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News In The Park

You will all be pleased to venture out on the Liar's Dock when you get the time. It is virtually rebuilt and is both sturdy and comfortable with no loose or springy half-rotten boards. There is lots of room to gossip, fish, second guess, kibitz, brag about the one that got away; tell tall tales and/or engage in other non-physical but verbal exercise for the benefit of no one and the enjoyment of all.

No more shuffle board sunburn or alibis! A sun roof has been installed over the south starting area to match the one on the north end. This installation insures that the position north or south will have no advantage for players, and of course - no excuses from either end. (Early birds are already practicing in case any one is interested.)

Cielo Street looks very smart with a new black-top job much to the delight of those living on this street. It is much easier to sweep up the darned leaves - ask Stretch!

Warren and Jean are busy with the yard work and the flower boxes which will soon be alive with beautiful flowers. All of the palms here have been trimmed so that the dead fronds and those darned little berries (or whatever they are) will not be staining the car tops and side walks. Good Job!

A new TV set has been installed in the rec hall for the enjoyment of all. Just how the time is to be rationed for football, soap operas, talk shows and the Wheel of Fortune, remains to be worked out. Try it - you will like it.

So you had a dry summer? Well, columnist Russell Hoy said that the drought was so bad in Ohio that a priest tried to turn wine back into water.

Also in one anonymous story, it was reported that the authorities had banned water-skiing on the Platte River because it was kicking up too much dust.

Warren and Jean wish to remind everyone that on the first Saturday of each month the Rec Hall will be closed and locked to allow full time for floor treatment.

Something New

The November committee is arranging to show a movie with the new VCR in the Rec Hall on Saturday night, November 12. Any suggestions as to the particular movie would be appreciated. Let Frances know your ideas and preferences. Cider and doughnuts will be served instead popcorn.

Tues and Fees

Please, if you have not already done so, remember to pay your yearly dues to the Federation of Mobile Home Owners. This organization has done much to help mobile home owners with various problems concerning the welfare of parks throughout Florida. In unity there is strength.

The local dues for the year will also be due shortly but at this point in time the amount has not been established. The Board of Directors will be meeting shortly (when more of the residents are in for the season.)

Also remember that your first payment on lot fees will be due as of November first. Check with Warren and Jean.

Watch out for consultants who claim that their knowledge of the field is vast. Too often, it's only half vast.

Eats and Stuff

Mark your calendars for several events to come. First of all, the pancake breakfast program will begin with breakfast number one on Saturday, November 19, 1988. Paul and Joan and friends will man the kitchen.

In order that the place is ready for such breakfasts, the annual spring cleaning day has been set for Tuesday, November 15th. It is a job to clean up the hall and cupboards and windows and things, but many hands make quick work. Lend a hand starting at 9:00 A.M. It will then be ready for other activities and dinners all season.

"I don't know, I've never been kippled." (Answer to the question: To you like Kipling?) (Unknown)

Chairmen and Dinner(s)

The following is a list of the monthly chairmen for the season. Please respond to their need for helpers of all kinds.

- November---Frances Franz
- December---Bill Stevenson
- January----Jack Smith
- February---Tot Anley
- March-----Paul Stunzig
- April-----George Hummel

Speaking of monthly chairmen, Fran has her committee all organized for the Turkey Day dinner ; Thursday, November 24th at 1:00 P.M. Committee members include the following people:

- Frances Franz - chairperson
- Allison and Clayton Brown
- Virginia and Ray DeMoss
- Bea and Gene Hull
- Marie and Fran Vadlegger
- Dorothy Nighswander

The Menu:

- Chilled fruit cup and relish tray
- Roast Turkey with stuffing and giblet gravy
- Mashed potatoes and candied sweet potatoes
- Green peas with tiny onions
- Rolls and butter
- Pumpkin pie with cream
- Coffee and tea

Cost: \$4.50 - children half price. Tickets will be sold on November 15th and 16th from 10:00 to noon at the rec hall.

"I've got dancing in my blood," he said, as he swung her around the floor. "maybe so," said she, icily, "but it hasn't gotten to your feet yet."

IN MEMORIUM

Another of the more or less old-timers in the park passed away late this summer. People in the park will remember him most because of the musical skills vocally and with his violin. He will always be remembered for his enthusiastic rendition of "Mac the Knife". The following obituary was printed in the Sunday, October 22 edition of the Sarasota Herald Tribune. You will be missed, George.

GEORGE J. UTO, 78, 23-B Cielo Street, Englewood, died October 22, 1988.

He was born November 28, 1909, in Brockton, Mass., and came to this area 21 years ago from Massapequa, N.Y. He was a sales manager for Sears & Roebuck for 20 years and was a member of Englewood Elks Lodge and the Musicians Union of Fort Myers.

Survivors include a daughter, Lorraine Hechler of Long Island, N.Y.; a son, George R. of Buzzard's Bay, Mass.; a sister, Lena Centrello of Bridgewater, Mass.; a brother, Albert of Braintree, Mass.; and two grandchildren.

Services and burial will be in Brockton. Lemon Bay Funeral Home, Englewood Chapel, is in charge.

Christmas(already)

Each year for the past few years, residents have placed luminaries on the front walks or lawns. This activity has transformed the park into a fairyland of lights for Christmas Eve. Should you care to participate, please begin to save the plastic one-gallon milk cartons which do a great job with lighted plumbers candles. (No comment as to where you are to store these until that magic night.)

I take my wife with me everywhere I go so I won't have to kiss her good-bye.

Christmas Cards

For the past few years, the Listening Post has offered a Christmas card for residents who may wish to send greetings in the park rather than Christmas Cards commercially. This will be continued this year as well, and while it is early, the next issue of the Listening Post will be sent out about December 8 - 10. To insure the card plan, the greetings must be in the December issue. The rules are very simple. All greetings must be in black and white only. Colors such as green and/or red will not print. The cost for a 2" x 4" greeting will be one dollar. 4" x 4" will be \$2.00; 6" x 4" - \$3.00 and 8" x 4" - \$4.00. The block News Hounds will pick up the greeting notes and costs there-of as they contact block residents for news for the December issue.

Never waste household scraps. Open the windows and let the neighbors hear 'em.

When a project goes "on stream" that means all the bosses are going fishing while you do all the work.

Summer Activity Poll

Since this seems to be the year of the poll, it seems quite logical for the Listening Post to conduct a poll of its own. The following is intended to ascertain what you all did during the summer months while at your winter residence. Since there is little or no signifance in the poll, there will be no future summary for any kind of a comparison. (On the other hand, the Editor welcomes brief comments from park residents for a future issue of the Listening Post.)

Here it is, for what it is worth - (not much).

SUMMER ACTIVITIES (check where appropriate.)

1. Worked on the yard and/or garden.
 - a. We live in an apartment, thank goodness ()
 - b. Gave it up to those pesky weeds ()
 - c. Nothing grew, anyway ()
 - d. It was just too damned hot ()

2. Went fishing
 - a. Once in a while ()
 - b. Never ()
 - c. Fish just were not biting ()
 - d. It was just too damned hot ()

3. Played golf
 - a. Once in a while ()
 - b. Every day ()
 - c. None of these ()
 - d. It was just too damned hot ()

4. Argued with my spouse
 - a. Once in a while ()
 - b. Never ()
 - c. Every day ()
 - d. It was just too damned hot ()

5. Visited relatives
 - a. Quite often ()
 - b. Once in a while ()
 - c. Never ()
 - d. I can't stand any of them ()

No, no, Lulu - a drug store isn't a house of pill repute!

Items from Lorraine Ide

Lorraine Ide, conductor aupreme and guide lady without peer, has some plans for Gulf to Bay residents even though she is no longer a member of the establishment. Here are some ideas. Kitchen Band. Just off those kazoos and washboards! The kitchen band will start again Thursday morning, December 8 at 10:00 A.M. in the hall. We will be very busy getting a show ready for January at Brook to Bay. Then we can have our fun preparing for our next performances. New members are always needed and welcome.

This Year's Planned Park Excursions

Friday, November 18 Leave the park by 3:30 P.M. to catch the ferry to Palm Island from Garfields in Grove City. Attire is informal for dinner at the new RUM BAY RESTAURANT. A special dinner for two is \$14.95. (Regular menu is available as well. The ferry ride is free with a coupon. See Lorraine Ide or Joan Stunzig for your coupon and to make reservations. Car pooling for this one. Let them know if you need a ride or have room for passengers.

Sounds like a nice kick-off activity for the season. You might want to plan a beach "Happy Hour".

Thursday, December 1 Christmas shopping or whatever at the Outlet Mall in Fort Myers followed by a dinner at the highly recommended OLIVE GARDEN. Payment in advance is required. \$9.00 per person includes round trip bus, driver's tip and Bus Bingo. Sign up with Dot Manley or Lorraine Ide. Minimum of 40 needed. Bus leaves park at 10:00 A.M. and will return by 7:00 P.M.

Thursday, December 27 We've chartered the entire big boat for the Christmas Candle Light Cruise from Fisherman's Village in Punta Gorda. See poster on travel bulletin in the hall. Adults \$6.00 and children \$4.00. You must buy your tickets in advance from Lorraine Ide or Joan Stunzig. Then be at the pier for 5:45 boarding. Lovely unusual shops are in the village as well as restaurants for every taste and pocketbook if you would like to make a day of it.

The December issue of the Listening Post will give our additional travel information for subsequent trips and outings. Check the bulletin board and your calendars.

There is national policy: "The trouble with unemployment is that the minute you wake up in the morning you are are on the job." (Slappy White)

As of this printing, a number of park residents have become late Snow Birds. Consequently, for this issue of the Listening Post, street news will be omitted. Block Newshounds will be on the job for subsequent issues.

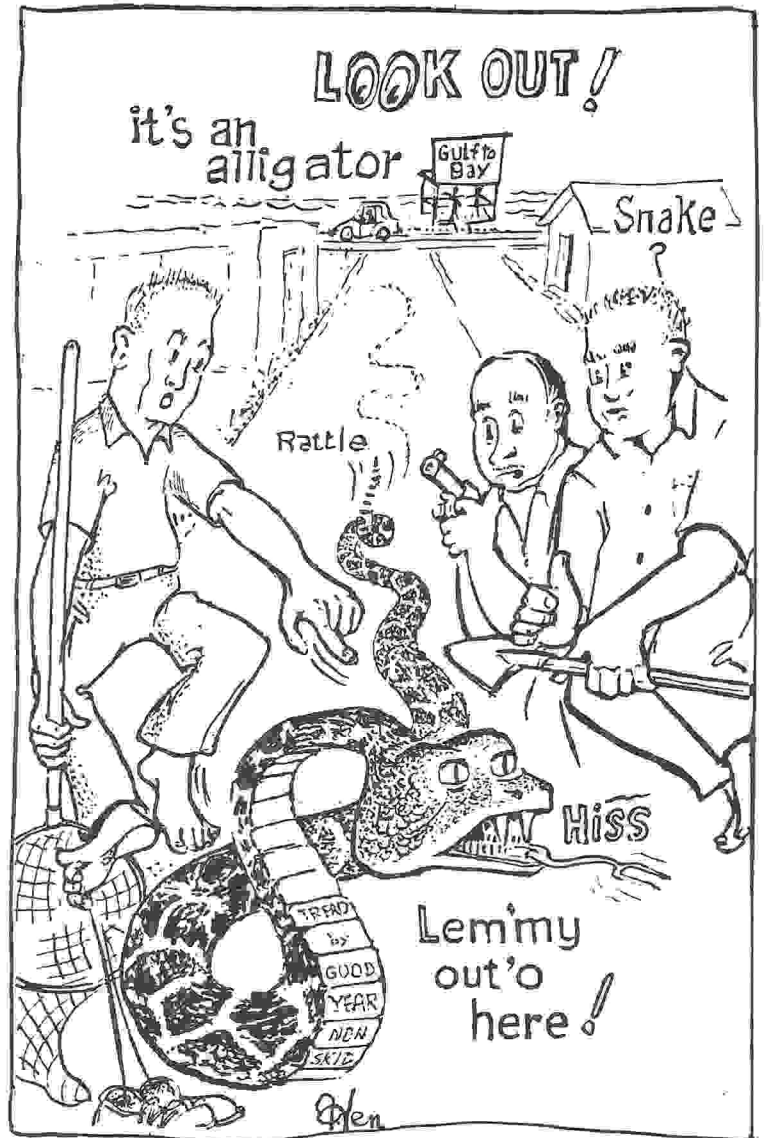
The Editor would appreciate very much any contributions that residents may send in - in the way of jokes, quips, one-liners and even black and white cartoons. The latter may cause some problems, but we can try. If you have an interesting story about the summer, your relatives, guests, Santa Claus or the Thanksgiving turkey - don't hesitate to send it in for possible publication.

Golf will start within a few weeks - we are waiting to hear from Leron Bay Golf Course about the day. A sign-up sheet will be posted this week in the rec hall.

THE THREE SNAKETEERS

'Twas a nice bright and clear sunny day in early October when a large sinister-looking snake appeared on Leje Street coming from the area between the car and the Polarmo home. In no time at all, a curious crowd gathered, but three of our mighty men sprung into action.

Stretch ran home to get a long-handled shrimp net; Vaughn ran home to get a long handled shovel; and Charlie Letch ran home to get his trusty Magnum 22 pistol. With some pretty fancy teamwork, the snake was duly dispatched and later measured (after Vaughn chopped off its head with the shovel) Length - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 feet (see illustration). When subsequently operated upon, it was quite pregnant with a whole mess of baby snakes - no one bothered to count. So ends the saga of the rattle snake with everyone hoping that its mate had long been disposed of in some manner which can be left to the imagination.



The illustrations to the tale of the snake were provided by Emerson Hentnorn. There seems to be no lack of talent in this park.