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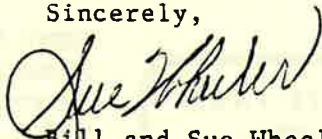
Dear Mr. Knott;

As homeowners in the new area of Bloomingdale West, we wanted to call to the attention of the BHA Board some fine community action that resulted in our receiving street lights for our neighborhood by Mr. Frank DeVito, one of your board members.

When we moved into this area we were told that street lights would not be put up until the construction was completed as damage was done to the poles, etc. by the construction equipment. Imagine our surprise when we found out that this was not the case and that we would have to wait a considerable amount of time before we would even receive street signs, let alone street lights. Mr. DeVito pursued the matter and after much investigation and communication with the neighbors, achieved our goal of lighting for the dark area at the end of Canoga Park.

Thank you all, and especially Mr. DeVito, for taking the time from other interests that you have to make such a fine organization contribute to the community welfare.

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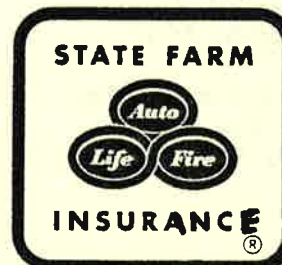
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## BHA NEWS

The BHA May General Membership meeting was unable to muster a quorum and no business was transacted. President Knott announced that Criterion had severed all official and unofficial communications with the BHA. What now. Rumors abound about the fate of Criterion and the development, but nothing is known for sure.

The board met June 6 at your editor's. We changed the deadline for the Gazette to the 30th. The board will invite the Chief of the Bloomingdale Fire Department to speak at the June meeting. We also decided to invite the Brandon area candidate for County Commissioner in July and "Sonny" Palomino, Hillsborough County Board of Education member for August. The condition of Park West was discussed and the Board voted to recommend to the general membership that \$100.00 in contingent funds be set aside to pay for materials to improve the park's appearance. President Knott was also directed to approach Criterion on the park and get a commitment to repair the park. He will render a report at the June meeting.

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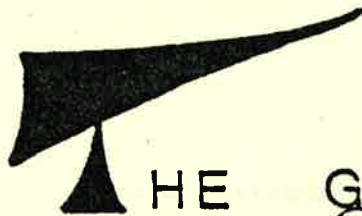
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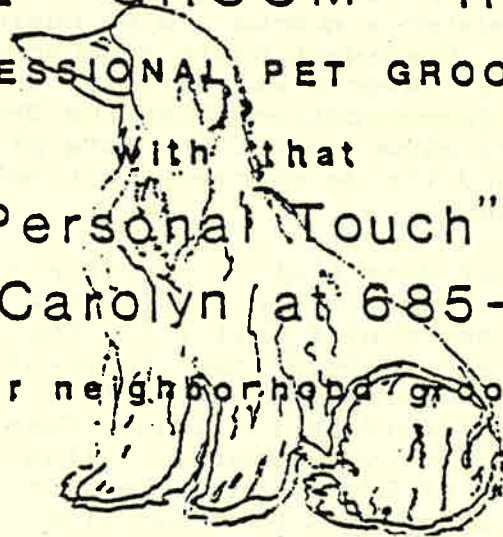
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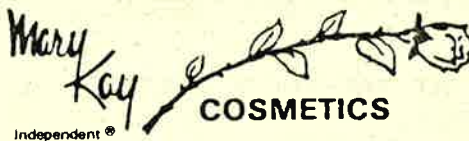
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## MOBILE WATCH/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

by HAL LABKON

May has been an active month for Bloomingdale. We have had:

- Many reports of hot-rodding and suspicious cars. The Sheriff was called in some cases.
- A purse was stolen from an OCCUPIED home.
- A bike stolen from a garage.
- Mail boxes were destroyed by "our" young residents.
- Two of "our" young residents were seen playing in a home under construction.
- Rubbish piles burning after dark.

Things to remember:

- Trespassing on a construction site is a felony in Florida.
- An open garage door is an invitation to "lose" something. Bikes seem to be a favorite, but golf clubs and tools do disappear.

Summer is here and we all enjoy being out and about, especially the children. We drivers must be more alert and aware of children playing in the streets, chasing runaway balls, and bicycle riders. Be sure your children are aware of the heavy construction traffic, especially in the East where we have been without it for awhile.

Does your neighborhood have Neighborhood Watch???? Who is your Block Captain??? For information call Cliff at 685-0885.

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# Gardening <sup>6</sup> With Eric Wilds

## Recognizing & Controlling Common Pests

This month I would like to talk to you about some of the more common pests on the Florida landscape. These hot summer months cause pests and plant-related diseases to grow as rapidly as the weeds that invade your garden. Each pest and disease has its own symptoms and signs of existence, but similarities among them may confuse even the experienced gardener. However, some signs of recognition are concrete enough to draw conclusions.

First of all, let's distinguish between insect pests and diseases. Insect pests and other "bugs" are animals. Diseases are either bacterial or fungal. Bacterial diseases in plants are usually controlled by Agrimycin or Streptomycin. Fungal diseases are controlled by fungicides, such as Benlate or Daconil. Pests are commonly controlled by various pesticides such as Malathion or Diazinon. Always remember that any product that kills any form of life is toxic in nature. READ THE LABEL before you use it. Use any pesticide or fungicide only as directed and in the amount recommended. Mix only the amount you need and use it while it is fresh. These products lose viability quickly in solution.

Now, here is some information on four common insects or pests:

**SPIDER MITES:** Spider mites or mites are nearly invisible to the naked eye. If they are visible, they are so full of juice that the plant they have infested is probably vastly reduced. The best sign of existence is the presence of very fine webbing spun amongst the inner leaves and branches of a host plant. The leaves of the plant will appear mottled and, upon close inspection, you will notice hundreds of tiny dots. These are the puncture wounds through which the mite has sucked the plants' juices. Plants commonly infested are: nearly all annual flowers, scheffleras, aralias, roses, junipers, cypress and illex species. In junipers, cypress and other conifer-appearing plants, the damage can be evidenced by browning of needles. Though this can also be a symptom of fungus, the presence of the webbing determines that it is probably mites. Mites are best controlled by such miticides as Pentac or Kelthane. Dimethoate is also an excellent control.

**APHIDS:** Aphids are another common pest. They are small (1/16th of an inch approximately), ovate in shape with tiny legs and usually light green or cream in color. Aphids also suck the juice from plants. The best evidence of aphid infestation is the presence of masses of the insects clustered together on the tender growth of nearly any type of plant. Another sign of aphid infestation is the curling of the new growth. When the leaves are unfurled, the aphids are usually clustered on the underside of the leaf. The best control is Malathion, Deazinon or Dimethoate. On scheffleras and dwarf scheffleras the best control is a hard spray of water directed at the colony. Scheffleras show damage readily from pesticides and should be treated with them only in extreme cases.

**SCALE:** Scale commonly infest King Sago, countie and bamboo palms, bromeliads, ferns, quite a few indoor foliage plants, citrus and more. Look for the presence of small, apparently legless, ovate shapes adhering tightly to the stems or leaves of the plant. Quite often



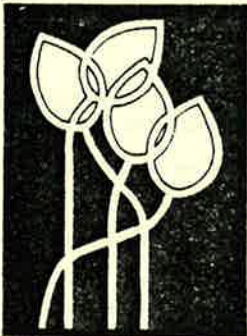
on citrus, sagos, coonties and palms, their presence is also evidenced by a black sooty substance on the surface of the leaves. This is commonly referred to as sooty mold and is the excretion of scale or white fly. Scale are usually either white or brown and may have a waxy feel to them. They are best controlled with Malathion, Diazinon, Dimethoate or Orthene. Scale skeletons will remain even after death. To test for life, press the scale with your fingernail. If it is dry and flakes off, the scale is dead. If it secretes juices, spray again!

Note: Ants contribute to the proliferation of scale and aphids in the landscape. Controlling ants will aid you in controlling these pest.

**MEALY BUGS:** Mealy bugs are actually soft bodied scale insects with slightly more pronounced legs. They are usually white or pinkish-white in color and form in masses along the stems of plants, giving the impression of being one mass of a cottony substance. They are commonly found on indoor plants and outdoors on annuals, vegetables and on the tender growth of nearly anything. They are best controlled by Malathion, Diazinon, Dimethoate or Orthene.

I hope this information is useful to you in your battle against Florida's insect pests. Remember that a fungicide can only control fungus and a pesticide only controls pests. Also keep in mind that you should always read the label and follow directions carefully when using these poisons. Never let children handle them and use the solution while it is fresh.

Until next month, happy gardening and stay cool!



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# CHILD SAFETY GUIDE

## AS A PARENT:

The 1982 Florida Legislature appropriated funds to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to establish the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse. The program is designed to collect, store and disseminate information in an effort to locate Florida's missing children. As one of the services provided by the Clearinghouse, the following is a list of guidelines that you as a parent should read and evaluate. These guidelines are not endorsed by the Clearinghouse as a guaranteed prevention, but should be viewed as safety precautions.

## TEACH YOUR CHILDREN:

Their full name, address and phone number (including the area code).

How to make a long distance telephone call, how to call the 911 emergency number.

That a stranger is someone they and you, don't know very well.

To never go near a car with a stranger in it.

Never get into a car without your permission.

To never tell someone on the phone that they are home alone. If they are alone, they should lock the door and never answer the door to a stranger.

To never go into anyone's home without your permission.

That no one has the right to touch them, or make them feel uncomfortable, that they have the right to say "NO". If someone does attempt to touch them, tell them to tell you. Children rarely lie about these things.

To tell you if someone asks them to keep a "secret".

To tell you if someone offers them candy, money or a gift, or wants to take their picture.

Do not assume that it can't happen to you.

Know who your child's friends are.

Never leave your child unattended. Never leave your child alone in the car or around shopping areas.

Be involved in your child's activities.

Question any gifts or money your child brings home.

Listen to your child. Be watchful of any strong bonds between an adult and your child. If your child does not like to be with someone, find out why.

Teach your child to use caution when alone in public restrooms. If they are approached suspiciously, they should leave immediately. If someone prohibits this, they should scream!

Teach your children about tricks people may use to get them to go with them.

Know how and where you can obtain your child's medical and dental records.

Have your child fingerprinted, and keep the card in a safe place. Update your child's height and weight on an annual basis.

Keep a current photograph of your child.

Interview all new babysitters. Consideration should also be given to asking for personal references.

Be aware that putting your child's name on T-shirts, books, etc. puts him/her on a first name basis with a potential abductor.

When your child goes out at night, know where they are going and the time expected home.

If your child is riding with friends, know the tag number of the car.

When traveling, know the route your child plans to take.

Teach your child to scream "I don't know you", if someone attempts to force them to accompany them.



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Provide fingerprint card and the most recent photograph available to the investigating agency.

Contact all family members and friends who may know of your child's whereabouts.

Call the Missing Children Information Clearinghouse at 1-800-342-0821 and give a complete report.

Be able to provide all medical and dental records of your child if they are requested.

AS A CITIZEN:

Encourage your Law Enforcement agencies to participate in the fingerprinting of children.

Encourage your schools to establish an Absentee Reporting System, using volunteers if necessary.

Encourage your county school board to establish a school resource officer program.

Encourage Day Care Centers to establish policies relating to releasing of children.

Be aware of persons driving or wandering around playgrounds, parks, or areas where children congregate.

Encourage your legislators and representatives to support all bills which strengthen penalties imposed on those who exploit children.

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