



A STANDING ROOM only crowd of 250 or more jammed the Cameron courtroom Monday night for a special Police Jury meeting held to answer questions about FEMA and National Flood Insurance Program building requirements.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Frustration told at P. J. meeting

By CYNDI SELLERS

Frustration and anger fueled by months of regulations, restrictions, and life in camper trailers boiled over during a special called meeting of the Police Jury Monday night.

As many as 300 people filled the courtroom and crowded into the halls to get answers to questions about building regulations from FEMA and National Flood Insurance Program representatives.

Many were angry about letters sent by the parish permitting office concerning air conditioners in storage or agricultural buildings and other possible violations of parish building ordinances.

After two and a half hours of questions and answers, shouting and applause, the Police Jury decided to confer with the District Attorney to find out what amendments can be made to the parish code while still meeting minimum FEMA requirements to remain in the flood insurance program.

Many in the room were not in favor of remaining in the program if it meant they could not rebuild or move in a mobile home at ground level. FEMA Region 6 Director Diana Herrera explained that participation in the NFIP program is purely voluntary on the part of the parish, but that individuals may not opt out. Participation is all or nothing, and nothing means

no flood insurance for anyone, no federal mortgage protection, and no disaster recovery funds in the case of another storm.

CO-OP PROBLEMS

Mike Heinen, CEO of Jeff Davis Electric Co-op said that the non-profit company had spent close to \$85 million restoring power to Cameron Parish after the storm, and FEMA has reimbursed 70% of that amount so far, with more expected.

He said without FEMA reimbursement the co-op would not have been able to return. As it is, revenue is down, with less than 50% of pre-storm customers back on line.

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Governor, senators will attend Rita anniversary

By CYNDI SELLERS

An "all star cast" of state, military and national public officials are expected to be on hand in Cameron Parish Saturday for the observance of the first anniversary of Hurricane Rita.

Those who have confirmed that they will take part in the observance are Governor Kathleen Blanco, U. S. Senators Mary Landrieu and David Vitter, and Lt. General Russel Honore.

The observance is being sponsored by America's Wetland campaign, SW La. Chamber of Commerce, LSU AgCenter, City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Cameron and Vermilion parishes.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, a cattle drive will be held from Jimmy Savoie Road to the Cameron Recreation Center, along Trosclair Road.

The two mile drive, signifying the agricultural riches and losses suffered in SWLA, will be attended by General Honore, Gov. Blanco, the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the Commissioner of Agriculture, local officials, and citizens.

A community barbecue lunch, with entertainment and family fun, will be held at the Cameron Recreation Center. Parish assessors will be cooking the food. Cameron Parish officials will take the opportunity to recognize the many who helped in the immediate aftermath and recovery effort.

Events on Sunday, Sept. 24, the actual anniversary of the storm, will begin in Lake Charles with an ecumenical service and aerial tour of the destruction by the congressional delegations from Louisiana and Texas, followed by lunch in Beaumont, Tex.

From 2-5 p.m., the America's WETLAND campaign and the SWLA Chamber of Commerce will host the Gulf Coast Congressional Summit, where business, community and governmental leaders will discuss issues relating to America's Energy Coast and the full restoration of

America's WETLAND."

Many Cameron Parish churches plan to hold services of remembrance, as well.

Hurricane Rita's anniversary will be a parish holiday, thanks to a motion by Police Juror Darryl Farque. It will, however, alternate with another holiday to be decided, perhaps All Saints Day.

Governor, Powell will attend functions here

Dr. Doug Chance, Superintendent of Cameron Parish Schools, announces two Hurricane Rita anniversary activities to be held at Cameron Parish School Board sites.

On Thursday, Sept. 21, Governor Kathleen Blanco, has called a Town Hall meeting starting at 6 p.m. in the new cafeteria at Grand Lake

School in Grand Lake.

Friday, Sept. 21, Governor Blanco and Don Powell, Chairman of Gulf Coast Recovery, will be featured speakers at the pep rally scheduled for approximately 2 p.m. in Tarpon Stadium at South Cameron High School in Creole. The public is invited to attend.

Anniversary Mass set

The celebration of the Mass on the first anniversary of the passage of Hurricane Rita will be held on the sites of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole and at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Cameron on Sunday, Sept. 24.

The Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau, rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, will be the celebrant at a 10 a.m. Liturgy at Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron.

The Rev. Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, will celebrate Mass at

11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus site in Creole. A large tent will be erected at Sacred Heart for the Mass. A lunch will be served following Mass, according to Father McGrath.

Mass participants are asked to bring lawn chairs if possible.

Photos of damaged or destroyed Catholic churches in Cameron, Creole, Grand Chenier, Hackberry and Johnson Bayou can be found on the Catholic Calendar page elsewhere in this issue. The page is published monthly by the Diocese of Lake Charles.



WORK HAS BEGUN on repairs to the Grand Chenier Methodist Church. Plans are being made to rebuild Wakefield Methodist Church in Cameron, as well, according to Rev. Wayne Taylor.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

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ABOVE IS the proposed rebuilt South Cameron Memorial Hospital, which was destroyed by Hurricane Rita last year. Hospital service district residents will vote on a maintenance tax for the hospital on Sept. 30.

Fate of hospital is in hands of the voters

The residents of Cameron Parish have had to make many important decisions in the past year due to the devastation of Hurricane Rita. Among the uncertainty, one thing is definite: for families choosing to live in Cameron Parish, community-based healthcare is a necessity.

South Cameron Memorial Hospital was destroyed during the storm. Currently, the nearest hospital, W.O. Moss Regional Hospital, is about an hour's drive away. "During an emergency, one hour can literally make the difference between life and death," said Leslie Trahan, resident of Little Chenier, and member of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital Board.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, a tax proposal will be brought before the Cameron Parish community. If approved, the tax would fund the cost of operations for the rebuilt hospital. The actual construction cost would be 90% covered by the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) and 10% covered by the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA), but these funds are contingent upon the tax successfully passing.

The tax proposal is a 10-year, 21 mills tax to cover the cost of operating and maintaining the hospital for the service district of South Cameron Memorial Hospital, which consists of Cameron, Oak Grove, Creole, Little Chenier and Grand Chenier.

Due to homestead exemption, homes valued at less than \$75,000 will not incur any additional taxes. With homestead exemption, homes valued at \$100,000 will pay an additional tax of approximately \$50 a year.

"Healthcare is a basic component for any successful community," Trahan explained. "A local hospital is an important key to the recovery efforts due to the destruction our area has suffered. Any economic model will show that community-based healthcare is vital in economic development, and if any area needs to boost economic development, it's Cameron Parish. Our businesses and infrastructure desperately need to rebuild."

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Beach Sweep is successful!

The 2006 Beach sweep was a Great success. The companies involved were Enbridge, El Paso Tennessee Gas, CrossTex, Williams Field Services, Williams Gas Pipe/Transco Station 44, Targa, Cheniere LNG and Cameron Communications.

Also other companies participating were Benton Construction, Redman Supply, Hines Environmental, C.K. Associates, Coastal Chemical and R & R Construction.

Our local parish employees helped with the trash pickup and distribution of supplies needed to make this event a success. Everyone was working together as a team to keep our environment clean.

We were able to clean 5 1/2 miles of beach, which is located in front of the Enbridge Stingray, El Paso Tennessee, CrossTex, Targa, Williams Field Services and Williams Gas Pipes facilities.

There were two hundred and twenty one volunteers including local youth organizations who assisted sponsor companies in picking up 720 bags of trash.

Those groups involved were the Johnson Bayou 4-H Clubs, Hackberry 4-H Club, The Boy Scouts of America Troop #162 of Lafayette as well as family and friends of these numerous youth groups.

Employees and family

members of the sponsor companies participated by providing gloves, trash bags and logistical support during the cleanup.

Those who participated in the Beach Sweep were treated to lunch provided by the sponsor companies. Each participant also received a Beach

Sweep T-shirt and beach towel. With a small effort on our part and the help from local community organizations, we can instill a sense of pride and ownership in keeping our environment a clean place to work and enjoy outdoor activities.

'See you at the flagpole' set

The Grand Lake High Fellowship of Christian Students will host "See you at the New Flagpole" in front of the new elementary school Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 7:30 a.m.

All students grades 7 - 12 are invited as well as the community to come together and pray.

Legion meets

American Legion Post 176 of Cameron will hold a meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Grand Lake Multipurpose Bldg.

All veterans are invited to attend.

The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.
 - Lao-tzu



THE CAMERON PARISH Beach Sweep was held last Saturday and was deemed a big success by sponsors and volunteers who removed a vast amount of trash and debris from Cameron Parish beaches.

(Photo courtesy of Nat Griffith.)

Funerals

ALMA MARIE THERIOT



Alma Marie Theriot, 66, died Monday, Sept. 18, 2006, in a Lake Charles hospital.

She was born and raised in Hackberry. She had resided in Creole since 1959, until she was forced by Hurricane Rita to relocate to the Sulphur-Maplewood area.

She was a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church of Creole, where she worked for about 29 years, and was also a member of Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church of Sulphur. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters and made Women's Cursillio 27.

Survivors include her husband, Milford Theriot of Sulphur; son, Rodger Theriot and wife Karen of Sweetlake; daughter, Alice Perez and husband Carlos of Carlyss; and five grandchildren.

Her funeral will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21, from Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church of Sulphur under direction of Johnson Funeral Home. The Rev. Joe McGrath will officiate. Burial will be in Mimosa Pines Cemetery in Carlyss.

ROBYNNE MARIE AUTHEMENT

Robynne Marie Authement, 43, of Rayne, died Sept. 16, 2006 at her residence in Rayne.

She grew up and went to school in Cameron and graduated from McNeese State University with a B.S. Degree in Music.

She was a band director at Oberlin High School, Lavonia High School and Rayne High School. She was a member of Sigma Alpha Iota Sorority and also, a member of the Eunice Community Band.

Survivors include two sisters, Vanessa Davidson of Grand Lake, and Kathy Stoute of Lake Charles; one brother, Ted Authement of Sulphur.

Her funeral was held Wednesday, Sept. 20, in Hixson Funeral Home. Burial was in Our Lady Star Of The Sea Cemetery in Cameron.



Singing to be held Sat.

The gospel singing group "Forgiven" will perform at the Hackberry First Baptist Church at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 23.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. For more information call 583-8852.

Educational workshop to be held

The Home Builders Association of Southwest Louisiana (HBASWLA) will host an on-site continuing education workshop regarding the new statewide building codes from 1-5p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26, at 7913 Elliot Road, Lake Charles.

The workshop will be conducted by Coastal Building Inspectors out of Texas and representatives from Norbord, Simpson Strong-Tie and Stanley Bostitch will be on hand. The workshop is free to members of the HBASWLA. Nonmembers can attend for a cost of \$25.

"These new universal building codes are already having an impact on Cameron and lower Calcasieu parishes," said Chad Deshotel, president of HBASWLA and a member of the Louisiana Uniform Construction Code Council.

"We are hoping to get our local contractors educated and well-versed on the topic before the codes go into effect statewide at the beginning of next year."

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact the Home Builders Association at 477-7893.

Fire Chief Landry attends school

Toby Landry, Fire Chief of Grand Lake - Sweetlake Volunteer Fire Department, participated in a two day school on how to improve fire ratings in the communities.

Grand Lake has been working on reducing the fire rating to help lower insurance costs. The new rating will come about in the next few years.

Volunteers in the department help to reduce the cost of the rating and the cost of individual insurance policies.



THE HACKBERRY Rural Health Clinic, which was badly damaged by Hurricane Rita last year, held a grand reopening Tuesday, Sept. 12. The clinic had operated out of a temporary building since the storm, but was able to move back into its restored building last week. The clinic is a service of the West Calcasieu-Cameron Hospital of Sulphur. Pictured above at last week's reopening ceremony were: Bobby LeTard, hospital board member; Bill Hankins, hospital Chief Executive Officer; Julie Galley, nurse practitioner of Hackberry Clinic; Sharmyn Holcomb, director of Physician Practice Management; Frank LeBarbera, hospital board member; and Tim Broussard, Special Projects Administrator.

Gov. Blanco announces appointment of Richard

Governor Kathleen Babineaux Blanco has announced the appointment of David Richard to the Louisiana Recovery Authority (LRA) Board of Directors.

Richard, a career wildlife biologist, joins the 33-member board, which serves as the planning and coordinating body of Louisiana's rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

A resident of Lake Charles, Richard is executive vice president of Stream Property Management Inc., a private company that manages the Stream family estate in southwestern Louisiana, as well as 150,000 acres of diverse wetlands in southern Louisiana. He also manages Stream Wetland Services, a consulting company specializing in wetlands restoration.

Prior to his current position, he spent 16 years as a wildlife biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

"David's expertise in wetlands and coastal restoration will prove invaluable as we enter a critical phase of our recovery-rebuilding our vanishing coastline," said Governor Blanco. "He will work with us as we define recovery efforts in Cameron Parish and southwest Louisiana. I am so pleased he agreed to join us in this historic work."

During his tenure at Stream Property Management, Richard was instrumental in securing wetlands restoration funding from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) through the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency and the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

If anyone in the Grand Lake or Sweetlake area would like to join the department, please call Chief Landry at 598-4472.

Application

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a notice for a pipeline application that has been filed by the Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC.

The company is seeking to construct two pipelines from the Cheniere Sabine Pass LNG terminal near Johnson Bayou in Cameron Parish to various delivery points in Cameron, Calcasieu, Jeff Davis, Acadia and Evangeline parishes.

The pipelines will go up the middle of Sabine Lake between Cameron Parish and Texas and then will go east along the Cameron-Calcasieu border.

The project will provide new natural gas pipeline facilities to transport imported liquefied natural gas from the LNG facility at Sabine Pass to various pipelines serving other areas of the United States.

The project will cost about \$517 million.

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YELLOW RIBBONS have been tied to oak trees at the Cameron Court House with the note "We've tied these ribbons for the safe and speedy return of Our Military Troops, Our Residents, Our Businesses, Our Parish Offices." (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

SK1 Teresa Mata to be honored at ceremony

Store Keeper 1 Teresa Roxane Mata, who has spent the past 20 years in the U. S. Navy, will retire Saturday, Sept. 23 at a ceremony to be held at 3 p.m. at the Lake Charles Civic Center.

SK1 Mata was born in Cleveland, Miss. and was raised in Holly Beach. She presently lives in Lake Charles with her daughter, Alex.

She has been stationed at a number of Naval stations

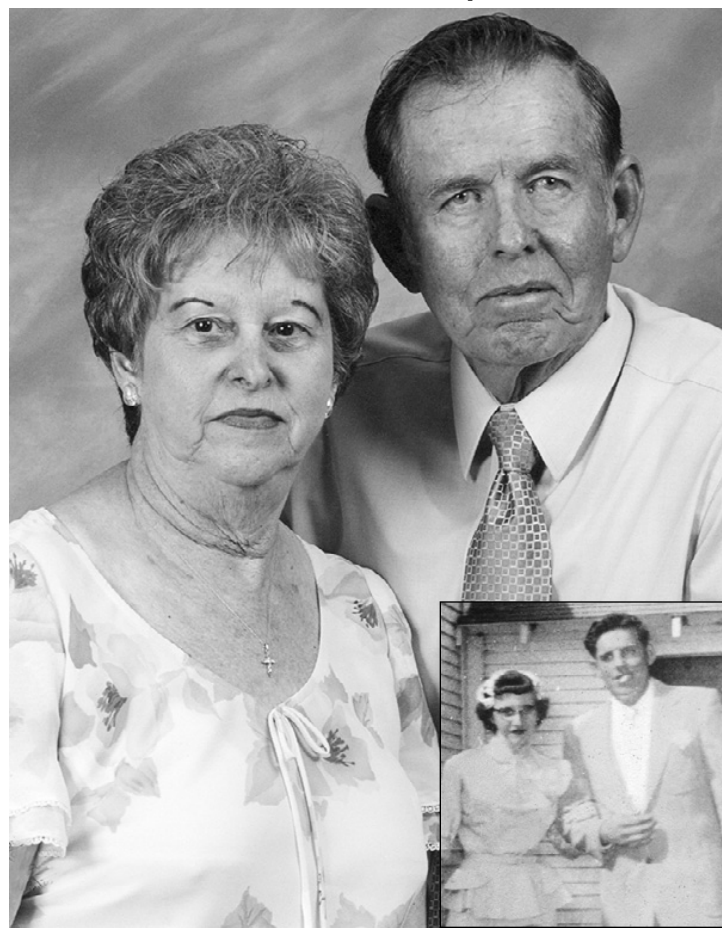
around the United States and the world and had worked in the past as a K9 handler and as a store keeper.

Her most recent assignment was with the Mobile Diving and Salvage Unit at the Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek.

During her work with K9 and law enforcement agencies in San Diego she was responsible for the detection and confiscation of over \$520,000 in illegal drugs and currency.



SIP AND INA Duhon celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary July 14 with family and friends at Big Daddy's Seafood restaurant in Iowa. They were married Aug. 6, 1946 and have five children, 13 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. They presently reside in Grand Lake.



BOYD AND LOUETTA Nunez will celebrate their "belated" 50th Anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 1 with a reception in their honor hosted by family and friends. The Nunez's were married on October 1, 1955. Hurricane Rita delayed the celebration.

Five La. women to lobby for coastal restoration

By **MIKE JONES**
American Press

Five women from Southwest Louisiana have joined more than 130 other Women of the Storm to lobby Congress Wednesday, Sept. 20, for support in restoring coastal Louisiana.

Taking part in the trip to Washington, D.C., are Nancy Roach, Mary Beth Conner, Myrna Conner, Mickey Shannon and Esther Vincent.

The women in January drew attention to the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita with their blue umbrellas-based on the ubiquitous blue roof tarps—their appeal for disaster aid.

Myrna Conner, the only Cameron Parish resident in the group, said her home in east Creole was destroyed by Hurricane Rita. All that was left was the porch slab and the flagpole, she said.

She also lost many of her cattle but managed to save 14, she said.

She is living in a FEMA trailer in upper Cameron Parish, but hopes to soon move into a double-wide mobile home.

"I especially want to bring awareness to the need for oil royalties for the state from the Outer Continental Shelf," Myrna Conner said.

The money derived from

that source, if approved by Congress, would be used for coastal restoration and hurricane protection. A conference committee is working to reconcile House and Senate versions of a royalty bill.

Myrna Conner said she would be teamed with another member of the group to make visits to members of Congress.

Mary Beth Conner said she will take photographs to document the visits and also bring attention to the needs of Habitat for Humanity in building homes for hurricane victims. Habitat especially needs donation of property in Cameron Parish where it can build homes, she said.

The group returned Wednesday on a charter flight.

Women of the Storm is a nonpolitical alliance of Louisiana women whose families, businesses and lives were affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



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Lunch Menus

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Friday, Sept. 22 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, green beans, applesauce cake, wheat sliced bread.

Monday, Sept. 25 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookie, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Soft tacos, fixings cup, pinto beans, carrot cake, flour tortillas.

Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Spaghetti and meat sauce, buttered corn, fruit salad, peanut butter cookie, garlic toast.

Thursday, Sept. 28 - Oven fried chicken, seasoned rice, green beans, fruit cocktail, wheat biscuits.

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THE GRAND CHENIER Branch Library is now open at the site of the former Bonsall Store adjoining Grand Chenier Park. The donated bookmobile was sent from the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library in Missouri, which adopted the Grand Chenier branch. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE JOHNSON BAYOU Branch Library is open at the site of the former building. The bookmobile being used was donated by the Baker, Oregon Public Library System, which has adopted the branch. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

FRUSTRATION
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Audience members asked whether it was the intent of the government to keep all the poor people from returning, and pointedly asked the Police Jury what they were doing to help people rebuild. Jurors had no answer for that question.

Others asked what good the FEMA guidelines are, when many homes built to code were totally destroyed. Michael Honeycutt, Deputy Section Chief for Louisiana Recovery, pointed out that FEMA guidelines are a minimum, and a homeowner can choose to exceed them.

The agricultural building/accessory building controversy was somewhat answered by a reading of the parish ordinance defining the buildings. The assumption that barns and storage sheds do not need air conditioners, and that putting washers, dryers, and freezers in sheds made them residential was challenged.

One resident said he kept

food stored in his shed but the heat made the cans explode and the food spoil, so he installed an air conditioner. Other said that FEMA campers don't come with washer/dryer capability, so they have to put them in sheds. Jurors said they would look into amending the ordinance if possible.

MOBILE HOME PARKS

Mobile home parks were addressed as well, but the answers were often confusing. Depending on whether the park was in an A or V zone, built before or after 1985, and destroyed by wind or flood, mobile homes may or may not have to be elevated. Parish Administrator Tina Horn said the parish permitting office was trying to work with park owners to achieve the best result.

One fact was clear, it is not legal to put a house or mobile home on a raised mound in a V zone. In those areas, generally south of Hwy 82, structures must be elevated on pilings, not dirt. Maps showing the zone designations for the parish are available at the Police Jury office.

Details about height of electrical and plumbing installations, flow-through or breakaway skirting, size of accessory buildings, etc., should be addressed to the permit office, speakers said.

Cindy O'Neal, certified flood plain manager and NFIP state coordinator for the DOTD, explained the process for helping communities stay in compliance. She said all communities, counties, or parishes participating in the NFIP are reviewed regularly. Staff make a tour of the area, taking photographs of buildings which might be in violation. Then the photos are sent to the local permitting authority for documentation.

If it can be shown that the building is not in violation, no further action is needed. If there is a violation, the governing body must take action or risk being declared non-compliant and being suspended from the program.

Herrera emphasized that all communities participating in the NFIP must meet the same minimum guidelines set forth in the FEMA handbook, and that the minimum standards are set by Congress.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following the Q&A period, the Jury went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter, accompanied by Horn and her attorney. A large crowd was still present over an hour later when they emerged.

District Attorney Cecil Sanner reported that a letter presented by the employee's attorney required further research and recommended that any action be deferred until the next voting meeting, Oct. 2. He reminded everyone that matters discussed in executive session were confidential and not to be revealed to anyone.

All library branches now open

One year after Hurricane Rita, the Cameron Parish Library system has all of its branches up and running, although three are in bookmobiles.

The Main Branch in Cameron, dedicated on June 27, 1958, the first anniversary of Hurricane Audrey, was totally destroyed by Rita. The Johnson Bayou Branch, which occupied the former Cameron State Bank building at Constance Beach, was also demolished. The branch at Grand Chenier was under construction, and nearly complete, when Rita's wind and surge wiped it completely away.

One year later, service has been restored to all three communities, but in portable bookmobiles, not buildings.

The library board has received a grant to research the best way to bring back full service to the communities of lower Cameron Parish. It is still waiting to find out how much recovery money will be obligated by FEMA. The board is united, however, in its determination to return, better than ever.



TARGA EMPLOYEE Todd Morrison seasoned burgers to feed Beach Sweep volunteers at Martin Beach on Saturday. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



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STRANDED BOATS are still on the bank near the Cameron Ferry. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SHOWN ABOVE is some of the trash being removed from Martin Beach after this year's Beach Sweep. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



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Tarpons are defeated by Kinder team

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

The Kinder Yellow Jackets offensive machine was in high gear last Friday night, rolling over the South Cameron Tarpons 37-6 in Kinder.

Kinder was led by senior quarterback Justin Reed, who passed for 351 yards while completing 17 of 23 passes. Reed did it all... passing for 2 touchdowns and rushing for 2 other scores for the 6th ranked Yellow Jackets. Reed opened the scoring with a 10 yard run.

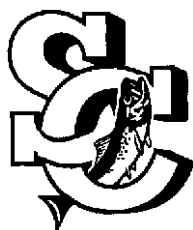
Dominique LeBlanc, who played for South Cameron last year and transferred to Kinder following Hurricane Rita, scored on a four yard run, followed by Reed's second TD run, a 15 yard jaunt, giving Kinder a 21-0 lead in the second quarter.

The Jackets defense got in on the fun scoring on a safety, sacking Tarpon quarterback Deil LaLande in the endzone.

The Yellow Jackets final two scores came on Reed passes. He hit Jordan Allen for a 20 yard score and connected with LeBlanc for a 29 yard pass in the third quarter.

The Tarpons avoided a shutout when LaLande scored on a four yard run late in the fourth quarter. Justin Picou had 45 yards on 23 carries. LaLande completed 5 of 10 passes for 60 yards and rushed for 41 yards.

Marcus Mudd caught 2 passes for 19 yards. Picou had 1 catch for 21 yards; Thomas Trosclair had 1 catch for 3 yards; and Dylan Jarrett had a catch for 12 yards.



Tarpons to play tigers this week

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

It doesn't get any easier for the South Cameron Tarpons as they will be on the road again to take on 3-0 Lake Arthur Tigers, from district 6-2A.

The Tigers own victories over Basile and Elton and had a big 28-27 win over Vinton last week. The Lions defeated the Tarpons 32-14 earlier in the season.

Lake Arthur returns six starters on offense and seven on defense from last year's 5-4 playoff team. The Tigers run the pro-veer on offense and use several running backs. They like to pass as well. Ryan Istre was 6-9 last week for 91 yards.

Lake Arthur's defense is ranked #1 in district, allowing 13 points per game and 140 yards per game.



JOINING IN THE celebration of the United States Senate's recognition of the accomplishments of the South Cameron Lady Tarpons 2006 State Championship were, from left, Cameron Parish Administrator Tina Horn, Cameron Parish School Board member Dot Theriot, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court Carl Broussard, South Cameron Elementary student Christopher Reina, Senator Mary Landrieu of Washington, D.C., Cameron Parish Police Jury member and softball dad Scott Trahan, and Cameron Parish Economic Development Director Ernie Broussard.

Grand Lake Festival set

Grand Lake School announces its Fall Festival 2006 to be held on the school grounds from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7.

Food will be on sale including Hackett's sausage-on-a-

stick, hamburgers, fries, and soft drinks. Activities include a cakewalk, split-the-pot, a petting zoo, face painting and games for small children.

The back gym will have a French cafe with beignets and flavored coffees as well as festival photos.

The library will also be holding its semi-annual Book Fair during the festival.

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A Message to Governor Kathleen Blanco and the Louisiana Recovery Authority:

Don't Leave Faith-Based Schools Behind!

Over the next few weeks, the Louisiana Recovery Authority will meet regarding the long-overdue disbursement of billions of dollars in aid designed to put communities throughout Louisiana back on their feet after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

The LRA has designated \$200 million for school reconstruction. Congress says that these funds can go to ANY schools that meet the goal of rebuilding our community, but the LRA has not yet allowed Faith-Based and Private schools to apply for these rebuilding funds. Some members of the LRA say it violates the separation of church and state-- despite the fact that the government helps provide bus service, food, instructional services and even tuition assistance to students in private and parochial schools.

This is wrong. Hurricanes Katrina and Rita did not discriminate and neither should the LRA. We should help those who helped us.

Within weeks of Hurricane Katrina, the hard-hit Catholic Archdiocese of New Orleans reopened the first school in the City, Cathedral of St. Louis King of France, and allowed any child to attend their schools free of charge when no public schools were open for months. Many of these students were the children of police and firefighters who lost everything but remained in New Orleans to do their jobs and start the recovery. Our strong system of faith-based schools remained committed to their educational mission -- even if it meant holding classes in partially repaired buildings or trailers.

Catholic schools represent 17% of the total student population of Louisiana; yet the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops is only asking for 10% of the funds dedicated for schools - \$20 Million. This request only covers a portion of the \$84 million in uninsured, unreimbursed losses in the Archdiocese of New Orleans alone. Other faith-based schools face similar hurdles, yet they cannot move ahead in rebuilding until they know if they will have their fair share of the funds allocated to rebuild our communities.

It's not a question of church and state -- it's a question of whether or not Louisiana's leadership can make tough decisions and distribute the funds as quickly as possible. Join us in asking Governor Blanco and the LRA to help the devastated schools who met the moral obligation to educate our children when there were no other options after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

To sign our petition, go to www.ChangeLouisiana.com and ask for real leadership, not the same old excuses!

John D. Georges
 CEO, Imperial Trading Co.

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The damage done to St. Peter the Apostle Church in Hackberry is seen some two weeks following Hurricane Rita. The parish is still celebrating Mass in the damaged parish hall. Repairs to the religious education building and parish hall await completion of the church.



The Chapel of the Assumption in Johnson Bayou, the closest church building to the point of landfall of Hurricane Rita, and its rectory and religious education building have been repaired and Liturgy has been celebrated there since Sunday, April 16 - Easter Sunday.



Like most structures in Cameron Parish lying as close to the Gulf of Mexico as St. Eugene does, the storm surge pounded the church, hall and rectory leaving devastation in its wake.




Work has begun on the church at St. Eugene. Much work remains to be done both inside and outside before the church can safely be used to celebrate Liturgy.

Masses to be celebrated on first anniversary of Rita

The celebration of the Mass on the first anniversary of the passage of Hurricane Rita will be held on the sites of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Creole, at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Cameron, and St. Eugene in Grand Chenier on Sunday, Sept. 24. The Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau,

rector of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, will be the celebrant at a 10 a.m. Liturgy at Our Lady Star of the Sea. The Rev. Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus, will celebrate Mass at 11:30 a.m. at the Sacred Heart of Jesus site. According to

Father McGrath, a large tent will be erected at Sacred Heart for the Mass. Lunch will be served following Mass, according to Father McGrath. Mass will begin at 9 a.m. at St. Eugene with Rev. Vincent Vadakkedath, pastor, as celebrant. A meal will follow the Liturgy.



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Dear People of God,

What were you doing this time last year? For those of us in Southwest Louisiana, we were going about our daily routines with a close eye on the television screen or listening to the radio for update reports on the approaching hurricane named Rita. Little did we realize how our lives would be affected by the approaching storm.

365 days, a year - that is the period of time that has gone by since Southwest Louisiana was ravaged by the winds and rain of Hurricane Rita. The damage wrought by this storm has changed our lives forever. The "normal" that we knew is gone and a new "normal" is taking its place. We received "relief" for several months from many wonderful people, organizations and agencies and then the "recovery" stage began. We were told that it would take a year or longer to get homes, churches, and businesses either repaired or rebuilt - these words have proven to be true!

Work has begun; progress is slow in replacing what was! The media has and is recapping the past year. While patience continues to be the operative word, I believe we see signs of hope that I would like to reflect upon. Our love has been called upon in new ways. Recently in our Sunday readings at worship, we listened to the passage about "faith and works." We have been saved by Jesus Christ and we live as people who express that salvation in how we live our lives. We have been "recipients" of those who reached out to us in our need and we have been "givers" by extending help to those who lost everything. While material possessions have been destroyed, we have come to realize the strength we have in those "possessions" that come from within ourselves.

Our faith has been tested! In the Bible the Gospel writers remind us of the "testing" of Jesus. After Jesus was baptized and the words were heard from heaven - "this is my beloved Son, listen to Him" - Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan. We are familiar with the passage. What Jesus reminds the devil and us is that His strength is found in His oneness with His Father. Life will bring us moments of "testing" where our hearts are. While we cannot control what happens to us in our lives, we can control our response to what happens to us - that is what God cares about. I have observed through the disaster of Hurricane Rita, a storm out of our control that had an impact on all of our lives, faith-filled people strengthened in their relationship with God. Our lives were forever changed through the losses we have had. People have been "tested" to see where their hearts are and they have responded with a faith that witnesses their dependence on a loving God as their source of strength - a faith that is verbalized by saying that I lost material possessions, but I am "rich" in my life through my family, my friends, and the "possessions of the heart."

The recovery continues through renovations, repairs, and the re-building of our structures. The inner journey for each of us is one of FAITH as we place our trust in the providential care of God; HOPE as we encourage one another to embrace the many possibilities life has to offer us; and LOVE as we support one another for it is in the "giving" that we "receive" God's choicest blessings.

Peace be with you!

Devotedly yours in Christ,

Harry D. Greig

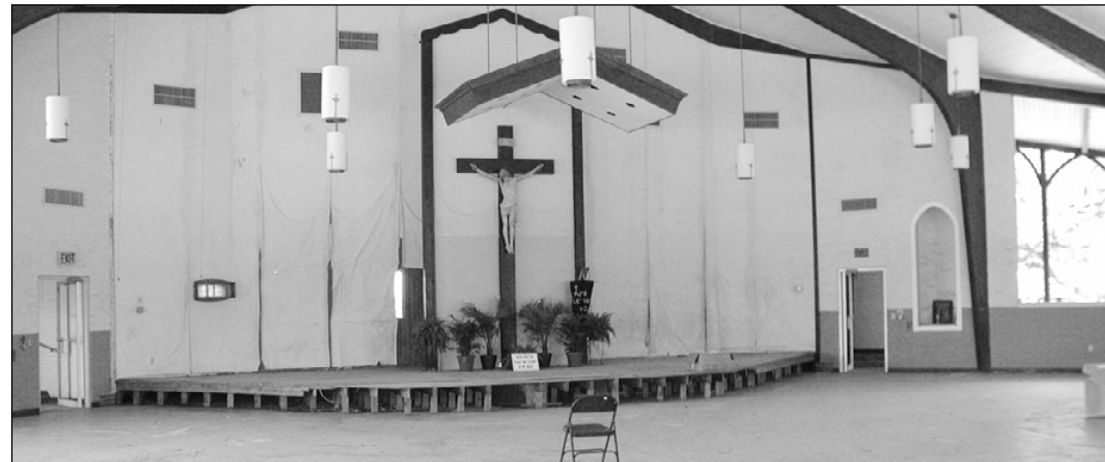
Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig
Diocesan Administrator



The remains of the kneelers at Sacred Heart of Jesus in Creole provided a solemn commentary on Hurricane Rita not long after people were allowed back into Cameron Parish.



The entire physical plant of Sacred Heart was damaged. Here the church, rectory, hall and religious education building can be seen. The sides of the church were blown out by the surge of the water, which also devastated the rectory, hall and religious education building. Plans continue to be worked out on reconstruction of the church.



The debris in the interior of Our Lady Star of the Sea has been cleaned up and the space awaits reconstruction. The church has been given pews, lights and ceiling fans by the Benedictine Sisters of Erie, Penn., to replace the pews lost to Rita. Final plans are coming into focus for those repair efforts.



The outside of Our Lady Star of the Sea remains as it was following Hurricane Rita's passage. Debris from the remains of the church's rectory, religious education building and parish hall have long been cleared away.

Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

O God, master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its quietude. You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster. During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past

tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

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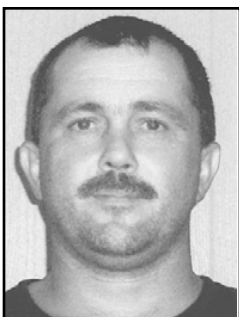
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My address is 102 Borne Lane, Lake Charles, La. 70607. Race: White. Sex: Male. Height: 5' 7". Weight: 220 Lbs. Hair Color: Brown. Eye color: blue. S-24 (Runs: 9/21 & 9/28p)

— JURY CANCELLED —

According to Carl E. Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, the Cameron Parish Civil Jury term scheduled for **Monday, October 16, 2006** has been **CANCELLED**. If you received a subpoena for Jury Duty for this date, you have been excused and do not have to appear.

RUN: 9/21, 9/28 & 10/5 (S-33)

— NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish School Board will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. at Grand Lake School Cafeteria, 1039 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA.

AGENDA:

1. Projects and Related Activities.

RUN: Sept. 21 (S-32)

— NOTICE —

The September billing for Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District #1 will show an increase due to the rising cost of fuel and surcharges. Our residential customers will see very little change in their billing. Industrial and commercial rates have been raised but still remain far below the Gulf Coast average.

RUN: Sept. 21 (S-29)

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It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



Lake Charles American Press, Sept. 21, 1940. WILDCAT IN CAMERON IS NEARING RECORD

Superior Oil Company's wildcat test of the Calcasieu Lake prospect in Cameron Parish, the Calcasieu Lake-State No. 3, is continuing to drill ahead with less than 300 feet to go to establish a new deep hole record in Louisiana. Reported at 13,115 feet in sand and shale, the four-months-old test may reach the 13,409-foot record depth held by the Fohs Oil Company's Bay Baptiste-Lirette field, Terrebonne Parish, which is also the world's second deepest oil producer.

Cameron Pilot, Sept. 20, 1973.

SEEK FIRE ANT SPRAYING

The Cameron Parish Police Jury wants the parish included in the aerial treatment for imported fire ants which began recently in Southwest Louisiana.

The spraying is presently being carried out by aircraft stationed at the DeRidder airport. The work is sponsored by the La. Dept. of Agriculture and the USDA in cooperation with the police juries of the respective parishes.

Mirex bait, which consists of corncob grits saturated with soybean oil, will be used at the rate of 1.24 pounds of

the total mixture per acre. The rate per acre will contain only 1.7 grams of technical Mirex, which is less than one teaspoon per acre.

SOUTH CAMERON FOOTBALL

Following a 26-0 clobbering of Lake Arthur last week, South Cameron High School's Tarpons will be looking for another victory this Thursday night when they meet the Sulphur junior varsity in the Tarpons first home game.

Last week's win left South Cameron with a 1-1 record, having lost out to Westlake 7-6 in the final seconds of the game the previous week.

Because of scheduling difficulty, South Cameron is playing two AAAA junior varsity teams this year. The other one will be with LaGrange.

Mrs. Norman Cheramie, vice-president of the South Cameron Athletic Association and assistant cashier of Cameron State Bank, presented the first South Cameron Tarpons license plates to school Principal J. C. Reina and Tarpon Coach Baron Thomas. In large italicized letters the plates said: GO BIG RED, then small letters in the middle say "SOUTH CAMERON HIGH", and large letters at the bottom say: TARPONS.

Players for the 1973 SC Tarpons were: Seniors--Terry Dronet, Marlon Harrison, Mark Montie, Harold

Vincent, John Rice, Tommy Fawvor, Raymond George, Mike McArthur, Tony LeDano, Mitchell Kelley, I. A. Dupuie, Sidney Theriot, Tony Sturlese, Donny Nunez, Orson Billings, Terry Rutherford, Paulo Miller, Jamie Guthrie, Gregory Henry, Kirk Landry, Keith Kovach, Jody McCall.

Juniors--Dwayne Williams, Mike McCall, Tommy Boudreaux, Marlo Miller, Eric Dinger, Kenneth Henry, Terry Gauthier, David Trahan, Kent Mudd, Melvin LaSalle, David Broussard, Mark Smith, Bobby Joe Doxey, Todd Landry, Bobby Pinch, Al Godette.

Sophomores--Blayne Mayard, Martin Trahan, Greg Boudreaux, Gerald Mouton Terrace Savoie, Dexter Harrison, Glen Kelly, Armand Richard, Kim Savoie, Terry Miller, Doyle Baccigalopi, Wendell Wilkerson, Bryan Arrant, Russel Savoie, Clay Richard, Joey Reina.

Lending beauty to the football field during the South Cameron game Thursday will be these Tarpon Majorettes: Cindy Morris, Margaret Theriot, Ruby Nunez, Susan Elmer and Vickie Savoie.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

An athletic association has been organized by the combined communities of Grand Lake and Sweetlake. The organizational meeting was held Thursday, Sept. 13, at the Grand Lake School and attended by 25 interested people.

Elected to serve as officers of the association were Sonny Lannin, president; Richard Hebert, vice president; Mrs. Betty LaBove, secretary, Alvin Hoffpaur is principal.

Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of Sept. 16, 2006. Trading was active with a turnout of 1955 Head from 184 Sellers with 105 Buyers Present. All Classes of Cattle remained fully steady.

DeQuincy (Saturday) Sept. 16: Livestock Receipts: Cattle 867, Horses 7, Hogs 12, Sheep 25, and Goats 144. BABY CALVES: Dairy 50⁰⁰-75⁰⁰ per HD, Beef 150⁰⁰-225⁰⁰ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.80-2.10 per lb. STEER & HEIFER CALVES: 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.64-1.89 per lb., Heifers: 1.34-1.84 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.35-1.85 per lb., Heifers: 1.30-1.75 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.19-1.44 per lb., Heifers: .99-1.34 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: 1.05-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .85-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .80-1.14 per lb., Heifer: .84-1.04 per lb. CATTLE: Cutter & Utility: .47-.53 per lb.; Canners: .44-.49 per lb.; Fat Cows: .45-.49 per lb.; Thin Cows: .32-.38 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: .55-.65 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: .65-.72 per lb. COW/CALF PAIRS: 850⁰⁰-1100⁰⁰ per pair. PREGNANCY TESTED COWS: 650⁰⁰-900⁰⁰ per HD. HOGS: Choice Barrows & Gilts: .33-.36; Medium Barrow & Gilts: .29-.32; Butcher Pigs: .35-.40; Feeder Pigs: .50-.60; Sows 300-500 lbs.: .27-.34 per lb.; Boars .08-.12 HORSES: .28-.37 per lb. SHEEP & GOATS: 30⁰⁰-175⁰⁰ per HD.

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LEGAL NOTICES

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Exemptions
Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation:

(B)(1)(a)(i) Property owned by a nonprofit corporation or association organized and operated exclusively for religious, dedicated places of burial, charitable, health, welfare, fraternal, or educational purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or member thereof and which is declared to be exempt from federal or state income tax; and

(ii) medical equipment leased for a term exceeding five years to such a nonprofit corporation or association which owns or operates a small, rural hospital and which uses the equipment solely for health care purposes at the hospital, provided that the property shall be exempt only during the term of the lease to such corporation or association, and further provided that "small, rural hospital" shall mean a hospital which meets all of the following criteria:

(aa) It has less than fifty Medicare-licensed acute care beds.

(bb) It is located in a municipality with a population of less than ten thousand which has been classified as an area with a shortage of health manpower by the United States Health Service; and

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006, to become effective January 1, 2007.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To exempt from ad valorem property tax medical equipment leased for a term exceeding five years to a nonprofit corporation or association which owns or operates a small, rural hospital and if the equipment is used solely for health care purposes at the hospital; to provide that "small, rural hospital" shall mean a hospital which meets all of the following criteria:

(1) It has less than fifty Medicare-licensed acute care beds.
(2) It is located in a municipality with a population of less than ten thousand which has been classified as an area with a shortage of health manpower by the United States Health Service. (Article VII, Section 21(B)(1)(a))

A true copy:
W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2005

ACT No. 512

HOUSE BILL NO. 187
BY REPRESENTATIVES ARNOLD, ALARIO, ALEXANDER, ANSARDI, BADON, BALDONE, BAUDON, BRUCE, BRUNEAU, BURNS, CAZAYOUX, CRANE, CRAVINS, CURTIS, DARTEZ, DORSEY, DOWNS, DURAND, ERDEY, FANNIN, FARRAR, FAUCHEUX, FRITH, GREENE, HAMMETT, HEATON, HEBERT, HILL, HUTNER, JACKSON, KATZ, KENNEY, LAFLEUR, LAFONTA, LANCASTER, MARCHAND, MARTINY, MCDONALD, MONTGOMERY, MORRELL, M. POWELL, T. POWELL, QUEZAIRE, RICHMOND, RITCHIE, ROMERO, SCALISE, SCHNEIDER, SHEPHERD, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, STRAIN, THOMPSON, TOOMY, TOWNSEND, TRAHAN, TUCKER, WALKER, AND WALSWORTH

governing authority thereof provides for the exemption by ordinance or resolution.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

Exempts motor vehicles from municipal ad valorem taxes and removes language that authorizes a municipal governing authority or a district thereof to impose ad valorem taxes on motor vehicles. (Amends Article VII, Section 21(E))

A true copy:
W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 5
Regular Session, 2005

ACT No. 509

SENATE BILL NO. 200
(Duplicate of House Bill No. 419)
BY SENATOR BAJOEIE AND REPRESENTATIVE K. CARTER AND COAUTHORED BY SENATORS JACKSON, MURRAY, NEVERS AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article VII, Section 21(C)(19) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to ad valorem property tax exemptions; to provide an exemption for certain artwork; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 21(C)(19) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§21. Other Property Exemptions
Section 21. In addition to the homestead exemption provided for in Section 20 of this Article, the following property and no other shall be exempt from ad valorem taxation:

(C) ***

(19) All artwork including sculptures, glass works, paintings, drawings, signed and numbered posters, photographs, mixed media, collages, or any other item which would be considered as the material result of a creative endeavor which is listed as a consignment article by an art dealer.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall become effective January 1, 2007.

Section 4. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To exempt consigned art from ad valorem property tax; that is, all artworks such as sculptures, glass works, paintings, drawings, signed and numbered posters, photographs, mixed media, collages, or any other item which would be considered as the material result of a creative endeavor. (Effective January 1, 2007) (Adds Const. Art. VII, Sec. 21(C)(19))

A true copy:
W. Fox McKeithen
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 6
Regular Session, 2006

ACT No. 862

HOUSE BILL NO. 206
BY REPRESENTATIVES R. CARTER, M. POWELL, AND SMILEY

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize the legislature by law to establish new judgeships for district courts with the new division having limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as provided by law; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article V, Section 15(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§15. Courts; Retention; Jurisdiction; Judicial District Changes; Terms

Section 15.(A) Court Retention; Trial Courts of Limited Jurisdiction. The district, family, juvenile, parish, city, and magistrate courts existing on the effective date of this constitution are retained. Subject to the limitations in Sections 16 and 21 of this Article, the legislature by law may abolish or merge trial courts of limited or specialized jurisdiction. The legislature by law may establish trial courts of limited jurisdiction with parishwide territorial

jurisdiction and subject matter jurisdiction which shall be uniform throughout the state. Effective January 1, 2007, the legislature by law may establish new judgeships for district courts and establish the new divisions with limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as provided by law. The office of city marshal is continued until the city court he serves is abolished.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To authorize the legislature to enact laws establishing new judgeships of district courts as new divisions having limited or specialized jurisdiction within the territorial jurisdiction of the district court and subject matter jurisdiction over family or juvenile matters as provided by law. (Effective January 1, 2007) (Amends Article V, Section 15(A)).

A true copy:
Al Ater
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 7
Regular Session, 2006

ACT No. 863

SENATE BILL NO. 141
(Duplicate of House Bill No. 642)
BY SENATOR DUPLESSIS AND REPRESENTATIVE BADON AND COAUTHORED BY SENATORS BOASSO, QUINN, SHEPHERD, DARDENNE, HOLIS AND SCHEDLER AND REPRESENTATIVE SCALISE

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 24 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§24. Tax Assessors
Section 24.(A) Election; Term. A tax assessor shall be elected by the electors of each parish, Orleans Parish excepted. His term of office shall be four years. His elections, duties, and compensation shall be as provided by law.

(B) Orleans Parish. There shall be seven assessors in New Orleans, who shall compose the Board of Assessors for Orleans Parish. One shall be elected from each municipal district of New Orleans, and each shall be a resident of the district from which he is elected. The assessors shall be elected at the same time as the municipal officers of New Orleans, for terms of four years each. Their duties and compensation shall be as provided by law.

(C) Vacancy. When a vacancy occurs in the office of tax assessor, the duties of the office, until filled by election as provided by law, shall be assumed by the chief deputy assessor, except in Orleans Parish where the Board of Assessors shall appoint an interim assessor.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To provide for a single tax assessor in Orleans Parish to be elected at the same time as the municipal officers of New Orleans. (Amends Article VII, Section 24)

A true copy:
Al Ater
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 8
Regular Session, 2006

ACT No. 861

HOUSE BILL NO. 48
(Duplicate of Senate Bill No. 177)
BY REPRESENTATIVE WHITE AND SENATOR FONTENOT AND COAUTHORED BY SENATOR MARIONNEAU

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to provide that for certain effects and purposes, the Central community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish shall be regarded and treated as a parish and shall have the authority granted parishes, including the purposes of certain funding and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:



THE COMPLETED BRIDGE at Oak Grove, which is to open Wednesday, (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

HOSPITAL

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The passage of this tax will ensure that the services will continue to be provided by the South Cameron Rural Health Clinic for the people of the lower Cameron Parish Hospital service district, according to Trahan.

"We have gone to the ends of the earth to find a way to fund the reopening of our hospital," said Jennifer Jones, Assistant District Attorney and Legal Council to the lower Cameron Parish Hospital service district.

"This tax is the one critical element upon which everything else depends. The return of South Cameron Hospital is as essential to the recovery of our parish as any other component in our community."

Prior to Hurricane Rita, the hospital was the second largest employer in Cameron Parish, second to the Cameron Parish School Board. The payroll from the hospital helped the local economy by providing necessary income to families in order to establish their homes and way of life.

With the re-opening of South Cameron High School, encompassing pre-Kindergarten through 12th, there are approximately 550 students, in addition to teachers, faculty and staff who are traveling the roads every day without any emergency care or basic healthcare services.

One of the residents of Cameron Parish, Barbara LeBlanc's mother, was a patient in the Skilled Nursing Facility at South Cameron Memorial Hospital for almost three years after a stroke left her paralyzed. LeBlanc, the former Administrator of Water Works in Cameron Parish, recalls the atmosphere being very much like family.

"We knew all of the residents there, and would visit with all of them when we'd visit our own family. They were part of our family, too," she explained.

LeBlanc stressed that residents in Cameron Parish need to look toward the future

§13. Funding; Apportionment
Section 13.

(D)(1) Municipal and Other School Systems. For the effects and purposes of this Section, the Central community school system and the Zachary community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish, and the municipalities of Baker in East Baton Rouge Parish, Monroe in Ouachita Parish, and Bogalusa in Washington Parish, and no others, shall be regarded and treated as parishes and shall have the authority granted parishes. Consistent with Article VIII of this constitution, relevant to equal educational opportunities, no state dollars shall be used to discriminate or to have the effect of discriminating in providing equal educational opportunity for all students.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 7, 2006.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows:

To grant the Central community school system in East Baton Rouge Parish the same authority granted parishes for purposes of Article VIII, Section 13 of the Constitution of Louisiana, including purposes related to the minimum foundation program, funding for certain school books and instructional materials, and the raising of certain local revenues for the support of elementary and secondary schools. (Amends Article VIII, Section 13(D)(1))

A true copy:
Al Ater
Secretary of State

RUNS: Sept. 21 - S 28

West Nile virus found in mosquito near marina

JOSH HIGHTOWER
Biologist
Cameron Parish Mosquito Control

A mosquito sample collected on Sept. 7 near Hebert's Marina has tested positive West Nile Virus. Mosquito Control activities including ground adulticiding, aerial adulticiding, and larvaciding have been performed in this area to prevent the spread of this disease.

All other samples tested in Cameron Parish revealed negative results for West Nile Virus. St. Louis encephalitis, and eastern equine encephalitis.

WNV is a disease that occurs naturally in birds. Mosquitoes become infected while feeding on an infected

bird. Infected mosquitoes can then transmit the virus into the human population. Symptoms will usually show up 5-15 days after a person is bitten by an infected mosquito. Symptoms of a mild infection are fever and headache. More severe infections include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, and paralysis.

A very small percentage of people that are exposed to WNV will show any symptoms. About one person out of 150 people exposed to WNV will show severe symptoms. The people at the highest risk are those who are 50 years of age or older, but everyone should take precautions to protect themselves.

This is the time of year that most mosquito borne diseases are most likely to occur. It only takes one infected mosquito to transmit a disease like this so it is important to protect yourself by taking the following precautions:

*Wear long light colored clothes.

*Wear repellents containing DEET when mosquitoes are active, especially at dusk and dawn.

*Make sure that all window screens are in good working order.

*Do not leave outdoor lights on at night. Use a light with a motion sensor instead.

*Keep your yard mowed or bush hogged to eliminate mosquito resting areas.

*Empty containers that hold water every three to four days.

*Eliminate standing water around your house.

If you find a dead blue jay, cardinal, or crow that has not begun to decompose and is not covered in ants please call Cameron Parish Mosquito Control at 905-5941 to have your bird collected for testing.

Observances to be held by churches

Several area churches are planning special observances on the first anniversary of Hurricane Rita, which falls on a Sunday.

Our Lady Star of the Sea

A mass will be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron on Sept. 24 at 10 a.m. The church has raised a banner thanking all the volunteers who helped with the recovery.

First Baptist Church of Cameron

First Baptist Church of Cameron will hold a special service of thanksgiving and remembrance and observe the Lord's Supper. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. A dinner on the grounds will be held after the service.

Sweetlake United Methodist

The Sweetlake United Methodist Church will hold a service of Remembrance and Healing in memory of Hurricane Rita on Sunday, Sept. 24. The service begins at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed with a covered dish lunch. The church is located at the corner of Hwy. 397 and Robinson Rd. in Sweetlake.





HELPING CLEAN Cameron Parish beaches last Saturday during Beach Sweep were Mary LeBlanc, Christopher Parish, and Kathryn Parish, with Targa Midstream Services, and Ruth Lucias with Dyn McDermott. Over 200 volunteers worked at Martin, Little Florida, and Holly Beaches. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Debris cleanup being done at Sabine Refuge

Sabine National Wildlife Refuge was trashed by hurricane Rita one year ago this week. This wildlife haven was literally covered with tons of debris carried into refuge marshes by Rita's storm surge. Almost one fourth of this 125,000 acre wetland refuge is covered with remnant homes, businesses, and industries from along Louisiana's coast. The approximately seven million cubic meters of debris (250,000 dump truck loads) contains everything from teddy bears to tanks the size of large 18-wheelers.

A post hurricane assessment identified 1,400 potential hazardous material items containing an estimated 115,000 to 350,000 gallons of hazardous liquids and gases blown and submerged throughout refuge wetlands.

After hurricane Rita, FEMA had the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency clean up Cameron Parish, but the Stafford Act prevented them from working on federal property.

Recovery of identified hazardous materials was estimated to cost millions to remove, which the Service did

not have. On June 15, 2006, President Bush and Congress approved a \$132.4 million emergency supplemental fund for the Service to clean-up and make hurricane-related repairs throughout the Southeast. \$12 million from this supplemental will be used for the current clean-up operation at Sabine National Wildlife Refuge.

"The scope and complexity of this recovery effort is unprecedented," said Don Voros, Project Leader of the Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex. "We've made excellent progress to make this refuge safe for the public and for the wildlife."

An Incident Command staff composed of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Coast Guard, and Tennessee Valley Authority employees assembled during July 2006 to oversee the Sabine clean-up operation. Shortly after, Clean Harbors Environmental Services was contracted to conduct the debris removal. It takes thoughtful planning and specialized equipment to remove debris from sensitive wetland areas without road

access. Service staff and wetlands specialists plan the recovery of each item in a safe manner with the least amount of damage to the wetlands.

This clean-up team includes 120 recovery workers and more than 40 highly specialized pieces of equipment. Equipment being used to accomplish the mission include: single, double, and triple engine airboats, airboat cranes, outboard boats, pontoon barges, long and short reach excavators, marsh buggies and draglines, four wheelers, vacuum trucks and other miscellaneous equipment. There are approximately 40 equipment resources deployed in the field.

In less than a month, the container recovery unit has collected 1,283 items. The first container recovered was a leaking 55-gallon drum of oil sighted during an aerial reconnaissance and removed Aug. 23, 2006.

The most hazardous materials collected so far have been propane, antifreeze and gasoline tanks. The largest tanks removed have been 20,000 gallon oil production tanks. Later this week a 30,000 gallon tank, the size of a large 18-wheeler will be recovered from the marsh. As these large containers are brought into the collection site, owners are being contacted to come pick them up, which all have done so far.



SEA OATS have been planted near Constance Beach as part of a research project by the LSU AgCenter. The sign says each plant is important to the project, so "Please Do Not Disturb The Plants!" The Coastal Plants Research Project is part of a larger effort to restore Louisiana's wetlands. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Letters to the Editor

EMTs thanked for response

Dear Editor,

On Sept. 7 our son, James, was involved in a foot accident. By these means, we wish to thank the EMT personnel of South Cameron Memorial Hospital for their prompt and professional help in our son's accident. Without their immediate response and medical care, his injury may have required more serious attention in Lake Charles.

We commend your work and thank you: Reese Perry, Mutt Kershaw, Rick Delcambre, and Calise Romero for a job well done.

Pat & Jeff Duhon
Creole

Cattle drive to be held Sat.

Dear Editor:

Sunday, Sept. 24 marks the one year anniversary of Hurricane Rita. I am writing this letter to let everyone in the Rita Parishes know about the commemorative event to be held Saturday, Sept. 23 at the Cameron Recreation Site. Please come out and greet our Governor Blanco, Senators Vitter and Landrieu, Representative Boustany Senator Theunissen and Representative Frith. We need to let these people know how much we appreciate their help.

The cattle drive came from the fact that many of the landowners in Cameron Parish owned cattle. Many of the cattle owners didn't keep savings accounts. Their cattle served that purpose. If they needed something out of the ordinary they would sell a cow. During the Hurricane most of our cattle were lost. We are honoring the cattlemen who tried to rescue their cattle. General Russel Honore' is coming in to spend the day with the cattlemen.

We will also be honoring the people and businesses that we are grateful. Without their help we would not be here.

COLLECTED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- 67 containers smaller than a 55 gallon drum.
- 169 containers the size of a 55 gallon drum or slightly larger.
- 17 tanks the size of refrigerators.
- 14, the size of refrigerators to large 18-wheelers.
- 22 large propane tanks.
- 20 reusable stainless steel containers called totes.
- 17 gas and/or helium cylinders.
- 560 household hazard waste items such as paint cans and cleaning supplies
- 359 refrigerators, washers & dryers
- 6 electronic items or e-goods like televisions and computers.
- 8 tires and 24 miscellaneous items including ATVs, jet skis, boats, and transformers.

The major clean-up effort should be finished by December 2006. After that, the roads, restrooms and other facilities will still need to be constructed, which could take an additional six months or longer.

"We hope to have portions of the refuge open by next summer," said Voros. He went on to say that the Service will have an ongoing monitoring program to be prepared for any items not found during the initial recovery effort which may be later discovered and might pose a threat to public safety, wildlife or the environment.

Please come out and celebrate the rebuilding of Cameron Parish. T-shirts and lunch will be provided. Oh, I almost forgot, Barry Badon will be entertaining us.

/s/ Earnestine T. Horn
Creole

Amendment is suspect

Dear Editor:

On the 30th, Louisianans will be asked to vote on Amendment 5, which deals with "eminent domain." Ostensibly it would reduce the government's ability to seize private property and narrow the circumstances under which it may do so.

But in the words of Monroe real estate and corporate transaction lawyer, Paul Loy Hurd, it is "...a constitutional Trojan horse..." In an article published in The Advocate on Aug. 22, Hurd also said that the opportunity for eminent domain abuse will "...be in the constitution."

Importantly, the amendment allows for ports to expropriate land on a "quick take" basis, which is to say, the property owner can't stop the process by going to court. This provision alone should sound alarms.

Ports do have legitimate needs for land—some place to deposit dredge spoils, for instance. Unfortunately, what the Port of Lake Charles has done and seems to have in mind for the near future is not quite so straightforward.

With an LNG terminal and a large casino complex now occupying land which had been purchased for, but not used as, dredge spoil fields, the Port of Lake Charles is a very wealthy and rapidly growing real estate developer that also has a cumbersome and neglected sideline in deep-draft shipping.

Now, the Port of Lake Charles is interested in land north and south of the town of Hackberry and has approached property owners there. (One can only guess

why a spoil field needs to be adjacent to a town, rather than in some more remote part of Cameron Parish.)

If the port acquires this land, nothing says that it must be used as a spoil field. If the port gets the powers provided in Amendment 5, the property owners will have no recourse but to sell at the appraised value, even if the landowner had intended to develop the land himself.

Ports should not have the ability to expropriate private property at all. Such power is an invitation to abuse, but Amendment 5 will grant all ports the authority to force the sale of any land within their districts—even land far from a waterway—at its appraised value. Think of it: a real estate developer whose claims on your land are backed by the state constitution.

Vote this outrage down, and then find out who were the elected officials responsible for such an eleventh hour con job.

Lawrence Tanner
Lake Charles

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NOTICE OF PIPELINE APPLICATION

Take notice that on September 8, 2006, Kinder Morgan Louisiana Pipeline LLC (KMLP), a Delaware limited liability company, with one of its offices located at 747 East 22nd Street, Lombard, Illinois 60148, filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (Commission) in Docket Nos. CP06-449-000, CP06-450-000 the construction and operation of a new pipeline system that will extend from the Cheniere Sabine Pass LNG terminal site in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, to various delivery points in Cameron, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis, Acadia and Evangeline Parishes, Louisiana; (ii) the undertaking of self-implementing interstate transportation of natural gas; and (iii) the future construction of facilities pursuant to blanket certificate authority. The project will provide new natural gas pipeline facilities to transport regasified imported liquefied natural gas from the tail-gate of the LNG import facility that is being constructed by Sabine Pass LNG L.P. to interconnections with various interstate and intrastate pipelines thereby providing markets throughout the United States with access to significant, new natural gas supplies (see map below). The 42-inch segment of the project will have a capacity of 2 Bcf per day of natural gas. KMLP anticipates that all phases of the project will be completed and available for service by April 2009. The entire project is estimated to cost \$517 million.

KMLP has binding precedent agreements for all of the new service which will be provided under its proposed Rate Schedule FTS.

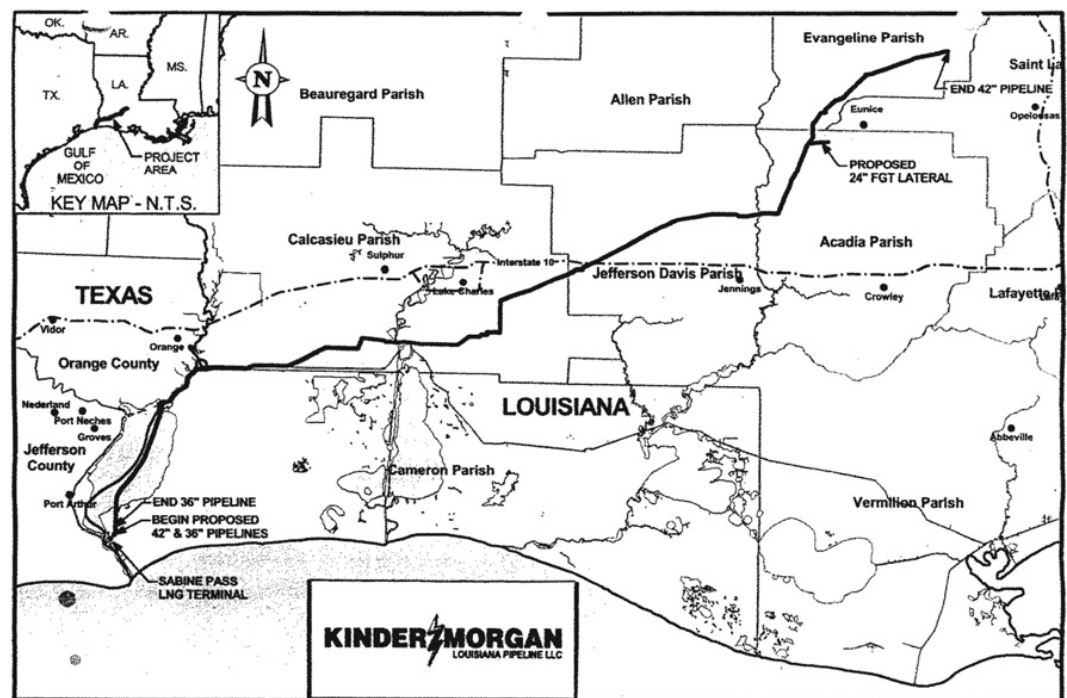
An information packet with details of the project will be mailed to all landowners

whose property is directly impacted, including government, state and local agencies. Also, KMLP has placed an electronic diskette of the application in the local library.

Any person desiring to become involved in the Commission's review of this project should file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE, Washington, DC 20426, a motion to intervene or protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Comments, protests and interventions may be filed electronically via the internet in lieu of paper. See, 18 CFR 385.2001(a)(1)(iii) and the instructions on the Commission's web site at www.ferc.gov under the "e-Filing" link.

The Commission has published a pamphlet entitled "An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need to Know?" that explains the Commission's certificate process and addresses the basic concerns of landowners. The pamphlet can be viewed at the Commission's web site at the address shown above or, if you have any questions, you can contact the Office of External Affairs at 1-866-208-3372, Washington, DC.

If you would like to speak to someone at KMLP concerning this project, you may contact Red Iler at (713) 369-9216 or toll-free at 1-877-751-7626.



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Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS



GOTTA HAVE A LICENSE

Teal season opened with a "bang" Sept. 15, on Friday not Saturday as I printed. I had in mind that the deer archery season opened Sept. 16 in our Zone 3, that was on Saturday so I figured teal season opened the same day, wrong! I was not a "Daylate-Dollar Short", but I was a "Limit of four teals" short, as I didn't hunt Friday.

Everything came out alright though, as brother-in-law, Barry Richard sent me a limit of teals, all cleaned and seasoned (ready for the pot) Saturday evening and yes, as I write this they are in one pot and eight doves are in another pot "Cajun Style!"

Hunters are getting some fair shooting on teals, but some area hunters reported they were flying high. I do know this, there's plenty of wild rice in our marshes and that's going to help out for our regular season.

We have quite a number of pintails down, some flocks of twenty or more in a bunch. I see where there was cold weather to our northwest, in fact freezing weather and we got a cool front, so maybe if we start getting the cold fronts up north, ducks will come down and with the wild rice, they may just hang on through the winter.

Fall begins this Saturday, Sept. 23, maybe these cold fronts could begin early and keep the hurricanes away, as we now come to the one year anniversary of Hurricane Rita.

AREA FISHING

Folks are catching nice shrimp cast netting and these shrimp that are in the marshes start to move out, they should be bigger than the nice shrimp being caught now.

Crabbing along the Hwy. road ditches and canals have really produced nice crabs, as folks are doing well for good crab boils and home cooking.

Speckle trout reports on

the Mermentau River outlets are still hitting, not big trout, but 16 to 18 inch trout reported.

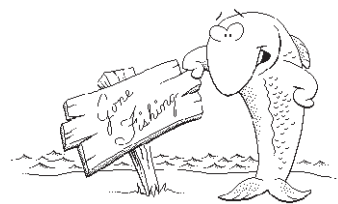
Anglers planning a Toledo Bend trip, water level Saturday was 161.96, anglers that's low.

The Big Lake area is still hot, but night fishing using live bait (shrimp and mullet) has been best. Shrimp begin to move out of the marsh through the lake, that's when the birds start working. Top water and plastic Norton Eels are good early, but when the sun comes out, it's live bait time.

LICENSES

Remember when purchasing a hunting license for migratory birds, you have to be HIP, telling of the migratory birds killed in the year before hunting season. All persons born on or after Sept. 1, 1969 must show proof of satisfactorily completing a Hunter's Safety Course and must be approved by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, before you can purchase a basic hunting license unless you are in the armed services. You need to check and see what you need.

A person younger than 16 years old that doesn't have a Hunter's Safety Course paper can still hunt but has to be accompanied by and under supervision of a person 18 years old or older. Rules change on a statewide youth hunt, as there you have to have a Hunter's Safety Course and also have to be accompanied by someone 18 years old or older. This also



goes for deer hunting. This supervisor has to have a valid hunting license or proof of successfully completing the Hunter's Safety Course. The adult cannot possess a firearm and an adult may supervise only one youth during special hunts.

Residents who reached the age of 60 years old before June 1, 2002 are not required to buy a license as recreational fishermen and hunters which include both saltwater and freshwater, big game migratory birds, but you have to have proof of age on your person. Remember all persons hunting migratory ducks and geese must have a Federal duck stamp signed in their possession.

Resident seniors who hunt and fish, and turned 60 years old on June 1, 2000 or later, need to buy a resident senior hunt/fish license which includes saltwater and freshwater fishing, basic hunting, big game, bow, muzzleloaders, duck license and turkey stamp and a wildlife management area hunting permit. This is only a \$5 yearly thing. Now always check with WMA before going to be sure you are safe. Also, to hunt Canada geese, you need a permit of \$5 and remember there are only certain areas of the state you can legally hunt. Most of lower Cameron Parish cannot shoot Canada geese and Remember again, you have to have a Federal Duck stamp signed to be legal.

FOWL LANGUAGE

Remember when mom and the teacher along with the minister told you don't use "Foul" Language! If you are a duck or goose hunter, it's OK to use "Fowl" Language spelled a little different.

Hunters say if you quack-quack-quack at every duck you see, you're probably missing birds. Every species has a different sound including puddle ducks and divers. Greenwinged teals and bluewinged teals have different calls the same goes for pintails and wood ducks. Now your mallards may be the right thing for quack-quack-quack, but greenwinged teals, pintails and widgeon you surely need a whistle caller. Bluebills, scaup, canvasbacks and red heads needs lots of loud calls, seems like it can't be too loud.



BEACH SWEEP 2006

Hot Tomato Tips

Preparation

Coring: Using a sharp paring knife make several angled cuts through the stem and under the core.

Seeding: Lay the tomato on its side and halve with a sharp serrated knife. Squeeze each half firmly enough to push out the seeds. Discard seeds.

Slicing: First core the tomato and lay it on its side. Using a sharp serrated knife, cut a very thin slice off both ends and discard. Slice the tomato to desired thickness.

Peeling: To eliminate the skin in cooked dishes, gently lower 2 or 3 tomatoes at a time into enough boiling water to cover. Boil for 15 to 30 seconds, lift into a colander with a slotted spoon. Rinse briefly under cold running water. Peel off and discard skins.



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Saturday, September 23 - 9:30 a.m.

Cameron Recreation Center Site

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- U.S. Senator David Vitter
- Congressman Charles Boustany
- Congressman Bobby Jindal

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Coordinator Donald E. Powell
Lt. General Russel Honore
Parish, City and Community Leaders from Southwest Louisiana

Sunday, September 24th - Lake Charles Civic Center

CELEBRATORY INTERFAITH SERVICE
"A Time of Thanksgiving, Reflection and Hope"
8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

THE GULF COAST CONGRESSIONAL FORUM
"Recovery and Reconstruction of America's Energy Coast"
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about these free events, please contact the America's WETLAND Campaign by calling 202.387.8550 or via email americaswetland@mcopr.com.

The weekends events are brought to you by America's WETLAND: Campaign to Save Coastal Louisiana, the Southwest Louisiana Chamber of Commerce, LSU AgCenter, the City of Lake Charles, Calcasieu Parish, Cameron Parish leadership and officials from all of the surrounding communities.

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