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A HOLIDAY THANK YOU

The Council wishes to express the thanks of the people of the park to Maurice and Theresa who so graciously hosted the Management Christmas Holiday Party for the residents and their visiting families and friends.

A capacity crowd enjoyed a full evening of entertainment and dancing along with food and drinks that outlasted the finale. Music that seemed to please everyone was provided by Vicki and The Keys a popular band with many of the residents.

Our warmest thanks for a fun evening - the highlight of the holidays at Gulf to Bay.

WOW! How about that December committee? They kept us busy and happy the whole month. We know they had to work very hard and we would like them to know how much they are appreciated. They are: Don Reppenhagen, Council Rep.; Loretta Brandemill, Chairperson and her husband Fred; Frank and Dorie Finelli; Bob and Edythe Barry; Cal and Cam Thatcher; Bernice Theiss and Lu Rogers.

COUNCIL REPORT ON THE CARNIVAL

Cash Donations		\$132.00
Grocery Certificate Raffle		119.00
Take Your Choice Raffle		75.00
Tiki Painting Raffle		133.00
Silent Auction Furniture		41.00
Flea Market Merchandise		174.25
Poker Table Income		65.15
Crown and Anchor Wheel		39.26
Karnival Kitchen Income	\$281.50	
Expenses	<u>170.26</u>	
Net Profit		<u>111.24</u>
		\$890.40
<u>Less General Expenses</u>		
3 Parade Prizes	\$ 4.26	
Advertising Flyers	7.69	
5th Grocery Certificate	<u>25.00</u>	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 36.95</u>
	NET PROFIT	<u>\$853.45</u>

Our Carnival was a real success both as an activity as well as financially. We now have a treasury cushion with which to function for the season, and YOU made it all possible - you people who donated your time and effort, your handiwork and crafts, your cash, items for our flea market, furniture for our auction, even your part in our big parade.

We must give a special nod to the crew who worked the Karnival Kitchen. That was a long, hard job from buying to cleanup - and their net profit was the highest yet.

The Simpsons really added a neat chunk to our total take with their generous donation of a painting to raffle. And once again a vote of thanks to the Management for their gift of \$100.00 worth of grocery certificates which was the traffic builder for all of Carnival Day. The money tables add spice to the fun and emphasize the fact that it takes the whole effort with each of its parts to make the show a success.

Our sincere thanks to each of you for your support.

The '82-'83 Council

BRIDGE.....BRIDGE.....BRIDGE.....Anyone interested in joining a group to play Bridge on a regular basis please come to the Rec. Hall on Thursday, Jan. 20, at 4:00 pm for a planning session.

The Shuffle Team returned from their Deer Creek match in high spirits having won 8 of the 12 games on Deer Creek's courts. Altho this now only gives us 34 wins vs. 50 losses, the improvement is apparent and things are shaping up.

Come one - come all: -- Beginning Thursday, Jan 20 at 1:00 pm the Shuffle Courts will be reserved for the Weekly Round Robin Shuffle. Anyone in the park interested in giving it a try is welcome. Just be at the courts at one o'clock and everyone will get a chance to play. If you don't have a stick but would like to test your luck, there are a couple of available sticks on hand for just that purpose. Come on down and join in the fun.

OH GULF TO BAY By GEORGE UTO (Melody - Oh Tannenbaum)

Fall Hello Time

OH GULF TO BAY--ON LEMON BAY
IN WINTER HERE--WE COME TO STAY.
WHERE WE CAN SWIM--HAVE FUN AND PLAY
THAT'S WHY WE LOVE YOU--GULF TO BAY.
THE SUMMER'S GONE--WE'RE BACK TO STAY
SO SMILE AND SAY--HELLO TODAY.
AND LET'S HAVE FUN--AND SWIM AND PLAY
WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS--IN GULF TO DAY.

Spring Au Revoir

OH GULF TO BAY--ON LEMON BAY
IN WINTER HERE--WE COME TO STAY.
WHERE WE CAN SWIM--HAVE FUN AND PLAY
THAT'S WHY WE LOVE YOU--GULF TO DAY.
WE'RE GOING NORTH--THE WINTER'S O'ER
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS--IT'S AU REVOIR
BUT WE'LL COME BACK--NEXT FALL TO STAY
WITH ALL OUR FRIENDS IN GULF TO BAY.

ITALIAN DINNER AND RECORD HOP

Dinner and Dance \$3.50

Saturday Jan. 22 - 6:00 PM.

COME ON OUT. WE'RE GONNA HAVE A BALL!

Muffins and Coffee -- 50¢

Thursday Jan. 27 - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Bring your own cup!

A rumor is what goes in one ear and out the mouth. Florida is a place where they grow oranges, grapefruit, etc., but they cost the same as New York or Michigan.

CALAMONDIN PIE: By Gene Hallett, thru Marguerite Oestreich, thru Betty Baker to yours truly.

8 Calamondins - wash, quarter, seed and whirl in blender. Spread on unbaked pie shell (store bought or make your own). Make a custard of 3 eggs, 1 1/4 cups sugar, 2 Tbs. water, pinch salt. Pour custard in pie shell. Bake 10 min. @ 375°. Reduce heat to 350° for 30-35 mins.

NOTICE: On January 14 Paul Kerber will attend a meeting of the District 7 Assembly of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners. He is planning a meeting in our Park and will inform us of the latest news. If you are not now a member you ought to be. \$7.00 per year dues is a small amount to pay to keep you informed as to mobile home owners rights and benefits, and assist our lobbyist in Tallahassee.

Who gets the Golden Tassel award? I don't know yet but will get more information later. Keep watching!

Cross a mink with a gorilla and you get a ready-made fur coat, but the sleeves are too long!

BAYO STREET NEWS

by Mabel Gaudette

George and Florence Finette spent New Years in Lakeland, Fla. with George's brother and family.

The Sizeloves had a friend as their guest at Christmas, James Peters. Chester also enjoyed his 70th birthday dinner; It was hosted by Don and Virginia Reppenhagen.

Jack and Fran Smith fell in love with our Park and the people. They have extended their two week vacation for at least another month. (Rochester, Mich. too cold now.)

Grace Henning celebrated her birthday with friends and neighbors. The party was given by her daughter and held at Shrimpers South.

Bernice Theiss had her two daughters and their husbands here for the holidays. They went back to cold Lorain, Ohio with very nice tans.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wadlegger from Ludlow, Mass. are happy at 207 Bayo St. They bought it Dec. 9. Welcome Marie and Fran.

Alice Flebotte enjoyed her daughter and husband's visit for 5 weeks. We enjoy Doris and Al too; sorry to see them leave for cold Mass. Hurry and get old, so you can join us!

Ruth and Mark Daugherty have as their guest a former teaching friend from Zyphyrhills, Fla.

Caressta and Dick Bovee have returned from visiting their daughter and grandchildren in Ft. Myers.

Ralph and Eileen Holman from Hillman, Mich. plan to stay a while. They have the picture she won which was painted and donated by Jim Simpson at the Carnival.

The Weavers spent the holidays with family in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Carol donated shells for Arts and Craft to St. Johns nursing home there.

Isabelle and Al Ward have a guest from Allen Park, Mich. Marie Lehman. Al's cousin Amanda Prince came back with them for a few days when they returned from St. Pete.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Phaneuf are back in their winter home from Chicopee, Mass. Welcome back to our sunshine, Terry and Vin.

Mickey and Bob Rumpfs have returned from Lamberttonville, Mich. after spending the holidays with their families. They did return in time for our Carnival.

Florence and Mike Turk entertained her brother from Kentucky over New Year's. Mike is back from the hospital and feeling fine. Welcome and keep it up, Mike.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt had a surprise visit from their daughter Amy, who lives in Riviera Beach, Fla. She enjoyed the clams here. Bob got a clean bill of health from the doctor. Back to fishing, Bob!

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Recently one of our visitors got a badly burned belly and went to the emergency clinic and showed the nurse. She called into the other room, "Hey, Doc! We got another POT ROAST!"

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Florida is a place where people go from aid conditioned house to a/c car to a/c shopping center, back to a/c house, don bathing suit, go out to the beach and sit around talking about how hot it is.

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By his or her 70th birthday the average American will have eaten 14 steers, 1050 chickens, 3.5 lambs and 25 hogs. "Whadda ya mean, you're still hungry?"

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Did you know that about half the people in America are below average? Not you; not us; THEM.

DOES THIS RING A BELL?

THE NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

Hampden F. Tener



"... Three French heads, two turtle dogs, and a"

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A born loser is a man who is lost in the woods, began following some tracks, and was hit by a train.

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At any time of any day
 We can resolve to change our way.
 To seek a smile, avoid remorse,
 Do something new, or change our course.
 Find that we don't enjoy good cheer,
 Indulge ourselves with food or beer;
 Are in the dumps, or in a rut;
 Keep saying, "I will change it", but
 Forget it by next rising sun,
 Procrastinate, don't get it done.
 Hell's road is then again repaved,
 And peace of mind remains unsaved.
 But those resolves made New Year's Day
 Have extra "umph", a louder say,
 Decisive, with that extra clout,
 'Cause --do or die-- a year's run out.

CIELO ST.

by Paul Stunzig

Welcome back to Lavern Sumner. Coming in at end of January. Will be next to Bob and Phyllis Knapp.

Clara Bessinger had most enjoyable Xmas visits from daughters - one from Chicago and one from Daytona.

Tom and Phyllis McElroy will be hosting daughters visits - Janet in Feb. and Valerie and Darrell in March. Tom says fishing stinks but poker's picking up.

Irene Stevenson feeling much better after bout with bronchial pneumonia. We all wish her well.

Monthly visits that lasted 2 months - Fred and Irene Kalagher - Fred's brother Paul and wife Madeline, and sister Katherine with a "K".

Clayton Brown has taken over the shuffle board responsibilities to give "Ham" Tener a little more R & R. We certainly wish them both well. Everyone knows "Brownie" and wishes success to the shufflers.

Jim and June Simpson left for a 2 day holiday on the East Coast. Could this be a second honeymoon?

Big mystery on Cielo St. Joan Stunzig and Phyllis Knapp each lost or misplaced a white sweater over the holidays. Just visited too many places, I guess. Any information?

Virginia Reppenhagen will be collecting again this Feb. for the Heart Foundation. Be looking for Virginia with her "Red Heart" in Feb.

Norm and Millie Durst were glad to know all grandchildren arrived safely back in No. Carolina after Xmas visit. Norm and Angie caught 26 sheephead at Boca Grande.

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What do you call a girl from West Virginia who has one leg shorter than the other? ----- uee|ff

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Two canibals sat down to eat a missionary that one of them had cooked. The other said, "Boy, this guy is tough!" "How did you cook him?" "I boiled him," the other replied. "No wonder he's tough; he's a Friar!!"

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They've invented a toupee which holds ice cubes. It's for cool heads.

GOSSIP FROM DIJE ST.

by Ruth Salmon

Our street was beautiful with Christmas decorations on just about every mobile home. Some of our residents weren't here to see it as they flew north to enjoy the holidays with their families. Hazel Belky was one who visited her daughter in Mich. She saw her first snowflake in years and celebrated her Jan. 1st. birthday before returning home.

The Harry Marshes enjoyed seeing their daughter Farol and hubby George Tolgo. They were here for Christmas and New Year's. The long awaited visit from newlywed grandson, Kenneth, and his bride Suzanne came about, and they spent two days with their grandparents.

Bob and Edie Barry celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary with friends at Myakka State Park. Congratulations to them from all of their Dije Street neighbors.

What's new at 407 Dije? Brownie worked hard installing new carpet on the entry steps. He has just been appointed as captain of our shuffleboard team and is doing an excellent job.

Chan and Hulda decided to go fancy in their lanai by installing Astroturf. Their leftovers were put to good use by Brownie and Bob Barry who carpeted his pick-up truck.

Harry Ide did a neat job of skirting the west side of his trailer and will tackle the east side if Lorraine padlocks his bike and keeps him off the road.

Doris Slaybaugh is up to her old tricks - buzzing up and down Dije on various errands, entertaining for bridge, painting up a storm and back to teaching. Isn't she an amazing lady?

Hank Mastie across the street was a "bach" for three weeks while Katie enjoyed Christmas back home in Mich. with daughter Barb, son-in-law Tony and little Zach. Son Dennis flew up from Washington so everyone had Christmas dinner with son Ron and family. Now that Katie's home, Hank decided he needed a little vacation and flew up to Wash., D.C. for a few days with son Dennis. Den is a gourmet cook and delighted his Dad with a delicious dinner of roasted chicken, a "Frank Perdue" chicken no less. While Katie was in Mich. she learned that Hank won \$400.00 in a local raffle. Soooooo she collected it. Hank says she gave it to him when she got back. (Sounds like donkey dust to me. Ed.)

Meanwhile, there's lots of activity on the corner by the Bay. Dorothy and Vaughn with a group of faithful friends are performing miracles with the Walker's mobile home. Did anyone see the purple throne outside with a tropical plant growing in it? If you keep your eyes open, you'll be amazed at what you see on Dije St.

Just a final note. Santa Claus, complete with uniform, visited this reporter's Christmas Eve's bash and kissed all the ladies. Three guesses as to the identity of Santa!

The Palermos entertained their grandniece for a week and she hated the idea of going back since it meant return to school. She enjoyed the beach and the Christmas parties. Also let it be known that Roxanne is in the midst of replacing roof, carpeting and refrigerator. Ralph said he is being taken to the cleaners also.

ESTADA ETCHINGS

by Marguerite Oestreich

Mary and Val Zamfir of Hamilton, Ontario, have purchased 501 Esta and, like many others, have been pleasantly surprised by the friendliness of the people in the Park. They are friends of Anna and George Galat, and also have a sister and brother-in-law in a condo at the TIKI.

Mary Kay O'Donnell and son, Jim, arrived by car on Dec. 28th, and James O'Donnell flew down the following day. Jim was able to take a few days vacation at that time. Mary Jane will be a frequent visitor.

Fay and Les Downing are back in their own car after a mishap in mid-December. Their car was hit and suffered extensive damages. They rented a car to drive to Mich. for the holidays, and returned by way of Epcot.

Emma and Gordon Graber entertained their son, Scott over the holidays and also spent some time visiting Epcot and Disney World. They thought that the Christmas dinner at the hall was the best ever!

Helen Bleck and Marian Crowe returned on Dec. 28th so Estada St. is again fully occupied. They visited friends in Bonita Springs for several days en route.

Marge Hamilton will be having eye surgery on Jan.19th at the Venice Hospital. Our prayers go with her.

Marguerite and Art Oestreich enjoyed a pleasant trip to Mexico City to celebrate the holidays. The Howard MacDonalds of DeLand, Fla. went with them. It has lately been apparent Art had forgotten the admonition, "Don't drink the water!" - Ed.

One of the outstanding characteristics of Gulf to Bay could be observed this past week where Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander were busy working on the rehabilitation job of their newly purchased mobile home. Practically every able bodied man in the park had some contribution to make as did a number of the ladies.

It would not be inappropriate to paraphrase the poet by saying, "Let me come to the side of the road and be a help to my fellow man." That is Gulf to Bay!

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The following is not a foreign language. It is accented English.

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NOVILLE DEMIS TRUX. VATESSINUM? CAUSAN DUX.

Watch the next issue for translation. You'll be surprised.

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GOLFO STREET NEWS
by Dortha Swickard

Paul and Madelaine Kalagher, Fred's brother and sister, Kathryn Haas of Worcester, Mass. are spending a couple of months in Norma and Gene Croteau's mobile home. Glad to have them with us.

Russell and Nancy Tribble and daughter, Jeanine spent their Christmas vacation visiting Nancy's parents, Mahlon and Jean Hallett. They met at Disney World, spent 3 days at Epcot and really enjoyed themselves. They also enjoyed the lovely Christmas dinner at the hall, then as a family, the Tribbles sang some Christmas songs to those attending the dinner. The next week they had fun spending hours on the beach and went home refreshed and rested.

Rita Roof has returned from a visit with her son, Richard and family in Calif. Highlight of her trip was a tour of San Francisco and it's famous sites.

Karen Swartz, Buellton, Calif. spent a week with her mother, Dot Kerber, going to Ft. Myers, Sanibel and Captiva, Naples, Bonita Springs, Corkscrew Swamp, Ringling Museum and the Mansion, and Selby Gardens. (Wonder if Karen didn't go home to rest.) It was fun, I'm sure.

Helena Moody flew to Boston to be with her son, Derwood and family for the Christmas Holidays - 20° when she landed; next morning 14° and that convinced Helene to come back home immediately. Furthermore she didn't care about making a 200 mile trip over snow, icy roads.

Helen and Charlie Verrill left home Dec. 22nd, spent the evening in New Jersey with Helen's granddaughter and family, on to Maryland next day for Christmas with Charlie's son and family (wife and 7 year old son), visited Washington, D.C., saw the Viet Nam Memorial and lunch at the Smithsonian. Two more days travel to visit Helen's son in Melbourne, Fla., over night. Finally arrived at 2 Golfo St. where they were warmly greeted by everyone.

Ralph and Lucille Tracy are back with us after spending the holidays with their daughter and family in Orlando.

Noble and Eleanor Paul's son, Larry and family from Mich. were here for two weeks over Christmas and had a ball swimming in the Gulf and fishing at Boca Grande. We miss them so-oo much.

We, who didn't have Holiday guests enjoyed so much the guests of our neighbors.

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One strawberry to another, "If we hadn't been in the same bed, we wouldn't be in this jam now."

MIDDLE AGE: When any move you make becomes a joint effort.

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AURA STREET

by Marge Stocum

John and Donna Darling were pleasantly surprised to have their daughter Rita, her husband Lee and son Randal from Wells Beach, Maine visit for five days. They went swimming and to the Shell Shop at Ft. Myers.

Ana Galat is very busy doing a blanket for the grandchild who is coming in June next. And George is enjoying the weather working around the trailer.

Called on Ethel Cross and she is busy knitting and crocheting for the new grandchild and is storing them in the deep freeze as she has no room to put anything. Quite a gal!

Edna and Peanuts heard from Walt Schwochow. Helen has shown a little improvement. God bless them both.

Mary Quinn passed away mid-December. Our sympathy goes out to Russell. Hope to see him down here soon.

Bob and Cathy Baker and their two daughters Shelley and Carie visited his mother Betty Baker Christmas week. Sue came down from Tampa, too. They had a turkey dinner for twelve on Christmas day. On Jan. 1 they left for Tampa to visit Sue. On Sunday they all visited Busch Gardens. How the granddaughters loved the parade and Carnival. Bob brought his Christmas tree down with all the decorations!

Lu Rogers and Bernice Theiss got up at 6 AM on Sunday to go over to Ron's to help Marshall McDonald celebrate his 88th birthday. And would you believe? They got stood up! Mae and Ted Forland had him out for breakfast at another restaurant!

Tillie Cohoon's son Elmer and wife were here from Allen Park, Mich. for 5 days. They really kept Tillie on the go. Another couple from Britton, Tony and Blanch surprised her and stayed overnight. She really enjoyed them.

Bertha Johnson is doing fine for herself and even got a new permanent to perk herself up. Good to see her out.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brandt, Avon Park, spent a few days with Millie Cohoon this week. (Millie's sister)

Talked to June Simpson and she had talked to Wally Dearborn's daughter Barb, last Saturday and Wally is holding his own, but no plans for returning yet.

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THINGS I HATE TO DO:

- Try to open a plastic bag after tearing it off the roll at the supermarket.
- Type this newsletter after a night on the town.
- Try to clean house on a beach day.
- Try to read while hubby watches the football game.
- Read the hurricane evacuation route signs, while waiting for the light at Beach Road and Rte. 775
- Try to get the cap off the medicine bottle. You know, the safety caps that grownups can't open but children find it very simple.
- Try to get the plastic wrap to stick like it's demonstrated on TV.

SECRETS FROM CIELO COURT
by Loretta Brandemill

Cam and Cal Thatcher are catching up on their second breath after Cam's sister and brother-in-law (the whirl wind) left for home, Finley, Ohio. Sorry to say Jim never did fill Cam's freezer with fish - in fact only one little one.

Mary and Jack May are enjoying their Ballroom Dancing lessons in Englewood.

George :to said he only wanted to set the records straight: he still has his yellow Cad but he put it to bed for the winter at his daughter's on Long Is.N.Y.

Lola and Matt Yakes are enjoying the visit with their son and daughter-in-law Delbert and Annamay. They are from that good old Grand Rapids, Mich. Matt has been very disappointed with his luck at fishing; they just aren't biting. Chin up, Matt; better luck is coming.

Theresa and Maurice say all is well after the nice visit from their son and daughter-in-law and that very sweet grandson. Hurry back kids.

Fred and Loretta again want to thank their wonderful December Committee for the fine job done. I'm sure they made many people in our big Park family happy. Thanks again.

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GET THE DRIFT?

Dear Weatherman: I'm writing you to tell you that I've just finished shoveling 10 inches of partly cloudy off my drive! (from Good Housekeeping)

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You know it's gonna be a rotten day when your birthday cake collapses under the weight of the candles!

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Quotes from actual accident insurance forms - Tilden's Canadian Car Rental

"I was on my way to the doctor's with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident."

"I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull."

"I was thrown from my car at it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows."

THAT'S ALL FOR NOW!!

The street captains have done a marvelous job this month and it is very much appreciated by yours truly, but I have one request. I would like if possible for you captains to end your column with a joke, a witty saying or some witty piece of news picked up in the Park, not necessarily from your own street.

HELP!!! I'm running out of material.

Charley D., Editor