

the Listening Post

The Official Publication of the Gulf to Bay Recreation Association

Welcome Back

Nov. 91

Just because the Listening Post was put to bed for the season didn't mean things slowed up.

Let the good times roll seemed to be the theme at the St. Patricks dinner and dance. The all-Irish dinner was opened with greeters Boyd and Pat, our honorary leprachons. The food was served by authentic lads and lassies. A nice brew washed down the tell-all cabbage with a chaser of cake and coffee. The evening ended on a very happy, upbeat mood with all the party animals dancing the night away. I must say, it was a great party. Thank you March Committee.

Englewood Ambulance made a few jaunts to Gulf-to-Bay this spring, but thank goodness our neighbors were taken to the hospital and returned home again. An "OUNCE OF PREVENTION" is nothing to sneeze about. A word on this subject; There was an incident where the ambulance could not get past the cars at the turn of Beach Road. The driver of the ambulance and fire truck had to back out into traffic and go around the block. Not only was this twice as hazardous but if this had been life threatening or a fire in progress, precious moments were wasted. We realize that parking is not the best, but PLEASE be sure your rear end is not in the road. (a little humor)

Walking the streets in May reminded me of Naked City, slowly the lights were dimmed and out. Sure missed seeing the walkers and bikers at all hours, plus the busy bees working around the park. But, we have come full swing and the lights are starting to filter thru the darkness.

Etta and Freeman fulfilled a lifelong dream and got to sleep bayside. They resided in their pop-up on the Stumpfs spot, while their children were here visiting. The kids had the Gulfo house - the best of 2 worlds, my" my".

They say things happen in 3's, and that sure held true 4/16/91. First off, Norma C. took a nose dive from her boat into the bay, the Don Smith's were on their way to the airport with their daughter and their car got hit from the back end. She ended up with a neck brace on. And the crowning glory of the day was Cora. She also took a dive, while out getting her airline tickets for vacation north. Broke her shoulder and did a number on both of her knees. Good thing there were only 24 hours in that day.

The 91 Season has been charged with many over-the-fence conversations in regards to the sale of the park and the sewage installations. Let's not lose our perspective, and remember that the thing that we love the most about GTB is the people and friendship. We shouldn't get caught up in the heat of panic and fright and lose what fragileness there is left.

Mobile Homes - "If ever a modern mobile home does have to be moved, it is a traumatic experience for the owners, for the frail home itself, and for everyone in its path. Between 8 and 14 feet wide and up to 70 feet long, preceded by a signal car with a flashing emergency light supposed to frighten other vehicles out of the way, the WIDE LOAD whips beyond its lane as it shimmies and flexes on sets of little bouncing tires like some demented dinosaur that might crush anything around it just by accident. Cheerful as it may seem when surrounded by lawn ornaments on its lot in a mobile home community, a mobile home in transit is sheer highway terror."

Off and Running...

One event outshines the next when it comes to our social activities, and I sure hope no one missed the horse race of the century. This fete was orchestrated by Bob King and crew. This new event took place gulf side at "Gulfo Downs". Jim Bishop's blaring of the horn let everyone know the races were to begin. And.....they came out of the gates at a breakneck speed, around the track with the roar of the crowd cheering them on. Black Beauty, Bahama Mama, Purple Passion, Pink Hibiscus, Golden Gulf Granny and True Blue really were in a competitive mood. Nostrils flaring, none would cede the rail to the other without a battle. Then, as the senses heightened, Race 3 had a set back. Golden Gulf Granny developed a case of nerves and lost her manners all over the track. Trainer Joan came out with the pooper scooper. Good thing the wheel barrow and shovel were close by. Six races were run and the final race was True Blue over the finish line and not a flops throw away was Purple Passion and Pink Hibiscus, a real close one folks. Can you believe it folks, all those throwawaybreds right in our neighborhood.

When all the dander and flies settled, the campfire was lit, stoves fired up, the Council and friends served beer and hot dogs, marshmallows roasted on the open fire. Then a sing-a-long with the many talented folks accompanying with instruments, especially unique was the gadget that Jim and Norma Bishop played. A special treat was possible from Marge and Peg's son who was visiting from Mass. He has his own group up there, so strummed several songs from the 50's and had a back-up group of park residents that really went down Memory Lane. Many thanks to Jim, Norma, Jim Kell, Peg, Art, Jack, Joan, Paul and Al for the music and support.

This sure was a wonderful time and it was a great way to end the season. We needed that!

A HINT!! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR AN INVITATION TO A PARTY.

Before I forget, the funds that were made over the summer purchased 2 nice shade cabannas. The reason for 2, well Dot Manley and Joan Stunzig shopped from Sarasota to Pt. Charlotte, and did they get a deal. Thanks gals!

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When Sally O'Malley of County Clare won the Irish Sweepstakes, she decided to treat herself to some of the finer things in life. "I've niver had a milk bath," she told her milkman one morning. "Wouldja be bringin me 96 quarts o milk tomorro'?" "Whatever ye want, mum, answered the milkman. "Will that be pasteurized?" "No," said she. "Up to my chest will do."

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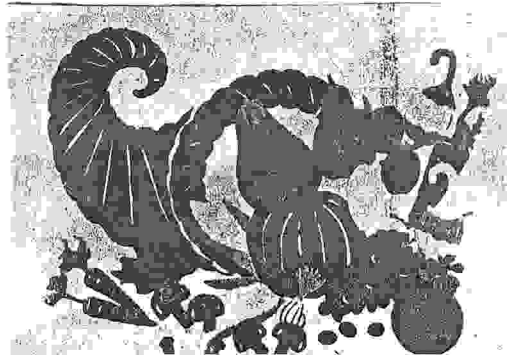
I haven't touched on a serious side in this first newsletter of the season, but I do want to touch on the health problems so many have and are still suffering. May God Speed and the healing be with you. We have also lost a few of our friends and neighbors due to their passing. They will be missed sorely as we all go on to this new era in our park. Your editor has a hard time expressing herself when it comes to sad times. I cannot write a lot of flowers and tears but my deepest thoughts and prayers are with anyone who is ill or has lost someone, or going thru trying times.

HOT DATE TO REMEMBER: Pancake Breakfast
Rec Hall
NOVEMBER 16 8-11am
Bring your own plates, cups and utensils

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Cora spent years training her bird, Benji, to speak and tell jokes. Finally they got a spot on a nighttime talk show. But the darn bird just sat there and would not make a sound. On the way home, Cora said, "That was our big break and you went silent on me - what happened?" Replied Benji, "I couldn't see the cue cards!" GONG!!

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Potpourri

Two little boys from Castaways were playing on the Tiki - when asked to leave, their reply was, "Bag it Lady". They did leave, on the last day of their vacation.

Refrig. in hall was inadvertently unplugged. By the time it was discovered creatures of unknown origin had moved in. Joan and Dot held their noses and plunged right in. They could have used one of those environmentally safe outer space suits.

Rain Days on our parade: Memorial Day Picnic
2 pizza parties
1 fish fry. (social committee finally gave up)

Hot poker games prevailed during the summer, none of the players would fess up to their winnings. Didn't want to take the group out for breakfast.

Sunny the Pelican, who had become a new park resident has disappeared so we surmise that he is in bird heaven.

Stubby has a mate now. Jim Manley has a good rapport with this ornery old bird.

One of the white egrets was hit on the main road by a flying motorcycle. (never stopped)

Gomer the Gopher Turtle is still in residence, Gulf side. Ken Abbe looks out for him.

Speaking of Ken he had a real blast this summer, ask him about his hair raising experience.

Charlie Letch toured the west with his 2 grandchildren for 5 weeks. The kids kept a diary of their travels.

Englewood Jaycees sponsored another July 4th Extravanza - that was the final touch to a (dry) cookout on the Tikki.

Did you hear about the flasher on the beach - our new residents Ruth and Jack had the honors.

The Grants spent many a night moonlighting on the beach releasing logger head turtles. They always notified folks in the park to share in the release. It sure is a goose-pimple time seeing those tiny little creatures charging down the sand to the water.

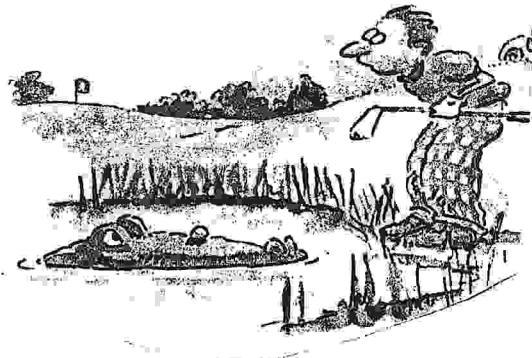
Two quiet, demure ladies that we all know and love got stopped by the police this summer. Guess who!

Bob A. and Rick M. entered and placed in the Englewood Picnic horseshoe tournament. They got down to the last set of eliminations. All this thru a torrential summer thunder and lightning storm.

When it comes to telling who moved where, and what is going on is a mystery and happening too fast for me, so as you are strolling the park please don't think folks are on the wrong street, nope just have moved a bit. We'll all catch up with each other soon. Cielo was a classic example; Ruth and Jack were passing Rita and Mo in their moving quest. Everything was being transported, mirrors TVs, boxes of goodies, chairs, bookshelves. It was work of love and excitement as the expectations and dreams of the park were drawing to a climax. Rita's biggest concern was moving her houseplants to the same exposure and Ruth had to figure out what to do with an extra TV. It all came out OK.

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Overheard in the laundry room: "My wife and I have a perfect understanding. I don't try to run her life...and I don't try to run mine."
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And then there was the gangster who went broke after putting all his money in junk blonde
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Thanksgiving Dinner

Nov. 28

information will be posted -

And then there was the male spotted owl who told his wife, "what do you mean you have a headache? We're an endangered species."

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A couple went to the psychiatrist. "What seems to be the problem?" asked the shrink. "It's my wife, Doc," the man explained. "For the last 6 months, she thought she was a lawn mower." "Why didn't you bring her in sooner?" "I was waiting for the neighbor to bring her back."

Did you hear the latest? Federal Express and UPS are planning to merge? They'll call themselves "Fed Up".

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During the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary, the wife noticed a tear in her husband's eye. "I never realized how sentimental you are," she said. "That's not it," he sniffled. "Remember when your father caught is in the barn, he said if I didn't marry you he'd send me to jail for 50 years? Well, today I would have been a free man."

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THE RULES

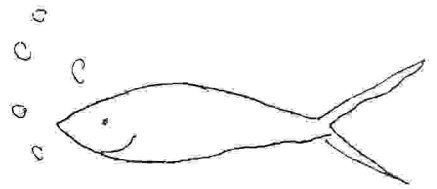
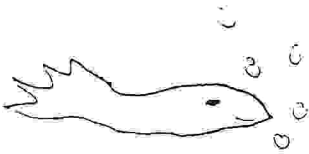
The FEMALE always makes "The Rules"
The Rules are subject to change at any time without prior notification.
No MALE can possibly know all the Rules.
If the FEMALE suspects the MALE knows all The Rules, she must immediately change some or all The Rules.
The FEMALE is never wrong.
If the FEMALE is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the MALE did or said wrong.
MALE must apologize immediately for causing said misunderstanding.
The FEMALE may change her mind at any time.
MALE must never change his mind without the express written consent of the FEMALE.
The FEMALE has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
The MALE must remain calm at all times unless the FEMALE wants him to be angry and/or upset.
The FEMALE must, under no circumstances, let the MALE know whether or not she wants him to be angry and/or upset.
The MALE is expected to mind read at all times.
If the FEMALE has PMS, all The Rules are null and void.
The FEMALE is ready when she is ready.
The MALE must be ready at all times.
Any attempt to document the Rules could result in bodily harm.
The MALE who doesn't abide by The Rules can't take the heat, lacks backbone, and is a wimp.

NOTE: written by some school teachers in CT, given to us by Bob and Alice.



Fish Tales

Liars Dock



The tad of excitement at the Liars Dock this summer is depicted in the fish chart. The decent catches were few and far between. That old song "Shrimp Boats are a Coming" lied. I didn't see one shrimp boat depositing shrimp in Lemon Bay. Shrimping was soooo bad this summer no one even had 1 shrimp meal.

I personally think that is why the fishing was so terrible. No self respecting fish would dare go for one of those tiny little shrimp.

Many reasons have been discussed during brain storming sessions with the professionals, but a newspaper article 10/6/91 confirmed what the masses feel. Storm waters have had a deep impact on the marine life, between all the sewage lines being dug and all the needed rain we've got storm drainage. Hopefully, the future will hold a brighter, cleaner waterway.

A freakish thing happened the end of June. Chris and Don were here for one of their get-away trips, and staying at the old Stumpf site. Folks were milling around the dock, when this red sports car came down Cielo. Young man parked his car, got out and chit chatted with us all. He was pleasant and very friendly. We were all trying to figure out who or where he belonged and didn't want to appear rude and ask. Well, we paid for that! Mr. Cool walked over to the tree where Chris and Don's fishing poles were, threw them in his car and took off. Chris ran down the road after him and got the license number. The Sheriff's Department investigated but no results, none that mattered anyway. But they did learn the tags had been registered to a stolen car in Miami. The moral of the story is "we had better start asking questions of strangers, and don't leave it to someone else". This is all of ours responsibility to protect thineself and thine castle, and our neighbors. It might not be a bad idea for folks that lend their homes to relatives in the summer time be reminded to introduce themselves.

Red tide was very bad and lasted almost the whole month of August. At one point the stench was so bad it hit the nose and eyes crossing over the Tom Adams Bridge. Dead fish on the beach every day. The county finally cleaned the beaches. The tourist industry was really damaged by the whole thing. Mother Nature sure is a Lady of Mystery. Can never outguess what she'll do next.



FISH STORY

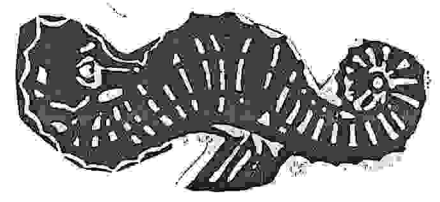
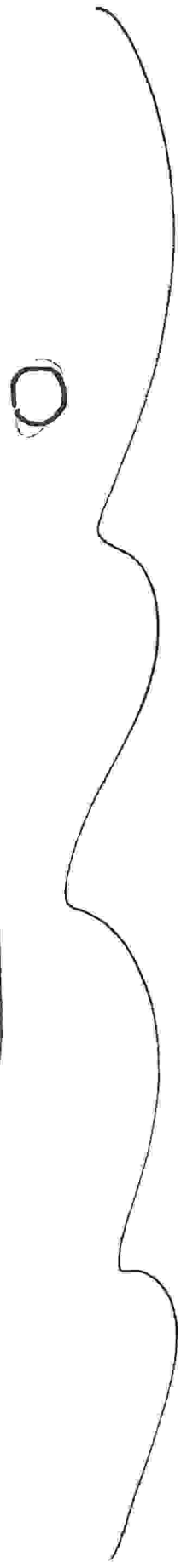
After fishing for walleye all day and not getting so much as a bite, the fisherman went back to shore, loaded up his boat and began driving home. He stopped at a fish market. "Throw me six of the biggest fish you have," he said to the proprietor. "Throw them? Why?" "Because I'm going to catch them. I may be a lousy fisherman, but I'm not a liar."

EDITORS NOTE...reminds me of my first trout fishing with Rick soon after our marriage..I bought frozen trout and had them up the sleeve of my jacket, to be sure of a stringer full. Damn things didn't defrost and were as stiff as a board, also uncomfortable.

(R) Red
(S) Snook

Bud Hicks 4-15 (S)
 RICK M 6-11 (R)
 Ruthann 5-2 (S)
 FRANK F 3-11 (S)
 RICK M 3-8 (S) INUB 4-2 (R)
 Jim Chessman 1-2 (R)
 RICK M 10-6 (R)
 Jan Bell 3-30 (S)
 Ruthann 4-7 (S)
 Ken Abbe 2-26 (S) (Gulf) (S)

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Snuffy Smith



e Gulf-to-Bay Mobile Home Owners Assoc.

The incumbent Board of Directors is listed below:

<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRATION</u>
President - William Stevenson	March 91
Vice Pres. - Freeman Crosby	March 91
Secretary - Frances Franz	March 92
Treasurer - Eugene Hull	March 92
 <u>MEMBERS AT LARGE</u>	
Raymond DeMoss	March 91
Thomas McElroy	March 91
Leslie Downing	March 92
Allison Brown	March 92

EDITORIAL.....

ONE SIDE OF THE FENCE "Sorry, I don't have time"
 "I did that years ago"
 "It doesn't matter, its just a protocal thing"
 "I can't make a difference"
 "I'll never win"

OTHER SIDE OF THE FENCE "Sure, why not - its only a meeting or two a month"
 "The committees take care and help out"
 "Time goes fast"
 "Its not that bad a thing"
 "My neighbors and friends will support me"

That is the general gist of election times and getting nominees. The nominating committees hear it all, and despite that they prepare a good slate with well-intentioned people with no personal ends to gain or axes to grind. The big day arrives - there are congratulations and condolences. Keys, signature cards, minutes and records are given to the newly elected. The cycle begins again.

Reality sets in as the newly elected officers delegate their expertise and ideas for the "good of all". That is what our officers at Gulf to Bay have done for us. We may not agree with everything they say or do but they have been looking out for the best interests of us all. They have extended themselves and mates to the enth degree with their time, nerves, out of pocket expenses and sleepless nights.

In return they have received encouragement, support, prayers and opinions. On the other hand, they have been accused of not communicating, lying, keeping things from us, and buying a park that at first was not for sale.

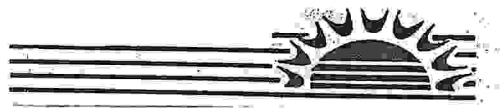
Under the circumstances of time frame, miles of seperation, depression, panic, dealing with a disappearing owner, I believe they have done an outstanding job and we should be very proud to have them as friends and neighbors. They have gone above the course of duty. Thank you.....

TRAVEL NEWS Thanksgiving Trip has been cancelled. All deposits will be refunded by mail from Sarasota Travel. Also, I have cancelled the Rose Bowl/Las Vegas trip for this year. Watch Bulletin Board in Rec Hall for further news of trips. Juan S.

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Every new project, it has been said, goes through three phases: it will not work, it will cost too much and I thought it was a good idea all along.
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Boy, did we give it our best - trying for the lottery. The dreams at the Liars Dock went from buying Turtle Apts. and putting in a 2 tier parking lot, guest motel for our relatives, to a pool, spa, beauty shop. There was a lot of humor and at least we were all able to take our minds off of the serious issues facing the park.

Several of the neighbors holed up on the dock with coffee and donuts, as the time drew closer the gang moved to the Hall. Everyone checked the numbers and then double checked. Sorry we didn't win and thank you one and all for giving it a try.



Marie Wadlegger is our "Sunshine Lady" so if you hear of news, etc. please let her know.

Our street reporters will be on duty for the December news letter. Please think of/or write it down for them. To curb expenses of our paper please refrain from the "Who's Coming and Visiting". At this point in time we will all be lucky if we remember whom lives where, let alone who is visiting whom.

CUT N SAVE

THE EXIT

The parkway west is a fast shot
With many exits on the way;
But there is one that's almost home
Marks an end to our drivin day.

four ood lanes through the heart of things;
Can zip the limit all the way
To that exit that i call our own
That ends our driving for the day.

I love that road---the parkway west,
Through all the East; where 'er I roam;
Throughout the land, I deem it best;
It has that exit near our home.

Hampden F. Tener

Recreation Council 1991-1992

President George Gallaher
Vice President Ruth Arnholt
Secretary Muriel Lyon
Treasurer Jean Croteau
Deputy Treasurer Dot Manley
Council Members Dick Brady, Paul Bube

Activity Leaders with dates and times being developed

Art
Aluminum Can Coll. Art Oestreich
Bible Study Gene Hallett
Bingo Freeman Crosby
Bridge Rita Teehan
Crafts Cora Tyson and Mickie Wagner
Euchre Terry and Vinnie Phaneuf
Exercise Fay Downing
Golf Jim Manley
Horse Shoes Bob Arnholt
Kitchen Band Joan Stunzig
Line Dancing Joan and Paul
"Listening Post" Ruthann Mac Farlane
Old Newspapers Ruth Arnholt (deliver to 213 Bayo St)
Pancake Breakfast Paul and Joan
Poker Bud Hicks
Square Dancing Ruth and Jack Spiller
Shuffleboard Clayton Brown (Brownie)
Sunshine Lady Marie Wadlegger

Monthly Activity Leaders

Nov.	Terry Phaneuf	474-3916
Dec.	Dick Brady - Ruth Arnholt	475-9514 474-0837
Jan.	Gene Hull	475-2149
Feb.	George Gallaher	474-3630
March	Jean Croteau	475-6356
Apr.	Paul Dube, Muriel Lyon	475-9081 475-8878

ACTIVITIES

Band Practice - each Tuesday at 11AM to 12noon
Bible Study - each Wednesday at 10AM to 11AM
Bingo - each Monday and Friday 7PM
Bridge - each Tuesday at 7PM
Crafts - each Friday at 10AM to 12noon
Euchre - each Thursday at 7PM
Pinochle - each Sunday at 7PM
Poker - each Wednesday at 7PM
Line Dancing - each Tuesday at 2-4PM

*Art and Marguerite extends a very sincere
Thank You to Ruth and Bob for taking
charge of the aluminum can collection when
they are away.*



**TIKKI
BEACH PARTY**

NOV 16

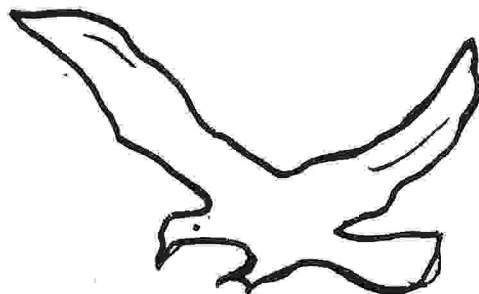
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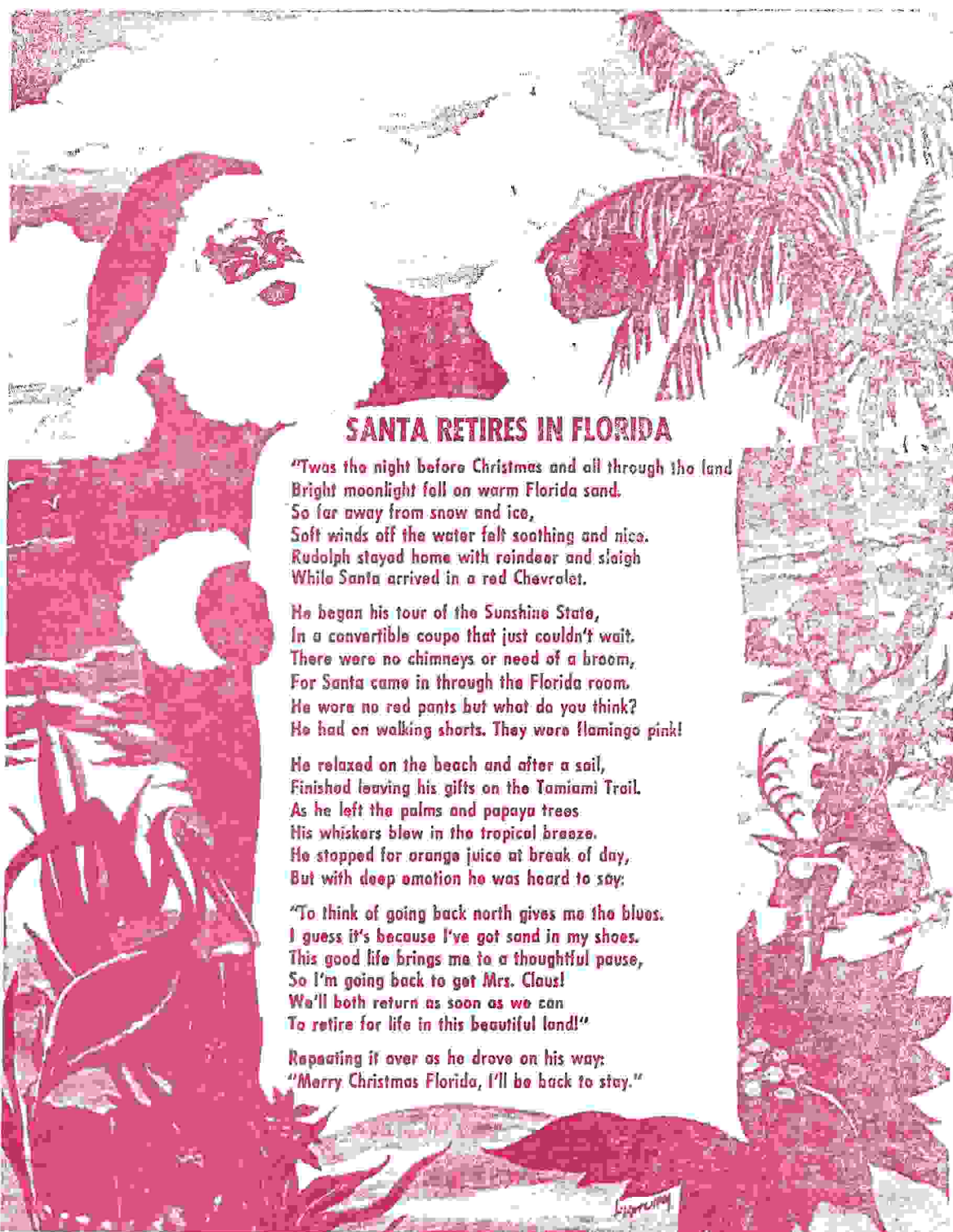


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SANTA RETIRES IN FLORIDA

"Twas the night before Christmas and all through the land
Bright moonlight fell on warm Florida sand.
So far away from snow and ice,
Soft winds off the water felt soothing and nice.
Rudolph stayed home with reindeer and sleigh
While Santa arrived in a red Chevrolet.

He began his tour of the Sunshine State,
In a convertible coupe that just couldn't wait.
There were no chimneys or need of a broom,
For Santa came in through the Florida room.
He wore no red pants but what do you think?
He had on walking shorts. They were flamingo pink!

He relaxed on the beach and after a sail,
Finished leaving his gifts on the Tamiami Trail.
As he left the palms and papaya trees
His whiskers blew in the tropical breeze.
He stopped for orange juice at break of day,
But with deep emotion he was heard to say:

"To think of going back north gives me the blues.
I guess it's because I've got sand in my shoes.
This good life brings me to a thoughtful pause,
So I'm going back to get Mrs. Claus!
We'll both return as soon as we can
To retire for life in this beautiful land!"

Repeating it over as he drove on his way:
"Merry Christmas Florida, I'll be back to stay."

I guess it's safe to say that we are just about all here. Some of our friends and neighbors will be heading north for the holidays, visiting relatives and grandchildren. Please travel safely and watch the roads and holiday drivers.

A lot has been going on in the park this month, I hope that I will remember to cover everything. November was such a fun-filled exciting month, can't take much more.

Everyone in the park was graciously invited to join Joan and Norma to celebrate the collecting of their "Coming of Age" Social Security Check. They blew the first check on us. The big event was Nov. 9. This might become a trend. All the foods were prepared by Publix Caterers, finger foods of all kinds to satisfy even the fussy eater. A beautiful cake was cut by the 2 hostess' and served to all the guests.

Opening of cards and gag gifts was a real highlight. All the guests were unusually gay and light hearted. Wonder why!! Charlie Letch was our "Cheers" bartender. Did a great job and never spilled a drop.

Thanks again gals for the lovely party. What are you doing next month?

Rex and Bonnie are running a second story operation. Two Blue Herons have taken over their roof. If you can't see them you can hear them. They act like guards on Cielo St. Saw Rex trying to entice them down with fish one evening.

The Brandenmills really were hard at it getting Shirley Ryans place all prettied up for her. The flower beds are so nice.

Have you noticed all the bike traffic lately? At first I thought Les and Freeman were practicing for a bikathon, instead they were peddling against time, and boy, did they do a fantastic job.

Speaking of bikes, Etta is sporting a new one, as well as Bonnie and Rex.

Do you believe in fairies - well, believe it or not, there is a laundry fairy in our park. The only thing is, I think she just stops at one place. Allison set her basket outside for Rita to pick up. Rita didn't find a basket, so went on her way. Later in the day Allison thanked Rita for doing her laundry. Rita responded with a blank look and wasn't sure who was losing it. Rita didn't do it, the laundry fairy is still a secret, but Allison and Rita express their thanks. That sure was right neighborly. Hey laundry fairy my basket will be outside.....

Bob Nopper opted from a 1 1/2 story addition to just redoing the front of his house. It really looks great.

Sophie, Dotty and Vaughn are going to help in a very special project. I am sure they will be getting more involvement and help. That is all the hints.

If you see Jim Thorne sketching, be prepared. He is working on something special to incorporate with our newsletter. I think you will all be delighted.

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Each Christmas our church presents a concert featuring a live Nativity scene. My 5 year old nephew was up in the balcony, not paying much attention. As the wise men began marching down the center aisle toward the manger, my brother leaned over and whispered to my nephew, "Charlie look! You're missing it! Here comes the king!" Charlie jumped up, looked over the balcony railing and asked, "That's Elvis?" GONG!!
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Our 4 year old granddaughter, Jenny, had been engrossed in drawing a picture of the Nativity scene and finally took it to her dad for his approval. "Why, it's beautiful, Jenny" he said. "But why is one of Joseph's legs so much longer than the other?" "Oh, he's stamping his foot," "He wanted a girl."
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Hi Everyone,

I want to personally wish you all a wonderful holiday season and if you will be traveling, please be careful.

Hope that this newsletter brings you some enjoyment. If it is not up to snuff I apologize. The month of November has been very hectic and my mind has been elsewhere.

This month we did not concentrate too hard on street news - but I did want to introduce you to Betty Schwarz and Grace Mac Donald who have graciously volunteered their services. They did a wonderful job and their zeal and energy are to be commended. Thanks gals, next month the fullrank will be in.

Reps. from our other streets have been on extra duty with other jobs, and Ruth Spiller, who will be reporting for her first time had personal family problems that had to be given attention.

*Merry Christmas
Reulana Mae Lulane*

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Saddam Hussein was being driven to Kuwait soon after his short-lived conquest of the country. Enroute, his arored limo hit a mule. "We must show concern for the peasants," Saddam told his driver. "Go to the house and apologize for killing their mule." The driver obeyed and returned a few moments later with his arms full. "Look at what they gave me," "almonds, dates nuts..." "I don't understand, said Saddam. "Weren't they angry?" "No," replied the driver. "They cheered and gave me these presents." "What exactly did you tell them?" "All I said was, 'Praise Allah! The jackass is dead!'"
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TRAVEL NOTES: Please check the bulletinboard in the Hall (by the water cooler) Besides the trips posted there are phamplets that list all excursions available this year. Please remember we must have at least 30 passengers to reserve the bus. Dates can be arranged as posted or to our convenience once we have the minimum number. (bus holds 47 passengers)

EDITORIAL.....

For My Dad.....

'Tis the season, but which one? Went to the store for halloween decorations and right in the next aisle was Christmas with Thanksgiving hanging on the end racks. I don't know about you, but I resent combining them. Seems to diminish the glow of Christmas when everything is shopworn and dusty. One of the exciting times growing up was the Thanksgiving Day Parade and waiting breathlessly for Santa to make his appearance.

Highlights of childhood for my sister and I was our grandmother and aunt taking us on the el and trolley cars to center city of Philadelphia. First off, would be Litt Brothers, sounds of department bells ringing over the piped in holiday music, trees decorated with scarves and gloves, cosmetics promising you glamour and beauty for the holiday, aromas from the speciality candy shoppes.

With this entrance we would ride the elevators to the magic of toyland. It was always a secret to have our photos taken with Santa and present them to our parents on Christmas morning. After giving Santa a thorough check to make sure he was the "REAL ONE" (always was in our eyes) we'd leave our short list, get our free gift and charge ahead. Grandmom always spoiled us, and this special day was no exception - she'd turn us loose in the toy department for an hour. Next stop, Strawbridge and Clothier.

Outside we would press our noses up against the storefront windows, enthralled with the decorations of a never, never land; tinsel, trees, lights, dolls of all types and sizes, animals, trains and trucks for little fellows. She always saved John Wanamaker's for last. The famous "Meet Me At The Eagle" spot. The hugest pipe organ rang out and at a given time chorales presented seasonal music. This spot was real magic.

The end of our annual trek was in a little basement restaurant that served the best stuffed clams in Phila. I made this last trip with grandmom when I was 17. She was dying of cancer. We both realized that this was our last time into our private magical kingdom of Christmas. Neither of us spoke of it, but the air was poignant with what we felt for one another and the times shared. Truly, the spirit of Christmas was touching us.

Today, with the blue light specials and the shopping season so long, something is really lost. Mom is seen with the kids doing their shopping, no secrets. Once a kid hits first grade they are called sissy's if they believe, nylon stockings aren't filled with oranges, nuts and small goodies, but now it is designer stockings filled with miniature computers, jewelry and more serious items. It makes me wonder - IS THE MAGIC OF YESTERYEAR STILL THERE. DO THEY FEEL IT, LIKE WE DID?



Hot off the press - Jack headed for his usual trip to the library. He noticed his newspaper was off the beaten path, so he grabbed one laying on the edge of the road. With that, Bob W. came running in the library after him. Seems Jack checked out the wrong newspaper. He should have stuck to Scotts. (GONG)

Everyone has been in such a pleasant mood and feeling good that it doesn't even matter where you are, it just seems to glow. Helen can attest to that. She was enjoying her brisk evening walk one night, and forgot what street she was on. The confusion could have come from furniture and clothes crossing in front of her.

Hey gals, you know how men always blame us women for being scatterbrains. Well it wasn't a lady who locked herself out of her house on Cielo one night. And after Rick went over and got the door opened, guess who did it all over again. You can imagine the laughing and giggling. Won't mention names but initials are WB, not necessarily in that order.

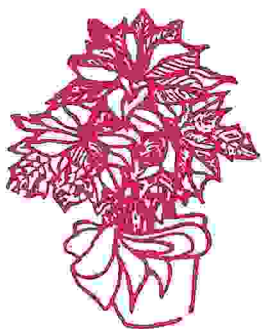
The old shuffle board court has been getting a workout, guess it won't be long before the serious shuffling begins. Maybe Brownie will get time to play a game or two. He has been kept busy keeping up with Allison, and that aint easy.

Have you noticed the whirlwind of activity between Cielo and Dije St. The Hicks have moved one jump over from Cielo. Mac Farlanes have move a skip across the street to 309. Half of the furniture was changed over to 320, 320's stuff was on the move to 309. At least we know where our lost slippers or eyeglasses will be. Rex and Bonnie were going to have to monitor traffic thru their place. At least the grass won't need mowing for awhile.

There are so many great people in our park and some have really gone beyond the limit. A very special thank you for caring from the ones you cared about.....

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"Did you hear they've got a new product that cuts down on a man's sexual urges?" a fellow asked his neighbor. "What's so new about that?" he replied. "I married one 30 years ago." GONG
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Thanksgiving Day was a time for joining our large family together and to give prayers and love to those of us who are not here. We are all so lucky. The dinner at the Hall was traditional and wonderful. I wasn't able to attend but hearing the people walking home was a testimonial. I foolishly offered to cook Rick a full holiday meal and the silly man took me up on it. Shouldn't complain though, it was the first holiday I really cooked for. Won't make that slip again.



"Florida the Beautiful"

I know a place of rare delight,
A land where sunshine reigns,
Where days are warm and skies are bright
With sunset's glowing flames.

Its fruited groves on every hand
And gardens filled with flowers,
Are almost like a fairy-land
In this fair realm of ours.

We linger here among the palms
The azaleas and hibiscus,
Where Nature wears her sweetest charms
And poinsettias bloom at Christmas.

John Warrington

Shared by Norma & Dick

Aura Street brought to you by Betty Schwarz

New neighbors Betty and Dennis Flynn have brought some class to Aura St. when they bought a golf cart to get around the park in because of a broken ankle! Watch for grand opening of Denny's Irish Pub!! Ha

Sure is nice to have so many neighbors that will help you when you need it, that's why I love this park, but, no one came to my rescue when I was in the shower with a frog. Maybe if I had kissed him he would have turned into a prince! Didn't anyone hear me yelling?

All of us on Aura St. are going to miss Edna. Hope to see her around the park. She has helped so many of us. Ken DeLaney and Bonnie Hill moved in.

Pat and Harriet Carmody took a trip to the pan handle and almost froze their buns off. They should have gone south, maybe.

Don and Chris Pease bought into the park, and are very excited about it. Great neighbors.

Dick Brady moved from Bayo to Aura. He wants to remi everyone to be at the Tiki at noon on Christmas Day 12 - 1PM for punch and hor d'oeures, and the 14th at 7PM for the lighting of the tree at the dock.

Boyd and Pat Gunnison had their place remodeled by Kenny Hess. What a beauty.

Betty Baker is dancing again and again and again. Keep it up, we love it!

Marge Stocum still looks good in a bathing suit when she goes to the beach. She said its forever in the park. She also talked to Alice Hess and Alice wants to say hello to everyone.

Four rods and reels were reported missing on our street. A few of them were found under the Tiki but some of the reels were gone. Do we need a night patrol? (editors note: yes) I wonder if they got drunk while fishing with all the gin that was taken also.

Breezes from Bayo - Grace Mac Donald Gilbert

Bob Arnholt just back from the hospital. Thanks to all good friends for cards, calls, visits and prayers. Notice the new landscape job three of the girls did. Ruth says the marigolds match their trailer!

Bernice Theiss is still busy at beadcraft. She'd love to share the fun and teach a few willing souls - just stop in and ask.

Phyllis Crosby is still jamming the airwaves. Did you know that the old CB wireless has entered the computer age?

Charlie Letsch is the Park's unofficial "Tetris"/Nintendo champ. If your nerves permit, maybe he can give you a good run for your money.

Jack and Ann will be heading out after Christmas to await grandson's birth - then return end of Feb. That's when it really gets cold up north.

Sophie will be having cataract surgery Dec. 9, we wish her well. She remembers when rent here was \$18.00 a month.

Gladys and Jim are to be congratulated on a new bathtub! One day I visited, and bath fixtures were in the bedroom, fully functional. Florida living can be strange.

Rose enjoyed Thanksgiving at the Hall misses the park and all of us.

The Henthorns will be gone from Dec. til March. Some folks just can't retire. He hopes to get more time to paint.

The Bovee's are back from Ft. Lauderdale to visit her sister who has been ill.

The Gilberts have added to their home and, no, its not a nursery!

Bob and Ladeema Carruthers made a trip to Columbus, Ohio the week before Thanksgiving for a ballroom dance competition, with their feet barely touching the dance floor they had 2 first places and 2 seconds. Congratulations to you both.

Clara was here for the holiday and then headed back to the east coast for more medical treatments. Hope she'll be back with us full time real soon.

Petunias planted in all the blank spaces sure add a bright, cheerful touch. Seeing a lonely, empty, flower bed is so sad. Reminds me of the lonely, little, petunia in the onion patch.

The directory is in the making, office getting ready for the change-over, so many things happening that everyday you can see the changes - really the first day of the rest of our lives at Gulf-to-Bay.

Do you believe it? Flowers in the shower room! Marge and Ruth sure added the personal touch when they did the tidy bowl act in the bathroom and laundry room. The windows, floors, tiles just sparkle. Jack and Peg worked on the mens side and we know the girls did the white glove test on them.

Bayo Street Shower Room has a list of neighbors that will be taking care of it, so, please folks, when you use any of the facilities, take a little extra time straightening up when you are finished. It will be appreciated by the next person in line and the tenders of the week. Could be your turn!!

Bonnie and Rex stenciled all the boat dock numbers for easier vision. Now you don't have a search and seizure to find your slip. Also noticed that the pot holes are all filled in along the seawall.

Rex had the little trailer on Cielo professionally scrubbed down, Bud Hicks has been scrapping the loose paint and getting ready to paint; he Rex and Rick got all the painting done.

Gene has been checking for missing water meters, looking the docks over. Work on them will start soon.

If anyone asked you the magic word, what would you say - well the first thing that comes to my mind, (No, not gestures) is CLIP_BOARD - every committee needs one, and they sure are prevalent in the park, getting a real workout.

The shuffle board court was trimmed, scrubbed by the men; Ruth Nelson, Ruth Hicks, Rita Teehan and Ruthann painted all the benches and trim. Looks great, had to keep the shufflers from putting their tushes on the benches, didn't want them to have stripes on their butts.

Bonnie would like to express her gratitude to all the folks that jumped in with lots of elbow grease to get the beach house in ship-shape order. It now passes the white glove test.

With all the action going on in the park it sure is free entertainment!

The shuttle take off Sunday evening Nov. 24 was the icing on the cake for the weekend. A good many folks convened on the fishing dock to get a good view. Burr, was it cold, even with a winter jacket on. But, it sure was worth the sight. For some it was there first shot and really enjoyed it. One more thing we have at Gulf to Bay. Just like thanking our lucky stars.

Our deepest sympathy to Shirley Dierlien on the loss of her husband, Charlie. Before he had taken ill, he was very active at Gulf to Bay. At one time he was editor of this paper, and really enjoyed doing the job.



Wasn't the Beach Party great? Lucky for everyone the cold winds of the previous week finally gave up the ghost so it wasn't too cold. The hot dogs were cooked to perfection, and YUM YUM, those beans were the BEST. The end results were noisy, but who would own up to it?

One of the bright spots of the evening was the sing-a-long. Joan kept passing the microphone around. What a surprise to find so much hidden talent. Wes really hit the tunes and then a real treat from Doreen Davidson. We were walking up the road and the silver, clear notes really raised our curiosity. Never heard that one before. After getting comfortable at the picnic table we had a birdseye view of her singing. It was beautiful to see. She just sat in her chair and sang with so little effort and what a smile on her face. Doreen was really in her realm and everyone appreciated her sharing that time with us.

A few more stragglers drifted in the past month, can't think of who we might be missing but our Gulf-to-Bay family has returned.

The sun worshippers got a real treat Sunday, Nov. 17th. Jack and Ruths son-in-law was visiting. He borrow Dick Jetts jetski and really put on an exciting water show. There were twists, spins so fast that the water was churning, backwards tricks and some very dangerous maneuvers. Dick captured it all with his camera. Oh yeah, I forgot to mention this dashing young man is a professional and a national champion.

The Big News...

November 22, 1991 was a turning point in the history of Gulf-to-Bay. The declaration of our independence was signed. The "changing of the guard" threat was over.

On any given street, folks were milling around waiting for news. The Liars Dock was bursting with eager, happy folks, itching to celebrate. Cakes, brownies, snacks, wines and champagne were in readiness. Fran Wadlegger had painted a RESIDENT OWNED PARK sign and displayed it proudly at the Hall.

Approximately 10:15 Brownie shouted "We're owners, its ours" - all hell broke loose with cheers, hugs and kisses, tears of joy. Paul Revere couldn't have done it better. Folks were going up and down the streets calling neighbors to join the celebration. It was a true "COME AS YOU ARE PARTY".

Beach Road was the reception line, adorned with waving flashlights, awaiting for the carivan of stars. Anticipation was at an all time high by the time they came into view. Horns and flashing lights echoed thru the silent night. Our conquering heros (after not having a thing to eat all day) graciously greeting and thanked everyone for their support.

Corks were like flying saucers, a real testament to Napa Valley. What a Party.

Dick Leeper filmed the negotiations and signing of the contracts and that was viewed by everyone. How proud our representatives looked, fresh and chipper, professional as they crossed their T's and dotted their I's. Celebrations continued into the wee hours of the morning, headaches were well worth it!!!

"OUR COMMITTEE"

THE LUCKY SEVEN

Allison Brown, Les Downing, Freeman Crosby, Dick Leeper,
Audrey Grant, Frances Franz and Vaughn Nighswander.



Fish Tales

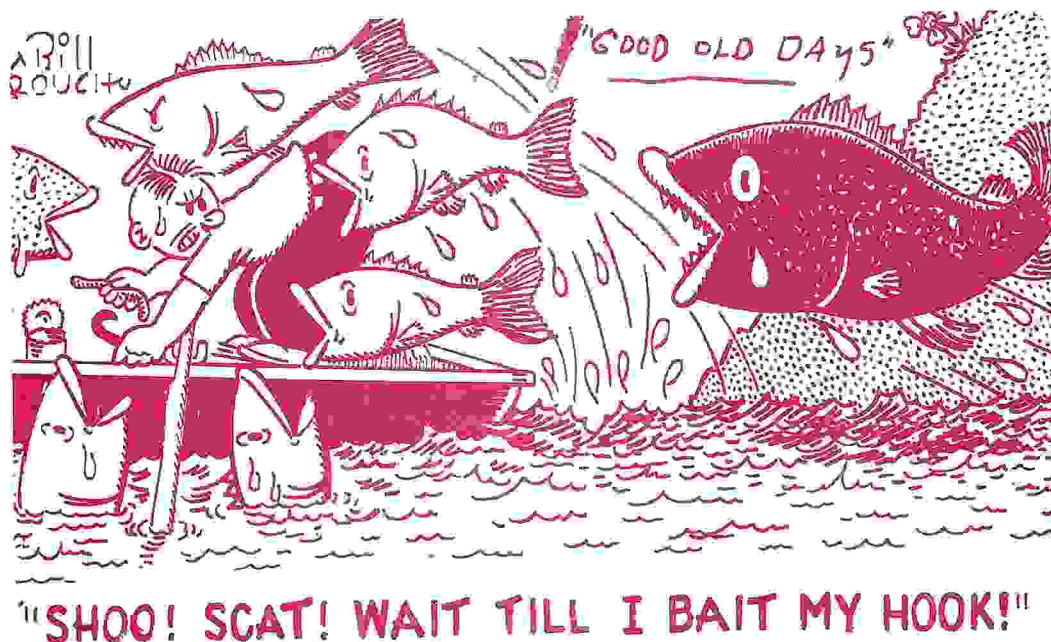
Liars Dock



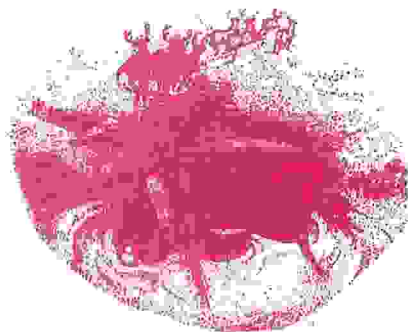
Life of the fisherman has not been overwhelming lately, but there is an improvement. Bud Hicks has caught several nice reds, Frankie F. has kept right up with him in catching, but the variety has been different; baby snook, keeper trout, a flounder and reds. Ruth S. caught a flounder and a small red, Rick stayed up till the wee hours two weeks ago and brought in a large trout and 1 red. A good meal was had by all.

New action on the docks, gang. Bonnie has decided to join the rank and file. She is now sporting her new shrimping net, bait bucket and fishing pole. Her second night out, she was using a bait fish and had the surprise of her life. Felt some action and reeled that baby in; baby fish, I mean her bait fish caught my bait fish. Believe me, we all had a good chuckle over her statement, "Oh, look, my fish caught a fish".

Haven't had any good reports surfside of boat fishing, so I guess that's all folks!!



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A woman and her husband were out shopping when she remembered she needed to purchase some hair coloring for her gray hair. "When are you going to stop buying that expensive stuff," complained the husband, "and let your hair grow like Barbara Bush?" "The day that you're inaugurated," the wife replied.
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MERRY CHRISTMAS WITH LOVE



MARGE STOCUM
RITA FUNK
DICK BRADY
BETTY AND DENNIS FLYNN
BETTY BAKER
BETTY SCHWARZ AND KEN ABBE
PAT AND HARRIET CVARMODY
KEN DE LANEY AND BONNIE HILL
DON AND CHRIS PEASE
JACK AND ANNE KINTZ
SOPHIE SZOPSKI
BOB AND RUTH ARNHOLT
JIM AND GLADYS THORNE
CHARLES LETSCH
WES AND ALVINA GOLKOWSKI
MABEL GAUDETTE
HENNY AND DOT HENTHORN
BERNICE THEISS
PHYLLIS CROSBY
LARRY AND GRACE GILBERT
DICK AND CARISTA BOVEE
VIN AND TERRY PHANEUF
JACK AND RUTH SPILLER
CORA TYSON
JANE WILEY
RUTHANN AND RICK
BONNIE AND REX
BOB AND MICKEY WAGNER
BUD WRIGHT
WILLIE KELL ISABELLE MOORHOUSE
FRAN AND MARIE WADLEGGER
HANK AND KATEY MASTIE
JAY AND JENNIE HUBBARD
CLARENCE

BROWNIE AND ALLISON
RAY AND VIRGINIA DE MOSS
SHIRLEY RYAN
BOB AND RITA BOULANGER
RUTH AND BUD HICKS
RITA AND MAURICE TEEHAN
RUTH SALMON
GENE AND BEA HULL
THERESA MILLER
MARGE AND PEG DES ROCHERS
BOB, LADEEMA AND CLARA
ANNE HALE
VAUGHN AND DOROTHY NIGHSWANDER
FRAN FRANZ
HELEN BLECK
MARGUERITE AND ART
FAY AND LES
RUTH NELSON
DOT AND JIM MANLEY
DOT HALL
MILLIE AND NORM DURST
JOAN AND PAUL
BILL EXELBY
LEDA AND PAUL DUBE
HELEN AND CHARLIE VERRILL
DOTTIE AND FLOYD CRANKSHAW
DORTHA AND BILL SWICKARD
FLO AND DICK LEEPER
ETTA AND FREEMAN CROSBY
FRAN AND JACK SMITH
NORMA AND JEAN CROTEAU
FRANK AND DORIS FINELLI
MARIE A. GENEST

CUT AND SAVE

Social Security has a new telephone number

1-800-772-1213

Phone



DATES TO REMEMBER - SAVE THIS

- Dec. 7th Pancake Brfst - 50-50. Drawing
December 14 - Tree Trimming, Rec. Hall. Afternoon * 2PM
Tree Lighting - The Dock 7 PM
December 14 - Christmas Dance, BYOB, Bruce Heacock Band* 8PM
December 25 - Christmas Dinner, Ruth and Bob Arnholt, Dick Brady*
12-1-Social at the Fiki - Dinner 1:30 PM
January 19 - Pot Luck Dinner, Bea and Gene Hull*
January 25 - Annual Carnival, Recreation Council*
February 16 - Annual Sweethearts Dinner Party and Dance,
Celebration of 50th or more Anniversary.
Joey and George Gallaher.*
February 29 - Willie Kell Concert*
March 17 - St. Patricks Dinner and Dance, Jean and Norma
Croteau*
March 21 - Recreation Board Election*
April 19 - Easter Dinner, Paul and Leda Dube with Muriel
and Bill Lyon*

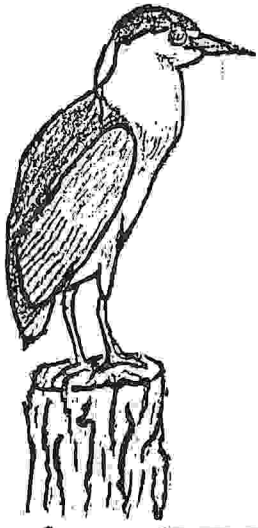
Date to be Announce - spring beach party - Recreation Council

*ALL TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED

Any sponsoring hosts will not turn down an extra dish washer
or KP person after a dinner or party.

Dec. 31st 9-? New Years Eve Party - BYOB
and Dish for Buffet Table.

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on frig



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.

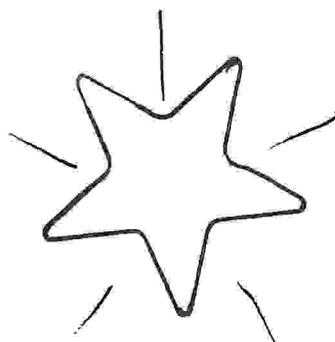
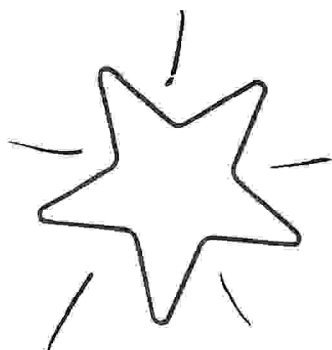
Dottie Kerber has been doing a lot of walking and she looks great.

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.



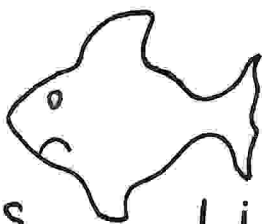
DANCING WITH THE STARS

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.



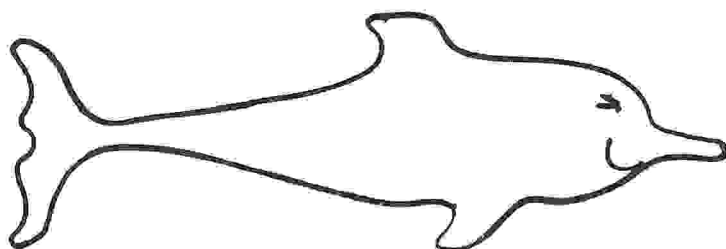
Fish Tales

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
408 Dije
Englewood, FL 34223

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

NLM:jjjs

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.

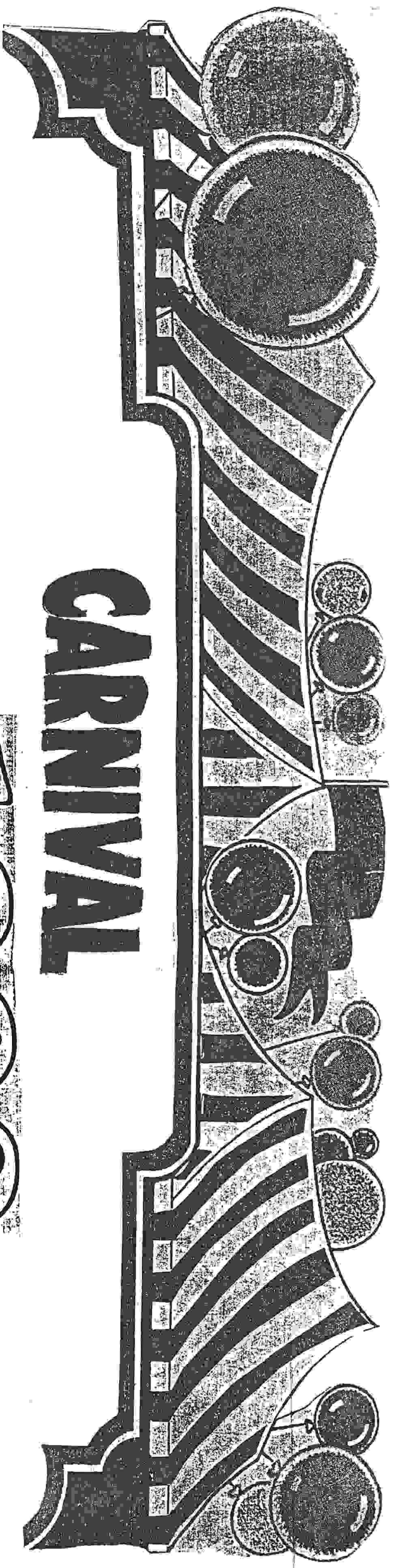
RING A BELL TO ANY YOU HAVE SEEN?



Here's Looking at You Kid

Artist - Jim Thorne

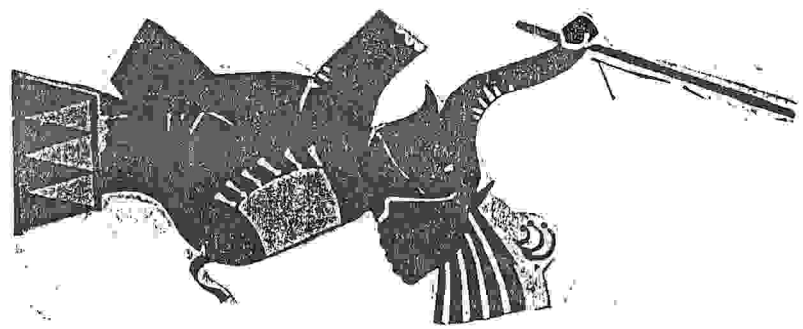
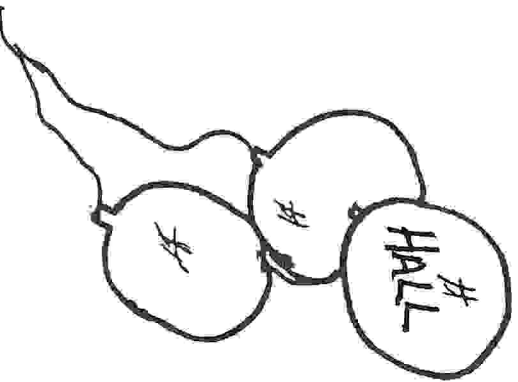
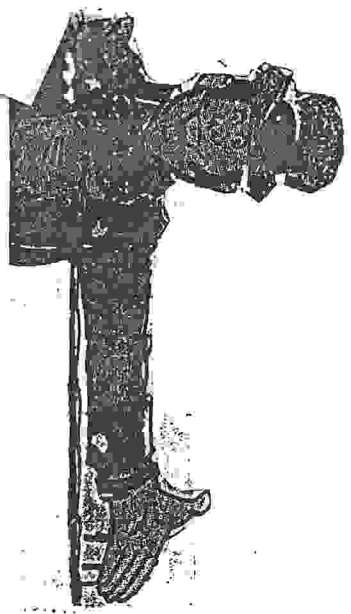
See You Later, Alligator.

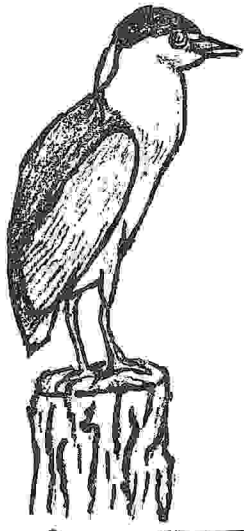


CARNIVAL

CELEBRATE 1992

JANUARY 25 - 10AM





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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.

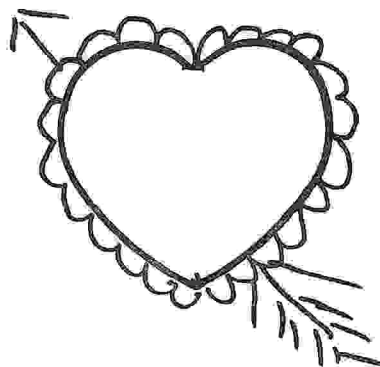
It was a great night, I only had one complaint, my team lost. Many guests in the park often remark, "you people sure know how to party".

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 flies 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

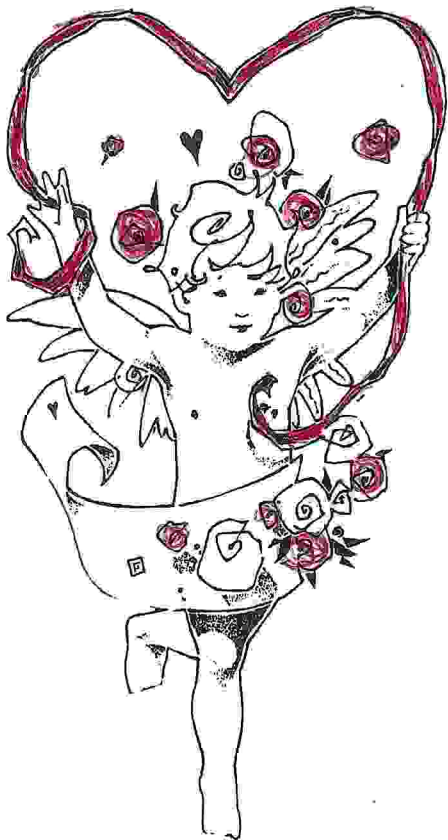
1. If no one sees you eat it - it has no calories
2. If you drink a diet soda with a candy bar they cancel each other out
3. When eating with someone else, calories don't count if both eat same amount
4. Food used for medicinal purposes NEVER counts such as: hot cocoa, brandy, toast, and Sara Lee Cheese 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





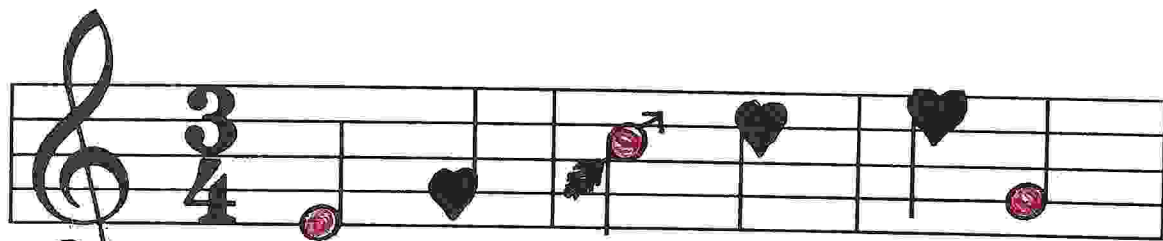
Annual February Sweetheart Dinner
February 16 - 1PM...\$5.00 a ticket

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

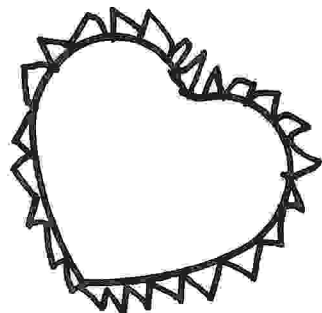
OUR MOST HONORED GUEST FOR THIS GALA EVENT IS AS FOLLOWS: (greatest years first)

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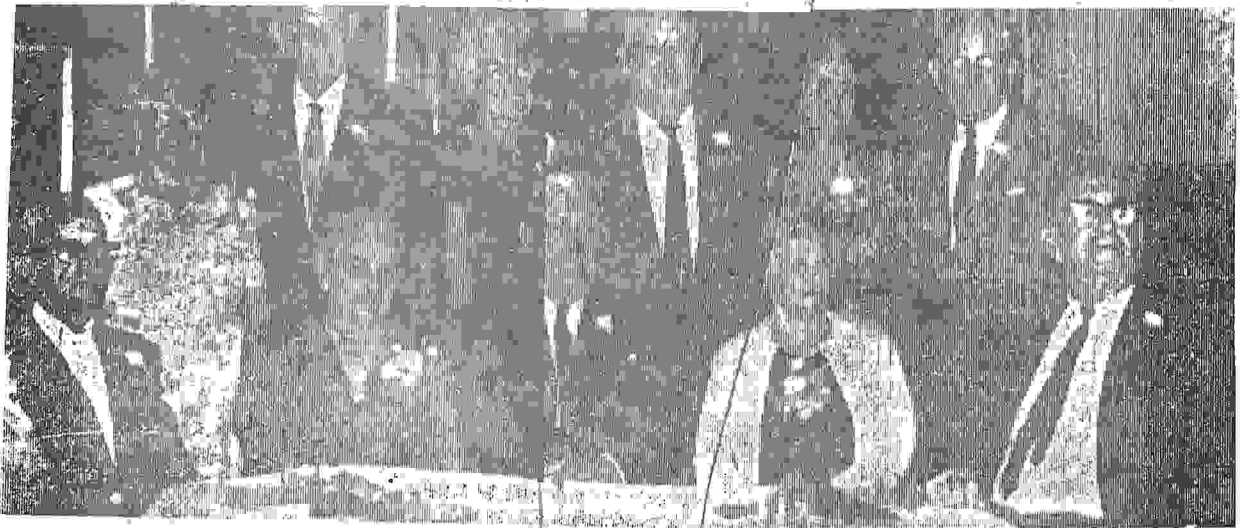
They are our beloved Honorees
They come from far and wide
They're gathered here today so we
Can point them out with pride

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.

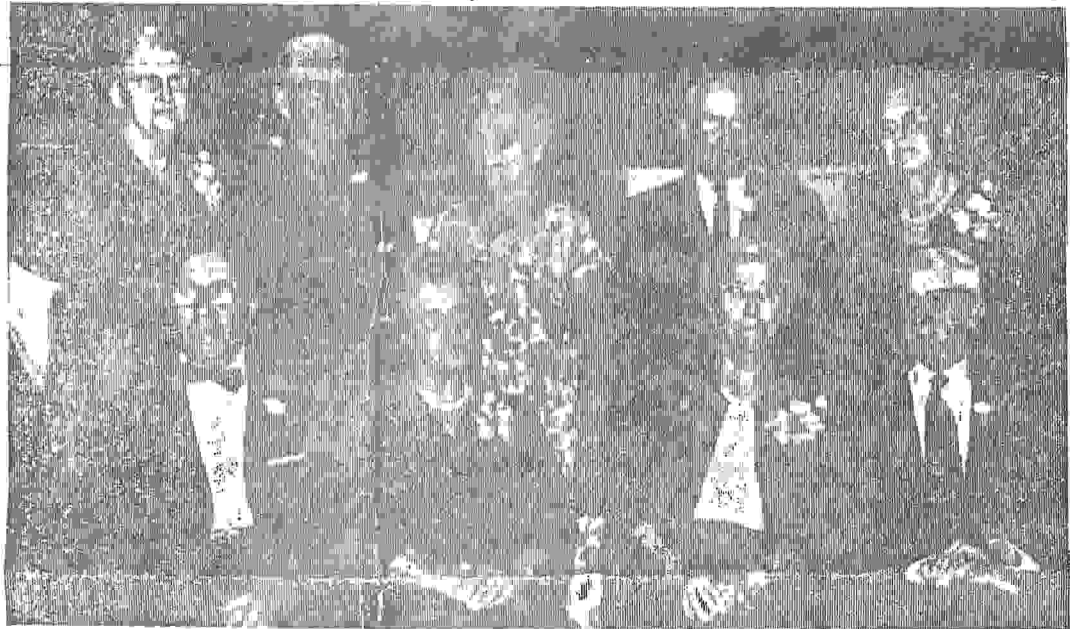


Happily Married 50 Years & More



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 BOUTONNIERS 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.

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Astonishing Trivia

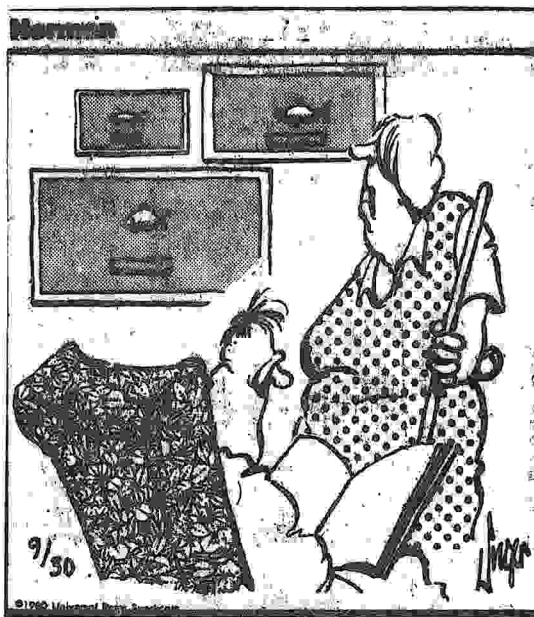
ASTONISHING TRIVIA

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 wwhat 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 cam 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 us 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, thats 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.

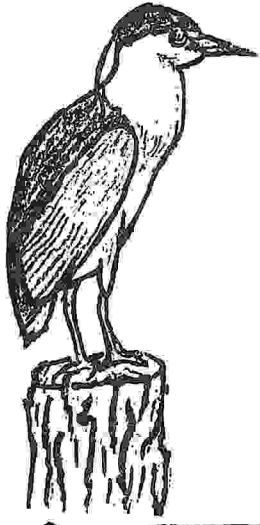
"The sky, the flowers, the music, the people - heaven is truly heaven.

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.



The Listening Post

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Leaping leprechauns, shamrocks, Irish harps, clay pipes and green beer. Sure and begorrah, it's St. Patrick's Day. Watch where you step on your common ground for fear you'll squash a wee people.

March also brings Mardi Gras, Prince Jonah Kalaniana'ole Day, (got you guessing on that one) Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, first day of Spring, so enjoy this busy month.

Have you noticed the change in the weather improves the nature of the beast. I think we have had cabin fever. A little bit cranky, snacking too much, too many naps, running out of books and puzzles. Temperatures started an uprising in the nick of time. I was getting tired of baking, finished the last jigsaw puzzle, all the mending and ironing up to date. So, let's get on with the program - yeh Spring.

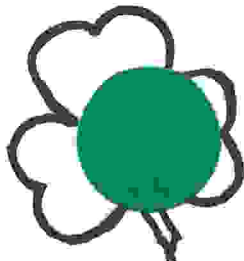
Anointment of the brand, spanking, new stoves took place Feb. 15th. It was a practice dinner for the Feb. Committee before the big extravaganza on the 16th, Sweetheart Dinner. By gosh, what a meal, what company and what style. Everything was to perfection and all the guests of honor were the icing on the cake. Great team work. Thank you.

And, THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR GENEROUSLY REMEMBERING MEALS ON WHEELS. NEXT DINNER REMINDER WILL BE THE ST. PATRICK'S DINNER.

Folks, we are going to have to step up on neighborhood watch. There were reliable reports that a person was skating on the shuffleboard courts in the early evening hours, during our cold spell. Then, one of our residents noticed 4 people fishing off the docks at the Estada St. end. When she inquired of where they were from, she discovered they were not from here. She asked, "can't you see the NO TRESSPASSING sign?" the answer was, "We can't read." So, in essence, if you see new folks in the park, ask who they are. This is just a sampling of what goes down in the summertime, Maybe if we stiffen up, word will travel. We're not easy!

Good Neighbor Jean - has been dubbed the job of refurbishing the docks, he will be needing help and posting times on the blackboard. The job is only part time, 3 - 4 hours per day, something for everyone, a sun tan, scrape the calouses off your feet on the barnacles, throw in a fish line, all while working.

I really appreciate all your comments on the newsletter of last month, especially since I was not happy with it. It sure feels good to know that it brings chuckles and smiles. Thank you for your support! (sounds like a wine commercial)



A note from secretary Frances Franz - she has been posting important information on the bulletin board in the Hall, concerning the Co-op. Please take time to read it.

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On the seashore of a remote island in the Gulf of Mexico there lived a colony of terns. They were a happy, contented flock, minded their own business and in their own words: They thought, "Happiness is for the birds." This happy, contented flock spent carefree hours soaring in the skies, catching fish and turning their eggs every two or three hours because: It was one of Mother Nature's rules. However, things changed.....a family moved onto their little island, and built themselves a little cottage besides the deep blue water. They had a son and a daughter. The girl was a nice child but the little boy was a beast. He loved to throw stones at the birds which was very upsetting, but perhaps his misdeameanors were condoned. Because he'd heard the old adage, "Never leave a tern unstoned."

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A "Get to Meet Your Candidate" night was held in the Hall, Feb. 22 at 7PM. It was an informal introduction to everyone of who was running for the upcoming election. Questions were answered on a one-to-one basis. Nothing technical, just down home style. Audrey, Frances and helpers served cookies, coffee and the first for this year, lemonade.

The pancake breakfast had another successful morning. They seem to be hitting on the 200.00 mark which is a lot of pancakes. The whole group deserve a round of applause. They start in the kitchen around 6AM, getting those unending pots of coffee ready, heating the grills, getting the home made batter ready. It is a big job, but they make it look so easy. They have all been pitch hitting for Paul, till he can get back in the kitchen yelling again.

About this time they can dump that song, "Autumn Leaves", the live oaks are really making a mess. First we blow them down the street then the wind shifts and back up the street they come. Next will be all that yellow pollen. But in the "Good Ole Summer Time" we sure are grateful for those same trees.

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Retirees get so much work done because they don't have to lie in bed waiting for the alarm clock to go off.

Have you noticed that we seem to be making more progress in arms control on the international level than we are in the toy stores?

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All the big time gamblers headed off for hot bingo games, and one of our residents had a wonderful surprise. On the game of fill the card, she was so busy looking at the board, then it dawned on her that was the number she needed. Keeping her cool she yelled the magic word, and glory be, 300.00 was the prize. When she got home close to midnight, her man of the house had to get up and see the pile of money on the table. Being the good wife, she gave the money all to him. Next day, she headed to K Mart and Beall's.

The liars dock has become quite popular since the weather has taken an upswing. Its the half way point for walkers. A great way to see everyone and take a head count and happenings of the day.

TRAVEL NEWS...

March 5 Everglades Trip
March 10 Seminole Bingo
March 14 Pancake Breakfast
March 17 St. Patricks Dinner 4PM - Dance 8PM



IMPORTANT NOTICE.....read it first here

The Recreation Board will be holding their annual election on Saturday, March 21. All residents of the Park may vote on Saturday, the 21st from 10AM - 12PM in the Rec Hall. Four Candidates will be elected: See list.

Ruth Funk	Chris Pease
George Gallaher	Derryck Stone
Alvina Golkowski	Rita Teenan
Tick Jett	Mickie Wagner

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A SEASON TO REMEMBER

Marcia and Ben Hartman were chairpersons to organize the painting, scraping repairing the beach house. This event took place the last week of Feb. They would like to thank and congratulate their team for a fantastic job.

Bill and Muriel Lyons	George and Joey Gallaner
Dean Gould	Peg Des Rouchers
Bob Boulanger	Jean Croteau
Bud Hicks	Paul Tube
Jack Smith	Fay Downing
Rita Teehan	Bob Wagner
Freeman Crosby	

And then we have the House Keeping Department, headed up by Bonnie and Rex Smallwood. They have had a crew of very devoted helpers who get in and get the job done, with no dust curls left undone. Their group has consisted of:

The Dubes, Etta Crosby, Jean and Norma Croteau, Fran Smith, Betty Schwarz, Betty Flynn, Pick Brady, Wes and Alvina Golkowski, Larry Gilbert, Jack and Ann Kintz, Jack and Ruth Spiller, Mickie and Bob Wagner, Chris Pease, Ruth and Bud Hicks, George and Joey Gallaher, Virginia DeMoss, Bob and Rita Boulanger, Peg and Marge DesRochers, Rita Teehan, Marie Wadlegger, Katie Mastie, Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander, Millie Furst, Ruth Nelson, Les and Fay Downing, Helen Bleck, Art and Marguerite Oestreich, and Joan Stunzig.

If you backtrack thru your newsletters and look at the jobs that have been done around here the same names keep popping up over and over. It is understood that some folks are just not physically able to do this labor, but those of you that can would be a big help and give your neighbor a chance to have a good time at Gulf-to-Bay also before the season is over.

Also, a special Thank you to Ruth Nelson for taking on the little house on Bayo as her own project. She did a beautiful job and it is appreciated.

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May your luck be like the capital of Ireland: always Dublin.

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you can't trust accordion players; they play both ends against the middle?

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Why didn't they play cards on Noah's ark? Because Noah sat on the deck.

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ATTENTION: TICKETS FOR THE ST PATRICKS DINNER WILL BE ON SALE MARCH 3 and 4 10AM - NOON AT THE REC HALL. \$5.50 per person.

Menu: Appetizer, corned beef and cabbage, boiled potatoes and carrots. Dessert and Coffee, beer on tap.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Election of Board of Directors March 9

Also, there will be a meeting at the Hall March 7, Sat. from 9 - 12 on the Rules and Regulations. The committee that was requested, by the Board, to prepare them will try and answer any questions, and have a healthy, fact finding discussion. This will not be a battle ground, we need your input. The Rules and Regs that are in your new booklet are just about the same as the old ones, and had to be done for approval by the Big House in Tallahassee before closing. The Board wanted a mixture, a rentor, (who

ended up buying in), a year rounder, gulf side and seasonal. They did their best to get the job done in a short period of time. Nothing is written in stone, but the ground work had to be done. See you then!

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While on a field trip, a zoologist discovered a new and strange animal. He took it home to his wife and said this is the rarest animal I have ever seen. She said, "Let's call it Rarie and keep it for a pet." So they made a special place for it in their home. But the Rarie grew and grew until it ate them out of house and home. It would hardly fit in a hippodrome. They knew they'd have to dispose of Rarie, but disposing of him would be a huge problem, until they go an idea...."Maybe if...?" "We push it off the nearest cliff." So, they took the Rarie to the Grand Canyon and gave him a gentle push. A passing tourist then made this commentary: ITS A LONG WAY TO TIPPERARY!

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Did you happen to notice the new eternal Birthday Card posted up by the Hall. Now we can't hide from it, but if we do like Ruth Hicks does, we won't know our own. For years she would go forward 1 or 2 then back 3 or 4. It was always confusing to her kids when they were young. I think we were 40 when the realization hit us.

CONFUSING YOU SAY!!!

"Excuse me," asked the gentleman through the open window of his car, can you tell me how to get to McCall Road?" "South McCall or McCall that runs from Pearborn to the main road?" I asked. "By the main road, do you mean 775?" "That's 776 now. It used to be 775," I explained, "but because of the confusion it was changed. "But I was told," said the stranger, "that 776 runs out to the beach." "Well actually it does, but the main 776 is a straight run from HWY 41 and 775 is an extension of Placida Road." "Where is Indiana Ave. then?" inquired the gentleman. "Oh, that's just a portion of 776 now. The same as Englewood Road". Nodding his head in confusion, the man said, "it is my understanding that Englewood Road runs adjacent to 775, or is it 776?" "No, that is Old Englewood Road and it's 776." "No, that is Old Englewood Road and it's 776. "So can you direct me to McCall Road or not?" "No problem Sir" I replied, "But I must know if it is S. McCall or plain McCall." "I'm looking for a particular restaurant, snapped the man in total frustration, "and it is situated on the water." "Gulf, bay or creek?" I asked.

Doesnt this remind you of the first time you gave a northerner directions to Gulf-to-Bay.

COME TO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTIE.

Tuesday, March 17.

8 p.m.

B.Y.O.B.



**Gene Bennett
Orch.**



ENJOY DANCING

Greetings from Gulfo - Fran Smith

The residents on the gulf side miss Bill and Dortha Swickard. Bill was always riding his electric cart to the tiki at sunset. But we do welcome James and Bev Wortman from New Philadelphia, Ohio. They are the new owners of No 4. They left early after taking over their new palatial estate, but we hope to see them back soon.

There are many guests in and out of the various homes. Its so nice at sunset to have so many people spending their "social" hour together watching the wonders of nature.

"It pays to "Paint Your Buggy", they say. So Marcia and Ben Hartman took over on the beach house and with the excellent and willing help of many VOLUNTEERS, took 3 days and made it look like a million. Look it over.

Also saw Bonnie Smallwood doing garden work and cleaning up around the south side of the Club House. Rex was doing lawn work for some of the "Beach House Crew". Its so nice to see all of the improvements on almost every residence in our park. WE'RE REALLY LOOKING GOOD!

We all enjoyed Willie Kell's concert at the nall and feel especially pleased that we get this great talent for free, while all the other parks pay for his show. His own written songs are so great, who needs the commercial ones. Every one of his has a story behind it and you can shut your eyes and put yourself there as he performs. We are very lucky indeed. Thanks Willie.

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In the Laurens, S.C. First Baptist Church Bulletin: "The blood drive is Sept. 10 at the Presbyterian Church. The sign-up sheets are gone, but you can drip in on the day and give."

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Headline in the Milford, PA Dispatch: "St. Mary's Plans Perish Picnic."

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Echos from Estada Street - Helen Bleck

Pat Hall had relatives from Mass. visiting. Her 8 year old nephew had the thrill of holding a baby alligator at the Everglades. They had a ball.

Not only are the Tursts' enjoying a remodeled home with extras, they enjoyed a visit from family. While here they had a grand time shelling, good fishing and those wonderful fish dinners that Norm is known for. Also, had 2 Cincinnati Bell Telephone Pioneers as overnight guests. Did they arrive in covered wagons?

Congratulations to the Manleys. They have a new grandson, Neil Alan, 8lbs 13oz. Reports have it he looks like a football player.

Ruth Nelson is still in Ohio with her daughter-in-law who is expecting her baby. The daddy-to-be is out of town on business. Lucky Ruth, she won't have to wait for a phone call.

The Townings are getting ready for company. Birthday time for grandchildren Charley, Patrick and Leslee, who will be arriving soon with their parents. Ron and Linda Rohrback returned home to Michigan after a 2 weeks stay. Back to those winter storms.

Bill XLB is having company from Michigan, 3 generations, granddaughter, mom and grandmom. Granddaughter Alyse is looking forward to getting her ears pierced while here. That is a little different.

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A couple went for their yearly checkups. The doctor saw the man first and asked him how he'd been feeling. "I have one problem, Doc," he said. "The first time my wife and I make love, everything is fine, but the second time I sweat a lot." The doctor completed the exam and then checked over his wife. "Your husband says the first time you make love is perfect, but that he perspires the second time. Do you know why?" "Of course I do!" "The first time is in December, and the second time is in August!" Gong.



Estada Street (continued)

Helen Bleck has been doing a lot of walking again and feeling much better. If that arm keeps up, she'll be able to swing a golf club.

Marguerite and Art said "HI". They are just happy to be here in our little spot of heaven.

Sure is good to see Paul Stunzig up and about again. He hit the shuffle board court, the barbeque, poker table, and the dance floor all in one week. I think maybe we have a new man in the neighborhood. Joan is happy to have things back to normal and can stop worrying about watering the garden.

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There was a poor poet named Mercer
Whose morals got worse and then worser.
Thus did he begin
to write only of sin,
And was soon nothing but a vice verser.

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Framas from Dije Street - Marge DesRochers

Ruth Salmons sister and husband Esther and Bob Towner were in the back apartment for 6 weeks. They had a enjoyable stay despite the rather cool weather.

Marie and Fran Wadlegger have headed for the east coast. That is one way to get Fran to slow down and take time to smell the daisys.

Fran Franz would like to thank all the ladies who have been manning or ladying the office. You know who you are and have made a big difference to our coffers. Fran took a few hours off from her secretary job to enjoy a visit from her grandson and his buddy. They were here after taking exams at college, and headed for the Gulf with surfboards. Oh, to be young again.

Bud Hicks is glad to have his partner in crime back in circulation again. He has been busy managing the shuffle board team, but not ready to make an official report on their progress yet. But rumors say they are getting betterer all the time.

It is good to see Shirley getting out and about, we'll have to find a shuffle stick or fishing pole for her, get her busy.

That is it for our street, we are all well and happy, and also a wee bit tired. This too will pass, now that the sunbeams are getting warmer.

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After a golf outing Rex was telling Bonnie how his game went with Jack. Jack said Rex had accidentally hit a duck with his golf ball. The bird just quacked and ran off. "Well," said Rex defensively, "that duck shouldn't have been on the golf course." Rex, said Jack, "that duck wasn't on the golf course."

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Chit Chat from Cielo Street - Ruth Spiller

Irene and Bill enjoyed their family's visit this month. They had good rides, the their beautiful boat, enjoyed the sunsets and their grandson, Scott, sure enjoyed fishing. He did quite well in the trout department.

Marie Genest is officially a Bayo Street resident now. We wish her good health and happiness as she gets settled in and her lovely view of the bay.

Ton and Chris Pease are back. They had to take care of the old homestead up Orlando way. Good to see you and it is nice to see lights on again.

The Smallwoods have returned after going home to await the birth of their new grandchild. Stop in and see, Bonnie just happens to have a picture.

Bill and Annie are having some reconstructive surgery done on their place. Don't envy the mess they have, but when the job is done, it will be envious. They have been moving their stuff all over the place getting it out of the way.

Dolores is still cooking those wonderful noontime meals for Mama. You should stand outside her kitchen window. Yummy, food for the tummy. George has been busy with his crab traps and getting a little fishing in.



The Mac Farlanes are looking forward to their oldest and bestest friends from Canton, Ohio to visit mid March. As luck will have it, Bonnie said there was one stipulation if they came down. SHE WOULD DO THE COOKING. Does that tell you anything.....

Jay and Kathy Tains have gone back to Missouri. Even though they were only here for 2 months they left a warm impression on everyone and likewise. Here is a copy of a letter that they wrote to you all.

Thank you from the Tains

Thank you for accepting us into your park family. Our 2 months stay at Gulf-to-Bay in January and February was delightful. You couldn't have been more friendly to us.

Kathy especially enjoyed the exercise program (maybe it helped a little) and she got to know many of the park women during those sessions. Jay appreciated your valuable fishing guidance. You showed him how to find sand fleas and tube worms, and the best fishing spots.

You made Tad feel at home with your friendly visits, and he especially thanks all the people who helped him at the weekly Bingo sessions.

Perhaps we will get back to see you again next winter. If you ever get to Missouri, I hope you will come by for a visit. Our address is:

Rte 1, Box 310, Schell City, Missouri 64783. We live north of El Dorado Springs. Our phone is 417 432 3304.

Thanks for everything,

Jay and Kathy Tains
Everett Hester.

With that lovely note, we will end the news on Cielo.

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At a local gift shop, a customer noticed an unusual necklace. "Excuse me," she called to the clerk, "what is this necklace made of?" "Alligator teeth." "But it is more expensive than a pearl necklace." "Well," replied the clerk, "anyone can open an oyster."

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"Don't worry," a patient told his psychiatrist. "I'll pay every cent I owe or my name isn't Alexander the Great!"

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Blurbs from Bayo Street - Neckbrace Grace

Sorry about last month, gang. Promise to make up for it.

Many requests for the words to the song written by Paul Stunzig at the Superbowl Party and rendered so sweetly by Joan et al.... To the tune of The Babe of the Bayo.

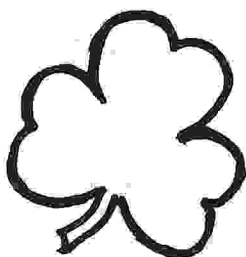
She is our sweet little doll...
She walks the Park at evening,
And gives a greeting to all.
She's our favorite lady...
Shows class wherever she goes,
Someday she'll sit in the surf, too...
And start to wiggle ner toes.
She's SOPHIE THE BABE OF BAYO...
And loved by all she knows!

Sophie had a really big birthday party recently, even had a singing Birthday Card, we should call her the Mayor.

Thank you, Stones, for beautifying the neighborhood so much. Everything happened so fast...and how many months did you say your grandchildren are staying? Just kidding, folks!

Marie added another castle to the street! The "Gnetto" is looking less so every day.

Wes and Allie are back again. Another trip to Connecticut and back, just in time to harvest a great crop of peppers and giant tomatoes from the North 40.



Bayo Street (continued)

One day I dropped in to get the news, Terri Phaneuf was busy mixing up a batch of chocolate sinfals for the Willie Kell concert. By now I have put on another pound or two.

Move over, Arnold! That very feminine Phyllis Crosby "pumps iron" too... three times a week. Plus painting and radio classes. Then she says she doesn't do anything special. Not quite, Phyl.

Thank goodness the Kintzes got back! Another grandchild to spoil and share photos of. It sure was quiet when you were gone...

Bob Nopper spent a great deal of time getting his little palace ready for Alice, and we were sure happy to see her. He hosted several dinners with a few friends. They tried not to be too rowdy, but Bob seems to bring out the best of us all (or worse).

Just when we were mourning the loss of the Baileys from 214, (who moved to another unnamed street, then headed north for additional family) a couple of new Baileys moved in for awhile (Bob and Elsie). These Canadians love the park and are "still looking".

Gladys is expecting company this month, all this while snoot "above average" at the shuffle courts. Nice going!

On the homefront...Larry was awarded Lifetime Membership in U.S. Power Squadron National Convention in Miami Beach. A very special honor for the Captain...and for once Grace got to wear every piece of clothing she brought with her. Now if he can only keep his new boat going long enough for decent fishing.

Big welcome to Anne Bottonfields's brother, Frank! Lucky he has such nice family to clean up his new place.

Wish the weather would stay. Bob Arnholt needs to get a few more chairs finished. The ones he designed for the Superbowl Bash were extraordinary!

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An 85 year old widow went on a blind date with a 90 year old man. When she returned to her daughters house later that night, she seemed upset. "What happened, Mother?" the daughter asked. "I had to slap his face 3 times!" "You mean he got fresh?" "No," she answered. "I thought he was dead!"

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Now everyone knows that Mabel is officially 89. And nobody has figured out a way to keep her home at night! Must be something special about the Rec Hall besides cards, eh, Mabel??

Bayo Street made a good representation at the Valentines Dinner. We are all very proud of them.

Awesome Aura Street - Betty Schwarz

We were so happy to hear that Boyd came home from the hospital and then saddened to hear his wife, Pat, is now in the hospital. Our love and prayers are with you both.

Ethel Cross has been busy knitting baby bonnets for the newborns in Auburn Hospital in Ohio. She has knitted 3000 over the years. That must be some kind of record somewhere.

Pick Brady's aunt died and as executor he is not sorting thru an accumulation of things collected over a long time in a 3 floor house. He is now in the process of selecting a realtor and will not be able to return to Gulf-to-Bay this season.

Ruth Funk reports she has lost 9 lbs since moving to Aura St. Not sure if its a result of the exercise classes or she is eating less. She asks, "why not join us at the Tiki, M. W. F. at 9AM. Men are welcome too!

Not much news from us over here, but we are all perking and happy to see the upswing in the weather.



Potpourri

"THANK YOU"

We the "Crafters" would like to thank the Recreation Committee for the use of the file cabinet. Mickie Wagner has purchased a hanging file for us. We ask all folks who have patterns that they would like to donate to us for our files to see either Etta or Mickie. The file is located under the library shelves and is for everyone to use. Please help yourself, and return when finished.

Patterns of any type of handwork, decorations, snells wooden items can be donated. We don't have a place to store trim items, but if you have lace, beads or anything of that nature please see one of us.

Thanks again folks, and HAPPY SPRINGTIME.

THANK YOU

Mickie &
Etta

Liar's Dock

Reports of great sheephead fishing around the piers have been good. To see for yourself, stop by the cleaning dock in the afternoons. Usually a string on display, until it goes under the knife.

Trout are nitting off the Liars Dock. Your editor and hubby was all siked up for Snook. So we napped and at 12:01 the line was cast with snook written on each shrimp. Well, those babies didn't learn much in the school they hang out with. Not one read our note. Oh well, warmer waters are coming.

Tourist: "Good river for fish!" Fisherman: "It must be. I can't persuade any to come out."

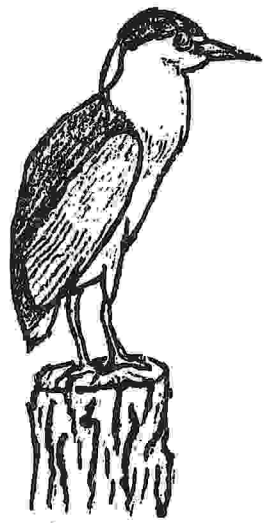
How do fish travel to work? In carp pools.

Rod and reel enthusiast: a fishionado

The shrimp are not on a run but a few have lost their way and are making it into shrimp traps. Bobby Nopper reported that he got 68 one night. That's not to snabby.

If you have any exciting fishing stories, help we need one.





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April showers us with Good Friday, Easter, Patriot's Day, Arbor Day and for all southerners, Confederate Day, and closes with the promise of May flowers. This will be the last newsletter of this season, so as we approach the homestretch I would like to wish you all God Speed, and a healthy, happy summer. This has been a very exciting year, full of ups N downs, but we have overcome and everyone deserves a gold medal in patience and perserverence.

Welcome Home, to any new folks that have moved in since the last paper. Enjoy your new, old sand castle and mainly, your new family. You can't do any better than the Gulf-to-Bay family.

The pancake breakfast on March 14th was very successful and thank goodness all is back to NORMAL in the crazy kitchen of Joan and Paul. It was like old times as the yelling and bantering went back and forth, and if you looked closely could see the twinkle in the helpers eyes as the air developed a tinge of blue a few times.

St. Patricks dinner, under the culinary expertise of the Croteaus and crew was excellent, atmosphere and decorations grand and fellowship A-One; plus a full house. The drawing of door prizes had a new twist. If you want to know the secret of winning, just throw your ticket in the trash. It is sure to be called, then you get to feel like a fool as you rummage thru the gook, and waalaa, the winning stub.

To settle the dinner, we all had the pleasure of live entertainment by Gene Bennett and danced the night away. We are very honored to have a true Irishman in our midst. Patrick Carmody was born on the soil of Erin and celebrates his birthday on the 17th. Talk about perfect timing, what mother could have done better. A new dance was introduced, pick your partner by the draw of the cards. It was a neat way for people to intermingle, and get those butts off the chair. The broom dance went well, and Mr. Broom had several lovely partners, odd though, Rita Teehan didn't want to give up her partner.

The fishing docks have come along swimmingly. So far no swan dives or become live bait. The committee, under the hammer of Jean Croteau, deserves a round of applause. If you pass them in the street, beach, mail room or where else, but on the dock, please give them a thank you.

Boy, do we live in a town of unexpected events. I am not going to brag or advertise, but Englewood Bank has a touch of class. First off, Mel Tillis is a customer and last week we had a treat. This woman came in to cash a check, the young teller didn't know her and because the lady wasn't a customer, didn't want to cash her check. One of the more mature women recognized her. Low and behold, it was Katherine Helburn. She was just as sweet as could be and everyone got a kick out of meeting her. Seems that she has a home in Boca Grande. Oh, well, just another day in the banking business.

Hey, do you remember back a month or so ago, I mentioned the plantings on my pot farm, and no I don't mean wacky weed. I mean my tomato plants. I am going to make you all soooo jealous. Red tomatoes are finally rearing their heads, picked 6 so far. One looked a little strange, looked like a tomatoe growing inside or outside of me. Didn't matter much when it came to my sandwich at lunch. Rick has mentioned all kinds of ailments, spray this, dust that, but the revenge of the killer tomatoes are here.

I am sure you will notice the missing link of the street news. We are without it for 2 reasons:

1. give our street reporters a break, since they will be thinking of packing it in and,
2. it was requested by the Recreation Council to keep the cost of the newsletter down, so I am complying with their wishes. There will be more information in the fall.

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My Uncle Burbon finally passed his bar exam. Now he's licensed to drink anywhere in the state..and then there's my Uncle Titus was so frugal he joined a nudist colony on Englewood Beach to save money on dry cleaning.

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A taxpayer received a strongly worded "second notice" that his taxes were overdue. Hastening to the collector's office, he paid the bill, saying apologetically that he had overlooked the first notice. "Oh," confided the collector with a smile, "we don't send out first notices any more. We've found that the second notices are much more effective and we save a bundle on postage."

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Results of the questionnaire that were sent out by Etta Crosby, Chairman of the Advisory Committee for street representatives are:

- Gulfside - Charles Verrill
- Aura - Betty Flynn
- Bayo - Vinnie Phaneuf and Bob Nopper
- Cielo - Bonnie Smallwood
- Dije - Rita Teehan
- Estada - Paul Stunzig.

If you have any concerns that you want brought to the Board, you can talk to your representative and they will present your concerns. These folks will be happy to be of assistance.



FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY
Fran Wadlegger

GOOD HEALTH TO:

Boyd Gunnison home from his long stay in the hospital, a gift and card was sent.
Get Well card to Pat Gunnison (Boyde's wife) in the Rehab. Center in Sarasota,
(now home)

CONDOLENCE CARDS TO:

Ruth Salmon's sister Hazel, whose husband died March 20th. Hazel used to live
in the park.
Clara Bessinger's son died March 16th.
Kenny Hess' wife died March 26, (Ken's aluminum, who does a lot of work in the park.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Aril 4, Beach Party, bring chairs, warm jacket
April 11, Pancake Breakfast
April 19, Easter Dinner - don't forget Meals on Wheels

Congratulations to our new Board of Directors:

Les Downing - President
Allison Brown, Vice President
Paul Dubes - Secretary
Audrey Grant - Treasurer

Members at Large
Etta Crosby
Jean Croteau
Vaughn Nighswander
George Gallaher

Good luck as we move along to the next step of history at Gulf-to-Bay.

Congratulations to our new Recreation Council:

George Gallaher - President
Jean Croteau - Vice President
Ruth Funk - Secretary
Chris Pease - Treasurer

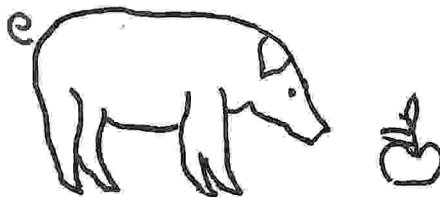
Members at Large
Dick Jett
Deryck Stone

Many thanks to the retiring council members: Ruth Arnholt, Paul Dube, Dick Brady,
and Muriel Lyon.

The butt stops here! Ecologists report that it takes 10 years for a filter butt
to disintegrate. When you walk to the mail room, tiki or daily constitutional
please, do not just toss your butt around. Slip it in your pack or pocket till
it can be disposed of properly. Our gardens and lawns will be most appreciative.

SHUFFLEBOARD REPORT - Ted Niles

Another shuffleboard tournament season ended. Thanks members, for contributing
your all. Special recognition goes to Hank Mastie for having the highest average
of all the teams in the league, 880. Not bad Hank.



This little piggy went to market, this little piggy came from Kentucky. A nice porker was transported, personal delivery from Everett Jett, (brother of Dick) right to our back door. Everett not only slaughtered and tended it, he brought along a huge cooker, very professional. Bob Nopper, Dick Jett, Everett, the Stunzigs and Betty Flynn organized this first event, which we hope will become an annual. Over 180 folks attended, even had the opportunity at a game of chance, including dart throwing at balloons. the party kicked off at 2PM, dinner was served buffet style promptly at 5PM. The menu was extraordinary, no one went home hungry. Many thanks to all the helpers who jumped in and were available when needed.

A special moment was celebrated to honor Frances Franz, as she retires from the Board of Directors. She has given 110% of herself to all of us and we deeply appreciate it.

Pig roasts reminds me of a time in Penna. We bought this tiny, pink pig, kids dubbed her Henrietta. Well, our friend was bottle fed at a nearby friend's farm, fattened and primed. Came the first heavy frost in November and it was heads off time. After Rick did the dirty deed, and our freezer looked quite healthy, we had a real obstacle facing us. Every time we sat down to eat the kids would ask "is this Henrietta"? We would try to mumble our answer under a cough or into a napkin, but immediately the tears would run, making us feel like murderers. The pork lasted for a long time and was only served for special occasions, and warnings went out not to mention that name - Henrietta.

A TOUCH OF ITALY

Speaking of another good idea, March 22nd turned our kitchen into a pizza parlor. Paul Stefanelli, who was visiting the Kings offered his services to Terry and Vinny Phaneuf. Stopped in the kitchen the morning of, and he had that pizza dough just a twirling. You could just tell he liked getting his fingers in the pie. The entire group who were on the committee should be extra proud of themselves for a job well done. Especially since this was another real first. Those new ovens sure are getting a good workout.

Paul volunteered to cook a complete dinner for the park so March 29, there we were again, filling ourselves with wonderful, juicy, tasty morsels of chicken parm. and linguinni, also a very smooth blush wine and a tossed salad. The meal was ended with a lovely Italian dessert. Terry and Vinnie, Rita and Bob, Joey and George, Frances, Scott King and of course the chef, Paul.

And last but not least was the Corn Beef Hash Lunch on the 23rd. I'll tell ya, if all this good eatin continues I will be gaining back the 10 pounds I lost when I had the flu.

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You are being arraigned here today for claiming your cats ad dependents," the judge told a defendent, "and treating your losses at the casino as capital losses. How then do you plead to the charge of tax evasion?" "Guildty, Your Honor," "What do you have to say before I set your fine?" the judge asked. "Are fines tax deductible?"

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Browsing at a video store, a guy and a galspotted the last tape of a recent hit movie. He grabs it first. "Your VCR or mine?" He asks.

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Don't call them for home delivery service, but our pizza specialists are:
The Gallahers, Bollingers, Gene Ballet, Thorns, Lyons' Peases, Fran and Fran, PHaneufs

Snuffy Smith



Potpourri

As our season closes and we all part, I would like to thank some folks that have been very helpful to me in the preparation of this newsletter.

First off, Dot Manley - she always has that pen ready for me when I take the bill from the printer to her. It also gives me a few minutes to chat with her. She has been very helpful and has never been too busy for me. Thanks Dot, you're a sweetie.

And then there are your street reporters. Faithfully, every month, rain or shine, sleet or snow, they have had the news ready for me. I know this is a tedious job, and they do it with such aplume! Betty Schwarz, Grace Mc Donald, Ruth Spiller, Marge DesRochers, Helen Bleck and Fran Smith are a very special group of ladies.

Then we have Ruth Hicks (known better to me as mom) She is at the house, with staple gun in hand when I return from the printer. In fact, one night at 8:30 pm she made the run with me to the printer. a late edition due to machine breakdown, we worked till 11pm getting the Dec. newsletter ready. Of course the coloring inside and the curling of green and red ribbons did take extra time. She never complains when I get the bright idea to color a page or add a special touch, so thank you Asst. Editor.

The committee leaders always make sure they have their items in on time, and make a very sincere effort to have all their information spelled out. This also makes my job easier.

So thank you one and all -

Liar's Dock

March 1st marked the opening of snook season and the closing of red fish. We are now into the 3 strangest months of schedules of the year. Just remember: SNOOK ARE IN, REDS ARE OUT,

If you are a Floridian fishing from shore, you don't need a license or stamp. If you fish from a boat, you'll need both. If you are out of state, you'll need a salt water license and a snook stamp, unless you fish with a guide.

Snook is one of the most protected fish. You can only keep two per person, per day and each must be at least 24". Of the two, one can be over 34". (infor taken from Gasparilla Island News)

Trout have been in abundance, good size ones, most folks have been catching and releasing. Sting rays, ink fish, cat fish are also joining the party.

Fishing Statistics from the Liars Dock (so far)



Frank Finelli is the champ so far-2 measuring 24" and 26"
Monnie James (friend of Mac Farlanes) 28"
Rumors of a 31" but I have not gotten a name.
Art Anderson - 25"
Mike Pease (Don and Chris' son) 26"

A very well endowed stingray was caught by "Sting" (alias Bud Hicks) He was laid to rest with proper ceremony, covered with a blanket and a petunia on his chest. A huge crowd celebrated its demise.



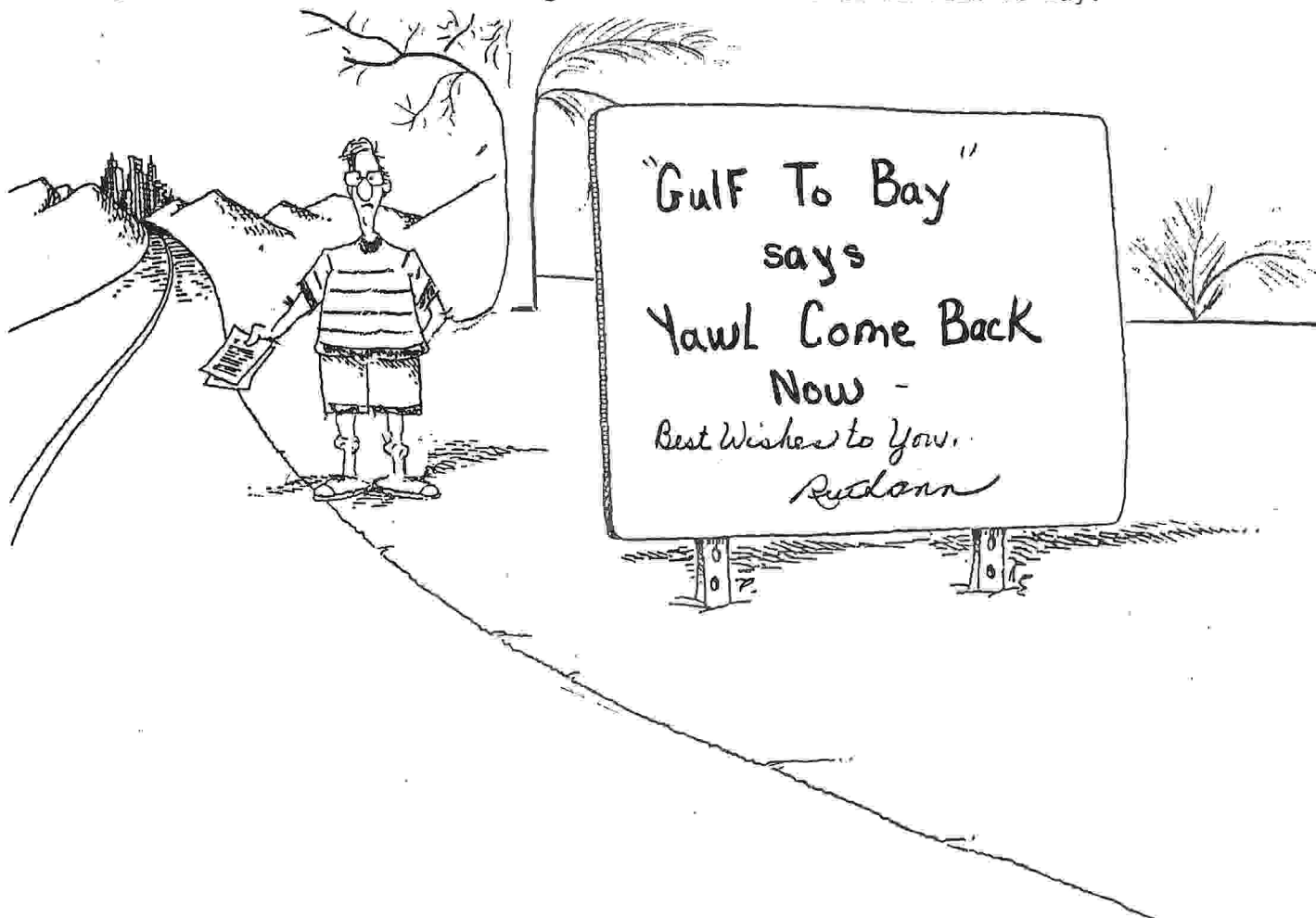
THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE A FEW COMPLAINTS FROM OUR TRASH DISPOSAL COMPANY ON THE RECYCLE BINS. Below is a repeat of requirements for tossing stuff into the disposal bins. Please read these over and comply. It is easy to follow and then a few folks won't have to be checking this out all the time. No one likes to dig in garbage, so do your share. The Garbage Monster will thank you!

Here are the simple recycling instructions!

What To Recycle	How To Recycle	What Not To Recycle
Glass (Clear, Colorless Only)	Rinse, labels can stay. <u>Remove lids and caps.</u> Place out for Curbside Collection.	Milk-white glass, plate glass, and light bulbs. No brown glass or green glass.
Plastic	Step on it! Rinse, <u>remove lids</u> and place all plastic with recycling codes  and  out for Curbside Collection.	Plastic wrap and plastic bags.
Aluminum Cans	Rinse and place out for Curbside Collection. Step on it!	<u>Food cans, juice cans, and other metal containers.</u>
Newspaper	Place on the ground under your recycling bin. Keep clean and dry.	Glossy magazines, phone books, and other paper products.

Well folks, it has been fun chatting with you. I have enjoyed getting this news letter to you this season, and unless someone else wants this job you'll be stuck with me next year. I don't strive for a Pulitzer prize, nor joke about serious things. Everything is done in honesty and newsworthy. I pledge to serve you and keep our community abreast of what we need to know. You probably writhe and groan with anguish the way I kill the English languish, but, heck, its been fun.

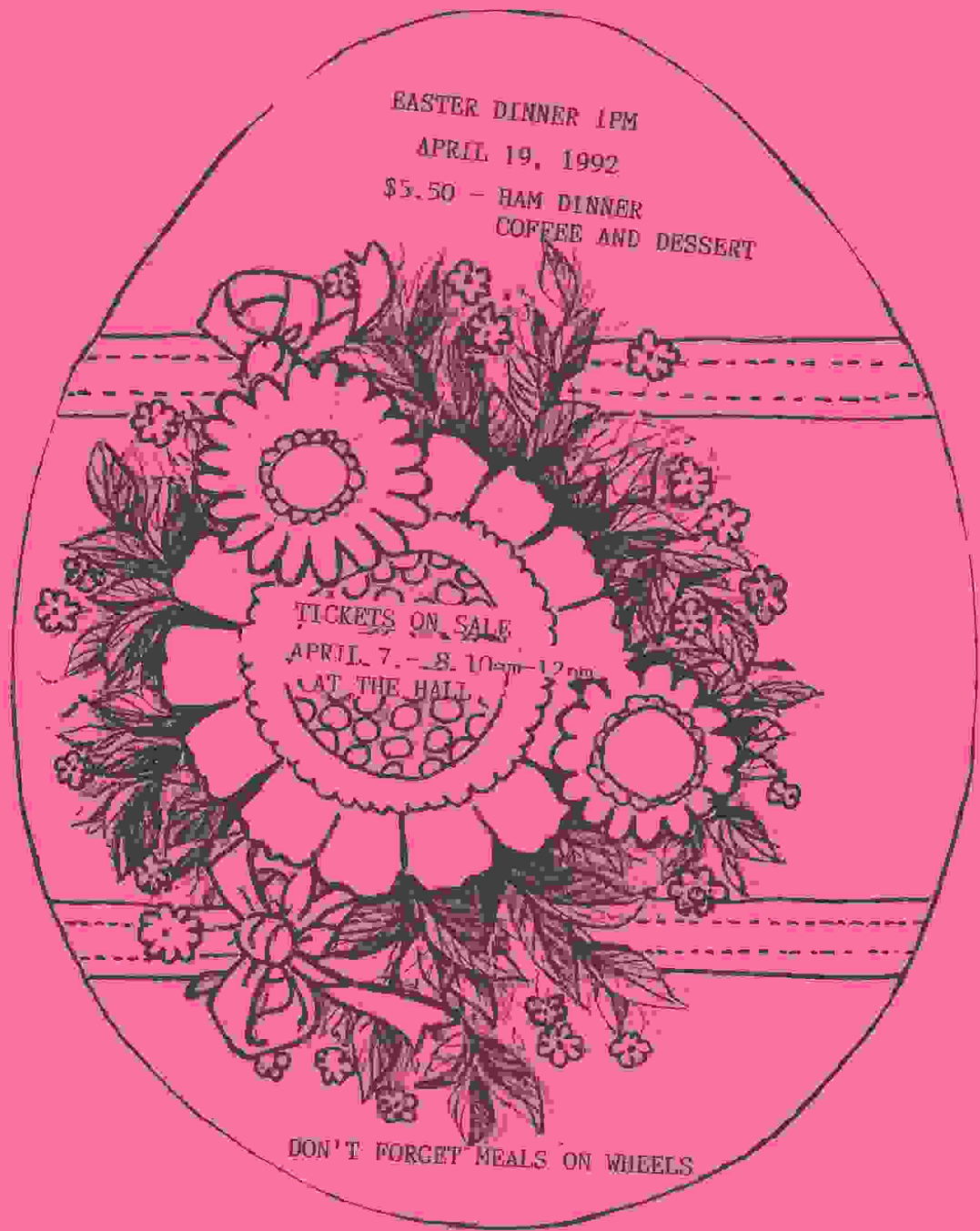
See you in the fall. We will be guardians of the sands of Gulf-to-Bay.



EASTER DINNER 1PM

APRIL 19, 1992

\$5.50 - HAM DINNER
COFFEE AND DESSERT



DON'T FORGET MEALS ON WHEELS