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INFORMING THE COMMUNITY - UNIFYING NEIGHBORS

Are we having fun yet? I love summertime in Eden Isles. The canals become very busy with lots of boat traffic and that's the reason I moved here. The kids are all happy because they are out of school. Life is good.

I hope you will all attend July's

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Homeowners' meeting July 25th at Tammany Yacht Club. 7:00 PM. We will have a political forum that night where local candidates can speak and answer questions. This will be a good time to feel out these new politicians before they get into office and start doing things that affect us. We need to keep a good rapport with the Parish officials.



Our garage sale to benefit the victims of the tornado brought in about \$500. We'll divide the money up and send checks out to

Bill Northrup

the 6 families that were forced to move out of their homes because of tornado damage. Let us know if there is anyone that we might have overlooked. I know our contribution is not much but at least it shows that Eden Isles cares about its neighbors. I'd like to say "thank you" to all the people who donated items for the garage sale.

The June Poker Run went rather smoothly with some new twists that Sid Menard thought of. I liked the idea of having a low and a high hand to split first place. The 2 first place winners received \$756 each. The proceeds from this past poker run will go towards a storage facility for our riding lawnmower and other bulky items that we own.

The various Architectural Control Committees in Eden Isles are sort of fading away except for unit 4. If you don't think that an Architectural Control system is a good thing, just realize that if Moonraker Phase 1 & 2 had a functioning ACC, then the new homes in Clipper Estates would be having to get approvals and pay fees to them right now. The covenants provide for this but the self enforcement aspects of it seem to be a deterrent to starting up an ACC. The power is really with the ACC but if the people don't have one then that leaves a homeowner with no recourse when he feels

he has to stop something that isn't right. A homeowner can bring a law suit himself but most people would rather not. In other words, the covenants are still in effect but self enforcement is the rule that must be followed.

A lot of the good things in this subdivision occur because groups of people or in some cases one person sees a way to make this a better place to live and just does it. Not because of money or power or ego or greed, but just because it seems like the right thing to do. Just look at the lovely flowers that we have at the entrances, the



The recent opening of World Gym marked the end of the renovations at Lauren Plaza. One of several new businesses now located there, World Gym offers aerobics, weights, exercise equipment, and personal trainers.

parish doesn't do that for us. The parish doesn't pay for that guard either. We just voluntarily see that these good things happen. Join me and be a force to make this community better. See ya at the meeting!

A Great Opportunity!

EDEN ISLES

1996 DIRECTORY

Coming Soon!

The 1996 edition of the Eden Isles Telephone Directory will be better than ever! Don't miss your chance to advertise in this unique publication and have your business seen throughout Eden Isles and Oak Harbor next year.

Turn the page for more information...

To Our Friends in Business

by Andrew Kobeszko

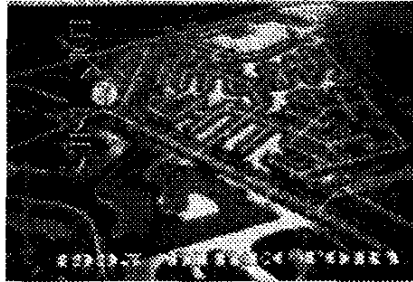
I would like to introduce you to the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association and offer your business a unique opportunity in advertising. In keeping with the Association's goal to inform the community, it is proud to sponsor two publications for its residents. Each offers you the opportunity to attractively introduce and promote your business.

"The Eden Islander" is a bi-monthly newsletter with a current circulation of 1,500. It is mailed to all Eden Isles and Oak Harbor residents and property owners as well as to local businesses. In recent years we've made great strides in the improvement of this newsletter's contents and appearance. We are very proud of our efforts.

Putting neighbor in touch with neighbor the Eden Isles Directory is published annually and mailed to each resident, property owner, and local business. It has a circulation of 2,000 and is our most current listing

of residents, their addresses, and their phone numbers. It also includes an updated area map and a list of important telephone numbers.

We have advertisements available in a variety of sizes and shapes to fit your pur-



The 1995 Eden Isles Directory had a full color cover showing an aerial view of Eden Isles. We are planning an even more interesting design for next year.

pose and budget. We offer discounts when advertisements in The Eden Islander are bought for a full year (six issues), as well as special package prices for a set of one ad in the Directory and a year of Islander ads.

If you choose to advertise in either of our publications, we offer an additional opportunity to promote your business at no cost. The

Welcome Package is prepared for new Eden Isles residents and presented upon their arrival. There is an average of 120 of these packages distributed each year. They are filled with useful information about Eden Isles and Slidell, a copy of the Eden Isles Directory, the latest issue of "The Eden Islander," and special offers from businesses, such as discount coupons, gift certificates, and imprinted items. You are invited to include your business in this package when you advertise in either of our publications.

Advertising revenues cover the costs of printing and distributing our newsletter and directory. Our community appreciates these publications, and I hope you'll support our efforts with your advertisement in one or both. If this is of interest to you, I would be happy to give you additional information. Call me at 641-4869 for further details and publication deadlines.

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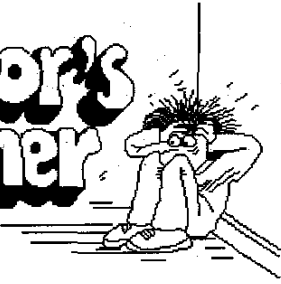
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Editor's Corner



This issue is a major milestone for the Islander. We have many new contributors, both of articles and advertisements, which is a clear sign of growth. Yet the true importance of this is that all of our new columnists decided on their own to write, and the advertisers called me and asked to be included. They even took notice of and met the deadline! This is in fact a mixed blessing. On the one hand, I am pleased not to have to keep calling people to remind them to do their part, and it is very convenient to know what I have to work with before I start the layouts. On the other hand, it has been a lot of work designing new ads and putting so much material on pages. I guess that would just be growing pains.

Ruth Barattini is our newest neighborhood reporter, who tells "the truth" in her own witty style. John Lopez, a member of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, explains about the algae blooms, and



John Sconza wrote a related article about pollution in our canals. Shanna Labourdette tells about the alligator sighting in Eden Isles, and Martha Gathright of the Eden Isles Ladies Bible Study discusses communication.

I think many of you miss Mike Bruce's gardening column. His business, Community Feed & Garden, had serious flood damage in May. This of course caused many long-term problems, so he was unable to write an article for the past two issues. Mike promised to try to make it for the next one, though. I hope he will be out of trouble by then.

If you would like to share The Eden Islander with your friends, let us know. We always have extra copies available since we give them out in newcomers' Welcome Packages.

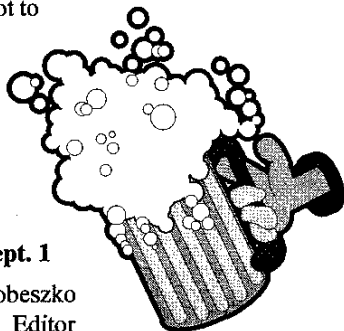
We are now selling advertisements for the 1996 Eden Isles Telephone Directory, and we need volunteers to help communicate with business owners and collect ads and checks. Please call me at 641-4869 if you could offer some of your spare time.

Due to popular demand, I will bring back the centerfold calendar that was once in the Islander. It will contain the dates of important events affecting our community. There will be advertising space available in the margins; if you're a business owner, don't miss this chance to be seen on refrigerators throughout Eden Isles and Oak Harbor!

I had an interesting job at the June 11 Poker Run. I was a Stop Post Official at Frisard's Post Time Lounge. This basically means I got to sit behind the bar, hand out cards, and drink all the free beer I could. In the end, I can't remember what was hotter: the boiled crawfish or the atmosphere! Needless to say, I enjoyed myself, and I can't wait for the next Poker Run.

Deadline for Sept./Oct. issue: Sept. 1

Andrew Kobeszko
Editor



Eden Isles Homeowners' Association

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Tuesday, July 25, 7:00PM

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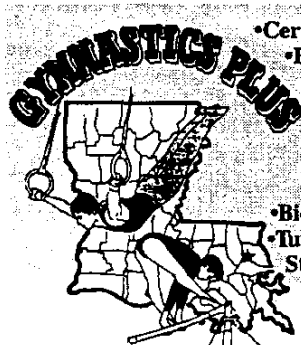
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I would like to remind our long-time advertisers that they have the privilege of contributing coupons, gift certificates, or other offers to the welcoming packages. This is a particularly good way to introduce and promote a business because many newcomers do not know their way around



Slidell. If they need a certain service or product, they will know where to go if they see it in their packages. They can become steady customers of the business if it makes a good impression on them. The welcoming packages reach well over a hundred families every year. Best of all, it is free to our advertisers, while many other welcoming groups require you to pay a fee.

You're probably wondering why the newcomers' list is so long this time. No, we did not have a sudden surge of residents; all those people are simply four months worth of new neighbors. I was in the middle of several real estate transactions at the time the last issue of the Islander was coming out, so I did not have time to write my article. I apologize to the newcomers who were not listed in that issue.

On behalf of our Association, I would like to welcome the following residents and their families who have recently moved into our neighborhood. I encourage all of you to join the Eden Isles Homeowners' Association and become an active part of our community.

- Thomas Bass**
- Mark Brooks**
- Phil Burnett**
- Lauze Bergeron, Jr.**
- Ronald Calamari**
- Ken Curry**
- Paula Davis**
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WELCOME

by Beth Kobeszko



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- Hal Peterson**
- David Piatt**
- James Poston**
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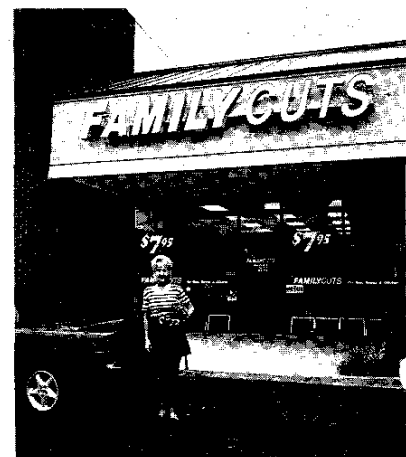
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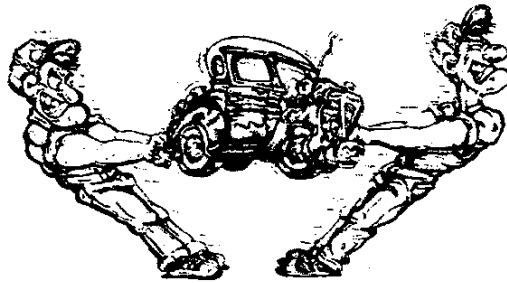
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WHO'S WHO IN THE ST. TAMMANY POLITICAL RACES ?

by Mary Ellen Collins

YOU are invited to a political forum on **July 25 at the EIHOA meeting.** Briefly, the candidates will introduce themselves and state their platform. After all candidates have spoken, there will be time for questions. Our guests will include:

Gene Bellisario	Police Juror
Toby Coy	Police Juror
Gary Rinck	Police Juror
Kathleen Wiltenmuth	Police Juror

Malise Preieto	Clerk of Court
Bonnie Schultz	Clerk of Court

Bill Dobson	Sheriff
Craig Hart	Sheriff
Ben Morris	Sheriff
Jay Trainor	Sheriff
John Volz	Sheriff
Jeffrey Zappata	Sheriff

This political forum is offered to our residents strictly as a public service. Therefore, EIHOA does not endorse any of the above candidates or those not listed. The candidates participated on a first come - first serve basis.

COME MEET THE CANDIDATES!

KREWE OF THE BILGE

by Harriet Drewes

The organization would like to let everyone know who the winners of this year's annual parade were:

Best Overall: Warren Campo

First Place Best Decorated: Ken Charboneau
Second Place Best Decorated: Lee Johnson
Third Place Best Decorated: Bubba Lewis

First Place Best Costume: Gary Coullard
Second Place Best Costume: Bill McCoy
Third Place Best Costume: Ed Boesch

Congratulations also go to the winners of the Krewe's Fifth Annual Poker Run who were:

First Place: Larry Gillia
Second Place: Robert Hess
Third Place: Brenda Verges
Last Place: Mike Provenzano

To all who participated in the Fifth Annual Poker Run, the organization wants to say thanks for your support. A great time was had by all who attended the Summer Party held at Wayne and Naomie Hess' home. The food was excellent and the

music great. The club's weekend in Biloxi is coming up in September. There are two days of fun, fun, and more fun starting Friday night and commencing Saturday night with live entertainment by very talented club members.

Gail Price is the Coordinator of Entertainment and she does an excellent job. Some of 1994's acts included:

- Sister Act II, performed by a group of very talented nuns - some names were Naomie Hess, Anaise Lombas, Janie Kendrick, Gail Price, Sylvia Lewis, Sylvia Thonn, Judy Phillips, Diane Liuzza, Lucille Hunter, Vivien Albares, etc.;
- The "Silent" Magic Act, performed by Mr. Magician George Livermore, assistant Barbara Nunez, and the sad ballerina, Ken Comeaux;
- Willie Nelson (Wayne Hess) singing "To All The Girls I've Loved Before" and Julio Ignassis (Rodney "Dookie" Nunez the Emcee);
- The "D" Cups performed by Ellen Picone, Gigi Maus, Ginger McCoy, Cheslie Rachael, Diane Erwin;

And the list goes on. Later we will update the club's acts for the 1995 season.



The Recipe Box

by Waldine Van Geffen

If you like beans and want to avoid some of the fat from the ham and sausage, try this. It is from a restaurant in the Midwest, and it is one of our favorites.

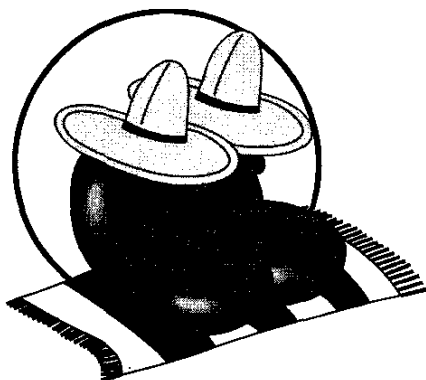
Louis and Clark's White Chili

Serves 6 (You can double and freeze some)

3 pounds cooked Great Northern beans; or
3 16-ounce cans of beans
2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 tablespoon olive oil
2 cloves garlic
2 medium onions; chop
2 teaspoons ground cumin
 $\frac{1}{16}$ teaspoon ground cloves; optional
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon cayenne pepper; or more to taste
1 teaspoon ground oregano
2 4-ounce cans of mild green chilies; chop
4 cups chicken stock or broth
20 ounces Monterey Jack cheese; grate
Sour cream; garnish
Canned jalapeno peppers; chop and garnish

Place chicken in large sauce pan. Add cold water to cover and bring to simmer. Cool until tender, approximately 15 to 20 minutes. Remove from pan and dice into $\frac{1}{2}$ inch cubes. Using the same pan, discard water and heat oil over medium heat. Add onions and cook until translucent. Stir in garlic, chilies, cumin, cayenne, oregano, and cloves. Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes. Add chicken, bean, stock, and 12 ounces of cheese; let simmer for 15 minutes. Ladle into large bowls and top with one ounce of cheese. Serve with a side of sour cream and chopped jalapeno pepper.

I don't add the cheese when I cook this. Also, if you avoid the cheese or use a fat-free cheese, this is very low in fat.



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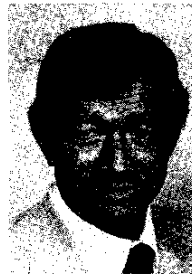
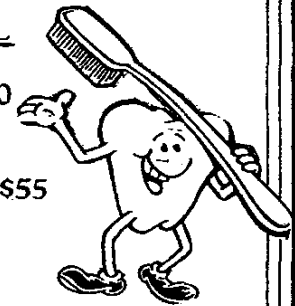
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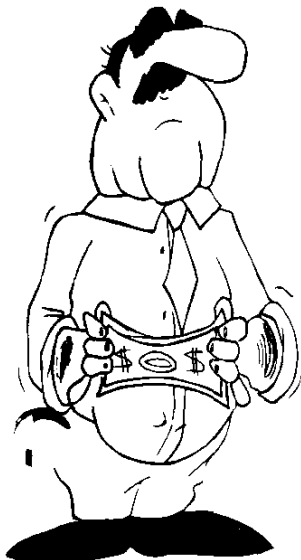
by Sid Menard

During the last week of June a car was stolen from a home on Pebble Beach. As usual the theft occurred at a time when no guard was on duty (a guard was on vacation and his replacement did not show up). As with most other crimes here this year, most have occurred when the guards were not on duty. During that same week some youths were vandalizing a house under construction. It was reported to the guards, and because we have sheriff patrols on duty, they were able to respond immediately and the youth were caught in the act. Another problem was nipped in the bud.

To maintain the present level of minimum guard service to the end of the year we need between 100 and 150 NEW contributors for the next two quarters. At the present funding



level, we can keep the guards on duty thru the end of August. If we don't get additional contributors, the service will be severely curtailed during September. When the collections for October start coming in, we will go into the final quarter with even more reductions to the guard hours, at a time when the amount of darkness increases. **THIS IS NO THREAT. THIS IS A REALITY.** Our contributors have fallen from over 500 last year to a less than 400 this year. We have been able to maintain minimum service by using up our reserves. They will be gone by the end of next month. We must get an increase in contributors.



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- _____ When hurt, I yell and attack people and things.
- _____ I rethink a wrong over and over.
- _____ I go to bed angry or hold grudges for days.
- _____ I react to others' moods.
- _____ I allow others to push my buttons.

If you marked many high numbers, you may have a problem with communication.

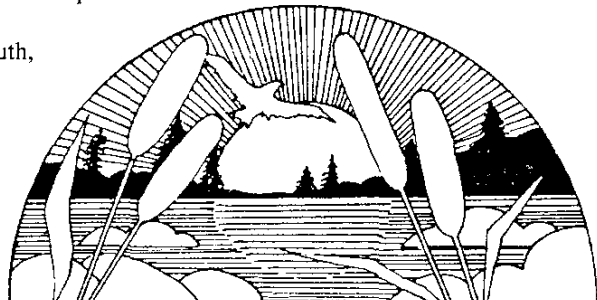
God's Word has a lot to say about communication. In Ephesians 4:25-32 God gives us at least four basic guidelines to better relationships:

1. Be honest. Tell the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.
2. Keep current. Deal with issues before these molehills become mountains.
3. Attack the problem, not the person. Separate the problem from the person.
4. Act, don't react. If

people are acting childish, it doesn't mean you have to join them.

Never make decisions based on feelings. Set a goal to honor God and to be like Jesus Christ regardless of how others act. Our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross to give us the power to be great communicators on this earth (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). When we accept Him as our Lord and Master, we have victory. He has left the choice to us.

Please mark your calendar to come to the Eden Isles Ladies Bible Study starting in **September on Monday nights at 7:30 PM.** If you have any questions or comments, please call **Renee at 643-8498 or Martha at 641-4009.**





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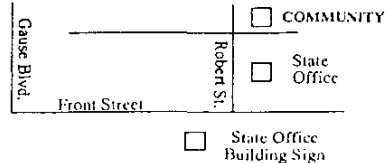
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by Peggy Menard

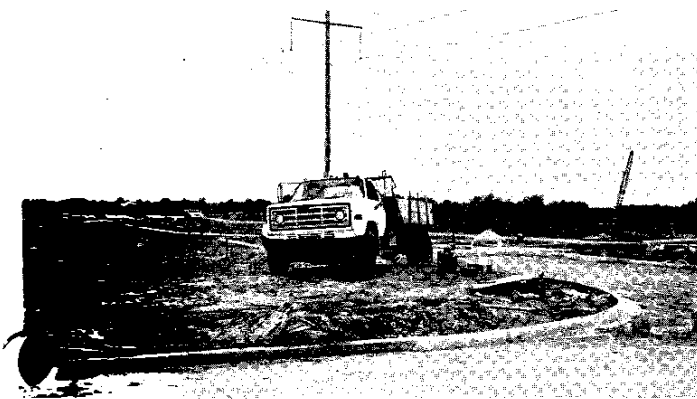
The 347 GREENFORCE contributors and volunteers are responsible for the decent looking common grounds in our subdivision. We would find ourselves living in an unsightly mess without the civic commitment of those residents who continue to support the GREENFORCE program either through donation of their time, their money, or both. Think how much we could do in Eden Isles if we had total participation in GREENFORCE. Give some thought to why you do not contribute. If it is forgetfulness, send in your donation. If it is something you disagree with, let talk about it.

Within the past 6 months or so, Eden Isles has become proliferated with signs and the problem really needs to be addressed. The parish has a sign ordinance that does not allow businesses or services to be advertised in subdivisions or signs to be erected in the parish or highway right-of-ways. Also, it is against the law to affix signs to light poles, stop signs or street signs. Basically, what we are allowed are real estate "For Sale" signs, political yard signs, garage sale signs, and in some cases event and directional signs. The ordinance restricts when these can go up and when they must come down. Some signs require permits and fees. Our covenants are even more restrictive. In recent months, the state and parish have started enforcing the sign ordinance, and a good example of this is the cleanup on Highway 11.

The EIHOA owns and maintains the bulletin board on the exit of the subdivision going out to Highway 11. It is there for the expressed purpose of serving the residents of Eden Isles. It is not there to advertise businesses or items for sale outside the subdivision. The only restriction on the use of the bulletin board is a two week limit to a sign being placed on it and consideration of size.

The Forestry Service has issued a warning about the pine beetle. It can be devastating to the pine tree population and we have what appears to be the start of an epidemic here in St. Tammany Parish. Call the Extension Service for information on the pine beetle. If your pine tree foliage is turning orange and needles are falling, it may not be from drought.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



Mariner's Cove, the new development in Oak Harbor, is making steady progress. The entrance is paved, most of the bulkheads are standing, and several lots are already sold.

Buzzin' for Bass

by Greg Baker

Well folks, another month has passed us, and we're into July. This is a good time for catching bass under the dock lights with top water baits. Most people turn their noses up to this, but from just sunset to about one hour of darkness you can catch a few of these muscle bound critters.



A few pointers: use three separate poles if you have them and tie three different lures to each pole, but keep it simple. I use some $\frac{1}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{8}$ ounce buzz baits with the larger blades. They seem to make a much better noise, and the fish can target the bait better. A pop R by Rebel Lure is a slow bait but with great action, and small bass love it like it's boiled crawfish or something. On the third pole I like to use a four inch worm or tube jig. If the bass moves through the top water you can quickly throw the jig or worm at him. He will sometimes bite the worm very hard.

This has produced some 3-5 pound bass and is a good way for me to end the day. Along with being on the water, you get a bonus by seeing one of the most beautiful sunsets in the world in your own back yard!

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THE ALGAE BLOOM REVEALED

by John A. Lopez

WHY ARE OUR CANALS AND THE LAKE GREEN?

Lake Pontchartrain is experiencing a widespread blue-green algae bloom. Starting about the last week of May, areas of the lake developed a distinct greenish color at times like pea soup. This is caused by runaway growth of blue-green algae, a microscopic water plant. The algae creates its food through photosynthesis, and the color is simply chlorophyll. Consequently, the plant itself is not toxic to humans, although it might stain your clothes.

However, there is a threat to humans and to the Lake in the later stages of a bloom. At some point the algae begins to die, and as it decays all the oxygen in the water is used. Some noxious gases which can be unhealthy for humans might also be released. This process is devastating to all living organisms in the lake that depend on oxygen in the water. Massive fish kills often result from the die-off of an algae bloom. At that point, decaying fish compound the hazard to humans.

WHAT CAUSES THE ALGAE BLOOM?

Nutrients are the natural chemicals which all plants and animals must have to live. Fertilizers used in your yard contain nutrients used to supplement the natural supply for your yard. However, nature often works in a fine balance, and too many nutrients combined with warm temperatures provide ideal conditions for an algae bloom and disrupt our lake's normal environment.

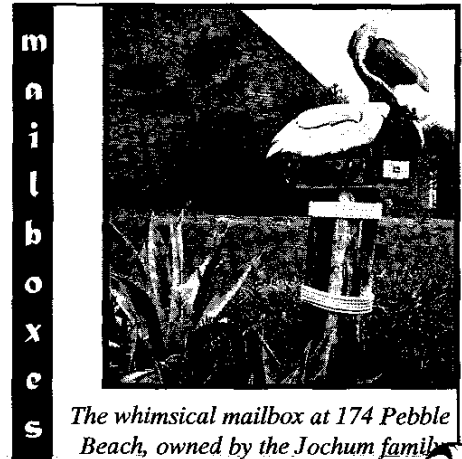
WHERE DO THE EXCESS NUTRIENTS COME FROM?

They might come from you. If you use fertilizers and rainwater transports them into your canal, then you are contributing to the nutrient load of the lake. We should all strive to minimize this impact since the lake is generally near the nutrient tolerance limit.

However, a major though occasional contributor of nutrient to the lake is the Mississippi River. Indeed, in the last month the Bonnet Carre spillway has been leaking sig-

nificantly and has probably triggered this algae bloom. The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation is gathering scientific data to document this bloom and its cause.

John A. Lopez is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation



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How Safe is Our Water?

by John Sconza

John Lopez, a member of the Save the Lake Foundation, came to the last Homeowners' meeting to speak to us on continued efforts to improve the water quality of Lake Pontchartrain. A few things he mentioned about the quality of water coming out of Eden Isles concerned me since I not only occasionally eat food from the water but also swim in it with my kids. What caught my attention was that the levels of contaminants exceeded the safe level of 200 parts per million. I decided to investigate further.

I contacted the Lake Pontchartrain Foundation and got the results of the tests and details about the test. The tests samples are collected by the Power Squadron at the mouth of Eden Isles and ¼ mile out into the lake. The water samples are then tested by the Department of Health and Hospitals in their New Orleans lab for Coliforms, which are microscopic organisms. A level below 200 ppm is considered safe to swim. The following are the results reported in ppm from July 1994 to April 1995.

	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
Mouth	33	33	4.5	7.8	540	49	21	350	110	110
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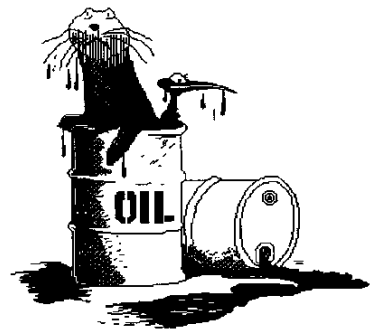
November and February show that we were polluted and past the safe levels. The tests ¼ mile out seem to indicate the source is somewhere in Eden Isles. When I asked the Foundation about possible causes they suggested further testing within Eden Isles to help pinpoint possible problems. They also indicated that heavy rainfall could sometimes cause sewage systems to back up into the drainage, causing a polluted situation, but no one checked to see if this was the case for Eden Isles during those months.

I would like to get the water tested in the canals of Eden Isles. The tests cost about \$15 each, but someone has suggested that we might be able to have it done for free by a local agency. I will try to find if that will be possible, but either way anyone interested in having the water tested behind their house should contact me at 649-6720.

In the meantime here are some suggestions for keeping the water clean and healthy:

- * Take caution when using pesticides for lawn and pest control.
- * Bag grass clipping or mulch; don't blow into canals.
- * If you have dogs, pick up their feces, bag, and dispose.
- * If you see rubbish in the water, fish it out.

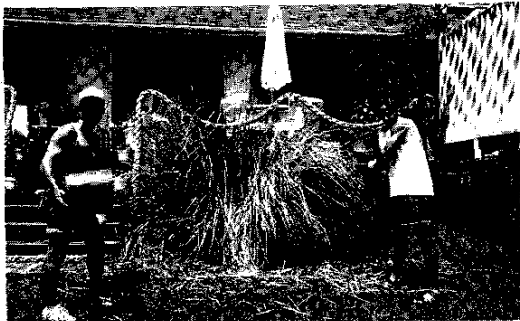
Remember, anything going down the street drains ends up in the canals.



The Truth From Ruth

by Ruth Barattini

Hello friends and neighbors. It is hard to believe that at the close of this month it will be four years that my family has lived in Eden Isles. For those of you who don't know me, I am the person who makes all the Christmas and Halloween decorations on Intrepid Drive by the corner of Rampage Loop. I talked to Andrew about writing a column for the Is-



Craig Barattini and Brandon Dale, the quarterback for State Champion Salmen High School, re-enact their heroic efforts of July 4, 1995, in quenching the fire at Richard and Winona Long's house.

lander; and he graciously allowed me to subject all of you to my literary rambling.

The Fourth of July has come and gone, but there were several newsworthy events that occurred on that holiday. While we were shooting fireworks off the dock behind Chuck and Arlene Dares' house at their party, an errant bottle rocket from a neighboring house ignited two large pampas grass bushes that were situated next to the house of Richard and Winona Long of 105 Chubasco. Brandon Dale, Craig Barattini and Kyle Bowser rushed over and doused the flames with planters full of canal water until the fire truck (which became lost) arrived. Thanks to their quick actions, a potential tragedy was averted. There was also a fire in the Jubilee Point area, which was quickly extinguished by firefighters, and the partying went on.

Many other residents of the Intrepid Drive and Rampage Loop area had large parties for the Independence Day celebration. Kay and Delaney Toups had their six children and their spouses, their grandchildren, and their friends over for the festivities. They had three grandchildren in the past several months (all boys), and their youngest daugh-

ter Melanie is expecting yet another baby to add to the Toups clan.

George and Evelyn Livermore had a huge party, as well as Mike and Betty Watson. Mike and Betty, who live on Rampage Loop, hosted their annual volleyball game, which boasted some fierce competition.

Intrepid Drive has finally had a major facelift, thanks to the persistence of Police Juror Gary Rinck. The dust was almost intolerable for the two-week duration of the project, but I know that everyone agrees that it was worth the wait. Unfortunately, Intrepid Drive has become synonymous with speeding, especially with some teenagers who do not live in this neighborhood. This is especially dangerous, considering the number of small children who ride bicycles and roller-skate in this area. Parents, please caution your children and tell them to warn their friends of the 25 mph speed limit, as the St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office deputies have been regularly patrolling the area.

On a special interest note, Eddie and Deanie Graff have an unusual hobby in growing the exotic plumeria plant from Hawaii. Their son Danny and his wife Rhonda live in Oahu and send the plants to Eddie; Eddie and Deanie collect the plumerias whenever they visit their children. Eddie now has a collection of 65 plants, in full bloom and spectacular to behold. The plumeria is used to make leis on the islands, and the fragrance is wonderful.

Congratulations are in order to Chuck and Arlene Dares who recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary. Also in line for kudos are Jeff and Laurie Young, who are anxiously awaiting the birth of a little sister or brother within the next week or so for their children, Brandon and Mallory.

Additionally, Walter and Marie Segrave's daughter, Karen Segrave, is a freelance photographer for the Times-Picayune, and has had several of her photographs of events in and around the subdivision in the paper. Be on the lookout for her excellent work.

Eddie and Beverly Chauffe have recently moved into the neighborhood. They are to be commended for the beautiful job they have done of landscaping their front yard, and earning a third-place prize for front yard of the month in April. They had quite an interesting trip from New Orleans when they went to pick up a new paddle boat. A sudden storm blew and proceeded to lift their new boat off the rear of their truck and deposit it in the middle of the Interstate. Fortunately, the boat sustained no injuries other than a mild case of shock. Additionally, one of their grandchildren was visiting with his pet rabbit one day, and the intrepid hare made a foray into Anthony and Ina Graff's back yard. My daughter, Chelsea, captured the wayward beast and found out to whom it belonged. The little boy was overjoyed to have his pet returned.

On a final note, Benny and Joy Leto will be moving from the Loop to Marina Drive when their house sells. We miss seeing their faces around here, as well as their grandson Justin's, when they move.



Eddie Graff with his twin grandsons, Eddie (left) and Josh (right) in front of a few of his unusual plumerias.

It is so wonderful to have such good neighbors. Everyone who lives here should count themselves fortunate to live in such a Utopian setting. Eden Isles like living in a small town - we all have our joys and sorrows, but we also have our friends and neighbors to help us through both the good and not-so-good times.

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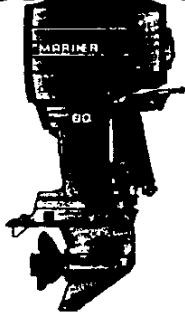
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by the Moonraker Island Homeowners' Association

While we all are in favor of progress, new homes, and enhancement to our area, there occasionally arise issues that can create concern or be perceived as negatives and about which we are all concerned.

Now that "Clipper" has entered our lives, it seems we are experiencing issues that raise many questions for which there seem to be answers that are not forthcoming, or the answers are not acceptable.

Residents bordering on Moonraker Lake now find that they do not own a strip of land that gave them access to the lake. While a few knew this, many did not and were unpleasantly surprised.

This became evident when surveyors began to be into some people's

back yards. Next, those persons on the shore of Moonraker Lake noticed a receding water lake level, down from one and one-half to two feet. For people with small boats, docks, retaining walls, or bulkheads this caused many problems.

Clipper wants to sell this strip of land to the adjoining lot owners, at first for \$500, then \$850, now back to \$500. Also, to buy the land, Clipper insists the property owners sign a waiver of rights that would relieve Clipper of any and all consequences or damages to that lake shore that could result from changes in the lake action or tides. To many this is not acceptable.

It seems that Clipper is selling its lots on the lake with the provision that the lake will be opened to allow access to Lake Pontchartrain via the Eden Isles canals. Yet Clipper does not have any lake surveys or engineering studies indicating what the results may be if this man-made, non-motorized lake is opened to motorized boat traffic.

It appears Clipper never did apply for or receive a permit to lower the lake and affect so many residents. They (Clipper) have been required by the Zoning Commission and the Police Jury to stop their work and allow the lake to remain closed until a decision can be

made after all aspects have been explored and the majority of the affected residents have approved the work. Clipper's position seems to be, "We own the land; we can do what we want with it."

Clipper plans to build about 75 homes at the start of their project and many more to follow. Has Clipper ever consulted with Eden Isles homeowners about the obvious traffic problems due to construction traffic, the use of the Eden Isles guard gates, or the congestion at the entrances and at the Moonraker/Eden Isles intersection? Have any traffic studies been completed and made known to the Eden Isles homeowners?

It would seem that LP&L might have some comments on this entire issue because Clipper Estates is right under their power lines and the lower lake level may have a bearing on the electrical transmission towers that are in the lake. Would a lower lake have any effect on the base of those towers? Would motorized boat traffic require warning lights on the base of any tower in the lake? Would the Coast Guard or the water safety people have any input on this project?

If Clipper wants to be a good neighbor, it seems they should be communicating with everyone involved and publishing some in-

formation that would address these issues. As it stands now, it seems they have an independent attitude that is causing much concern among affected residents. If they have favorable intentions, Clipper should be donating those small strips of land to the adjoining lot owners. The small amount of money they would receive would not compensate them for the grief and delays they are now experiencing as a result of the stand they have taken.

Right now, Clipper is under the covenants of the Moonraker Island Homeowners' Association. Clipper has tried to get a majority of Moonraker homeowners to agree to allow them to be removed so they can set up their own covenants. While this seems reasonable, the problems Clipper has caused and their uncooperative approach toward resolution has caused the Moonraker residents to react unfavorably. The situation seems to become more adversarial.

As it stands now, it appears there will be a deadlock until Clipper recognizes the great need to cooperate and communicate. Without this Clipper is bound to experience more unhappy prospective buyers of their own, disenchanting builders, neighbors and local governing bodies who are unwilling to work with a developer when so many problems are created. Problems are caused for so many people by having a philosophy that appears to disregard good business practices.



Landscaping has already been done at the entrance to Clipper Estates, and pillars are standing ready to hold the gates. Many Eden Isles residents are following closely the development of this controversial project.

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ALLIGATOR!

by Shanna Labourdette

A 10 or 12-foot alligator has roamed between Eden Isles and North Shore Beach in recent weeks, prompting a few neighborhood residents to forget about swimming until the monstrous reptile is captured.

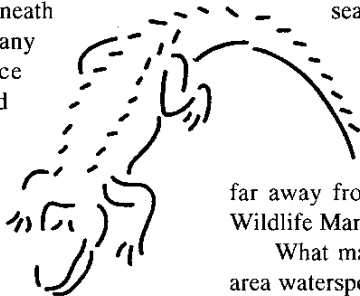
Alligators have been known to feed on human body parts and dogs, but that didn't bother one fearless jet skier, who recently ventured within inches of the creature in hopes of getting a closer look. "Wow. It's a 12-foot gator," the teen-aged boy yelled to distant onlookers as the alligator eluded the crowd and swam beneath the surface. St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office wildlife specialist Howard McCrae later said the reptile was 10 to 12 feet long. Authorities determined the alligator is male, since females generally grow to only about eight feet long.

The gator got a lot of attention when he was recently spotted near G.K.'s Marina. Heavy weekend boat traffic pulled a sizable audience for the uncommon sighting in our neighborhood, where children slide and dive into the water next to their backyards. One water skier took it upon himself to warn swimmers about the alligator, but many just opted to keep a lookout rather than abandon a Sunday afternoon swim. "We figured that if he was coming this way, he would have been here

by now," said one resident, with her legs dangling in the water as she sipped a wine cooler on a floating raft. But others took a little more precaution than usual. The black Labrador retriever normally seen swimming after her toy in the main canal on Sunday afternoons was confined to the backyard when her owners learned of the alligator.

"We'll try to capture him three or four nights in a row. Then if we don't find him, we'll stop until we get a report of a new sighting," McCrae said. Authorities say searching for alligators at night is much easier because their eyes glow red and they are easier to isolate when there is no other boat traffic. Once captured, the creatures will be relocated far away from humans to the Pearl River Wildlife Management area.

What may come as a surprise to many area watersport lovers is that smaller alligators swim along with them in the Eden Isles canals. The reptiles can hold their breath underwater for at least 15 to 20 minutes this time of year. "There are alligators all through Eden Isles, but only about one to three feet long," McCrae said. When the reptiles get larger, they normally head for the marsh, he explained, and they pose no threat to children or dogs. "The real problem is that people like to feed them, just like ducks. We need a law in St. Tammany parish that prohibits feeding them," McCrae said.



Poker Run Results

On Sunday, June 11 we had a successful poker run. Sixty-three hands were sold, and \$1512 in prizes were divided equally between the highest and lowest hands. We all had a good time at the Marina Cafe. We are grateful to all who took part in the fund raiser for the community. The only negative was that of the 63 participants in the poker run, only 27 were from Eden Isles. There were almost as many people from out of town as there was residential participation. Our functions are intended to get the people together for fun and to raise monies for community projects. Please consider taking part in the next poker run later in the year.



COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

by Evelyn P. Nelson

The Eden Isles Coast Guard Auxiliary (Flotilla 4-8) is starting classes on Boating Safety and Seamanship in September. The classes will start Tuesday, Sept. 19, at 7:pm at the Tammany Yacht Club. If you wish to attend, call **Jim Dupree at 645-9236**.

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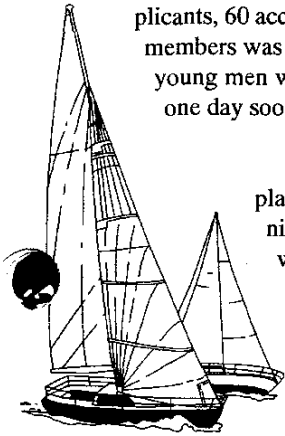
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TAMMANY YACHT CLUB

by Suzy Sale

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In August a weekend cruise is being planned, there will be a "Murder Mystery" night, an Open House for those of you who would like to join us, and the start of the Fall Wednesday night racing series. Call **Jim Richardt 646-0766** if you would like to race in the series.

In September our racers will participate in the Gulf yachting Association Lipton Cup series, The Great Lake Race, the Commodore Cup Regatta, and the Single Handed race. For those of us that do not race, there will be a fishing rodeo and fish fry, plus the enjoyment of all the parties after the races.

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GARDEN CLUB

by Jeanette Roussel

Summertime is here and the Eden Isles Garden Club is like the Energizer Bunny. The members keep going and going.

June 5 was the date for judging the beautiful waterfront yards of Eden Isles. You may have seen us cruising with our Captain, Virgil Martin. It was a pleasant but difficult task for eight Club members to choose the best. Believe me, one blade of grass could be the deciding factor!

The winners were:

First place:

Marie and Gerald Perret, 218 Constellation



From left: Jeanette Roussel presenting award to Marie and Gerald Perret and their grandson.

Second place:

Duffy and Bill Thornton, 117 Carina Circle

Third place:

Pam and Roger White, 111 Gretel Cove

Honorable mention:

Juanita and Kenneth Gibbs, 127 Blackfin Cove

Nell and A.J. Forstall, 109 Carina Circle

On June 6 the Garden Club honored one of their members, Marguerite Newman, with a birthday tea on her 90th birthday. Yes, that is correct! I guess being a member and taking time to "smell the flowers" is the secret to longevity, but Marguerite says it's vodka and chocolate. The lovely home of Hilda Vaughn of 110 Sirius Lane was the appropriate setting for the occasion.

July 3 found us in cars again zipping through the neighborhood trying to choose front yards with the most curb appeal. It was very close, using a point system of grading. Curb appeal counts for 25 points, landscape design for 5 points and maintenance for 10 points. The judges were Mary Ellen Collins, Hilda Vaughn, Sidney Mosley, Gail Smith, Myrlene Robinson, and Jeanette Roussel.

The winners were:

First place:

Marlene Nunes, 214 Southern Star



Second place:

Candace and Curtis Franklin, 217 Ranger Place

Third place:

Jennie and Joseph Raymond, 165 Pebble Beach

Other yards meriting recognition were 109 Rampage Loop, 127 Blackfin Cove, and 257 Blackfin Cove.

Monday, August 7, will find us back in the boat to judge waterfront gardens. Wave to us as we float by. You may even try to bribe us with a glass of cool lemonade.

I think at this point in my article I'm supposed to give some words of wisdom about gardening. Water, water, water, sometimes twice a day for container plants in sunny locations. Remember, the winds we are experiencing can dry a plant quickly. The small scattered showers do not give enough moisture.

Call **Jeanette Roussel at 649-7220** for membership information.



Hats off to Captain Joe Smith for taking pride not only in his job but also the beautification of the Eden Isles fire station where he is assigned. Captain Smith, with the help of fire fighter Freddie Eismann, has been re-landscaping the flower beds of the station at the entrance to Eden Isles. It's looking great, guys. Keep up the good work.

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by Boni Johnson



Praise is deservedly being heaped upon a heroic young man. Clint Picone was crossing the 11 bridge last July when traffic stopped. He left his car, peered past a car dangling through the broken railing, and saw an eight year old boy holding his six year old unconscious brother afloat in the water below him. Amid spectators, discussing why and how they could or couldn't help, Clint reacted spontaneously and jumped into the water and swam the boys to safety.

The grateful mother of this Hereford family thanked him. The eight-year-old thanked him, and they went their own ways to take care of the six-year-old and revive him.

This week, the Dale Carnegie group contacted him at UNO, where he is a student. He is 1 of 15 heroes from USA and Canada. Rep-

resentatives met him on campus, along with Channel 4, and presented him with recognition for his heroic act. The recognition includes a certificate honoring his heroism, a \$2,500 grant to be used as he wishes, and a medal.

Clint said he wasn't brave. He didn't think; he just jumped. Clint is to be married in September and appreciates the money and the honor. He does feel, though, that anyone could have done the same thing to help two little kids.

Clint is the son of two very proud parents, John and Ellen Picone of Windward Passage.



Our Streets

Gary Rinck has been helpful and returned all my calls. Some of the streets are being redone, and whether we like paying the extra money or not I for one sure do appreciate driving down the new streets. Thanks to each of you living on those streets who willingly gave money to have it done.

The **ILLEGAL** use of trail bikes and go carts on the subdivision streets and neutral grounds has increased to a point of a severe nuisance. The sheriff's department will stop and ticket those who are caught riding these vehicles on the streets or public neutral grounds, and the parents will be held responsible for the damages caused to the grass and plants on the neutral grounds. We're spending more than \$15,000 a year to maintain these areas, and are disgusted to see all our efforts wasted by some youngsters tearing it all up with their bikes and go carts. Eden Isles is not the place to use these vehicles. Please take them out to the woods where they belong.

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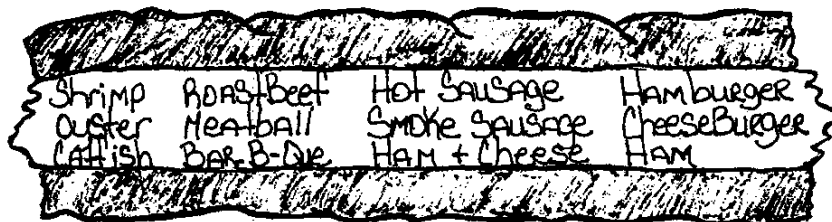
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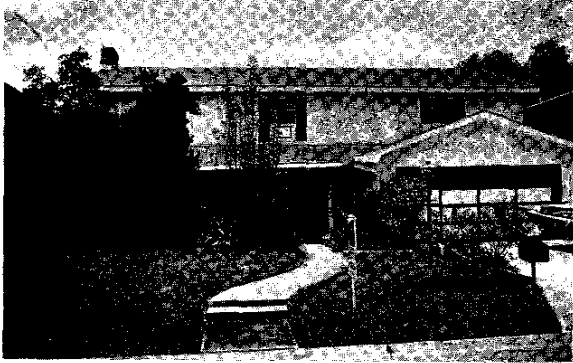
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