



# the Listening Post

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## Gulf to Bay Potpourri

A very warm welcome back for returning park residents and an equally warm welcome to the newcomers. Let us make them all welcome with the traditional warmth and friendship! If you have not already done so, it is suggested that you get out the old family calendar and jot down dates and times for future events. You might well start with the new Directory issued by the park management. The Listening Post will try to list such dates and times as are provided by residents but it is not always possible to include all because of timing and deadlines. Please check the bulletin boards on the front and back of the Rec Hall and on the office bulletin board.

## Block News Hounds

For subsequent issues of the Listening Post, Block Newshounds will check for news on each block of the park. Please help them so that no one is overlooked. The Listening Post desires to "print all the news that is fit to print." The News Hounds were not used for this issue for several reasons not the least of which is the fact that as of this writing a good number of residents have not yet returned.

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An impartial observer is somebody who doesn't know what is going on.

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## Gulf to Bay Committees and Assignments

President Stevenson has announced the following chairpersons for the year:

November - Barbara Richardson	February - Dot Manley
December - Paul Stunzig	March - Bill Stevenson
January - Irene Brown	April - Ruth Salmon

In addition, the following persons have agreed to serve in the following capacities:

- Bingo - Vin Pfaneuf
- Pancake Breakfasts - Joan and Paul Stunzig
- Bridge - Rita Teehan
- Bible Study - Gnee Hallett
- Exercise Classes - Fay Downing
- Arts and Crafts - Cora Tyson
- Sunshine Lady - Joan Stunzig
- Shuffle Board - Clayton Brown
- Tours and Outings - Lorraine and Harry Ide

Any and all of these people would appreciate any suggestions which would add to the pleasure of living in this great park - the only one of its kind on the West Coast of Florida.

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Probably the most difficult of all instruments to play is second fiddle.

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Mobile Home Owners, Inc.

The Mobile Home Owners will be interested to know that although there is little activity in the park as of August and September, we were represented at a recent seminar/workshop sponsored by the law firm of Isphording, Korp, Murrhead, Haworth and White held on August 31, 1987 at the Ramada Inn Airport in Sarasota. The workshop was established for tenant organizations concerned with the purchase of Mobile Home parks. The seminar featured such topics as an over-view of the legal benefits derived from the purchase and ownership of the mobile home park; accounting by tenant associations; financing the acquisition; case histories and a panel discussion; and finally, an update of the Mobile Home Act.

Gulf to Bay residents who attended the seminar were Cal thatcher, Jane Wiley and Art Oestreich who all agreed that this was a most interesting and informative meeting, attended by some 75 people from parks in this general area.

Without attempting to report a detailed summary of the meeting, it is sufficient to say that presentations by Bill Korp on fundamentals in Tenant-purchase, ownership and operation of a mobile home park was most informative. Representatives from the Japanese Gardens, Alameda Isles provided a case history in each park of the steps taken and the steps in the process from initial organization to purchase.

As a service to Mobile Homw Parks who registered for this seminar, the above law firm will send out a periodical called "The Mobile Advocate" from time to time. The Mobile Home Owners of Gulf to Bay have a good deal of work lying ahead of them as time goes on.

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A shrewd man conceals his knowledge, but the hearts of fools gush forth folly. The Bible.

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Sick Bay

It is good to see Peanuts out and around again even though he is not scooting around on his scooter. The energy provided is thru the good efforts of the indefatigable Edna.

With the help of crutches and Jenny, Jay Hubbard is hobbling about recovering from ankle surgery. Get going and get that boat in the water!

The patch you see on Vaughn's neck is not the result of a swat from Dorothy but is the result of some surgery. Get well and get with it, Vaughn.

Helen Bleck is almost back to normal after some hip surgery this past summer. She can't wait until line dancing is underway again.

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At times children can either be a lump in the throat of a pain in the neck.

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Speaking of children, the following little gem was passed along to your editor:

NOBODY COOKS IN FLORIDA

This article comes from a "Grandma" in Florida. After a Christmas break, the teacher asked her small pupils how they spent their Holidays. One small boy's reply went like this:

"WE ALWAYS SPEND CHRISTMAS WITH GRANDPA AND GRANDMA. THEY USED TO LIVE UP HERE IN A BIG BRICK HOUSE BUT GRANDPA GOT RETARDED AND THEY MOVED TO FLORIDA. THEY LIVE IN A PLACE WITH A LOT OF RETARDED PEOPLE. THEY LIVE IN TIN HUTS. THEY RIDE BIG THREE WHEEL TRICYCLES. THEY GO TO A BIG BUILDING THEY CALL THE WRECKED HALL. BUT IF IT WAS WRECKED, IT IS FIXED NOW. THEY PLAY GAMES THERE AND DO EXERCISES, BUT THEY DON'T DO THEM VERY GOOD. THERE IS A SWIMMING POOL AND THEY GO TO IT AND JUST STAND THERE IN THE WATER WITH THEIR HATS ON. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO SWIM.

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MY GRANDMA USED TO BAKE COOKIES AND STUFF. BUT I GUESS SHE FORGOT HOW. NOBODY COOKS THERE; THEY ALL GO TO FAST FOOD RESTAURANTS. AS YOU COME IN THE PARK, THERE IS A DOLL HOUSE WITH A MAN SITTING IN IT. HE WATCHES ALL DAY, SO THEY CAN'T GET OUT WITHOUT HIS SEEING THEM. THEY WEAR BADGES WITH THEIR NAMES ON THEM. I GUESS THEY DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE. MY GRANDMA SAYS GRANDPA WORKED ALL HIS LIFE AND EARNED HIS RETARDMENT. I WISH THEY WOULD MOVE BACK HOME. BUT I GUESS THE MAN IN THE DOLL HOUSE WON'T LET THEM OUT."

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Two finishes for automobiles: Lacquer and Liquor.

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### Sporting News:

Gulf to Bay residents are avid participants in several sports but rarely "make the news". If this news were to be passed along to the editor, it will be printed forwith. This includes information on Shuffleboard, Horse Shoes, Golf, and yes, fishing - who caught what and how big and how many? The same is true of Community services of all kinds. Those who serve should be recognized!

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Always, the dullness of the fool is the whetstone of the wits.  
- Shakespeare

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### Sad News

Some of the older residents of the park will remember Walton (Walt) Schwochow who lived where Betty Baker now lives. Walt was helping a young man with his farm and while driving a tractor, was hit by a freight train and was killed instantly.

Joe and Ethel Kriz were both killed instantly in a head-on collision this past summer. They lived where the Hicks now live.

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Truth rings forth like a bell, but it isn't always tolled.

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### SNOWBIRDS RETURN

The highways are buzzing with traffic  
Like a hive of bees when they swarm  
With the snowbirds on their way down south  
Where the weather is balmy and warm.

So one by one they come drifting in  
Like shells washing in on the sand  
Our summer has ended way up north  
Now it's back to this fun filled land.

We welcome each one with open arms  
As we greet a new neighbor each day  
With a hearty "Hello" and "Welcome"  
Back to good old Gulf to Bay".

Author - Gladys Thorne

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Will power is that admirable quality in ourselves which  
is detestable obstinacy in others.

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Thanksgiving Day

Barbara Richardson Kollar and her committee have completed all plans for the turkey dinner on November 26. Tickets for the dinner, to be served at 1:00 P.M., will be on sale from 10:00 to 12:00 on Wednesday, November 11th and Thursday, November 12th.

Committee members are: Barbara - chairperson; Mary May and Ken Spain, Allison and Clayton Brown, Isobel and Al Ward, Virginia and Ray Demoss, and Roland Kollar.

THE MENU

Tomato juice  
Roast turkey  
Giblet gravy  
White potatoes  
Sweet potatoes

String beans  
Cranberries  
Pumpkin pie -  
with whipped cream  
Rolls and butter

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Christmas Activities

Because of problems of timing and publication dates, a special bulletin will be circulated in which all of the Christmas activities will be scheduled. Watch for the bulletin.

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A warm and grateful "Thank You" for Dot Manley who did all of the typing for this issue of The Listening Post.

Art Oestreich, Editor

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Christmas Greetings

It may seem to be early to think about Christmas Greetings, but in order to meet printing deadlines, it will be necessary to "get with it". Those who wish to send greetings to fellow residents can do so by writing, or printing, or typing on a 3" by 2" piece of white paper. Use Black ink only. Colors will not reproduce. Cost: \$1.00 (\$2.00 for a 3" by 4" card ) Block captains will call by December 10.

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# Excursions for park residents, their guests and friends.

**SAVE**

## GULF TO BAY ON THE GO! GO! GO!

We've got a great outing all set to go.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 th we'll leave the park for the quaint Greek village in Tarpon Springs. There'll be time to enjoy the little shops (especially those fabulous Greek pastry shops) or take a short boat ride with a sponge fisherman before a full lunch from juice to baklava at the famous Greek PAPPAS restaurant. Then the bus will take us to Roger's Christmas House in Brooksville. (There's a brochure on the Travel Bulletin with details.) You can browse for holiday ideas and do some holiday shopping as well in this year-round outstanding unique village.

The bus, the meal, all taxes and tips is just \$18 per person - a nice way to start the holiday season.

The bus capacity is 46 on a first-come basis. Sign up with Lorraine at 408 Dije Street. **475-2584**

## LATER IN THE SEASON

Some of the details still have to be arranged for these events. They'll be posted on the Travel Bulletin.

JANUARY 12th - A "Knight" to remember at Medieval Times

A hearty 4 course meal will be served with beer, wine cocktail or soft drink. Valiant knights on colorfully clad horses will entertain us with authentic medieval games while we cheer them on. The nice part is we can continue our good time on the bus ride home.

Cost \$95 includes bus, banquet, entertainment, all taxes and tips and Bus Bingo.

LATER IN JANUARY - Watch for a day at the races or jai alai with dinner at a special restaurant about which we've heard raves.

FEBRUARY: By popular demand, a full day at the Florida State Fair. Last year's outing was so much fun that we're doing it again but without the big restaurant meal. We all had too much fun eating at the Fair.

Cost \$10 included bus, the Fair, tips and Bus Bingo

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 7: Caribbean Cruise on **msVictoria**. 6 Ports of Call. Inside cabin \$799 air/cruise. May still be able to add to the group. See Lorraine right away if you'd like to go.

MARCH: Tour of TV Channel 20 in Fort Myers. Meet the celebrities. Dinner at the Mariner's Inn on the shores of the Caloosahatchie.

Early APRIL: An unusual Spring Luncheon is being planned for both men and women this year. You're going to LOVE it!

- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- SIGN UP WITH LORRAINE
- CHECK THE TRAVEL BULLETIN. . . and. . . Join the fun

Trip costs exactly cover trip expenses. This non-profit service is for all to enjoy.



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## DECK THE HALLS

### Recreation Association News

And a very merry Christmas from the December committee which has planned a big Christmas bag of events. The hard working committee consists of the following:

Joan and Paul Stunzig - Chairpersons		
Fran Franz	Ruth Nelson	Rita and Maurice Teehan
Charley Letsch		Marie and Fran Wadlegger

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The activities for the day begin at 3:30 p.m. for a social gathering. Punch and canopies will be served. Come to the Rec Hall early and wish old and new friends and neighbors good cheer and get into the holiday mood.

At 4:00 p.m. (approximately) dinner will be served.

Menu: Chicken cordon Bleu	Potatoes Au Gratin
Peas / mushrooms	Cole slaw
Cranberries	Desert and Coffee

The committee suggests that all be prepared to spend a leisurely hour or two while they attempt to make your Christmas dinner an event rather than just a meal. Please refer to the special bulletin sent out a bit earlier, for added information.

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### Park Management News

Enjoy a special evening on December 16, 1987 when Warren and Jean have planned a gala party. The Happy Hour begins at 5:45 p.m. and Jimmy Jay will entertain (and provide dance music) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.)

A hot buffet will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by dancing to the music of the Fred White trio. Come one and come all for an evening Christmas bag of goodies.

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### NEW YEARS PARTY - December 31, 1987

As part of the Committee planning, do not forget to plan on a New Years party, Dec. 31st. Music and dancing and plan to B.Y.O.B. Please bring a dish to pass and provide your own table service. Where else can you go for more fun and less exposure to whatever kooks may be on the roads?

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And then there was the primary Sunday School class singing lustily: "While shepherds washed their sox by night."

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Mark your calendar! Crazy Carol: January 2, 1988, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Nuff Sed.

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Blessed are the hard-of-hearing for they shall miss much small talk.

A bachelor is a man who is footloose and fiancee free.

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GREEN GRASS

The grass is green on this side of the dock - maybe. Those with crab traps and for shrimp traps must learn to check these on the docks - not the grass. Grass is allergic to salt water and brown grass (dead) just ain't purdy! Please cooperate for more attractive grounds. (Editor's note - Mea culpa tu!)

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If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

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FISHING REPORT

While no real trophy fish have been landed by Gulf-to-Bay anglers, the results of fishing trips have, by all standard, been pretty favorable. Bob Rumpf, Freeman Crosby, Jack Smith, Gene Hull and Chan Robinson brought home satisfactory fish dinners. Marguerite Oestreich landed six nice keeper trout while Art was zip! Frank Finelli brought in a nice red while fishing under the bridge. Probably the most interesting catch was reported by Cal Thatcher. While dancers began to respond to Jimmy Jay, Monday night, Cal tossed some bait off the Liar Dock. He hooked and landed a red estimated at 3½ pounds and 21" long. By Tuesday evening on the dock, it had grown to 5 pounds and 24" long, and not to be outdone, by Wednesday evening it was a monster of 8 pounds and 28" long. Do you still wonder why it is called the Liars Dock?

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Don't fret over what you'd do with your time if you could live it over again - - get busy with what's left.

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SHUFFLEBOARD TEAM NOTES

The Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League played their first games on December 2nd. Gulf-to-Bay will be playing every Wednesday except for Christmas and New Years weeks. Our team has played Garden of Gulf Cove and Holiday Estates both on their courts, and we have a disappointing average of 11 games won and 13 lost. Our next match will be here, and we are hoping to improve our average with the home court advantage.

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GOLFERS NEWS

While there was a shortage of Palmer or Nichole caliber golfers, the Gulf-to-Bay contingent did go out on Saturday afternoon in 60 degree weather with strong winds which must have produced a chill factor in the low 30's, Jim Manley spent most of the pancake breakfast time trying to "psych out" the opposition with a "severe back" problem.

This year, Gulf-to-Bay is playing golf at the Lemon Bay Golf Club on Saturday afternoons. The last two week ends were spent in "Scramble" tournaments. The golf committee consists of Charles Verrill, Rita Teehan and Dot Manley. Results: Nov 25th - Winning team, Harry Ide, Dot Manley, Jean McConnell and Paul Stunzig. The other (loser) teams were: Jim Manley, Rith Salmon, Charles Letsch and Bus McConnell, Joan Stunzig, Lorraine Ide and Bob Rumpf.

December 5th results: Two winning teams: - Rita Teehan, Bus McConnell, Matt Yakes, Charles Letsch and Jim Manley, with Joan Stunzig, Moe Teehan and Art Cady. The two losing teams were Harry Ide, Paul Stunzig, George Uto, Ralph Freeman; and Dod Manley, Bob Arnholtt, Bob Rumpf and Charles Verrill.

Anyone interested in joining the group on a regular or substitute basis can sign up on the bulletin board in the Rec Hall.

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If you live in a small town and don't know what is going on - - nothing is.

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SICK BAY

Unfortunately, Theresa Miller recently joined the sick bay group when she tripped and fell and broke five bones in her foot. With a walker, a visit by son George, and some loyal friends, she is "making out" in a satisfactory, but painful manner.

Jay Hubbard is progressing as planned with a first milestone overcome, namely the removal of supporting steel pins. The healing process is necessarily slow but Jay is on a countdown for the permanent removal of the cast. Keep plugging!

SICK BAY - Cont.

Peanuts takes an occasional ride around the park, but is having some rough times with arm and stomach pain. Hang in there, Peanuts!

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Sign in a hospital: Give blood; it was meant to be circulated.

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GULF-TO-BAY ON THE GO! GO! GO!

The first park outing, Dec. 8th, to Tarpon Springs and Rogers Christmas House was a sell-out. Undaunted by the bus arriving two hours late, high spirits prevailed throughout the day right through to the two hour sing-along entertainment that shortened the ride home. It was a nice day for everyone.

Coming soon: - See Lorraine if you'd like to go - Sunday, December 27th: - The Christmas Light Canal Cruise through the Punta Gorda Isles. The boat leaves at 6:00 p.m. from Fisherman's Village. The entire boat has been reserved for us with a capacity of 61. The cost is \$6.30 for adults and \$4.20 for children. Payment in advance is required by December 20th. Sign up early. Don't be disappointed. We will car pool it to Punta Gorda. Ride arrangements will be made when you sign up. For those who'd like to have dinner before, we will meet at 4:45 at the Black Forest for dinner, on your own.

Tuesday, January 12th - A "knight" to remember at the Medieval Times Castle. Round trip bus from the park, a four course banquet, beer or wine and authentic medieval horseback tournaments for entertainment. \$35. includes all the above plus tax and tips. A real bargain. REserve early. Don't be disappointed.

Kitchen Band - The raucous music and bursts of laughter coming from the rec hall told us all that the kitchen band had resumed their regular Thursday morning practice. New members are welcomed. The only requirements are to enjoy music and attend practice. If you can carry a tune, you can play a kazoo. - Or, there's a spot for you with the percussion. See Lorraine Ide for more information, or just stop by the hall Thursday at 10:00 a.m.

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

The John Darlings came in a couple of weeks ago. They are enjoying the sun out front most every day.

Anne Cady left Monday, the 7th, for Los Vegas with her friend Helen. We hope those slot machines are good to the gals. Art is here but has a cold. Anne should have lots of funny stories to tell at Happy Hour.

Ethel is all settled in for the winter. She is busy knitting on three projects on once.

Edna said not much news at her house. Many people visit Peanuts. He certainly is well liked by the Park people. We miss his witty remarks.

Sue Baker visited her mother for the Thanksgiving weekend. We had a turkey dinner at home for a change.

Lu Rogers and Marge Stocum went over to Ft. Lauderdale for two days. They will see the Bob Hope Christmas T.V. show being taped. These two gals are always going somewhere.

The Dick Hires went home before Thanksgiving for the holidays.

Mille Cohoon is in Michigan. She went back with her daughter Ardis. Millie seems to be doing great up in the cold country.

George and Anna Galat are happy to be back in the park. They are busy planting flowers and cleaning.

The Carl Browns are busy people with company and round dancing. They like their new home very much.

Happy Holidays from Aura St.

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Laverne Sumner says "No News" except that he's happy to be here and wishes everyone a Happy Holiday Season.

Little Alice is happy to be back in her own trailer. She has not been feeling too well, and has been spending most of the time with Al and Doris. Says she has missed all of her friends.

Rita and Mo Teehan will be moving to their new place at 320 Cielo St. Some time this month. Bayo St. won't be the same without Rita buzzing up and down. We'll miss them. Wish them happiness in their new venture.

When I talked to Caresta Bovee on Dec. 7, she told me she was celebrating her birthday - 75 years young. Happy Birthday, Caresta.

Mabel Gaudette's brother-in-law, Homer Gaudette who used to live here in the park passed away on Nov. 25th. He resided in Venice Isles.

When I talked to Terry & Vin, Vin was busy with window cleaning, - says he's "punchy" but happy to be here getting everything ship shape.

Bob & Ruth Arnholt will be spending the holidays at West Palm Beach with daughter Amy. Now that Bob has recovered from a fractured collar bone he's back doing his favorite things like fishing, golfing and polishing his pride and joy.

Jack and Kathryn Stanley spent a great Thanksgiving holiday entertaining their daughter Kathleen from Atlanta, Ga.

Rose Ouimette has brother Noe Bousquet from Chicopee, Mass. staying with her for a few weeks. He loves to walk and does a few miles every day. I see him on the dock fishing frequently, also.

The Thornes will be spending the Christmas holidays in Penna. with all the family up there. We wish everyone in the park a Happy Holiday Season.

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CIELO ST. - by Ruth Hicks

Not much street news except to report that the Cielo street residents are glad to be back at Gulf-to-Bay.

Irene and Bill Stevenson are having their granddaughter Andrea and friend Eriisa from Ann Arbor, Mich. for a visit over the holidays.

Fran and Jack Smith also, have a daughter, son and grandson Mikie from Mich. coming in over the Christmas holidays.

George Humel was in the park for a quick trip to see his mom, Theresa. She has her foot in a cast and George wanted to make sure she was behaving herself.

Bob and Mickey Rumpf are looking forward to a visit from grandsons, David, Rob & Matt. They hail from Ohio and Jacksonville and will arrive for the Christmas holidays.

Watch out all you fish!! Tom McElroy has his boat in the water and ready to!

Nancy Leight Freeman, daughter of Ralph and Elsie will be arriving in Tampa on Dec. 18th for 3 weeks. Nancy is working on a Doctorate Degree in Microbiology at Washington State in Pullman, Wash. Both Ralph and Elsie are as anxious to greet Nancy as she is as anxious to see her mom and dad. It will make our holiday happier, because we will be together reports Elsie.

Cora Tyson wants to thank the ladies that helped to make the craft class a big success.

Ruth & Charlie Hicks will be in the cold country over the holidays. A P.J. party for family members and guests will be held on Christmas Eve and it promises to be loads of fun.

Frances Franz is looking forward to a visit from son George, from New York City. He will arrive Dec. 12. She is also expecting daughter Peggy Ann from Navajo, N. Mexico to visit. Peggy Ann will arrive Dec. 21st. Frances broke bread with sister Peggy and family for the Thanksgiving holiday. They live in Conway, Ark.

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DIJE ST. - by Allison Brown

A card from Bob and Rita Boulanger had a message to share. They plan to arrive before the New Year.

Theresa Miller will have her bum foot propped up until sometime in 1988, and she is finding the inactivity boring. Why not stop by and sign her case with holiday greetings? Shared time goes quickly.

Shirley Ryan spent Thanksgiving with her God-daughter Judy Pfliger Lawrence at Palm Beach. Shirley and Grady will celebrate Christmas with Judy's parents, Ruth and Leo Pfliger who used to own the park.

Fran and Marie will be spending their first Christmas in Dije St. having gone north for the holidays last year. The kitchen has a new face lift - much brighter now and they're decorating the whole house for the holidays.

Anne Hale's daughter and son-in-law will come from Ocala for Christmas. Lois will have the Christmas dinner at her house.

Where do Shirley and Grady go every Fri. Sat. and Sun.? They go to the Dome where they sell antiques at the Flea Market from 9:00 to 4:00 o'clock.

Katey reports that things are pretty quiet at the Mastie household right now, but give them another week or so, and the families from Michigan and Washington will start moving in for the holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Opalewski and sons were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Bob and Ladeema Carruthers. Patrick Opalewski spent the week-end with his grandmother, Clara Bessinger; he really enjoyed fishing off the dock.

From the Hubbards - Jay reports: -"Still the same old routine. New cast and coil, but still on crutches. Jennie sure is a good go-fer.- and thanks to Vaughn Nighswander, I get to the doctor on time."

Shirley and Charley Deierlein are happily looking forward to a Christmas visit from their daughter Kathleen.

Ruth Salmon at 403: - "November was a happy and busy month. Grandson Richard Osgood flew down from Ballston Spa, N.Y. for a week of fishing, swimming and surfing. Also my good friends Ina and Don Smith were with me for two weeks, and they also rented the back apartment for another week. Don caught some good fish for several delicious dinners. We also had a day of fun at the dog track in Bonita Springs. I hope to see them all again next year.

The Palermos had a 10-day visit from daughter Barbara from Mass. and while here was able to join the celebration of Lorraine's birthday held at their home.

ESTADA ST. - by Helen Bleck

Dot Hall is around and about again and enjoyed the Tarpon Springs trip on Tuesday.

Over Thanksgiving, the Manleys enjoyed the company of their son Peter, his girl friend, her kid sister and Ricky the parrot.

Ruth Nelson says everything is "Status Quo" - No news - Just fun in the sun.

Les and Fay Downing are happy to be back in the park. Their two daughters and families will spend the holidays with them. They are sorry to have their neighbors, Lee and Peg Taylor leave the park, but welcome their friends Bill & Alice Erelby as new neighbors.

Lee & Peg Taylor are back in Michigan to spend an early Christmas with their family. When they return they will be moving into their new home in Englewood. We'll miss them but wish them the very best and will see them around I'm sure.

Helen Bleck is leaving to spend Christmas with her family but will miss the Christmas activities here in the park.

Marguerite and Art Oestreich are expecting son and daughter-in-law and their two small ones for a Christmas break. Batten down the hatches.

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GOLFO ST. - by Dortha Swickert

Have been Busy, busy, busy, visiting our son and family in Bradenton. What a pleasure - says Noble and Eleanor

GOLFO ST Cont.

We finally made it, after many trips to the doctors. We came by way of Chicago and Orlando this year. Our grandson drove our car down again and met us at the Airport. Sat. night. He had to leave Monday a.m. for home, but he did take time for a "dip" in the gulf. Its good to be back with all our good friends again. - Dorothy and Floyd.

Helen & Charlie Verrill just arrived from the cold, windy Cape Cod - to the cool windy Englewood. But the sun is shining, its nice to see all our Gulf-to-Bay friends and the pleasant activities to enjoy.

Gene Hallett in Pa. to attend a grandson's wedding and enjoy the holidays with the family.

Audry, George and Bob Jacobson are expected soon.

Cam & Cal Thatcher are going home for the holidays to be with part of their family. - What fun!!

Etta and Freeman Crosby will soon be back wth us.

Lucille Tracey of Orlando spent a few days here at her house. Hope she returns to spend more time with us.

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MORE FROM ESTADA

Mil and Norm Durst left Cincinnati, Ohio on Nov. 17th after visiting relatives and a sick friend, arriving in Gulf-to-Bay on Dec. 8th. Their sick friend, Mary Anderson, is back in the hospital and in very serious condition. Thanks to Angie and some help from Fran our jungle was all cleared up.

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Wyoming  
Merry  
Christmas  
Ralph + Elsie  
Nancy  
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Greetings from the Listening Post.

Wishing you every blessing  
as we celebrate  
the birth of Christ  
Terry & Lin Plance

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
"The Teedons"  
Rita and Maurice



Merry Christmas  
+  
Happy New Year  
from:  
Bob & Mick

Hurray! We made it  
back to Gulf to Bay.

Merry Xmas to all.

Donna + John D. -



Betty  
Baker

A Very Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year

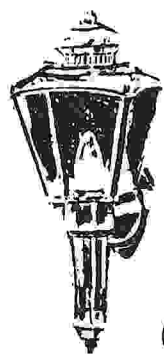
To all from

Marquerite and Art C.

Peace

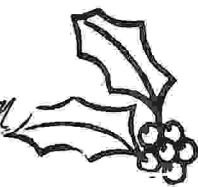


Love




Happy  
Holiday

Cora Fyatt




May the Lord  
Bless all of you  
This Christmas Season  
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Friends   
are a wonderful  
Part of Christmas  
Have a happy one  
Marge Jacum


MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO  
ALL THE NICE PEOPLE  
FROM GULF TO BAY  
ANA & GEO. GALAT

God Bless you  
All  
Merry Christmas  
Fred & Loretta

Many thanks for  
your prayers caring  
Happy holidays  
Pearl & Edna


Seasons   
Greetings  
Ethel Cross

Merry Christmas  
Good Luck - Good Cheer  
For a Happy New Year  
To all the Residents of  
Gulf - So - Bay  
John and Holly Papp



I WISH YOU A MER-RY  
CHRIST-MAS AND A HAP-PY NEW YEAR  
God Bless you all  
George J. Vito

IT'S AN OLD-FASHIONED CUSTOM,  
AN OLD-FASHIONED GREETING,  
BUT IT GROWS EVEN WARMER  
WITH EVERY REPEATING...  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Bill & Irene Stevenson

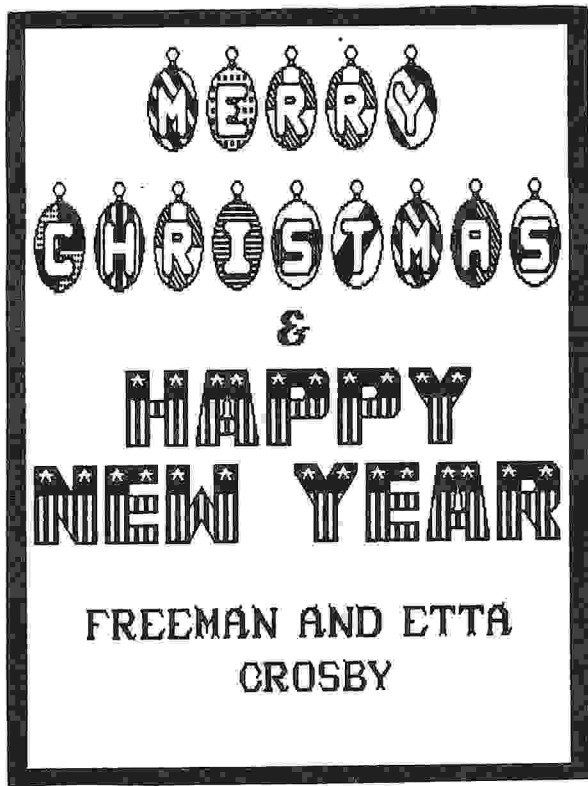




IT'S THE FRIENDS  
WE KNOW AND  
CHERISH WHO MAKE  
CHRISTMAS TIME  
SO SPECIAL  
HAVE A HAPPY  
HOLIDAY SEASON  
ANDY AND AUDREY  
GRANT

Holiday  
Greetings   
Mary May

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
  
LOLA YAKES MATT

Happy Holidays  
from  
our house to  
your house  
Leo & Fay Downing



— Happy   
 Christmas  
 to all —  
 Therese Miller

Merry Christmas  
 &  
 Happy New Year  
 Shirley and Charley II

merry Christmas  
 +  
 Happy new year  
 from  
 Ethel + Margaret  
 Sizelove

 BEST WISHES FOR A  
 HAPPY HOLIDAY  
 SEASON  
 Mabel Gaudette

Sending a special wish your way  
 For a very Merry Christmas Day

*Laverne*

Merry Christmas  
 To ALL  
 And to ALL

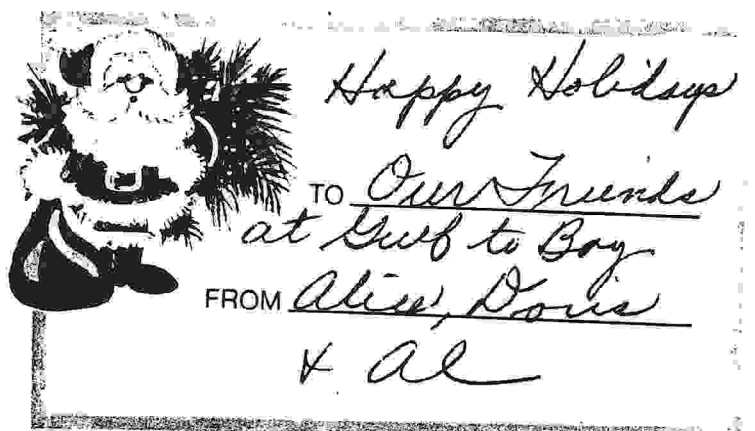
May the spirit of Christmas  
 fill your heart and your home  
 throughout the coming year

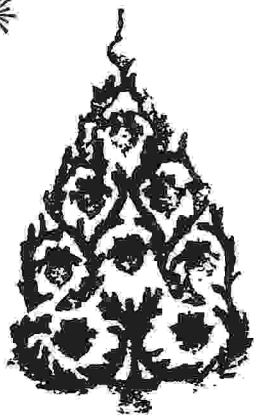
A Happy and Healthy  
 New Year  
 Ruth Nelson

Happy Holidays  
 Love  
 Norman + Mildred Sunst

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
 TO ALL  
 FROM  
 HELEN BLECK

HAPPY  
 New Year

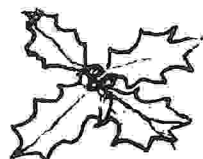




a  
Happy  
Holiday Season  
JALE

Happy Holidays  
Good Friends

from  
Dorothy & Floyd  
Brankshaw



Happy  
Holidays  
Alice Hear

Seasons Greetings  
Jim + Gladys Thorne




Happy Holidays  
and best wishes  
for the New Year  
PETE 302

"Happy Holidays  
To All"  
Joyce & Bud  
Wright

A WONDERFUL  
CHRISTMAS  
TO ALL  
LOVE  
JINKS

HAPPINESS  
is  
Wishing you  
JOY + good Health  
in the New Year  
Fran + Fred Franz



Wishing everyone at  
Half to Bay, a very  
Merry Christmas and  
happy new year,  
The Fred Kolaghen

Best Wishes  
for the  
Holiday Season  
Nettie Arrholt

Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year to  
all my friends at  
Gulf to Bay.

Elena Hullett

Happy Holidays  
to each  
and everyone!  
Bob & Ruth Arrholt

Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
to all  
Bill & Dora  
Swickard

Wishing all  
at Gulf to Bay,  
"Peace and  
happiness at  
Christmas time  
and always".

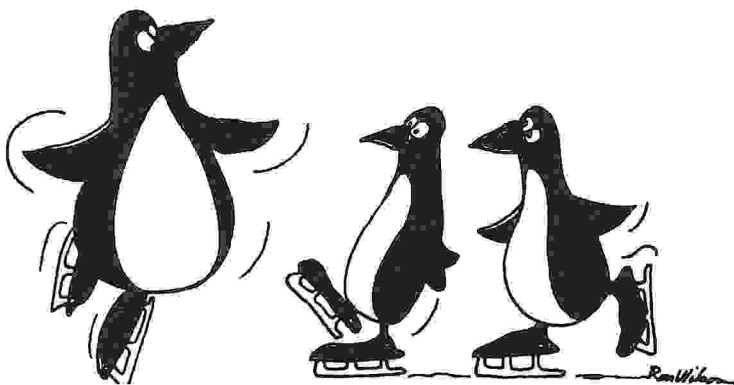
A most merry and  
pleasant Holiday  
Season for all!

Helen + Charlie Vernal

Mable + Eleanor Paul



Kathy and Jack  
Stanley

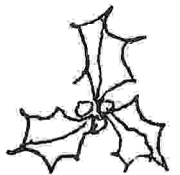


Happy  
Holidays George  
Florence  
Finnett



Best Wishes

Bernice



Happy



Holiday Season

Mark - Ruth

Best Wishes  
from  
Harry + Mable Marsh

WE WISH YOU ALL  
A JOYOUS XMAS  
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Rajah + Rhenna  
Palermo


Merry Christmas  
from  
Bob and Ledeema  
Carruthers

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS  
IN THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE  
FALLING SOFTLY ON THE LAND  
IS THE MYSTERY AND THE MIRACLE  
OF GOD'S CREATIVE HAND  
HAMILTONS.  
MARG - DICK

Happy Holidays  
from  
Clara Bessinger

Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy New Year  
Ray and Virginia DeMoss

Christmas Greetings  
to  
- ALL -

Shirley Ryan   
&  
Grady Powers

May you have  
all the joys of an  
old fashioned Christmas  
Auida & Chan Robinson

may the best  
be with you.  
always.  
clarence.

Peace  
on  
Earth  
Dot Hall



BEST WISHES  
TO ALL  
FRANK-DORIS  
FINELLI

Hi!!!

Season's Greetings

Don & Virginia  
Leppehagen

HERE'S OUR WISH AGAIN  
FROM MICHIGAN TO GULF TO  
BAY —

MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR  
Debell & All Ward

We wish all  
our friends a  
Happy & Healthy  
Holiday  
Phyllis & Tom

Greetings  
from  
Art and Anne Cady

Happy  
Holiday  
Season  
Lee & Peg Taylor

SEASON'S  
GREETING'S  
THE TURK'S

MERRY CHRISTMAS AS WE  
CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Dorothy and  
Walter Rasmussen

MAY THE JOY OF

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

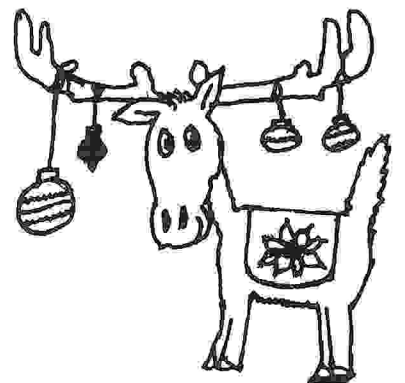
BE WITH YOU ALL THROUGH,

THE YEAR  
Percie & Stretch

Paul & Janet Brown  
Norm  
Koppy & Fred

Merry Christmas  
To All our  
Gulf-to-Bay Friends  
Charlie & Ruth Hicks

Happy  
Holidays!  
Dot & Jim



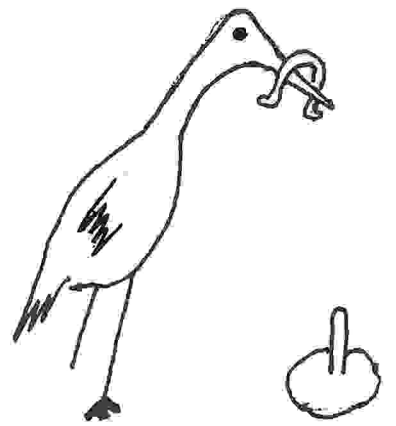
COME JOIN YOUR FRIENDS !!

GULF TO BAY

# CARNIVAL

Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

Baked goods, candy, canned goods - C'mon all you good cooks, let's give everyone a chance to taste your wares! We need to have LOTS of food for sale! Bring your goodies to the hall in the morning on day of carnival.



There will be raffles

Buy hats and visors with our logo! Order your shirts and jackets.



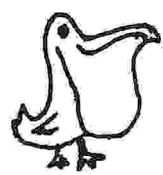
There will be poker - not one, but two tables. No waiting

Play the wheel - it will be your lucky day!



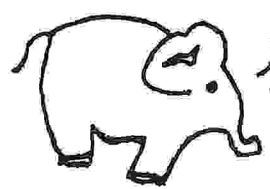
There will be a craft table - donations needed!

Plan to have lunch - you know it's always delicious!



Tournaments - Shuffleboard and Horseshoes. Prizes! \$2.00 entry fee for each. Registration date to be announced.

Parade at 9:00 - Kitchen Band



Flea Market - we need your treasures! Bring to Hall Monday or Tuesday (11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) morning. Or contact a council member if you need something to be picked up.

Merry Christmas  
1303 Rita  
Bou langer



Merry Christmas  
to all.

Gene + Bea

Merry Christmas  
and  
a Happy New Year  
from the  
Highlanders'


Peace, Joy and  
Love to all!


From Marie  
Wadlegger



 HAVE  
A  
MERRY  
Anne Hale  
CHRISTMAS!


MAY THE LOVE, JOY AND  
PEACE OF CHRISTMAS,  
BE WITH YOU NOW  
AND THROUGHOUT THE  
NEW YEAR.

FAY & JENNIE HUBBARD

Christmas Joy and  
Happiness  
to our   
Gulf to Bay Family  
Brownie & Allison

We wish all our friends at  
Gulf to Bay   
the joys of the holiday season.  
Lorraine and Harry

 Merry Christmas   
And  
May Every Happiness  
Be Yours In The  
New Year  
Katey + Hank

  
Christmas Greetings  
and Happiness for  
all in the coming  
year -  
Ruth Salmon



# the Listening Post

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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 Caloosatchie 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 regrigerator 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 cam 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 priveded 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 6<sup>0</sup> 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!



# the Listening Post

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## Paging the Guinness Book of Records!

It may not have occurred to most park residents, but thirteen couples in the park have been married for 50 years or more. If one were to compare this with the total park residents, it would produce a percentage of close to 12%, depending on how the count is made. One can draw any number of conclusions from these facts, but the most obvious one is that living in this park seems to agree with residents.

On Valentine's Day, February 14, the Council has planned a party honoring the 50-year couples. Please plan to join the fun at 3:00 in the afternoon in the Rec. Hall to celebrate these many years of togetherness. The honorees are:

Matt and Lola Yakes	6/3/21
Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw	10/11/24
Bill and Dortha Swickard	3/9/29
Chauncey and Hulda Robinson	9/28/29
Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander	12/25/33
George & Florence Finnett	5/23/35
John and Donna Darling	5/26/35
Tom and Phyllis McElroy	5/22/35
Art and Marguerite Oestreich	5/23/36
Chet and Margaret Sizelove	6/13/36
Fred and Irene Kalagher	7/11/36
Fred & Loretta Brandemill	8/15/36
Jay and Jennie Hubbard	10/30/37

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My dog is so obedient. He does what he is bid.  
The park bench said "Wet Paint" And that's exactly what he did!  
Agnes White Thomas in National Inquirer

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## This Is Gulf To Bay

What is it that "makes" Gulf to Bay? It certainly is not a collection of stately mobile homes. It is not wide beautiful shady streets with pleasant walkways. It is not a luxurious club house or recreation hall with tennis courts, billiard rooms, a swimming pool and other so-called amenities.

Gulf to Bay is concern; it is caring, it is compassion and, yes, it is love as illustrated by the recent outpouring for Peanuts and then, more recently for a far lesser problem, the cards, calls, notes, and concerns visited upon your Editor. My heartfelt thanks to all.

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Ted Turner, the sports mogul says, "Lead, follow, or get out of the way."

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## Believe It or Not

Would you believe that a chance encounter concerning the purchase of a dozen of eggs would lead to a marriage of sixty seven years? No fiction! This is exactly what happened to Matt and Lola Yakes.

It seems that Lola was sent to a neighbor to buy a dozen eggs and that is where she met Matt. Only a short time later they were married and began this extra-ordinary union which has lasted all of these years. They were married on June 3, 1921, which also happens to be Matt's birthday. Perhaps he chose this date so that he would only have one day to remember anniversaries. At any rate, two sons arrived on the scene -

Believe - Cont.

Delbert and Eugene. They are both married and have four children each. Of interest is the fact that Matt began to work in a book-office supply store. Subsequently, Matt and Lola established their own store selling school books and office supplies at a location in Muskegon, Michigan.

With the advent of free text books, the book end of the business became secondary, although still part of the over all inventory. Both of the sons are still running the business, and, in turn, their children are working in the store at the present time. Three generations of Yakes at the same store, officially called the "Yakes Office Supply Company."

Matt and Lola began to spend part of each winter at Gulf to Bay in 1960 where their first location was at what is now 110 Aura where the Hires now reside. At that time there was nothing on the Gulf side of the main road except bush and swamp. Dije and Estade were not in existence either. They moved into 24 Cielo Court in 1972.

Years ago, the park owners lived in what is now the Rec Hall building where the Finellis now live. All mail was delivered to the main address and there was separated by the owners into individual mail boxes located where the present library is.

They have had a number of owners and managers to deal with but their favorite ones were Les and Ruth Pfliger who some of the "old timers" may still remember and who still live in the Englewood area. There was one well which supplied drinking and wash water for the whole park but it was so terrible tasting that bottled water was purchased for drinking and cooking. Water from the city itself was subsequently brought over by pipe line which can be seen at the smaller bridge.

In the "olden" days it was possible to plan a fish dinner early in the afternoon and still get a nice mess of three and four pound reds, or trout or snook in time for dinner. (Things have changed!)

It may not seem possible, but Lola and Matt still like to go dancing and may be seen quite often on Thursday nights at the local Elks Club. Both have stated that if they had it all to do over again, they would change nothing and that includes the marriage as well as living in Gulf to Bay. A great couple and a great set of neighbors and an asset to the park! We wish them well and many more years together!

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It is a strange world of language in which skating on thin ice can get you into hot water.  
Franklin P. Jones in Quote Mag.

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M.H.O. Inc. News

Please do not forget the scheduled general meeting of the M.H.O. Inc. member on Monday,, Feb. 15, 1988. The main order of business is the consideration of the report by the nominating committee for replacements of those who's term has expired. These are: Allison Brown, Tom McElroy, Harry Ide, and Art Oestreich.

The nominating committee consists of Vaughn Nighswander, chairman and George Finnett and Charles Deierlein. Additional nominees may be presented from the floor following procedures outlined in Article IX section six of the by-laws.

The law firm of Isphording, Korp, Payne, Muirhead, Haworth and White are presenting a free seminar/workshop for representatives of Mobile Home Parks. The workshop will concern the purchase of mobile home parks by tenant organizations.

February 22, 1988 from 12:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 300 Retta Esplanade, Punta Gorda, Fla. 33950. Please see letter on bulletin board.

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Husband: "What's for supper?"  
Wife: "Take Out."  
Husband: "What kind of take out?"  
Wife: "Me."

Parker and Hart, North American Syndicate

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Park Travel News

There are still some seats available for the Golden Apple Dinner Theater presentation of "Hello Dolly" starring Roberta MacDonald on the Sunday matinee, March 20th. \$22.00 covers dinner, theater, round-trip bus, all taxes and all tips. This is always a nice day out with friends.

Lorraine is the park contact to make reservations for the all day AARP dinner cruise to Sanibel Island on Feb. 26th. It will be a fun day at sea with non-stop entertainment and includes round trip bus transportation. See the poster in the hall for details.

Be sure to make final plans for the Eastern Carribean Cruise Feb. 29th-March 7th. If for any reason you have changed your mind and now wish to go, see Lorraine immediately to see if you can be accomodated.

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Did you know if you ---

1. Take any number from 1 to 10
2. Double it.
3. Add 8
4. Divide by 2
5. Subtract your original number, and you will always end up with 4.

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February Committee

Sunday Brunch, February 21st, - we will be serving a buffet of breakfast and lunch foods from 11:00 through 1:00. Something for everyone! \$4.50 per person.

Dot and Jim Manley,  
Gladys & Jim Thorne

Elsie & Ralph Freeman  
Virginia & Don Reppenhagen

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Father to Teacher: "What is he ever going to need to know about Algebra? Stick to the country!"

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Golf

January 23 - 23 golfers played. The team of Bob Arnholt, Betty Baker, Boyd Gunderson and Bus McConnell were the winners.

January 30 - 21 players. Dot Manley, Jim Manley, Matt Yakes and Paul Stunzig were the winners, with a score of 38.

This Saturday we'll be playing a slightly different type of tournament - after playing from the best drive everyone will play his own ball. - Dot Manley - Reporter.

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Today's Chuckle: Ever notice how when someone says they're speechless they make one anyway?

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Aura St. - by Betty Baker

The Carl Browns are away for a few days. They have had lots of company from home so they deserve a rest.

Edna has been busy getting her mobile home renovated. Next week it should be finished. It looks lovely Edna.

Ethel has the cold we all seem to get this winter. Get better fast Ethel, so you can get to Bingo.

Not much news at the Galats. Just busy doing everyday things.

Anne has a nice new roof over the patio. She repainted the floor so everything is nice. Anne took a bus trip to Tampa to see the horses run. No luck on the betting but a good day out from the park.

Nothing new at Betty's. Just doing the usual things.

Lu has been having a problem with her leg but still she keeps busy.

Aura St. - Cont

Dick Hire was in the hospital for a couple of days for tests. He is fine and going places. Its good to have the Gunnisons here and Boyd keeps active with golf. Marge has company this weekend.

Millie is in the hospital in Michigan. We wish her well.

The Bottenfields are late getting down here. We hope to see them soon. (Editor: - Bill is feeling fine and active again. Bill and Helen plan on being in Gulf to Bay by the end February.)

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Ol' Lush must be taking vitamins. He's got quite a spring to his stagger lately.

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Bayo St. - by Gladys Thorne

Rose Ouimet and brother Nohe entertained Nohe's daughter Diane for several days. They also visited their brother Eddie at Bonita Springs. Eddie and son Paul and his wife visited with them here at the park for a day.

Charley Letsch spent last week entertaining a close friend, Eleanor Stayton, from N. Y. Says he enjoyed the company. Nancy Parretta and Lynn Williams also of New York spent a few days in the park. Eleanor, Nancy & Lynn are all old friends who used to work with Charley at Montauk State Park on Long Island.

Dick & Flo Leeper are enjoying a week with daughter Darlene and husband Tim Smith from McKeesport, Pa. Their son Shawn Leeper spent the prior week here in the park with mom and dad. He lives in St. Louis, Mo., and is with T.W.A.

Next week Alice Hess will be entertaining her sister-in-law Gladys Swiger, brother-in-law Glen Hess and his wife Sylvia for a few days. They are all from Mich.

The Finnetts had as guests their niece and her friend from Oshawa. They had been to the Everglades and were on their way to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras.

Floyd and Gwen Gilbert have finally arrived in the park. Wasn't quite sure if they could make it. Glad they're here anyway.

Ted Meals has moved into his trailer on Bayo St. Glad to have Ted on our street again. Sure wish his wife "Dot" would come down too.

Mabel Gaudette will be having fun entertaining her life long friend Jenny Gosselin from Chicopee, Mass. for a ten-day stay. She will be arriving on the 15th of Feb.

All & Isabelle Ward are looking forward to a nice long visit from Daughter Arlene Horvath from Michigan. She will be around now and then for a couple of weeks.

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A golf ball is a golf ball, is a golf ball, is a golf ball--no matter how you putt it.

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Cielo St. - by Ruth Hicks

George and Dolores Hommell entertained Frances, Toad, Millie and Ernie from Killarney, Ontario. They are staying at El Galeon.

Stopped at the Rumpfs. Mickey was indisposed but did yell out that she and Bob were expecting Deborah.

Visiting Tom and Phyllis McElroy in the near future is daughter Janet and grand-daughter, Lisa from Marshfield, Mass.

Virginia and Don Reppenhagen had a windfall at the bingo game and split their winnings.

Missed the Wrights and Christensons' residence on last months round, but better late than never. Welcome to Gulf-to-Bay.

Charlie and Ruth Hicks want to thank George and all the helpers that worked on their little patio. Now Ruth won't miss anything thats going on.

Cielo St. - Cont.

Stretch Klinger bought Percie a beautiful rose bush for her birthday. Before they had a chance to see it bloom, the squirrels made short work of the buds. Frustrating Critters.

Irens Stevenson is home after her bout in the hospital. Bill says she is feeling better, but is going to have more testing done. We miss seeing her around.

Angie and Georgia must have green thumbs. Their flowers are beautiful.

Billy Kell had very good news from son, Billy. Seems as tho we'll have another Billy Kell in the music world. Son has a new record - "Write me a country song." Its getting plenty of air time in N. America. The song will also be used as the sound track - made for T.V. movie called "The Cowboy." Some day we'll be able to say "We Knew His Dad."

Billy wants to remind us that a birthday bash is planned for March 12 - 7:30 for March birthday people. There will be a concert and dancing. You 'all' come.

Jinks Tenner was surprised by a short visit from son Jerry. Jerry hails from Minne. Mn. and will be in our park till the weekend.

Stopped at Cora's. She was busy cooking dinner for herself and Jane Wiley. Says she is feeling much better.

Now our "Mickie" knows our Florida friends. Jack & Fran Smith want to thank all of the nice people in the park who have been so good to Mickie who ended his second trip this year on Friday. Also, thank you so much for the Campbell Soup labels. Keep on saving them all year - because they go toward purchasing audeo-visual equipment for an early childhood education center.

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Drink and the world drinks with you. Swear off and you drink alone.

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Dije St. - by Allison Brown

Bob and Rita Boulanger said they were happy to be going home for their eldest son's wedding, but were hoping that Connecticut weather wouldn't get too cold before they could head back on February 9th.

Bob Carruthers surprised Ladeema by bringing their son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren down from Michigan for 10 days. Nearly everyone in the park knew they were coming except Ladeema, (so she says). It was a wonderful surprise. Craig, Carolyn, Stephe and Russ love to visit in Florida and enjoyed the beach, fishing and golf.

A few Dije residents are jetting to Los Vegas on Feb. 9th. Bob and Ladeema Carruthers, Katy and Hank Mastie, Clara Bessinger plus Alice Exelby from Estada and Ed and Elsie Holda from Grove City will try for four days to come back with more money than they left home with. Watch out Los Vegas!

Ruth Salmon spent a day recently at Busch Gardens in Tampa mainly to see the two giant pandas from China. They are enormous animals with adorable faces and well worth the trip. Ruth's daughter, Elaine Osgood, will be here on Feb. 19th for a short visit and her mom is anxious to see her.

Jay & Jennie Hubbard with George and Joey Gallaher went to Haines City last Monday to pick up Jennie's sister, Marion Walker whom many will remember from previous visits. Marion came down from Michigan along with two other women friends in a 27-foot RV - an adventuresome trio!

Ralph and Roxanne enjoyed a visit from their grand-daughter April, her husband Ed Laughlin and little 10-month old James Theodore. April missed seeing her father, Gene, who had to leave just before her arrival. Gene had had a nice week with his mother. April and her family slept at Uncle Harry's house just down the street. All the neighborhood help was appreciated by the family, and many thanks to the Thatchers for the loan of a crib and to the Stunzigs for the high chair. It's wonderful having a little "rug-rat" under foot!

No news from the Deierleins this issue, but Shirley says that's good. No news, no extra laundry, no extra meals, no bathroom competition.

The Robinson household is a little quieter since their Iowa neighbors, Barb & Oliver Hutton and Oliver's sister, Iva Heiserman, took off. They stayed at the Windjammer, but spent their days at Gulf-to-Bay. Lots of fun. The Robinsons are now expecting a week-end visit from their grandson, Joe Robinson of Des Moines.

Dije St. - Cont.

No report from the Masties at the moment, but wait until next month. February is winding up for action with that Los Vegas trip and then the big cruise plus company coming. Life is never dull at 418.

Anne Hale is looking forward with pleasure to a visit from her sister-in-law, Sally Hale, whom she expects to arrive on Ash Wednesday from Winsted, Conn.

The lights are burning at 401 Dije these evenings. George Gallaher has finally retired, and he and his wife Joey are settling in to enjoy their winter home. The Gallahers are friends of the Hubbards, and have joined the Sunday Diners Club which goes stuffing each week after church. It's good to see life up on the corner at last!

Its chicken stew and/or boston baked beans on short notice these days at the Browns of Dije St. This is the time of year when the "Troops" descend on the west coast. That's when Connecticut vehicles with numerous occupants, with or without notice but with ravenous appetites, arrive at 409 to share their joy and Aunt Al's favorite fillers for hollow-legged relatives. It's an expensive tradition, but a sure-fire method of keeping in touch.

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Isn't it strange that God's masterpiece -an infant -can be produced by unskilled labor?

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Estada St. - by Helen Bleck

No news from the Dursts except that they have had a few days of good fishing.

Dottie Hall reports feeling great! Enjoying life. The robins have arrived and spring is here.

The Manleys enjoyed a visit from their Vermont son and friend. Not good weather, but better than up north.

Marge and Dick Hamilton had a visit from Vic \* Doris Garrettson of Lima, Ohio, who are wintering in Bradenton.

Mary Kay O'Donnell and Mary Jane are spending the week-end at Epcot. Ruth Nelson keeps busy and enjoying this nice weather.

Charlie wants to move to Florida to live with Grandpa and Grandma Downing. Everything quiet here for a few weeks, then the Rohebacks will be arriving. Les says fishing has been good.

Bill & Alice Exelby entertained George and Theda Folk from Bryan, Ohio last week. Tom and Marge Korican from Britton, Mi. also stopped by for a short visit.

Helen Bleck had Donna Bleck visiting her for a few days last month.

The Oestreichs are expecting Marguerite's sister Frances Nuchman from Texas to visit for several weeks. They will drive to DeLand to spend a few days with sister Ethel and Mac, Brother John and Betty are at Tamarind for two months, so the Lamon clan are gathering again.

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Holidaze: -Vacation days are free from care - My boss says when, - My wife says where.

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Cielo Ct. -by Mary May

Joanne & Dean Gould are proud owners of a "pre-owned" boat. Now to learn the waters. Son, David, his wife Donna and sons Justin and Jarrod (our only grandchildren) are visiting from Kalamazoo, Mich. They will be here for one week. Our daughter Sharon is visiting us for four days. She lives in Naples, Fl. The weather has cooperated and we are enjoying the beach and that new boat.

Lola and Matt Yakes have their grandson Dennis and his wife Leslie here for a week. Weather was not good but our visit was great. They loved our beach. Eugene and Edna were here over night on their way to Jamaica for 12 days of working, building churches and schools. They will return to Englewood for a 2-week stay on Feb. 12th.

Cielo Ct. - Cont.

George Uto is thinking ahead and preparing for daughter Lorraine, her husband and two sons' visit in March.

Andy Grant is still "helping" George Croteau at Brook-to-Bay. We love to work two or three hours a day then hit the beach.

Mary May says - "Busy is the word at my house. I made a fast trip to Illinois to bury my father-in-law. Arriving in Champaign, Urbana, Il. with a 31° temp. A first-hand reminder of why I live in Florida! My mother, Jo Schmitt, stayed with her brother in New Port Richie while I was gone.

Loretta and Fred Brandemill - working inside and out, trying to get everything ready for our daughter Jan, her husband Clarence, and grand-daughter, Debbie's arrival in March.

Dolly and John Papp had the pleasure of re-uniting two Ohio women that had not seen each other in over 40 years. One lives in Englewood, and the other in Lake Placid now. That made our day.

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Today's Chuckle: He who laughs last just got the government contract for thousand dollar toilet seats.

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Golfo St. - by Dortha Swickard

Bobbie & Larry Pidel have been enjoying themselves on the beach, in the Rec Hall and visiting the State Parks and cousins in Naples. Except for the cold snap, we really think its just great here.

Noble and Eleanor haven't exactly hibernated during the cold spell- just have been busy painting on the inside for a change.

Cam & Cal are expecting grandchild #8 in September. (Andrea and Mike) so they will be going to Seattle to welcome the new baby and help take care of Hannah Jane.

Gene Hallett is expecting to have her daughter Nancy coming in Feb. 9th, and be with her while she has her eye surgery Feb. 10th. Nancy will stay with her for a week.

The Crankshaws are expecting grand-daughter Sheryl and husband from Shannock R.I., and their little boy Michael, for a short visit.

Dorothy and Walter Rasmussen entertained Thelma and Marshall Maxsou who were down from Eagle River, Wisconsin. (22 below and 36" of snow.)

George Jacobson reports that his wife Audrey is greatly improved.

#9 Golfo will be empty for the last time this season, if all goes well. Etta and Freeman flew back to Cape Cod so that Etta can retire from her treasurer's job. The 11th they head back here to stay until the end of April.

Dottie Kerber says no special news.

Its good to see Nettie taking her daily walk. Always a big smile and a pleasant "Hello". What a great neighbor we have.

Former neighbors of the Swickards, Anabel and Mike Sherman, stopped in, thought our park really nice.

Helen & Charlie Verrill are busy doing this and that, but Charlie says "nothing special."

Waiting for Norma and Jean who should be arriving around the 23rd.

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The voting wasn't even close in a Bismarck, N.D., contest to pick names for the Dakota Zoo's two yaks. The winners: Yak and Yill.

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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 5<sup>0</sup> above zero. They are enjoying the 80<sup>0</sup> temperature we are having.

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CIELO CT. by Mary May

Lola and Matt Yakes: - Quiet at our house these days. Great 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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## RECREATION ASSOCIATION NEWS

While we wind down the 1987-88 season, planning for 1988-89 has proceeded for another great year. The Council membership includes the following:

President - Paul Stunzig  
Vice President George Hommel (2 year term)  
Secretary Frances Franz  
Treasurer Dot Manley (2 year term)  
Members at large - Jack Smith and Bill Stevenson

### Council Monthly Assignments:

November - Frances Franz	February - Dot Manley
December - Bill Stevenson	March - Paul Stunzig
January - Jack Smith	April - George Hommel

There are other special events like the carnival and pancake breakfasts which will be produced by the Council as a whole or special committees and/or individuals.

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And then - - April 15 - - Clerks in a tax office were taken back by a blank tax return which was accompanied by this note: "You were notified several times that I have been dead for four years. Please send no more of these blanks."

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## M.H.O. NEWS

The entire membership of the Board of Directors of M.H.O. Inc., met with Mr. William R. Korp, Attorney at Law, of the law firm of Isphording, Thorp, Muirhead, Haworth and White, on Thursday, April 7 from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m. This law firm specializes in matters pertaining to mobile home parks. The Gulf-to-Bay group arranged this meeting to discuss various aspects involved in the possible purchase of the park should it come on the market for sale some time in the future.

Mr. Korp spent some time reviewing the pertinent experiences of other parks and then answered questions and comments by Board of Director members. Perhaps the key issue involved was and is the matter of an equitable financial arrangement for individual mobile home owner, an issue quite common in the experiences of other parks. If and when an actual purchase becomes a reality, many financial problems will need to be solved.

The morning session was held at no cost to the Gulf-to-Bay owners. In order that there be some assurance that steps thus far are both legal and complete, it was agreed that the law firm review all appropriate corporate documents and then make whatever recommendations are necessary. There will be a modest fee for such legal services. In the time that remains before heading north, the Board will address those preparatory steps that are necessary should the park sale become eminent during the summer months.

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## BEACH NEWS

It is no secret that the beaches are in a precarious condition and, while it is easy to think we are not involved, erosion should be a concern to all of us. Right now, the beach is not what we have been acquainted with over the years. An Association has been formed to produce some action, hopefully, which is to preserve and restore the beaches. The official title of this organization is the Florida Shore and Beach Preservation Association, and we are in the Englewood chapter. There will be a meeting of the Englewood township group on Wednesday, April 13, 1988 at 1:30 p.m. in the Gulf-to-Bay recreation hall. This may cause a temporary parking problem and the patience of local residents will be appreciated.

GOLFING NEWS

Although "League" golf is over for this year, there will be a sign-up sheet for anyone who wants to play - if there is any interest.

The sandbaggers last week were Jim Manley, Moe Teehan, Bus and Jean McConnell. (Boo-hiss!) Watch for a notice for a pot-luck supper to celebrate a fun season! - Dot Manley, Reporter

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A country minister posted this notice on the bulletin board: "Brother Hollafield departed for Heaven at 4:30 a.m."

The next day he found written below: "This is Heaven reporting - 9:a.m. Hollafield not in yet. Whereabouts unknown."

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EDITORIAL NOTES

This is the last issue of the Listening Post for the 1987-88 season. Thanks to the cooperation of a good many residents, it has been a real pleasure to put out the monthly news letters. A special and a very warm thanks to the following news catains who dod such a fabulous job in gathering street news:

- Aura - Betty Baker
- Bayo - Gladys Thorne
- Cielo- Ruth Hicks
- Dije - Allison Brown
- Estada - Helen Bleck
- Golfo - Dortha Swickard
- Cielo Court - Mary May

The Listening Post could not be published without the expert typing service of Terry Phaneuf who, by some magical insights was able to decipher the terrible scribbling of the editor. A warm thanks, Terry.

Thanks too, for all who sent in quips and jokes which added a bit of spice (we hope) to the publications. It has been a very good year and for your information, President elect Paul Stunzig has asked your present editor to serve in 1988-89. Nuff sed!

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Two girls were discussing their prospects of marriage.

"I understand your boyfriend will graduate from law school next month. I suppose you'll get married then?"  
"Oh, no, not right away," answered the other. "I want him to practice about a year first."

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

Edna had company from Avon Park, also Bradenton. Edna said her mother is improving and will possible leave the nursing home in two weeks. This is the first year Edna is getting a tan. Now she has time for self.

Ethel was outside knitting and just waiting for a call from her son William. Her son Norman sent her a lovely orchid for Easter.

Paul and Leda Dube are our new people on the end of Aura St. They are from Chicopee, Mass. and are staying a month. She does quilting and knitting when not outside enjoying the sun. They hope to return here next winter.

The Bill Bottenfields have been busy landscaping their yard. The crushed rocks look nice along with the new patio block side walk plus a few flowers.

We welcome our new neighbors, Bob and Marge King. They bought the Dick Hire mobile home. This week they put in a new cement driveway. Lots of company at this home. Last week they had their son Russ and girl friend down. This week they have their son Bob and family. Also their daughter Chris and her son.

Next door sits Boyd Guerson with three broken toes on his right foot, in a cast for 6 weeks. That's it for golf huh! Boyd. While sitting around he is looking over travel plans for a 6-week trip to Hawaii next fall. With the new neighbor named Marge, Boyd said he has one on each side of him.

Marge Stocum was out playing cards when I went for the news.

Aura St. - Cont.

Easter weekend Sue Baker visited me and helped with the Easter dinner. She also played golf with us on Saturday afternoon, then out to HappyHour and dinner. She was tired but happy when she left for Tampa Sunday night.

The John Darlings plan to leave when it gets too hot here to sleep. Its a bit cool in Maine right now.

I guess the news at the Art Cadys is about golf. They both got new bags and clubs. Anne likes it after playing at Pelican Pete's Golf course and putting two "hole in one." We all had more laughs and fun there. Try it sometime!

We hope all the people have a nice summer and safely return to Gulf-to-Bay this fall.

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Today's Chuckle: Do you ever get the feeling life is a fancy restaurant and you're just a linen service?

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Rose Ouimet's brother, Nohe has returned to Chicopee, Mass. after spending six months here in the park. Rose says she really misses him.

Bob and Ruth left Easter Sunday for the east coast to visit daughter Amy who lives at West Palm Beach. They will also be traveling to East Aurora, N. Y. in May for wedding of daughter Nancy.

Jack and Kathy Stanley have arrived home after a trip to Tennessee, and Michigan, to visit family. Daughter Kathleen will be here in the park for a visit later this month.

Mark & Ruth Daugherty left the park Wednesday morning to return to their home in New Castle, Pa. for the summer.

Alice Hess's daughter, Darla and husband Larry Phoenix from Brighton, Mich. will be visiting her this month. Larry will fly home, and Darlo will remain to drive home with Alice.

Bernice says she is feeling better, and will be going north to Vermillion, Ohio, at the end of April. She enjoyed the ladies' luncheon, Wednesday, and also a birthday party for her byher card club. Had a great time.

Chet and Margaret's daughters, Shirley and Rita from Springfield, Ohio, will be here on May 1 for 10-day visit with dad & mon.

Caresta's sister Sylva Earl from Fort Lauderdale, and her daughter Sylvia German from Apapka, Fl. spent several days in the park with the Bovees.

Mabel will be heading home to Massachusetts on May 5th.

From the Finnetts: - Florence's cousins, Dale and Laura Linnin of St. Petersburg were guests for a couple of days. Also, several drop-in Canadian guests visited. George will likely receive a replacement pacemamer this summer. We expect to be busy moving to an apartment while in Ontario. Going to miss everybody and all the leisure and fun times. We wish everyone health and happiness and a safe trip home. See you next fall the Good Lord Willing.

John and Sylvia Henthorne of St. Louis, Mo. will be here on April 26 to visit with mom and dad Henthorne for a few days. Dot & Henny will be going home to Ohio around the middle of May.

Rex & Bonnie Smallwood have had a busy month entertaining their two daughters and grandchildren, also 2 of Rex's brothers visited with their families. Rex & Bonnie will be leaving for home April 15, and looking forward to coming back in the fall.

Vin & Terry's son Gene, from Burlington, Conn. is here for one week. Then grandson Brian Newlin from Sprpingfield, Mass. will be visiting for a week. Son, David will arrive sometime in early May for a short stay and return home with Vin & Terry when they head for Mass.

Floyd and Gwen Gilbert have returned from a visit with friends at Coco Beach. They also toured the Kennedy Space Center while on the east coast.

Elephant Stew: - 1 elephant - brown gravy

salt and pepper -2 rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite-size pieces. This should take about two months. Cover with brown gravy; cook over kerosene fire about four weeks at 465<sup>0</sup>. This will serve 3,800 people' If more are expected, two rabbits may be added but do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew. - Yield: 3,800 servings.

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Cielo St. - by Ruth Hicks

Jack & Fran Smith are leaving on April 16, but would like to open their door at 95 Nesbit Lane, Rochester Hills, Mich. 48309 - Ph. 313-651-0023 to any Gulf-to-Bay friends who would like to use their home as a "motel." They are 1½ hrs. from Greenfield Village - 1½ hrs. from Frankenmuth ( a famous German Community) and about 5 hours from Mackinoc Island. Otherwise, they'll see you again on Dec. 1. Sally thanks you for all the Campbell Soup labels. The labels purchased a parachute and books for her school. Keep saving them all summer - they are certainly appreciated. Happy Summer to everyone.

Did anyone smell smoke about 3 weeks ago? Seems as tho Tom McEroy is taking up cooking and Phyllis says he burnt his brownies. Try - try again, tom.

Rita and Mo Teehan's granddaughter Lex is flying to Florida along with the Ide's grand daughter Michelle. The families are treating toe girls to a weekend cruise on the Vera Cruz. Lex will stay with her grandparents for a one week's visit.

Dolores & George Hommel's daughter Renee, husband Bill and children, Jennifer & Nathan are staying at the Castaways but spending time at 310 Cielo St. They sure are having beautiful weather for their vacation.

Jinks and daughter Pat had relatives visiting last week and this week. They are from N. Ca. and Penna and while here took Jinks and Pat out for a delicious lunch.

Bill & Irene Stevenson are taking a trip to N. Miami Beach to see a cousin. On their way they will drop son. Michael off in Ft. Lauderdale for a conference.

Fred & Irene Kalagher are flying home soon. Irene does not like flying and intends to keep one foot on the ground thru-out the trip.

Saw a new face from Cielo St. on the shuffle court. Along with his expertise in cooking, Tom McElroy has decided to take on shuffling. Good luck!

Cora Tyson says she is feeling much better, thanks in part for the Johnsons' visit. They leave for home, Athens, Michigan, and Cora will miss their company.

What's this I hear? Jane Wiley is getting a new water bed and new carpeting through-out. She'll get lots of zzzzzzz's now.

Yours truly and spouse will be leaving for Penn. soon, so everyone have a happy and healthy summer. See you in the fall.

Charlie Letsch's daughter Daria, son-in-law Jimmy Cheeseman, grandson Sean and granddaughter Kristen are staying at 308 Cielo for 2 weeks. They hail from Shirley, N. Y. During their short stay, the children have become very good shufflers. Better watch out Charlie!

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OH SO TRUE - A worried airline passenger asked the stewardperson: "Do planes like this crash very often?"

The answer was: "No, never more than once."

There is something that is much more scarce - something much rarer than ability. It is the ability to recognize ability when one is faced with it.

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Dije St. -by Allison Brown

Ruth Salmon wants to thank everyone on her committee who worked so hard to make the Easter dinner a success. Ruth expects to stay in the park a bit later this spring, and will be heading north the end of May. She plans to be back early in October.

Dije St. - Cont.

Hank and Katey's daughter, Barb and grandson Zachary are leaving Thursday after nearly two weeks here. Again the weather was beautiful and they were able to be on the beach every day. The Masties will be going home earlier than usual to see son Ron before leaves for Monteray, Mexico where he is going for 3 years for Ford Motor Company.

Joey and George Gallaher plan to leave for Pittsburgh on April 27. It has been a fun winter for us - our first year of retirement. Our neighbors and friends in the park have been so kind and helpful. In June we plan to make a trip to Gattlinburg and Nashville, Tenn. July brings both of our class reunions which should be lots of fun to see old school friends. We are planning some fishing trips in Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York. We will be going to the Mid-Atlantic Shrine Convention at Virginia Beach in September. We plan to return here about the third week of October.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Carruthers and mother, Clara Bessinger, spent Easter Sunday with Clara's daughter Barbara Opalewski at Ormond Beach. Our plas are to go home to Michigan the first week of May.

Clara plans on coming down very early this fall. Daughter Barb & husband are taking a vacation the last 2 weeks of September so "teen-sitting" will be the order of the day. Ladeema and Bob and Clara are all very anxious to get home to the little grandchildren.

The Hubbards went to Fort Meyers Thursday to visit Mike & June Van Riper, friends from N. Lake in Michigan. We will leave for the north May 10th and return about the first of October. Hope everyone has a great summer.

The Deierleins are enjoying family this post-Easter week. Their daughter, Mary and son-in-law Hal Fa from Walden, N. Y. are visiting and making the most of the week of vacation that they have to enjoy our beach and park. Shirley & Charley are leaving mid-May for dull New York, looking for fun like they have at Gulf-to-Bay, which they think is unlikely. In July, they will be attending the wedding of their oldest granddaughter, Mary Dee. We'll see y'all in the fall - is their happy adieu.

Marge and Len DesRochers moved into the Palermo's old spot at 405 Dije the first of April, and report that they love everything about their new winter home, and the park too. Their son and granddaughter are coming to visit for a week - from Mass. also. April 22nd its back to the north. Summer plans? Work till January, then retire! They'll be returning in mid-January of '89.

The Browns will be leaving late in May and returning about Oct. 15. Summer at the lake with trips to Cape Cod, Maine and the Martimes.

Ralph and Roxanne are pretty settled at 408. They'll be leaving in early June for the north, stopping in their old Pennsylvania stamping ground for perhaps 10 days. Then they go on to Laurel Ridge Camping in the Berkshires where they have a trailer. God willing, they will return here in October. They wish all their friends safe travel and a healthy and happy summer.

And a message from Fran Franz: -Two of our children were here for the Easter holidays. Son Bill Franz from Damascus, Maryland and our daughter Kathy Franz Murphy plus husband Steve and their daughters Elizabeth and Christine from Rochester, N. Y. They loved our great spot on the gulf and all the friendly park people, the swimming, the Easter dinner - and visiting with Fred. Fran will be here until mid June with monthly visits of 5 days with Fred - then a return in October to Gulf-to-Bay. Summer will be spent on Long Island with family and friends. All good wishes to each of you for safe travel and return to our Gulf-to-BaY family.

Estada ST. - by Helen Bleck

Dot Hall reports all is well. The sun is shining and warm. Departure date is May 5th with the Conn. Bradley Field Bunch. Sorry to leave all my friends.

Haven't any news from the Manleys. They do keep busy but assume "no news is good news."

The Hamiltons are leaving on May 22nd. For Lima, Ohio, and planning to return to Gulf-to-Bay on October 4th.

Mary Kay is visiting in Port Charlotte with daughters Mary Jane and Sister Kathleen of Lakewood, Ohio. from there they will return to Ohio for the summer. Ruth had a great visit this month with friend Dorothy, sister Linda and niece Colleen.

Estada St. - Cont.

Les and Fay Downing have returned to the park after being home for her mother's funeral. They are grandparents for the 9th time. Patrick Edward was born March 31st to Bob and Bonnie and of course he has a big brother Charley. Daughter Diane and family were here for Easter vacation. They plan to return to Michigan about May 1st, returning to the park about Thanksgiving time. Plan to work and babysit or babysit and work whichever comes first.

Easter guests of Bill & Alice Exelby included Alice's sister, her niece, a cousin and their husbands. Enjoyed a telephone call from sister Lois Cone of the Clowns at our Carnival who still winters in Michigan. Bill's sister Margaret will arrive on April 23rd and will accompany the Exelbys back to Michigan on May 5th. They will be babysitting their grandson Jay for a couple of days each week while his mom and dad work. Son Wes and fiancée Susan will be married on Sept. 24th. The Exelbys will return to Gulf-to-Bay when it gets cold and nasty in Michigan.

Helen Bleck is anxiously awaiting the arrival of her daughter and son-in-law who will be with her for about a week. She will be returning to Conn. on May 5th with Mabel, Dot and Rose. Will miss you all!

A big thanks to Joan and Paul for our winter of "Line Dancing" which we enjoy so much, to Lorraine for arranging our "Cruise" a big success and for her work with us in the Kitchen Band, to Fay for leading the exercise class, and to Dot Manley for the great Ladies Lunch at the Ship's Lantern!

Norm and Mil Durst had a Cincinnati friend, Dorothy Kindt, to visit for a few days shortly after their cruise. Then cousins Jim and Ralph Christman and wives, formerly of Cleveland, Ohio, spent a day on the beach. Last but not least, daughter Karen Kinstler and children Eric and Christy from Tiffin, Ohio had an exciting week before Easter skiing, fishing, shelling and playing games. No definite plans for leaving or returning. A good summer to all.

Betty and John Lamon, who have been around the Oestreichs pad for several months, have returned to Wisconsin, but Marguerite's sister and brother-in-law Ethel and Mac are expected this month, and hope to enjoy several days here in spite of the fact that Mac will be in a wheelchair. Maybe he and Chet can ride together.

Manleys, now year-round residents, will go to Vermont for two or three weeks in June. They will attend Jim's 50th high school reunion.

The Stunzigs wish everyone heading north a safe trip and a wonderful summer. Those of us left here will keep the home fires burning. We are not expecting nearly as much company this year as in the past, but you can never be sure. So long and we'll see you in the fall.

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A burglar, who had entered a poor minister's house at midnight, knocked over a table and woke up the minister. Sticking the gun in the minister's face, the burglar growled: "One move and you're dead. I'm hunting for your money." "Let me get out of bed and turn on the light," said the minister, "and I'll hunt with you."

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Cielo Ct. - by Mary May

Joan & Dean Gould: - We will be going north a little early this year, our youngest son Doug will be married June 10th in Kalamazoo. We may come back in November now that we are owners. A trip to Mexico is in the offing and we have not decided whether we will go in the fall or wait until January and February. See you next season.

Lola & Matt Yakes: - We plan to leave around May 21st. Dixie will arrive May 9th to enjoy our beach and sun then drive us home. No real plans for the summer, just be near our family. By the time we get things put away up north its time to pack to come south. We plan to return Nov. 1st.

George Uto: - Lorraine and her family just left. We had a wonderful, busy visit. They were here during our good weather. I plan a trip to Long Island and Cape Cod to visit family and friends this summer, also a trip to Barefoot Bay on the east coast near Merrit Island to visit friends. The rest of the summer, just enjoying the sun, beach and water right here at Gulf-to-Bay.

Cielo Ct. - Cont.

Audrey & Andy Grant: - We arrived April 6th for 3 weeks. So good to be back on the beach and Andy can play tennis again. We have plans for a 23-day trip to China in May. Summer in Mass. and back to Gulf-to-Bay.

Mary May: - I plan a trip to Dallas Texas to see my sister and family, then to Kansas and on to Illinois for the Schmitt family reunion. I will stop at Kentucky Lake to visit friends on my way back to Florida. I want to go to New York too, but will probably wait for fall to do that. I will leave around May 15th, and be gone four to six weeks. Then enjoy the beach and warm gulf waters of summer.

Loretta and Fred Brandemill: - We plan to return north May 5th. We will spend most of the summer at Clear Lake, Chelsea, Michigan. Then return to Gulf-to-Bay in October.

Dolly & John Popp: - We have enjoyed Gulf-to-Bay. We will return to Rock Hill, S.C. for the summer. We are not sure where we will be next winter - some place in Florida for the warm winter tho.

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A popular dame is Rosie Smoots:

She plays strip poker in one-piece suits.

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GOLFO ST. - by Dortha Swickard

Noble & Eleanor Paul hopefully plan on another visit to the north west again this summer. "Good Ole Alaska". Its beautiful.

Freeman & Etta are leaving around the 15th of April, going via Monticello to see friends from the Cape. Hope to get some traveling in this summer, and look forward to next winter - without monthly trips home. To all a great summer, - see you in October.

The Webbers of Addison, N. Y. have left and now Ralph and Carolyn Bennett, Salina, Kansas are our neighbors. They are enjoying the beautiful location and lovely neighbors. Just stopped for a three-day stay, but decided to stay longer.

Cam & Cal leave May3rd to visit their daughter and family in Seattle. In September they will return to Seattle to see the new grand baby which is expected.

Helen & Harry Waters of Muskegan spent a few days with her parents, Dorothy & Floyd Crankshaw - they enjoyed the beach and the warm weather.

Pat Swichard & Juanita Swichard spent four days with his grand parents, Bill & Dortha. They really enjoyed their stay - the beach, boat rides and visiting with the neighbors and friends were the highlights of their short stay. Pat enjoyed going over to Texas Rangers Stadium watching minor league teams playing, meanwhile Juanita was on the beach.

Gene Hallett is spending another month in Florida. Gene's grand daughter Jeanine will be visiting her for nine days, April 15th to 14th. Her grandson and wife, David & Michelle Hallett plan to arrive April 22nd until May 1st. They will be flying home together. Gene & Jeanine caught 65 blue crabs. They and friends had a feast. Took a one-day trip to Epcot, with DonnaD. going along. They had a great time.

Dorothy & Walter Rasmussen entertained their daughter, son-in-law and family over Easter week, family consisted of Marcia & David Ramsland, Christy, Lisa & Mark of Pittsford, N.Y. They thoroughly enjoyed the weather, beach and friendliness of Gulf-to-Bay families.

The Jean Croteau's daughter Patty and son-in-law Gary arrived for ten days. Grandson Greg arrives the 15th for ten days. A side trip to Cape Canaveral and Lion Country Safari. All Gary wants to do is fish, Patty wants to work on the tan she didn't get last year. Wind and rain were the culprits.

Helen & Charlie Verrill report a pleasant visit with Charlie's sister and brother-in-law, Ginny Harold Strambour who live year-round in Lehigh Acres. Helen says they have enjoyed the usual park activities this season and wish all the park residents a pleasant summer. They plan to leave for home April 19th.

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So you can't buy happiness with money, but you can't buy groceries with happiness, either.

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TRAVEL TIME

Another season has come and gone,  
The snowbirds will soon be heading home.  
Back to the place they left behind,  
To back here in the warm sunshine.

For some, the time is just beginning,  
When the Gulf is warm enough for swimming.  
And people can live more leisurely,  
With traffic jams just a memory.

To those going north in early spring,  
We wish the best of everything.  
A summer filled with happy days,  
Till they all head back to Gulf-to-Bay.

by: - G. Thorne

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In Russia they say: " A rube and his rubles are soon parted."

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