



LAGNIAPPE

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Moon Bequeathed Nickname By Elder Brother Who Tired of It

A CORRESPONDENT ASKS, "Wouldn't it make an interesting item in your column to find out and print how Mr. Landrieu got the nickname "Moon"?"

Well, who else would know better than his mother, so Lagniappe got in touch with Mrs. Loretta Landrieu, who first explained that "Moon" is no longer a nickname since her mayor-nominee son legally adopted that tag during his mayoralty campaign.

"However," she said, "he got the name 'Moon' from his elder brother Joseph who sort of bequeathed it to him when they were children. The kids used to play ball in the street in front of the grocery store we operated at 1814 Adams St. Joseph had a big face so the boys called him 'Moon.' Maurice (that was the mayor-to-be's name before he changed it) was called 'Ricie.'

"When Joseph reached age 10, he got tired of the name 'Moon' and declared he didn't want to be called that any more. At which point 'Ricie,' age 7, said, 'I'll take it' — and did. And he's been Moon ever since."

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DURING A recent round of golf at Pontchartrain Park, Chris Keras, maitre d' at Begue's, and friend J. J. Johnson were doing it the easy way by operating a cart between shots. All went well until they were en route to No. 15 with a flat wheel.

Seems there's a sliver and a lagoon lies in the tink' vee haf' the cart speaks with the cart b C

January with the exception of one date, the 13th, for a Symphony concert; and two rehearsals for balls are slated for the other side of the building; could that be an unlucky performance? . . . One Santa Claus was a "Miss" in Santa's clothing; Miss Mark Enna, of the Lyons Center staff, did the honors for NORD's Christmas party for the children . . . It's a second child, first girl, tagged "Liza Rebecca," for Linda and David Cuthbert (T-P reporter, feature writer and intermittent critic) who reports: "Liza weighed the same at birth as our first child, Christopher, six pounds, eight ounces, and was the same length, 20 inches." . . . Latter and Blum's Christmas card pictures the biggest gift in town: a red ribbon and bow wrapped around the Plaza Tower.

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HITHER AND YON — releasing his reins as PP Hall to enter the er Katie and Kennedy Hall.