and even golf can fill your child's day with laughter and friendship among other children in his own age group.

Caregivers take children on field trips to museums and parks or fast-food restaurants as well as ice cream shops.

Of course, many parents consider child care only if they both are working as an inexpensive, safe, and active alternative to babysitting. However, several centers allow children of homemakers to attend for two or three days as part of their summer program.

What better way to great your child after a busy day than to hear his excited chatter as recounts his days events.

So as you roll out those hazy, lazy, crazy days of summer, spare yourself some anxiety while providing your child with hours of fun and fond memories. This year you don't have to hear "Mommy, I'm bored."



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GRASS, GRASS EVERYWHERE AND NOT A COW IN SIGHT

At least that's the way it looked on Tuesday, June 3, when East Bay Sanitation decided not to pick up grass clippings. According to Ted Suralis, Operations Foreman for East Bay, they felt the need to enforce the County's pickup rules or they would have had to put on another truck when it wasn't really necessary. "When residents start service, they are given a copy of the rules and regulations. Up until this time we just hadn't had the need to enforce them."

East Bay was finding that by picking up grass clippings and bags of garbage on Tuesday, their men were out working until after dark. But on Fridays, when the items are suppose to be placed at the street, the men were getting done as early as noon. By enforcing the 3-can maximum, that places the yard trash back on Fridays where there are extra trucks in place for pickups.

"We agree it would have caused less confusion if we had given notice. But we were not aware of how many bags were being picked up on Tuesdays," said Mr. Suralis. "We apologize for any inconvenience--it was not our intention."

East Bay Sanitation has been in business since 1962. It is contracted by the Department of Solid Waste for trash pick-up in this area. (An interesting note: Mary Cummings, Director of Solid Waste, is a Bloomingdale resident and they didn't pick up her grass either.)

The rules and regulations for trash pickup are as follows:

Tuesdays: No more than three 32-gallon garbage cans can be placed at the street. What you put into them is your business.

Fridays: Again no more than three 32-gallon cans, but they will also take up to 13 bags of trash or whatever.

According to Mrs. Cummings, there are no mini-dumps very close to Bloomingdale to take things like old swingsets, refrigerators, etc. But East Bay Sanitation will provide a special pickup service of these unwanted large items. There is a small charge for this and you must arrange the pickup ahead of time at 677-5883. If you want to haul it off on your own, you can take it to the Southeast County Landfill on Highway 672 east of Balm Road. Don't forget--dumping anywhere else is ILLEGAL!

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

BY CHERYL LEDFORD
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

According to Detective Ken Escobio of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Dept.

there have been two recent Burglary incidents in Bloomingdale, one in East and one in West. One incident occurred in the afternoon and the other in the evening hours and both involved teenage Bloomingdale residents. Construction site thefts have been most common in recent months. Items such as appliances and materials have been taken from vacant and occupied neighborhoods.

Detective Escobio emphasized that we can help prevent these crimes. He stated that residents should:

1. Keep your eyes open. If you see suspicious activity, write down descriptions of cars, people, license #'s, etc., but, PLEASE DON'T GET INVOLVED! Better still, take a picture if you have a camera handy, and call the Sheriff's Dept. at 247-6411. "Citizens are not prepared to handle the situations they could possibly be getting into", according to Det. Escobio.

2. Be aware of where your children are and what they are doing. Especially since school is out and most youngsters have more time on their hands.

3. Participate in and assist your Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch. If residents look out for each other, it makes intrusion much more difficult and the likelihood of being apprehended much greater. Again Det. Escobio emphasized that Mobile Watch and Neighborhood Watch should observe and report, and not get involved personally.

4. KEEP YOUR VEHICLES LOCKED!!! So often automobiles are searched or robbed just because it was easy to do. Sometimes car stereos and radar detectors are taken from unlocked autos that are left in the driveway with automatic garage door openers left in the car. That gives access to a whole different part of the property!

The Sheriff's Dept. has a Crime Prevention Department that will counsel concerned residents on organizing a Neighborhood Watch.

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ARMED BURGLARY ATTEMPT

On Sunday, May 26, at 3 a.m. there was a probable attempt at a burglary in the West, according to the resident in question. He was rudely awakened by the doorbell at 3 a.m. but did not answer the door immediately as he felt this intrusion was somewhat odd. Instead he looked through the peep-hole and saw a blond youth (130-135 lbs, about 5'10") who rang the doorbell several more times. When the resident didn't answer the door, the youth put his ear to the front door and then tried looking into a window. The intent was obvious to the homeowner that the youth was looking for vacant homes. The

resident, armed himself with a gun and opened the door; whereupon he found the youth similarly armed. Fortunately for both, the youth fled. The homeowner called the Sheriff's Department, but no arrests have been made as of this printing. The homeowner says that he has seen this youth in Bloomingdale before and feels he is the child of a resident, but doesn't know that for sure.

It was reported to this paper that several other residents over the Memorial Day weekend were also bothered by ringing doorbells in the middle of the night.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING !

BY CHERYL LEDFORD
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER.

WHAT? HOUSES IN BLOOMINGDALE BEING CONSTRUCTED AND NO SEWER HOOKUP?

HOGWASH!!!! This writer has received many such inquiries and after a little searching, found that it just isn't so!!!

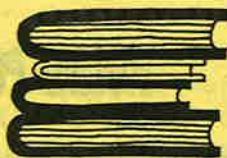
There have been articles in the Tribune in the recent past concerning overload of sewage in the rapidly growing Bloomingdale area, and the fact that no more sewage hookup will be permitted for a while. Some people apparently interpreted the articles to mean that houses newly constructed, under construction, or scheduled to be constructed are not hooked up to anything. "It just isn't possible," according to Mark Evans, Land Coordinator at Hooker Barnes. The fear actually lies with the developer, not the residents or consumers looking for a new home. Mr. Evans clarified that there is no sewer capacity available for new projects that have not been developed yet and there probably won't be for a while.

Mr. Evans stated that "there are very definite steps involved for a developer when a project begins." Step #1 -- The developer must get the permits approved. #2 -- He gets a permit from the utilities department for sewer hook up (Wet line or Dry line--wet line is full service, dry line means that they have permission to develop the area but no permission yet to hook up). #3 -- Roads are built and the area is developed (takes about 6 months) and finally the building permits are pulled and the houses are built.

There must be sewage hookup or the building permits are not issued, and certainly no certificate of occupancy will be given by the inspector if the dwelling has no sewage hook up, which in turn means no financing can be approved.

As in any rapidly developing area, Bloomingdale is suffering a few "growing pains," but controls and regulations enforced by county standards and building codes regulate that this need not be one of our fears.

STORYTIME
 BY CHERYL LEDFORD
 GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER



Beginning July 1 through the remainder of summer, McDonalds in Riverview (Hwy 301) will offer:

Story Book Hour: Ages 2-5
 Tues. and Fri. 9:30-10:30am
 Thurs evening 6:30-7:30

Ronald McDonald Fan Club: Ages 5-11
 July 7 and August 4
 6:30-7:30pm

Senior Citizens Bingo:
 Tuesdays 4:30-5:30

Mrs. Laura Bowen reported that the Ronald McDonald Fan Club meeting on Monday, June 2, had about 20 children who enjoyed making Father's Day gifts for their Dads and also played games. At Story Book Hour in May the small ones had a great time listening to exciting stories. McDonalds invites all Bloomingdale residents to continue to participate in the fun in July.



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The BAYSL (Brandon Area Youth Soccer League) will be sponsoring a boys soccer team from Mannheim, West Germany, for four weeks during July and August. Darrel Allen, Bloomingdale resident and a coordinator, is looking for housing for these 14 year old boys here in Bloomingdale for 2-week increments. They need homes that are willing to have these young visitors (either 1 or 2 boys in your home)

from July 12-26 or July 26 to August 9. The youngsters will be gone during the day on multiple activities so the need is for lodging at night.

If you would like to have a West German youngster live with you and share your culture for two weeks, please call Darrel Allen at 681-3589 in the evenings and on weekends.



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PULTE POND SPRUCED UP

The retention pond in back of the New Pulte area in the East by Murray Dale and Peachfield has been cleaned up and it's due to the efforts of some special Bloomingdale residents: Steven and Mary Anne Abbate; Karen and Fred Braud; and Ed and Colleen Kolodziej.

In August 1985, Steven and Mary Anne Abbate began their cleanup campaign with the Pulte builders to get what was originally promised to them by their salesperson--a beautiful backyard pond they could enjoy. Instead of beauty they found a stinky quagmire of weeds and garbage that no one would take responsibility for.

During the period of August through January, the Abbates, Brauds, and Kolodziejs collected names on a petition, sent letters to every agency and newspaper in town, and spoke to anyone who would listen. When they took their complaints and petition to a Vice President of Pulte, they were met with hostility instead of help. It wasn't until they went to the Channel 8 "8 On Your Side" team that they finally met with success. Channel 8 came out and took pictures of the "pond" which were sent to the President of the Tampa Division of Pulte, Mike O'Brien, along with their complaints and petitions. Steve Abbate, who met with Mr. O'Brien, also took with him letters

from realtors in the area who had witnessed verbal claims from the Pulte sales staff that Pulte would indeed be responsible for the cleanup of the pond area. Steve found the Pulte President to be a very receptive individual and together they were able to work out a solution.

Due to Steve Abbate and the other five residents of Bloomingdale, Pulte subcontracted out the work and paid for the cleaning, garbage removal, weed cut back, and resodding of most of the pond.

The end that was totally redone by the Pulte subcontractors looks beautiful, but it has created a problem. By clearing away the damming effect at one side of the pond, it has lowered the water level at the other end. This means that now there is a weed overgrowth area plus odor problem at this other end. The residents in this troubled area are in the process of getting things taken care of with Pulte. According to Mary Anne Abbate, the county considers cat tails a natural vegetation which is suppose to be left alone, they will only cut 25% of them -- which is not enough.

Now the rest is up to the homeowners--the maintenance of the pond will be their responsibility from here on out.



CANINE HEAT STRESS

BY DR. MARGARET WISSMAN
SUNCOAST VETERINARY CLINIC
BLOOMINGDALE RESIDENT

Now that the warm spring weather is upon us again, it's time to discuss canine heat stress.

1. Never leave a dog in a closed automobile or unventilated garage or other enclosure for any length of time. Temperatures in a car can rapidly reach 120 degrees F.

2. Kennels should have adequate ventilation to provide good air circulation.

3. When dogs are outdoors, some type of shade cover should be provided.

4. Avoid excessive exercise of dogs during hot weather.

5. Keep plenty of fresh drinking water available at all times for dogs.

In heatstroke cases, high fever must be reduced rapidly to save the dog's life and prevent permanent brain damage. Body temperatures of 106 degrees and above can be tolerated for only a few minutes before irreversible damage occurs to the central nervous system. Dogs do not sweat like humans do. If heatstroke occurs:

1. Have someone call your veterinarian while you institute emergency measures.

2. Gradually immerse the dog in cool water, if possible, or spray him with cold water from a garden hose.

3. Apply ice packs to head and neck.

Above all, treat the dog promptly and take him to a veterinarian as soon as possible.



GOODBYE AND HELLO

Unfortunately we must say "good bye" to Hugo Ramos and his family. Hugo has been transferred by the Air Force to South Dakota and left June 9. Not only did we lose Hugo, but his two of his five children were delivery persons for the GAZETTE. Good Luck Hugo!

Alternate Larry Hoge now becomes Director Hoge as he takes the vacancy created by Hugo Ramos' leaving. Thank you Larry.

Another new face to the BHA Board is the nomination and acceptance by Jerry Underwood as an Alternate.

At the BHA Board meeting on June 9, Jerry was officially accepted as an Alternate. According to the new by laws ratified on March 18, should there be no quorum at any Board meeting, Jerry would have full voting rights to fill that quorum need. Thank you Jerry!

And yet another new face is that of Joe DeLuca. He will be taking a place on the STD Board that was vacated by Glenda Hewitt when her husband took a new job in Kendall, Florida. Again, thank you.



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NEWS

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The priorities of the GAZETTE will stay the same--to disseminate Bloomingdale information to Bloomingdale residents at the rate of 11 times per year at no charge. The GAZETTE will remain a free newspaper to all Bloomingdale residents and will continue to charge a small rate to its advertisers.

The current circulation of the GAZETTE is 1,568 plus 150 distributed copies outside of Bloomingdale. This is expected to rise to 1,800 plus 200 by the end of the 1986 year.

NEWCOMERS PICNIC COMING SEPTEMBER 27

The Newcomers Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, of this year. The BHA Board of Directors voted unanimously to approve this date and start in motion the plans needed to make September's picnic a huge success.

Some of the activities on the drawing board: Hot air balloon rides supplied by Henry Brosnahan; invitation to the County Commissioners for a little "one on one"; local school principals; a voter registration booth; a Sheriff's Department crime prevention booth; food,

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STD BUDGET FOR '86-'87
TENTATIVE APPROVAL GIVEN JUNE 5

On Thursday, June 5, the Bloomingdale Special Taxing District held a Public Hearing to announce the contents of the proposed budget for the 1986-1987 tax year. There were 24 people in attendance for this budget presentation that will go before the County Commissioners for their approval on June 18.

The following is that budget as presented to the public:

ANTICIPATED REVENUES:

Assessment	126,480	(*1)
Less 5%	6,324	(*2)

Balance	120,156	
Carry Over	250	(*3)
Interest Earnings	1,000	

Total Revenue	121,406	=====

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Operating Expenses		% of Total Revenue
Office Supplies	400	.3
Printing & Postage	350	.3
Insurance & Bonds	6,150	5.1
Telephone	700	.6
Special Election Costs	500	.4
Property Appraiser & Tax Collector Fees	6,324	5.2
Property Manager	12,000	9.9
Utilities	6,400	5.3
Deed Restriction & Enforc't	300	.2

Maintenance		
Landscaping	6,000	4.9
Mowing	58,000	47.8
Wall Repair	15,000	12.4
Irrigation & Electrical	1,700	1.4
Misc Repairs & Supplies	1,000	.8
Sign Maintenance	1,200	1.0
Auto Allowance	1,500	

	117,524	
Capital Outlay:	500	.4
Debt Service:		
Principal Payment	0	
Interest Expense	0	
Reserves:		
Reserve for Contingency	3,382	2.8

Total Anticipated Expenses	121,406	100.0
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*2 - This amount is considered "uncollectable" by the county.

*3 - This carry-over balance is the amount remaining from the donations supplied by Bloomingdale residents for STD start-up costs.

*4 - This would be a part-time property manager answerable to the STD Board and would be considered an independent contractor.

*5 - The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., will be assuming this expense through December 31, 1986. After that time, the BHA and STD will meet to decide who will be responsible.

*6 - There is currently 5.8 miles of walls with the STD being responsible for the street sides and tops. 3.5 miles of walls are in some need of repair. The STD will be taking care of the worst first -- Rosemead, Canoga Park, and Greenhollow.

WHEN THE PHONE RINGS ...

BY KERI BRISSETTE
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

The phone rings. Mrs. John Doe answers. The voice asks for her and says, "This is the Tampa Police Department, your son Jeff has been placed under arrest for the possession of drugs. We would like you and your husband to come down to the department." The nightmare begins. This is a typical call received by more and more parents each day. According to the Sheriff's Department Drug Enforcement Officer, Marsha DeWeese.

"The drug problem is real, and it is here in Brandon. It is in the schools, it is in our children, it is in our lives," said Mrs. DeWeese, who has been through a drug problem with her stepson.

According to statistics, one out of every four families

on the average has a drug related problem.

Parents are always asking "What can we do to prevent it, and how can we make sure?" Mrs. DeWeese stated the biggest mistake most parents make is not wanting to realize their child's problem. Many parents do not want to believe that drugs have taken over their child's life.

When the situation does occur, the question the parents ask themselves is "Where did we go wrong?" In most cases, it is not where the parents went wrong, it is the intense pressure forced upon the child by their peers. Mrs. DeWeese stated that "No matter how much pressure the parents place upon their children for A's and B's in school

and success in sports, nothing will amount to their peer pressure. The pressure to fit in and be accepted."

"Especially in Brandon High School. The area's biggest site for drug dealing." For this reason, "drugs are behaviorally induced," said DeWeese. "First there is contact, experimentation, dependency, then addiction."

Parents are advised to watch the behaviour of their child. Signs to look for are: Unusually sluggish and slow if they are on downers, snappy for uppers. The child may not be accountable for money, may sleep more than normal, be disrespectful, and require the parent to knock before entering their bedroom.

Many parents state, "Not my

kid," said DeWeese. "But if the parents don't realize it, it may tear apart the family." Just as it almost ruined her marriage.

But the most abused drug among teens is alcohol. Alcohol is a drug, yet most teens do not realize that, remarked DeWeese. One out of every six teenagers gets legally drunk every week, statistics show.

The problem is continually growing especially in the Bloomingdale area. Alcohol parties are a frequent sight out past the golf course in the East section. Teens are finding the lack of a "hangout" a good excuse for BYOB parties.

"No matter, drugs and alcohol are real and they are here," said DeWeese.

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Lots of activities are planned for Center Place for the months of June, July, and August. You can call 685-8888 for more information or to sign up for any of these fun items:

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June 27 - Newcomers Club Card Party
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June 30 - Oriental Cooking Class
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July 1 - Silk Flower Making Class
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KOLLEGE FOR KIDS AT HCC

BY SHERRY HARDIN
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

Hillsborough Community College, Brandon Campus, is offering a summer program for kids ages 7 to 12. The program features both athletics and academics including: Computer instruction, science, art, games, soccer, gymnastics and movies.

The program runs Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 16 through July 25. Kids may sign up on a week-by-week basis or for the entire session with cost running \$35 per week.

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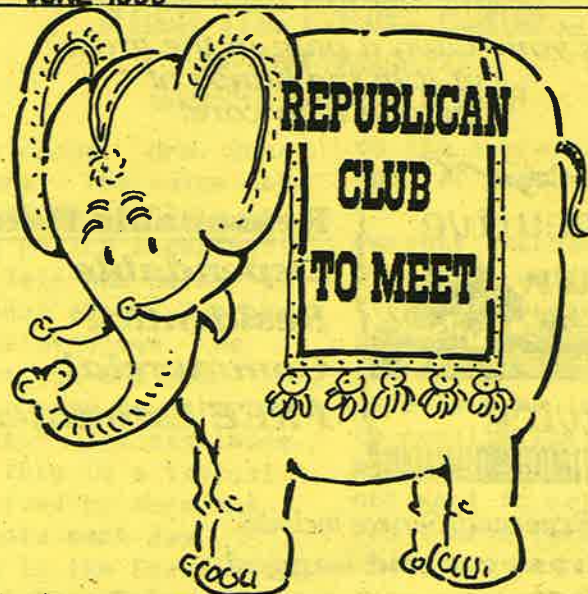
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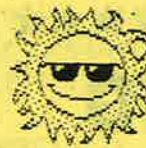
Over the next three months the club is planning a reception at Center Place for Mayor Bob Martinez, a voter registration drive, a rally for candidates, and a covered-dish neighborhood party.

The objectives of this organization are to promote an informed electorate through programs of political education; to increase the effectiveness of Republicans in the cause of good government through active participation; to foster loyalty to the Republican party; and to promote its principles and candidates in elections.

Membership is open to any registered Republican believing in the principles of the Republican party. Annual dues are five dollars.

Any person wishing to switch their party registration to join the club or would like more information should call Sandy Truesdell at 689-8003 or Allena Halliday at 681-4089.

BLOOMINGDALE RESIDENT



SOLAR HEATING

BY GENE KALINOWSKI
QUALITY SOLAR

The #1 question asked of me lately has been, "Is the 40% tax credit going to be renewed?" Allow me to relate to you what has been told to us by the Florida Energy Commission: Congress, since it has re-convened in January, has put the Solar Tax Credit on the back burner for the time being as it has too many other things to mull over. We were told that by March 15, 1986, Congress would automatically extend the Solar Tax Credit thru 1986, all purchases being retroactive to January 1, 1986. This has not been done however, and we are still waiting for Washington to make a decision.

Obviously, solar domestic water system sales have suffered dramatically since the elimination of the tax credit. Many solar companies have gone out of business since the first of the year. Solar works and you can save money with or without that Tax Credit.

The average system was selling for about \$4,000, some as high as \$7,200; one didn't do any more or less than the other--it heated your water. Designs of collectors differ and some are more efficient than others. It is up to you the consumer who should make the decision as to who's system you will put on your roof. Unfortunately, too many of us hate to shop, or perhaps needed a large TAX CREDIT; thus one of the reasons for the purchase of the \$7,200 systems. Not much logic there. Today, however, solar can still put money in your pockets and pay less for it even without the tax credit.

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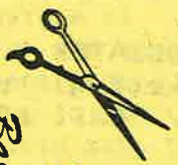


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