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Recreation Association News

(By request, the following obituary appearing in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune, is reproduced in its entirety.)

HAZZEL W. MINTON, 75, 106 Aura St., Englewood, died Jan. 3, 1988

He was born June 3, 1912, in Owensboro, Ky., and came to this area 15 years ago from Pontiac, Mich. He was a die setter.

Survivors include his wife, Edna; two sons, Robert of Ormond Beach and Russell of Detroit; three sisters, Louise Dalton of Big Spring, Texas, and Genevive Mills and Marie Minton, both of Melbourne; and four grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday at Englewood United Methodist Church Chapel. Lemon Bay Funeral Home, Englewood Chapel, is in charge.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Charlotte County, 3109 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte 33952.

Addition comments concerning Peanuts:

After an impressive church service in the overflow Methodist chapel, residents of the park and old friends of the Mintons were served a magnificent dinner in the Rec hall. This was beautifully prepared by Angie Arvant and Georgia Manutis and efficiently served by a number of volunteer assistants from the park, a fitting final tribute to Peanuts and his Edna.

All park residents are encouraged to visit the palm tree on the south end of the dock area. A bronze plaque will be installed shortly.

Cielo Court or a Special Christmas Story

Yes, Angels are for Real! - George Uto says that something very special happened to him this Christmas and here's how the story goes.

Visiting Jack and Fran Smith during the holidays was their grandson Michael, (Mikee) 3 years old. "Mikee and I became real good buddies." Now, Santa brought Mikee many gifts, one of which was a baking set. Wanting to try it out, Mikee said to his grandpa, "I want to bake some Raisin Bran Muffins," so grandpa said, "Fine, I'll help you." So about 2 hours later there was a knock at my door and there stood Mikee, holding a dish in his hand, with grandpa standing by and smiling proudly. "Here, George, I baked these for you, my buddy." said Mikee. So, after a big hug, a kiss, and a thank you - you see, yes, angels are for real, and to you, Mikee, my love, and God Bless You, little Angel for you made Christmas very special for me. - Your Buddy, - George.

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Isn't it miraculous that the same doctor whose writing looks like hen scratchings has the dexterity to perform exquisitely delicate surgery?

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January Dinner Notes

The January Committee has planned a pot-roast dinner on January 24, 1988 at 1:00 p.m. at \$5.00 per plate. The Committee: - Carl and Irene Brown, chairmen, Terry & Vin Phaneuf, Ana & George Galat, Rita and Bob Boulanger, and Bea and Gene Hull. Tickets were sold on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 12 and 13.

January - Cont.

A January Square Dance - Fun Night - has also been planned for January 20, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rec. Hall. Dick Davis will be the caller and the cost is \$1.00 per person. This is somewhat of a revival of an activity of the past, but there has been no square dancing in some time. Come one, come all for a ho-down fling. Good exercise and a good crowd mixer.

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Old age, according to Grandpa Hillis, is when you start forgetting everything but your age.

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Golf

The January 9 Scramble was rained out much to the joy of those working on the Pancake Breakfast. The following information was provided by Dot Manley: "Weather permitting, the league will really get underway on Saturday, January 23rd at Lemon Bay Golf Course. We will have regular starting times about 2:00 p.m. Exact starting time will be posted on each Friday on the board by the officer. You should be getting a schedule of teams for the season. Substitutes will be available. It has been suggested that we play "scrambles" most of the time. Any thoughts on this? Let your committee know." Thanks Dot, for the information.

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Our Christmas tree has been gone a week, but the living room still looks empty without it.

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December Notes

Paul & Joan wish to thank their hard-working and ever-patient committee for making this month of December such a pleasure for us all.

Besides the members of the December crew, there were many other helping hands, without whose assistance we could not have accomplished everything. We thank all those who moved tables and chairs, put up and took down decorations, helped with the food, shopped, entertained, cleaned up after us and supplied material as well as moral support. Thanks for everything. - P. & J. S.

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You can take no credit for beauty at sixteen, but if you are beautiful at 60, it will be your own soul's doing.

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Gulf-to-Bay on the Go! Go! Go! - Travel News

Check the travel bulletin behind the water cooler in the Rec Hall for up-to-date details on park trips. Here are a few dates to save.

January 18: - TV 20 Newscast in Fort Myers followed by dinner at the Mariner's Inn on the Calooschatchie River. \$10. for bus r.t. and TV station. Dinner off menu with separate checks.

February 10: - Watch for details on bus to Florida State Fair in Tampa. Maximum 47 passengers.

February 29: - Cruise passengers depart for 8 days -6 ports of call including Caracas, Venezuela.

March 20: - Golden Apple Dinner Theater Matinee for HELLO DOLLY with Roberta McDonald.

Still planning a day at the races followed by dinner at a special restaurant. Details to be announced. See Lorraine Ide for reservations. 475-2584

The Carnival

The Recreation Association Council is busy planning the annual carnival. All residents should have received a special flyer concerning this event scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 16. Check this flyer for the parade, lunch, flea market, raffles, poker, money wheel, crafts, foods, shuffle board and horseshoe tournament.

There is no way that something for every single one has not been provided. Plan to spend a fun day at your favorite game, eating your favorite snacks and or browsing among the white elephant items. Don't miss this!

The Management

We would be very remiss if we were to neglect a very hearty thanks to Warren & Jean for the best Christmas party the park has experienced to date! It will be a highlight for the 1987-88 season.

A warm thanks too, for the dinner honoring Peanuts and Edna Minton - a particularly generous gesture by Warren and Jean.

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Sure we have a lot of government these days, but just think how much worse off we might be if we got all we're paying for.

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Speaking of Government

Please do not forget that County representatives will be in the Rec Hall on Thursday, January 21, 1988 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. to assist residents on Tangible Property taxes and mobile home renewals. Save a trip down town amid the horrible traffic and pay right here at home. Bring the blank returns with you to take advantage of this service.

Park Fees

Don't forget the second half payment of ParkRentals as of February 1, 1988.

Pancake Breakfast

The next pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 6, 1988 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m. This is a great way to wake up and to socialize with neighbors.

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Sick Bay

Irene Stevenson is back home after a short stay at the local hospital. These darned colds can get to be pretty nasty!.

Theresa Miller is back on her feet again with one foot still in a cast. Now that son George is here, Theresa will have lots of help.

Jay Hubbard is a very jaunty mariner, walked with Jenny to the pancake breakfast - looked darn spry too - great!

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Old chairpersons never die; they just go thru the motions.

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Aura St. - by Betty Baker

On Jan. 3, 1988, when Peanuts Minton died, the Park lost a great friend. We all loved his witty remarks and what a great fisherman he was. Edna should be commended for the wonderful care and devotion she gave to him. The park managers should be thanked for a lovely dinner they had for the Minton family and friends after the Memorial Services.

The next few days I hope to find some sunny warm weather when Sue and I go to the "Keys" and the East Coast. We are ready to travel after the busy holidays.

Lu Rogers went home to Ill. to her daughters. It was cold up there 0-4° below and she is glad to be back.

Joe and Jerry Cilani, our new neighbors on the first lot on our street are very happy being in our park. They came from Key Largo. They are planning to building a new house in Englewood.

Talked to Marge, and she said that she had no news, but that she is always going somewhere. I met her at Ethel's as the Stich & Sew Club was meeting there today.

Donna & John had a nice Christmas with lots of gifts and checks. Now her refrigerator just went on the blink, so there is always something to think about and spend money on.

The George Galats have a lovely new screen porch. Ana was busy knitting when I stopped by.

Pat & Boyd Gunnison arrived out of the cold country. Glad to see them again.

Aura St. Cont.

Shirley & Dick Hire are back after a trip home for the holidays. Their daughter and two children from Houston Texas flew to Mass. to be with her folks. Shirley said it was fun to see the two small children play in their first snow.

Millie's house is quiet now after Edna's family were staying there for the week.

The Carl Browns had a nice Christmas in Maine. They went home by Amtrak.

Tomorrow, Art Cady is leaving for home by Amtrak. He will be back for the baseball games in March.

Ethel is entertaining her Stitch & Sew Club so she was getting a nice lunch ready.

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A final Christmas thought - - I don't understand why our kids scour the refrigerator for leftovers we don't have, but totally ignore the ones that are in there.

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Bayo St. - by Gladys Thorne

Florence Turk's brother Eric Gustafson from Paducah, Ky. has been visiting the Turks over the holidays. Recently Eric became ill and has been quite sick, so Mike and Florence left today, (Jan. 9) to take Eric back home where he will enter the hospital for tests and possibly a cat scan. We wish him a speedy recovery, and a safe trip for the Turks.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt had a very enjoyable trip to the East coast where they visited with daughter Amy over the holidays.

Jack & Kathy Stanley spent the holidays with daughter Kathleen of Atlanta, Ga., also their children and parents in Michigan.

Dick and Flo Leeper from White Oak, Pa. are here for a few weeks in the park. Flo says they are glad to be here out of the cold. They plan to stay till the end of March. We welcome them and hope they will join in the park activities so we can get better acquainted. They live at 209 Bayo St. where Bob & Phillis Knapp used to live.

All I could get from Charley Letsch was, "No News Is Good News."

Mark & Ruth Daugherty were happy to have their daughter Naomi and husband Joe visiting them over the Christmas holidays. The Muracos returned home in time to get their water turned off for five days, due to the "oil spill" in Pittsburgh.

Sophie Szopski's brother Joe Korzen and his friend Helen Matuszek spent the holidays here in the park with Sophie. They are Niles, Ill.

We miss little Alice here in the park. Sorry she is not very well this winter. She is spending her time with daughter Doris and Al boulerice. Hope she will be feeling better real soon.

Chet's brother Robert Sizelove and wife Eleanor from Kokomo, Ind. will be visiting the Sizeloves around Feb. 1 for a few days. They will also be looking for a place in this area to retire.

Tom & Madeline Scriba spent the holidays in New Jersey visiting children and both their parents. They went skiing at Camel Back, Pa. On the return trip they came down the Shenendoah Valley and over the Smokie Mts. of Tennessee where Tom said the trees were beautiful with ice coating them, then on to Tallahassee, Fla. to visit with children there, then back here to the park. Guess they had a wonderful vacation.

Gus & Jenny Tolliver, from Dayton, Ohio, are the new residents of 214 Bayo St. for the season. We want to welcome them into the park and hope their stay here will be most enjoyable.

George and Florence Finnett express appreciation to the group who provided all the enjoyable holiday festivities. The cow didn't "jump over the moon" only as high as the hood of the Finnett's car, and walked away from the scene of the accident.

The Thornes had a nice visit from friends who formerly lived in Georgetown, Pa. and worked with Jim for many years. Mr. & Mrs. Walter Allison, who now live in South Venice, surprised us by stopping in unexpectedly Friday afternoon. Nice to see old friends again.

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Friendship cannot be purchased, rented or borrowed. It must be earned.

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Cielo St. - by Ruth Hicks

With the arrival of George, Dolores Hommel, and Billy Kell and Isabelle Moorhouse, Cielo St. is accounted for.

Sorry to see that Frances Franz has left our block for Dije. We'll miss her smiling face, tho we do welcome Rita & Mo Teehan as our new neighbors.

Ralph Freeman misses his fishing partner, daughter Nancy. Before she left to go back to school, Ralph & Elsie took her to see many parts of Florida which they all enjoyed. Ask Elsie & Ralph about their experience with a time-share salesman!

Cora Tyson has been on the sick list. She went for xrays and, as of this writing, has not received the results. Cora had no holiday visitors but said she had a wonderful time at all the park activities.

Angie & Georgia would like to thank the folks for all their help.

Jane Wiley said - a reminder for everyone to use the new zip which is 34223.

Jinks Tener has been happy to have her son Ham visiting until Jan. 16. In the meantime she has been keeping him busy. Take advantage of the free help, Jinks.

Irene Stevenson has been in the hospital recuperating from pneumonia. Bill says she missed spending time with grand-daughter Andrea and her friend Erisa. Hope she has a fast and complete recovery.

Jack Smith is expecting his brother, sister and their spouses for a visit within the next two weeks. Fran would like us all to save the Campbell soup wrappers. She in turn will send them to her daughter Sally's school. They exchange them for money to buy school equipment.

Mickey & Bob Rumpf enjoyed their grandsons' visit.

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Have you heard about the new trade agreement the United States made with the Soviet Union? We send them 10,000 cars from Detroit. In turn, they send us 10,000 parking spaces - from Siberia.

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Dije St. - by Allison Brown

From Katey Mastie: - What a let down! After two weeks of absolute bedlam and fun, with nine extra people in and out like bees at a hive, suddenly they all took off and we are back to two. Our guests included our oldest son, Ron and his friend Judy with two children, Mark and Angela; Dennis and Lori Mastie plus Barb, Tony and Zachary Nykodym. The weather was absolutely perfect and they all headed north with beautiful tans, and groaning at the thought of boots, coats and mittens. We had an evening at Olde Heidelberg Castle, an afternoon at the circus, the boat ride at Punta Gorda Isles, plus Xmas on the beach with the Downing cousins and the Exelby kids. The New Year's Eve party at the Taylor's residence made it all the harder to leave. Zachary cried and begged his dad to please move to Florida.

Harry Ide's green thumb is showing with his lush back porch "pot'garden" The Ides have been enjoying home grown tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, alfalfa sprouts and kale in their salads for several weeks. Harry has grown everything from seeds started in October.

No news from the Palermos, but all is well at 405. What a brief report from Ralph.

The Nighswanders, Swickards, Hubbards and the Daughertys went up to the Golden Apple Dinner Theatre last week to see "Forty-second St." Fun!

Not much news from the Chan Robinsons except they enjoyed all of the Christmas activities, and do thank the December committee for all the hard work to make a memorable holiday for all of us. Chan & Hulda are expecting their neighbors, the Huttons, some time this month, providing that they can dig out of the snow in Iowa.

The Deierleins enjoyed a visit from their daughter, Kathleen, of New York. She fell in love with our Florida weather, our park and our park people. She also fell in love with Mikee, three-year-old grandson of Jack and Fran Smith. She promised to write him, and he promised to write her! (At 3 years yet?)

Ruth Salmon says she's just enjoying all the park activities. She really liked the boat trip after Christmas around Punta Gorda Isles to see all the beautiful lights. (Reporter's note: Everyone gave that activity a rave review.)

Dije St. - Cont.

The Hubbards have visitors for a few days. Jay's brother Guy and his wife Joy are here from Panama City where they are staying this winter.

December was an exciting month for Frances Franz. "Our son George, came from NYC intime for a holiday visit with his father, and incidentally, in time to help decorate the hall for the Christmas party. (His mom was on the December committee.) His first exposure to the park convinced him it is a wonderful place, full of interesting, friendly people." Fran's story continues. "Barbara Richardson became Mrs. Roland Koller, and I was the lucky one to move to her lovely mobile home at 407 Dije St. - only a step from my good friends on Cielo, and most kindly welcomed by all my new neighbors on Dije. Our daughter Peg Franz came for Christmas from her teaching in New Mexico, and just in time to help with the Christmas dinner, and to welcome in the New Year at the park party. She loved the luminaries that glowed on Christmas Eve, thoroughly enjoyed the sunset canal cruise in Punta Gorda Isles, and was so happy to have been a part of Christmas at Gulf-to-Bay.

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Today's Chuckle: The meek shall inherit the earth - if that's all right with the rest of you.

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Estada St. - by Helen Bleck

Mil and Norm Durst had their daughter Karen Kinstler and family from Tiffen, Ohio, and Mil's sister Mae Robinson and husband George visiting them during the Christmas holidays. Eric & Christy enjoyed the fishing, shelling and swimming. It was perfect weather for them.

Dot Hall announces an addition to her family, a beautiful baby girl!! - her great niece.

Dot and Jim Manley are expecting their son from Vermont this month. They've had visits from many friends who have been getting away from the northern chills. Busy Winter.

Marg & Dick Hamilton says - "They able to a little nourishment" so I guess all is well there.

Ruth Nelson is awaiting the arrival of Mary Kay O'Donnell. Her son Jim and family have returned to Ohio after spending the holidays with her.

Fay & Les Downing had three of their daughters and families here for Christmas. They also had a visit from Les's twin brother and wife from Orlando. They are anxiously awaiting the arrival of grandson Charley and his mom and dad, the end of January. Watch out, grandpa, and Grandma, there'll be a tiger loose in the house.

Alice and Bill EXelby have moved into their new home and are working hard at redecorating. They are enjoying being new residents of Gulf-to-Bay park. They've been entertaining their two sons Wes and Dan and families. They enjoyed the beach and new home also. Alice's two sisters and husbands spent the past week-end here visiting and having fun.

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Today's Chuckle: The three rules for healthy teeth - brush after every meal, see your dentist often and mind your own business.

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Golfo St. - by Dortha Swickert

Bobbie & Larry Pidel, Little Silver, N.J. came down during Thanksgiving. Enjoyed the dinner and the park and the folks so much they decided to return after spending Christmas with the family.

Had a great time visiting our daughter and family in Pa. over Christmas. When the snow flurries blew in there, it was time to return here again. - Noble & Eleanor Pahl.

Dorothy & Floyd quietly enjoying the weather here.

George, Audrey & Bob Jacobson came down for a family Christmas reunion with Dorothy & Walter Rasmussen and his sister Lorraine from Chicago. Also in the area for the celebration was George's other sister Lorraine Quade, her son David Quade and family from Lake Bluff, Ill. plus her other son Bruce Quade and family from San Clemente, California. Along with 4 children, the 15 family members had a lovely gift exchange and turkey dinner at the Quade's Condo at Burnt Store Marina, plus two outings on the beach here at Gulf-to-Bay which they all enjoyed and raved about the beautiful weather. Dorothy & Walter hosted the 15 family members for lunch and had a wonderful reunion. Now it is lonesome with everyone back in their homes and they're getting back to normal after all the holiday festivities.

Golfo St. - Cont.

Freeman & Etta want to thank friends and neighbors who are giving their plants and grass a "drink" during their frequent absenteeism.

Gene Hallett went home by plane Dec. 1st to attend grandson's wedding David & Michell Hallett. They are living in Gene's house while he is building a log cabin for their future home. Gene was with Nancy & Russ. Christmas with Clyde & Phyllis and all the the family. It was great being with all the family for the holidays.

From the Verrills: - Son Bruce and wife Louise spent a pleasant day with them recently. They are from Melbourne. Charlie and Helen also entertained his sister and brother-in-law from Lehigh Acres.

Cam & Cal Thatcher spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, older son, wife and children. The Older daughter and her family all live in Findlay, Ohio. Weather co-operated while they were there.

Looking forward for Norma & Jean Croteau to return next month.

Nettie says: -"No News": this time.

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Today's Chuckle: You know you're getting old when that come-hither look turns into a get-out-of-here glare.

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Cielo Ct. - by Mary May

Joanne & Dean Gould - We are enjoying all our space in the beach house, big difference between this and the motor coach. Happy to leave the snow!

Lola & Matt Yakes - Quiet here right now. Getting ready for the arrival of grandson Dennis and wife Leslie January 20th.

Lorretta and Fred Brandemill - We had a super Christmas. Daughter Jan is recuperating rapidly - a good start for 1988.

Mary May - My mother Jo Schmitt arrived January 6th and very happy to be here. It was 6⁰ when she left Illinois. She will be here until the end of March. Like all of us she loves this little spot on Manasota Key.

Andy Grant - Busy with tennis and remodeling George and Lynna Croteau's new home in Brook to Bay. George and I drove down, the gals to follow in a couple of weeks.

John & Dolly Papp - We enjoyed our holidays at Rock Hill S.C. with our son and daughter and husband. This Saturday we are going on a bus trip to Cypress Bingo to try our luck.

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Today's Chuckle: As they say on Capitol Hill, Love is where you find it.

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Flash - Flash -Travel News

Just got word that the date for the Florida State Fair is Feb. 11th. Bus leaves the park at 9:00 a.m. - Returns at 9:00 p.m. \$11.00 per person includes round-trip bus fare, fair admission, drivers tip - 47 passengers - maximum.

Lost! Strayed! Missing!

Keys for the Rec Hall have been declared missing and an all out bulletin is herewith announced. If found, please return to any one of the Council members. Thank you!