



# The Cameron Parish Pilot

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**JULIE BENOIT** was recently named Economic Development Director for Cameron Parish.

## Parish assessments explained by Conner

By CYNDI SELLERS

Property tax assessments were the center of attention at the Cameron Parish Police Jury's agenda meeting on Monday. Parish Assessor Bobby Conner was on hand to explain to the jury the method used to arrive at the recently released property tax assessments and the timetable for review and protest.

Conner explained that reassessments are required at least every four years by state law and that the Louisiana Tax Commission has been pressured by the Legislative Auditor to take an intense review of all assessments.

This extra scrutiny is largely due to a history of lax assessments in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge areas.

The method of determining an individual's assessment is also provided by law. Conner explained that the method of determining fair market value includes reviewing all recent sales and successions of property in each area and applying those values to the remaining properties.

He said only comparable properties are rated the same. For example, a different rate would be used for waterfront houses than for houses two



A BLESSING of the Fleet ceremony will be held Saturday, August 7 in connection with a salt water fishing rodeo to be held at the Jetty Fishing Pier Park in Cameron. The above photo of a decorated boat was taken at a Fleet Blessing held here a few years ago.

## Fishing Rodeo will benefit local groups

The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce and the Cameron Lions Club are sponsoring a Fishing Rodeo, the dedication of the Cameron Jetty Pavilion along with the Blessing of the Fleet to be held on Saturday, Aug. 7.

All activities will take place at the Cameron Jetty Pier Complex located at the southern end of J. A. Davis Road in Cameron.

There will be food and craft booths, games for the kids, and live bands throughout the day.

Part of the proceeds from this year's Fishing Rodeo will benefit the following area clubs and organizations:

The Lions Crippled Children Camp, The Cameron Lions Club Eyeglass Foundation, The Cameron Chamber of Commerce Parish Resource Directory, Cameron

## Cheer camp registration

The South Cameron High Cheerleaders will host their annual cheer camp on Aug. 3, 4 and 5 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

Registration for squads and individuals will be held Monday, Aug. 2 from 3 to 6 p.m. in the school gym. The cost for each participant is \$45. All participants must have proof of medical insurance at time of registration.

Cheer camp is open to participants 5 years old and older.

## Causeway bridge old, may be replaced

By CHRISTINE RAPPLEYE

(The Beaumont Enterprise)

The swinging days of the Sabine Lake Causeway Bridge that connects Texas and Louisiana could be numbered.

Texas Department of Transportation engineers are proposing to build a taller bridge than the flat swing bridge, said Marc Shepherd, department spokesman.

"All of the options involve a higher bridge," Shepherd said of the results of a feasibility study.

One option is to build the new bridge behind the S.G.S. Causeway Bait and Tackle shop. Another is to put it near the present location, he said in a phone interview.

And, of course, they could always do nothing to the bridge, he said.

"It's deteriorating," Sherry Schwarznau said of the bridge in an interview earlier this month.

Schwarznau and her husband, Herb, own and manage the bait shop and live above it.

"The big trucks aren't doing the bridge any good," Schwarznau said of the traffic

she sees coming and going from the bridge.

Right now the engineers don't know how high the bridge needs to go," Shepherd said.

The project is still in planning stages, and it would be several years before construction starts.

The transportation department is having an open house at the Palms on Pleasure Island golf course clubhouse from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 29, for people to see the preliminary plans and ask questions, Shepherd said.

"There's a lot of history behind that bridge," Shepherd said, beginning with its opening Oct. 25, 1958.

Jefferson County owned half of the 32 pre-stressed concrete spans and Louisiana's Cameron Parish owned the other half, according to The Enterprise archives.

Texas and Louisiana now each own half of the bridge, which has a 32-foot diameter concrete cap under the center of the bridge to allow it to swivel open so boats can get in and out of Sabine Lake.

It's one of the few swing bridges left in the state, according to Shepherd. Two others are in the Bridge City and Deweyville areas.



THIS MOBILE HOME in Cameron, belonging to the Delcambre family, was destroyed by fire last Thursday. No one was injured in the fire, which was caused by an electrical short, but the building and contents were a total loss. An account has been set up at Cameron State Bank to assist the family with their needs. The account name is "First Baptist Church benefit for Delcambre Fire Fund." (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



**BARRY BADON** and the Bayou Boys, a Cameron Parish-based band, will play at the 15th annual Marshland Festival to be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Lake Charles Civic Center. The band will play from 10:30 to midnight on Saturday. Proceeds from the festival go to various school, church and community organizations in Hackberry. Badon is shown above with the 2004 Railroad Festival Queens.

## Marshland Festival to be this weekend

The 15th annual Marshland Festival will be held July 30, 31 and August 1 indoors at the Lake Charles Civic Center

Gates open on Friday at 5 p.m.; Saturday at 11 a.m.; and Sunday at 11 a.m.

Admission for adults is: Friday, \$6 day; Saturday and Sunday, \$7 day; all weekend, \$18. Admission for kids is: 7-14 years, \$1 day; 6 & under, free. Parking is free.

The schedule includes:

### FRIDAY, JULY 30

6 - 7, Gary Gremillion;

7 - 8:15, Jo-El Sonnier;

8:15 - 9:30, Louisiana

Express with T. K. Hulin & G. G. Shinn

9:30 - 10:45, Jo-El Sonnier

10:45 - 12 Midnight, Louisiana Express with T. K. Hulin & G. G. Shinn

### SATURDAY - JULY 31

12 Noon - 2, Garrett Justice and The Couillions

2 - 3:15, Louisiana's Kingfish

3:15 - 4:45, Sabine River Band

4:45 - 6, Louisiana's Kingfish

6 - 7:30, Damon Troy and Louisiana Beat

7:30 - 9, Barry Badon and the Bayou Boys

9 - 10:30, Johnny Lee

10:30 - 12 Midnight, Barry Badon and the Bayou Boys

### SUNDAY - AUGUST 1

12 Noon - 2, Bayou Katz

2 - 3:15, Blue-Eyed Soul Revue

3:15 - 4:30, Jamie Bergeron and the Kickin Cajuns

4:30 - 6, Percy Sledge with Blue-Eyed Soul Revue

The Marshland Festival began as a way to provide funding for various school, church, and community organizations. The Marshland Festival Association Board provides the environment and entertainment needed to draw local and surrounding areas together. The youth groups would have the opportunity to raise the money they needed to support their organizations.

## Cameron Parish schools to open on August 11th

Cameron Parish Schools will open on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

However, teachers will report on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 9 and 10 for professional development days.

Holidays for the 2004-05 school year are as follows:

Monday, Sept. 6-Labor Day.

Monday, Oct. 4-Professional Development Day for teachers. (No school.)

Tuesday, Nov. 2-Election Day.

Monday-Friday, Nov. 22-26-Thanksgiving holidays.

Monday, Dec. 20 thru Friday, Dec. 31--Christmas holidays.

Friday, Jan. 7, 2005--Fur Festival.

Monday, Jan. 17-Martin Luther King birthday.

Friday, Jan. 28-District Livestock Show. (No school.)

Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 7 & 8-Mardi Gras holidays.

Friday, March 25 thru Friday, April 1-Good Friday-Easter Holidays.

Monday, April 4-Teachers professional development (no school.)

Friday, May 27-Last day of school.

## Jury to honor three persons

The Cameron Parish Police Jury will honor three parish residents at the jury's monthly meeting Monday, Aug. 2 at 5 p.m.

They are Ruby Kelley, who has retired as Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters after 21 years of service; Sara Taylor, who won a state 4-H Honor; and Michelle Mudd, who was recently named Mrs. Louisiana.

Other items on the agenda include several board appointments, advertising for bids on surplus equipment and health insurance renewal.

The jury will also go into executive session to discuss some matter.

## Bible school set at H'berry

Vacation Bible School will be held at the Hackberry First Baptist Church Monday through Friday, Aug. 2-6 from 5:30 to 8 pm.

"Come join our Rickshaw Rally as we race to the Son," a spokesman said.

For more information call 775-2632.



WORK HAS BEGUN In Cameron on a drainage project to help flood water which may become trapped in low lying subdivisions reach the pumping station. The borrow ditch along Hwy 27/82 is being cleaned from School Board road all the way behind Cameron Elementary School to the pumps. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE OAK GROVE BAPTIST Church held their Bible School the week of July 12 thru July 16. Shown above is Mrs. Lisa Miller's pre-school class (3 & 4 year old) in front of the castle at the church.

## Help Hope offers aid in emergency situations

Help Hope of Cameron is a non profit, non denominational organization that assists needy individuals and families with food and clothing in emergency situations such as fire, unemployment, low income, sickness, etc.

The thrift store, located at 401 Broussard Beach Road, offers clothing, shoes, household items and other necessities for sale at nominal prices. Help Hope receives donations

from area churches, offerings taken at 5th Sunday Singings, area businesses and individuals.

In the past year assistance has been provided to 191 people with food and clothing items.

Thrift store hours are from 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. The 2nd week of each month the store holds a 25 cent sale and during the

last full week of each month there is a bag sale. Fill a bag with clothes for a set price.

Items sold in the thrift store are donations made by individuals. School uniforms and limited school supplies are available at the store.

For more information, call 775-8136.

## Montgomery heads phone co. project

Cameron Communications has named R & D Supervisor Matt Montgomery to head up their new Fiber to the Home (FTTH) initiative. Montgomery was named Project Manager to oversee the installation of the new fiber optic network to provision FTTH to Cameron's newest service areas.

"Being named project manager of Cameron's first CLEC venture is a challenging and rewarding opportunity," said Montgomery. "We chose Grand Lake to be the first community in Louisiana to enjoy the benefits of FTTH technology such as the highest quality digital television, 3 MB capable Internet access, and local and long distance telephone services all in one unique bundle."

Montgomery joined Cameron Communications in Sept. 2002 as R & D Supervisor. He came from Nortel Networks in Atlanta, Ga. He holds a B.S. in Finance from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Louisiana Tech in Ruston.

Cameron Communications is a locally owned and operated telecommunications company providing local telephone, long distance, digital television and Internet connection. With more than 140 employees, the Cameron Communications family of companies has offered service in Cameron, Johnson Bayou, Grand Chenier, Hackberry, Creole and Carlyss for over 75 years. Cameron Communications will begin offering FTTH to the Grand Lake community later this year.

## Dear Friends Of... .

### ROBERT DOXEY

Father's day this year and in the years to come will always be a special time for us and hold many happy and sad memories. "Happy" because we were all able to spend our 1st Father's Day with our dad by his hospital bed. "Sad" because we've lost the most important part of our lives.

Thanks to all who shared our grief with us during this time when our loss was so great.

Thanks to all who prepared food sent flowers and donations, the phone calls, those who were able to comfort us with their presence, and especially the continuance of prayers, even today.

We would like to personally thank South Cameron Memorial Hospital and Dr. Jeanssonne, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital and Dr. Craig Broussard and Dr. Tony Leung, Hixson Funeral Home and Mr. Abbott Collins, Matilda LaBove, Matilda Bertrand, Father Joseph McGrath, Susan Johnson, Donna LaBove, our Aunt Diane Conner, pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, Terry Beard for the beautiful music, the altar servers, Jade Miller, Jordon Rutherford and Thomas Lee Trosciar, Gary Dimas for the beautiful eulogy, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Murphy and Patrick Hebert.

In closing we would like to say "THANKS" to all the "kids" of Cameron Parish, young and old, for loving our daddy, Mr. Robert, just as much as we did! We are truly fortunate to have been reared in a community that exhibited so much love and thoughtfulness to our father --- Cameron Parish.

The Robert Doxey Families, Barbara, Ricky and Darlyn Canik, Tom and Kathy Rowland, James and Debbie Jo Doxey and "Poppies" six grandchildren, Derek Vaughn, Chance Doxey, Rica, Hunter and Laikin Canik and Ross Roland

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## Birth told

### CASEY AMBER SOUTHARD

Robert and Tiffany Southard announce the birth of a daughter, Casey Amber, July 19, 2004 in the Good Shepherd Medical Center in Longview, Texas. She weighed 7 lbs., 10 ozs.

Grandparents include Julie and Tony Thompson of Grand Lake.

Great grandparents include Verly and Red Broussard of Grand Lake and Betty Thompson of Laccasine.

## Support of troops to be at festival

Join Operation Pelican Pride at the Marshland Festival this weekend for a chance to support local soldiers and a raffle to win a fish fryer.

Operation Pelican Pride will be at the Marshland Festival this weekend, July 30th through August 1st, to gather support for our local soldiers and to raffle a fish fryer to raise funds for various soldier support operations. Tickets cost \$1. The raffle drawing will be held on Sunday, August 1, at the Lake Charles Civic Center grounds. Participants need not be present to win.

The Louisiana National Guard Family Support Group will also be present, selling items such as patriotic ribbons and magnets. Proceeds from sales will benefit operations supporting families of soldiers deployed during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Operation Pelican Pride is non-profit organization founded in support of local military personnel who have been deployed overseas to supplement peace keeping efforts and combat operations. Our organization is made up of retired military personnel, members of local law enforcement agencies, military family members and concerned citizens.

The Lake Arthur Club has applied for a Coastal Use Permit to construct sixty 28-foot wide, 45,600 long terraces as mitigation for future projects.

About 40,533 cubic yards of material will be excavated from borrow ditches adjacent to each terrace. About 109 acres of open water habitat will be impacted as a result of this activity.

The work will be in the Willow Lake area.

## Permits asked for mitigation work in parish

The Creole Recreation Dist. No. 7 Board is sponsoring a Free Boating Safety Class on Saturday, Aug. 7 at the Creole Multi-Purpose Building. The class will be held from 8 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., and is open to all students 13 years and older.

Anyone born after January 1, 1988 is required to have certification in order to operate a watercraft that is 10 hp or more as well as a wave runner.

Wildlife and Fisheries will be teaching the class. Anyone interested can call Angelia Conner or Regina Jouett at 775-5516 prior to the class to register.

Happy 2nd Birthday  
Sydney Victoria Carroll  
Love, Mommy, Daddy & Dylan (Bubba)



THESE WERE the members of the Cameron NAACP delegation who attended the national NAACP convention in Philadelphia recently.

## Cameron NAACP members attend national convention

A delegation from the Cameron NAACP attended the recent national NAACP convention in Philadelphia.

They included the following persons:

Mrs. Louise Cole, chapter president, Charles Cole, Margaret McArthur, Paul H. Hypolite, Jr., three students, P. L. McArthur, Nicole L. Colombe and Dartanya K. Colombe, Dallas Smith III, and Rev. Wayne Morris of Port

Arthur.

Adults attended workshops, a luncheon, and the plenary session where Cicely Tyson introduced Dick Gregory, who was honored. President Kweisi Mfume was a speaker.

The children attended several workshops and met key people at the convention. They also attended a meeting with John Kerry, who is the Democratic presidential candidate for 2004.

(NAPSA)-If you're ever among the many Americans struggling to lose weight, here are some tips for slimming down:

- Adopt healthy eating patterns. It's not enough to limit calories-the calories you eat should come from a variety of nutrient-rich foods from all food groups. For instance, it's important to try to eat five servings of fruits and vegetables every day.
- Be satisfied with small steps. With any diet or exercise program, you'll probably lose weight very slowly at first. It's important to be patient and be satisfied even with small gains. Don't throw in the towel if you're not getting quick results-losing weight requires a concentrated daily effort.

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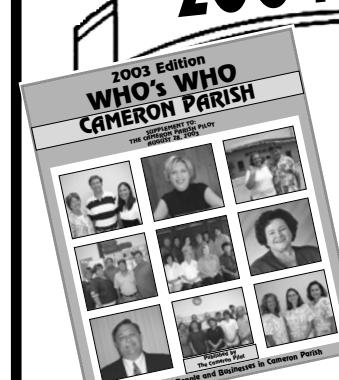
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## Lagniappe Two Retirement Home Living Notes



By GENEVA GRIFFITH

I went to the bingo games last night with Geneva and Marjorie, two of my neighbors, and we were all winners. Marjorie won three games and Geneva and I each won the blackout game to share the jackpot. Geneva has been living in the Village ten years and Marjorie five. Marjorie loves to play bingo and only leaves her sick husband for the weekly games, which she usually wins.

Geneva and I were headed to the Senior Citizen day recently when we were involved in a wreck which damaged Geneva's new Infinity car. Luckily we were not injured, and only one person in the van that hit us went to the hospital. The van must have been going fast, for it came from across the street and swerved into our lane when it turned to go the way we were going.

We missed our usual doughnuts and coffee, and bingo games, but we were thankful that we were not injured.

My great-grandchild is visiting us this week. She is such a happy child and laughs at everything. Of course I think she is the most beautiful child.

I had a dream the other

## Freshman Fair to be held Aug. 6

McNeese State University will host a Freshman Fair for high school freshmen from 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 6 in Stokes Auditorium of Hardtner Hall, located on the corner of Sale Road and Common Street.

College representatives from around the state will be available to meet and answer questions from students and their parents.

The fair will also provide information about the TOPS Scholarship Program, financial aid and admission requirements for state universities.

Space is limited to one student and a guest and reservations are required. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the McNeese Office of Enrollment Information at 475-5505 or 1-800-622-3352 ext. 5505.

McNeese tuition due soon

## classes to begin August 3

Students who have enrolled and registered for McNeese State University's fall semester have until 4 p.m. Aug. 16 to pay tuition fees. Fall classes begin Aug. 18.

Fee payments may be made online at [www.mcneese.edu](http://www.mcneese.edu) through Web for Students, in person at the cashier's office located in Smith Hall, mailed to Administrative Accounting, Box 92935, Lake Charles, LA 70609 or placed in the drop box located on the north side of Smith Hall. If payment is mailed, students should be

sure to include the top portion of the fee bill with check, credit card authorization or financial aid/scholarship authorization form.

All paid fee receipts, whether mailed or paid in person, can be picked up from the cashier's office. Students who fail to meet the fee payment deadline will lose all registered classes, must register again during late registration and pay a \$50 late registration fee.

For more information about fees, call 475-5107 or toll free at 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5107.

## W. W. meeting date changed

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10, serving the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach area, will have their next monthly meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 3, instead of Tuesday, Aug. 10, at 6:15 p.m.

## Hunter Ed course set

A Hunter Education Course will be held in Creole August 27 - 28 at the Creole Fire Station, 184 East Creole Hwy.

Contact Mary Hebert at 538-2276 or 491-2593. You must be pre-registered to enter the class.



THE 2004 MARSHLAND Festival Queens are shown above: (front row, from left) Little Miss Callie Nicole Brevelle; Petite Miss Madison Alden Huffman; Toddler Miss Ava Marie Mudd; Tiny Miss Kerrigan Renee Vincent; (back row) Junior Miss Courtney Jennifer Ruffer; Queen Courtney Jinks; Teen Miss Kourtney Lynn LaVergne; and Deb Miss Madeline Guidry. Baby Miss Abigail Rose Ward is not pictured.

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**THE LADY CAJUNS 16 and Under Girls Fast Pitch Softball team placed first in the Pony Regional Tournament in Baytown, Texas on July 10. Pictured above are: (kneeling, from left) Kala Hay, Kaysha Fontenot, Meagan Trahan, Sydney McCall, Haley McCall, D'nae Desonier, Coach Michelle Trahan; (standing) Coach Renee Mock, Kelsi Kiffe, Blair Belanger, Christian McCall, Laken Mock, Kala Rutherford, Haley Willis, Whitney Richard, and Coach Karen McCall.**

## New fee will cost college students \$59 per semester

In the latest legislative session, the Louisiana Legislature authorized the Board of Regents and the University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors to assess students with a new 4 percent operational fee.

For a full-time student at McNeese State University, the operational fee will be \$59 per semester. This increase is not covered by TOPS scholarships.

The operational fee was created to assist state universities in paying for increased costs mandated by the state for faculty and staff retirement, health insurance and Civil Service merit increases.

In addition, the operational fee will also be used to pay for expenses related to accreditation of academic programs, acquiring instructional and technological equipment for classrooms, hiring of faculty in high demand areas and student scholarships.

To assist its students, McNeese has made financial hardship fee waivers available to help students who qualify. The maximum value of the hardship fee waiver is \$179 per semester.

The following criteria have been established:

The cashier's office must have received a completed Financial Hardship fee waiver application by the 28th day of the semester for which the waiver is being requested.

The student must be a Louisiana resident as defined by the Registrar's Office.

The student must be enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student (12 or more credit hours) on the 28th day of the semester for which the waiver is being requested.

The student must demonstrate eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant with an Expected Family Contribution of zero as determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

The student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

The student must not have received any institutional/foundation scholarships, third party contracts or fee waiver/tuition exemptions.

For more information about the hardship fee waiver, contact the McNeese Office of Business Affairs at 475-5501 or at 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5501.



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Orders will be taken until Monday, Aug. 6, and will be delivered on Friday, Aug. 20. For more information call Pam Mudd 775-8040 or Angelia Conner 542-4011.

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### Cam. Elem. registration announced

Registration for new enrollments at Cameron Elementary will take place on Thursday and Friday, July 29-30, Wednesday, and Thursday, Aug. 4 and 5, at 1 p.m., as announced by Mr. Carol Wainwright, principal.

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.

Students report to school at Cameron Elementary on Wednesday, Aug. 11.

says this often happens because local districts cite inflation and other increases in operational costs as the need for keeping the additional money.

The Assessor's office estimates the increase in taxable property parishwide to be around \$6,000,000.

#### OTHER MATTERS

In other matters, the Jury heard from Kevin Boudreaux, Gravity Drainage District #6, regarding high water levels in the eastern part of the parish. He asked the Jury's assistance with getting the standard water levels lowered and providing more exit structures so that high water from the north can escape to the Gulf more quickly.

Jurors will decide on changes to employee health insurance at their regular meeting on Monday. They expressed a desire not to increase premiums, if possible.

Julie Benoit, Economic Development Director, reporting on her first two weeks of work, said she has already contacted Sempra and Cheniere energy, who are planning new LNG facilities in Cameron Parish. Sempra's facility, which will be called Cameron LNG, is set to begin construction in November. Up to 700 workers will be involved in the project.

Benoit reported that she is working with the Hackberry community to gear up for the influx, to try to provide for housing and meals. Transportation along Hwy. 27 is also a concern.

Penny Trahan, manager of the Johnson Bayou Library, spoke to the Jury about the need to support the libraries. She said businesses often contact her branch asking for information about the parish.

She asked the Jury to "use your libraries - don't paralyze us and cut us back - when it comes up for a vote, let the people make the decision."

### Cranberries - your kidney's best friend

Here are some quick and easy ways to enjoy cranberries twice a day:

- Blend cranberry juice cocktail with low-fat fruit yogurt and fresh or frozen fruit for a healthy smoothie any day of.

- Fill half a water bottle with water and freeze overnight. The next morning, fill the rest with low calorie cranberry raspberry juice drink for a cool, refreshing drink to enjoy all day.

- Enjoy a refreshing bubbly "mocktail" containing cranberry juice cocktail mixed with seltzer.

- Make light, refreshing popsicles with low-calorie cranberry juice cocktail for a healthy after-dinner treat.

## Library given proposals on Grand Chenier building

Calzada reported on a problem which has developed with the foundation of the Grand Lake Library. Due to the weight of books and the softness of the soil at the site, subsidence is occurring causing the building to become unlevel.

The possibility of repairing and reinforcing the building has been considered. Another possibility could be purchasing land nearby that would be less wet and would have room to add a meeting room.

Branch managers from around the parish gave their semi-annual reports, and each noted the need in their communities for meeting rooms for children's programs, business use, and community use. They said their communities were very grateful for the extended hours in place for the summer and hoped they would continue.

The Board deferred a decision on increasing branch hours permanently and adjusting branch salaries until a committee investigates the budget impact.

The question of mileage paid to library employees when they must use their personal vehicles for library business was raised. One suggestion was to purchase another vehicle for use when the library van is occupied on deliveries. Calzada said it was a matter of liability not to have personal vehicles used for library business. Sellers expressed concern about parking for the vehicle, since the Library has only a few spaces available and already has two vehicles to park. The board voted to go ahead and pursue purchasing a vehicle, which would be mostly used for travel to branches and conferences. The matter will be on the Police Jury agenda Monday.

The Board voted to change its regular meeting date to the 3rd Tuesday of each month in order to meet before the Police Jury's agenda meeting. The time remains 4:00pm.

The Board also voted to allow the Library to hold a book sale later this year to reduce the volume of old materials which have been weeded from the shelves. A recent opinion from the Attorney General's office set out the guidelines for holding such a sale. Details will be advertised when they are available.

Education is the leading of human souls to what is best, and making what is best out of them.

-John Ruskin

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Call Plan Unlimited (Primary Line)	\$23.95	\$25.95
Call Plan Unlimited with 3 Feature Package Enhanced	\$29.95	\$30.95
Custom Features/Other Charges	Present	New
Call Forwarding Busy	\$1.00	\$1.20
Call Forwarding - Busy Line/Don't Answer	\$2.00	\$2.40
Call Forwarding Preferred	\$4.00	\$4.80
Call Forwarding Ring No Answer	\$1.00	\$1.20
Call Forwarding Remote Access	\$6.00	\$7.00
Call Forwarding Variable	\$4.00	\$4.80
Call Return	\$5.00	\$6.00
Call Screening	\$4.00	\$4.80
Call Trace	\$4.00	\$4.80
Call Waiting	\$5.50	\$6.00
Call Waiting - Deluxe	\$6.50	\$7.00
Call Waiting - Deluxe w/Call Forward No Answer	\$6.50	\$7.00
Customer Control of Call Forwarding Busy	\$3.00	\$3.50
Customer Control of Call Forwarding No Answer	\$3.00	\$3.50
Repeat Dialing	\$4.00	\$4.80
Speed Dialing (30)	\$4.50	\$5.00
Speed Dialing (8)	\$4.00	\$4.50
Three Way Calling	\$5.00	\$6.00
Directory Listing - Additional	\$1.25	\$1.50
Directory Listing - Non-Listed	\$1.95	\$2.30
Directory Listing - Non Published	\$4.00	\$4.50
Local Directory Assistance (Per Call)	\$0.44	\$0.85

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## GARAGE SALE

GRAND LAKE - St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church annual garage sale, indoor shopping; great prices; lots of everything. Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31. Starts at 6 a.m. both days. 7/29p.

BIG CLEARANCE Sale, Sat., July 31st, 6 a.m. til noon. All clothes 25¢ each. Faith Share Outreach, 1827 Hwy. 27, Grand Lake. Building with the red doors, east of Grand Lake School, Rain or shine. 7/22-29p.

## HELP WANTED

TWO PART-Time positions available with juvenile services program providing monitoring and mentoring to youth on probation in Cameron Parish. Position one requires bachelor's degree and two years experience working with at-risk youth. Position two requires a high school diploma and one year experience working with at-risk youth. Both positions require reliable transportation, a valid driver's license, home phone and flexible work schedule. Good written and verbal communication skills necessary. Send resume to: Trackers Program, 715 Ryan St., Ste. 202, Lake Charles, La. 70601 by Wednesday, August 11, 2004. 7/22-8/5p.

CARING PERSON needed to provide Personal Care for special needs client in Cameron. M-F/ 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. \$7 per hour. Call Rae at 494-0004. 7/15-22p.

SECURITY OFFICERS needed in the Cameron Area. Please contact the office at 1-800-759-3660. 7/8-29p.

## FOR SALE

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

## FOR RENT

ATTENTION WORKERS: Beach camp for rent in Holly Beach. Monthly rates available. 337-515-7580 or 337-515-9184. 7/15-8/5

HOUSE FOR Rent: Fully furnished, by day or weekend, 112 N. Mhire Road, Grand Chenier, 337-775-5119. 7/1-9/30p.

## WORK WANTED

4T'S LAWN Service, LLC. Free Estimates! Mowing, weed eating, pruning. David Trahan, owner. 542-4605. 7/29-10/28p.

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## NOTICES

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## CARDS OF THANKS

THE FAMILY of Mrs. Billie Mock would like to take a moment to send a heartfelt thanks to our many friends and relatives who offered comfort during our loss. We greatly appreciate all of you who sent food, flowers, donations, prayers and words of sympathy. Thank You Father Melancon for the Inspirational Rosary and Mass, Terry Beard for the beautiful vocals, Hixson Funeral Home and South Cameron Memorial Hospital, Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept., South Cameron Memorial Ambulance Service and the Cameron Parish First Responders for your help and comfort during her illness. We would also like to thank M/M Ronald Gaspard Sr., M/M Donald Pugh, M/M Ira Rodriguez and M/M James Trahan and fly. It is really difficult to thank each and everyone who helped our family through this difficult time. Our family has been truly blessed to have so many wonderful friends and relatives.

God Bless You All,

Frank Mock Sr., Frankie Mock Jr. and fly, Terry Mock and fly, James Mock and fly, Jerry Mock and fly, Velma Mock and fly, Shirley Perry and fly.

## Legal issues discussed at Library Board meeting

The Cameron Parish Library Board held a special meeting on July 21 at 4 p.m. to hear from Tom Barrett, Assistant DA on several matters. Barrett could not attend the regular meeting due to a conflict.

Barrett advised the Board that the Attorney General had issued an opinion regarding the sale of used or surplus books and other media which stated that as along as the sale is properly advertised a sale may be held. Further, items not sold can be discarded. It was suggested that a list of all items sold be kept for records.

The Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. When it returned the board explained that on consultation with the District Attorney's office and the Legislative Auditor, Grover Austin, a policy could be adopted concerning compensatory time for the Library Director.

The policy adopted states

## Educational cooking

(NAPSA)-Parents can help their child learn the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic by mixing a little learning into everyday activities. Even baking cookies can be a learning experience.

Dr. Andrea Pastorok, education specialist with Kumon Math and Reading Centers, offers the following ideas to make your time together in the kitchen fun and educational:

• Reading Comprehension: Reading comprehension is essential for understanding schoolwork and is crucial when following recipes. Research recipes with your child by reading through cookbooks or surfing the Internet; this will give you an opportunity to read aloud together, as well as introduce project-planning skills.

• Writing: Have your child write out a shopping list of ingredients to practice letter-writing skills.

• Addition/Subtraction: While you're at the grocery store, you can reinforce number knowledge by comparison shopping for items. At the cash register, give your child coupons to redeem and help him or her calculate the savings.

• Measurements: Assemble the ingredients and measuring utensils with your child. Together, you can measure the ingredients to learn about fractions and units of measurement.

• Time: While your cookies bake, encourage your child to keep track of the time by periodically checking a clock or watch; this will reinforce time-telling skills.

Cooking together with your child is an enjoyable way for him or her to learn new skills and you'll both have some yummy treats to enjoy.

Here's a tasty recipe you may want to try for a first project. It's simple and delicious.

### Peanut Butter Cookies (Yields 2 dozen)

1 cup peanut butter  
1 cup sugar  
1 egg

chocolate chips (optional)

Mix all of the ingredients in a large bowl. Roll dough into small, walnut-sized balls. Press a few chocolate chips in the center of each cookie ball. Bake at 350°F for 11 minutes. Allow cookies to cool and enjoy.

policies and procedures of the Police Jury.

Board President Cyndi Sellers reported that in her conversation with Grover Austin, the Legislative Auditor stated that Article 7 of the State Constitution regarding donations of public funds does not apply to compensation. He also stated that it is the responsibility of the Library Board of Control to set the Director's compensation, according to law.

A copy of this policy will be forwarded to the parish auditor for review.

## CAMERON FOOD MART

Community Coffee.....LB. \$3.59

Grade A Large Eggs.....Doz. 79¢

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Coke, Dr. Pepper, or Sprite  
Reg. or Diet.....12/12 Oz. \$3.45  
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Milwaukee Best or  
Best Light.....12/12 Oz. \$5.49

Pict Sweet Season Blend.....10 Oz. 99¢

Pillsbury Grand Biscuits All Flavors.....89¢

Parkay Soft Spread.....48 Oz. \$1.79

Dole Orange Juice.....64 Oz. Ctn. \$1.59

Blue Plate Mayonnaise.....32 Oz. \$2.69

DelMonte Catsup.....24 Oz. 79¢

Kraft Barbecue Sauce.....14 Oz. 89¢

All Flavors (Reg. \$1.59).....18 Oz. 89¢

Rotel Tomatoes W/Chilies.....10 Oz. 79¢

Parade Corn, Green Beans, Sweet Peas,  
Carrots, Beets, Mix Veg., Potatoes or  
Asst. Greens.....14 Oz. 279¢

Parade A/P or S/R Flour.....5 lb. 89¢

Cheerios, Honey Nut Cheerios, Cinnamon  
Toast Crunch, Lucky Charms or Cookie  
Crisp Cereal.....2/4.00

Parade Vegetable Oil.....Gal. \$4.44

Ziploc Quart or Gallon  
Freezer Bags.....15-28 Ct. \$1.79

Scott Towels.....8 Roll Pkg. \$4.99

Regular Ground Meat.....Lb. \$1.39

Sliced Turkey Breast.....Lb. \$2.19

#1 Ribeye Rack (cut Your Choice).....Lb. \$6.29

Beef Short Ribs.....Lb. \$2.19

## Miller Livestock Markets, Inc.

### Market Report

DeQuincy (Saturday) July 24: Livestock

Receipts: Cattle 899. Horses 3 Hogs 29.  
Sheep 71 and Goats 109. BABY CALVES:

Dairy 750-1250 per HD. Beef 150-225 per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.75-2.00 per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES:

200-300 lb. Steers: 1.35-1.70 per lb., Heifers: 1.35-1.55 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.50 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.40 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.20-1.40 per lb., Heifers: 1.10-1.35 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.00-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.10 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .87-1.00 per lb., Heifer: .85-.90 per lb. CATTLE: Cutler & Utility: .53-.60 per lb.; Canners: .43-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: .49-.52 per lb.; Thin Cows: .30-.38 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .59-.70 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .78-.88 per lb.

COW/CALF PAIRS: 700-1150 per pair.

PREGNANCY TESTED COWS: 625-950 per HD.

HOGS: Choice Barrows & Gilts: .50-.55; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .38-.43; Butcher Pigs: .48-.58; Feeder Pigs: .55-.65; Sows 300-500 lbs.: .28-.34 per lb.; Boars: .10-.17 per lb. HORSES: .32-.45 per lb.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Lower Cameron Hospital Service District until 10:00 a.m., Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 5360 West Creole Highway, Cameron, LA for the sale of the following:

One (1) Xerox copier model PA-1, Serial #00296543

One (1) Lanier copier model 6550AG, Serial #HF110138

One (1) Lanier copier model 6755AG, Serial #LJ412325

One (1) Xerox copier, Serial #010231221

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained at the administration office of South Cameron Memorial Hospital during normal business hours. Minimum bid accepted will be \$40.00. Bid items are sold as is, where is.

Rick Merchant, Chairman

RUN: Jul. 15, 22, 29 (JU 23)

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted on June 30, 2004, by the Hon. James R. Savoie, Sheriff of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "Sheriff"), and ex officio Chief Executive Officer of the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "District"), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish of Cameron on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**, and that at the said election there will be submitted to all registered voters in Cameron Parish who are qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution of the United States, the following proposition, to-wit:

#### MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO LEVY A 5 YEAR 8-MILLS TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONTINUED FUNDING FOR THE DISTRICT FOR SALARY OBLIGATIONS AND NORMAL OPERATING EXPENSE.**

Shall the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy an eight (8) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in said District for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the year 2005 and ending with the year 2009, for the purpose of providing continued funding for the District for salary obligations and normal operating expense?

#### MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSITION

**SUMMARY: AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE TO LEVY A 5 YEAR 2-MILLS TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR INCREASED OPERATING COSTS.**

Shall the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana (the "District"), be authorized to continue to levy a two (2) mills tax on all the property subject to taxation in said District for a period of five (5) years, beginning with the year 2005 and ending with the year 2009, for the purpose of providing for increased operating costs?

The said special election will be held at the following polling places situated within said Parish, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m., and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in accordance with the provisions of La. R.S. 18:541, to-wit:

#### POLLING PLACES

Ward, Precinct, Location; 00, 01, Multi Purpose Bldg, 5556 Gulf Beach Hwy, Johnson Bayou;

00, 02, Police Jury Building, 110 Smith Cir, Cameron; 00, 03, Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Ln, Hackberry;

00, 04, Hackberry Recreation Center, 1250 Recreation Center Ln, Hackberry;

00, 05, Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Ln, Grand Lake;

00, 08, Lowry Fire Station, 460 Lowry Hwy, Lowry;

00, 09, Klondyke Community Center, 434 Veteran's Memorial Dr, Klondyke;

00, 12, Fire Station-E Creole/Muria, 129 Muria Rd, Creole;

00, 13, Creole Fire Station, 184-B East Creole Hwy, Creole;

00, 14, Cameron Par Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron;

00, 15, Cameron Par Police Jury Annex, 110 Smith Circle, Cameron;

00, 16, Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Center Ln, Grand Lake;

00, 17, Grand Chenier Fire Station, 4011 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier.

The polling places set forth above are hereby designated as the polling places at which to hold the said election, and the Commissioners-in-Charge and Commissioners, respectively, shall be those persons designated according to law.

The said special election will be held in accordance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 5, Chapter 6-A and Chapter 6-B of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority, and the officers appointed to hold the said election, as provided in this Notice of Special Election, or such substitutes therefor as may be selected and designated in accordance with La. R.S. 18:1287, will make due returns thereof to the Sheriff, and NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Sheriff will conduct a meeting of the District at its regular meeting place, the Sheriff's Office, Cameron Parish Courthouse, Cameron, Louisiana, on **MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004** at **TEN (10:00) O'CLOCK A.M.**, and shall then and there in open and public session proceed to

examine and canvass the returns and declare the result of the said special election. All registered voters in Cameron Parish will be entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Cameron, Louisiana, on this, the 30th day of June, 2004.

/s/ James R. Savoie

Sheriff and Chief Executive Officer of the Law Enforcement District of the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana

RUN: July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5 (JU 28)

### NOTICE

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center will be accepting bids on the items listed below. All items are out of the Johnson Bayou Community Center and accepted AS IS. Items may be viewed at the Community Center on August 2 @ 10:00 a.m. Sealed bids are to be dropped off or mailed to the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center 135 Berwick Road Cameron, LA 70631 and must be received by August 9, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. Successful bidder(s) will be notified and have 1 week from board meeting to remove item(s) from the property. (Date of meeting to be announced).

Please notify Stacey Badon @ 569-2699 or 569-2288 if you plan to be there for viewing.

1. Metal siding off of building.

2. Window

3. Fluorescent light 2x4

RUN: July 15, 22, 29, Aug. 5 (JU 28)

### NOTICE FOR BIDS

Acting under the authority of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, the Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids for the leasing of all surface rights including the rights of range, trapping, hunting, fishing, and farming, on the following described lands:

**SECTION; TOWNSHIP; RANGE - DESCRIPTION**

16-15-14 - Nine (9) miles East of Texas line and one (1) mile North of Gulf of Mexico along Hwy. 82 in Johnson Bayou, excluding 20 acres under separate lease.

16-14-12; Seven (7) miles West of the Southwest Corner of Calcasieu Lake within boundaries of Sabine Refuge; adjacent to Starks Canal.

(A description map may be seen in the School Board Office during normal working hours.)

All bids must be sealed; the envelope marked "Bid - Section 16, Township , Range " and may be forwarded through the U.S. Mail to the Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631. Bidder must offer an annual rental of not less than \$2.00 per acre for a lease with a primary term of five years to end July 31st, 2009. Annual renewal rentals will be due each year by July 31st, in order to continue the lease in effect. Cash payment or a certified or cashier's check, or teller's check, or an official check issued by a bank in favor of the Cameron Parish School Board for the amount of the annual rental for the first year shall accompany and be deposited with the bid (no checks other than types noted above are acceptable) and the rental thus deposited shall be forfeited to the Board as liquidated damages if the successful bidder fails to enter into written contract in accordance with his bid within ten (10) days after acceptance by the Board.

16-14-5; 3 years; Located in Little Chenier area; 1/2 mile West of Mermant River along Little Chenier Highway.

16-14-6; 3 years; Located North of Creole Ridge; 7 miles East of Creole Inter-Section.

16-14-8; 1 year; 3 miles East of Southeast Corner of Calcasieu Lake in the Boundaries of Sabine Refuge.

16-15-5; 1 year; Located in Grand Chenier area; bordered on the North by La. Highway 82; 561.21 acres.

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NOTE: Leaseholders on listed sections have until July 31, 2004 to renew the lease. If annual rental payment is received prior to this date the bids on these sections will be returned unopened.

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The bid submitted must include the following information: Name of Bidder, Address of Bidder, Phone Number of Bidder.

If farming rights are utilized, bidder may offer annual rental plus a fractional part of not less than one-sixth (1/6) of any and all crops produced and saved during the year. The value of the one-sixth (1/6) share shall not be considered in the awarding of the lease unless the bidder guarantees a specific amount which shall be added to and accompany the bid. Should the one-sixth (1/6) share not be considered in the awarding of the lease unless the bidder guarantees a specific amount which shall be added to and accompany the bid. Such assignment, sublease or transfer of said lease shall be subject to terms and conditions as may be deemed proper by the lessor. Terms and conditions for subleasing may be obtained by contacting the Cameron Parish School Board land manager.

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The Cameron Parish School Board does not warrant or provide ingress or egress to the leased premises. Ingress and egress is the sole responsibility of lessee.

Bids will be received until the hour of 4 p.m., August 9, 2004, at which time all bids received will be opened and considered in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana.

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

BY:

Douglas L. Chance, Superintendent CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

RUN: July 22, 29, Aug. 5 (JU 49)

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The said lease will be received until the hour of 4 p.m., August 9, 2004, at which time all bids received will be opened and considered in public session of the Cameron Parish School Board in Cameron, Louisiana.

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

BY:

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## Sempra tells Port Arthur, Tex. plans

By DAN WALLACE

(The Beaumont  
Enterprise)

Sempra Energy LNG, the third entrant in a regional drive toward creating receiving terminals for liquefied natural gas in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, introduced itself to residents Tuesday at an open house in Port Arthur.

Sempra's project, called Port Arthur LNG, would be built on 3,000 acres of land the San Diego, Calif., company owns south of the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge west of Texas Highway 87 leading toward Sabine Pass.

Sempra Energy LNG president Darcel Hulse said the company has owned the land since 1989 when it acquired a company called Sabine Oil and sold off the producing acreage and kept the nonproducing acreage.

"In 1989, no one was thinking about LNG," Hulse said at the open house in the Carl A. Parker Multipurpose Center on the campus of Lamar State College-Port Arthur.

In the mid-1980s, the federal government deregulated natural gas prices, bringing record lows for the commodity.

All of the existing LNG terminals had been built beforehand and most were mothballed after deregulation, Hulse said.

Prices in recent years have surged to record highs of about \$6 per thousand cubic feet. Hulse said a receiving terminal could make money by importing liquefied natural gas at prices between \$3.50 and \$4 per thousand cubic feet.

Sempra's proposed project would cost \$600 million to develop with construction expected to begin in 2006. The terminal could begin operations in 2009. Sempra notified the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in April of its intent to seek a permit for it.

Sempra already has permit authorization from the agency to build a \$700 million terminal in Hackberry, La., south of Lake Charles.

Two other companies intend to seek permit authorization for LNG terminals along the Sabine-Neches Ship Channel.

Houston-based Cheniere Energy already submitted its application for a permit in December. Its site is in Cameron Parish, La., south of Louisiana 82, the causeway connecting to Pleasure Island.

ExxonMobil Corp. has filed its notice of intent to seek a permit to build a terminal south of Sempra's site, west of the Sabine-Neches channel and the southern tip of Pleasure Island.

Hulse said he believes the United States, which consumes 60 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas, will need to import at least an additional 10 billion cubic feet per day.

Hulse said manufacturers depend on a stable and plentiful supply of gas would move abroad to be closer to the fuel's source.

Hulse said LNG's safety record is excellent.

"For 35 years, ships have carried more than 30,000 cargoes over distances of more than 60 million miles, and there hasn't been one lost yet," Hules said. "LNG in liquid form is not explosive. It's not stored under pressure, and the ignition temperature is much higher than gasoline or diesel."

Hulse said the Sabine-Neches Ship Channel is a good site for LNG terminals because the area is not as congested as other ports in the country.

The Port Arthur terminal would have room to receive 1.5 billion cubic feet per day, but could expand to receive 3 billion cubic feet per day, Hules said.

Cheniere's Cameron terminal's capacity would be 1.5 billion cubic feet per day when it is completed.

ExxonMobil's terminal would have an initial capacity of 1 billion cubic feet per day with expansion available to 2 billion cubic feet per day.

## Running events slated to support our troops

Operation Pelican Pride and Lake Area Runners will host a 5K Run/Walk & 1-Mile Fun Run with proceeds being used to fund care packages for local troops arriving in Iraq. The run begins at 8 a.m. on

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

By virtue of and in conformity with the provisions of Sub-part A of Chapter 2, Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other applicable laws, sealed bids will be received in the Office of Mineral Resources, LaSalle Office Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana (P.O. Box 2827, Baton Rouge, LA 70821) on or before 12:00 noon on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 for a lease to explore, drill for and produce oil, gas and any other liquid or gaseous minerals in solution and produced with oil or gas on the following described tracts ("Tract Nos. 36570 through 36718, inclusive") to be opened publicly on Wednesday, September 8, 2004 in the LaSalle Office Building, 617 N. 3rd Street, Capitol Complex, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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

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

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

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

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Under rules promulgated by the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with authority granted by Act 13 of the First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1988, a fee equal to ten percent (10%) of the Cash Payment bonus bid is required to be submitted by separate check, either accompanied by the original bid (inside the sealed bid envelope) or mailed to the Office of Mineral Resources for receipt within ten (10) days after the bid is accepted and the lease is awarded. Bidders may use a regular check for the 10% fee. The successful bidder will not receive the lease executed by the State Mineral Board until the fee is received.

If the fee check accompanies the bid in the sealed envelope and the bidder is unsuccessful, both the fee check and the Cash Payment bonus check will be returned to the unsuccessful bidder.

The successful bidder to whom the lease is awarded who receives the written lease executed by the State Mineral Board shall return the written lease, duly executed by Lessee (all of named Lessees on the lease instrument), within TWENTY (20) DAYS of receipt of same under penalty for failure to do so of forfeiture of the lease, including the Cash Payment bonus and fee tendered and negotiated.

Bids may be for the whole or any particularly described portion of the land advertised, but consistent with Mineral Board policy. All bidders are hereby notified that bids on portions of tracts shall be described by metes and bounds and be accompanied by a transparent plat outlining thereon the portion bid upon. The scale of the transparent plat shall be the same as the scale of the OFFICIAL PLAT (NOT THE F & A PLAT) CONTAINED HEREIN and should identify the Point of Beginning with X and Y coordinates (if applicable) the Section, Township and Range, the Block No. (if offshore), the Parish, any adjacent existing State Mineral Leases, and, further, should clearly show the entire tract boundaries in relationship to the portion bid upon. It shall also show the Topographic features (Land and Water) of the area in detail similar to the Official Plat contained herein. Failure to follow these guidelines in submitting a portion bid may result in outright rejection of the portion bid by the State Mineral Board at its sole discretion.

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

August 7 at the Lake Charles Civic Center. First and second place awards will be presented for male & female ages 0-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, over 60, and Overall Winners.

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

The descriptions of Tract Nos. 36570 through 36718, inclusive will be published in Baton Rouge on July 21, 2004 in "The Advocate", which is the Official Journal of the State of Louisiana and also in the Official Journal of the Parishes in which the property is located.

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

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

**OFFSHORE TRACT (Tract Nos. 36570 through 36589 inclusive, herein)** are the tracts which lie seaward of the Louisiana shoreline, as hereinafter defined, but landward of the survey line lying three nautical miles from the Louisiana shoreline, all as determined by the Report of the Special Master in the litigation in the Supreme Court of the United States styled United States v. State of Louisiana, et al. No. 9 Original and set out in the June 1975, Decree of the said Supreme Court. All bids on offshore tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding five (5) years for an offshore tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to five (5) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

**TRACT 36570 - Portion of Block 11, West Cameron Area, Revised, Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

The beds and bottoms of all water bodies belonging to the State of Louisiana located in that portion of Block 11, West Cameron Area, Revised, together with any present lands formed by accretion to the shoreline, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and not presently under mineral lease on September 8, 2004, the geographical area of which is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 11, West Cameron Area, Revised, having Coordinates of X = 1,288,145.38 and Y = 403,746.45, thence South 25°57'45" feet along the East line of said Block 11 to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,288,145.38 and Y = 403,467.00, thence Northeast on a straight line to a point beginning, containing approximately 111.90 acres, as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on the Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone).

**TRACT 36571 - Portion of Block 11, West Cameron Area, Revised, Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

The beds and bottoms of all water bodies

Registration fees include a T-shirt and will apply as follows: \$10 kids (under 18); \$15 (preregistered); \$20 (on race day)

Applications can be obtained at any of the following locations: Athletes Corner, Dynamic Dimensions, GiGi's (both locations), LA Fitness, YMCA, and the Lake Area Runners Web Page at www.cox-inter-

net.com/lakearearunners/

For more information concerning this event, contact Kenya Artis at 337-478-9650; 337-274-4458 or email: KArtis83@aol.com

Operation Pelican Pride is a non-profit organization founded in support of local military personnel who have been deployed overseas to supplement peace keeping efforts and combat opera-

tions.

Our organization is made up of retired military personnel, members of local law enforcement agencies, military family members and concerned citizens.

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Supreme Court. All bids on inland tracts cannot specify a lease primary term exceeding three (3) years. Bids that specify a primary term exceeding three (3) years for an inland tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to three (3) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

**TRACT 36658 - Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

All of the lands now or formerly constituting the beds and bottoms of all water bodies of every nature and description the title of which vests in the State of Louisiana, together with all islands arising therein and other lands formed by accretion or by reliction, where allowed by law, excepting tax adjudicated lands, and not presently under mineral lease on September 8, 2004, situated in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a point having Coordinates of X = 1,288,145.38 and Y = 403,746.45, thence Northeast on a straight line to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,291,413.00 and Y = 404,205.00, thence North 00° 00' 00" minutes 00 seconds East 560.34 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,291,413.00 and Y = 404,765.34, thence South 81 degrees 49 minutes 09 seconds West 567.74 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,290,842.13 and Y = 404,683.27, thence South 84 degrees 28 minutes 57 seconds West 762.03 feet having Coordinates of X = 1,290,083.63 and Y = 404,610.00, thence South 79 degrees 27 minutes 53 seconds West 1,524.90 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,288,584.44 and Y = 404,331.19, thence South 80 degrees 39 minutes 33.1 seconds West 445.44 feet to a point having Coordinates of X = 1,288,145.38 and Y = 404,258.97, thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 512.52 feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately 41.75 acres, all as more particularly outlined on a plat on file in the Office of Mineral Resources, Department of Natural Resources. All bearings, distances and coordinates are based on the Louisiana Coordinate System of 1927, (North or South Zone).

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

**NOTE:** The State of Louisiana does hereby reserve, and this lease shall be subject to, the imprescriptible right of surface use in the nature of a servitude in favor of the Department of Natural Resources, including its Offices and Commissions, for the sole purpose of implementing, constructing, servicing and maintaining approved coastal zone management and/or restoration projects. Utilization of any and all rights derived under this lease by the mineral lessee, its agents, successors or assigns, shall not interfere with nor hinder the reasonable surface use by the Department of Natural Resources, its Offices or Commissions, as herein above reserved.

**TRACT 366574 - Portion of Block 33, West Cameron Area, Revised, Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

The beds and bottoms of all water bodies belonging to the State of Louisiana located in that portion of Block 33, West Cameron Area, Revised, together with any present lands formed by accretion to the shoreline, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and not presently under mineral lease on September 8, 2004, the geographical area of which is more fully described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block 33, West Cameron Area, Revised, having Coordinates of X = 1,450,483.90 and Y = 379,032.19, thence East 14,755.05 feet on the North line of said Block 33 to a point on the East line of said Block 33 having Coordinates of X = 1,456,241.95 and Y = 379,032.19, thence South 2,624.14 feet on the East line of said Block 33 to a point on the Northern boundary of State Lease No. 16473 having Coordinates of X = 1,456,241.95 and Y = 378,408.05; thence the Southern boundary of said State Lease No. 16473 the following courses: Beginning at a point on the West line of Block 32, West Cameron Area, Revised, having Coordinates of X = 1,449,191.95 and Y = 386,817.19, thence East 16,050.00 feet to a point on the East line of said Block 32 having Coordinates of X = 1,449,191.95 and Y = 385,817.19, thence South 6,785.00 feet on the East line of said Block 32 to the point of beginning, containing approximately 5 (5) years. Bids that specify a primary term exceeding five (5) years for an offshore tract may be rejected outright or the primary term changed to five (5) years at the sole discretion of the State Mineral Board.

**TRACT 366572 - Portion of Block 32, West Cameron Area, Revised, Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

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**TRACT 366571 - Portion of Block 32, West Cameron Area, Revised, Cameron Parish, Louisiana**

The beds and bottoms of all water bodies belonging to the State of Louisiana located in that portion of Block 32, West Cameron Area, Revised, together with any present lands formed by accretion to the shoreline, located in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and not presently under mineral lease on September 8, 20