



# The Listening Post

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Happy New Year to You and You and You! Hopefully we will all enjoy a calmer, healthier 1992. Wouldn't it be just wonderful if we could pick up the paper and read that the killings, bombings, rape, incest was banished to the last page and good deeds, health cures, found children and an end to the recession was the main topics.

I have been told that I look at things thru rose colored glasses and live my life very upbeat even when things are bad. Well, that is a true statement. My glasses were tinted when my last prescription was filled and I do find things looking better than most, but it is good for the spirit.

Now that I have been serious for a few lines, I hope that you have taken notice to our new look of the Listening Post. Thru the talents of Jim Thorn, our mascot of the docks, "Stubby" the Night Heron will be coming to your home on a monthly basis. Jim very graciously volunteered to put Stubby down on paper for posterity and all-time. It is fitting that this little fellow have a special place. He has taken the limelight since Morgan, the 1 footed blue heron, disappeared last year.

Many thanks to all the wonderful people that turned the Hall into a Christmas wonderland, and the lights and nativity outdoors. Then the magic of that little tree perched on top of the Tikki, beaconing its warmth to the boats at sea. The streets were decorated more than last year, the whole place just glowed. The Christmas spirit just swelled from home to home. Thanks to all of you for expressing the true meaning of Christmas.

The December Committee, under the guidance of Dick Brady, did a stupendous job and should feel justly proud. From the Tikki to the hall they left not a pebble unturned and really put on quite a gourmet's delight. If you attended either, or, or both, please express your gratitude to the fine people who willingly gave up their personal holiday to make yours better.

It has been a treat seeing visitors enjoying wonderful weather, children playing ball, riding bikes and just having a darn good time. I can remember our trips south every year. The big thrill was looking for sight of the first palm tree. I think we have 7 photos of palm trees, one for each year. Welcome all you visitors, its nice to see ya!!

We missed a lot of our park family that headed north for the holiday, but they will be returning soon. All the beautiful illuminaries were videoed so, if you know someone who would like to view it see Ruth Hicks. Special thanks to Paul and Joan, Peg and Marge, Bud, Dottie, Vaughn, Rick and all the helpers who lit the sea wall. Then we had Etta and Freeman taking care of the Tikki area. The candles created a breathtaking entrance to a view of the gulf. What pride we have in our home. Thank God every day for what is here.

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I finally figured out how the government works. The Senate gets the bill from the House. The President gets the bill from the Senate. And we get the bill for everything.

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A Note From Dick Brady -

December was a very festive and joyous month in the park. Through the cooperative efforts of all Gulf to Bay residents the following projects added to the festivities:

1. outside Rec Hall lights
2. lighted creche on lawn
3. trimming the Rec Hall and the tree
4. installation and decorating of the tree at the dock
5. lights and tree at the tiki
6. Christmas Social at the Tiki
7. Christmas Dinner
8. Pancake Breakfast
9. New Years Even Party
10. Dance in mid-December
11. Lining the streets with luminaires Christmas Eve
12. Santa's visit to everyone
13. Saturday Night at the Movie.

The Gulf to Bay Recreation Council extends a hearty "Thank You" to all of the individuals who participated in any of these projects and made our "Southern Christmas" so memorable and enjoyable for all.

Editors Note: This was written and turned in before the Soups On Day at the Rec Hall Jan. 4th. Ruth Arnholt and her crew prepared turkey soup, it was bring your own cup.

A special thank you to Dick Jett for all his help and expertise and also for showing up at the hall 2 hours early to clean it up from the New Years Eve party. He had the floors all mopped and place clean.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Jan. 19th - Pot Luck Dinner -Rolls, tea, coffee will be supplied by Gen Gene and Bea Hull and their committee. The price of admission is your dish of desert, salad or entre'

Jan. 25th - Carnival - complete with a parade and the kitchen band, lunch, raffles, flea market, auction and funnel cakes. Bring your change purse and plan to spend the day. For the Flea Market - The Rec. Council is presently collecting all of your useable discards. Please contact any council member when you have items available as we have storage facilities now for them.

The Recreation Council wish for all residents for 1992 a very healthy, prosperous and happy year. If each of us resolves in 1992 to actively participate in all park activities and each week to perform a GOOD DEED for the park, it will enhance the life of each of us.

Also, for those of us who are new in the park a small notice - At each meal held in the hall a basket is passed around to collect funds for the Meals on Wheels program. Allison Brown had started this program several years ago and it has benefited many of our residents. The point being, the collection at the Christmas dinner was in the neighborhood of \$35.00, an all time low since the start of this program. The donation is only a 1.00 per person and not really that much, when you consider we think nothing of putting a 1.00 in the 50/50 box. This is just a friendly bit for those of us who are not familiar with this practice and a nudge for those of us who forget to do it. Thanks.

HOT NEWS FLASH.....Brownie is still in the hospital, but Allison reports that he has been responding to medications and treatments and as soon as all the tests are in, he will be on the way home. I am sure he is very anxious to get back to the shuffle board courts. He will be giving us an update on the team's progress as soon as he is able.

*A very special Thank You  
to Ruth Arnholt  
and crew*

Chit Chat from Aura Street - Betty Schwarz

As Kenny and Betty were sitting on their porch last week, they were thinking of the past year and of their first year here, and what a great one at that. They have seen a lot of changes in OUR park. Lots of people moved from one trailer to another and some have got sale signs up and we hope to see lots of new faces in the next year." They really enjoyed the picnics and fish fries, also the wonderful dinners and dances in the club house. So, all they say is, "thank you to all the people who have worked so hard to bring all these things about." Betty's New Years resolution is to help make our park a success in every way.

You know the old saying about "you can tell the men from the boys by the size of their toys?" Well, the Gunnisons have the new toy in the park. They are the proud owners of Flynn's (and Santa's) golf cart. Betty and Denny have decided to foot it. Denny's resolution for the new year is walking instead of riding. Betty is worried about how she'll know where to find him without the obvious cart parked outside.

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A sunbather is a fry in the ointment. GONG!!!  
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Millie (Edna's mother) has been enjoying the company and visa versa of Marge Stockum at the Bingo games. She likes seeing all the familiar faces in the park. Marge missed Betty when she was away, lost a walking partner.

Betty Baker said her holiday this year was the BEST! She spent it at Sue's daughters house in Tampa. They had a Baker Clan Reunion on Sat. after Christmas with lots of young people to liven up the older generation. Then Paul called at 10PM, just returning from California. He had his dancing shoes on and ready to go hit the high spots in Englewood. Calico Jacks topped off the evening. Betty reports that its a great place if you are a wee bit hard of hearing. New Years resolution is always to lose weight, but that is a lost cause. So enjoy life as it is, its later than you think.

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Two little girls were discussing their families. "Why does your Grandmother read the Bible so much?" asked one. Replied the other, "I think she's cramming for finals."  
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From the Bayo Street Irregulars - Grace Mac Donald Gilbert

Mable had great fortune at the big Bingo game - just ask her what she did with her big winnings.

Welcome back to Jim and Norma, and Alvina, Wes, Mark and Ruth. Good to see Mary Anne for the holidays, as well as Alice and her son and daughter and son-in-law. Good parties, all!

Speaking of parties... the Bishops unintentionally provided one for uninvited guests. Why do the bad guys get the good stuff?

OOPS!! I GOOFED.....missed some news from Aura Street.

Ruth Funk says, "it has been a short 6 weeks since my arrival at Gulf to Bay. I appreciate how friendly everyone has been to me. On Christmas Eve it was so pleasant to stroll around the park greeting one another, and admiring all the decorations. I especially enjoyed being on the dinner committee because the people were so nice to work with which make it fun. The longer term residents were so knowledgeable about the procedures and so willing to help the newcomers. New Years Resolution - I must change my phylasopay, work habits and life style to accomodate my newly diagnosed arthritis. This will not be an easy task for me."

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Old golfers never die; they just lose their drive  
Old poker players never die; they just cash in their chips  
Old teachers never die. They just lose their class  
Old termites never die, they just live happily ever rafter.  
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Thanks, Charlie, for use of the fish book. Hope the golf goes well.

Those of us of the fishing persuasion are waiting not so vary patiently for the warmer weather and hot fish! Or has all the construction projects scared the wet ones away? Stay tuned.

December on Cielo Street - Ruth Spilner

Cielo Street looked so festive. Our neighbors went all out to decorate their homes and each one is done a little different than the next. It looks so cheerful.

The Christmas Dance was a big success. If you missed the party, you missed a fun evening. The MUSIC, the ATMOSPHERE, and the GOOD COMPANY made it one of the best parties ever.

One of the big highlights of the evening was watching Sophie dancing with Jack Kintz. It was only a few days after her eye surgery and she was doing just fine and looked just lovely.

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Sign in a Florida nursery "Plant Parenthood"  
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To remove worry wrinkles, get your faith lifted.  
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Dorie and Frank celebrated their anniversary and Frankie's birthday this month, also a Happy Birthday to Bonnie!

As I drove past the office I saw Warren, Les and Freeman sitting over a hole in front of the office. They were all so seriously pondering whatever it was they were looking at. I supposed they must have gone fishing. Hope they had good luck and didn't snag the creature from beneath the sea.

As I write this, we are into our 5th week of "Bathroom Duty". The volunteers have kept the ladies room spotless. Couldn't check out the mens room. Afraid they would think I had ulterior motives.

Marie Genest will be moving down to the Bay soon and I will miss her as a neighbor. Soon Rose will be back in the park with her. It was very good to see Rose look so well at Christmas.

Welcome back to Irene and Bill Stevenson.

Cora has been very busy with those flying fingers of fate, knitting up some very nice items for the fair, also did some of my best holiday shopping at her home. Thank you Cora for being you!

Bonnie and Rex had a houseful of company for the holidays, they really enjoyed themselves.

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WHY NOT HAVE ALL YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS NOTARIZED?  
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Ruthann and Rick have had a very busy time since they moved over to 309. After Rick got over the shock of a cooked Thanksgiving dinner he was then treated to the aromas of cookies baking for the holiday. They have been busy planting outside and watching their 6 little tomato plants grow. And speaking of growing, their family has increased in size again. Daughter Kelly, gave birth to Holly Lynn New Years Day. Holly was the first baby born in Luzern County, Pa. so received all kinds of goodies and presents. That makes #7 and one more on the way from daughter Kathy.



Cielo St. (continued)

Jay and Kathy Dains of El Dorado Springs, MO and Kathy's father, Everett Hester, of Winchester, IL arrived at Gulf to Bay on Dec. 29. Their motor home is parked at 302. They plan to stay two months before heading back to MO and IL. Kathy just retired in August and they plan to do a lot of traveling. She made the most delicious fruit salad for the New Years party, just yummy.

Good to see Angie on the mend. She is recovering from her fall on Christmas Day; she broke her finger, her toe and did serious damage to her knee. We all wish her a quick recovery.

Nice to have George and Dolores back, all the little creatures are happy to see them too. They know where their bread is buttered, they wait patiently for George to feed them.

Annie and Bill very graciously provided outdoor music (Christmas) to all the folks that congregated at the Liars Dock.

That is about it for Cielo Street; my favorite street. To all in the Park, I wish you a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy and prosperous new year.

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Two senior citizens were discussing their many ailments. One complained in particular about a nagging pain in one leg. "It must be old age," said the friend. "Don't think so," replied the sufferer. "My other leg is just as old and it doesn't hurt a bit." GONG!!  
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The latest from Dije Street - Marge DesRochers

If you see Katey Mastie smiling lately, she reports she's finally on the mend. Bout time Katey. She'd like to thank everyone for their kindness and thoughtfulness. "Gulf to Bay people can't be beat!" Could be all those children and grandkids (9 of them) helped the healing proces too. They all enjoyed the Xmas Even activities, especially the parade and Santa on his Florida sleigh.

Ann Hale and daughter Lois went to Ocala for the holiday and enjoyed visiting #2 daughter Barbara and family.

Dije St. sure was hoppin Xmas week. Ruth Salmon, Fran Franz, the Carruthers and the Masties entertained their families - it sure was great seeing the young uns up and down the street enjoying the park.

The big grin on Theresa Miller's face tells us maybe it's cause George and Dolores have finally arrived for the winter and good home cookin! What say, Theresa?

We enjoyed sharing Xmas eve with all our dear friends in the park. Thank you all for coming. The Teehans and Boulangers - twas our pleasure folks!

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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 cigarets.  
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Jay and Jennie entertained the Brandemills for Christmas dinner and all enjoyed the day together.

Charlie and Ruth Hicks enjoyed their first Xmas in their new home on Dije St. Ruth says "the best part is having all their bathroom facilities in one room." Didn't their decorations look great?

Prayers for Shirley Deierlein as she is doctoring for a very serious back problem. We sure hope that 1992 will end better for her than 91 and that she recovers quickly.

In occupied France, during World War II, a young girl, and old lady, a middle aged Frenchman and a German officer were seated in a train compartment. As the train entered a tunnel a loud kiss was heard, then a resounding slap. When the train emerged into the light again, everyone was silent, but the German officer had a black eye. The old lady thought; "How virtuous of her! What a good example she sets for the other girls!" The young girl thought: "Thats funny - why on earth should the German try to kiss the old lady and not me?" The German officer thought: "That Frenchman is no fool. He steals a kiss and I get hit." The middle-aged Frenchman thought: "I'm so clever. I kiss the back of my hand, hit the German and no one suspects me."  
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Extra Extra, Estada St. News - Helen Bleck

The Downings had a cheerful home for the holidays. Their daughters and families celebrated in the "Christmas in the Park" and dinner at the Hall. We'll remember Santa Jim and all the elves and followers singing carols to the shut in folk. Les and Fay say a special thanks to the Flynns for the use of their golf cart. I bet drivers on the Beach Road won't ever forget it either. Maybe now they believe! Who would ever expect to see Santa pushing his sleighmobile snowless.

Bill XLB spent the holidays in Michigan with the children and grandchildren.

I had a short visit from my daughter Judy and son in law Nicky who are at their condo in Fort Myers.

Norm and Mil Durst had their daughter Karen and son-in-law Rick and daughter Christy from Tiffin Oh, plus their foreign exchange student from Finland visiting. They all enjoyed a trip to Shark Valley in the Everglades also got in some shelling, fishing and swimming. They all enjoyed eating the fresh fish, from hook to plate.

Dot Hall, Ruth Nelson and the Manleys report no action, but Ruth was sporting a real nice outfit Christmas Day, her favorite color, purple.

The Oestreichs had their son and family visiting along with 6 other relations. In order to see the waterways they rented a big float boat, and with Art as master at the helm, guided them thru our waters. They enjoyed the scenery and a show provided by a group of porpoises. We didn't see Art and Marguerite for close to 36 hours after everyone left. They were recuperating. It is always wonderful to have company, but also wonderful for the quiet afterwards.

Joan and Paul are planning a "PANCAKE BREAKFAST FOR JAN. 18-8 to 11AM. State Fair sign up on travel board in hall. They need 30 people to make the trip possible.

Joan said that Line Dancing is finally off and running, as well as band practice.

Cielo Court

Andy and Audrey Grant had the best of holidays this year. It was the first time in 26 years that they were able to share it with their son Alan. They were just all grinning from ear to ear Christmas Eve.

The Brandemills had their house looking picture perfect with all the decorations. They don't miss a spot and it is so special. Thanks for doing all that work for everyone to enjoy.

Golfo Street

The Smith's had company for a few weeks and Fran had lots of walking company.

Freeman and Etta are finally finding some time to enjoy their winter vacation. They've been out on the boat a few times and even ventured across the bridge and out of Englewood.

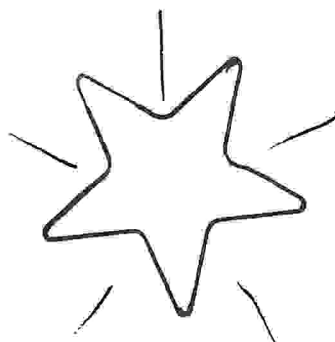
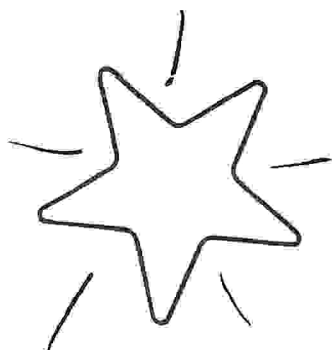
Dottie Kerber has been doing a lot of walking and she looks great.

No other news from Beach side.

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As a motorist drove away from a farmer's orchard he shouted, "We picked some of your apples. We didn't think you'd mind. "Not at all," yelled the farmer after them. "I picked some of your car's tools from the trunk. I didn't think you'd mind, either."  
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# Pot pourri

PASSING THE PUCK - Grunblings have been heard coming from the shuffleboard court. Hop skotch games had been drawn on the courts and wax crayon had been used on the score board. It was mentioned in the first news letter this year that small children are to be accompanied by an adult, courts are to be left clean of litter and walking on the courts is prohibited. So please folks, on behalf of the shufflers' that have to contend with playing on damaged courts, remind your guests that a little TLC will go a long way on the greens. Thanks a bunch, and stay out of the kitchen.



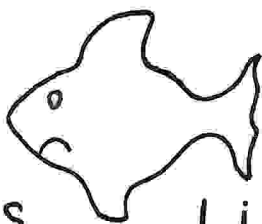
## DANCING WITH THE STARS

Mark your Calendars - Feb. 19, 1992

If you remember last month: - Ladeema and Bob Carruthers flew to Ohio on November 23, 1991 for the Ohio Star Ball, one of the largest competitions for pros and amateurs.

Juliet Prowse hosted the show which will be aired Feb. 19th. Please check your TV Guide Channel 30PBS or Channel 3. We might get a chance to see our friends twirling and spinning up a storm.

For a personal viewing, Ladeema and Bob can be seen at almost any dance being held at the Hall. They are a joy to watch.



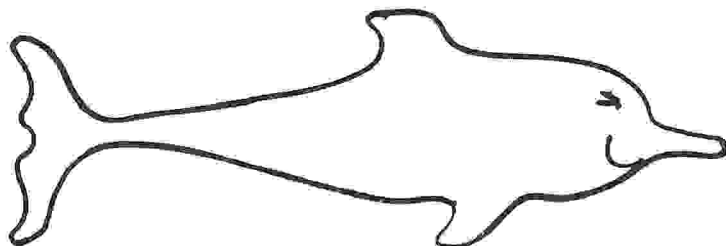
Fish Tales

Liars Dock

Nothing earth shattering at the Liars Dock. The most action down there has been the gathering of the clan and just friendly talks. Snook season came and went, and I'm sure the snook are happy to report that their fatality rate was low or just about nil. They have been seen slinking around the docks but just not into human temptations of baits.

Trout have been a good catch, a few small flounder, but nothing that demanded the roar of the crowds. In fact, fishing is just being talked about, not acted upon. We are just going thru the motions so we doesn't forgets bout it!

The adrenelin has been pumped up a bit for a few fisher persons. When they have gone to dip into their bait buckets for a shrimp alas and alack, no shrimp. No one minds sharing shrimp if someone is out, but what we do mind is expecting to find what we worked hard to get in preparation of fishing and then finding an empty bucket. Atleast the shrimp ogre could do is leave a message in a bottle.



*This letter is in response to  
the memorial donation you all  
so generously contributed to.*

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January 3, 1992

Ruth Hicks  
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Dear Ruth,

I am very thankful for your generous \$100.00 gift to Covenant House Florida in memory of Charles Deierlein. It means a great deal to me to have your support as we begin another year of helping homeless and runaway kids.

I have always looked on a new year as a wonderful opportunity -- a chance to start over. For the kids at Covenant House that is literally what this time is.

Some of our kids, after counseling, will be reunited with their families to work out a new relationship with them. Our older kids will be helped to find jobs and apartments and will begin to make a place in the world for themselves.

And our new mothers, with the help we offer them through parenting classes and follow-up visits, will begin the important job of nurturing and helping to share a new life.

Thank you for making all of these new beginnings possible. May this year be an especially good one for you and yours. Please keep our kids in your prayers.

Most sincerely,



Nancy Lee Matthews  
Executive Director

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P.S. I have sent an acknowledgment of your generosity to Shirley.

Ala Natural' has taken on a new concept from reports coming in from gulfside. A healthy, well put together, topless sunbather has been adorning our sunny shores.

Now, the history of girl watching goes back to the stone ages. All types of leering, ogling, observing goes on. The style depends on the leerer, place, attire and circumstances. Looking has become a fine art and below are various ways it has been mastered:

Public Transportation - the worldly peering over the newspaper routine

Driving - (with wife) the rear view mirror trick or looking out the side of head. Driving a truck, and looking down into cars.

Driving - (alone) old swivel neck and a loud whistle, also looking into cars.

Dining Out - sit facing entrance or near ladies room

Mall Shopping - lurking in the clothes racks

Food Shopping - run over a foot with cart, offer to massage the foot, also looking forlorn choosing the right melon

- Beach Watching -
1. on the stomach, peering under the armpit
  2. planted in lounge chair under a hat and dark glasses
  3. in lounge chair faking a nap
  4. facing the obstacles head on, devil may care attitude
  5. conversing with a group, (survey says!!) rating 1 - 10
  6. binoculars - no shame
  7. using a pipe as a smoke screen
  8. sky gazing - pretending to look at the clouds, but really scanning the sights over a wide range
  9. most innovative one yet - spread eagle stance, bent over, looking between the legs for sharks teeth and seashells.

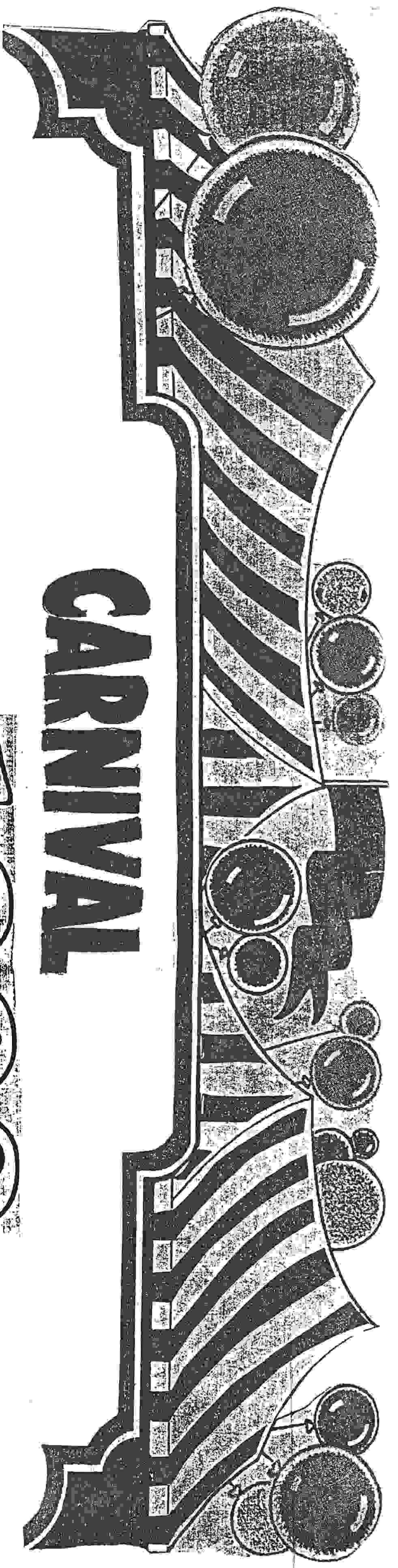
RING A BELL TO ANY YOU HAVE SEEN?



Here's Looking at You Kid

Artist - Jim Thorne

See You Later, Alligator.



# CARNIVAL

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