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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.

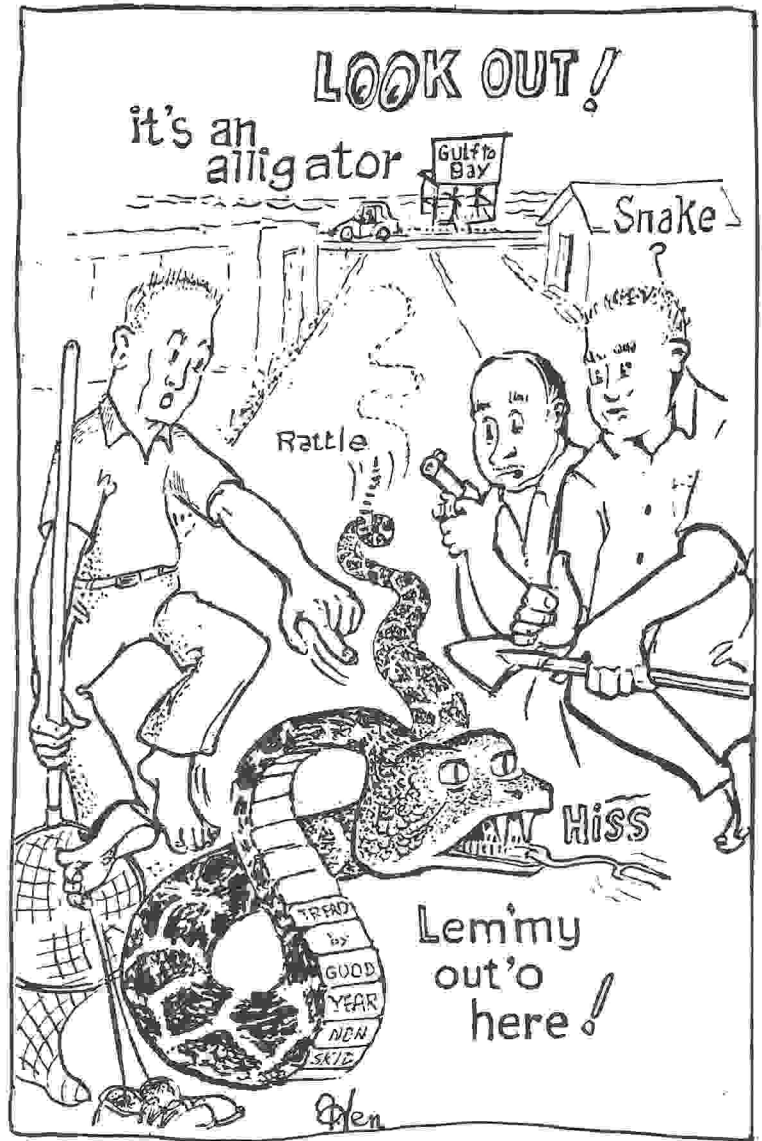
The Editor would appreciate very much any contributions that residents may send in - in the way of jokes, quips, one-liners and even black and white cartoons. The latter may cause some problems, but we can try. If you have an interesting story about the summer, your relatives, guests, Santa Claus or 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.



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NEWS IN THE PARK

If it is not one thing, it is another. First, it was a rattle snake, and then it was Keith. Fortunately, there were no casualties resulting from either event (except the snake.) The storm, very fortunately, was far less severe than predicted, and other than some flooding due to high tide, there was little damage. Some people were busy bailing - not boats - but porches and homes. Stretch and Percie Klinger, the Sickards, Crankshaws, Croteaus, Stunzigs, Darlings, and others all had nasty jobs of trying to dry out. Add the excitement of a fire in a storage shed of the Castaway complex, and it turned out to be quite an evening. Some of the less venturesome (and possibly more prudent) souls moved over to the mainland where they sat out the storm in motels. For the rest, according to some anonymous reports, there was some question as to whether it was to be a one bottle or a two bottle storm - and the one won out. Most boat owners took no chances and removed boats out of the water long before the storm. All is well that ends well.

Another interesting but not related, bit of news is a rash of eye surgery procedures. The most recent patients were Allison Brown, Ralph Palermo and Art Oestreich. Black goggles are for sale!

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There is politics: "Advertisements contain the only truths to be relied on in a newspaper."
Thomas Jefferson

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M H O MEETING

Please do not forget the mandated meeting of the Gulf to Bay Mobile Home Owners, Inc. on Monday, December 5, 1988, at 10:00 a.m. in the Rec Hall. A nominating committee will be appointed and other business proper to come before such meeting will be considered. This is the first of three corporation meetings required by the By-Laws of the Corporation.

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TRAVEL NOTES AND PARK FUN

1. Pancake breakfast, Saturday, December 10th.
2. The annual Park Christmas party is scheduled for December 21st. This is always a big event. See bulletin for details.
Plans are in the making to charter a bus for Gasparilla Day in Tampa in January. Check the hall bulletin board for future details. Also in the planning stage for a return trip to the Florida State Fair - a really fun day. Check the board for details.
3. Don't forget the Christmas Candlelight Cruise on Thursday, December 27th which will leave from Fisherman's Village with boarding at 5:45.p.m.

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There is commentary on life itself: "Old age is not for sissies." (Variously ascribed)

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Members of the serving committee for the Thanksgiving dinner have requested that the blessing given be included in this issue of the Listening Post for the benefit of all, and especially for the Snow Birds.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Jesus has taught us to call upon God as our Father. To call suggests that there is an expectation of help in times of sorrow, for instance, or a time of crisis or calamity. The corollary to the message of Jesus is, of course, the need for gratitude and thankfulness to our Father and not from our Father. For reasons which even today are obscure, as a nation we do, in a somewhat routine fashion, to express thanks even to the point that our coins and currency contain the words "In God We Trust". As a nation we have set aside a day of Thanksgiving. It is fitting and proper, therefore, that on this day, in this place and at this time that we give thanks to our Father, devoutly, reverently, and sincerely.

For the joy and contentment and peace this park affords. we give you thanks, Father. For the fellowship, the caring concern, the family-like consideration that is demonstrated to one another, Father we give you thanks. For the warm memories of fellow residents, Peanuts Minton, Nettie Arnholt, and George Uto, we offer our thanks to you, Father. Finally, for the food which we are about to partake, for the efforts of those who made this dinner possible, for the joy of preparing and serving fellow Gulf to Bay friends, Father, we thank you. We ask one more favor - that you pless this food to our bodies and minds and us to your service, In Jesus' name we pray, - Amen.

A word from the Gulf to Bay Poet Lauriate, Gladys Thorne:

A hearty welcome to everyone,
Another season has begun.
We're all back here at Gulf to Bay,
To do some work, but mostly play.
The sunny days, the moonlit nights,
Make it a haven, a pure delight.
It is so nice to spend time here,
There's no place like it, far or near.

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YOU KNOW YOU'RE GROWING OLDER:

You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.
You finally reach the top of the ladder, only to find that it's leaning against the wrong wall.
Your knees buckle, but your belt won't.
The gleam in your eyes is from the sun hitting your bi-focals.
You get winded playing checkers.

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CHRISTMAS PLANS

December chairman Bill Stevenson and his committee have not yet finalized plans for various December Christmas activities. Please watch the bulletin boards for details for these events.

GOLF NEWS

Our golfers are teeing off on Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. This time may have to be adjusted, though. A sign-up sheet will be posted each week in the Rec. Hall. The first week's winners with low team score of 41 were the team of Joan Stunzig, Moe Teehan, Shirley Hire and Jim Manley. The Saturday after Thanksgiving, the winning team was Rita Teehan, Moe Teehan, Ruth Salmon and Paul Stunzig with the low score of 46.

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Have you heard the one about the twocorpuscles that made love in Vein!

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AURA STREET - Anne Cady, Reporter

The Darling's are coming in one day this week. Heard they both had a bad summer health-wise. Perhaps good weather here might make John and Donna feel better.

AURO ST - Cont.

The Cady's had their three daughters and son-in-laws down for two weeks - and they were able to stay at the Castaways. Anne and Art spent several days drying out from the small flood, and water as high as 8 inches - ready to move.

George & Anna Galat are enjoying their daughter Crystal and two grandchildren, Rosemary and Mark. Good to hear little people voices, - Everyone should have grandparents like Anna and George.

Ethel Cross feeling good, loves those football games on TV, also Bingo. Enjoyed the Thanksgiving dinner.

Edna is busy trying to dry the Darling place out. - Water everywhere. Edna brought back Ethel's and her lawn. They look great. I believe Edna can do most anything, (does she have power?0 Good to see her at Bingo.

Our friend Betty Baker is traveling this holiday. She ~~w~~ent to Wisconsin, and then on to Tampa - still is not back. We know she is enjoying all this.

Lou Rogers is enjoying her new record player. We listened to My Fair Lady music while I talked to her. She loved the boat ride to Palm Island, also the chicken meal. She seems to enjoy life.

Marge is as active as ever playing cards, bingo, etc. She also enjoyed the trip to Palm Island and hope the park comes up with more of these short trips.

BAYO ST. - Gladys Thorne, reporter

Bob and Ruth Arnholt are on the east coast visiting daughter Amy over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Jack & Kathryn Stanley spent Thanksgiving day with Daughter Kathleen of Atlanta, Ga. They will then go on to Tennessee to their home there where they plan to spend Christmas with the family.

Mike Turk says no news except to say he has his Christmas shopping all done. He bought Florence a new electronic gas range, and an automatic coffee maker. Got himself a new dinette set. How's that for getting things done early.

Rose is enjoying her sisters Marie and husband, and Valida, also brother Eddie from Bonita Springs who came up for Thanksgiving.

Charlie Letsch spent 2 weeks with his daughter Joan and family of Phoenix, Arizona. When they invited him they told him to bring his hammer along, that they had work for him to do.

Laverne surprised everyone by arriving two weeks early this year. Says he's so glad to be here. Welcome back.

Mark and Ruth arrived Sunday from Pa. We welcome them back to the park for another season.

Dick & Caresta's son, Rev. Lamar Hay from Harvard, Ill. had a nice visit with the family, also daughter Debbie spent two weeks with them.

The Finnetts arrived on Nov. 19th. Welcome back, George and Florence.

Rex & Bonnie Smallwood have joined us for another season. Its great to have such nice people on our street. Welcome back. Rex's brother is also with them now.

The Phaneufs finally arrived after spending their first Thanksgiving in seven years with the family, and very happy to be back. We miss Vinny at Bingo.

Elmer and Martha Wing are spending a few months on Bayo St while awaiting their new home to be finished. We will miss them when they leave. Its a pleasure to have such nice neighbors.

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CIELO ST - by Ruth Hicks (Look for Christmas Greetings.)

In lieu of specific Cielo news, it was thought you would enjoy the following poem contributed by Avis and Fred Reichert.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA

The visitor sadly shook his head - as he baked in the tropical sun;
"Call this Christmas?" to me he said, - "Well, not where I come from!"

"Christmas needs snow and ice and cold. - And the sounds of sleighbells, ring;
And as for me, I can't be sold, - On this weather that feels like Spring!"

We looked at him and then we smiled - As he scoffed at our "plight:"
And we felt pity and were not riled - 'Cause he was so far from right.

For no snow fell on Bethlehem - On the night the Star first shone,
There was no blizzard nor howling gale - That swept with a shriek and a moan.

The breeze was soft, and what is more, - The night the Christ Child came,
Hibiscus bloomed near the stable door, - As Mary murmured His name.

Bougainvillea of violet hue - Arched in a graceful bower;
Poinsettias wet with midnight dew, - Enhanced that sacred hour.

The Heavenly Host in the starry sky - Proclaimed the birth of the King;
And rustling palms echoed the cry, - As the whole Earth seemed to sing,

So we find here, in our sun-drenched land - untouched by ice and snow,
That the spirit of Christmas is near at hand - And we feel God willed it so.

- Jim Moore -

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DIJE ST - Allison Brown - Newshound

Chan and Hulda Robinson are so glad to be back to Gulf to Bay. They had a very nice trip down as the trees were the prettiest we've ever seen. Was not a good summer in Iowa this year with all the heat and no rain. Was glad we had central air and television to watch ball games as we didn't go out much. Also, Hulda is getting used to a new knee that was put in during the worst of the summer, but happy to say that its working real well so far. Chan caught his first snook this past week so he's happy.

Den, Loriand Dennis Jr. spent a week with the Masties while Den was recuperating from surgery. Gram and Gramp sure miss that little boy.

Charley and Shirley Deierlein came down late, but got here in time for the marvelous Thanksgiving dinner. They expect their daughter Kathleen for the Christmas holidays. She had such a great time last year that it called for a repeat.

Virginia & Ray DeMoss are glad to be back in the park and see all their friends.

Ruth Salmon says that November in Florida was beautiful this year and its good to have her neighbors back for the winter. Spent Thanksgiving day with sister and brother-in-law and several good friends and had an especially nice holiday. She is hoping to have three of her children and their families down to visit at various times of the winter. This, Im sure will keep her busy and happy.

Clara Bessinger had the pleasure of having her daughter, son-in-law and grandson from Ormond Beach visiting over Thanksgiving. Also Ladeema and Bob arrived for the winter. The ladies spent the day after Turkey Day on a shopping spree! Grandson Patrick fished all weekend on Gulf to Bay dock. A friend from Michigan, Paul Norton, drove Bob and Ladeema's new cardown, enjoyed a few days of sunshine and warm weather, then took the old Cadillac back up when he returned home. Good luck with the new transportation, gang.

Ralph writes: - Glad to report that my eye surgery was a success. I hope that the other two members of the park who had it done feel the same way. So many friends stopped by to check and inquire. We really appreciate their caring.

The word from Brownie is - "Its shuffle time. Get out your sticks and come on down," A note on my calendar for today. Thought you would enjoy it. "Lord help me to remember all the kindness extended to me and to forget the small faults of those around me, - Amen."

If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot. - A quip for Dec. Listening Post from Gene Hallett

DIJE ST - Cont.

Fran Franz wants to compliment and thank the November committee for a delicious Thanksgiving Dinner, Allison and Clayton Brown, Bea & Gene Hull, Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander, Maroge Stocum, and Marie and Fran Wadlegger deserve light praise. Fran will spend Christmas with most of her family in Maryland with son Bill, daughters Peg and Kathy and the grandchildren.

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CIELO COURT - Audrey Grant, reporter

Greetings from Cielo Court. We all wish to welcome everyone back to Gulf to Bay and hope that the winter brings good health and much happiness. We are spending our first full winter here along with my mother, Helen DeLaney who is anxious to have you stop in and say hello as she is recuperating from a fall. As for you tennis buffs - with out for Andy and Harry Ide as they have just spent a week at Saddlebrook receiving tennis lessons and are ready to show off the results.

Leo and Marie Genest were pleased to welcome their daughter and son-in-law Marguerite and James Gagnon the first week of November. The last two weeks of November they also entertained daughter Rosalie and son-in-law Ken Boutin and their children, Eric, Michelle and Adam. They will always remember "Keith."

Dean & Joanne Gould arrived Nov. 10th to their new home and are still exploring all the nooks and crannies. Joanne's mother, Vesta Hess, from St. Louis, Mi., is spending the month of November with them. Daughter Sharon, from Bonita Springs, spent Thanksgiving day here and all enjoyed very much the wonderful dinner at the rec hall. Dean & Joanne will be returning to Kalamazoo for Christmas, arriving back by New Years.

GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby, reporter

Bernard and Annabelle Croteau, having just arrived at 1 Golfo when your reporter found them were busy getting their new residence ready.

Reports are that Charlie and Helen Verrill are arriving via Amtrack about Dec. 10th.

Floyd and Dotty Crankshaw were still trying to dry out after "Keith" left 5" of rain on their porch.

Bill and Dortha Swickard enjoyed the trip to Palm Island and said the ribs were great. They weathered the storm quite well but were a little nervous when the fire broke out at Castaways.

No word on the Jacobsons at this time.

Lucille Tracy was here in October and did a lot of yard work and fishing.

Noble and Eleanor Paul hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and would have joined us at the hall but were invited to their son's home in Bradenton.

Cam & Cal Thatcher had no news but we on the "Gold Coast" wish to thank them for donating the Christmas tree and Santa windsock that now adorns the "Tiki". Sure helps to put us in the spirit.

The Jean Croteaus enjoyed the month of November and their first Thanksgiving in the park. They left us Sunday 11/27 and will be back February 1st.

Gene Hallett won't be in until after the Christmas holidays.

Walter & Dorothy Rasmussen's son, daughter-in-law, their three boys will be arriving from Minneapolis to spend the Christmas holidays with them.

Gib and John Condon, from Orville, Ca. are on lot 13 for a few weeks and are really enjoying the beach.

Dotty Kerber had no news but we owe her a thank-you for letting us plug the Christmas tree into her electricity.

Thanks to Cal and Freeman for putting up the tree, - and finally, your new reporter for Golfo St. says it's great not to be flying back and forth to Cape Cod this year. We had a surprise visit in November from new son-in-law Keith (not the storm). Freeman is busy fishing and enjoying the new boat. Etta is busy shelling. We both thought that Thanksgiving dinner was great.

ESTADA St - by Helen Bleck, Reporter

The Dursts enjoyed Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law and then attended the wedding of friends. Norm wishes to express his sincere thanks for all the prayers, cards and good wishes while recuperating from his surgery on both knees.

Dot Hall is still not able to return to Estada St., but is hoping to soon be well enough to travel. Our thoughts are with her.

The Manleys spent the Thanksgiving week-end with their son in St. Cloud eating, fishing, eating, shopping, eating, visiting friends, eating.

Marge and Dick Hamilton says all well at 503 Estada, just quiet.

Ruth Nelson says all is quiet at 504 Estada. She's busy making Christmasgifts.

Les & Fay Downing arrived on Sunday, Nov. 27 after a wet and busy fall back in Michigan. Les is hoping for some nice fishing weather. They are flying back home for Christmas.

The Exelbys are chomping at the bit waiting for the doctor,s o.k. to leave for Florida, hopefully they'll be arriving this week. It will be good to see all the homes lighted again.

Helen Bleck was glad to get back on November 10th, but will be leaving again to spend the holidays with her family in Connecticut.

The Oestreichs have given themselves an early Christmas present - a new car, and a new eye for Art.

Paul & Joan Stunzig had an "Old Fshioned Thanksgiving" this year with Paul's son Bob and family coming down from St. Pete to enjoy the wonders of Gulf to Bay. A good time was had by all as "we ate more than our fill," just like home!
Line dancing will begin Tuesday, Dec. 6th at 2 p.m.

RECYCLING

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As all of you must know, Marge Stocum has continued a newspaper pick-up service for recycling paper. Marguerite and Art Oestreich have volunteered to begin an aluminum recycling project. Plastic bags will be found in each of the laundry buildings for collection. Save the aluminum cans for resale for the general funds of the Recreation Association. Service will start immediately.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

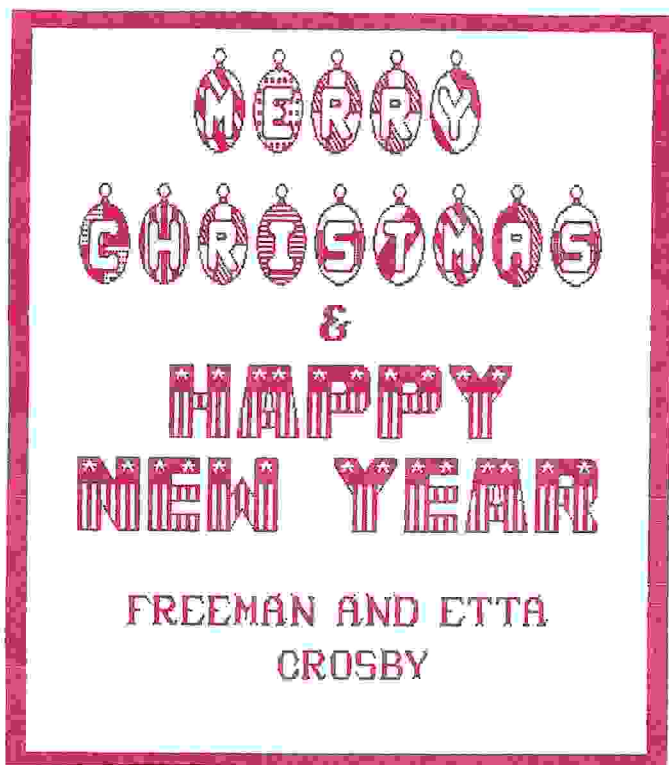
A very merry Christmas and a prosperous, healthy happy new year to all from The Listening Post. A special word of thanks to the street reporters:

- Aura--Anne Cady
- Cielo--Ruth Hicks
- Estada--Helen Bleck
- Golfo--Etta Crosby
- Bayo--Gledys Therne
- Deji--Allison Brown
- Cielo Ct. --Audry Grant

Another word of thanks to Dot Manley for typing the November issue and to Terry Pheneuf for the typing of the December issue.

DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

- DECEMBER 10TH 8⁰⁰ AM To 11⁰⁰ AM PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- DECEMBER 10TH 7⁰⁰ PM To ? SING ALONG AND TRIM TREE IN HALL; FOLLOWED BY TREE LIGHTING AT DOCK
- DECEMBER 14TH & 15TH 1⁰⁰ PM To 3⁰⁰ PM TICKET SALES AND TABLE SELECTION FOR CHRISTMAS HAM DINNER PRICE \$5⁰⁰
- DECEMBER 21ST MANAGEMENT PARTY CATERED DINNER, DANCING, ETC
- DECEMBER 25TH 1⁰⁰ PM CHRISTMAS DINNER



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WISHING YOU
THE MAGIC OF MEMORIES
AND THE PROMISE
OF FUTURE HAPPINESS
HAPPY HOLIDAYS
ANDY AND AUDREY GRANT
+
HELEN DELANEY



Merry
Christmas
Cal + Cam

Season's Greetings
from
Dorothy + Floyd
Crankshaw.



SEASONS GREETINGS
FROM THE "NORTH" 
NORMA AND JEAN CROTEAU

Merry Christmas
Happy New Year
Bernie + Anna Croteau

Wishing you all
a very "Merry"
Christmas
Nelle + Eleanor Paul

To all our friends & neighbors,
a Merry Christmas &
Happy New Year
Bill + Martha
Swickard

He shall be called Wonderful
Counselor, the Mighty God,
The Everlasting Father,
The Prince of Peace.

May the Prince of Peace
be your Joy
This Christmas.

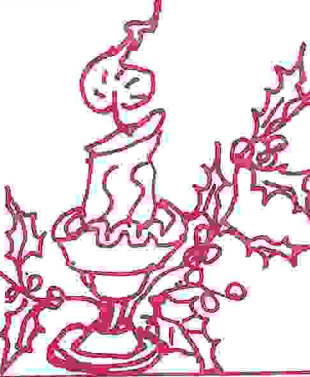
Marilyn + Walter Robinson

BLESSED
 HOLIDAYS
 WITH LOVE
 FROM HELEN BLOCK

Merry Christmas
 Mark Ruth
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To wish you
 HAPPINESS
 AT
 CHRISTMAS TIME
 ALL YEAR
 Ruth Salmon.



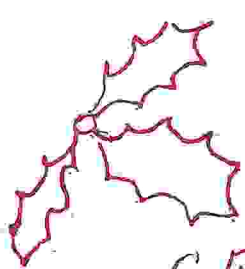
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Best Wishes for a
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 From:
 Jim + Gladys



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 FROM
 206 BAYO
 B.J.



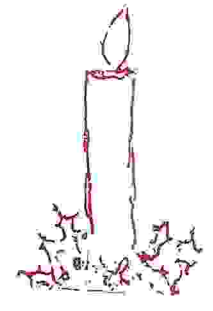
HAPPY
 HOLIDAYS
 FROM MABEL GAUDETTE



May You Have A
 Blessed CHRISTMAS AND
 HAPPY, HEALTHY New Year
 Caresta and Dick Boove

May your holidays
 be blessed with good
 health & much joy!!
 The Smallwood's
 Rex & Bonnie

Merry
 X-mas
 Happy New
 Years
 '88 Com.



Have a Wonderful Holiday
and a Bright New Year

Percie "Stretch"
Klinged

Happy Holidays
and best wishes
for the New Year

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Pete

MAY THE XMAS HOLIDAYS
BRING JOY AND HAPPINESS
ALSO GOOD HEALTH TO
ALL MERRY XMAS
ANGIE + GEORGIA

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
Curt + Margaret Sigelove

Happy Holidays
Alice Hess

Happy Holidays
From

Bill and Irene Stevenson

Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year
to all
Daphne + Tom

MERRY XMAS
TO
ONE AND ALL

Bud Wright

Thanks for the
friendliness to us.
May the joy of the
Christmas holidays
bring you health
and joy in the
years to come.
Elnor + Martha
Lot 222



Holiday Greetings
and Warmest Wishes
for a Very happy New
Year
Fred + Loretta

May the peace and love
of Christmas
be with you always
* Terry + Lin

**BEST WISHES
FOR A HAPPY
HOLIDAY SEASON**

HOLIDAY GREETINGS
TO THE NEWCOMERS
ON CIELO ST

JANE

THE HICKS'S

Our "Very Best" to you
and yours at this
holiday season

Ruth + Charlie Hicks

A Merry Xmas
and a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

319 CIELO ST L.T.
WOBBY

A
very
Merry
Christmas
and all best
wishes for a
Happy New Year
George +
Shirley



HELLO

It's holiday time
and time for us to
wish you a Merry
Christmas.
JOAN + PAUL

Holiday Greetings
from
Les + Fay Downing

Happy
Holidays!
Jim + Dot

CHRISTMAS

This is the special time of singing
When everyone is gay,
Each heart rings like a bell
Thinking of Christmas Day.
It is a world of beauty
With people at their best
if only every day was like
This one, so angel-blessed!



Merry
X-MAS to All
the ones!!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Alice, Doris and Al

May the spirit of Christmas
 be yours today
 and all through the coming year


Love
 "The Dursts"
 Norman & Mildred



FROM HOLIDAY GREETINGS
 MARIE AND LEOPOLD GENEST,
 ROSE QUIMETTE, AND
 VALIDA PAGE

Hi
 Sending warmest thoughts
 and happiest wishes
 for your merriest Christmas
 Love
 Marge Hocum

JESUS
 is the reason
 for the
 season
 A merry Christmas to
 my friends at home
 to Bay Park.
 Rene Hallett

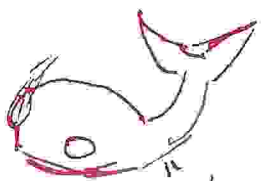


May the Love,
 Hope and Peace
 of Christmas
 abide with you now
 and throughout the
 New Year
 Art + Margie

MERRY
 CHRISTMAS
 Lu Rogers



Have a whale
 of a Holiday"
 the Cady's



Merry 
Christmas!
From Anne Hale

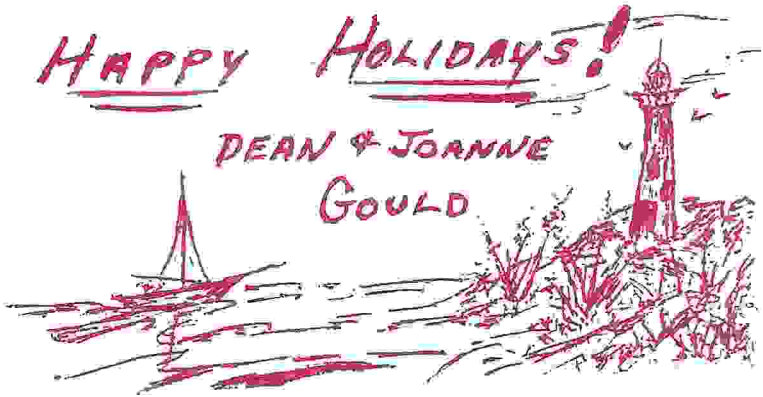
— Best Wishes for
the Holidays —
Bob, Lucema + Clara




Warm Wishes for
your merriest Christmas
and happiest
New year ever!
Jay & Jeanne Hubbard

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

DEAN & JOANNE
GOULD




Christmas...


a gladdening of hearts,
a renewing of faith,
a sharing of love.

Peace and joy to you,
Brownie & Allison

SEASON'S GREETINGS
TO ALL

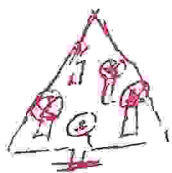
FROM
THE PALERMOS


May the blessings
of Christmas be yours
and may happiness
fill each day of
the year.

Katey + Hank

Wishing you
Happy Holidays

Clarence.



Seasons Greetings

Ruth Nelson

Merry Christmas!
and
Happy New Year
Virginia & Ray De Moss

Merry Christmas
&
a Happy New Year
to Everyone.
From Dorothy & Vaughn

IN THE BEAUTY OF A SNOWFLAKE
FALLING SOFTLY ON THE LAND
IS THE MYSTERY AND THE MIRACLE
OF GODS CREATIVE HAND
SEASONS GREETINGS
THE HAMILTON'S

Merry Christmas
to all
Gene & Bea

May each moment of your
holidays have a beauty
all its own.
Peace and Love
Ethan & Shelda Robinson

Merry Christmas.....and
Warm Wishes for you and yours
in the Coming Year
Fran & Fred Franz

WARM WISHES FOR A BEAUTIFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON TO ALL !!!

Fran & Marie Heddyger

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

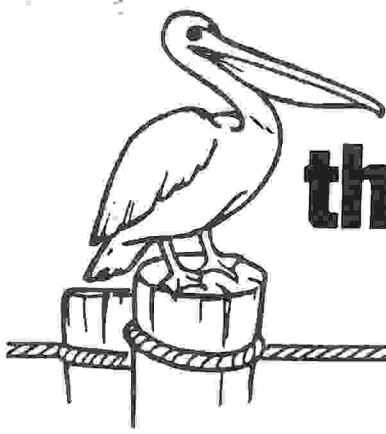
&
LOVE
to

All my neighbors
and friends at
Gulf to Bay
Therese Miller

Very merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year y'all

Charlie
and
Shirley
Deierlein





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PARK DECORATIONS

Those of you for whatever reason, did not take a walk around the park on Christmas Eve, missed a multitude of beautiful house decorations plus the luminaries which brightly lighted the dock, the driveways, and house walks. It can be said with little argument that the Gulf to Bay Trailer Park was perhaps the most beautiful park anywhere in the area. Much work went into this undertaking and the view of the park from the bridge as one approached Manesota Key, was simply inspiring. A warm thanks to all who participated.

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PARK NEWS

We are all sorry to learn that Cam and Cal Thatcher have sold their mobile home and have left Gulf to Bay for their new home in Alameda Isles. We will miss them, and hope that they will be frequent visitors, (beard and all.) Replacements in the Thatcher home are the Hartmans from Fort Wayne Indiana, Welcome!

MaryMay is now a blushing bride who has left the park for a new home that was recently completed for the happy couple out in Park Forest. Congratulations and best wishes for both of you. Come see us, hear?

Norm Durst is flitting about the park like a member of the Cincinnati Bengals backfield as a result of his knee surgery. The boat is in the water and the fish are hereby served a warning to beware - Norm and Milly are back at it!

Don and Virginia Reppenhagen, relatively some "old timers" have sold their place on Cielo and will not be back in Gulf to Bay. Bonnie and Rex Smallwood have their trailer, currently parked at 214 Bayo, up for sale since they recently purchased the Reppenhagen mobile home. Welcome, Rex and Bonnie, as permanent Gulf to Bay residents.

Al Boulerice, son-in-law of Alice Flebotte, is recovering at home from a heart attack on Tuesday, December 20, which was followed by Quadruple Bypass open heart surgery. He is doing well and he thanks all for the cards and well wishes. He will be back in action shortly.

Frances Smith was rushed to the Englewood hospital with severe chest pains and tingles in her arms. What was originally thought to be a heart attack early on Saturday morning, December 31st, was eventually diagnosed as a gall bladder attack. Immediate surgery was performed. As the Listening Post goes to press, the prospects of a speedy recovery are very positive.

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Woman to friend: :My husband and I eat from the three basic food groups - Canned, frozen and take-out.: - Quoted by Mary Pledge Peterson in Women's Circle Home Cooking.

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NETTIE ARNHOLT ANNUAL MEMORIAL SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENTS

Because their mother was an avid shuffler, the Arnholt family have donated two plaques. Each year the winner of the women's and the men's tournament will have their names and the date inscribed on the appropriate plaque. This year the tournaments will start at 9:30, January 12, 1989. The Council has set an entrance fee of \$2.00 per person. The fee will be collected the morning of the tournament. If you have any questions see Brownie.

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MEDICARE FACTS

On Monday, Jan. 9th, 10:00 a.m., a man will be at the hall to explain the new Medicare and Catastrophic Insurance plan. He assures us he will not try to sell insurance, but will answer any questions.

TRAVEL NEWS

You had best be prepared and mark your calendars for travel plans in the immediate offing, starting out with Gasparilla Day on February 4. Those who have never seen this event should not miss it. (Sorry, tickets are already sold out but one can get on a waiting list. -See Joan

A visit to the Florida State Fair is planned for February 16. This is a very popular tour which has become almost an annual event. See Joan or Lorraine for tickets at \$10.

Watch the Rec Hall bulletin board for a RiverShip Romance in March. This also promises to be something new and different. No date has yet been set. Watch for details.

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MONEY doesn't buy love, but it does enhance one's bargaining position.

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EXERCISE

Fay Downing announces the following: - Ladies' exercise classes on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9:00 a.m. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, participants may walk on their own or in a group at 9:00 a.m.

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While Christmas has come and gone, we thought that the following would not be inappropriate, courtesy of the St. Francis of Assisi church bulletin:

CHRISTMAS IN ENGLEWOOD

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, AND ALL THROUGH THE TOWN, NO NOSES WERE FROZEN, NO SNOW FLUTTERED DOWN
NO CHILDREN IN FLANNELS WERE TUCKED INTO BED. THEY ALL WORE THEIR SHORTY PAJAMAS INSTEAD
TO FIND WREATHS OF HOLLY, WAS NOT VERY HARD, FOR HOLLY TREES SPROUTED, RIGHT IN THE BACK YARD
IN FRONT OF THE HOUSES WERE DADDYS AND MOMS ADMIRING THE HIBISCUS AND COCONUT PALMS
THE SLUMBERING KIDDIES WERE DREAMING YOU SEE HOPING THEY'D FIND WATER SKIS UNDER THE TREE
THEY ALL KNEW SANTA WAS WELL ON HIS WAY IN A RED LINCOLN CONVERTIBLE, INSTEAD OF A SLEIGH
AND SOON HE'D ARRIVE AND GO RIGHT TO WORK HE HADN'T A SECOND TO LINGER OR SHIRK
HE WHIZZED OVER LEMON BAY AND ZOOMED UP MCCALL ROAD
IN A SHINY RED LINCOLN, DELIVERING HIS LOAD
THE TROPICAL MOON GAVE ENGLEWOOD A BRIGHT GLOW AND LIGHTED THE WAY FOR SANTA TO GO
AS HE JUMPED FROM THE CAR, HE GAVE A WEE CHUCKLE HE WAS DRESSED IN BERMUDAS WITH AN IVY LEAGE BUCKLE
THERE WERN'T MANY CHIMNEYS, BUT THAT CAUSED NO GLOOM
FOR SANTA CAME IN THROUGH THE LANAI OR THE FLORIDA ROOM
HE STOPPED AT EACH HOUSE, AND STAYED JUST A MINUTE AND EMPTIED HIS SACK AND ALL THE STUFF IN IT
BEFORE HE DEPARTED, HE TREATED HIMSELF TO A GLASS OF FRESH SQUEEZED ORANGE JUICE THAT WAS LEFT ON THE SHELF
THEN HE TURNED WITH A JERK AND BOUNDED BACK TO HIS CAR, TO TAKE OFF TO VENICE AND PUNTA GURDA AND CITIES AFAR
HE STEPPED ON THE GAS AND PUT IT IN GEAR AND FLEW UP MCCALL ROAD, SINGING WITH CHEER
AND I HEARD HIM EXCLAIM, AS HE WENT ON HIS WAY "MERRY CHRISTMAS ENGLEWOOD" . . . I'LL LIVE HERE SOME DAY!

JANUARY COMMITTEE PLANS

There will be a January dinner on the 22nd at 1:00 p.m. The theme of the affair is a Dutch Dinner with the following menu:

- Menu - Kaas met Beschuiten
- Entre - Hutspot met klapstuk
- Salad - Sauerkrout salad
- Dessert- Vers Fruit Gebak

(Too bad that the typewriter does not have an umlaut.)

- The Committee: - Jack and Fran Smith
- Vin and Terry Phaneuf
- Mary & Ken Spain
- George and Ana Galat
- Carl and Irene Brown.

SPECIAL NOTE! There will be a square Dance after Carnival at 7:30 p.m. on January 14.

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The couple came home from a party. As the wife was getting ready for bed her husband handed her two aspirin and a glas of water. "But I don't have a headache," she protested. "Aha!" said the husband with glee. "Gotcha!"

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THE PARK PARTY

Warmest thanks to Jean and Warren for staging a great Christmas party for park residents. The food was supurb, the band was dance-inviting and the hall was in a festive decor. Who could ask for anything more?

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Always get married in the early morning. That way, if it doesn't work you haven't wasted a whole day.

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A MYSTERY BIRD

In keeping with another weird happening some time ago in which a large diamond-backed rattle snake paid a visit to Gulf to Bay Trailer Park, a few days before going to press with this issue of the Listening Post, it was learned that some large bird, (eagle? - Osprey? - Buzzard?) or other fish eating unidentified fowl, paid an unexpected visit to the park. It seems that Chan Robinson was working in his back yard near his mobile home. (Several other residents also heard a thump which was followed by a brief electrical outage.)

At any rate, Chan was pretty sure that something had fallen on Bill Stevenson's roof. He got a ladder and climbed up to investigate, and to his astonishment, found a large flopping mullet clearly out of its element. Subsequently, he put it on a stringer to save for a Christmas dinner for Morgan.

Believe it or not this is a true story and the only mystery that remains is the identity of the bird which (a) hit the transformer and (b)dropped the mullet on Bill's roof. Any ideas, any one?

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CARNIVAL - SATURDAY, the 14th, 1989 11:00 a.m.

Festivities will begin with the parade, led by Lorraine Ide and the Kitchen Band at 10:00 a.m. and continue with our functions in the Rec Hall. There willbe Flea Market - Raffles - Pokar Table - Money Wheel - CraftTable - Home Made food Table, and general fun for all.

Gladys Thorne'S Committee will run the food concession with a lot of goodies, including Jack Smith's famous "Chile"

If you have items for the Flea Market (no clothing please) bring them to the Hall, Thursday the 12th between 11:00 and 1:00 or Friday, 9:00 to 12:00. Bring in baked goods, (jams, pickles, etc.) Saturday morning anytime after 8:00 a.m.

CARNIVAL - Cont.

Raffle drawings every hour - something going on all day.

Prizes for Shuffleboard and horseshoe tournaments will be awarded at Noon. Bob Arnholt and Bob Boulanger will co-sponsor the horseshoe tournaments and play-offs Thursday and Friday, so get your entry fees ready and see one of them. Entry fees - \$2.00.

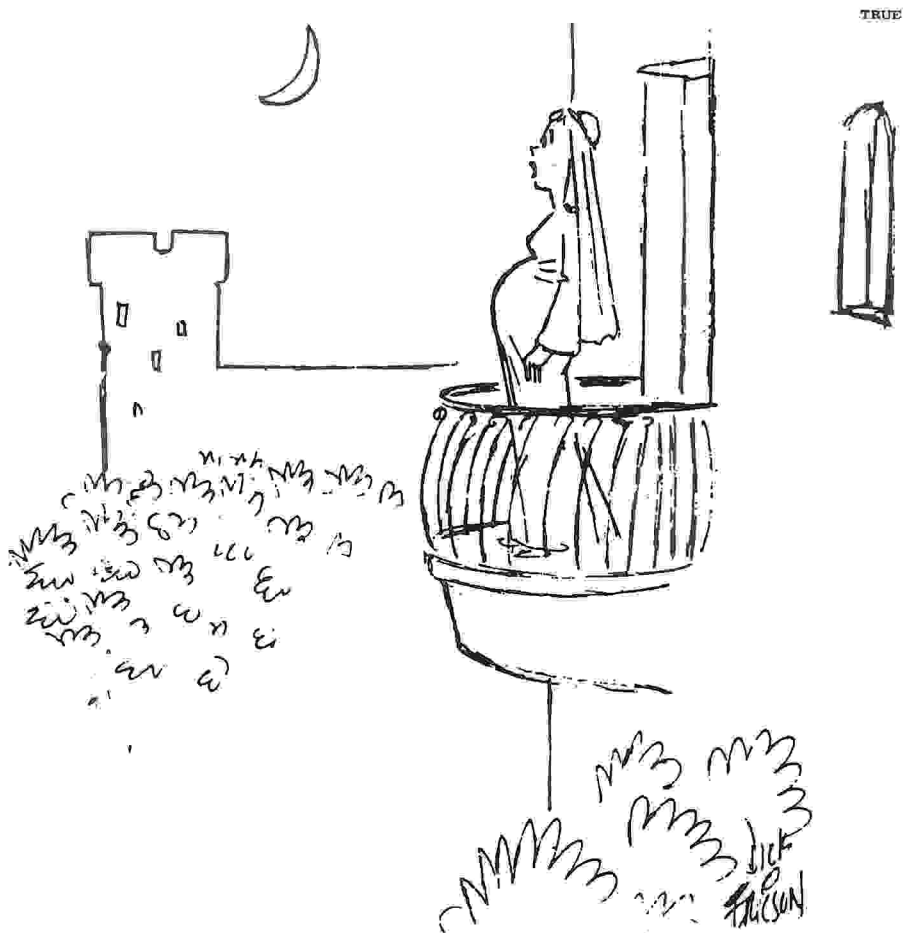
Brownie will have his shufflers compete Thursday and Friday, 12th and 13th - See special write-up in the paper.

If you need any special assistance for Flea Market items, ask any council member for help. Management has again offered 4 Publix gift coupons of \$25.00 each for raffles. Many thanks for their continued generosity.

COME ONE COME ALL - BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND ENJOY THE DAY.
BINGO WILL NOT BE CANCELLED ON FRIDAY, JAN. 13th.

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NO COMMENT NECESSARY



"Romeo, Romeo . . . wherefore art thou, Romeo?"

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Today's Chuckle: It's a good thing to cultivate good habits. - the bad ones all grow like weeds, anyway.

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AURA STREET by Betty Baker

Lu Rogers had a nice Christmas at her son Eddie's at Long Boat Key. Lu is always on the go - out to dinner or church affairs.

Stopped by Marge's and she was just getting a bathing suit or and ready to join the others in the Polar Bear Club. My, how I used to like that cold water, but now, I prefer the warm summer water. Marge is always on the go to her clubs, or visiting her sister, El.

Edna has been busy getting her mother's trailer opened. Milly and Ardie are arriving Jan. 11th for a month. Edna has more new furniture. Its great to see how nice she has changed her place.

AURA ST. - Cont.

Ethel is out every morning wiping off the dew on her car. Then into the trailer to knit more hats for the newborn babies.

We are sorry to see the "For Sale" sign in George and Ana Galat's window. They are nice neighbors and sorry to see them leave.

Ann Cady went on the one-day cruise out of St. Pete's. Beautiful day on the Gulf. No luck on the slot machines. Art is busy building two boxes for some tomato plants.

Donna and John were busy cleaning up after the Keith storm. Now everything is back to normal.

The Carl Browns came in Friday and happy to be where it's warm.

Christmas Eve, Betty had a dinner party for eight. Sue was down from Tampa and Don from Sarasota. We had a fun time and opened our presents in the afternoon. Sue gave me a VCR and now to learn how to operate it. Also got an entertainment center for the new TV and VCR. If Sue and Stretch and Percie hadn't helped put it together, I don't know what I would have done. Never again will I get anything you have to assemble yourself. What a nightmare putting it together. Live and learn, as the saying goes.

Here it is the beginning of the new year, and time to wish you all a "Happy New Year."

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Today's Chuckle: Everything has a price ceiling now. When you hear the price, you hit the ceiling.

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BAYO ST. by Gladys Thorne

Bob & Ruth Arnholt say they were glad to be here for Christmas for a change instead of on the East Coast.

Mark and Ruth were happy to have daughter and son-in-law Noni and Joe Muraco, for nine days over the Christmas Holidays.

Elmer and Martha Wing's daughter, Kris, is having a nice holiday with mom and dad, and friends in the area. She will be here until Feb. 14th. The Wings are looking forward to moving into their new home in January.

Good news from Doris about Al. He will be coming home from the hospital Saturday. (He is now home) We are allso glad he is recovering so nicely. A happy, healthy New Year to Al and Doris, also little Alice.

Bernice Theiss enjoyed a four generation visit from daughter, Martha Napka, granddaughter and great-grand daughter over the weekend.

Florence & George say they enjoyed spending the holidays in the park for a change this year.

Terry and Vin are looking forward to a visit from their granddaughter, Heather, next week.

We will miss Rex & Bonnie on our street. They have purchased the Reppenhagen's trailer and will be living on Cielo St. Lots of luck on the new venture.

No news from Jim & Gladys except "We are really happy with our new room." Seems like a new way of living. Also, the decorations in the park are beautiful and the luminaries on Christmas Eve were a lovely sight to see. A happy, healthy New Year to everyone in the park from theThorne's.

Chet's brother, Bob and wife, will be heare next week to spend some time with the Sizeloves.

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Today's Chuckle: If you think a dollar doesn't go far, just try to get one back.

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CIELO ST - Ruth Hicks, Reporter

The Teehans have been entertaining daughter, Kate, and her family for the holidays. Besides Husband Carl, the brood consists of Alexis, Kyle, and Cam. They have enjoyed the glorious sunshine, the beach, the Christmas dinner, and all the joys of the season. They were at 308 Cielo St. for several days, and then moved to Weston's on South Beach. We all are grateful for the chance to be together once more.

Cora was busting at the seams. She's going to be a great-great grandmother again for the third time. Also she and Jim Peters agreed this was the best Christmas ever.

Couldn't find Jane Wiley. Seems she went to Tampa for the holidays to see sister Helen and Don. Hasn't returned yet.

Pete and Ava Knowles are expected back from Sanford, Fla.

Phyllis McElroy is another lady that has become a shuffle widow. She says Tome loves the game. But does Phyllis??

Fred & Irene Kalagher are still having health problems. Hopefully with prayers, they will be able to join us soon.

Don Reppenhagen is back in the hospital. We send our best wishes to him and Virginia.

Bill & Irene Stevenson said this has been the busiest Christmas they've had for a long time and want to thank the committee for a job very well done.

We agree and also want to thank them for a fabulous holiday season and a delicious Christmas dinner.

Jack & Fran Smith are enjoying the company of daughter Sally, son Wendell, and grandson Mikey. They are leaving January 8th.

Rex & Bonnie Smallwood will be occupying Reppenhagens trailer. Another asset to Cielo St.

The Hicks are anxiously waiting to arrival of son, Charlie, wife Karen and Chas. Jr. They went to Disney World for 3 days and will recuperate from that exciting experience with the Hicks.

Thanks to Ide Travel and Joan Stunzig for the Christmas Light Cruise. It was most enjoyable.

Frank Finelli reports - No news - and he and Dorrie are in tip-top shape

Jinks" son Hamp is visiting and enjoying our Florida weather.

Angie says thanks to her December committee for making the job so easy.

Late arrivals - Rumpfs and Hommels - What took you so long?

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All progres stems from change, but all change is not necessarily progress.

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DIJE ST. -by Allison Brown, Newshound

The Deierlein's daughter Kathleen wants toe people in Gluf to Bay to know they are the nicest people in the world and made her week here a real joy. But, homeward bound, at Sarasota airport, the baggage handlers lost her ticket. For half an hour they searched for it and finally issued her another. Last on the plane - after all the worry, she says, "Eastern Airlines - BAH."

Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander certainly received the earliest Christmas present (as well as the most unique) of any park residents. Their delivery arrived on December 6th when they became the proud great-grandparents of a set of twins. This is the second time that "twin-lightning" has struck their lives; the first surprise brought their twin sons, Allen and Alton onto the scene. Now we have Grandpa Allen and Grandma MaryJane, whose son Chuck and daugnter-in-law Chris have parented Jayson and Jennah, a boy-girl combo to add to their first-born single, Jared, now a 4½ year old pre-schooler. Needless to say, there was great excitement in the Nighswander clan. Congratulations from all of us to Great-Grandpa Vaughn, and Great-Grandma Dorothy.

Therese Miller was nursing her swollen knee when this reporter stopped by. to gather news. She would love to have people drop in and visit with her. "I like to see my friends," says Therese.

The Masties' two youngest grandchildren, Zack and Dennis, Jr., along with their parents, Tony, Barb, Den, and Lori, arrived the day after Christmas for a two-week visit. Remembering two weeks of near perfect weather last year, they just can't believe that it can be happening again. P.S. from reporter: Incidentally, if ever you want to get a load of a doting grandpa, just give Hank the opportunity to show off this new Dennis, Jr. and the ever popular Zack. Its a glowing scene!.

As this issue goes to press, Anne Hale is planning to join the latest club in the park - the popular Cataract Surgery Alumni Group. Soon after the first of the year, Anne will be wearing the trademark of the club, the unavoidable dark glasses. Keep your chin up, Anne, it happens only to the best of us.

Clara Bessinger's sons, Donald of Las Vegas, and Jack of Phoenix were here for the Christmas holidays. Bob and Ladeema Carruthers are anxiously waiting for the arrival of son Craig and family later in January. Life stays busy at 417.

The Hubbards received a call from George & Joey Gallaher. They don't know when they will be returning to Florida as George's brother is still in the hospital. Also from the Hubbards, Jay & Jennie went to Fort Meyers to see Mike and June VanRiper, their neighbors from Michigan. They also planned to go to Bonita Springs to see Duane Crittend of Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Ray & Virginia DeMoss plan to return to the park in time for the annual carnival. It will be good to see lights at 402 again.

Friends gathered at 412 Dije St. to see the old year out and the new year in. A party and smorgasbord was enjoyed by all followed by a midnite call to the Demoss' in Ohio by all of us. We wish everyone a Happy - Healthy New Year.

Ruth Salmon reports from 403: - I had a really nice Christmas this year. No house guests but lots of friends. I also enjoyed the boat trip through Punta Gorda Isles to see all those Christmas lights. Hope everyone has a Happy New Year.

Santa must have brought Hulda a bike permit renewal, for we've been seeing her exercising that new knee on her 3-wheeler. Nice going, Hulda, keep up the good work.

The Boulangers quit Connecticut when Bob ^{had} to shovel eight inches of that white stuff from his driveway. Bob & Rita say that they had a fine trip down, are surely glad to be here, and that its great to see old friends and neighbors, and to experience this warm weather. They wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Chan & Hulda Robinson say that they enjoyed the Christmas dinner and all the festivities. The Candlelight Canal Cruise was especially enjoyable. Being here for park celebration is next best to being home for Christmas. They're also glad to have Rita & Bob back, and add, "Now, if the DesRochers arrive, we'll be lighted all the way down to Ruth Salmon's" Hulda adds a suggestion, "Ask Chan about catching a mullet on the Stevenson's roof. It's a true fish story."

Over the Christmas holidays, Great Grandma Roxanne had the pleasure and excitement of being part of a four-generation gathering and celebration. Visiting Harry and Lorraine were their son Andrew, his wife Debbie, and children Shelly, Jerrod and Ethan. The Connecticut Ides were enjoying a first visit to the new home of Andrew's parents at Park Forest to which Harry & Lorraine moved recently. The four generations took part in our Gulf-to-Bay carol sing on a balmy Christmas Eve. Generations # 1 and # 2 were happy to remain in Englewood when the Connecticutites had to head north, to answer the New Year call to work and school. We thank them all for sharing their Christmas joy.

Anne Hale's house was dark over Christmas. She and daughter Lois Branch, drove to Ocala to celebrate the holiday with #2 daughter, Barbara, and son-in-law George. Judging from all the returning packages, Santa visited Ocala.

Jerry Hull, son of Gene & Bea Hull, got a Christmas surprise from his wife and family - an airline reservation for a week's visit with Mon and Dad at Gulf-to-Bay. Vaughn Nighswander added a bonus touch, a day of fishing which produced 14 sheepshead. Jerry flew home January 2nd, tanned, rested and ready for another semester of teaching junior high.

Shirley Ryan had a new hip installed this fall which is healing beautifully, and she reports that the pain is gone. Altho still using crutches, Shirley is driving her car, and is looking forward to getting back to the Dome sometime in January. We're all happy to hear of your progress, Shirley.

DIJE ST. - Cont.

Dije St. isn't quite as sunny as usual with Frances Franz's smile missing. Fran combined family Christmas gathering and celebration with a business trip. When the latter is complete, Fran will make a return flight reservation, and should be arriving about six days later. Joan Stunzig will be picking her up at the airport. The neighbors will all be happy to have Fran return.

Clarence Rohlfs is keeping fit with daily exercise. He stays faithful to his walks, many in the evening hours when we meet him buzzing around. Clarence also remains a faithful member of the shuffle team.

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It's remarkable how friendly neighbors get when you are moving away.

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ESTATA ST. - by Helen Bleck

What beautiful holiday weather.

Norm & Mil Durst's family, the Kimslers from Tiffen, Ohio, headed back home on Jan. 1st after spending the holidays with them. They also had Howard & Linda Sarlia spend a few days with them this week.

Couldn't catch Dot Hall at home, but knows she's feeling much better and happy to be back.

Hamiltons said they had a nice Christmas, talked to all their grand children.

Les & Fay Downing have returned "safely" from a 12day Christmas Holiday with their family in Michigan. Glad to be back to the beautiful Fla. weather. They left sleet, snow, rain and icy roads behind. Ruth's sister Cinda, from Jacksonville, visited New Years week end. Spent 2 days shoveling and sifting at Indian Cemetary discovered on Manasota Key building site, this last month. Feel like a real Archaeologist.

Bill & Alice Exelby are especially grateful to be back at Gulf0to0Bay for another season of fine weather. Bill underwent surgery for lung cancer in November and is slowly recuperating. He wants to thank the park for his Gulf-to-Bay hat, and to all those friends who sent cards and best wishes. Christmas was spent with relatives from Punta Gorda and St. Pete. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

Helen Bleck enjoyed Christmas with her family in Conn. but glad to be back to the beautiful sunny weather in Fla.

All's well at Oestreichs. Art is waiting for his new glasses.

Joan and Paul are enjoying a visit with her son Duke and his future wife.

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Wedding story in a midwestern paper: "The groom has been married previously on two occasions. He has also been through World War 11."

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Cielo Court - by Audrey Grant

New Years greetings from Cielo Court.

Wedding bells rang out for Mary May and Ken Spain who were married on December 17th, in the Chapel at the Englewood United Methodist Church, and now they are busy settling into their new home at Park Forest. We wish them health, happiness, and a wonderful future together.

Christmas at Leo and Marie Genest's was celebrated with family and friends. The festivities began with happy hour, then dinner and the good company of sisters Valeda Page and Rose Ouimette, brother Eddie Bosquet and cousin Isabelle Bosquet of Bonita Springs, and Therese Miller. Leo says he loves to play chess and asks that if you play to please get in touch with him as he would welcome the challenge.

Fred & Lorretta Brandemill welcomed their daughter Janet Harrison, and husband over the New Year's weekend. Have you all noticed the nice green lawn Fred has worked so hard at? It makes Cielo Court look beautiful and we all appreciate his effort.

CIELO COURT - Cont.

Dean and Joanne Gould are happy to be back and love their home. Daughter Sharon was visiting and they also had visitors from Michigan.

We certainly enjoyed our first Christmas here - the carol singing, luminaries and parties and dinners. It made us feel right at home and not miss our "Northern" family so much. We found in place a loving new family and we say Thanks, Gulf to Bay - from Andy and Audrey.

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Not found in Webster's - Best man: the one who isn't getting married.

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GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby

B.J. and Annie Croteau are having a marvelous time, really enjoying the great weather. On January 8th they will be leaving for South Padre Island Texas. This is a business and pleasure trip. While they are there, they will celebrate their Wedding anniversary and B.J.'s birthday.

Charlie and Helen Verrill - "Really glad to be here, weather is great and nice to see all the people in the park again".

Floyd and Dottie Crankshaw are also enjoying the nice weather after the flood. Also gave us a report on Matt and Lola Yakes, said they are doing fine - getting out and around.

Couldn't get any news from Dortha or Bill Swickard, but Dortha did say the weather has been just great, and they enjoyed the boat trip.

Nobel and Eleanor Paul spent Christmas in Bradenton with their Son and his family and wanted to take this opportunity to wish everyone in the park a Happy New Year.

8 Golfo St. has changed hands, Cam and Cal Thatcher have moved to 7 South Buena Vista in Alameda Isles, and want all to stop by and visit.

Ben and Marcia Hartman, from Fort Wayne Indiana are our new neighbors. Ben has just sold his accounting business and Marcia is still working for Kruse International Auctioneering firm. They both enjoy playing Tennis. They have two daughters, Susan is in her last year of college, and Nancy is married and lives in Charlotte N.C.

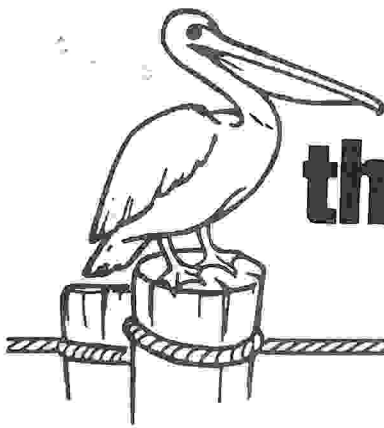
Gene Hallett is due in around January 7th.

Walter and Dot Rasmussen had son Carl, his wife Mary, and their sons John, Peter and Andrew here for Christmas, from Minneapolis Minn. They had a wonderful time, enjoyed the beach, got nice tans and enjoyed Christmas dinner at the hall. This was their first trip to Florida and they think "Gulf to Bay" is the ideal location. (Don't we all !!!)

Ben and Ellie Ireland are on Lot 13. They are from Fox Lake Wisconsin, and will be staying through the winter months and then back to work at their resort.

Dot Kerber says " No news is good news " .

Freeman and I will be flying home Jan. 12th. for a few days. Our daughter Diane and new husband Keith are moving to Connecticut. They have been living in our house, we now have to clean out 35 years of accumulation so it can be put up for sale. It's going to be cold, that should make us work fast, we are coming back as quick as we can. May you all have a Prosperous and Happy New Year.



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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 pm. 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.

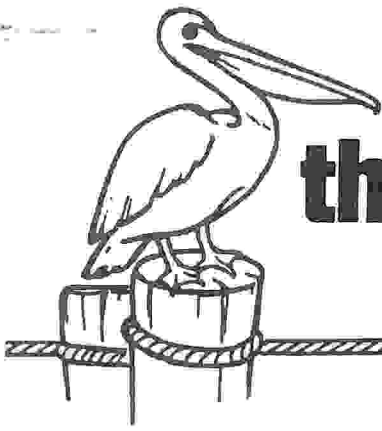
Vaughn and Dorothy report that the new twins are doing fine and gaining weight.

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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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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 Garvietton 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 Swickard 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 Jackberson'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.



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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
Mem. at L.	-	Gene Croteau and Rex Smallwood			

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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

BAYO ST. - Cont.

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

ESTADA ST. - Cont.

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.

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