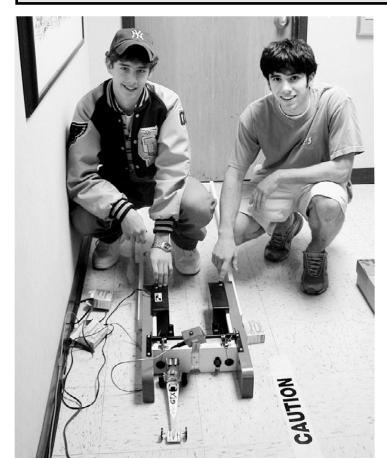
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AS PART OF the festivities for National Engineers Week hosted by the McNeese State University College of Engineering and Technology, James Carroll, left, and Ravelle Reed, two juniors at Grand Lake High School, prepared their carbon dioxide powered "dragster" for a car race where the competition was judged on speed and design. McNeese student exhibits in the areas of civil, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineering were also showcased along with tours of the engineer-(McNeese Photo/Jenny VanNorman)

Legislative committees to meet at Rockefeller

Members of the Natural Resources and Commerce committees will hold a joint meeting and inspection tour at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18 and 19, according to Rep. Dan Flavin of Lake Charles.

Arriving at the refuge at 2 p.m. Friday, the group will make an airboat tour to view marsh deterioration, coastal erosion in the Gulf and the

Computer classes are offered here

Computer classes will be held at the Cameron Parish Library during the next several months with each class opened to 12 participants.

The classes will be sponsored by Sowela Community College and taught by Susan Nicholson.

Microsoft Windows XP classes will be taught March 9 and 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 for the two nights.

Microsoft Word will be taught March 23, 30, April 6, 13, and 20 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for the six

Microsoft Excel classes will be taught May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 and 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$90 for the six nights.

For more information call 337-775-5421. Payment is required prior to start of

refuge.
The committees also will tour the driving trail being built around the Refuge which will eventually be open to the public. The trail is expected to be an enhancement for tourism Southwest Louisiana.

On Saturday morning the group will be given a presentation by Guthrie Perry of the refuge staff.

Lib. board to meet Thurs.

Cameron Parish The Library board will hold its monthly meeting at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 19 at the Library.

The board plans to address some questions that were recently raised in newspaper articles published in the Lake Charles American Press.

Library board meetings are open to the public.

Conference set

The Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana will hold a conference on "Securing the Future of Coastal Louisiana" March 13 at the Rivers Oaks Event Center in Lafayette.

The conference is free for Coalition members. The cost to non members is \$10.

For more information on the meeting call 1-888-LACOAST.

Fur Festival group goes to Maryland

Miss Cameron Parish, King Fur and Little Mr. Cameron will head a delegation from the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival to the National Outdoors Show in Maryland Feb. 19-22.

The two festivals, both of which celebrate the great outdoors, have been exchanging delegations for more than 40

Ashley Picou, the 2004 Miss Cameron Parish, will make the Maryland trip along with her parents, Ronnie and Sharon Picou of Grand Lake; a brother, Jameson Picou; and Ellen and Robbie Montie.

Jimmie Stoute, the new King Fur, also plans to attend along with his children Keith and Traci Stoute, Priscilla Clark, Roxanne Stoute and Rae Simon and their spouses.

Tyler Joe Nunez, the 2004 Little Mr. Cameron, is going along with his parents Rod and Tammy Nunez of Creole, Jarrett, Bryant and Virgie Nunez and Tressa Crochet.

Also attending representing the Fur Festival will be Debra Duhon and Lena Hebert.

Tiffany Wing of Sulphur, the 2003 Louisiana Fur Queen, and her mother, Paula Richardson, attended the Louisiana Mardi Gras Ball in Washington, D. C. last week. The 2004 Fur Queen,

Trista Semien of Creole, will attend the 2005 Mardi Gras

Absentee voting to begin here

Absentee voting for the March 9 Presidential Primary and parishwide elections will begin Thursday, Feb. 26 and end on Tuesday, March 2 in the Cameron Registrar of Voters office in the basement of the courthouse.

In addition to the presidential primary vote, there will be a vote on a proposition that would exempt from property taxes drilling rigs that are being stored, stacked, converted, renovated or repaired in Cameron Parish.

A parishwide garbage tax of 7.86 mills is up for renewal. Also up for renewals are these district taxes:

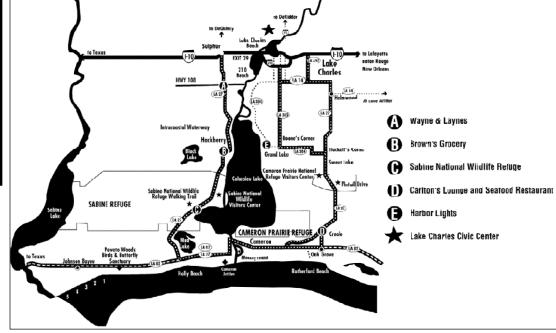
*Hackberry Fire Mainte nance Tax, 4.71 mills.

*Cameron Fire Mainte nance Tax, 5 mills.

*Hackberry Gravity Drain age Maintenance Tax, 4.50

*Creole Waterworks Main tenance Tax. 6.68 mills.

> U.S. forces landed on **Iwo Jima on** Feb. 19, 1945



Route of the Blazin' Bikes Rally

Hundreds of bikers to tour Cameron Parish Saturday

Roll out the "Welcome Mat" Cameron Parish, the Blazin' Bikes Rally is on its way! The event is slated for, Friday - Sunday, Feb. 20 - 22, in Lake Charles.

A motorcycle tour of the Creole Nature Trail All American Road will be held Saturday 10 a.m. - 3 pm. featuring a "Biker Bingo." Participants will leave Lake Charles Civic Center and travel the route making designated stops at: Wayne & Layne's in Sulphur; Brown's Grocery in Hackberry; Sabine National Wildlife Refuge;

Carlton's Restaurant in Creole; Harbor Lights at Big Lake; and return to Lake Charles Civic Center.

There are over 600 prepaid registrations and event coordinators, estimate 2000 or more participants.

This event has partnered th Mardi Gras of with Southwest Louisiana enhance their efforts in making Lake Charles' Mardi Gras an even bigger success since it was chosen as Top 100 Event in North America for 2004 by the American Bus There will be a raffle for a Harley Davidson 100th Anniversary Fat Boy motorcycle in which tickets will be on sale at registration. The drawing will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

Proceeds from this rally will benefit four area charities: Southwest Louisiana's Women's Shelter, Camp Fire (Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin), The Southwest Louisiana Autism Chapter and Muscular Dystrophy Association of Southwest Louisiana.

Kindergarten registration set

Registration for children entering a Cameron Parish kindergarten next fall will be held for the various schools in March.

Children attending a Prekindergarten 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.

The registration schedule is as follows: Grand Lake High - Wednesday, March 3, 9 a.m.; Hackberry High -Thursday, March 4, 10 a.m.; Johnson Bayou High - Friday, Elementary - Tuesday, March 9, 9 a.m.; South Cameron Elementary - Wednesday, March 10, 9 a.m.

Mardi Gras party planned for seniors

The Cameron Council on Aging will host a Mardi Gras party for seniors and guests at the Cameron Multi-Building Purpose February 20th from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. with music by the Medicare Playboyz! All seniors and guests are invited to attend.

Please call in reservations to 775-5668. No charge.

A king and queen will be selected. You may come in costume or you don't have to. Representatives from each area of the parish are sought for the court.

If you are interested in being on the court, please call 775-5668. Transportation must be arranged in advance by calling 775-5668.

Children entering kindergarten for the 2004-2005 session must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 1999. Children entering first grade must have been born on or before Sept. 30, 1998.

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 vet 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 attend 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.

Youths win top honors at LSU Livestock Show

Cameron Parish youngsters made a good showing at the annual LSU AgCenter Livestock Show in Baton Rouge last week.

Brandt Poole received scholastic premiums totaling \$4,500 for exhibiting the Reserve Grand Champion and Grand Champior Louisiana-bred Market goat. Champion Other Cameron Parish winners included:

BREEDING GOATS

Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Purebred Boer - Brandt Poole, Cameron

Reserve Champion and Reserve Champion Louis iana-bred Any Other Breed Goat - Remington Gaspard, Cameron 4-H.

BREEDING SWINE

Reserve Champion Louis iana-bred Any Other Breed Gilt - Trinity Cline, Cam eron/Grand Lake FFA.

BREEDING BEEF Champion Braford Heifer -Christina Boudreaux, Camer

Reserve Champion Here ford/Polled Hereford Heifer -Manuel, Bryce on/Grand Lake FFA.

Reserve Champion and Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Bull - Cody Jouett, Cameron 4-H.

Champion Louisiana-bred Limousin Heifer -Savoie, Cameron 4-H.

Reserve Champion Lim ousin Heifer - Dylan Jouett, Cameron 4-H.

Champion Louisiana-bred Any Other Breed, Brahman Influence, Bull - Chase LeBoeuf, Cameron/South Cameron FFA.

Reserve Champion Com mercial Heifer, Brahman Influence - Dylan Conner, Cameron 4-H.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Cameron delivered Valentine cookies to area businesses and agencies last Friday. Over 1600 cookies were distributed to 140 locations as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation.



DO YOU REMEMBER: Year 1955 Creole High School football team. Shown above are (back row, from left): Thomas Theriot, Edwin Quinn, Allen Hebert, Doris Hebert, Winston Rutherford, Frank Theriot, Elmer Rutherford; (middle row) Thomas Mudd, Richard Hebert, Earl Roberds, Steven Bourriague, James Burton, Charles LeBoeuf, Burl LeBove; (front row): Daniel Dupont, Frederick Nunez, Alvin Miller, Jerry Savoie, Robert Mudd. (Photo courtesy of Doris Hebert)

FUNERALS

LEVODIE JOSEPH CONNER

Levodie Joseph "Jinx" Conner, 88, of Lake Charles died Friday, Feb. 13, 2004 in his residence.

He was born in Lake Arthur and had lived in Lake Charles for the past 12 years. He served in the Navy as a medical corpsman during World War II. He was employed by the Coastal Hunting Club of Sweetlake for 33 years.

Survivors include his wife, Marjorie Thibodeaux Conner; five children, Willie Mae Guidry of Morse, Gladys (Blue) Ogea of Big Lake, Carolyn Schexnayder, and Anita Spears, all of Lake Charles, and Sgt. Patrick M. Stamm of Fort Sill, Okla.; six grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; three greatgreat-grandchildren; brothers, Edovic Conner and Alcee Conner and one sister, Laura Bell C. Benoit.

Graveside services were held Sunday, Feb. 15 in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery. The Rev. Keith Pellerin officiated.

VERNON "V.P." SANNER

services Vernon "V. P." Sanner, 69 of Hackberry, were held at St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, Hackberry Monday, Feb. 16. Father Roland Vaughn officiated. Burial was in the New Hackberry Cemetery under the direction of Robison Funeral Home.

He was a lifelong resident of Hackberry and was a consultant in the oilfield industry. He was a veteran and a member of St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Jody Sanner of Hackberry; three sons, Danny Sanner of Sulphur, Jimmy Sanner of Hackberry and Patrick Sanner of Carlyss; one daughter, Kathleen Sanner of Hackberry; one brother, Charles "Slick" Sanner of Hackberry; one sister, Gwen Constance of Hackberry and eight grandchildren.

MILDRED TOUPS

Funeral services Mildred Ellender Toups, 93, of Hackberry were held Saturday, Feb. 14 at Robison Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Leon Boggs officiated and burial was in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Carlyss.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004 in a local care center. She was a native of Sulphur and longtime resident of Hackberry. She was a member of Hackberry United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Leon James Toups of Westlake and Raymond Toups of Grand Lake, one daughter, Margaret Shove of Hackberry; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchil-

Lunch menus

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish Schools are as follows: Thursday, Feb. 19 - Roast beef, fresh fruit cup, green beans, yeast rolls, rice.

Friday, Feb. 20 - sloppy joe, corn on cob, oven fries, oatmeal cookies, catsup, hamburger bun.

Wednesday, Feb. 25 - Fish strips, macaroni and cheese, tossed salad, chilled pear halves, cornbread, catsup.

All meals are served with



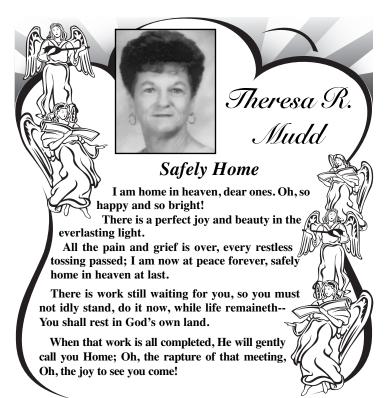
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THE CAMERON LIONS Club had two special quests over the past two weeks. Grand Lake Lion Lori Broussard, left, visited the club and talked about the new teen program for Cameron Parish sponsored by the Office of Addictive Disorders and the Cameron Community Action Agency. The program works with teens between 13 and 18 years of age and is called the All Stars program. Grand Lake Lion Shirley Chesson, right, spoke to the group concerning the Mardi Gras Krewe in Grand Lake. Both guest speakers brought great information to the Lions Club meeting. The Cameron Lions Club meets each Wednesday at 12 noon

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick

(Lake Charles American Press, Feb. 19, 1941)

CALLED FOR SERVICE

Seven Cameron Parish youths will be sent to Camp Livingston, Feb. 24, for induction into a year of military training in accordance with the national defense program, according to H. G. Granger, clerk of the Selective Service Board at Cameron.

Richard, Ervin Albert Benoit, Elton Adam Bonsall and Adam Leslie Primeaux.

(Cameron Pilot, Feb. 19, 1971)

SCHOOL TAXES

A comparison of school taxes in Cameron Parish with seven surrounding parishes was given this week by Cameron Supt. W. J. Montie.

Cameron Parish voters will vote on a 7-mill school tax on March 20.

Mr. Montie's statement fol-

Calcasieu - 42 mills; Beauregard - 33 mills; Allen -57 mills; Jeff Davis - 34 mills; two birthdays this year. Post Vernon - 74 mills; Acadia - 36 mills; Vermilion - 23 mills; Cameron - 21 mills.

It should also be noted that each of the other seven parishes have an additional into effect for federal employone cent tax dedicated to the ees. operation of public schools. Cameron does not have a sales tax as an added revenue for school support.

WINNERS NAMED

Entries in the kite-flying contest sponsored by Cub Scout Pack 210, Cameron, battled high winds Saturday, but several entries scored high for winners.

There were few entries in the handmade kite division. but they were well designed. John LeBlanc, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. LeBlanc, placed first with Brandon Hebert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hebert, second.

Highest flying bought kite belonged to John LeBlanc with Reginald Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Murphy, in second place and Brandon Hebert third.

Brandon Hebert also held

first place in highest flying handmade kite with John LeBlanc second.

KC MEETING

Myron LaFargue, a past Grand Knight, spoke to the members of Our Lady Star of the Sea KC Council, at their monthly meeting.

Delegates to the Knights Columbus Convention in May were The seven are Alton Lee selected as follows: Grand LeBouef, Daniel Conner, Knight Early Mouton, past George Constance, Orris Grand Knight Tony P. Grand Knight Tony P. Cheramie, and Financial Secretary James L. Derouen. Alternates are: Mark Richard, Claude Eagleson and Hayes Picou.

The Cameron KC members are to have a clean-up detail at the new church building at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Rev. Alcide Sonnier, pastor, stated that tentative plans are being made to move into the new church for the first Mass 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 27.

GEORGE TO HAVE TWO **BIRTHDAYS**

It's a little confusing but George Washington will have Office employees here and across the nation observed George's birthday this past Monday as the new "long weekend" vacation plan went

However, state and parish employees are still observing Washington's birthday on Feb. 22 and state and parish offices will be closed here for the holiday.

WINS HONOR

Kelli Vincent, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burnell Vincent of Hackberry, was named "Little Miss Majorette of Southwest Louisiana" for 1971 at the third annual Miss Pageant Majorette School, Westlake High Saturday, Feb. 13. Kelli is a student of Glenda Menard of Dance Arts Studio.

PARISH BASKETBALL **TOURNEY**

South Cameron Johnson Bayou won the boys and girls divisions of the Cameron Parish Basketball Tournament last weekend at South Cameron.

Named to the all-tournament teams were: Girls -Bonnie Donahue and Cindy Trahan of Johnson Bayou; Gwen Reasoner of Hackberry, Kathy Landry of South Cameron, and Debbie Hinton and Kathy Faulk of Grand

Boys - Johnny LaBove of

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RON AND CHRIS Robichaux of the Holly Beach Christian Resort had this entry in the recent Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival parade. Yamon Brown was in the tiger suit.

Hackberry, Michael Taylor of Grand Lake, Donnell Trahan of Johnson Bayou, and James Marceaux and Marshall LaFosse of South Cameron.

ROUNDABOUT THE **PARISH**

The Eagle rank will be awarded to Parry LaLande, son of Mr. and Mrs. Diel LaLande at the Court of Honor to be held Feb. 24 in Parish Cameron Courthouse. Parry is a member of Explorer Post 211.

District V Honor Band students from Grand Lake High School are Debra Precht,

Suzanne Robichaux, Byron Hebert and Darryl Farque. Band Director is John M.

Gulf Coast Chapter No. 143 held its annual Valentine party Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bishop. Lee J. Harrison presented Valentine candy to the wid-ows of the Order of the

Eastern Star. Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Colligan and Charles, the Leland Colligan family, and the Annie Terral family of Hackberry went to Grand Coteau Sunday to attend a family reunion for Sister

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THE GRAND LAKE Lions Club members held a fund raiser on Feb.15. The gumbo fund raiser raised over \$800 for eyeglass purchases for the needy. Many cakes and goodies were also sold. Special thanks to the community for supporting the fund rais-



JR. LEADERS met on Feb. 15 to plan a marsh maneuvers camp for seventh graders. Members are urged to attend the March 21 meeting at Hackberry High School for training session. Jr. Leaders will be visiting Bel Animal Shelter on Monday, Feb. 23, at 10 a.m. following fun at Petro Bowl. It's not too late to ask the 4-H office how you can join!

Jr. Livestock Show Winners

The Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show was held recently at Cameron. Winners in the swine and goat breeding divisions were

- SWINE BREEDING -Grand Yorkshire Champion Yorkshire - Colleen Manuel, GLHS.

AOB - Grand Champion AOB - Trinity Cline, GLHS

Grand Champion Parish Bred Gilt - Colleen Manuel,

Reserve Champion Parish Bred Gilt - Trinity Cline,

- GOAT BREEDING -

Grand Champion Full Blood Buck - Brandt Poole, GLHS.

Reserve Champion Full Blood Buck - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.

Grand Champion Parish Bred Full Blood Buck Remington Gaspard, GLHS.

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Bred Full Blood Doe -

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Bred Full Blood Doe - Melissa
Nunez, SCHS.

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Parish Bred Champ
Samantha Books CHAMP

Grand Percentage Doe LeMaire, GLHS.

Reserve Champion Percentage Doe - Ethan Precht, GLHS.

Grand Champion Parish Bred Percentage Doe - Cody LeMaire, GLHS. Reserve Champion Parish Bred Percentage Doe - Ethan

Precht, GLHS. Grand Champion AOB Doe - Remington Gaspard,

GLHS. Grand Champion Parish Bred AOB Doe - Remington Gaspard, GLHS.

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Winners in Livestock **Market Animal Division**

The following were the winners in the market animal division of the Cameron Junior Livestock

– MARKET GOAT –

Samantha Poole, GLHS.

Champion Reserve Champion Cody Rachel Jones, GLHS. Reserve Champion Parish Bred - Kelsey Helmer, HHS.

Division 1: 1st - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 2nd - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Brittany Hebert, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Brittany Hebert, GLHS.

Division II: 1st - Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 2nd - Brandt Poole, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Brandt Poole,

Division III: 1st - Rachel Jones, GLHS; 2nd - Hagen Poole, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Melissa Nunez, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Kristen Miller,

Division IV: 1st Samantha Poole, GLHS; 2nd -Kelsey Helmer, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Samantha Poole, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Angelina Campbell, SCHS.

Division V: 1st - Victoria Roach, GLHS; 2nd - Trent Helms, GLHS; 1st Parish Bred - Trent Helms, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Trent Helms, GLHS.

- MARKET HOG -

Grand Champion Meagan Swire, HHS. Reserve Champion

Santana Conner, SCHS. Grand Champion Parish Bred - Bryce Manuel, GLHS. Reserve Champion Parish

Bred - Courtney Conner, Division 1: 1st - Courtney Conner, SCHS; 2nd - Drew LaBove, SCHS; 1st Parish Bred - Courtney Conner,

SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred -Drew LaBove, SCHS. Division II: 1st - Santana Conner, SCHS; 2nd - Kimily Bourriaque, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Channing Beard, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred -

Courtney Conner, SCHS. Division III: 1st - Meagan Swire, HHS; 2nd - Annie Alexander, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Bryce Manuel, GLHS; 2nd Parish Bred - Abby Miller, SCE.

Division IV: 1st - Kyle Fontenot, HHS; 2nd -Nicholas Wolfe, HHS; 1st Parish Bred - Joby Richard, SCHS; 2nd Parish Bred -Chan LaLande, SCE.

MARKET LAMB –

Grand Champion and Parish Bred Champ - Blake Bonsall, SCHS.

Reserve Champion and Parish Bred Reserve Champ -Kinsey Duhon, GLHS.

Division 1: 1st - Blake Bonsall, SCHS; 2nd - Ty Savoie, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Blake Bonsall, SCHS; 2nd

Parish Bred - Ty Savoie, SCE.
Division II: 1st - Kinsey
Duhon, GLHS FFA; 2nd - Ty Savoie, SCE; 1st Parish Bred - Kinsey Duhon, GLHS FFA; 2nd Parish Bred - Ty Savoie,

Division III: 1st - James Duhon, SCE; 2nd - James Duhon, SCE; 1st Parish Bred James Duhon, SCE; 2nd Parish Bred - James Duhon,

- MARKET STEER -

Grand Champion - Joshua Wicke, SCE.

Reserve Champion - Lance Guidry, SCHS.

Grand Champion Parish Bred - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS. Division 1: 1st - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS; 2nd - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS; 1st Parish Bred - Shylyn Nunez, SCHS. Division II: 1st - Joshua Wicke, SCE; 2nd - Lance Guidry, SCHS.

Camp Fire work days announced

One result of last summer's Camp Fire Phone-athon for Camp Wi-Ta-Wentin has been the organization of a foundation, Friends of Wi-Ta-Wentin, to raise money and organize volunteers for camp improvements.

Five work days have been scheduled this spring to prepare for the summer season. Former campers, parents, and any interested persons are invited to participate on Feb. 28, March 6, 13, 20, or

Skilled and unskilled labor is needed. Volunteers are encouraged to bring their own tools if they have them. Some will be available for everyone else.

Businesses contributing electrical work, paint, roofing supplies, and screen. Anyone interested in helping can contact Friends of Wi-Ta-Wentin at 628 Cleveland St., Lake Charles, La. 70660-5365 or email: cswoosley@yahoo.com.

Lagniappe Two Commissioners

By GENEVA GRIFFITH

I feel like I am mildewing, what with all this wet weather we have been having.

Our biggest thing here was attending the broadway show "The Sound of Music" at the Centroplex the other night.

Nine of us went and enjoyed it immensely. The scenery was absolutely gorgeous. It is based on the real life Von Trap family, now living in Vermont. The family chose to live in the United States rather than return to Austria after World War II.

Did you give your sweetheart roses telling her she was your valentine? I got mine. I received one dozen white roses from Jo Ann Nunez telling me that she loves me.

It is a beautiful bouquet, a new rose that has just come out - with the name of Virginia" - white with pale pink tips on the petals. She said she told the florist, not red, but "something special" for "someone special."

Reading Hour set at Library

Grand Lake Sr. 4-H club members will again sponsor a reading hour at the Grand Lake branch of the Cameron Parish library. Members of the Grand Lake Sr. 4-H club will read two or three short story books to young children of the Grand Lake community at 5 p.m. on Thursday, February 19.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to share in an hour of reading fun and enjoy the beautiful library facility that the Grand Lake community now has.

instruction class announced here

Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Parish Clerk of Court, announced there will be a course of instructions for all election commissioners-incharge, commissioners, alternate commissioners and anyone wishing to become a commissioner as follows:

Monday, March 1 - Holly Beach Fire Station, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2 -Klondike Community Center, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3 -Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 6:30 p.m.

These schools are also for new applicants wishing to become a commissioner for Cameron Parish. Anyone can apply to become a commissioner by attending one of these schools of instructions and taking the written examination to become certified.

If you are the commissioner-in-charge or if you are chosen to serve as commissioner and/or alternate commissioner for the upcoming Presidential Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 9, it is mandatory that you attend one of these courses.

Gumbo to be sold at S. Heart

The Sacred Heart Altar Society will be serving chicken gumbo with potato salad this Sunday, Feb. 22 at the Creole K of C Hall beginning at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$5 a

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Desserts will be sold also.

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"T-Bolo" Trosclair T-Bolo's children are truly fortunate to

have had a father who was so deeply loved and thought of. We will never forget all you have done during this time when our loss was so great.

Thanks to all who prepared food, sent cards, also the phone calls, masses, prayers and flowers.

We would like to thank the Sheriff's Dept., South Cameron Memorial Hospital, **Ambulance Department, Hixson Funeral** Home, Matilda and Matilda Ann, Monsigner Melancon, Deacon Nash, pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, Terry Beard for the beautiful music, Aunt Charlotte, Oralia and our altar servers.

Also thanks to Anne Henry for her beautiful home, Renetta Trahan, Diana LeBlanc, Kathy Rowland, Louise Poirier and Nelvia Murphy.

The Roland J. "T-Bolo" Trosclair Family



Adenise, Tubby, Joey & Family, Benjie & Family, Stevie & Family, John Paul & **Thomas Lee**

SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTIONS AND PRE-ELECTION SCHOOL **OF INSTRUCTIONS**

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7X Square Mall

Hours: Mon. - Fri. -- 7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Saturday -- 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), there will be a General Course of Instructions of all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners and anyone wishing to become a Commissioner on the following dates, locations and times listed below:

Monday, March 1, 2004 Holly Beach Fire Station - 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2, 2004 Klondike Community Center - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 3, 2004 Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex - 6:30 p.m.

These schools of instructions are also for new applicants wishing to become a Commissioner for Cameron Parish. Anyone can apply to become a Commissioner by attending one of these schools of instructions and taking the written examination to become certified.

If you are the Commission-in-Charge or if you are chosen to serve as a Commissioner and/or Alternate Commissioner for the upcoming Presidential Preference Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, it is mandatory that you attend one (1) of these courses.

RUN: Feb. 19, 26 (F-43)

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S. Cameron sixth place at wrestling tourney

Fourteen high school teams competed in the Division III State Wrestling Tournament held in Kenner on Feb. 13 and 14. South Cameron High School finished in 6th place with 126 points. The Tarpons recorded 23 individual wins, 18 of which were pins, and 19 loss-

Justin Landry and Justin Picou placed 3rd. Picou registered four tournament wins and finished the season with a record of 15 - 4.

Dane Dupont, Byron Quinn and John Paul Trosclair placed 4th. Dupont concluded the season with a team high, 17 wins against 6 losses. Trosclair had three tournament pins and ended his season with a mark of 10 -

Jonathan Trahan, Kyle Trahan and Chase Horn finished 5th in their respective weight classes. Jonathan, the only 8th grader on the team, recorded three state wins and ended his season at 15 - 6.

Johnson Bayou's Gene McKenney placed 6th, scored seven team points, and ended his season with a 12 - 4

AAA Brusly won the tournament with 235 points and five state champions. Team scores were as follows: Brusly 235, Pearl River 197, Rayne 196, Buras 134, Benton 132, South Cameron 126, Park View Baptist 122, Hanson 77, Belle Chase 77, Fisher 77, Basile 45, Teurlings 24, St. Martin's 20, Johnson Bayou 7.

Basketball

Girls Basketball Lacassine 58; Grand Lake 38 - Leading scorer for Grand Lake was Katy Lavergne with 17 points.

Boys Basketball

Lacassine 95; Grand Lake 50 - Top scorers for Grand Lake were Justin Howerton with 11 points and Ronald Courville with 12

Hackberry 49; Singer 30 Leading the Mustangs against Singer was Brett Stansel with 9 points and Brennan Duhon who added 8

Johnson Bayou

The Lady Rebels of Johnson Bayou will travel to Pecan Island this week in the first round of the girls, basketball playoffs.

The Lady Rebels finished in 3rd place are playing the district 8C first Lady Broncos.

The Lady Rebels (14-15) will play Pecan Island (9-21) at 6 p.m. Thursday night in

Lady Mustangs

The #1 ranked Singer Lady Hornets grabbed the outright district 9C championship from the defending state champion Hackberry Lady Mustangs on Friday night when they won by a score of 68-49.

This was the second time Singer knocked off Hackberry this season. Earlier in the season the Lady Mustangs were ranked #1 when Singer, ranked #2, defeated them.

Leading scorers Hackberry were Nikki Perry with 13 points, and Edie Leonards with 16 points. The Lady Mustangs played without their starter Tobie Duvall. Duvall is expected to be back in action when

Hackberry opens bi-district play this week against District 5C runner-up Grace

The Lady Mustangs (32-6) will play Grace Christian (7-20) Thursday night at 6 p.m. at Hamilton Christian.

Last week's scores

These scores were received after press time last week.

BASKETBALL BOYS

E. Beauregard 81; South Cameron 40 - Jerry Lane Thomas was the leading scorer for the Tarpons with 10 points. Lance Braxton added 8 and Oliver Primeaux scored

Lake 39 - Iravis Lavergne scored 9 points for the Hornets as they remain winless in district. Marcus Harris and Ronald Courville added 8 points each.

Hackberry 71; Johnson **Bayou 54** - Jay Sanner and Chase Hicks chipped in 16 points each for the Mustangs who improve to 22-9 overall and 5-2 in district.Caleb Hicks added 15. Brennan Duhon scored a couple of points and had 5 assists and 5 steals. The Rebels' Wesley Roberts led all scorers with 27

points. Blaine Trahan added 16 and Ashton Boudreaux scored 9 points. JBHS drops to 11-25 overall and 2-6 in dis-

GIRLS

E. Beauregard 88; South Cameron 46 Kayla Rutherford scored 17 points for the Lady Tarpons. D'Nae Desonnier chipped in 13 and Hamilton 65; Grand Courtney Conner added 11.

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Hackberry 57; Bayou 31 - The Lady Mustangs' Edie Leonards outscored all players with 20 points and 9 assists. Desi Picou added 13 and Nikki Perry chipped in 12 points. Megan RobertsCharmayne Barrentine scored 9 points each for the Rebels. Kayla Lady Barrentine added 7 points. The #2 Lady Mustangs improve to 32-5 overall and 6-1 in district while the Lady Rebels drop to 14-15 and 4-4

Alligator trapping applications being taken

The Southwest Louisiana Refuges Complex, which consists of Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Lacassine NWR, and Sabine NWR, announced today that alligator trapping

Creole KC sets annual banquet

At the J. P. Boudoin, Sr., Knights of Columbus, Council 3014 February meeting, Saturday, March 27, was set for the "Knight of the Year" banquet.

Grand Knight Loston McEvers announced that the K of C State Convention will be held in Lafayette on May 1 - 2. Any council member that would like to attend, can call Kenneth Montie at 542-4651. He also reminded Knights that Ash Wednesday was coming up Feb. 25 and to make plans for the Lenten Season.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Church Altar Society of Creole will hold a gumbo dinner on Sunday, Feb. 22, at the KC Hall.

Chosen as "Knight of the Month" was Loston McEvers. The Cliff and Martha Conner family were chosen "Family of the Month."

applications for the 2004-2006 seasons became available Monday, February 16.

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m three}$ National Wildlife Refuges that make up the Southwest Louisiana Refuges Complex are all located in Cameron Parish.

Cameron Prairie NWR headquarters is located east of LA Highway 27, just north of the Gibbstown Bridge.

Lacassine NWR headquarters is located west on Highway 3056, twelve miles southwest of Lake Arthur.

Sabine NWR headquarters is located on Highway 27, seven miles south of Hackberry.

Anyone 18 years of age or older that can demonstrate that they have prior alligator trapping experience may apply by completing a twopage application.

To request an application or for more information about alligator trapping on the refuges, contact the complex's biologist, Steve Reagan, at 337-598-2216, extension 27 or steve_reagan@fws.gov, any of the 3 refuges, or visit any of the following refuges or their web sites.

Cameron Prairie NWR, 1428 Highway 27, Bell City, LA 70630, 337-598-2216, fax 598-2492, cameronprairie. fws.gov

Lacassine NWR, 209



A NUMBER OF Cameron Parish senior athletes will participate in the Southwest Louisiana District Senior Games in March. Dave Ratliff of Grand Lake is shown above participating in the 2003 games. For more information on the games contact the Cameron Council on

Cameron **Outdoors**



By LOSTON MCEVERS

A "TAIL" ABOUT WINTER We all know Groundhog Day has passed. Although the 118th annual weather prediction is far away in Pennsylvania, Punxsatawny Phil saw his shadow and that meant six more weeks of winter from Feb. 2. Well up in Pecan Island, they have a nutria called Donald P., yes like in Broussard. He also saw his shadow. Now here in Creole, we were kind of like, our nutria, Boudreaux, might You fooled. Boudreaux's got to see his tail when he turns to the sun. With all the nutria bounty of \$4 per tail, we really didn't know if Boudreaux still had his tail. Well looks like he's still got his tail and yes "old man winter" is still here. Since Jan. 1, we've gotten over 15 inches of rain, some

for another year, hopefully. This rain has really got the deer on our ridges. I've got them in my yard and drive up to them in my truck on the road and they don't get excit-

mighty cold weather and

Boudreaux still has his tail,

Rabbit season is over on Feb. 29 and if you want to kill your limit of rabbits, now's the time. They are on the ridges and edge of the marsh

LOSING GROUND

It seems we're losing ground across the U. S., as recreational fishing license sales have gone down. From 2001 to 2002, the nation lost more than half a million licensed anglers. That's a 2.01 percent drop. The blame is put on forest fires to our west, droughts, even flooding in some areas and of course the poor economic times. Almost all states have gone up on the price of licenses. They also blame more folks moving around from rural areas to the urban areas. I also think we need to keep our children and grandchildren interested in our fishing waters.

Our state of Louisiana has a 1.15% drop in fishing licenses. In 2000, 680,443 licenses were sold and in 2002 only 606,774 licenses were sold.

Nature Road, Lake Arthur, LA 70549, 337-774-5923, fax 774-9913, lacassine.fws.gov

Sabine NWR, 3000 Holly Beach, Hackberry, LA 70645, 337-762-3816, fax 762-3780, sabine.fws.gov

Trapping permits will be determined through a public drawing at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Building on April 14 at 10 a.m. The permits will cover the alligator trapping programs on the refuges from 2004-2006. All applications must be completed and returned to one of the three refuges by 4 p.m. on March 26 to qualify for the

The drawing will be a lottery, which gives each qualified applicant an equal chance to be selected. Only one application per applicant will be accepted. The form allows trappers to select one or more refuges, indicating order of preference for the

drawing. The number of trapping permits available are one for Cameron Prairie NWR, five for Lacassine NWR, and ten for Sabine NWR. Three alternates will also be drawn for each refuge. Each trapper's share will be 60% with 40% of the proceeds earned by selling his/her alligators being returned to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. All trapping will be conducted according to state law and refuge special regulations.

Our neighboring states, Arkansas had a minus 3.92 percent, and Mississippi, a minus 6.18 percent. However, our neighbor to the west, Texas, had a plus .81 percent. southern Other states, Alabama, minus 4 percent, Florida, minus 1.08 percent, Georgia had a plus 2.1 percent. Lots of our western states had double digit loses, $_{
m the}$ stateMassachusetts had a plus 15.7 percent and Hawaii had a plus 19.77 percent.

Overall, our 50 states dropped from 29,585,729 in 2000 to 28,859,584 in 2002 for a of 2.01 percent drop.

FISHING NEWS

Lots of rain, plenty of water in our marshes, lots of water to our north that still has to come down, will kind of hold us back on our speckle trout fishing. March is a great month to catch a large speck. I think the weirs at Lambert and other bayous on Big Lake were opened after hunting season. I don't know for sure so to find out call Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge at 598-4235. At the time that I prepared this article, it is open.

COMMERCIAL NEWS
A T.E.D. Workshop is scheduled for Cameron. The LSU AgCenter and La. Sea Grant College Program will sponsor the event today, Feb. 19 beginning at 9 a.m. at T. J.'s Seafood. New regulations will be introduced. Kevin Savoie, Area Agent SW region, will be there.

Alligator trappers who went to apply for alligator trapping permits for 2003 -2006 season at Cameron Prairie, Lacassine and Sabine National Wildlife Refuges can start picking them up as of last Monday, Feb. 16. A public drawing will be held on Wednesday, April 14, at 10 a.m. at the Cameron Parish Police Jury in Cameron.

Anyone who is 18 years of age and has prior experience trapping alligators may apply. Applications must be complete and returned to one of the three refuges by March 26 at 4 p.m. to qualify.

There are 25 permits from all three refuges. For more information or to request a permit, call Steve Reagan st 598-2216, ext. 27.

NEWS TALK

Hunting seasons still open are: Quail and rabbit through Feb. 29; Snipes through Feb. 28: and Blue-Snow-Ross geese through March 7.

BIG BURN TO OPEN

The Miami Corporation Permit Fishing, includes the Big Burn, will open on Saturday, March 13 at sunrise. Remember to get your permits and the read the rules and regulations. A new boat ramp is open just past the old ramp at the south side of the Gibbstown bridge.

DID YA KNOW!

It seems that maybe our state of Louisiana can't hold on to something good. The 2003 Bassmasters Classic held in New Orleans will probably be the last, as there was a shooting from a camp, at a boat of a tournament angler passing by the camp. With all the safety devices the tournament anglers have, I don't think they thought this would happen. No arrest has been made by the D.A. I guess he was told that it was a warning shot to slow down, I didn't even aim, just shot in the air. If I would have aimed, I would have hit him, "don't you know, I don't miss.

South Cameron High School News

FINANCIAL AID MEETING

McNeese State University will have a financial aid meeting for all interested seniors and their parents on Thursday, Feb. 26, at 10:20 a.m. in Tarpon Hall.

WINTER FORMAL

This year's Winter Formal will be held Saturday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. The Court will be presented at 10 p.m. followed by the crowning of the King and Queen. Students representing var-

ious club are: Annual Staff -Amanda Venable and Amanda Boudreaux; Christina Athletics - John Paul Trosclair and Courtney Conner; Danceline - Kendall Broussard and Heather Nunez; FBLA -Jacob Johnson and Lyndi LeBouef; FCCLA - Sarah Boyd and Anne Richard; FFA -Santana Conner and Brett

Cam. Elem. kindergarten registration

Cameron Elementary Kindergarten Registration as announced by Mr. Carol Wainwright, principal:

Registration for children entering kindergarten at Cameron Elementary next fall will be held on Tuesday, March 9 at 9 a.m. in the school library. Children attending Pre-K are not required to register for kindergarten. Students attending the Headstart program will be required to register for kindergarten at this

Children entering kindergarten for the 2004-05 session must have been born on or before September 30, 1999.

Parents who plan to register children must bring a certified copy of a birth certificate, immunization record, social security card and proof of residence for each child. Parents who do not yet have these records should begin proceedings to secure them. Mrs. Laurie Jones, R.N.,

Cameron Parish School Nurse, will attend the registration to talk with parents about immunizations now 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.

Memorial books given

New Memorial Books at the Cameron Parish Library include:

The Colors of Life, Levion "L. L." Bartie by Cornelia Bartie Dunaway;

Southwest Louisiana Records, Winnie Miller Roy by Mr. and Mrs. Conway LeBleu;

Holding Back the Sea, Nolti C. Melancon by Bayou Lighthouse Church; Ocean Adventures, Joseph

"Bubba" Higgins, Jr. by Cameron Parish Library employees; The First Christmas, In

honor of our great-grand-mother Josie Rhonda Lynn Dunn by Ma Ma Bertha and Pa Pa Thomas;

Old Fashioned Favorites and The Tranquil Garden, Butsy Carter by T. June Conner; Gardening Success

Theresa Mudd by Hebert Abstract Co. - Charles F. Hebert, Terry Hebert and Judy Hebert Cagle; Recipes, Garlic

Maydell Jinks by Jessie and Belinda Simon; Ward Lock Encyclopedia of

Practical Gardening, Theresa Mudd by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese;

Cooking A to Z, Mrs. Butsy Carter by Wayne and Suzanne Sturlese.

Baccigalopi; Jr. 4-H - Justin Trahan and Barrett Hebert; Jr. Beta - Katherine Wicke and Deil LaLande; Rodeo -Amber Trahan and Kaylee Jo Canik; 4-H - Serena Richard and Joby Richard; Beta -Michael Bercier and Lacy DeRoche; Student Council -Karisha Ellison and Raphiel Heard.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Broussard has announced scholarship applications are due for the following: Catholic Daughters, Professional Survey, Foundation for Rural Services, Robert C. Byrd Honors and Farm Bureau.

CALENDAR

Feb. 19: Softball - Grand Lake (home). Feb. 21: Baseball - Lake Arthur Jamboree.

Feb. 23 - 24: No school Mardi Gras holiday. Feb. 26: Softball -

Delcambre (home). Feb. 26: Baseball - Lake

Arthur (away).

J. Bayou honors told

Johnson Bayou High School Honor Roll/Banner Roll List

Third Six Weeks
1st Grade - 6th Grade First grade banner roll: Catarina Hebert, Derek Storm, Tristan Trahan

First grade honor roll: Kevin Benoit, Harrington, Daria Jinks, Hunter McGee, Neal Miguez, Keylee Young

Second grade banner roll: Romero, Rayce Brianna Romero

Second grade honor roll: Kirsten Webb Third grade banner roll: Romero, Dustin Allison

Romero, Kristopher Trahan Third grade honor roll: William Cramer IV, Zachary Hebert, Colton Jinks, Skylar Jinks, Morgan Leger, Dylan Morrison, Byron Romero,

Blake Badon, Kaitlin Billiot Fourth grade banner roll:

Kascidy Badon Fourth grade honor roll: Khranna Benoit, Britney Bourriague, Victoria Erbelding, Jami LeBoeuf, Bethany Oswalt, Harmony Trahan

Fifth grade banner roll:

Fifth grade honor roll: Tyler Venable Sixthgrade banner roll:

Sixth grade honor roll:

7th Grade - 12th Grade Seventh grade banner roll:

Seventh grade honor roll:

Tabatha Harrington Eighth grade banner roll: None

Eighth grade honor roll: Čaudill, Naomi Conner, Aaron Jinks, Casey Romero, Randy Scroggins, Destiny Sonnier

Ninth grade banner roll: Holly Simon

Ninth grade honor roll: Joseph Boudreaux, Shalyn Broussard, Cody Meaux, Bailey Oswalt, Blaine Trahan Tenth grade banner roll:

McGee,

Katrina

Trahan, Katie Young Tenth grade honor roll: Crystan Badon, Corbett Billodeaux, Claire Carlson, Cheyenne Hanks, Katrina LeJeune, Lacci McNiel, Natasha Smith, Sunny Trahan

Eleventh grade banner roll: Wesley Roberts, Shanna Romero, Rustin Trahan

Eleventh grade honor roll: Sasson Brown, Victor Guidry,

Twelfth grade banner roll: Ashley Price, Megan Roberts, Beau Rodrigue, Christopher Welch

Twelfth grade honor roll: Damian Badon, Sweeney, Jake Trahan

Senior Games to be held

The Southwest Louisiana District Senior Games, a sports program for individuals 50 and older, will be held as follows:

March 13 - Pistol and Rifle Shooting at the Calcasieu Reg. Training Academy.

March 15 - Golf at Frasch March 18 - Bowling at Petro

Bowl in Lake Charles. March 19 - Opening ceremonies and indoor games at the McNeese Recreational Comples - badminton, shuffleboard, bait casting, spelling contest, basketball free throw, swimming, billiards, 1/2 and 1

tition, table tennis, dominoes, football and frisbee throws, washer pitch. March 20 - Track and field

at the McNeese University Track - discus, javelin, shotput, 500m, 50m, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1500m runs, softball accuracy and distance, and horseshoes.

April 24 - Archery at Carlyss Park. Registration deadline is

Friday, Feb. 27. Archery deadline is March 8. For entry forms or addition-

al information call Adele Mart at 437-3467 or Diane Devincenzi at 527-5459. mile walk, dance team compe-

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL

Pursuant to the provisions of resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the Parish, on December 1, 2003, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Cameron Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT CERTAIN DRILLING RIGS FROM PROPERTY TAXES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII, SECTION 21(J) OF THE LOUISIANA CONSTITUTION OF 1974, AS AMENDED.

Shall the Parish of Cameron. State of Louisiana (the "Parish") under the authority of Article VII, Section 21(J) of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, as amended, exempt from property taxes, drilling rigs used exclusively for the exploration and development of minerals outside the terri-Louisiana (the "State") in Outer Continental Shelf waters which are within the Parish for the purpose of being stored or stacked for use outside the territorial limits of the State, or for the purpose of being converted, renovated, or repaired and any property in the Parish for the purpose of being incorporated in, or to be used in the operation of said drilling rigs? NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-

THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 1 PRECINCT P1; POLLING PLACE - JOHNSON BAYOU MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING; 5556 GULF BEACH HIGHWAY; JOHN-SON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT P3 & P4; POLLING PLACE - HACKBERRY RECRE-ATION CENTER; 1250 RECREATION CIRCLE; HACKBERRY,

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P16; POLLING PLACE - RECREATION DIS-TRICT NO. 5 RECREATION CENTER; 108 RECREATION GRAND LOUIŚIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P8; POLLING PLACE LOWRY FIRE STATION; 460 LOWRY HIGHWAY; LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P9; POLLING PLACE - KLONDIKE COMMUNITY CENTER; 430 VETERANS MEMORIAL DRIVE; GUEYDAN,

ELECTION DISTRICT 4 PRECINCT P12; POLLING PLACE - MURIA FIRE STATION; 129 MURIA ROAD; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P17; POLLING PLACE - GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; 4011 GRAND CHENIER HIGHWAY; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANÁ

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P13; POLLING PLACE - CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER; 184-B EAST CREOLE HIGHWAY: CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6 PRECINCT P2, P14, P15; POLLING PLACE - CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX BUILDING; 110 SMITH CIRCLE; CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT P5; POLLING PLACE - RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5 RECREATION CENTER: 108 RECREATION LANE; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 $_{
m the}$ Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury. Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said Parish, will meet

at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Room, Louisiana, on Monday, April 5, 2004 at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED

on this, 1st day of December, 2003. APPROVED: /s/Charles Precht, III CHARLES PRECHT, III, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ATTEST:

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4, 2004 (J 1)

> "EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 18, 2003. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. SEVEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SIX AND SIXTY EIGHT HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DIS-TRICT.

Shall Waterworks District No. Seven of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of six and sixty eight hundredths (6.68) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's water systems within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Waterworks District No. Seven, Parish, Cameron Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 3 PRECINCT 16, PORTION, RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5, RECREATION CENTER, GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 12,. PORTION STATION, EAST CREOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 13, PORTION CREOLE COMMUNITY CEN-PORTION

TER, CREOLE, LOUISIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 the Louisiana Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish Louisiana, the governing authority of said

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the elec-tion herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as

amended. NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Seven, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Waterworks District No. Seven's Water District Office, Creole, Louisiana, on Tuesday, the 16th day of March, 2004, at 6:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said spe-

cial election. All registered voters of Waterworks District No. Seven,

Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.
THUS DONE AND SIGNED

on this, the 18th day of November, APPROVED: SANDRA FORD, PRESIDENT

WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. WENDY SAVOIE, SECRETARY RUNS: Jan. 15-Mar. 4 (J-2)

> "EXHIBIT A" NOTICE OF SPECIAL

ELECTION Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR HACKBERRY FIRE PRO-TECTION DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR AND SEVENTY ONE HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PUR-POSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COST OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PUR-POSES, INCLUDING CHARGES FOR FÍRE HYDRANT RENTALS AND SERVICE WITHIN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four and seventy one (4.71) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service within said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT 3, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACK-BERRY, LOUISIANA

ELÉCTION DISTRICT 2 4, POKITOL., RECREATION CKRERRY, PRECINCT HACKBERRY CENTER. LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish. Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters Hackberry Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the con-

duct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December,

APPROVED: CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESI-CAMERON PARISH POLICE

BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Jan. 15-Mar. 4 (J-3)

Page 5, The Cameron Parish Pilot, Cameron, La., February 19, 2004

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on November 13, 2003. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Čameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR GRAVITY DRAINAGE DIS-TRICT NO. NINE TO COLLECT FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FOUR AND FIFTY HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, OPERATING AND MAINTAIN-SAID DISTRICT'S OPERATIONS DRAINAGE WITHIN AND FOR SAID DIS-

Gravity Drainage District No. Nine of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of four and fifty hundredths (4.50) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining said District's drainage systems, constituting works of public improvements, title to which shall be in the public within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT TWO PRECINCT 3 ALL; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACK-BERRY, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT TWO

PRECINCT 4 PORTION; HACK-BERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 Louisiana Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemented thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with the law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish to the Board Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance

with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Hackberry Recreation Center, Hackberry, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 25th day of March, 2004, at 6:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Gravity Drainage District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election. THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 13th day of November,

APPROVED: /s/ Raymond Hicks, PRESIDENT GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT

NO. NINE ATTEST: /s/ Scott Benoit, SECRETARY RUN: Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26, March 4 (J-4)

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resolution adopted by the

Pursuant to the provisions of a

Cameron Parish Police Jury, the Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election

under the Constitution and laws of

the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY CONSOLIDATED GARBAGE DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SEVEN AND EIGHT SIX HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAIN-ING GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICES IN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Consolidated Garbage District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of seven and eighty six hundredths (7.86) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all prop-erty subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of providing and maintaining garbage collection and disposal services in said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Parish. Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 1 PRECINCT 1, ALL, JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING, JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT 3, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACK-BERRY, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 2 PRECINCT 4, ALL, HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER, HACK-BERRY, LOUISIANA ELÉCTION DISTRICT

PRECINCT 16, ALL, RECREATION DISTRICT 5 RECREATION CENTER, GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT

PRECINCT 8, ALL, LOWRY FIRE STATION, LOWRY, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 9, ALL, KLONDIKE COMMUNITÝ CENTER, KLONDIKE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 4
PRECINCT 12, ALL, MURIA
FIRE STATION, CREOLE, FIRE STATION, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT

PRECINCT 17, ALL, GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION, GRAND CHENIER, LA ELECTION DISTRICT 5 PRECINCT 13, ALL, CREOLE COMMUNITY CENTER, CRE-

OLE, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 2, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX,

CAMERON, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 14, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX,

CAMERON, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT PRECINCT 15, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 7
PRECINCT 5, ALL, RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5 RECREATION CENTER, GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-

THER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 Louisiana Revised the Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury. the governing authority of said

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Consolidated Garbage District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

registered voters Consolidated Garbage District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the elec-

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December,

APPROVED: CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESI-CAMERON PARISH POLICE

JURY ATTEST: BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Jan. 15-Mar. 4 (J-5)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Louisiana, on December 1, 2003. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Tuesday, March 9, 2004, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR CAMERON FIRE PROTEC-TION DISTRICT NO. ONE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF FIVE MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAIN-ING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES WITHIN SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Cameron Fire Protection District No. One of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of five (5.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2005, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities for fire protection purposes within

said District? NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

ELECTION DISTRICT 5 PRECINCT 13, PORTION, CRE-OLE COMMUNITY CENTER, REOLE, LOUISIANA

ELECTION DISTRICT 6 PRECINCT 2, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT 6

PRECINCT 14, PORTION, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX, CAMERON, LOUISIANA ELECTION DISTRICT 6

PRECINCT 15, ALL, CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX ,CAMERON, LOUISIANA NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-

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NOTICE IS HEREBY FUR-THER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Cameron Fire Protection District No. One, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 5th day of April, 2004, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters Cameron Fire Protection District One, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 1st day of December,

CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESI-DENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE

ATTEST BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUNS: Jan. 15-Mar. 4 (J-6)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Cameron Parish Police Jury P. O. Box 366

Cameron, LA 70631 Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 3:00 p.m., March 1, 2004 at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Cir. Cameron, LA (337-775-5718.) Circle,

Project Description: Brian Circle Widening Project, L.E.I. Project Number 04-004. The rules and regulations for

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LEGAL NOTICES

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the State Licensing Board for Contractors will apply, the contract being classified as: II. Highway, Street and Bridge Construction.

Bid Forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving bids. Contractors may submit bids on any contract for which they hold valid Louisiana Contractors Classification. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Full information and Bid Forms are available at the office of Lancon Engineers, Inc., McKinley Street, Westlake, LA. (337-439-6333.) Bids must be submitted on Bid Forms provided by the Engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids for just

Bids may be held by the Cameron Parish Police Jury for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days from the date of opening of bids for the purpose of reviewing bids and investigating the qualifications of bidders, prior to award. Preference to Louisiana Firms

may be given in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes Sections 38:2251 and 38:2225.1.

/s/ Steve Trahan STEVE TRAHAN, PRESIDENT RUN: Feb. 5, 12, 19 (F 10)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Circle, Cameron, Smith Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) Beach Sweeper, as per specifica-

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 16)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Smith Circle. Cameron. Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 2004 Dump Truck, as per specifi-

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron,

Louisiana, during normal business

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY

RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 17)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 2004 in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, 110 Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 1981 Tanker/Pumper Fire Truck,

as is, where is. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the Cameron Parish Police Jury office, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, Louisiana, during normal business

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 18)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control. Claiborne Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, Conference Room 1-145 (South Entrance 1st Floor - 1st door on the right), Post Office Box 94905, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004.

ÁNY PEŔSON REQUIRING SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS SHALL NOTIFY FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL OF THE TYPE(S) OF ACCOMMODA-TION REQUIRED NOT LESS THAN SEVEN (7) DAYS BEFORE THE BID OPENING.

FOR: Roofing Repair, District 3 - Phase 4, Statewide, Repair, Louisiana PROJECT NUMBER: 01-107-

97S, Part EX

Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

Houston J. Lirette, Jr., Architect, APAC, 6014 West Main Street, Houma, LA 70360 Phone (985) 851-1484

upon deposit of \$60.00 for each set of documents. Deposit on the first two sets are fully refundable to all bonafide prime Bidders upon return of the documents, in good condition, no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. Fifty percent (50%) of the deposit of all other sets of documents will be refunded upon return of the documents as stated above.

All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent(5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Facility and Planning Control Bid Form written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana, signed by the surety's agency or attorneyin-fact. Surety must be listed on the current U. S. Department of Financial Treasury

Management Service list of approved bonding companies as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in the Bond, or must be a Louisiana domiciled company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M.Best's Key Rating Guide. If surety qualifies by virtue of its Best's listing, the amount of the Bond may not exceed ten percent (10%) of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide. The Bond shall be in favor of the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control, and shall be accompanied by appropriate power of attorney. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount. Surety must be listed currently on the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List (Treasury List) as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the contract amount, or must be an insurance company domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents. If surety is qualified other than by listing on the Treasury List, the contract amount may not exceed fifteen percent of policyholders's surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Department Louisiana Insurance and may not exceed \$500,000. However, a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide shall not be subject to the \$500,000 limitation, provided that the contract amount does not exceed ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the latest A. M. Best's Key Rating Guide nor fifteen percent of policyholders' surplus as shown by surety's most recent financial statements filed with the Louisiana Department of Insurance. The Bond shall not be signed by the surety's agent or attorney-in-fact A MANDATORY PRE-BID

CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD at 2:00 p.m., on Monday, March 1, 2004 at Claiborne State Office Building, 1201 North Third Street, 1-145, Baton Rouge, Room

BIDS SHALL BE ACCEPTED ONLY FROM CONTRACTORS THAT ATTEND THE ENTIRE PRE-BID CONFERENCE.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, Roofing and Sheet Metal, Siding. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(c). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

The owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for just cause. In accordance with LA. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(b), the provisions and requirements of this Section, those stated in the advertisement for bids, and those required on the bid form shall not be considered as informalities and shall not be waived by any public entity.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRA-

FACILITY PLANNING AND CONTROL JERRY W. JONES, DIRECTOR RUN: Feb. 12, 19, 26 (F 19)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SP #15720 Sealed bids will be received for

the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 a.m. on March 17, 2004, for the following:

Roadwork for Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Rockefeller Refuge, Grand Chenier, Louisiana. Cameron Parish.

Proposal Number: K 25536 DL Solicitation Number: 2186198 Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:
Office of State Purchasing,

Claiborne Building, 2nd Floor, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70804. Attn: Pamela Allen

Email: pamela.allen@la.gov Fax: (225) 342-8688 Phone: (225) 342-8019 SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED

A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted on this project at the jobsite on Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. Attendance is required in order to

submit a bid proposal. All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond. Surety represents that it is listed on the current U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Manage-ment Service list of approved bonding companies and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any

method is acceptable. The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract amount, and who is currently on the U.S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service List. The bond shall not be accepted if written for an amount exceeding the amount listed in the Treasury Financial Manage-ment Service

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, Highway, Street and Bridge

Construction and/or specialty of Permanent or Paved Hwy and Street (Soil Cement); Secondary Roads, Highway and Street Exclusive of Bridge. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after

receipt of bids. When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the sale of bonds by the State Bond Commission. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between Owner and Contractor is fully executed. STATE OF LOUISIANA DIVISION OF ADMINISTRA-

OFFICE OF STATE PURCHAS-

DENISE LEA DIRECTOR OF STATE PUR-CHASING

RUN: Feb. 12, 19, 26 (F 21)

NOTICE I AM APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcoholic content at retail in the Parish of Cameron at the following

620 A Big Lake St. Lake Charles, La. 70607 Harbor Lights, LLC Harbor Lights

/s/Dennis W. Vanicor, member Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 RUN: Feb. 19 (F 24)

NOTICE (NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL -

SLS 04-148) Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with law, that there may be introduced at the session of the legislature to be convened on March 29, 2004, a bill to change the number of members on the board of commissioners of the Cameron Parish Ambulance Service District No. 2, and to provide for related matters RUN: Feb. 12, 19 (F 33)

> GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 JANUARY 6, 2004

There was a regular meeting of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 at 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, 2004, at the Grand Chenier Fire

PRESENT: D. Y. Doland, Jr., Gerald Bonsall, Ted Joanen, Jimmy Roberts, Jennings Clark ABSENT: None

GUESTS: Lonnie Harper, Lonnie Harper & Associates

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Jennings Clark, and carried, the minutes of the November 4, 2003 meeting are approved. On motion of Ted Joanen, sec-

ond by Gerald Bonsall, and carried the board adds to the agenda the approval of the engagement contract with Gragson, Cassidy, & Guillory, C.P.A. to audit the finances for 2003.

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Jennings Clark, and carried, the board authorized the Secretary to write a letter to the Cameron Parish Police Jury that due to the poor condition of the culverts in and along Pumpkin Ridge Road, the Police Jury should start replacing these culverts as soon as possible.

Lonnie Harper discussed the status of current drainage projects such as the Grand Chenier levee restoration (Project # 2003-08), which is 70% complete, and other drainage issues. On motion of Gerald Bonsall,

second by Jennings Clark, and carried, the following permits are approved:

Exxon Mobil Production - site clearance and verification of abandoned oil and gas structures - S/L 2038, well #37 & 47, Sections 3, 8, & 9, T16S - R3W, Deep Lake Field, Cameron Parish, LA.

Exxon Mobil Production - site

clearance and verification of abandoned oil and gas structures - S/L 2038, well #10, Sections 3, 8, & 9, T16S - R3W, Deep Lake Field,

Cameron Parish, LA. Exxon Mobil Production - site clearance and verification of abandoned oil and gas structures - S/L 2038, well #2 & 23, Sections 3, 8, & 9, T16S - R3W, Deep Lake Field,

Cameron Parish, LA.
James A Whitson, Jr. - proposed 4" flowline - Sections 15, 22, 27, & 46, T15S - R5W, Grand Chenier, Cameron Parish, LA.

El Paso Production, Co. - proposed pipeline and structures for producing Miami Corp. 26 No. 1 Well - Sections 14 & 23, T13S -R6W, Grand Chenier, Cameron

Goodrich Petroleum Company proposed cleanout - Section 29, T14S - R3W, Grand Chenier, Cameron Parish, LA.

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the board authorized the Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Norma Jo Pinch for her contributions and service to the drainage board during board during her term as Police Juror for the Grand Chenier area.

On motion of Ted Joanen, second by Jennings Clark, and carried, the board approves the payment of all bills presented at the

On motion of Jimmy Roberts, second by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the board approves the finance report as presented by the board secretary.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, second by Jennings Clark, and carried, the board approves the engagement of Gragson, Cassidy, & Guillory, CPA to review and report on the finances for Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2003.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, second by Jimmy Roberts, and carried, the meeting was declared APPROVED: /s/ D. Y. Doland, Jr.

D. Y. Doland, Jr., President ATTEST: /s/Darrell Williams Darrell Williams, Secretary RUN: Feb. 19 (F 35)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 meeting in regular session convened on the 3rd day of February 2004 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2003-08 Levee Maintenance in the Grand Chenier Area pursuant to the certain contract between M & C Oilfield Services LLC and said Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 recorded under File No. 283183, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 5 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Darrell Williams, Secretary RUN: Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, Apr. 1 (F 36)

PUBLIC NOTICE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)

THE WILLIAM G. HELIS COMPANY, L.L.C. MIAMI CORP. WELL NO. 1 DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

LDEQ, Office The Environmental Services, is accepting written comments on a draft Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit prepared for The William G. Helis Company, L.L.C., Miami Corp. Well No. 1, 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 912, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130. The facility is located at High Island Field, approximately 4.3 miles northeast of Creole, Louisiana, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharge from this source made into Broussard Lake, waters of the state classified for Primary Contact Recreation, Secondary Contact Recreation, and Propagation of Fish and Wildlife. Under the SIC Code 1311, the applicant proposes to discharge certain wastewater streams associated with oil and gas exploration, development and production operations from a proposed oilfield facility.

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

Written comments, written requests for a public hearing, or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Written comments and/or written requests must be 12:30 Thursday, March 25, 2004. Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit deci-

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

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

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Chad Harrell, LDEQ, Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3400.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list should contact Ms. Soumaya Ghosn in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3276, or by email at

maillistrequest@ldeq.org. Permit public notices can be viewed on the LDEQ Permits pubpage Web WWW.deq.state.la.us/news/PubNo

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice Server List

http://www.state.la.us/ldbc/listservpage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm. All correspondence should specify AI117380, LA0118915, and Activity Tracking Number PER20030001.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS SP#15746

RUN: Feb. 19 (F 38)

Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70804 at 10:00 A.M. for the follow-

File No. K25563D, Bid No. 2186576-Repair Cameron Creole Lambert Structure-gate hoist. Mar. 16 (A mandatory pre bid meeting to be held 2/26/04, 9:30 A.M. At the Cameron boat launch.) Bid proposal forms, information and speculations may be

obtained by accessing the bid num-LaPac www.doa.Louisiana.gov/osp from the purchasing section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any

informalities. DENISE LEA - Director of State Publishing - FAX (225) 342-8688 RUN: Feb. 19 (F 39)

PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, December 16, 2003, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Members Present: Scott Henry, E. J. Dronet, Joe Dupont, Edward

Member absent: Coy Mudd. Others attending: James LeBoeuf and Edward Peterson.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by E. J. Dronet, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2003, regular meeting as written. A motion was made by Edward

Racca, Jr. seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Report for the month of November, 2003. A motion was made by Joe

Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

1. Cameron Parish Pilot -\$9.00. 2. Cameron Parish Police Jury

\$270.00. 3. ASCO (Diesel fuel for W-1 West) - \$499.55.

4. Kelvin Smith - \$350.00. A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and carried to approve the 2004 Budget as proposed and advertised. (E. J. Dronet abstained

from voting on the motion.) Scott reported that he was contacted by Charles Starckovich with NRČS about going to do our Operations and Maintenance Report on the Cameron-Creole Watershed. They noted that there was some damage to the Lambert Bayou structure, and have invited us to go look at the damage on Friday, December 19.

Scott stated that Ben Welch took some pictures on additional salvinia in the area and put up some signs at boat launches, etc. Cool weather has allowed the salvinia to spread some. Hopefully, this can be controlled with a draw down. We usually like to draw down around the end of the second week of January, so we won't effect the hunting season. If dog trials are going to be done at the Fur Festival, we will ask that the area be sprayed for salvinia a couple of weeks before the event so it won't be spread through that activity.

À motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and carried to approve a permit for Environmental Treatment Team (ETT) to move in at Worldwide Production Services dock (old McDaniel's dock) to transfer disposal waste materials to be moved outside of Cameron Parish from one tank to another. (Scott Henry abstained from voting on this motion.)

It was agreed that E. J. Dronet and, if possible, other Board Members will attend a Public Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on December 19 regarding Environmental Cleaning at the West Bank of Calcasieu River in Cameron. We will take action on this matter at the January meeting.

Mr. Henry reported that the Secretary of State has new rules which require this Board to designate a Records Management Officer Liaison. A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and unani-mously carried to designate Paula T. Pool as the Liaison. The designation form was signed by President Henry and will be returned to the Secretary of State. Scott reported that we have

purchased culverts for Jimmie Savoy Road and at Layton Miller's where a culvert collapsed. Police Jury crews have not gotten to this area yet, but they will put these culverts in for us.

Scott also stated that he went to Alvin Murphy's house after the last rain, and the water is draining. The culvert is a little lower that the neighbors, but it is work-

It was reported that Johnny LeBlanc called us about dog trials for the Fur Festival. It was agreed that Scott will go out and inspect the site to see if there is salvinia there. Everyone who enters will get a salvinia pamphlet so they can by aware of the dangers of spreading it.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Scott Henry, President

E. J. Dronet, Secretary-Treasurer RUN: Feb. 19 (F 40)

Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 7 January, 13, 2004 Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Magnus McGee.
Present are: Magnes McGee, Curtis Trahan, Ivan Barentine, and Rogerest Romero.

Absent are: none. Guests are: Lloyd Badon, Patty Morris, Loreta Meaux, Sonny Meaux, Barry Hunt, Johnny Frederick, Susan LeBlanc, Meaux, and Mike Richard Frederick.

Motion to accept minutes of Special Meeting on December 29, 2003. Made by: Ivan Barentine and seconded by: Rogerest Romero. Motion passed.

Motion to review and pay bills. Made by: Curtis Trahan and seconded by Ivan Barentine. Motion passed. Appointment of a new board

member - Ernest Carol Trahan. Discussion on Oyster Bayou Project and comments from concerned citizens.

Election of officers held; Motion made: Curtis Trahan for President made by Rogerest Romero, motion passed.

Motion made: Ivan Barentine for Vice-President, made by Curtis Trahan, motion passed. Motion made: Rogerest Romero

for Secretary, motion made by Curtis Trahan, motion passed. Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel, made by Curtis Trahan and seconded by

Rogerest Romero. Motion passed. Motion to come out of executive session made by Ivan Barentine

and seconded by Rogerest Romero.

Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Curtis Trahan and seconded by Rogerest

Romero. Passed. Next meeting to be: Thursday, ebruary 19, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. at 205 Middle Ŕidge Road.

SIGNED:Curtis L. Trahan Curtis L. Trahan, President ATTEST: Patricia Morris Executive Secretary RUN: Feb. 19 (F 41)

NOTICE 38TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF CAMERON, STATE OF LOUISIANA Division: "" No. 300-2766

SUCCESSION OF

MAX KAPLAN

_Deputy Clerk: NOTICE IS GIVEN that the provisional administrator of this succession has petitioned this Court for authority to enter into an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease with Hubco Exploration, Inc., on the Succession's undivided interest in the immovable property belonging to the Succession of the deceased in accordance with the provisions of Article 3226 of the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure on the terms and conditions of that form of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease attached to the petition as exhibit "1". Any heir or creditor who opposes the proposed Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease must file his opposition within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. The immovable property on which the provisional administrator of the Succession proposes to grant an Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease is

described as follows: Township 15 South, Range 5 West; Section 29 - W/2 OF NW/4 & NW/4 OF SW/4; Section 30 - NE/4 & N/2 OF SE/4; As to and only as to depth down to 100 feet below deepest depth drilled but in no event deeper than 13,000 feet. (Acreage more exactly described as shown on the plat attached here-

By Order of the Court /s/ Recia Willis HONORABLE CARL BROUS-SARD, CLERK OF COURT

RUN: Feb. 19 (F 42)

NOTICE

WE ARE APPLYING to the Office of Alcohol and Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana for a permit to sell beverages of "Low alcoholic content" at retail in the Parish of Cameron at at the following address:

Chesapeake CCC, LLC Stella's Restaurant 501C Marshall Street Cameron, Louisiana, 70631 /s/Robert W. Stutes /s/Debra A. Stutes

Petition of Opposition should be made in writing in accordance with L.R.S. Title 26, Section 85 and 283. RUN: Feb. 19 (F-44)

PUBLIC NOTICE CAMERON PARISH COASTAL USE PERMIT APPLICATION Interested parties are hereby notified that the Coastal Management Section of the Cameron Parish Police Jury has received the following apparently complete application for a Coastal Use Permit in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program and R.S. 49, 213.1, the

Management Act of 1978, as amended.

C.U.P. #P20031703 L.C.U.P. #040308 Name of applicant: Seismic Exchange, Inc., 205 E. Lafayette

State and Local Coastal Resources

Street, Abbeville, LA 70510.

Location of permit: Lowry, Klondike, and parts of Grand Chenier - T13S, R5, 4 &3W; T12S, R5, 4 & 3W, T11S, R4 & 3W; and T10S, R3W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Character of work: Proposed Catapult 3D Phase 4 Seismic Survey.

The decision on whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts of the proposed activity in accordance with the state policies outlined in R.S. 49:213.2. The decision will reflect in the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The decision must be consistent with the state program and approved local programs for affected parishes and must represent an appropriate balancing of social, environmental and economic factors. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered; among these are flood and storm hazards, water quality, water supply, feasible alternative sites, drainage patterns, historical sites, economics, public and private benefits. coastal water dependency, impacts on natural features, compatibility with the natural and cultural setting and the extent of long term bene-

fits or adverse impacts. Certification that the proposed activity will not violate applicable water and air quality, laws, standards and regulations will be required before a permit is issued. Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a

public hearing be held to consider this application. Request for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.
Plans for the proposed work may be inspected at the Cameron

Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Coastal Management Division, Courthouse Square, P.O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana, (337) 775-5718. Written comments should be mailed within 25 days from the date of this public notice to Cameron Parish Police Jury, Coastal Management Division, Post Office Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

Sincerely, /s/ Myles Hebert MYLES HEBERT COASTAL ZONE ADMINISTRATOR CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY RUN: Feb. 19 (F 45)

CLASSIFIEDS

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CARD OF THANKS

WE WOULD like to express our heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all of our family and friends who assisted us during the illness and death of our loved one, "Theresa." A special thanks to Father McGrath for the spiritual love and support shown to Theresa and our family during her illness and death. To Father Wayne LeBleu and Father Elmo Hebert, we appreciate your assistance in the funeral services. To all who participated in the choir, your music was very touching. Our sincere gratitude to the Hixson Funeral Home staff of Matilda, Matilda Ann and Charles Menard, for making sure our needs were met with dignity. To those who said the daily 2 p.m. Rosary, you were our strength during these difficult times and Theresa looked forward to your visits. For the caring telephone calls, visits and food, these tokens of love and concern helped to sustain us during this time. We thank the Legion of Mary for your prayerful support. For Theresa's medical care, we send our gratitude to Dr. Lewis and staff and Hospice. Your care and concern helped us cope with her illness. "Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend can say; Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the

Alvin, Kevin, Mike, Greg, Elma, Carolyn, Clarice, Kala, Karen and family

PRAYER TO St. Clair. Pray 9 Hail Mary's once a day for 9 days, on the ninth day publish this prayer. Pray for 3 things. Even though you don't have faith, your prayers will be answered.

LOCAL PROVIDER seeking to hire support staff for disabled male client in Cameron. competitive, benefits offered. Inquire at 337-562-8983. 2/13-19p.

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Folks and **Memories**

By W. T. BLOCK, JR.



The recollections of a Grand Chenier native

By Rev. Frank Newton Sweeney

(The following memoirs are of my great uncle, Rev. Frank Sweeney (1859-1936), who was a Methodist preacher of the Louisiana Methodist Conference until he was superannuated. He apparently had just arrived in Franklinton, La., about 1915 and was staying in the Burris Hotel when he obtained some hotel pages and wrote what he intended to be a small autobiography, which was never completed. Each page is headed "Burris Hotel American Plan Rate \$2 per day.") I was born on Grand Chenier Island on May 5, 1859. My father (John W., Sr.) was born and raised in

Baltimore, Maryland and was one of the first settlers of the island.

He met my mother in Virginia; she was Sarah Jane Hickok. They were married June 14, 1833. Soon after their marriage, they moved to the State of (Hinds Co.) Mississippi (Ca. 1835-1840), where they remained until a man named John Armstrong met him and told him of the discovery of this Grand Chenier Island, which as of then was a perfect forest, as I used to hear my father say the trees were of wild beech, hackberries, oaks, mustang (muscadine?) grapes, and so thick a bird could not fly through it. Mr. Armstrong insisted on my father moving there (about 1840).

There were only two settlers there then, he (John Armstrong) and Squire (Dr. Milledge) McCall. So he

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ACT 962



UNDER ACT 962 of the Louisiana Legislature, I am required to advise you that my name is: Robert Wayne Guidry and that I have been convicted of Indecent Behavior with

My address is: 1201 Marshall St. Lot C, Cameron, LA 70631. Physical description is as fol-

Eye Color: Brown RUNS: Feb. 12, 19

I will never forget.



lows: Race: White; Sex: Male; DOB: 10/31/63; Height: 5'6"; Weight: 120; Hair Color: Brown;

agreed to go, and he, his wife and two children down by the Mermentau River, which flowed along the north side of the island, and emptied into the Gulf of Mexico 9 miles west of the island. The island was 16 miles long, running parallel to the Gulf of Mexico, a sea cane marsh extending from the island to the gulf, a distance of 5 miles.

My father settled about half way into the island. He cleared a plot, drifted cypress logs from up the river, and split hews and boards, which he used for building a house and fencing. The ground was very rich and produced most anything that they planted in

There were wild cattle and deer, and when they wanted meat, all he had to do was go out with his flint(lock) gun, take a stand, and he soon had venison. On one occasion, he was in a stand when he thought he espied a deer, and cut it down. He went to the place expecting to find his deer, but blood in the bushes was all he could find. He tracked it some distance until he decided he had better return home as it was grow-

A few days afterward, Mr. (Dr. Milledge) McCall was on a hunt and saw some buzzards fly up. He went there and found a large panther dead. They arranged to pull the panther out to where their families could see him.2

My mother was anxious for some bacon, so she purchased a pair of pigs; and in a short time, she had 7 large hogs to kill, and from then on, for years they had all the hogs that they needed, (while) others roamed on the range.3

My father, as soon as he could, patented 160 acres of this land, clearing a little at a time until he had about 60 acres under cultivation. There were 9 more children born in this home, including one little girl who died at 2 years of age.

I was the youngest of ten; and 9 of us grew to be grown, namely, Henry Sidney, Mary Elizabeth (Bonsall, Vaughan), Harriet Jane (McCall), Sarah Ellen (Bouquet); John W. Jr.; James Hill, (Dr.) George Carter, Virginia (Logan), Andrew Jackson, and Frank Newton Sweeney.4

My first recollection of my mother was her hand on my head, teaching me her prayers. She brought me up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. At the age of 13, I attrended a quarterly conference held by Rev. B. F. White, P. E. (presiding elder) of the Opelousas District.

The night before I joined, I went to the mourner's bench, where I was deeply convicted of my sins. I had gone to church riding behind my father, and on our way to church, I could not help crying. My father hearing me, knew what was the matter and encouraged me in the start I had made, although he was not a Christian himself.

The next night I joined the church and when the preacher asked me my name when he baptized me, I told him Frank Newton. "Why," he said, "that's part of my name, which is Franklin," and he evoked a blessing on me that

And I want to say right here that the prayer he prayed, that he uttered with his hand on my head, has been answered. The next day I took my little Bible that my mother had given me and went all alone to the east end of our field, where I selected a place under an orange tree, where the weeds were so high I could not be seen by anyone, but God.

There I prayed and read as well as I could passages from the Holy Bible, cried and wrestled with God till a precious peace came into my heart I cannot express. I felt as light as a feather, and running to my mother, I told her what had happened. She embraced me and said,

NOTICE •

Absentee voting for the March 9, 2004 election will be in the Registrar's Office in the Cameron Courthouse, bottom floor, Room 14, starting Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 26, 27 & 28, from 8:30 a.m. til 4:30 p.m. and Monday & Tuesday, March 1 & 2, same hours. If you have any questions please call 775-5493.

RUN: Feb. 12 & 19 (F-23)

"Frank, you are converted," and I have never doubted it from that day till this.

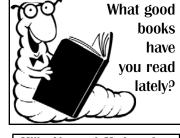
I began at the age of 7 at a public school, the building of which was made of hews (hewed timbers), rived (split) out of cypress logs, and as a matter of course, was full of splinters; and the floor was Mother Earth, and for three succeeding years, I attended during 3 months terms.⁵ And being 9 months out of school, I forgot nearly all I had learned in the previous 3 months.5

I had a vacation of 6 or 7 years when at the age of 18, I attended a 6-months term taught by Mrs. Jane A. Levy, a sister of the B. F. H. O. (?) and T. B. White of the Louisiana Conference. This ended my schooling. But I became interested in reading good books, religious papers, one of which was the New Orleans Christian Advocate, which I always found in my house.

At the age of 20, I marriedMiss Polly Stine. She was 15 years old, and that was the greatest mistake of my life. I was too young, and my advice to any young man who may read this - don't ever marry so young. To us were born 4 children, namely, Algernan, Margaret Estella, Ivy Andew, and Harriet Jane, all of whom are married.

In 1891 I was left a widower with those 4 children. I had a little farm on which I was doing my best to make a living.

To be continued.



Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. **Market Report**

DeQuincy (Saturday) Feb. 14: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 234, Horses 1 Hogs 16 Sheep <u>35,</u> and Goats <u>119</u>. **BABY CALVES**: Dairy 50^{∞} - 75^{∞} per HD, Beef 125^{∞} - 200^{∞} per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.30-1.65 per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES 200-300 lb. Steers: <u>1.15-1.40</u> per lb. Heifers: <u>1.10-1.30</u> per lb.; 300-400 lb Steers: 1.10-1.30 per lb., Heifers: 1.05-1.20 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: .95-1.20 per lb., Heifers: <u>.95-1.10</u> per lb.; 500-600 Lb. Steers: <u>.90-1.05</u> per lb., Heifers: <u>.90-</u> 1.00 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .85-.90 per b., Heifer: .80-.85 per lb. CATTLE: Cutter & Utility: <u>.46-.53</u> per lb.; Canners: <u>.35-.43</u> per lb.; Fat Cows: <u>.44-.48</u> per lb.; Thin Cows: .25-.36 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .46-.61 pe Ib.; Feeder Bulls: <u>.66-.72</u> per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** <u>650[®]-900[®]</u> per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS**: 600⁰⁰-750⁰⁰ per HD. **HOGS**: Choice Barrows & Gilts: <u>.48-.54;</u> Mediun Barrow & Gilts: <u>.35-.40;</u> Butcher Pigs: <u>.48-</u> .58; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs. .28-34 per lb.; Boars: .10-.18 per lb. HORSES: .32-.42 per lb. SHEEP & GOATS: 25[∞]-150[∞] per HD

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Letters to Editor

Remember to vote!

Dear Editor:

Do you want to help create jobs in Cameron Parish? You may recall on Oct. 4, 2003 Cameron Parish overwhelmingly supported Amendment 8. This Amendment allowed a property tax exemption to drilling rigs that are being stored, stacked, converted, renovated or repaired. Passing this amendment invited the rigs from Texas, Mississippi, Alabama to Louisiana. Each coastal parish must pass this referendum in order for the drilling rigs to be considered exempt in that particular parish.

When huge offshore rigs need repairs, they are shut down and transported into coastal ports where they are refurbished. The typical project costs \$250 million and employs between 300 to 400 people. If this referendum passes in Cameron Parish those drilling rigs can be refurbished here.

Remember to vote of Election Day, Tuesday, March 9. Absentee voting begins Thursday, Feb. 26 and closes Tuesday, March 2.

/s/Tina Horn

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Information presented on

The Amber Alert System and How It Works

The Amber Alert System is a missing response program that utilizes the resources of law enforcement and media to notify the public when children are kidnapped by preda-

Amber Alert Criteria Although the scope of the Amber Alert varies, the criteria for activation are fairly consistent.

Whether it is a local, regional or statewide program, law enforcement activates an Amber Alert by notifying broadcast media with relevant identifying and case information when circumstances meets the following

* The missing child is of a pre-determined age.

The law enforcement

been kidnapped.

* The agency believes the missing child is under threat of serious bodily harm or

Once they receive the Amber Alert radio and television stations interrupt regularly scheduled programming to notify the public that a child has been kidnapped. Because 95% of all people driving in their cars listen to the radio, this is an extremely effective way of providing descriptions of the child, the kidnapper, vehicles or accom-

> Amber Alert System Benefits

Besides turning the public into instant investigators when children are kidnapped, benefits of the Amber Alert

* It encourages participation between natural adversaries, law enforcement and media by drawing on their inherent strengths.

It promotes accountability by creating the foundation of a comprehensive missing child protocol.

It is an effective time critical response to kidnappers who can disappear with children at the rate of a mile per minute.

* It sends a powerful message to would-be kidnappers that this is a community that cares about and protects chil-

* It saves lives.

Amber Alert History Amber Hagerman Initially prompted by citizen concerns following the tragic 1996 kidnapping and

murder of nine-year-old

Arlington, Texas, the concept has been embraced by all segments of society.

A sampling of the proactive, diversified citizens inspired to implement variations on the Amber Alert

* Mrs. Robin Trumbull, a young mother with a strong social conscience created the statewide Michigan Amber Alert after hearing about it at a KlaasKids Foundation sponsored town hall meeting.

* To give meaning to the death of their kidnapped daughter Traci, Chris and Terry Conrad initiated the localized Corcoran, California TRACI Alert.

* To create a legacy in the name of her kidnapped Colleen Nick daughter, inspired the

* A sense of duty drove Officer John Goad of the

North Carolina Center for Missing Persons to begin the regional NC CAN Alert System.

Because progress in the effort to recover kidnapped children is glacial, great ideas like the Amber Alert should be enthusiastically embraced, supported and promoted whenever possible. Had the Amber Alert existed when Polly Klaas was kidnapped in 1993, she might very well be alive today. Although law enforcement had her killer in their custody within sixty minutes of the crime, they helped him pull his car out of a ditch instead of arresting him because they were unaware that a child

Our goal is to protec every child with one of the most brilliant ideas ye devised in the battle to recov er kidnapped children.

So, in order to remain current we encourage law enforcement agencies, broad cast media and the public to provide updated information that we may include in our comparative analysis of the Amber Alert.

Amber Alert Links KlaasKids # Current state Ambe Plan status

How the Amber Aler System works # Example one - The Four

Example two - Dover

TALK TO YOUR CHILDREN

The subject of child safety scares parents more than it does children.

It is wrong to withhold information designed to enhance a child's safety because of our own denial and superstition. Children have a tremendous capacity to learn and draw conclusions from information that they receive. To raise safety minded children, you must talk to them regularly, not just when there is a breaking news story. If you deny these realities, they will come back to haunt you in one form or another. When it comes to teaching your child the important lessons in life, there is no one more qualified than you. If you do not sensationalize, but speak from a position of compassion and love, we can overcome our fears and regain control of our destiny. There are many non-threatening examples that you can share with your children to teach how to keep themselves

Just remember: Keep it simple, be creative, and don't be scared.

In Spokane, Washington I

Alicia's Story

Upon receiving permission from her mother, Alicia and her seven-year old sister were playing in their neighborhood park when a nice looking man in a shiny red truck called the girls over.

"Will you girls help me because she wasn't conned

find my lost puppy?"

"No", Alicia said. "We don't know you.

"I'll give you twenty dollars," he said, proffering a wad of bills.

"Don't go," Alicia said to her sister. "We don't know

The man persisted, so the girls walked through the park towards their home.

When they got near the street the man in the truck was waiting for them. "Will you girls help me find my puppy?" he asked. Alicia took her sister's hand, pulled her close and said, "Come with me. We'll make an obstacle course through the park so that he can't follow us." Her sister's cap fell off and the man left his truck to retrieve it. He called after the retreating youngsters, "Come back and get your

Alicia told her sister, "Stay with me." as they crossed the street and approached a house with children she did not know playing in the front yard.

Alicia asked the children if she could talk to their mother. All of the children entered the house and Alicia called her mom. Alicia saw the man in the shiny red truck a few days later on a field trip. Now she is afraid to play in her front yard.

I think Alicia is a hero

by his lure and her younger sister is safe.

Alicia's experience demonstrates five of the most important safety rules we should be teaching our

* She checked with her

* She went outside with at least one other person, her sister, and we all know that there is safety in numbers.

She trusted her feelings. When the man in the red truck called to them, Alicia knew that something was wrong.

* She put physical distance between herself and that which was making her feel uneasy. When her sister attempted to retrieve her hat, Alicia refused to let go of her hand.

* She instinctively understood that strangers could be good and helpful. Children, mothers with children, police officers in uniform, and store clerks in the mall are all strangers that can assist children facing a potentially dangerous situa-

More than anything else, Alicia used her brain. She based her decisions upon the This is a story from which we can all learn. Alicia's mother talks to her daughters about safety on a regular basis and it is obvious that these talks have served her young daughters well.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOUR **CHILD DISAPPEARS**

had been kidnapped.

Immediately call (911)

When law enforcement arrives give the responding officer all personal and identifying information, including fingerprints, photograph and DNA samples so that they can expedite the investigation. Insist that they enter the information into National Crime the ComputerInformation (NCIC) at once.

Notify all other relevant law enforcement agencies

Including the local sheriff, state police, and police from adjoining jurisdictions. This will give you the knowledge that they are aware of your child's plight.

Notify the Federal Bureau of Investigation

If you suspect a predatory abduction. FBI resources are unsurpassed in law enforce-

Notify all local media assignment desks.

Work with the Media keep in mind that the generyour missing child could be expedited by the broadcasting of details.

Notify your local
non-profit child locator service. Local Child Locator Non-

Profit organizations can offer a wealth of assistance including, but not limited to: acting as a liaison with law

reporter to help you plea your case in the media.

enforcement; and assisting

in locating a sympathetic

If you require a reward.

The Carol Sund Carrington Memorial Reward Foundation provides Missing Person-Criminal Apprehension Rewards of up to \$10,000. 1-888-813-8389

http://www.carolesundfoundation.com

If you require a citizen search effort.

The Laura Recovery Center Foundation is one of the Internet's best destinations for organizing volunteer search centers. If the criteria are met they will assist in professionally training your search volun-

281-482-LRCF (5723) http://www.LRCFoundation.org

If you want to talk to someone who has walked in your shoes

Team H.O.P.E. (Help Offering Parents al public's awareness about Empowerment) is a federally your physical well being. supported organization consisting of family members of missing children. Trained to assist those who are facing the early stages of a disappearance, these volunteers can provide rare insight, wisdom, and important resources.

1-866-305-HOPE (4673) http://www.teamhope.org

If you believe that your child has run away. We recommend that you call the National Runaway Hotline at 1-800-621-4000,

online http://www.nrscrisisline.org. They have a database of more than 10,000 local resources throughout the

Keep your home phone staffed and record conversations.

This may be the only way your child knows how to

Find a printer.

Volunteers will help you to post flyers in highly visi-

Encourage a massive coordinated response

- by law enforcement, media, your closest child finding agency, and volun-

Take care to preserve Seek emotional and psy-

chological support from your church or social service agencies. Remember that you alone are leading the battle for the return of your missing child. Section 5 | Section 7

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SAFETY

TIPS FOR

PARENTS

including photograph, video

addresses and phone num-

bers of your children's

all doors and windows locked.

child's name on clothing,

school supplies or backpacks.

home, on the street or in the

car.

* Children should know

their phone number and how to use a pay phone without

* Be a role model to your children. Settle arguments

money to call home or 911.

with words, not violence. * By promoting your child's self-esteem and letting

them know that you love

them for who they are, you

will teach them the self-confi-

dence they need to avoid drugs and crime.

Encourage them not to keep

that certain people could be

helpful, such as Police

Officers, mothers with chil-

dren, and store clerks. These

people can assist them if you

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secrets from you.

become separated.

Listen to your children.

Your child should know

* It is important to keep

* Do not advertise your

* Seek alternatives to leaving children alone in the

Maintain

and fingerprints.

friends.

* Maintain current ID,

KIDS: RULES FOR ONLINE **SAFETY**

* I will not give out personal information such as my address, telephone number, parents' work address or telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents permis-

sion.

* I will tell my parents

across right away if I come across any information that makes me feel uncomfortable.

* I will never agree to get together with someone I «meet» online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.

* I will never send a person my picture or anything else without first checking with my parents.

* I will not respond to any messages that are mean or in any way make me feel uncomfortable. It is not my fault if I get a message like that. If I do, I will tell my parents right away so that they can contact

the online service. * I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.

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INTERNET SAFETY

* Remember that people online may not be who they seem. Because you can't see or even hear the person, it would be easy for someone to misrepresent him - or herself. Thus, someone indicating that 'she' is a 'twelve-year-old girl' could in reality be a forty-year-old

Remember that everything you read online may not be true. Any offer that's «too good to be true» probably is. Be very careful about any offers that involve your coming to a meeting or having someone visit your house.

* Set reasonable rules and guidelines for computer use by your children (see «Kids: Rules for Online Safety»). Discuss these rules and post them near the computer as a reminder. Remember to monitor their compliance with these rules, especially when it comes to the amount of time your children spend on the computer. A child or teenager's excessive use of online services or bulletin boards, especially late at night, may be a clue that there is a potential problem. Remember that personal computers and

online services should not be used as electronic babysitters.

Be sure to make this a family activity. Consider keeping the computer in a family room rather than the child's bedroom. Get to know their «online friends» just as you get to know all of their other friends.

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STATISTICS

Despite recent downward crime trends, parents are very concerned about the safety of their children.

The statistics are stagger-

* 1 child is abducted every 40 seconds in the United

* 8470 children are reported abused or neglected every * 280 children are arrested

* 39% of children under 18

for violent crimes every day.

are using drugs when they commit crimes.

* Every minute 8 children attempt suicide and 3 end up in the hospital or the morgue. * In 1999, 750,000 children

If any other segment of our

and public security. But, since it is only our children many in society accept these appalling numbers as status quo. Although there are no quick fixes to the problems of child safety, there are many things that we can do as adults to address and positively impact the issue.

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were reported missing to law enforcement.

population were so impacted, we would declare an epidemic: the center for disease control would fund a cure; we would pass and enforce legislation and we would increase private

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