

# the Listening Post

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## Gulf To Bay Recreation Assoc. News

Dot Manley and her committee are winding up the month of December in a blaze of Glory. Remember the Punch and Cookie party in the Rec Hall at 7:00 p.m. on the 20th. Bring a gift for exchange and indicate whether for a man or a woman. Though the tree in the hall is beautifully decorated, a custom of community decoration will be followed. Bring an ornament to help decorate the already beautiful tree. Come one, come all!

There will be a Turkey Dinner at 3:00 p.m. on Christmas Day, December 25th. Be sure to bring your own plates and utensils on the 24th to reserve places.

One more thing - plan on your luminaries for Christmas Eve, December 24th. This is a tradition of the park which has been followed for some years and it did add much to the Christmas season.

Mary May and her committee are busy planning for January activities. Something new has been added with, of all things, a hairstyling demonstration on Monday, January 19th, the theme, "THE NEW YOU". Models are going to be right here from Gulf to Bay Park. There will be a small charge of \$1.00 and refreshments will be served. (ED - Are men welcome?)

A Western Hoe-Down is being planned for Saturday, January 24th. Dinner and square dancing will cost \$4.75. Tickets will be sold on the 12th and 13th. The menu: -

- Barbecue Half Chicken
- Barbecue ribs
- Baked Beans - Cole Slaw
- Texas Toast - Pickles
- Dessert - Bread Pudding with Lemon Sauce

OH Yes! - Please do not forget the Annual Park Carnival scheduled for Saturday, January 17th - all day with games, eats, sales, raffles, and fun, all designed to raise money for the general coffer of the Rec. Assoc. Save your money, your appetites, your white elephant items, the day, and your time, all for a good time in the Rec. Hall.

Is anyone interested in taking painting lessons? A teacher is available on Thursday afternoons for three-hour lessons. Charge for this will depend on size of class. This is for oil painting - and a picture will be completed in one lesson. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board.

An added attraction in January will be a Pancake Breakfast, prepared by Paul and Joan Stunzig and friends, scheduled for Saturday, January 3rd. These will be continued once a month for the rest of the season.

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## FEDERATION OF MOBILE HOME OWNERS NEWS

### Good News and Bad News

The Good News - All park people will be pleased to know that as of the present moment Manasota Key property owners can be protected by virtue of the Windstorm Insurance Pool. It would be prudent to check your corrent policy with your insurance underwriters to insure appropriate coverage, and incidently, renew the costs of such incurance now backed by the Pool.

The Bad News is the fact that legal fees and charges have left the Manasota Key Insurance Action Group with an existing deficit. The Board of Directors of the Federation of Mobile Home Owners of Gulf to Bay recently voted unanimously to contribute \$100. to the fund. Park residents who have not made a contribution are urged to do so as soon as possible. Since all park residents can now be insured by means of the pool, all should feel obligated to contribute to theAction Group that carried the ball to a successful conclusion.

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No matter how many Christmas cards you send out, the first one you get is from someone you missed . (Capper's Weekly)

STREET NEWS

Street news in general urges all residents to stroll through the park at night to see the beautiful home decorations. Lots of work for beautiful displays.

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I can live with my arthritis  
My dentures fit me fine.  
I can see with my bifocals  
But I sure do miss my mind.

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

Anne Cady left today for a week's visit to Freeport.

This Christmas the Mintons are looking forward to their son and family coming to visit.

Betty Baker went to Reno for 10 days over Thanksgiving. Had a great time.

Mickey and Bob are leaving tomorrow for a Christmas visit in Michigan.

We have new people on the first site on Aura Street. They are from Canada, Dirk and Iris Stones. Welcome aboard.

That's all the news for now. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

GOLFO GOINGS-ON - by Cal Thatcher

Nettie Arnholt's home is on lot #1, a fitting location for a number one lady.

Helen & Charlie Verrill are happy to be back after a nice Thanksgiving spent with the grandchildren.

The Crankshaws are getting ready for Christmas, Ho!Ho! Stop by and see their Michigan posies.

Dortha and Bill Swickard had company for a couple of hours Saturday - Bill's niece from Brandon.

Jacobsons may not arrive until after the first of the year, according to neighbors.

Lucille Tracy may be coming down later also. She was here for about a week earlier.

Eleanor and Noble Paul had a nice trip to the panhandle. Got to see their grandson play some exciting football.

Andrea, Michael and Hannah returned to El Paso after a nice visit with Cam & Cal. Todd was visiting also, keeping things lively at 8 Golfo.

Kate and Paul Kerber say, "Hi", to everybody. They're making progress and are on the mend day by day. Good to see you, Kate & Paul!

No lights at Croteaus yet.

Gene Hallett says there are no news, not even one little new.

Dorothy and Walter Rasmussen are back in Wisconsin for a while. Brrrr! How about that new addition to their home?

Crosby's daughter, Diane, is arriving from Barnstable on the 20th. Freeman and Etta returned from Cape Cod on the 11th. They fly the friendly skies regularly.

Dottie Kerber's daughter and husband from California will be here on the 22nd, Dottie's birthday. (#43). Her other daughter from Port Huron, Michigan, will be here to eat birthday cake also.

BAYO ST. - By Gladys Thorne

All's well and quiet on Bayo St. - Merry Christmas, everyone.

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"What's your job?" asked the cannibal chief. "I am editor of the city paper," replied the captive.

"Good," said the cannibal smiling. "Tomorrow, you can be the editor-in-chief."

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CIELO ST - by Virginia Repenhagen

Jack & Fran Smith of Apt. B are expecting their daughter Sally and son Wendell and grandson Mikie for the holidays.

Please continue to leave off your used magazines at the wash rooms and your used paper back books in the hall. We sure enjoy them. - Thank you - Your librarian, V.R.

DIJE ST. - by Allison Brown

We are happy that our friends, George and Joey Gallaher, have purchased the Toney Trailer on the corner at 401 Dije. George will retire next December. We are looking forward to their coming to Gulf-to-Bay. - Jay and Jennie Hubbard.

Ralph and Roxanne write, "Not much news at this time, but we both are glad to meet and mingle with you all, take part in the activities, and all forms of entertainment provided here."

Allison was talking to Rita Boulanger last week, and Bob was tuned in. They're both find, and they send their greetings to all of you. After Christmas with the grandchildren, they'll be heading south. They can't wait to return to the park.

Ladeema Carruthers wishes to thank everyone in the park for their concern over her recent surgery. She is feeling great now, just moving a little slow. Don Bessinger flew in to visit his mother and sister, Friday. Clara and Ladeema were sure happy to see him, if only for the week-end.

Clara Bessinger's daughter and son-in-law of Ormond Beach, Florida, Barbara & Mike Opalewski spent the Thanksgiving week-end with Clara, Bob and Ladeema. Clara's grandson, Patrick enjoyed fishing from the dock.

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Marsh send greetings and best wishes to their friends in the park.

And - a note from Barbara's friend from England: -I thank all those I have met for the welcome received and say how much I enjoyed meeting you. I wish you a very happy Christmas, a peaceful, healthy and prosperous 1987, and look forward to returning some time in the future. - Ethel Sibley.

Don't fail to see the Nighswander's beautiful Nativity scene in their Dije Street window where they once again are sharing it with us. What a wonderful gift to all of us at this Christmas season.

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The preacher addressing his congregation, began his sermon thus: - "My job this morning, as I understand it, is to talk to you; yours, as I understand it, is to listen. If you finish before I do, just hold up your hand".

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ESTADA ST - by Joan Stunzig

Holiday Greetings from Estada St. Helen Bleck, your regular reporter has gone north to spend Christmas with the family and she asked me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

The Taylors will be returning to Gulf-to-Bay soon, after being in Michigan for an early Christmas with their family.

And we all look forward to seeing Mary Kay O'Donnell again when she arrives soon after Christmas.

Les & Faye Downing are happy to be back in the park after a rainy and wet fall season at home. They are expecting their daughters and families from Michigan for the Christmas holidays.

It is great to see the Hamiltons out walking again. Margaret has been ill but is doing much better now,

Jim and Dot Manley have been busy settling into their "newhome". Son Peter and family (from Kissimee area) are expected for Christmas.

Norm & Millie Durst are not here yet due to Norm's illness. We miss them both and hope to see them in January if all goes well.

If anyone sees Dottie Hall looking pre-occupied lately, its because she is trying to sort out her right foot from her left. Unbeknownst to everyone, our Dottie has been tripping the light fantastic at our local Arthur Murray Studios. She has a certificate to prove it, and old eagle (your reporter) spotted it on the table. It reads: "AWARD OF MERIT" from Arthur Murray Holiday Showcase for Outstanding Achievement. After much digging, I got her to admit to the Rumba and the Foxtrot, but me-thinks it not unlikely that there is a little Cha-Cha and Waltz in that achievement award also.

Stunzigs will not be seeing their daughters until they come down next summer, but son Jeff is expected with wife Judy and Daughter Elizabeth soof after the holidays. Have a Merry.....

Art & Marguerite are expecting their daughter Gretchen and family for the holidays. If there are any other 11 and 14 year olds in the park, send them over to 508 Estada for a visit.

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*"I'd rather see it happen this way than have it go condo!"*

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Farmer: "That new man I hired yesterday doesn't know much about farming.

Wife: "Why do you say that?"

Farmer" "He saw some milk bottles behind the barn and ran to me shouting he'd found a cow's nest.

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GULF TO BAY ON THE GO!!!

See Lorraine Ide right away if you'd like to "GO!"

Jan. 10 Golden Apple Dinner Theater in Sarasota CAN CAN \$22.50  
Round trip bus, Buffet, Show and all tips Matinee

Feb. 5 Florida State Fair, Dinner at the Famous Branch Ranch  
\$22 Bus, State Fair, Dinner all taxes and gratuities

March 27-29 MINI-CRUISE TO NASSAU aboard the ssGALLILEO  
We had so much fun the year we went as a group to Freeport that people have been asking for a repeat. Check this terrific group rate. . .  
\$159 inside \$179 outside (port charges \$17)  
All meals, entertainment and cruise included in above.

Round trip bus to Miami including tips and baggage handling \$30

**WEEKEND CRUISES TO NASSAU FROM MIAMI**

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Fri	Miami	-	4:30 pm
Sat	Nassau	8:00 am	6:00 pm
Sun	Miami	7:30 am	-

Drop this reservation in our porch mailbox right away with the required \$50 deposit if you'd like to go.

HERE'S MY DEPOSIT. COUNT ME IN FOR NASSAU.

NAMES: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd also like to go to  CAN CAN  FLORIDA STATE FAIR  
HOW ABOUT A PARK TRIP TO \_\_\_\_\_ ?

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Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year

Season's  
Greetings  
from

Happy Holidays

Ray & Virginia De Moss

Barbara Richardson



May this Christmas  
Season bring you  
many joys and  
blessings!

Careste & Dick Bovee

Merry Christmas  
and many good  
wishes for the  
New Year.  
from  
The Stan Robinsons

Happy Holiday season  
from  
Rose Ousnette and sisters  
Valada Page, Marie Forest

Hoch Sulen  
S'ie Leben, Wri  
mall hoch.  
a Toast  
in German  
Thetie E. Arnholt

There's no place  
like home for the  
holidays.  
Have yourselves a  
Merry Merry Christmas.  
Shirley & Dick Hise

Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
Bob & Mickey

THE  
BEST

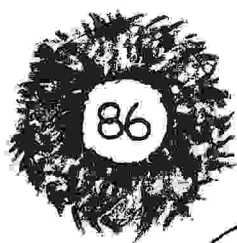
Bernice

We wish you all  
Joy and Peace and  
A Happy Healthy  
New Year  
Marquerte and  
Art Austrich

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS  
AND A MERRY NEW  
YEAR  
Isabell and  
Wino

Ho! Ho! Ho!  
FROM  
Cam & Cal

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
MABEL GAUDETTE



HOLIDAY  
GREETINGS  
FROM  
PEG AND LEE  
TAYLOR

HAPPY AND JOYOUS  
HOLIDAYS TO ALL  
THE FRIENDLY PEOPLE  
OF GULF TO BAY  
PARK.

HELEN AND CHARUE VERRILL

Merry Christmas to you-  
and happy days all through the New Year!  
from Dorothy & Floyd  
Cranshaw

Expectancy  
A merry Christmas  
The wise men  
looked for a Christ  
Child, what is  
your expectancy?  
Christmas is love  
Come to earth.  
Gene Hallcut

Merry Christmas  
+  
Happy New Year  
to all

Etta & Freeman Crosby



MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL OUR FRIENDS  
AT GULF TO BAY  
Alice, Doris & Al

"Merry Christmas"  
and  
Best Wishes for  
Every Day of  
the New Year  
Thelma & Eleanor Paul

Happy Holidays  
Bill & Dottie  
Swickard

Merry Christmas  
to you-  
and every good wish for  
the coming year

HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM THE  
POCONOS TO OUR GULF TO  
BAY FRIENDS



RUTH & CHARLIE HICKS

Jan & Paul

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS  
TO EACH OF YOU.

Therese Miller



Merry Xmas to all  
"Will be up north"  
Carol & James Brown



A Christmas note  
to wish you cheer and lots of  
joy throughout the year



KATEY & HANK

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Merry Christmas To You  
Merry Christmas To You  
Merry Christmas Dear Friends  
Merry Christmas To You.

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Charlie and Shirley Deierlein



MAY THE HOLIDAY  
SEASON BRING  
EACH OF YOU ENOUGH  
HAPPINESS TO LAST  
THROUGH OUT THE  
YEAR - RUTH SALMON

To our dear Friends and  
neighbors at the beach  
Who enjoy homes side by side  
The special joys of Christmas  
Go your ways from the Ides  
Happy "Healthy" Holidays  
Harry and Lorraine

FOR A JOY US AND HEALTHY XMAS +  
NEW YEAR, FROM YOUR FRIENDS

Ralph + Roxane Talano

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
Frank and Doris Finelli

Here's to those who we  
love. Here's to those  
who love us. Here's to  
those who love those  
who we love. Here's to  
those who love those  
who love us.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Jack & Fran Smith

Season's Greetings  
To All  
from  
Georgia  
& Angie

SEASONS  
GREETING  
LEAH  
HART

Wishing everyone a  
Merry Christmas and Happy  
New Year.

The Kalaghan  
Fred & Irene

Have a very  
Merry Christmas  
Everyone!  
Tom & Madeline  
Scriba

Wishing  
you all  
the  
joy of the  
Christmas Season  
Don't Verg.

MERRY  
CHRISTMAS

Millie Cochran

Comes Christmas time  
The old year ends,  
Renewing ties and  
Thoughts of Friends.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS



MATT - LOLA  
YAKES

Merry  
Christmas  
and

Happy New  
Year  
To All

Sanct, Clarence,  
Fred & Loretta

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY AND HEALTHY  
NEW YEAR TO ALL  
OF YOU

FROM: ANA & GEO. GALAT

"Happy  
Holidays"

Alice Hess



May all the seasons  
of your life  
be filled with peace and love.

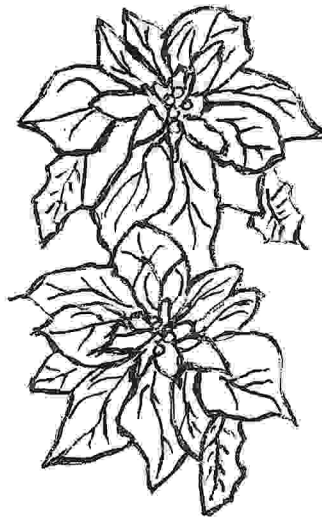


Brownie & Allison

Best wishes for a  
happy holiday  
season, and the  
new year  
Clarence.

Friendship and  
Love is the best  
gift at Christmas  
Gene & Bea

It's Christmas time  
at Gulf to Bay and  
that's the time for  
us to say  
Best Wishes for the  
Holidays and for  
Health and Happiness  
throughout the year  
Joy & Jennie  
Husband



Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
From  
The Nighswanders

Happy Holidays  
from  
Bob and Ledeema  
Clara

Season's Greetings  
and  
Best wishes for  
your happiness  
Lavern

WITH MANY WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY  
SEASON AND A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR!!!

Your calls and cards and the copy of the Listening Post which Art  
Oestreich sent us do a lot to moderate the Cold North, thanks to each  
and everyone of you.

HOPE TO SEE YOU IN JANUARY, Love, The Dursts  
Norm and Mil

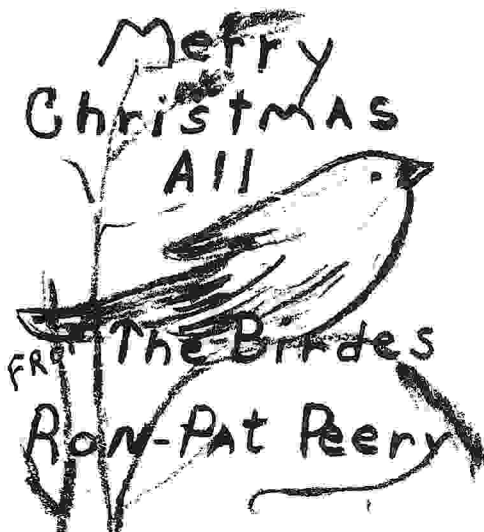
Warm wishes for the  
happiest of Holidays!

Bill & Geny Jensen

"Peace on  
Earth"

Dorothy Hall

Dec. 1986



Happy Holidays  
to Y'all  
Jane

Happy Holidays  
and best wishes  
for the New Year

Pete



Happy  
Holiday  
Mary May

Holiday Joys  
and a  
Happy New Year  
Margo Stocum

We wish all  
our friends in Galt  
to Bay Merry Xmas  
& a Happy New Year  
Tom, Phyllis & Lucky

Merry Xmas  
to all

also  
Valentine  
Love Cora

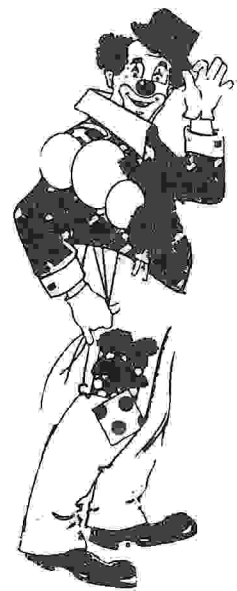
Merry Xmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
To  
you all  
Yinks Time

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM HAPPY NEW YEAR  
HELEN BLECK  
TO ALL  
AT  
GULF TO BAY

HAPPY HOLIDAYS  
FROM

MARY KAY  
O'DONNELL

*[Faint, mostly illegible handwriting]*



Happy  
Holidays  
The Downings  
Les + Jay

Merry  
Christmas!  
Happy New  
Year!  
Jim & Pat

Happy Holiday  
Season  
C. Etal Cross

merry Christmas  
and  
Happy new year  
chet + margaret  
sizelove

SEASON'S GREETINGS  
FROM  
IRIS AND DERYCK  
STONES  
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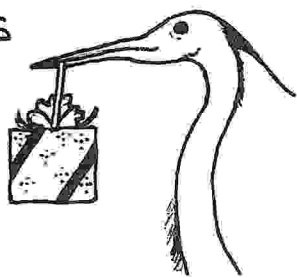
Wishing everyone  
in the park the  
merriest and  
happiest of  
Holidays  
Bob and Ruth  
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Happy Holidays  
from  
The Smalls Elna

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
to all!  
Rita + Maurice Teehan

SEASONS GREETINGS  
FROM THE "NORTH"

NORMA & JEAN CROTEAU



MERRY Christmas

The Daugherty's

Happy Holidays

The Turks

Best wishes  
for a  
Happy  
Holiday  
Season  
Jim & Gladys



To  
All  
From  
The  
Association

Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy New Year  
from  
Charlie Letsch

To all our friends  
& neighbors  
Peace - as always  
Love  
The Crocans



A Joyous Festive  
Season  
Health & Happiness  
in 1987.

George & Florence  
Finnett

**One Solitary Life**

He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until He was 30. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials but Himself. He was only 33 when the public turned against Him. His friends ran away. He was turned over to His enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves. While He was dying, His executioners gambled for His clothing, the only property He had on earth. He was laid in a borrowed grave.

Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, and all the kings that ever reigned, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that One Solitary Life.

Author Unknown



Dropping a  
Line  
at  
Christmas  
time from  
Mrs. Santa



Betty Baker

Merry  
Christmas  
to Everyone!  
John & Donna