

# the Listening Post

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Dear Neighbors:

Look at the calendar.....it's just about time to start counting the days until Christmas, and to think about all of our loved ones, near and far.

I am delighted to be "Acting Editor" for Art until he is on his feet again. He is biting at the bit to get back into the swing of things. The newsletter might be a little different from the past, but with the help of my street elves, neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow, or balmy breezes will stop the news from coming to you.

There will be a new item in the paper called "Liars Corner" if you have any special fishing stories to share please remember to give it to your reporter, also you will note that we have a "Visitors Page". I am hoping that it will be a helpful and quick way for folks to be able to know who is coming and going in Gulf-to-Bay.

As you go through the pages of the newsletter you will find tucked in, here and there short stories and fun items that I hope you will enjoy.

December is going to be a very busy and exciting month, so please enjoy and stay healthy and happy.

Happy Holidays,

*Ruellann Mac-Larlane*





Greetings to Bay Park Residents,

Welcome back to all of our friends from "Up There". Here at the Park we have had a nice summer; with little rain, many sunny days, swimming, fishing, and fun. Why oh why did you go north?

Those of us who stayed continued to have community covered dish dinners and much fellowship. July 4th, there was a beach party at the Tiki with hot dogs and hamburgers and covered dishes. The Englewood Jaycees put on a lovely fireworks display on the beach. It was tough to sit on the beach, with the balmy breeze off the Gulf, a full moon and fireworks. We sent the Jaycees the balance of \$34.00 remaining after feeding 70 Park residents and friends.

On August 10th, a fish fry was held at the bayfront dock, with Ruthann and Ava cooking. This was followed by a picnic on September 2nd and another fishfry on September 15th. Ruth Arnholdt showed professional talent with her cooking. All three events were held at the bayfront dock; in the late evening, with a setting sun, and 35 people enjoying themselves with friends.

On October 11th, tropical storm Marco passed up the Gulf coast giving us much rain and a little breeze!! The beach was severely eroded but no other damage.

Visit the recreation hall and see the photos of the summer activities, including Sharkey Mac Farlanes 4 1/2 ft shark and Ava's 23 lb black drum.

Now let us continue this start with a good 1990-91 season. WELCOME BACK YA ALL.

Sincerely,

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Vice President  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Deputy Treasurer  
Council Members

W. E. Pete Knowles  
George Gallaher  
Gladys Thorne  
Dean Gould  
Dot Manley  
Rita Boulanger and Jean Croteau



# Potpourri

## Gulf to Bay Directory Changes:

Site 13 - In: Fred & Kay Bonk Out: Derrick & Iris Stone  
Site 103- In: Betty Schwarz - Ken Abbe Out: Art & Ann Cady  
Site 304- In: Marie Genest Out: Fred & Irene Kalagher  
Site 26 - In: Richard Jett Out: Fred & Kay Bonk  
Site 26B- Out: Marie Genest  
Site 405- Desrochers Mass. phone: 413/593-9541  
Site 502- Dottie Hall new address: 355 Spring St. Ext., Box 224, Clastonbury,  
Ct. 06033, phone: Ct. 203/633-7198

December Activity Leader/Secretary - In: Gladys Thorne Out: Richard Brady  
If there are any changes or mistakes in the directory, please notify office.

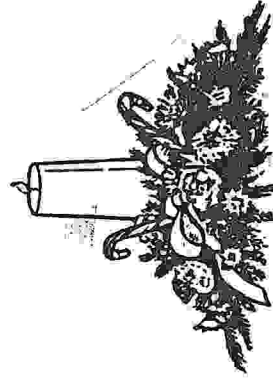
We would like to welcome the new folks in the park. Its great having you and hope you feel free to jump right in and enjoy the activities; whenever and wherever they might be.

## Important Dates:

Dec: 7 10:00 AM in Rec. Hall, Cora and craft friends will have a craft show and sales. All items handmade - wonderful Christmas gifts!!  
Dec: 8 Pancake Breakfast  
Dec: 11 Disney Christmas Trip  
Dec: 18 Christmas Party  
Dec: 19 Busch Gardens Victorian Christmas

Sign up sheet on Travel Bulletin Board for all those interested in going to see the Christmas lights in Punta Gorda Isles. 50 people minimum needed to reserve boat. See Joan for details.

NOTE: Please save gallon milk and water jugs - rinse out and bring to Joan and Pauls the week before Christmas.



# Fish Tales Liars Dock



Hot new item is the BOMBER LURE. Sharkey caught 4 snook the first day using it, 2 the second day and ---none since! But alas, Denny's business improved, 5 or 6 lures are now in action.

Ava's 23 lb. black drum can be seen in living color in the hall.

George and Vaughn are the experts on sheepheads, they can give you tips on the magic touch of the rod for a successful catch.

Dieticians Ruth and Bob Arnholt always have "fresh catch" on hand for park resident MORGAN. He is still going strong. It would be interesting for us new comers to know his age!

Jan Belli caught a 34" snook off the dock, and at Lous urging let the beautiful creature go. Did we hear muttering under her breath as she did so!!!

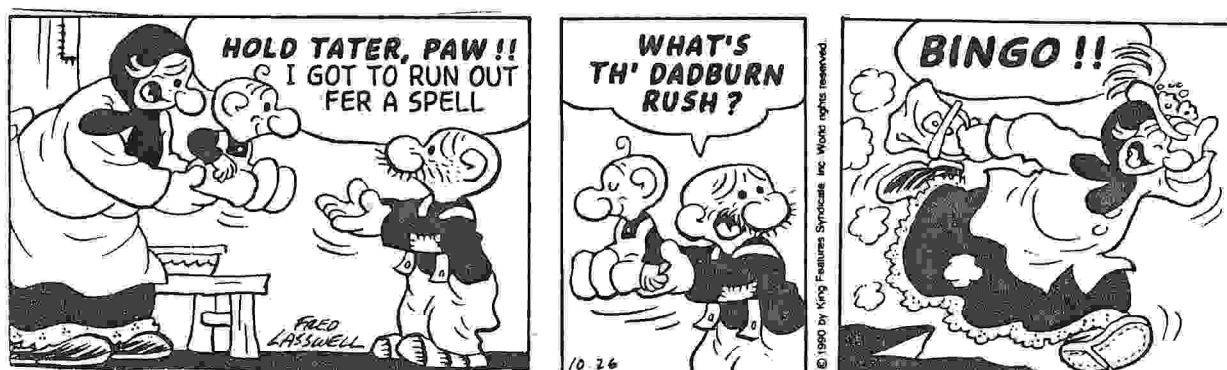
A few diehards have been braving the cold, windy evenings in the hope of a miracle shrimp run or catch the big one.

Fishing can be a team sport and to see and hear for yourself, just listen in on Bud Abbott and Lou Costello (comedy team) as one casts the pole and the other reels it in. Big decision comes when who's turn is it to take fish off the hook. Their fun and humor would make a great stage show. Got you guessing, initials are C and J.



## ACTIVITIES

- BAND PRACTICE - each Tuesday at 11 AM to 12 noon, starting December 4th
- BIBLE STUDY - each Wednesday at 10 to 11 AM, starting Nov. 14th
- BINGO - each Monday and Friday at 7 PM
- BRIDGE - each Tuesday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 6th
- CRAFTS - each Friday at 10 AM to 12 noon.
- EUCHRE - each Thursday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 8th
- PINOCHLE - each Sunday at 7 PM, starting Nov. 4th
- POKER - each Wednesday at 7 PM
- LINE DANCING - each Tuesday at 2 to 4 PM, starting Dec. 18th



### 1990-91 Monthly Activity Leaders:

NOVEMBER	Jean Croteau	475-6356
DECEMBER	Gladys Thorne	474-4763
JANUARY	Rita Boulanger	475-5024
FEBRUARY	George Gallaher	474-3630
MARCH	Pete Knowles	475-3783
APRIL	Dean Gould (w/Easter)	474-9125

Scoop from Bayo Street, by Ruth Arnhol†

Welcome back to Wes and Allie Golkowski. As you might remember they weren't here long last year, due to a wedding, illness and the death of Allie's mother. But, it sure is good to have them back this year. If you see two people in a green john boat, paddling around in the bay, it's Wes and Allie. Enjoy it, you both deserve it.

Charlie Letch has been busy having a new floor put in his trailer and a new shanty built. He also became Grandpa again for the 10th time in October (baby girl); Congratulations, Grandpa! From all ports that call, Charlie has finally decided on a name for his boat, "Bottoms Up". It is an odd name for a boat, but I guess he has reasons.

Lavern Sumner arrived last week a little earlier than usual, and as last year had an "eventful" trip. Anyway, Welcome back, Lavern.

Sophie is busy this year decorating her new add-a-room. She is doing a great job - looks great gal.

Alice Hess didn't have any news. Glad to get back and as usual her fingers are flying with yarn and knitting needles.

Bernice Theiss was waiting to go to the Thanksgiving dinner when I stopped. She also is happy to be back and see her renovated trailer (inside) thanks to her daughter and son-in-law who live in Naples.

Norma and Jim Bishop were here but had to go home for deer season, plus Norma helps her sister make wreaths etc. for Christmas.

Jack and Anne Kintz had to make an emergency trip home due to his father taking ill. So we won't see them till after the first of the year. Prayers are with them for their Dad's speedy recovery.

If you want to see a great grandmother on "Cloud Nine" stop in and see Mabel Gaudett. She'll tell you all about that little girl, (Kaitlyn). I didn't get a chance to ask if she had any other news.

Terry and Vin, George and Florence, Larry Bilbert, Dick Brady, George and Ellie, Bob Napper and Mark and Ruth are not here yet.

George and Mary Ann are in and out and its hard to get any news from them.

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One neighbor told his wife, "I feel 10 years younger after I shave in the morning." She responded, "Did you ever think of shaving before going to bed"

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Jim Thorne has been busy putting a new floor in his trailer also. So I haven't seen much of he and Gladys. I think she is his helper. One of these days (he hopes) he'll be able to retire and sit down.

Florence Turk is glad to get back. Enjoying her new carpet that was installed this summer. She had a nasty cold but it is finally clearing up.

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At our traditional Christmas family gathering, relatives who hadn't seen one another for a year were catching up on news. One loud voice above the babble commented, "Looks like you've put on a little weight." The remark was addressed to my younger sister. However, all conversation in the room stopped as everyone responded, "Oh, maybe a couple of pounds."

## Silent Night Holy Night



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Update from Aura Street, by Betty Baker

Welcome back Northerners, the park has been rather quiet without you.

We have new neighbors in Cady's place. They are currently improving it with the new porch and many flowers. Welcome Betty and Ken to our street. They hail from Michigan.

The grounds around Pat and Harriets mobilehome looks lovely. Lots of hard work getting it in shape.

We still are looking for the Bottenfields to come back by the bay. We hear that Bill was in the hospital. Say a special prayer for them.

Also heard that the Hutchinsons, in the next mobile home are delayed. Unfortunately he is also ill. Sure hope to see them soon.

Marge is back and into her busy bee schedule.

Lu Rogers is here and went home for a 6 weeks visit this summer.

The Carl Browns won't be down until the new year. He has been under the weather and we sure hope for a speedy recovery.

The summer went very quickly for me, your reporter. A trip to North Carolina to visit my brother and his wife. Then my trek carried me up to Michigan to my old hometown. There I saw my son, Dave and family. My granddaughter Carie and her friend Paige, from Reno, visited this summer for a few days. In Sept. I flew up to Indiana to visit friends for 2 weeks. Now it is time for me to settle into the busy schedule of a regular routine.

Edna also flew the coop for a couple of weeks to visit her family. She was glad to be back home after a very hectic trip. Of course she never sits still around Gulf-to-Bay. Not only busy all day, but then she walks every night, and I must say its brisk because I'm usually with her.

Ethel is back and busy in her garden. She is quite active and looks great.

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I was at the supermarket with my mother. The cashier attempted to pick up a large green pepper, but it flipped out of her hand and bounced down the length of the counter. Mom picked it up and gave it back saying, "That's okay. It was for a tossed salad anyway."

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Rick, on the first lot, is fine and busy with company.

The John Darling's aren't down and we all wonder if they'll come back!

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Household Hints

Sponge Skin So Soft around doors, windows, and on screens to keep those crawly critters out.

Use it to discourage hornets from building their nests. After using a hornet killing spray, remove the nest and keep the area sprayed with SSS, they will not rebuild in that area.



Now, the Arnholts are also busy. Have been all summer long - one of these days they are going to retire, seriously - ha!! We are both fine, no complaints. We also had No. 10 grandchild in Oct. and a girl. Have to keep up with the Jones' oops, excuse me, Letch's.

Dick Bovee was sick for a couple of weeks this summer, but he is feeling much better, it is great to see him strolling along outside with that pipe. Caresta was really busy this summer but things are settling down.

Phyllis Crosby went to Michigan in her motor home. She visited her son. Don't see her out much, guess she is talking on her radio now that she has her ham license.

Henny Henthorn invited me to see his paintings, which are breath taking. He just started to paint one of the tiki taken from a photo he took out in the gulf. It is going to be wonderful when finished. They are getting ready to go back to Ohio for the holidays.

Please don't forget, we are still collecting newspapers, just leave them on the table on the porch. Thanks a bunch.

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Christmas Stockings - Both shoes and stockings are ploys for collecting goodies from St. Nick who passes by on Dec. 24th. His partner leaves the big black sticks.

In Spain, Holland and Belgium, youngsters set out their shoes filled with carrots and hay for St. Nick's white horse. The horse endorses this, of course. The tradition of hanging stockings from the mantel started long ago when a poor man's daughter hung up her socks to dry. That night St. Nick came by and left a bag of gold in the stocking to provide a dowry for the daughter. The moral of the story goes this way: A lumpy stocking saves the day.

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Just In from Cielo Street, by Ruth Hicks and Jan Belli

Rex and Bonnie Smallwood arrived back in town in style, driving a new Ford. Good luck and happy traveling.

Ruth and Charlie Hicks would like to thank the individuals who trashed the front of their trailer in preparation of their return to Gulf-to-Bay. Wonder who they were???

Glad to say Phyllis McElroy is doing so well after her unfortunate accident at the airport. In the meantime, Tom is busy with the "Honey Do's". What a guy!!

A special welcome to Marie Genest to Cielo Street.

Rita Teehan was inducted into the Does on Nov. 13, guess what? It gives her another place to play Bingo.

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While I was shopping in a mall up north, I stopped in at Friendlys for nourishment. Overheard 2 young pregnant women talking. Sure, they all want to be grandmothers, and then what do they do, "Move to Florida".



Pete and Ava are expecting their first grandchild on Feb. 5th. Reports from new technology and photos points out, It's a girl!

Duck as you go by the Mac Farlane's. Rick is always flying sawdust around. He just finished building in a bed and drawer and storage unit in the master suite. Had a great summer and got involved woking with Wilma, "the turtle lady". Spent one night on the beach and got to see mama loggerhead come out of the gulf, climb the dunes, lay her nest. It took just over 2 hours.

Bill and Irene Stevensen are enjoying the birth of their first new great grandchild, her name is Taylor Catherine Gumbleton.

Jinks enjoyed her visit in the Park and seeing her old friends. Ham and his mother were seen daily on their walks. Ham would like to extend his personal appreciation. to the many people who gave a special lady, his mothe a heart warming welcome back. She is looking forward to a return visit.

Another warm welcome to Jan and Lou Belli, who are now permanent residents. Jan can be seen almost any time, down at the dock, fishing. She is truly dedicated, Lou gives her encouragment. They too, have just become grand-parents of a baby girl, Amanda Kimberly.

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Holiday Baking Tip - When using a needle to thread the decorated cookies for hanging. While threading the cookies, it's OK to mumble: "Please don't crumble!"

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Update of Cielo Court - by Audrey Grant

Welcome back to all our friends and neighbors from Cielo Court.

Joe and Pauline had daughter Michele Hall for a visit. They have now returned north and will be back in March.

Audrey and Cindy had visitors Kelsey and Stephanie Grant, and friend Dot Szuba from Westfield, Mass. Gary De Laney, from Salisbury, MD Audrey's brother visited Helen for her 91st birthday, a nice surprise.

Talked to Dean and Joanne and her shingles are much better. They are waiting for the birth of a grandchild in January before returning to Florida.

Joseph and Sadie made a trip to Rhode Island this summer.

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Why is it---

that a bad memory is so good at recalling things best forgotten?

that the easiest way to do anything is wrong?

that the scale in the doctor's office always weighs several pounds more than your own?

that THIS SIDE UP almost always reads UP THIS SIDE

that the newspapers you spread on the floor to catch paint spills are such fascinating reading.



News Flash from Dije Street - by Allison Brown

Fran Franz will be missing Christmas in the park. She will be meeting her daughter, Peggy Ann, in Conway, Arizona where they will spend the holidays with Fran's sister and family.

The Mastie household is pretty quiet, as Katey came down alone and Hank went deer hunting in the upper Peninsula of Michigan. Got his buck the opening morning. He is flying in Monday so I'm sure things will liven up!

Ruth Salmon reports that it is great to be back play shuffleboard, bingo, cards, etc. Her daughter, Elaine, flew down with her in Oct. and stayed a week. They did lots of swimming in the gulf and enjoyed fishing off the docks in the evening. She'll be back again in March and son Peter will arrive in Feb.

George and Joey Gallaher are spending the holidays with their family in Penna. They took a big sway of fish to treat the gang.

The Robinsons had a beautiful trip down from Iowa. Mother Nature put on a real show for them all the way. Son Jim came with them to share the driving and he visited for a week. He had such a good time on the beach and fishing that he was reluctant to leave. Chan and Hulda are so glad to be back with their friends.

Virginia and Ray DeMoss are glad to be back. They were expecting a tremendous outdoor cleanup job but George Gallaher sure helped clean up around the trailer, so it took a heavy load off. Made Ray happy since he is having some leg and back troubles. They saw Dortha and Bill Swickard before they left. Dortha is home from the hospital and doing fine. Probably be down about first part of January.

Marge and Peg DesRocher are expecting Marge's niece and her little 4 month old baby girl from Burlington, VT. on Dec. 7th. Will be nice to have a little baby here and we hope all goes well.

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#### OLD FOLKS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE

412 Dije St.

With silver in their hair, gold in their teeth, stones in their kidneys, lead in their feet and gas in their stomachs. I have become a lot more social with the passing of the years; some might even call me a frivolous gal. I'm seeing 5 gentlemen every day.

As soon as I wake, Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see John. Then Charley Horse comes along, and when he is here he takes a lot of my time and attention. When he leaves, Arthur Ritis shows up and stays the rest of the day. (he doesn't like to stay in one place very long, so he takes me from joint to joint.) After such a busy day I'm really tired and glad to go to bed - with Ben Gay. What a life!!!

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SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS - CAPTAIN CLAYTON BROWN REPORTS THAT THIS SEASON'S LEAGUE SCHEDULE CALLS FOR 2 MATCHES PER WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS DURING THE SEASON. OUR FIRST MATCH WILL BE PLAYED ON DECEMBER 5th AT MOBILE GARDENS.



Whispers from Estada Street- by Helen Bleck

Everyone has returned to Estada Street except the Downings' who are expected in very soon.

Bill Exelby will be going home Dec. 18th for Christmas and will be returning on Jan. 8th. While there he will be helping to celebrate Alyse's 1st birthday.

Suzy and Alyse arrived to spend a week with Bill in Florida before he leaves for Michigan.

It is great to see Art getting around again, and hopefully he will be back into the midst of things again. We sure misshe and Marguerite's hustling and bustling around the park. Miss seeing them fishing in the evenings too.

.....An elderly man on the beach found a magic lamp. He picked it up and a genie appeared. "Because you have freed me, "the genie said," I will grant you a wish."

The man thought for a moment and then responded, "My brother and I had a fight 30 years ago and he hasn't spoken to me since. I wish that he would forgive me.

There was a thunderclap, and the genie declared, "Your wish has been granted. You know," the genie continued, "most men would have asked for wealth or fame. But you only wanted the love of your brother. Is it because you are old and dying?" "No way!" the man cried. "But my brother is, and he's worth about \$60 million.

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Gist from Golfo Street - by Etta Crosby

Proud grandparents Norma and Jean Croteau had a wonderful visit with their new granddaughter Kaitlyn and her parents Patty and Gary Coleman over the holiday. Four generations were together for the holiday with Mabel Gaudette, great grandmother rounding out the family gathering.

Jack and Fran Smith are expecting daughter Sally, son Wendell and Grandson Mike, over the Christmas holidays.

Floyd and Dorothy Crankshaw are happy to be back for another season in the sun and wish all a haplpy healthy holiday and God Bless.

Bill and Dortha Swickard are late. She had surgery on her hip but is doing well and hopes to be able to travel by the end of December.

We have another neighbor of the park. Jean Croteau has been a busy bee. Residents of Gulfo St. have lost count of how many yards, he cleared after their arrival and during the 90 degree heat. He and George should be nominated for "Neighbors of the Park" if there were such a nomination. Not a bad idea!.

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Around the Holiday Board - 19th century place cards were apples with whole cinnamon sticks sticking up like flag poles...with names flying at the top. Apples make jolly Santas, too. Toothpicks hold prune or walnut feet. Cloves make his eyes, and a head of marshmallow.



Odds N Ends but no Less Important

Fran Smith is again collecting Campbell soup labels for daughter Sally. She would appreciate all saving them for her.

Also, Charlie Letch is collecting Publix receipts for the local schools computer equipment.

Visitors Around the Park

Estada Street

Norm and Mil Durst - daughter Karen Kinsler and family and Mil's sister Mae Robinson and husband George.

Marguerite and Art Oestriech of Bloomington, Ind. and Thomas 5 and Caitlin, 3.

Joan and Paul Stunzig - son Duke and Linda, also son Jim.

Just out of the Marines, Christopher Dellert, brother David and sister Erin, visiting Ruth and Bud Hicks.

As a new resident of Gulf-to-Bay and now a editor helper, I must say that living here and also playing here is the best thing that has happened in our lives. We only experience this because of the warm and caring people in this park... A fine example of this is the committees that volunteer their time and energy to prepare sumptuous meals for us. I would like to extend a ROUND OF APPLAUSE for the Thanksgiving Dinner and the people that gave up their own holiday to make all of ours so much richer.

A very special thank you to all the street reporters who did such a good job in collecting the news and the Seasons Greeting. The monies collected will pay for this edition and hopefully we'll come out in the black, even though red is the Christmas color.

Also, to Ava Knowles for the use of her typewriter, privacy of her home to work in. (that is because she gave me the key to the castle)

Happy holidays folks!!

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Doctor to patient: "Diagnostic computers don't make mistakes, Mr. Jones. You have Dutch elm disease."

Mechanic to customer: "We adjusted your carburetor, reset your timing - and corrected our cash flow."

Man at pub to companion: "I had some words with my wife - and she had some paragraphs with me!"

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The reason you never see pictures of angels with whiskers is that most of them get there by a close shave.



"Me? Retired? Where did you get that idea?  
I just got a new boss, that's all!"

# Season's Greetings

MAY THE JOY AND PEACE OF CHRISTMAS BE WITH YOU TODAY AND ALWAYS - LET US REJOICE AND GIVE THANKS

Edna  
Ethel  
Pat and Harriet  
Betty and Ken  
Richard  
Lu  
Betty  
Marge

Phyllis Crosby  
Emerson and Dorothy  
Dick and Caresta  
Alice  
Lavern  
Charles  
John and Anne  
Mabel  
Bob and Mickey  
George and Mary Ann  
Jim and Gladys  
Florence  
Rose I.  
Bob and Ruth

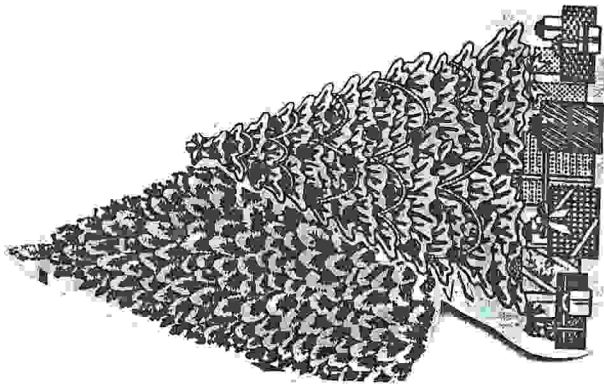
Audrey and Andy  
Joseph and Sadie  
Muriel and Bill  
Fred and Lorretta  
Joe and Pauline  
Dean and Joanne

Rita and Mo  
Ava and Pete  
Bud  
Bonnie and Rex  
Bill and Irene  
Marie  
Isabelle and Willie  
Ham and Jinks  
Doris and Frank  
Lou and Jan  
Rick and Ruthann  
Charlie and Ruth  
Warren and Jean  
Jim ?  
Jane  
Cora  
Tom and Phyllis  
Kenny

Fran and Marie  
Marge and Peg  
Roxanne  
Anne  
Ladeema and Bob  
Clara  
Hulda and Chan  
Clarence  
Jay and Jennie  
Fran  
Therese  
Ruth

Charley and Shirley  
Dorothy and Vaughn  
Bob and Rita  
Gene and Bea  
George and Joey  
Shirley  
Hank and Katey  
Brownie and Allison  
Ray and Virginia  
  
Norma and Jean  
Floyd and Dorothy  
Noble and Eleanor  
Jack and Fran Smith  
Etta and Freeman  
Flo and Dick

Marge and Dick  
Helen  
Marguerite and Art  
Joan and Paul  
Norm and Mildred  
Dottie  
Les and Fay  
Bill  
Dot and Jim



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