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Dr. Chance will retire July 31st

By CYNDI SELLERS

Cameron Parish School Superintendent Dr. Doug Chance surprised nearly everyone Monday night by announcing his resignation, effective July 31 of this year. School Board member Pat Howerton made the motion to "reluctantly accept" the resignation, after an executive session near the end of the regular monthly business meeting.

In a statement, Chance thanked the Board for their hard work and patience and said the future ahead is "gorgeously bright" for Cameron Parish. He described his term as Superintendent as an "awesome venture, with delightful kids and wonderful employees," but said the parish "needs someone else to pace the next four years" of rebuilding.

The announcement came after a pivotal meeting in which the School Board voted to accept the design and proceed with the rebuilding of the Central Office in Cameron and also to contract with a architect to finalize the design of the future South Cameron Pre-K - 12 School. Funding sources were also finalized, so that no further obstacles exist for beginning the construction of both essential buildings.

Financing for the two buildings and the gym renovations at SCHS will come from a combination of insurance proceeds, an $8 million bond issue based on the Chenier tax pre-payment plan, a one-time expenditure of protest taxes, and secured by the $9 million "rainy day"

Dr. Douglas L. Chance

16th section fund. Any FEMA reimbursements will go back to the general fund or the 16th section fund and may then become available for other projects around the parish. Around $27 million is expected to be needed for the three projects.

Chance said the amount of funds available to rebuild South Cameron and the Central Office would depend on the passage of the two tax renewal millages on the ballot for March 31. The amount of pre-paid taxes to be provided by Cheniere for the bond issue will be based on these millages. In addition, failure of these taxes would require major cutbacks in operating expenses for all parish schools, he said.

A large crowd of lower Cameron Parish residents attended the meeting at Johnson Bayou School. They were there to get progress reports on their respective schools. Some were considering whether to support the upcoming tax renewals in the face of perceived foot-dragging on the South Cameron rebuild.

South Cameron girls' basketball coach Kelly McCoin pleaded with the Board to do something about repairing the gyms at the school.

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Auditor tells findings to the Board

By CYNDI SELLERS

The annual audit of the Cameron Parish School Board's finances resulted in four findings of material weakness. On Monday night, auditor Charles Marchbanks reported that four reportable conditions were found for the 2005-06 fiscal year, with the result that the School Board "was not determined to be a low-risk auditee."

Two findings related to compliance with the public bid law. In the first, a contract to repair the football field and stadium at South Cameron High School, in the amount of $441,585, was increased by a change order in the amount of $941,511 to set up modular classrooms on the campus.

This order, which tripled the original contract, was found to be outside the scope of the contract. The reason for the change order was to get the modular classrooms in place in time for the beginning of the school year.

The effect, according to the auditor, was that the Board may have expended more money than necessary to get the work done.

The auditor recommended that the Board and Superintendent review the public bid law and seek the advice of legal counsel when unusual situations arise. Superintendent Doug Chance responded that the presentation of the auditor was correct, but the case was a result of the massive destruction of Cameron Parish School facilities created by Hurricane Rita, and the urgent need to provide an educational complex for students in southeastern Cameron Parish.

Delays in delivery of the modular buildings pushed occupancy date so far back, he said, that the only alternative to the change order was to continue to bus students to Grand Lake.

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Beauregard Quilters with Cameron children

Quilters make quilts for kids

A lady with a big heart, Nancy Ferguson, wanted to do something special for some of the children who lost their schools by Hurricane Rita.

Beauregard Parish Council on Aging Quilters handmade quilts for South Cameron and Cameron Elementary Special Ed, Pre-K Special Ed, Pre-K, and Kindergarten classes.

The ladies who brought the quilts to the school on Monday, Feb. 5 are pictured with a few of the students who received a quilt.

Back row: Nancy Ferguson, Carolyn Tiller, Patty Wilken, Eva Guidry, Alice Gates, Wanda Ross, Ida Hebert, Cleo Silas, Paula Shirley.

Middle row: Barbara Labombarde, Agnes Young, Dodie Webb, Brianna Broussard, Gloria Cleaten, Sissy Jones, Heather Degeyter, Courtney Theriot.

Front row: Raven Duhon, Bralen Bertrand, Mercela Lopez, Anthony Lemons.

Registration set for parish children

Registration for children entering a Cameron Parish kindergarten and Pre-kindergarten at South Cameron High next fall will be held for the various schools listed below.

Children attending a Pre-kindergarten class in a Cameron Parish school this year will not be required to register for kindergarten.

Students attending a Headstart program will be required to register for kindergarten at this time.

Children attending kindergarten at this time are not required to register for first grade.

REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

Grand Lake High - Monday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m.

Hackberry High - Tuesday, Feb. 27, 10 a.m.

South Cameron High - Wednesday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.

Johnson Bayou High - Tuesday, Mar. 6, 9 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2007-08 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2002. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2001. Children entering Pre-kindergarten at South Cameron High must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2003.

Parents who plan to register children in these roundups must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child to be registered. Parents who do not yet have their children's birth certificates or social security card (number) should begin proceedings to secure them. Application forms for birth certificates may be obtained at the Parish Health Unit. Applications for social security cards (numbers) may be obtained from any U. S. Post Office.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N., Cameron Parish School Nurse, will be attending the roundups to talk with parents about immunizations now required by law before a child begins school. Please bring your child's immunization record for review by Mrs. Jones at the time of the roundup.

In the Klondike-Lowery area parents should watch for registration news of the school in which they plan to enter their children next fall since they will not be entering a Cameron Parish School.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.

Hackberry K'garten set 27th

Registration for children entering Hackberry High School Kindergarten next fall will be held Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 10 a.m. in the school library.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2007-08 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 2002.

Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, social security card, immunization record and proof of residence to the registration. Parents who do not yet have these records should begin proceedings to secure them.

Mrs. Laurie Jones, Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the registration to talk with parents about immunizations required by law before a child begins school.

It is not necessary that the child you are registering be brought to school on the day of registration.

Scout reunion is planned

If you or a son was a member of Boy Scout Troop 210 in Cameron in past years, Niola Didelot Johnson would like for you to get in touch with her.

She wants to organize a reunion of the past troop members as a surprise for her father, Dan Didelot, who was a scoutmaster for the troop along with John E. Portie and Keith Hebert.

You can contact her by e-mail at:

BSTroop210@yahoo.com

The reunion will be held this summer.

Library hours

The Grand Chenier and Cameron Branches of the Cameron Parish Library's new hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m. -4 p.m.

New books of interest to parish

Two new books will be published in April by Pelican Publishing Co. that will be of interest to Cameron Parish residents.

"Hurricane Audrey: The Deadly Storm of 1957" was written by Lake Charles native Cathy C. Post, who now lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

Her family is one of the six chronicled in this true account of the hurricane that took nearly 500 lives.

"Louisiana Cowboys" by Bill Jones who gathered stories about early cattle ranching in Southwest Louisiana while working on the Gray Ranch in Ged just north of the Cameron Parish line.

The Pilot will publish reviews of these two books as soon as they are published.

G. L. mural planned

The Grand Lake art students are working on an exciting new project that has been only a vision for some time now. Thanks to a generous donation from Mr. and Mrs. Pat Howerton, it is becoming a reality. The project involves a 110 square foot stained glass mural for the school. The scene incorporates Louisiana imagery including wildlife, flora, music, and architecture.

The Grand Lake community is invited to help. On Thursday nights starting Feb. 15, Ms. Susan Arnold will hold glass cutting workshops. Each class will be limited to ten people, ages fifteen and up. Each participant will make a stained glass stepping stone. There is a $15 fee to cover supplies. Anyone who has completed the workshop may help with the mural.

If you are interested, registration forms are available in both Grand Lake School offices and the art room. Participation will be on a first come, first served basis.

The cost of the project is estimated to be $3,000. Although the Howertons generosity has afforded the project a healthy start, more money is needed. Donations may be made to Grand Lake School. Please make a note that it be placed in the Stained Glass Mural account. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Arnold at 905-2231 during school hours.

Boustany tells support for Hurricane Museum

U. S. Representative Charles W. Boustany, Jr., R-Lafayette, is continuing his push for a Congressional resolution in support of a National Hurricane Museum and Science Center in Southwest Louisiana. In September, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a $1.3 million grant to the Creole Nature Trail-National Hurricane Museum & Science Center in Southwest Louisiana. This project is in its infancy, but Boustany's resolution, H.Con.Res. 54, is a first step for Congress to recognize and express support for the plan as it moves forward.

"A National Hurricane Museum would not only serve as a historical center to study the effects that hurricanes have on our coast, it will be a living memorial to attract scholars, students, and tourists to Southwest Louisiana," Boustany said. "Our region is constantly learning how to protect ourselves from future disaster. This project will help us assist our neighbors along the Gulf Coast, and throughout the country, in that important effort."

The goal of the Creole Nature Trail All-American Road is to protect and promote the wide array of scenic, historical, cultural, and archaeological qualities of the area. It is for this reason that the organization's board of commissioners is pursuing the National Hurricane Museum & Science Center project. The center will chronicle and showcase all U. S. hurricanes of record, build a living memorial for all victims, and emphasize the devastating hurricane season of 2005.

For more information on the National Hurricane Museum and Science Center, go to this website: http://www.nhmsc.com/

CULLEN BECKMENN, Hackberry High School seventh grader, is shown receiving a Jefferson Davis Historical Silver Medal and a $100 cash award for his winning essay on Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy. Calcasieu Chapter 1519, United Daughters of the Confederacy, sponsored the contest. Chapter president Lisa Reed, left, made the presentation on Jan. 31. Also shown is Stacy Little, Cullen's teacher.

THE CAMERON PARISH School Board recognized the significant financial contributions of six companies at Monday night's meeting. Pictured are Howard Romero, Enviro Solutions - Art Department; April Young, Targa - Academic Endeavors; Trina Johnson, Cameron Communications - Basketball Scoretable; and James Ducote, Cheniere Energy - Academic and Athletic endeavors. Not pictured are Johnny LeBlanc, Williams Gas Pipeline - Athletic endeavors; and Barry Badon and Chris Storm, Enbridge - Athletic endeavors.

Funerals

BERT VALENTINE FOREMAN

Bert Valentine Foreman, 83, of Lake Charles, died Monday, Feb. 12, 2007, in his residence.

Mr. Foreman attended LaGrange High School. He worked for Carpenter's Local 953 for 30 years before retiring. He then worked 10-plus years for the Calcasieu Parish School Board and retired as maintenance supervisor.

Mr. Foreman was associated with St. Luke-Simpson United Methodist Church and was a member of Moss Bluff Masonic Lodge 462.

He is survived by his wife, Mabel Benoit Foreman of Lake Charles; six daughters, Dot Veillon and husband Harry, Carol Bonin, Darlene Bradley and husband Ricky and Gloria Mayard and husband Gary, all of Lake Charles, Debbie Foreman and Mike Broussard of Edgerly and Leslie Duhon and husband Don of Moss Bluff; two sons, Billy Foreman and wife JoBaya of DeRidder and Richard Foreman and wife Cindy of Grand Lake; two brothers, Barney Foreman of Lafayette and Teddy Foreman of Lake Charles; two sisters Maggie Thompson and Betty Pickett, both of Lake Charles; 21 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, in Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Karl Klaus will officiate. Masonic graveside services will be in Consolata

BILLIE JEAN HUNT

Services for Billie Jean Hunt, 71, of Sulphur, will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, in Robison Funeral Home. The Rev. Lonnie Gothrup will officiate. Burial will follow in Mimosa Pines Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt died Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 in Galveston, Tex. She was a native of Hackberry, a former resident of Vidor, Tex, and a resident of Sulphur. She was a member of Houston River Baptist Church.

She retired as an LPN from the nursing profession.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E. B. Hunt.

Survivors include her two sons, Brent Jinks and wife Patricia, and Carroll Jinks, all of Vidor; two daughters, Debbie Partin and husband Danny and Jennifer Glover and husband David, all of Vidor; father Horace Goodrich of Hackberry; brother, Tommie Goodrich of Hackberry; eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren; stepson, Dwight Hunt of Dallas, Tex.; two stepdaughters, Cathy Vincent and husband Butch of Sulphur and Vickie Courmier of Vinton; and numerous stepgrandchildren.

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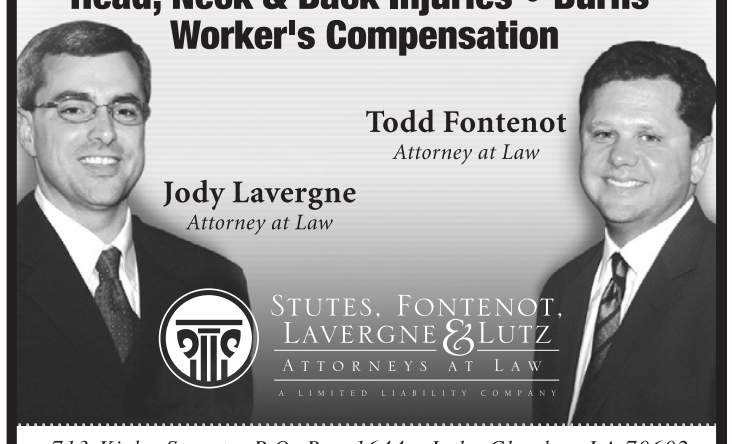

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Memorial books at Library

Following is a list of memorial books recently given to the Cameron Parish Library with the honorees, donors and titles listed in that order:

Roberta Rogers, Joey and Belinda Dockins family, Cakes;

Burl LaBove, Joey and Belinda Dockins family, Our 50 States;

Roberta Rogers, Mrs. Emma Theriot, The Taste of Home Cookbook;

Burl LaBove, Ricky and Kimberly LeBoeuf and family, Hot & Spicy Cookbook;

Roberta Rogers, Ronnie and Suggie Benoit, Two-Color Quilts;

Burl LaBove, Ronnie and Suggie Benoit, River Road Recipes;

Elmer (Ray) Kebodeaux, Ernest, JoDee, Desiree and Kaleb Roberts, Fix It Quick Weeknight Meals;

Roberta Eagleson Rogers, Ernest, JoDee, Desiree and Kaleb Roberts, Emeril's Delmonico;

Ray Kebodeaux, Gloria Kelley, Fix It & Forget It Lightly;

Mrs. Laura Nunez, Charlotte Trosclair, Fit For A King.

Registration deadline is Feb. 28th

In order to vote in the March 31 election you must be registered by Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m. according to Suzanne Sturlese, Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters.

You can register by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come to her office located in Grand Lake at 10084 Gulf Hwy. in the single wide trailer. The phone number is 905-1167.

The office will be closed Thursday, Mar. 1, because of seminar classes but will reopen Friday.

CLARA MAE SPEIGHT

Clara Mae Speight, 66, of Cameron, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, in a Jennings nursing home.

She was a native and lifelong resident of Cameron, and member of Macedonia Baptist Church.

She is survived by her sister, Bertha L. Nolon of Cameron; and one grandson.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Moye.

Her funeral was held Saturday, Feb. 10, in King's Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Willie Smith Sr. officiated. Burial was in Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery in Cameron.

CAMERON COMMUNICATIONS' Senior Vice President Gary Hightower and Vice President of Special Projects Dennis Arnold recently presented the company's annual donation of $5,000 to Shawn Chamblee, district executive of the Calcasieu Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The donation will be used to support Scouting programs in the Southwest Louisiana parishes of Cameron, Calcasieu, Beauregard, Jeff Davis, and Vernon.

Two parish students on honor lists

401 students at Northwestern State University have been named to the President's List for the fall 2006 semester, according to NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. Students on the President's List must be enrolled full-time at Northwestern and make A's in all academic courses pursued.

Joby Len Richard of Creole was so honored.

1110 students at Northwestern were named to the Honor Roll for the Fall 2006 semester. Students on the Honor Roll must be enrolled full time at NSU and have a grade point average for the fall semester of between 3.0 and 3.49.

Tyler McKinley Augustine of Hackberry received this honor.

McNeese event set

High school juniors and seniors interested in attending McNeese State University are invited to visit the campus for "Cowboy Q&A Day" from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, March 10, in the Student Union Annex (New Ranch).

Representatives from basic and general studies, financial aid, scholarships and testing, housing, admissions and enrollment information, departments and student organizations will be on hand to answer any questions. Campus tours will be given.

For more information, contact the McNeese Enrollment Information Center at 475-5504 or 1-800-622-3352, extension 5504.

School lunch menus

Lunch menus for all Cameron Parish schools for the week are as follows. All meals are served with milk.

Friday, Feb. 16 - Hot ham and cheese sandwiches, lima beans, Tator Tots, chocolate cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 - Tuna salad, tossed salad, buttered corn, yellow cake, chocolate glaze, salad dressing, sliced bread.

Thursday, Feb. 22 - Chili con carne and beans, baked beans, apple/orange wedges, carrot sticks, royal brownies, chocolate glaze, salad dressing, crackers.

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JOHNSON BAYOU High School fifth graders are pictured with some of their posters which they made for a science project on clouds.

Dr. Chance appointed superintendent in '03

Dr. Douglas Chance, who on Monday announced his retirement on June 30, will have served as Cameron Parish School Superintendent for the past four and a half years, nearly half of which was dealing with the school system's recovery from Hurricane Rita.

Dr. Chance was named to the superintendent's job in January, 2003 to succeed Judy Jones, who took retirement at that time. He will have completed nearly 40 years in the educational field when he leaves here.

Dr. Chance's educational background includes B. A., Master and Doctor of Education Degrees from McNeese.

He was an 8th grade teacher at Sam Houston High School 1968-72; a graduate research assistant with the Calcasieu Parish School Board, 1972-73; coordinator of career education, 1973-74; supervisor of instruction, 1974-75; human resource director - director of Calcasieu Parish School, 1975-89.

He took early retirement in 1989, but became a part-time visiting lecturer for McNeese University in 1993 and returned to full time work in 1992-95 as assistant principal for the Hornbeck High School.

In 1997-98 he was an instructor for Northwestern State University at its Leesville-Fort Polk site.

In 1999-2001 he was assistant Professor of Education at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Tex. In 2001-2002 he served the university as vice-president of academic affairs.

During the 2002-2003 school year, he was associate professor of education at Howard Payne, a position from which he resigned to accept the Cameron position .

Legion Post to meet

American Legion Post 176 of Cameron will meet Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. in the home of the past commander, Roland Primeaux, 258 E. Creole Hwy., Creole.

Contact Commander Vernon Primeaux for information at 802-6685.

DR. CHANCE

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She said that all through the basketball season her team practiced "in the dark and cold, on concrete floors" and she "reassured them daily that the School Board would not let them down." The team had a winning season despite the hardships, but the repairs have not begun. McCoin said, "Time is running out for our kids. I implore you to do whatever needs to be done, not for me, but for our kids."

Facilities manager Doug Welch announced that one bid had been received for the restoration of the gyms. K.A.S. Construction of Jennings bid approximately $1.4 million to do all the interior and exterior work except the roof, which is being provided by Morgan Roofing free of charge. The firm expects to have the main gym finished by April 15, with the other sections being compete by mid summer.

The contract does not include floors, bleachers or equipment, which will have to be ordered separately. K.A.S. employees were at South Cameron Wednesday taking measurements for ordering materials.

Funding for the gym restoration will be borne by the School Board, since FEMA will not cover reconstruction below base flood elevation. Welch said the project has been advertised since last fall, but K.A.S. is the first company to bid on the project.

Enclosing the Johnson Bayou pavilion has met with a setback. FEMA District 6 officials have rejected a request to allow solid walls on the ground level structure. Chance plans to appeal the decision based on educational grounds.

The rest of the Johnson Bayou renovation is proceeding well, with partial occupancy of the less damaged back wing expected in the near future. Architect Gayle Zembower reported that the canopies at South Cameron and Johnson Bayou are nearly complete.

Zembower presented a revised plan for the Central Office, to be built at the Cameron Elementary School site. The revision includes two floors of office and meeting room space elevated 9-10 feet above grade to meet the 12' base flood elevation being advised for that location. A pitched roof with a dormer will accommodate elevator and stair wells and allow for attic storage. Concrete floors will provide protection for materials and equipment in lower floors in case of roof damage in a storm.

The plan, estimated at $3.75 million, was accepted by the Board. The building will be constructed at the site of the former kindergarten, using existing paved areas and some underneath space for parking.

The rest of the property is being held in reserve for future construction, when needed, of a new Cameron Elementary School. according to Chance. To that end, FEMA project worksheet funds for the school and auditorium have been held out of the South Cameron financing package. Chance said the future of Cameron Elementary depends on housing being replaced in Cameron allowing students to move back into the area.

For South Cameron School, the Board voted to hire the architectural firm of Vincent and Show. The firm will begin to meet with representatives of the Board, schools, and office staff to revise their proposed plans, which were the lowest priced option received at last week's special meeting. It is believed that the school can be built for about $20-21 million.

— REGISTRATION —
DEADLINE FOR MARCH 31, 2007 ELECTION

In order to vote in the March 31, 2007 election you must be registered by Wednesday, February 28, 2007. Our books will close on Feb. 28, 2007 at 4:30 p.m.

You can **Register** by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come to our office located in Grand Lake at 10084 Gulf Hwy. in the single wide trailer. Our phone number is (337) 905-1167.

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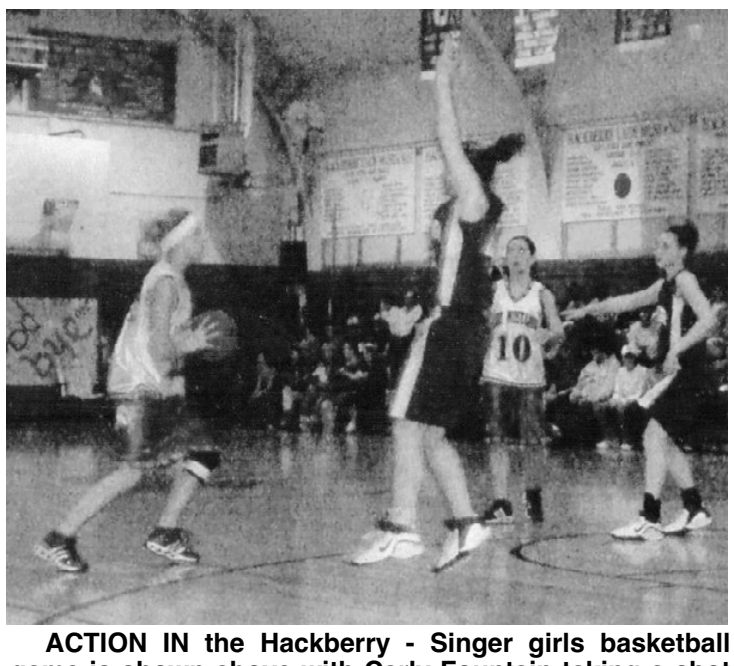
GRAND LAKE Elementary School held its annual Jump Rope for Heart event this week. Students from grades K - 6 jumped during their P. E. classes and many jumped in honor of family or friends who have had heart attacks or strokes. This is the 12th year Grand Lake has taken part in raising money for the American Heart Association.



ACTION IN the Hackberry - Singer girls basketball game is shown above with Carly Fountain taking a shot while Kayla Sanner, No. 10, waits to assist.
(Photo courtesy of Grace Welch.)

GRAND LAKE High School student Victoria Roach was a local first place winner in the high school division of barrel racing in the "Riding with the Pros" recently in the Southwest District Livestock Show and Rodeo. She received a Tom Sloan trophy saddle with a red seat. She also won a first place buckle. The event gave students the opportunity to compete during the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo.

THE GRAND LAKE Student Council members recently helped distribute goods for the Angel Food Drive held at the Faith Temple. The members helped unload, package and distribute the goods.

Today's moms need to defend their children against threats in two worlds: those outside the front door and those on the Internet. And by setting realistic rules and ensuring kids understand the need for caution, parents can help their children be safer online. For Internet safety tips for kids, visit www.staysafe.org, a Web site set up by several corporate sponsors, including Microsoft.

BASKETBALL

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

Merryville 62, South Cameron 40 - Lance Braxton scored 8 point for the Tarpons. James Cormier added 7 points.

Grand Lake 69, Hathaway 61 (OT) - Brett Griffith scored 20 points as the Hornets knocked off first place Hathaway and forced a three way tie between the two teams and Lacassine. Ashton Boudreaux and Kory Dahlen added 16 points each.

Hackberry 59, Johnson Bayou 51 - Judd Addison paced the Mustangs with 20 points. Nick Moore added 17 and Ian Blue chipped in 11 points as Hackberry improves to 20-8 overall and 5-2 in district. The Rebels' Blaine Trahan led all scorers with 34 points.

GIRLS

Merryville 76, South Cameron 42 - Whitney Richard was the leading scorer for the Lady Tarpons (14-11, 3-6) with 22 points. Rachael Fountain added 10 points.

Hathaway 61, Grand Lake 48 - Sonya Lavergne scored a game 19 points for the Lady Hornets. Kat Kingham added 14 points.

Johnson Bayou 36, Hackberry 27 - Charmayne Barrentine was the leading scorer for the Lady Rebels with 21 points. Carly Fountain led the Lady Mustangs with 10 points.

Livestock winners

Cameron Parish students who won awards with their animals at the recent Southwest District Livestock Show included:

Goat Showmanship: 16 yr., Lori Beth Shove.

Beef Showmanship: Overall junior champion, Becka Richard; 14 yr., Jacob Vaughan; 12 yr., Becka Richard; 11 yr., Samantha Little.

John E. Jackson junior champion showmen: Beef: Becka Richard.

Beef Breeding: Limousin heifer, champion La. bred, Cody Jouett; Hereford heifer, grand champion, Rebecca Dupont; Charolais heifer, reserve champion and reserve La. bred, Tyler Lannin; AOB-Brahman Inf heifer, grand champion and grand champion La. bred, Devin Wicke; Red Brangus bull, grand champion, Joel Rogers; Red Brangus heifer, grand champion La. bred, Alan Myers; reserve grand champion La. bred, Joel Rogers.

Braford heifer, reserve grand champion and La bred, Bailey Richard; Braford base bull, reserve champion and La. bred, Kaysha Fontenot; Braford base heifer, grand champion and La. bred, Dylan Conner; reserve champion and La. bred, Lex Conner;

Market Goat: Division I, reserve champion and La bred, Kory Kyle; Division II, reserve champion, Blair Little; Division III, reserve champion, Blair Trahan; Division IV, reserve champion La. bred Blair Trahan, Division V Reserve champion, Division III, Blair Trahan;

Breeding Swine: Yorkshire, reserve champion Alan Myers.

Market Hog: Duroc, champion, Leslie Sanner; Cross, champion, Christopher Trahan; reserve champion La. bred, Grant Guilbeaux. Barrow, champion, Christopher Trahan.

FEMA seeks housing

The U. S. Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is searching for housing resources throughout Louisiana to help disaster victims move out of FEMA-provided temporary housing or return home from other states.

More than 362,000 people were displaced by both hurricanes Katrina and Rita and forced to find alternative housing. While thousands evacuated across the nation, many more moved into the 88,417 travel trailers and mobile homes FEMA provided for Louisiana citizens.

As of Feb. 7, 2007 there were 61,174 temporary housing units (travel tailers and mobile homes) still occupied. Approximately 1,000 units per week are being returned to FEMA.

FEMA is asking anyone with rental property that could be made available to disaster victims to call the FEMA Rental Resources Department (RRD), 1-504-762-2427, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

"Anyone with rental property, an empty apartment or a home they want to rent in the disaster declared parishes should call us today," said George Smith, Individual Assistance section chief at the Louisiana Transitional Recovery Office.

Providing this information does not assure the property will be rented but does expand the options available to those in need of housing.

The RRD is designed to provide information and connect prior residents to potential rental resources. Anyone with internet access can search property listings. RRD will also refer potential renters to properties based on individual preferences.

Landlords calling to register their properties should be prepared to answer a few basic questions related to their rental unit, such as type of dwelling, number of bedrooms and baths, handicapped accessibility, pet policy, monthly rental amount and other items of interest to renters.

S. Cameron wrestlers win at State

Four South Cameron wrestlers won matches Saturday night at the Louisiana state wrestling tournament at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner.

In Division III, South Cameron's Brett Richard won his weight division. Richard beat Redemptorist's Daniel Morgan in the 112-pound finals.

South Cameron also had a second place finish from Dex Murphy (130-pound division), a third place from Hunter Canik (119) and a third place showing by Thomas Brown (215).

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Help Wanted

FULL / PART Time licenses fishing guide on Big Lake. Inquire at Hackberry Rod & Gun. Phone: (337) 762-3391. 1/24 - 2/15c.

CDL DRIVER with Hazmat endorsement needed for Cameron area. Please contact Gulf South Oilfield Rentals, Inc. at (337) 775-3300 or (337) 892-9700. 2/15 tfc.

DUMP TRUCK Driver wanted. Must have CDL license. Good pay. Plenty of work. Call 540-7634 or 905-4636. 2/14 - 2/21mc.

Notice

GRAND LAKE Area: Established daycare has 1-2 positions available. For more info, call Andrea at 598-465. 2/14p.

HI! I'M Ben Gauthier from Cameron, LA. I moved my business to Grand Lake. My profession is video taping. My price is the cheapest in town. I would love to have your business. Church events, weddings, anniversaries, reunions, school events, parties, any and all events, private parties. Put on tapes on DVD. Ben's Video, 137 Faulk Ln, Grand Lake. Hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 10 pm. Phone: (337) 905-2006. 2/15 - 2/21p.

Card of Thanks

The family of Bodie Whetstone would like to thank all of our friends, family and members of the community during this difficult time. Words cannot express our gratitude for all of the food, offerings, flowers, prayers and hugs. We may never be able to thank all of you in person, but please know that every little gesture has not gone unnoticed. We will always be grateful for all of you in our time of loss.

Greg, Benita, Kimberly & Kayla Whetstone and Brittany Nunez would like to thank the Cameron Parish Sheriffs Department, especially Chris Savoie, Joey Babineaux, Charlie Hunter, and Travis Lavergne. Our thanks also go out to Johnson Funeral Home. Thank you Mr. Zeb and Dewana. If we have forgotten anyone please know that you are in our hearts. We would also like to thank everyone at Grand Lake High School for their support. We know how much Bodie meant to everyone and he will be missed dearly, but he will never be forgotten.

The family of
Bodie Whetstone

Notice For Bids

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 has authorized the sale of a 1998 Chevrolet S-10 1/2 Ton pickup truck, VIN# 1GCCS1445W8125807 to the highest bidder. Bids will be opened at the next regularly scheduled meeting at 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2007. Please send written bids on plain paper, including name and contact phone number to Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage NO. 3, P. O. Box 1067, Cameron, LA 70631. The truck can be seen at Recreation Center Lane behind the Courthouse in Cameron. For more information call (337) 905-1146. You do not have to be present at bid opening. F-44 (Run 2/15)

Real Estate

•PRICE REDUCED: Grand Lake--14 acre tract at end of Micheal Lane off Cal-Cam Line for $199,900. South boundary has 640' m/l on Chesson Rd for 2nd access. Lots C, D, E, and F can be sold separately for $15,000. ea. Lot G cannot be landlocked and must go with lots on either Michael or Chesson.

•MIRACLE LANE: Entertaining is easy in this attractive and desirable country setting on one acre with a tantalizing pool for the kids and huge 3 car garage/workshop for dad. Completely updated interior with new cabinets and vanities, new carpet and wood look flooring as well as repainted interior. Garage/workshop is 2280 sq ft with an added 760 carport attached. If you snooze, you lose on this one. $239,900 Call Grace for more details.

Call ERA Moffett Realty, Inc. 337-436-6639 and ask for Grace @ 310-5280 Ext. 261 to get a plat of land. 10/4tfc

•Commercial opportunity: High traffic area, 1.4 acre corner lot in center of Hackberry, $149,000.

•Residential/ commercial 150 x 85 corner lot just around the corner from public launch & marina on Channel Drive in Hackberry, $40,000.

3/2 - Super nice mobile home on 2 canal lots w/boat house & ramp, $110,000.

Waterfront - 120 x 120 canal lot Lake Breeze Drive - Hackberry, $40,000.

Approximately 4000 sq ft commercial building on one acre lot on high traffic count highway. Great opportunity in this rebuilding Gulf Coast community. Call for more info.

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Kathy Ware, Realtor
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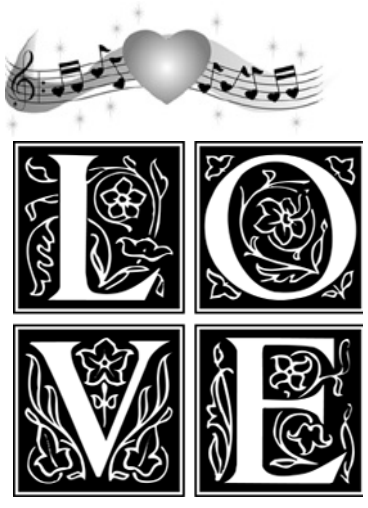
GRAND LAKE: Beautiful Acadian on 2 acres. 3 large bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, bonus room. 1 1/2 story large living area with fireplace. Refrigerator, range/oven, dishwasher, new carpet & laminate wood floors. Large barn. Fenced and cross fenced. Home has been completely renovated. $179,000. Motivated sellers. Call Claudette 532-8282 @ Wold Real Estate, 477-0511. 2/14 & 2/21mc

NICE QUIET Country living: 1994 3/2 16 x 80 on 1.5 acres of land, Simon LeBlue Rd., Lake Charles, $63,600. Cannon Realty. Call: (337) 738-5190 or (337) 309-7761. 2/7 & 2/14p.



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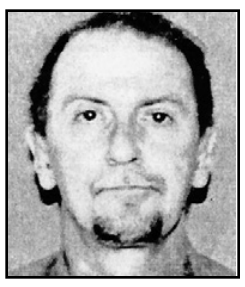


Donnie Dorre' Jr.

UNDER ACT 962 of the Louisiana Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is I, Donnie Dorre' Jr., have been convicted of Sexual Assault Child. My address is 146 Sam Daigle Rd., Lake Charles, La. 70607. Charge: Sexual assault of child. Date of conviction: 07/21/1998. (F-1) Runs: 2/8, 2/15 & 2/22c.

Apple Spice Cake Recipe

16 servings

Topping:
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/4 cup (1/2stick) butter, softened

Cake:
1 package (18.5 oz.) spice cake mix
1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
1 cup (8 oz.) plain low fat yogurt
3 eggs
1/4 cup each: vegetable oil and water
1 1/2 cups finely chopped apples (about 2 medium)

Garnish: Whipped cream (optional)

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13 x 9-inch metal baking pan with cooking spray. For topping, combine oats, brown sugar and cinnamon. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly; set aside. For cake, combine cake mix, oats, yogurt, eggs, oil and water in large bowl. Blend on low speed of electric mixer until moistened; mix at medium speed for 2 minutes. Stir in apples. Pour into pan. Sprinkle topping evenly over batter. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Serve warm or at room temperature with whipped cream, if desired.

Sr. basketball players honored in Hackberry

Friday, Feb 9 was the last home basketball game for the Seniors of 2007. The game was played against Singer. Before the game, all the Seniors were recognized. Carly Fountain and Santana Jinks, Lady Mustangs; Natasha Hicks, dance group; and Nick Moore, Mustang Team were recognized.

The Lady Mustangs loss was 63 to 36 with Singer clinching second place in district. The Lady Mustangs will hope for a wildcard to make the playoffs. Those scoring for the team were Allison Sanner and Carly Fountain with 11 points each.

The Mustangs' loss to Singer was 50 to 44 with Singer clinching first place in district. Judd Addison scored 13 points for Hackberry, which took third place in district and will play as the second place team from District 10.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

Principal - Johnson Bayou High School

Interested persons, with certification, should contact the Cameron Parish School Board Office for application instructions.

The application period closes Friday, March 2, 2007.

RUN: 2/15, 22 & 3/1 (F-36)

— Immediate Opening —

Certified Secondary English Teacher

South Cameron High School

Contact: Carol (Zeke) Wainwright, Principal

(337) 542-4628

RUN: Feb. 15, 22 (F 28)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

on Louisiana's Comprehensive Master Plan for a Sustainable Coast (Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection), Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Program Draft Plan, and the FY 2008 Annual Plan: Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana

Place	Location	Date	Time
Houma	Houma/Terrebonne Civic Center 346 Civic Center Boulevard, Houma, LA 70360	Monday, February 26	5:30 pm
Lake Charles	L'Auberge Dulac Hotel & Casino 777 Avenue L'Auberge, Lake Charles, LA 70601	Tuesday, February 27	5:30 pm
New Orleans	University of New Orleans Lindy C. Boggs International Conference Center 2045 Lakeshore Drive, New Orleans, LA 70148	Wednesday, February 28	5:30 pm

Copies of the Comprehensive Coastal Master Plan for Louisiana will be available for review at Parish libraries and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority—Integrated Planning Team website,
www.louisianacoastalplanning.org
Copies of the Coastal Impact Assistance Program will be at:
www.dnr.louisiana.gov/crm/ciap/ciap.asp

If you require special assistance to participate in a public hearing because of a disability, please contact the DNR Deputy Secretary, at P.O. 94369, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9396, or by telephone at (225) 342-4505, at least three working days prior to the meeting.

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE
January 26,2007

United States Army
Corps of Engineers
New Orleans District
Regulatory Branch
Post Office Box 60267
New Orleans, Louisiana 70160-0267
(504) 862-2272
Project Manager
James W. Little, Jr.
Permit Application Number
MVN-2005-3814-WII

State of Louisiana
Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Services

Post Office Box 4313
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313
(225) 219-0957
Project Manager
Jamie Phillippe
WQC Application Number
JP 060202-02

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (P.L.95-17).

NATURAL GAS PIPELINE IN CAMERON PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: CHENIERE CREOLE TRAIL PIPELINE, LP

LOCATION OF WORK: Within a pipeline corridor beginning at the community of Johnson's Bayou, thence extending eastward for approximately 18.1 miles terminating at the proposed Cheniere Creole Trail LNG Terminal on the western bank of the Calcasieu River Ship Channel, near Cameron, Louisiana, in Cameron Parish

CHARACTER OF WORK: Clear rights-of-way, conduct trenching operations, temporarily stockpile 297,286 cubic yards of excavated material to be used as backfill, dredge flotation canals and perform horizontal directional drilling operations, all as necessary to install, operate and maintain 18.1 miles of 42-inch pipeline and associated structures to include meter and regulation facilities, pig launcher and receiver facilities and 3 mainline valves. All work as previously described is required to receive and transport natural gas resources between the permitted Cheniere Sabine Pass LNG facility and the proposed Cheniere Creole Trail LNG Facility. The proposed project is a modification to the Cheniere Creole Trail LNG Terminal and Pipeline project that went on joint public notice on March 24, 2006. Project implementation would impact approximately 96 acres of jurisdictional emergent wetlands.

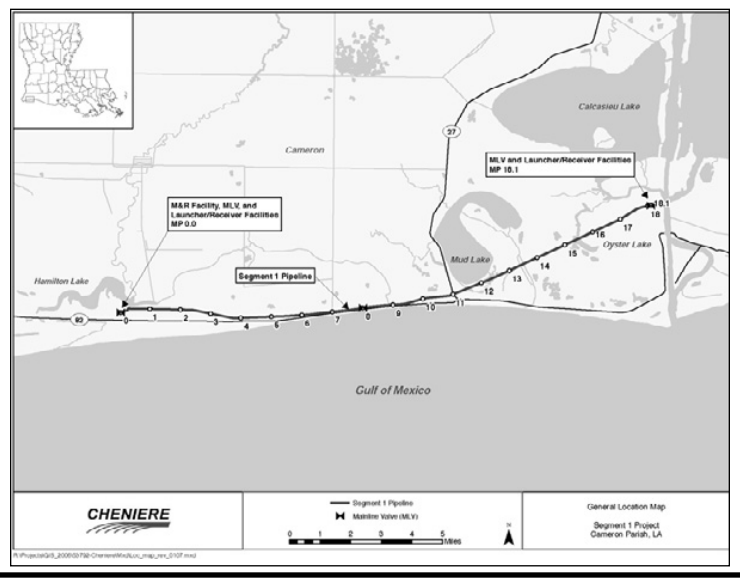
COMMENT PERIOD. The comment period for the Department of the Army Permit and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality WQC will close 30 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC Application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army Permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.



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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of Feb. 10, 2007, Trading was active with a turnout of **554** Head from **129** Sellers with **86** Buyers Present. All Classes of Cattle remained steady.

DeQuincy (Saturday) Feb. 10: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 365, Horses 4 Hogs 58, Sheep 4, and Goats 123. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 50⁰⁰-75⁰⁰ per HD, Beef 150⁰⁰-200⁰⁰ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.65-1.85 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.40-1.65 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.65 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.50 per lb., Heifers: 1.20-1.45 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.20 per lb., Heifers: .90-1.20 per lb.; 500-600 Lb. Steers: .95-1.05 per lb., Heifers: .85-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .77-.85 per lb., Heifer: .75-.90 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: .51-.55 per lb.; Canners: .44-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: .46-.50 per lb.; Thin Cows: .37-.42 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .60-.67 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .47-.55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 750⁰⁰-950⁰⁰ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 550⁰⁰-800⁰⁰ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: .37-.42; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .32-.35; Butcher Pigs: .35-.40; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs. .27-34 per lb.; Boars: .08-.10 per lb. HORSES: .28-.33 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35⁰⁰-175⁰⁰ per HD.

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Monday, February 19

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Legal Notices

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
LAKE CHARLES FINANCE &
MORTGAGE LLC
VS. NO. 10-17897
RODNEY R. AND MELISSA B.
RICHARD

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 21, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

ONE (1) 2004 CAROLINA 24 FT FIBERGLASS BOAT (LA-8973-FK) BEARING ID #EKHA2766F404; ONE (1) 200 HORSE POWER MERCURY MOTOR AND ONE (1) 2004 MAGIC BOAT TRAILER BEARING VIN #1M5BM221651E73581

seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/Theos Duhon
Theos Duhon, Sheriff
CAMERON PARISH, LA.

Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
JANUARY 12, 2007.

BENJAMIN W. MOUNT
Attorneys for LAKE CHARLES
FINANCE & MORTGAGE LLC
RUNS: Jan. 18, Feb. 15 - J 29

PUBLIC NOTICE
GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES
OF AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF CAMERON
PARISH, LOUISIANA

Beginning at the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 3 West; thence north along the east line of Cameron Parish to the intersection of the east line of Cameron Parish with the south line of the Intracoastal Waterway; thence northwesterly along the south line of the Intracoastal Waterway to the intersection of the north line of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 3 West with the south line of the Intracoastal Waterway; thence west along the north line of Section 6, Township 13 South, Range 3 West and the north line of Township 13 South, Range 4 West to the northwest corner of Township 13 South, Range 4 West; thence north along the east line of Township 12 South, Range 5 West to the north line of Cameron Parish; thence west along the north line of Cameron Parish to the northwest corner of Cameron Parish; thence southerly along the west boundary of Cameron Parish to the southwest corner of Cameron Parish; thence easterly along the southern boundary of Cameron Parish to a point being the east line of the Calcasieu Ship Channel to the south bank of Calcasieu Lake; thence easterly and northerly along the east bank of Calcasieu Lake to an intersection with the north line of Township 14 South, Range 9 West; thence easterly along the north line of Township 14 South, Range 9 West and the north line of Township 14 South Range 8 West to the northeast corner thereof; thence south along the east line of Township 14 South, Range 8 West to the north line of Township 14 South, Range 7 West; thence along the north line of Township 14 South, Range 7 West, Township 14 South, Range 6 West, Township 14 South, Range 5 West, Township 14 South, Range 4 West, and Township 14 South, Range 3 West to the northeast corner of Section 1, Township 14 South, Range 3 West, being the point of beginning.

/s/Glenn Trahan
GLENN TRAHAN, President
Board of Commissioners
ATTEST:
/s/David French
DAVID FRENCH, Secretary
Board of Commissioners
RUNS: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 - J 31

NOTICE TO VOTERS OF
SPECIAL TAX ELECTION

To the qualified electors of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 4th day of December, 2006, the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, ordered that a special election be held in Ambulance Service District No. 2 on Saturday, the 31st day of March, 2006, for the purpose of submitting to all qualified electors of said Ambulance Service District No. 2, the following propositions:

MAINTENANCE MILLAGE
CONTINUATION
PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TO COLLECT FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF 14.00 MILLS PER ANNUM WITH COLLECTIONS FROM THE LEVY OF THE TAX ESTIMATED TO BE $1,018,246.16 FOR ONE ENTIRE YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AMBULANCE SERVICE WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, levy and collect for a period of ten (10) years beginning January 1, 2007, a tax of fourteen (14.00) mills on the dollar of all property subject to taxation in the District with collections from the levy of the tax estimated to be $1,018,246.16 for one entire year, for the purpose of providing ambulance service within and for the District?

Said election will be held at all polling places which are situated within the boundaries of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. All registered voters in each of the following precincts shall be eligible to vote on the proposition:

PRECINCT; POLLING PLACE

1; 555 Gulf Beach Hwy, Johnson Bayou, Louisiana

3; Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Lane, Hackberry, Louisiana

4; Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Lane, Hackberry, Louisiana

5; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake, Louisiana

16; Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Lane, Grand Lake, Louisiana

The polls will be open at six (6:00) o'clock a.m. and shall remain open until not later than eight (8:00) o'clock p.m. The said special election will be held substantially in accordance with the general election laws of the State of Louisiana, except that the election is called and shall be conducted, canvassed, and promulgated, and notice thereof given in accordance with the procedures set forth in Chapter 6-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended. The officials appointed to hold the election or such substitutes therefor as may be selected, designated and sworn in compliance with Sections 1286 through 1289 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, will make due returns thereof to the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana. Voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. All qualified electors of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, will be entitled to vote. No voter shall be required to sign a ballot or vote assessed valuation of property.

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 2007, 6:03 o'clock p.m., the Board of Commissioners will meet in open and public session at the regular meeting place of the Board of Commissioners, Hackberry, Louisiana, and will, then and there, examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of said election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED in Hackberry, Louisiana, by authority of a Resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners, acting as the governing authority of Ambulance Service District No. 2 of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on the 4th day of December, 2006.

/s/ Glenn Trahan
GLENN TRAHAN, PRESIDENT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ATTEST:
/s/ David French
DAVID FRENCH, SECRETARY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Run: Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15 (J 30)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID-REVISED

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 until **3:00 p.m. on 22 February 2007** at the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 Office, 125 Carter Street, Cameron LA 70631.

Project Number: 2007-02
Post-Rita Restoration of Cameron Waterworks Office

The rules and regulations for the State Licensing Board for contractors will apply; the project being classified as:

Building Construction.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check of bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., Post Office Box 229, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643-0229, (337) 538-2574. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of $50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 meeting. The Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District Number 1 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities..

Cameron Parish Water and
Wastewater District Number 1
/s/ J. C. Murphy, President
RUNS: Feb. 1, 8, 15 - F 5

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday February 26, 2007 in the meeting room of the Parish Government building, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, 70607 for the purchase and delivery of fourteen (14) 40 Yd Roll-Off Octagon Compaction Containers, as per specifications.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 10080 Gulf Highway Grand Lake, Louisiana, during normal business hours.

By:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUNS: Feb. 1, 8, 15 - F 9

IN THE CIVIL DISTRICT
COURT FOR
THE PARISH OF ORLEANS,
STATE OF LOUISIANA, DIV. B,
SEC. 15, JEFFREY OHLER V.
DR. JACQUELINE CLEGGETT-LUCAS, ET AL.,
CIVIL ACTION NO. 2001-13691
NOTICE OF DISMISSAL OF CLASS ACTION CLAIMS

TO: All persons in the State of Louisiana who have used the prescription drug OxyContin® and who have sustained any injury or damage thereby, and all spouses, children, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents, and succession representatives of persons who have used OxyContin® and who have any survival action or wrongful death claims, and anyone who has sustained any injury or damage due to someone else's use of OxyContin®.

On or about September 4, 2001, Jeffrey Ohler filed a First Supplemental and Amending Petition that asserted a demand for class action relief in case no. 2001-13691 in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, on behalf of himself and others similarly situated; against defendants Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma Inc., The Purdue Frederick Company, and Abbott Laboratories, Inc. (the "lawsuit"). The lawsuit sought damages resulting from use of the prescription drug OxyContin®.

On January 31, 2007, the court entered an Order DISMISSING all of the class action claims against Purdue Pharma L.P., Purdue Pharma Inc., The Purdue Frederick Company, and Abbott Laboratories, Inc. Any suspended prescriptive or limitations periods applicable to the members of the proposed class in the lawsuit have resumed or will resume running thirty (30) days after the publication of this notice, as provided by Article 596 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure. Notice is hereby given to members of the proposed class so that they may take whatever steps they deem necessary to protect their interests and/or contact an attorney concerning their rights, if any.

RUN: Feb. 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1 (F 12)

SURPLUS BID

Bids will be accepted by Cameron Parish Sheriff for the sale of surplus boat trailers in as is condition.

Item Description

1) 1971 homemade boat trailer 14 ft.

2) 1994 Ezld boat trailer 28 ft.

Bid sheets can be obtained at Cameron Parish Sheriff Office, Civil Dept., 119 Smith Circle, P. O. Box 1250, Cameron, LA 70631. Bids must be received by the above address on or before 2:00 p.m. Friday, February 23, 2007. The right is reserved by the sheriff to reject any and all bids which in the opinion of the Sheriff will be of the best interest of the Parish of Cameron and the Cameron Parish Sheriff Department.

Contact: Danny LaVergne
(337) 775-2113
/s/ Theos Duhon
THEOS DUHON, SHERIFF
RUNS: Feb. 8, 15, 22 - F 17

PROCEEDINGS
GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 4
JANUARY 11, 2007

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 held a regular meeting at the temporary office of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, in Grand Lake, Louisiana at 6:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11, 2007.

PRESENT: Kevin Boudreaux, Leslie Griffith, Raven Benoit, Walter Rogers.

ABSENT: Michael Semien.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kevin Boudreaux.

On motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the minutes were approved.

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried, the financial report was approved.

On motion of Mr. Giffith, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the following permits were approved; Mr. Boudreaux abstained on b:

a) Burlington Resources Oil & Gas - proposed abandonment.

b) Red Willow - install structures

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Rogers and carried, the following bills were approved for payment:

Jeff Davis Electric - $38.44

Cameron Clerk of Court - 75.00

Grainger - 555.41

All West - 22.98

On motion of Mr. Benoit, seconded by Mr. Griffith and carried, the Board accepted a proposal of sixteen hundred dollars ($1600) from Elliott & Associates to conduct the 2006 audit.

Lonnie Harper made design recommendations for a debris grate on the Creole Canal. The Board agreed to target the largest pieces of debris. Mr. Harper was authorized to proceed with the design and to seek price estimates.

The Board revisited projects that had been delayed by Hurricane Rita.

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Benoit and carried, the meeting was declared adjourned.

APPROVED:
/s/Kevin Boudreaux
KEVIN BOUDREAUX,
CHAIRMAN
ATTEST:
/s/Michael Semien
MICHAEL SEMIEN,
SECRETARY
RUN: Feb. 15 - F 29

NOTICE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 2:30 p.m. behind the Cameron Courthouse in temporary building near the Cameron Recreation Center, Cameron, LA.

Members present: Scott Henry, Edward Racca, Jr., Coy Mudd, and Joe Dupont.

Member Absent: Mike Johnson.

Others Present: Rusty Welch, Edward Petersen, Dewy Billedeaux with DNR, and Engineer Lonnie Harper.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2006, meeting as written.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Report for the month of November, 2006, and the following bills for payment:

1. ASCO USA, LLC $750.00

2. Deep South Expeditions, LLC $6,550.00

3. City Sign & Tag Company $35.00

4. Production Filter Sales, Inc. $36.98

5. Cameron Parish Pilot $285.00

6. GE Capital Modular Space $782.66

7. Hixson Auto Plex, Alexandria $12,374.00.

Scott Henry reported that Carlton LeBlanc needs attention on a drainage lateral on his property. It was agreed that this will be addressed at the next meeting.

Bids on the Bolo Pump will be opened on Tuesday, December 19, 2006, in Cameron at 2:30 p.m. Some discussion took place regarding our option to extend bids. Lonnie Harper also discussed details of the bid package.

Representatives of DNR gave a report on the Cameron-Creole Watershed levee system. It was reported that repairs will be done in stages. Repair of breaches in the levee and restoring structures to pre-storm condition will be addressed in the first stage. The second stage will be rebuilding the levee, when additional funds are available. It was noted that DNR plans to repair breaks in the levee with sheet pilings, not to pre-existing conditions. Scott Henry voiced some concern about using sheet pilings to repair the levee breaks and not providing a way for storm-generated water to escape from the Cameron-Creole Watershed. Lonnie Harper suggested that DNR first address the breeches, and then the levee. The expected time-frame for commencement of repair work is as follows:

1. Structures by end of December, 2006; 2. Breaches by end of January, 2007; and 3. Complete project finished by middle of summer (July), 2007.

Some discussion took place regarding the possibility of calling a Cameron-Creole Watershed Advisory Committee meeting.

Scott Henry thanked DNR for the input at this meeting, and asked them to keep up the good work. Rusty Welch and Scott Henry discussed the benefits of not completely blocking the breaches, but restricting water flow in and out of the Cameron-Creole Watershed for preservation of natural resources. It was noted that DNR as well accepted and appreciated by this Board.

The Cameron-Creole Watershed Operations and Maintenance Report was presented and approved on a motion by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried.

A motion was made by Coy Mudd, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve an amendment to the 2006 Budget, to reflect actual final figures.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, seconded by Coy Mudd, and unanimously carried to approve a permit request for Army Corps of Engineers to clean debris from parish roads.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, seconded by Coy Mudd and carried (with two abstentions) to approve a permit request for M-I SWACO to build a new plant on ship channel.

It was agreed that we ask NRCS to consider making the Cameron-Creole Watershed Levee eligible as a CIPRA Shore Restoration Project.

The Board unanimously agreed to a request by the Cameron Parish Tax Assessor to support his legal efforts to settle a local tax protest.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

E. Scott Henry, President
A. Edward Racca, Jr.,
Secretary-Treasurer
RUN: Feb. 15 - F 30

PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT
OF ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY (LDEQ)
HILCORP ENERGY COMPANY
HOG BAYOU FIELD FACILITY
PROPOSED MINOR SOURCE
AIR PERMIT MODIFICATION

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a proposed minor source air permit modification for Hilcorp Energy Company, Post Office Box 61229, Houston, Texas 77208-1229 for the Hog Bayou Facility. **The facility is located approx. 3 miles south/southwest from Grand Chenier, LA, and approx. 1/4 to 1/2 mile inland from the Gulf of Mexico beach, in Cameron Parish.**

Hilcorp Energy Company requested to modify their existing permit for the Hog Bayou Field Facility in order to authorize the addition of an amine sweetening unit, and to update VOC as well as other emissions associated with this new equipment. The facility's proposed modification results in oil production being at 97% of a major source threshold for VOC emissions. Therefore, an oil throughput limit of 292,000 barrels per year and appropriate monitoring, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements are being established to ensure that minor source emissions are maintained.

Estimated emissions from this facility in tons per year are as follows:

Pollutant: PM_{10}, SO_2, NO_x, CO, VOC[1].

Before: 0.05, 0.06, 31.90, 67.81, 93.37.

After: 0.10, 0.06, 32.55, 68.35, 97.87.

Change: +0.05, ---, +0.65, +0.54, +4.50.

Toxic VOCs included in totals: 5.858, 9.883, +4.025

A technical review of the working draft of the proposed permit was submitted to the facility representative and the LDEQ Surveillance Division. All remarks received by LDEQ are included in the record that is available for public review.

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. Sumaya 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., Thursday, March 22, 2007.** 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, supplemental information and proposed permit modification 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). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at www.deq.louisiana.gov**

Additional copies may be reviewed at the Cameron Parish Library, 498 Marshall Street, Cameron, La. 70631.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Mr. Scott B. Pierce, LDEQ, Air Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3181.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at maillistrequest@ldeq.org or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

Permit public notices including electronic access to the proposed permit can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at www.deq.state.la.us/news/PubNotice/ and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can b e viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Service at http://www.stat.la.us/ldbc/listservpage/ldeq.pn.listserv.htm.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 18637, Permit Number 0560-00069-04, and Activity Number PER20060001.

RUN: FEB. 15 (F-34)

MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2006

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board met for the regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. on December 21, 2006.

Members Present: Ricky Romero, E. Carol Trahan and Curtis L. Trahan.

Absent are: Rogerest Romero and Ivan Barentine.

Guests are: Scotty Badon and Patty Morris.

On a motion by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried, the November 16, 2006 minutes were approved.

On a motion by Ricky Romero and seconded by E. Carol Trahan and carried, to approve permits:

LCUP #061212 - Petroleum Capital, LC-Section 16, T14S-R13W.

LCUP #061211 - Castex Energy, Inc. - Sabine Lake.

LCUP #061214 - Texas Dept. of Transportation.

LCUP #061215 - Sabine Propylene, L.P.-Section 4, T12S-R13W.

The Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 board voted to adopt a resolution authorizing the Cameron Parish Assessor to hire an attorney to represent the parish before the tax commission and before the courts on the 21st day of December in a duly noticed meeting at which a quorum was present, by a vote of 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 absent and 0 abstained.

On a motion by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried, to amend the 2006 budget and on a motion by Ricky Romero and seconded by Carol Trahan and carried, to adopt the 2007 budget.

Scotty Badon discussed salinity readings.

On a motion by E. Carol Trahan and seconded by Ricky Romero and carried, the board was adjourned.

/s/ Curtis L. Trahan
Curtis L. Trahan, President
Attest:
/s/ Patricia Morris
RUN: Feb. 15, (F-35)

PROCEEDINGS
Parish of Cameron
February 5, 2007

The Cameron Parish School Board met in special session at 8:30 A.M. on this date with the following members present: Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Rachel Abadie and Patty Morris; absent members are: Marvin Trahan, Pat Howerton and Dwayne Sanner.

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the amendment millage continuation.

ROLL CALL VOTING:

YEAS: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Theriot, Mrs. Abadie and Mr. McEvers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Trahan, Mr. Sanner and Mr. Howerton

On motion of Ms. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board authorized participation in the modified Cheniere LNG pre-paid tax agreement with the option to cancel participation should governance provisions and/or other events alter the concept prior to affixing final signatures.

ROLL CALL VOTING:

YEAS: Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Theriot, Mrs. Abadie and Mr. McEvers

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Trahan, Mr. Sanner and Mr. Howerton

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Morris, the Board received reports from three architectures on South Cameron High School plans.

1) Corne & LeMaire Group, Lafayette, LA

2) Vincent & Shows Architects, Sulphur, LA

3) King Architects, Inc., Westlake, LA

On motion of Mrs. Abadie, seconded by Mrs. Morris, the Board adjourned the special meeting.

APPROVED:
Loston McEvers, President
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
ATTEST:
Douglas L. Chance, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Rachel Abadie and seconded by Mrs. Dot Theriot:

RESOLUTION

A resolution amending and clarifying a resolution adopted on December 11, 2006, and entitled: "A resolution ordering and calling a special election to be held in the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes, to authorize the continuation of special taxes therein; making application to the State Bond Commission in connection therewith; and provid ing for other matters in connection there with" in order to amend Propositions Nos. 1 and 2 set forth in Section 1 and Exhibit A.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana for school purposes (the "Parish"), that:

SECTION 1. Propositions Numbers 1 and 2 set forth in Section 1 and Exhibit A of a resolution adopted by this Governing Authority on December 11, 2006, are hereby amended to include additional wording in the propositions being submitted at an election to be held on March 31, 2007 and as amended, said propositions shall read as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, be authorized to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills (an estimated $1,452,080 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation within Cameron Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of giving additional support to the maintenance, improvement and operations of the public elementary and secondary school system in Cameron Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 2
(TAX CONTINUATION)

SUMMARY: 10 YEAR, 10 MILLS PROPERTY TAX CONTINUATION FOR THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO THE MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND OPERATIONS OF THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL SYSTEM IN CAMERON PARISH.

Shall the Parish School Board of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana, be authorized to levy and collect a special ad valorem tax of ten (10) mills (an estimated $1,452,080 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year) on all the property subject to taxation within Cameron Parish, for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2007 and ending with the year 2016, for the purpose of giving additional support to the maintenance, improvement and operations of the public elementary and secondary school system in Cameron Parish?

SECTION 2. This resolution shall have no effect upon the December 11, 2006 resolution calling the special election other than to amend and clarify the wording of the propositions being submitted at said election and any action heretofore taken by the Superintendent or bond counsel to correct or clarify the propositions as they appear in the Notice of Special Election is hereby ratified.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Loston McEvers, Dot Theriot, Patty Morris and Rachel Abadie

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: Dwayne Sanner, Pat Howerton and Marvin Trahan.

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of February, 2007.

/s/ Loston McEvers
President
/s/ Douglas L. Chance
Secretary
RUN: Feb. 15 (F 39)

PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in regular session on Monday January 8, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mrs. Connie Trahan and Mr. Jim Cox. Member absent was: Mr. Lloyd Badon. Guests attending were Sonny McGee, Stacey Badon, Tim Dean, Lynn Trahan, Tony Trahan, Dale Jinks, David Moss, Richard Steen, Tina Horn, Jack Holderfield, Rick

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB NEWS

The Lemesche Bass Club held their first meeting of the year last week in Creole. President Carl Broussard made presentations to George Melancon, 2005 Angler of the Year and co-anglers for 2006, Richard Duhon and J. M. Boudreaux.

The club scheduled the 2007 years tournaments. It's still $20 entry fee for each member each tournament, weigh-in five bass and choupique pot for the largest. Three of the first largest five bass stringers will be paid and the three places for largest bass. Teams will leave out of Gibbstown north landing and fish the Mermentau River Basin, Lake Misere as well as Lake Latania, Lacassine Bayou and the Lacassine Refuge outside the impoundment.

Tournament dates are: (all Saturdays) Feb. 24; March 10 and 24; April 21; May 5; June 16; July 14; and August to be announced. Tournament hours are 15 minutes before sunrise and weigh-in at 3 p.m. Anyone who wants to join may contact Carl Broussard at 794-9533 or 775-5316 or Tom Hess at Rockefeller Refuge or 802-5997.

FISHING

The weather did get warm for a couple of days and anglers were out on Big Lake, Mermentau River, Cameron jetties and even quite a few boats going offshore. Catches inland were red fish and a few specks. Some anglers made a trip to Sam Rayburn catching a few bass, but weather was cold and water choppy. Plenty of water and good heavy stringers reported.

Toledo Bend's water has been dropping, in fact two feet, which stands at 170.19 at this writing. Anglers really took to the water on the bend for the warm spell and caught bass in fairly shallow water, four to ten feet. Crank baits and spinnerbaits worked well.

CCA NEWS

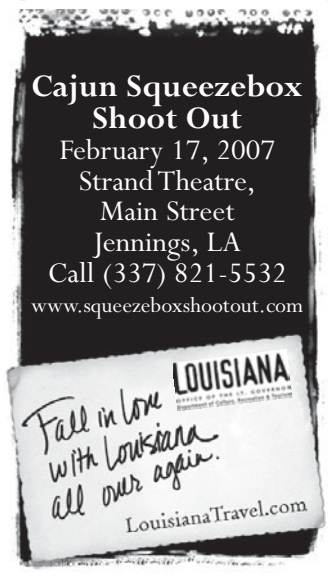
The Coastal Conservation Association (CCA), will hold their State Convention in Baton Rouge on March 2 - 3. The membership jumped by 12 percent last year. The one day redfish challenge fishing tournament will be held March 31 in Slidell. The one day event has $35,000 in prizes being offered. First place is $12,000. The Lake Charles CCA chapter banquet is May 3.

The last weekend in May is Memorial Day weekend and the May 26 kickoff for the summer 2007. S.T.A.R. tournament, which runs through Labor Day in September. There are thousands of dollars in prizes including boats, motors, and trailers rigged with fishing gear. Last year here in our west side, May to July 15, the largest speckle trout won a boat and then from July 16 - Sept. 4 another top trout angler won a boat. The same for flounders, blackdrums, yellowfin tunas, and lemonfish. In the Tide (youth) boats were given for the largest flounder and trout. The same were given in the east and central division.

There are 50 tagged redfish turned loose across Louisiana waters and the lucky one who catches one receives a boat, motor and trailer (rigged). An early bird drawing is held and also at the end of the event a bonus drawing, usually a Chevy Tahoe is given.

Don't forget the annual Central Gulf Coast Boat, Sports and RV Show at the Lake Charles Civic Center Feb. 23, 24, 25. This will be Friday, 3 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Spring begins March 21, but the fishing fever has already begun!



Cameron projects are in coastal aid program

State Rep. Mickey Frith announced that the Louisiana Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) draft plan, which includes proposed projects in the coastal parishes of Louisiana, including Cameron and Vermilion has been released by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Frith said there is a broad range of restoration projects in the draft plan including enhanced management of the Mississippi River freshwater, sediment and nutrient; creating marsh with dredge material; restoring the shoreline along the Gulf of Mexico, bays and interior lakes; modifying hydrology to benefit wetlands; and resurfacing roads damaged by Outer Continental Shelf related traffic.

Some of the state proposed projects include emphasis on interior shoreline protection, including the Freshwater Bayou Bank Stabilization in Vermilion Parish and Grand Lake Shoreline Protection in Cameron Parish. The plan includes a total of 15 projects in Cameron Parish and 16 in Vermilion Parish.

The CIAP Plan must be approved by the U. S. Mineral Management Service before Louisiana can receive funding. The last step to finalizing the plan includes public review, with hearings scheduled for Feb. 26 to March 1.

Frith said the public meeting for the Cameron and Vermilion area will be held in Abbeville at the Abbeville Branch Library on March 1, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Another will be Feb, 27 at the L'Auberge du Lac Hotel and Casino in Lake Charles.

DNR and other state officials have been working closely with coastal parishes since early 2006 to prepare a list of projects that identify restoration, conservation, and infrastructure repairs and improvements to be funded over a four-year period.

Some projects will be implemented with the state's share of the CIAP funding, many will be constructed with the local government share of CIAP funds, and some will be jointly supported with state and parish CIAP funds.

CIAP was authorized by th Energy Policy Act of 2005, providing an estimated $523 million in federal monies to Louisiana and its coastal parishes during fiscal years 2007 through 2010. The state's funding portion will be 65 percent while the parishes will be allotted 35 percent.

Questions and comments about the CIAP program or the draft CIAP Plan can be directed to DNR Project Manager Greg Grandy at 225-342-7308 or by email at: ciap@la.gov

A list of projects in Cameron parish follows:

CAMERON PROJECT LIST

Bank Stabilization: Dugas Cut to Kelso Bayou, $2.0 M; Dreary Island Restoration, .22M; East Little Pecan Bayou Restoration, .2M; Little Chenier Road, .25M; Little Florida to Martin Beach Costal Erosion Bank Stabilization, 2.6M; Grand Lake Shoreline Protection (State), 10.6M; Mermentau Ship Channel Sediment Bay-Pass 1.5M.

North Mermentau Restoration, .22M; Rabbit Island, .5M; South GIWW Restoration, .77M; South Johnson Bayou Restoration, .12M; South Little Pecan Bayou Restoration, 1.0M; South Oak Grove Restoration, .27M; Trosclair Road Infrastructure (State and Parish), 2.8M; West Big Burn Bridge Restoration, .6M.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

(Cameron Pilot, Feb. 14, 1974)

BOARD GETS OIL LEASE

The Cameron Parish School Board's tight financial plight was relieved a little Monday when the board voted to lease the mineral rights on 143 acres of school land for a cash bonus of $8,725 and an annual rental of half that amount.

Adam Sturlese the board's new oil and gas advisor, recommended acceptance of the bid, saying that conceivably the board would realize $60,000 to $70,000 in royalties if a well is brought in.

TITLES ARE REGAINED

Cameron Parish skinners reclaimed the national muskrat skinning championship titles at the National Outdoor Show in Cambridge, Md., last weekend.

J. A. Miller, who had won the championship two times previously, reclaimed the title for a third time. He had lost out last year to Wylie Abbott of Cambridge.

Mrs. Jerry Theriot was winner of the women's muskrat skinning title at Cambridge this year also. Mrs. Robert Mudd of the parish had won the national title two years ago.

Also attending the Cambridge show from Cameron Parish were Susan Baccigalopi, Miss Cameron Parish; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Swinford Baccigalopi; and Jerry Theriot.

Jerry Theriot took third place in the nutria skinning contest and J. A. Miller was second.

LIVESTOCK SHOW

273 animals were exhibited at the 13th annual Cameron Parish Livestock Show held at the Grand Lake School Feb. 9, according to Uland Guidry, Jr., Associate County Agent.

The C. F. Henry Memorial Trophy was presented to Beverly Cox of Sweetlake for exhibiting the grand champion beef breeding animal of the show. The award is presented by Rep. and Mrs. Conway LeBleu.

The Leonard Little Memorial Award, also presented by the LeBleus, was won by Brien Theriot of Creole, for exhibiting the grand champion steer. The reserve champion steer was shown by Maureen McCain of Sweetlake.

The senior sweepstakes award was won by Mike McCall of Grand Chenier and Maureen McCain of Grand Lake won the junior sweepstakes award.

Joe McCall of the South Cameron Jr. 4-H won grand champion for his Angus heifer, Cathy Reese, also of the South Cameron Jr. 4-H, placed in the purple ribbon divisor with her market hog.'

Tommy Boudreaux of Creole with his Brahman heifer won champion beef heifer. Preston Smith had the champion breeding hog. Thomas McCall of Grand Chenier exhibited the champion fat lamb. Phillip Lowery of Hackberry exhibited the champion ram.

Even though the weather was brisk Saturday morning at the livestock show, it was an improvement over last year's show which was conducted in the snow. Let's hope next year the youngsters can enjoy the event in the new Parish Livestock Barn being constructed for that purpose.

RECREATION PLANS

Preliminary plans for a recreation building, swimming pool, and play area were approved this week by the board of commissioners of the Cameron Recreation District No. 4, comprising the Grand Chenier, Cow Island, Oak Grove and Little Chenier area.

U. E. "Sonny" Hackett, Jr., architect, met with the board to show them the architect's plans for the facility which will be built adjacent to the Grand Chenier Elementary School on the east side.

The $140,000 complex is being finances with federal revenue sharing funds as part of a five-year plan.

LIONS CITED

Robert "Bob" Moss, director of the Louisiana Crippled Children's Camp at Leesville, was guest speaker at the noon meeting of the Cameron Club held this week in Cameron.

Moss, who was introduced by Rodney Guilbeaux, Jr., state director of the home, illustrated his talk with color slides taken at the home.

Guilbeaux and Moss presented the local club with a 100% participation award for the help the local club furnishes each year to running the camp.

William O. Morris, Cameron Lions Club president,m accepted the award for the local club.

CONTRACT ON BRIDGE

The Louisiana Board of Highways Wednesday of last week approved contracts for a bridge and approaches at Gibbstown on the Intracoastal Canal including approaches. Low bidder was F. Miller and Sons of Lake Charles at $5.6 million. The bid was accepted despite the fact that it was 13.1 percent above engineer's estimates.

This bridge, and the Ellender bridge north of Hackberry now under construction, was part of the hurricane evacuation project that Rep. Conway LeBleu has been working on the past eight years.

ROUNDABOUT THE PARISH

Tania Tupper, Donna Stone and Debra Precht, all Sweetlake area McNeese students, were on the honor roll for the fall semester.

Patricia Ann Doxey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert B. Doxey of Cameron, earned her master's degree in library science at LSU in Baton Rouge at the close of the last semester.

Celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. George Klein is planned for Feb. 21, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Gueydan.

Gail Riggs of Hackberry, a senior at McNeese, will be in Washington Friday and Saturday to take part in various events, among them the Mardi Gras Ball to be held Saturday night.

BOARD AUDIT

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In the future the public bid law will be complied with and governance criteria will be adhered to and will take precedence over the educational mission of the district as needed.

The second non-compliance with the bid law was in the case of a gym floors exceeding $100,000 each being purchased for two schools, without public bid. Public works projects over $100,000 must be advertised for bid by law.

Chance responded that the floor contracts were originally let, with three bids, during the emergency period following the storm when bids were not needed, but that the third floor was delayed. He said gym floors will be advertised as appropriate in the future.

Two other findings were related to federal funding for educational programs. For the first time in 25 years, the Board was cited for its practice of expending general fund monies to cover grant program expenses until the funds arrive. The auditor contends that the granting agency may not approve the request, and therefore the supervisor of the programs should not incur any costs until the agency has approved the grant application and budget.

Chance responded that the No Child Left Behind funds were held in abeyance for an extended period in 2005-06, due to Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and not released until late in the school year, at which time reimbursement requests were submitted. Approximately $250,000 per year is received by the School Board in NCLB funds for various programs and activities.

Closely tied to the NCLB funding issue is the federal support through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which is now included in a combined application with NCLB. The auditor's fourth finding concerned IDEA.

The finding says that the School Board failed to comply with the requirement of the program and consequently did not receive funding in the 2005-06 school year. The grant has usually been around $300,000, and all of these expenses had to be met by the general fund.

The Superintendent's explanation is that the parish's low population has made it difficult for years to comply with the "maintenance of effort" requirement that the parish spend as much or more to educate each special education student as it spends on each regular student. In the past, it has been possible to pro-rate the educational time spent in a regular classroom by special education students to bring the numbers fairly close, but in the '04-'05 school year the costs were not pro-rated and resulted in non-compliance.

The high teacher-pupil ratio in the parish, due to the low population, has only been made worse since Hurricane Rita, since the Board voted to retain all educational staff even though the student population had declined. However, beginning in December, 2006, with the adoption of the state BESE guidelines for classroom size plans are underway to reduce the ratio to a more acceptable level.

Chance said that a staffing plan for next year will be presented at the April 5 meeting which will begin the two year process of bringing ratios into alignment. Until then, it is unlikely that IDEA funds will be reinstated. He pledges to continue addressing the problem "until an adequate maintenance of effort ratio is attained."

Chance said that the audit on the whole was a good one, and most of the problems noted were due to or affected by the hurricane. He hopes to see legislation in the future that would lift regulatory requirements during the recovery from a major disaster such as hurricane or earthquake.

APPOINTMENTS

In other matters, the Board appointed Erica Johnson as a teacher for Hackberry High School, provisionally, for the remainder of the 2006-07 school session; and Charlene Gail Constance as sweeper for HHS.

The Board accepted the resignation of Hackberry High School teacher and coach Lindsey Bufford, effective at the close of the 2006-07 session.

Hayes "Pete" Picou, Johnson Bayou Principal, was granted a sabbatical leave for the 2007-08 school year, and plans to retire at the end of that period.

The Board gave permission to advertise for all positions which are vacant or filled by provisionally appointed personnel, in order to recruit certificated and qualified personnel for the 2007-08 school year.

Doug Welch reported that all flashing school zone lights are in place and working except for two which must be relocated, one at Grand Lake and one at South Cameron. He said that in those cases where the speed zone times are different on the printed signs and on the flashing lights, drivers should obey the signs, but he plans to ask that the signs be removed so that the speed limit times can be reduced and customized for each school's needs.

LEGAL NOTICES

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and Michelle Lewis.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith to call the meeting to order.

It was moved by Mr. Cox, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried that the minutes be read and accepted.

The Waterworks and Fire Department office were discussed. David Moss and Richard Steen will prepare cost estimates and present them to Tina Horn and FEMA for approval. The location of the new offices are undecided at this time. The final PW obligated amount will help make the location decision.

The Cheniere line update was given by Mr. Griffith. Lonnie Harper will hand deliver the DOT right-a-way tomorrow. Mr. Sanner is almost through with the endeavor agreement.

The part-time secretary position was discussed, It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to re-hire Richelle Boudreaux.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to approve the bills as paid.

With no further business t discuss, Mr. Griffith adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of March 2007 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith - Chairman
Attest:
Connie Trahan, Secretary
RUN: Feb. 15 (F-40)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2007, for furnishing paper goods to the schools of CAMERON PARISH during the 2007-2008 school session and any summer program during the summer of 2007.

A bid form, list of specifications, and bid procedures may be obtained from the Purchasing Department of the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, La. 70631 (Physical location 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, La. 70607).

All bids should be marked on envelope "BID ON PAPER GOODS, 2007-2008". Bid price must be delivery price to the Warehouse at 2421-D Hwy 14, Lake Charles, La. 70601

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
By: Dr. Doug Chance,
Superintendent
Run: Feb 15 & 22 (F 42)

BID NOTICE
February 15, 2007

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive BIDS FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES for the use in schools in Cameron Parish during the 2007-2008 session and any summer program during the summer of 2006 at 11:00 a.m. in the Cameron Parish School Board Office on Thursday, March 8, 2007.

A bid form, list of specifications, and bid procedures may be obtained from the Purchasing Department of the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P.O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631 (Physical Location 1039 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, La. 70607).

All BIDS must be submitted on or before the scheduled time and date. Envelopes should be clearly marked, "BID FOR JANITORIAL SUPPLIES 2007-2008".

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
By: Dr. Doug Chance,
Superintendent
Run: Feb 15 & 22 (F 43)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive sealed bids until the hour of 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 8, 2007, for the furnishing of non food supplies for school food service schools of CAMERON PARISH during the 2007-2008-school session.

Detailed bid list and specification sheet may be obtained from the Cameron Parish School Board, Cameron, Louisiana.

Bid price on all items should be the delivery price to the Cameron Parish School Board Office. All bids must be submitted on or before the above date and time. Envelopes should be marked "BID ON SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE NON-FOOD SUPPLIES".

The School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
Dr. Douglas L. Chance,
Superintendent
RUN: Feb. 15, 22 (F 38)

STUDENTS IN kindergarten through fifth grade at Grand Lake Elementary are participating in the Smart Bodies Program sponsored by Blue Cross of Louisiana and the LSU Agriculture Center. This is a traveling exhibit that contains 11 different stations where students learn the skills and choices for a healthy lifestyle.

THE SAVVY SENIOR

By JIM MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior,

What can you tell me about medical treatments and surgeries that are available in foreign countries? I have a degenerative hip problem and need a hip replacement, but my insurance company won't pay for it, and I can't afford it on my own.

Underinsured and 60

Dear Underinsured,

Today, more and more Americans are traveling overseas for various surgeries and medical treatments and are saving big bucks. Here's what you should know.

Healthcare Abroad

Dismayed by high surgical costs in the United States, increasing numbers of Americans are boarding planes and traveling to countries like India, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia for cosmetic, orthopedic and heart surgeries as well as other medical and dental treatments. And the savings are huge, averaging 40 to 90 percent less than what you'd pay here in the U.S., including the cost of travel, hotel and more.

Most people opt for surgery abroad because they're uninsured or underinsured, too young for Medicare and can't afford the huge medical expenses in this country. It's estimated that more than 500,000 Americans have already traveled abroad to have surgery or receive medical treatments and the trend is rapidly growing.

Finding Help

The best way to research this overseas medical option is to work with a medical tourism agency. These are U.S. based companies that can guide you through the entire process, including putting you in touch with doctors, arranging surgeries, booking your travel and handling all the details and logistics while you're there. They can also arrange follow-up care with a physician once you return home. Here are a few top agencies to help you get started:

· PlanetHospital (www.planethospital.com)

· GlobalChoice Healthcare (www.globalchoicehealthcare.com)

· MedRetreat (www.medretreat.com)

· IndUShealth (www.indushealth.com)

What to Know

Some specific areas you'll want to carefully check into before you make any decisions include:

· Doctor qualifications: Many of the larger overseas hospitals have physicians who trained in the U.S. or other Western nations, including doctors who are board-certified, meaning they have passed strict tests for their specialties. Check to see where your doctor was educated and trained. The American Board of Medical Specialties (www.abms.org) is a helpful resource. It's also wise to spend some time researching your prospective doctor. Big hospitals catering to American patients have Web sites listing physicians with their biographies and contact information.

· Accreditation: Check to see if the overseas hospitals you're considering have been internationally accredited. This ensures that the hospitals have translators, qualified doctors and nurses and are up to American standards for safety and cleanliness. You can do this at the U.S.-based Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations at www.jointcommissioninternational.com

· Communication: Check to see how widely English is spoken by doctors and nurses at the hospital you're considering and the availability of translators.

· Patient's perspective: Talk to other people who have undergone surgery overseas both at the hospital you're interested in visiting and with the doctor you're considering. The medical tourism agency you work with can provide you a list of contacts.

· Legal rights: Look into how medical malpractice is handled in the country you're visiting. Find out how cases are typically handled if something goes wrong and ask the hospital what rights you have as a patient. Usually your options are limited.

Savvy Resource: A useful new book on this topic is "Patients Beyond Borders: Everybody's Guide to Affordable, World-Class Medical Tourism." It's currently available for $22.95 at www.patientsbeyondborders.com or call 866-686-2229.

Tip for Travelers

For many older travelers, getting sick or injured while in a foreign country and not being able to find a reliable doctor is a big concern. Before your next international trip, you can ease your mind by joining the International Association for Medical Assistance to Travelers (www.iamat.org).

They provide their members access to a worldwide network of physicians who speak English and have agreed to affordable pre-arranged fees. Membership is free.

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