



Recovery Roundup

CURFEW AND BURN BAN STILL IN EFFECT

A 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew remains in effect for lower Cameron Parish due to poor road conditions. Returning evacuees are reminded not to travel at night without a very good reason.

The burn ban for lower Cameron Parish is also still in effect, except that agricultural burns may be permitted is coordinated with the EOC. Call 775-7770 to make arrangements.

No small fires, even in a barrel, are allowed according to the Police Jury.

STATE HWY. CLEANUP BEGINS

The Department of Transportation and development has begun removing debris from the sides of state highway 27 between Creole and Cameron. Piles of metal and wood have been hauled to disposal sites, making the area safer for drivers and increasing the feeling of recovery.

The shoulders of Hwy. 82 between Holly Beach and the Texas line have been repaired, but there are still dangerous areas in the rest of the parish.

DEBRIS CAUTION

It was learned Friday that placing even one bag of household garbage on a pile of storm debris will make the entire pile ineligible for removal by the Corps of Engineers.

Returning evacuees are strongly cautioned not to put household garbage with debris.

There have been no arrangements made for trash pickup in lower Cameron Parish so far.

BUSINESSES REBUILD

Signs of recovery are evident in lower Cameron Parish as several local businesses are starting to rebuild. On Tuesday, concrete was being poured at Resource Transportation, framing was complete at Cameron Motel, and a portable building was in place at Pit Stop, with vending machines and above ground gas tanks soon to come.

Savoie Lumber and Cameron Cable and Cordage have already begun to rebuild as well.

Absentee voting set

Absentee voting for the Cal-Cam Hospital Service District bond election will be held Jan. 9-14 at the Hackberry Fire Station, according to Suzanne Sturlese, Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters.

Voting will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

Only persons registered in Precincts 3 and 4 will vote in this election. Remember to bring a pictured ID with your Hackberry address.

For more information call the Registrar's office at 478-5208, 794-2618 or 405-9284.

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CAMERON PARISH Administrator Tina Horn, the 2006 Chairman of the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development is shown with DeRidder Mayor Gerald Johnson, 2005 Partnership Chairman.

Horn to head SW La Dev. Partnership

Tina Horn, Parish Administrator of Cameron Parish has been elected Chairman of the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development for 2006.

Lake Charles Mayor Randy Roach will serve as Vice-President. Secretary will be Kinder Attorney Michael Holmes. Jefferson Davis Parish Police Juror Johnny Guinn is Treasurer.

The Officers were elected for a one-year term at a recent meeting of the Partnership board meeting in DeRidder.

Horn said "The State and Nation look at regional areas for business expansion and grants. While Cameron Parish cannot afford to hire a full-time economic developer and pay for the necessary marketing we can be effective by joining in with other cities and parishes to sell our region."

During our rebuilding efforts after Hurricane Rita, Cameron Parish offers many opportunities for a wide range of companies, especially those in the offshore and energy category.

The Partnership represents Cameron at trade shows, industry events, and economic development functions. Our area has much to offer. We have the best people in the world and we must keep jobs here for our children and grandchildren."

The Partnership serves as the regional economic organization and is composed of the Police Juries of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis Parishes and the Mayors of the incorporated cities in those parishes.

George Swift is the Executive Director and offices are located in the Magnolia Building in Lake Charles.

Red Cross distributes cleanup supplies

The Southwest Louisiana Chapter of the American Red Cross is providing the second bulk distribution of supplies in Cameron Parish on Saturday, Jan. 14 and Sunday, Jan. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

In the wake of the overwhelming response to the first dispersal of supplies, the distribution sites at the three parish locations are changing to better accommodate returning parish residents.

In Hackberry, the supplies will be dispensed at the Rec Center, 1250 Recreation Circle. To get to the Hackberry Rec Center from Lake Charles, residents turn right off Highway 27 on to 390 (Main Street.). The site is a mile down the road on the left.

The distribution site for residents of the Creole, Oak Grove, Cameron and Grand Chenier area has moved to the parking lot of Canik's Hardware, 655 Oak Grove Highway, Creole.

In Johnson Bayou, the site has moved across Middle Road to the high school, 6400

Gulf Beach Highway.

The SWLA chapter of the Red Cross is distributing items to help residents of the parish recover from Hurricane Rita. The supplies at the three sites will include what was distributed Jan. 7 and 8, such as a limited number of shovels crow bars, rakes and insect spray. Also being distributed this weekend are spad bars and wheelbarrows. Supplies are limited and provided on a first come, first serve basis.

The American Red Cross Emergency Response Vehicles (ERVs) also are offering meals, snacks and drinks at the three distribution sites as well as a fixed location in Cameron.

On Saturday, Jan. 7, the ERVs provided a total of 1,195 meals, 801 snacks and 806 water bottles.

The following day, the ERVs dispensed 1,209 meals, 1,364 snacks and 711 waters. After the bulk distribution, the SWLA chapter will continue to run ERVs daily to the

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U. S. SENATOR Mary Landrieu met with Cameron Parish officials at the Courthouse on Friday. Shown above, from left, are Stephanie Rodrigue, School Board; Tina Horn, Parish Administrator; Douaine Conner, Police Jury president; Mary Landrieu; Howard Romero, West Cameron Port Board; Mark Merritt, Louisiana Recovery Authority; and Scott Trahan, Police Juror. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Evacuation lifted for entire parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

"The evacuation is lifted!" With these words, which were met with cheers and applause at last Thursday's special meeting, Police Jury President Douaine Conner signalled the end of the last remaining mandatory evacuation in Cameron Parish and the beginning of re-population and recovery in earnest.

Many residents had turned out to beg for the opportunity to return to their property. Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Freddie Richard also asked for help in getting workers back into the area so shore based businesses will not leave.

The motion to lift the evacuation had been made and passed on Tuesday, but was provisional on the move not causing a reduction in FEMA funding. When Emergency Operations Director Kisha Killmer confirmed no financial impact, the motion went into effect.

Killmer cautioned, however, that even though the action was popular, the future of the recovery will not be smooth.

She predicted a slow down in private property debris removal, with some previously eligible debris becoming ineligible.

She was also concerned about the availability of emergency services such as fire protection and EMS in the most affected areas.

Only three volunteer firefighters were living in the area full time, and at the time the evacuation was being lifted three houses were on fire in Little Chenier.

Units from Creole, Grand Chenier, and Grand Lake responded, but they were unable to save any of the structures and could only concentrate on preventing the fire from spreading further.

Killmer said many agencies had based their planning on the previous phased re-entry plan and would not be prepared for a sudden widespread re-entry.

For example, the Police Jury's own permit office staff is already overworked and faces burnout if the volume of applications increases greatly.

EOC LEADERSHIP

The parish will meet these challenges without the lead-

ership of Killmer, who departed Monday, leaving for medical reasons. It will also be without her intended replacement, Paul Rainwater.

Rainwater, who was hired two weeks ago to fill the vacancy, announced last week that he would have to decline the position, since two of the jurors had changed their minds.

"I cannot be effective without the unanimous support of the Jury, as I told them last month," said Rainwater.

The two jurors reportedly changed their minds on the appointment after hearing from members of the OEP, at the Dec. 29 OEP meeting, that a local candidate would be preferable.

Currently, the parish does not have an EOC director or a full-time OEP director. Clifton Hebert, assistant EOC Director, is covering both his position and the director's duties. Action on advertising for a full time OEP director was tabled until next month.

FEMA TRAILERS

Cameron Parish evacuees who need a commercial trailer site will get priority for the 58 mobile home sites opening in two Grand Lake parks,

according to FEMA Housing Coordinator Ramona Van Cleeve.

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Bridge to be closed

Beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, until 5 a.m. Friday Jan. 13, Ellender Bridge on LA 27 north of Hackberry will be temporarily closed. Bridge reopenings will be made at 10 p.m., 12 a.m., 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. as needed for the flow of vehicular traffic to go across the bridge.

In the event there is an emergency, and there is a need for emergency services personnel to cross the bridge, it will be re-opened.

Notification should be made to Mr. Jerry Jones at 337-912-8593 or an alternate contact person, Mr. Jim Golding, at 337-884-9705.

This closure is required to allow the contractor to continue work on reconstructing the fender system located beneath Ellender Bridge.

Cameron LNG to host open house

A community open house regarding the proposed expansion of the \$700 million Cameron LNG facility just north of Hackberry will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 19 at the Hackberry High School cafeteria.

The liquefied natural gas terminal, which has received all of its major construction permits, will have the capacity to process at least 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day and is scheduled to begin commercial operation in late 2008.

The company has applied for permits to expand this facility to be able to process up to 2.65 billion cubic feet of gas per day. No new land will need to be acquired or changes made in the size of the berth area as the project has sufficient acreage to

accommodate this expansion. A light dinner and beverage will be provided to those attending.

For more information on the open house call the toll-free number--1-877-736-7729.

King Day is cancelled

The Cameron Parish NAACP's observation of Dr. Martin Luther King Day is being cancelled this year due to Hurricane Rita, according to Louise Cole, Branch president.

She said the NAACP would like to thank all who have made the celebrations in the past memorable.



STUDENTS FROM Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass., are in Cameron helping residents clean up. On Tuesday they were at Chris Mooney's home moving bricks. The college has two other Habitat for Humanity groups working this week, one in Miami, Fla., and the other in Austin, Tex. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CHILDREN ARE SHOWN waiting for gifts from Santa at the Grand Lake Library. Gifts were purchased through a donation from the Lynda Carlberg Fund provided by Library SouthWest.



THIS OAK TREE at Little Chenier seems to be clinging to the bank with all its might. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Smith and Henry - Cameron pioneers and politicians

BY W. T. BLOCK

During past visits to Cameron I have often driven to the parish courthouse, where Phineas Smith Street and the old S. P. Henry home were both visible nearby. Both men were longtime pioneers and political figures in the community, during days when the city was known only as Leesburg.

Phineas E. Smith, long known to me only as "Uncle Dick," was born in Brandon, Miss. in 1835, where he also received a rudimentary education. He migrated first to Indian Bayou with his parents, Duncan and Margaret Smith, in 1856, but later moved to Leesburg in the fall of 1860.

Although born in North Carolina and raised in Mississippi, Duncan Smith was an ardent Abolitionist, so impassioned by that issue that he, like John Brown, would have died for it "at the drop of a hat," and almost did. As a result he was thoroughly hated by his slave-holding neighbors, and because of his Unionist activities, he was saddled with a \$10,000 Confederate price tag on his head.

When the Union gunboat Wave anchored in Calcasieu River in April, 1864, Smith piloted the steamer up the river, and his two sons, Phineas and Jeremiah were also aboard. On May 6, 1864, following the battle of

Calcasieu Pass, Confederates searched Smith's home near the courthouse, but failed to find him because he was hidden under his wife's hoop-skirts.

Dunc Smith was instrumental in organization of Cameron Parish, and because of their Unionist activities, he and his sons were exempted from taking the "iron clad oath" for political office. In Aug. 1879 the Smith home was one of four that were swept into the Gulf by the tidal overflows, and in 1880 Phineas Smith enumerated the 1880 parish census.

For 30 years Phineas Smith served as assessor of taxes and voter registrar, after which he served one term in the state legislature. In 1900 he married when he was 65 years old and sired two daughters. In 1923 at age 88, he walked from Lake Charles to Sour Lake, Tex. to visit a sister; he also visited in my home in Port Neches when I was three years old. On his return journey afoot, he fell into a ditch during a rainstorm and he died of pneumonia a few days later.

Another pioneer figure and merchant in Leesburg was Judge S. P. Henry. Judge Henry married Harriet McDonald in Ohio, where a couple of their older children were born and in 1870 the couple caught a steamboat for New Orleans, where they lived for two years. In 1872, the venturesome Henry was on the move once more; he reached Leesburg by way of Abbeville, Big Pecan and Grand Chenier, a place where he borrowed a fresh horse from Pierre Valcour Miller. After he decided to resettle in Leesburg, he returned to New Orleans to bring his family and furniture.

Perhaps no one else in parish history served his neighbors in so many civic capacities. In 1874, he bought out the mercantile firm of my uncle Sheriff John W. Sweeney who was preparing to move to Texas. Across the street from the store was the saloon of My "Uncle Jerry" (Jeremiah V.) Smith, who married Amelia Ann Bonsall of Grand Chenier (also my cousin on the Sweeney side). In addition to his store, S. P. Henry built the first steam cotton gin in the parish in 1876, which was still being operated 50 years later.



ALONG LITTLE CHENIER Road huge piles of storm debris still cover many home sites. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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Hackberry Community Center; the Cameron Creole intersection at the northwest corner of LA 27 and LA 82; Johnson Bayou, across from the high school at the northwest corner of LA 82 and Middle Road; and in Cameron.

Residents with questions about the bulk distribution or any other Red Cross service can call the SWLA Red Cross at 478-5122.

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Contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund may be sent to your local American Red Cross chapter or to the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 37243, Washington, D.C. 20013. Internet users can make secure online contributions by visiting www.red-cross.org

In 1876, Henry was elected parish judge, beating out Judge A. J. Kearney, an office which he held until the state legislature changed the title to district judge. He served several consecutive terms as state representative, and one term as state senator, serving also as speaker of the house during those years. He also served 15 years as parish treasurer before he died in 1901.

S. P. Henry and wife Harriet raised a family of six, namely, Leroy, Mary, Charles F., Arthur, Elray and Grace, the latter two being twins. Their mother Harriet was the first postmaster at Leesburg, serving 30 years in that capacity. For many years the Henry grocery was the only mercantile firm in Leesburg, and customers came from miles around to trade and gin their cotton.

Sometimes it is good to remember the harshness and isolation that marked our ancestors' lives. For them a visit to Lake Charles or Galveston was like a trip to Paris. (Henry biography furnished by C. F. Henry).

Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts get-together set Jan. 14

Cameron Cub Scout Pack 210, and Boy Scout Troop 210 will have a get-together Saturday, Jan. 14 at Sweetlake United Methodist Church (on Helms Rd.) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A meeting, lunch and the distribution of donated gifts is planned.

Scouts are asked to contact Scoutmaster Bobby Doxey at one of the numbers listed below to let him know whether or not you can attend.

The numbers are: 802-8137, 905-5216, 515-1532.

The following boys are currently registered members of Pack 210 or Troop 210:

Jesus Hernandez, Kurtlin LeBoeuf, Zackery Bignall, Corey Bourgeois, Hayden Graham, Jonathan Hampton,

Alec January, Tyler LaBove, Cody Mason, Steven Primeaux, Damon Pugh, Dane Richard, Joseph Sedlock, Hunter Sorrells, Blake Theriot, Caleb Authement,

Chance Coulombs, Kent Doxey, Marcus Doxey, Christopher Guillot, Blake Herron, Holden January, Terrence January, Nicholas LaSalle,

Cory Miller, Garrett Mock, Kasey Mock, Ryan Primeaux, Jeffrey Racca, Caleb Stoute, Devaughn Thompson, Jose Vargas,

William Wittman, Brian Doxey, James Cormier, Travis Trahan, Jared Racca, Thomas Hunt.

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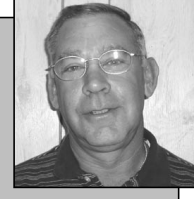

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COLLISE DUPONT won third place in Creative Writing at District Jr Beta.

Eastern Star holds first meeting since Rita

On Tuesday, Thelma Hackett Chapter #225, Order of the Eastern Star, held its first meeting since Hurricane Rita destroyed their meeting place at the Cameron Masonic Lodge. The meeting was held at the Sweetlake Methodist church.

Dignitaries from the Louisiana OES Grand Chapter were on hand to officiate at the installation of the chapter's 2006 officers.

Visiting were: Worthy Grand Matron Linda Lamkin, Worthy Grand Patron George C. Woolman, Past Grand Patrons Ed Lamkin and Archie Cline, Associate Grand Conductress Juanita Wilkinson, Grand Esther Barbara D. Woolman, and other guests from the state and district.

Officers installed were: Worthy Matron Marianna Primeaux, Worthy Patron Rev. Wallace Primeaux, Associate Matron Mary Henry, Secretary Nancy

Nunez, Treasurer Sandra Jones, Conductress Cynthia Sellers, Associate

Conductress Lynn Catrambone, Chaplain JoAnn Nunez, Adah - Coral Byrd, Martha - Carolyn Young, and Electa - Nancy Boudreaux.

The Worthy Grand Matron reported that donations have been received from all over the country to help Louisiana OES members whose homes were damaged or destroyed by the two hurricanes. Some of the funds will also be used to replace lost chapter property.

She said Thelma Hackett will be able to recover better than most, because it has already done it once before, and will be an inspiration to other destroyed chapters around the state.

The chapter voted to continue its regular meeting schedule of the first Tuesday of each month, changing to 7 p.m. at the Sweetlake Methodist Church.



CARLIE NUNEZ is shown with Santa receiving a gift at the Grand Lake Library.



THE BRIDGE at Oak Grove is closed until repairs can be made in April or May, according to the Department of Transportation, and Development.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

President's Honor List for McNeese fall 2005

The President's Honor List for the fall 2005 semester at McNeese State University has been announced. To be on the President's Honor List, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 system while carrying at least 15 semester hours. A senior eligible for graduation but carrying less than 15 hours is also considered provided that student was on the President's Honor List the previous semester.

The President's Honor List is as follows:
BELL CITY: Casey Lauren Fruge, Christopher Patrick Howerton, Matthew James Reon, Matthew Patrick Schultz, Cheree Dawn Theriot, Gregoire Charles Snyder, Chelsi L. Styron, John P. Troclair.

CREOLE: Joseph Neil Boudreaux, Kendall Claire Broussard, Brandon Chase Horn, Bethany Nicole Nunez, Gerry Lane Thomas.

GRAND CHENIER: Cristy Dell Ballard, Robert Kristopher McKoin, Terry L. Menard Jr., Garry Joseph Primeaux Jr., Matt Randolph Richard, Serena Gabrielle Richard, Kayla Brooke Rutherford, Justin Seth Swire.

HACKBERRY: Leah Karli Billedeaux, Meagan Elizabeth Broussard, Jake Danten Buford, Shelli Nichole Busby, Lindy Sue Delome, Miranda Marie Hicks, Haley Susan LaBove, Hillary Dale LaBove, Terry J. Murphy, Paige LeAnne Sanders, Micah Aaron Silver, Amanda Erin White.

CAMERON: Noah Omar Arce, Michael Frederick Bercier, Jennifer Diane Conner, Tess Alexandra Dimas, Dane Bernard Dupont, Jeremy Wayne Furs, Brooke Leigh Gripp, Lyndi Renee LeBoeuf, Charles David Pugh Jr., Misty Oliver Romero.

CREOLE: Parry Dean LaLande Jr, Trista ZaNora Semien, Cana Elizabeth Trahan.

GRAND CHENIER: Raphael Frank Heard.

HACKBERRY: Jessica L. East, Michelle Marie Jinks, Lindsay Kay LaBove.

LUNCH MENU

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week beginning Jan. 12 are as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 12 - Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, lima beans, Tator Tots, chocolate cookie, hamburger bun, catsup, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 - Chili con carne and beans, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, carrot sticks, royal brownies, chocolate glaze, crackers, milk.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 - Chicken nuggets, baked potato, tossed salad, gingerbread, wheat sliced bread, salad dressing, milk.

FEMA extends hotel/motel direct billing

To all Hurricane Katrina and Rita evacuees staying in hotels and motels nationwide. FEMA direct billing for hotel rooms ends Feb. 7, unless you contact FEMA to have your room paid for beyond that date.

Evacuees MUST call no later than Jan. 30 to receive a FEMA authorization code. Call toll free 1-800-621-FEMA, that's 1-800-621-3362 by Jan. 30 to receive your code.



McNeese Honor Roll

The McNeese State University Honor Roll for the 2005 fall semester has been announced. The honor roll lists undergraduate students earning at least a 3.0 or B average while carrying 12 or more semester hours.

Honor Roll is as follows:

BELL CITY: Ashley Renee Broussard, Jennifer Lois Guillory, Alex Ross Hoffpauir, Thomas Jason Hoffpauir, Kristen Hope Howerton, Daphne Fay Landry, Amanda Ivy Leonard, Joshua Michael McCall, Teri Nichole McFarland, Katie Ann O'Blanc, Mark Tyler Pedersen, Charles Herman Schultz, Jessica Elaine G. Zaunbrecher. Morgan. Stewart.

CAMERON: Christopher Joseph Dupont, Jessica Lynn Murphy, Gambrelle Monet Primeaux, John Leonidas

Snyder, Chelsi L. Styron, John P. Troclair.

CREOLE: Joseph Neil Boudreaux, Kendall Claire Broussard, Brandon Chase Horn, Bethany Nicole Nunez, Gerry Lane Thomas.

GRAND CHENIER: Cristy Dell Ballard, Robert Kristopher McKoin, Terry L. Menard Jr., Garry Joseph Primeaux Jr., Matt Randolph Richard, Serena Gabrielle Richard, Kayla Brooke Rutherford, Justin Seth Swire.

HACKBERRY: Leah Karli Billedeaux, Meagan Elizabeth Broussard, Jake Danten Buford, Shelli Nichole Busby, Lindy Sue Delome, Miranda Marie Hicks, Haley Susan LaBove, Hillary Dale LaBove, Terry J. Murphy, Paige LeAnne Sanders, Micah Aaron Silver, Amanda Erin White.

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 Donna Road
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Insurance mediation explained by Jones

By JENNIFER JONES
JONES LAW FIRM

I am writing to give our Cameron Parish friends an update on the insurance mediation process.

As you will recall, I have written before to advise you that the Louisiana Insurance Commissioner has ordered all insurance companies selling homeowner's insurance in Louisiana to participate in mediation. Last week was the first week when applications could be made. However, many of our Cameron Parish friends have received misinformation from their insurance agents or adjusters about the mediation process. I want to correct any misunderstandings at this time.

(1) Some insurance agents or adjusters have told homeowners that their particular company is not participating in the mediation. THIS IS NOT TRUE! If your agency sold you homeowner's insurance in Louisiana, then they are required by order of the Commissioner to participate in mediation. They have no

choice!

(2) Homeowners have also been told that they need to send in money with the Application for Mediation. THIS IS ALSO NOT TRUE! The mediation process is completely free of charge to you. All the costs are to be paid by the insurance companies.

(3) Worst of all, homeowners have been told that participating in the mediation is not a good idea, because they could lose the money they have already received from their insurance companies. THIS IS NOT TRUE, AND IF A REPRESENTATIVE OF YOUR INSURANCE COMPANY TELLS YOU THIS, YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM THE OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE! You cannot lose what you have already received. The worst case scenario is that you go to the mediation and the insurance company refuses to pay anything more. You can still sue if this happens. The Insurance Commissioner has ordered all companies to make an unconditional tender for the

amount they are willing to pay. This means that they cannot even ask you to sign a release and until you sign a release, you can still sue your insurance company.

(4) Finally, some people have been given the wrong form by their adjusters or agents. I now have the correct form at my office, which we got from the American Arbitration Association web site on the internet (www.adr.org). You can either print the form from the internet, or come by and pick one up at our offices at 1409 Ryan Street. I will be in New Orleans for most of this week at a conference to obtain federal funding for health care in our parish. If you need assistance with the form, please contact Paul or Delisa at the office (494-5563) and they will answer any questions you might have.

I am preparing a mediation paper which all you may use if you like. This paper will contain legal authorities to support our position that we are entitled to recover more than we have been paid. I AM ALSO SEEKING ANY METEOROLOGICAL DATA, such as recorded wind speeds and testimony of witnesses regarding weather conditions in Cameron Parish. If you have such information you would be willing to share, please call.

Rainwater declines Cameron position

(AMERICAN PRESS)

Lake Charles city administrator Paul Rainwater decided last week not to become the emergency operations manager for Cameron Parish after parish officials expressed doubts about Rainwater's loyalty to the coastal parish.

Kisha Killmer is resigning her emergency manager post Sunday due to medical reasons. She's also taking a disaster response job with the state.

Killmer recommended Rainwater to be her successor and police jurors voted unanimously to hire Rainwater, but a few jurors later withdrew their support saying they would rather hire someone local.

In a telephone interview, Rainwater, who was planning to take a year-long leave of absence from his city post to work in Cameron, said he turned the job down after he was told of the police jurors' concerns.

"You can't worry about the politics, you have to focus on the task at hand," he said "I

just decided that if it wasn't unanimous there would just be questions raised constantly.

"The bottom line is there's just not enough time in the day when you're dealing with situations like that to have to worry about whether or not people support you or not."

Police juror Scott Trahan, who served as the panel's president in 2005, said he withdrew his support for Rainwater after receiving a flood of complaints from his constituents, many of whom are still displaced from the parish.

Douaine Conner, new Jury president, said he wanted Rainwater to take the job and wasn't sure which police jurors changed their minds. "I know he's really experienced in that kind of work," Conner said of Rainwater.

Rainwater said Mayor "Randy Roach believes Cameron Parish must fully recover for the entire Southwest Louisiana region to thrive and will still offer any help to the coastal parish. "This had to be a regional

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She reported to the Jury that 1401 parish families have asked for either a travel trailer on private sites (the majority) or housing on a commercial site.

To date there have been 623 site inspections and 262 trailers have been placed on sites, out of which 230 are under signed lease.

Very few of these are mobile homes, since only travel trailers can be placed in flood zones. Families of four or more qualify for a mobile home. Smaller groups will get a travel trailer.

The commercial sites must meet all federal standards, which are high according to Van Cleeve. The parish has only approved the two small mobile home parks so far and will have to approve any expansion or additional sites.

Private land must be prepared and have electricity, water, and sewage facilities before a trailer can be set up.

effort," Rainwater said "Cameron's not going to be able to do it just on its own.

"I would have been a short-term fix anyway. Maybe this will facilitate a more long-term fix."

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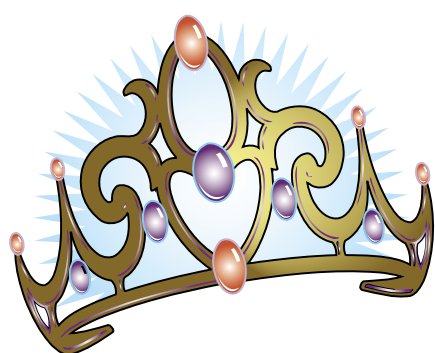
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Meaghan Trahan **Haley Willis**

South Cameron High School News

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS
 Mr. Broussard has FAFSA forms for TOPS and Federal Aid. The following scholarship applications may be picked up in Mr. Broussard's office: Scholarship for those majoring in Surveying and related fields, ESA Foundation Scholarship, Municipal Clerks Scholarship, AFL-CIO, Miss Teen America, Walmart, Got Milk Scholarship and various Agriculture related scholarships.

Red, White and Blue day. SCHS Homecoming will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 17. South Cameron Tarpon Basketball will be hosting Elton. The Homecoming Dance will be on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 7 - 11 p.m. Pictures will begin at 5 p.m.

LADY TARPON BASKETBALL
 Team members are selling royal blue hoodies that cost \$30. For more information contact Coach McKoin.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan. 10, Jan. 12 -14 - Parish Livestock Show
 Jan. 13 - End of 2nd Six Weeks; Basketball Hamilton Christian (girls only away)
 Jan. 17 - Homecoming Elton (Home)
 Jan. 20 - Basketball Merryville (away)
 Jan. 21 - Homecoming Dance.

FOR THE RECORD

Left out of the story last week about the S. Cameron wrestlers was:
 Freshman Brett Richard had four wins, one loss and placed third at 103 lbs.

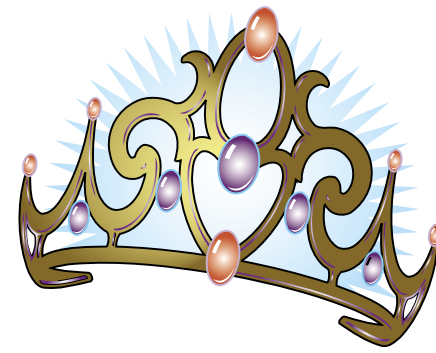
Girl Talk to be held Jan. 21

Adolescence is a tumultuous time for girls. As they develop and mature, their bodies, outlook and personalities change. Preparing them for the changes ahead can help the process go more smoothly.

Girl Talk is a program offered by West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital and will be held on Saturday, Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. in the East Conference Room. Presented by a registered nurse, the topics include physical and emotional changes to expect during puberty, what happens during menstruation, and good hygiene habits. It is designed for girls ages 9 - 12 and their mother, or guardian. Participants may use the Stelly Lane entrance.

"Education on what to expect will help these girls go through adolescence a little easier, hopefully," explained Christa O'Neal, RN, Maternal Child Educator at West Calcasieu Cameron Hospital. "Parents can use this class as a starting point and continue to keep the lines of communication open."

The program costs \$10 for each girl attending, with a \$20 maximum per family. Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required by calling 527-4361.



Johnson Bayou High School Homecoming Court



JOHNSON BAYOU High School's Homecoming Court members are shown above: seniors - Sabrina Sandifer, Kayla Barentine, Dani Peavy-Storm; juniors - Holly Simon, Shalyn Broussard; sophomores - Destiny Sonnier, Kandace Young; and freshmen - Christian Viator and Chelsea Greer. Festivities will be held Friday, Jan. 20 at the Sulphur Aquatic Center beginning at 6 p.m.

Johnson Bayou Homecoming

Johnson Bayou School will hold its homecoming festivities Friday, Jan. 20, at the Sulphur Aquatic Center. The events will begin at 6 p.m. with the presentation and crowning of the 2005-06 homecoming queen.

Classes being honored are 1965, 75, 85, 95, and 2001. The Rebels will host Northside Christian.

The school would like to extend a special invitation to all former students and residents to come out and participate in this special homecoming reunion.



Sect. 529 Savings Plans for college

Section 529 college savings plans and prepaid tuition plans are effective ways to save for college. But, many parents are concerned about the effect these college savings plans may have on their child's chances to qualify for financial aid. It's difficult to predict how 529 plans will be treated years from now, but here is what the Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA) has to say about the current rules.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, 529 college savings plans are considered an asset of the parent, assuming the parent owns the account, and the child is the beneficiary. That's a big advantage when it comes to need-based financial aid. Depending on whether the 529 savings plan is owned by the student or parent can affect the way the plan is treated as a family asset. If the parents own the account, a maximum of 5.6 percent of the account will be considered in the family's contribution calculation for each academic year. If the student is the plan owner, 35 percent of plan assets will be considered in the calculation. In other words, each year the student's parents' expected contribution toward that child's college costs will include just 5.6 percent or less of the value of a 529 college savings plan, a relatively minor impact.

If grandparents, relatives or family friends open a 529 college savings plan and names the student as beneficiary, under current rules, the money isn't likely to have any effect whatsoever in determining federal financial aid for that student. The assets would be viewed as belonging to the individual who opened the account.

The U.S. Department of Education also reports that withdrawals from 529 college savings plans which are used to pay for qualified college expenses, do not have to be included in family income on the student's federal financial aid application. That means distributions from a 529 plan in one year will not impact a student's financial aid eligibility for the following year.

Private schools responsible for much of the aid students receive, generally treat 529 accounts differently than the federal government, public colleges and universities. Private schools typically use the CSS Financial Aid Profile, a more comprehensive formula for examining available financial resources. Unlike the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA), the CSS Profile requires the disclosure of all 529 plans naming the student as a beneficiary, regardless of the owner of the plan.

The benefits paid out from Section 529 prepaid tuition plans are treated as a

resource, lowering the student's overall financial need. The end result is a dollar-for-dollar reduction in the need-based financial aid package. For example, if the prepaid plan pays out \$5,000 in tuition benefits this year, the student is considered as having \$5,000 less need for financial aid.

Congressional efforts are underway to match the financial aid treatment of prepaid tuition plans to that of Section 529 college savings plans. Until that happens, a family expecting to qualify for need-based financial aid should avoid prepaid tuition plans and invest in a 529 college savings plan.

CPAs advise that whenever possible, financial aid eligibility should not be your primary concern when considering how to pay for college costs. Instead, focus on savings. College tuition is one of the largest expenses likely to be faced by families. The sooner you develop a savings strategy, the better you will be able to manage the costs. For more advice about the best way to save for your child's college education, consult with a CPA.

Thank a veteran

Thanks to the Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), the nation now has an easier way to say thanks to its veterans and members of our active military. The group has launched a new Web site-www.thankyouveterans.org where Americans from all walks of life can write to, or simply thank, either a veteran or an active-duty service member. To learn more about PVA, visit its Web site at www.pva.org.



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KEEPING THE DREAM ALIVE

For many years the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP has celebrated the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. annually. Due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Rita in Cameron Parish, the branch is canceling this year's celebration according to Branch President, Mrs. Louise Cole.

Dr. King was born in Atlanta, Georgia on January 15, 1929. Had he not been assassinated he would have been 77 years old Sunday. Dr. King left the world a tremendous legacy of peace on earth and justice for all. His dream that all races and people love and respect each other and treat each other fairly must never die.

The Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP will resume the Martin Luther King, Jr. celebrations in 2007 in Cameron Parish.

Mrs. Cole stated that the officers and members of the Cameron Parish Branch would like to thank all of those who have made the celebrations of the past memorable. We look forward to working with all of you again in the future in helping to keep Dr. King's dream alive in Cameron Parish and throughout the world.

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Where are they now?

By NELL COLLIGAN

Oops, I goofed. Last week, when I finished writing the column, I forgot to hit "send" so that it would travel over the Internet to the Cameron Pilot office in DeQuincy. As a result, last Thursday you had no column and this week you'll have two, combined. Sorry for the news gap.

Debbie Taylor Dupuy called two weeks ago to tell me about the harrowing night that she and her friend, Becky Shipman experienced during the storm.

Earlier that day, Debbie and her husband and the Shipmans had decided to leave the Dupuy's mobile home and go to the two-story home of Debbie's son, Derrick LaFosse and his new bride, Menieca. As they reached Derrick's home, they were welcomed in even though Derrick and Menieca were in the process of evacuating.

Debbie said that throughout the storm, while other family members slept, she and Becky could hear the wind howling around them. "It sounded as though we were surrounded by tornadoes."

She described the scene when the storm was over. "The wind had stripped a big tin shed of its covering and wrapped the tin, rebar, and chunks of concrete around the branches of a nearby tree. It looked like a tree does when high school kids wrap it with toilet tissue in the yard of a favorite football player during homecoming week."

According to Debbie, Theresa and Ashful Authement, Sr. are living in a camper in her yard in Laccasine. Gary and Becky Authement Shipman and their family are also there. (Cameron residents may recall that Gary and Becky owned the Cameron Liquor and Deli next to Roux's Bar in Cameron.)

After the storm, Ashful Jr. and Charlene went to Bismarck, Ark. where they found a place to rent. Shawn and Sheila Griffin Authement and Sheila's father, Ernest Griffin, joined them later. They are all still there.

Mail for Theresa and Ashful Authement, Sr. can be sent to the home of Debra and Irvin Dupuy: 18173 Cormier Village; Iowa, La. 70647. Phone 337-588-4747.

Debbie also reported that George and Marie Kelly and their daughter, Evelyn and son Jimmy and his wife, Mona Kelly rode out the storm at Larry and Blackie Taylor's home in Laccasine. The Taylor home was slightly damaged. George and Marie's home in Cameron, about a block from the school board office, was destroyed. After the storm, George and Marie found an apartment on Highway 397. They have since purchased a home next door to Larry and Blackie. Jimmy and Mona Kelly plan to go back to Cameron.

We had lunch Saturday with Mary Richard and Madeleine and Deanne Colligan in Lake Charles. They had just discovered that one of the family's feline pets, "CC", had somehow gotten out of her little makeshift enclosure and was nowhere to be seen.

You can imagine how frightening it must have been for CC to be moved from her familiar surroundings in Cameron, followed by further moving from one unfamiliar location to another: Cameron, to Singer, to Lake Charles. This storm, with its continuing exodus, has surely been traumatic for the pets. CC has not returned yet.

Next door to the Colligan/Richard home we visited Conway and Virgie LeBleu, and Sybil McCall. When Virgie learned who had purchased the house next door, she said, "I think I've died and gone to Heaven!"

I suspect that when someone from Cameron moves into any neighborhood where other Cameron Parish folks have settled, there is reason for rejoicing.

Virgie told us that Sonny and Janie McCall have purchased a home in Moss Bluff.

Dee Ann Boudreaux sent an e-mail regarding Mrs. J.H. (Ida) Boudreaux. She wrote: "My mother-in-law, Ida Boudreaux is living with her son, Melvin and I in Buffalo, Tex. She will return to live with her youngest son, Tommy and his wife, Nancy, in Spring Crossing subdivision in Lake Charles when their home is completed."

Mail for Mrs. Ida Boudreaux can be sent to: 9899 PR 220; Buffalo, Tex. 75831. Phone: 903-322-3379.

We have news from Pam and Wade Carroll who are now in Rosepine in an old hunting camp that they had moved up there several years ago. Their daughter, Lisa and her children are with them, but Lisa's husband, Darren is working in Iraq. Wade Jr. and his family are in Grand Lake.

Pam writes: "We have been welcomed by the community. Many of the residents are Wade's relatives. My family is down the road in DeRidder."

Former classmates at South Cameron Elementary will be happy to hear that Lisa and Darren's son, Ethan, is now playing football for the Rosepine Eagles. Recently, he asked his mom to tell the cooks that the food was better at his other school. "There's a feather in the cap of the cafeteria staff in Creole!"

Pam goes on to say, "Laiken misses her friends at Headstart. She and her mom stay home and take care of the woods while Wade and I are at work in Lake Charles. When I say woods, I mean WOODS! But we see a lot of Cameron folks when we go for the Cameron mail."

"We have Kelly Pump and Supply off of Highway 90," she writes. "It's a great place to visit and we are thankful for the many that have come by. We miss our family at Oak Grove Baptist Church and all the many friends through the years. Rosepine is not very big and we are about five miles off the road. If you have an urge to see the country, come and see us."

Pam and Wade Carroll's e-mail address is: pcarroll@kellypump.com.

Several weeks ago Mary Arceneaux was searching for her cousin Lana Willis. Mary reports that she has heard from Lana and that she is staying with her sister in Lake Charles.

Mary said that Diane and Donny LeDoux of East Creole are staying at the Gulf Stream Manor Trailer Park. They have no children of their own but were caring for six foster children before the storm. Now there are only four, due to the circumstances. They have purchased a double-wide mobile home.

Kathy Tell, a Cameron Parish Archives File Manager wrote to ask about the condition of the historic Doxy House (John Paul Crain) in Grand Chenier. She writes that her fellow Genealogy archive managers have been asking about it. Can anyone give us information about the house?

Velma Mock writes that she and her family are in Friendswood, Tex. "A very dear friend of mine, Jennifer Fontenot, sent me a subscription after we relocated here and I eagerly await my paper every week. The Cameron Pilot has been my little slice of Heaven after what we have endured since evacuating from Cameron."

Fortunately, Velma was able to keep her job as her company relocated to Galveston after Rita. Her sons, Cheyenne 15 and Lex, 13, are attending school in Friendswood.

Velma writes, "Cheyenne is doing wonderful in school and says he wouldn't mind staying in Texas. Lex and I just want to go home. We have met some really nice people here, but our hearts are in Louisiana. We miss everyone so much. When we are in the area and run into someone from Cameron Parish, it is like Christmas!"

Prior to the storm, Velma and her children evacuated with their children; Carolyn and John Brown; Carolyn's children, Selena and Jerry Thompson; and Carolyn's grandchildren. There were 14 in the group who evacuated together to Orange Beach, Ala. From there they went to Dauphin Island where Mary Jim Brown, John's mother, "was an angel to open her home to us."

They eventually ended up at their townhouse in Friendswood and made it "as much like home" as possible. The others in their group have gone to Grand Lake.

Velma asked about Mrs. Sue Buras who lived near them in Cameron. If you have news of Mrs. Buras, please send it to the Column. Jimmy and I were also wondering how she fared after the storm.

Velma Mock's address is: 107 Clearview Ave. #1007; Friendswood, Tx. 77546 or vee4me@yahoo.com. Phone: 281-482-1193.

Please mail news to: 302 Trailwood Lane; Lafayette, La. 70508 or e-mail to nnadec67@aol.com. Phone 337-988-5395.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Lake Charles American Press, Jan. 11, 1943. FARMERS ASKED TO FILL FORMS

Every farmer who wants to get his fair share of the available new farm machinery and transportation facilities should fill out carefully and accurately the farm plan sheet which will be brought around to him some time during the latter part of this month or the first of February.

According to Ray B. Pevoto, chairman of the Cameron Parish USDA war board, the information contained in these plan sheets will be used by the war board and its committees in the rationing of farm machinery or any other supplies it may be necessary to ration and in helping farmers solve their transportation problems.

GRAND CHENIER HONOR ROLL

The Grand Chenier High School announces the following honor roll for the second six weeks' period of the current session:

First Grade: Betty Joan Jones, Carroll Miller, Dale Miller, Garner Nunez; second grade: Genelle Conner, David Y. Doland, Jr., J. W. Doxey, Jr., James E. Fawvor, Thomas A. Fawvor, Nora Mae Guidroz, Joyce Mae Kershaw, Thomas W. McCall, Audrey Miller, Clyde Miller, Ruby Nunez, Donald Richard; third grade: Sybil Fae Benoit, J. B. Meaux, Richard Ray Miller.

Fourth Grade: Perry Doxey, Edna Mae Guidroz, Jerry Jones; fifth grade: Betty Lois LaBove, Madge Meaux, Vernia Miller, Gene Sturlese; sixth grade: James Ray Benoit, Dudley Fawvor.

Seventh Grade: Marilyn Miller, Verna Miller; eighth grade: Marian McCall; ninth grade: Constance Bonsall, Oma McCall; tenth grade: Sybil Baccigalopi, Stephen Carter, Barbara Doland; Eleventh grade: Sylvia Dupuie, Jennings Jones, Jr., Fae McCall.

Cameron Pilot, Feb. 10, 1972.

KNIGHT, DAUGHTER OF YEAR NAMED

Mrs. William O. Morris and Pat Doland won the top awards at the annual J. P. Boudoin Sr. KC Council No. 3024 banquet held Saturday night at the KC Hall in Creole.

Mrs. Morris received the "Daughter of the Year" award, presented to her by Mrs. Elbe Dardeaux, last year's recipient. Doland received the "Knight of the Year" award from Clifford Conner, winner of the award last year.

Past winners of the Catholic Daughters award have been: Oma Miller, Wayne Montie, Dorothy Landry, Audrey Daigle, Elaine Theriot, Elougia Richard, Beulah Boudreaux, Gladys McCall, Mayola Wicks, Loraine Baccigalopi, Lydia Primeaux and Mrs. Dardeau.

Past winners of the Knights of Columbus award have been: J. Berton Daigle, Severin Miller, T. P. Bonsall, Mark Richard, Gordon Johnson, Lee C. Boudoin, Edras Nunez, Donald P. Broussard, Whitney Baccigalopi, Fred Theriot and Conner.

Eddie Jo Conner, Grand Knight, introduced public officials, special guests and K. C. officers following a social hour and meal.

Joe O'Donnell served as master of ceremonies. Mrs. Whitney Baccigalopi, Grand Regent of Court Mary Olive Catholic Daughters, introduced the CDA officers and

Seafood outreach day to be held Jan. 13th

A Cameron Seafood Outreach Day will be held Friday, Jan. 13, sponsored by the Louisiana Oyster Task Force and the Louisiana Seafood Promotion Board.

Board and staff members of these two agencies, public officials and members of the press will board buses to personally view the recovery of the seafood industry in Cameron Parish.

Departing from Burton Coliseum, the group will visit the Cameron Jetty Park and tour T.J.'s Seafood and Bolo Ice Plant in Cameron. They will drive by stranded vessels and the Omega Protein menhaden plant.

special guests, Mrs. Emerson Benoit, District Deputy and Mrs. Garfield Savoy, State Regent CDA, both from Sulphur.

PARISH HAS FEWER FARMS

Cameron Parish showed a total of 423 farms in the 1969 Census of Agriculture, according to figures released by the U. S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census.

In the past previous Census of Agriculture (1964) the number of farms reported in the parish was 462.

Of the parish's total farms in 1969, 163 are reported as selling \$2,500 or more of agricultural products in the year, as compared with 90 in 1964.

HAPPY 95 BIRTHDAY MRS. EMMA THERIOT

Mrs. Emma Theriot was born on Feb. 10, 1877 in the Grand Chenier area. When Emma was a young lady she married William F. Harper, also known as "Nip". They moved into a newly built house which still stands today. The original house was built of heavy cypress lumber brought down by boat from Lake Charles. It was built by Adolph Brouchet, a German carpenter, who also served as Justice of Peace for many years. He is remembered as "Old Judge Brouchet" and a fine old gentleman.

To Emma and William were born two little girls, Bessie and Gertie. William died when the children were two and four years old. In a few years, Emma and Hubert Theriot were married. Mr. Theriot was the Cameron Parish jailer and a Deputy Sheriff for many years. In his spare time he was the only barber in Leesburg, charging ten cents for a shave and twenty-five cents for a haircut. To this marriage a daughter was born.

The Theriot home was the office of the first Cameron newspaper, then also called the "Cameron Parish Pilot." It also housed the switchboard for the first telephone service in Cameron. This was in 1932 and for six years Emma was the sole operator.

Judge Brouchet started the registering of births, and after he died, during the years when Dr. S. O. Carter was the only doctor in the area, Emma became the keeper of the record book for all births and deaths. She continued the service until the Health Office was established in 1950.

During the years Hubert was jailer, Emma cooked and prepared meals for the prisoners. Also, during court sessions when crowds came from Grand Chenier, Creole, Johnson Bayou and Lake Charles, Emma cooked.

FESTIVAL SENDS GROUP TO MARSHLAND FESTIVAL

A group of local people will leave by plane Thursday to take part in the National Outdoor Festival in Cambridge, Maryland. J. A. Miller will defend his national muskrat skinning title; Wade Miller will defend his national trap setting title; Robert Mudd will compete in muskrat skinning; Mrs. Robert Mudd, who won the muskrat skinning here and Peggy Kelly, who was named Miss Cameron Parish, also will go to the festival. Others making the trip will be Mrs. Margie Kelley, mother of Miss Kelley and Mrs. J. A. Miller and her daughter Selika. The Cameron and Cambridge festivals have been exchanging representatives for 15 years.



Sempre LNG receives approval from FERC

Sempre LNG, a unit of Sempra Energy (NYSE: SRE), recently announced it has received approval from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to begin the mandatory pre-filing process to expand the company's Cameron LNG receipt terminal's production capacity to 2.65 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day (Bcf/day) from 1.5 Bcf/day.

The formal application for the expansion will be filed later this year at the completion of the pre-filing process. The final FERC decision on that liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal expansion application is expected in early 2007.

"Because of its prime location on the Gulf Coast with access to the Midwest and East Coast markets, we have received enough interest from LNG suppliers for additional capacity at our Cameron terminal to begin the approval process," said Darcel L. Hulse, president of Sempra LNG. "We want to be prepared to meet the needs of the market as it develops."

The initial construction phase of Cameron LNG is underway near Lake Charles, and is slated for completion in late 2008. The proposed expansion is expected to commence in 2007 and be completed in 2010.

Under provisions of the recent energy bill passed by Congress, all LNG facility applications must now undergo the pre-filing process. This is the same process that Sempra LNG voluntarily

used for its Port Arthur, Tex., LNG terminal filing, before FERC made the pre-filing process mandatory.

The proposed \$250 million expansion of the LNG receipt terminal will involve the addition of gas processing facilities and one new LNG storage tank, requiring the development of an additional 15 acres of the 275-acre site. When the expansion is complete, there will be a total of four LNG storage tanks at Cameron LNG, each capable of storing 160,000 cubic meters of LNG.

Cameron LNG is located near the Gulf Coast along the Calcasieu River, about 15 miles south of Lake Charles. In April 2004, the FERC authorized the project's construction and operation.

In early 2005, Sempra LNG announced it had awarded the engineering, construction and procurement contracts for Cameron LNG to a consortium comprised of Aker Kvaerner of Norway and Tokyo-based Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries.

LNG is natural gas that has been cooled below minus-260 degrees Fahrenheit and condensed into a liquid. LNG occupies 600 times less space than in its gaseous state, which allows it to be shipped in cryogenic tankers from remote locations to markets where it is needed. At the receiving terminal, LNG is unloaded and stored until it is vaporized back into natural gas and moved via pipelines to customers.

Building code guidelines donated to area parishes

The International Code Council Foundation (ICCF), a nonprofit organization dedicated to alleviating the devastating effects of natural disasters and other building tragedies, is stepping up to help local governments' efforts to implement requirements of the state's uniform construction code law. Senator Ken Hollis and Representative Gil Pinac, who co-authored Senate Bill 44 during the 2005 special legislative session which sets up a process to establish a statewide uniform construction code, joined ICCF President Paul Myers in Baton Rouge to announce the assistance plan.

The ICCF is donating copies of the International

Code Council building safety codes (I-Codes) to the 11 Louisiana parishes declared federal disaster areas, including Orleans, Calcasieu, Cameron, Iberia, Jefferson, Lafourche, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany, Terrebonne and Vermilion parishes.

Under emergency provisions of the new construction code law, the 11 parishes hit hardest by the hurricanes have up to 90 days from the effective date of the law to begin implementing and enforcing wind and flood provisions of the building and residential codes. Starting in 2007, the codes will be required for construction and renovation of all buildings statewide.

Three relief sites to be opened

The Relief Effort of Catholic Social Services (RECSS) of the Diocese of Lake Charles will open three relief sites for Cameron and Calcasieu Parish families needing assistance in the wake of Hurricane Rita. The locations are the Catholic Service Center located at 416 Iris Street in Lake Charles, St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hackberry, and St. Patrick Chapel in Sweetlake.

Families in need may begin making appointments in person at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, Thursday, Jan. 19 and Friday, Jan. 20 at one of the three sites. A limit of one household per application and one application per appointment will be in place. Appointments for a need's assessment will begin Monday, Jan. 23 at each location. Each site will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday of

each week. This direct assistance to qualified applicants will be in the form of financial aid for three basic areas - utility assistance (electricity and/or gas), housing needs (rental or mortgage payments) and gasoline. The determination of how much assistance, averaging \$500, will depend on each family's need and the limited amount of money available to the Diocese, made possible through a grant from Catholic Charities U.S.A.

When applicants return for their appointments, they must bring a photo ID, available utility bill, and mortgage or rental notice in order to complete the application and interview process. Information regarding other organizations that may be able to provide further assistance to the applicants will also be available at each site.

Funding to be topic at library

Calcasieu Parish Public Library will host a program offering information on funding a college education at 7 p.m., Monday, Jan. 23, at Central Library, 301 W. Claude St. Ms. Ralynn Castete of McNeese State University's Scholarship and Testing Department will offer tips to students and parents on finding money for college.

Ms. Castete will give pointers to perspective scholarship searchers on how to find a scholarship for themselves, how to present their application in the best light, what universities look for in the application and in the students, and sites to search on the internet.

She will also explain how to get financial aid from the various federal agencies and from work-study and loan programs. The intricacies of obtaining a Pel Grant, Federal Stafford Loans,

Federal PLUS Loans and campus-based programs will be addressed.

Ms. Castete will conclude by giving pointers in how to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA). She will speak with perspective McNeese Scholarship applicants about McNeese State University's scholarships.

The Young Adult Librarian will exhibit books and internet sites for more information. An information packet will be available for all in attendance.

The program will be in the meeting room on the 2nd floor of the library. For more information, please call 475-8792, ext. 18.



Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



CIRCLE HOOK

There's lots of talk about "Catch & Release" among recreational anglers. I know I release lots of smaller fish during the trips that I make, but also when scouting before a bass tournament, I'll release large bass and hopefully I'll catch them for a tournament.

How many of these release fish die, I don't know, but freshwater anglers don't have as much hassle because there's more length measurement in our saltwater fishing, not counting slot limits in certain areas of freshwater fishing.

I do know when we turn loose undersize redfish, we loose plenty, especially if they are hooked deep. Researchers say, by using circle hooks with all live or dead natural baits, it is the best method for increasing release survival rates. Most anglers, including myself use artificial baits 95 percent of the time, especially bass, bream, white perch while freshwater fishing, also speckle trout and redfish in saltwater fishing.

When it comes to red snapper or offshore species, there's lots of live bait or natural baits used and deep hooked fish can damage the esophagus, stomach, gills, even the heart, liver and kidneys. You may not notice these injuries at the moment, but the stress of struggle during hooking and landing many of these fish die, so try the "Circle Hook" , hook-em fast and save fish for another day.

AREA FISHING

Area fishing for saltwater species, is still going great. Anglers fishing Calcasieu-Big Lake are still catching trout and reds. The lake has been good on this October type weather we've been having, not much cold weather, on some days the wind makes trawling tough but good catches are reported. Most guides and old timers that fish the lake regular, say February should be a good month also, unless we have a weather change, and we all know February can be a tough winter month.

There's still reds in our marshes and inlets. Hog Bayou is still salty. Again be extra careful of objects that are underwater, and let someone know where you're going to fish and when you plan to return.

Think of a world record blue catfish and it didn't get away! On May 21, 2005, Tim Pruitt and his wife Carla hooked into a fish that towed them and their boat three miles down the Mississippi River in Illinois. After a 40 minute battle, the fish turned out to be the largest blue catfish ever caught anywhere in the world, 124 pounds, 58

inches long and a 44 inch girth, all this on a 50 lb. test line with artificial bait.

It is said 50 pounders are nothing to catch, and not unusual as there's plenty of catfish in that area. This reminds me of the large garfish we used to catch years ago with a throw line. Better be sure you had gloves, as rope burns the hands and the hurt stays for days.

HUNTING

Duck hunting has been about the same, our south sea marshes are still a hit and miss. I've noticed, there's not many ducks flying, but they're flying in a straight direction, and hard to turn towards the decoys. I've noticed there's not much shooting, and most shooting is far away, which means there's not many hunters in the marsh to make these ducks move in different directions. I did have a friend that brought me a rice field speckle belly, all cleaned and ready for the pot, can't ask for nothing better than that.

SEASON PASSING FAST

The hunting season is passing fast. Deer season in Area 3 is now over, except for archery season, which will end on Jan. 15. Mourning dove season is over and duck, gallinule, and rails, ends Jan. 22 in the west zone. Woodcock ends Jan. 31. White snipe, quail, rabbit and squirrel goes through Feb. 28. Although we do have hunting through Feb., I don't think we'll see much on woodcock, snipe and quail because of the storm damage and all the cleanup equipment in our area. As well as rabbit and squirrel. The hurricane took it's toll. We do have goose season to look forward to, but again this will be north of the Intercoastal Canal.

WHAT A LIFE

Some folks just look for gripes. Thirty British potato farmers want "Couch Potato" out of the English Dictionary because it hurts the potato's image. It makes the potato (vegetable) sound unhealthy. The United Poultry Concerns claims commercials of AFLAC's duck are degrading to waterfowl. It shows ducks in dangerous, unnatural and degrading situations. The AFLAC duck fell six feet and landed hard in the commercial and will impress youngsters who might be influenced by the ad. Nobody has seen a rash of complaints about kids pushing ducks off cliffs because of the ad, but I'll bet if this same duck flew over the duck pond, those youngsters would surely take a shot, probably a few adult hunters would try their luck also. Get A Life!

Cameron man charged in parrot's death

On Oct. 7, the Beauregard Parish Sheriff Department received a complaint that a blue Macaw parrot had been injured and later died. During the investigation deputies learned that the complainant had evacuated from her home in Singer, for Hurricane Rita and had left her parrot in a cage and upon her return found the parrot with injuries to its beak.

The complainant took the parrot to a veterinarian and the parrot later died from its injuries. Initially the complainant believed that the parrot died as a result of the storm or an attack from another animal, however the complainant later learned that an individual by the name of Rory Desonier, 42, of Cameron, had stated that he had injured the bird in retaliation because he thought the complainant had killed his two dogs, which were later found to be alive.

After completing the investigation a warrant was obtained for Desonier's arrest. On Jan. 5, Desonier was arrested at the Beauregard Parish Sheriff Department.

Students are helping out here

By CYNDI SELLERS

College students from Anna Maria College in Paxton, Mass. are in Cameron this week, helping residents clean up. The 12 students, their campus minister Harry Duschesne, and two families with children travelled 37 hours straight to get here.

Duschesne explained that recruitment began in September for the school's annual Habitat for Humanity trips. This team was referred to this area by a Worcester, Mass. priest who had attended seminary in Louisiana. Father Danny Torres, of the Lake Charles Diocese, turned them over to Sandy Gay, diocese director of youth ministry, who put them in touch with Mooney and others.

This team will leave at the end of the week, but Duschesne said more teams will come in March.



Emergency red snapper dates issued by commission

Two declarations of emergency, one setting the 2006 recreational fishing season dates for red snapper and the other setting the 2006 commercial fishing season dates for red snapper and other reef fish and setting trip limits for grouper, were issued by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the Jan. 5 meeting, as recommended by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

The recreational fishing season for red snapper in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m. on April 21, 2006. The season will remain open until midnight Oct. 31 to coincide with season dates in federal waters. The size limit for red snapper taken by recreational fishermen will be 16 inches minimum total length, with a daily bag limit and possession limit of four fish per person.

The commission also authorized LDWF Secretary Dwight Landreneau to change or modify opening and closing dates for the recreational red snapper season in Louisiana waters to comply with changes or modifications in season dates in federal waters.

The first commercial fish-

ing season for red snapper will open at 12 noon on Feb. 1, 2006, and remain open until 12 noon on Feb. 10. This pattern will continue each month until two-thirds of the 2006 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second commercial red snapper season will open at 12 noon on Oct. 1, 2006, and remain open until 12 noon on Oct. 10. The pattern will also continue each month until the entire 2006 quota is harvested. The minimum size limit for commercially harvested red snapper is 15 inches total length.

The commission also authorized the LDWF secretary to change opening and closing dates for the commercial red snapper season in Louisiana waters to comply with changes or modifications in season dates in federal waters.

The commission also set a commercial trip and possession limit for deep-water and shallow-water grouper combined (black, misty, Warsaw, red, snowy, yellowedge, yellowfin and yellowmouth groupers, red hind, rock hind, speckled hind, gag and scamp), to be 6,000 pounds per vessel.

Seatrout rule modified for Cameron Parish

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission issued a notice of intent at the Jan. 5, 2006 meeting to modify the existing spotted seatrout rule in a defined area of Cameron and Calcasieu parishes, including Calcasieu and Sabine Lakes and adjacent offshore waters.

The intent of the proposed rule is to change the current 25 fish daily bag limit to a daily take and possession limit of 15 fish within that area, regardless of where taken, with no more than two spotted seatrout exceeding 25 inches total length. Those spotted seatrout exceeding 25 inches in length would be considered as part of the daily recreational bag limit take and possession limit.

The rule would be effective within those areas of the state, including coastal territorial waters, south of

Interstate 10 from its junction at the Texas Louisiana boundary eastward to its junction with Louisiana Highway 171, south to Highway 14, and then south to Holmwood, and then south on Highway 27 through Gibbstown south to Louisiana Highway 82 at Creole and south on Highway 82 to Oak Grove, and then due south to the western shore of the Mermentau River, following this shoreline south to the junction with the Gulf of Mexico, and then due south to the limit of the state territorial sea.

Interested parties may submit comments relative to the proposed rule to Harry Blanchet, Marine Fisheries Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, P.O. Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000, prior to April 6, 2006.

King mackerel season is declared by Board

A declaration of emergency setting the 2006 commercial fishing season for king mackerel was issued by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the Jan. 5 meeting. The commercial fishing season for king mackerel in Louisiana state waters will open at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2006, and will remain open until the 2006 commercial quota for the western Gulf of Mexico is harvested or projected to be harvested.

The commission also authorized Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Dwight Landreneau to close the commercial king mackerel season in Louisiana waters and reopen the commercial season to coincide with season dates in federal waters. The commission's actions ensure that regulations in Louisiana state waters will mirror regulations of federally managed waters.

Calcasieu/Cameron livestock shows to be held Jan. 12 - 14

Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes will hold Livestock Shows Thursday-Saturday, Jan. 12-14 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles.

This is the first time for the two parishes to hold their shows in the same facilities at the same time.

Previously the Cameron show was held at the Cameron Livestock Barn in Cameron, but this was destroyed by Hurricane Rita.

Collagen hydrolysate good for osteoarthritis

Data from the first National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES I) indicates that obese women have nearly four times the risk of knee osteoarthritis as compared with non-obese women; for obese men, the risk is nearly five times greater. Currently, there is no cure for osteoarthritis although several treatment options are

available. A promising new treatment, collagen hydrolysate (CH), a special product derived from natural collagenous tissue, reduces pain, protects joint cartilage from damage and strengthens joint cartilage. Studies suggest that consuming 10 grams of CH each day reduces pain and improves physical function when taken for a minimum of 60 days.

S. C. & J. B. graduations to be on their campuses, School Board decides

By CYNDI SELLERS

The future of the Cameron Parish school system is a lot clearer after Monday's School Board meeting.

The Board made several decisions to assure the educational future of parish children, including where they will go to school and how they hope to pay for it.

And as a symbol of faith in that future, it was announced that South Cameron High School and Johnson Bayou High School graduations will be on their own campuses this May.

The Board voted to advertise for the purchase or lease of 30 portable buildings to house the Johnson Bayou and South Cameron area students on the Hackberry and Grand Lake campuses for the remainder of the school year.

The estimated cost of the buildings would be \$60,000 each to purchase (\$1.8 million) or \$30,000 per month (\$360,000 per year) to lease.

"Yes, it's expensive," said School Supt. Dr. Doug Chance, "but how valuable is a child's education?"

In the fall, most of the buildings would be moved to the South Cameron High school site to house pre-K through 12th grade students. A few would be left at Grand Lake for those South Cameron students who are not ready to move south.

Johnson Bayou School is expected to be in use by the fall.

Chance said the promises made by FEMA to do anything necessary to replace the schools have not been kept, so the Board will have to seek other avenues and hope for reimbursement later.

At the same time the system is in such need, the state Minimum Foundation Program funding has been cut by almost \$100,000 due to the loss of approximately 400 students who remain evacuated.

Opening the school at all sites is one way to enrich students back to the parish and get the MFP funding back up. Getting the portable buildings on site at Hackberry and Grand Lake so regular five day classes can resume is another.

The School Board's 10 mill operational tax is also in jeopardy, since the election scheduled for last October was not held.

The Board approved a resolution asking the legislature to extend the current tax for one year until elections can be held.

The Board also voted to ask for the extension of their terms for one year for the same reason. According to Chance, it would be very diffi-

cult to hold elections while the population is still so scattered, especially in lower Cameron Parish.

The Board adopted further resolutions to advertise for legal counsel for any insurance related issues that may arise, and to adopt relaxed promotion guidelines for this year, in light of the unusual circumstances.

Due to the reduction in revenue, the Board may have to reduce its workforce. This is being handled by not replacing employees who retire or resign, and may come to layoffs.

If layoffs are necessary, the policy was amended to extend to two years the time a position will be held for the employee, if it reopens.

In a related matter, the Board voted to adhere to the state pupil to teacher ratio in the future. Currently the Cameron Parish ratio is well below the state standard, but class sizes may have to be increased to meet the needs of the budget.

Chance reported that the parish enrollment is well above that of other hurricane ravaged parishes, with 91% of Grand Lake , 85% of SCHS, 84.6% of Hackberry, 76% of SCES, 72.2% of JBS, and 53% of CES students enrolled.

As more families locate closer to the parish, the numbers steadily increase, according to Chance.

An impressive 91% of SCHS students have indicated their intention to attend school at the Creole site next fall. "It is a testament to the resilience of these people and their love for their homes," said Chance.

Arrangements have been made with the LHSAA to consider any address of a South Cameron student, attending at Creole, to be in the school district for athletic purposes.

Students who attend SCHS at the Grand Lake site will not be able to participate in LHSAA sports.

A proposal to reimburse school athletic funds from the general fund for lost revenue this past fall was tabled until need can be established and legality confirmed. Another, to seek an IRS 501 (C)(3) status for the board was tabled until the next meeting, pending review by the board's auditor.

The school calendar for 2006-2007 was adopted. The first day for students will be Aug. 21 and the ending date will be June 1.

RESIGNATIONS

Resignations were accepted for Gary Warner, SCHS janitor and Louella Richard, SCES teacher. Neither employee will be replaced.

Basketball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASKETBALL RESULTS BOYS

Grand Lake 71, Hackberry 55, Starks 37 - Jay Sanner was the leading scorer with 23 points as the Mustangs opened district play with a win over the Panthers. Nick Moore added 12 points and Judd Addison added 11 points.

Grand Lake 92, Northside Christian 25 - Brett Griffith paced the 19-7 Hornets with 26 points. Brett Crochet added 18 points and Deon Bergeron added 14 points. Garrett Billiot added 10 points.

Hyatt 45, Johnson Bayou 41 - DJ Conner led the Rebels with 18 points. Aaron Jinks added 8 points.

Grand Lake 44, Midland 40 - The 18-7 Hornets were led by Brett Griffith with 19 points. Brett Crochet added 12 points and Deon Bergeron scored 10 points.

GIRLS

Hackberry 38, Starks 32 - Amanda Miller scored 18

points as the Lady Mustangs moved to 12-10 on the year and 1-0 in district play. Carly Fountain added 10 points.

Grand Lake 71, Northside Christian 43 - Liz Kingham scored 19 points for the 17-8 Lady Hornets. Brandy Carroll and Megan Miller added 11 points each.

South Cameron 56, Hicks 48 - Whitney Richard paced the Lady Tarpons (7-7) with 21 points. D'Nae Desonier added 19 points. Rachael Fountain chipped in another 15 points.

Johnson Bayou 45, Hyatt 14 - After shutting out the Lady Bulldogs 17-0 in the first period the Lady Rebels cruised to an easy district opening win. Sabrina Sandifer led the Lady Rebels with 19 points. Destiny Sonnier added 8 points.

Hackberry 44, Reeves 6 - Mandy Michalko scored 9 points for the 11-10 Lady Mustangs.

Grand Lake 55, Midland 41 - Liz Kingham chipped in 14 points for Grand Lake. Meagan Miller added 13 and Kat Kingham scored 11 points.

Brochure available

To help parents take control of what their children watch on television, a group called TV Watch has created a downloadable brochure and online tutorial, as well as a free TV ratings reference sticker, all available at www.televisionwatch.org.



Online housing search available for disaster victims

Victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita can search for available rental housing using Disaster Housing Resource Online (DHR Online) at www.dhronline.org. DHR Online is an easy-to-use website that lists immediately available rental properties. Victims can search by location, price range, and housing description including number of bedrooms and bathrooms.

One evacuee, who is currently living in a motel, was successful in finding housing through DHR Online. After applying, she was put in touch with a leasing manager at a local apartment complex in Baton Rouge, and within three hours, she was approved for her apartment. She will be moving into her apartment in January.

'Volunteers' are Nature's gift In your garden

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Gardeners use the term "volunteer" for the seedling of a desirable plant that appears in the garden even though it wasn't actually planted there. These plants can be the offspring of trees and shrubs but are most often the result of seeds dropped by annuals or perennials that were previously grown in the garden.

Volunteers are nature's gifts. You don't have to pay for them, and they generally thrive where they are growing. They can be a welcome and wonderfully unpredictable part of an active garden.

One of the tricks of using volunteers in your garden is the ability to distinguish the seedlings or young plants of desirable ornamentals from unwanted weeds. Some books on growing plants from seeds include pictures of what the seedlings look like. You also can become familiar with the seedling stage of many annuals and perennials if you observe them closely while growing them from seed yourself.

Keep in mind that any plant growing where it is unwanted can be considered a weed. Even volunteers of the colorful, fragrant four o'clock may be weeds if they grow in the middle of your rose garden or if there are too many of them. Live oak seedlings come up all the time, but you don't want them growing in your flower beds.

The art of using volunteers is not simply to allow every volunteer that pops up to grow. You must take into account the space needed by other plants growing in the area, flower colors, plant heights and the overall design of the garden.

On the other hand, volunteers can offer unimagined combinations. Using these volunteers as part of your garden can add an element of surprise and a delightful, informal look to the garden.

If you want to encourage volunteers in your garden, you must allow seeds to form and mature on the plants you want to self-seed. Keep old flowers picked off early in the season to keep your plants attractive and encourage more flowers. But toward the end of the season, allow the flowers to go to seed and let the seed mature. Then either harvest the seed and scatter them around or simply let nature take its

The U.S. Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) says DHR Online was an important asset in locating housing for people displaced during the 2004 hurricane season and believes that it will be a valuable tool to help Gulf Coast residents recover from this year's hurricanes.

Also, property owners who have an apartment or house for rent can list their available properties on this website at no cost.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program.

course and allow them to fall where they will.

Two other factors will affect the number of volunteers you see in your garden. Efforts to control weeds will also prevent volunteer seeds from germinating. The use of mulches and herbicides can limit or eliminate volunteers. Although I rarely use herbicides in my garden beds, I do mulch. Even so, I still see determined volunteers coming up here and there every year.

Not all garden plants produce viable seed, and of those that do, many just don't come up well under garden conditions. But many others are very adept at producing new generations in the garden.

You have to keep in mind that even if you put a plant in your garden that reliably self-seeds, things still may not work out. Sometimes a plant that self-seeds with abandon in one gardener's beds self-seeds little or not at all in another garden under similar conditions. Such is life.

Garden volunteers come up in the most unexpected places. Cracks in paving, flower pots and along the edges of beds are some typical spots, and it's often necessary to either pull them out or transplant them to a more desirable location.

If moved when very young, most volunteers can be transplanted with great success. You can even put them into small pots or cell packs filled with potting soil, grow them until they are larger and then plant them into the garden where you want them to grow.

The following lists include some plants that I have found to be reliable self-seeders in our area (there are many more). The warm-season growers should be planted next spring. Plant the cool-season growers in October or November.

Also, check with your gardening friends. They will often have extras of plants that self-seed and would be happy to share them with you.

Warm-Season Growers:

Abelmoschus, Amaranthus, Ornamental Peppers, Periwinkle, Celosia, Cleome, Cosmos, Balsam, Marigolds, Impatiens, Salvia coccinea, Purslane, Torenia, Melampodium, Rudbeckia, Mexican Heather, Jewels of Opar, Four O'clock, Asparagus Ferns, Knot weed, Cypress vine, Moonflower vine, Cardinal vine, True Ferns, Basil, Chocolate Plant, Garlic

Many winter vegetables can be grown in containers

By Dan Gill
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

The satisfaction of growing fresh vegetables is undeniable, but many gardeners do not have a suitable in-ground location to grow them.

If you are forced to do your gardening in containers because of your circumstances (such as living in an apartment), you should know that many cool-season vegetables can be grown successfully in containers if they are provided adequate care and the proper size containers.

Vegetables grown in containers need more frequent attention (such as watering) than those grown in the ground, but the work is physically easier. That makes this technique good for older vegetable gardeners and children who may find cultivating in-ground beds too physically demanding. Vegetables grown during the winter are quite hardy and generally can withstand normal winter temperatures once established.

Select a sunny location outdoors for your container vegetable garden. All vegetables grow best where the sun shines directly on the plants at least six to eight hours a day.

A location that allows drainage water to run freely from containers also is needed. And it is a good idea to use small bricks to raise larger containers off of wood porches or decks to prevent damaging the wood.

The larger the containers you use, the more choices you have of vegetables to grow. In addition, with larger containers, production generally is higher, and you don't have to water as often.

Plastic pots, clay pots, tubs, half whisky barrels or other containers may be purchased, but virtually any container you can cut or punch drainage holes into may be used. Inexpensive foam ice chests work well, for instance. If the container has been used for other purposes, wash with warm soapy water and rinse thoroughly before using it.

Fill the container with a commercial potting mix that drains well. The level of soil should be somewhat below the rim of the container after planting. This is called "head space" and helps facilitate proper watering.

Then select and plant vegetable seeds or transplants. The following are some of the vegetables that can be planted over the next few weeks from seed or transplants and the minimum size pot to plant them in. (Keep in mind that root crops such as beets, carrots, radish and turnips must be direct seeded into the pot.) The number of plants that can be planted in a specified container is shown in parentheses.

Use a minimum of a 1 gallon container for beets (2 to 3 plants per container), carrots (3), celery (1), Chinese cabbage (1), collards (1), garlic (2), kohlrabi (1), leeks (1), lettuce (2), mustard greens (2), bunching onion (2 to 3), parsley (1), radish (3 to 4), shallots (2 to 3), spinach (2), Swiss chard (1) or turnips (2).

Use at least a 2-gallon container for broccoli (1 plant per container), cabbage (1) or kale (1).

A 3-gallon container is needed for brussels sprouts (1 plant per container) or cauliflower (1).



Chives, Perilla, Ruellia, Dahlberg daisy.

Cool-season Growers:

Larkspur, Sweet Alyssum, Nasturtium, Cornflower (Bachelor buttons), Poppy, Johnny-Jump-Up, Dill, Borage, Coriander, Parsley, Viola, Annual Phlox, Sweet Pea.

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These are minimum container sizes for various vegetables that will allow them to mature and produce properly. You certainly can plant a greater number of any of these vegetables into larger containers than those listed. Indeed, using larger containers means they don't need to be watered as often and it also offers more cold protection to the roots.

Check the soil daily and water often enough to keep the soil evenly moist. Do not allow the vegetable plants to wilt before watering. Always water gently until water runs out of the drainage holes of the container. To minimize disease problems, try to water without wetting the foliage, if possible.

A soluble fertilizer (the kind you dissolve in water to apply) applied about every two weeks works well for container vegetables. Slow-release fertilizers also can be used, and they reduce the need to apply soluble fertilizer repeatedly. Follow label directions. Just remember that without adequate fertilizer, vegetables take longer to develop and will produce less to harvest.

Weeds will occasionally appear in container plantings. They should be removed promptly if you see them.

Check plants daily to control insects and diseases when they appear. Check under the leaves to find insects such as caterpillars or aphids. Diseases are difficult to control, so keep plants healthy, clean and placed far enough apart to ensure good air circulation. Fortunately, insect and disease problems occur far less often in the winter than in the summer growing season. If problems do occur, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office for help in diagnosis and control.

Harvest your vegetables regularly, promptly and at the proper stage for maximum quality. After all, this is the reward for the effort.

If you have given up growing vegetables because of physical limitations, give container vegetable gardening a try. And if you live in an apartment or condo and have only a sunny patio or balcony, container vegetable gardening will allow you to experience the rewards of growing your own fresh vegetables.

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Random acts of sweetness inspires gifts

Because the sweetest gifts are often the most unexpected, C&H Pure Cane Sugar has launched Random Acts of Sweetness—a new, national effort to inspire people across the country to bake homemade treats and surprise others with the gift of dessert any day of the year. Simply bake a delicious dessert using the highest quality ingredients such as C&H Pure Cane Sugar, real vanilla and real butter, wrap it in an attractive gift box or bag, personalize your gift with a handwritten note or card, surprise people with an unexpectedly sweet treat and encourage them to do the same. For gift ideas and recipes, visit www.chsugar.com.

Website for appetizers

Whether you call them appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, finger foods or canapés, they are the scrumptious small portions showing up at almost every celebration this year. Appetizers are beginning to function as the primary food at most parties because they are simple, quick and add variety for guests. For a fast, festive appetizer, try Roasted Red Pepper Dip, found on the Mrs. Dash Web site (www.mrsdash.com). With a prep time of only five minutes, this recipe is incredibly easy—just toss the ingredients into a blender or food processor and it's done.



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FOR SALE: 70+ acres, cleared & improved pasture, fenced & cross-fenced cattle pens, camp & 3 barns, pond, electricity & rural water. South Beauregard school district. \$250,000. Phone (337) 477-9717 or 438-2392 1/4 & 1/11 mc.

HOUSE FOR Sale. Elevated home on 1.25 acre lot in Garber Subdivision. Approximately 3 miles from Down Town Cameron. Over 3000 sq-ft of heated living, 5 Bedrooms, 3 Baths. Floor sits 15.6 feet above flood elevation. House experienced damage from Rita and needs repairs. Call (843) 402-9695 1/11 - 2/2mc.

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RV SALES

HUNDREDS OF travel trailers arriving for lease to home owners with insurance claims. Minimum lease is 6 months. Kite Bros., LLC, Hwy 171 N, DeRidder, La. 1-800-456-2724. www.kitebros.com 11/3tfc

10 ways to lose 10 years in 10 minutes

(NAPSA)-We've all heard that 40 is the new 30, but is it now 50? Baby boomers are fervently seeking out ways to turn back the clock by living, feeling and looking younger—acting not as baby boomers, but "baby groomers."

With a higher disposable income than past generations', these "sporty 40s" and "nifty 50s" are using more beauty products than generations before them—from anti-aging cream and teeth whiteners to multifocal contact lenses—to improve their appearance.

"This group is far more outgoing and concerned with looking as young as they can, which increases their confidence to lead healthy, active lifestyles," said Mark Montano, host of TLC's "Ten Years Younger." "This is why 'baby groomer' is the new buzzword."

Following are Montano's top-10 ways to lose 10 years in 10 minutes:

10. Use a tooth whitener to increase your number of smiles per day.

9. Lose the bifocals! Instead, use multifocal contact lenses to go from looking like grandma to being a hot momma!

8. Use an anti-aging cream on your face and hands. Pay careful attention

FOR SALE

PILGRIM'S FEED - January Specials: 12% All stock pellet, \$5.70. 14% TR Creep Pellet (medicated), \$5.75. 12% HD Classic horse, \$8.35. 14% HD Classic Horse, \$8.45. 24% Molasses Supplement Tubs, \$45.00. 20% NP Molasses Supplement Tubs, \$50.00. The Kountry Store, Inc., located in parking lot of old Lena's Cafe. Contact numbers: Kim at (337) 794-3610 or Kristie at (337) 794-3522. 12/22 & 12/29c.

METAL OUTLET Metal Roofing ~ Carports ~ Metal Buildings ~ Patio Cover Kits ~ C's & Z's ~ Custom Trim ~ RV & Equipment Covers ~ Metal Doors ~ Windows. 337-625-2778. 2241 E. Napoleon, Sulphur. Open Mon.-Fri. 7 am-5 pm, Sat. 7 am-12 noon. tfc.

NOTICE

WANTED: I am interested in purchasing a beachfront lot between Johnson Bayou and Grand Chenier, especially on Rutherford Beach, east of Cameron. If water and lights are available, will be a big plus. Contact Johnny Zeller at 731 Hummingbird Lane, Marshall, Arkansas, 72650 or call: 1-870-448-5106 Run: 1/5 - 1/26mc.

MAC HAYNIE would like to let his many friends and customers know he will now be cutting hair Thursday, Friday and Saturday at Silvia's Barber Shop in Moss Bluff beginning December 8, 2005. Turn left off Hwy 171 N onto Telephone Rd. Phone: 855-7158 or 794-6176. 12/21 - 1/05p.

WHETHER LOOKING to store household possessions, or need boat or RV storage, A+ Mini Storage has the professional local facilities to meet your needs. Located at 4611 Hwy 27 South, Carlyss. Call 558-5805 for information. 9/14 - 2/21 eow

SCOUT GET-TOGETHER

For

CUB SCOUT PACK 210 & BOY SCOUT TROOP 210

Sat., January 14 -- 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sweetlake United Methodist Church
(On Helms Road)

A MEETING, LUNCH AND THE DISTRIBUTION
OF DONATED GIFTS IS PLANNED

Scouts are asked to contact Scoutmaster Bobby Doxey at one of the numbers listed below to let him know whether or not you can attend.

802-8137 • 905-5216 • 515-1532

The following boys are currently registered members of Pack 210 or Troop 210: Jesus Hernandez, Kurtlin LeBoeuf, Zackery Bignall, Corey Bourgeois, Hayden Graham, Jonathan Hampton, Alec January, Tyler LaBove, Cody Mason, Steven Primeaux, Damon Pugh, Dane Richard, Joseph Sedlock, Hunter Sorrells, Blake Theriot, Caleb Authement, Chance Coulombs, Kent Doxey, Marcus Doxey, Christopher Guillot, Blake Herron, Holden January, Terrence January, Nicholas LaSalle, Cory Miller, Garrett Mock, Casey Mock, Ryan Primeaux, Jeffrey Racca, Kaleb Stoute, Devaughn Thompson, Jose Vargas, William Wittman, Brian Doxey, James Cormier, Travis Trahan, Jared Racca & Thomas Hunt.

Any member whose name was omitted should contact Mr. Bobby Doxey.

Homecoming 2006

South Cameron - January 17
Johnson Bayou - January 20

CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY MEETING SCHEDULE 2006

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury has set its meeting schedule for 2006, as follows:

- Agenda Meetings -- 6:00 p.m. on the last Monday of each month
- Voting Meetings -- 6:00 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month

When a meeting date falls on a holiday, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, unless otherwise advertised.

The meeting places will be rotated among several communities to be announced at later dates.

RUN: Jan. 12 (J-18)

Legal Notices

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)
LOUISIANA SHELF PARTNERS, L. P.
SL 17742 WELL #1
DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for Louisiana Shelf Partners, L. P., SL 17742 Well #1, 5858 Westheimer, Suite 708, Houston, TX 77057. The facility is located approximately 7 miles southeast of Grand Chenier, 14 miles east/southeast from Oak Grove, 11 miles west/southwest from North Island, and 0.9 miles offshore, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharge from this proposed source is made into the Gulf of Mexico, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, propagation of fish and wildlife, and oyster propagation. Under the SIC Code 1311, the applicant proposes to discharge certain wastewater streams associated with oil and gas exploration, development, and production operations from the proposed oilfield facility.

During the preparation of this permit, it has been determined that the discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur.

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing, or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. **Written comments and/or written requests must be received by 12:30 p.m., Monday, February 13, 2006.** Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision.

If LDEQ finds a significant degree of public interest, a public hearing will be held. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, draft permit, and statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Kelli Hamilton, LDEQ, Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3276, or by email at mailrequest@deq.org.

Permit public notices can be viewed on the LDEQ Permits public Web page at www.deq.state.la.us/news/PubNotice.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server at http://www.state.la.us/ldeq/listserverpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 123216, Permit Number LA0121941, and Activity Number PER20040001.
RUN: Jan. 5 and 12 (D-47)

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. local time, Tuesday, January 24, 2006, in the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District's Office, 1400 Highway 14, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 (337) 436-5020 Ext. 3, for providing the following materials:

- 1. 3,000 Trade Gallons, Smooth Cordgrass, *Spartina alterniflora* 'Vermilion.'
- 2. 2,100 3.5", California Bulrush, *Schoenoplectus californicus*.
- 3. 2,000 Trade Gallons, Giant Cutgrass, *Zizaniopsis milliciae*.
- 4. 1,900 4" Pots, Bitter Panicum, *Panicum amarum*.
- 5. 500 4" Pots, Saltgrass, *distichlis spicata*.
- 6. 1,000 4" Pots, Marshhay Cordgrass, *Spartina patens*.
- 7. 500 4" Pots, Gulf Cordgrass, *Spartina spartinae*.
- 8. 1,000 4" Pots, Seashore Paspalum, *Paspalum vaginatum*.
- 9. 500 Trade Gallons, Sea Oats, *Uniola paniculata* 'Caminada.'

A complete assembly of the bid invitation with specifications may be obtained by contacting the district secretary at the address shown above.
RUN: Jan. 5, 12, and 19 (J-6)

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR POST DISASTER BOARD OF REVIEW
As required by R. S. 47:1978.1 enacted in Act 66 and signed by the governor on December 6, 2005, notice is hereby given that the Cameron Parish Police Jury will meet as a Board of Review on Friday, January 27, 2006 through Sunday, February 5, 2006 at the Grand Lake High School cafeteria located at 1039 Highway 384, Grand Lake, Louisiana to hear any and all protests from the taxpayers on their 2005 property assessments affected by the Hurricane Rita disaster.

The board shall consider the written or oral protests of any taxpayer desiring to be heard that has filed protests 7 days after the final assessment lists exposure date. Protests shall be filed in person at the Police Jury office located at their temporary office at 302

N. Cutting Avenue, Jennings, Louisiana or by certified mail.
R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA
Cameron Parish Assessor
RUNS: Jan. 12, 19 - J 13

RESOLUTION

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON
WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby intend to move Precincts 3 and 4 Polling Place, Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Circle, Hackberry, Louisiana to the Hackberry Fire Station, 1025 Main St., Hackberry, Louisiana 70645.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 3rd day of January, 2006 does hereby relocate the Precincts 3 and 4 Polling Place to the Hackberry Fire Station, 1025 Main Street, Hackberry, Louisiana.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of January, 2006.

APPROVED:
/s/ Douaine Conner
DOUAINE CONNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Jan. 5, 12, 19 (J-14)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 19, 2006, at the office of Mosquito Control in Sweetlake, Louisiana, on a 2005/2006 Air Tractor AT-402B.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Mosquito Control Headquarters.

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 146 Theriot Road, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, and be marked "BID FORM ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1
Julian s. Robichaux,
Assistant Director
RUN: Jan. 5, 12, 19 (J-17)

ATTENTION: GRAND LAKE - BIG LAKE COMMUNITIES

NEW DUMP SITE HOURS ANNOUNCED
Effective January 9, 2006, the Sweet Lake and the Big Lake Dump Sites have been changed. New hours are 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., 7 days per week. The sites will again accept all materials permissible prior to Hurricane Rita.
RUNS: Jan. 12 - J 19

SHERIFF SALE

38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
SAM BREAUX II
VS. NO. 10-16612
RANDALL BERTRAND ET AL.

By virtue of Commission to Sell issued and to me directed by the honorable court aforesaid, and in order to effect a Partition by Licitation, I will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder, minimum bid of \$84,000.00 at the court house door of this parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 at 11:00 A.M. the following property of Ethelyn Barbier Labove, Billy Roy Bourg, Robert Marsh, Donald R. Criglow, Charles T. Hebert, Kisatchie Title Management Inc., Joseph P. Constance, Gene Constance, Walter Lloyd Bonsall* Subject to the usufruct of Annie Lee Bonsall, Thomas Wayne Bonsall* Subject to the usufruct of Annie Lee Bonsall, Sandra Gail Coody* Subject to Usufruct of Annie Lee Bonsall, John Alan Bonsall* Subject to the usufruct of Annie Lee Bonsall, Heirs of Damond Miller: (James & Nina Blankenship), Heirs of Calissa Constance: (Maurice R & Barbara Fay Moreau), Sam Breaux, Gaynell Thompson Jessup, Maude E Jessup, Shirley Lee Constance, Jimmy Leslie Constance, Harry Craig Constance, Roland Leslie & Leslie & Laura Welsh, Joseph P Constance, Gene A Constance, Mae Doris Little, John T Constance, Rose Ann Burch, Agnes Constance, Oran Trahan, Frederick Joseph Colligan, Lavernia Tinney Russel, Walter A Tinney, John A Tinney, Sam Tinney, J B Watts, James C Watts, Donna L. Williams, Theresa A Williams, Andrew John Lambert Jr., Wise Wyatt Lambert Jr., Arles Lambert, Donna Clair Lambert, Leroy Lambert Jr., Chrystal L Gibbs, A J Nicholas Goodfriend, Joseph Albert Goodfriend, Mary Ariese Cline, Born Goodfriend, Robert Bertrand, Richard E Bertrand, Janice B Morales, Charles Lynn Bertrand, Phil Bertrand, Ruby Mae Simon Constance, Billy Horgan, Ruth Constance, M O Labove, Randall Bertrand, Lana Bertrand, Paul Bertrand, Powell Land Holding LLC, Deborah Tinney, Thomas Charles Blankenship, Mildred Barbier Hayes, Fred F Jessup Jr, Shirley Lee Jessup, Jimmy Lee Lambert, Leroy Lambert III, Emma Edith Trahan, Robert Welsh, Lorena Welsh, Earnestine Colligan Roosteet, Loretta Colligan Henry, Dr John L Colligan, Lisa Diana Cline Keating, Catherine Cline Bell, Uretta Colligan Frazier, Joseph Doiron, Nanny Jo Tinney, James and Linda Blankenship, Lela A Colligan James, Robert Timothy Cline, Yvonne Dennis Cline Ames, Linda Blankenship Mullins, Christa Blankenship Harkness, Kelly John Blankenship, Kathryn Blankenship Edwards, Kimberly

Ten tips to help shape up

(NAPSA)-If you think it takes hours and hours of working out to improve the way a person looks and feels, think again. The physical activity you need to look and feel better may only take minutes.

According to the United States Department of Agriculture's 2005 Dietary Guidelines Report, adults need 30 minutes of moderate activity on five or more days of the week to be healthy. Increase that to 60 minutes and you can also maintain an appropriate body weight.

Here are 10 tips to help from The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and HealthSaver, a health care discount service.

1. Be moderately physically active at least 30 minutes a day on five or more days a week. If you can't do 30 minutes, try increments of 10 or 15 minutes adding up to 30 minutes a day.

2. Keep in mind that proper nutrition and physical activity go hand in hand. Just because you walked for 30 minutes doesn't mean you can reward yourself with a pint of your favorite ice cream.

3. Build physical activity into your daily routine. Adding 30 minutes of walking to your daily schedule will use, on average, around 150 calories a day, enough to lose over a pound a month. You can lose more than 15 pounds in a year if you keep it up and follow a healthy diet.

4. Build small amounts of activity into your day. Take the stairs, park your car further away, get off the bus a stop earlier, take a walk at lunch.

5. Keep a daily log of your progress.

Blankenship Prestridge, Patrick Blankenship to wit:

THE EAST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 44, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 10 WEST, CAMERON PARISH, LA.

TERMS: CASH DAY OF SALE
SHERIFF THEOS DUHON,
CAMERON PARISH, LA.
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La
February 15, 2006
Charles Schruppf
Attorney for Plaintiff
RUN: Jan. 12, Feb 9 (J 20)

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Jordan Oil Company of Lake Charles, LA, has applied to the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District for a permit to drill a new well near Creole, Louisiana. The applicant is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:IX.1507.A-E and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Registrations and Certifications Section within ten days of this notice by referencing RL 060103/AI 134020 to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality,
Registrations and Certifications Section, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, Attn: Water Quality Certifications, 225-219-3469.

A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA, 70802, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
RUNS: Jan. 12 - J 21

CALCASIEU PARISH CONSORTIUM WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD

LEGAL NOTICE
Mary Trussell Conway is designated as the Equal Opportunity (EO) Coordinator for the Calcasieu Consortium Workforce Investment Board (WIB).

She will be responsible for the development of all nondiscrimination and equal opportunity activities for the Local Workforce Investment Area (LWIA) 51 (Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jeff Davis parishes). This responsibility includes all programs and services administered by LWIA 51 under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Title I-B.

It is the position of LWIA 51 that no individual shall be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, subjected to discrimination under, or denied employment in the administration of, or in connection with any such program administered by LWIA 51 because of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, citizenship, age, disability, or political affiliation or belief.

All questions relative to matters of equal opportunity and compliance including complaint processing and cultural diversity are to be directed to:

Mary Trussell Conway, EO Coordinator, Workforce Investment Board, P. O. Box 1592, Lake Charles, LA 70623, (337) 721-3584, Fax: (337) 721-3590, TDD Relay 1-800-947-5277 or 711.

An Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids and services are available to the disabled upon request.
RUNS: Jan 12 - J 23

6. Continually upgrade your fitness program.

7. For added health benefits, do 20 minutes of vigorous physical activity three or more times a week. This might include running, aerobics, swimming or working out on cardiovascular equipment.

8. Shift your focus to your health, not just your appearance.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES ON BEHALF OF THE STATE MINERAL BOARD FOR THE STATE OF LOUISIANA BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70821

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable laws, sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P. O. Box 2627, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) before noon on **Tuesday, February 7, 2006** for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts (Tract Nos. 38074 through 38103 , inclusive) to be opened publicly **Wednesday, February 8, 2006** in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

All bids shall offer a "Cash Payment" bonus, as set forth on the authorized bid form, for a lease having a primary term in conformity with whether said lease is an inland or offshore lease and the said bonus shall maintain the lease in full force and effect for the first year. If the bid offers an ANNUAL DELAY RENTAL, then the minimum bonus for leases having a term of more than one (1) year, it shall not be for less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus bid and any bids containing an annual delay rental of less than one-half (1/2) of the Cash Payment bonus will be increased to the one-half (1/2) amount. Any lease granted shall be without warranty or any recourse whatsoever, either express or implied, against Lessor with regard to questions of title, not even for the return by Lessor of any payments received under the lease or being otherwise responsible therefore to Lessee. Under LSA- R. S. 30:127, the Minimum Royalty bid cannot be less than one-eighth (1/8) of all oil, gas or other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas and saved or utilized. Rights to geothermal resources, free sulphur, potash, lignite salt and other solid minerals are to be excluded from any oil or gas mineral lease and any bid purporting to include those rights will be disregarded as to the extent of those rights only. All bidders are notified that the Mineral Board does not obligate itself to accept any bid, and that acceptance is at the sole discretion of the Mineral Board which reserves the right to reject any and all bids on the same tract in any portion of the tract advertised and to withdraw the remainder of the tract.

Act 8 of the 2000 Second Extraordinary Legislative Session established two additional fees to be collected from mineral lessees on all mineral leases awarded. An additional fee of \$15 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Fishery and Fisheries Conservation Fund. An additional fee of \$5 per acre will be collected and deposited into the Oil and Gas Regulatory Fund. A separate check in the amount of \$15 per acre made payable to the Office of Mineral Resources shall be submitted, either accompanying the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope) or mailed to the Office of Mineral Resources on or before (10) days after the bid is accepted and the lease is awarded. Bidders may use a regular check for payment of the fees. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fees are received.

All leases awarded shall be executed upon terms and conditions provided in the current State lease form with all applicable riders appended thereto and the material which is available for review in the Office of Mineral Resources, Petroleum Lands Division, Leasing Section.

Certified check, cashier's check or bank money order payable to the OFFICE OF MINERAL RESOURCES for the full amount of the aforesaid Cash Payment bonus shall be submitted and accompany each bid and no bid, once submitted, may be thereafter withdrawn or canceled. Once the bid is opened and accepted by the Mineral Board, the accompanying checks or money order shall be negotiated by the Office of Mineral Resources and the proceeds disbursed in the manner required by law.

SERIAL NOTE: Act 449 of the 2005 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature requires that a prospective lease holder for a State mineral lease be registered with the Office of Mineral Resources. Registration with the Office of Mineral Resources consists of filing out the Prospective Leaseholder form and supplying this office with a certificate from the Secretary of State for the State of Louisiana attesting that the Prospective leaseholder is in good standing as authorized to do business in the State of Louisiana. **UNDERSTAND** that being registered for nomination or any other purpose **DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION AS A PROSPECTIVE LEASEHOLDER.** Act 449 specifically states that, "Only those bidders who are registered prospective leaseholders with the office of mineral resources shall be allowed to bid on tracts for the purpose of obtaining a mineral lease from the state of Louisiana." If an entity plans to submit a bid on a tract at any State mineral lease sale, that bid **WILL NOT** be accepted unless the bidding entity was properly registered with the Office of Mineral Resources prior to the lease sale at which this bid was submitted. **THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT!!!**

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with authority granted by Act 106 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 2002, a fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment bonus bid is required to be submitted by separate check, to be submitted to the State Mineral Board (inside the sealed bid envelope) or mailed to the Office of Mineral Resources for receipt within ten (10) days after the bid is accepted and the lease is awarded. Bidders may use a regular check for the 10% fee. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fee is received. The fee shall be submitted with the bid in the sealed envelope and the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder. The successful bidder to whom the lease is awarded who receives the written lease executed by the State Mineral Board shall return the written lease, duly executed by Lessee (all of named Lessees on the lease instrument), within **THIRTY (30) DAYS** of receipt of same under penalty for failure to do so of forfeiture of the lease, including the Cash Payment bonus and fee tendered and negotiated.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portion of the land advertised, but consistent with Mineral Board policy. All bidders are hereby notified that descriptions of tracts shall be described by metes and bounds and be accompanied by a transparent plat outlining thereon the portion bid upon. The scale of the transparent plat shall be the same as the scale of the OFFICIAL PLAT (NOT THE F & A PLAT) CONTAINED HEREIN and should identify the Point of

ance.

9. Avoid being obsessed with weight as it appears on a scale. People who do vigorous physical activity may increase lean body mass while decreasing overall fat levels. This can result in a loss of inches without weight loss.

10. Play actively with your children every day. Make sure

Beginning with X and Y coordinates (if applicable), the Section, Township and Range, the Block No. (if offshore), the Parish, any adjacent existing State Mineral Leases, and, further, should clearly show the entire tract boundaries in relationship to the portion bid upon. It shall also show the Topographic features (Land and Water) of the area in detail similar to the Official Plat contained herein. Failure to follow these guidelines in submitting a portion bid may result in outright rejection of the portion bid by the State Mineral Board at its sole discretion.

Notice is given that the State Mineral Board will include provisions in the lease to insure applicable payments attributable to the lease property without regard to adverse title claims, disputes, litigation or title failure and the language of those provisions is available to any interested party at the Office of Mineral Resources. Prospective bidders should carefully examine the same prior to submitting any bid.

Some tracts available for leasing may be situated in the Louisiana Coastal Zone as defined in Act 361 of the Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1978 (promulgated as LSA-R. S. 49:213) and may be subject to the guidelines and regulations promulgated by the Coastal Management Section of the Department of Natural Resources for operations in the Coastal Zone.

NOTE: All bids shall specify the Cash Payment bonus for leases as a price per acre amount and an aggregate total amount. For purposes of rental and deferred development payments, the price per acre amount set forth in the bid, when multiplied by the appropriate acreage, shall determine the full value of rental or deferred development payments to be made. If there are any discrepancies between the total State acreage specified in a lease and the actual State acreage within the geographical boundary of the lease tract, nevertheless, the price per acre specified in the bid for a lease shall be multiplied by the appropriate State acreage within the geographical boundary of the lease tract to compute rental or deferred development payments.

NOTE: Multiple portion bids on the same tract may be accepted by the State Mineral Board, even though they overlap. In the case of overlapping portion bids on the same tract, each of which is otherwise acceptable to the State, the State Mineral Board will indicate which one of the multiple bids on the same tract is most acceptable, considering the royalty, per acre cash payment, bonus, any additional consideration and what, in the sole discretion of the Mineral Board, is in the best interest of the State, and that bid (referred to as "Bid A") will be given priority in having a lease issued. The State Mineral Board will also indicate the acceptability of other portion bids on the same tract, if any, in order of their acceptability (referred to as "Bid B", "Bid C", etc.). Once the plat of "Bid A" 's portion has been rendered as accurately as possible, "Bid B" will be contacted and given an option to take a lease on the remaining portion of his portion bid acreage not overlapping "Bid A" 's bid portion, at "Bid B" 's per acre bid price (both as to bonus and rental); and thereafter, each successive bid on the same tract may be rejected, but will be given the option to take a lease on whatever portion remains of his portion bid acreage at his respective per acre bid price, less and except any prior portion bid acreage on which the successful bidder has opted to take a lease.

INLAND TRACTS (Tract Nos. 38074 through 38088 inclusive, herein) are those tracts which lie landward of the Louisiana State lease line as defined in the report to the Special Master in the litigation of the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. State of Louisiana, et al, No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of the said Supreme Court. All bids on inland tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding three (3) years. Bids that specify a primary term exceeding three (3) years shall be rejected. Bids on offshore tracts may be rejected, outright or the primary term changed to three (3) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

TRACT 38076 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on February 8, 2006, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 492,050.00; thence South 4,123.23 feet to the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 487,926.77; thence West 5,170.13 feet along the North boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Northwest corner having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 487,926.77; thence West 16,835.51 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 492,050.00; thence South 4,123.23 feet to the Northeast corner of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 487,926.77; thence West 1,763.33 feet along the South boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 487,926.77; thence South 9,336.49 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 471,491.38; thence West 12,155.77 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 471,491.38; thence North 16,435.39 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 2,120.94 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

NOTE: The above description of the Tract nominated for lease has been provided and corrected, where required, exclusively by the nomination party. Any mineral lease selected from this Tract and awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board shall be without warranty of any kind, either express, implied, or statutory, including, but not limited to, the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose. Should the mineral lease awarded by the Louisiana State Mineral Board be subsequently modified, cancelled or abrogated due to the existence of conflicting leases, operating agreements, private claims or other future obligations or conditions which may affect all or any portion of the leased Tract, it shall not relieve the Lessee of the obligation to pay any bonus due thereon to the Louisiana State Mineral Board, nor shall the Louisiana State Mineral Board be obligated to refund any consideration paid by the Lessor prior to such modification, cancellation, or abrogation, including, but not limited to, bonuses, rentals and royalties.

NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with or hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

children get an hour of physical activity to help keep them healthy.



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All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on February 8, 2006, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 492,050.00; thence East 13,992.26 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,561,049.52 and Y = 492,050.00; thence South 11,222.13 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,561,049.52 and Y = 480,827.87; thence West 18,000.00 feet to the Southeast corner of State Lease No. 18645 having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 480,827.87; thence North 4,030.40 feet along the East boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 its Northeast corner being a point on the South boundary of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 484,858.27; thence East 4,007.74 feet along the South boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 484,858.27; thence North 3,068.50 feet along the East boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Northeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,547,057.26 and Y = 487,926.77; thence North 4,123.23 feet to the point of beginning. **LESS AND EXCEPT** all those portions of State Lease No. 17314, as amended, that may lie within the above described tract, containing approximately 270 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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NOTE: The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with or hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

TRACT 38078 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on February 8, 2006, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 487,926.77; thence East 10,993.38 feet to the Northwest corner of State Lease No. 18646 having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 487,926.77; thence South 3,068.50 feet along the West boundary of said State Lease No. 18646 to its Southwest corner being a point on the North boundary of State Lease No. 18645 having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 484,858.27; thence East 1,763.33 feet along the South boundary of said State Lease No. 18645 to its Southeast corner having Coordinates of X = 1,543,049.52 and Y = 487,926.77; thence South 9,336.49 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,541,887.13 and Y = 471,491.38; thence West 12,155.77 feet a point having Coordinates of X = 1,530,893.75 and Y = 471,491.38; thence North 16,435.39 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 2,120.94 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone), where applicable.

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Please Join Us for a Community Open House on the Proposed Expansion of Cameron LNG



Cameron LNG project rendering with proposed expansion

Cameron LNG is a \$700 million investment in southwest Louisiana currently under construction just north of the community of Hackberry in Cameron Parish. This liquefied natural gas receipt terminal, which has received all its major construction permits, will have the capacity to process at least 1.5 billion cubic feet of gas per day and is scheduled to begin commercial operation in late 2008.

Due to interest by potential customers, we have filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) to expand this facility to be able to process up to 2.65 billion cubic feet of gas per day. No new land will need to be acquired or changes made in the size of the berth area as the project has sufficient acreage to accommodate this expansion.

We invite you to join us for a community open house event regarding this proposed expansion:

DATE

Thursday, January 19
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION

Hackberry School Cafeteria
1390 School Street
Hackberry, LA 70645
(337) 762-3305

At this event, you'll get the latest information on the proposed expansion of the Cameron LNG receipt terminal. In addition, the Cameron LNG project team - including technical and environmental specialists - will be on hand to answer questions and get your input on expansion elements, which will include one additional storage tank for a total of four, and LNG vaporization capacity. FERC representatives have also been invited to attend.

A light dinner and beverages will be provided.

For more information regarding this community open house event, please call us toll-free at 1-877-736-7729 or e-mail SempraCommunity@Sempra.com. We look forward to seeing you there.

For more information on Cameron LNG, please visit our website at www.cameronlng.com.

