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A PUBLICATION OF THE BLOOMINGDALE HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

Rummage Sale

Saturday, March 16

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association announces its annual Rummage Sale. It will be held in Park West off of Canoga Park Road.

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And last but not least -- WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!! At the last General Meeting many Association members agreed to give us a hand, but we could still use more. "Many hands..." We need help to price items on Friday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Maureen Pheils home (710 Caliente); and, Saturday, March 16, from 7:30 a.m. (yes, there will be coffee) until closing and cleanup (around 3 p.m.). Please call Susan DeLuca at 681-2051 if you can help.

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by Jean Palmer

Bloomingdale Resident

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A word to the wise had just been rendered at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. Endurance at its finest made its debut that sweltering July afternoon as we stood at parade rest. A friend of mine named Harry silently uttered a prayer that God would please, please send a cool breeze. The parade ended with most of us rejoicing and racing for the soft drinks. But our friend Barry commented on the nice cool breeze that came up during the latter part of the parade. All of us were astonished and asked, "What breeze?" It was then that he told us that he had prayed for a cool breeze, and we all knew it was a breeze just for Barry from the Creator of Wind Himself!

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THE GAZETTE GUEST

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by Joseph D. DeLuca, Jr., C.F.P.

Just got the accountant's "bottom line" on your taxes? Have to pay Uncle Sam again? You can still reduce your 1984 tax bill by opening and contributing to an Individual Retirement account (IRA).

An IRA is a way for you to put money aside for retirement on a tax-free basis while being able to take the tax credit now. If you are earning at least \$2,000 per year, you may contribute a maximum of \$2,000 to an IRA. The same is true with your spouse for a total possible deduction of \$4,000. It will reduce your taxes in this manner: If you are in the 25% tax bracket, a contribution of \$1,000 reduces your 1984 tax bill by \$250--provided the contribution is before April 15, 1985. If you are in the 30% bracket, your savings would be \$300; 40% would be \$400; and so on. There is a 10% penalty should you withdraw your money before age 59 1/2, but when you do start to withdraw funds to supplement your retirement income, hopefully the taxes you pay on these withdrawals will be at a lower rate.

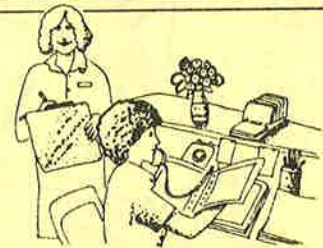
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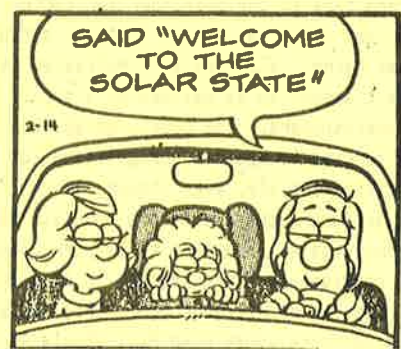
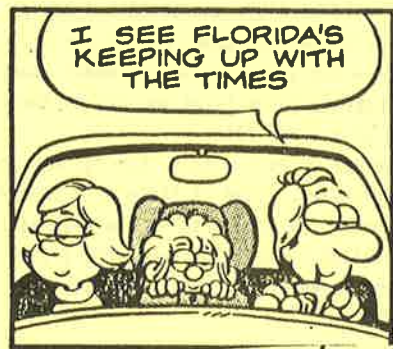
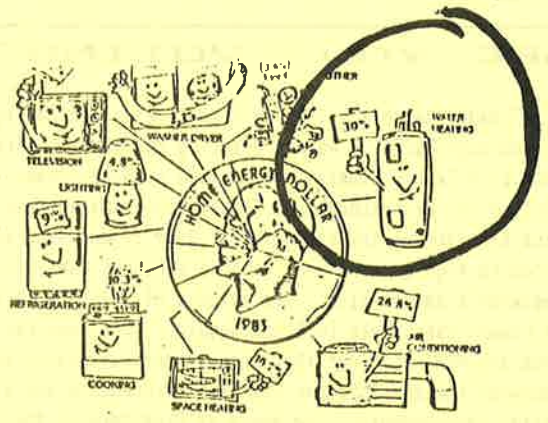
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By Dr. Margaret Wissman

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The signs of FAD (flea allergy dermatitis) are referable to the skin. When a dog is sensitive to flea saliva, he will break out in a rash that is very itchy. He will bite and chew excessively, especially around the base of the tail and along the back. Often, a few fleas may be seen, but occasionally the owner won't find any fleas at all. Many owners are puzzled as to the cause of this intense itching.

Often the dog self-traumatizes the skin, and a bacterial infection in the skin begins. Dogs with FAD need to be treated by a veterinarian. Fad, like any other allergy, can only be controlled, not cured. Sometimes, the vet will recommend allergy testing to determine if the dog is allergic to other allergens, as well.

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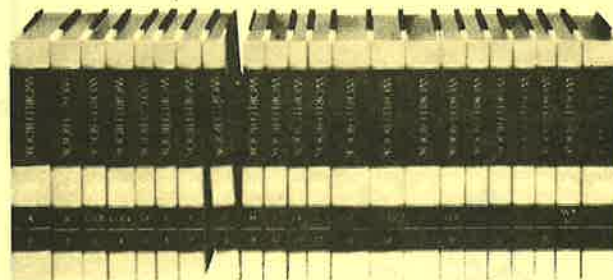
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Dear Editor,

As a former active member of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association (BHA), I completely reject the theme of the editorial in the February 1985 BLOOMINGDALE GAZETTE. The BHA has negotiated secretly and separately on a number of community issues to the detriment of the general membership. Feeling betrayed, I and a significant number of other homeowners "voted with our feet" and left the BHA. We have not abandoned our commitment to the community. Many of us participate in the general security of the neighborhood and other issues affecting the quality of life in Bloomingdale.

The BHA disenfranchised itself from the community by becoming the self-serving apparatus of some of its leaders. Until the BHA rids itself of those who work their "hidden agendas" for whatever reason, then the BHA will not convince me or others sharing my views to rejoin or to misrepresent the desires of the majority of residents on the major issues concerning Bloomingdale. Yes, Bloomingdale needs a homeowner's association, but the current leadership and old underhanded ways of operating need to be changed to revitalize BHA.

Paul Freeberg

Dear Neighbors,

The convenience store/alcohol sale issue is entering the final phase. On 19 March 1985, the Board of County Commissioners will review the matter and vote whether to allow the sale of beer and wine on the proposed store site at the corner of Nature's Way and Greenhollow. Should the Commissioners vote to approve the request, we can look forward to the sale of alcoholic beverages in the middle of our neighborhood and next to our park. The meeting on the 19th is critical. For those of you that have been involved with this issue, let's see it through. For those of you that would like to get involved, now is the time. The meeting will be held at the County Courthouse, room 214-b at 1:30 p.m., on 19 March. The time of the meeting may present a problem for some of you, but because of the importance of the meeting, please make every effort to attend. The more people against the issue at the meeting, the better our chances. For further information, you may contact Carole Travis, 685-2196 or Don Burke, 685-2889. Thank you for your continued support.

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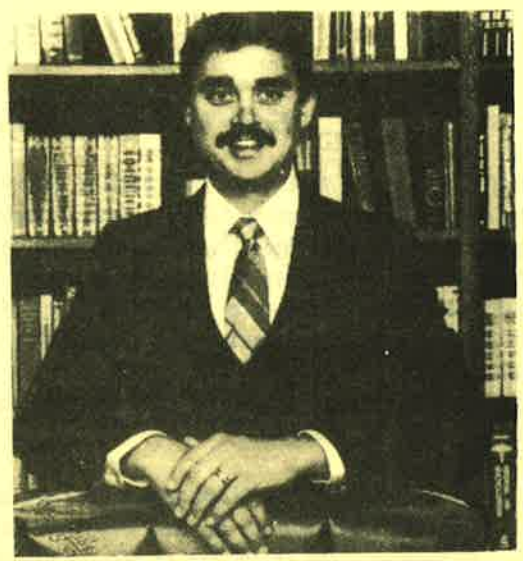
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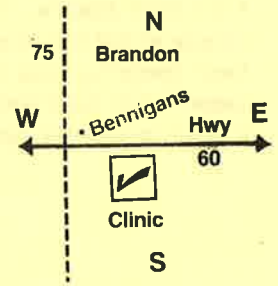
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EDITORIAL

In my youth, I spent several hours in a Baptist church and one of Preacher's favorite stories was about going to see a certain member of the community about joining the church. The prospect was always quoted as being opposed to the going to church because it was filled with hypocrites. The preacher replied that there was always room for one more. The point of the story is if you don't like an organization because of it's leadership then join and change the leadership.

Now that I have your attention, let's talk facts not opinions and not supposition, rumor or innuendo.

1. Most of the people in Bloomingdale East are upset about BHA's position on the Beer and Wine take out license controversy. The leadership of the opposition group was personally invited to that meeting by BHA's president.
2. For those of you who didn't come to the January meeting, we the general membership decided to remain neutral, and neither indorse or actively oppose the application.
3. We voted on the question after much discussion to include a formal presentation from the corporation planning the project and applying for the liscense.
4. As was brought out during the discussion of this controversial question, BHA at the time had about 30 - 45 homes on the roll and the in no way represented the majority within the community of over 1200 homes.
5. While there was substantial opposition in the east, there was very little vocal opposition from the west and none articulated at the meeting strong enough to garner the 20+votes required to pass.

In resonse to Mr. Paul Freeberg's letter. Since Paul "voted with his feet" there have been two elections in BHA. Both of those elections offered Paul and the "significant number" of other homeowners the opportunity to change the BHA leadership and the "hidden agenda." Paul evidently does not want to work for the changes he thinks are sorely needed in BHA, but prefers that we in the BHA read his mind. BHA can never represent the majority interests within the community if BHA meetings are attended by a few concerned activists who are willing to express their views and sway the membership to their viewpoint.

BHA is a democratic organization and those who were present at the January meeting voted to remain neutral on the convenience store issue. We are a minority in the community and certainly vulnerable to the charge that we misrepresent the will of the majority. That is precisely why the members present at the January meeting chose to remain neutral.

By the way, that group also elected three new board members and reelected 4 old board members. That election was postponed from November to January because we did not have a quorum in November. The "significant number" missed their chance to seize control of the association. Change by the "significant number" would have been very easy to accomplish that night. Until you are willing to play the game don't criticize the players.

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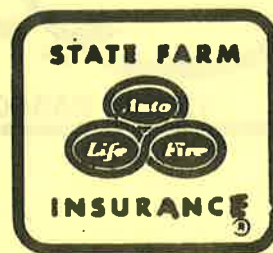
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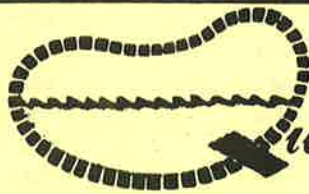
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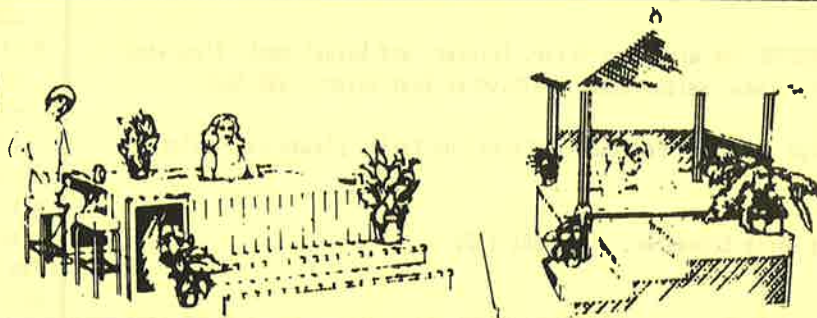
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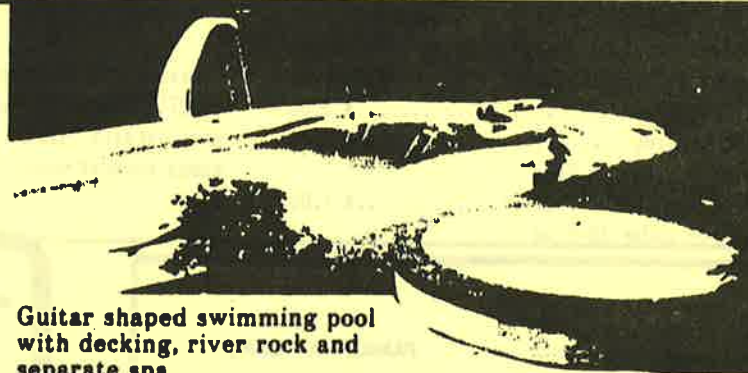
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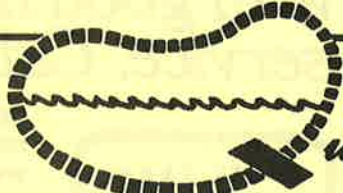
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