



Rebecca Shirley

## Shirley seeks Dist. 47 post in October

Rebecca Shirley of Abbeville has announced that she will be a candidate for State Representative in District 47 in the Oct. 4 election. Cameron Parish will be in this district as the results of reapportionment.

Rebecca Shirley has been the executive director of the Abbeville-Vermilion Chamber of Commerce for the past 10 years. She is a past president of the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives.

Shirley is a graduate of Jennings High School and Louisiana State University where she earned a bachelors degree in Microbiology. She is also a graduate of the LSU Ag Center Agricultural Leadership Program.

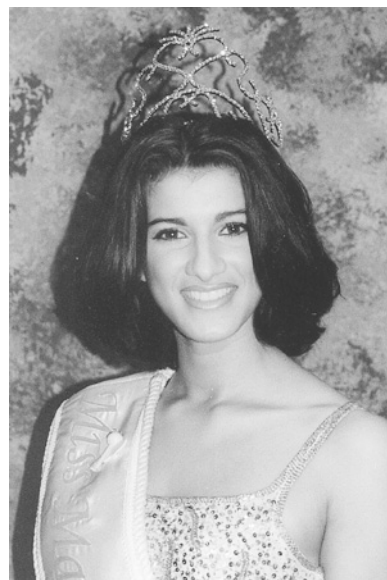
She is a member of the Louisiana Industrial Development Executives Association, the Agricultural Leaders of Louisiana, the Vermilion Parish Tourist commission and the Vermilion Agriculture Coalition.

She is also involved with the rotary Club of Abbeville and the Vermilion boys & Girls club, along with numerous other community organizations.

She has been married for 25 years to Mark Shirley. They are former residents of Grand Chenier where she was employed with Cameron State Bank and Mark worked at Rockefeller Refuge. They have two children, Jonathan, 21, and Stephen, 18. They attend St. Mary Magdalen Church, where she serves as a lector.




February is Black History Month



AMANDA BROUSSARD represented the Starks Mayhaw Festival at the Queen of Queens pageant in Baton Rouge Feb. 6-8. She is a freshman at LSU and the daughter of Harold and Sue Broussard of Sweetlake. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Broussard of Sweetlake and Archie and Margie Hebert of Lake Charles.

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CONGRESSMAN CHRIS JOHN welcomed 7th Congressional District Festival Queens and Mardi Gras Princesses to his Capitol Hill office during the recent Washington Mardi Gras festivities. Pictured (seated, from left): Cameron Fur & Wildlife Festival Queen Shannon Nicole Hinton, Delcambre Shrimp Festival Queen Meghann Renee Hebert, Abbeville Cattle Festival Queen Brooke Ashley Henry, Gueydan Duck Festival Queen K'Rees Woods; (standing): Sulphur Cal-Cam Festival Queen Katherine Ann Kress, Princess Ainsley Katherine Breaux from Lafayette, Opelousas Yambilee Queen Kristy Lee Durio, Lafayette Le Cajun Festival Queen Jessica Rene Fuselier, Southwest Louisiana Mardi Gras Queen Sarah Elizabeth Guilliot, Princess Courtney Elizabeth Prince from Lafayette, Princess Courtney Lee Buckingham from Baton Rouge, Princess Adrienne Aimie dela Houssaye from Crowley, 7th District Congressman Chris John, International Rice Festival Queen Lauren Elise Barry, Princess Renee Ann Dore from Lafayette, Princess Collin Katheryne Wade from Lafayette, Princess Julie Elizabeth Morris from Lake Charles, and Troubadour's Festival Queen Elizabeth Marr Patton.

# Bills to be offered

### \*Riverboat approval is sought

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a public notice that a bill will be introduced in the upcoming session of the Legislature to authorize a referendum in Cameron Parish on riverboat gambling.

The bill will be introduced by Rep. Mickey Firth of Abbeville in whose district Cameron Parish will be following the October elections.

The Cameron Parish Police Jury had originally planned to hold an election on letting the Isle of Capri move one of its gambling boats from Lake Charles to a site on the Sabine River in Cameron Parish.

However, the Louisiana Supreme Court ruled that the jury did not have the authority to call such an election.

The Police Jury hopes that Firth's bill, if approved by the Legislature, will give the green light to holding the election.

Rep. Firth said that it will be hard to get the bill passed in the legislature "but if that is what Cameron Parish wants, so be it."

Both Rep. Dan Flavin of Lake Charles and Senator Jerry Theunissen of Jennings had agreed to introduce Cameron Parish's bill although they would not support it. Jurors decided it would be better to get Rep. Firth to introduce the bill as he would support it.

The bill, if approved, would allow the Police Jury to call a parishwide election on two propositions: one to allow riverboat gambling in Cameron Parish and the other to designate the Sabine River as a site for a riverboat.

The Legislature will be convened on March 31.

### \*Sheriffs' raise would be OKed

Elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot is a notice on the introduction of House Bill 03-1302, which if passed in the upcoming legislature, would increase the annual salaries of some of the sheriffs in Louisiana, including Cameron.

The bill is being introduced by Rep. Toomy of Gretna on behalf of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association.

The bill provides for an annual increase in salary of \$15,000 for sheriffs in parishes with a population less than 100,000, which would include Cameron.

Sheriff James "Sono" Savoie presently receives a base salary of \$65,000 a year plus a \$12,000 supplement for a total of \$77,000.

The raise, if approved by the Legislature, would result in a \$92,000 a year salary for future sheriffs.

The salary increase presumably would not go into effect until 2004 with the start of a new term of office.

The raise would not effect Sheriff Savoie who has announced that he is retiring at end of his present term after having served 24 years in office.

To date six persons have announced that they will be a candidate for sheriff in the October elections. They are Gene Constance, Theos Duhon, Ron Johnson, Lance Mudd, Jerry Nunez and Wendell Wilkerson.

Several others have indicated that they may enter the race.

The new sheriff will take office on July 1, 2004.

### \*Cemetery district to be created

Notice is published elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot that a Senate Bill 03-171 will be introduced in the upcoming session of the Legislature to create a public cemetery district in the Sweet Lake-Grand Lake area.

The new cemetery will be located at the corner of Robinson and Cox Roads on 4.85 acres recently donated to the Cameron Parish Police Jury by the Chalkley Estate.

The cemetery is a project of the Grand Lake/Sweetlake Alliance and the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Presentation of the property was recently made by Mary Leach Werner, vice-president of the North American Land Co., and by Claude A. Leach, vice president of Sweet Lake Land & Oil Co. The two are fifth generation Chalkley family heirs.

## Kindergarten registration set at G. L.

Registration for Kindergarten or the 2003-04 school year at Grand Lake School will be held on Wednesday, Mar. 5 at 9 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Necessary papers include birth certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records and Proof of Address.

New students need not attend on this day.

If you have any questions, contact Rosalie Perry, counselor at 598-2056.

# LORRAIN BRIDGE CROSSED 1940s cattle drives recalled

(EDITOR'S NOTE-The Lorrain Bridge Association is trying to save the historic wooden Lorrain Bridge located near Hayes and in the process has been collecting historical references to the bridge. The following recollections about cattle drives from the Sweetlake area to Welsh were written by Jimmy Martin of Welsh, former Welsh mayor and state representative.

By JIMMY MARTIN

I certainly appreciate all of the work that you have done to save the Lorrain Bridge for future generations. You have asked that I send you my comments concerning the cattle drives that I participated in during

# Parish group heading for Maryland show

A delegation of Cameron Parish residents representing the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival will attend the National Outdoors Show in Golden Hill, Maryland Feb. 21-22.

Including in the group will be the new Miss Cameron, Trista Semien of Creole, and her parents, Michael and Floria Semien. The trip is one of the rewards that Miss Cameron receives each year.

Katherine Reina, Deb Fur Queen, and her mother, Diana Sue Reina, also will be in group.

Others going as representatives of the Fur Festival include Barbara Lou LeBlanc, Yvonne Mhire, Sandra Smith, Linda Sturlese, Ruby Dupuis and Charlene Boudreaux.

The group is taking a number of Louisiana products and gifts to give out at the Maryland festival.

The two festivals have been exchanging delegations for more than 40 years. Anne Emily Bennett, the National Outdoors queen, and a Maryland delegation attended the Fur Festival in January.



Loretta Theriot

## Theriot to be signing books at Library

Loretta Theriot, a native and lifelong resident of Cheniere Perdue, will be at the Cameron Parish Library on February 20 from 3 to 5 p.m. for a book signing for her first novel, "The Callings."

Loretta began her literary career researching for the New York Times, best-selling author Jennifer Blake and creating the perfumes mentioned in her novels. Ms. Theriot began writing the book five years ago. She pored over legal documents, police files and coroner reports.

Ms. Theriot teamed up with Mary Palmer of Mobile, AL to write "The Callings," which is a fictional story about the similarities and differences between a priest and a prisoner who had attended school together and their teacher.

The book refers not only to the call of a man to the priesthood, but also to the call of the devil to a drug-using teenager who murders his mother, their teacher on the cheniers where her ancestors settled, and the author who feels compelled to write about the crime.

The book is a lightly masked fiction book based on the lives of Johnny Savoie, Jean Roux and Loretta Theriot and how their lives have touched each other. Johnny has been a Roman Catholic Priest for nearly 7 years and is presently in Mobile, AL. Jean has been convicted of 1983 shooting his father and the first-degree murder of his mother. He was sentenced to life and is currently serving time in the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Loretta Theriot was the boy's teacher at South Cameron High School. Today she teaches English classes to immigrants and makes custom-blended perfumes for a New Orleans company.

An article about the book and its characters was featured in the February 9 Lake Charles American Press along with pictures of the Savoie and Roux both then and now.

Tell me and I'll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I'll understand. - Chinese Proverb



THE LORRAIN BRIDGE over Lacassine Bayou, although located in Calcasieu Parish, has had close connection to Cameron Parish over the years. Back in the '40s it was used to cross cattle moving between Sweetlake and Welsh areas. Efforts are being made to restore the old bridge.

the early 1940's. The Lorrain Bridge was used to cross Bayou Lacassine as part of the cattle trail used to bring cattle to the stockyards in Welsh and later to the first sale barn in Southwest Louisiana.

During this time the A. R. McBurney cattle outfit was located in Welsh. Mr. McBurney at the time owned about 5,000 head of cattle in addition to being the owner of the Welsh Commission Company that was located just north of the present football field at Welsh High School and running along a side of track of the Southern Pacific railroad.

Mr. McBurney rented pasture in the Sweetlake area from Mr. Harry Chalkley of the Sweetlake Oil & Gas Company for about five cents per acre.

Cowboys that worked for Mr. McBurney in the Sweetlake area were Wesley Fruge, Cliff Holland and a black man named Prien Primeaux.

I recall the names of some of the pastures that were used as Pine Pasture, Blue Flat Pasture, and Hobby's Pasture.

From time to time cattle were driven to Welsh to be sold at the sale barn. It would have taken two days to go from Sweetlake to Welsh and three days from Creole in Cameron Parish, to Welsh.

Other lands were rented in the Mayville and Lowry areas. If calves were to be sold then the mama cows and the calves were driven from the Sweetlake and Cameron area along a trail that started

# Funerals



**Mildred Mere**

Cemetery in Cameron.  
Mr. Nolon died Monday, Feb. 3, 2003, in his residence.  
He was born in Havelock, N.C., and had lived in Cameron for 47 years. He was a Mason, and worked as a commercial fisherman.  
Survivors include his wife, Bertha Cox Nolon of Cameron; two sons, Daniel Lee Cox Sr., Lake Charles and Oscar Lee Cox, Jennings; one daughter, Della Roach, Grimesland, N. C.; three brothers, James A. Nolon, William Nolon and Vernon Lee Nolon, all of Havelock; four sisters, Myrtle Freeman, Cleveland and Evonne Godette, Julie Glenn Boone and Jean Carol Jones, Havelock; 13 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren.

**MRS. MILDRED  
LEBOUEF MERE**

Funeral services for Mrs. Mildred LeBoeuf Mere, 81, of Lake Charles were held Wednesday, Feb. 12 from St. Margaret Catholic Church. The Rev. Aubrey Guilbeau officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home.

Mrs. Mere died Sunday, Feb. 9, 2003, near Crowley.

She was a native of Sweetlake and a longtime resident of Lake Charles. She was a member of St. Margaret Catholic church and the Cajun French Music Association.

Survivors include one son, Robert Mere of Lafayette; two daughters, Trina Reed and Susie Bourque, both of Lake Charles; 16 grandchildren; and 29 great-grandchildren.

**WILLIE J. NOLON**

Funeral services for Willie Jinks Nolon, 66, of Cameron were held Saturday, Feb. 8, in Macedonia Baptist Church of Cameron. The Rev. Willie Smith Sr. officiated. Burial was in Ebenezer Baptist Church

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**THIS PICTURESQUE walkway and swamp scene can be found in the Lacassine Wildlife Refuge in eastern Cameron Parish. The refuge is one of four wildlife refuges in Cameron Parish. (Photo by Bill Turnbull.)**

**REMEMBER?**

By **KEITH HAMBRICK**

## Creole road urged

**Lake Charles American Press, Feb. 8, 1918. BIG LAKE ROAD**

Soon a meeting of all the residents of Cameron Parish will be called together to consider the construction of a road from creole to Grand Lake. A good road existing from Grand Lake to Lake Charles, one of the most important sections of Cameron Parish, will enjoy the possibility of going to Lake Charles by land. this road will be of great benefit for Lake Charles and for Cameron Parish. First, for Lake Charles, for this road will bring in direct connection six flourishing and progressive sections, with the business houses of Lake Charles.

But especially for Cameron Parish this road means enormous advantages and progress. When a hurricane strikes against this section of the state, people can bring themselves and their cattle into safety. Hundreds of head of cattle were lost in the storm of 1915 because there was no possibility to bring them into safety.

The energy of the residents will be encouraged in every way. Eggs will not be sold at 8 cents a dozen as before, but at a good price. Chickens will be brought

Steuenville, Ohio; two sisters, Marie LeBert and Anna Mae Moreaux, both of Lake Charles; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

to the market. The good soil will produce oranges, potatoes, watermelons and all kinds of vegetables for the permanent aviation camp. The excellent milk, butter and cheese of Cameron Parish will soon be known elsewhere. The settlers will come in, drain the land and the mosquito plagues will cease.

The cost of this road, especially if we consider the advantages, will not be a burden for the residents at all. it has been said that this road will cost \$55,000; that the road is very feasible because there are no floating marshes and only two bayous; that three-quarters of this sum will be paid by the big companies which possess here immense quantities of land; that the rest of the cost, divided over forty years, would mean an annual base per head of about three cents.

Everyone who has a little intelligence considers this road as the only way to real progress and civilization for Cameron Parish. May it become even this year a blessed reality.

**Cameron Pilot, Feb. 12, 1970. SHRIMP BEST IN 24 YEARS**

The Louisiana shrimp industry, producing more than 52,000,000 pounds of headless shrimp in 1969. Enjoyed the best fishing season in the past 24 years, according to figures released today by the Louisiana Shrimp Association. This repre-

sented a 23.1 percent or 9,897,000 pound increase over the previous year.

This dockside or boat value of the 1969 catch was in excess of \$33,400,000, setting a new monetary record for the Louisiana shrimpers. This was the first time in the last seven years that the Louisiana shrimp trawlers out-produced their arch-rivals, Texas.

"Sound conservation practices and expert marine life management undoubtedly figured in the resulting bumper crop of shrimp produced in Louisiana waters," stated Thomas Steed of Cameron, President of the Louisiana Shrimp Association. "If you recall, there was a certain, segment of the industry who had petitioned the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission last spring for a May 1st opening date for inshore waters."

**STUDENTS MAKE FLAGS**

These students made the flags they displayed as an American history project for the seventh grade classes taught by Jerry Ford. They were to make a flag from cloth by printing, coloring or sewing on the design.

Holding their flags, are: Ricky Boudreaux, Washington State Flag; Norma Chermie, Louisiana State Flag; Jo Ann Dupont, Mississippi State Flag; and Lawrence Tanner, the American Flag. The flags will be on display in the parish library for the next several weeks.

**MEETING ON GOALS**

Several business, professional, and civic leaders represented Cameron Parish last week at a forum at McNeese sponsored by the Louisiana Goals committee. Senator Michael H. O'Keefe was Chairman. The purpose of the forum was to get suggestions from parish leaders in establishing certain goals for Louisiana.

Dr. Cecil Clark served on the host committee. Others attending from Cameron Parish were E. D. Dronet, D. W. Griffith, Dallas Domingue, and Joe G. Boudoin.

**HOMEMAKERS' TOUR**

Mrs. Braxton Blake outlined the schedule for the 1970

Council Homemakers' Tour at a recent tour planning committee meeting of the Cameron Home Demonstration Club.

The following chairmen of committees were appointed by Mrs. Terry Clement, president: Registration, Mrs. E. J. Dronet; Hostess, Mrs. Charles F. Hebert; Pins and Badges, Mrs. Larry Taylor; Souvenir Bags, Mrs. Gilbert Mudd; Buses, Mrs. J. D. LaBove; Door Prizes, Mrs. Sam Warren; Raffle, Mrs. Robert LaLande; Flag Markers, Mrs. Hubert Smith.

Others attending were Mesdames Charles Rogers, Charles Primeaux, Ward Fontenot, and Miss Patsy Granger, Home Agent.

**MARCH OF DIMES**

By Becky Faulk

A door-to-door March of Dimes Drive was conducted through the Grand Lake-Sweetlake area during January. Chairman of the drive was Mrs. Charles Precht, a member of the Sweetlake HD Club. Those assisting in the drive were Mesdames Junus Granger, Ted Askew, Robert M. Hebert, Lawrence Venable, Ray Beard, Donald Seamons, Mervin Chesson, Mrs. Elwood Robicheaux, and Daisy Askew, Cindy Seamons, Vickie and David Beard, Mike and Mark Chesson, Susan and Albert Robicheaux, and Laura Lynn and Jo Ellen Hebert.

**YOUNGSTERS MARDI GRAS**

Local youngsters enjoyed a Mardi Gras Dance complete with costumes and masks. Nearly one hundred children came dressed for the costume contest, and six went home sporting prizes.

James Doxey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich Doxey, won first place in the ugliest division, costumed as an old man; Delia Duhon won second prize. Craig Boudreaux was winner of the most original costume with a hobo costume. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Boudreaux. Miss Bonita Broussard placed second. Most unusual first prize was awarded Robert Doxey dressed as a scarecrow. Second

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## Cameron Lions Club has busy Jan. & Feb. schedule

The Cameron Lions Club has been active during January with February promising to be as equally busy. The club meets each Wednesday noon at the OutRigger Restaurant.

Clifton Hebert, president of the La. Fur and Wildlife Festival, who spoke on the history.

Glenn Harris and Judy McClendon, Cameron Prairie Wildlife Refuge, told about the 15 year area management plan that the public is invited to comment on and invited everyone to the 100 Year Celebration of Refuges throughout the USA on March 15 at the Cameron Prairie Refuge from 1-3 p.m.

The Lions Club raffle concluded on Jan. 11 with Glenn Welch from Hackberry winning the \$500 prize.

Upcoming club events include a bucket brigade on Feb.

14 in Creole and in Cameron and a spaghetti lunch sale Mar. 12 at the Masonic Lodge.

Wilson Conner is the president of the Cameron Lions Club and Dinah Landry is the secretary.

## Cameron Library News

New novels at the Cameron Parish Library include:

Into The Woods, V. C. Andrews; Rancher Ferrets On The Range, Richard Bach; Small Town, Lawrence Block; The Cat Who Brought Down, Lillian Jackson Braun;

Dale Brown's Dreamland. Razor's Edge, Dale Brown; Winner Take All, T. Davis Bunn; Hollywood Tough, Stephen J. Cannell; Kiss River, Diane Chamberlain; Liberty, Stephen Coonts; The Penwyth Curse, Catherine Coulter.



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Mr. and Mrs. Ernest James Trahan

## Benoit-Trahan vows are said in Johnson Bayou on Feb. 1

Stephanie Ann Benoit and Ernest James Trahan were married Saturday, Feb. 1 at the Community Center in Johnson Bayou by Marsha Trahan, Justice of the Peace.

The bride is the daughter of Ruston L. Benoit of Sulphur and Mrs. Judy Landry of Lake Charles. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Antoine J. D. Benoit of Morse and Burcy Bergeaux of Iota. The groom is

## Grand Lake Lions to meet

The Grand Lake Lions club will meet on March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lake Fireman Center, Council on Aging room. Anyone interested in joining should attend or call Dinah for an application 598-4472. This will be a reorganization meeting and officers will be elected.



## Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

**DANCE**  
St. Peter's Cajun Dance will be held Saturday at the Hackberry Community Center.

**ILLNESSES**  
Home from the hospital after being sick are Mrs. Lenora Boudreaux, Annette Totem and Mrs. Roicyce Dickerson. Elma Courmier is better.

**BASKETBALL DISTRICT C**  
Feb. 4, Hackberry Girls 67, Hyatt 36 - Megan

## Memorial books told

Memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library are listed as follows: with names of the ones in memory donors, respectively:

Making The most Of Storage, Clayton Nunez by Grace Roberts;

A Christmas Treasury, Lynn Lee by Grace Roberts;

Classic Christmas Carols, Joseph Chammy Roberts by Brenda and G. C. Quinn;

The Candymaker's Gift, Timmy Trahan by Brenda and G. C. Quinn;

The New Yankee Workshop: Kid's Stuff, Tim Trahan by Charlotte Troclair and family;

Encyclopedia Of Animals, Lawrence Arceneaux by Charlotte Troclair;

Glory Of Creation, Mason Istre by Charlotte Troclair;

town Gardens, Ena East by Charlotte Troclair family;

Glass, Ella Mae Crain by Charlotte Troclair family;

Creative Country Decorating, Ella Mae Crain by Orrie and Mary Jo Canik;

Successful Duck Hunting, Mervin Chesson by Floyd and Earline Baccigalopi.

Broussard 13, Edie Lenards 12, Leah Billedeaux 11, Bethany Richard 8, Jessica East 6, Miranda Hicks 6, Chelsea LaBove 2.

Feb. 4, Hackberry Boys 58, Hyatt 40 - Jesse Brown 19, Brett Stancel 13, Wade LaBoave 12, Chase Heck 11, Jay Sanner 3.

Feb. 7, Hackberry Girls 73, Johnson Bayou 33 - Megan Broussard 17, Edie Lenards 12, bethany Richard and Tobie Devall 6, Jessica East 5, Amanda Miller 4, Mandy Michalko 2. Johnson Bayou - Megan Roberts 11, Shai Green 9, Natasha 5.

Feb. 7, Hackberry Boys 52, Johnson Bayou 39 - Brett Stancel 23, Chase Hecks 11, Brennan Duhon 5, Jesse Brown 4, Jay Sanner 2. Johnson Bayou - Kyle Badon 15, Adam Young 9, Domingue Sandifer 7.

## Barbecue set

The CYO group of Sacred heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole will be selling barbecue plate lunches Sunday, Feb. 16, at the K. C. Hall in Creole. Desserts will also be sold. Proceeds are to fund the groups Diocesan Youth Conference in Beaumont, Tex. later this month.

## Blood drives are scheduled

LifeShare Blood Center will conduct blood drives in Cameron Parish as follows:

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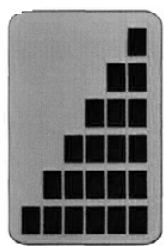
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# Basketball

**BOYS**  
**St. Edmund 87; South Cameron 64** - The Tarpons, Trey Lute was the leading scorer of the game with 27 points. Travis Swire pulled down 22 points and Gerry Thomas chipped in 10 points.

**Mamou 95; South Cameron 40** - Travis Swire scored 18 points for the Tarpons. Jerry Thomas added 10 points and Trey Lute scored 9 points.

Hamilton Christian 59; Grand Lake 31 - Trevor Hebert chipped in 14 points for Grand Lake. The Hornets fall to 12-20 overall and 0-3 in district.

**Hackberry 58; Hyatt 40** - Jesse Brown led the Mustangs (14-15, 2-1) with 19 points. Brett Stansel chipped in 13 points and Wade LaBove added 12 points. Chase Hicks scored 11 points.

**Lacassine 64; Grand Lake 41** - Trevor Hebert scored 17 points for the Hornets. Barry Reed added 12 points. Grand Lake falls to 12-22 overall and 0-4 in district play.

**Johnson Bayou 83; Pecan Island 39** - The Rebels had 4 players score in double digits as they routed Pecan Island to move to 6-20 overall and 3-0 in district. Dominique Sandifer led all scorers with 19 points. Kyle Badon chipped in 15 points and Jared Trahan added 11 points. Adam Young scored 10 points.

**Hackberry 52; Johnson Bayou 39** - The Mustangs (15-15, 3-1) pulled into a first place tie with their victory over the Rebels (7-20, 3-1). Leading Hackberry in scoring was Brett Stansel with 23 points. Chase

Hicks added 11 points. Kyle Badon scored 15 points for JBHS and Adam Young added 9 points.

**GIRLS**  
**Grand Lake 58; Hamilton Christian 46** - Maggie Garven scored 16 points for the Lady Hornets. Lauren Courville added 13 and Katy Lavergne scored 12. Grand Lake improves to 14-17 on the year and 1-2 in district.

**Hackberry 67; Hyatt 36** - Meagan Broussard led the #1 Lady Mustangs with 13 points. Edie Leonards scored 12 points and Leah Billedeaux added 11 points. The Lady Mustangs improve to 32-3 on the year and 3-0 in district.

**Lacassine 47; Grand Lake 40** - Lauren Courville was the leading scorer for the Lady Hornets with 15 points. Maggie Garven added 12 points. Grand Lake drops to 14-18 overall and 1-4 in district.

**South Cameron 39; Mamou 35** - The Lady Tarpons picked up their second district win of the season as they knocked off Mamou. Jeni Cormier led the Lady Tarpons with 14 points and D,Nae DeSonnier chipped in 8 points.

**Johnson Bayou 51; Pecan Island 41** - Megan Roberts threw down 27 points as the Lady Rebels pick up their first district win and improve to 5-20 overall and 1-2 in district.

**Hackberry 73; Johnson Bayou 33** - The #1 ranked Lady Mustangs outscored the Lady Rebels 48-14 in the first half enroute to their 33rd win of the season. Leah Billedeaux led Hackberry with 18 points. Meagan Broussard added 17 points and Edie Leonards added 12 points. The Lady Rebels (5-21, 1-3) were led by Megan Roberts with 11 points. Shay Greer added 9 points.

## Parish youth Dist. winners

Cameron Parish 4-H and FFA members whose animals were named Grand or Reserve Champions at the Southwest District Livestock Show were as follows:

**COMMERCIAL HEIFER**  
 Reserve champion AOB-NB; Kallan Mudd, Cameron.

**MARKET STEER**  
 Champion O; Leah Billedeaux, Cameron.  
 Grand champion; Leah Billedeaux, Cameron.

**BEEF BREEDING**  
 Limousin Bull: Champion; cody Jouett, Cameron  
 Champion La.-bred; Cody Jouett, Cameron  
 Limousin Heifer: Champion; Kami Savoie, Cameron.  
 Champion La.-bred; Kami Savoie, Cameron.

**AOB-NON Brahman INF Heifer:** Champion; Lance Guidry, Cameron.

**Red Brangus Bull:** Champion; Joel Rogers, Cameron.  
 Reserve champion; Chad Benoit, Cameron.

**Red Brangus Heifer:** Champion; Joel Rogers, Cameron.  
 Reserve champion; Mika Benoit, Cameron.  
 Reserve champion La.-bred; Kyle Benoit, Cameron.

**AOB-Brahman INF Bull:** Champion; Tamarajo Nunez, Cameron.  
 Champion La.-bred; Tamarajo Nunez, Cameron.

**AOB-Brahman INF Heifer:** Champion; Chance Baccigalopi, South Cameron.

**Champion La.-bred;** Chance Baccigalopi, South Cameron.  
 Reserve Champion La.-bred; Braids Labove, Cameron.

**Braford Heifer:** Champion; Keaton Boudreaux, Cameron.  
 Reserve Champion; Zachary Theriot, Cameron.

**Reserve Champion La.-bred;** Jolie Boudreaux, Cameron.

## Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

### WINTER STILL HERE

Well, "Boudreaux D" nutria did see his shadow here in our parish, and by the cold spells we've been having, winter is still here, so we may as well get use to it for a few more weeks.

I did go by our Grand Chenier hunting marsh, and yes there's ducks, and quite a few, and yes they're at home.

Deer hunting season is getting down to "Ground Zero". Snipe season runs through Feb. 21 and quail and rabbit season ends on Feb. 28. After February there will just be goose season for (blues, snows & ross) left through March 9, unless you're a turkey hunter and all of those areas A-B-C open on Mar. 20. Area A runs through April 20, Area B through April 13 and Area C through Mar. 30.

### RIGHT-OF-WAYS

It seems not only hunters and fishermen are having problems about what's public waters and what's private waters. Quiska Chitto Creek canoers are paying \$5 each to pay access water that travels on private lands. Fishing and canoeing (bank fishing) along Quiska Chitto is an old local tradition, but if you fish down the river, or have to pay to come out. Big talk in that area, so we may learn something before this is all over.

Last year over 250,000 anglers cut back on fishing across the country because of access problems. Many causes are development of land, road closing, bad behavior on landowners property, pollution, litter, interference from other boats, higher prices on boats and motors and I guess something that we all need to do, is teach our kids to hunt and fish responsibly.

### TROUT TALK

The Texas Park and Wildlife

Department biologist has recommended a propose change on Texas trout fishing. They want to get Texas's trout population up from where it is. Stay with 15 inch minimum size and 10 trout limits, but only 25 inch maximum size. No trout to be taken over that size. It seems that guided fishermen in Texas have gone up more than 300 percent since the early 1980's.

Now here in our state some want to change the size and limit on trout. We now have a 12 inch minimum length and a 25 per day trout limit. Some want to go from 25 trout daily, down to 15 trout daily, and go from a 12 inch length to a 14 or 15 inch minimum length. Also only two of these trout could be over say 24 or 25 inches in length.

I think a 12 inch trout is too small and 14 inch would do fine and I also believe 15 speckle trout daily is enough. Now for the larger trout I'd have to go for at least 5 trout over 27 inches. Some of us fish hard for larger trout, and it just doesn't seem to be enough, if you go to a 24 to 25 inch length. According to the weigh-in chart I have, a 24 inch trout will weigh 5.1 pounds, while a 25 inch trout will go 5.7 pounds. It takes a 30 inch trout to hit 10 pounds. Now a 12 inch minimum length trout will only weigh 0.6 lbs., a 14 inch goes 0.9 and a 15 inch will go 1.1 pounds. I believe a 15 inch length would be great.

Our fishing biologist tells us that our trout population in Big Lake is O.K. and we're not hurting our trout population just like we are.

### SAND HILL CRANES

driving on LA 397 south of Highway 14, I saw a nice flock of Sand Hill Cranes, numbering about 150 or so. This was last week. These birds come down every year, but I missed them last year.

### BASS OPENINGS

I never did find out yet when or what Lacassine Refuge would open and it would be catch and release for other bass impoundments. Lacassine, Sabine and Cameron Prairie National Refuges usually open on March 1 or March 15.

Rockefeller Refuge usually opens on March 1 and the Miami Corporations permit fishing usually opens March 15 on a Saturday close to it. This year March 15 is on Saturday.

### FISHING TIMES

Fri, Feb. 14 - 9 a.m. best; 3 p.m. good.  
 Sat., Feb. 15 - 10 a.m. best; 4 p.m. good.  
 Sun., Feb. 16 - 11 a.m. best; & 5 p.m. good.  
 Mon., Feb. 17 - 12 noon.; 6 p.m. good.  
 Tues., Feb. 18 - 1 p.m. best; 7 p.m. good.  
 Wed., Feb. 19 - 2 p.m. best; 7 a.m. good.  
 Thurs., Feb. 20 - 3 p.m. best; 8 a.m. good.  
 February 14 and 15 best days to fish. Good days 18, 19, 22, 23.

## CATTLE DRIVE

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usually on Fruge Road until we got to the railroad tracks of the Lake Arthur spur and would head east towards Rossignol.

Then we headed back north on Lavoie Road usually getting on LA Highway 14 and going east until we reached the curve in the road north of Bell City. From there we would head north on the Lognon Road until we got to the Sidney Derouen Road and turned east towards the Bell City-Hayes Road, crossed that road and headed towards the Lorrain Bridge.

During this time the Lorrain Bridge was a rather long bridge extending to the ridge on the east bank, however where the present bridge now stands this bridge, at the time, could be opened for boat traffic.

We crossed the bridge and entered Jeff Davis Parish where we drove the cattle near a pasture located close to Mr. Claude Thibeaux's home. This drive took a day and we would load up our horses and head to Welsh where we had to feed the horses and some bulls Mr. McBruney kept at his headquarters for sale.

This next morning, before daylight we would saddle up with fresh horses, load them in the truck and head back to Mayville where we would start our last leg of the cattle drive for Welsh. Then after about a week or two we would drive the cows and others that Mr. McBurney had purchased at the sale and head back to the pastures in the Sweetlake area.

I do not know how long this cattle trail was used, but after World War II when trucks became more available the cattle would be hauled to Welsh or to some other sale barn that opened up after the War. I do know that before and during the War that this was a vital route to bring cattle to market and I would think that this is historically significant. Even before the cattle sale was operating in Welsh, cattle were shipped from Welsh to the market in New Orleans.

The long bridge that I mentioned was destroyed, as I recall, when a barge and dragline was so big it could not fit in the opening used by smaller boats to get north of the Lorrain Bridge. The dragline, floating on the barge, had cut through the smaller section of the bridge in order to do some major drainage work on Bayou Lacassine and Bayou Chene.

The road was closed during this time and when the barge returned a channel was dug on the south side and the fill was used to make a roadway. It remained closed until the fill settled and dried. When heavy rains caused flooding this road always went underwater, since there was no intent to back up water north of the road.



## Youth League registration

The Cameron Parish Youth League will hold their 2003 baseball player registration at the Cameron Recreational Complex, Sunday, Feb. 16 or Sun., Feb. 23.

- Items needed to register:
1. Copy of birth certificate.
  2. \$20 registration fee.
  3. Parent or guardian to sign permission form.

The age groups will be (child's age as of Aug. 1, 2003): T-Ball, ages 5 & 6 (both girls and boys). Machine/Coach Pitch, ages 7 & 8 (both girls and boys). Player Pitch, ages 9 & 10 (boys). Player Pitch, ages 11 & 12, (boys will play in South Lake Charles League). Player Pitch, ages 13, 14, & 15 (boys will play in South Lake Charles League).

For more information call Vicki Little 542-4934; Renee Dupre 538-2735; Hope January 775-5212.

A Pro Swing Baseball Camp will be held in March at the Cameron Rec Complex for ages 7 and up. Get more information at registration.

## Meeting set on domestic violence

The Cameron Parish Community Response Team will meet at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Grand Lake Multi-purpose building and interested persons are invited to attend. A meal will be served.

Domestic violence is a crime of epidemic proportions that plagues our society and causes permanent emotional scars, life-threatening injuries and death. This abuse occurs within an intimate relationship and is characterized by blatant disregard for an individual's rights, body and health. Without appropriate intervention, domestic violence increases in frequency and severity over time. By systematically shattering lives, destroying families, and devastating com-

munities, domestic violence compromises the quality of our lives. By defining the problem, domestic violence is often referred to as battering.

Battering is a pattern of coercive control that one person exercises over another. Abusers use physical and sexual violence, threats, and emotional insults and economic deprivation as a way to dominate their partners and get their way.

Cameron Parish is in the process of building a strong coalition to combat the problems in our parish. If you are interested in volunteering, or attending meetings which will benefit the community please contact Angela Jouett Community Organizer at 337-598-5716 or 337-370-6736.

## McNeese Spring Career Fair to be held Feb. 26

The annual McNeese State University Spring Career Fair will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, in the McNeese Parra Ballroom of the New Ranch.

The fair will provide a forum for graduating seniors and alumni to develop job leads and to network with recruiters from business, industry, government, healthcare and graduate/professional schools.

For those seeking employment, resumes and "business casual dress" is advised, according to Kathy Bond, director of Career Services.

Underclassmen of all majors are also encouraged to participate to begin gathering career information, to ask relevant questions and to discuss career choices with employers as to the best ways they can prepare for job opportunities upon their graduation from McNeese. "Students will gain insight and expertise in an area concerning their chosen major," said Bond.

Sponsors for this year's career fair include Arthur J. Gallagher of LA, Inc. McElveen, ConocoPhillips, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, Kroger Foods, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Sherwin-Williams, State Farm Insurance, Texas Health Resources, U.S. Air Force Reserve, Walgreens, Wells Fargo Financial.

A list of companies attending may be found on the Career Services Web site at [www.mcneese.edu/career/](http://www.mcneese.edu/career/).

Potential employers with full-time job opportunities requiring degreed applicants may contact the McNeese Career Services Center at (337) 475-5612 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5612.

## Lunch menus

Lunch menus for the week of Feb. 17 - 21 for all Cameron Parish School are as follows:

Mon., Feb. 17 - Pizza w/ground beef, tossed salad, buttered corn, orange wedges, vanilla pudding.

Tues., Feb. 18 - enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chocolate layered, salad dressing, sliced bread.

Wed., Feb. 19 - Meatballs for gravy, brown gravy, rice, green beans, chilled peach slices, peanut butter spread, yeast rolls.

Thurs., Feb. 20 - Barbecued chicken, rice dressing, sweet peas, fruit salad, biscuits.

Fri., Feb. 21 - Hot ham and cheese sand., baked beans, oven fries, chocolate cake, vanilla cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

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## NOTICE TO THE CREOLE COMMUNITY

Gravity Drainage District No. 4 will meet at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 13, 2003 at the Creole Fire Station to discuss drainage problems within the district and proposed solutions. All interested persons are encouraged to attend.

RUN: Feb. 6, 13 (F-1)

## Cameron Parish School Board Meeting Dates

Finance Committee Meeting at 4:00 p.m.  
Regular Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Monday, March 17, 2003  
Monday, April 14, 2003

RUN: Feb. 6, 13 (F-11)

## • JOB OPENING •

The Cameron Parish Library will accept job applications until 4 p.m., Feb. 14, 2003, for a Clerk's position and an Assistant Clerk's position at the Hackberry Library to work no more than 27 hours a week. Salary: \$6.00 an hour, no benefit for Clerk's Position; \$5.50 an hour and no benefits for Assistant Clerk.

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## Johnson Bayou Recreation News

### EVENTS

Monday nights will be reserved for men's basketball; teams will be picked each night. Must be out of school to play. games will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Women's volleyball will start at the end of the month. Deadline Feb. 24. Call or come by the recreation center to sign up.

We will also be offering group guitar lessons for beginners. The lessons will be on Monday nights at 7 p.m. at the community center. you must provide your own guitar. Prices run at \$15 a lesson. If interested need to start at the next session. All ages.

Skating will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 2:30 - 4 p.m. all ages.

Teen Talks will be held on Sunday, Feb. 23 from 4-5 p.m. A hot meal will be served. You must be 12 years of age to

### attend.

Homework help and tutoring will be held Monday - Thursdays from 3-5 p.m. Except when school is out.

Free throw competition Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 4:30 p.m. K-12 grade.

A dance will be held Feb. 21 from 8-9 for pre-k 5 grades and from 9:30-11 for 6-12 grades. A Mardi Gras background will be available to take pictures. Beads, etc. will be given to the youth. DJ by Chris Welch.

Martial Arts classes are held every Thursday night at 6:30 at the Johnson Bayou Community Center for children and adults. Prices run at \$25 a month. If you are interested please call Stacey Badon at 569-2699 or Christen Trahan at 569-2611 or the recreation center 569-2288.

Starting Wednesday, Feb. 12, the recreation center will open at 9-10 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for women to exercise. Aerobic and exercise tapes will be available and/or the weight room.

These events are sponsored by the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center. Some of these events are part of the "Keep it Real" program funded by the Department of Social Services and Office of Family Support administered through BeauCARE recreation in DeRidder.

### CHAT SESSIONS

The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center's Keep It

### GARAGE SALES

YARD SALE: Two family yard sale, 109 Adam Roux, Cameron, February 22, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Women's clothes, children's clothes, odds and ends. 2/13-20p.

### ALTERNATOR REPAIR

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Real program will be offering group chat sessions every Thursday at the Johnson Bayou Fire Station. We will hold a weekly 45 minute session that participants may attend to discuss different topics of relevance with a certified family and youth counselor. If you are interested you may contact Stacey Badon at 569-2699, Christen Trahan at 569-2611 or the recreation center. Topic may include: How to deal with anger, peer pressure, dating, every day life question and situations.

For individual sessions please call to set up an appointment. Ages and times are as follows:

3:15 - 4, ages 8-10. 4-4:45, ages 11-14, 4:45-5:30, ages 15-18.

This program is funded by the Department of Social Services and Office of Family Support and administered through BeauCARE.

### SCHEDULE

Monday - Men's basketball 6:30, guitar 7 p.m. at communi-

### Miller Livestock Markets Inc. DeQuincy, LA

Saturday, February 8, 2003

LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS: Cattle 242, Horses 3, Hogs 29, Sheep 11, and Goats 64. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 35<sup>00</sup> 50<sup>00</sup> per HD, beef 100 150 per HD. Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 125-170 per lb.  
**STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers 95-125 per lbs, Heifers 90-125 per lb. 300-400 lbs. Steers 85-120 per lb, Heifers 85-105 per lb. 400-500 lbs. Steers: 85-105 per lb, Heifers 77-95 per lb. 600-700 lbs steers: 72-75 per lb, Heifers: 67-70 per lb. **COWS:** Cutter & Utility: 40-48 per lb. Canners: 36-38 per lb. Fat Cows: 32-35 per lb. Thin Cows: 27-33 per lb. Slaughter Bulls: 47-55 per lb. Feeder Bulls: 56-68 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 600<sup>00</sup> 750<sup>00</sup> per pair. **PREGNANCY TEST-ED COWS:** 450<sup>00</sup> 725<sup>00</sup> per head. **HOGS:** Choice barrow and gilts 34-39 per lb, medium barrow and gilts 30-34 per lb, butcher pigs 35-45 per lb, feeder pigs NONE per lb, Sows 300-500 lbs 28-35 per lb, boars 08-10 per lb.  
**HORSES:** 32-48 per lb. **GOATS & SHEEP:** Per head 25<sup>00</sup>-200<sup>00</sup>

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ty center.  
Tuesday 18 - free throw K-12 grade 4:30.  
Thursday - Teen chat @ fire station, martial arts 6:30 at community center.  
Friday 21 - Dance.  
Sunday - Skating 2:30-4, teen talks 4-5 p.m.  
Monday, Wed., Fri., - women's exercise 9-10 a.m.  
Monday - Thursday, homework and tutoring 3-5 p.m.



## CAMERON FOOD MART

Community Coffee.....Lb. \$3.59  
Grade A Large Eggs.....Doz. 79c  
Best Yet Milk.....Gal. \$2.49  
Coke, Dr. Pepper, or Sprite  
Reg. or Diet.....12/12 Oz. \$3.39  
.....3 Liter Bottle \$1.69  
Natural Light.....12/12 Oz. Cans \$5.79  
Miller Lite.....12/10 Oz. Cans \$6.99  
Pagoda Egg Rolls All Flavors.....9 Oz. \$1.99  
Blue Bonnet Margarine.....1 lb. Qtrs. 59c  
Kraft Finely Shredded Cheeses  
All Flavors.....8 Oz. \$1.79  
Blue Plate Mayonnaise.....32 Oz. \$2.29  
Blackburn Apple or Grape Jelly.....18 Oz. \$1.19  
Best Yet Tomato Sauce.....8 Oz. 5/1.00  
Best Yet Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Veg. or Sweet Peas.....15 Oz. 2/89c  
Starkist Chunk Light Tuna  
Oil or Water (Reg. 83c).....6 Oz. 59c  
Cajun Country Long Grain Rice.....15 Lb. Bag \$1.39  
Zatarain's Fish Fry.....24 Oz. \$1.99  
Best Yet Vegetable Oil.....Gal. \$3.99  
The Works Bowl Cleaner.....32 Oz. \$1.59  
Purex Liquid Detergent.....Gal. \$2.99  
Brawny Paper Towels.....6 Roll Pkg. \$4.99  
Lean Ground Meat.....Lb. \$1.59  
Whole Boneless Brisket.....Lb. \$1.29  
Sliced Lunch Meat.....Lb. \$1.69  
Oven Roasted Turkey Breast.....Lb. \$2.59

HEADQUARTERS FOR ALL YOUR SALTWATER FISHING SUPPLIES HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES NOW AVAILABLE HERE!  
VISIT OUR DELI FOR SHAKES, PO-BOYS, HOT DOGS, ETC.  
Specials Good Feb. 13- Feb. 19, 2003  
Open: Mon. - Sat. - 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
We Accept Food Stamps & WIC  
476 Marshall St., Cameron  
\*NOW ACCEPTING MAJOR CREDIT CARDS\*  
775-5217

## — NOTICE —

The Cameron Parish School System adheres to the equal opportunity provisions of federal civil rights laws and regulations that are applicable to this agency. Therefore, no one will be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, national origin, (Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964); sex (Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972); disability (Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973); or age (Age Discrimination Act of 1975) in attaining educational goals and objectives and in the administration of personnel policies and procedures. Anyone with questions regarding this policy may contact Stephanie Rodrigue, Supervisor, at (337) 775-5784, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631.

RUN: Feb. 6, 13 (F-2)

## PUBLIC MEETING ON THE

### DRAFT LOUISIANA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will hold a Public Meeting on the Draft Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information about the plan and to obtain input from interested parties. The Public Meeting has been scheduled for the date, time and location stated below.

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.  
Wednesday, February 19, 2003  
Lake Charles Civic Center  
Jean Lafitte Room  
900 Lakeshore Drive  
Lake Charles, Louisiana 70602

Following the presentation, representatives of DOTD will be available to receive comments and answer questions related to the plan. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Copies of the Draft Louisiana Statewide Transportation Plan are available for review at the DOTD District 07 Administrator's office, 5827 Hwy 90 East, Lake Charles, LA 70615, at the main and branch parish libraries, and on our website at [www.lastateplan.org](http://www.lastateplan.org). Comments on the plan may be sent for consideration to the address below. All comments must be received by Friday, March 21, 2003.

If you require special assistance due to a disability in order to participate at this Public Meeting, please contact DOTD by mail at the address below or by telephone at (225) 248-4190 at least five working days prior to the Public Meeting date.

Environmental Engineer Administrator  
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development  
P. O. Box 94245  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9245

RUN: Feb. 6, 13 (F-3)

# Legal Notices

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 6th day of January 2003 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2002-04: Dock Improvements at Sabine Pass pursuant to the certain contract between and said Cameron Parish Police Jury and M & C Oilfield Services LLC under File No. 276432, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Bonnie Conner, Secretary  
RUNS: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20 - J 18

## LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Waterworks and Fire Protection District Number 7 meeting in regular session convened on the 10th day of December 2002 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2001-01: Distribution System Improvements pursuant to the certain contract between Hartec Corporation and said Cameron Parish Waterworks and Fire Protection District Number 7 under File No. 269575, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that any person or persons having claims arising out of the furnishing of labor, supplies, material, etc., in the construction of the said work should file said claim with the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana on or before forty-five (45) days after the first publication hereof, all in the manner and form as prescribed by law. After the elapse of said time, the Cameron Parish Police Jury will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Wilson Conner, President  
RUNS: Jan. 16, 23, 30 & Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 - J 35

## AUTO BID

**BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF FOR THE PURCHASE OF ONE (1) 2003 TOYOTA SEQUOIA. SPECIFICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED AT CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF OFFICE, P. O. BOX 1250 CIVIL DEPT., CAMERON, LA 70631. BIDS MUST BE DELIVERED TO THE SAID ADDRESS ON OR BEFORE 9:00 A.M. FRIDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2003. THE RIGHT IS RESERVED BY THE SHERIFF TO REJECT ANY AND ALL OR TO ACCEPT ANY BIDS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE SHERIFF WILL BE OF THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PARISH OF CAMERON AND THE CAMERON PARISH SHERIFF DEPARTMENT.**

/s/James R. Savoie  
JAMES R. SAVOIE, Sheriff  
RUNS: Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13 - J 55

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS SP#14835

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of State Purchasing, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, P. O. Box 94095, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9095 until 10:00 A.M., on March 11, 2003, for the following:

REPLACE GALVANIZED CORRUGATED METAL FOR WILDLIFE & FISHERIES - ROCKFELLER - FUR & REFUGEE GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA  
Proposal Number: J 25025 DL  
Solicitation Number: 2174584  
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING  
CLAIBORNE BUILDING, 2ND FLOOR  
1201 NORTH THIRD STREET  
BATON ROUGE, LA 70804  
Attn: Pamela Allen  
Email: pallen@doa.state.la.us  
Fax: (225) 342-8688  
Phone: (225) 342-8019

**SITE VISIT IS REQUIRED.**  
All bids must be accompanied by bid security equal to five percent (5%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates, and must be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check or Bid Bond written by a company licensed to do business in Louisiana, countersigned by a person who is under Contract with the surety company or bond issuer as a licensed agent in this State and who is residing in this State. Surety represents that it is listed on the current U. S. Department of Treasury Financial Management Service list of approved bonding companies and that it is listed thereon as approved for an amount equal to or greater than the amount for which it obligates itself in this instrument. No Bid Bond indicating an obligation of less than five percent (5%) by any method is acceptable.

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

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s) such as, Building Construction and/or specialty of Roofing and Sheet Metal, Siding. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING  
DENISE LEA  
DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING  
RUN: Feb. 6, 12, 19 (F4)

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, February 20, 2003, in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, Cameron, Louisiana, for the purchase of a computer network to be installed at various branches of the Cameron Parish Library system.

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

BY: s/Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUNS: Feb. 6, 13 - F 15

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m. local time, Wednesday, February 26, 2003, in the Gulf Coast Soil and Water Conservation District's Office, 1400 Highway 14, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 70601 (337)436-5020 Ext. 3, for providing the following materials.

- 4,200 Trade Gallons - California Bulrush, *Schoenoplectus californicus*.
- 700 Trade Gallons - Giant Cutgrass, *Zizaniopsis miliacea*.
- 7,300 Trade Gallons - Smooth Cordgrass, *Spartina alterniflora cv vermillon*.
- 6,666 Plugs - Smooth Cordgrass, *Spartina alterniflora cv vermillon*.
- 100 Trade Gallons - Roseau Can, *Phragmites australis*.
- 200 FT of runners - Roseau Can, *Phragmites australis*.

A complete assembly of the bid invitation with specifications may be obtained by contacting the District Secretary at the address shown above.  
RUNS: Feb. 6, 13, 20 - F 18

SHERIFF'S SALE  
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF CAMERON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC.  
VS. NO. 10-16310

CHERYL LYNN FRASER A/K/A  
CHERYL LYNN LANCON FRASER

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, MARCH 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4) OF BLOCK 1 (1) HENRY HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION IN SOUTH HALF OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 14 SOUTH, RANGE 9 WEST, CAMERON PARISH LOUISIANA, TOGETHER WITH ALL IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

seized under said writ.  
Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/James R. Savoie  
JAMES R. SAVOIE, Sheriff  
CAMERON PARISH, LA.  
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, LA. FEBRUARY 07, 2003

GEORGE B. DEAN, JR.  
Attorneys for PLAINTIFF  
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUNS: Feb. 13 & Mar. 13 - F 19

SHERIFF'S SALE  
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF CAMERON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA  
FIRST FAMILY FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC.  
VS. NO. 10-16316

AUDREY LORRAINE MAY BECH  
By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITH the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, MARCH 19, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

COMMENCING 221.4 FEET NORTH AND 30 FEET EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 12 SOUTH, RANGE 8 WEST, CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA. SAID POINT OF COMMENCEMENT BEING ON THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE EAST 1380.2 FEET PARALLEL TO SOUTH LINE OF SECTION 24; THENCE NORTHERLY 417.4 FEET PARALLEL TO IRRIGATION CANAL; THENCE WEST 1375.9 FEET TO THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PUBLIC ROAD; THENCE SOUTH 417.4 FEET ALONG THE EAST RIGHT OF WAY LINE OF PUBLIC ROAD TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT; SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS, SERVITUDES, RIGHTS-OF-WAY AND OUTSTANDING MINERAL RIGHTS OF RECORD AFFECTING THE PROPERTY.

seized under said writ.  
Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/James R. Savoie  
JAMES R. SAVOIE, Sheriff  
CAMERON PARISH, LA.  
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, LA. FEBRUARY 07, 2003

GEORGE B. DEAN, JR.  
Attorneys for PLAINTIFF  
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUNS: Feb. 13 & Mar. 13 - F 20

NOTICE  
(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE BILL - SRS 03-1271)

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with law, that there may be introduced at the session of the legislature to be convened on March 31, 2003, a bill to authorize the creation of a public cemetery district in the Sweet Lake-Grand Lake Community, and to provide for related matters.  
RUNS: Feb. 13, 20 - F 21

SHERIFF'S SALE  
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
PARISH OF CAMERON  
STATE OF LOUISIANA

CEDRIC PAUL HEBERT  
VS. NO. 10-16324  
CHARLES GUNTARD

By virtue of a writ of EXECUTORY PROCESS issued to me directed by the Honorable Court aforesaid, I have seized and will offer for sale at public auction to the last and highest bidder WITHOUT the benefit of appraisal, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, FEBRUARY 26, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

ONE (1) 1995 PETERBILT TRUCK BEARING VIN NUMBER 1XP5DB9X2SN372787  
seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.  
/s/James R. Savoie  
JAMES R. SAVOIE, Sheriff  
CAMERON PARISH, LA.  
Sheriff's Office, Cameron, LA. FEBRUARY 10, 2003

PATRICK K. HEBERT  
Attorneys for PLAINTIFF  
RUNS: Feb. 13 - F 22

PUBLIC NOTICE  
(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL--HLS 03-430)

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with Section 13, Article III of the Louisiana Constitution, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 31, 2003, a bill to include a portion of the Sabine River and Sabine Lake within Cameron Parish as a designated river or designated waterway for the purpose of conducting riverboat gaming; and to authorize a referendum election on the following propositions: to allow the conducting of riverboat gaming, gambling, or wagering operations or activities in Cameron Parish; to approve the inclusion of a portion of the Sabine River and Sabine Lake within Cameron Parish as a designated river or designated waterway for the purpose of authorizing the berthing of a riverboat upon which gaming is conducted; and to allow the holder of a riverboat gaming license to conduct gaming, gambling, or wagering operations or activities at a specified berth or docking facility in Cameron Parish; and to provide for related matters.  
RUNS: Feb. 13, 20 - F 23

PUBLIC NOTICE  
(NOTICE OF INTENTION TO INTRODUCE LOCAL BILL--HLS 03-1302)

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with Section 13, Article III of the Louisiana Constitution, that there will be introduced at the forthcoming session of the Legislature of Louisiana, to be convened on March 31, 2003, a bill to authorize an increase in pay for sheriffs in parishes with a population of 400,000 or less; to provide that the salary shall not exceed an amount which is \$20,000 less than the salary of sheriffs in parishes with populations greater than 400,000; to provide for an annual increase in salary in an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for sheriffs in a parish with a population of less than 100,000 and \$5,000 for sheriffs in a parish with a population of at least 100,000 and not more than 400,000.  
RUNS: Feb. 13, 20 - F 24

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Sealed bids will be received by Cameron Parish Police Jury until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 24, 2003, in the meeting room of the Parish Government Building, Cameron, Louisiana, for the sale of one (1) 1973 Ford Pumper, as is, where is.

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

BY: s/Bonnie W. Conner  
BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY  
RUNS: Feb. 13, 20 - F 25

JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT  
OF CAMERON PARISH  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING,  
THURSDAY JANUARY 23, 2003

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish met on Thursday January 23, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. At the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center in the village of Johnson Bayou.

Members present: Mrs. Brenda Sanders, Mrs. Trudy Young and Mr. Ricky Harrington. Absent: Mr. Layne Boudreaux and Mr. Greg Trahan. Guest: Mrs. Stacey Badon.

Mrs. Brenda Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. It was moved by Mrs. Trudy Young, seconded by Mr. Ricky Harrington and carried, to approve the regular board meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mrs. Trudy Young, seconded by Mr. Ricky Harrington, and carried to approve the bills to be paid.

It was moved by Mr. Ricky Harrington, seconded by Mrs. Trudy Young, and carried to accept the financial statement.

It was moved by Mr. Ricky Harrington, seconded by Mrs. Trudy Young and duly carried that the returns be examined and canvassed and the result announced.

It was moved by Mrs. Trudy Young, seconded by Mr. Ricky Harrington and duly carried that a process verbal be made of these proceedings and that a certified copy of same be published to give public notice of the results of the election.

PROCESS VERBAL OF THE JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT  
PRESENT: MRS. BRENDA SANDERS, MRS. TRUDY YOUNG AND MR. RICKY HARRINGTON.  
ABSENT: MR. LAYNE BOUDREAUX AND MR. GREG TRAHAH.

Votes were as follows:  
98 votes FOR the proposition  
33 votes AGAINST the proposition

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mr. Ricky Harrington seconded by Mrs. Trudy Young, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m. The February meeting will be Monday 10, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  
ATTEST:  
/s/James R. Savoie  
JAMES R. SAVOIE, Sheriff  
CAMERON PARISH, LA.  
RUNS: Feb. 13 - F 26

JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT  
OF CAMERON PARISH  
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING,  
THURSDAY JANUARY 16, 2003  
The Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish met on Thursday January 16, 2003 at 6:30

Great Sources of Calcium	
FOOD	
Amount of Calcium (milligrams)	
Milk (1 cup)—	300
Yogurt (1 cup)—	300-350
Orange juice (fortified with calcium — 1 cup)—	300-350
Ready-to-eat cereal (fortified with calcium — 1 cup) Total cereal with 100% DV of calcium—	0-1000 (check nutrition label)
Cheese (1 ounce)—	200
Bread (calcium-fortified—2 slices)—	150-300+ (check nutrition label)
Almonds (1/2 cup)—	180

p.m. At the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center in the village of Johnson Bayou.

Members present: Mrs. Brenda Sanders, Mr. Layne Boudreaux, Mrs. Trudy Young and Mr. Ricky Harrington. Absent: None. Guest: Mrs. Stacey Badon.

Mrs. Brenda Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Trudy Young, seconded by Mr. Layne Boudreaux and carried, to approve the regular board meeting minutes.

It was moved by Mr. Layne Boudreaux, seconded by Mr. Ricky Harrington, and carried to approve the bills to be paid.

It was moved by Mr. Ricky Harrington, seconded by Mrs. Trudy Young, and carried to accept the financial statement.

The board reviewed the swimming pool specification. They will open bids at the February meeting and job is to begin as soon as all paper work is in order. They also discussed problem with the lights at the Holly Beach play ground. Director is to fix the lights and make necessary minor repairs as needed.

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mr. Layne Boudreaux, seconded by Mr. Ricky Harrington, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. A meeting is set for January 23, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. The February meeting will be Monday 10, 2003 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED:  
/s/Brenda Sanders

ATTEST:  
/s/Richard Harrington  
RUNS: Feb. 13 - F 27

## PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Regular Session on Tuesday - January 14, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Fire Department in the village of Johnson Bayou, Louisiana. Members Present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan Mr. J. P. Constance, Mr. Lloyd Badon, Mr. Nathan Griffith, and Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr. Members absent were none. Guest attending were none.

It was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Badon, and carried to call the meeting to order.

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

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

With the Cameron Pilot being the only official journal bid received, it was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mr. Badon and carried to accept the bid.

An update was given on connections at Bud's Lane. The 2" line is disconnected and the residents are running off of the 4" line now.

The rate policy was discussed, board members will compile information and review it at the next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, and carried to remove old fence at well site and have new fence installed.

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mr. Griffith seconded by Mr. Badon, and carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

The next Waterworks Meeting will be held on March 11, 2003 at 6:15 p.m. at the Waterworks Office.

APPROVED:  
/s/Nathan Griffith  
Nathan Griffith - Chairman

ATTEST:  
/s/J. P. Constance  
J. P. Constance, Secretary  
RUNS: Feb. 13 - F 29

Regular Meeting  
Board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District  
January 18, 2003

The regular meeting of the board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District was held at the Hackberry Recreation Center in Hackberry, Cameron Parish, Louisiana at 6:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2003.

Members Present: Carrie Hewitt, Blane Buford, Kenny Welch, Clarence Silver.

Members Absent: Michael Devall, Jr.

M/P Advisors: None.  
Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Kenny Welch and the following business was discussed.

The minutes of the regular meeting of December 9, 2002 were read and motion was made by Carrie Hewitt, seconded by Blane Buford, and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The minutes of the special meeting of December 23, 2002 were read and motion was made by Clarence Silver, and seconded by Carrie Hewitt, and carried to accept the minutes as read.

Motion was made by Carrie Hewitt, seconded by Blane Buford, and carried to accept the financial statements.

Motion was made by Clarence Silver, seconded by Carrie Hewitt, and carried to adopt the budget for 2003 prepared by Gragson, Casiday, and Guillery.

Motion was made by Blane Buford, seconded by Clarence Silver, and carried to hire Gragson, Casiday, and Guillery for the compilation/attestation for the year ending December 31, 2002.

Business of the meeting completed, motion was made by Clarence Silver, seconded by Blane Buford, and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:  
/s/Kenny Welch  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:  
/s/Dwayne Sanner  
SECT./TREAS.  
RUNS: Feb. 13 - F 30

# Calcium is a multi-dimensional mineral

(NAPSA)-Calcium has been typecast as a bone-builder-a significant role for the mineral, but one that ignores other wide-ranging benefits of this hard working nutrient. Research shows there is much more to calcium than bones alone. This multi-dimensional mineral benefits the whole body.

**Weight**  
Recent studies show that you could lose more weight by adding more calcium to your weight loss plan. Getting enough calcium in your diet seems to trigger the body to burn more fat. One study of women ages 18 to 31 found that given comparable calorie intakes, those participants who got at least 780 milligrams of calcium a day in their diets maintained their weight over a two-year time frame, whereas women who averaged less than 780 milligrams of calcium a day gained fat mass. Women who averaged 1,000 milligrams a day had an overall decrease in body weight. Other studies have shown similar results-participants who ate diets higher in calcium and low-fat dairy foods tended to have lower body weights.

**Cancer**  
Calcium has been favorably linked to reducing the risk of breast and colon cancers. Research conducted in animals has shown that high-fat diets, which contain little calcium and vitamin D can cause abnormal changes in mammary glands. These changes may lead to breast cancer. Research suggests getting enough calcium and vitamin D in the diet may decrease changes in breast tissue and reduce the risk of breast cancer in pre-meno-pausal women. Calcium is also thought to be one of several dietary compo-

nents that may reduce the risk of colon cancer. Researchers think this may be because calcium binds with potentially harmful substances in the colon. **Premenstrual syndrome** Emerging research suggests that calcium may ease several PMS-related symptoms including depression, food cravings, water retention and pain. One study, which followed nearly 500 women, found that by the third month of consuming 1200 mg of calcium each day, participants had a 48 percent reduction in PMS symptoms compared to a 30 percent reduction in the placebo group.

**Blood pressure**  
Several years ago the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute found that eating a diet filled with fruits and vegetables significantly reduced blood pressure. The news got even better when low-fat dairy foods were added to the mix. Three or more servings a day of low-fat milk, yogurt or cheese, along with plenty of produce doubled the reduction in blood pressure. Calcium was considered at least part of the reason.

The positive connection between calcium and blood pressure was more firmly established when researchers conducted a review of more than 40 studies on the topic. It appears that the benefits were most pronounced in people who had not been getting enough calcium in their diets.

The potential benefits of calcium come from eating 1,000 to 1,500 milligrams a day. Nutrition surveys show most women and children are not getting anywhere close to that. Calcium fortified cereals along with other calcium-rich foods (see table) can help fill the gap.

# Keeping older Americans safe from fire hazards

(NAPSA)-Fire safety is a hot topic for caregivers who work with older adults. In 2001, more than 1,200 Americans over the age of 65 died in home fires. An additional 3,000 were injured in fire-related incidences.

Many experts believe older adults are particularly at risk when it comes to fires, because of their decreased mobility. The possibility of other health problems, such as diminished sight or hearing, may also limit an older person's ability to take the quick action necessary to escape during a fire emergency.

Fortunately, there are steps that caregivers who care for older people can take.

Start by making sure smoke alarms are installed on each level of the residence and outside all sleeping areas. Test them monthly and replace the batteries at least once a year.

Caregivers are also encouraged to check the smoke alarm of those who are unable to do it themselves. Statistics show chances of surviving a home fire

# Teenage driving safety

(NAPSA)-Is 16 too young to drive? Ask most 16-year-olds and they will say no. According to the laws in most states, 16-year-olds are old enough to drive.

The statistics, however, may put the brake on some driving ambitions.

Statistics indicate that this age group is involved in the largest number of accidents, with 81 percent of the fatal crashes involving 16-year-olds attributed to inexperience. Sixteen-year-old drivers have nearly 300 percent more crashes per miles driven than do 18-year-olds.

There are steps parents can take to improve the odds of their teen driving safely. Here are some guidelines suggested by the experts at AARP Auto and Homeowners Insurance Program provided by The Hartford:

- First, make it clear to your child that not everyone has to get a license at 16. It's your decision.
- Evaluate your child's maturity level and base your decision on that.
- Observe your child's driving skills and determine a required amount of supervised driving

## Chesapeake Crab Cakes

Ingredients (4 servings)  
1 egg, beaten  
3 Tbsp reduced-fat mayonnaise  
1 Tbsp coarse mustard  
1 scallion, diced  
Salt and pepper  
1 1/2 cup French bread crumbs  
1 1/2 lbs fresh lump meat or backfin crab, shells and cartilage removed

2 Tbsp canola oil

Combine all ingredients except the canola oil in the order given. Shape into 8 patties and let rest on a plate for 30 minutes in the refrigerator. In a large skillet, heat the oil over medium-high heat. Add the crab cakes, and sauté for about 4 minutes per side until golden.

# Cameron murder subject of new novel by Theriot

By **SONNY MARKS**

## American Press

Father Johnny Savoie is trying to put the migraines behind him. He suffered them at his last parish in the Catholic Diocese of Mobile, Ala.

For the last few months, Savoie, 36, has been on leave at a retreat house for priests at an undisclosed location. It's a sabbatical after more than seven years in the priesthood. He plans to return to work before Easter.

He finished reading "The Callings" more than a week ago. It's a novel about a priest, Father Robert Rousset, and a guy with whom he went to high school, Bobby d'Argent.

The two men grew up two miles apart in Cameron. They weren't friends, but acquaintances. When Savoie was 7, their families got in a car wreck. Eight months later, Savoie's godmother was killed in a collision with a school bus driven by Roux's uncle.

Savoie was a long-distance runner, Mr. South Cameron High and Beta Club president at the school. On his way to karate class in high school, he picked up Roux hitchhiking.

Roux was selected as gifted and talented in middle school. He dropped out of South Cameron High, then was arrested in the 1983 fatal shooting of his mother. He was 16.

It was the first capital murder case in Cameron Parish in 60 years. Savoie went every day to the trial.

The shooting happened in the family home. Roux's father, Daniel Roux Jr., was shot and hospitalized.

Daniel Roux Jr. testified that he and his son worked on an air-conditioning unit the day of the shooting before the incident occurred. Mental-health professionals disagreed on whether Jean Roux was psychotic.

Roux was convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. He remains at the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

Savoie wanted to be a veterinarian until he realized he was allergic to animals. After high school, he went to St. Joseph Abbey Seminary College near Covington. Doubts about his calling led him to leave three times.

"When things got a little too stressful, I packed my bags and snuck out," he said. "I ended up sneaking back in."

He found out that Roux was in Angola, 120 miles from the seminary. Savoie wrote him. Roux called him back. They spoke on the phone for hours. The prison phone disconnected every 15 minutes, and Roux continued to call back. Soon after, Savoie visited him.

They've remained in contact by phone or letter every month or two. They talk about their childhoods and their current lives. They spoke a couple of times about the crime. Roux told him he remembers nothing about that day.

## Boat renewals available by phone

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries announced that boat registrations may be renewed over the phone. Until now, renewals were handled either in person at LDWF offices or through the mail.

Boat registrations expiring after September 2002 may be renewed by calling 1-888-765-2602. The call is toll-free statewide. The customer will be given a confirmation number, and the registration certificate and decals will be received by mail within 30 days. Acceptable methods of payment are Visa and MasterCard.

However, renewals that require changes such as address and telephone numbers will not be accepted over the phone. Those renewals must be handled at LDWF offices or by mail. All new registrations must also be made at LDWF offices or by mail.

Registrations for homemade boats or boats with missing hull identification numbers require an inspection which costs \$25, in addition to the registration fee. An inspection application and a registration application must be submitted together for such boats. When LDWF gets the paperwork they will send the applicant contact information for the inspection. The applications can be obtained by calling the Baton Rouge, 504-765-2982, or New Orleans, 504-568-5616, LDWF offices.

Savoie got ordained to the priesthood when he was 29. He shares portions of letters from Roux in the pulpit. Roux wrote that "Eskimos tricked wolves by dipping a knife in blood, then freezing it in the snow, repeating the process until the knife itself couldn't be seen," as it's recounted in "The Callings."

"Then the knife was reburied in snow, where wolves smelled blood and licked it until their tongues became numb, ending by cutting their tongues and drinking their own blood until they died."

Roux wrote, "This is like sin in our lives. Sin might look good, but at the core of it is death of the soul."

### Cameron Parish Author

Loretta Theriot of Chenier Perdue co-wrote "The Callings" with Mary Palmer of Mobile. Theriot taught Roux and Savoie at South Cameron High. Today, she teaches English classes in Cameron to immigrants. She also makes custom-blended perfume for a New Orleans company.

Theriot began writing the book five years ago. She pored over legal documents, police files and coroner reports. Inspired by "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil," she went to the grave of Roux's mother to learn what she could.

Among Theriot's multitude of interviews was with Roux in Angola. She has remained in contact with him and has sent him a money order for \$20, a sweatsuit and a pair of sandals. Prison rules prevent her from sending him a copy of the book.

"Jean has taken my picture around the prison and given out my address," she said. She has corresponded with four inmates.

The 555-page softcover novel was put out by Publish America, located near Washington, D. C. There will be a book signing at 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20 at the Cameron Parish Library.

Theriot said there are plans to give a reading next month at the penitentiary. She hopes prison officials will let Roux receive a copy of "The Callings."

## Winners are told for King events

The following were the winners in two events sponsored by Christian Women of Cameron recently in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday.

Poster contest - 2nd - 3rd grade: 1st Tien Le; 2nd Alayna Trahan; 3rd Raj Patel.

4th - 5th grade: 1st Megan Wigley; 2nd Toma Stubbs; 3rd Travis Trahan.

6th - 7th grade: 1st Erika Pickett; 2nd Thomas Lee Trosclair; 3rd Kami Savoie.

Essay Contest - Honorable mention: Alice Lute.

Basketball - Bracket A: 7th & 8th grade girls, 1st Johnson Bayou; 2nd Cameron Elementary; MVP Charmayne Barentine - JB.

7th & 8th grade boys: 1st Johnson Bayou; 2nd Cameron Elementary; MVP - Blane Trahan - JB.

B Bracket: 4th, 5th, 6th grade boys: 1st Johnson Bayou; 2nd Cameron Elementary; MVP - Dustin Badon - JB.

4th, 5th, 6th, grade girls: 1st Johnson Bayou; 2nd South Cameron elementary; MVP - Destiny Morrison - JB.

## Farmers may get disaster assistance

The U. S. Senate last week passed Sen. Thad Cochran's, R-Miss., amendment to the current appropriations bill 59-35 on Wednesday, offering \$3.1 billion in disaster assistance to the nation's farmers.

Provided the bill is passed intact, it will mean \$57 million for Louisiana farmers who have undergone possibly the worst disaster year on record. Louisiana Farm Bureau President Ronnie Anderson said the measure would undoubtedly alleviate some of the hardships the state's producers saw in 2002.

Before the Senate vote, Cochran emphasized that farmers needed help quickly from last year's disaster.

Also on Wednesday, the USDA announced 20 additional parishes have been designated disaster areas. This means all 64 Louisiana parishes are immediately eligible for emergency farm loans, as well as the disaster aid as specified by the Cochran amendment.

### REMEMBER?

# Cameron's 1st Sheriff

Cameron Pilot, Jan. 8, 1970. BY EDWARD C. SWEENEY

John W. Sweeney, Jr., on Nov. 7, 1871 was elected the first Sheriff of Cameron Parish, which had been created by Act. No. 102 of 1870 and named in honor of Simon Cameron, U. S. Senator of Pennsylvania, and former Secretary of War in the Lincoln Cabinet.

There was a prior sheriff, but he was appointed and served only a few months.

Sweeney held this office for two years. However, no records of his tenure and discharge of duties remains after a devastating fire on the night of Feb. 26, 1874 had destroyed the Parish Records. During his incumbency, he operated a general merchandising business in Cameron (Leesburg), which he sold out in full to S. P. Henry in 1873, who

By Keith Hambrick

with his wife, Harriette McDonald, had come from Ohio, and sojourned a while in New Orleans.

Following his retirement as Sheriff, and the sale of his general merchandising business, Sweeney, and his wife, Sarah Anne Armstrong, moved to Texas where they both remained for the rest of their days. Most of their years were spent in Sugarland, or Houston vicinity. Sweeney died March 18, 1931.

Sweeney was born at Grand Chenier on March 6, 1842 about a year after his parents, John W. Sr. and Sarah Jane Hickok Sweeney had taken up residence on the Ridge on land still in the Sweeney Family. At that time Vermilion Parish, with seat of government at Abbeville, administered the section of present Cameron Parish east of the Mermentau River.

## CPA Hotline offers free help with tax returns

Time is ticking away and the April 15 tax-filing deadline will be here before you know it. So, if you're wondering how to keep more dough in your own pockets instead of Uncle Sam's, help is only a phone call away. The Society of Louisiana CPAs (LCPA) will sponsor its annual Louisiana CPA Tax Hotline on Wednesday, February 19 from 3 until 7 p.m. Callers can expect to spend five to ten minutes with a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and get free, professional assistance with their basic personal or corporate tax questions. The Louisiana CPA Tax Hotline can be reached by dialing toll-free 800-288-5272.

"Many people who rush to get their tax returns in the mail sometimes miss out on valuable deductions and credits that can trim their taxes and increase their refunds," says Daryl V. Burckel, LCPA Lake Charles chapter president.

"If you had a baby, adopted a child, or were married or divorced in 2002 -- these are all life events that can impact your tax return. Perhaps you made a

donation to a qualified charity, went back to school, or even suffered property damage from a storm or flood. Maybe you experienced a capital loss when you sold stocks last year. And like an increasing number of adult children, you may now be caring for an elderly parent.

"The LCPA understands there are many circumstances taxpayers must consider each tax season. That's why our members are proud to participate in the CPA Tax Hotline each year -- to help callers better understand their tax situation. The Hotline allows taxpayers to call in, get help free of charge, and feel a little more confident that they are not paying more taxes than need be."

The LCPA was organized in 1911 and represents more than 6,600 CPAs statewide working in public practice, industry, government, and education.

To find a CPA in your area who offers the tax and financial services you need, use the LCPA's CPA Locator Service at www.lcpa.org.

## Lacassine fishing told

The exterior canals, bayous and ponds outside Lacassine Pool will open for public sport fishing on March 15, 2003. Anglers are permitted to catch and keep all species at these locations, subject to state regulations. The Lacassine Pool will open to public sport fishing on April 28, 2003.

Anglers are permitted to catch and keep all species, EXCEPT bass inside the pool. All bass caught must be released immediately to minimize capture/handling stress to the recovering bass population. All refuge waters will remain open to fishing until October 15.

## New fishing permit offered

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Inland Fisheries Division is offering a new experimental fisheries permit.

The permit allows the holder to fish for bait fishes with a wire mesh dip net. The cone-shaped net must be 1/4-inch bar, with an opening no greater than three feet in diameter. The net shall be affixed to a handle that may be attached to the boat and held by hand. This permit is for the taking of freshwater minnows only. All other fish species shall be immediately returned to waters from which they were caught.

The permit is being offered on an experimental basis. A permittee agrees to furnish the department with a monthly catch report, even if the catch is zero. There are also other

Legal fishing hours on the refuge are one hour before sunrise until one hour after sunset.

Refuge anglers can obtain Lacassine's 2003 Fishing Regulations at the headquarters or at one of the information boxes located at the pool. Anglers using the refuge must have in their possession a valid Louisiana freshwater fishing license.

For further information or a copy of the 2003 Fishing Regulations call the headquarters at (337) 774-5923 or write to Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, 209 Nature Road, Lake Arthur, LA 70549.

restrictions that accompany the permit which must be followed. Any violation of the permit or other fisheries regulations will result in the disqualification of the permittee from the experimental program.

Those interested in obtaining the experimental license should contact Mark McElroy, LDWF Biologist Program Manager. The permit will be given only to anglers who possess the proper fishing and gear licenses.

LDWF officials will be monitoring the use of the experimental permit during the next three years. Consideration will be given to making the permit a permanent fixture among the licenses offered by the state. That determination will be made over the next couple of years, based on the results of the experiment.

## Essay contest announced

The Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus is sponsoring an essay contest during March, National Women in History Month, on Women's Contributions to Louisiana History, Government and Politics for middle and high school students.

Middle and high school students are encouraged to examine the contributions women have made and continue to make to Louisiana and its communities. Each school was asked

to select its best two entries and to forward them by e-mail to the chairman of the Essay Contest Committee by Friday, March 14. The essays must be 750 to 1000 words in length.

Winners will be notified in April. In May, 20 students will be honored in the House Chamber at the Louisiana State Capitol Baton Rouge. Winners will each receive a \$100 U. S. Savings Bond from the Louisiana Legislative Women's Caucus.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## 81 year old marriage offers inspiration for our times

Dear Editor:

Faith Popcorn, in her best seller, Growing Up Digital, observed of Generation X & Y that one of the five core traits driving this generation is the desire to "obsolete things." I represent the tail end of the Baby Boomer generation, which radically practiced the "use and dispose" mentality that preceded this newer emphasis. Sadly, it seems that "people" have fallen into that "Disposable" category as well.

I remember vividly the WWII and Korean War generations, which practiced a pragmatism unknown to this present generation. They repaired, recycled, and retained everything from bottles to bacon drippings! American affluence since has largely removed the necessity "to have and to hold." Today, we simply throw things away and acquire new ones.

I'm not sure that's all good. Sadly, many people--young and old--have fallen into the "disposable" or "obsolete" category. Take marriage. All indicators--from the falling marriage rate (down 50% since 1950) to the rising failure rate (divorce has doubled since 1960) to the exploding exchange rate (1 in 6 children live in a blended family)--suggest the WWII gristle that acted as society's glue is loosening. It appears those old patriots realized that we need one another. Even if damaged, relationships were worth fixing because of their inherent value.

George and Germaine Briant embody that ideal: they married 81 years ago on July 20, 1921! Ages 101 and 99 respectively, he

still fondly sings "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" to her every chance he gets. Both love to challenge fellow assisted living residents at Sunrise of Live Oak Village in Hammond, with their Catholic faith, and they kiss, hug, and dance regularly!

Some view this kind of commitment with a bit of nostalgia and novelty, perhaps because it is so rare or maybe because we wish upon ourselves the discipline and determination to emerge on the other side of life's challenges intact, in love, and still in covenant.

Life's intense moments claim many victims. Incredibly, what seems to set some apart from the rest is not how they handle life's extraordinary moments, but how they handle the much more plentiful ordinary moments when the waters are still, belongings familiar, and the days are long!

George and Germaine Briant have lived long enough to see most of their trophies shelved, forgotten, or discarded. Yet the enduring ones--life's treasures like marriage and family, faith, and freedom--slowly assume their rightful place as the things valued most.

Mr. and Mrs. Briant, thank you for giving Louisiana a glimpse of treasure that transcends time! On this National Marriage Day, Louisiana Family Forum salutes you and encourages our fellow citizens to follow your lead!

Sincerely,  
Gene Mills  
Executive Director Louisiana Family Forum

## Turkey regulations available

The 2003 Louisiana Turkey Hunting Regulations pamphlets are now available from the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries. They may be picked up at any LDWF Regional office or by contacting the LDWF Headquarters at (225)765-2934. A copy of the regulations may also be downloaded from the LDWF website at www.wlf.state.la.us.

The changes for this year's season were ratified by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at their November 7 meeting. The season dates are as follows: Area A, March 22 to April 20; Area B, March 22 to April 13; and Area C, March 22 to March 30. The daily bag limit and season limit will remain at

one and two gobblers respectively.

Among the changes for the season are a closed turkey hunting season on Dewey Wills Wildlife Management Area and a combination of lottery and open hunts on Boise-Vernon WMA. A youth lottery hunt was added at Jackson-Bienville.

This year's pamphlet will also include an updated area map. A few changes were made to area boundaries this year. In Area A, a small portion of Pointe Coupee will be closed for restocking. All of Jackson Parish will be opened and added to Area B. And in Area C, land east of U.S. 65 in Madison Parish will be added, along with all of Caddo Parish.

## Snapper season told


The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission set the 2003 commercial and recreational red snapper seasons for Louisiana waters. The commission accepted season dates proposed by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries by way of declarations of emergency at their January 9 meeting.

The 2003 commercial red snapper season for Louisiana waters will open at noon on February 1 and remain open until noon on February 10. This pattern will continue each month thereafter until two-thirds of the 2003 commercial quota for red snapper is harvested. The second season will open at noon on October 1 and continue until noon on October 10.

This pattern will be repeated until the remainder of the 2003 quota is reached.

The 2003 recreational red snapper season will open at 12:01 a.m. on April 21, and close at midnight on October 31. The size limit for red snapper taken by recreational fishermen will be 16 inches minimum total length, with a daily bag limit and possession limit of four fish per person.

The declarations of emergency also authorized LDWF Secretary James H. Jenkins Jr. to change the opening and closing dates of the seasons in order to conform to changes in season dates in federal waters. This is necessary to enhance the effectiveness and enforceability of regulations.



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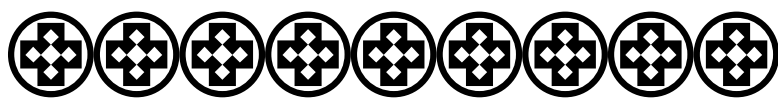
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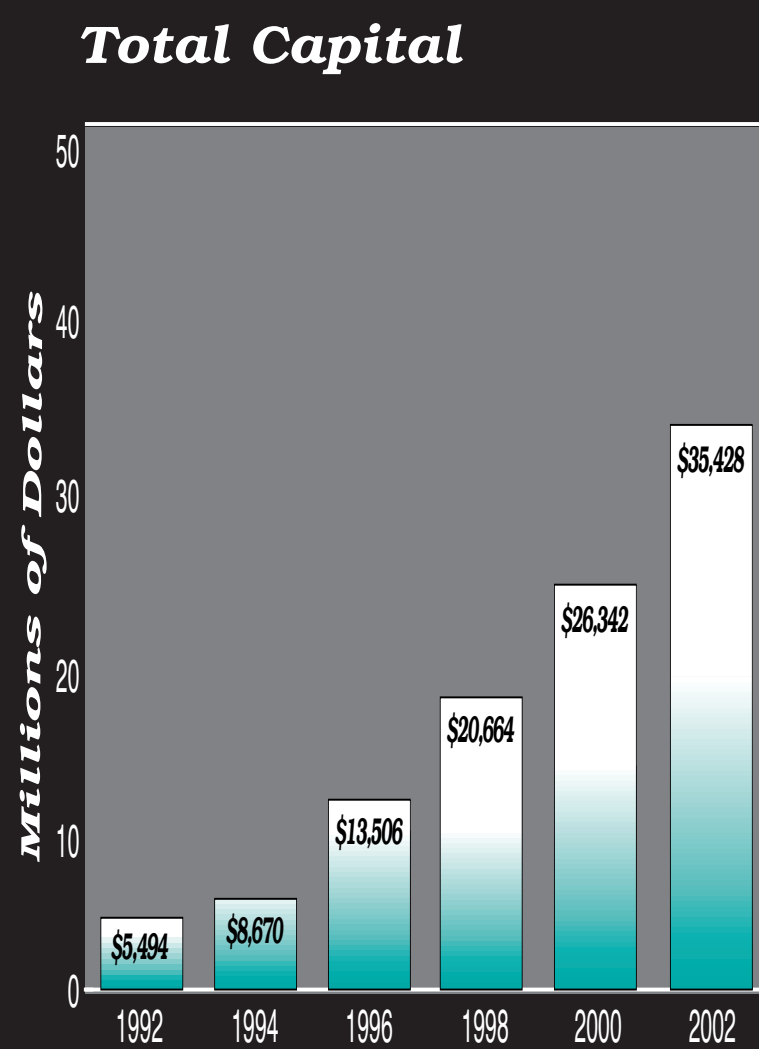
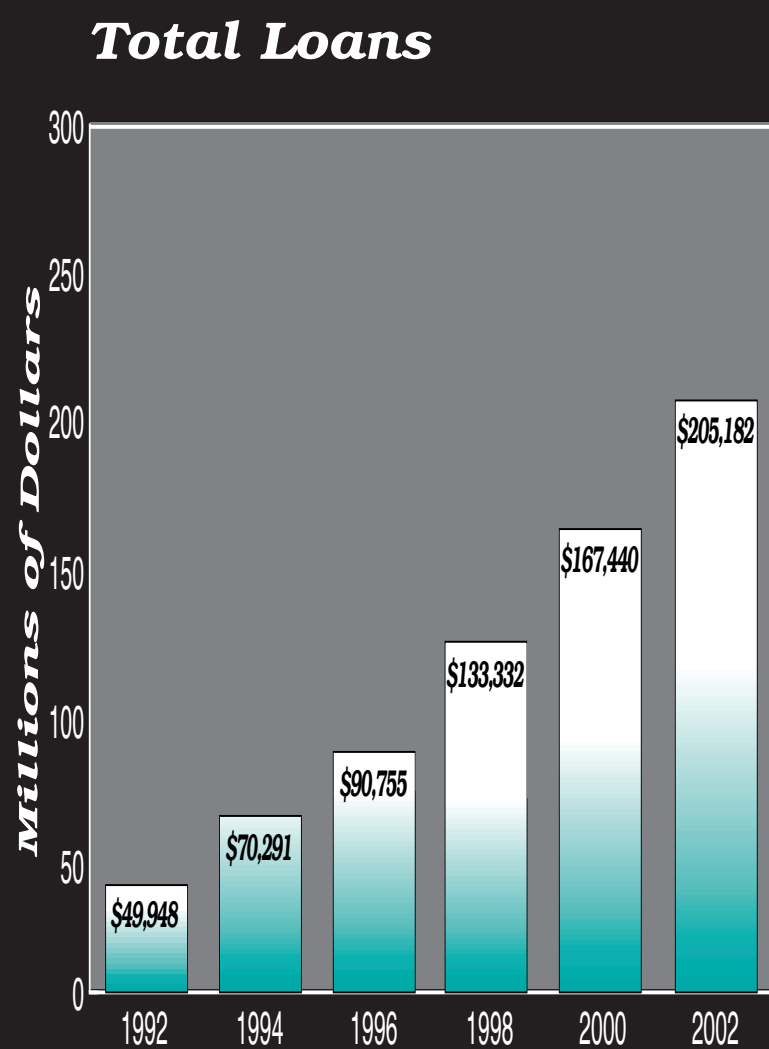
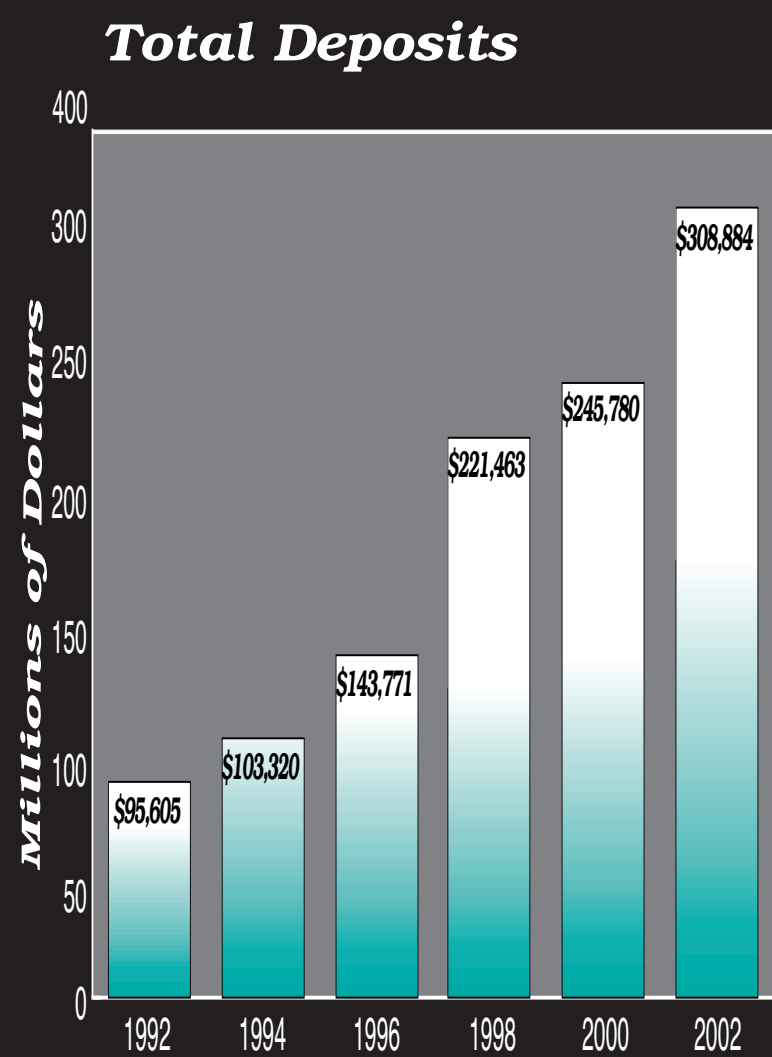
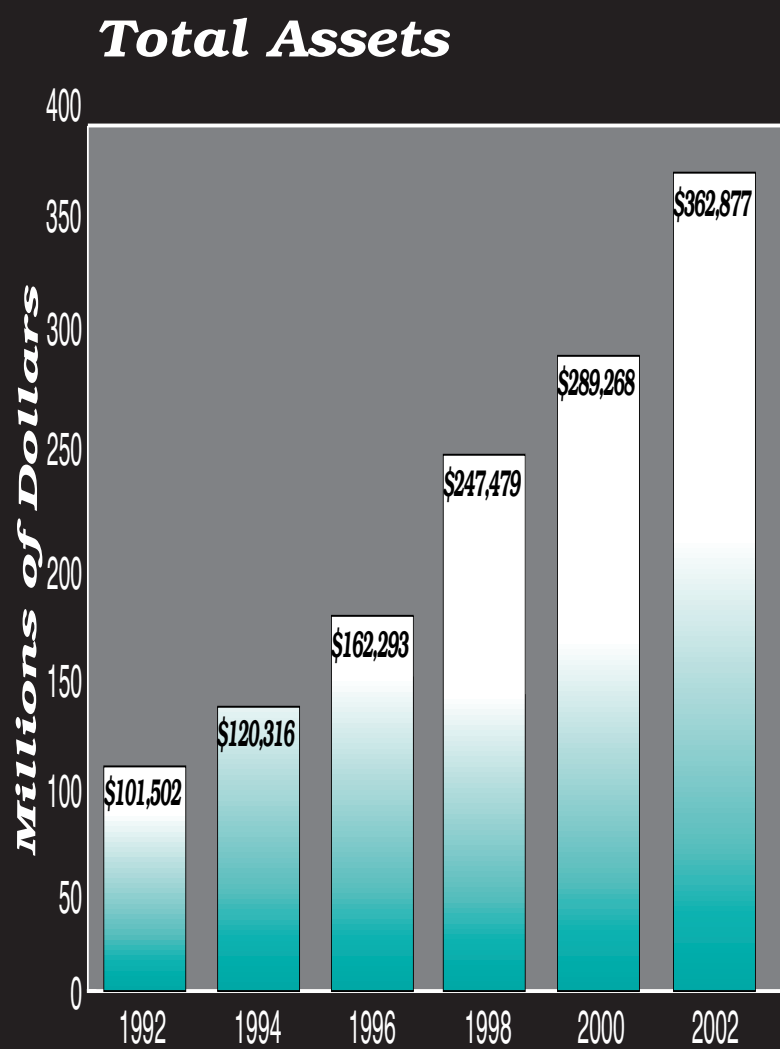


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