

# Highlights

## From the Listening Post

### 1980 - 1996



#### FUN RESORT

We've come here to this tropic isle  
For fun in surf and sand ,  
And left behind the snows up north  
To that cold and dismal land.

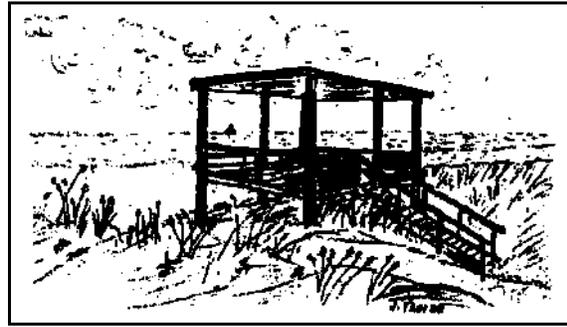
Although we all are older now,  
We're still young enough for fun,

We're playing cards and bingo here;  
Shuffle in this tropic sun.

Go to dinners in the rec' hall;  
Practice with the kitchen band,-  
Then don. a swimsuit for the beach

For a lovely tropic tan.

The weather  
here is so  
sublime,  
And our time is  
growing short,  
But we'll be  
back again next  
fall  
To this tropic,  
fun resort.



#### THE TIKI

Our TIKI here beside the gulf  
Stands secluded by the sand,  
Amid the sea oats growing there  
With pines and palms --- so grand.

The TIKI where we congregate;  
Watch the evening sun sink low  
Beneath the waters of the gulf  
Then; observe the after glow.

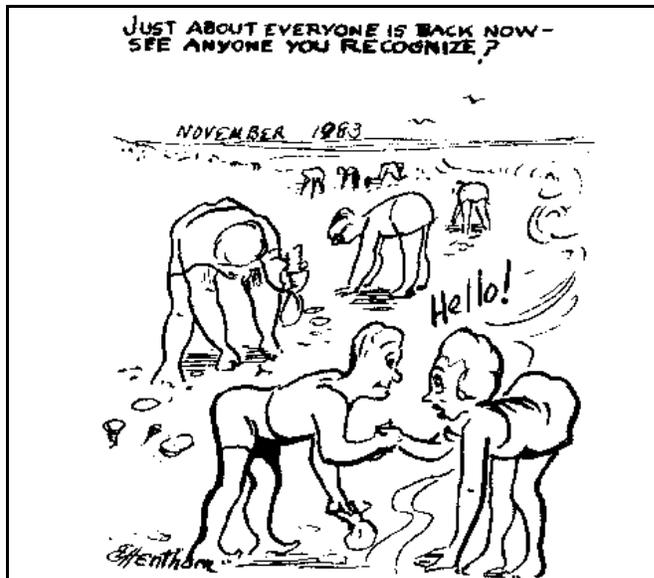
Friends and neighbors pause there, chatting  
Discussing news of the day,  
But, when the sun has bid adieu,  
Each one will be on his way.

To take a stroll around the park,  
Or slowly meander home.

Once more the TIKI by  
the beach  
Stands there ---- silent  
and alone.

H. Tener

March 1984



*A Special thanks to Jane Wiley  
who provided all issues of the  
Listening post from it's inception*

**The First issue of the Listening Post enclosed  
is the entire issue slightly reduced in size.**

**The remainder is randomly selected  
bits and pieces from past issues.**



**Compiled and edited by Etta & Freeman Crosby**

First Issue

MANAGEMENT CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The management party which was planned for the Christmas season has been postponed until

Spring due to the recent death in the DeCarufel family. Park residents were saddened to learn of the death in Montreal of little Kim DeCarufel, four year old granddaughter of Maurice & Theresa DeCarufel, our park managers. The sympathy and love of all goes out to the family

in their sorrow.

NEWSPAPER COLLECTION:

Give your old newspapers to a good cause Walt Schwochow bundles and delivers them to the paper collection trailer at the United Methodist Church. Leave your papers on Walt's porch - 107 Aura St., any time, any day. Every little bit helps.

CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Plan to have dinner with your friends from the park on Christmas Day. Turkey, with all the "fixin's" and all for \$3.50. Watch for ticket sale dates.

CAROL SING:

Don't miss the Sunday evening singalongs being held in the rec-hall starting at 7:00 P.M. An evening of carols and old familiar songs plus free desert, coffee and tea. Everyone invited !

ANNUAL CARNIVAL:

THURSDAY, DEC. 31st 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the rec-hall. Game tables, Raffles, Booths, Open Kitchen with hamburgers, luncheon, snacks and beverages. Door Prizes

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A H A P P Y N E W Y E A R  
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December, 1980

Trash and Treasures: We need them all for the Carnival coming up Dec. 31st. Starting immediately, the Council will be collecting and storing items for the big event. Gather up all your white elephants, your rummage, gifts you can't use, knick-knacks you need to replace and things you just don't need anyway. We can use them all !!!

We also need some TREASURES to raffle off. Items that will bring in some real money. Perhaps you knit, sew or have a hobby. Perhaps you'd be willing to donate an article to be raffled or used as a door prize. If you have an idea or an item, call Allison Brown 474-0911 or talk to any Council member.

REFRIGERATOR HUNT:

The old, white double-door refrigerator on the north wall of the kitchen in the rec-hall must be

replaced. At the Council meeting on Dec. 5th, it was voted to start a search for a replacement. Hopefully, we may be able to find a unit, equally as large and in good condition, perhaps from a restaurant going out of business. If anyone in the park has knowledge of an available unit, please contact a Council member.

NEW YEARS' EVE - POT LUCK:

Greet the New Year and sing out the old with the park gang at the rec-hall on the 31st ! You'll be hearing more from the committee about the plans for the evening, including a Planned Pot-Luck, dancing with records, free ice cubes and lots of fun. B Y O L and mixers.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

As per the vote of the Council at the Dec. 5th meeting, the Treasurer's report will be posted on the bulletin board on the north wall of the ree-hall. Also posted is a copy of the Constitution which we suggest you review. Jot down your suggestions for revision and pass them to a council member. Constitutional revision is a job we plan to tackle after the first of the year. Be prepared to get your ideas into the hopper.  
We need your help !!!

SHUFFLEBOARD:

George Hale reports the season is in its early stage yet, and there's no bragging to be done to date. To quote George: "Mobile Garden did a good job on Gulf-To-Bay today (Dec 10th) defeating us 10 to 2. However, the season has a long way to go - hopefully for the better " We might add that on the first match of the season last week, Gulf-To-Bay split the match with Oak Grove with a tie score of 6-6.

George would like to see more people giving the game a try. Almost everyone "starts from scratch" when they begin sbuffing here; so don't feel self-conscious about trying. You'll be welcome & encouraged. If you want to find out more about the game, or just want to ask some questions, George Hale will be glad to chat with you. He lives at 419 Dije when he isn't down on the court.

NEWS-DEADLINE:

We want to enlist your help for the next edition on the LISTENING POST January 5th is the deadline for getting news to your street Captains. This is YOUR paper !

Street Captains

Aura St. - Bill & Marge Stocum #112  
Bayo St. - Mark & Ruth Daugherty #223  
Cielo St. - Angie Manutes #319

FLASH ! CHRISTMAS DINNER:

Tickets still \$3.50 on sale Fri. & Sat.  
Dec. 19 and 20 between 9:30 and 12:00.

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REMEMBER THE CARNIVAL !!!

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TID-BITS:

Vaughn & Dorothy Nighswander have been missing a long string of perfect weather while they have been touring the Holy Land. We hope they have a nice batch of slides to share with us.

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Life on Bayo Street will pep up around the 15th of the month. Al & Doris Boulerice will be arriving with Doris' mother, Alice Flebotte. Welcome back, kids !

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We hear from protected sources that some stinker threw a citation in Bill Swickard's clam chowder !! Gosh, all Friday!

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Norm & Mildred Durst have tickets to go to Alaska the 8th of January. To get away from the heat on Cielo Street, no doubt.

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It's good to see Dick & Marge Hamilton streaking around the park again. Stay in good health, friends!

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Congratulations to Leah Hart. Looks as if she

has that old sciatica on the run. Keep up the good work, Leah !

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We hear tell there's a water heater expert on Aura St. Also, he's thinking of hanging out his shingle - right after he gets his county license, of course.

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Dije St - Charles & Shirley Deirlein #410  
Estada St. - Bill & Irene Fensch #505  
Golfo & Cielo Ct.  
Dottie Kerber #14

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Menu

Cranberry Juice

Roast Turkey, Dressing and Gravy

Mashed White-Candied Sweets  
Green Beans with Mushroom Sauce

Cranberry Delight

Cole Slaw with Fruit

Rolls & Butter  
Cherry Pie with Ice Cream

Tea-Coffee

January 1981

In response to the many inquiries as to the artist behind the masthead for our "Listening Post", we want to give proper credit to Jim Simpson who not only designed this attractive header for our paper, but also had the inspiration for the name.

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March 1981

## Musical Chairs:

Beginning about the middle of March a series of moves within the park will re-locate three of our families in what might resemble the old chair game. When Ruby Morton leaves for her new home in Tampa, Hank and Katie Mastie will move across the street to #418. Then the Browns of Bayo Street will take up residence in the Mastie Trailer at 407 Dije. Within a few days Arthur and Marguerite Oestreich will move to 508 Estada when Mac and Harriet McCabe head home to Grand Rapids, this time on a year-round basis.

Dick and Helen Bleck of Meridan, Conn. will be taking up residence soon in the Irene Brown Trailer on Estada Street.

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April 1981

George and Joey Gallaher from Pittsburgh, PA. were visitors of Jay and Jennie Hubbard.

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December 1981

What makes this Park so nice a place ?  
Is it Bingo, the Gulf or the Bay ?  
No, it isn't the Club, the Cards or the Courts  
It's you and me and everyday. Ed.

The Downings have arrived !!  
Welcome and good luck in your  
in your new home.

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January 1982

ALL LADIES NOTE: At the request of the President of the Council, Allison Brown. A morning at the shuffleboard courts for the ladies of the park, exclusive.

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February 1982

THE FIRST DANCE CLASS by Hampden F. Tener

Basic ballroom dancing steps, that we old-timers all should know,  
Were the cause of great confusion as we tried to do them -----SLOW

The Foxtrot and the Polka, the Waltzes and the Lindy Hop,  
Were touched on very briefly when the time had come to stop.

Our teacher was so lovely. It was good of her to come.  
To teach us just a little bit so we wouldn't act so dumb.

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS: Wednesday afternoon the shuffleboard crew played against Deer Creek Results: 6 won - 6 lost. This year we have 53 wins against 61 losses.

March 1982

Marguerite wasn't just swimming the other night; she was looking for her glasses. She fell in; the net fell in; the shrimp escaped. She came up yelling ARTHUR!!!

We want to welcome Joan and Paul Stunzig of Montauk, Long Island, N.Y. to Cielo St.

### CROSSING LEMON BAY

I like to cross our causeway, either to or from the town.

Enjoy again our Lemon Bay, where tropic scenes are all around.

Its shores and flats, its birds and boats, its waters, waves, palms and pine.

I think it thrills us more than most---we snowbirds here in wintertime. Hampden F. Tener

SHUFFLE NEWS: On Feb. 12th it was decided to abandon the Ladies Day Shuffle. Instead SHUFFLE FROLIC was created. Now, all members gather to compete against each other in a fun shuffle frolic.

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December 1982

LUMINARIES: Let's continue the custom started last year at Gulf to Bay with the placing of luminaries on each side of your walk on Christmas Eve, symbolizing the lighting of the way to the Christ Child. Instructions for making luminaries are posted on the bulletin board in the Rec. Hall.

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January 1983

Clayton Brown has taken over the shuffle board responsibilities to give "Ham" Tener a little more R & R. Everyone knows "Brownie", and wishes success to the shufflers.

Jack and Fran Smith fell in love with our Park and the people They have extended their two week vacation for at least another month.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Wadlegger from Ludlow, Mass. are happy at 207 Bayo St. They bought it Dec. 9. Welcome Marie and Fran.

Meanwhile, there's a lot of activity at the corner by the Bay. Dorothy and Vaughn with a group of faithful friends are performing miracles with the Walker's mobile home. Did anyone see the purple throne outside with a tropical plant growing in it? If you keep your eyes open, you'll be amazed at what you see on Dije Street.....

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February 1983

We hear Les Downing was eating a sandwich while fishing for grouper off Boca Grande. He landed a 13 lb. grouper without losing the sandwich.!!!

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March 1983

How do you like the Nighswander's new screened porch? They now have a gorgeous view of the Bay, the bridge and the birds.

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November 1983

How about that Pileated Woodpecker that's driving Dottie Hall up the wall - pecking away at her favorite palm tree?

We have a new resident at 322. Welcome to the flock, Phyllis Crosby !

Bud and Ruth Hicks are going to spend the whole winter for the first time !



And Barbara a'moving ( to 407 )

And a Partridge in a Pear Tree !

SHUFFLE NEWS: We beat Gulf Cove 8 to 4 !!!! A record. Go get 'em, guys.

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March 1985

Millie Durst spent the last few days sewing on that lovely banner for the Kitchen Band so we can have it in time for our "Gig" at the Lemon Bay Expo." Thanks, Millie, for such a fine job.

Fran and Fred Franz will arrive April 2nd for a month and. will stay on Bayo St. '

Paul and Leda Dube from Chicopee, Mass. are visiting their friends, Terry and Vin Phaneuf.

KITCHEN BAND HITS THE ROAD AGAIN

The Kitchen Band will be performing Sat. March 23rd at the Lemon Bay High School for Expo '85.

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April 1985

Sorry that Bob Boulanger is back in the hospital. Hope it won't be long 'till he's feeling "fit as a fiddle." They will be moving to Dije St. soon and we wish them much joy in their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carruthers and mother Clara Bessinger are the new tenants at the Marsh residence, on Dije Street.

ODE TO MORGAN

To all he is "Morgan", this grand old blue heron

Who has been a long time in this Park.

when he was injured with a badly torn leg

The outlook for recovery was dark.

We watched as he struggled so hard to survive

Unable to search for his food;

He looked to the fishermen here on the dock

And to this old bird they were good.

Now he's strong once again, tho he has but one foot

And he flies cross the Bay with great ease

To his sheltered abode on the other side

Among the thick Mangrove trees.

This spring when everyone goes back home

Leaving this heron we all love so dear,

We'll wonder if when we return in the fall

Will old "Morgan" still be waiting here?

Gladys Thorne

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November 1985

Dije St. is almost back to normal. Two residents have left the park, Elizabeth Toney and Hazel Belky, but Ray and Virginia DeMoss have moved into Hazel's Belky's trailer. Welcome to our street.

Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander lost their porch in the last big storm and have made plans to replace it.

Eleanor & Noble Paul arrived back on Golfo the first week in October. They toured the Northwest U.S. and Canada in their motor home this summer, driving 12,800 miles. It's good to have neighbors on the camper lot behind Yakes' place. Say, "Hi" to the Crosbys when you walk by. Rumor has it they're here for the winter. Good!

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February 1986

Concrete fever must have hit the park or else the fishing and shrimping has been so poor that thoughts and action turn to cement, to wit: Hank and Katy Mastie, Tom and Phyllis McElroy, Clara Bessinger and Bob and Ladeema Carruthers, all with new driveways, after the Taylors and the Downings took time off from grouper fishing to lay some concrete. It all looks mighty nice, too! That includes Barbara Richardson's pad, newly remodeled and enlarged.

Who fell in the Bay and said it was George Hommel?

Hank and Katey Mastie are sporting a new cement apron in front of their place. Last month they had new carpeting installed throughout their trailer, a beautiful, light-colored Aztec pattern. So, Hank had to get rid of that dirt problem out front. Presto ! A new cement apron. Nice going, Katey.

Sorry to see Alice Hess ( 308 ) leave our park, but welcome back to Pat and Boyd Gunnison.

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March 1986

You've probably all heard about Les Downing's 300 lb. Jewfish that he caught 30 miles out in the Gulf in 96' of water. Lots of excitement and fish stories.

THE WAY IT WAS:

(Believe it or not but Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander of 420 Diie, have spent their winters here in Gulf to Bay for thirty-two years ! That must be a record. Your editor thought it might be interesting to have them recall some of the "good old days and times" and the following are some excerpts of an interview with these grand people.)

When Dorothy and Vaughn first came down, they crossed a wood bridge where the drawbridge is now. Old piling stubs can still be seen there and the last end was converted to what is now the fishing pier. Another old wood bridge came to Manasota Key, eventually called the "Killer Bridge." The park then consisted of what is now Aura, Bayo and Cielo Streets, but there was nothing but jungle and Australian pines on the Gulf side of the road. There were no actual roads in the park, just sand and gravel to various sites. One water pump served the whole park as did one electric meter. Carriers were charged on a pro-rata basis. Garbage cans were placed on the south side of the present laundry building and became a haven for rats, raccoons and possums. Vaughn and Dorothy came first with a 28' travel trailer which they parked at 223 Bayo where Dougherty's now live. Subsequently, they moved to where the Knapps live at 209 Bayo. They lived there until just recently when they bought Walkers place at 420 Dije.

There were no monthly committees for dinners, since there was no kitchen in the Rec Hall at that time. Various people were appointed by the management to cook at home and then bring the food to the hall. There were two homemade shuffle board courts where the games were organized, but not as well developed as the present program on professionally built courts. The water way had not been dredged and shrimp, oysters, scallops, and fish were plentiful. Shrimp were scooped up with a wheeled wire mesh push cart kind of a gadget wheeled about on the flats. The dredgings from the water way were dumped on what is now Sandpiper Key. Vaughn insists that fishing, shrimping and oystering were never the same after the waterway was dredged.

As is true in most parks, Gulf to Bay had its "character" namely one "Uncle Jimmy" who was notorious for his wild west tale stories.

Park entertainment was provided by local residents who performed various skits, mock weddings and Hill Billy materials. Group parties went to Placida, took an early train over to Boca Grande and, after a day of fishing, caught a late train back to the mainland, and then

home.

Square dancing, circle or round dancing, and ball room dancing provided much recreation. There is much much more, but space in the Listening Post is limited. We are indebted to the Nighswanders for sharing, the "old days" with all of us in the park.

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April 1986

#219 Bayo trailer was sold by Victor and Audrey Bielinski March 31st to Rita and Maurice Teehan, relatives of Terry and Vincent Phaneuf. The Teehans are from Chicopee, Mass. Also, Jim and June Simpson have sold their place to Frances and Fred Franz of Westbury, N.Y. They are lovely people and know they will be part of the park family in a very short time.

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November 1986

Fran and Marie Wadlegger moved to their new home at 412 Dije St. on Aug. 15th, and are very happy there.

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December 1986

We have new people on the first site on Aura Street. They are from Canada, Deryck and Iris Stones. Welcome aboard.

George and Joey Gallaher have purchased the Toney trailer on the corner at 401 Dije. George will retire next December.

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January 1987

Wasn't able to catch Dick & Flo Leeper at home. They are the new residents of 209 Bayo. We welcome them to the park and hope they like their new place.

Pat & Boyd Gunnison have moved into Bertha Johnson's mobile home. Welcome to Aura St. On December 15, 1986, Ruth Nelson quit her job, turned her home in North Almsted, Ohio over to her son and took up residence at 504 Estada St. Here she plans to stay until something better turns up. Noticed she was really enjoying the "LineDancing" on Tuesday.

Freeman and Etta Crosby purchased Kate and Paul Kerber's home at 9 Golfo St. They will be taking possession at a later date.

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April 1987

One record we established -- to the best of one's knowledge and belief, no one fell into the brink this year. A second record -- -- the poorest fishing, the poorest shrimping, and the poorest clamming and oystering in many a week, month, moon or season. Phew!

Welcome to our new neighbors Joseph and Pauline Croteau at #25 Cielo Ct.

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March 1987

And a note from Brownie:- "I want to extend my thanks to Lorraine, Joan, and all the members of the Gulf-to-Bay Kitchen Band for the tremendous performance at the Lemon Bay Shuffleboard League Banquet. I was real proud of you. Your support made my evening."

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December 1987

#### FISHING REPORT

While no real trophy fish have been landed by Gulf-to-Bay anglers, the results of fishing trips have, by all standard, been pretty favorable. Bob Rumpf, Freeman Crosby, Jack Smith, Gene Hull and Chan Robinson brought home satisfactory fish dinners.

Marguerite Oestreich landed six nice keeper trout while Art was zip! Frank Finelli brought in a nice red while fishing under the bridge. Probably the most interesting catch was reported by Cal Thatcher. While dancers began to respond to Jimmy Jay, Monday night, Cal tossed some bait off the Liar Dock. He hooked and landed a red estimated at 31/2 pounds and 21" long. By Tuesday evening on the dock, it had grown to 5 pounds and 24"

long, and not to be outdone, by Wednesday evening it was a monster of 8 pounds and 28" .  
Do you still wonder why it is called the Liars Dock?

Rita and Moe Teehan will be moving to their new place at 320 Cielo St. Some time this month. Bayo St. won't be the same without Rita buzzing up and down. We'll miss them.

Wish them happiness in their new venture.

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January 1988

Alice and Bill Exelby have moved into their new home on Estada and are working hard at redecorating. They are enjoying being new residents of Gulf-to-Bay.

Joanne & Dean Gould -- We are enjoying all our space in the beach house, big difference between this and the motor coach. Happy to leave the snow!

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February 1988

#9 Golfo will be empty for the last time this season, if all goes well. Etta and Freeman flew back to Cape Cod so that Etta can retire from her treasurer's job.

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March 1988

We welcome Bonnie & Rex Smallwood from Jeffersonville, Ind. to Bayo St. When I talked them they told me they love it here, and plan to come back in the fall for six months.

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April 1988

Paul and Leda Dube are our new people on the end of Aura St. They are from Chicopee, Mass. and are staying a month. She does quilting and knitting when not outside enjoying the sun. They hope to return here next winter.

We welcome our new neighbors, Bob and Marge King. They bought the Dick Hire mobile home at 110 Aura. This week they put in a new cement driveway.

Next door sits Boyd Gunnison with three broken toes on his right foot, in a cast for 6 weeks. That's it for golf huh! Boyd. While sitting around he is looking over travel plans for a 6-week trip to Hawaii next fall. With the new neighbor named Marge, Boyd said he has one on each side of him.

What's this I hear? Jane Wiley is getting a new water bed and new carpeting through-out. She'll get lots of zzzzzzz's now.

Marge and "Peg" DesRochers moved into the Palermo's old spot at 405 Dije the first of April, and report that they love everything about their new winter home, and the park too.

April 22nd its back to the north. Summer plans? Work till January, then retire! They'll be returning in mid-January of '89.

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December 1988

Dean & Joanne Gould arrived Nov. 10th to their new home and are still exploring all the nooks and crannies.

The Jean Croteaus enjoyed the month of November and their first Thanksgiving in the park.

Dotty Kerber had no news but we owe her a thank you for letting us plug the Christmas tree into her electricity.

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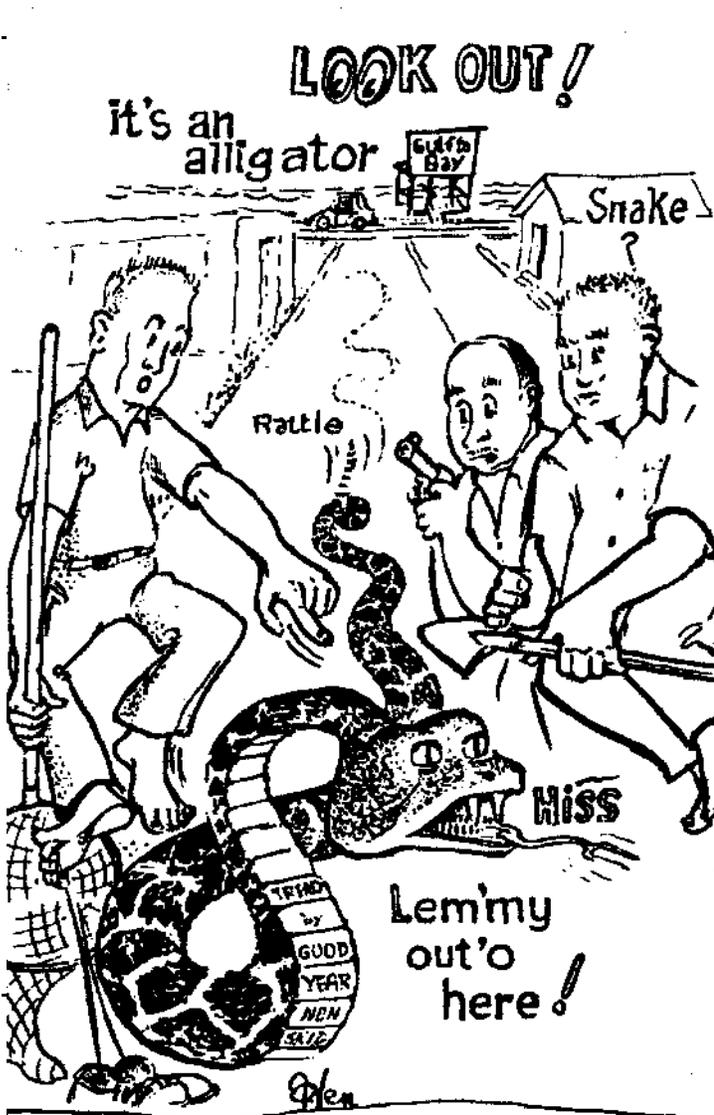
THE THREE SNAKETEERS

It was a nice bright and clear sunny day in early October when a large sinister-looking, snake appeared on Deje Street coming from

the area between the car and the Polarmo home. In no time at all, a curious crowd gathered, but three of our mighty men sprung, into action.

Stretch ran home to get a long handled shrimp net; Vaughn ran home to get a long handled shovel; and Charlie Letch ran home to get his trusty Magnum 22 pistol. With some pretty fancy teamwork, the snake was duly dispatched and later measured (after Vaughn chopped off its head with the shovel) Length 5 1/2 to 6 feet (see illustration). When subsequently operated upon, it was quite pregnant with a whole

The illustrations to the tale of the snake were provided by Emerson Henthorn. There seems to be no lack of talent in this park.



mess of baby snakes - no one bothered to count. So ends the saga of the rattle snake with everyone hoping that its mate had long been Disposed of in some manner which can be left to the imagination.

January 1989

We will miss Rex & Bonnie on our street. They have purchased the Reppenhagen's trailer and will be living on Cielo St. Lots of luck on the new venture.

Shirley Ryan had a new hip installed this fall which is healing beautifully, and she reports that the pain is gone. Altho still using crutches, Shirley is driving her car, and is looking forward to getting back to the Dome sometime in January. We're all happy to hear of your progress, Shirley.

Clarence Rohlf's is keeping fit with daily exercise. He stays faithful to his walks, many in the evening hours when we meet him buzzing around. Clarence also remains a faithful member of the shuffle team.

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February 1989

The Bishops have arrived at 205 Bayo and are getting settled in. "Welcome."

New owners at # 23 are William and Muriel Lyon . Right now they are busy straightening up the house and trying to find time to enjoy the sun and beach.

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March 1989

The Leepers, Dick and Flo, of Bayo St. are the new owners of #5 Golfo. A hearty welcome to Golfo St. Now it's only a hop, skip and a jump to the beach!!

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April 1989

We welcome Paul and Leda Dube to our street. They are the happy new owners of #1 Golfo.

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November 1989

Well, here it is November again, and our neighbors are beginning to arrive from the cool North.

This year we, here on Bayo, have a few new neighbors:

They are: - Phyllis Crosby on 201 (She used to be in the Park) - Welcome back Phyllis.

Richard Brady from Halboro, Pa. on 209.

John and Anne Kintz from Jackson, Mich. on 214.

Bob and Alice Nopper from Lenox, Mass. on 220.

Bob & Mickey Wagner from Forsyth, Mo on 218.

Wesley and Alvina Golkowski from North Branford, Conn. on 212

George & Eleanor Klienprinz from Sandwich, Ill. on 221.

Wes and June Shoemaker on 219

Welcome one and all. Hope you enjoy yourselves here on Bayo, ( nicknamed "The Ghetto" ).

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January 1990

Sophie reports she is very happy with her new room.

Rick MacFarlane is now a permanent resident at 320 Cielo. Wife, Ruthann, daughter of Ruth and Charlie Hicks will be joining Rick in another month.

Today's Chuckle: It's a good thing to cultivate good habits, - the bad ones all grow like weeds, anyway.

Brownie is happy to report that Gulf -to- Bay is in second place in the Blue Division of the Lemon Bay Shuffle League.

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March 1990

HAPPY BIRTHDAY A very happy birthday and many more to Rose Ouimette who recently celebrated her 90th birthday - the oldest resident in the park.

"THE GOLDEN YEARS (?)" - Wrinkled forehead, Creepey skin,

Thickened waistline, Double chin, Dimming eyesight, failing ears,

What's so golden about these years? (Lois Hatfield, Forsyth )

Larry Gilbert, (brother of Floyd Gilbert who was in the park for a while) has purchased Sizelove's trailer on 217 Bayo St. We want to welcome him as our new neighbor.

Fran & Jack Smith are the happy new owners of 12 Golfo St. Welcome aboard!

A special thanks to George Hommel ( the man never tires ) and his group, Jim Thorne, Rex Smallwood and Dean himself who dug in the electrical cable, wired the Tiki and cleaned up all debris. This adds great possibilities for night activities that might be planned.

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December 1990

We have another neighbor of the park. Jean Croteau has been a busy bee. Residents of Golfo St. have lost count of how many yards he cleared after their arrival and during the 90 degree heat. He and George should be nominated for "Neighbors of the Park" if there were such a nomination.

Not a bad idea!

A special welcome to Marie Genest to Cielo Street.

We have a new neighbor in Cady's place, at 103 Aura. Welcome, Betty Schwarz.

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January 1991

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

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February 1991

Our new neighbors at #26 are Dennis and Betty Flynn, from Lake Fenton, Michigan and will be here until March 1st.

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March 1991

A few words in appreciation to Ruthann for taking over as editor of our park newspaper when Art became ill. We certainly love your style and enthusiasm. Nice to have young people in and be so much fun. Most of the time you can find Ruthann and her husband Rick down at the dock fishing, shrimping or just having coffee! Many thanks again for all your time and work.

Thank you very much for the "ATTA GIRL" , Betty. Ed.

#### WHAT IS GULF TO BAY TRAILER PARK?

First of all, it is probably the only spot in southwestern Florida which has the beautiful Gulf on one side and Lemon Bay on the other. But many people never walk the beach, sun, swim or watch the beautiful sunsets from the Tiki. Also, some people never have boats to tie up, or shrimp or fish to catch from Lemon Bay. So there must be something else.

Did you or your mate ever have a setback of some kind? Isn't it nice to have people stop and ask about their health, even if they don't know them well? Isn't it nice to have someone care?

Do you like to play cards, games or go out for dinner? Isn't it nice that some people take extra time to work on committees to promote these activities? Have you ever had a car, plumbing, or electric problem and wonder what to do about it? Aren't there a number of people in the park who are happy to advise or help you with these problems? Who takes time out to gather newspapers and turn them in order to save our trees, how about the ones who run for council and publish this paper? Have you ever felt lonely and wanted to talk to someone? Go down to the Tiki or Liars Dock and someone will be there. So many other things! Gulf to Bay is not beautiful lawns, and Better Homes and Gardens houses, but the hearts inside of these humble homes are what makes the park. Can you think of a better place to live? If so, put your house up for sale and someone nice will buy it immediately. Thanks to all of you for caring.

ANONYMOUS

April 1991

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 Smiths 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.

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 to be reminded to introduce themselves.

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November 1991

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

Gomer the gopher turtle is still in residence, Gulf side.

Boy, did we give it our best-trying for the lottery. The dreams at the Liars Dock went from buying Turtles 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.

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December 1991

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.

Ken DeLaney and Bonnie Hill moved in at 106 Aura.

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

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.

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.

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# 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.

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January 1992

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 made it fun. The longer term residents were so knowledgeable about the procedures and so willing to help the newcomers.

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February 1992

#### 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. 1992.

They would like to thank and congratulate their team for a fantastic job.

Bill and Muriel Lyons

George and Joey Gallaher

Dean Gould

Peg Des Rouchers

Bob Boulanger

Jean Croteau

Bud Hicks

Paul Dube

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, Dick 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 Des Rochers, Rita Teehan, Marie Wadlegger,

Katie Mastie, Vaughn and Dorothy Nighswander, Millie Durst, 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.

A very special welcome to our new neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Art Anderson. We look forward to getting better acquainted .

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.

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.

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 9 a.m.. Come on gals, join us.

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March 1992

News from 403 Dije this month consists of a nice, clean, concrete drive under my carport which I really appreciate.

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.

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April 1992

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.

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.

The fishing docks have come along swimmingly. So far no swan dives or becoming 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.

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November 1992

Bob Nopper has moved into 213 Bayo.

#### THE EDITORS ----- OVER THE YEARS ----- 1982 - 1992

In 1982, when Art Oestreich, was President of the Recreation Council, the Gulf-to-Bay Park newspaper was launched. Allison Brown was the first Editor assisted by the council secretary, June Simpson. A few months later Jim Simpson, June's husband and a commercial artist designed the original masthead for THE LISTENING POST. A team of street captains gathered the news from each street to report on the resident activities. This system has been the backbone of the Listening Post ever since and it is sincerely hoped by the current editor that they will continue to be the backbone of our paper.

When Allison Brown became active with the MHO organization, Charlie Dierlein assumed the duties of Editor in the spring of 1984. Later on, Charlie passed the reins over to Art Oestreich, who had originally started the paper. Serious health problems convinced Art to find a replacement, and Ruth Ann MacFarlane agreed to carry on. Ruth Ann's creative mind added new features to the Listening Post, and also used the creative abilities of resident Jim Thorne to design a new masthead, which is currently being used.

Ruth Ann works at the Englewood Bank and found that family duties and working outside the home along with the Editorial duties was getting to be too such. So, a new Editor was needed. Phyllis Dee Crosby agreed to try it.

Phyllis first came to the park in November, 1983, for one month before starting out to travel in a motor home. She left in June, 1984. Her plans had been delayed by problems in getting ready. But she was 'hooked' for life, so to speak. After wandering around the country in her motor home, in which she lives. Phyllis came back to Gulf-to-Bay Travel Park to park her wheels. During her 6 months in 1983-84 she participated in many activities. so she is not a stranger to those who were here at that time.

Everyone in the Park wants to thank Ruth Ann for a fine job. and perhaps later on we can inveigle her to apply her many faceted talents on the Listening Post again. Thank you Ruth Ann MacFarlane. Thank you Art Oestreich. Thank you Allison Brown. And we would thank Charles

Dierlein if we could. And thank all of those who have worked to help get out the paper and deliver it and keep it going.                   THANK YOU ALL !!!

***'Twas THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS***

*'Twas the night before Christmas and in Gulf-to-Bay  
Not a creature was stirring, not even LES or FAY  
The stockings were hung in each trailer with care,  
In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there.*

*The Crosbys were nestled all snug in their bed  
While visions of a new home danced in their heads.  
And Terry in her kerchief and Vin in his cap  
Had just settled their brains for a long winter's nap.*

*When out on the Tiki there rose such a clatter  
Everyone sprang from their beds to see what was the matter  
Away to the Gulf we all flew like a flash  
Larry opened his shutters, Grace threw up the sash.*

*The moon on the crest of a wave hitting shore  
Gave a luster of mid-day to the water and more;  
When what to our wondering eyes should appear  
But a miniature Boat ---- sorry, no reindeer !*

*With a little old driver so lively and quick  
We all were surprised to see Ruth Ann and Rick!  
More rapid than eagle, the Hickses, they came  
There were whistles and shouts as we called others by name.*

*Hi Margie, Hi Phyllis, Hi Maynard and Sally  
Hello Rita, Hello Marie, Hello Wes, and Allie  
To the top of Aura Street, to the front of the Rec Hall  
Now dash away, dash away, dash away all.*

*As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly  
And meeting an obstacle mount to the sky  
So back to their trailers the residents flew  
Even the Grants, Bill and Muriel, too.*

*Then in a twinkling, we heard on Bayo Street,  
Where the Bishops, the Stones, and the Kintz's all meet,  
As they were visiting, and then turned around,  
Down Cielo the Smallwoods came with a bound.*

*They were dressed all in white from their head to their feet  
Then came the Spillers, bike riding, How Neat !  
A bundle of toys had been left at the Bay - -  
And we all wondered if Jane had left them that way*

*Pegs eyes, how they twinkled, Franz dimples - - how merry;  
Leda's cheeks were like roses, Jean's nose like a cherry,  
Norma's droll mouth was drawn up like a bow  
And Boyd's beard on his chin was as white as the snow.*

*The stump of a pencil Don held tight in his teeth  
While Chris was still trying to hang up a wreath.  
Paul had a broad face and a round little belly  
That shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly.*

*Jack was chubby and plumb, a right jolly old elf,  
And Fran laughed when she saw him in spite of herself.  
A wink of Bob's eye and a twist of Rita's head,  
Soon gave us to know we had nothing to dread.*

*The Thornes spoke not a word, but went straight to work  
And filled all the stockings , then turned with a jerk  
And laying a package beside Stevenson's home  
And giving a nod, off they went to the Dome.*

*Vaughn sprang to the Golf Cart, to Dorothy gave a whistle  
And away they drove like the down of a thistle:  
But we heard them exclaim, ere they drove out of sight  
**HAPPY CHRISTMAS, GULF-TO-BAY, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT !!***

*With apologies to the Author, and for all I left out..  
Mickey Wagner      1992*

December 1992

Les and Fay Downing want to thank all of the people in the park who have worked so hard to make our ownership a success. (ED. The Park thanks Les for his efforts in this project, and special thanks to all the spouses and families for their patience during that stressful time. )

WHAT A TREAT !!! A very special THANK-YOU was sent to Gulf-to-Bay from Joan Stunzig's brother. One hundred live lobsters found their way into our park, and onto our plates, and into our hearts on Sun. Dec.6.

FLASH !! FLASH !! Our shuffle team won their first match. 8 won to 4 lost. GO TEAM !!

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January 1993

FISH(Y) STORY

While most fishing is done with rod and reel, or at least a line with bait on the hook, or a net, JACK KINTZ throws tradition into the Gulf as he plunges in with his bare hands and scoops up a BIGGIE. True Fish Story?? Well, just ask FRAN SMITH . She was there.

Our new flag proudly flying from the Bayside staff is the generous gift from Ann and Bill Bottenfield. Thank you, thank you.

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February 1993

TLC BY LAURA HAGG RESTORED THE FRAZZLED EDGES OF OUR NEW FLAG THE FAMOUS WINDS OFF LEMON BAY AND THE GULF OF MEXICO LATELY WERE RELENTLESS AND TORMENTING TO OUR PROUD BANNER. THANK YOU, LAURA .

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March 1993

HAPPY , HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY MABEL. We wish we could do as well as you do. We welcome, Freeman and Etta Crosby the " new kids on the block " to Estada Street.

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April 1993

GOSSIP ..... GOSSIP ..... GOSSIP

There was a lot of noisy chattering from the birds and squirrels last week about the busy traffic between Aura St. and Cielo Ct as pick-ups went back and forth transferring furniture and stuff. Betty and Dennis Flynn were moving into the Beach House on the Gulf of Mexico.

Laura Hagg is a welcome new neighbor on Bayo St. She moved over from Cielo St., where she spent the winter.

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November 1993

The Park Boards wish to thank Jack Spiller and LLoyd Dowdell for the splendid paint and renovating jobs they did on the office , laundry, and restroom buildings. And also Ruth Spiller for her gardening skills. A special thank you to Jack Spiller and Rita Teehan for helping all summer with the renting of units.

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January 1994

HAPPY NEW YEAR

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

FRAN WADLEGGER for fixing the dock lights.

FREEMAN CROSBY for the Tiki light.

JACK SPILLER, WES GOLKOWSKI AND JEAN CROTEAU for painting the inside of the showers and laundry buildings.

BOB WAGNER AND PEG DESROCHERS for removing the old tile in the laundry and putting in new floor covering.

RUTH SPILLER AND ALLIE GOLKOWSKI for covering the tables in Bayo St. laundry.

VIN PHANEUF, JACK SMITH, WES GOLKOWSKI, JEAN CROTEAU, AND PEG DESROCHERS for repairing the wooden Park benches.

AUDREY GRANT for painting the Pelicans decorating the front of the office.

CHARLEY HICKS for renovating the shuffle court and up-grading the shuffle equipment.

FAY DOWNING for beautifying the Gulf to Bay sign on Estada.

LLOYD DOWDELL for painting the exterior of the Bayo Laundry.

The Gulf to Bay residents lit their luminaries Christmas night and Santa Claus rode through the park on his way back to the North Pole. His elves passed out candy canes. (We were rained out Christmas Eve ).

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February 1994

The annual Sweetheart Dinner will be held Feb.13th. 10 couples will be honored this year.

Norma Bishop, Kathy McGil and Bob Nopper went clamming and it must have been a clam that tripped Norma and scuttled off with her shoe.

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March 1994

A RESOLUTION

The Board of Directors of Gulf to Bay Cooperative Representing the Members, hereby resolve:

To honor Allison Brown for her devoted service to the Cooperative and her foresight in helping to organize and maintain the Gulf to Bay Homeowners Association prior to the conversion. Her untiring efforts during the park acquisition were a deciding factor in the creation and successful completion of the first few vital years of the Cooperative.

Allison, it is with deepest gratitude that we honor you today with this resolution to be entered into the records of Gulf to Bay. Let it be known to all present that without the countless hours you so freely gave, your stamina and persistence, the Gulf to Bay Cooperative would not be the reality it is today.

We wish you and Brownie many years of enjoying the fruits of your labor.

You have our deepest appreciation.

Resolved this day March 14,1994

by the Board of Directors, Gulf to Bay Cooperative

Stephanie and Kenneth Schrieber are now in residence at 203 Bayo. Ken is a retired school teacher and Stephanie is a nurse.

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November 1994

There is now a mailbox for the Listening Post at 201 Bayo, contributed by Rene and Lorraine Dube. Thanks to Paul Dube and Bob King for promptly installing it.

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April 1995

A dedicated group of park residents went to work renovating the Rec Hall. Tuesday, March 28th, Gulf to Bay Band and Chorus celebrated the NEW LOOK with a delightful concert. Beverly Sternbergh is the leader and is to be commended for her fine work with the group.

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October 1995

"Mostly Manatees" is a new column in the Englewood Sun Herald written by Grace Gilbert.

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November 1995

GULF TO BAY CELEBRATES 4 YEARS AS A RESIDENT OWNED PARK

So here in G to B we give thanks for our wonderful park, for the people in the park who make it wonderful and who continue to work to keep it wonderful. HAPPY 4TH BIRTHDAY, GULF TO BAY.

A welcome back pizza party to be held in the Rec Hall, November 11th.

Don't forget the first Pancake Breakfast .....November 25th !!!!!!!!!!!

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January 1996

Have you noticed the new Sony Tape/CD player/radio in the Rec Hall ? It was purchased for the Park by the year-rounders with monies left over from summer activities.

A lovely time was had by all the Street Reporters at a "Thank you " luncheon held in the Rec Hall given by Phyllis Crosby and catered by Sue Taylor .

CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Awarded to all of those who have helped steer Gulf to Bay Coop so well. We have started our 5th year in excellent financial health. The residents are to be applauded for their diligent care and maintenance of the park.

BONVOYAGE.....On Saturday January 20th, 1996, 32 Gulf to Bay residents will fly from Ft. Lauderdale to Aruba to board the ship THE OCEAN BREEZE. We wish you smooth sailing.

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March 1996

A pig in a poke ? Oh no, it's a pig in the pit roasting for the Easter Luau. Find some bright clothes, practice the Limbo and loosen your belts.

GULF TO BAY SPRING CONCERT - MARCH 26, 1996

Come on and hear-Come on and hear-The Gulf to Bay Park Kitchen Band.

Come on and hear-Come on and hear-It's the best band in the land.

We can play a bugle call like you never heard before-

It's just the best band on the Key, Just wait and see!

Come on along- Come on a long, -Let me take you by the hand.

Up to the stand, up to the stand - To meet the leader of the Band;

And if you want to see our Rec Hall Quiver to the rafters.....

Come on and hear - Come on and hear -The Gulf to Bay Park Kitchen Band.

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April 1996

SPECIAL THANK YOU

The Gulf to Bay Board of Directors want to thank Les Downing for his years of dedicated and unselfish service as President of the Board.

SHOUT THE GOOD NEWS.....Our Gulf to Bay Shuffleboard Team won the prestigious WALKER TROPHY for the first time ever. !!!!!!!!!!! The team of six men and five women took the first place honors during the Lemon Bay's Shuffleboard League's regular season, and then won the coveted Walker Cup in the post-season tournament. It's very unusual to win both trophies.

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