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THE NEW BINGO MACHINE

There are varying comments about the new bingo machine and how it functions. If one were to be very objective about the matter, one would have to conclude that there are several variations to whatever problems there may be. First of all, it is quite clear that the operators need more experience with it before it becomes routine. Secondly, experience is needed on the matter of volume control. Finally, there is the matter of storage when the machine is not in use. With patience and cooperation, all of these problems can and will be surmounted.

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M.H.O. elections

The following, in alphabetical order, have agreed to run for Board of Director positions of the Gulf to Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc. to be held March 13, 1989. The four receiving the highest number of votes by qualified voters will be elected for a two-year term. All candidates have agreed to serve if elected.

In order that the candidates become more well known in the park community, the Listening Post presents the following thumbnail sketches of each of them.

1. Freeman Crosby. - Freeman and his wife Etta live at No. 9 Golfo in the park, and in Barnstable, Massachusetts during the summer season. Freeman was born on March 24, and Etta on May 18, and they were married on August 22nd. They have been park residents for a total of 4 years. Prior to the seasonal residence in Gulf to Bay, Freeman was in the general garage business for 35 years and more recently in the rental business with Etta.
2. Raymond DeMoss. - Ray and his wife Virginia live at 402 Dije in the park and in Tiffin, Ohio during the off season. Ray was born on July 3rd and Virginia on August 20th. They were married on August 20. Ray and Virginia have been coming to Gulf to Bay for 8 years and prior to that he worked as a supervisor for General Electric where he spent 30 years. He is a tomato farmer on the side.
3. Leonard Desrochers.- "Peg" and his wife Marge live at 405 Dije in the park and in Chicopee, Massachusetts during the off season. Peg was born on September 29 and Marge on October 27. They were married on September 11. Peg and Marge have been coming to Gulf to Bay for 2 years. Prior to that he worked as a tree surgeon for 32 years in Chicopee.
4. George Gallaher, - George and Joey live at 401 Dije in the park and in Pittsburg, Pa. during the off season. George was born December 8th and Joey was born November 5th. They were married on June 4. George and Joey have been coming to Gulf to Bay for 10 years. Prior to that, he was supervisor for Port Authority of Pittsburgh. The Port Authority has responsibility for all city surface transportation, for which he worked for 40 years.
5. Dean Gould. - Dean and Joanne live at 24 Cielo Court in the park and at Kalamazoo, Michigan during the off season. Dean was born on April 30 and Joanne on November 29. They were married on March 23. Dean and Joanne have been coming to Gulf to Bay for 4 years. He was employed by Masonite Company in Chicago where he served as Vice President for 15 years.
6. Andrew Grant. - Andy and his wife Audrey live at 22 Cielo Court in the park and in Westfield, Massachusetts during the off season. Andy was born on May 27 and Audrey on August 27. They were married on October 31. Andy and Audrey have been coming to the park for 5 years. Andy was self employed, owning and operating the Andy Grant Diamond Center and Jewelry Store for some 27 years.
7. Noble Paul. - Noble and his wife Eleanor live at #7 Golfo on a permanent basis, having no other home. They have been coming to Gulf to Bay for some seven years. Before retirement, Noble was employed by the Bendix Corporation retiring as a supervisor. He was born on January 6 and married Eleanor on December 5. She was born on November 5.
8. - Walter Rasmussen. - Walt and his wife Dot live at #12 Golfo and in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin during the off season. They were married on September 15. Walt was born on July 21 and Dot on July 11. Prior to retirement, Walt was a self-employed practicing attorney at law serving in the Chicago and Milwaukee area.
9. Bill Stevenson. - Bill and his wife Irene live at 313 Cielo St. and at Durand, Mich. during the off season. Bill was born on July 25 and Irene on January 16. They were married on August 31. Prior to retirement, Bill was employed by the Grand Trunk R.R. where he served 32 years winding up as yard master and conductor.

There are all of the candidates for office. Please don't forget to vote on the man of your choice on Monday, March 13.

George Washington never told a lie. Of course, he never played golf or filed a tax return either. (Modern Maturity)

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DON'T SAY NO - SAY YES!

It is very gratifying to see a list of nine candidates for possible service with the M.H.O. Inc. organization. Willingness to serve represents a commitment to our organization - a commitment that is needed very much.

The next big hurdle is a similar list of willing candidates for various positions in the Recreation Association, another very vital organization for the benefit of all residents. There are many jobs to be done and many dedicated people needed to make things happen. If asked to serve -don't say no - say yes - you will be glad you did.

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It has been a long time now since a penny saved was worth writing an adage about. (Mod.Mat.)

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HAVE YOU NOTICED?

It may not be too apparent yet, but the traffic on North Beach road has slowed down considerably, thank goodness. According to the policemen who patrol the road, the number of citations for excessive speed has dropped considerably in the last few weeks. It is a darned shame that it took a human life to slow down what was very like the Indianapolis Speedway.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The aluminum can recycling project has resulted in a total of \$39.70 for the month of January and \$33.95 for the month of February. These totals are a welcome addition to the Recreation Association coffers.

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Did you hear about the folks who retired to a hilltop home in South Dakota and who named their place "Mount Bush-No-More." Mod.Mat.

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PARK NEWS

Dates to remember:	March 6-7	Ticket sales for St. Patrick's Dinner	10-12 a.m.
	" 11	Shuffleboard Banquet	
	" 13	HMO voting	
	" 15	Dog Races	
	" 15-16	Easter Dinner Ticket Sales	10-12 a.m.
	" 17	St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance	
	" 18	Vote for new council	10-11 a.m. Rec. Hall
	" 26	Easter Sunday Dinner	
	" 28	General Council Meeting	
	April 2	Kitchen Band Concert	

March Committee: Paul Stunzig, Chairperson - Joan Stunzig, Ruth Nelson, Bill Exelby, Edna Minton, Peg & Marge Desrochers, Gene & Norma Croteau, Bud & Ruth Hicks, Rex & Bonnie Smallwood.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner
Friday March 17th - 4:30 p.m. \$5.50 per person
Menu: Appetizer
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Potatoes and Carrots
Coffee - Tea - Beer
Dessert

Also, Friday March 17th at 8:00 p.m. Management is providing a band for your dancing enjoyment. BYOB - Wear your green and come to the party.

Easter Sunday Dinner - March 26th at 1:00 p.m. - Price \$5.50 per person
Chairperson George Hommel - Dolores Hommel, Boyd and Pat Gunnison, Bob and Rita Boulanger, Paul and Leda Dube, Pete and Ava Knowles.
Menu: Fruit Cocktal - Ham - Sweet Potatoes - Rolls and butter
Red Potatoes, Peas & Pearl Onions - Cold Slaw
Dolores_Desert Coffee - Tea - Glass of Wine

AURA ST. - by Betty Baker

Tomorrow, the Carl Browns expect their granddaughter and her son for two weeks.

Martha and Edward Cohoon have been busy stripping paint on the kitchen cabinets. They also put new wallpaper up which makes Millie's place much brighter.

Edna said - no news at this place, only doing the same thing.

Art Cady is back in the hospital so Anne is busy visiting him every day. Their daughter Sue and husband Harry are here for two weeks.

Company again at Betty Bakers. Two couples from the home town in Michigan. I also have been busy knitting during this cold spell.

Well, I hit the Stitch and Rip Club at Ethel's this time. It's fun to visit with all the gals.

Marge is having company from Corning. These people came here years ago.

Lu has been grading around with Marge. Eddie & Pam came to visit from Longboat Key. They took Lu out for dinner.

BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Bob and Ruth have returned from the east coast where they celebrated daughter Amy's birthday. Also took in the Senior P.G.A. Golf Tournament.

Sorry to be losing Jack & Kathryn Stanley from Bayo St. They have purchased a home on North Beach Road. We'll really miss them.

Dick & Flo Leeper will be leaving Bayo St. but will still be in the park. They have bought the Jacobson trailer on No.5 Golfo. They like being close to the beach.

Ben & Ellie Ireland will be leaving March 1st. Have really enjoyed the park and plan to be back next season. Very nice Couple.

Sophie's brother-in-law Gus Schultz from Wheeling, Ill. is visiting here indefinitely.

Caresta's sister, Sylva Earl from Fort Lauderdale is enjoying a week's visit with the Bovees. Also friends, May & Howard Mitchmore from Labrador, Canada visited several times while in Florida.

Rex & Bonnie's trailer is beeing occupied by Rex's sister Dinah and husband George from Jeffersonville, Ind. They love the park and would like to settle here in the future.

Jim and Gladys have returned to Midland, Pa. for a short visit where they will celebrate the birthday of Gladys' mother with a family get together. She will be 96 years old on March 1. Jim will also have a birthday the same day. They also plan to visit Jim's brother in Columbus, Ohio. He is in a nursing home there.

CIELO ST. by Ruth Hicks

No news from the McElroys except the fact they miss their friend and neighbor the Kalaghers. Fred & Irene are still having health problems. Sorry to hear that.

Jinks Tener is quite happy these days. Daughter Pat has been keeping Jinks company.

Stretch says he finally got the paddle boat in running order order, so look for Perci paddling all over the bay.

Pete and Ava Knowles have put their home up for sale. That means they are year-round residents now. Good for them.

Bill and Irene Stevenson's granddaughter Andrea stopped in for a quick happy visit with her grandparents.

Found Billy Kell editing his tapes from a talk show he did. Says Isabelle has taken up sketching and likes it very much.

Frank Finelli did very well at the Expo. He was a winner of a \$50. bond and \$5.0 from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mickey & Bob Rumpf entertained daughter Deborah. Mickey said on the cold days they just went shopping and shopping (Mick's words) Rumpfs are leaving March 16 for home and say goodbye till next year.

CIELO ST. - Cont.

Saw George Hommel sitting, yes, you read right, sitting on his new steps. Glad to see him finally relaxing a bit.

Rita Teehan's son Kyle called to say he misses Gulf to Bay. What a smart child.

The Hicks are anxiously waiting for a visit from daughter Ruthann, son-in-law Rick, grand daughter Heather. Then daughter Sharon, Grandson David, Granddaughter Erin will be arriving.

Rex and Bonnie Smallwood are looking forward to family visits. Let me see if I got this right. Daughter Cindy and grand daughter Sara arrive March 2nd, and will stay to March 11. Daughter Susan, son-in-law Mark and grandson Zack arrive on March 11 through to March 18. On March 19, Bobby, Rex's brother, wife Ellen and their son Nicholas will visit til the 23rd. After that, Bonnie doesn't know what's happening. By the way, Bonnie and Rex said their sister and brother-in-law Dinah and George enjoyed their stay in our park very much, and hated to leave for home in Indiana.

Cora Tyson had good news. Her son Richard, wife Dorothy will arrive in the park to spend their vacation with Cora.

DIJE ST. by Clara Bessinger

Thanks to Clara Bessinger for filling in as news hound this month. Allison and Brownie have had a series of visitors since the end of January, and its showing on their waistline. March will be diet month. Thanks a heap, Clara, for setting me free for family entertaining.

Joey and George Gallaher left for home on March 1 for the closing of their home they sold in Pittsburgh. They are moving into a mobile home in Delmont, Pa. 20 miles east of Pittsburgh. Hopefully next year's winter vacation will not be interrupted.

Bob and Ladeema Carruthers had their children and grandchildren from Michigan visiting. Son Craig and family and daughter Lynn and family spent three weeks altogether. All went to Treasure Island for a few days in a resort before going home to Michigan and the cold weather there. The grandchildren enjoyed the 80° temp while visiting Florida.

It's been a busy month at 403 Dije. Ruth Salmon had her youngest daughter, Mary Evelyn, with her husband Rick and two sons, Andy and Phil for ten days. Their home is in Ballson Spa, New York. Son Peter with his wife Joan, daughter Kate and son Peter were also here for the spring break from school. They live in Saratoga Springs, New York. The smallest children enjoyed a trip to Jungle Gardens in Sarasota and also were delighted with Jack Smith's Magic Show on his car port.

The Chan Robinsons wish to thank the Council for the nice Anniversary party. It was great and feel fortunate to be among the married 50 and over members. They are among the Iowa neighbors that attended the annual picnic Feb. 15th. Getting bigger every year. They overflowed the large shelter at upper beach this year. They have had several Monticello callers the past 2 weeks and their next door neighbors for the past week. Happy to see them.

Guests from Home on Long Island Lane pleased Frances Franz. Mary Wiley was delighted with the warm sunny days and discovered a cousin in the Ukranean community in Northport. Inez Backus comes with our cooler weather, but loves the warmth and friendliness of Gulf to Bay. Her son Bill Fraaz will be here for Easter.

The Palermos are expecting daughter Barbara and daughter-in-law Frances for a visit in early March. Other than that things have been somewhat quiet in their "neck of the woods."

Marge & Peg DesRochers had visitors from Chicopee, Ma., Richard & Lauria Demers. They are looking over the area for their retirement. They had some beautiful beach weather and loved the area.

Jay and Jennie Hubbard were dinner guests of Mrs. Shirley Dafler on Sunday afternoon in Sarasota. and had a nice visit with their nephew James Esch, his wife and their three children Thursday night. They are from Port Huron, Michigan.

This has been a very busy month at the Masties. Katey spent a week in Michigan, going for her long time and very dear friend, Alice Exelby's funeral. She came back, unpacked, repacked, and she and Hank flew to Monterrey, Mexico for two weeks to visit son Ron. They had a very nice time there and then spent a weekend in McAllen, Texas, but the cold weather followed from Michigan to Mexico and back to Florida. Good friends and neighbors from Britton Michigan dropped in and stayed overnight this week. Things are quiet now and we await Barbara and Zachary on March 21st.

ESTADA ST. by Helen Bleck

Joan and Paul wish to thank everyone for being so good to their daughter Jeanne and her husband George while they were visiting with their children Rebecca, Katey, George and Julie. They particularly enjoyed "Magic Jack" and the show he put on for them. Grandma and grandpa appreciated the peace and quiet of their "home away from home" at 320 Cielo St. They often just sneaked away to be quiet, so many thanks to the Hicks and McFarlands, to the Oestreichs for the bikes, the Grants for sharks teeth and to the many others who helped to make this a wonderful vacation for them.

Norm and Millie Durst were pleasantly surprised on Friday when Bob and Freda Traub, old friends from Cincinnati, Ohio, knocked on their door. The Traubs are temporarily residing in their Winnebago on Cielo St.

Dot Hall is enjoying the beautiful warm weather and her friends from Conn. Chase the cold breeze away, Br r r, says Dot.!!

Dot and Jim Manley have had company, company, and company, Too many to list! But they were anxiously awaiting the arrival of their son and his friend on Saturday.

Dick and Marge Hamilton had a visit from Doris and Vic Garvietttson from BRadenton. Wemiss seeing them walking hand in hand throughout the park. Marge is slowly getting to feel a little better.

Ruth Nelson is spending the weekend in Jacksonville with her sister to celebrate her birthday, her 29th I presume.

Les and Fay Downing have returned from a visit and reunion with Les' brother and two sisters on the east coast at Hobe Sound. Grandsons Charley and Patrick will arrive on Friday with their parents Bob and Bonnie for a two-weeks visit. The Downings, especially Fay, are happy with their new livingroom and Les says he has the price of a boat in it.

Bill Exelby said he, Katie Mastie, Fay & Les Downing and Oliver Craig went to Seabring, Fla. to a Tecumseh, Michigan picnic. They visited with about 50 Michigan friends, and had a great time. Bill's sister Margaret arrived on Saturday to spend some time with him.

Helen Bleck has nothing exciting to report, just that she's enjoying the trips Lorraine and Joan arrange for us, and the "Line Dancing" and Kitchen band.

GOLFO ST. by Etta Crosby

B.J. and Annie Croteau have left Gulf to Bay for the season. They are back in Dallas Texas where Annie is hard at work.

Norma and Jean Croteau have really enjoyed the great weather that greeted them upon their arrival. They have joined into the activities in the park in full force. They are happy that their cactus lived through T.S. Keith.

At the Verrill residence Charlie has been busy planting his flowers. They really look so pretty. Happy to report Helen's eye surgery is responding successfully. Charlie's sister Josephine Kerns and her husband Herbert from Bradenton and Maine were expected to stop by last weekend.

I caught Dottie Crankshaw, who was jost over a bout with the flu at painting class. She mentioned again the wonderful weather that she and Floyd have enjoyed this winter.

Dortha and Bill Swickard are expecting Randy and Beverly Swickjard to arrive March 10th, and are really looking forward to their visit. Also Bill's sister Betty Ash and her husband Herbert of Fostoria Ohio will be staying at El Jobean, so they will get a chance to visit with them.

Also caught Gene Hallett at painting class. She was expecting friends Shirley and Leo Phipper on the weekend. While they are here they will all go to Boca Grande to visit friends there.

George and Audrey Jacobson will be leaving Gulf to Bay at the end of this season. They will be going to shell Point Village Retirement Community at Fort Meyers. Although they are sad to be leaving, Shell Point offers services they can't get here. Quote "Do come for a visit when we get settled."

The Leepers, Dick and Flo, of Bayo St. are the new owners of #5 Golfo. A hearty welcome to Golfo St. Now it's only a hop, skip and a jump to the beach!!

Dotty Rasmussen and George Jackbson's sister, Lorraine Quade of Gurnes Ill. is here for 3 weeks. "Lorraine came down, closed the door but forgot to lock it" said Walter. Seems bad weather follows her wherever she goes. (By the time this is printed we should be back to the 80° days.)

Our third artist from Golfo St., Eleanor Paul was busy putting a reflecting pond in her painting. "No news is good news" she said, but did add she is enjoying painting classes and hopes there will be more to follow. Noble was outside as I returned home but when asked, had nothing to add. (Can any other street boast 3 artists, I wonder?)

At the Hartmans, Ben was busy doing taxes and Marcia was working on drapes for their bedroom. Redecorating is just about complete. March 4th, daughter Susan and two room-mates will be arriving. Nancy really enjoyed the beach during her visit last month.

Dot Kerber was busy preparing dinner for her sister-in-law and brother-in-law who are visiting Florida from Michigan.

Freeman and I talked to our son Robert on Cape Cod this a.m. (Feb. 25th), and they are expecting a foot of snow! It may be cold here today, but the best thing about Florida is "the sun will come out tomorrow."

CIELO COURT - by Audrey Grant

Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all. No. 26 Cielo Court has been a very busy household. Marie, Leo and Valeda entertained brother Edward Bosquet from Bonita Springs and his two sons and wives, Arthur and Terry Bosquet from Longmeadow, Mass. and Paul and Rose Bosquet from Madison, Conn. Also cousin Isabelle Bosquet. All were together for the first time to celebrate Rose Ouimette's birthday. On Wednesday, niece Christine Rogoff from Dallas Texas will visit for a week. Also cousins Robert and Monica Graveline visited and all went to Howard's for lunch. Everyone agreed how much they enjoyed the area.

Dean & Joanne Gould had daughter Sharon from Bonita Springs for a visit. Two couples from Kalamazoo, Michigan, dropped in today hello. Joanne keeps busy with her knitting machine and is producing just beautiful articles - the white baby blanket is lovely. Their son and two grandchildren have just moved from Kalamazoo to Greensboro, N. C. - not so far to travel now for a visit.

Muriel and Bill Lyon are settling in and thoroughly enjoying their new home. Muriel and Bill have had her brother and wife, Harold and Martha Pierce, visit from Naples. At the end of the month Muriel's sister Sarah and friend Marie, will be down from Mass. to visit.

Andy and Audrey went to Daytona for their hometown's seventh reunion in Florida. Two hundred and seventy-nine people attended. They are eagerly awaiting son and family, Robert and Deanne Grant, grand-daughter Stephanie (18 months of live wire) for a week's visit.

Fred and Lorretta are expecting daughter Janet and husband Clarence at the end of the month. They will be bringing the trailer back and parking next to theirs.

Sarah McKee and Joseph Schofield have visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Thibault from Burlington, Vermont.