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CARD OF THANKS

Bob and Ruth Arnholt would like to thank all their good neighbors and friends here in Gulf to Bay for all their acts of kindness, cards, food, and all memorial gifts.

A special thanks to Perci Klinger, Allison Brown, Gene Hallett, Bill Kell and Joan Stunzig and her workers in the kitchen. Thanks again from all the family of Nettie Arnholt. - June Adams, Dick and Libby Arnholt, Ellen Sill and Bob and Ruth.

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PROFILE OF A SENIOR

Who is a senior citizen? What is one? A senior citizen is one who was here before the pill and the population explosion. We were here before TV, penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics, open-heart surgery and hair transplants. Before frozen food, nylon, Dacron, Xerox, Kinsey, radar, fluorescent lights, credit cards, ball-point pens and Frisbees.

For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers or condos. Co-eds never wore slacks. We were before panty hose and drip-dry clothes, before ice makers and dishwashers, clothes cryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before Hawaii and Alaska became states, Before men wore long hair and earrings and before women wore tuxedos.

We were before Leonard Bernstein and Ann Landers, plastic, the 40-hour week and minimum wages. We got married first and then lived together. How Quaint.

Closets were for clothes - not for coming out of. We were before Grandma Moses. "The White Shadow," Frank Sinatra, Batman, Herblock and Miss Peach. Girls wore Peter Pan collars and thought cleavage was what butchers did.

We were before vitamins, disposable diapers, jeeps, pizza, face-lifts, Cheerios, instant coffee, decaffeinated anything, and McDonald's. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. We were before Boy George and Chiquita bananas. Before FM radios, tape recorders, electric typewriters, boom boxes, word processors, electronic music and disco dancing.

In our day, Cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was for mowing. Coke was a refreshing drink, and pot was something you cooked in. If we had been asked to explain CIA, NATO, UFO, VCR, GNP, MBA, BMW, HMO, SDI, NFL, JFK, and MS - we'd have said "alphabet soup."

We are today's senior citizens, a hardy bunch when you think of how our world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. I'm pretty proud of us. - AARP, Ch 2889.

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Park News

A very warm and grateful thanks to all of those who have put in so much hard work to brighten up the kitchen area of the Rec Hall. With the paint job, a new built-on Bingo Cabinet, and new window treatment as well as wall trim, the place is simply beautiful and a great place to work. Some workers certainly need more than just a slap on the back and a casual "thanks."

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Today's Chuckle: Lots of people have open minds. The problem is, the opening is their mouth.

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Judy: Doctor, am I going to live?
Doctor: You should live to be eighty.
Judy: But I am eighty!
Doctor: You see, what did I tell you?

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FLORIDA SHORE AND BEACH PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION

All of us have ventured some concern over the very obvious problem of beach erosion. Until now, there has not been much of a concerted effort to do something about this problem. However, coordinated efforts are being made by the above-named association. The initial problem is that of gaining membership and recognition. To that end, all of us can help by joining the association and paying the \$10. dues. The fledgling association has already incurred some expenses with more to come. Help is needed if action for the beach is to be taken.

An information booth is being planned for the Englewood Expo, March 25,26,27. Joan Stunzig is currently serving as Vice-President of the association. She will be glad to accept your \$10. dues and will also welcome any help she can get for the construction and manning of the booth during the Expo. More on this later.

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The quickest way to make yourself feel better is to help someone who feels worse.
Arnot L. Sheppard Jr.

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

Marge Stocum has company this week. Friends from Corning, N. Y. They are Ann Mouchess, her daughter and family, Ronda, Dane, Melonie and Lindsey.

Glad to have Bill & Helen Butterfield here again. They had planned to be here before Christmas but Bill had to have more treatments. They both look good and hope the weather is nice for them.

The Dick Hires had a wonderful first cruise. Lots of flue aboard, and Dick has a bad cold. They will be moving to Sandel Estates here in Englewood. They will be close enough to come back and enjoy the beach.

Lu Rogers was in the hospital for a few days. Still coughing but up and around. Always a smile when you visit her.

The Carl Browns were busy for two weeks with their son Ted and wife Crystal, who is the daughter of the Darlings. Then the grand-daughter came with her husband and baby. They all had nice tans when they left to return to Maine.

Sue Baker will be visiting her mother and attending the Sunday corn beef and cabbage dinner at the hall. In the morning, they will play golf and try out Betty's new golf clubs and pull cart.

Edna is busy sunning herself now that her place is finished. Good to see her sit a few minutes.

George Galat has the roof finished on his trailer. Now its time to relax and enjoy the new porch. Ana has been ill with a bad cold.

Ethel is busy with her usual things and getting over her cold.

Art Cady is here again. He enjoys long walks to Stump Pass each day. He bought new golf clubs and bags for them. Good luck - Anne

Donna Darling has been in bed for a week with the flu. This winter has been very bad for coughs and the flu.

Our friends on the first lot will be leaving soon. In the fall they will build a house on the lot they bought in Englewood.

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When you gamble, like the growing cabbage, you should quit when you're ahead.

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Rose Ouimette enjoyed a visit from niece Juliette Larame of Montreal. Also a niece and husband, Lucille & Jerome Murcotte from Chicopee, Mass. spent a few days here.

Bob and Ruth Arnholt enjoyed a week-end with daughter Amy of West Palm. Amy celebrated her birthday while here.

Has anyone noticed how busy Mike Turk is these days. Well, Mike is president of the Lemon Bay C.B. Club which constitutes a busy schedule. Early every morning its off to Burger King for a coffee break with the boys. Then there's meetings, and a picnic each month to plan. One of these days he's going to meet himself going and coming across the bridge allat the same time. Enjoy, Mike.

Lavern's daughter Pat Fielstra and husband Bill are flying down March 26 to spend a few days in the park. Then they will return home with Lavern in the motor home.

Mabel's good friend Jenny Gosselin will be leaving Tuesday, the 8th, for home.

Ted Meals is all smiles these days. His wife Dot is flying down to join him on March 12.

Chet Sizelove's brother and wife will be leaving for home in a day or so.

Alice Hess is entertaining grand-daughter Caron Ray and great grandson Darren. They will be returning home Wednesday.

Stopped by Bernice's house and found her not feeling too well. Guess she has the same bug that we all have had this winter. Hope you're better real soon.

News from little Alice. She is doing better and back to entertaining. She had a great surprise in January. She had a visit from her son Ernest, first time in 21 years. He loved the park and Englewood. Alice also entertained a cousin Chet ant Jean McKie, from Chicopee, Mass, as well as friends Jane & Fred Snyder from Scranton, Pa.

Floyd Gilbert has been on the sick list also, told me he is better now, but when he went to the doctor, he found out he had pneumonia.

Caresta Bovee is looking "chipper" following gall bladder surgery last Thursday.

Talked to Dot -Henny Henthorne. They just arrived back in the park. They're sure glad to be here, anxious for the gulf to get warm enough for a swim. Dot has a cold. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary before they came down, with a big party given by the children and families.

We welcome Bonnie & Rex Smallwood from Jeffersonville, Ind. to Bay St. When I talked to them they told me they move it here, and plan to come back in the fall for six months. This trip, they will be here until April 15. A very nice couple, and what a lovely trailer.

Sure will miss Isabelle and Al Ward when they leave the park. Though we will all miss them very much, we hope they will be happy at Shell Creek where they will be living in the fall.

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Fortune Teller: "I regret that I must inform you you will soon be a widow. Your husband will meet with a violent death."

Wife: "And will I be acquitted?"

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CIELO ST. by Ruth Hicks

Jinks Tener's daughter, Pat, from Cape Cod is visiting. Says she'll stay until she sees the Florida sun.

Cora Tyson is anxiously waiting for nephew Richard, and Marie Johnson to arrive. They will be here for Easter. That Cora is one foxy lady! A little smile from her, next thing you know Stretch Klinger was cutting the lawn next to Cora and cleaning it up. What a perfect gentleman!

Florida was very lucky for Dorrie & Frank Finelli's friends from Corning, N.Y. Bought 3 tickets and won \$5,000. in the lottery. Poor Dorrie and Frank - they lost out on a celebration dinner due to the flue. A neighbor of the Finellis, Ann Moorhouess from Corning will pay a visit in the next few weeks.

Virginia & Don Reppenhagen's daughter Susan and family are expected after Easter. Virginia wants to THANK the residents for donating paper back books. She hopes you all continue the good work next year.

The Stevensons have friends, Mr. & Mrs. James Jeniune from Detroit paying a visit. They are neighbors of Bill & Irene from the lake area up home. Also expected is daughter Patricia Schwing, W. Bloomfield, Mich., son Mike and wife. They all are combining a business and pleasure trip in Florida.

Tom and Phyllis McElroy's daughter Janet and granddaughter Lisa are visiting and will leave for home on Saturday.

Dolores & George Hommel are going on a short trip to Largo and Holiday to see friends and sister Genevieve. Boyd and Pat Gunnison will accompany them.

Micky and Bob's oldest daughter Connie Harris, from Toledo, Ohio is here after visiting son David at Mayport Naval Base, on her way to Englewood. The Rumpfs are leaving us on April 2nd and will see us all next year.

Charlie and Ruth Hick's daughter Sharon and family will arrive on March 13, along with grandson David, granddaughter Erin, will be adopted granddaughter Lina from Denmark. She's spending her last school year with Sharon and will graduate from the local high school along with David. She likes the United States very much.

Mo Teehan is chief cook and bottle washer while Rita is north completing some business.

Visiting Fred & Irene Galagher will be daughter Pauline. She hails from Worcester, Mass. and will arrive on April 16.

The cruise was lots of fun and good food for the Jack Smiths. Jack said he liked his first mate on this trip better than on his last cruises in the U.S. Navy. Wonder who he means!

There's a few people I could not catch up with, for news. Sorry about that.

Elsie and Ralph Freeman entertained brother Bill and Wife Maxine from Valentine, Neb. They enjoyed everything that Florida has to offer, especially gulf-to-Bay. They enjoyed the card games and the people in the hall.

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Take care of your pennies - and the dollars will take care of your heirs and their lawyers.

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GOLFO ST. - by Dorothy Swickard

Larry & Bobbie Pidel are sorry to be leaving here. They had such a pleasant time in the park, and have met so many lovely friends. They hope to come back some time in the near future.

Dorothy and Walter Rasmussen entertained John and Virginia Long of Libaertyville, Ill.; Dorothy and Ed Nelson of Fox Lake, Ill, "Miw" Rooney of Port Charlotte, Fla.

Freeman & Etta Crosby are anxiously awaiting the arrival, March 14th, of their two daughters-in-laws and two grandchildren. Nancy is from Charlestown, Mass; and Paula, Katie and Bobby live on the Cape.

Noble and Eleanor Paul had a lovely surprise last Saturday afternoon. Their granddaughter Laura drove in from Bradenton. These unexpected visits are the best.

Dottie Kerber is recovering from the dog bite she received when she was taking her daily walk.

Alice Wicks and Jo Furcher, two friends from the Poconos stopped en route to Miami where they will join a group of twelve people going to Bolivia and Peru. The group will study the textiles, both ancient and modern, that are produced by the native indians. They will be in South America for two weeks. They will return to the Poconos where Alice and her deceased husband established Quiet Valley Museum.

The Verrills had a pleasant visit from Charlie's sister and husband from Bradenton. Otherwise it has been business as usual at #2 Golfo St.

Cam & Cal had Cal's brother John visiting from Ohio. John has visited Gulf-to-Bay in previous years and is acquainted with many of our residents. One of the highlights of the visit was when John & Cal pulled one of Cam's teeth with a pair of vice grips. (This is Cal's report.) Cal has enjoyed fishing lately also.

Golfo st. - Cont.

The Jean Croteaus arrived Feb. 23rd after surviving a cold, snowy time in Mass. Now, the sinking of their "Titanic" has slowed them down. Nothing but sunshine and beach for March and April. Are we happy to be here? You Betcha!!

Dorothy and Floyd report no news.

We miss our neighbor Nettie very much.

Randy and Beverly Swickard from Fort Seneca, Ohio are visiting with his parents, Bill and Dortha Swickard. When they left home it was 5⁰ above zero. They are enjoying the 80⁰ temperature we are having.

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CIELO CT. by Mary May

Lola and Matt Yakes: - Quiet at our house these days. Grat grandson Jeff was here for four days, during our rainy weather. His grandparents, Edna and Eugene have taken him sight seeing in Florida, then its back north for Jeff, and on to Texas for Edna and Eugene and we are back in our old rut.

George Uto: - Looking forward to the 25th when my daughter Lorraine arrives along with her husband Richie and sons Richie and Brian for one week.

Fred & Loretta Brandemill: - By the time this goes to press our daughter Jan will be here with her husband Clarence and daughter Kebbie. Lots of activities and so much fun.

Dollie & John Papp: - Bingo is our game - - well maybe. Bingo in Big Cypress, we lost. Went to Tampa and lost. So we came back to Gulf-to-Bay so we could win.

Mary May: - No company at our house. We are letting everyone else on the block do it. Mother (Jo) and I are looking forward to our trip to Marco and visit my sister Judy.

Joanne & Dean Gould: - Quiet at their house. Your reporter could not find them at home.

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Nobody knows about your integrity, your sincerity, your talent or your good will unless you give out samples in action.

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DIJE ST. by Allison Brown

Upon their return trip from the cruise, the Palermos were greeted by daughter Barbara and husband Larry, who were house sitters having arrived while Ralph and Roxanne were away. Speaking of the cruise, we would like to report that we enjoyed the company of all our friends from the park and others who joined us at intervals on the way down.

The Chan Robinsons want to thank the Council for the nice Valentine Party for the anniversary couples. They were especially happy that their grandson Joe Robinson happened to be here to enjoy the party with them.

The Wadleggers enjoyed a weekend visit up north with old Spanish-speaking friends whom they had not seen in 15 years. We learned that DIJE means amulet or jewel and BAYO means bay (a reddish-brown horse.)

The Robert Carruthers is the scene of much activity. Their daughter Lynne and husband Joe and their two daughters Bridgette and Jeanne Rae are visiting. They took the weekend cruise to Nassau and are doing Disney and Epcot Tuesday and Wednesday. Then, back to cold Michigan.

Joey and George Gallaher had a short visit from Bob and Lil Kutcher - friends from Pittsburgh, Pa. who are spending the winter at Palm Beach. They loved our park. The Gallahers are looking ahead to the April 1 arrival of their daughter Diane Moshier, her husband Mark and grandchildren Brian and Sandra who are from Binghamton, N. Y.

DIJE ST. - Cont. Katey writes: Sure has been a busy month for the Masties starting with our 4-day trip to Los Vegas with the gang. We didn't make any money, but we sure had a lot of fun. The day after we got home Katey got the flu and spent five days in bed. We finally managed to get packed up again to go on the cruise which was a fantastic trip. We saw so much beauty and so many ways of life. We had a great group, and as usual, Harry and Lorraine out-did themselves making everything go smoothly. Many thanks to them.

Ruth Salmon reports: These last few weeks were busy ones. My daughter Elaine and friend from N. Y. State were with me for four days. They spent most of their time fishing off the docks as it was too chilly for the beach. After they left I joined other shufflers and watched the shuffleboard teams play-off games. We are all proud of our standing in the League this year and hope for even better next year.

From Ray and Virginia DeMoss: - We have been having lots of company. Mr. & Mrs. James Semer, Frances and Susan Lynch from Old Fort, Ohio, Ruth Kaylor and a friend from Eaton Rapids, Mich; Mr. & Mrs. Rollie Florence from Tiffen, Ohio. Our son Don and daughter-in-law Ruth and two grand daughters, Amanda and Michelle arrived Sat. afternoon for a couple of weeks. They are spending part of the time here and part at Lehigh Acres with Ruth's sister and family. The girls got sunburned Monday, but they are now ok. We were glad to see them all but especially the little girls. At home we see them every day as they live just a hop, skip and jump away.

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The moon is a mighty force that can pull the ocean tides back and forth and even stop cars on a quiet country road.

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ESTADA ST. by Helen Bleck

Gerry Anderson was the guest of Norm and Mil Durst from February 17th to March 6th. Many residents will recall Gerry showing pictures of the Alaskan Highway a couple of years ago.

Dot Hall was not at home but I heard she has a sore knee which she got dancing.

Dot and Jim Manley went to visit their son in Kissimmee for a couple of days. They went by way of Arcadia for a West Brattleboro reunion.

Marge and Dick Hamilton had another visit from Doris & Vic Garrettson of Bradenton, Fla. and Lime, Ohio.

No news from Ruth Nelson.

The Rohrbaks have returned to Michigan after visiting the Downings. Fay has returned to Florida after a 10-day visit to see her mother who is seriously ill in a nursing home. The Downings' daughter Linda Cowan from Clarkston, Michigan, flew back with her mother for a short visit. Lea has recuperated from the "bug" and is back at his favorite job "fishing."

A special thanks to Lorraine and Harry for a great cruise. It was our first one and we enjoyed every minute of it. Now we plan to stay put and enjoy the next two months in the Florida sun. - Bill & Alice Exelby.

Helen Bleck has returned along with all the rest of those from the park who went on the cruise on the Victoria, and says it was the best yet!!! Thanks to Lorraine and Harry and some help from Joan and Paul.

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Society Note: - "Following the services a reception for the newlyweds was held."

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