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ELECTIONS

The recent election of officers for the Mobile Home Owners, Inc., and the Recreation Association, both of Gulf to Bay Trailer Park, has placed both organizations in a strong position for the 1989-90 season. It was gratifying to note the number of candidates who were willing to accept various responsibilities which are required to continue to make Gulf to Bay the kind of a place each of us wish for. It is also pleasing to observe the mix of incumbent officers and incoming officers, insuring the kind of continuity that augurs well for stability.

Officers - Mobile Home Owners, Inc.

President	-	Art Oestreich	Vice President	-	Bill Stevenson
Treasurer	-	Gene Hull	Secretary	-	Allison Brown
Mem. at Large		Chauncey Robinson, Walt Rassmussen, Ray DeMoss, and Freeman Crosby			

M.H.O. Inc. Negotiating Committee (Required by Florida Statute)

Les Downing, Walt Rassmussen, Tom McElroy, Jay Hubbard, Jane Wiley.

OFFICERS - Gulf to Bay Recreation Association Council

President	-	Dean Gould	Vice President	-	George Hummel
Treasurer	-	Dot Manley	Secretary	-	Framces Framz
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Marriage teaches you loyalty, forbearance, self restraint, meekness and a great many other things you wouldn't need if you had stayed single. - Jimmy Townsend.

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MISC NEWS

Our new council has plans to develop a questionnaire to be distributed early in the fall to assist in the promulgation of or the continuation of various park activities. Suggestions from park residents would be very welcome.

Help! Help! - The Oestrachs will be leaving for the north country on or about May 15. A summer resident replacement is needed to carry on the aluminum can recycling project. Returns projected through April will approximate \$150. - a healthy start toward financial stability. Any volunteers for the summer season?

Kudo Korner

A warm word of thanks to Bill Exelby for the financing of a new loud speaker system in the Rec. Hall. This was done in memory of Alice Exelby.

Kudos to those persons who contributed so much talent and energy for the Listening Post. Like so many other jobs carried out in the park, the monthly news letter is not a one-man job. Sincere thanks to "news Hounds" Betty Baker, for Aura, Gladys Thorne for Bayo, Ruth Hicks for Cielo, Allison Brown for Dije, HelenBleck for Estada, Etta Crosby for Golfo, and Audrey Grant for Cielo Court. A warm thanks too, to Terry Phaneuf for her typing and uncanny ability to decipher the scribbling of your editor. -(And last but not least, Art Oestreich, who puts all this together. - tp.)

*****When you get back home up north, please look up in the attic for any good used or antique junk that will sell in the annual carnival. Remember - plain, beat-up junk is not wanted - good useable JUNQUE is what will sell!.

KUDO KORNER - Cont.

Kudos to Vin Phaneuf for arranging the schedule of Bingo callers.
Kudos to the outgoing Council for a busy, productive year of park activities, including the consistantly excellent dinners enjoyed by all.
Kudos to the Pancake bunch for their hard work and the financial contribution for the welfare of the Recreation Association. (Good pankakes!)
Kudos to all the directors of the daily or weekly activities and their following (too many for me to remember) in helping keep this park such a busy one.

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Man is the only animal that plants grass in the spring, then fights its growth all summer. Ralph Hadley in Good Housekeeping. (Ed. note. Still anxious to go north?)

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APRIL EVENTS - Still to Come:

Don't forget - The last Pankake Breakfast of the year on Saturday, April 8, Come! Eat! Enjoy !

Square Dance, Saturday, April 8th at 7:30 p.m. - Ya all come!

As a wind-up of park activities, George Hummel and cohorts are planning a beach party on Thursday, April 13. Beer, Weiners, Bonfire, and a sing-along will constitute our farewell bash!

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Humility is the sense you experience when you check yourself in a clothing store's three-way mirror. Quote, Magazine

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

The George Galats sold their mobile home and are building a new house in East Englewood. They had their daughter Crystal here with her family.

Ethel has been sick but is now better. She is anxious to see her son Dude and his wife Martha who will arrive on April 10.

Art is feeling a bit better. Anne is busy taking care of him and checking on their new house.

Edna has been sick for a couple of weeks but now looks and feels much better.

Over Easter Betty went to Tampa to visit Sue. Sue had a lovely ham dinner. She also had other guests for dinner. Later in the afternoon, friends of mine came in for strawberry shortcake. This was the first time I visited Sue in her new apartment overlooking a lake. So peaceful there.

The Carl Browns are quiet now with all the company gone north. They are always on the go, walking or dancing.

Lu is still on the go.

Boyd and Pat went to the East Coast to visit his sister for three days.

The Carpenters visited Marge. They are old friends and were here in the park years ago.

Bill and Helen had their son and family here for a few days. Next week-end they are having more company.

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Mrs. Mouise Lebeau from Boca Raton, Fl. spent the Easter Holiday with her aunt, Rose Ouimet.

Ruth and Bob's porch served as headquarters for a fish fry on Friday, March 24th, for the group who went camping at Cayo Costa State Park a couple of weeks ago. We caught 54 sheepshead while there. This was also birthday celebrations for Gladys and Jack Stanley.

Jack and Kathryn's daughter, Kathleen Stanley, from Atlanta, Ga. enjoyed the Easter

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weekend here with mon and dad. She returned to Atlanta on Monday.

Laverne will be heading north on Sat. April 1. Says he really enjoyed the beautiful warm winter. He will be back in the fall. Have a safe trip home.

Mark and Ruth had a nice visit with their son Mark 11, his wife Patty and sons Mark 111 and Sean. They were here for a week, and left for home on Easter Sunday.

Chet and Margaret's two daughters will be here for a visit the last of April.

Caresta's daughters, Sylvia and Donna from Orlando, spent a weekend here in the park.

The Henthorns are happy to be back to this lovely weather. Henny is feeling fine now that the doctor has all those ulcers cleared up, and Dot is glad to have him home from the hospital.

George and Florence Finnett wish to thank the Recreational Committee for all the work they did so we could have a good time. We're going to miss our friends here, and wish them a good summer. Our area code is 416, not 705. Would be glad to hear from anyone who is in our area.

Jim and Velma Kell will be occupying 210 Bayo St. for the month of April.

Vin and Terry's son Gene, from Burlington, Conn. is enjoying a week's vist here in the park.

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CIELO ST. - by Ruth Hicks

Fishing was excellent for the Knowles. Pete hooked and landed a 34-inch snook. It weighed 12 lbs and was delicious. Ava said Pete was trying to figure out a way to wear the picture of his catch around his neck to show-off. Their daughter Sinda, son-in-law Ernie are due for a visit.

Charlie Hicks was busy running grandson David back and forth to the airport. Seems Dave got bumped and in return received a free round trip ticket for any place in the U.S. Daughter Sharon and Erin enjoyed their stay at Gulf-to-Bay and are hoping for a bump in order to prolong the stay in the park.

The Klingers reported - No news - as they went past on the tandem bike with Perci yelling - Pedal, Stretch, Pedal!

Rita and Mo Teehan haven't been outside much. Mo reports Rita has had the flu bug and is feeling miserable. Feel well Soon, Rita.

Cora's family left for Michigan. Back to ice and snow. She is now waiting for Richard and Marie Johnson to arrive.

All of us snowbirds will be heading north soon. For those remaining - have a happy and healthy summer. See you next fall.

Jane Wiley is flying into Pittsburg Pa. on April 13. Her brother-in-law Don Edminson has been inducted into the Beaver County Hall of Fame. Accepting the sports award posthumously will be grandson Leland Parker.

The Hommels are entertaining daughter Renee, son-in-law Bill, and grand daughter Jennifer and grandson Nathan. They hail from Ohio.

Fran Smith says: - "Keep the Campbellsoup wrappers coming. They are still needed."

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YOU THINK YOU'RE WORKING TOO HARD? - There aren't as many people working as you may have thought. At least, not according to a recent survey.

The population of the country is 160 million, but there are 62 million over 60 years of age, leaving 98 million to do the work.

Then there are 21 million employed by the government and that leaves 23 million to do the work. Ten million are in the armed forces, leaving 13 million to do the work. Deduct 12,800,000 the number in state and city offices, and that leaves 200 thousand in hospitals, insane asylums and so forth, and that leaves 74 thousand to do the work.

WORKING TOO HARD? - Cont. - But 62 thousand of those are bums or others who will not work so that leaves 12 thousand to do the work.

Now it may interest you to know that there are 11,998 people in jail, so that leaves just 2 people to do the work. And that is you and me, brother, and I'm getting tired of doing everything myself.

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DIJE ST. - by Allison Brown

Peg and Marge DesRochers had Peg's sister and grand niece for a few days. Now they are expecting their son and girl friend with their daughters on April 14 for ten days.

Clara Bessinger has returned from Daytona Beach after visiting for a week with daughter Barbara and family.

Easter was made joyous for Fran Franz by the visit of her son Bill, from Damascus, Maryland. The warm sunny days are such a contrast to the rain and clouds up north, Bill felt it is heavenly here. He enjoyed meeting again all those Parkfolks who have been so kind;- you really are an extended family.

Overheard at 410 Dije: - Shirley: "I'd like to go somewhere I haven't been for a long time." Charlie: "How about the kitchen?" Shirley: "No, silly, I mean like a week's cruise." Charlie: "Okay, but I'll miss you." Shirley: "When we married, you said you'd take me to an interesting and exciting place." Charlie: "That's why we're at Gulf-to-Bay. P.S. Charlie and Shirley will be heading north about May 15th.

Bob and Rita Boulanger would like to thank everyone who was so kind and thoughtful during Bob's illness. We will be going home about the 15th of May with another year of fond memories.

The only news at 403 Dije is good news for Ruth Salmon whose daughter Elaine will arrive April 4th for a one week visit. Have fun, girls!

Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander had their son Alton, and his wife Darlene, as guests the week preceding Easter. Many good times were enjoyed by all. Then came a surpruse - a call from their other son, Allen, saying that is and his wife Mary Jane would arrive April 5th for an 8-day vacation. That news made Vaughn and Dorothy very happy.

The Chan Robinsons enjoyed a visit with their son Donald and his wife Joan from Des Moines. Donald is really hooked on Sheepshead fishing, and Joan hooked on shelling. We know they will be back! Joan took a load of shells back home.

Jay and Jennie Hubbard took Luella Church, their guest for the last two weeks, to Ocala to visit friends before returning to Michigan. Now they are looking forward to a visit from two friends from Australia, Joan Gordon and Joyce Nixon, arriving April 21st to be with them until May 20. Those are friends from the war years when Jay was stationed in Australia.

Don and Ruth DeMoss and their two daughters from Fort Seneca, Ohio, visited Virginia and Ray (Gram and Gramp) for a week. Amanda and Michelle spent a lot of time swimming and getting a sunburn. Easter Sunday, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Cornett and son visited from Lehigh and enjoyed the beach. Virginia and Ray hated to see the little kids leave. They are finding it mighty quiet around 402 these days.

Brownie and Allison will be around until the first of June when they will head for Lake Hayward in Connecticut. They plan to return about October 1st.

Barb Nykodyon and son Zachary have been visiting mon and dad Mastie the past two weeks. The weather was near perfect, so they spent many hours on the beach. To make things more enjoyable, Zack had the Downing and Exelby grand children to play with.

Everyone enjoyed the Easter dinner and the kitchen band concert very much. Suddenly the trailer is too quiet and we miss them; but it's time time to think about packing up and heading north. Hopefully we'll see you in the fall.

What a wonderful time we all had this winter. We sure hate to see it end. Have a safe trip home. We'll see you all in the fall, we hope, if the creek don't rise. Our daughter Barb and daughter-in-law Fran, had a wonderful time. Bye for now, Roxanne and Ralph.

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ESTADA ST. By Helen Bleck

Gerry and Dorothy Anderson were guests of Norm and Mil Durst for several days. Dorothy

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caught her first fish, a sheepshead, down in Ski Alley.

No news from Dot Hall, the Manleys and the Hamiltons.

Ruth Nelson entertained her niece and friend from Ohio over Easter and now has Mary Kay O'Donnell visiting for a few days.

Easter Holiday visitors of Les and Fay Downing were their daughter Diane, son-in-law Howard Schroeder and grand children John and Kellie. Also the McIntosh family, all from Michigan.

Bill Exelby had son Dan, daughter-in-law Julie and grandson Jay Michael visiting over the Easter holidays.

Helen Bleck is looking forward to a visit from daughter Judy and son-in-law Armand, better known as "Nicky"

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GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby

We welcome Paul and Leda Dube to our street. They are the happy new owners of #1 Golfo. Their daughter and her husband will be arriving Saturday and will be the first guests in their new home.

Charlie and Helen Verrill were off to Lehigh Acres Monday to visit Charlie's sister. They will be leaving April 19th, back to Cape Cod for the summer.

The Crankshaws have their daughter and son-in-law visiting from Muskegon Ill. They are enjoying the beach and nice weather.

Caught the Swickards just as friends were arriving from Tiffin Ohio. Dortha and Bill will be leaving for home the last week in April.

The Leepers have left the park for the season, but did get moved in.

Lucille Tracy was here for a few days.

No news at the Paul residence.

Ben and Marcia Hartman left March 31st. for Indiana. While daughter Susan was here she and Marcia went to the Indian Burial Grounds and spent the day helping as volunteers. They hope to get back here at least once this summer.

Jean and Norma Croteau's daughter Patty and son-in-law Gary Coleman arrived Friday for their annual 2 weeks visit.

Gene Hallett's Minister and his wife from home will be arriving and staying at Boca Grande. So she will be busy taking them fishing and showing them the sites. She has enjoyed the art classes and hopes to continue next year.

Visiting Dot and Walter Rasmussen are their daughter Marcia and her husband David Ramsland with grandchildren Christy, Lisa and Mark of Rochester N.Y. On Wednesday they celebrated Christy's birthday.

Dotty Kerber's daughter Virginia Madden is here from Port Huron Mich.

Freeman and I will be leaving around the 15th. of May for Cape Cod. We sure were blessed with a great season weather-wise. We wish everyone who is leaving a safe journey home.

CIELO COURT - by Audrey Grant

Lorretta and Fred have their daughter Janet and husband Clarence staying in their trailer next door for a week or more. Loretta and Fred plan to leave on May 5th.

Sadie and Joe had visitors Dorothy Arnold from Ontario and Jean Deloreuere from Vermont. Have you seen Sadie on her new three-wheel vehicle? She likes it so much as she is now able to get out more. She and Joe will take a vacation in August.

Andy and Audrey had son Bob, wife Dee and grand daughter Stephanie for a visit. They will go home in May to close their house and settle in the park permanently. We wish everyone a healthy and happy summer and we'll see you in the fall.

Muriel and Bill had her sister Sara and friend Marie from Mass. for a visit, and all will leave for home on April 8th. Sara and Marie think the park is the greatest, love the gulf and noticed how friendly everyone is.

Joanne and Dean have had much company coming and going. They really enjoy their home and the beach.

Joe and Pauline are back for a three weeks stay and are relaxing and unwinding.

Leo and Marie had a surprise visit from Mr. & Mrs. Cheater McKie of Chicopee, Mass.

Also daughter Marguerite Gagnon and children David and Elizabeth. Later in April, daughter Eloise and husband Bob will visit in late April. Marie and Leo will be leaving on April 28 and want to thank everyone for making their stay so welcome and wish everyone a happy summer.

Mark your calendars for...

DAY TRIPS FOR FALL/WINTER 1989

WE'VE STARTED PLANNING EARLY TO BE SURE WE GET IN ON SOME DIFFERENT TRIPS NEXT YEAR. LOOK THEM OVER. WE ONLY NEED A MINIMUM OF 20 PERSONS FOR ANY TRIP. I HAVE RESERVED 40 SPACES FOR US UNTIL MAY 15, 1989

MAKE A COMMITMENT NOW ON THE TRIPS YOU'D LIKE TO TAKE. FLYERS WITH DETAILS ARE ON THE TRAVEL BULLETIN. MORE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST. CALL LORRAINE 475-2584 FOR RESERVATIONS.

NOV. 13, 1989 CAPTAIN ANDERSON 5 HR LUNCHEON CRUISE (flyer)
\$29 Includes round trip bus, cruise, lunch, entertainment, tips.

Dec. 1, 1989 CHRISTMAS NIGHT on ST. ARMANDS KEY (flyer)
\$27 Includes round trip bus, filet mignon dinner at Columbia Restaurant (other choices), entertainment on the Circle

Dec. 11, 1989 WEBSTER FLEA MARKET/ ROGER'S CHRISTMAS HOUSE
\$26 A Christmas Shopper's Dream Come True!!! Enjoy Florida's largest Flea Market before we stop for a private luncheon at the Fireside Inn. . . then on to the 5 houses of Roger's Christmas Village for gifts and decorating ideas galore!

Jan. 9, 1990 THE SEA ESCAPE - A FUN DAY AT A SPECIAL PRICE!
\$49 Includes round trip bus from the park, driver's tip, cruise, all meals and entertainment.

SPECIAL CHARTER - December 27, 1989 - 6:30 P. M.

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More coming later on...

Edison's Parade of Lights - Florida State Fair - Strawberry Festival!