

Steve Racca

Racca is candidate for Jury

Steve Racca, retired Agriscience/Agribusiness teacher with 36 years at Hackberry High School, has announced that he will be a candidate for police jury in the October election.

He has resided in Hackberry for 37 years. He is a graduate of USL with a B. S. in Agriscience/Agribusiness Education in 1970. He has also earned PIPS.

He is married to the former Donette Woodruff from Jennings. He has two sons and two step-daughters and 11 grandchildren.

He has served as President of Cameron Association of Educators, President of Louisiana High School Rodeo, LSU Livestock Advisory Board. He is presently serving as president of the Marshland Festival and serves on the board of commissioners for the Sabine River Authority.

He is a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church of Hackberry and has assisted with the church Fall Festival and the building fund.

Conference held for developers

Recently Cameron Parish Planning & Development facilitated a three day summit conference for hoteliers and waterfront developers considering investment in the Cameron community.

While the whole parish was under consideration, significant interest was demonstrated for the ship channel and other related waterfront areas that are suitable for development.

Those in attendance included officials from the parish, West Cameron Port Authority, and LSU-Ag. Also present were local landowners, and members of the development teams from Houston, Shreveport, Florida, and South Carolina.

Parish Planner and Executive Director of Planning & Development, Ernie Broussard, said, "We are continuing to look at opportunities parish-wide."



REGISTRAR OF VOTERS Suzanne Sturlese, and Asst. Registrar Michelle Richard are ready to meet voters at the temporary office located in Cameron across from the Health Unit. The state wide primary election, including local races, is set for Oct. 20. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



Carl Broussard

Broussard's re-election is sought

Carl Broussard has announced his candidacy for re-election as Clerk of Court for Cameron Parish in the Primary Election to be held Oct. 20.

Broussard a native of Cameron Parish and has lived in Grand Chenier his entire life. He is married to the former Michelle Guidry and they have two daughters, Jennifer Conner and the late Amber Nichole Broussard. They also have three grandchildren, Taylor, Malori and Drake.

He has been the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish for the past 11 years and is seeking re-election to a 4th term of office.

Broussard has been awarded certification by the Louisiana Clerks of Courts Association by fulfilling all educational and experience requirements for the Louisiana State Certification Program. He is a member of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association and serves on its scholarship committee. He previously served as a board member on the Insurance Trust.

He is a member of St. Eugene Catholic Church Parish, where he serves on the church council and its rebuilding committee.

Broussard is a 3rd degree member of Evans P. Mhire, Knights of Columbus Council 8324, a member of the Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce, a board member for the Cameron Action Agency, a member of the Cameron Lions Club, president of the Lemesche Bass Club and Cameron Parish Saltwater Fishing Festival.

Re-opening of P. O.'s sought

By CYNDI SELLERS

Grand Chenier resident Dot Theriot is spearheading an effort to get the post offices at Grand Chenier and Creole reopened. She needs more people to join the effort to put pressure on the Postal Service through legislators.

Theriot, a retired postmaster, asks anyone who wants to see the post offices reopened to call her at 538-2272.



Russell Badon

Badon seeks Police Jury position

Russell Badon, 50, of Johnson Bayou has announced that he will be a candidate for Cameron Parish Police Jury, District 1, in the Oct. 20, election. He is a lifelong resident of Cameron Parish.

Mr. Badon has served on the Police Jury in the past, also on the Chamber of Commerce board, Drainage Board and several committees to help improve the parish.

He is the father of four children, Mrs. Reesa Boudreaux, Sgt. Corey Badon, who is in the U. S. National Guard and employed in the oil and gas industry; Crystan Badon, enrolled in the Houston School of Cosmetology; and Devin Badon, a student at Johnson Bayou High School.

Mr. Badon is a member of the Church of the Assumption Catholic Church and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

Schools to open Thurs. and Friday

Classes will begin this week at four Cameron Parish Schools including a new 4-day-week schedule for Hackberry, Johnson Bayou and South Cameron Schools. Grand Lake will continue to operate on a 5-day-week schedule.

The new 4-day schedule is being tried by the School Board in an effort to secure teachers. Due to the fact that many school teachers are still displaced by Hurricane Rita, the 4-day schedule will eliminate one day of commuting.

Grand Lake school patrons opted to continue with the 5-day schedule since most of the teachers for this school were not as severely affected by the storm. Working parents cited the problem of not being home if the children were out one day a week.

Both the Cameron and South Cameron Elementary schools were destroyed by the hurricane and these students will attend South Cameron high school where all three schools have been consolidated and are being housed in temporary buildings.

Hackberry, Johnson Bayou, and South Cameron High Schools will open on Thursday, Aug. 16. Classes will be from 7:50 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. at each school.

Grand Lake school will open on Friday, Aug. 17. Classes will be from 7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Complex to open Sat.

The new South Cameron High School Sports Complex will be opened Saturday, Aug. 18 with a ribbon cutting at 10 a.m. Activities will be sponsored by Cameron Communications.

A Grand Slam softball tournament will begin at 8 a.m. There will be free food and cold drinks from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and snow cones and activities for the kids.

Kids should bring bathing suits and towels for the water slide. Seating is limited so bring a chair to get close to the action.



THE CAMERON ferry on the ship channel has been out of service for a week due to a leaky valve. Repairs may take weeks or longer and presently there is no substitute ferry available. Traffic is being detoured through Hackberry, Sulphur and Lake Charles. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Ferry is out again!

By CYNDI SELLERS

More problems have arisen for the Cameron Ferry, the only link between the east and west sides of the parish. A leaking valve in a void compartment has caused the ferry to be out of service for a week. Now it must wait for an available dry dock so that the Coast Guard can examine the hull to determine that the valve was the only problem.

In the meantime, commuters must make up to a 240 mile round trip each day to get from Cameron to the west side of the river. Business and industrial traffic faces a 120 mile detour through Lake Charles.

Port Captain Jerry Racca says the Bollinger Shipyard

in Sulphur is working hard to clear space in its facility, and hopes to be able to raise the ferry within a week. All other shipyards in the area have a waiting time of months, Racca said.

The problem was discovered last Wednesday, when a void compartment that was supposed to be dry was discovered to have at least two and a half feet of water in it. The source was traced to a valve in the interior plumbing. The Coast Guard has insisted that the entire tank be vacuum tested to make sure there is not a split in a seam that would only show up under load.

The 44 year old ferry had just returned from a year in dry-dock, and had been in ser-

vice for only two months, when the leak was discovered. Racca said the valve was not something that would have been tested at the time, since most of the scrutiny was on welded seams and the hull itself.

Complicating the problem for Cameron Parish, the replacement ferry Acadia is now in dry-dock and another possible replacement, the Ascension, is having engine problems after its overhaul. Racca said the condition of each ferry in the state is posted on the Louisiana Department of Transportation website, www.ladotd.state.la.us. As soon as there is any change in status for the Cameron ferry, it will be posted

Local port board wins one

By CYNDI SELLERS

The West Cameron Port has won another skirmish in the ongoing battle with the Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District, but the main event is about to begin.

On Aug. 2, the Federal Maritime Commission denied the appeal of the commission's previous dismissal of the Lake Charles Port's suit opposing the West Cameron Port's arrangement with Cheniere LNG.

The Lake Charles Port had claimed that West Cameron was imposing unjust and unreasonable fees "for vessels using the Calcasieu River Ship Channel." It claimed that the imposition of wharfage fees would cause a disadvantage to the Lake Charles Port and its tenants, and that the arrangement between West Cameron and Cheniere should have been filed with the Commission.

The Lake Charles Port said the West Cameron Port has "extracted" a commit-

ment from Cheniere to pay \$1,000 per vessel in wharfage fees both at Sabine Pass and at the future Creole Trail facility. According to court documents, the LCHTD compared West Cameron to the "legendary toll takers who stretched a chain across the Rhine River to force vessels to pay tolls while not providing any benefits to the boats."

West Cameron countered that the agreement with Cheniere was proposed by Cheniere, there was no "extraction." Secondly, state law would prohibit any fees being charged to vessels bound upriver to Lake Charles, so there is no threat to that port or its tenants. And thirdly, that the Commission has no jurisdic-

tion under the Shipping Act over the agreement, because the West Cameron Port district does not operate a marine terminal as defined by that Act.

The appeals board upheld the Administrative Law Judge's previous ruling that the West Cameron Port is not a marine terminal operator. It agreed that the agreements were not shown to be "an exercise of any ability of WC to control access to private terminal facilities, but rather that they are discrete transactions that are mutually beneficial." The LCHTD also failed to show that any of its clients were hurt by the agreements. "No evidence has been presented of such a toll

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FEMA waiver will help parish agencies rebuild

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Louisiana Insurance Commissioner has signed a waiver for public agencies who are rebuilding with FEMA funds. FEMA was requiring full replacement cost coverage for each building, both flood and fire/wind. The high price of the extra flood insurance would have cost the South Cameron Hospital, for instance, over a million dollars a year, which it couldn't possibly afford.

The penalty for not carrying the extra insurance would be no replacement after future storms.

The State Insurance Commissioner has the right to issue a waiver, and he has done so for all public agencies, setting a percentage of operating budget for all insurance costs. Once the agency has bought full wind/fire coverage and at least the \$500,000 flood coverage, it only needs to buy enough additional coverage to meet that percentage.

The percentage amount is per agency, not per building, which should be welcome news for the Police Jury and the School Board as well, since they are replacing multiple buildings.

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"LE PHARE - La Lumiere Apres L'Orage" (The Lighthouse - The Light After the Storm), is the name of this new beach house under construction at Holly Beach. It is one of several large residences beginning to replace some of the lost structures in the resort community. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funeral

EDWARD J. LARIA

Edward Joseph Laria, 78, died Tuesday, Aug. 14, 2007, in a local hospital.

He was a native of Brooklyn, New York and had lived in Louisiana since 1980 coming from Tennessee. He retired from the U. S. Army as a Platoon Sergeant after 24 years of service and had served during World War II, the Korean War, and Vietnam.

Survivors include four daughters, Victoria Laria of Phoenix, Ariz., Theresa Laria Strode and husband, Jeff of Atlanta, Ga., Erica Laria Waters and husband, Joshua of Johnson Bayou, and Adrienne Laria Jinks and husband, Mark of Johnson Bayou; one son, Edward J. Laria, III of Ore.; his daughter-in-law, Tracy Erbeling of Johnson Bayou; and nine grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his son, Joseph James Laria.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 17, in Hixson-Sulphur Memorial Funeral Home. The Rev. Roland Vaughn will officiate. Visitation will be 9 a.m. until the time of service in the funeral home.

Memorial books told by Library

The following memorial books have been donated to the Cameron Parish Library. Honorees, donors and book titles are listed in that order:

Darrell "Fats" Dupont, Henry McCall, The Fish and Seafood Cookbook; Burl LaBove, Oscar and Peggy Reyes, Pirate's Pantry; Roberta Rogers, Oscar and Peggy Reyes, Quilts Sold; Dorothy L. Talbert, the Swire Family, The Audubon Backyard Birdwatcher;

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Cameron Pilot, Aug. 15, 1974 PLAN FOR REAPPORTIONMENT

After a month of intensive study and debate the Cameron Parish Police Jury Wednesday came up with a plan for reapportionment of the parish that met with the approval of all six jurors.

Under the plan approved Wednesday, the parish would be reapportioned as follows:

Ward 6 (Hackberry) would remain the same as it is now.

Ward 4 (Grand Lake-Sweetlake) would remain the same, but also would take in the northern part of Ward 1 (the Lowery and Klondike areas).

Ward 2 (Grand Chenier) would remain the same, but also would take in the southern part of Ward 1 (the Cow Island area).

Ward 3 (Cameron and Creole) would be combined with Ward 5 (Holly Beach and Johnson Bayou) into one district with three members to be elected as follows: two from Ward 3 and one from Ward 5.

Jury officials said the new 4-district, 6-member plan was a compromise among the present police jurors.

Although the members all agreed on the 6-man plan, two other plans were agreed on as second and third choices in cases the first is not acceptable to the judge.

NATURE TRAIL

A proposal that a nature trail be set up in Cameron Parish to attract tourists to the area met with favorable response at a Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting recently.

The idea was advanced by a delegation representing the Lake Charles-West Calcasieu Tourist Commission.

The trail will loop through the parish with signs along the way calling attention to such attractions as alligators, egrets, fur-bearing animals, etc. It was suggested that it be called the Jean LaFitte Nature Trail.

ROUNDBOUT THE PARISH

Gilda Bargeman received a bachelor of arts degree in Social Welfare at Grambling College Aug. 1. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rapheal Bargeman of Cameron.

Robert O. Tarter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Tarter of Creole, is attending a U. S. Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps field training encampment at Laughlin AFB, Tex., near Del Rio. The cadet is a student at Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

Mrs. Sono Savoie of Creole won the raffle on a color TV set and Mrs. Percy Doucet, Sr., of Lake Charles won the rice cooker Saturday night at the benefit dance for the Billy Bertrand family held at the WOW Camp in Creole.



Louise Cole



Ernest L. Johnson

State NAACP president to speak at Cameron event

Members of the Cameron Parish Branch of the NAACP will celebrate the 29th anniversary its founding a Pageant of Praise to be held at the Martin Luther King Center, 2008 N. Simmons St., Lake Charles Saturday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m.

The event is being held outside the parish as many of the parish residents are still displaced and meeting facilities are unavailable due to Hurricane Rita.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Ernest Johnson, state NAACP president and a member of the NAACP national board of directors.

Dr. Johnson, who is an attorney in Baton Rouge, was recently inducted into the Southern University Hall of Fame. He is president/CEO of the Louisiana Community Development Capital Fund. He is also an ordained minister and is the senior pastor of Windows of Heaven Ministry.

Others on the program are Louise Cole, Cameron branch president; Allen Semien, Baton Rouge businessman; Rev. Wayne Norris, pastor of the Sixth St. Baptist Church of Port Arthur; Bro. Edgar Wise, Port Arthur; Charles Cole, Cameron Chapter secretary.

Also on the program is the crowning of Mr. and Miss Cameron NAACP; presenta-

tion by Cameron Sheriff's Dept. and entertainment by youths from the Sixth St. Baptist Church.

The Cameron NAACP Chapter was given its charter on June 12, 1978 and Mrs. Cole was elected president and Charles Cole secretary at that time.

The Chapter sponsors a number of yearly activities including a pageant, freedom fund dinner, scholarships, etc.

The Chapter was instrumental in changing the name of a ferry in Cameron to the Dr. Martin Luther King ferry.

It has sponsored the National Day of Prayer for some years.

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Senior food boxes slated

Food for Senior food boxes will be distributed by the Cameron Council on Aging Thursday, Aug. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. and on Friday, Aug. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Prior signup is required to receive the food boxes. Contact the Council on Aging for more information.

Meeting set

The Cameron Area Agency on Aging/Council on Aging Advisory Board will meet on Aug. 27, at 12 noon at the Grand Lake Fireman Center. The meeting is open to the public. All members are urged to attend.

Shots are being given

In order to help parents prepare their children for school and daycare this fall, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals - Office of Public Health, through its Shots for Tots program, is hosting back-to-school immunization events throughout Cameron Parish this month. With these events, the Shots for Tots program continues its goal of having every child in Louisiana up-to-date on their immunizations.

The following events are being hosted by the Cameron Parish Health Unit:

Johnson Bayou Recreation Center, 135 Berwick Rd., Cameron, Tuesday, Aug. 14, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Grand Lake Recreation Center, 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, Wednesday, Aug. 22, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Appointments are not necessary. While children are the primary focus of the program, older children and adults may also get any necessary immunizations, such as tetanus

shots. Parents should bring their children's shot records.

"Having children fully vaccinated is one of the most successful and cost-effective public health initiatives available to improve our state's health rankings," says Dr. Fred Cerise, DHH secretary.

"But we need the public to take an active role in this effort. That's why our health professionals are going out to several different locations, to make visits as convenient as possible. We're making the shots available at no cost. We're not requiring appointments.

We're trying to make it very simple for parents to get their children fully immunized."

For more information, contact the Cameron Parish Health Unit at 775-5368 or go to www.dhh.louisiana.gov.

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being charged or threatened," the court said.

This issue is finally settled, but the main dispute between the two port authorities is the property on which Semptra is building its Cameron LNG facility in Hackberry. That case has finally been set for Aug. 23, when 38th Judicial District Court Judge H. Ward Fontenot will hear motions and set a trial date. Previous motions to move the case out of Cameron Parish were denied.


West Cameron Port spokesman Howard Romero said, "The West Cameron Port would like to thank the Police Jury for their assistance. We also wish to thank the people of Cameron Parish for standing together with the Port in our efforts to get what is right for the people of Cameron Parish."

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CURTIS AND DANA Tregle are shown accepting keys to their new home from Dinah Landry, Director of the Council on Aging and Long Term Recovery board member. The home was constructed by the Mennonite Disaster Services team that worked in Cameron Parish last fall.

Parish teachers get \$4,000 annual raise

By CYNDI SELLERS

A four hour School Board meeting resulted in some very good news for teachers and support personnel in Cameron Parish Monday night. After a long executive session, the Board announced a \$4000 across the board salary increase. Supt. Stephanie Rodrigue proposed the raise "since it has been so very long since a raise has been given" by the school board. She recommended the across the board increase because the state increases have increased the gap between certified and non-certified staff each year.

Board member Scott Nunez thanked the employees for "being faithful and patient and loyal when neighboring parishes got numerous raises."

The raises will cost the board approximately \$1,617,000, an amount

Rodrigue says can be made up by several actions. First, the plans for the rebuilding of South Cameron School and the Central Office will be changed to adhere to the FEMA scopes of work, so as to capture actual costs of replacement. The plans previously drawn were "improved projects" which would only be funded to the FEMA estimate.

In addition, Louisiana Recovery Authority funding will be used for FEMA ineligible projects, any unused FEMA PW funds will be used for Alternate Projects, Restart funds will be used for "back to school" expenses, CDBG loans and advance FEMA payments will be used for construction, prior FEMA reimbursements, Cheniere PILOT funds, and any special funds that may become available will also be used. Rodrigue said travel expenses

and time of itinerant and supervisory personnel will be monitored to keep expenses down, as well.

More good news for support personnel was the decision to make the annual 13th check allocations equal for all employees. Rodrigue's recommendation was based on the premise that the interest from 16th section funds, set aside for a 13th check for many years, does not necessarily differentiate by job description or degree. In the past, the split has been 75% teachers to 25% support personnel.

In order to save the money for the raises, the board decided to direct the architects to revise their plans to bring the projects in line with the FEMA scopes of work. This will cause a certain amount of delay in rebuilding, but the state Alternate and Improved Project Team is working with the architects to make the revisions quickly and get them approved.

Kisha Kilmer, Group Lead, said there is strong documentation for the increased elevation requested by the architects, and she is hopeful it will be approved. The proposal for a second story, instead of a wider one-story building, has also been approved, she said.

The Board also authorized the Superintendent to initiate a consolidation project for the Grand Chenier Warehouse, and Audrey Memorial Bus Maintenance Facility, to combine both projects and locate them at the Audrey Memorial site. The new facility will include space for refrigerated and freezer storage of lunchroom food, a loading dock, textbook and test storage, and other warehouse and storage needs.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

When the new school year begins, Aug. 16 or 17 depending on the calendar, there will be a lot of new teachers. Johnson Bayou received four applications in one day, a renewed interest Supt. Rodrigue ascribes to the lure of a four-day week.

One effect of the four-day week at most Cameron Parish schools is to provide for Friday tutoring and detention sessions. Ten Fridays have been designated throughout the year, and the sessions will last from 8-11 a.m. Attendance is mandatory for students with F's in any subject and certain suspension offenses. It is optional for test and ACT preparation.

No meals will be provided, but school organizations may sell refreshments during the break. Transportation will be provided, but parents will have to return the form sent home with the student. In case a student needs tutoring and suspension, tutoring would take precedence.

Two teachers, two lab managers or instructional aides, and one supervisor will be in charge during the sessions.

REFUGE LEVEE MISTAKE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers made a mistake when building a levee to create marsh on the Sabine Refuge. Part of it was built on School Board property. According to Melanie Goodman, Project Manager for the Coastal Restoration Branch, an old survey, dated

1938, was used to digitize the plans for the levee. When the School Board's lessee noticed the discrepancy, a new survey was ordered and a considerable variation was found.

Goodman said the cost of moving the already built levee would be more than the whole project, so the Corps is offering to pay the Board for an easement to allow the project to go forward. Dredge spoil is to be filled in behind the levee to create new marsh form open water on the refuge. The Board asked for more information, including exact measurements, before deciding. The total size of the easement could be over 15 acres, and the Corps is offering \$6000 an acre. Dwayne Sanner proposed building a new levee in the correct spot and leaving the mistake in place to provide a wave buffer. The matter will be pursued next month.

Playground equipment is due to be installed beginning this week at all schools. JBS will be first, followed by SCS and then to the northern schools.

The Board will pursue a means of getting the weeds cut and debris removed from the vacant lots where buildings used to be.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROGRESS

Johnson Bayou School restoration has been substantially completed, the Board was told. This determination was made after a walk through by the architect.

All materials have been removed from the temporary classrooms, and most of the connecting walkways have been removed for use by other schools. The leased trailers are to be picked up as soon as all the walkways are gone.

At South Cameron, the gym floors are in place, and the bleachers are mostly complete. The contractor hopes to have all the bleachers done before school starts so that opening assemblies can be held inside. Then he will need a few days to finish the floors.

The re-bidding of the lockers for the athletic areas has met a snag, and will have to go out again with correct wording. In the meantime, the board voted to order some smaller, cheaper lockers that can at least protect students' valuables while they are at PE or practice. When the full size lockers are purchased later, these can be used elsewhere.

A bid was awarded to KAS Construction to build a sidewalk and cover between the temporary school and the gym complex for \$29,874.

The Fur and Wildlife Festival will again be held at the Cameron Elementary School site, with the Festival responsible for fencing off any construction areas.



Little Chenier once home to Attakapas Indians

By GENEVA GRIFFITH
Cameron Pilot, Aug. 15, 1974

The Little Chenier area emerged from the Gulf of Mexico about 2,000 years ago, as the Gulf water receded southward exposing the ridges to the north.

The first inhabitants were Indians, of the Attakapas tribe. Attakapas means "Man Eaters" but it is not known if the local tribe was cannibalistic.

By the time the first white settlers came to the area the Indians had completely vanished, leaving behind a ceremonial mound and several burial grounds.

The most lasting tribute to their memory is the fact the Mermentau River, which lies to the east of the Little Chenier ridge, was named for an Attakapas chief called "Nementau."

They lived close to the river, bayous and streams, fishing and hunting and growing crops of corn, beans and sweet potatoes. The mounds of oyster shells bear mute testimony to the fact that the Indians harvested the oysters and opened them along the banks of the streams.

Legend has it that the Indian tribes occupying Little Chenier, Pecan Island and Big Pecan were completely wiped out down to the last man by a smallpox epidemic carried into the area from one of Jean LaFitte's vessels.

The story, handed down by word of mouth, from generation to generation, relates how the pirate ship captured a smallpox infected vessel in the Gulf of Mexico just off Joseph's Harbor and by the time the pirates realized what they had done, it was too late because they were already infected.

They made their way up one of the many bayous along the coast of Pecan Island where they succumbed to the dreadful disease down to one man.

The surviving white man and the surviving Indian made their way across the marshes reach one of the French settlements in the north.

The white man died on the way and the Indian made it, where the French nursed him back to health, and later, when he learned to speak French was able to communi-

cate his story that closed the chapter of the Attakapas tribe in the Cheniers.

The idea of buried treasure on Little Chenier has been handed down from generation to generation and more than one treasure hunter has haunted the area in search of it.

The story tells about one of Jean LaFitte's treasure ships, which, being disabled, put into a small bayou flowing north and south near the eastern end of Little Chenier.

Here the ship sank so that only the deck and masts remained above the water. Since the sunken ship blocked the flow of water into the small bayou, a thick, sold turf formed over the water's surface, completely burying the ship. Today, this turf is strong enough to support motor vehicles and not a sign of the early bayou remains.

With its numerous Indians burial grounds and ceremonial mounds, its possibility of having been a hiding place for pirate treasure, and its serene, natural, semi-tropical beauty, Little Chenier appeals to the imagination and love of beauty.

Here the narrow white shell road winds in and out of majestic, moss-draped trees interposed with shady lagoons and grass-covered knolls.

Here one sees rare tropical birds like the egrets, the heron, in great numbers. The wild iris grow in profusion right alongside the road.



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Message to the people of Cameron Parish from Jonathan Perry

After my family and I participated in the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival for two days, I was reminded of the character that is continuously demonstrated by the people of Cameron Parish. The presence at the festival showed support and dedication that the people of Cameron Parish have for the community.

As your state representative, I will work to make a presence in Baton Rouge for Cameron Parish. I will begin by establishing an office in Cameron Parish to give the people an opportunity to share their voice and concerns.

I want to thank everyone for the hospitality that was once again shown by the community.

We can work together to protect the values that make South Louisiana, ours.

God Bless,

Jonathan



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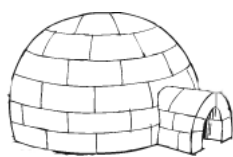
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Jules Bouquet led a very interesting life

By W. T. Block

Jules Bouquet, my great uncle by marriage, was a Confederate cavalryman of only limited book learning, but he could track and scout like a Comanche Indian. He grew up in the saddle, worked as a Texas cowboy, mule skinner, even briefly as a stage coach driver, long before the Civil War. He was born on Aug. 6, 1836 in Thibodaux.

Jules' father was Louis Edward Bouquet, who was born in France on Jan. 24, 1803, but he emigrated with his parents to South Carolina in 1815. About 1834 he resettled in Lafourche Parish, where he married Rosaline Broussard. Louis Bouquet died in Thibodaux, in 1838, only two years after his son Jules' birth.

After Rosaline Bouquet remarried, Jules worked in the cane fields around Thibodaux for several years until his stepfather began treating him like a field slave. In 1851, he left home to live with an uncle in Orange, Tex., who taught him to write his name and to speak English. At age 17, Jules began working as a cowboy for Alexis Blanchette, who taught him how to brand calves and the rudiments of ranch life. Later he worked for the William McFaddin ranch, and soon was engaged in long cattle drives from the San Antonio River to New Orleans. It was while herding cattle at Port Lavaca in Calhoun County that Uncle Jules found a spot on Hog Bayou, where he hoped some day to own a "vacherie" (ranch) of his own.

In 1861, after the Civil War had begun, Jules Bouquet enlisted in Captain January's cavalry company at Victoria, Tex. His ranch foreman gave Bouquet the horse he had always ridden as a cowboy. Old Champ was a saucy, gray stallion, whose erect head and bearing identified his Arabian breeding. Champ could run with great speed and endurance, and before the war ended many Union officers swore they would capture and own that horse. As a Confederate scout on the Bayou Teche, Jules had accidentally wandered five times into the camps of Union cavalry, and each time old Champ's hooves had pounded out clouds of dust while escaping.

In 1862, Jules' company was assigned to Gen. Tom Green's Texas Cavalry

Brigade, with which unit Bouquet remained until the war ended. In both 1863 and 1864, Bouquet was part of a force of 2,000 cavalymen sent to Louisiana to help quell the Union advance, first along the Bayou Teche in 1863, and a year later along the Red River, where Jules fought during the Battle of Mansfield.

A statuesque sergeant while seated in the saddle, Uncle Jules soon became one of Gen. Green's personal scouts because he could question residents and soldiers in either French or English. In Feb. 1864, he was detailed to a detachment of Col. Vincent's cavalry, who were tracking and later fought a pitched battle with the Mermentau Jayhawkers, at which time Milledge McCall, Jr. of Grand Chenier was killed. While stationed briefly at Grand Chenier, Jules ate lunch at the home of John W. Sweeney (my great grandfather), where Jules met 19-year-old Sarah Ellen Sweeney. And after Cupid's arrows had punctured each of their hearts, Bouquet swore to Sarah Ellen that he was coming back after the war to marry her.

Jules and Sarah Ellen were married in Abbeville on Jan. 25, 1866, and the newlyweds left immediately for Calhoun County, Tex., where they built a log cabin on Hog Bayou, and began ranching with a small herd of cattle. In July, 1871 they bought a larger place on Big Chocolate Bayou, where Jules and Sarah Ellen lived for the remainder of their lives, and became parents of 12 children. Eventually Sarah Ellen, her health weakened by frequent child-bearing, died at age 43 on Jan. 28, 1889, and Uncle Jules Bouquet never remarried.

He continued to tend his herd of about 1,000 cattle until 1926, when at age 90 he decided to retire, and he turned his herd and lands over to his children. Each year on Aug. 6, his children gave Bouquet a big barbecue to celebrate his birthday. Uncle Jules died on Nov. 27, 1933 at age 97, and he is buried beside Sarah Ellen not far from Big Chocolate Bayou.



'Erin' causes damage in Cameron Parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

The extreme heat of the past week was alleviated suddenly and violently on Tuesday afternoon when a severe thunderstorm roared through the parish, possibly spawning a tornado and causing minor damage and downing trees.

The possible tornado was located near Mermentau River Road in Grand Chenier, where trees fell and a roof was blown off. Hail was reported near the former Hixson Funeral Home in Creole. Trees were also reported down at Jimmy Savoie Road and the old Jeff Davis Electric Co-op office in Cameron.

The trigger for the surprise storm was a band of

moisture from a depression in the Gulf which has since been named Tropical Storm Erin. Erin is expected to bring some showers, cooler temperatures, and possible highway flooding near Johnson Bayou.

Erin's projected path takes it to the south Texas coast and upper Mexico, posing no danger to Cameron Parish. The path of Tropical Storm Dean, still far out in the Atlantic, is worrying local residents, though. Projections take it into the Caribbean by the weekend.

Cameron residents who want to receive severe weather alerts and other emergency information on their cell phones can log onto the Cameron Sheriff's Office web site, www.cameronso.org, and sign up at no cost.

Road Home information sessions scheduled

A series of Information Sessions on The Road Home Homeowner and Rental programs will be held in Southwest Louisiana throughout the month of August. Information Sessions will provide homeowners the chance to ask questions about program eligibility, application status, required documentation, and more. Rental property owners who applied in Rounds 1 or 2 and have questions are encouraged to attend. These sessions are free and open to the public.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, Cameron Parish Courthouse 119 Smith Circle, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, Lake Charles Central School*, 809 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, 6-8 p.m. (*Rental Advisors available.)

Tuesday, Aug. 28, Kaplan

City Hall, 701 N. Cushing Avenue, Kaplan, 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 29, Lake Charles Central School*, 809 Kirby Street, 6-8 p.m., *Rental Advisors available.

Friday, Aug. 31, Johnson Bayou High School, 6304 Gulf Beach Highway, 6-8 p.m.

The Road Home program is designed to provide compensation to Louisiana homeowners affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita for the damage to their homes. The program affords eligible homeowners up to \$150,000 in compensation for their losses to get back into their homes.

For more information on The Road Home program, visit www.road2LA.org or call 1.888.ROAD.2.LA (1-888-762-3252). TTY callers use 711 relay or 800-846-5277.



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Pre-teen experience many emotions in school transition

Before your preteen goes back to school this year, remember that many changes take place during the preteen and teen years. It will be important that you be particularly perceptive at this time even though this is the time your child wants to be more independent, according to LSU AgCenter family and child development expert Dr. Diane Sasser.

"Isn't it ironic that some of the most important years at school, years that can influence life choices, are also the years of so many changes?" Sasser asks. Preteens experience physical and emotional changes while changing schools from elementary into junior high and ultimately into high school.

The transition from elementary to junior high can be difficult for some youth. Those who move from very small rural elementary and junior high schools into significantly larger high schools often show the most trouble adjusting to their new environments.

Change is difficult at any age, and we all have to adapt. Not all change is bad, and not everyone suffers from school change. Sasser offers ways to help your child adapt and succeed in school.

– Make sure they eat right, get enough sleep and have good medical care. A happy home life also helps.

– Watch for potential problems during times of transition. Be willing to be available for discussion and guidance.

– Recognize and ask about changes. You might ask, "What big changes are there in your new school? How do you feel about these changes?"

– Help your preteens feel good about school. Their attitudes about school are important. How you feel about school affects how your preteens will feel. You need to set an example. Preteens often learn to dislike things about school that you did not like. If you did not finish high school, enroll in a GED class. If you finished high school, take another kind of class to show that you think learning is important.

– It's OK if your preteens do better in some classes than in others. If they did not do as well as they wanted to, try to

figure out what happened. Help them do better. Support them when they try to do their best. Help them find special help if they need it.

– Ask your preteens to tell you about school. Talk with them about what they like about school.

– Let your preteens make some choices about school subjects and activities.

– Go to school events with your preteens.

– If your preteens have school problems, talk with their teachers.

– Talk with your preteens about ways to improve grades.

– Talk about report cards in a positive way.

– Praise your preteens for doing good work.

– Set up a plan to help them study.

– Find a quiet place for them to do their homework.

For information on related family and consumer topics, click on the Family and Home link at the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.



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Call before you dig!

(NAPSA)-Whether you're planting shrubs or adding a new swimming pool, it's important to know that being aware of the location of your yard's underground utility lines can help keep you safe.

Now a new national Call Before You Dig phone number can help. Homeowners and professional excavators can call the number-811-to have underground utility lines quickly marked for free. To use the ser-vice, just call 811 a few days before beginning a digging project. Then an area One Call center will notify crews that will mark the approximate location of underground utilities.

The number was launched by the Common Ground Alliance (CGA). According to the group's research, homeowners often make risky assumptions about whether or not they should get their utility lines marked, but every digging job requires a call, even small projects such as planting trees and shrubs.

In a recent national survey, roughly half of American homeowners said they have completed or are planning a major digging project at home, yet only a third have called or planned to call ahead to get their underground utility lines marked.

This failure to call before digging results in nearly 700,000 underground utility damages each year-causing injuries, damage to the environment or utility outages. That's more than one unintentional hit each minute.

"Make no mistake, smart digging means calling 811 before each job," continued Kipp. "Know what's below-always call before you dig."



HALEY WILLIS, Miss Cameron Parish, is shown presenting a door prize to a fisherman at the Captains' Night held during the Cameron Parish Fishing Festival recently. (Photo by William Daigle.)

Clean your house with natural products

(NAPSA)-Cleaning house has come a long way since the days of doing laundry in a washbasin and scrubbing the floors with vinegar and water. Yet with all that progress comes some drawbacks, namely dangerous chemicals that can pose risks to your family's health as well as the environment.

Prior to World War II, most homeowners kept a cleaning toolbox of only a few healthy, natural items they mixed themselves to use all over the house. Today, advances in chemistry and cleaning have stocked store shelves with products for nearly any household chore. But those choices might not make your home any healthier, so it might be time to consider looking to the past for

safe, all-natural cleaning tools.

Here are a few time-tested, all-natural cleaning products, as well as a couple of recipes to consider incorporating into your home-cleaning routine.

White vinegar - One of the most versatile and affordable cleaning agents around, white vinegar's grease-cutting powers can be used to clean your dishes and countertops, polish some metals, clean glass and even absorb smoke odors.

20 Mule Team Borax - For doing laundry, nothing kicks out stains better than 20 Mule Team Borax, a brand-name natural laundry booster that's more than 115 years old. Team it up with your favorite laundry detergent for whiter whites and brighter colors. Borax is also versatile enough to make everything sparkle-from fine china and cookware to showers, tubs and tiles. It's also a natural deodorizer.

Lemon juice - Affordable and naturally fresh smelling, lemons are excellent for breaking down hard water and soap scum build-ups. Lemons can also be combined with vinegar to create a bleach substitute, to be used on clothing and cutting boards. Throw one down the garbage disposal to get rid of unwelcome odors.

Baking soda - This is another solution for absorbing bad odors, such as those in the refrigerator. Rather than dumping unhealthy chemicals into the sewer system, mix baking soda with boiling water for a safe and effective drain cleaner.

Here are a couple of recipes to get you going on the road to natural cleaning:

- General Household Cleaner**
1/4 cup baking soda
1/2 cup 20 Mule Team Borax
1/2 cup vinegar
1 gallon water

- Window/Glass Cleaner**
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 quart water

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YOUNG FOLKS enjoyed climbing and jumping during the Saltwater Fishing Festival recently. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SEVEN YEAR OLD Tori McLemore flies high on the jump apparatus at the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival held at Grand Chenier Park recently. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER 20, 2007 ELECTION

In order to vote in the October 20, 2007 election you must be registered by September 19, 2007.

You can **Register** by mail (by requesting a form) or you can come to our office located in Cameron behind the courthouse 1st trailer to the right. Our phone number is (337) 775-5493.

Thank You, Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

RUN: Aug. 16 & 23 (AU-28)

JOB AD

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for:

- (2) Instructional/Child Specific Aides at South Cameron High School
- (1) Spanish Language Interpreter at South Cameron High School

A high school diploma is preferred. To make application contact: Mr. Zeke Wainwright, South Cameron High School; Phone: 337-542-4682.

- (1) Spanish Language Interpreter at Johnson Bayou High School

A high school diploma is preferred. To make application contact: Mr. Gene Reynolds, Johnson Bayou High School; Phone: 337-563-2773.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, August 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

RUN: Aug. 16 & 30 (AU-41)

HELP WANTED

The Cameron Parish Recreation District #5 is accepting applications for the position of Office Manager.

The position is 7 days on and 7 days off. Applications can be completed at 108 Recreation Lane, Grand Lake, Louisiana.

For more information contact: Anita Kingham at 337-598-3394.

RUN: Aug. 16 & 23 (AU-35)

Pleas are entered in Dist. Court

Guilty pleas were entered to felony and misdemeanor charges on June 12, in 38th Judicial District Court before Judge H. Ward Fontenot. District Attorney Cecil Sanner, Assistants Jennifer Jones and Tom Barrett handled the following matters:

Laval Meeks, 30, Houston, Tex.; Probation revoked for Distribution of CDS; sentenced to 45 days in jail on technical violation(s);

Darrel James Conner, Jr., 20, Johnson Bayou, 2 counts of unauthorized entry of an inhabited dwelling; 5 years on each count to run consecutively; suspended and placed on 3 years supervised probation; \$1,500 fine and court costs and \$500 to indigent defender fund;

Charisse Marie Little, 21, Sulphur, misdemeanor theft; sentenced to 1 year probation; fine of \$500 plus court costs;

Curtis Dale West, 35, Lake Charles, 2 counts of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor; 5 years with Department of Corrections on each count to run consecutively; suspended and placed on 5 years supervised probation; Court costs and \$500 to Indigent Defender Fund; pay supervision fees; 1 count of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor (Misdemeanor); 6 months in Parish Jail concurrent with felony charges;

Stephanie M. Richard, 27, Grand Chenier, 1 count of possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) Schedule IV; 2 years supervised probation; court costs and \$500 to Indigent Defender Fund; and random drug screens;

Adam Moore, Jr; 28, Lake Charles, 2 counts of Battery on an Officer; serve 15 days in Parish Jail on each charge to run consecutively;

Sabrina Lyn Vidrine, 24, Lake Charles, Possession of CDS Schedule IV; 2 years supervised probation; court costs and \$500 to Indigent Defender Fund; random drug screens;

Lakeyta S. Carter; 22, Westlake, Possession of CDS (Cocaine); 2 years supervised probation; \$2,000 fine and court costs;

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DATE	PLACE	TIME
September 10, 2007	Creole Fire Station 184 E. Creole Hwy Creole, LA	4:00 P.M.
October 8, 2007	Creole Fire Station 184 E. Creole Hwy Creole, LA	4:00 P.M.
November 12, 2007	Creole Fire Station 184 E. Creole Hwy Creole, LA	4:00 P.M.
December 10, 2007	Creole Fire Station 184 E. Creole Hwy Creole, LA	4:00 P.M.

RUN: Aug. 16 & 24 (AU-40)

Legal Notices

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Gravity Drainage District #5 on Friday, August 17, 2007 P.M. at the Grand Chenier Water Works District #9 Office, 4011 Grand Chenier Hwy., Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

PROJECT NUMBER: 2007-19
PHASE 1 RESTORATION OF MERMENIAU RIVER NORTH BANK SPILL EMBANKMENT

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

I. Highway, Street, and Bridge Construction

II. Heavy Construction.

Bids must be submitted on the prescribed form. All blank spaces for bid prices must be filled in, using ink and in both words and figures, with the unit price for the item or the lump sum for which the bid is made. The bidder shall provide all information indicated on the attached forms. Failure to provide the information indicated constitutes an informality on the proposal, rendering it subject to rejection by the owner.

All bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes bearing on the outside the name of the project on which the proposal is submitted. If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the proposal and marked as directed above, must be enclosed in another envelope addressed as specified in the proposal form, and preferably send by registered mail.

For the purpose of award, the product of the approximate quantities of each item shown in the proposal by their respective unit and/or lump sum prices will be considered the amount of the bid on each item. The correct summation of these products will be the amount bid on the entire work.

Proposal forms will not be issued later than 24 hours prior to the hour and date set for receiving proposals. Every bid submitted shall be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid and shall be made payable to the Gravity Drainage District #5.

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 LA Hwy. 384, Sweet Lake Community, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of \$50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at special Gravity Drainage District #5 meeting time to be determined at a later date. The Gravity Drainage District #5 reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive information.

Gravity Drainage District #5
/s/ D.Y. Billy Doland Jr., President
Runs: July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16 (JY 47)

ADVERTISEMENT

The Cameron Parish School Board does hereby advertise for sealed bids and will receive same on:

1. Tuesday, September 4, 2007.
2. At the Offices of H. Curtis Vincent - Steven D. Shows, Architects, 1502 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663, at the hour of 2:00 p.m.

3. For Project "Stadium Improvements - South Cameron High School".

4. Contract documents, including drawings, are on file at the Offices of H. Curtis Vincent - Steven D. Shows, Architects, 1502 South Huntington Street, Sulphur, Louisiana 70663. Complete documents may be obtained from this office upon deposit of \$30.00 for each set of documents. Deposit is fully refundable for the first set of documents to all bonafide prime bidders upon return of the documents in good condition no later than ten (10) days after receipt of bids. The deposit of all other set of documents will be refunded fifty percent (50%) upon return of documents as stated above. All bids shall be submitted on ENCLOSED BID FORMS OR EXACT PHOTO-COPIES.

*Prime bidder is defined as licensed General Contractors bidding this job as such.

5. A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference will be conducted at the project site on Monday, August 27, 2007 at the hour of 10:00am. All interested Prime Bidders intending to submit bids on this project are required to have a representative present at this conference.

6. Preference is given to materials, supplies, and provisions that are produced, manufactured, or grown in Louisiana, quality being equal to articles offered by competitors outside the State.

7. 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 or cashier's check drawn on a bank insured by the FDIC, or a Bid Bond Form contained in contract documents, written by a surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond insurer as a licensed agent in this state and who is residing in this state, 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, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2218.

No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

7. 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, written by a

surety company licensed to do business in Louisiana with a A.M. Best Rating of "A" or better, all in accordance with LSA-R.S. 38:2219. The bond shall be countersigned by a person who is under contract with the surety company or bond issuer as an insurance agent in this State, and who is residing in this State.

8. Bids shall be accepted only from contractors who are licensed under LA-R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification of Building Construction. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of LA-R.S. 38:2214.

9. 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.

10. The public shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract between the Owner and the Contractor is fully executed.

11. Official action on this bid will be taken within forty five (45) days by the Cameron Parish School Board.

12. All bids must be plainly marked on the outside of the envelope:

BID FOR

"Stadium Improvements - South Cameron High School"
Mr. Lonnie McEvers, President
Cameron Parish School Board
RUN: Aug. 9, 16, 23 (AU 17)

JURY LIST

The following Cameron Parish residents have been summoned to appear in Cameron District Court on Monday, Sept. 17, 2007 to serve as Petit Jurors:

Alleman, Jacquelyn J., Creole; Arceneaux, Mona S., Hackberry; Ashworth, Lloyd G. Jr., Cameron; Atwell, Beverly A., Lake Charles; Baccigalopi, Brent M., Creole; Badon, Raymond S., Cameron; Bailey, Glenda F., Cameron; Ballard, Herbert J., Grand Chenier; Bargeman, Carolyn A., Lake Charles; Barrow, Michelle L., Lake Charles; Benoit, Douglas L., Lake Charles; Billedeaux, Corey J., Hackberry; Billings, Brent A., Creole; Boudreaux, Brad A., Hackberry; Boudreaux, Jodi Michelle, Grand Chenier;

Breaux, Timothy M., Lake Charles; Broussard, Golden R., Lake Arthur; Campos, Elisa, Iowa; Carlisle, Donald R., Creole; Caudill, Bonnie L., Hackberry; Choate, Justin S., Cameron; Clark, Cecil W. IV, Lake Charles; Coleman, Christene L., Creole; Conner, Michael J., Creole; Cook, Wanda G., Lafayette;

Crador, Robert, Lake Charles; Davis, Lisa M., Hackberry; Dees, Lisa O., Cameron; Dietz, Roy A., Creole; Dugas, Jack Dewain, Lake Charles; Dyson, William Paul, Cameron; East, Jennifer Rae, Hackberry; Ellender, Ira K., Hackberry; Farque, Colleen F., Lake Charles; Felio, Warren S., Sulphur; Fosson, Lorraine P., Lake Charles; Frazier, Uretta C., Hackberry; Gaspard, Daniel J., Cameron; Granger, Angela C., Hackberry; Guillory, Robert W., Lake Charles;

Harrison, Wanita B., Grand Chenier; Hebert, Adam C., Lake Charles; Hebert, Angelica Diane, Hackberry; Hebert, John C., Hackberry; Hebert, Keith F., Cameron; Hebert, Patricia D., Hackberry; Henderson, Latonia Ann, Creole; Holmes, Bill A., Cameron; Horn, Brandon C., Creole; Howerton, Kristen H., Bell City; Johns, Racinda, Creole; Jones, Jeremy P., Cameron; Kennison, Joseph R., Hackberry;

Kittner, Debra L., Hackberry; LaBove, Edward K., Cameron; Landry, Patrick G., Creole; Langley, Roger Dale, Bell City; Lavergne, Darius L., Bell City; LeBleu, John W., Lake Charles; LeBleu, Reanie R., Lake Charles; Leger, Tammy Melancon, Gueydan; Logan, Christy L., Cameron; Lowery, Phillip, Hackberry;

McKoin, Katie L., Grand Chenier; McLaughlin, David Gregory, Hackberry; McNease, Larry L., Bell City; Miller, William G., Hackberry; Miquez, Kimberly A., Cameron; Mock, Laken Alyssa, Grand Lake; Mudd, Kelly F., Bell City; Myers, Nicole M., Cameron; Nunez, Nadine, Lake Charles; Nunez, Nichole V., Creole; Parker, Timothy A., Cameron; Payne, Debbie J., Creole; Poole, Daniel J., Cameron; Poole, Joshua H., Hackberry; Quibodeaux, Elizabeth D., Lake Charles; Reyes II, Oscar G., Cameron; Richard, Gregory S., Lake Charles; Richard, Joby L., Creole; Roche, Michael P., Creole; Rucker, Christopher Willon, Hackberry; Saltzman, Kristin N., Grand Chenier.

Schultz, Evelyn Y., Lake Charles; Strickland, Roy, Cameron; Swofford, Sadie G., Sulphur; Theriot, Randi D., Creole; Theriot, Veronica G., Cameron; Thibodeaux, Derek L., Cameron; Toerner, Katherine Browne T., Lake Charles; Tolbert, Leslie S., Lake Charles; Trahan, Jody M., Cameron; Venable, Terri R., Hackberry; Vickery, Raymond M., Cameron; Vidrine, Dinah N., Hackberry; Vincent, Lynn A., Grand Chenier; Wasson, Paul P., Bell City; Weekly, Keith W., Lake Arthur; Wood, Ryan J., Grand Chenier.
Run: Aug. 16 Au 25

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that LLOG Exploration Company, LLC has applied for a Corps of Engineers permit for a proposed oil/gas drilling project in Cameron Parish approximately 18 miles south of Lake Arthur, Louisiana in Grand Lake. The project involves wheel washing of 3,956 linear feet

in the lake for an access channel with a well slip and the installation of a drilling barge, platform and appurtenant structures in order to drill the Adam Gabler Nunez Prospect, Location Number 1, State Lease 19402, Section 15 T14S-R3W. The applicant is applying to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services for a Water Quality Certification in accordance with statutory authority contained in the LAC 33:IX.1507 and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Comments concerning this application can be filed with the Registrations and Certifications Section within ten days of this notice by referencing (WW 070806-02/AI 152217) to the following address:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
Water Quality Certifications,
P.O. Box 4313
Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313
Attn: Win Webb
225-219-3464.

A copy of the application is available for inspection and review at the LDEQ Public Records Center, on the first floor of the Galvez Building, Room 127 at 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313, by email at mailrequest@ldeq.org or contact the LEDQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).
Run Aug. 16 Au 26

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR REVIEW OF LISTINGS

Notice is hereby given that I have completed the listings of all property in the Parish of Cameron and have established the valuations thereon; and that the said listings will be exposed in my office at the Cameron Parish Courthouse, Room 24, for public inspection and correction for a period of 15 calendar days, beginning Friday, August 31, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2007. Any taxpayer desiring to examine his/her assessment is requested to call during the 15 day period. Forms for appeals are available to taxpayers and must be filed in person or by certified mail at P.O. Box 1280, Cameron, Louisiana 70631 by 4:00 p.m. Friday, September 21, 2007 or with the Cameron Parish Police Jury Administrative Office located at 122-A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana

/s/ R. E. "Bobby" Conner, CLA
Cameron Parish Assessor
Run: Aug. 16 and 23 Au 27

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND GULFPORT ENERGY CORPORATION

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Gulfport Energy Corporation, Agency Interest Number 92464, and 37103, have entered into a proposed settlement agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-07-0008, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facilities in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in the following Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty Enforcement Actions, LDQ Enforcement Numbers AE-CN-01-0267, AE-CN-01-0267A, and AE-CN-01-0203.

The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge LA, 70821-4302, Attention: Ted R. Broyles, II, Attorney Supervisor. All comments will be considered by the Department in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final.

Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department's website at www.deq.louisiana.gov, by selecting Divisions, Enforcement, and Settlement Agreements. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form FSD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ website at the following address: <http://deq.state.la.us/pubRecords/d/efault.htm>, or by calling the Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168.

Pursuant to La. 30:2050.7 (D), the Department may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who resided in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement.

For further information, you may call the Legal Affairs Divisions of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.
Run: Aug. 16 AU29

PROCEEDINGS CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY JULY 2, 2007

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, July 2, 2007, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. Charles Precht, III, and Mr. James Doxey; absent was Mr. Steve Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the following items shall be added to the agenda:

9. President Authority to Sign:
d. Contract - Webb Communications, LLC.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting shall be dispensed with and approved.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Williams Gas Pipeline - Johnson Bayou, Section 23, T15S, R13W, (proposed meter station interconnect facility in order to ship natural gas), Cameron Parish, LA (070702)

b. Rosetta Resources Operating, LP - Johnson Bayou, Sections 7, 17, & 18, T15S, R14W, (proposed installation of 6-inch pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA (070704)

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the applications for the following permits be and the same are hereby approved with the stipulations setforth by the respective Gravity Drainage Districts:

a. Entergy Gulf States - Johnson Bayou, Hackberry. After the Fact Permit, (repaired lines and structures damaged by Hurricane Rita), Cameron Parish, LA (070701)

b. Jimmy Prevost - Grand Chenier, Section 2, T15S, R6W, (proposed camp site and walkway to existing pier for recreational use), Cameron Parish, LA (070703)

c. Cameron Parish Police Jury - Hackberry, Various Sections, (CWPPRA Project) Brown Lake Hydrologic Restoration CS-09, (proposed modifications and permit extension), Cameron Parish, LA (070705)

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Curtis Fountain is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Communications District.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the resignation of Tracy Webb as a member of the Communications District and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. Webb thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Renella Hargrave is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Communications District.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Ryan King is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Seven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that appointments to the Fire Protection District No. Sixteen Board shall be tabled for thirty (30) days.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Christine Storm is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Johnson Bayou Recreation District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that Cliff Cabell is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the West Cameron Port Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the resignation of Jerome Richard as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Ten Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Mr. Richard thanking him for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, Gene Reynolds is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Ten Board.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received to lease a one-acre tract of property in the Grand Lake area:

BIDDER; BID AMOUNT
Cameron Community Action Agency; \$500.00

Considering the bid of Cameron Community Action Agency to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bid was received for Project 2007-09, Holly Beach Ditch Cleaning:

BIDDER; BID AMOUNT
K.A.S. Construction, LLC; \$182,603.94

Considering the bid of K.A.S. Construction, LLC to be the only responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement of bids published in the Official Journal, the following bids were received for Project 2007-11, Post-Rita Restoration of Big Lake Pier:

BIDDER; BID AMOUNT

K.A.S. Construction, LLC; \$433,907.00
Priola Construction; 781,412.00

Considering the bid of K.A.S. Construction, LLC to be the lowest responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for a Hurst Rescue Tool Set, or the equivalent, on behalf of the Cameron Fire Protection District No. One.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the purchase and installation of one (1) 60 HZ, 150 KW Diesel Generator for use of Waterworks District No. Eleven.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Lonnie Harper, P.E., is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for Phase 1 Post-Rita Construction to the Jetty Fishing Pier.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for an excavator.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a lease by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Ferdinand Nunez Heirs for five thousand dollars (\$5000) per year for use of the property on which the Creole Fire Station is located.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development providing for the Police Jury to receive compensation for the maintenance of 20.98 miles of state-owned highways.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McGee and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Cameron Parish School Board for the latter to use Police Jury property in Grand Lake for school bus maintenance.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Webb Communications, LLC for website consulting for five hundred dollar (\$500) per month.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, convened in regular session on the 2nd day of July, 2007, that it does hereby appoint the following persons to serve on the Cameron Parish Children and Youth Planning Board, the creation of which was authorized by the Police Jury at its regular meeting on April 2, 2007

Appointed	Member;
Representation	Mr. Eddie Benoit;
Education/Early Childhood & Elementary	David Hebert;
Enforcement	William Daigle; Prosecution
Defense	Penelope Richard; Public
Judiciary	Judge Ward Fontenot;
	Delisa Clark; Juvenile Justice
	Susan Dupont; Health Care
	Ms. Leslie Nolan; Mental Health
	Ms. Charmaine Landry;
	Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
	Ms. Sherry Royer; Social Services
	Ms. Amy Dunn; Social Services
	Ms. Penny Thibodeaux; Youth Organization 4-H
	Mr. Mike Fonger; FINS
	Joe Griffith; District 1
	Anita Jo Trahan; District 2
	Lola Quinn; District 3
	Carl Broussard; District 4
	Debbie Savoie; District 5
	Julie Burleigh; District 6
	Rev. Gary Mann; District 7

BE IT FURTHER AND FINALLY RESOLVED THAT members serve two (2) years terms beginning July 2, 2007

APPROVED: /s/ Darryl Farque DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

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

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept Mr. Monte M. Hurley's agreement to demolish his condemned property located at 127 Big Lake Street within sixty (60) days.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for thirty (30) days a proposed Road Side Parking Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for Notice of Intention of the Police Jury to abandon the following described public Right-of-Way, the same being of no further public use, necessity or convenience and that a public hearing

be held to receive comments concerning the proposed abandonment at the regular meeting to be held at 5:30 P.M., August 6, 2007 in the Courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse Building:

Last 252' of Catherine Lane in Old Settlement,
Section 10, T12S, R9W,
Cameron Parish, LA

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize electricity to be temporarily reestablished at the Big Lake Ball Field.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Office of Community Development is offering the Local Government Assistance Program (LGAP) to provide financial assistance to local units of government in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury realizes the need to dredge the North Canal, a major drainage lateral which impacts one-third of the northeast sector of Cameron Parish and is a substantial watershed in both Cameron Parish and south Calcasieu Parish. The silting of the Canal is commensurate with storm inundation and has drainage, agricultural, and environmental implications. The funding sought through the LGAP grant will compliment \$40,000 of private funding and \$60,000 matching public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury also realizes the need for the installation of electronic water meters and the companion reading software for the community of Hackberry. The purchase of pertinent hardware and software will be approximately \$25,000. Each meter with box, installation fee, and incidental connection costs is approximately \$420 each, resulting in a total purchase of approximately 160 meters and boxes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby request full LGAP funding in the amount of \$142,800 to be distributed between the two (2) aforementioned projects, as follows;

1) \$50,000 to dredge the North Canal and

2) \$92,800 to install electronic water meters and the companion reading software for the community of Hackberry;

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 2nd day of July, 2007.

APPROVED: /s/ Darryl Farque DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

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

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

A RESOLUTION OF THE PARISH OF CAMERON, LOUISIANA PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLICATION OF A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CREATE WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. SIXTEEN OF THE PARISH OF CAMERON, LOUISIANA.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. The Police Jury of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, hereby declares its intention to create Waterworks District Number Sixteen of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana. The President and the Secretary of the Police Jury are hereby authorized and directed to cause notice to be published in the official journal of the Parish that the Police Jury will meet at 5:30 o'clock P.M. on August 6, 2007 at its regular meeting place, the Courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse in Cameron, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing objections to the creation of said District.

Such notice shall be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, the first such publication to be not less than thirty (30) days before the date fixed for hearing and shall be in substantially the following form:

STATE OF LOUISIANA PARISH OF CAMERON

NOTICE is hereby given that the

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August 6, 2007, at 5:30 o'clock P.M. in the Courtroom of the Cameron Courthouse in Cameron, Louisiana, for the purpose of hearing objections to the creation of said District.

DONE AND SIGNED by order of the Police Jury of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, this 2nd day of July, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED
this 2nd day of July 2, 2007.

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

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

It was moved by Mr. Conner, seconded by Mr. Doxey and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) from the General Fund to the Waterworks District No. Sixteen to be used as matching funds providing for a water line project.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids, or, if applicable, to purchase through state contract, a ladder truck on behalf of the Fire Protection District No. Ten. The purchase of the truck will be partially funded through a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) grant.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby approve a request by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department to place Neighborhood Watch signs within the parish-wide right-of-ways.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the June, 2007 bills.

A committee consisting of Police Jurors Charles Precht, III, Scott Trahan and James Doxey was appointed to review health insurance renewal quotes during the month of July.

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the following item shall be added to the agenda:

23. Public Information Requests Policy

It was moved by Mr. Doxey, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that Item No. 23 shall be discussed further at the next agenda meeting.

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Aug. 16 (Au 31)

**PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY**

July 19, 2007

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Thursday, July 19, 2007, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron at 5:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. James Doxey, Mr. Charles Precht, III, and Mr. Magnus McGee; absent was Mr. Steve Trahan.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the lowest bid for Project No. 2006-14, Post-Rita Restoration of Parish Road No. 217, in the amount of four hundred seventy-five thousand, four hundred fifty-one dollars (\$475,451) as submitted by W.E. McDonald & Son. Acceptance of said bid had been tabled at a prior meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury held November 6, 2006.

It was moved by Mr. McGee, seconded by Mr. Scott Trahan and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Honorable Kathleen Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, for social services related to substance abuse prevention leadership.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Conner and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospital, Office for Addictive Disorders for social services related to substance abuse prevention.

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Aug. 16 (Au 32)

**PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY**

July 30, 2007

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, July 30, 2007, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Douaine Conner, Mr. Steve Trahan, Mr. Charles Precht, III, and Mr. Magnus McGee; absent was Mr. James Doxey.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby terminate the group health insurance contract with MedPayExpress, effective September 1, 2007.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Cannon Cochran Management Services, Inc. (CCMSI) through the Parish Government Risk Management Agency for group health insurance coverage, effective September 1, 2007.

It was moved by Mr. Scott Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby increase the employer's contribution for group health/dental coverage from six hundred, fifty dollars per month to a maximum of seven hundred dollars per month, per employee.

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

APPROVED:
/s/ Darryl Farque
DARRYL FARQUE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
RUN: Aug. 16 (Au 33)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish School Board will receive sealed bids on or before the hour of 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the Cameron Parish School Board Temporary Office, 1027 Hwy 384 Grand Lake, Lake Charles, Louisiana 70607 (physical address), P.O. Box 1548 Cameron Louisiana 70631 (mailing address) for the delivery and installation of athletic lockers to South Cameron High School gym complex at 753 Oak Grove Hwy, Grand Chenier, Louisiana 70643.

All bids arriving after this date and hour will be returned to bidder unopened.

Bid envelope must be clearly marked on the outside "Bid on SCHS athletic lockers" and must include Louisiana Contractor's License Number. Vendor will be required to provide timeline for delivery and installation upon acceptance of bid.

Specifications and bid sheet may be obtained at the temporary School Board Office site in Grand Lake, LA from 8:00 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. on regular workdays. Contact: Doug Welch, Supervisor, phone: 337 905-5784 Ext. 105. The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Cameron Parish School Board
By Stephanie Rodrigue,
Superintendent
Run: Aug. 16, 23, & 30 AU 34

**CAMERON PARISH
GRAND CHENIER
RECREATION DISTRICT #9
MINUTES OF MEETING
JULY 16, 2007**

PRESENT: Darrrell East, Nina Jones, Kris Bonsall, Charlotte Hess

ABSENT: Dawnee Mhire, Thomas McCall
GUEST PRESENT: Lonnie Harper

A meeting of the board of directors of the Cameron Parish Recreation District No 9 was held at the Residence of Nina Jones, Monday, July 16, 2007, at 5:30 p.m.

On motion of Kris Bonsall, seconded by Charlotte Hess, and carried, the board elected Darrell East as President.

On motion of Nina Jones, seconded by Charlotte Hess, and carried, the board elected Kris Bonsall as Vice President.

On motion of Darrell East, seconded by Nina Jones, and carried, the board authorized the hiring of Kara Bonsall as secretary for the Cameron Parish Recreation District No. 9, effective July 16, 2007 at a pay rate of \$2,400.00 a year.

On motion of Kris Bonsall, seconded by Nina Jones, and carried, the board authorized the hiring of Lonnie Harper to draw up plans and specs on re-construction of building and park.

On motion of Nina Jones, seconded by Charlotte Hess, and carried, the board approved the finance report as presented.

On motion of Darrell East, seconded by Kris Bonsall, and carried, the board approved payment of invoices.

On motion of Charlotte Hess, seconded by Darrell East, and carried, the board authorized regular meetings to be held at Rockefeller Refuge at 5:30 p.m.

On motion of Charlotte Hess, seconded by Kris Bonsall, and carried, the meeting was adjourned.

/s/Darrell East
DARRELL EAST, PRESIDENT
BOARD MEMBER

/s/Kara Bonsall
KARA BONSAALL
SECRETARY
ATTEST
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**GRAVITY DRAINAGE
DISTRICT NO. 5
PROCEEDINGS
June 19, 2007**

There was a regular meeting of Gravity Drainage District 5 at 6 p.m., Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at

the Grand Chenier Waterworks Office.

PRESENT: D. Y. Donald, Jr., Ted Joanen, Gerald Bonsall
ABSENT: Jimmy Roberts, Anthony Swire

GUESTS: none
On motion of Gerald Bonsall, seconded by Ted Joanen, and carried, the board approved the minutes of the May 8, 2007 meeting.

On motion of Ted Joanen, seconded by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, authorize Lonnie Harper to advertise bids on planting of oyster grass on drainage board levee.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, seconded by Ted Joanen, and carried, authorize Lonnie Harper to draw plans and specs for levee repair on the north levee, located on the north and east side of upper Mud Lake.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, seconded by Ted Joanen, and carried, authorize Lonnie Harper to contract work to repair levees adjacent to Little Chenier Canal and Chenier Perdue and to repair plugs cut in drainage levees for the storm.

On motion of Ted Joanen, seconded by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the following permits were approved:

Goodrich Petroleum Company - proposed removal of existing flowlines - Section 3, T16S - R3W, Grand Chenier, Cameron Parish, LA.

On motion of Ted Joanen, seconded by Gerald Bonsall, and carried, the board authorizes the payment of all bills presented at the meeting.

On motion of Gerald Bonsall, seconded by Jimmy Roberts, and carried, the meeting is declared adjourned.

/s/ D.Y. Doland, Jr.
D.Y. DOLAND, JR.
PRESIDENT

Darrell Williams
DARRELL WILLIAMS
SECRETARY
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY (LDEQ) TARGA
RESOURCE INC.
BARRACUDA GAS PLANT
ADMINISTRATIVE
COMPLETENESS
DETERMINATION**

The LDEQ, office of Environmental Services, has reviewed a Title V air permit major modification from Targa Resources Inc., 1000 Louisiana Suite 4300, Houston, Texas 77002 for the Barracuda Gas Plant and determined that it is administratively complete. The application was received on July 30, 2007. The facility is located 9 miles W. of Holly Beach, Cameron Parish.

Targa Resources Inc. - Barracuda Gas Plant proposes to apply for a Title V major modification to the plant.

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this application should be directed to Jerri Muller, LDEQ, Environmental Assistance Division, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313 or at 225-219-3286.

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

Permit public notices can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/pubNotice/default.asp> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx.

Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits notice List Server at http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/oes/listservepage/ldeq_pn_listserv.htm.

All correspondence should specify AI Number 26857, Permit Number 0560-00004-V2, and Activity Number PER20070001. Run: Aug. 16 AU 38

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 1:30 p.m., Monday, August 27, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 122 A Recreation Lane, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase of one (1) Crawler Hydraulic Excavator with fifty foot (50') long reach.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office by calling (337) 775-5718.

By:
/s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
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**CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 10
PROCEEDINGS**

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular session on Tuesday, July 10, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, due to Hurricane Rita. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., and Mr. Nathan Griffith. Members absent were Mr. Jim Cox and Mr. Lloyd Badon. Guest attending were David Moss.

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

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

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

The distribution line to Cheniere was discussed. The operators are working with Mr. Kelly to get the gpm's straight.

The new Waterworks/Fire Dept. office was discussed. Sonny

Freshen up tired flower beds

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Flower beds that are past their prime and overrun with weeds can be a common sight in our late-summer landscape. But you don't have to just give up and accept such sad-looking elements in your landscape, since there are ways you can freshen up these tired beds.

The problems often are the result of our long growing season and abundance of insect and disease problems, as well as the intense heat that makes many of us reluctant to do much work outside.

We know it's just not reasonable to expect all bedding plants to hold up from the beginning of our summer growing season in early May until its end several months later. Unfortunately, many gardeners give up with the attitude that it is too hot to plant anything now anyway, and they allow their beds to remain unattractive eyesores in the landscape.

I'm here to take away your excuses for those pitiful looking beds, however. Nurseries are still well stocked with colorful, heat-tolerant bedding plants that will grow vigorously from now through late October or early November (when we will plant cool-season bedding plants).

To replant your beds, first remove the old plants and put them in your compost pile. But try to avoid putting any weeds that have set seeds in the compost. Just dig those out and throw them away. You also could spray the weeds with glyphosate (various brands) to kill them before removing them. This would be especially recommended if you are dealing with tough weeds, such as bermudagrass, torpedograss or dollarweed.

Next, spread a 1-inch to 2-inch layer of organic matter, such as compost, bagged or aged manure, landscape soil conditioner, grass clippings or peat moss, over the bed. Sprinkle a light application of any general-purpose fertilizer (following label directions) over the organic matter and then thoroughly incorporate everything into the soil of the bed. Rake it smooth, and the bed is ready to plant.

The heat is no reason not to refurbish your flowerbeds, but you should still be careful when working outside while the temperatures are high. I suggest you try to do this work early in the morning or late in the afternoon - when it is cooler. And be sure to drink plenty of fluids.

When planting late in the growing season, choose well-established plants in 4-inch pots or larger. Make sure the plants you purchase are healthy and vigorous and have been properly cared for. Avoid plants that look wilted or leggy, have poor color or show signs of insect or disease problems. This is not the time of year to nurse struggling plants back to health. Start off with the highest quality plants you can find.

Gardeners often rip or pull apart the roots of root-bound bedding plants slightly when planting them into the ground. This encourages the roots to grow into the surrounding soil and helps the plant get established. But you should do this very carefully or not at all when planting this time of year. Plants' roots must absorb water rapidly to supply their needs when temperatures are hot, and transplants will not be able to tolerate much damage to their roots now.

Also be careful to plant the bedding plants at the proper depth. The top of the rootball should be level with the soil of the bed. Planting transplants too deep makes them more susceptible to root rot or crown rot. The fungal organisms that cause these dis-

is meeting with David Richard on Thursday and will inform Rhonda of the update.

The new water well was discussed. Mr. Simon attended a meeting on July 9th at Carlyss Waterworks. There is no objection from their entity for WW #10 to drill in their District. Mr. Simon will get with Mrs. Faulk about property description.

Mr. Griffith discussed excavator safety classes for the operators. He will get information to Rhonda for the operators to attend.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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

/s/ Nathan Griffith
NATHAN GRIFFITH
CHAIRMAN

/s/ Connie Trahan
CONNIE TRAHAN
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Get to know teachers

With the start of the school year, parents often have high expectations and positive thoughts for the coming school year. Getting off to a great start requires three simple, but important, ingredients, according to 4-H youth development professor Dr. Janet Fox.

The three parts are communication, understanding the role of a parent and respecting the role of a teacher.

A strong connection between families and teachers is essential for building a positive environment for children. Too often, parents and teachers do not effectively communicate with each other, thereby limiting opportunities for developing open, respectful and trusting relationships. Parents should have a clear understanding of a teacher's communication style when communicating with them.

"If something occurs at school that bothers your child or you, calmly discuss it with your child's teacher at an appropriate time and setting," Fox said, explaining that open, respectful communication often clarifies a situation before it becomes a problem.

Miscommunication, or limited communication between adults, can lead to situations that adversely affect all parties involved.

Parents play an important role in supporting their child's education. It's important that parents stay abreast of what's happening in the classroom through discussions with the teacher, the child's homework and notes sent home. Parents should know what the child is studying so they can provide supplemental material to aid in learning.

Whenever possible, parents should actively participate in their child's school. A wide range of opportunities are available from chaperoning field trips, helping with a school fundraiser to doing paperwork for the teacher.

Understanding and respecting the role of a teacher is an important step in building a solid partnership with your child's teacher. Parents should be aware of classroom structure and teacher preferences. Parents can strengthen the bond between their child and his or her teacher by helping to establish an attitude of trust and respect within the home.

When the teacher's name is mentioned in conversations at home, it's important to show interest in your child's interactions with the instructor. Finally, it's important that teachers know you appreciate their efforts.

"Children benefit most from healthy, reciprocal relationships between teachers and families," Fox said, noting, "Like most relationships, these require time to nurture mutual respect, cooperation and comfortable communication."

For related family topics, click on the Family and Home link at the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. For local information and educational programs, contact an extension agent in your parish LSU AgCenter office.

nals are not in use.

The Louisiana Highway Safety Commission reminds motorists that it is important to stop 30 feet from a school bus to ensure the safety of our young pedestrians.

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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



TOURNAMENT

The Lemesche Bass Club fished their final club tournament of 2007 last Saturday. Fishing out of Miami Corporation Permit Land, they fished the Old Amoco Field. This was a tough day on anglers, as the temperature rose to 102 by 4 p.m.

Richard and Jordon Duhon had the first place bass of 2.30 pounds and the second place stringer weighing 7.44 pounds.

Third place team was Ricky Canik 6.16 pounds and third place largest bass 1.28. Carl Broussard and Loston McEvers took first place team stringer weighing 8.72 pounds and second largest bass of 1.94 pounds.

Darren Richard and Corey Broussard were fourth with a 4.94 stringer and Johnny LeDoux was fifth with a 4.16 pounder. Corey and Darren took the Choupique Pot. The fish weighed 2.14 pounds.

AREA FISHING

Redfish are still scattered all across our marshes and the Big Burn is real producing Redfish, 16 to 20 inches. Catching a limit is no problem. A reminder, the Big Burn and all Miami Corporation permit lands, Closed on Sunday Evening, Aug. 26, so only a week or so left to fish these outlets.

The beaches of Cameron Parish are now hot, as Speckle Trout and Redfish are plentiful along the Gulf shores from Pecan Island. All the way to Johnson Bayou.

The CCA's Star Statewide Tournament will be on Sept. 3, LeBouf says, so there's still time to get on the board.



Heat takes its toll on plants

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

Our yards and gardens generally look a little frayed around the edges by this time of the year. On top of heat stress, plants also are more vulnerable to insect and disease problems now.

Heat stress takes its toll on just about everything in our landscapes except the tropics. The final really hot days that usually come at the end of a long, hot summer are especially hard on plants.

Worse yet, plants experiencing heat stress are weakened, and that means we often see an increase in disease and insect problems at the end of the summer. So you should be on the lookout for pests such as lace bugs, aphids, leaf hoppers, scales, spider mites and whiteflies.

One of the worst pests of late summer is the whitefly, a small white insect that is a little bigger than a gnat. Clouds of them will fly up from a heavily infested plant when it is shaken. Both the adults and the immature whiteflies feed on the plant by sucking the sap from the foliage. Infested plants will have a sickly appearance and dull leaves. A black deposit called sooty mold often appears, and leaves may turn yellow and fall off. (Sooty mold may also be caused by other sucking insects such as aphids and scale.)

Whiteflies are somewhat selective in what they feed on — often infesting hibiscus, cleome, lantana, mallow, poinsettia, gardenia, Confederate rose and many bedding plants. When spraying, pay especially careful attention to thorough coverage on the most heavily infested plants. Repeat applications as necessary.

Plants heavily infested with whiteflies also may be cut back to reduce population levels. Just be sure to discard the clippings. In addition, as a last resort, low-value landscape plants — such as bedding plants — may even be pulled up and disposed of.

Controlling whiteflies can be difficult, especially when the population levels get high. On ornamentals you can use Talstar, Malathion, acephate or dimethoate. Although oil sprays are not recommended for use in summer when daytime highs go above 85 degrees, highly refined paraffinic insecticidal oils, such as Bonide Year Round Oil, can be used now

HUNTING

The La. Wildlife and Fisheries Commission has set the Waterfowl hunting season as follows - Dove - (70 days) South Zone: Sept. 1-9, Oct. 13-Nov. 25 and Dec. 22-Jan. 7; Rails and Gallinule, Sept. 15-30 and Nov. 10-Jan. 2; Teal - Sept. 15-30; Duck - West Zone - Nov. 10-Dec. 2 and Dec. 15-Jan. 20. These dates include Coot (Pool-do) Season also. Ducks and Coots will have a 60 day season. Geese - 72 days - West Zone, Nov. 10-Dec. 2 and Dec. 15-Feb. 1, Geese Conversation order on Blues-Snows and Ross 49 days, Dec. 3-14 and Feb. 2-Mar. 9

Our dove seasons daily bag limit is 12 in the aggregate of mourning doves, white winged doves, Eurasian collared doves, ringed turtle doves (pigeons). Mourning, whitewing, and fully dress eurasian Collared doves and ringed turtle doves count in the daily limit.

Teal season's daily bag limit is 4 white king and clapper rails is 15 in the aggregate, Sora and Virginia rails are 25 in the aggregate for daily and possession limits.

The Common and Purple gallinules daily bag limit is 15.

Snipe and woodcock season was also set, with snipe having a 107 day season, Nov. 3-Dec. 3 and Dec. 15-Feb. 28, with a daily bag limit of 8

Woodcock has 45 days, Dec. 18-Jan. 31 with a daily bag limit of 3.

The regular duck season will be 60 days with a 6 duck daily limit in aggregate of all duck species. The daily limit can include no more than 4 mallards. (Only 2 mallard hens) 3 mottled ducks, 2 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 canvasback, 1 pintail, 1 black duck.

and are very effective against whiteflies. Oils kill by suffocation and are an excellent low-toxicity insecticide. Spray in the early morning when it is cooler. Check the label carefully for the safe and proper use of these pesticides and the listing of plants on which they may be used.

Many vegetables in the garden now also are susceptible to whiteflies. Those include tomatoes, eggplants, okra, sweet potatoes, beans and others. Malathion, Bonide Year Round Oil, insecticidal soap and Thiodan should help reduce populations, but repeated applications may be necessary. Follow label directions carefully and note the waiting period between application and harvest.

Another pest, the stinging caterpillar, often is around in the landscape in late summer. The tan, furry puss moth caterpillar, the square-shaped, brightly colored saddleback caterpillar and the chartreuse green, spiny IO moth caterpillar feed on a variety of plants. Stinging caterpillars produce a very painful burning, itching sting when touched. The irritation is caused by hollow, venom-filled spines that puncture the skin and release the venom into the wound. Children should be cautioned against touching any caterpillar.

Stings most commonly occur on hands or arms as gardeners work among their shrubs. Wearing gloves and long sleeves will help prevent stings. To control these pests, physically destroy as many as you can see. (Knock them to the ground and step on them.) Then spray the plants with Bt (Dipel, Thuricide, Biological Worm Control), Sevin, acephate, permethrin, bifenthrin or cyfluthrin.

Azalea lace bugs are a leading pest on azaleas and are active in late summer and fall (as well as spring). The damage they cause appears as small, white dots on the upper leaf surfaces, becoming so numerous that the leaf may take on a faded or tan color. Lace bugs have piercing-sucking mouth parts and feed primarily on the underside of the foliage. Turn a leaf over and look for dark brown, shiny spots to confirm lace bug activity. Control this pest with Bonide Year Round Oil, Malathion, Talstar or acephate.

Numerous types of scale attack a variety of plants. They often go unnoticed since

Wildlife refuges along Creole Nature Trail to re-open soon

(American Press)

Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, south of Hackberry, Louisiana will reopen four of its six recreation areas along the Creole Nature Trail on Saturday, Sept. 1.

These areas, damaged by Hurricane Rita, have been closed for cleanup and repair for almost two years. Parking areas, boat launches, and fishing piers at the Hog Island Gully, Blue Goose Trail, 1A/1B, and West Cove recreation areas are undergoing final repairs.

The Blue Goose Trail may be closed intermittently for additional repairs throughout the next year.

Northline Recreation Area and the Wetland Walkway will reopen later in the fall when repairs are completed, said Don Voros, project leader of the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

All permitted activities, hiking, birding, fishing, crabbing, boat launching, will resume when the areas reopen. During the Louisiana inshore shrimp season, cast

netting for shrimp is permitted at the Hog Island Gully and 1A/1B recreation areas. West Cove is closed to cast netting.

Sabine's hours have changed to permit boat access from one hour before legal sunrise to one hour after legal sunset. But permitted activities may only occur from sunrise to sunset.

Possession of all applicable fishing licenses is required.

Fish species may be taken in accordance with Louisiana recreational fishing rules.

Voros warned that motorboat travel in the refuges may be hazardous because of changed geography, underwater or floating debris, narrow boat run, vegetation and blind crossings.

Rules and boat access routes are provided in the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex fishing regulations brochure, which is available from the refuges and online at www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex.

For more information call the refuge complex at 598-2216.

Gulf of Mexico survey available online

Anyone interested in Gulf of Mexico coastal and marine issues is invited to complete a survey that will help scientists and funding agencies prioritize regional research and informational needs. Participants can help shape the future direction of Gulf of Mexico research, discovery and information dissemination by identifying the topics they believe are most important. The survey, which takes approximately 10 minutes to complete, is available online at <http://masgc.org/gmrp>.

Resources that help scientists and managers understand the natural and human-caused impacts on the Gulf are limited, yet coastal and marine concerns continue to rise. Current topics of concern include stewardship of natural and cultural resources, ecosystem and human health, marine operations, natural hazards and

the ocean's role in climate.

This survey and other stakeholder input will be used to develop a regional priorities plan for the Gulf of Mexico research community. The plan will assist research-based organizations collaboratively work to address the most pressing needs.

The Gulf of Mexico Research Prioritization and Information Needs project is coordinated regionally by the Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi-Alabama and Texas Sea Grant programs and engages federal, state, university, non-governmental and international organizations. The project is funded through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. For more information, contact Steve Sempier, Sea Grant Gulf of Mexico research coordinator, at stephen.sempier@usm.edu or (662) 325-5509.

Tips to make finding the right fan a breeze

(NAPSA)-Today's attractive ceiling fans can not only help give you a break from high heating and cooling bills, they can complement your decor and increase your comfort.

Here are hints on how to find the fan for you:

- Choose the largest fan your room will allow. A larger fan moves more air at lower speeds, which reduces noise and increases the fan's life span, as it doesn't have to work as hard.
- Install your fan at least seven feet from the floor and make sure there's ample room for the blades to spin unencumbered, at least 24 inches from the closest wall.
- Purchase a fan with a light kit to increase its versatility. Some fans that don't come with a light are adaptable in case you ever want to add one.
- The right type of mounting maximizes the cooling effect. If you have low ceilings, choose a ceiling-hugging flush mount; for higher ceilings, use longer downrods to bring the circulating action down into the room. Sloped ceilings require an angled mount.

- If you're going to use your fan outside, the motor should be designed to withstand moisture and temperature changes, and the blades should be constructed from a man-made material that won't warp with humidity.

It's not the number of blades but the blade pitch (from 8 degrees to 15 degrees) that affects air circulation. The higher the pitch, the more air the fan circulates at slow speeds.

- Fans labeled with an energy rating use less energy, so you save money on utility bills while protecting the environment.
- Consider a remote control. Some remotes even have special sensors to turn the fan on and off automatically or adjust fan speed based on room temperature.
- A cast-iron motor absorbs and removes heat better than steel motors, is rustproof and is extremely stable, making the fan virtually wobble-free.
- Look for a fan that's easy to install.



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they do not really look like insects. They are covered with a protective shell and do not move once they settle on the plant. They may appear as white, brown or tan dots, dashes or bumps on the foliage or stems of plants, and they detach easily when pushed on with your thumbnail. Systemic insecticides such as acephate, Merit and dimethoate or Bonide Year Round Oil are effective in controlling scales. Several applications will be necessary.

The heat causes enough stress for plants in our landscapes without them having to tolerate insect damage as well. So watch out for pest problems. Controlling them, when necessary, will help get your plants through the summer in good shape.

Boating Class scheduled

The Lake Charles Power Squadron will hold a one day Safe Boating Class on Sat Sept 8, at their clubhouse located just past the I-210 boat launch past LaFleur Park. The class is from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Boaters with insurance may get a discount by completing this approved class. Anyone born after Jan 1, 1988 must take the class before operating a boat over 10 hp. This class will cover all aspects of safe boating along with information on the hazards of our local waterway.

A lite lunch will be provided or you can bring a sack lunch. The class is free for age 10 and up.

For more information on the Power Squadron Safe boating classes call Ship to Shore at 474-0730.

Dove Hunting to Open on September 1 at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge

According to Refuge Manager Glenn Harris, dove hunting will be open at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge each day during the first split of the state regulated season (Sept. 1, - Sept. 9). Dove hunting on the refuge will follow the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries regulations. Shooting hours are noon to sunset on opening weekend and one-half hour before sunrise to sunset thereafter. Only approved non-toxic shot may be used. Hunters are required to carry a signed copy of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries National Wildlife Refuge Complex hunt permit on them while hunting. Permits are free of charge. The 2007-08 hunt permits will be available Aug. 31, at the refuge headquarters visitor kiosk, at each hunt kiosk, and on the internet. To reach the regulations on-line please go to: <http://www.fws.gov/swlarefugecomplex> and click on the hunt regulations link on the first page.

Access to the refuge is limited to designated roads and parking areas only. Roads to permitted parking areas are the only roads open to vehicles. No vehicles are allowed on any other levees or roads. The areas around the visitor center and maintenance buildings are closed to all hunting activities. All terrain vehicles (airboats, three and four wheelers, and marsh buggies) are not permitted on the refuge.

Hunters may enter the hunt area one half hour before legal shooting time and may remain no later than one half hour after official sunset. Hunting dogs are permitted for use during hunting activities, but must remain under the immediate control of the hunter. A post hunt report card must be completed at a self-clearing check station, located in hunt zone parking

Tarpon Football Schedule

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The South Cameron High School football schedule has been announced as follows: All games are 7 p.m. except for the Lake Arthur Jamboree, which is at 6 p.m. District games are marked by *

Aug. 23 - East Beauregard (Lake Arthur Jamboree)
Aug. 31 - at DeQuincy
Sept. 7 - at Vinton
Sept. 14 - Kinder
Sept. 21 - Lake Arthur
Sept. 28 - at Welsh
Oct. 5 - Merryville* (Homecoming)
Oct. 12 - at Basile*
Oct. 19 - at Hamilton Christian*
Oct. 26 - Oberlin*
Nov. 2 - Elton* (Senior Night)
*District Game

All adults have back-to-school duties

Back-to-school time isn't just for kids. Adults have responsibilities, too, according to LSU AgCenter family resource management specialist Dr. Karen Overstreet.

"Even if you don't have school-age children, you still are important to the overall education efforts in your community," Overstreet said. Parents have obvious responsibilities for their own children's education, and other adults have volunteer roles.

Getting the whole community involved in education communicates to students the importance of schooling and can provide intergenerational interaction. Citizens who regularly participate in educational activities tend to be more supportive of the local schools, and, in turn, schools are often more responsive to local needs.

"There's a tendency to think that the problem is always lack of money," Overstreet said, but added, "As important as financial resources are, there are a lot of needs that dollars can't fill."

"Students need role models and mentors whether it is a reading buddy in elementary school or someone with whom to discuss a future profession in high school. Schools need volunteers for both curricular and extracurricular activities — perhaps a wetlands restoration project for an ecology class or developing a butterfly garden for plant and insect classes. Adults can encourage students by supporting school activities — not just the sports teams but debate teams, choirs, science clubs and other student organizations.

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THIS IS ONE of the more than 100 pre-Rita photos that are included in a new book of Cameron Parish photographs made by the late Bill Turnbull. This picture of a fallen hackberry tree was made at Rutherford Beach south of Creole. Ordering information for the books can be found in an ad on the this page of this issue of the Pilot. The book is being published by Janie Turnbull, Bill's widow.

Cheerleaders attend camp at McNeese

The Grand Lake High Junior Varsity cheerleaders attended the Southern Cheerleaders Assoc. camp at McNeese this summer and received a number of awards.

They received superior ratings with each evaluation, the SCA Staff Award, and the Spirit Stick each day. They also placed first runner up in the Dance and Award of Excellence competitions.

Cheerleaders who received individual recognition include: Audrey Harris, Jump off; Calley Conner, All American nominee; Chanler Borel, All American nominee; Jillian Derouen, Jump off and All American nominee; Rebecca Monceaux, Jump off and All American nominee; Callie Brevelle, Jump off, Tumble off, Jr. High Dance Champion, and All American Cheerleader.

An additional tryout will be held the first full week of school. Any girl attending Grand Lake School in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grade is eligible to try-out. For more information, call 474-2538 or 540-9774.



THE 2007-2008 Grand Lake JV Cheerleaders are shown above: (back row, from left) Carli Saltzman, Jenna DiBartolo, Erica Williams, Victoria Breaux, Audrey Harris, Callie Brevelle, Sydney Myers, Alexa Conner; (middle row) Madeline Russell, Calley Conner, Allie Thibodeaux, Rebecca Monceaux, Morgan Fontenot; (front row) Chanler Borel, Taylor Ashfield, Halie Stevens, and Jillian Derouen.

Registration week to be observed

Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters, Suzanne Sturlese, reminds all citizens 18 years and older who are not registered or those 17 now but will turn 18 before or on the October 20, 2007, to take time during Voter Registration Week, Aug. 27-31, and register.

The Registrar's office will be open five days a week 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 775-5493.

If anyone needs to change their name, address or party affiliation, this is the time to do so. For those who plan on voting by mail MUST contact the registrar's office.

Anyone having questions should contact the Registrar's office, located behind the Cameron courthouse, first trailer on the right, or call 775-5493.

Assembly installs officers

Gladwin Ball of Lake Charles has been installed as the 62nd Faithful Navigator of Msgr. Cramers Assembly, Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

The installation ceremony was held in St. Henry Church in Lake Charles following the celebration of Mass by the Very Rev. Daniel Torres, Vicar General of the Diocese of Lake Charles and Pastor of St. Henry Parish.

Among the officers installed along with Ball were: Sentinels - Amos Jones, DeQuincy and Ernest Vincent, Big Lake.

Former Masters Truman Stacy of Lake Charles and Fred B. Fluitt of DeQuincy were the installing officers.



Sen. Jerry Theunissen presents a check for \$2500 to School Board President Loston McEvers at Monday's board meeting. The money, given to all parish school libraries, represents half of the amount raised at a legislative charity basketball game recently. The proceeds were split between Katrina and Rita schools. Pictured above, from left, are: Scott Nunez, Rachel Abadie, Dwayne Sanner, McEvers, Theunissen, Dot Theriot, Patty Morris, and Supt. Stephanie Rodrigue. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE OEP/SHERIFF'S Department. Patrol Boat put on a show with its water cannon during the fishing festival in Grand Chenier last Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Watch out for children

Summer has ended, and students are back in school. Drivers must again slow down to the posted limits when in a school zone.

Sheriff Duhon reminds that local law enforcement officers are going to be out in force, checking for speeders in the school zones, to ensure the safety of our students. You must stop for buses stopped with their warning signals flashing. These are buses dropping off or picking up students.

Grand Chenier Library tells week's event

The Grand Chenier Library events for Aug. 17 through Aug. 24 are as follows:

"Crossword Daze", 10 a.m., Daily
Friday, Aug. 17, "High School Musical Karaoke Party" 1-3 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 20, "Sweatin' to the Oldies" with Richard Simmons, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 21, "Tip Toe Toddler", Storytime for Preschoolers, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 22, "Sweatin' to the Oldies" with Richard Simmons 2 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 23, "Sweatin' to the Oldies" with Richard Simmons, 2 p.m.; "After School Club", Homework, Research Time, Web Surfing, Free Time at the Library, 4-5 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 24, LA Spirit Hurricane Recovery Team, Arts & Crafts, 1-3 p.m.



A PLACE CALLED HOME

A 64-page picture book featuring the photographs of Bill Turnbull

Through the lens of his camera, Bill Turnbull fixed in time colorful images of the beauty of the *cheniers*, beaches, marshes, swamps, and prairies of Cameron Parish. Taken between two of the worst natural disasters the area has ever experienced, Hurricane Audrey (1957) and Hurricane Rita (2005), Bill's photographs vividly remind us of the beauty that was and will be again. With an eye for detail that most of us hold only in our personal memory, he recorded the scenic beauty of the parish that for many years Bill and I were proud to call home.

To reserve your copy please send \$15.00 along with \$3.00 for shipping and handling (per copy) to Janie Turnbull, Turnbull Ink Press, P. O. Box 720447, Norman, OK 73070 by Sept. 15, 2007.

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How to recognize if some is having a stroke

Act F.A.S.T.

FACE Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

SPEECH Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

TIME If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 911 or get to the hospital fast. Brain cells are dying.

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Grand Slam Softball Tournament

Saturday, August 18, 2007
South Cameron Sports Complex

We are excited to announce the official dedication of the **South Cameron Sports Complex** and in doing so would like to invite you to join us!


Games will start at 8am with a Ribbon Cutting at 10am.

We'll have **FREE food and cold drinks from 11am to 2pm**, and snow cones and activities for the kids. **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

KIDS, don't forget to bring your bathing suits and towels for the water slide.

SPECTATORS, seating is limited so bring a chair to get close to the action!

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Cameron LNG, a subsidiary of Sempra Energy, is currently staffing for a **Maintenance Planner/Scheduler** in Hackberry, Louisiana. This liquefied natural gas (LNG) receipt terminal is located just north of the community of Hackberry, Louisiana in the Cameron Parish. Cameron LNG is under construction and will begin commercial operations in late 2008.

The role of the **Maintenance Planner/Scheduler** is to plan, coordinate and schedule the maintenance activities, Preventive Maintenance (PM) activities of the Cameron LNG terminal facility while adhering to the technical and safety procedures, standards, industry practices, and Company policies. This position also serves as primary back-up for both the IE and Mechanical supervisors and serves as a major interface between the operation and maintenance departments for scheduling operation interruptions for repair or PM of equipment. Planner/Scheduler will use CMMS (MAXIMO) for work requests, warehouse spares, M'S, material requisitions, and equipment information. This position has weekend duty, emergency response and call-out responsibilities, and requires a minimum of 5 years experience.

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