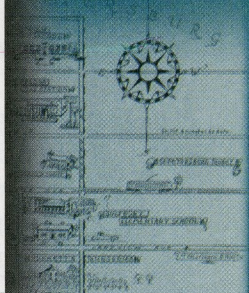
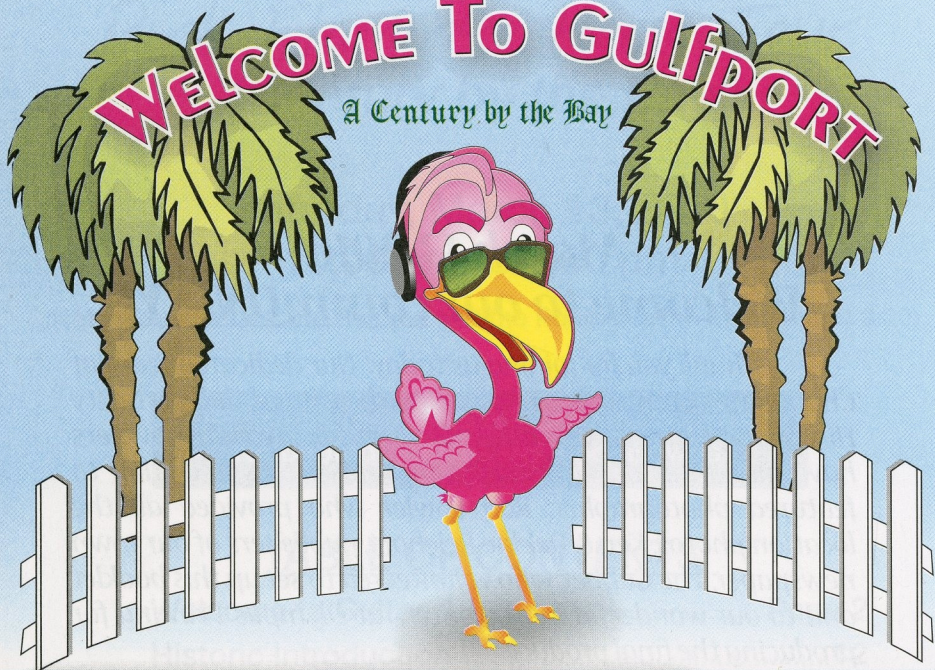


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A Century by the Bay



Pink FLAMINGO HOME TOUR 2010

March 13, 2010
Welcome to our commUNITY!

Thank you for joining us today. Our dedicated team of Chamber of Commerce volunteers, the City of Gulfport, City Historian Lynne Brown, and some very dedicated homeowners have made this day possible. Our heartfelt appreciation to featured photographer, Rob Fowler who provided all the location photos, Ken & Debbie Reichart, publishers of our town newspaper, The Gabber, who volunteered to set up this booklet and to our wonderful local printers at Olympus Printing for producing the final product.

We decided to show you not only our special treasures of yesteryear, but wanted to give credit to those hard working home renovators that have restored homes of all eras with great creativity! We are proud of the abundance of talent in our neighborhood!

Please refer to the center map of your program to guide you to Parking, Trolley Stations, Restrooms, Shops, Restaurants, et al. You may do a self tour in any order, or use the trolley system that will run 10am-5pm.

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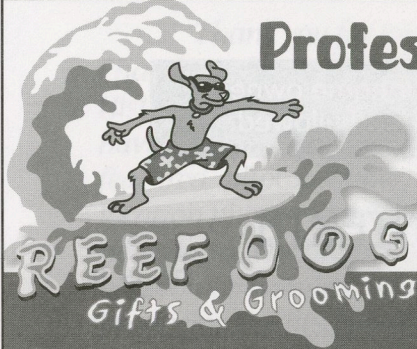
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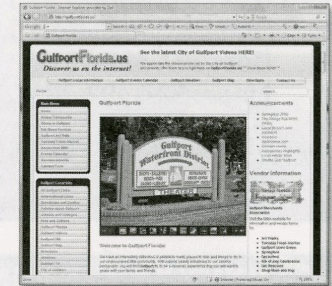
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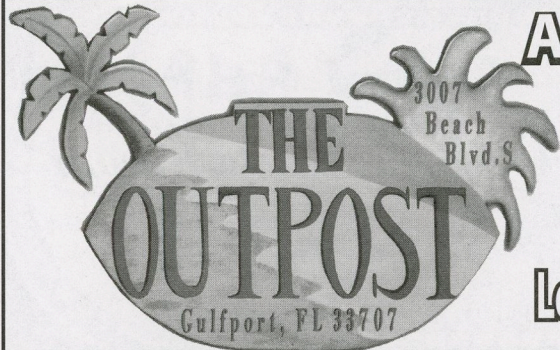


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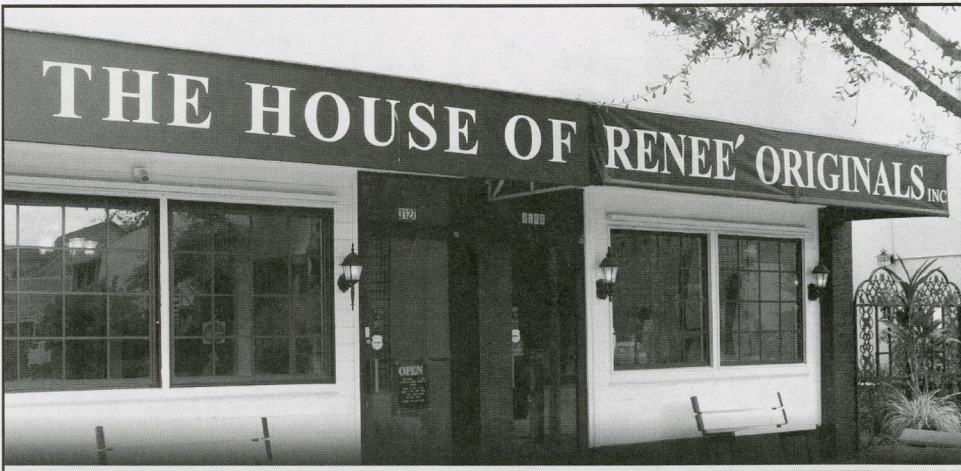
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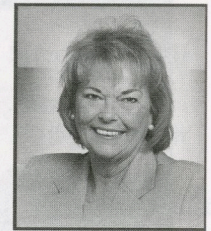
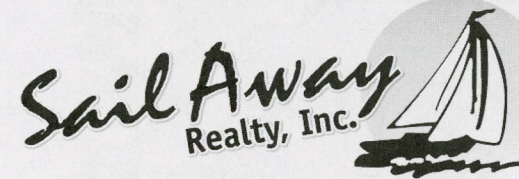
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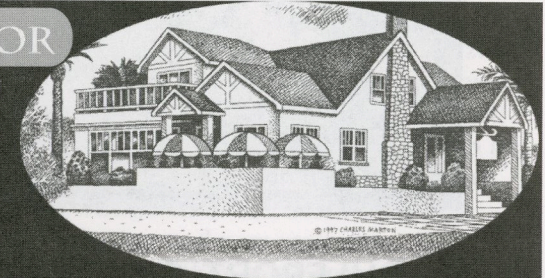
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The first settlers came to this isolated corner of the peninsula just after the Civil War. To survive, they fished and farmed small plots of land hacked out of the palmettos and pines. With no roads or bridges, contact with the outside world was made only by boat, and that was irregular and undependable. There was hope for a time that the railroad would make the tiny town a terminus, but St. Petersburg was chosen instead. In the early 20th century, however, a trolley line was built, running directly to the waterfront along today's Beach Boulevard and bringing with it new residents, tourists, and trade.

By 1910 the settlement had grown to more than the 25 registered voters required to petition for incorporation, and that they did, establishing a town and naming it Gulfport. The mayor and council borrowed \$100 under their own names and began the long struggle to develop this unique community. Over the last 100 years, Gulfport has suffered the devastation of a major hurricane and a great Depression, entertained bootleggers and moon-shiners, and lost its boys to war, but through it all has always risen, buoyed up by the spirit of its citizens. Today, Gulfport is known throughout the area as a very special place— full of art, history, unique individuals, charming homes, restaurants and shops.

— Lynne Brown



#1 Scout Hall

5315 28th
Avenue South

Scout Hall was built in 1926 at 26th Avenue and York Street, as a Pentecostal Church. When the Gulfport Library outgrew its small space on Beach Boulevard, the citizens' board raised \$50 toward

buying and moving the building to Chase Park in 1937. Many groups, both public and private, began to meet in the hall, which was becoming known as a community center. Gulfport's new Recreation Center on the beach went up in 1966 and the old Community Hall was given to the Scouts. After a complete renovation, including air conditioning and new restrooms, the building reopened in July 2008, ready for yet another generation of Gulfport people to share its many memories and make new ones.

#2 The Gulfport Historical Museum

5301 28th
Avenue South



In 1913, the museum building began its life across 53rd Street as the original home of the First Methodist Church. It was moved to its present location in the 1950's when the new church was built. Since then, it has housed the Boy Scouts (it was the first Scout Hall), the Red Cross and the Civil Air Patrol, as well as municipal offices. The Gulfport Historical Society, formed in 1981, received permission to use the building as a museum in 1984. Since then, it has housed records, archives and artifacts related to the history of Gulfport. It underwent a major restoration in 1998, after the ceiling collapsed during a storm and the interior has been returned to its original configuration. Stop by weekdays 2-4 pm or Saturdays 10am-noon.



#3

5100 28th Avenue South

This home, circa 1924, has had several owners, one of whom, in 1941, paid annual taxes of \$13.65!

Michael drove by and fell in love with the home in 2003. An architect who had lived on a boat for many years, he soon found himself involved in extensive renovations in addition to the outdoor decking wrapped around the house, giving it the feel of a marina.

He next fell in love with neighbor, Bobbi, who has shared the home with him since 2008. The couple delights in entertaining and enjoys the hidden retreat that the rear deck provides for additional partying.

Bobbi and Michael “both fit in the artsy, quirky, laid-back atmosphere” of Gulfport, which they describe as a **real** community, not just a city.

Their most recent venture was taking over Gulfport’s Domain Home Accessories last May. Two of the artists whose works appear at Domain, John Shevlin and Owen Pach, will have art on display at this home for the Home Tour.

Welcome to our home,
Bobbi & Michael



#4

5038 28th Avenue South

Jodi and Dino met twenty-one years ago as Scuba instructors in Key West. They visited family in this area and were charmed by Gulfport which reminded them of “old” Key West, “a small waterfront town with lots of character.” They love being in “walking distance to a variety of great restaurants, shops and funky home town feel.”

The original owners of this 1938 home added a sun porch in 1941. Six years ago, Jodi and Dino bought the home, which is a style referred to as a ‘long house’ (a progression of added on rooms in single file). Dino says what sold them on the house was the backyard, “it’s big, open and private.” A fun touch you’ll surely notice is a sign from an old restaurant, bearing Dino’s name.

The house boasts three porches in addition, allowing them to “spend more time outside than in.” A custom-made over-sized picnic table in the yard is perfect for entertaining and is especially handy for the many cookouts for family and visitors they host from up North.

Welcome to our home,
Jodi and Dino



#5

3048 52nd Street South

Dean and mom, Shirley, were ready to move from New Hampshire when he spotted this circa 1948 home in 2006. He pounced at the opportunity to purchase it and the renovations began!

With painstaking attention to every detail, they transformed this formerly neglected home to a showplace! Outside, the architectural artifacts and landscaping provide only a hint at what remains to be seen inside where mission-style furniture and creative tile design set a mood of comfort and elegance.

The sumptuous master bedroom suite they added to the home has French doors leading to a garden reminiscent of a European monastery cloister, replete with a cascading waterfall, exotic birds and many more surprises!

Welcome to our home,
Shirley and Dean



#6

5226 30th Avenue South

One of the few remaining kit-built Roebuck homes in what had been known as Roebuck Park, this property had been owned by Alvah Roebuck since the late 1920's. The home built in 1925 was advertised for sale in 1929 for the grand sum of \$7,500.00. In original papers the current owner, Raandi, possesses, the home was described as a "Roebuck Dutch Colonial Kit Home".

In 1989, returning with her husband from living overseas, they went to Tarpon Springs where Raandi's parents had moved. They came across a real estate booklet which displayed a large picture of this home which the couple went to see and subsequently purchased.

Raandi acknowledges that, at 25 years of age, neither she nor her husband, who had been in the boat-building business, knew anything about houses. The Ohio couple from whom they bought the home included the dining room set which was the original to the home from 1925 (and is the same set you will see today!). The Sears-Roebuck stove (with the accompanying manual), also the original, has been replaced, but Raandi still has an original phone.

Raandi and her husband raised their daughter in this much cherished home.

Welcome to my home,
Raandi



#7

2920 53rd Street South

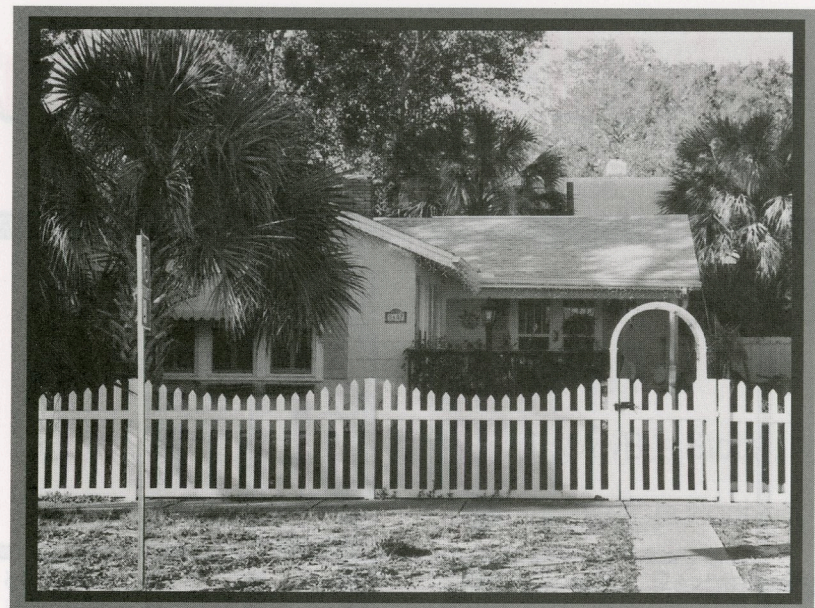
When Deidre, a 21 year-old native Floridian, went with her mom to see a home her mom had always loved, not only was it on the market, but Deidre decided she “had to have” this home. The year was 1971 and Deidre’s offer of \$18,000.00 for the house was accepted!

Of enormous historical interest is the fact that Deidre was only the second owner of this 1925 home, which was built by Alvah Roebuck as the Ashland Model for what was to become Roebuck Park. Roebuck kit homes were supplied down to the very last nail by his company and only 14 remain in Gulfport today. The original owner, Emma P. Dancer, had bought the home directly from Mr. Roebuck.

Deidre, who was six years old when her family moved to Gulfport and fondly remembers her Brownie and Girl Scout days at Gulfport’s Scout Hall, married her husband Sam in front of the fireplace at this gracious home where they raised their family.

Deidre and Sam, ever respectful of the home’s history, have remodeled the kitchen and enclosed a screen porch, but have otherwise preserved the integrity of the home. The salt water pool and grounds further enhance this historic home.

Welcome to our home,
Deidre and Sam



#8

5407 28th Avenue South

Donna bought this home ten years ago, which, according to Historical Survey, dates to 1925. Although purchasing it as an escape from Massachusetts’ winters, she readily adapted to Gulfport and it immediately became her year round retreat!

The traditional white picket fence surrounds a large yard and entertaining area....the cheerful Florida exterior colors of the house (yellow with orange trim) are echoed inside this bright sun-lit home. The hardwood floors are original as is the deco bathroom. The murals by artist Patsy Aguero evoke a very Florida beach-house feel. Wicker furniture, plantation shutters, ceiling fans and family memorabilia make this a most comfortable home for Donna, her four Mini-Schnauzers and Shihtzu.

Donna delights in her very central Gulfport location: “I walk one block and I’m on vacation, visiting the shops, eating at any of our wonderful restaurants and browsing at our Art Walks and Street Fairs.” When visiting family members walked to the beach for the Fourth of July fireworks, she stayed home and viewed them right from her own front porch!

Welcome to my home,
Donna

Gulfport's 6th Annual Pink Flamingo Home Tour





#9

2602 Beach Boulevard South

Frederick Brooks bought this property in 1923 and reportedly built the house two years later. Alex, who bravely purchased it in 2002, describes it as “a quaint little Craftsman style place, which had great possibilities, but needed a lot of work!” (That was an understatement!)

What Alex bought was a 700 square foot house; once the ravaged sunroom was demolished, he was left with only 500 square feet (which, today, is the entryway and houses the living and dining rooms – the wood siding and porch columns in this section are original to the house.) With an overall scheme in mind, he enlisted his architect Dad’s skills and later, the design skills of his sister.

The addition, accomplished with exacting detail in absolute keeping with the original home, wraps around the right side and rear of the original structure, bringing the home to its current 2,000 square feet! Some of you may recall this home from the 2004 Home Tour, when it was under construction.

Before buying this home, Alex had been coming to the area as a visitor since 1994. As a cyclist and kayaker, he especially enjoys what Gulfport has to offer.

Welcome to my home,
Alex



#10

2713 Beach Boulevard South

Betsy was born in St. Petersburg and lived most of her life in Florida and moved to Gulfport from Pass-a-Grille. She says it was “love at first sight” as soon as she saw the house almost two years ago.

The house, whose first owners lived there prior to 1920, required much attention. By an extraordinary coincidence, during the rehab, a 1925 calendar, found in a wall, proved to have been distributed by the St. Petersburg Novelty Works, a company Betsy’s Grandfather had owned!

Betsy is the proud granddaughter of the infamous Tony Jannus, a pilot, who made history by making the World’s First Scheduled Commercial Airline Flight in his Benoist Airboat from St. Petersburg to Tampa in 1914!

During the renovation of her home, damaged ceilings were removed in the living room and dining area and a clerestory window was revealed, adding welcomed additional light to the space. Beautiful artful designs on her walls were done by artist Lisa Kirksey. Betsy delights in the history as well as the comfort of her home. She felt an immediate kinship with Gulfport which she describes as “a small town, yet fun, with lots of festivals,” including the Fourth of July Parade, which lines up on Beach Boulevard in front of her home...she has a bird’s-eye-view from her front porch!

Welcome to my home,
Betsy



#11

3104 Beach Boulevard

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Welcome to our restaurant,
Theresa, Carmine & Simone

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#12

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There are many antiques scattered throughout the house, as well as mementos from my travels and previous career in Washington. There are also several works by local artisans, especially in a small gallery in an upstairs hallway. Each suite has its own balcony or patio, giving you a sense of privacy unusual for a bed and breakfast. The theme for the seven suites is tropical and each room has a name that evokes the décor: Aruba, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, Jamaica, Key Largo and Key West. No matter where you are on the grounds, there is always something blooming at all times of the year. From bananas to hibiscus, the Manor showcases them all. Sea Breeze Manor is thrilled to show itself off to the participants of the Pink Flamingo Home Tour. Relax and enjoy the combination of sophistication and whimsy.

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Lori



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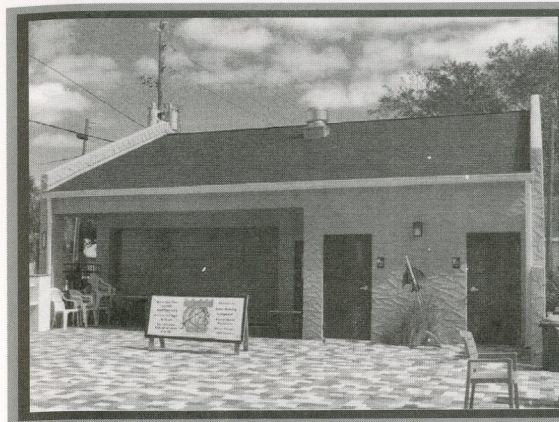
2937 Beach Boulevard South (1914)

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Welcome,
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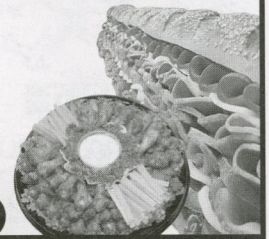
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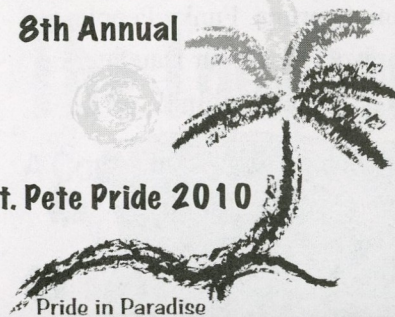
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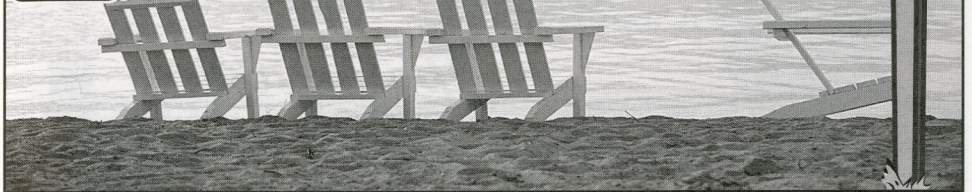
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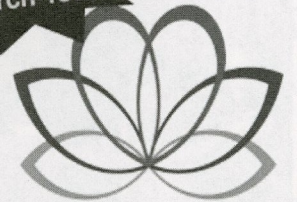
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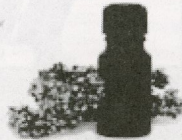


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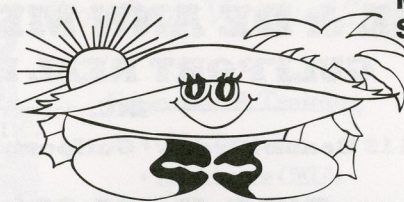
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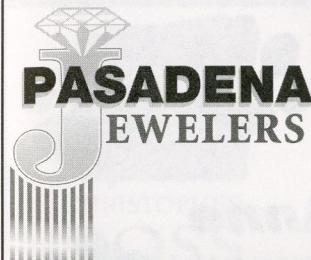
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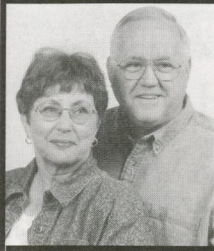
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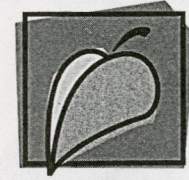


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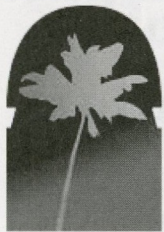
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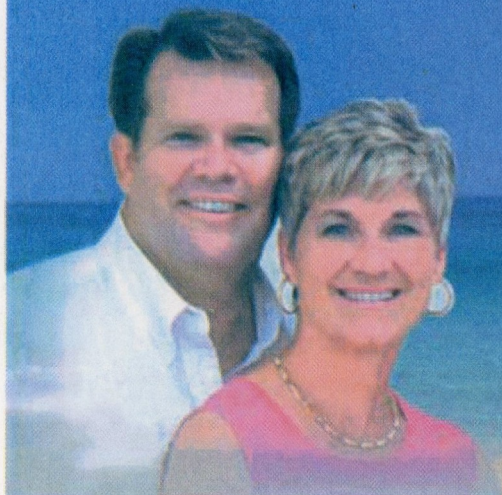
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