

## Hackberry homes were evacuated

By CYNDI SELLERS

Sixteen Hackberry families living in the area of Pete Seay Circle were kept out of their homes last week, by a natural gas flow-line rupture.

The State Police public information officer, Sgt. Michelle Arbor, reported that the leak was called in to Troop D by the Cameron Sheriff's Office at 9:40 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 28. The Hackberry Fire Department had first reported the problem.

It took until around 5 p.m. Thursday for families to be allowed to return to their homes after the rupture was capped.

## Supporters & blood drives are honored

First Baptist Church of Cameron received a Gold Award at the annual Life Share Blood Centers appreciation luncheon at Reeves Uptown Catering, Lake Charles, Friday, Jan. 30. The award was "for serving the community by hosting four blood drives during 2003".

Cameron Pilot received a Media Award for "serving the community by giving Life Share Blood Centers media support during 2003".

In addition to First Baptist Church, other area donor groups and number of drives conducted included: Knights of Columbus/Johnson Bayou High School, South Cameron hospital - three each; Hackberry Fire Department and Community, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Creole - two each;

Cameron Community, Cameron State Bank, Cameron Volunteer Fire Department, Grand Lake High School, Hackberry High School, Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, South Cameron High School, St. Eugene Catholic Church, St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church - one each.

## Delegates told here

Recently elected without opposition to the Cameron Parish Democratic Executive Committee were the following:

At-large, 5 to be elected: Lee J. Harrison, Garner Nunez and Roland Primeaux.

District 6-E, J. Dronet. The party will make two at-large appointments and appointments in districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 because there were no qualifiers.

## On honor lists

Kim Rowena Nguyen of Cameron Parish was named to the President's List for the fall semester at the University of La. at Monroe. She had a 4.0 average.

Lynn Thuy Nguyen, also of Cameron, was named to the Honor Roll for having an average of between 3.5 and 3.899.

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## Police Jurors hear about new projects for Cameron Parish

By CYNDI SELLERS

Several new projects for Cameron Parish and one old one were the focus of Monday's police jury meetings.

Patricia Philmon and Mitch O'Neal, co-chairman of the Creole Nature Trail Bike Rally raised considerable enthusiasm for the potential benefits of the motorcycle rally and trail ride set to tour the parish on Feb. 21.

Philmon reported that 600 cyclists have already pre-registered and with good weather that total could triple. Businesses along the route were encouraged to put out signs welcoming riders. The Cameron Parish Tourist Commission will sponsor a welcome station at the west ferry landing, and jurors offered to provide additional rest stops at the Grand Lake Bridge.

### HACKBERRY PROJECT

Sempra LNG Co. representative Joseph Risse gave a progress report on the Hackberry liquefied natural gas facility. The company,

## Lighthouse group holds election

The Cameron Preservation Alliance held its membership meeting at the Holly Beach Fire Station on Jan. 26. The election of officers are as follows: Carolyn Thibodeaux, President; Ernest Granger, Vice-President; Cindy McGee, Secretary and Hilda Crain, Treasurer.

Information about the proposed L & G facility by Cheniere Energy to be located north of the lighthouse on the Sabine River was presented by James Ducote.

The following winners of the raffle are Johnny Poole cypress rocker make by Mr. Willie and donated by Wendell's Electric, Edward Hebert, "Old Spanish Trail" framed print donated by Cameron Communications and Bruce Mason, hand carved Buffle Head Decoy donated by Randall Hebert.

The group learned that the Calcasieu Preservation Society in Lake Charles listed the lighthouse first on its Historic Treasure in Danger.

A meeting schedule for 2004 was adopted. The next meeting will be Feb. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Museum of the Gulf Coast in Port Arthur, Tex.

which took over the project from Dynegy last March. The facility is expected to take three years to build, employing 600 - 800 construction workers. When complete in 2007, it will employ 50 full-time and will handle 1.5 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day.

Company representatives said Louisiana is the ideal area for LNG terminals due to its trained workforce, deep water access, availability of pipelines for distribution, and industrial infrastructure.

### NOAA PROJECT

Jurors received a certificate of appreciation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) for allowing the placement of a temporary tide and water level station at the Jetty Fishing Pier.

Angela Cringe, of NOAA's Lafayette office explained that this station is now operational and sending constant tide and water level information. Anyone with internet access can go to the NOAA.gov website and receive up to the minute data in real time.

Cringe said the station will remain in place for a year and she hopes funds can be found to make it permanent and even add more stations up river. The station would cost \$50,000 per year to continue operation.

### NEW SUBDIVISION

A permit was issued to the John B. Duke Heirs, LLC, for a proposed excavation of 436,000 cubic yards of fill from their 22 3/4 acre tract off Joe Dugas Rd. in Hackberry. The excavation will create an artificial lake around which a restricted subdivision is to be developed.

Leonard E. "Pete" Parker, Jr., the developer for the subdivision, said a future phase of the project would add 44 more acres and connect the

## Valentine dance told

A Valentine Dance for area youths in grades K-8th will be held at the Cameron Elementary gym from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 6. Chance Doney will be the D. J.

Admission is \$3 and valentine pictures will be taken for \$1 each. There will also be face and hair painting.

The dance is sponsored by parents of area youth making a trip to New York City.

lake to Joe's Cove via a canal, allowing home owners water access to Big Lake.

### FERRY NAME

An old resolution being brought up for renewal took an unexpected turn between the 3 p.m. agenda meeting, and the regular meeting at 5 p.m. Mrs. Louise Cole, president of the Cameron NAACP had requested an update of a previous police jury resolution requesting the DOTD to rename the ferry Cameron II after Rev. Martin Luther King.

At the agenda meeting, jurors Scott Trahan and Steve Trahan expressed reluctance to have the Cameron II named for someone other than a Cameron Parish resident.

Jurors decided to change the resolution and request the re-naming of "Cameron Ferry No. One," the Monkey Island ferry instead. They noted that when a bridge eventually replaces the ferry, the MLK name could be assigned to it, providing a permanent structure for the recognition.

Arriving at the 5 p.m. meeting to find the agenda items changed, Mrs. Cole requested the jury vote on the original resolution which had been passed by the previous police jury panel several years ago. Jury president, Steve Trahan, stated that this was a different jury, offered the "Cameron Ferry No. One" option.

Cole replies "Respectfully, we want #2, not #1. We've had this resolution for years. We've been working on this for twelve years. I don't think it's fair to change to #1 after all these years."

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## Lions Camp applications being taken

Applications for a summer vacation full of fun for children and youth who are orthopedically disabled, deaf, blind, diabetic, mild mentally disabled, and children with pulmonary disorders in the Cameron area are now being accepted by members of the Cameron Lions Club.

The Louisiana Lions Camp located in Leesville will open Sunday June 6. There will be a one week session for children with pulmonary disorder, two one-week sessions for the mild mentally disabled ages 8 - 19 (these children must have a functioning age level not more than 4 years below their chronological age), two one-week sessions for diabetic youth ages 6 - 11 and 11 - 14. Two one-week sessions for blind, deaf and orthopedically impaired youth ages 7 - 9.

There is no cost to the parents for the campers stay. All requests for summer camp are handled locally by Lions. For more information about the camp, you are urged to contact: Alice Mason of the Cameron Lions Club at 775-5668 or 775-5277.

## Hospital has new manager

BY JERRY WISE

The South Cameron Memorial Hospital has a new management firm, it has been announced by the South Cameron Hospital Board.

Pacer Health Corp., a Miami based operator of medical treatment, assisted living and residential care facilities, took over the operation of the hospital at Creole this week.

The hospital board ended its contact with Camelot Health Care, which has operated the hospital for the past several years.

Hospital administrator Wayne Morris, who was employed by Camelot, has been replaced by David L. Byrns, who will manage the hospital until a new administrator is named.

Byrns will be in charge of the financial and marketing restructure of the South Cameron hospital as well as the Calcasieu Oaks geriatric psychiatric hospital, which is owned by South Cameron.

The combined net revenues for the two facilities for the 11-month period ending Nov. 30, 2003 was over \$6.5 million.

There was some confusion concerning who would pay the remaining hospital debts made under Camelot's man-



David Byrns

agement.

Pacer Public Relations Director Jesus Rodriguez said some of the vendors owed by Camelot will be paid but he was not specific.

No other staff changes other than the replacement of director Wayne Morris have been announced by Pacer.

The South Cameron hospital board will meet at 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5.

The monthly lease fee to be paid by Pacer is \$15,000, the same as was charged to Camelot. The hospital board will act as landlord and is responsible for hospital upkeep.

## Champion market animals told for Livestock show

In the market animal division, the following champions were exhibited at the recent Cameron Parish Junior Livestock Show:

**MARKET GOAT**  
Grand Champion and Parish Bred Champion--Samantha Poole, Grand Lake High.

Reserve Champion--Rachel Jones, Grand Lake. Reserve Champion Parish Bred--Kelsey Helmer, Hackberry High.

**MARKET HOG**  
Grand Champion--Meagan Swire, Hackberry. Reserve Champion--Santana Conner, South Cameron High. Grand Champion Parish Bred--Bryce Manuel, Grand Lake. Reserve Champion Parish Bred--Courtney Conner, South Cameron High.

**MARKET LAMB**  
Grand Champion and Parish Bred Champion--

Blake Bonsall, South Cameron High. Reserve Champion and Parish Bred Reserve Champion--Kinsey Duhon, Grand Lake.

**MARKET STEER**  
Grand Champion--Joshua Wicke, South Cameron Elementary. Reserve Champion--Lance Guidry, South Cameron High. Grand Champion Parish Bred--Shylyn Nunez, South Cameron High.

## Blood drive

A blood drive will be held at the South Cameron Hospital solarium on Tuesday, Feb. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m. Viola Ball is the drive chairman.



**DO YOU REMEMBER?** This photograph of the one-room school elementary school at Grand Chenier was taken in the early 1900s and probably was during a school celebration, perhaps the Fourth of July, as evidenced by the flags and everybody being dressed up. The school was located near the site of the present Catholic Church and was disbanded at the beginning of the 1917-18 school session.



**EACH MONTH** South Cameron High School FBLA completes a community project. In November club members donated canned goods to the Council on Aging. Shown above are Vernon Primeaux, driver of Council on Aging van; Linzie Hession, Jamie Primeaux, Bryon Quinn, Jodi Billings, Mercedes Lassien, Kyle Trahan, and Jared Chermie.

# FUNERALS

**ALLIE L. COOLING**

Allie LeBoeuf Cooling, 87, of Lake Charles died Monday, Feb. 2, 2004 in her residence. She was born in Creole and had lived in Cameron until 1957, then in Lake Charles where her husband, Harold Cooling had owned and operated Lake Charles Diesel. She was an active member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Arthur R. Cooling and one granddaughter, Kaley Catrice Cooling both of Lake Charles. Her funeral was held Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor Joseph Bourque officiated. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

McCrary of Waverly, Geor., Rebecca Hebert of Cameron and Jeane Broussard of Scott; one brother, David Madden of Brunswick; two sisters, June Heartsill of Arlington, Tex. and Charlene Strock of Dripping Springs, Tex.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Her funeral was held Monday, Jan. 26 at Our Lady Star of Sea Catholic Church. Monsignor Louis Melancon officiated. Burial was in Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Cemetery in Cameron under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

**Applications being taken**

The Cameron Community Action Agency's Youth Program is now taking applications from youths ages 8 to 20 in the Cameron-South Cameron area.

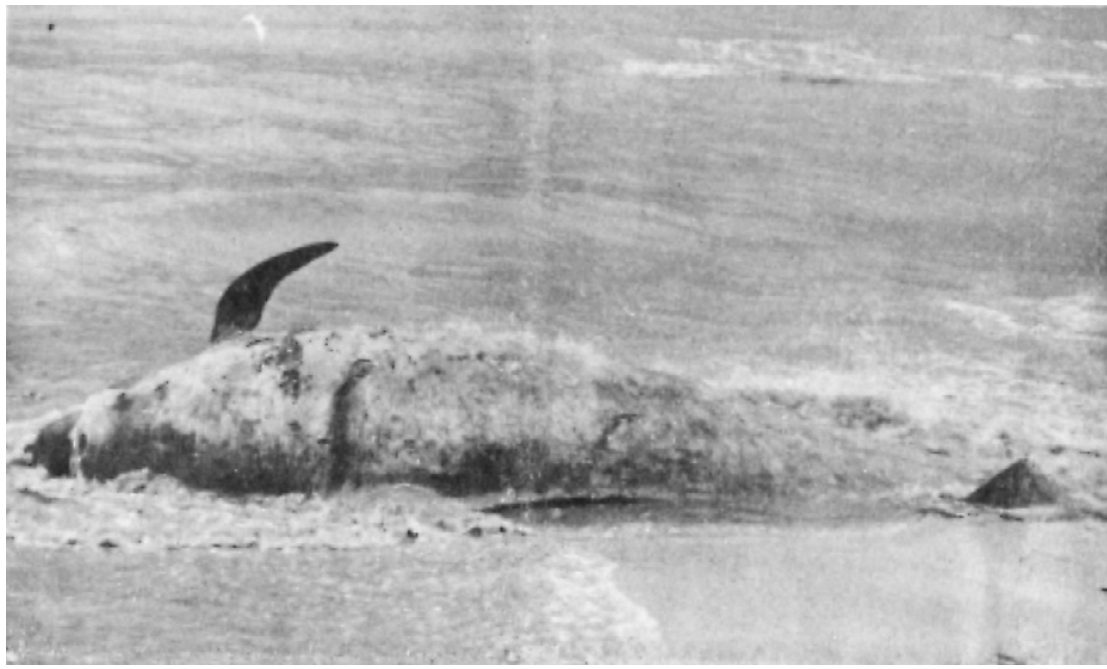
This is an after school program that runs from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. It includes life skills, parental education, volunteerism, recreational trips, etc.

For more information call Sarah Nunez at 775-5014.

**GLORIA J. HIGGINS**

Gloria Josette Higgins, 74, died Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004, in Creole. She was a native of Brunswick, Geor., and had lived in Cameron since 1967. She was a member of Our Lady of the Sea Catholic Church.

Survivors include one son, Joe Higgins of Cameron; three daughters, Debbie



A PILOT WHALE was beached on the Cameron shoreline in 1971.

**Honorary memberships are told**

The Bishop Jude Speyrer Chapter of Pontifical Knights and Dames has voted to add two events to its 2004 calendar: a day of prayer and reflection for its members, and a luncheon honoring the retired priests of the Diocese of Lake Charles.

The vote was taken at the January meeting of the Chapter, held in Lake Charles.

The Chapter also conferred honorary memberships to following spouses and widows of Pontifical Knights of the Chapter including: Mrs. Ann Rose Meaux of Grand Chenier; Mrs. Jimmie Lee LaSalle and Mrs. Audrey Daigle of Cameron and Mrs. Freda Guidry of Creole.

The Chapter will sponsor its annual Memorial Mass for deceased Knights and Dames on Sunday, March 28, in St. Henry Church in Lake Charles at 11 a.m.

Karen Domingue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Domingue of Hackberry, won the Grand Champion Twirl-off in the beginners division of the Twirl-a-thon held recently in Baton Rouge.

Cameron Parish Jr. 4-H Fur Judging winners are: 1st, Russell Roy, Grand Chenier; 2nd, Leslie Prescott, Johnson Bayou; 3rd, Sterling Vaughan, South Cameron Elementary.

Mr. and Mrs. Elem Demarest of Sweetlake celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 24, with open house in their home.

**It Seems Just Like Yesterday**



By Keith Hambrick

**(Lake Charles American Press, Feb. 1, 1918) CAMERON TO FIGHT TICK**

The Police Jury of Cameron Parish has appropriated \$6,500 toward wiping out the tick evil of that parish and will add more to this sum later in the season, according to Dr. Gray, federal veterinarian who has charge of the work there. The doctor asked the Jury for \$10,000 but jurors stated that in their opinions this sum was exorbitant, but if they found later that it was needed, they would appropriate it.

According to government reports, fever ticks are costing the South \$40 million a year in dead cattle, wasted milk and meat, and lower prices for ticky beef and tick-marked hides. The tick is the worst cattle pest in the South.

No other kind of tick except the cattle tick carried this fever. The wood ticks which sometimes get on children and the ticks found on dogs, rabbits, chickens, turtles and many other animals do not carry tick fever.

**(Cameron Pilot, Feb. 5, 1971) POPULATION UP 18.6 PERCENT**

Cameron Parish's official population in the 1970 Census was 8,194, up 18.6 percent from the 1960 figure of 6,909, the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce, reports.

The official population of the state was 3,641,306, up 11.8 percent from the 1960 population count, which was 3,257,022.

The 1970 Census counted 7,504 white persons in Cameron Parish, 91.6 percent of the total; there are 666 Negroes, and 24 persons of other races. In 1960, 93.6 percent of the population was white.

There were 2,309 households with 8,179 persons, including 274 one-person households. In addition, 15 persons were living in group quarters.

Among year-round dwelling units there were 2,714 single family houses,

167 housing units in multi-unit buildings, and 211 mobile homes or trailers.

**PAN AMERICAN HAS NEW NAME**

The name of a major corporation with operations in this area changed Feb. 1. Pan American Petroleum Corporation is now Amoco Production Company.

The change, announced by Randolph Yost, Amoco Production President, is official.

**HONOR BAND**

Six Cameron Parish students have been selected to participate in the 1971 Honor Band, according to Chairman Bob Landry.

They are Felice Dardeau and Mary Lynn Reeves of South Cameron and Darryl Farque, Bryon Hebert, Debra Precht and Suzanne Robichaux of Grand Lake.

The District V Band Directors Association congratulates these students and South Cameron Director Wanda Hoffpauir and Grand Lake Director J. M. Thom, Jr.

**JUROR CHALLENGES SHERIFF**

A request by Sheriff Claude Eagleson to the Cameron Parish Police Jury Tuesday that he be permitted to remodel his office touched off a challenge by one juror to the sheriff's collection fee percentage.

Hackberry Juror C. A. Riggs said he would be willing to let the sheriff remodel his office if he took the funds out of the sheriff's funds but that he was opposed to the money coming from the court house account.

Riggs charged that Eagleson is getting a 16 percent fee on all taxes collected, which he said was the highest in Louisiana.

Police Jury President Frankie Henry, who bought the remodeling matter up, asked the jury to table it for the time being.

**WHALE BEACHED HERE**

Rockefeller Refuge biologists Guthrie Perry and Larry McNease, accompanied by Paul H. Duhon of Cameron,

recovered the skull portion of a pilot whale beached five miles east of the mouth of the Mermentau River.

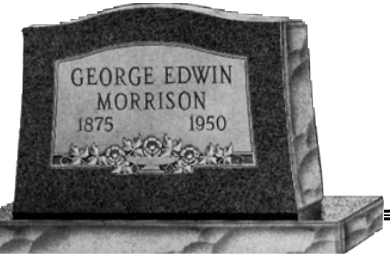
The skull was recovered and given to Dr. George Lowery, LSU Museum of Natural Science who identified it as a pilot whale (Globicephala macrorbynchha) common to the Gulf of Mexico. It is the first specimen recovered on a Cameron Parish beach. Dr. Lowery plans to display the skull at the museum.

**ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH**

Mrs. Eryme R. Peppers, who has been executive secretary for Local Board No. 13, Cameron, for fifteen years, was presented with a certification of merit and cash award by Coordinator Elmer L. Doucet of behalf of the State Director of Selective Service.

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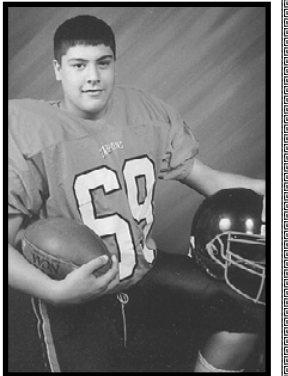


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**Our hearts are breaking; Our thoughts are going wild! We've lost our friend; We've lost our child! "But only for a while," I heard Jesus say, "He's been chosen for the Master's Bouquet!"**

**Hand selected by Jesus from This "garden of life" Gone to heaven! - He's Through with this strife! Why is he gone? God only knows. But oh, what a treasure, A "Smiling Rose."**

**It's been hard without you here to help us with our pain and suffering we must endure. Not a million words can change how we feel, but we know we will see your smiling face again.**

**Love forever, Mom, Dad, Shaun, Blair, Jenny, Chris, and Julie**

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# Letters to the Editor

## Bishop's response

Dear Editor,  
In last week's paper you published a letter from Mr. Jerald Helms, 32nd Master Mason, concerning the teaching of the Catholic Church about the relationship between Catholics and Masons. This was a response to an article that appeared in the Parish Bulletin of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Creole. As the Bishop of Lake Charles, the one to whom Pope John Paul II has given pastoral responsibility for the Catholics in Southwest Louisiana, I would like to clarify the teachings and disciplines of the Church.

While I am aware that some Catholics are members of the Masons, the Catholic Church clearly teaches that Catholics should not become Masons for complex, historical, theological and pastoral reasons that need not be addressed here.

However, the Church does not teach that Catholics may not rent facilities owned by the Masons. Nor does the Church in any way forbid the ordinary social interactions that take place in a pluralistic society. Catholics are completely free to purchase gumbo from the Masons during the Fur and Wildlife Festival. Senior boys and girls are not required to decline Honesty and Integrity awards given by the Masons. Indeed they should accept such awards graciously with gratitude that their good character has been recognized by members of the community who do not share their faith.

Mr. Helm's account of the construction companies owned by Masons that helped to build Sacred Heart Church after Hurricane Audrey did such damage in 1957 and his description of how he himself was proud to help build a chapel at the church is exactly the kind of mutual respect and cooperation that the Catholic Church seeks to foster and support between Catholic people and all members of the community even though they do not share the same religious beliefs. People of almost every faith and

those who profess no religion at all can embrace the words of Jesus of Nazareth, "Do unto others as you would have others do unto you!"

I have great respect for Father McGrath and the faithful service he is rendering to the people I have entrusted to his pastoral care. However, it is my responsibility as the principal teacher of Catholic doctrine in the Diocese, to make sure that Catholic teachings are presented accurately, with respect and sensitivity for all people and with an appreciation of the ecumenical openness engendered by the Second Vatican Council.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/Edward K. Braxton  
The Most Reverend  
Edward K. Braxton  
Bishop of Lake Charles

## Homeless no longer have housing

To the concerned people of Cameron from the Lighthouse Mission:

We are sorry to say that we have stopped housing the homeless. Due to fact that no funds were donated and no federal grants were obtained to run a homeless shelter, we are closing this service. We are not fond of the fact we can no longer offer housing to the homeless in our area.

For those of you that are concerned about the stranger on the street without a home, we encourage you to take them in, to stay with you and your family for a week, and then you will understand why we can no longer do this service without the proper funds, dorms and payed employees to accomplish this job.

We came to this area to help others and thought housing people would make a difference, we did come, and we did house people, but now we can't do it alone. We do have church services on Sunday morning and Thursday nights to feed the soul and we give out food pantries to those with low income every Tuesday and Thursday morning from 9 a.m. til 12 noon to feed the body. These are things we can do. We can make Cameron a better place for the homeless, but we will have to work together, no one



GENEVA GRIFFITH, one of the founding directors of the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival, was honored at this year's festival in Cameron. Pictured with her at the Friday night presentation were the Festival's current president, John LeBlanc, left, and three past presidents (from left) Braxton Blake, Pete Picou, and Clifton Hebert. Past presidents Hadley Fontenot and J. B. Jones sent letters of congratulations.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Lagniappe Two

By GENEVA GRIFFIN

My dog, Beau, and I have just returned from our walk around the Village. We have not been able to walk in a good while because of the incimate weather.

We are planning a Mardi Gras party at the clubhouse, so I guess it is time to decorate our front doors for Mardi Gras.

We went to "Senior Citizen Day" this week at a local department store, which gives senior citizens a 25% discount on purchases you make that day. We played bingo for prizes given out by different departments.

I ran across the following "Lagniappe" from the July 5, 1958 Cameron Pilot.

(Sept. 5, 1958)

"Tince" Murphy presented the Little League Championship trophy, on behalf of the Sheriff's department to the Dodgers of Cameron Sunday night after the Dodgers beat the Grand Chenier team in a playoff. Little Barry Wayne Richard, Lester and Beatrice's youngster, pitched the Dodgers to victory and made them the first Little League parish champions.

Lucy Abrahamson has retired as public health nurse as of Sept. 1. Leola Gladys Wrigley has take her place at the health unit.

Don't forget the Mothers-Fathers benefit game to be held at Grand Chenier school Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. The Fathers game will be first followed by the Mothers game. Proceeds from the game will go into the Little League fund. Come out and support this worthy cause.

School bells rang out loud and clear Monday and youngsters from all over got back into the swing. Our baby marched up very proudly to

## No Sew Quilt Classes

The Cameron Parish Library will sponsor no sew quilting classes at the following locations. Please call the respective library to sign up as some classes will be limited to size. Only materials needed are sewing scissors.

March 2, Grand Lake Library at 10 a.m. Phone 337-598-5950.

March 9, Johnson Bayou Library at 10 a.m. Phone 337-569-2892.

March 16, Hackberry Library at 10 a.m. Phone 337-762-3978.

can do this by themselves.  
Rob Moore

her first day of school and reported that she had the prettiest teacher and prettiest class in the school.

I defy anyone in the parish to say that they grew bigger okra than I did this year. Mine measures over two feet in length and has a diameter of three inches or better. It is Korean okra and it grows on a vine. It is delicious fried, smothered or in gumbo.

## Memorial books told by Library

New memorial books recently presented to the Cameron Parish Library include the following, with the name of the book, honoree and donor listed in that order: Tractors, Roy Bailey by Ricky and Michelle Guidry; How to Do Everything, Delmus Hebert by Charlotte Trosclair family; Embroidery Projects in Miniature, Annie Alice Broussard by Charlotte Trosclair family;

Complete Guide to Prescription & Non-Prescription Drugs, Irene Stephenson by Charlotte Trosclair; Cross-Stitch, Lenors Boudreaux by Charlotte Trosclair; Small Gardens, Catalina Morales by Charlotte Trosclair; Superior, The Haunted Store, Manson Vincent by Charlotte Trosclair;

Trail of the Wild West, Leon Richard by Charlotte Trosclair family; American Covered Bridges, Edward Warren Miller by Charlotte Trosclair family and Cross-Stitch Designs, Esther Quinn by Bob and LeAnna Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove, Charles and Tammy Vincent.

## Mardi Gras safety

- Teach your children to find a police officer in the event that they get lost.
- Avoid alcohol consumption. It impairs your judgment and limits your ability to care for your children.
- Remind your children to be careful when reaching down to pick up throws. It is a better idea to put a foot on the trinket and pick it up when it is safe. Otherwise, they may get their fingers smashed when someone accidentally steps on their fingers as they reach to pick up throws. Better yet, have your children use umbrellas (if allowed) or bags or something else large that can serve as a target for the items thrown from the floats. Krewe members love the challenge of throwing beads at a targeted spot.

## Lacassine to open for fishing

The Lacassine Refuge Pool will be open to public sport fishing on Monday, April 26. Anglers this year will be permitted to catch and keep largemouth bass, 14 inches or longer, with a five bass per angler per day creel limit. All bass smaller the 14 inches must be IMMEDIATELY RELEASED.

The exterior canals, bayous and ponds outside the Lacassine Pool will open for public sport fishing on March 15. Anglers are permitted to catch and keep bass and all other fish species at these locations, according to State of Louisiana fishing regulations.

Only boats with motors of 25 horsepower or less may be used in Lacassine Pool. Legal fishing hours on the refuge are one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset. All refuge waters will remain open to fishing until Oct. 15.

Refuge anglers can obtain Lacassine's 2004 Fishing Regulations at one of the information boxes located at the pool or by calling the Refuge Headquarters at 337-774-5923 Monday through Friday between the hours of 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Tips to relieve symptoms\*

- To relieve nausea or vomiting:
- Sip apple juice, grape juice or cool, lightly carbonated, caffeine-free beverages.
  - Five or six smaller meals are better than three big ones.
  - Avoid strong-scented foods or eat them at room temperature.
- To stimulate your appetite:
- Eat in pleasant settings, with friends or in front of the TV to distract you.
  - Have snacks handy should you decide to eat between meals.
  - Arrange a schedule for your meals and snacks—keep to it even when you're not hungry.

## Happy 25th Birthday "BOZO"

Kirk Sorrells

There's not a day that goes by that we don't think of you. We all love and miss you very much.

Love, Peshoff's, Trahans, Jinks, Sorrells, Estes, Wolfes, Authemets, Brian Saltzman & McDaniels

*Lillian May Mouton*  
Jan. 31, 1938 - Dec. 15, 2000

Our hearts still ache in sadness, and secret tears still flow, what it meant to lose you no one will ever know.

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The new Pacer Health management team at South Cameron Memorial Hospital will be comprised of seasoned healthcare administrators whose primary responsibility is to ensure a seamless transition of hospital operations, while maintaining the high standard of care to which our facilities, and our patients, are accustomed.

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- The hospital emergency room will continue to operate on a 24-hour basis.

*David L. Byrns*  
CEO, Cameron Hospital

*Rainier Gonzalez*  
CEO, Pacer Health Corporation





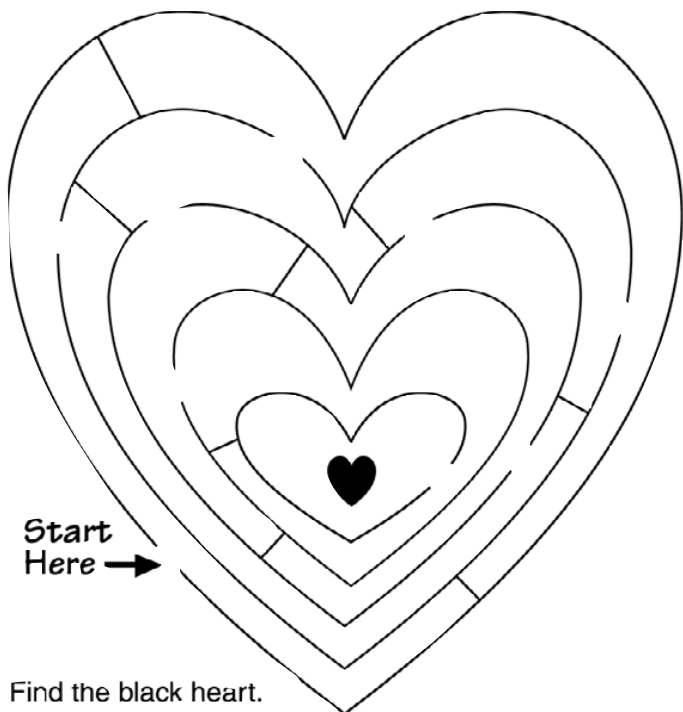






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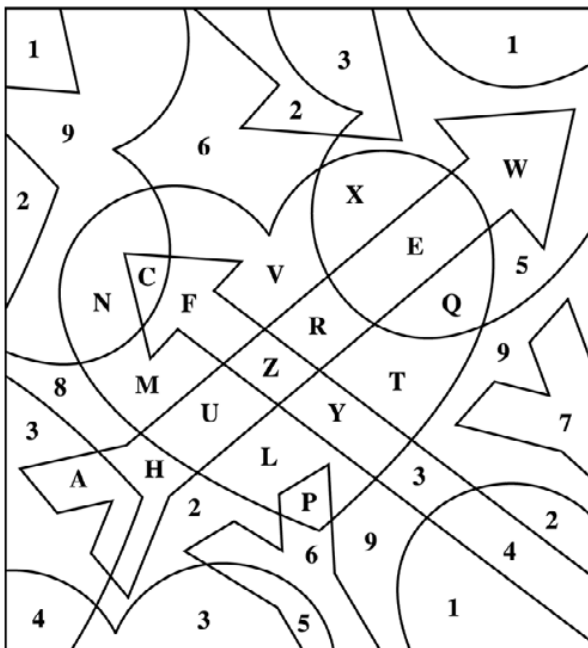
## MAZE



Start Here →

Find the black heart.

## HIDDEN PICTURE



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## Leap Year & more

### History Of Leap Year

The Romans originally had a 355-day calendar. To keep up with the seasons, an extra 22 or 23-day month was inserted every second year, or so. They were not consistent in adding this month and by Julius Caesar's time, the seasons no longer occurred at the same calendar periods as in the past. To correct this, Caesar eliminated the extra month and added one or two extra days to the end of various months, thus extending the calendar to the 365 days. He also intended an extra calendar day every fourth year (following the 28th day of Februarius).

However, after Caesar's death in 44 B.C., the calendars were written with an extra day every 3 years instead of every 4 until corrected in 8 A.D. So again, the calendar drifted away from the season's.

By 1582, Pope Gregory XIII recognized that Easter would eventually become closer and closer to Christmas. The calendar was reformed so that a leap day would occur in any year that is divisible by 4 but not divisible by 100 except when the year is divisible by 400. Thus 1600 and 2000, although century marks, have a leap day. We use the Gregorian calendar to this day. Our year of 365.2425 days, is only off from our solar year by .00031, which amounts to only one day error after 4,000 years.

2004 is a Leap Year!

Leap Year was the traditional time that women could propose marriage. In many of today's cultures, it is ok for a woman to propose marriage to a man. Society doesn't look down on such women. However, that hasn't always been the case. When the rules of courtship were stricter, women were only allowed to pop the question on one day every four years.

That day was February 29th.

It is believed this tradition was started in 5th century Ireland when St. Bridget complained to St. Patrick about women having to wait for so long for a man to propose. So, according to legend, St. Patrick said the yearning females could propose on this one day in February during the Leap Year.

According to English law, February 29th was ignored and had no legal status. Folks assumed that traditions would also have no status on that day. It was also reasoned that since the leap year day existed to fix a problem in the calendar, it could also be used to fix an old and unjust custom that only let men propose marriage.

The first documentation of this practice dates back to 1288, when Scotland passed a law that allowed women to propose marriage to the man of their choice in that year. They also made it law that any man who declined a proposal in a Leap Year must pay a fine. The fine could range from a kiss to payment for a silk dress or a pair of gloves.

In the United States, some people have referred to this date as Sadie Hawkins Day, with women being given the right to run after unmarried men to propose. Sadie Hawkins was a female character in the Al Capp cartoon strip "Li'l Abner." Many communities celebrate Sadie Hawkins Day in November.

There is a Greek superstition that claims couples have bad luck if they marry during a leap year. Apparently one in five engaged couples in Greece will avoid planning their wedding during a leap year.



## Apple Butter Snickerdoodles

- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 1/2 cup plus 3 Tbsp. sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 1/4 cups flour
- 1/2 tsp. baking soda
- 3 cups "O's" cereal
- 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
- 1/3 cup apple butter

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease cookie sheet. Cream together butter, 1/2 cup sugar and brown sugar. Add egg; mix well. Stir in flour and baking soda. Add cereal; stir until well combined. Mix 3 Tbsp. sugar and cinnamon together; roll 1 Tbsp. dough into a tight ball in mixture. Place on cookie sheet, and press thumb into center of cookie to make shallow well. Spoon 1/2 tsp. of apple butter in to center of each cookie, and bake for 8-10 minutes or until lightly brown. Yields 3 dozen.

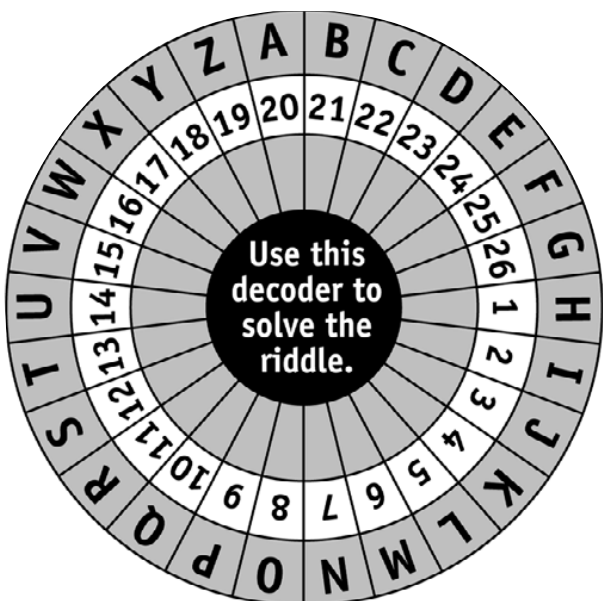
Note: Dough is easier to roll if cold. If dough gets sticky, refrigerate 30 minutes.



## SECRET CODE

When does Christmas come before Groundhog's Day?

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## SEEK AND FIND

FIND THESE WORDS IN THE PUZZLE BELOW.

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| CARD     | HEART   | LOVE      |
| FEBRUARY | HUG     | VALENTINE |

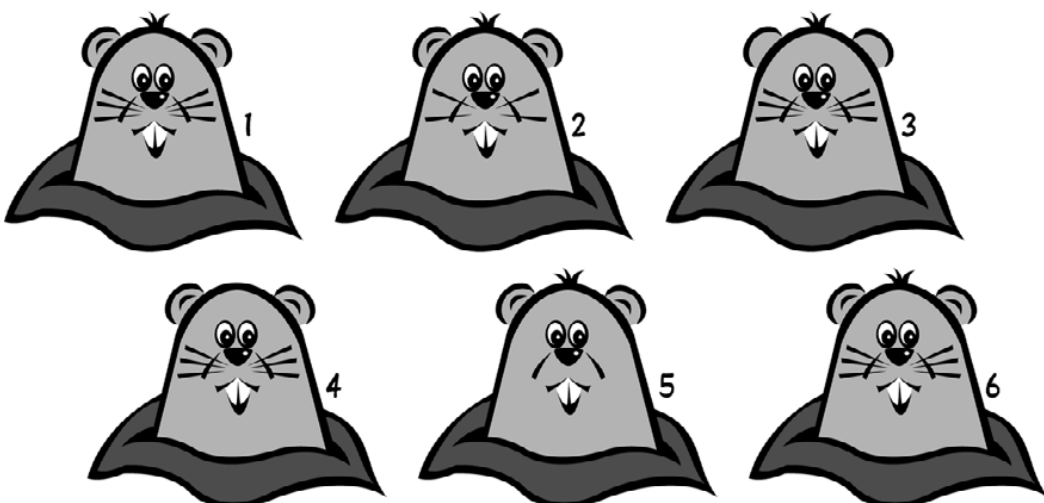
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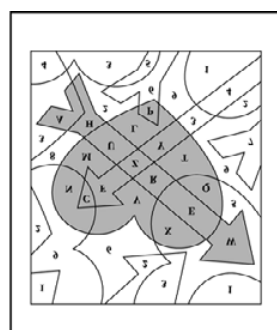
## FIND THE TWINS

WHICH TWO ARE EXACTLY ALIKE?



ANSWER: ONE AND SIX

## Answers



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