

The Listening Post

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CARNIVAL - A HUGH SUCCESS!!

The kitchen band kicked off the event with their annual parade. Bob Arnholt was the flag bearer, transferred in "The Gulf Cart". Bringing up the rear was the mysterious clown.

Raffles, crafts, games of chance, baked goodies, flea market, gourmet kitchen and the infamous auction was the Bill of Fare for the day.

To thank every individual who toiled to make this day a success is impossible, but to all the Good Do-Bees, a heartfelt thank you. Tot Manley reports that the proceeds amounted to \$ 1,612.27.

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY - HOT TIME IN THE HALL

Hosts - Dick Jett, Bob Nopper and Larry Gilbert did a tremendous job. 3 TV's were set up for all to see, the palate was tempted many times over as Chef Jett put the final touches on his creations. Never seen a strut like that before over a hoagie. Bob did a great job being Master of Ceremonies, kept the raffles running smoothly. A fun sing-a-long was led by Joan, Don, Peg and Jim Bishop. Individual entertainment sparked the group - all styles of talent. Unfortunately, one act was questionable, while we were all fidgeting in our seats, Rick Mac Farlane disappeared. He re-entered with a big bowl and spoon and GONGED the act. Your editor hid her head under the table.

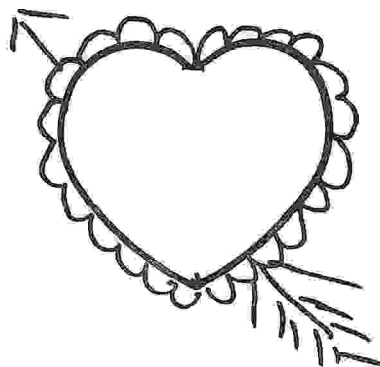
It was a great night, I only had one complaint, my team lost. Many guests in the park often remark, "you people sure know how to party".

To all our new residents in the park - the Kitchen Band will welcome new members. They are especially in need of "percussion instruments. Same goes for line dancing sessions - come on down and try it, you might like it.

TRAVEL

Next trip to Seminole Bingo is scheduled for Feb. 18 and March 24. Don't forget to check travel board in the Hall. Jai Alai is set up for April 8. Trip is only \$12.00, includes bus and entrance fee. Lunch is on your own.

Also available is Strawberry Festival and any other trips listed in pamphlet on board.



SOS..SOS..SOS..

I had a wonderful phone call during one of those rainy nights when we were all stuck inside. Little by little I have been gleaning information on the history of the park. Well, it seems that Larry Gilbert has had experience in historical research, so he graciously offered to do the job. He will be spending a lot of time compiling information so if you have old pictures (which will be returned to you) stories, facts, and dates, please give it to him. This will be a long, tedious project but when the final product is done you will really enjoy it and find it worthwhile. So you old timers in the park, help us newees out with your knowledge. Thanks....

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Shopping in the fine china department of a store, I noticed a young couple pondering over some patterns. Then a man took the husband aside, and I heard him say, "Son, buy the most expensive china you can find. Take it from someone who has been married over 40 years, it'll be worth the investment. With china that valuable, you can be assured that your wife will never ask you to wash the dishes when company comes."
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We, at Gulf-to-Bay, want to sincerely thank Brad Morello, owner of MIDWESTERN MEATS for helping us make our Carnival a success. He graciously donated chafing dishes, pans, and various other items at cost, for our fund raising event. Dick Jett, who works for Brad encourages us to visit his shop. They offer choice and prime meats and various specialty items. Dick, our good neighbor is willing to make home deliveries.

The meats served at the carnival, also the super bowl party came from MIDWESTERN. That is really all the advertising Brad needs, word of mouth.....juicy tid bits (sounds like a gossip column)

The address is 324 Tamiami Trail, S. Venice. 488-0600.

.....Husband to wife: "Sorry I forgot your birthday, dear. But even George Washington doesn't get to celebrate his on the exact day."
..... HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO GEORGE AND ABE....anyone we know?

The Board of Directors request that any complaints, suggestions and comments be given to them in writing. You can deliver your letter to the Board Secretary or any member. This way the request and response can be on record and it will be addressed.

The units in the park have all been thoroughly cleaned by the Gulf to Bay Gals, from stem to stern. The men have put elbow grease to the windows so the rentals look warm and inviting. It is nice to see them being used again, and everyone in the park should try and lend a hand. We can all help in some way or another, and not leave it to a tender few. Afterall, they are on vacation too.

Also, the mens shower room, near the Hall leaves a lot to be desired in the housekeeping end. Please men, leave it nice, you know what your wife would say if you left yours at home like that.

Further back in your newsletter, you will see a copy of an old news clipping. Cora Tyson lent it to us, and I hope that you will enjoy those Sweethearts of times past. Another little tidbit...the flag that flys at the Hall was donated by Cora in memory of her husband, Harry Tyson. Thank you Cora.

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Man to his date, over dinner: "Let me get this straight: You need space and you want to date other people. Does this mean you won't marry me?"
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Okay folks, I'll tell you what I'm gonna do! I'm gonna spice up this old newsletter for about 2 minutes and talk about a very dirty subject, the unwanted, unloved and discarded, left laying around subject to the elements; deposited without a sound, unclaimed; sometimes tall and lean, short and fat, solid - liquid, odorless - smelly, soft - hard, large - small.....



AHA! KNEW I WOULD GET YOUR ATTENTION!!!

It is trash - left behind the storage garage. Please, do not leave your junk there. It costs \$25.00 a pick up. If you have something to get rid of, call Don Pease or George Gallaher. They will call Englewood Disposal and set an appointment for pick up. Your items will be picked up by these nice, hard working guys, set on the Beach Road at appointed time. This will not cost us, and our backyard won't be a dump or chemical runoff (into the Bay) site. Thank you for your support.

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My parents visited Rick and I when we were first married. Dad was impressed with the various safety precautions Rick had taken. He noted the smoke detectors, a first aid kit and a list of emergency phone numbers. Dad also saw that we had 2 fire extinguishers - one in the kitchen and the other in the bedroom. Dad elbowed mom in the ribs and said, "Gee, Ruth, it's been years since we needed a fire extinguisher in our bedroom!" Gong!!!
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SPECIAL NOTICE FROM OUR SUNSHINE LADY - Marie Wadlegger

Every month, I would like to insert a notice of Deaths and Illnesses in the Park, especially the new people, will be informed of one of the many duties the Recreation Assn. does, and who to refer to for follow-up.

Below is a reprint of the By-Laws, which read:

A \$35.00 death benefit check shall be given to the family or any person who dies and who is listed as a 12 month renter in the park, or who is a regular 6 month winter resident in the park.

An offering - not to exceed \$20.00 floral, or otherwise, shall be sent to any resident of the Park who is sick in any hospital for a duration of 3 days or longer while in residence at Gulf to Bay Park. This is limited to 1 donation in any year per person. *changed 10/28/91 from \$10.00

Memorial for Jay Hubbard \$35.00 to Meals on Wheels of Englewood has been acknowledged.

Memorial for Charles Deierlein to Covenant House in NY. \$35.00

Memorial check \$35.00 for Florence Turk to Good Samaritan Hospice Care. Ack. not recvd.

Sympathy card to Charles Verrill on the occasion of daughter-in-law's death.

Illnesses:

Brownie - card and gift

Alice Hess wrote thanks for her get well card

Bill Lyon sent thanks for his get well card.

I sure hope that you all check out the latest statistics on the black board of new purchasers in the park. Please make our new neighbors feel welcome. I think a good way would be to get them on a committee.

All kidding aside, welcome aboard to our island paradise. Its great to have you join us.

snuffy Smith



IMPORTANT DATE: February 22, Pancake Breakfast in the Hall. Please bring your dishes, silver ware, coffee cups. For you early birds it starts at 8AM and closes promptly at 11AM. Gives us all a wide breach to get there.

STRESS DIET

BREAKFAST

1/2 grapefruit
1 slice whole wheat toast
8 oz. skim milk

LUNCH

4 oz lean broiled chicken breast
1 cup steamed zucchini
1 Oreo cookie
Herb tea

DINNER

2 loaves garlic bread
large pepperoni and mushroom pizza
large pitcher of beer
2 Milky Way Candy bars
Entire Frozen cheesecake eaten directly from freezer

SNACK

rest of the package of Oreos
1 quart Rocky Road Ice Cream
1 jar Hot Fudge, dribbled over ice cream

DIET TIPS

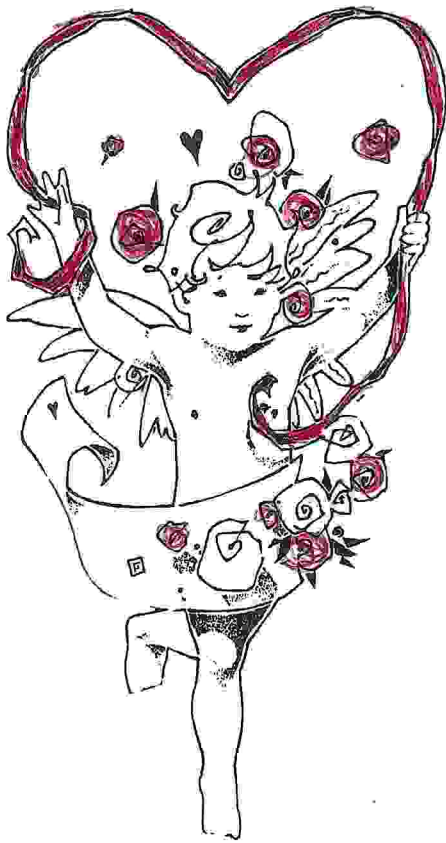
1. If no one sees you eat it - it has no calories
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar they cancel each other out
3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if both eat same amount
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts such as: hot cocoa, brandy, toast, and Sara Lee Cheese Cake
5. If you fatten up everyone else around you - then you look thinner
6. Movie related foods don't count because they are part of the entire entertainment experience and not a part of one's personal fuel, such as milk duds, popcorn with butter, and Junior Mints.

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As editor of this newsletter I would like to extend my appreciation to the wonderful ladies who give of their free time to scout out news for us. They do a wonderful job, and make their deadlines. It is a real joy to work with them. So, thanks, Betty, Grace, Ruth, Marge, Helen and last but not least Fran Smith, who covers Gulf side.

Snuffy Smith





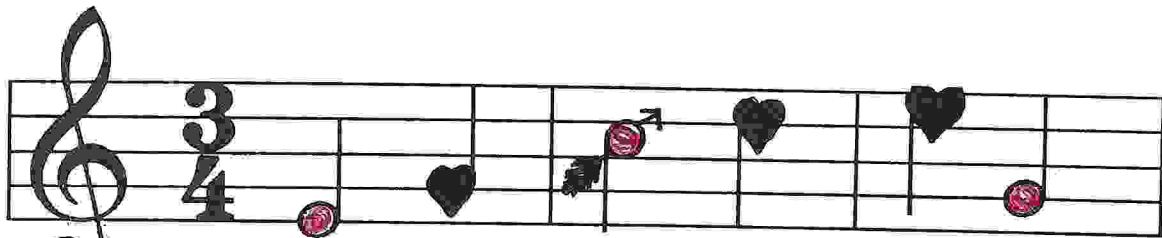
Annual February Sweetheart Dinner
February 16 - 1PM...\$5.00 a ticket

Chairman - George and Joey Gallaher
George and Delores Hommel
Bob and Rita Boulanger
Pat and Harriet Carmody
Fran and Marie Wadlegger
Fran Franz - Program Coordinator

Menu - fruit cup, pork roast, mashed taters
carrots, apple slices, cake

The Feb. dinner is combined with the
Sweetheart Party. 16 couples who have
celebrated 50 years or more of marriage,
to be our guests at this dinner. A short
program to follow.

Tickets on sale Thurs/Fri Feb. 6 and 7 9-12



LET ME CALL YOU SWEETHEART

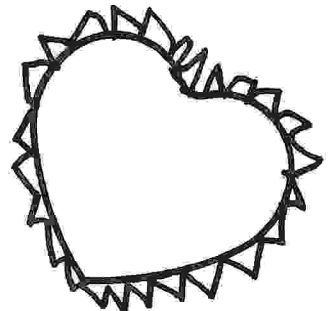
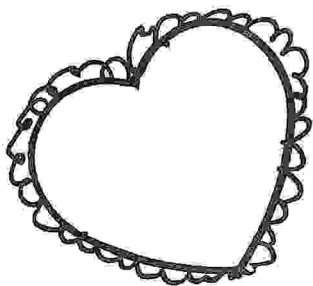
OUR MOST HONORED GUEST FOR THIS GALA EVENT IS AS FOLLOWS: (greatest years first)

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|-----|--------------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 68 | Dorothy and Floyd Crankshaw | 51 | Ruth and Mark Daugherty |
| 62 | Dortha and Bill Swickard | 51 | Allison and Clayton Brown |
| 58 | Dorothy and Vaughn Nighswander | 51 | Millie and Norm Durst |
| 55 | Marguerite and Art Oestreich | 50 | Ruth and Bob Arnholt |
| 55 | Loretta and Fred Brandemill | 50 | Irene and Carl Brown |
| *53 | Emerson and Dorothy Henthorn | 50 | Rita and Maurice Teehan |
| 53 | Irene and Bill Stevenson | 50 | Gladys and Jim Thorne |
| 53 | Ruth and Charles Hicks | | |
| 52 | Virginia and Ray DeMoss | | |

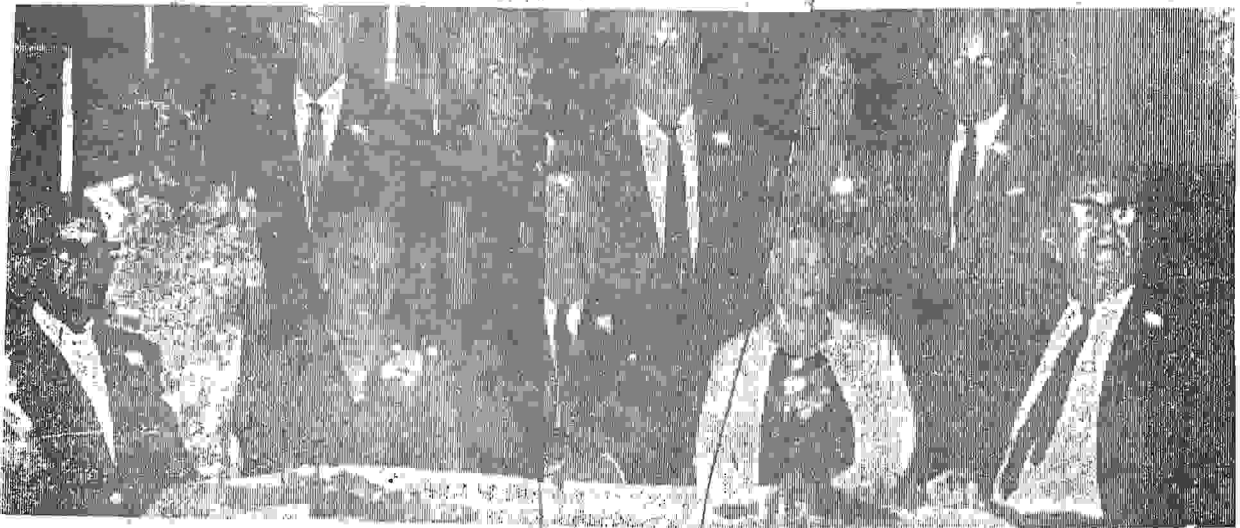
They are our beloved Honorees
They come from far and wide
They're gathered here today so we
Can point them out with pride

And if a tear is shed today
Then hearts beat true and real
For nothing we could every say
Could tell them how we feel
And they could say to us in turn
Your eyes are glistening too,
And each of us would surely know
That what they say is true!

So wish them joy and happiness
For many happy years
Friends are our most precious gifts
Thru laughter and thru tears.

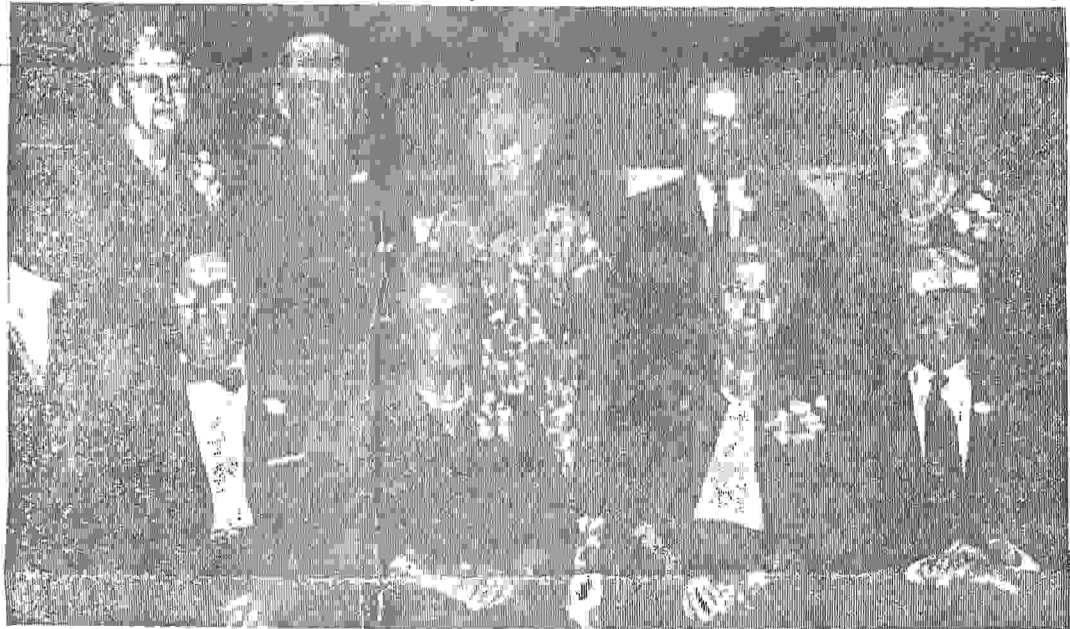


Happily Married 50 Years & More



PREPARATIONS have been in the making for the occasion of this week's happy gathering. Most according to their "bridegrooms" were more like anniversary party dresses than they were formal bridal gowns more than a half century ago. Many photographs are, seated from left, John and

Opal Diamond, in Toledo, Ohio, 1913; and Earl and Dotty Slaybargh, longest wedded of the couples, married in LeRoy, Mich., 63 years ago. Standing are Don and Lena MacPherson, wedded 51 years ago in Fall River, Mass.; Arnold and Betty Amundson, married in Superior, Wis., 53 years ago; and Bert and Flora Craft, also deans among the couples, married 60 years ago in Rose City, Mich.



FOURTEEN HAPPY COUPLES all celebrating more than half a century of married life, gathered Tuesday afternoon for a Jubilee Party marking collectively more than 700 years of wedded bliss. Mrs. Beatrice Theiss, standing center, was chairman of arrangements for the auspicious event held at Gulf

to Bay Trailer Park, where all of the couples are residents. "Bridal couples," in photo above are, from left, seated, Emil and Viva Lyons, married in Milan, Mich., 55 years ago; and Joe and Emma Naylor, Toledo, Ohio, 57 years married. Standing, Willard and Marie Bebb, Ravenna, Ohio, 51 years; Mrs. Theiss and Ernie and Cherry Rose, married at Battle Creek, Mich., 55 years ago.



CORSAGES AND BOUTONNIERES brightened anniversary costumes of the celebrating couples for their gala occasion. Refreshments of punch and cake were served, and believe it or not, some of the celebrants danced to some of the old tunes played on the park's community room piano! Above are, from left,

standing, Ona and Burge Dickey, married at Conneautville, Pa., 1916; and Hazel and Marshall McDonald, wedded in Indianapolis, Ind. in 1916. Seated are Joe and Rose Kriz, married in Chicago in 1912; and Emy and Jacob McAllister, married in Joliet, Ill., in 1916.

Pot pourri

Astonishing Trivia

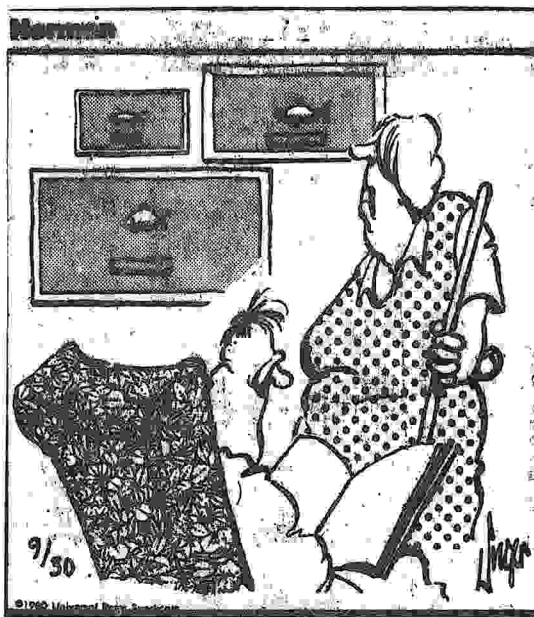
ASTONISHING TRIVIA

Lincoln was elected in 1860
Kennedy was elected in 1960
There are 7 letters in each name
Both Presidents were slain on Friday
Both were slain in presence of their wives
Both were directly concerned with Civil Rights
Both Presidents had legality of elections contested
Kennedy's secretary Lincoln warned him not to go to Dallas
Lincoln's secretary Kennedy warned him not to go to the theatre
Both of their successors were named Johnson
Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson
Each name contained 13 letters
Both served in the US Senate
Both were southern Democrats
Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908
Andrew Johnson was born in 1808
Booth and Oswald were both southerners favoring unpopular ideas
Oswald shoot Kennedy from a warehouse and hid in a theatre
Booth shot Lincoln in a theater and hid in a warehouse
Booth and Oswald were murdered before trial could be arranged
Lincoln and Kennedy were carried in death on the same caisson
Booth and Oswald were born one hundred years apart
Lee Harvey Oswald, John Wilkes Booth - each name has 15 letters.

HAPPY PRESIDENTS DAY.....

Fish Tales LIARS DOCK

*no reports in
of any catches*



"How come you don't go fishing anymore?"

*NAH! NAH!
CAN'T
CATCH
ME!*



Auricles from Aura Street - Betty Schwarz

Aura Street was well represented at the super bowl party. They won 6 bottles of champagne and 2 quarters. A good time was had by all and we would like to thank Bob, Larry and Dick for all their hard work. Let's do it again soon!

Its great to see the Browns back on Aura but we will miss our neighbors Dick Brady. He had to leave because of illness in the family.

A very special welcome to our new neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson. The Mrs' first name is Ruth, so you won't have a hard time remembering that. I think almost every street is represented with a Ruth. Must be a special name. We look forward to getting better acquainted.

Lots of remodeling going on in the park. Pat Carmody has been busy building new closets so Harriet will have more room to store stuff, and we all know how important it is to have stuff.

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A man was wandering around a jewelery shop aimlessly picking up baubles and putting them down. The jeweler looked at him expectantly, then finally asked, "May I help you find something suitable?" "I hope so," the man said. "What would you consider a good gift for the 5th day after my wedding anniversary?"

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Comments from Cielo Street - Ruth Spiller

First of all I want to brag about my new grandson. Jack and I went to Melborne for the event and we were there to welcome Jesse. Naturally, we thought he was the cutest baby in the nursery.

Rex and Bonnie went home to Indiana to await the birth of their grandchild. We sure miss having Rex out there keeping the street cleaned of leaves. The men can relax though, he makes them all nervous when he is doing the windows. Energy is that man's middle name.

Jay and Kathy have been enjoying a lot of fresh fish dinners this month. We see him walking up the street almost every nite with a string of fish and a flock of birds following him. The pied piper of Cielo, well sorta

wasn't the kitchen band great? Joan led the group the morning of the carnival to start the proceedings. She did a professional job, as well as the musicians. Being it was Jack and my first time we are open minded and not prejudice. No wonder the music stores gives 10% discount to these pros.

Ruthann yanked Rick away from his coffee early one morning to check out the farm. Her tomato plants, (started from seed) have baby tomatoes. Big cause for excitement. The Mac Farlanes will be celebrating their 13th anniversary the 17th, so for not setting off any fire or smoke alarms lately, Rick bought a new bike for his wife.

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As U.S. tourists in Israel, my husband and I were sitting outside a Bethlehem souvenir shop, waiting for fellow tourists. An Arab salesman approached us, arm loaded with belts. After an impassioned sales talk yielded no results, he asked where we were from. "America," my husband replied. Looking at my dark hair and olive skin, the Arab responded, "Shes not from the states." "Yes in am," I said. He paused and then asked, "Is that your husband?" Yes. Then, turning to my husband, he offered, "I'll give you a 100 camels for her." My husband looked stunned, and there was a long silence. Finally he replied, "She is not for sale." The salesman left, and somewhat indignant, I asked, "What took you so long to answer?" "I was trying to figure how to get a 100 camels back home."

Drumbeats from Dije Street - Marge DesRochers

Bob and Rita B. have a new addition and it's a closet. Is it a wine closet, I wonder! So, that is what we hear coming from their house - he has been hammering away, and not practicing shoes. Bob will be soooooo happy when that project is over.

Gene and Bea Hull have sold their home to Maynard and Sally Bailey. They've been in the travel spot near the hall. We welcome them to Dije St. as we say 'Bye to Gene and Bea, they will be missed. Home for them will be Jet Park, Palmetto.

The Gallahers, Croteaus and Joan Stunzig went to Sarasota to make the final arrangements for the new stoves in the Recreation Hall kitchen. They will be arriving this week, and anyone who has manned the old stoves will appreciate the new ones.

Clara Bessinger tells us she's doing very well, despite going for treatment every week day - nice going Clara.

The Board of Directors is very grateful for the grand collection and will be getting all dolled up with best bib and tucker on Tuesday, Feb. 11th and enjoy this wonderful treat that they so well deserve.

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I decided to call a friend of mine who had just moved to Florida. After speaking with her for a few minutes, I noticed she seemed down in the dumps. When I asked what was wrong, she said, "I'm having a tropical depression."

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Gabs from Golfo Street - Fran Smith

How nice it is to have all the homes filled with lights and people again. When we first came in October, it was a quiet, lonely street.

Where else but at "Gulf-to-Bay" could one look out a window and see the ladies of the park exercising on the Tiki, overlooking the Gulf, every Mon., Wed., and Friday, at 9AM. Come on gals, join us.

When I stopped by Paul and Ledawere at the airport to pick up his brother the Priest and Sister, (the sister (remember MASH) will be visiting.

Charlie and Helen Verrill were called to Washington, DC to attend the funeral services for Charlie's daughter in law, Mary Ann Verrill.

From Unit 3, Dottie Crankshaw was our sunshine on a foggy day, dressed in a beautiful canary yellow.

The Swickards have no news, but invite anyone who want to visit and talk about the old times in the park are welcome. Hey Larry, that's you!

Dick and Flo Leeper just returned from a month in Penna, had company for a few days.

Ben and Marcia Hartman left for a few days. I imagine Marcia is at her "Ring Master" job, one that she does well. Proof of that was when she assisted Jack Smith at the auction during Carnival.

The Crosby's are expecting a new grandchild in May. Goodness, if all the new grandchildren convened at this park, we would have to move out.

Norma and Jean were happy to leave 10 degree weather and return.

Stopped in to see Gene Hallett after her fall on Jan. 27th. She said she has a little boo-boo with a few stitches, but everything is fine, even her shiner.

The following local business' supported out Carnival with their generous donations - please say hello to managers next time you are shopping, and if you haven't in the past, please patronize them. Thanks.

First Federal of Englewood
Short Stop Printing
Crazy Horse Beauty Shop
Domino's Pizza
Walgreen's
Bealls Dept. Store
Gentlemens Quarters
Becky's Shoes
Network Video
Evans Jewelers
Especially Ribs
Lock and Key
Babe's Plumbing Inc
Englewood Bank

Famous Recipe
Flying Bridge
Hair and You
Blue Dolphin Car Wash
Cutters III
RV Merchandising
Stern's Auto Service
Englewood Cleaners
Giorgio's
Kentucky Fried Chicken
Irving's Barber Shop
Radio Shack
Coney Island
Twist and Treat

The nominating Committee has presented the following names as candidates for election to the Board of Directors, March 9, 1992.

Allison Brown
Etta Crosby
Paul Dube
Ruthann Mac Farlane
Bob Nopper
Richard Jett, Jr.

Bill Bottenfield
Jean Croteau
Charles Hicks
Vaughn Nighswander
Rita Teehan

Respectfully submitted,
Audrey Grant, Chairman
Jack Smith
Marjorie Stocum

The Board of Directors invites anyone who is interested to sit and listen in on board meetings. This is not a secret society and all are welcome.

Have had some good neighbor Sams' on Cielo Street. They have been trimming and cleaning up a few of the big ones (trees) that were in dire need of a haircut, no shaves though.

.....They had just had a lover's spat, and as the young man was leaving his girlfriend's house he met her kid brother. Your sister's a little spoiled, isn't she,? he commented. "NO", was the kid brother's reply. "That's just the perfume she is wearing.

Teaching a child to stand on his own two feet does not obligate parents to supply the shoes forever.

The money you save each month after the mortgage is finally paid off can be found in the same place as the cash retained after giving up cigarettes.

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Just received word from Dot Manley that Dick Jett and Bob Nopper turned \$93.00 over to the Recreation Council. This was monies donated to offset the expenses of the Super Bowl Party. Thanks guys!



Golfo (continued)

What a wonderful job Dick Jett did on feeding us at the Carnival, and also having the Super Bowl Party. Another feather in our cap at Gulf-to-Bay.

While visiting Dottie Kerber, her friend, the turtle made his daily visit for his breakfast of bread. He's a handsome dude. Maybe some day we will have a family, opps no kids.

Jack and Fran hope everyone had a "Happy Ground Hog Day, of Feb. 22.

??????Who bought the hose attachment wand and brush at the auction?????
See Jack Smith at 12 Golfo, He has some additional parts to go with it.

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When I left my girls alone for a day, I made lists of various chores and fun things for them to do. One of the fun items said, "Set the timer for ten minutes and call Grandma in Florida." They set the timer and when it went off they called Grandma. Then they talked for an hour on daytime rates.

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Remember When...

what is now called publicity was called public shame and humiliation.

inflation was something to do with a balloon

a Saturday night special was a double dip chocolate soda

women who had nothing to wear stayed at home.

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Impressions of Estada Street - Helen Bleck

The Dursts had a lot of company this month, including Norm's Army Chaplain, Rev. John Murphy Smith and his wife from N. Carolina. All their company enjoyed the kitchen band practice very much. Maybe we should start up a franchise!

Dot Hall has been fussing around getting ready for company.

The Manley's are also on the band wagon and awaiting the arrival of their new grandchild. Both Jim and Dot seem to have a corner of the street on the flu and virus bugs. Hope you are feeling better.

Ruth Nelson slowed down from all her extra cleaning and painting activities in the park to enjoy a visit from her friend Tina.

Marguerite and Art went to Deland for 5 days to visit Marguerite's 2 sisters and they had a ball. Came home to their ceilings all painted spanking white.

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A woman died and went to heaven, which was more beautiful than she'd ever imagined. She couldn't wait to show it to her husband (when he eventually arrived) because he was an eternal pessimist.

A year later her husband joined her and she took him on a tour.

"The sky, the flowers, the music, the people - heaven is truly heaven.

He surveyed Paradise briefly, then said, "Sure, and if it weren't for you and your doggoned oat bran, we'd have been here five years sooner.

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PS. DON'T FORGET YOUR EXTRA DOLLAR AT THE FEB. 16th DINNER FOR THE MEALS ON WHEELS BASKET. THANK YOU

Well, my sweeties have a wonderful Valentines Day, and don't forget Feb. has 29 days this year so it is Sadie Hawkins, girls, do your stuff.