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## COUNCIL NEWS - Pres. Gould

President Gould announces that elections for new council officers will be held on Saturday, March 17, 1990 in the Rec Hall. Nominees are Rita Boulanger, Dick Brady, George Gallaher, Pat Knowles and Rita Teehan. Four of these will be elected.

The Questionnaire for the opinion poll sponsored by the Recreation Council is in the process of being distributed. We want to encourage every person in the park to fill one out and drop it into the box in the Rec Hall.

The annual meeting of the Recreation Council to review past activities and introduce new members will be held the first week of April, exact date still to be determined.

Thanks to Boyd Gunnison and his committee for developing the slate of Recreation Council nominees.

A special thanks to George Hommel (the man never tires) and his group, Jim Thorne, Rex Smallwood and Dean himself who dug in the electrical cable, wired the Tiki and cleaned up all debris. This park development sponsored by the management and the council, adds great possibilities for any night activities that might be planned. The main cable switch is fastened to the power pole in front of Dottie Kerber's place. Anyone who wishes to use the lighted Tiki may obtain a key to the switch from one of the council members - otherwise the switch box will be locked for security reasons.

Just in case you are not all Irishmen, you are reminded that a St. Patrick's Day dinner is planned (see elsewhere in the paper). The dinner is to be served at 4:00 p.m. Then, there will be a pause for rest and digestive purposes, and then a dance in the Rec Hall with live music and whatever spirits one may wish to bring. (Irish whiskey is the most obvious.)

Mark your calendars, - a beach party is being planned for March 31st. This will be the first event for the new lights and refreshments will be available. Judging from the past, this promises to be a gala occasion. - Plan to come.

President Gould wishes to express his heartfelt thanks to the many committees all of whom have made this a very good year in the park, and special thanks to Jean & Norma Croteau for a fun-filled month of activities while serving as chairpersons.

## CONGRATULATIONS

An impressive list of park residents have surpassed the golden wedding years. This group was honored with an afternoon tea, Sunday Feb. 18th, sponsored by the Recreation Council. It may seem to be unbelievable, but sixteen couples have amassed a total of 852 years of wedded bliss (or something). Compare that with the average of failures of modern unions - about 50% ending up in a divorce court. Give us the good old days! The list of "golden oldies" follows:

Brandemill, Fred & Loretta	8/15/36	53 years
Crankshaw, Floyd and Dorothy	10/11/24	65 "
Darling, John & Donna	5/26/35	54 "
DeMoss, Ray & Virginia	8/20/39	50 "
Finett, George & Florence	5/23/35	54 "
Henthorn, Dorothy & Henny	2/26/39	51 "
Hicks, Charlie & Ruth	8/20/38	51 "
Hubbard, Jay & Jennie	10/30/37	52 "
Kalagher, Fred & Irene	7/11/36	53 "
McElroy, Phyllis & Tom	7/22/35	54 "
Nighswander, Vaughn & Dot	12/25/34	55 "
Oestreich, Art & Marguerite	5/23/36	53 "
Rasmussen, Walter & Dorothy	9/15/39	50 "
Robinson, Chan & Hulda	9/28/29	60 "
Stevenson, Bill & Irene	8/31/38	51 "
Swickard, Bill & Dortha	3/9/29	60 "

## SICK BAY

Hulda and Chan Robinson are both recovering from a broad-side auto accident at the Dome. With lots of bumps and bruises, they can be cheered with their new car - to replace their "totaled" other car. Thank goodness it was not worse.

Valeda Page, at the time of this writing is in the hospital but recovering nicely.

Clayton Brown (Brownie) is recovering at home from surgery of the bladder.

Helen Bottenfield is responding favorably with radiation treatments from a tumor in her head. They will not be back in the park this season.

Bob Boulanger is back in action after a brief stay in sick bay.

Leda Dube is hopping better every day, her fractured ankle mending very nicely.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A very happy birthday and many more to Rose Ouimette who recently celebrated her 90th birthday - the oldest resident in the park.

## LETS GET TO KNOW OUR SENIOR SENIORS.

Let's start with a popular senior who will be turning the 90-corner come October. You've guessed it! Ralph Palermo was born October 6, 1900 in Bristol, Pennsylvania, one of a family of six boys and three girls, and he spent the greater part of his life in his native state.

The year 1917 and World War 1 found Ralph with the Emergency Fleet Ship. Next came an eight-year tenure with Sears Roebuck, followed by about twelve years with the John Wannamaker Stores. At this point Ralph switched careers, took his civil service exams and went to work for the government in Philadelphia where he spent the next thirty years with retirement.

When we think of Ralph, we think of the Mummers and their famous Mummer Strut, and the many times that Ralph has shown us his stuff in various performances at the Rec Hall. A born showman, young Ralph attended the parades in the heartland of the Mummers, - Philadelphia. He belonged to a local club that worked all year on their entry into the big New Year's event. The famous parade down Broad Street, the longest and widest street in Philadelphia.

Each club worked in secret, planning their costumes, working out their routines, practicing their band, all for the big one-day event. The women worked too sewing their costumes, all behind the scenes, for this was an all-male event. The men worked on their all-string bands - banjos, guitars, violins (sometimes an occasional accordian) every club with an eye on a coveted prize to fetch back home.

Each club had to register with the committee and be accepted for the event which, Ralph says, would last from 10:00 a.m. to late evening. Every year the costumes were new, and the competition was keen for Best Dressed, Most Comical, Best Band, The Fanciest, and so on, trophies in many classes to spark the competition.

Knowing Ralph has made many of us wish that we might have lived in Philly, and we, perhaps might have had the year-round fun of being a mummer which, according to Merriam Webster's definition is, " One who goes merry-making in disguise during festivals."

## CORA'S CRAFTS

Cora and her crafters are planning a Christmas Bazaar sometime in early December. Anyone who knits, sews, paints, shells or, whatever, is invited to participate. It will be an opportunity for all to either sell their items, or do some Christmas shopping. So - take the time now and throughout the summer months to prepare for this event. Here's a chance for all you crafters to make some additional Christmas spending money.

## TRAVEL BULLETIN

A wonderful cruise has been planned for January, 1991, and a tremendous bargain for all of us. She has held 30 cabins only with no guarantee for more. The ship is the SS Seabreeze out of Miami, bound for the Bahamas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. An 8-day, 7-night odyssey for only \$599. per person. We must decide now! Deposit of \$200. per passenger has to be in by March 21st, 1990. See Joan or Lorraine and get your reservation in as we will be taking deposits on a first come basis. Check Bulletin Board in Hall for details.

Lorraine is also planning some exciting new day trips for next season. Details to be announced soon.

Next Pancake Breakfast is Saturday, March 10th from 8 - 11 a.m. Joan and Paul are trying to unwind after an exciting visit from daughter Joanne and her wonderful family. We thank one and all for being so gracious to our grandchildren who enjoyed their vacation so much, as do all who visit Gulf-to-Bay.

"THE GOLDEN YEARS (?)" - Wrinkled forehead, Crepey skin,  
Thickened waistline, Double chin,  
Dimming eyesight, failing ears,  
What's so golden about these years? (Lois Hatfield, Forsyth)

AURA St. by Betty Baker

Edna has nice gay carpeting on her porch, plus white blinds to complete it. Her brother Elwin and wife Martha left for Michigan. They sold their trailer.

Ethel is waiting for her sons to visit. In the meantime she is busy knitting.

The John Darlings had company. Their daughter Myrna from California came on Valentine's Day as a big surprise to them. Also had Glennis and Pete, from Wells Maine. Then in came daughter Crystal and husband Ted, followed shortly by granddaughter Debbie and great-grandson Jeff. Busy-busy.

Lu Rogers has her sister Anna's grandson Jim O'Connell, wife and child for a week's visit. Next week, Lu travels to the east coast to visit friends.

Marge is having her friend Ellie Walton for a visit starting Wednesday.

Carl and Irene Brown had his sister for a few days. Now, Debbie and Jeff are here for two weeks. Debbie is the granddaughter and Jeff is Debbie's son. He is a cute friendly four-year old. He loves the beach.

Betty had company from N. H. We went to school together so had lots to talk about. My nephew Bill came in from Cape Cod for a short visit. Sue was down for a weekend to celebrate her birthday.

Notice to all who travel on Aura St. Please - slow down - After a rain, you should see the mud on Browns' porch and on my car from cars going too fast causing splashing from the mud puddles.

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Nature has given man one tongue, but two ears, that we may hear twice as much as we speak.

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BAYO ST. - by Gladys Thorne

Happy Birthday to Rose Ouimette who turned 90 years old on Feb. 28. May you have many more to come.

Florence Turk will be leaving March 29th for Michigan. At this time she is not sure if she will return in the fall.

Bob and Ruth spent the weekend of Feb. 18 with daughter Amy on the east coast where they celebrated Amy's birthday.

Charlie Letch reports \$26,280 in Public receipts have been turned in for computer purchaes for Englewood public school. April 4 will end the drive. We wish to thank everyone who helped out.

Dick Brady has friends, Jack Kostige and daughter Jan from Rayersford, Pa. visiting.

Alice Hess is looking forward to a visit from her grand-daughter and two children on Tuesday. They are from Battlecreek, Mich.

Bernice didn't have any news, but when I stopped in she was busy making Easter bunnies for the grand-children.

Want to welcome George & Ellie Klunprinz for a month's stay at 221 Bayo St. Still have some work to do on their trailer.

Mark & Ruth Dougherty are looking forward to a visit from their grand-daughter, Anne. She will be on her spring break. College students look forward to spending their vacation on "The FloridaBeaches." Hope the weather will be fine.

Recently, Jim & Gladys spent a week-end in Pennsylvania to attend a birthday celebration in honor of Gladys' mother on her 97th birthday. There were 87 friends and relatives at the party, including 4 children, 16 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren. In all 108 grand, great grand and great great grand children. 3 She's in good health and lives alone.

Jack & Ann Kitz are looking forward to a week's visit from Jack's sister Joy Davis of Harrison, Mich.

Bob & Mickey Wagner will be leaving on Tuesday, but Mickey reports they really had a good winter here and will be back in the fall "if the good Lord's willing and the creek don't rise."

George & Florence spent a weekend visiting George's brother and wife, Chas and Eva Finnett in Lakeland, Florence's cousins Laura and Dale Lennin and Florence Schroder who lives in St. Petersburg. Also went to the Dogs at Derby Lane while there.

Dick Bovee was entertained at a family birthday party held at Giorgio's Restaurant. Guests included son Lamar from Harvard, Ill., daughters Sylvia of Apopka, Fl. and Caresta of Englewood. Friends from Binghamton, N. Y. Mr. & Mrs. Tony Monfort and children Melissa and Patrick also visited the Bovees for a day.

Mary Ann reports she is still working at Giorgios and George is happy working on his new boat.

Bob Nopper's son and girlfriend visited for several days and Alice was here on school break for a week.

Lawrence Gilbert, (brother of Floyd Gilbert who was in the park for a while) has purchased Sizelove's trailer on 217 Bayo St. We want to welcome him as our new neighbor.

Terry and Vin have their daughter, Vin's words "My favorite daughter" Jacqueline Newlin from Mass. for two weeks.

No news from the Bishops, but I hear Jim tooting his horn when I walk by.

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Sign on auto body shop: "May I have the next dents?"

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CIELO St. -Mickey Rumpf

Our daughter Deborah certainly did enjoy her time here. The weather even cooperated. We hope it continues because Matthew comes for spring break on March 9th.

The Teehans are eagerly awaiting the grandchildren who will be here April 4th. They wish to congratulate the shufflers who did so well this year.

Cora's daughter Pat and husband Bob from Michigan will be down on March 11th, and nephew Richard and spouse Marie will blow in about the last of March.

George and Gina's daughter and grand daughter from Hudson, Wis. will be here for a few days the first week of April. She may have some very interesting slides from Africa for all to view. George and Gina will be spending a few days in Orlando with friends from Maine.

Phyllis and Tom's daughter Janet and hubby Warren will be here to visit them on March 22nd.

May 17th 4:00 p.m. - St. Patrick's Day Dinner - Corned Beef and Cabbage, Shrimp Cocktail, to start, followed by Corn Beef and Cabbage, carrots boiled potatoes. Dessert, Beer, Coffee, Tea.

St. Patrick's Day Dance - March 17th at 7:30 to 10:30 B.Y.O.B - Yall come, no charge.

Hot Dog Party at Tiki on March 31st or April 1st. Free Beer and Pop - Charge \$1.50.

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Burglar alarm: Protection Racket.

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DLJE ST. - by Allison Brown

George and Joey Gallaher went to a Florida reunion in Tampa for all graduates of their local high school. It was lots of fun seeing old friends. They also had a visit from Claire and Harry Collins, from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Marge and Peg DesRochers went to the east coast last month - to Hutchinson Island and Vero Beach to visit friends. They had a very nice time but "we appreciate Gulf-to-Bay even more than ever. We also enjoyed being on the Croteaus' Feb. Committee. Much work but lots of fun. My hairdresser and her mom will be renting Jack Smith's Apt. March 17th. Stop by and say hi.

The Boulangers are expecting company - their niece Sylvia from Connecticut; and then some friends, Dick & Joan Welch from Plantsville, Ct. Bob is feeling better and he will improve much more when he can go fishing. He's looking forward to that.

Katy and Hank report the Mexican trip was wonderful. The ruins were unbelievable, the food and hotels and our guides were tops. Hank is back from a week in Washington . D.C. visiting son Dennis and Lori, and playing wth Dennis Jr. Had to come back to rest up as Dennis Jr. wore him out.

This was a busy February at the Hubbards. Art and Pat Stoll from Michigan spent the first week with us. Then my brother Guy and wife Joy were here. We went to Plant City and picked up Jennie's sister Marian. When we took her back, we went on to DeLand to spend two days again with Art and Pat Stoll. Now we're looking for a few days of R & R.

Enjoying the sunny days in southwest Florida is Ines Backus, longtime friend of Fran Franz from Westbury, L.I. She visited last year, and reports the park is just as wonderfully warm and friendly as she remembers- - a real contrast to the 30° February storms in the New York area.

Ruth Salmon reports: In February I enjoyed a visit from my son Peter, his wife Joan and two children, Katie, age 11 and Peter, age 6. They had beautiful weather so were on the beach or fishing off the docks in the Bay most of the time. After they arrived back home, Peter called and said: "Mom, you are in another world down there." In two weeks I expect a visit from my oldest daughter Elaine and grand-daughter Wendy. Later on, Inz and Don Smith will be with me. They're from Orillia, Ontario and have many friends in the park.

The Deierleins, at 410 Dije, had a wonderful time on their trip to Yucatan. However, they are still getting over the cultural shock of seeing old women sitting on the steps of the Cathedral entryway begging for money, while across the street in the park were dozens of men waiting to be hired for whatever kind of work was available.

Roxanne and Ralph report: Our two nieces and a nephew flew in for a weekend visit just after Roxanne fell in the bathroom and fractured a rib. Dolores Hommel came to her rescue and took Roxanne to the hospital for x-rays. Then daughter Barbara arrived to spend a week. They go on to say they are very fortunate to have good friends and neighbors. Ralph continues about the same. They take it one day at a time. Ralph wishes to thank all his friends; they all have been wonderful.

The house seems very quiet at 417 Dije since the Carruthers' son Craig and his family left for Michigan.

Bob, Ladeema and Clara went on a 3-day cruise to Nassau last weekend and had a really enjoyable time. Clara is now happily awaiting the arrival of daughter Janet who plans to come from Chicago for a visit the end of the month.

Anne Hale had special company last week. Her niece, Dot Carlson and husband Pete spent a few days visiting. Now, Anne is looking forward to her grand-daughter bringing her 7-8 month old son to hug his great-grandma. Daddy is coming too. If you see Lois on the scene looking like a proud grandmother, that's because she is! Is this number five, Lois?

Brownie wants to thank all his friends and neighbors for their caring this past week during and following his surgery. Thoughtfulness was expressed in so many ways. There were cards, phone calls, personal inquiries, drop-ins at the hospital and at home, goodies to tempt the appetite, visits from his buddies - just an amazing number of expressions of love and prayer support. It has made one realize what a wonderful, caring family we have here at Gulf-to-Bay. "Thanks a heap." C.G.B.

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He: "Want to get married? It'd be easy; my dad's a minister."  
She: We could give it a try; my dad's a lawyer."

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ESTADA ST. - by Helen Bleck

Mil's sister Pansy and husband John Wildman from Troy Ohio were guests at the Dursts for 5 days. They enjoyed the fishing and shelling and the warmer weather.

Dot Hall is recovering from her eye surgery and doing fine.

The Manleys are expecting their family for the weekend.

Dick Hamilton has had eye surgery also, and is feeling very well.

ESTADA ST. - Cont

The Rohebacks - Ron Linda and Amy from back home in Michigan have been visiting Les and Fay Downing for 2 weeks. Les & Fay are going to the east coast (Hobe Sound) for a few days for a family reunion with Les's brother and 3 sisters.

Ruth Nelson is busy as the proverbial bee, helping the sick!

This was a busy month for Bill Exelby. He, with Les & Fay Downing attended the Milan Picnic at Ellenton for a day's outing. House guests for a week were Pat Uparckow, Amy Rohrback from Britton, Mi. Then his brother in law and sister-in-law, Wallace & Lois MacGeorge of Tecumsek, Mi. arrived for a few days before moving into Castaways for the month of March, so they'll be visiting here at Gulf-to-Bay for the month. His youngest son and family, Dan, Julie, Jay and Devan will arrive later in March.

Helen Bleck and friend from Marcella Regnier of Sarasota are spending the weekend on the east coast visiting a mutual friend in Titusville.

The Oestricks have been entertaining a heap of company, sister Ethel, brother Bill and Olie, sister-in-law, Skip and Alice are coming with their 2 little tornadoes, so there isn't a dull moment.

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Always put off until tomorrow what you shouldn't do at all.

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CIELO CT. by Audrey Grant:

After a slow start for the season our street has gotten busier. Muriel & Bill Lyon have had daughter Carol and husband Jay and two sons, Jonathan and Nicholas for ten days. Son Bill and wife Judy arrive on Saturday for a visit.

Dean and Joanne have had lots of company for day visits and are enjoying their fun in the sun.

Vivian Roberts went to Michigan for two weeks and while there her mother passed away. We all extend our sincerest sympathy to her.

Fred and Loretta report all's quiet with children coming later in the season.

Helen Delaney wants to thank all the friends of the park for the lovely fruit basket sent during her recent illness in the hospital. We're happy to report that she is improving steadily and now able to get around with a walker. Andy won a bronze medal in tennis doubles in the 1990 Senior Olympics in Port Charlotte with partner Roger Perry.

Joseph and Sadie report that all's quiet right now.

Marie Genest is requesting prayers for her sister Valeda Page who is now at the Home Health Care Center after being transported by ambulance to the Englewood Hospital. Sister Rose Ouimette and she are so happy to have the visit of cousin Blanche Reen from Springfield, Mass. They prepared a special fish dinner for Rose to celebrate her 90th birthday.

GOLFO ST. - by Etta Crosby

Dot Kerber's daughter, Karen Swartz from Goleta Ca. was here for a week's visit. Dot is busy getting her place ready for "year round living".

All is well at Nobe and Eleanor Paul's. Eleanor is busy with her painting. Nobe said his fishing has been so-so, good one day and not so good the next.

Flo and Dick Leeper are back in the park, planning to stay until April 1st.

Bill and Dortha Swickard had as guests, Bill's sister Joanne and husband Ed. Phillips of Bettsville Oh. Their son will be arriving around the 10th of this month for a visit.

Gene Hallet's sister, Claire Rogers is here to care for Gene while she recupes-foot surgery.

Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw were pleased to have a visit from Lola Yakes, while Lola was visiting her son at Mobile Gardens.

On the last day of February Charlie Verrill's brother, three sisters and their offspring were visiting them in the park for a picnic and swim with Helen and him. A good time was had by all.

Paul & Leda Dube now have a telephone. Please make a note of the number in your park directory, 475-9081. Leda's leg is mending well. They expect their daughter and her husband March 15th for ten days. They are hoping that all work inside will be complete before their arrival.

Norma and Jean Croteau are happy the February activities are over and wish to again thank their committee for being so helpful. Norma said if you are asked to be on the council, to do it. So much help is available that they make the task enjoyable. On March 19th, the Model "A" Club from Western Mass. will arrive.

Our last note from Walter and Dorothy Rasmussen, who have moved to Shell Village, asks for all their friends to visit them. "We will be glad to see you all - but please- don't all come at the same time!" Their new address is 344 Nautilus Ct. Ft. Meyers, Fl. 33908. Phone 813-454-5857. We are sorry to have them leave the park.

Fran & Jack Smith are the happy new owners of 12 Golfo St. Welcome aboard!

Ben and Marcia Hartman had no news except to say they are expecting company soon.

Norma and Marie Hutchinson have left Lot #13 and have become homeowners at 113 Aura St. Congratulations to them.

We had visitors twice from Cape Cod during February. Not much else from us.

What a busy month the February committee had. We really enjoyed all the activities and seeing Audrey's video. The cookies were delicious.

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No two people are alike and both of them are glad of it.

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