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Recreation Association News:

A great big hearty "Thank You" to Jean and Warren for the Christmas bash they provided for park residents and guests. On a rating from 1 to 10, the party would score an uncontested 10. Good food, good music, good entertainment, good everything.

You never really know what Jack Smith will pull off next, but right now he has come up with a great retriever. "Ye Man! That is right." It is a magnetic gadget picked up at a recent garage sale. When in full operation it is powerful enough to retrieve a model Ford engine from a watery grave. Only Jack would see the commercial possibilities inherent in the gadget.

And, speaking of retrieval - Marguerite and Art are still collecting aluminum cans. It may seem strange but the total income for calendar year Jan. 1, 1989 to Jan. 1, 1990 was \$285.92. Thank you for your efforts in conservation. However we are getting everything from dinner left over to old whiskey bottles and the collector refuses to take these when presented by Marguerite and Art. Can you help us? Aluminum cans only, please and dump out the beer, please?

Charles Letsch is still collecting sales receipts from Publix Grocery Store, and up to this point the total has reached \$11, 182.00.

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Old fishermen never die - - they just smell that way.

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Seems as though we cannot get away from money in this Listening Post, but here is another item. As you all know, each month there is a pancake breakfast. The next one will be presented on Saturday, January 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The committee wishes to thank all for the continued support which, for example, needed \$204. for the Recreation Association. This is only one of several with more to come. Come and join in with coffee, pancakes and sausages along with the great fellowship each time!

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CHRITMAS LIGHTS

Those of you who enjoyed the tour of Christmas lights in Punta Gorda Isles really saw some unusual lighting generally focused from the water. There were some beautiful panoramic decorations as well as moving decorations - a beautiful evening.

And speaking of lights, the lighting about Gulf to Bay, the tree near the Liar's dock, the luminaries which outlined almost completely the road system in the park, and the hall, spelled out the best of Christmas tradition.

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"Merry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do but doesn't get you anywhere".

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GULF TO BAY CARNIVAL

By all means, do mark your calendar for the annual carnival to be presented by the Council Saturday, January 27th. There will be something for everyone; games, raffles, crafts, parade lead by the Kitchen Band. Bring items for the flea market on Thursday, Jan. 25th to the Rec Hall from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., and Friday from 9:00 to 12:00. No clothing, please. Shuffleboard and horseshoe championships. Watch for the special flier coming out soon for more details. Snacks will be served!

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The perfect balance of maturity is to be young at heart and old in experience.

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SEA ESCAPE DISASTER AVOIDED

What began at the eerie hour of 6:00 a.m., ended at approximately noon on Saturday, Jan. 6, for a bus load of happy adventurers. It could have been worse. Thanks to the vigilant eye of the U.S. Coast Guard, the scheduled voyage of the "Sea Escape" was cancelled. The ship could have been caught in the very heavy fog with disastrous results - but that did not happen. Instead, passengers were treated to a big breakfast and then were sent home in the waiting buses. Passengers will, eventually, be refunded for ticket money, but details for refund procedures have not been worked out as of press time. All's well that ends well.

And, don't forget, Square Dancing, Saturday evening, January 13, 1990. 7:30

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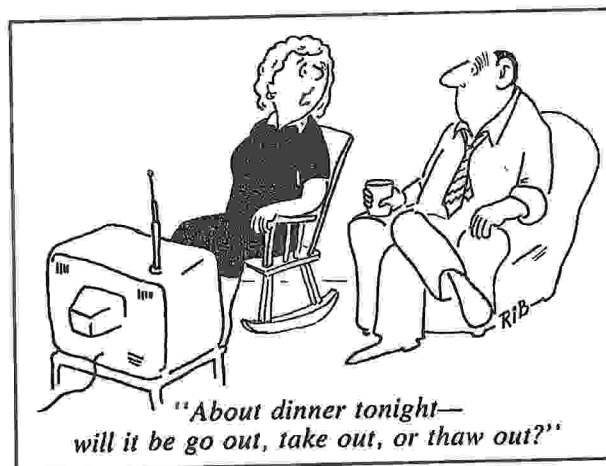
Marriage is give-and-take; a successful marriage is when both partners think they take more than they give.

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MONTHLY DINNER

Please don't forget the January park dinner on Sunday, January 21, 1990 at 1:00 p.m. The dinner committee is headed up by Bonnie and Rex Smallwood who have selected the following to assist in the preparation and serving of the food: Frank and Doris Finell; Pete and Ava Knowles, and Bill & Irene Stevenson. The menu will include:
Spaghetti and meat sauce; Salad
Italian bread (plain and garlic)
Fruit Cocktail Cake and Wine Charge - \$5.00
Come one, come all!

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AURA ST. BY BETTY BAKER

Crystal and Teddy Brown were here visiting her parents, the Darlings. The Browns bought a house in Englewood. They will be back in February to enjoy their new home.

Rich was out when I went for the news. I do see him going by on his bike or walking.

Stopped by Boyd and Pat's and welcomed them back. Not much news but always busy.

Marge was just taking down her Xmas things. She is busy playing cards most of the time.

Ethel is happy out driving her new car. Its good to see her on the go again. Saturday night she is entertaining her card club. on Monday she has the sewing club. She has plans to do over her living room. A very active gal.

AURA ST. - Cont.

Stopped at Edna's. She was reading and trying to get rid of her sinus trouble.

Anne Cady stopped by for a short visit. Will be over for her favorite Bingo game on Monday and Friday. Art came down just before Christmas.

I have been very busy with company. First, people from Boston, then about Dec. 14th my son Bob and Mary came in for three days. Sue came down so we had Christmas early with them. He was off to California, then Reno for Christmas. On Dec. 22, I had bad news that my nephew Bradley died in Boston. So right after Christmas, Sue and I flew up for the funeral. While in Tampa for Christmas with Sue the weather was so cold, the power, water and phone were out for awhile. While at the Cape I saw the snow falling. So pretty but too cold for me.

Lu Rogers was out about town again, so no news from her house.

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BAYO ST - by Gladys Thorne

Rose had as guests for a few days, friends, Dr. & Mrs. Jean Tessier from Longueil, Canada.

Ruth & Bob went to the east coast to their daughter, Amy, for Christmas, and it was just as cold there, but had a good time. Also busy with the newspapers, but love it. Please keep them coming.

Charles Letsch reports that Englewood Elementary School says thanks for the donation of \$11,182.00 toward Apple computers. Thus far they have gotten two printers, software for each classroom and a mouse. Thanks again, and please keep up the good work.

Jim and Gladys spent Christmas day with their niece and her husband near Punta Gorda. Jim's sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Grove, of Haines City were also present. Had a good visit.

Ruth & Mark Dougherty entertained their daughter and son-in-law, Noni and Joe Juraco, from Carnegie, Pa. for 12 days.

George & Maryann Wiltshire spent Christmas with her mother at Inverness, and the New Year holiday with friends at Indian Rocks Beach.

Sophie reports she is very happy with her new room.

Alice Hess is celebrating a new great grand daughter.

Bernice's daughter and son-in-law, Mary and George Svoboda from Lorain, Ohio enjoyed a week with "mom" here in the park.

Bob & Mickie Wagner had as guests over the new year holiday, Bud and Joyce Haines, from the Blue Parrot Campground at Lady Lake, Fl.

The Bishops, Jim & Norma arrived back in the park a few days ago. "Welcome."

George & Florence wish to thank the December committee for the fine entertainment.

Caresta's sister, Sylva Earl from Fort Lauderdale, spent a week in the park. Also daughter Sylvia from Orlando visited the Bovees for 2 days.

Jack & Anne Kintz are back on Bayo St. after spending a cold, snowy holiday season on Michigan.

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CIELO St. - by Ruth Hicks

I see at this writing that Billy Kell and Isabelle have just arrived, so Cielo St. is full. Welcome Back.

Jinks Tenner is very happy these days. Her boys were here for holiday visits.

Sorry to hear about Mo Teehan's brother. Our sympathy to Rita and Mo.

Jack Smith's magic show was a huge success. Heard it was enjoyed by everyone, including old and young alike. And, what a Santa Claus - Thanks Jack. Fran would like us to still save the Campbell soup wrappers.

A heartfelt thanks to Joan and Paul Stunzig and the helpers for making the bay area look so beautiful. Christmas Eve looked like wonder land.

CIELO ST. - Cont.

Bonne & Rex Smallwood's daughter Cindy and granddaughter Sarah are in for a ten-day visit. They're having a great time but wishes the weather was better.

Irene and Bill Stevenson entertained daughter Patricia Schwing from Michigan for a week of mom's good cooking.

Ava & Pete Knowles cooked a turkey dinner for daughter Sinda and husband Ernie. They drove down from Apopka, Fla. to spend the day.

The January committee met at the Knowles and had a trial testing spaghetti dinner. Ava and Pete were outstanding hosts and the meal was delicious, so buy your tickets early.

Dorrie and Frank Finelly just had their phone hooked up so lets all be good neighbors and give them a ring-a-ling.

Rick MacFarline is now a permanent resident at 320 Cielo. Wife, Ruthann, daughter of Ruth and Charlie Hicks will be joining Rick in another month.

Dolores and George Hommel had guests for Christmas, daughter Raymonde and husband Rob Painter, and daughter Tara from Idaho. They had the opportunity to go fishing and were quite pleased with the catch.

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DIJE ST. - By Allison Brown

Peggy Franz, from Navajo, N.M. flew east to celebrate Christmas with all our Park friends. She surely enjoyed the Christmas dinner, the carol cruise out of Punta Gorda and the New Year's Eve party. With her mother, Fran. she held long telephone visits with the rest of the family - and arrived safe and sound in Albuquerque to cold and snow. She sends her thanks to all in the park for a joyous holiday. Fran's sister and brother-in-law, Peg and Les Fitch will be visiting in January from Conway, Ark.

The Carruthers and Bessenger household had Christmas guests. Clara's two sons, Don and Jack visited their mother and sister over the Christmas week-end. From the other side of Florida, Clara's daughter Barbara and her family came to Dije St. for the holidays. Don is from Los Vegas, Jack from Phoenix and Barbara from Ormond Beach, Fla.

The Deierleins are happy to have had a week's visit by their daughter, Kathleen. She enjoyed the beach and the park activities. The only hitch was encountered on her return flight to New York. Her plane, together with many others, was delayed - and she sat in the plane on the field for two hours before taking off.

From Ruth Salmon: - My Christmas was a most enjoyable one spent with my sister, her husband and many friends. Our dinner was home cooked at one of our friend's homes and was delicious. On New Year's Eve, the same group had dinner at the Cajun Club and then back home for several games of pinocle. I talked to all of my children back home but did not envy them their below zero weather. I'm happy to be here in Gulf to Bay for the holidays.

Not much news from the Hubbards except we had a very enjoyable holiday and a call from our friends in Australia that were here with us last April. They had just had a bad storm with very high winds, but they were ok.

Roxanne and Ralph report that they enjoyed the holidays with friends and at present are being visited by son Eugene and grandson David from Massachusetts.

Not much news from the Robinsons - except to say that Santa was very good to them. They would love to show off the family quilt they received to anyone that is interested.

Threse Miller wants to wish all her friends and neighbors a happy and healthy New Year. "Tell them to stop in for a vist. I like to have friends stop to see me."

The holidays at the Masties couldn't have been nicer with daughter Barb, Tony and Zachary Nykodym arriving on the 16th, and son Den, Loki and Dennis Jr. coming in the day after Christmas. On Christmas day, Ed and Elsie Holda and John Lowell were dinner guests. After a week of rainy and cold weather, the days between the 25th and New Years were beautiful beach weather and made the trip down all worthwhile. Things are quiet now, be we'll get rested up for Easter vacation. It won't be long!

Brownie is happy to report that Gulf-to-Bay is in second place in the Blue Division of the the Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League.

Peg and Marge DesRochers arrived back in the park just as we were going to press. Having spent the holidays in the frozen north, they were mighty happy to get back to their winter hideaway and to be able to get out and walk.

ESTADA ST. - by Helen Bleck

504 Estada enjoyed a happy and fun filled December. Son, Donald and wife Dina with friends Marvin and Charlene of Lakewood Ohio. Fished, sun bathed and swam even in the rain and cold. Friend Tina snuggled in her favorite chair over Christmas and New Year - Ruth Nelson

Holiday visitors of Les and Fay Downing were their daughter Linda and her family from Clarkston, Mich.

Bill Exelby is a proud grandfather again. Alyse Elizabeth was born Dec. 19 to Wes and Suzi. Alyse and her mom will be down to Fla. in Jan. Get the rocking chair ready, Grandpa.

Helen Bleck spent Christmas in the cold up north, enjoyed the holidays and hated cold. Daughter Judy and husband Ricky spent New Year's Day here in Englewood before going on to Ft. Myers.

The Stunzigs had an enjoyable Christmas visit from son Duke and future wife Linda. On Friday night all four of us went to Elks Club for dinner and Bingo. Joan not only played but won a \$50. pot to boot.

The Oestreichs' daughter Gretchen and family spent Christmas week here. The weather didn't cooperate, but was much better than what they had left in Indiana. The slippery roads delayed their arrival and fog made their trip home difficult, but they agreed it was all worthwhile.

Eric Kintzler, grandson of Norm and Mil Durst, was able to enjoy 4 days of skiing despite the below 60 degree cold water. His mother and father, Karen & Rich Kintzler and sister Christie joined him for the holidays at 501 Estada. Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Spiess and granddaughter and boy friend visited the Dursts Dec.30th. Norm and Mil have been catching a few fish, Mil leading with a 17 inch sheephead.

CIELO COURT - by Audrey Grant

There is not much news from the Court. Everyone enjoyed their holidays and wish for all the members of the park a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Muriel and Bill have Sarah Santini (Muriel's sister) visiting for ten days and will travel to Naples to visit their brother while she is here.

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GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby

Marie and Norman Hutchinson from Winslow Me. are on lot #13 till the end of March. Welcome to Gulf-to-Bay.

Dorothy and Walter Rasmussen entertained George, Audry and Bob Jacobson on Christmas day. George and family previously resided at 5 Golfo St. He said the park still looks to him.

Caroline and Carl Kerber (Dot's son and daughter-in-law) were visiting over Christmas. They are from Hemet, Cal.

Ben and Marcia Hartman were barely unpacked when it was off to Miami for a 3-day auction. They hope to be here until the end of April.

Charlie and Helen Verrill said nothing new, just enjoying the new year.

The Crankshaws had a call from Lola Yakes - who wanted to be remembered to all who knew her. She said lots of snow and cold!!! misses being here and is still hoping to get to Fl. for a couple of months this season.

I would like to thank Walter Rasmussen for his donation of the lights on the Tike and Freeman for putting them up. Didn't they look festive? All put away now for the next year.

The Paul Dubes arrived on Thursday. All is well there. Welcome back.

Happy New Year to all from the Crosbys.