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A grand welcome to all you snow birds! We're awfully glad you're back!
Incidentally, you'll be glad to know it's snowing back home!

The following news was collected by your street captains for the season:

AURA	Marge Stocum	ESTADA	Marguerits Oestreich
BAYO	Mabel Gaudette	GOLFO	Dortha Swickard
CIELO	Joan Stunzig	CIELO CT.	Loretta Brandemill
DIJE	Ruth Salmon		

Please don't wait for your captain to come around; get your news to them when it happens. Make their job a little easier.

ECHOES FROM THE COUNCIL

NOTICE: Mark your calendar -

No Bingo game on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31

No Bible Study on Dec. 21 or Dec. 28

No Game Night on Dec. 23 or Dec. 30

No Show & Tell on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31

DINNER RESERVATIONS for Christmas Dinner may be made at the Rec.Hall on Thursday & Friday, Dec. 16-17 between 10:00 - 12:00 noon. This will be your only opportunity to make your Dec. 25 reservation. Donation \$3.50.

THE CARNIVAL IS COMING! The annual Carnival will be held on Friday, Dec. 31 beginning with a big costume parade at 10 AM. Prizes will be awarded in several categories: funniest, most original and most glamorous. Get your thinking cap on; get in the fun! Use your talents!

REMINDER: Don't throw away that bargain gift from Aunt Elvira. Don't junk your old nick-nacs. Box 'em all up and hold them for the Carnival collection. We'll turn 'em into cash. Start saving NOW.

Our grateful thanks to the following people: Ham Tener for constructing the screen covering the attic access so that we can make use of the fan in the Rec.Hall attic. Bob Barry for trucking the lumber and building the new library shelves. George Galat for volunteering his services. He applied three coats of paint--a job that had to be done over two days to allow drying.

NEEDED: One volunteer librarian for the 82-83 season. The job involves keeping order, sorting, dusting and stacking magazines, and making decisions on items that must be discarded. Interested? Call Allison Brown: 474-0911.

LUMINARIES: Let's continue the custom started last year at Gulf to Bay with the placing of luminaries on each side of your walk on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the lighting of the way to the Christ Child. Instructions for making luminaries are posted on the bulletin board in the Rec. Hall.

Submitted by Pres. Allison Brown

SHOW AND TELL: Miss Cora's Show and Tell Craft Class will take a brown-bag/lunch to their Friday AM meeting. They plan to stretch their work into the afternoon. Coffee and tea will be provided. Everyone is invited to join; come and bring your hand work.

CHRISTMAS DAY

by Hampden F. Tener

The birthday of the world's saviour
We intend to celebrate
With joy and gladness in our hearts,
For Christmas Day, birthday of Christ,
Tell us that God, with mercy and love,
Will not forsake us or our world.
He has given us Himself, His Son,
And thus given all every joy,
Hope, steadfastness, promise, peace,
And each one his very life itself.

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Ham has extra copies of his pamphlet
of poetry titled "Gulf to Bay". Any-
one interested in having a copy of this
delightful little collection of tributes
to our Park and environs, need only re-
quest one from Ham. He will be happy
to have you have one.

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SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL

The Management's annual party will be
on Dec. 29. Watch for your invitation
and mark your calendar. So say
Maurice and Theresa.

Loretta B.

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CIELO CT.

by Loretta Brandemill

The December Committee kicked off plans for Xmas activities on Dec. 7, with a
dinner meeting furnished by the Reppenhagens and Brandemills. Big plans are
afoot starting with entertainment on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. Starting at 7 PM
in the Rec. Hall there will be free refreshments.

Xmas Dinner and party is the responsibility of Bernice Theiss, Lou Rogers, Doris
and Frank Finelli, Edith and Bob Berry, Cam and Cal Thatcher and chaired by
Fred and Loretta Brandemill. Will believe this menu? Cranberry & apple juice *
Turkey/w dressing * Mashed potatoes * Cranberry sauce * Peas * Jello salad *
Rolls/w butter * Coffee or Tea * pumpkin pie/w whipped cream. Favors for all.

The folks on Cielo Ct. would like to welcome and introduce a new couple at #20,
Cam and Cal Thatcher from Ohio. Cal works at the Palm Plaza Mans Shop and Cam
works at the card shop at the Plaza. Welcome aboard, folks!

George Uto showed up without his beloved yellow Cadillac with year. His local
"bucket" is starting to look good but never will take his "Cad's" place. Just
don't seem right, George.

Mary and Jack May at 21-1/2 showed up late this season, but when they did, it was
with class. They are sporting a new 28' Holiday Rambler "Presidential". Color?
Why, red, white and blue. What else for an Army family?

Loretta and Fred Brandemill are up to you know where with the Park Xmas Party.
Their Xmas gift came early, a new roof for their 5th wheel. Have a very merry
Xmas and please take time to smell the roses.

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Three old codgers, all hard of hearing, were riding a train in England. Someone
asked, "What town is this?" Looking out the window #1 said, "It's Wembly."
#2 said, "I thought it was Thursday." #3 said, "So am I, let's go get a drink."

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What do you get if an Eskimo sits on an igloo?....Polaroids.

If you crossed a crocodile with an abalone, you'd get a crocabalone.

SHUFFLE NOTES

The first league game of the
'82-'83 season will be at our park
with Garden Cove.

Although only 8 players are required
to field a team for the 4 courts, it
is planned to use 14 or more of
Gulf-to-Bay shufflers. We do this
for fun rather than for glory and for
medals. We take this occasion to
announce to everyone our policy of
who and which shufflers will repre-
sent our park in the league games
this season:

" Any park shuffler who wants to
compete in the league games may do
so by telling the team captain and
practicing during the week."

For all other shufflers the
"shuffle frolic" that was so successful
last season will be continued again
this coming year.

Wednesday, Dec. 8 Gulf to Bay versus
Gulf Cove. We win 8 games to 4. Con-
gratulations, you shufflers!

GOLFO STREET NEWS

by Dortha Swickard

Paul and Kate Kerber arrived in time for our annual Thanksgiving.

Rita Roof, accompanied by her grandson, Ryan Roof, of Kalamazoo, Mich. arrived a week ago. Ryan has returned to Mich. Rita will spend her Xmas holiday with her son and family in Calif.

Helen and Charley Verrill haven't come back with us yet. Hope to see them soon.

Ann Glover has moved to Monroe, Mich. to live, to be near her family. How very much we miss her. She was a long-time resident on Golfo St. Good luck and God bless you, Ann.

A big welcome to Lucille and Ralph Tracy who purchased the Ann Glover mobile home. After some time here fishing and shrimping they returned to their home in Orlando. After the holidays they will come back to Golfo St.

This is the second purchase on Golfo St. and so we welcome George Jacobson who purchased Avis and Fred Reichert's home. He and his friend, Ken Elsner, both of Dayton, returned to spend the holidays with their families. They will return to us after the holidays. Avis and Fred built a beautiful new home in Venice. We surely miss them; hope they miss us too. (We know they do; they said so to the Park group at the Thursday night dance at the Venice Community Center. Ed.)

ESTADA ESSAYS

by Marguerite Oestreich

About Sept. 22nd the Doirons and Oestreichs arrived to a very quiet Estada St.

Ruth and Orion Nelson and son were for three weeks. It was nice to have fishing companions and they had very good luck.

On Nov. 4. Dot Hall and two guests "blew in" to Sarasota, along with a "north-easter", arriving several hours late but safe. After several weeks her guests returned home.

Emma and Gordon Graber arrived on Nov. 11. They are expecting their son Scott and friend on Dec. 29. In the meantime is zipping around the park on her new bicycle.

Fay and Les Downing arrived on Nov. 21 in time to celebrate Thanksgiving with our Park family. They will be leaving again to spend Xams in Mich.

Two new members in our Park are Virginia and John Smith of Paulding, Ohio. They will spend the winter in "Nora's cottage". They have spent previous winters in Lehigh Acres but are enthusiastic about our Park. They like to crab, fish, play Euchre and hope to learn to shrimp. We welcome them.

The Oestreichs were busy over the Thanksgiving holidays. Their son Skip and daughter-in-law Alice flew down. They were joined by the McDonalds of DeLand in their travel trailer. Brother John and family of 7 from Three Lakes, Wisconsin also joined in the reunion. 508 Estada was wall-to-wall people.

Jeanette Blanchard keeps busy with her Wednesday Bridge Club and taking care of her beautiful flowers.

If Helen Bleck and her friend Marion would hurry down we would be a complete family and we look forward to their coming.

DATA FROM DIJE

by Ruth Salmon

I have two meanings of the name "Dije" given me by Park people. One had a Spanish professor tell her it means "a place of conversation". The other looked it up in a Spanish dictionary which said "dije" means "pearl" or "little gem". If any readers know another meaning of "dije" please contact your reporter or Charley, our editor. Thanks.

We welcome back Shirley Ryan and Grady and congratulate Loretta and Fred for making their place the showplace of Dije St.

Mae and Jim Spear had guests from Inverness Thanksgiving weekend. They were their friends Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidtke. On Nov. 30 Jim celebrated his birthday with the help of all his friends from Gulf to Bay. He received lots of cards well wishers, a birthday cake and a birthday pie. In the evening he enjoyed playing cards with a group of friends. Jim retired this year as the Park's well-loved Bingo Caller.

Jenny and Jay Hubbard have entertained guests from Mich. for several days. Last week Jay, Bill Swickard and Vaughn Nighswander caught 21 sheepheads down at Placida. Jay says "that's only the beginning".

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If you cross a chicken with a centipede everyone would get a leg

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Mabel and Harry Marsh are delighted to have their daughter Edie and Son-in-law Bob Barry here with them for the winter. The Marshes are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their grandson who will be on his honeymoon and is coming with his new bride to see his grandparents.

Katey and Hank Mastie enjoyed two weeks of fun with their daughter Barbara and little grandson Zack. Our beach was Zack's favorite playground and he won the heart of everyone with his happy personality. Kate is flying home to Mich. to spend Xmas with Zack and the rest of her family. Hank will stay here as he's allergic to snow and ice and prefers to keep spearing mullet and playing shuffleboard.

We're all glad to have Anne and George Hale in good health again. George is taking his walks and playing shuffleboard. Just like the good old days.

Doris Slaybaugh has worried everyone with her illness but is up and around and greeting people with her cherry smile. She's had her daughter, Loreen, son Loren and wife Mary here for a visit. Those beautiful Xmas trees put the spirit of Xmas in everyone.

Paula and Joe Walker have sold their mobile home and will soon be leaving us to live near their daughter in California. Having lived many years in Gulf to Bay, they will be greatly missed. It will seem strange not to see both of them taking their daily walks or at the shuffleboard court. Our very best wishes to Paula and Joe.

Shirley and Charlie Deierlein arrived much later than usual this fall due to Charlie's bad accident. Better forget about climbing ladders, Charlie, they're bad news.

At 407 Dije Brownie is running short of patience! His new RCA color TV has been in the repair shop for three weeks and the black and white loaner just rolls and rolls. Life can be extremely difficult.

Ralph and Roxanne had a marvelous fun time at Epcot with Lorraine and Harry Ide in November. On No. 4 they attended a housewarming for Eve and Art Doiron at their new home out 775. At the moment Roxy is eagerly awaiting the arrival of brand new carpeting, hoping it will be installed before the visit of their 12 year old niece, coming for a 10 day vacation.

403 Dije has a new occupant. Ruth's sister, Hazel Phillips is now living with her and enjoying Park activities. She's winning at Bingo, playing Euchre on Card Night and enjoying the beach whenever possible. Nice to have you with us, Hazel.

Next door, another Hazel has flown to Mich. for the holidays. Hazel Belky will be gone for a month visiting her daughter Gretchen and grand-daughter Lynn. She'll be back on Dec. 31.

What would our beach be without Grace and Frank Trecha walking it every day looking for shells and feeding the sea gulls? Frank's little shell animals are unique and many people buy them to take home. Grace was very ill at home last summer but is back to good health now, for which we are all grateful. Frank is Don's righthand man at Bingo, too. We need people like Grace and Frank in our Park.

Vera and Milo Wiley visited all their friends on our street and surprised everyone. They are now living in Sun City, Fla. Milo played a game of shuffleboard to keep his hand in. Great to see them both.

That's all folks!

NEWS FROM CIELO ST.

by Joan Stunzig

Frank and Dori Finelli will celebrate their wedding anniversary this December and Frank also has a birthday this month. He has had medium to good luck fishing in the Gulf catching whiting on the run - says Dock Fishing is still off and shrimping is slow.

Clara Bessinger enjoying her new resident status on Cielo St. She hopes to become a steady shuffler this year and we certainly wish her luck. Both daughters visited for Thanksgiving, one from Daytona and one from Augres, Mich. Expects one from Chicago for Xmas.

George Byrem is planning for nice Xmas holiday, hanging loose and open to any invitations or offers.

Cora Tyson looking forward to happy holidays. Her knitting club including Millie Cohoon, Ethel Cross, Lou Rogers and Bernice Theiss has been meeting every Monday for 12 years. Cora went with Jane Wiley to Tamps for Thanksgiving.

Angie Arvant and Georgia Manutis, welcome back! We all are happy to know you're with us again and baking all those goodies. TO ORDER ONLY, Bread, Pies, Cakes and Donuts.

Don and Virginia Reppenhagen. Virginia says Jinx Tenner's doing a great job at exercise classes in A.M.'s and having nice attendance. She hosted a Tiki party with sweets and treats followed by pleasant swim in Gulf for class. All enjoyed.

Don attended combination surprise birthday-bingo and Jim Spears retirement party hosted by Lou Rogers and Bernice Theiss. Grand time and many nice pictures.

Norm and Mil Durst are looking forward to Xmas company. Daughter and grandchildren visiting for the holidays, coming down from Goldsboro, N.C. Congrats on 42nd year anniversary Dec. 20.

Norm had excellent fishing down ski alley last week with Mil and Angie, - over 20 all sizes. He calls Dock fishing Junkie.

Bob and Phyliss Knapp arrived Mon. Dec. 6 very enthusiastic about new season. New grand-daughter July 11, totals 6. Bob has been practicing his shuffling twice a week up North so he's ready to go.

Leona Stokes is back in the cottage. She'll be with us again thru January.

The motor home now at 311 Cielo St. (next to shuffle courts) will be occupied on or about Jan.1 by William and Gloria Moore.

Tom and Phyliss McElroy. Tom painted & got his boat launched about 3 weeks ago. Says the fishing isn't up to snuff yet. Tom provides the laughs at Wed. nite Poker.

Fred and Irene Kalagher. Congratulate Irene on Dec. 31 birthday - interesting note; -She was born at 11:59 PM - Almost a New Years Baby. Fred likes his Wed. nite poker.

Along Shuffle Alley - Wind blew so hard one day a jumping mullet got blown into a boat near #1 alley. Several days later the stench was so bad shufflers had to move over to #4.

Joan and Paul Stunzig added 2 more boys to collection of grandchildren, Apr. 28 and May 18. Makes a whole baseball team at 9.

Ham and Jinx Tener. Jinx quotes "Exercise classes to have combination aerobic as well as good housekeeping exercises. We have excellent turnouts and still welcoming newcomers."

We are all grateful to "Ham" for being so benevolent and sharing his poetic talents with us.

BAYO ST.

by Mabel Gaudette

Robert Sizelove visited the Park again when he came down with his brother Chester. Hope to see you again, Robert, and welcome.

Helen Graveline is doing fine after surgery on her foot. Keep smiling Helen; it helps.

Alice Flebotte is busy sweeping the welcome mat for her daughter and son-in-law, Doris and Al Boulrice who will arrive Sunday, Dec. 12.

Welcome back Ruth and Mark Daugherty. Good to get the street back to normal.

Grace Henning spent a couple days in Ft. Myers at Thanksgiving time with her grandson and his family.

Ruth and Bob Arnholt are back. Bob is busy getting his boat ready. We wish you good fishing, Bob.

Rose Ouimette had her brother as her guest Thanksgiving. He has now gone back to his winter home in Bonita Springs.

Welcome back Isabelle and Al Ward. It is good to see that corner filled so nicely again.

Bob and Micky Rumph have gone back to the cold north for Xmas. They plan to be back in time for our New Years Carnival. Hope they make it.

Florence and George Finnett are back from Canada. They took the scenic route for a change, coming by way of the Grand Canyon and Las Vegas. I wonder if their purse was a little lighter after Vegas?

Caresta and Dick Bovee spent Thanksgiving in Ft. Myers with their daughter and family.

The Hennings were down enjoying the Gulf daily since Oct. They went back north for the holidays and will return later we hope.

Mabel Gaudette is back in her winter home, enjoying the Park as we all do.

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Halloween Witche's curse: "May you jump on your bicycle and find it has no seat! OOOOOOH!

AURA ST.

by Marge Stocum

Chet Brenner and Vivian Roberts from Mich. are staying at 101 Aura St. and enjoying our beach every day. They will be and out of the Park until May 1 as Vivian has a business up North she has to check on.

The Darlings were late arriving as they wanted to attend the wedding of their granddaughter, Julie and it was worth the delay. When they arrived much to their amazement they found their front window decorated with the most beautiful green arrangement! During the summer the ivy had grown inside the window making a lush tropical display. It's so gorgeous they decided to keep it that way.

It's good to see Betty Ladas here weekends and enjoying the beach and fishing. At present she is visiting her father and family in Penn.

No news from George and Ana Galat but they are sure glad to be back and wish everyone a Merry Xmas. By the way, Ana goes in the Gulf every day and most times forgets to come out!

Ethel Cross still having coffee hour and gab fest every morning. Keeping up on all news.

Edna and Peanuts keeping busy, busy. Broken bones don't slow Edna down at all. Easy does it you two.

Welcome Betty and Sue Baker to our street. It's great that Sue has got herself all settled in her job and apartment. So glad she still comes home weekends. The two were happy to have Bob Baker with them for a few days and did Bob ever enjoy the waves and beach!

Lu Rogers, Tillie Denhard, Bertha Johnson just enjoying the easy life and glad everyones back from the North. Good to have a big family again.

Millie Cohoon keeping active entertaining and walking Aura St. Keep it up Millie.

Mae and Wally Dearborn were here for a month and Wally is doing very well. Hope their trip North for Wally's treatments will enable them to be back in Florida soon so they can enjoy the beach and shuffling.

And I, Marge Stocum, want to thank the November Committee for all their hard work and laughs - Bill Swickard, Jean and Mahlon Hallett, Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander, Jay and Jenny Hubbard, and Art and Marguerite Oestreich. I enjoyed them.

May we on behalf of the Park congratulate you and the Committee on the festive and delicious Thanksgiving Dinner. We appreciate the great amount of work that goes into this type of affair. Thanks a million! - Ed.

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Old German man in small town tottering down church aisle one Sunday morning. A young fellow half jokingly asks - "Hello Hans - How are you getting along?" Hans replies "Vell I'll tell you young man - The Lord and me are getting along fine. I don't ask for much Und He don't give me much!"

Paul S.

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Joe Walker's T Shirt: "If I'da known I'd live this long I'da taken better care of myself!"

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FROM EVE DOIRON

Arrived in Sept. The Park was like a ghost town. The beach and water were nice and Art enjoyed them. No shells to speak of.

Mrs. Grant, a newcomer who bought Maurice and Theresa's home, walked miles every day on the beach and made shell designs in the planter-squares.

We thoroly enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner in the Hall again this year, among our friends whom we miss very much. We are now in our new home at 1813 Ingram St., Englewood. Altho until the mobile home is sold I intend to be a pest at the Palermo's and Dot Hall's, and bothering the shufflers. So there!

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A would-be customer wrote to a mail order house: "Please send me the gasoline engine you show on page 87. If it's any good I'll send you a check." The reply: "Please send check. If it's any good we'll send the engine."

If you cross an elephant with a fish you get swimming trunks!