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Park News - Management

Residents are reminded that the last payment of rent, utilities - is due May 1, 1987 - one of those last minute items before heading north.

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The good listener may not be listening. He may be thinking of ways to escape.

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M.H.O. News

The M.H.O. Board of Directors has had several informal meetings, best described as "study" sessions, exploring various possibilities in regard to park ownership in the event of possible sale thereof. The experiences of other parks have been investigated as to procedural steps, financial arrangements, payment schedules and the like. No formal action has been taken as of this date of publication and M.H.O. members will be informed should any formal action be required.

Also of interest is the printing of a new M.H.O. handbook, now in printing, and soon to be available for all M.H.O. people. This is being printed by the State Association of M.H.O.

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Retort: - "Behave yourself," the mother admonished her misbehaving son. "Don't you know every time you're bad I gat another gray hair?"

"You sure must have been a bad girl," the son answered. "Just look at all the gray hairs Grandmother has."

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Recreation Association News

On a separate page of the Listening Post, readers will find a revised edition of the Articles of Governance of the Gulf-to-Bay Recreation Association. These articles were approved and accepted by the Council and were ratified at the Annual meeting held on March 29, 1987. Please keep a copy for your files.

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This is still the land of opportunity, where anybody can grow up, lose a job and go on unemployment compensation.

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A Little Bit of This and That

As one reviews the 1986-87 season at Gulf-to-Bay, a number of items, things, events, and people should be recognized. First of all, a very warm and sincere thanks to the Block News Captains, who kept us all informed as to all of the goings on in the park, (well - maybe not all of them!) Secondly, a very warm thanks to Terry Phaneuf who did all of the typing with great skill and professionalism (even to being able to decipher the terrible scribbling of your editor.)

A word of thanks to all who prepared and served those very find Gourmet dinners each month, and to the Carniyal workers who aided and abetted in rescuing a somewhat slim bank balance, and to the Pancake gang whose efforts added \$600. for the coffers.

A warm thanks to the Kitchen Band which provided so much entertainment and terpsichorean (male) delight and enlightenment.

Finally, thanks to Management who provided us with nights of fun with Crazy Carole and Jimmie Jay (as late as April 20) And - what about those pot holes? - All in all, a good year.

Mystery - Where are all of the mocking birds and cardinals this spring?

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!

With beautiful weather (at last) at Gulf-to-Bay, the beach is the favorite spot for sunning, swimming, ogling the members of the opposite sex, gossiping and otherwise settling various matters of state, i.e. the national debt, sex, nudity, sex, the latest jokes, sex, baseball scores, sex, Tammy Bakker, sex and T.V. shows featuring Vanna White - and Grandchildren.

Finally - A safe journey home for all, a great summer and we will all see you in the fall. Thank you for your support. - The Editor.

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One of the main tasks of a schoolteacher is to take a room full of livewires and make sure they're well grounded.

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STREET NEWS

Aura Street - By Betty Baker

The Rumpfs' have their daughter Debbie, Jack and Matt here for the Easter Holidays.

Boyd and Pat Gunnison left on Thursday. They enjoyed their place here and have it looking so cherrie with all the flowers.

The Cadys' arrived in Conn. after a rainy trip home. Anne misses the sun and the park.

The George Galats left for Canada last Saturday.

John and Donna Darling left last week. So the first four families on our street are gone for the summer.

Ethel Cross is busy knitting hats for the new born babies for the hospital up in Onio. She has knitted 400 hats and still making more.

Peanuts is out on his scooter again. Can't keep him down for long. He is trying to catch a snook.

Lu is busy going places. Not much news there.

The Dick Hires are leaving for home on Saturday. They will be back in October.

Marge said no news, just wandering around.

Millie gets around nicely with her walker. Good to see her out again.

Bill & Helen Bottenfield painted their place and also had the car painted. They expect their son Scott this Thursday for a few days.

Betty Baker drove to Marco Island last Monday to visit the Folkertsma. Their daughter Kim and small son Karn were visiting from Turkey. It was a fun day and one of the nicest days weatherwise. On Sunday, I visited my nephew Brad and family in Laurel. They were here from Duxbury, Mass.

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Don't you wish all those people trying to find themselves would get lost?

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Bayo St. - By Gladys Thorne

Ropse Ouimet had her brother Eddie Bousquet of Bonita Springs as a guest for the Easter holiday. Rose will fly home to Mass. on May 5. We wish you a safe trip.

Ruth & Bob Arnholt are anticipating a trip to the East Coast over the Easter holidays, to see daughter Amy and family. They plan to be gone a week.

Noword from Jack & Kathy Stanley, but are expected back in the park by Friday, April 17, along with their son, his wife and family who will be visiting for a few days. They're here, daughter Kathleen is also here for the Easter Holiday.

The Henthorns had as guests their son John, wife Sylvia from St. Louis, MO. for a few days. Really enjoyed finding and picking up sharks teeth on the beach.

Dick & Caresta are expecting their grandson Joseph Benya and family from Orlanda on April 26 for a 1 week visit. Joseph works at Disney World.

Vin & Terry have been busy entertaining son Gene and family. They spent 6 days at Magic Kingdom, Epcot and Sea World. Had a wonderful time. They flew home on Friday, April 17. Peace and quiet again at the Phaneuf house.

Florence & George are back on schedule after a busy two weeks with Florence's brothers and their wives. The Finnetts are preparing to go back to Ontario. They say this migrating back and forth is for the birds. - All they do is take off - no details. Say they will miss everyone and all the good times, and wish everyone a good summer.

No news from Mabel, only that she will be flying home to Mass. on May 5 along with Rose, Helen and Dottie Hall. A safe trip is wished for all.

The Thornes are in no hurry to get up north this spring. At this time have no plans as when they might leave. Looking forward to spending a lot of time at the beach before going home.

Alice Flebotte entertained some folks from Mass., Henry & Lucy Lavigne last week. Also Fred and Audrey Robinson from Barrie, Ontario.

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When the smart-aleck student was asked how he'd punctuate the sentence: "Mary a cute blonde coed walked down the street," he winked and said, "I'd make a dash after Mary."

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Ode to the Snowbirds

Our streets are getting empty
The Snowbirds are heading home.
Soon our park will be a ghost town
With all our friends and neighbors gone.

The winter months have really flown,
But we've had lots of fun.
Tho'spring's been slow in coming,
We'll soon be hiding from the sun.

We wish each one a safe trip north,
Or where ever they may roam
And will look forward to the fall
When all will come back home.
To Gulf-to-Bay, that is.

By G. Thorne

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Cielo St. - by Ruth Hicks

Virginia and Don Reppenhagen are recovering from entertaining their daughter Susan and grand-daughter Ginna from Michigan. The "Highlight" of Ginna's stay was her "April Fooling" of Cora and nephew Richard.

Bill and Irene Stevenson's daughter Pat and grand-daughter Michelle from Birmingham, Mich. will be visitors for one week's stay. Irene is anxious to get back to Michigan, in time for a 50-year reunion, with her graduating class, Hurley School of Nursing.

From Billy Kell: - He still has tapes left for any interested party.

Cielo St. - Cont.

Jack & Fran Smith are tired of the quiet, so daughter Sally, grandson Mickie, from Rochester, Mich. are arriving to liven things up a bit.

Frank's new full name is Frank Snooky Finelli - Wonder why?

When I spoke to Fred & Irene Kalagher, they informed me that daughter Pauline will be spending Easter with them. She is from Mass. and will be enjoying the sun for one week.

Richard & Marie Johnson, Cora Tyson's nephew and wife from Athens, Michigan, would like to say thanks for making their stay so pleasant. Saw them at line dancing, Marie dancing away and Richard taking pictures.

Speaking of Cora, she and Jane Wiley have been kept busy running back and forth to the hospital to visit their friend, Leah Hart. I know we all miss Leah.

Mickey and Bob Rumpf will be occupying the former site of Hank & Joyce Gipson. Welcome to Cielo St. Mickey and Bob.

Frances and Freddy Franz's son William from Maryland has arrived for a short visit. Bill said how nice it was to have the bay on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other. We agree!

We snow birds wish all the permanent residents a safe, healthy and happy summer. See you in the fall!

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People who wake up and smell the coffee are lucky to have someone else making it for them.

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Dije St. - By Allison Brown

The Robinsons' home was pretty full the first five days of the month when Gary and Angie Denning and daughter Stephanie arrived, along with Julie Allison and Daughter Amber. The two mothers, Angie and Julie, are grand daughters of Chan and Hulda. They all hail from Des Moines. Everyone enjoyed a feast of Snook that Chan caught. They all loved fishing with Gramp and thought the beach was super. Chan and Hulda are looking forward to a family reunion with four generations of which they are the head generations. It will take place June 13 and 14 in Monticello, Iowa.

The Wadleggers are expecting company, the Doyles from Clearwater and the Dubey's from Pennsylvania. Marie is happy to report that her hand & shoulder are almost back to normal.

Notes from up and down the street:-

We will soon be leaving for home. We wish everyone a nice summer and look forward to seeing you all next fall. - Virginia & Ray DeMoss.

From the Boulangers: - Bob and Rita: - Nice weather - beautiful Gulf - what else do you want? We have had a young honeymoon couple from home, Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery Duprey. They really enjoyed our beach.

And from Ruth Salmon: - I greatly enjoyed the mini-cruise to Nassau, and I would like to repeat it next winter. We've had so many fun activities in the park this year that the winter just flew by. I'll be leaving in May and hope to return next October.

From the Ides: - Harry & Lorraine, as usual, just hate to leave their dear friends and neighbors. It was a wonderful season. We thank you all for helping make our trips and the kitchen band so much fun. See you in the fall with all your park activity ideas. We hope it's a nice summer for everyone.

From the Masties: - Daughter Barb and Zachary have arrived, and good weather seemed to get here at the same time. It's so nice to be back on the beach. Time is going fast, and we'll be heading north in a couple of weeks. We hope you all have a fun summer and we'll see you in the fall.

And from 410: - The Deierleins have been enjoying a visit by Shirley's sister and brother-in-law, Grace, and Henry Fulle. The Fulle's like our (warm? balmy?) weather. If that is so, how do they explain why they had to borrow two wool blankets from us? Efficiencies are just not all that efficient.

Cielo Ct. - by Loretta Brandemill

George Uto thinks that we boat owners should express a sincere Vote of Thanks to Bob Arnholt and his crew of Charlie Letsch, Bill Bottenfield, and others who help out in bailing our boats during the heavy rains we have had this season. Yes, bailing in the late evening hours and also into the early A.M. hours. Oddly enough recently, after 2½ inches of rain and bailing out boats, Bob's boat sank to the bottom, motor and all, but with help from others, Bob got his motor started again, - Good going, fellows. Well, that's the nice thing about this park. Everybody does for everybody else. So, our sincere thanks again to Bob and the gang. George is also now feeling better after a bout with a cold. George is also looking forward to a visit from daughter Lorraine and her husband and grandchildren, and son George from Cape Cod.

From the desk of Lola and Matt Yakes: - Son Eugene and wife Edna came in just in time to be a big help to his dad while Lola was in the hospital. They will be leaving Sunday for Grand Rapids, Michigan. Thank you all for your concern, the pretty card and sun visor. Love & god Bless All.

Mary May: - I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for all of their help and cooperation during my two years on the Council. You came at a good time in my life. I needed you. Thank you. Have a nice summer and I'll see you in the fall.

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Ever since man discovered fire, someone's been making an ash of themselves.

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Estada St. by Helen Bleck

Norm & Millie Durst are not having much luck fishing but keep trying anyway. Norm has an eye appointment in May so they won't be leaving until the end of the month.

Dot Hall is still recuperating from her illness, but feeling better each day.

Dot Manley reports that Jim is getting his boat ready for shrimping. They'll head for Stump Pass some moonlight night, then its shrimp cocktail time.

The Hamiltons' friends Vic & Doris Garrettson from Bradenton visited them before leaving for Lima. Marge & Dick will be leaving on May 19th for Lima and will be returning in the fall.

Mary Kay and daughter Maureen from Ohio, who is recuperating from surgery, visited Mary Jane recently. Kathleen, Maureen's twin, will be arriving April 23 and will be driving her mother home after enjoying a little visit in Florida. Ruth is recovering from a migrain which caused her to miss line dancing. We hope to see her next Tuesday a.m.

Fay and Les Downing are enjoying a visit from their daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Howard and grandchildren John and Kelly Schroeder. Fay and Les will be returning to Michigan in early May.

Peg & Lee Taylor have had Oliver Craig visiting from Michigan and they will all be returning to Michigan before Easter. The Taylors are anxious to see their brand new grandchild and all the others.

Helen Bleck had a nice visit with her daughter and son-in-law, Judy & Armand D'Amico from Conn. I think all the "Line Dancers" join me in saying a greatbig "Thank You" to Joan and Paul Stunzig for all the work they put into teaching us the dances which we sure do enjoy.

The Oestreichs have a new granddaughter, Caitlin Ann Lamon Oestreich, born April 6 to Alice & Skip Oestreich, of Bloomington. - An incentive to going home!

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Line Dancing Group for the generous and wonderful gift presented to us at the annual party. It is most appreciated and we have only to decide what we will use it for. It has to be something as special as you are, and something to remind us of all of you each time we use it. Thank you so much. - Paul and Joan.

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When all the children have grown up, married and moved away, most parents experience a strange new emotion. It's called ecstasy.

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Dije St. - Cont.

From the pen of Ralph Palermo: - Roxanne's sister, Fleurette, was in to visit a few days. However, the big news is the announcement that we are great grandparents of three new additions to the roster of great grand-children. Two new girls and one new boy bringing the great-grand total to twenty! That's really worth crowing about.

Some additions from your reporter: - The Nighswanders are news-shy, but a little bird told me that some important visitors will be showing up soon - grandson, his wife and two kiddoes. That should liven things up on the corner.

Clara, Bob & Ladeema aren't going to hang around to get their Listening Post. They're aiming north pretty soon. Fly low, gang!

Barbara Richardson has her head full of Easter dinner preparations. No time for news writing for Barb.

And the same goes for Jay Hubbard. He's keeping his trim figure fighting rust on his boat trailer. No time for gossip. Jay surely deserves a full season of boating pleasure when he and Jennie return in the fall. This winter has been all labor. Hang in there, Jay.

From Brownie & Allison: - Many thanks to all the people who have kept the park jumping this season. We don't dare mention names, space is at a premium. But we know how much you've put into the work-pot - it's amazing. We love and appreciate each one of you. What a wonderful family we have here at the liveliest park in Florida. Stay well, have a wonderful summer, and come back safely to good ole Gulf-to-Bay.

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A fool and his money are soon parted. The rest of us just wait until tax time.

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Golfo St. - by Norma Croteau

Nettie Arnholt is getting around more. Looking forward to shuffling next year.

Charlie & Helen Verrill spent 2 days at Lehigh Acres visiting his sister. Heading home on the 20th.

Dot & Floyd Crankshaw have no idea when they're heading home. Grandson Jim will be flying down to drive them home. Dot's healing very well from her accident.

Bill Swickard's sister and husband, Mr. & Mrs. Ed, Philly and daughter Sandy, husband Roger, son Greg from Bettsville, Ohio, were visiting. Niece Ernestine Yaakum of Brandon with her family also visited.

George Jacobson took off a day late after being detained by a 24-hour bug.

Lucille Tracy is still a "No Show".

Now we are in Civit Country. Noble and Cal trapped 3 civets, but our noses tell us they didn't get them all. Eleanor and Noble will be here until June so "Look Out Civets."

Cal's brother John - "The Minister" will be visiting around May 15th. They are hoping for "Divine Intervention" on the Civet trail. Cam also added welcome to our new neighbors, Joseph & Pauline Croteau.

Kate Kerber heads home May 3rd. Paul is in a rest home in Grove City where he is receiving excellent care. Paul was the driving force in our park at the start of F.M.O.

Dot Kerber's daughter and son-in-law, Virginia & Jess, from Port Huron, Mich. are here enjoying our "nice" weather. Dot leaves on the 24th.

Dean & Joanne Gould have no news except to say they did have a visit from their daughter who lives in Bonita Springs. They are also front row spectators of big game hunters, Cal & Noble's efforts!

The Rasmussens are back for 2 weeks and will entertain their daughter, son-in-law and three grandchildren for 7 days. Then its pack up time and takeoff day is the 24th.

The Jean Croteaus are planning on heading north the 1st- providing their car is running. Two frustrating weeks since the car just quit. Maybe it wanted a vacation too. At least the weather warmed up so its not all bad!

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Coin laundry - where small-time crooks go to launder their money.

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ARTICLES OF GOVERNANCE FOR COMMUNITY ACTION
OF THE
GULF-TO-BAY RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Revised and Accepted by the Council, March 23, 1987 for Ratification at the Annual meeting, March 29, 1987.

1. The purpose of the Council is to provide for the entertainment of the residents of the park.
2. A Council of six shall be elected by the park residents for governance of the Association. It will be necessary to elect four members each year; two of whom will serve two years, and two of whom will serve one year. A Nominating Committee of four members-at-large with one designated as Chairperson shall be appointed by the Council no later than six weeks prior to the date of the annual election to be held on the third Saturday of March. The Nominating Committee will propose a slate of six to eight candidates, all of whom must have consented to serve if elected. The slate must be delivered to the president no later than two weeks prior to election. An appropriate ballot shall be prepared and posted no later than one week prior to the election. Two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will serve two years. The next two candidates in voting rank will serve one year. These four members plus the two carry-over Council members shall constitute the new Council. The Council shall meet a minimum of once a month, or as often as necessary; the time and place to be determined by the President. In case of a vacancy occurring on the Council, the remaining members shall appoint a new member to fill the unexpired term. An annual meeting of the Recreation Association shall be called by the President following the annual election and no later than April 10th.
3. The following officers, each of whom shall serve a one-year term shall be elected by the Council:

President	Treasurer	Member-at-large
Vice-President	Secretary	Member-at-large

The Council shall be responsible for all events in the park, subject to the approval of the Management. The Treasurer shall submit all bills and monthly reports to the Council for approval.

4. Each Council member shall serve as monthly Chairperson for all social events of an entire month and shall select his own committee not to exceed ten persons including the Chairperson. If a dinner is part of the month's entertainment plan, free dinners are to be provided for the committee of ten.
5. The newly elected Council members will meet with the incumbent Council within one week following election for an orientation meeting. The agenda will include the reports of the Secretary and the Treasurer, discussion of all pending old business and any new business proper to come before such a meeting following which the meeting will be adjourned. The newly elected Council members will then meet in separate session, elect their officers, and will assign monthly activity Chairpersons for November through April of the next season. The incumbent Council will function through April of the current season when their tenure expires. The April meeting will be a joint meeting of both councils.
6. Management shall be advised beforehand of any and all activities to be planned in and for the park.
7. A twenty dollar (\$20.00) death benefit check shall be given to the family of any person who dies and who is listed as a twelve-month renter in the park, or who is a regular six-month winter resident in the park.
8. An offering not to exceed ten dollars (\$10.00) floral or otherwise, shall be sent to any resident of the park who is sick in any hospital for a duration of three days or longer WHILE IN RESIDENCE AT GULF-TO-BAY PARK. This is limited to one donation in any year per person.