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ALICE EXELBY

A completely unexpected and violent death of a neighbor leads to a variety of emotions - Disbelief; Anger; Sorrow; Pity; just to name a few. Inevitably, such a tragedy also raises a number of questions, often without logic and equally often unanswerable. Most of our responses are really acts of frustration and futility - no real purpose is served and no solutions are forthcoming. Thus it is that we ask "why?" Thus it is that we seek solace by asking "what if?" Both are unanswerable and futile. We may ask why a vibrant active life is instantly snuffed out while perhaps in some lonely room in a nursing home, a feeble elderly person cries out for a merciful release. There is no answer, there is no logic.

Since there is little point in trying to deal with the unanswerable, it would be more profitable to deal with what was. We shall miss the vibrant, full-of-life Alice. We shall miss the enthusiasm for life that was characteristic. We shall miss the vigorous, energetic, vivacious, happy-go-lucky personality from Estada Street. Her passing creates a void which will never be filled. We think of the 23rd Psalm and we say, "Rest In Peace."

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TWENTY FIFTH CARNIVAL A SMASH

Betcha you did not know, but according to several long-time residents in the park, the first carnival was staged in the 1964 season with the first kitchen band organized by Ethel Cross. No record of finance has been forwarded down, but the 1989 Carnival produced a net revenue of about \$1700. Not bad!

The Carnival, sponsored by the Council of the Gulf-to-Bay Recreation Association, could only have been staged by the combined efforts of a good many people, too numerous to list by name. However, the winners of various events and drawings are listed below.

In the parade, lead by the Kitchen Band with Bob Arnholt carrying the American flag, Alice Exelby was awarded the prize for the most original costume, and Dot Hall was awarded the prize for the funniest costume. During the morning activities, Carl Brown captured first place for the men's shuffleboard tournament, while Gladys Thorne captured first place for the ladies. Both names will duly be inscribed on the plaque provided by the Arnhold families in memory of Nettie Arnholt. Bob captured first place in his favorite event, horseshoes.

Major drawings during the afternoon produced the following winners. Drawings for the \$25. food gift certificate, offered by the park management:

1:00 p.m. - Dolores Hummel	3:00 p.m. - Ray DeMoss
2:00 p.m. - Bill Swickard	4:00 p.m. - Clara Bessinger

Closest guess in the sharktooth jar - Frances Franz

The winning draw for the 50-50 prize of \$63. was won by Freeman Crosby, while Dortha Swickard walked off with \$25. in stamps; Dot Manley with a beautiful afghan, and Dolores Hummel won a purse to carry home the rest of the loot she was to accumulate.

The "pick-a-prize table" winners are listed as follows: Charles Deierlein, Marge Desrochers, Norm Durst (**), Dot Manley (**), Ellis Ireland, Theresa Miller, Ruth Hicks (***) Frances Franz, Bonnie Smallwood, Ray DeMoss(***) Clayton Brown, Charlie Letsch (**), Clara Bessinger, Alice Exelby (**), Katie Mastie, (**), Micky Rumpf, Laverne Sumner, Gladys Thorne (**), Betty Baker, Alice Hess, Joan Stunzig, George Finnett, Bob Arnholt, Marie Wadlegger, and Irene Brown. (Multiple winners (**)).

The "eatables" were fantastic, both on the "for sale" table and in the kitchen where Rex Smallwood, George Hummel and Vin Phaneuf worked on hot dogs, and hamburgers, and Jack Smith presided over hot chili. Anyone who went away hungry had no one but him or herself to blame.

Again, a most successful event made possible only by the cooperation of a good number of people working hard for the benefit of the Association. Congratulations on a job well done.

GULF-TO-BAY Mobile Home Owners, Inc., News

(From the By-Laws of the Gulf-to-Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc.)

5. The first item of business at the February General meeting, Feb. 20, 1989, shall be the consideration of nomination for election to the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee shall announce its nominees and present a written slate to the Secretary.

6. The Chair shall then invite written nominations from the floor. If the person nominated agrees to run and if his nomination is supported by the signatures of ten (10) members, he/her name shall be entered in alphabetical order on the ballot.

7. Nominations will be closed at the end of this item of business of the February meeting.

On March 13, 1989, four members will be elected to the Board of Directors of the Mobile Home Owners, Inc. to replace those members whose terms expire on that date.

	<u>Current Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Pres.	Arthur Oestreich	3-12-90
V. Pres.	George Hommel	3-13-89*
Sec.	Allison Brown	3-12-90
Treas.	Leslie Downing	3-13-89*
Members at large:		
	Calvin Thatcher	3-13-89* - Resigned
	Norman Durst	3-13-89*
	Gene Hull	3-12-90
	Chauncey Robinson	3-12-90

Two members whose terms expire in March '89 are eligible under the By-Laws to be nominated for re-election. They are George Hommel and Norman Durst. Treasurer Les Downing is ineligible for nomination by virtue of having served two terms in a five-year period. A fourth member must be elected to fill the vacancy, a term which also expires in March.

Members of the Nominating Committee are meeting to consider names to be placed on the ballot for election to the Board. Please give this matter your serious consideration, and make your suggestions for nomination known to the Nominating Committee whose members are: Charles Deierlein, Chairperson
Ruth Salmon
Marge Stocum
Mark Dougherty

The Committee needs your input. Give your suggestion to any member. Candidates for election must be validated members of the corporation who normally reside in the park for not less than 4½ months in the winter season.

The elections will be held on the second Monday in March, (March 13, 1989) which is the annual meeting.

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PARK ACTIVITIES

Shuffle News: - The names of the winners of the 1989 Nettie Arnholt Memorial Shuffle Tournament have been engraved on the men's and women's plaques which are now hanging in the rec hall. Gladys Thorne was winner of the women's tournament, and Carl Brown was winner of the men's tournament. Congratulations to Gladys and Carl.

Activities, some old and some new: - Don't forget the Bible study classes on Wednesday mornings at 9:45 - 11:00 a.m.

If you care to dabble in oil, there are oil painting lessons on Fridays, from 10:00 to 1:00 p.m. at the rec hall.

The next pancake breakfast will be on Feb. 11, from 8:30 to 11:00 A.m. at the Rec Hall. Make a note - next month - Pancakes - March 4.

The next square dance will be held on February 11, 1989 at the Rec. Hall. Dick Davis will be calling again. He calls a beginner square dance and is a good directional caller, with a clear voice. So don't be shy - "ya All Come" and enjoy the fun. We welcome singles! Wear comfortable shoes. All you need to know is your right and left. Easy Wh!! - Lots of fun and exercise.

Re-Cycle - Oestreichs are pleased to report that the Aluminum can collection has brought in about \$32 for the coffers of the Association. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARK ACTIVITIES - Cont.

Golf News: - Golf is continuing on Saturdays. A sign-up sheet is posted each week in the Rec Hall. If you sign up and then find you can't play, please call Dot Manley, 474-0338. All golfers come join us!

Brunch - The February Committee is planning to have a brunch instead of a dinner this month on Sunday, the 19th. Tickets will be on sale Thursday, the 16th and Friday the 17th, from 10:00 - 12:00. The price will be \$5.00. Brunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. through 1:00. - a variety of breakfast and lunch foods.

Council News - The Council wishes to thank everyone who participated on the Carnival which turned out to be a rousing financial success. On a much sadder note we mourn the tragic loss of Alice Exelby who was the hit of our parade.

The Council invites the park to participate in the honoring of the Golden Anniversary Couples to be held in the Rec Hall on Feb. 12th at 4:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

A memorial for Alice Exelby here in Florida is in the planning. Watch for details on bulletin boards.

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Then there was the little boy who ran to his mother and said. "Daddy took me to the zoo and one of the animals paid \$48.40 across the board."

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To Our Many Friends at Gulf-to-Bay Park: - We would like to extend warmest thanks to you all for your kindness and comfort after the death of our father. Your generous gifts of delicious food nourished us. People have been truly generous. We all returned to our homes knowing Frances is surrounded by love. - Peg, Bill, George & Kathy Franz.

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AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

The Carl Browns had company from Connecticut, Betty and Pete Sadlowski, also friends from Maine. Now they are expecting granddaughter and grandson, also her son will be here.

Millie's son Elwood and wife Martha came in for a visit from Michigan. Millie is enjoying herself and does great in the Pokeno games with the group - also Bingo!

Marge went to Orlando for her cousin's funeral on Sunday

Lu has a new davenport and when I went for the news she had the Stitch and Rip Club. They sew and knit, then have lunch.

Boyd and Pat are back after a nice trip to Hawaii. They enjoyed the islands. Boyd has a nice flower garden out front. Their daughter MaryAnne was here for a few days. She will live in this area.

Betty Baker had company from Michigan, Marlene and Marv Higgins from the home town. I catch up on all the news. Also had Margaret & Jim Knapp from Holland. He is Bob Knapp's brother. They were on their way to Naples for a vacation.

Rather quiet at Ethels, oh, she did have her grandson, and his wife visiting for a few days.

The Cadys are back in the old routine after Art being in the hospital. He is doing fine. They are planning on building a house in Park Forest. Oh, now we will miss them on this street.

The Galats are still here and out walking every day.

Edna is busy as usual as I couldn't find her home to get news from her.

The Darlings had their grandson Randy for a short fine visit.

The Robert Huffs are on the first lot. They will be leaving this week, but loved the park.

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BAYO St. - by Gladys Thorne

Bob and Ruth entertained the gang with a fish fry Friday evening. The food was delicious, especially the fish.

Looks like Jack is ready to launch his boat after weeks of hard work getting everything in tip top shape. "Happy Boating, Jack & Kathryn."

Charlie Letsch is busy entertaining friends, Eleanor and Nancy from New York for 10 days. Sounds like they are having fun from the laughing we hear in his place. Enjoy.

Shawn Leeper is visiting mom and dad for a few days at 209 Bayo St.

Welcome to Bayo St., Ben & Ellie Ireland.

We hear Little Alice is doing real well, and Al has begun to walk a little. We wish them both a quick recovery.

The Bishops have arrived at 205 Bayo and are getting settled in. "Welcome."

Alice Hess had as guests for a day, friends from Michigan.

Chet's brother Bob and his wife are frequent visitors at the Sizeloves.

Dick & Caresta's daughter Sylvia Gorman from Orlando visited here over the week-end.

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CIELO St. - by Ruth Hicks

Happy to report that Billy Kell's record and musical career is really taking off. Read his write-ups and they were simply terrific. Congratulations. Recognition is long overdue.

Deepest sympathy is extended to our Jane Wiley on the death of her brother-in-law.

George Hommel is rebuilding his front steps. Doing a great job and they look beautiful.

Cora Tyson is almost back to normal again after falling and hitting a chair on the way down. Shouldn't happen to such a nice lady.

Jack Smith's recipe for Chili Powder: - Mix together 2 tbs. cumin powder, 1 tsp Oregano, 1 tsp. paprika, and ½ tsp. garlic powder. These spices may be purchased at Richards. This makes enough for 3 lbs. of meat.

Fran Smith wants to thank everyone for the visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and food during her recent recovery. She's almost back to normal. Also - daughter Sally really appreciates the Campbell soup labels the park members have been saving for her school.

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CIELO CT. - by Audrey Grant

Valentine Greetings from Cielo Court. All of us on Cielo Court are happy to welcome our new neighbors. At 21½ are Sarah & McKee and her brother Joseph Schofield. from Poway, Calif. who plan to be in the park at least a year.

At #23 are William and Muriel Lyon and her mother Eugenia Pierce, from Southwick, Mass. Right now they are busy straightening up the house and trying to find time to enjoy the sun and beach.

Leo and Marie Genest will welcome their daughter Marguerite Gagnon and grandchildren, David and Betsy this month. All are enjoying the sun and beach and hope to enjoy year-round living here soon.

Fred and Loretta say "No News is good news" this time around.

Dean & Joanne just wanted to say how much they are enjoying their home and the good weather.

Andy and Audry are having their sister-in-law Jeanette Giraldo and neice Carol Ann visit this month from New Jersey.

GOLFO ST - Etta Crosby, News hound

B.J. and Annie Croteau's trip to South Padre Island was a washout, rain - rain - rain. Parts of the motel were even flooded. Flight home was a hassle. Delayed 2 hours because of engine trouble, but finally got off the ground. They are glad to be back in sunny Florida.

When your reporter got to the Verrill's for the news - Charlie had Bronchitis, but he did manage to "croak out" that Helen was to have cataract surgery Monday Jan. 30 at the Englewood Hospital. We wish her well.

Dotty and Floyd Crankshaw had three days without electricity last week but all is back to normal now. They are really enjoying the great weather.

I interrupted Bill and Dortha Swickard's lunch but they were congenial as always. I got to see pictures of their new Great Grandbaby born Jan. 14th., to Pat and Juanita Swickard of Columbus Ohio. Her name is Courtney Ann and she is adorable.

It is nice to see George and Audrey Jacobson here for a couple of weeks.

No one at the Tracy residence as of this writing.

Noble and Eleanor Paul had spent the afternoon fishing, not much luck. Eleanor is going to take painting lessons in the park and Nobe is ready to take orders for her "originals".

Marcia Hartman was just back from Scottsdale Az. doing a 1200 car auction. One of the cars was the famous "BATMOBILE", it went for a mere \$405,000.00 !!! Ben can be found on the tennis courts every morning. Poor Marcia, every time she gets to the beach for a little peace and quiet I arrive pen-in-hand saying "it's time for news again". This is called how to endear yourself to your new neighbor!.

Jean and Norma Croteau are due in February 3rd.

"I arrived January 7th. to glorious sunshine" said Gene Hallett, "so great to see everyone again. I came rejoicing that I am a Great Grandmother for the first time. Tiffany Morie Hallett born Dec. 4th. is the new daughter of my youngest grandson." All 3 Halletts, Gene's Grandchildren, were married within a years time, and are now busy building new homes.

Dot and Walter Rasmussen ; "We lived through Christmas, had a delightful time with the family. Still enjoying the sunny weather and glad to be here instead of up north".

Betty and Len Griggs from Schenectady N.Y. are on lot #13 for at least a week. This is their first time in the park and they really love it here. I found Betty and her friends on the beach, also, and they were just soaking up our wonderful sunshine.

Dot Kerber is still not feeling up to par. She has had lots of tests but no results. Keep your spirits up Dot, better days are coming.

Freeman and I went back to Cape Cod for a week, After a few dumpster loads our old house was finally empty. Glad to have that over with. It was great to see the "Kids" and their "Kids" and give them all a hug and a kiss. They all pitched in and made the task real easy. They did try to tell us the weather was great while we were there (in the 40's and no snow) but they couldn't convince us, we know where the weather is great and are real glad to be back. While we were home our daughter Diane informed us we will be grandparents again (for the fourth time) in the middle of August.

DIJF ST. - by Allison Brown

Gene Hull set a new life-time record in 1989; he went swimming on his birthday, January 5th. Then on the 12th he topped it off by going in for a dip on his and Bea's wedding anniversary. We didn't hear anything about Bea having a splashing celebration.

Anne Hale reports; "My eye is coming along fine, but my foot-work's not so good." She attended the January dinner wearing one shoe and one slipper, and had taxi service to the hall. Further details are available to all visitors at 419.

Ruth Salmon writes, "I'm expecting some of my family down for a week in February, and I hope our warm weather continues so they can enjoy our beach. I'm also hoping to enjoy a few fish dinners while they are here."

Shirley Ryan is able to walk with only one crutch just nine weeks after getting a total hip replacement. With this new hip she has no pain, a wonderful relief, and so she is able to sleep well and resume activities. Shirley has a table at the Dome Flea Market, and she is back at her stand selling antiques Friday thru Sunday, 9-4 each day. She would like to have you stop by and see her display and chat a bit.

After ten years of coming to Englewood, Marge and "Peg" (Leonard) DesRochers have finally bought their own place from Roxanne and Ralph at 405 Dije. "We're so thrilled to be down here for four months instead of three weeks," says Marge. "Retirement will be a lot of fun for both of us, I'm sure!"

Virginia and Ray DeMoss say, "We enjoyed Christmas and New Year holidays in Ohio with our family. The weather was nice for Ohio, but we were really glad to get back where it is sunny and warm."

The Deierleins have news from home to share. Their daughter, Kathleen, who visited with them at Christmas time has passed her oral examination and needs only her completed thesis to finish her PHD. Hooray!.

The Palermos had their annual visit from son Gene of Massachusetts. He took Ralph and Roxanne to visit some of his friends which they enjoyed very much.

The Hubbards had a surprise visit from Loraine Cusson in late January. Loraine lived at 114 Aura before going back to Massachusetts. At this writing, they are also enjoying a visit with their good friends Art and Pat Stoll of Chelsea, Michigan.

On Saturday, January 28th George Gallaher received word of the death of his only brother, Howard in Pittsburgh, Pa. George and Joey packed up their car and left for the north. Pittsburgh is their home town. Our love and concern go with them.

Fran Franz thanks our extended Gulf-to-Bay family for the sympathy and concern shown to her and her family by everyone after the death of her husband, Fred, on January 2nd. As her daughter Kathy wrote, "We all return to our homes knowing Frances is surrounded by love."

Saturday the 28th: Kate Mastie is flying today to Britton, Michigan with the family of Alice Exelby who was killed so tragically yesterday. Kate and Alice have been friends for many years. Kate will return on Thursday, and she and Hank will be leaving on Saturday Feb. 4th for a pre-planned visit to Monterrey, Mexico for two weeks with their son, Ron. Ron was transferred down there by Ford Motor Company. Kate and Hank are looking forward to a lot of sight seeing, and will give a report next month.

Vaughn and Dorothy report that the new twins are doing fine and gaining weight.

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ESTADA STREET

In lieu of any street news, it was agreed by all Estada Street residents that condolences be extended to the families of Bill and Alice Exelby. Our hearts are with them all.

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