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COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

A Nominating Committee of four members (Bob Knapp, Charles Verrill, Vaughn Nighswander and Joan Stunzig) has been appointed as required by the Articles of Governance of Gulf to Bay Recreation Association to select candidates for election for '85-'86 Council.

Candidates have all been notified and have agreed to serve if elected.

The four highest vote getters will be on the Council to join the 2 year holdovers Charley Verrill and Gladys Thorne.

The top 2 vote getters on this year's slate will be elected to terms of 2 years each. The next 2 for a 1 year term.

Accommodations will be made for Absentee Ballots.

Following is a list of candidates in alphabetical order:

Bill Bottenfield
Bob Boulanger
Norman Durst
Richard Hire
John Malone
Mary May
Barbara Richardson
Mickey Rumpf
Write in vote _____

Election Day is Friday, March 22 from 12 noon to 4 P.M.

Bill Swickard and Floyd Crankshaw have kindly consented to come and count the ballots at 4 P.M. A Council officer will be present at all times during the voting.

A general meeting for all members of the Park will be held on the evening of March 27 - Wed., 7 P.M. At this time your newly elected officers will be presented.

Paul Stunzig, President

March Committee Announcements:

There will be a musical treat on Sat., March 23, at 7:30 P.M. "An evening with Al, Bill, Jack, and other talent." Come one, come all - no admittance charge, no refreshments - Just a night to remember! - Charley Verrill

F.M.O. - A very important meeting of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners. March 24, 7 P.M. All are welcome. You are urged to attend. - Art Oestreich

The shuffelboard team has finished the tournament season in eighth place. Although this is the same position as last year, we were closer to seventh place and had a win percentage of 426, a 28 point improvement over last year.

I wish to thank everyone for their cooperation, especially those who helped with the cleaning and preparation of the courts. I also want to thank management for our "wind break." It made shuffeling possible on a lot of windy days and we all appreciate them--thanks!!!!

Your shuffelboard captain,

Clayton Brown

Cross a Polar Bear with a Python and you get a great rug for a long, thin hallway

BAYO STREET by Mabel Gaudette

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Copland from N. Y. and their son Selden are visiting her father Charles Letsch.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond DeMass from Tiffin, Ohio are back with us again this year.

Alice and John Malone are in Ocala visiting relatives. They also plan a trip to Flager Beach on the East Coast to see friends. They have been busy remodeling the place they bought from Grace Henning's daughter.

Caresta and Dick Bovee have had company from Binghamton, N.Y., Maurice and Alice Sweitzer and Alice Emert, old time neighbors.

Clara Bessinger has been busy, her daughter and husband Mr. and Mrs. Rob Carruthers from Au Gres, Mich. Also Mr. and Mrs. Michael Apalawski and family from Daytona.

Rose Quimette's brother Eddie Bousquet from Bonita Springs and her cousin Isabelle Bousquet from Canada, also friends Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Grand from Naples came to visit our Park.

Gus Schultz from Chicago, Sophia Szopski's brother-in-law enjoyed his stay and nice weather in our Park.

We old timers were glad to welcome Bud McDonald and his wife from Texas. His mother and father were one of the first ones in the Park.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt are enjoying their new patio - just go by about 4 P.M. and you will believe it. Bob keeps busy with that new green lawn, too.

Phyllis and Bob Kanpp had a nice trip to Austin, Texas to visit Phyllis' mother and sister. They had a slight accident on the way - no injuries.

Fran and Marie had neighbors from Ludlow, Mass. visiting. Also granddaughter Kelley and her friend from Springfield, Mass. They both enjoyed our beach.

Margaret Sizelove has returned from her sister's funeral in Springfield, Ill. Her brother-in-law Rob Sizelove from Kokomo, Ind. drove her back. Our sympathy to Margaret.

Paul and Leda Duke from Chicopee, Mass. are visiting their friends, Terry and Vin Phaneuf.

Dot and Henny Henthorn are back with us until June. Cincinnati, Ohio was rather cold and snowy this winter.

Isabelle Ward's brother Clarence Bay and wife and friends Marje Kane from Lincoln Park, Mich. enjoyed a visit here.

Ruth and Mark Daugherty are waiting for the arrival of their son Mark and Tatti from New Castle, Pa. and their children, Mark III and daughter Sean.

Audrey and Victor Bielinski from Muskegon, Mich. are busy remodeling their place which they bought from Helen Graveline. Victor's sister and husband, also Fred and Nina Anderson, neighbors from Hesperia, Mich. came for a visit.

LaVerne Sumner is happy with his visitors Pat Fielstra and Sandra Pearson from Muskegon, Mich.

Gladys Thorne is enjoying the new car Jim bought for her. Now she can shop, Jim without your waiting.

Mike and Florence Turk had bad news from home. Someone broke into their home up north. We hope not too much damage was done. Her brother Eric Gustafson from Ky. is here.

George and Florence Finette have been busy. They went to Lakeland and visited with George's brother and wife, then on to Epcot Center. Arrived home in time to entertain friends Jan and Beth Ferguson from Toronto, also their cousins from St. Petersburg. At present their cousin Marian Miller of St. Thomas, Ont. is visiting with them and Florence's brother Bill and Isabelle.

Kenneth Elsner from Dayton, Ohio is proudly showing pictures of his new grandson Kenneth Andrew.

Alice Flebotte still keeps busy with company, Jack and Helen Plante from Ft. Myers paid her a visit.

BAYO STREET (Cont'd.)

Bernice Theiss had her granddaughter and children Mattie and Bobby Sboboba from Lafayette, Ind. visiting. She also enjoyed her daughter Martie and Duke Napka from Lakeside, Ohio for a few days.

A baby sardine was swimming when he saw a submarine. Terrified he was consoled by his mother who said, "Don't worry, dear; it's just a can of people."

The best way to keep teenagers at home is to make home pleasant & let the air out of the tires.

AURA STREET by Betty Baker

Ethel Cross has been busy getting ready for her company. Her nephew Dr. Craig Chappell and family will visit in a few days. She also expects her two sons later on in March. Ethel had her club for lunch last Monday.

John Darling and friends went up to Shriners meeting this week. He looked so nice all dressed up.

Anna and George Galat are thinking of leaving the first week in April, wishing a nice summer to everyone.

The Hires perhaps will be here until July 1st. They will love the quiet park and good fishing. Their son, John and wife were here for a few days. Now their neighbors will spend a few days with them. Dick and Shirley really have changed their trailer. All new carpeting and furniture. It looks great.

Millie Cohoon had her son Elvin and wife Martha for a week. Millie said she sits mostly. Oh!, well you deserve it Millie.

Marge has a new Mercury car and all set to drive north with it. She is so busy going places that I have to catch her on the way.

Anne and Art Cady have been busy entertaining friends from home.

I guess the rest of us are just living day to day for now. No news is good news they say!

Girl: "Will you love me when I'm old?" Young man: "Love you? I shall idolize you, I shall worship the ground under your precious little feet. I shall--um-er-you're not going to look like your mother, are you?"

A hamburger by any other name costs more money.

CIELO STREET by Ruth Hicks

Jim Simpson says Spring is on its way - a large flock of geese flew over Batavia, N.Y. on their way to a refuge in Oakfield, N.Y. June, however, found herself stuck in sand and ended up with a flat tire - wants to thank Jack Smith, Fran Wadlegger and friend and helper to all, Bill Stevenson.

Mae Dearborn is still in Venice Hospital. She has good and bad days as she underwent cancer surgery recently.

Tom and Phyllis McElroy are looking forward to a visit from their daughter Valarie, husband Joe and granddaughter Derryl. They will be here for 2 weeks.

Bill and Irene Stevenson's new neighbor is Bill's brother Don, and wife Marge. In for a fast 2 weeks visit.

Georgia is busy baking delicious treats and reports no news.

Jane Wiley's neighbors are complaining. Since Jane bought her new brown Cadillac they can't hear her sneaking in her driveway and more.

Dave and Leah got news they have a new niece. She was born on Dave's birthday. What a nice birthday present! Nephew Richard Johnson and wife Marie will be calling at the Hart residence in the near future.

Jack Smith's brother Mike and wife Mary, from Jamestown, R.I. are here for two weeks. They also are waiting for their son Wendell and wife Sandra to arrive.

Visitors Terry and Bill Behr, Waterbury, Conn., Richard and Joan Welch, Bristol, Conn. were the guests of Rita and Bob Boulanger.

CIELO STREET (Cont'd.)

Will wonders never cease! Doris and Frank Finelli sitting (first time ever) on their screened-in porch. Bugs really must have been bad!

Dolores Hommell says husband George couldn't stand the Florida heat and went home to Ohio to cool off. He cooled off in a hurry and is back now blowing the leaves off everything in sight (including some trailer roofs.)

Visiting Charles and Ruth Hicks was their daughter Ruthann, son-in-law Rick and granddaughter Heather. Quite a change from cold Pa. to hot Fla. They enjoyed every minute of it, sunburn and all.

Joe Zehe lost his cook, Eleanor Russo. He is back to TV dinners! Anyone know of a good cook that's available?

Everything is quiet in the Klinger household but Percie did say they were expecting lots of company this month.

There will be a much welcomed, little great-granddaughter of 6 months, visiting Fred and Irene Kalagher. Her name is Kelly and she's being accompanied by her parents, Christine and Brian Johnson for a week's visit. What a fun time there will be in that household.

A man dressed as Napoleon visited a shrink and said, "You can see I have no problems--I have the greatest army in the world, all the money I will ever need, and every conceivable luxury." The psychiatrist asked, "Then what's your problem?" He said, "It's my wife--she thinks she's Mrs. Levine."

What did George Washington say to his men before they crossed the Delaware???? "Get in the boat!"

ESTADA STREET by Joan Stunzig

Art and Marguerite have her brother John and wife Betty staying up the island a ways.

Helen Bleck has had her share of visitors lately. When last seen she was baby-sitting Charlie Downing and I don't know who was having the better time.

Gordon Graber's sister was here for 2 weeks enjoying the beach and the park. At least we got to see Emma and Gordon down at the Gulf.

The Downings have had a veritable parade down there. First came Linda and Amy, then Pat and Keegan, now son and daughter-in-law with Charlie. He is really a doll - so good and so friendly.

Mary Kay O'Donnell is home from hospital and let's all hope she's on the mend now. I saw Mary Jane and brother and Mary Kay's brother strolling by so I guess there is a houseful there too. Jim O'Donnell looks great; he can be seen all over the place but seems to like the Tiki best.

Dot Manley is doing fine after her operation. Had a little setback over the weekend but bounced right back again. They will be leaving for Tampa on Sat. to meet son and daughter-in-law and children, and from there on to Disney World for a few days. Jim will be back sooner to spend some time with their other son.

We are all sorry to hear that Dot Hall was in the hospital. I understand that she is suffering from a bronchial infection and anemia. Hurry home Dot; we miss you.

Millie Durst spent the last few days sewing on that lovely banner for the Kitchen Band so we can have it in time for our "Gig" at the Lemon Bay Expo." Thanks, Millie, for such a fine job.

The Hamiltons are out stepping again after good reports from both their doctors. Happy to hear it.

The Stunzigs are enjoying the peace and quiet after a hectic last month. Looking forward to some more of this great weather and swimming now that the temperature is 72°. Friends Fran and Fred Franz will arrive April 2nd for a month and will stay on Bayo St. when Charlie Letsch leaves. See you on the beach!

Did you know that winter underwear for motorbike riders is known as Long Honda Wear?

Too much corned beef and pastrami can give you a deli ache.

DIJE STREET by Hulda Robinson

The Clayton Browns are looking forward to the arrival of their daughter, Charlene Staebler, from Germany for a two week Florida visit. . rownie and Allison will take their travel trailer to Florida City from which point they will "do" the Everglades after picking up Charlene in Miami.

Barbara and George Crandon from Ocala visited with parents George and Anne Hale last week. Howard and Kathy Branch and 2 children also visited with the Hales. George celebrated his 80th birthday last week!

The Nighswanders went fishing last week and had good luck - so entertained friends with a fish fry.

The Hulls' son Dick and family from Teffin, Ohio spent a week and found glorious weather. They said they found paradise here on Englewood Beach.

Shirley Ryan and Grady went to Ft. Myers and showed her antiques at the Antique Show the 1st - 3rd. Had a good attendance. Shirley went to the Webster Flea Market the 11th. This was quite an experience. There were over 25,000 people at that market in seven hours. You can buy anything from fruit and vegetables to diamonds, shoes, dresses, beads, baskets and puppies & dishes.

The Chauncey Robinsons enjoyed a weekend visit with the Jack Buals, neighbors from Monticello, Iowa. They helped Chan celebrate his Birthday.

The Palermos are entertaining Roxanne's No. 2 son Eugene who is from Charlton City, Mass. This is his yearly visit to his mother and big brother, Harry. He visited friends in Cape Coral and will be with us until Friday. There was also a weekend trip to St. Armand to visit Roxanne's sister and all her children (4 in all) who also gathered there for the good times that were had by all.

The Hubbards had company from Ft. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Riper. They are also having Mr. and Mrs. Art Stoll from Chelsea, Mich. They are planning on going to Key West. On the way they will stop to see a friend that is their neighbor at Marblehead, Ohio, Mrs. Elenor Heftner. She lives on Key Biscane. Did you see the new blacktop drive? It sure took a lot of work to fix it.

Ruth Salmon enjoyed a ten day visit with her daughter, Elaine Osgood and grandson Richie from N.Y. State. They spent a lot of time on the beach and especially had fun with Gene Hull who took them out in the Bay digging for shells.

Your editor and his wife enjoyed a week's visit by Charley's brother George from Yonkers, N.Y. As soon as George took off for home, Charley and Shirley were off to Epcot to meet with their two daughters, Mary and Kathy. After walking their feet off seeing everything possible they all returned to Englewood to enjoy the beach. Only wish their visit could have been longer.

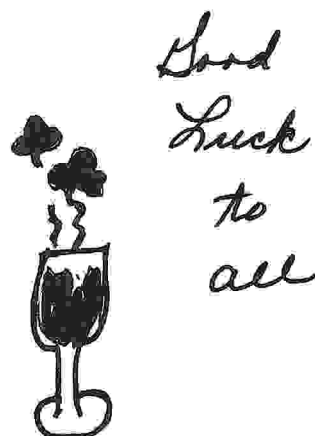
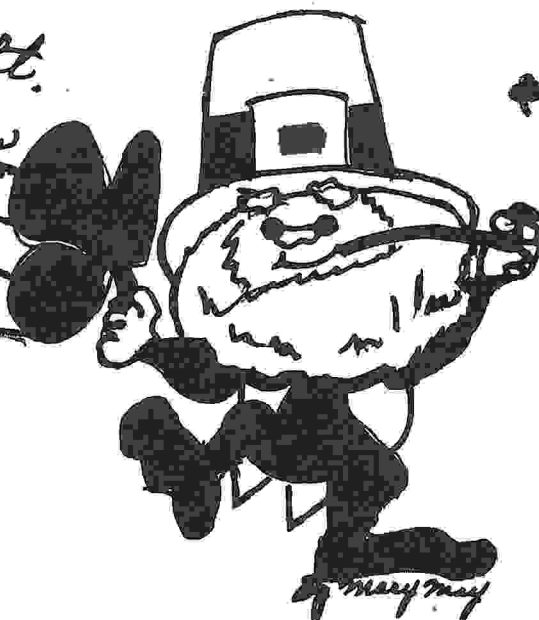
The best substitute for brains is silence.

Sometimes women's slacks are an affront to a behind.

CIELO COURT by Mary May

Stare 'n' Be Glary

*Leprachaun on Cielo Ct.
W. Parks Jackson Yaker
Vito Brent May
Brandmill
Bernie
Roberts*



Most of the time the shortest distance between two points is under construction. (In Englewood, that is.)

GOLFO STREET by Cam Thatcher

Charlie & Helen Verrill spent a few days recently in Lehigh Acres visiting Charlie's sister and brother-in-law, Virginia and Harold Strombom. Charlie says Harold kept score in their golf match - Harold won. They also visited the Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary to see hundreds of nesting woodstocks. Verrills are expecting Charlie's two sisters & spouses (the Stromboms and Crowleys) to visit here on the 21st. They might get a chance to say "Hi" to some of you who were on the cruise to Mexico, etc. in December.

Dortha and Bill Swickard are expecting their son and daughter-in-law for a short visit next week. Doesn't Bill look in the "pink"? There's a real sparkle in his eyes.

Welcome back to Golfo, Norma & Jean Groteau - we're happy to see your smiling faces again. The good news at the Groteau house is that their daughter, Patty, and her husband, Gary Coleman (the original) are coming on March 24th for a two week visit.

"Isn't That Exciting" Department - - Jean Hallett's granddaughter and her husband are honeymooning in her trailer for a few days. What a place for newlyweds!

Mary Simpson is a guest of Rita Roof until April 1st and we're happy to see her again. Gathering the news from Rita's is always fun - lots of good conversation & fringe benefits.

Eleanor & Noble Paul have left us again for a couple weeks. Their son and his family are taking them fishing in Pensacola, Fla.

This has been the Thatchers' month for company. Andrea & Michael Levy were here for 11 beautiful fun-filled days (2 extra days thanks to the fog on their first departure date). Cam's sister & brother-in-law, Mary & Jim Buck, have been seen shuffling, fishing, etc. and having a great time in general during their visit from Ohio. Thanks to all the super Gulf-to-Bayers for making their visits special.

Dot Kerber's grand daughter Laurie Madden, was due to arrive Friday, March 15th for a week. Laurie's at Michigan State University. Dot's daughter, Virginia & husband are due March 31st for a week.

KITCHEN BAND HITS THE ROAD AGAIN

The Kitchen Band will be performing Sat. March 23rd at the Lemon Bay High School for Expo '85. They'll be on the outdoor stage from 2:00 - 2:30 PM following Gulf to Bay's Billy Kell. Rumors are they've been working on a comedy act for this performance that's sure to make you SMILE.

Why not plan to go to Expo '85 on Saturday and support our band?

GULF TO BAY'S 1986 CRUISE PLANS

An exciting cruise has been planned for Jan. 11-18, 1986. Highlights include roundtrip air from Tampa to Montego Bay, Jamaica where you'll board the S.S. Britanis for a Caribbean Cruise

Ports of Call:

Aruba: magnificent white sand beaches, good shopping
Cartagena, Columbia: emerald capital of the world
San Blas: natives create exquisite needlework
Panama: terrific shopping, witness merging of Atlantic and Pacific
Montego Bay, Jamaica

Check the travel bulletin for more details. Reservations must be made by April 1st with a \$100 refundable deposit. See Lorraine if you want to go. We've heard only good things about this cruise.

DINNER AT THE GONDOLA ARRANGED

Save Sat. April 13th for our final Park outing. It's back to the Gondola Landing in Nokomis for an early dinner and a 2 hour gondola ride through the intercoastal to the Gulf to watch the sunset. Limited to 56 people. The boat is reserved just for us.

THE ICECREAM FESTIVAL

We learn now to appreciate
The many folks with skills--around;
The nice things that they do create
With many things and rhythmic sounds.

We're older now---our zest is less;
We're short of breath, or nearly so;
We love to play, to join right in;
Conserve our strength so we can go.

The guests who come to visit here
Have talents and they entertain
Our people who still see and hear
And make us happy --- yet again.

Hampden F. Tener
Feb. 1985

WHERE SHALL WE GO ? ? ? ? ?

Help us plan the kind of Park trips YOU want next year. We'll arrange the ones most requested.

Take a few minutes to check your preferences and make suggestions.

MATINEES

- Dog Races at Bonita Springs/Dinner
- Horse Races in Tampa/Dinner
- Jai Alai in St. Petersburg/Dinner
- Golden Apple Dinner Theater
- A Van Wezel Auditorium performance

CRUISES

- 7 hour Day Cruise/Buffer/Entertainment on Bay Queen up the Caloosahatchie River out of Ft. Myers (Approx. \$20 + Bus)
- 3 day inland waterway cruise through Lake Okeechobee to East Coast and back (Approx. \$170 + Bus)

OVERNIGHT

- Epcot/Disney World/Sea World, two day excursion

YOUR OTHER GOOD IDEAS FOR PARK OUTINGS: _____

Drop in mailbox on the Ide's porch, 408 Dije St.