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The December Committee was hit with all kinds of problems this year. The main problem was folks not being here for one reason or another which made the amount of busy hands a lot fewer than planned. A Gold Star to Dot Manley and all those that pulled it off. They did a great job under adverse conditions.

It was a real treat to walk the streets of the park and see all the different holiday decorations. Every street joined in with creative lighting and decorations. The trimming and lights on the tree on the bay side really brought thoughts of the north back to me as I smelled the delicious scent from the needles. I guess I was expecting a special breed of palm trees for holiday decorating and its been a pleasant experience to view everything, and just as beautiful, without snow and ice hanging all over it. Joan, Ruth and Jan did a grand job of putting the final touches after Paul, Bud and their elves put it up and installed the lights. A very special Thank You to the park management for supplying the tree.

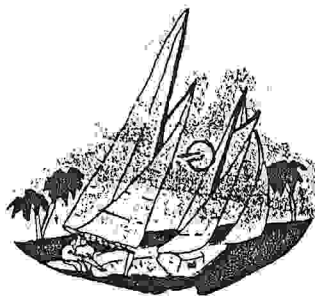
Let me not forget the super job Freeman did on the Tiki. If anyone needed an excuse to take a walk in the evening to the gulf, the Tiki was the "perfect" reason. The illuminaries gave it a fairy tale glow on Christmas Eve. In fact, we thought we heard sleigh bells and a HO HO HO approximately 11:37. The sound seemed like it was circling overhead so high tailed it out of there. Thanks Freeman.

All the folks that lit the wall sure earned an accolade from all that were fortunate to view the sight, and the carolling just put the finishing touch on a lovely night. There were quite a few cars driving thru, hoped they enjoyed it as much as we residents did. Joan and Paul, along with Marge and Peg added something new this year with the red and the green.

Cora and her crew report that their Fair was very successful, it even carried over into Saturday during the pancake breakfast. Hats off to all the dedicated and talented ladies who spent so many hours preparing for this annual event. By the way, Cora says, "there are empty chairs" so if you want to join in, the Welcome Mat is out.

The park is really hopping now that most folks have returned. The shuffleboard courts hum all day with the masters polishing their skills; Some dare to try and pull a ringer over Bob Arnholt. The deal of the cards at the hall vary with game and night. Furrowed brows, wet with perspiration dares the deal for THE CARD!!

NUMBERS! NUMBERS! NUMBERS! 'Tis the game of Bingo, a nerve wracking eye bailing game of chance that entraps so many. I admire the players I tried it a few times but I can't keep quiet or sit long enough, concentrate on more than one card and smoke at the same time. I just ain't got it. All is not lost though, I can walk and chew gum at the same time.



Sad News Folks!!! The January Carnival has been put on the back burner until more council members are here in the park. Putting on this gala affair takes a great deal of time, planning, leg work, and volunteers. Peter Knowles has had his back to the wall with every event and has been able to pull it thru, but this time he knows that it is a physical impossibility. So, until this changes the Carnival is on hold. This decision did not come easily, The few council members that are present have all agreed that this is the wisest decision.

MANY WILL BE SHOCKED TO FIND
WHEN THE DAY OF JUDGEMENT NEARS,
THAT THERE'S A SPECIAL PLACE IN HEAVEN
SET ASIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS.
FURNISHED WITH BIG RECLINERS,
SATIN COUCHES AND FOOTSTOOLS:
WHERE THERE'S NO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN,
NO GROUP LEADERS OR CAR POOLS.
NO EAGER TEAM THAT NEEDS A COACH,
NO BAZAAR AND NO BAKE SALE!
THERE WILL BE NOTHING TO STAPLE,
NOT ONE THING TO FOLD OR MAIL.
TELEPHONE LISTS WILL BE OUTLAWED.
BUT A FINGER SNAP WILL BRING
COOL DRINKS AND GOURMET DINNERS,
AND RARE TREATS FIT FOR A KING.
YOU ASK, WHO WILL SERVE THESE
PRIVILEGED FEW AND WORK FOR ALL THEY'RE WORTH?
WHY, ALL THOSE WHO REAPED THE BENEFITS,
AND NOT ONCE VOLUNTEERED ON EARTH.

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Although I've been driving for many years, I've never had to fill the car with gas because my protective husband always does it for me. One day, however, the gas gauge showed near empty and I decided to try my hand at the self-service gas pump. Cautiously positioning the car just ahead of the pump as I had seen my husband do, I carefully read the instructions and proceeded to fill the tank. When the attendant approached to collect my money, I happily announced, "I've been driving for 12 years and this is the first time I've put gas in my car."

"Lady," he said, "if you tell me how you do it, we can both get rich."

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December 18th was the annual dinner and dance put on by the Council, through the generous support of the Park Management and owner. There was a BYOB Attitude Adjustment Hour; a catered dinner; and a dance with a live band. The new caterer "Culinary Creations of Venice" was outstanding. A very sincere Thank you and Best Wishes to Warren and Jean for their support.

Talk about perfect timing! How did you like the way we were closed in with pipes and sand dunes over the holiday. It was a real inconvenience for neighbors and their visitors but progress must go forth, or so they say.

Art Oestreich is coming along very well, but has decided at this point not to worry about editing this paper, so you're stuck with me for awhile. If anyone out there in Gulf-to-Bay land would like the job please raise your hand, or would like to help.

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While excavating an ancient grave on Manasota Key, two archeologists found an urn containing food to nourish the dead upon their reawakening. Curious about certain engravings on the urn, they called in a professor of hieroglyphics, who gave this translation: "Best if used before 2000 B.C."

Update from Aura Street, Betty Baker

Ken and Betty, our new neighbors, went to Arizona for the holidays. Visited their daughter. The weather was cold and snowy. They were wishing they were back in sunny Florida. While out west, they went to Mexico.

Lu went up to Longboat Key to her son Edwin's for Christmas Eve and then came home to have another dinner at the Hall. Lu is very busy crocheting a lovely bedspread. She has the biggest spool of thread to make this spread with. She is also making cute ear muffs and a fancy triangle scarf.

Boyd and Pat are here. They didn't have any news but are glad to be here. Boyd was busy planting his flowers.

Rich is away over to the east coast, so no news from that end of the street.

Ethel enjoyed Christmas dinner in the Hall. Then off to Margies for New Years Eve.

Edna is having her mother and sister visit this month.

My days were busy helping my daughter Sue move into her new home in Tampa. Lots of work packing and unpacking. My brother and wife came from Pinehurst, NC to have Christmas with us.

Marge wasn't home to talk with, but I know she is busy with her clubs and card games.

The Carmody's are expecting company soon. They enjoyed working on the Christmas dinner. Pat has a beautiful garden around the place.

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Concerned about fitness in my middle 50's, I enrolled in an aerobics class. To my dismay I walked into a room filled with much younger women and decided to combat my nervousness with humor. "I'm here to do my post-natal exercises," I told the instructor.

She gave me an appraising look. "How old is your baby?"

Twenty-six, I replied with a laugh.

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ROUTE CANALS

To reach the street named Hidea Way in Silverado Canyon, Calif. you need to take Thisa Way past Whila Way, Bypa Way, Thata Way and take the right fork. The left fork is Uppa Way.

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Deciding to do some back-yard landscaping, my dad and Jim went to the brickyard to buy a quantity of bricks. When he asked the sales-clerk about the cost, the man replied, "The more you buy, the cheaper they are."

"Is that so," dad said. "Then just keep loading them on my truck until they're free."

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Scoop from Bayo Street, Ruth Arnholt

Here it is, time again to find out all the news that has been happening on Bayo. It seems like only yesterday that I just did this.

Since last report, there has been a few that have arrived for the winter and we welcome them with "warm" arms.

Wes and Allie were here, went back home for the holiday and doctors appointments and have returned. Ditto the same for Jim and Gladys Thorne. It seems they had no trouble going home but getting back here was another story.

Charlie Letch flew out to Arizona to visit his daughter and will be returning around the 15th of Jan.

Welcome back to Ruth and Mark Dougerty. The first thing they did was get out their shuffleboard sticks and go down to the courts. Its a nice feeling to see the courts filled again.

Norma and Jim Bishop arrived this week coming from the upper Michigan Peninsula. Jim says never again! Larry Gilbert also arrived this week.

Last report we had on the Kintz's is that they don't think they will be back due to the illness of both of his parents. FLASH!!! Just got word they will be down around the end of the month. Good News

George Finnett has an aneurysm on his aorta and will require surgery. Florence says they will not be able to come down at all this year. I'll bet they'd like to hear from us from time to time. Keep those cards and letters going.

Rose Quimette shocked us all by having a heart attack and made a fast trip to the hospital. She is recuperating nicely at La Casa Grande on River. I saw her the other day and she looks good, but guess she has lots of resting to do.

Bob Nopper arrived Thursday. Had an uneventful trip down.

Stopped to see Alice Hess - nothing new there but she's busy with her crafts and dining out. Bernice Theiss was also doing crafts and talking to Ethel Cross. I love to go to see Bernice just to see her new projects.

Phyllis Crosby was also busy but in a different way. She's been busy with her ham radio. She went from novice to general in 10 months. I guess that means she's smart, and she is still studying.

Florence Turk had no news, just the regular routine. Love to look out her window and watch what goes on at 213!!

Back at 213, it really has been hectic. Went to the east coast for 9 days, and then upon returning get ready for the holiday. But that is what it is all about. Had daughter #2 surprise us for Christmas. Best present ever.

"DOING NOTHING IS THE MOST TIRESOME JOB IN THE WORLD BECAUSE YOU CANNOT QUIT AND REST"

Anonymous

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

Irene and Bill Stevenson are expecting their daughter Pat, and son Mike, also daughter in-law Rena, Jan. 14th.

Cora Tysons family will be in for a visit, but she doesn't⁵ when they will arrive. Tie a string around your finger and remember; craft club meetings - Friday Mornings.

If you see Jane Wiley, walking around with a dazed expression, its because she had an extra day off and didn't know what to use the free time for.

Star Reporters of Cielo had a house tour of Billy Kelis and Isabells trailer. It is really beautiful, and we wish them many years of happiness and good health in their new place. By the way, have you noticed the farm animal adorning their yard. Her name is Claudette and a gift from Loretta Brandemill.

Roses to the December Committee and their helpers for the picture perfect decorations in the hall. The hall looked like a different place! Also, to Rex, Jim and Bud for putting up all the outside lights and taking them down. That is a rough job, but they did it in the true spirit of sharing and friendship.

Welcome to Ann Hodge, who hails from Peninsula, Ohio and is the new resident in Klingers trailer. She has been very busy working in her yard and doing the edge work along the road. Ann also enjoys looking at stars and heavenly bodies on a clear evening.

Phyllis and Tom McElroy will be leaving the Park, at the end of the season. They have lived here for 15 years and will miss the friendly atmosphere of Gulf-to-Bay. Phyllis says she's not saying good bye, just a see you soon!!!

George and Dolores Hommel will be arriving any day now, and I heard by the grape-vine they'll be sporting a new car. Happy Driving!!!

Ava and Pete Knowles spent the holidays in Wauchula, (means buzzards roost) with their 40+ clan under one, very large roof.

Jan and Lou Belli jaunted to Pinellas County to spend the holiday with 7 of their 9 children, plus a new grandchild named Amanda Catherine.

Ruth and Bud Hicks had quite a bit of excitement returning from visiting their daughter, Sharon, in PA. They were at Newark Airport from 7:45am till 6PM, getting bumped from one plane to another. Landing was supposed to be in Sarasota, but alas their nerves of steel were tested as they landed in Ft. Myers at 11:15pm. Got a ride from the Mac Farlanes to home, and next day Bud had to go to Sarasota to get their car and luggage. This is the way not to travel.

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"So you want another day off," snorted the office manager to his clerk. "I'm anxious to hear what excuse you have this time. You've been off for your grandfather's funeral 4 times." Replied the clerk, "Today my grandmother is getting married again.
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The News from Dije Street, Allison Brown

Christmas at the Masties was a little different with none of the family here - however son Den, Lori, Dennis Jr. and new baby Daniel came in the 30th for a month at the Boardwalk. Grandma Katey is in her glory, babysitting Daniel while the others enjoy the beach.

Bob and Rita Boulanger write, "We are happy to be back and we wish everyone a Happy New Year."

Fran Franz is back in the park after a holiday visit with her sister in Conway, Arkansas where her daughter Peggy Anne joined them. Peg flew in from Albuquerque. Arkansas had its worst storm in 50 years. Fran was mighty glad to return to the sun coast.

We're all happy to see Roxanne looking so well and getting out to all the activities. She doesn't miss a single event. Santa brought her a new automobile, and Roxanne is keeping it exercised. She says, "A Happy New Year to all my neighbors and friends."

Many thanks to the Council and to the Management for a wonderful Christmas Party. The food was excellent, and we enjoyed the pretty tables and the china table service. Very festive!

Ruth Salmon had a wonderful Christmas this year, spending it with the family and friends. All of us enjoyed the way our entire park was aglow with beautiful lights, especially the luminaries - Happy New Year Everyone!!

"It sure did look pretty in the park Christmas Eve" - The Des Rochers

Thanks to Vaughn and Dorothy for their beautiful window scene. We always enjoy it so much.

Not much news from Hulda and Chan except to say we are so fortunate to be at Gulf-to-Bay and soak up the beautiful sun after hearing the cold weather reports from back home.

Chan is enjoying the fishing with Vaughn and Hulda is back on the shuffle courts again, not doing too well, but glad to be back anyway. Enjoyed the holiday festivities, but glad its over for another year.

The Robert Carruthers had Donald Bessinger, Las Vegas; Jack Bessinger, Phoenix, Ariz. and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Opalewski and family from Deland, FL.

Wasn't our park beautiful Christmas Eve? Thanks to Joan and Paul for all their work preparing the luminaries for the sea wall. What a gift to Gulf-to-Bay. Also a thank you to all their helping hands.

It was a joy to look up the waterway at night and see the lights at the Nighswanders and the Stunzigs. All the decorations around the park were greatly appreciated.

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The family and I had completed the jungle cruise at Walt Disney World. It had been raining heavily and as we disembarked, the tour guide extended his hand. "Be careful," he said. This dock is built of hickory, and when it rains, it's a hickory, slippery dock."

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Whispers from Estada Street, Helen Bleck

Things have quieted down on our street, most visitors have left and though they're missed we're all quite happy to get back to our old routines.

The Hamiltons had a quiet but happy holiday.

We all, I'm sure, thank Dot Manley for taking over the Chairman's job of providing our park Christmas Dinner, for which her committee was most grateful.

Bill Exelby will be returning on Jan. 8th and will be pleased to return to sunny Gulf-to-Bay.

Joan and Paul Stunzig had a wonderful visit over the holidays from their sons Duke and Jim. Duke brought his fiancée Linda Armentaro with him and everyone had a ball. They went back rested and tan.

Joan urges all those who are signed up for trips to get their final payments in. The dates to remember are:
Jan. 23-- \$15. Bonita Sprg. Dog Races
Feb. 13 - \$15. Florida State Fair
Feb. 16 - PARADE OF LIGHTS & EDISON'S
March 5-7 - \$189. Orlando Spec./Universal Studios
March 21 - \$30. - Tampa Downs, Dinner, Chuck's Steak House

The walls at 502 are expanding. Dot Hall is very happy to have her brother and wife visiting from cold Connecticut.

Dot and Jim Manley were visited by their son and daughter in law, also their dear grandchild.

At 504 Ruth is enjoying a 3 week visit with Tina from North Olmsted, Ohio.

Oestrichs had their son and daughter-in-law visiting over the holidays, and enjoyed a few day trips.

Helen Bleck had her daughter and son-in-law also, along with grandson and his wife here for New Years Day.

The Dursts had company during the holidays, daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter from Tiffin, Ohio, Mildred's sister and husband from Taveres, Fla. and Michigan. They celebrated 3 wedding anniversaries: 57, 50 and 22. Also celebrated New Years with 2 birthdays, Norm's and the granddaughter. They all had a great time, eating, shelling, swimming, fishing and hot card games.

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The little boy was caught by his teacher saying a most unsuitable word. "Jeffrey," she said, "you shouldn't use that word. Where did you hear it?"

"My daddy said it," the child responded.

"Well, that doesn't matter," she explained. "You don't even know what it means."

"I do too," Jeffrey corrected. "It means that the car won't start."

Gist from Golfo Street - Etta Crosby

Newest resident on Golfo is Richard Jett, who has settled in on Lot 13 for the rest of the winter. He is really enjoying the outdoors, people and Gulf-to-Bay.

New craft rage: Dot Kerber's daughter is making flower arrangements from plastic table ware. Very different and interesting.

Ben and Marcia Hartman had daughters Susan and Nancy here for the holiday. She and Ben had just returned from a Miami sale. Next sale is in Scotsdale.

Eleanor and Noble Paul spent Christmas with son Larry and his family in Bradenton.

Dorothy and Floyd Crankshaw enjoyed the holidays. They had a call from Lola Yakes and she says hello to all.

Charlie and Helen Verrill really enjoyed the Busch Gardens Trip. They had a visit from Helen's son who lives in Melbourne.

Jack and Fran Smith want to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Thanks Jack for sharing your very special musical instrument and the music for the walkers who passed by your home on Christmas Eve.

Gene Hallett will be arriving Mon. 9th.

Bill and Dortha Swickard are due in around the middle of January.

Paul and Leda Dube are expected to arrive shortly and Dick and Flo Leeper will also be returning soon, likewise Jean and Norma Croteau.

A special Thank you to Dot Manley for chairing Christmas Dinner, a job well done Dot. Also a special thank you to Marge and Peg DesRochers, who after eating dinner, came back and helped the committee clean up.

A happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to all at Gulf-to-Bay.

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The 3 leading reasons for going to a warmer climate are: December, January and February.

A man preparing for his daughter's wedding said things were going well because he had learned the 3 S's: sit down, shut up and shell out.

There are 3 subjects that make news: women, wampum and wrongdoing.

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A DATE TO REMEMBER AND SET ASIDE FOR FEB. SWEETHEART SOCIAL, FEB. 10t

*Gulf-to-Bay Mobile Homes, Assoc. Inc.
does all now due - pay to Jean Hall
\$5.00*



Potpourri

DATES TO REMEMBER:

January 13, 1991 - January Dinner

January 19 - Pancake Breakfast

Council Members present in the park at the time of this edition

Peter Knowles
Dot Manley
Gladys Thorne

Don't forget to save those Campbell soup labels and give them to Fran Smith; Publix receipts to Charlie Letch, newspapers to Ruth Arnholt. By the way, Ruth would appreciate it if at any time she and Bob are away if you would kindly place the papers in brown paper bags.

If the park seems a little deserted the end of this month, it is because our cruisers are off and sailing again. Hope the weather and the seas are kind to them. It can be rough starting the day out with a bloody mary, but then again, someone has to do it!

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When the short hemlines came back into fashion I dug an old miniskirt out of my closet. I tried it on, but couldn't figure out what to do with the other leg.

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In the local church bulletin: "following the luncheon and speaker, the ladies involved in secret pals will exchange Christmas gifts and reveal themselves."

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Good Neighbor Jim Thorne is always willing to help anyone and seems to know just how to mend whatever is broken. One of these days, says Jim, "he is going to take time to sit down and think about retiring."

I apologize if this newsletter is not up to snuff, I am typing and creating under the influence of a major rehaul at the hands of my dentist. Speaking of not having both feet on the ground, my head feels like it is not attached at the shoulders.

HOT NEWS FLASH!!!!!!!

MONEY SAVER JANUARY DINNER \$2.50 SPECIAL - 1:PM

Meatloaf Pot Luck

Committee provides: meatloaf - with or without onions
rolls and butter, tea, coffee, Door Prizes.

You provide: A dish to serve your table of 8
vegetable or salad or dessert

Tickets on sale Wed, 9th, Thurs. 10th - 10-12noon. Sign up for the dish you will bring. Make your choice on onions in your meatloaf.

Plan your own table of 8 or sign up for your favorite table and take pot luck!!

Ruth Hicks came across a book called "Highlights of 1984." Author was Hampden F. Tener. This collection of poetry was Ham's last poems. Knowing he was loosing his long struggle against cancer, he was trying to put into words a summary of his philosophy towards life to share with his family and friends. For those of us who do not have one or didn't know Ham, I will be inserting a poem every month so look for the CUT N SAVE.

CUT N SAVE

YOUR WAY

Successful ones will listen well;
Will respond to all vibrations;
Will notice every changing mood;
Will be sensing all sensations.

As radio waves zoom through the air,
So do the best of beauty's waves.
If no receiver catches them
The beauty's lost and can't be saved.

Be sensitive --- be well aware
Of beauty in our every day;
Be one of those who always care,
And make recording it --- your way.

Auction

DON'T MISS THE SPECTACULAR

CARNIVAL

February 9, 10am?

it's ALL
HERE!!

Trucks

Tables

funnel cakes

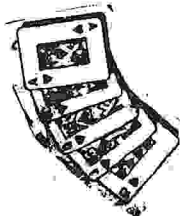
REFRESHMENTS

ENTERTAINMENT

FUN AND GAMES!

PRIZE

MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES



Flea Market

Band Parade - Concert 10 AM
Costume Parade to follow Band

Poker Wheel

Home made food table