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(?) BLOOMINGDALE MARATHON (?)

The Brandon Running Association, in affiliation with Criterion Corporation, is planning to hold a marathon in Bloomingdale. The 26.2 mile race would begin in Park East at 7 a.m. on Sunday, December 14. The course would be around Nature's Way to Bell Shoals, to Boyette, and then back to Park East for the finish. Runners are expected to take 2.5 to 5 hours to complete the course. A shorter 5k race will begin at 8 a.m. in Park East and run the Nature's Way loop.

This race is being funded and sponsored by Criterion Corporation, the property management association of Bloomingdale Subdivision. Susan Meitz, Executive Vice President of Criterion, gave permission to the Brandon Running Association to hold this event in the East. Certification has been obtained from The Athletics Congress, the official body that sanctions runs of this nature. Runners qualifying on this course will be eligible to compete in the Boston Marathon.

A field of 300-500 runners is expected, according to Jim Moohan, Executive Director for Brandon Running Association.

He stated that this is the only marathon on the West Coast of Florida and expects to receive favorable publicity.

Registration fee for the big run would be \$10, while the fee for the smaller 5k has not yet been set. All entrants and volunteer workers would receive free T-shirts for their participation. The Bloomingdale Mobile Watch has also been invited to participate as lookouts and as a basis of communication for the course.

After the race, they are planning a rally in Park East at 1 p.m. Beer, food, music, and awards to winners will be the agenda for this party.

In a meeting held by the Board of Directors of The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, it was noted that the entire Board had reservations about holding an event of this magnitude in Bloomingdale East. Ted Keiser, BHA President, had received a packet of information from the Brandon Running Association during September about the December 14 race. Nowhere in the packet did it give press release dates nor did it indicate that they were going to immediately release the

information to the media. The Board felt that the residents of Bloomingdale should have been properly consulted first as to whether or not they wanted this marathon in their residential neighborhood on an early Sunday morning. Most of the individuals who participate in this race will not be Bloomingdale Residents; therefore, other than being a selling tool for Criterion and a possible spectator sport, the Board couldn't see where this event would be of benefit to the Bloomingdale Subdivision or the people who live here. Even though the Brandon Running Association has an excellent reputation for putting on well-organized functions, the Board had other concerns:

1. Where are 1,000 people going to park their cars?
2. Who is going to be responsible for a total cleanup of Bloomingdale after the race?
3. What about a security deposit for damage done by spectators?
4. A well-publicized party in Park East with alcohol increases the chances for problems within our residential neighborhood from

non-residents.

In a telephone interview with Mr. Moohan he stated that all of these problems had been met and dealt with previously and would be completely taken care of by the Brandon Running Association.

The BHA Board and Board of the Special Taxing District will be speaking further with Mr. Moohan plus taking a thorough interest in any comments the residents of Bloomingdale have to offer.

-SD

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NOMINATIONS

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FOR BHA

Nominations are open for the Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc.

One time per year, one-half of the Board is up for re-election. During the month of November, at the General Membership meeting, elections are held plus any other important business that must be conducted for the BHA. This elected Board is trained by outgoing members in December and then assume their new roles January 1.

The BHA is a very active and well-organized association in Bloomingdale. Individuals who wish to become a part of the management of this association are encouraged to call Vice President Jim Weiss at 689-0254. Want to nominate someone else that you feel would be good for Bloomingdale? Please do so by calling Jim. The BHA Board will then contact this individual to make sure they wish to accept this nomination.

The BHA Board is made up of 12 Board members and three alternates. Should any Board member not be able to continue their two-year term of office, an Alternate moves into their position. The Alternates are asked to attend all Board meetings (held one time per month) not only to keep up to date, but to



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Ted Keiser
Susan DeLuca
Errol Whitfield
Bob Knott
Wynella Wilson

Ted Keiser, Susan DeLuca, and Errol Whitfield will be incumbants on the November ballot. Bob Knott, who has put in many years as past BHA President and Director, will put his energies totally into the STD, on whose Board he currently serves. Wynella Wilson, due to health reasons, will be leaving the Board; but as always, she will be around to help in the background.

Therefore, the ballot will contain the names of three current board members plus whomever wishes to run against them and/or fill other positions.

Time involvement? That depends on you and how much you care to give to your community.

So call Jim at 689-0254 today to place yourself, or a friend, on the ballot in November. -SP

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WHAT A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT!

THANK YOU FOR CARING ENOUGH
TO FOLLOW THROUGH
WITH YOUR PROMISES

Dear Ed Radice, Larry Mitchell, Jeff Cook, and all the employees of the Hillsborough County Parks and Recreation Department:

THANK YOU! You have made Bloomingdale's Park East a beautiful sight to behold. For the September 27 picnic, you kept every one of the promises you made and more. The washrooms were immaculate and functional; the playground equipment was safe; the grass was mowed; the tables were fixed; the parking lot was updated; the shelter was painted; and even the ants were (almost) under control. The residents of Bloomingdale could never have had such a successful picnic without your hard work.

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Jerry contacted Joe Gilliland of the Hillsborough County Engineering Department who is in charge of sidewalk location. He stated that sidewalks on the county's road easement (back from the street) would be no problem and asked that Paragon contact him.

On Thursday, October 2, Mr. Hobson telephoned

He said he had contacted the County and that to put the sidewalks in place would cost about \$10,000 (more than they had figured on) but that they are willing to do it. He also stated that the ditch on the West side of Bell Shoals presented some problems--but nothing insurmountable. After consulting with his engineering staff and making a field inspection, he feels the best solution would be to put sidewalks down the west side of Bell Shoals to the West entrance, complete the East's sidewalk up to the entrance of West, and then have a crosswalk on Bell Shoals going from East to West. The BHA volunteered to help Paragon in the following ways: 1) we will contact Commissioner Selvey to see if there is a way to speed up the County's part in this so they can begin construction right away. Paragon would like the sidewalks in place in 30-45 days. And, 2) to see if the County

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GRANDY'S RESTAURANT, Brandon Blvd. gave out luscious cinnamon rolls to everyone present.

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construction in our area, and now trucks are using our completed streets as a shortcut and creating a hazardous situation.

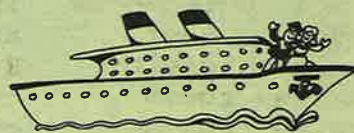
Ted Keiser, BHA President, immediately called all of the three builders whose construction is going on next to the completed Suarez area. He informed them of the dangerous situation and asked that the trucks use non-residential streets--each of the foremen assured him they would so instruct their drivers. Ted stated that if the truck traffic continues, he will speak to the county and see if "No Through Trucks" signs can be posted, then the Sheriff's Dept. would be able to ticket shortcutters.

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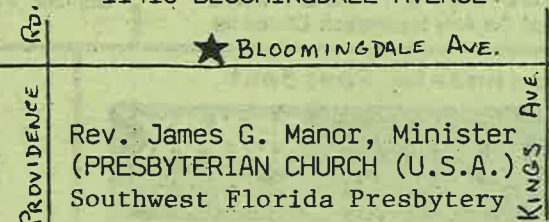
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The desserts at the dessert contest were unbelievably good (as attested to by the BHA Board of Directors).

Here are some of the recipes of those taste-tempting delights.

FIRST PLACE WINNER -- Pie/Cake Category

Banana Split Cake
by Maureen Pheils

2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1/2 cup melted margarine

Mix crumbs and margarine and pack into the bottom of an 11 x 14 inch pan.

One 1 lb box powdered sugar
3/4 cup softened margarine
2 eggs

Beat together until smooth, about 10 minutes. Spread on top of cracker crumbs evenly. Slice 5-6 bananas and lay on top of filling. (Dip the banana slices in lemon juice to prevent browning.) Spread 1 large can of drained, crushed pineapple over the banana layer. Spread one medium

container of whipped topping on top of the pineapple. Sprinkle chopped cherries and chopped pecans on top.

Keep refrigerated.

FIRST PLACE WINNER -- Miscellaneous Desserts
Natalie Thompson

We'll see if Natalie will unlock her secrets for the November issue.



Chris Morse's Fantastic Pie Crust

2 cups flour

short 3/4 cup Wesson oil and add milk to just under 1 cup

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smaller subdivisions (currently numbering 192 homes) have no organized homeowners association. As they fall within the Bloomingdale area, the idea was broached that they become an organized group and fall under the auspices of the BHA. This way strength in numbers would be available plus an undivided union having more punch if needed. A member of their Board could serve as a member on the Board of Directors of the BHA, they could also receive regular publications of the Gazette, and a portion of dues could go into the BHA treasury.

Should this be acceptable to the residents of Bloomingdale Oaks and Little Oaks, the BHA General Membership would have to vote on this issue at the November election meeting. If the BHA General Membership approves, the BHA's State Charter would have to be changed to reflect the inclusion of the new area.

Though Little Oaks is an established area, Bloomingdale Oaks is currently under construction. When completed, there will be approximately 210 homes in this combined area.

"OAKS" INVITED TO MEETING

THE FINAL DECISION WILL REST WITH THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

The Board of Directors of the Bloomingdale Homeowners Association has invited the residents of Bloomingdale Oaks and Little Oaks for a meeting. This meeting, scheduled for Thursday,

October 16 at Bloomingdale Community Church (1310 Bloomingdale Avenue), is for the purpose of discussing the creation of a homeowners association in that area. These two

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BY COLLEEN ANDERSON
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"We had a riot," one resident was heard to say about the September 13 block party on Fieldstone Drive.



Approximately 60 people congregated in the middle of the street to enjoy a cookout and covered dish meal and meet their neighbors.



Joe and Vicki Haynes even brought guests visiting from England. Signs blocking off the street were provided by Hillsborough County that allowed the party to continue from 3 p.m. until the 10 p.m. cutoff time.

While the adults talked and listened to the "good ole music," children cooled off in the swimming pools



generously opened to the neighborhood by the Goldens and Holzmanns.

Many thanks to Helena, Evelyn, Donna, Carla, and Natalie for organizing a very enjoyable get together. And especially thanks to Wayne for capturing it all on film. -CA



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The individual hired will be responsible for the supervision of subcontractors, enforcement of deed restrictions, and miscellaneous maintenance duties.



The Board is hoping to find someone with knowledge of landscaping and irrigation systems, have reliable transportation, and be willing to do some weekend work.

The STD Board of Trustees are a volunteer board that will be overseeing the

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maintenance of the common areas of Bloomingdale beginning January 1, 1987. The newly hired Property Manager would report to this seven member Board.

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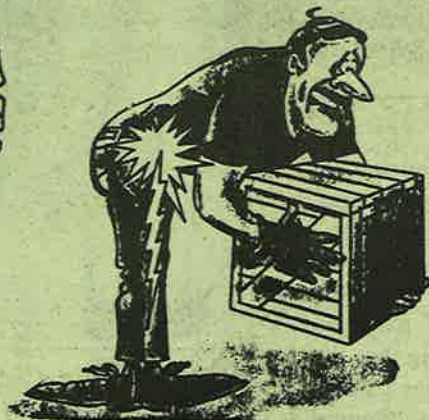
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Clements' Law Enforcement Legislation Captures Honors

As Chairman of the Law Enforcement, Drugs and Miscellaneous Committee, and member of the House Criminal Justice Committee, State Representative Spud Clements has waged an unwavering war on drugs and crime over the past six years. Before that, he made his presence known in the Florida Highway Patrol, on which he served for 27 years.

"During my years with the Patrol, I encountered first hand the frustration of officers face in dealing with the system (criminal). Anything I can do to make it easier for them to uphold the law, and tougher for the criminal to break it or evade it, I will," Clements emphasized.

It's this determination that caused the Florida Marine Patrol to honor Clements with the 1986 Outstanding Legislator Award. With his sponsorship and successful passing of House Bill 275, altering the ID number of boats or motors, or

Florida Marine Patrol Major Jack Thompson presents Rep. S.L. "Spud" Clements the 1986 Outstanding Legislator Award.

operating them without a number, now is a third-degree felony.

Says Florida Marine Patrol Major Jack Thompson: "Before this legislation, apprehending those with altered or non-existent ID numbers on their craft or motors was virtually impossible. Spud's new legislation makes it possible for us to intercept and search suspect boats, and confiscate those illegally operated, along with their cargoes.

In another area that affects not only drug running, but also the protection of our salt water environment, Clements' House Bill 210 gives the Marine Patrol the authority to search not only vessels suspect of having illegal caches, but also dockside buildings and warehouses where contraband may be stored.

"We have to protect our salt water en-



vironment," says Clements. "It belongs to all of us, and I want to make sure it's not spoiled for future generations."

According to Thompson, Clements introduced half of the legislation the Florida Marine Patrol had passed during the 1986 session. "When it comes to crime, he doesn't back down," said the major. "Spud was championing the cause of law enforcement when it wasn't a popular issue. We've always been able to depend on him for action."

CLEMENTS TIGHTENS REIN ON CRIME

Known for his uncompromising approach to crime control, State Representative Spud Clements struck another blow at criminals this session by co-sponsoring H.B. 799, legislation that created the Automated Fingerprinting Identification System.

"Too many criminals were slipping through our fingers because our tracking system was lacking," says Clements. "It's important to everyone that tracking criminals be a fast, efficient process. But it's not as simple as it sounds," he noted. Which is why, he says, AFIS is so vital.

Under the new law, the Division of Criminal Justice Systems will establish, implement and maintain a statewide fingerprint identification system. Through this, reading, classifying and matching fingerprints is accomplished within minutes.

"The bottom line is that after the investigative information is entered, the officer will immediately be able to determine who the arrested person is, and what the past offenses are, if any," Clements explained. "Not only will it save a lot of manpower, it will put criminals where they belong, faster," he emphasized. "I'm for that."

COMMUNITY GROUPS GET 'CAPITOL' WELCOME

During his 33 years in public service, six in the House of Representatives, Representative Spud Clements has practiced an "open door" policy at his office at 205 W. Morgan Street in Brandon. "There are those who label this grass-roots approach as old-fashioned," says Clements. "But I believe people are entitled to it, and that elected officials have an obligation to be accessible either in person or by telephone to the people of their district."

Expanding on this, Clements encourages local organizations and individuals to take their concerns to Tallahassee. There, he arranges and conducts meetings for them with appropriate state agency and House committee staff to address problems that affect their areas.

During the past session, two of the many groups Clements hosted in the Capitol were the South Hillsborough County and the Greater Brandon chambers of commerce.

According to Eric Hunter, president of the South Hillsborough County Chamber,



Chamber "Tallahassee Treckers" gather in the governor's office in the state Capitol. You're right. State Representative S.L. "Spud" Clements is warming the governor's chair (center). From left: Carol and Julian Craft, Laura McConnell, Randy Bobbitt, Clements and Bob Short.

his people not only "had a ball," but learned a lot in the process. "It's an education," he said, and noted that plans already are in the works for next year's visit. Board member Charlene Zimmermann thought the trip was great.

Hosted by Clements, the Greater Brandon Chamber of Commerce made their ninth "Tallahassee Trek" this year. Commenting on his first "Trek," the

Chamber's governmental affairs committee chairman, Larry Tracy, says the opportunity was there for group members to meet with anyone they chose. "It was so enlightening," he noted. Committee member and veteran "Trek" participant Nancy Hilbert agreed, adding that Spud got together all the people the Chamber wanted to see and to address. "Spud did



Brandon Lions Club president Joe Kuebler presents the club's Lifetime Membership Award for Outstanding Service to State Rep. S.L. "Spud" Clements.

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HOW TO GET HOUSE ACTION ON YOUR CONCERNS

Noting that our governmental system can be complicated, State Representative Spud Clements offers his advice on the most effective way to move your concerns into the legislative arena for action.

"It's very frustrating and disappointing for me to get word from my constituents that they have an issue of concern, after the start of legislative session," stressed

Clements. "At that point, getting positive action takes something of a miracle."

The key to moving a bill through the committee process, he says, is filing before the session begins. "It takes weeks of committee work and behind-the-scenes lobbying to get legislation onto the House floor," explained Clements. "You have to

have your ducks in a row well in advance of the floor vote, or you're dead in the water."

Observing some ground-rule procedures will, he maintains, help individuals and groups get successful action on their issues in Tallahassee.

SEE "HOW YOUR IDEA BECOMES LAW"



State Rep. S.L. "Spud" Clements addresses the House prior to a vote. He cautions, however, that most legislators have firm opinions on issues before they reach the House floor.

HOW YOUR IDEA BECOMES LAW

1. Get your thoughts and actions organized **EARLY!** The session begins in April, so make contact with Spud or your District legislator in the previous fall or winter. If the area of your concern is one over which the state has jurisdiction, then the bill must go through bill drafting, where the language is changed from layman's terms to "legislative lingo."

2. From bill drafting, it is filed, assigned a number and launched on the committee process. The nature of the bill determines which committee it will be assigned to. If the bill has a fiscal impact, it must also be heard before the Appropriations Committee (remember, Clements chairs and sits on many influential House committees).

3. The committee process is further broken down into subcommit-

tees. This gives closer attention to the nature of the legislation. If it passes subcommittee, then it must be heard by the full committee, and passed, before it proceeds to the Appropriations Committee, or continues on to the floor of the House. (Keep in close contact with Spud during this time, and don't be shy about doing some lobbying of your own.)

4. During the committee process, testimony is heard on the impact of the proposed legislation. So it's advisable to be able to travel to Tallahassee to testify before the committee, and add credence to the need for the legislation you are seeking.

5. Before the House can pass the bill, it must be "read" three times. The first is for introductory purposes. The

second is when it appears on the Special Order Calendar - that's when the debate occurs and amendments, if any, are offered to the legislation. If the bill passes the House with a two-thirds majority, then it is "rolled over" to Third Reading. The vote taken after the Third Reading determines if the bill passes the House.

BUT DON'T CELEBRATE YET. IT'S THEN ON TO THE SENATE!

6. In the Senate, the whole process must be repeated, including committee sessions. It's a good idea to have a "COMPANION BILL" over in the Senate so it can be moving through its committee process at the same time it's moving through the House. (Lobby your district Senator for this.)

7. When the legislation has passed both the House and the Senate, the

Governor has seven days to act before the legislation becomes law. If the Legislature has adjourned, then the Governor has fifteen days to act.

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"Now is the time to prepare for next year's session," Clements advises. "The earlier a bill is filed, the better chance I have of working it through the system, and winning for you."

"I frequently get frantic calls in Tallahassee from constituents requesting that a bill be created and passed during existing session," maintains Clements. "This puts me in a tough, frustrating spot and constituents in a weak position." He compared it to a coach trying to implement new plays when the ball game's in the final quarter. "It's not the way to win," he stressed.

'Capitol' Welcome

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good job for us, as he always has," said Nancy.

"It's nice to see the familiar, friendly faces of people from home up here in Tallahassee," Clements said. "And I'm gratified that the people of District 62 take the time to get involved with their state government."

Apart from hosting groups in Talla-

hassee, Clements has addressed a number of clubs and organizations on specific and general issues during 1986. These include the Kiwanis Club, the Cattleman's Association, Sun City Center/King's Point, Leadership Brandon, Apollo Beach Rotary Club and the First United Methodist Church.



"Treckers" with Governor Bob Graham and Rep. S.L. "Spud" Clements in the governor's office during the chamber's 1986 visit to the State Capitol.

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SMELL UPDATE

The residents of Bloomingdale Oaks report that since the meeting with Commissioner Jim Selvey and Utilities Director Mike McWeeney, there has been no odor emanating from the Bloomingdale Waste Water Treatment Plant.

In a letter from Commissioner Selvey he stated that the long-range plan will be to phase out the existing plant and create a new regional facility north of SR60. He also stated that just because there will be a new plant in the next couple of years, that doesn't mean he will be letting up on efforts to improve on

the existing conditions that are found in Bloomingdale today.

With help from the County these problems are being solved: 1) The County has contracted with the city of Tampa to absorb excesses. 2) In the spring they will be installing new filters to eliminate the viruses in the effluent. And, 3) with the dismantling of the plant, the problems with the new school will be solved. Also, the EPC has been making regular checks on the plant to assure that no odor is present.

That doesn't mean the residents of Bloomingdale can just sit back and assume everything is alright. It means that we cannot allow our vigil to relax and have the poor

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BHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of The Bloomingdale Homeowners Association, Inc., will take place on Monday, October 13, at the home of Susan DeLuca, 3906 Kristin Place. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. All interested observers are invited to attend.

BHA BOARD

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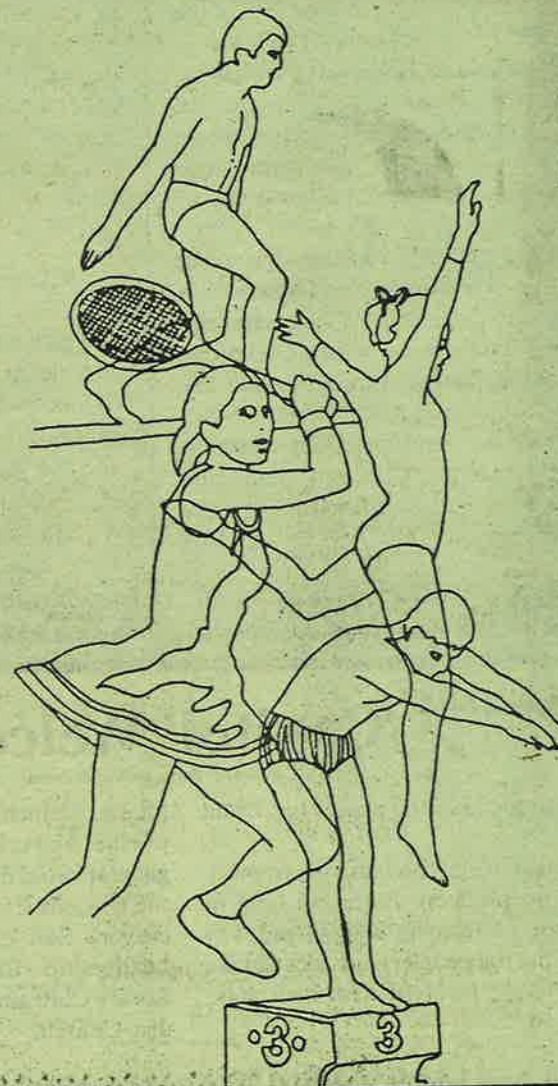
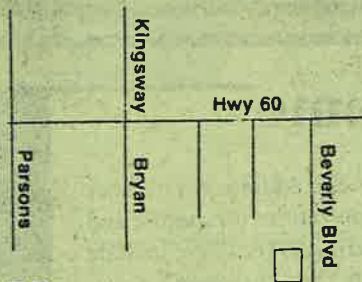
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RUBBING ELBOWS ★ WITH THE STARS

BY CHERYL LEDFORD
GAZETTE STAFF REPORTER

Next time you go in Four Star Video to select your evening's entertainment, notice the autographed picture of Lt. Sulu of Star Trek fame proudly displayed. Paul Wilkens, owner and manager of the popular video rental facility located at 3509 Bell Shoals in the Clover Shopping Center, tells me George Takei is "a real nice guy." In late spring Paul's distributor in Tampa had a grand opening for all of his customers and invited as special guests: Mr. Takei, Lt. Sulu in Star Trek the TV show and also the three Star Trek movies;

Spiderman; and Woody Woodpecker.

Lt. Sulu informed his audience of fans that he came directly from the set in LA where they are currently filming Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home. The new Sci-Fi flick picks up where Star Trek III left off and should be out in December. Paul admits to being a big Star Trek fan.

The Wilken's family became Floridians in the last couple of years, after much thought and debate. They were familiar with the area and liked it so much, they decided to make Brandon their home and open their own business. Paul and his wife Diane are often joined at work by her father, Henry, who is also a resident of the area.



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Wal-Mart, it was a great feeling to finally be opening. For the past six weeks some 150+ associates and management have been putting a lot of hard work and planning into opening this much needed facility located in Bloomingdale Plaza. Don't you just love it when a plan comes together?

The ceremony was indeed the grandest I had ever had the opportunity to participate in. The list of visiting dignitaries included Commissioner Jim Selvey, Senator Malcom Beard, Representative Spud Clements, Honorary Mayor of Brandon, John Smithers, representatives from the Brandon Chamber of Commerce, and the Hillsborough County Fire Department.

Commissioner Selvey began the ceremonies with a benediction. Several visiting representatives from Wal-Mart's general and district offices were on hand to lend to the festivities, thanking everyone for their help

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Carl Watts, an associate from the Winter Haven Wal-Mart. Believe me, there couldn't have been a dry eye in the place after this, or any doubts that the crowd was indeed proud to be an American.

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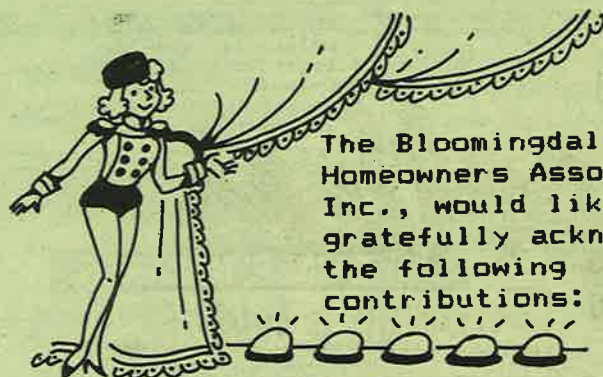
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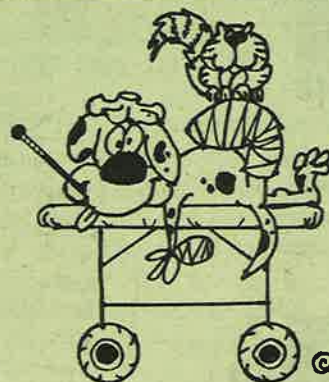
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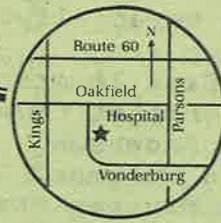
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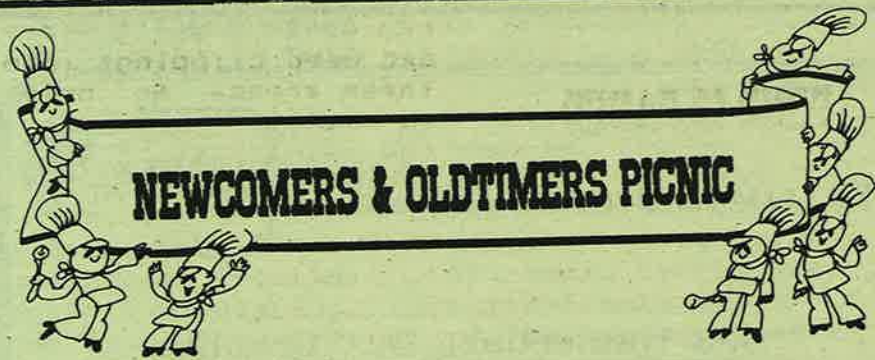
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at the booths and entering giveaways. Even though the day was warm, everyone was in great spirits and had a wonderful time.

The BHA Board has many friends to thank for their efforts at this picnic, especially:

Ed and Cass Thompson
Tim & Margaret Lovejoy
Colleen Anderson
Jan & Ed Holzman
Chris & Maureen Pheils
Natalie & Phil Thompson

And thank you to everyone else who pitched in and helped.

Editor's Note: We owe an especially large **THANK YOU** to Vice President Jim Weiss who but 100's of hours into the planning and preparation of this event.



Watch for Ron Thompson's photos of the picnic in the November Gazette!

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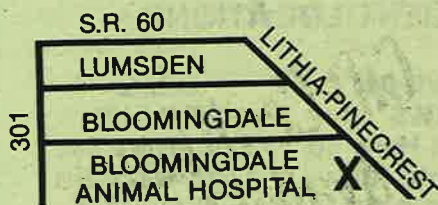
STD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next publicly held meeting of the Special Taxing District will be held on Tuesday, October 21, at 8 p.m. This meeting is open to all residents who wish to attend. It will be held at the Bloomingdale Community Church, 1310 Bloomingdale Avenue.

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squeeze in the front door to view the ceremony, everyone in the store chanted (or rather yelled) the Wal-Mart cheer as led by four Wal-Mart associate cheerleaders.

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The pond area in the back of Highgrove Court and Briar Lake in East has been cleared and cleaned thanks to the County, according to resident Pam Labkon. Last year Mrs. Labkon called the County in an attempt to have the overrun, overgrown, and trashy area cleaned. At first she was told there would be a two-year wait before cleaning could be done. Follow-up calls told her that it was not the County's job. Then a conversation resulted in the confirmation that EPA permits would be needed to clear away the weed infested area. The problem arose from

residents dumping grass and weed clippings into these areas. Not only is this illegal, but the results are 6-8 feet tall weeds with 3-4 feet root systems that can't be controlled with a simple weed wacker.

Residents in the area own pie shape lots which extend into the pond itself. The residents along this area are responsible for the maintenance and cleanup along the banks. But, as this is a conservation area, they are not allowed to touch the natural growth. So they had been caught in a "catch-22" situation. On Monday, September 15, the County took care of the problem. And, as this is a flood control area, the potential for flooding has been eliminated.

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Roses will produce five to seven bloom cycles each year. Proper planting and care are important for a successful rose garden.

Let's talk about what you will need to know to grow roses....

Select a site with a minimum of six hours of sun. If there is some shade a site with morning sun is best to dry dew on the leaves and aid in preventing blackspot. Before planting, you may want

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to use Vapan, a soil fumigant, to kill any harmful organisms in the soil. You must wait 2-3 weeks before planting if you fumigate the soil.



Allow 3-5 feet between roses. Dig a hole approximately 36" wide by 15" deep and permanently remove at least 1/2 of the soil. With the remaining soil thoroughly mix the following: dehydrated cow manure; peat or potting soil or a good top soil; 2 cups of milorganite; and 2 cups of cottonseed meal. Put this mixture into the hole and water as you go. Add the rose bush and keep the graft union 6-8 inches above the soil line. Water thoroughly. Stake your rose bushes to prevent your future large plant from wind injury. Mulch with cypress mulch, pine needles, or other organic material. Begin fertilizing your roses when new growth appears and continue to fertilize ever four weeks in summer with a balanced fertilizer.

The number and size of blooms is proportionate to watering practices. Two to three inches per week is the minimum. Increase water in summer to keep your roses alive and maintain consistent waterings in winter to protect the roots from freeze injury. Try to keep from wetting foliage, thus helping to prevent blackspot.

Major pruning should be done in early March. Prune weak branches and



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lateral branches in the center of the bush to provide good air movement which aides in preventing disease. Make cuts at 45 degree angles above an outward facing node. Removing faded flowers and diseased wood throughout the year encourages vigorous growth.

To enjoy cut roses prune 1/4 inch above a five-fingered leaflet and add a small amount of bleach to the water in your vase to prevent bacteria.

Blackspot and powdery mildew are diseases that affect roses. For blackspot, use the previously mentioned cultural practices and spray every 7 to 10 days alternating benlate and funginex during hot humid weather. Add one tablespoon of vinegar to the spray to make

the water slightly acid, this allows the fungicide to work better. Control of powdery mildew is mainly by removing affected parts of the plants. Funginex may help.

Thrips are a pest that may cause buds to fail to open. Use orthene for control. Aphids and some chewing insects may be controlled with Sevin or Diazinon.



If roses sound like a lot of work just stop and think of the rewards of spending an hour in your garden each week. Their beauty is unexcelled and they will continue to give you years of enjoyment.

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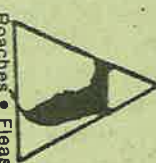


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