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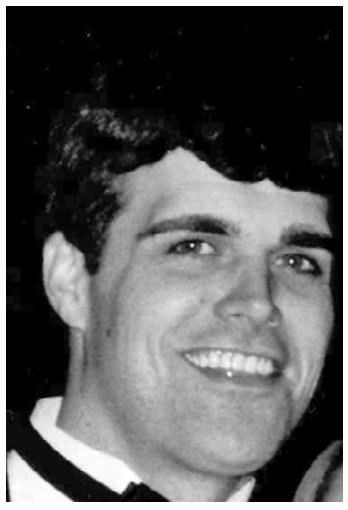
James P. Giblin, II

Jay Giblin dies Friday in accident

James P. "Jay" Giblin II, 31, of Baton Rouge was killed Friday when he was ejected from his truck after it struck a guardrail on an Interstate 10 bridge approach and fell 80 feet below, according to State Police. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 7, at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Baton Rouge with burial in Greenoaks Memorial Park.

He was a graduate of Catholic High School in Baton Rouge and Northwestern State University in Natchitoches. He was a project manager of Signature Homes.

He is survived by this parents, Pat and Cherie Giblin, of Baton Rouge; twin sister, Janay Matt, of Natchitoches; fiancee Allison Graves; paternal grandfather, P. W. "Foots" Giblin; maternal grandmother, Geneva Griffith.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandmother, Johnnie Marie Giblin; and maternal grandfather, D. W. Griffith.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Dream Day Foundation, P. O. Box 40247, Baton Rouge, LA 70835-0247.

Boudreaux benefit to on Saturday

A benefit will be held Saturday, April 12 at the Grand Chenier Park to raise funds for the medical treatment of Bethany Boudreaux, who was seriously injured in an auto accident last October.

A Bayou Beauty & Beau Pageant will be held at 10 a.m. as part of the day long program, which also includes live bands, auctions, food booths and a motorcycle poker run.

The complete schedule of events can be found in an ad elsewhere in this issue of the Pilot.

Zoning to be meeting topic

The new zoning issues will be discussed at a regular meeting of the Holly Beach Improvement Group to be held at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 19 at the Holly Beach fire station.

Board members and the public are invited to attend this meeting. For more information call 925-8373.

UNITED WE STAND

THIS IS AN aerial view of the Cheniere Energy - Sabine Pass LNG terminal that will be commissioned in ceremonies on Monday, April 21. Located in Cameron Parish west of Johnson Bayou, the plant is the world's largest LNG receiving facility.

Sabine Pass terminal to be commissioned April 21

Houston-based Cheniere Energy will commission its flagship LNG receiving terminal Sabine Pass LNG, in an on-site ceremony at 11 a.m., Monday, April 21. Cheniere executives, legislators and guests will celebrate the culmination of three years under construction as the first onshore LNG terminal completed in nearly 30 years begins operations.

Ideally situated with downstream access to more than 75 percent of North America's natural gas market, Sabine Pass LNG will play a critical role in meeting U. S. energy demands.

Sabine Pass LNG is the first onshore LNG receiving terminals built in the United States since the early 1980s.

Once complete, the terminal will be the largest in the world as measured by regasification capacity.

Sabine Pass LNG will have a send-out capacity of 4 Bcf/d, equivalent to 5 percent of total U. S. natural gas consuption, and more than the state of Louisiana consumes daily.

Cheniere is developing the Creole Trail Pipeline, a 42-inch diameter pipeline system designed to connect the Sabine Pass LNG receiving terminal with highly liquid, downstream market points. The pipeline will transport natural gas from Sabine Pass LNG to interstate and intrastate pipelines throughout Southwest Louisiana, ultimately delivering gas to more than 75% of the market throughout the United States.

LNG will be imported from producers in the Atlantic Basin, Middle East and Asia, such as Algeria, Nigeria, Egypt, Trinidad, Norway, Yemen, Indonesia, Malaysis, Qatar and Brunei.

Cheniere Energy, announced that the Celestine River LNG vessel has departed from the Nigeria LNG terminal fully laden with her first cargo of liquefied natural gas. She will arrive at the Sabine Pass LNG terminal around Saturday, April 12, and deliver the cargo for Sabine Pass' "cool down" process which cools the terminal to its normal operating temperature.

Courthouse Square work to start

By CYNDI SELLERS

Construction is finally about to begin on the East Annex of Court House Square. Lewing Construction of Sulphur offered the low bid at $2.9 million. Architect Randy Goodloe said as soon as FEMA signs off on the bid a contract will be signed and construction can begin.

The East Annex will replace the former Police Jury Annex and will be the first piece of the Cameron Square Project to be completed.

Jurors agreed to move forward with land acquisition for further Cameron Square development, authorizing the District Attorney to offer the lowest appraised value for three properties.

Jurors voted to proceed with Phase 1 of repairs to the Cameron Livestock Pavilion and maintenance barn. In the first phase, the pavilion will be repaired and the old barn and mosquito control office will be demolished.

Phase 2 is a proposed consolidation of the maintenance barn and mosquito control building into a single, more efficient building. Planners hope to rebuild the rodeo arena next to the barn and add a roof. These changes will have to be approved by FEMA, however.

Plan changes were approved for two projects. Parish Road #217 repairs came in under budget by $26,900. Plan change #5 for the Muria Fire Station, adding space heaters and an exhaust fan, will cost an additional $18,316.

GRANTS

The Jury signed off on a grant application for a new ladder truck for the Cameron Fire Dept. The Community Development Block Grant would provide $500,000-$600,000 for the needed truck. The Cameron Fire Department was inadvertently left out of the previous round of fire department grants, funded by the USDA.

Hiring of a company to manage Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) projects was delayed for another 30 days to allow for fee negotiations with the two applicants. The company chosen will manage 2008 CIAP projects already in progress and help prepare proposals for the 2009 round of funding. CIAP projects are limited to repairing the impact of the oil and gas industry.

Jurors did approve the signing of agreements with engineering firms for the 2008 CIAP projects.

ORDINANCE CHANGES

Several amendments to parish ordinances will be advertised for 30 days before a vote next month. The most controversial is the imposition of fines for persons who violate building codes.

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Library Week observance

Cameron Parish Library will celebrate National Library Week by hosting a variety of activities at each location during the week of April 14-18.

Refreshments will be served at each location from 2-4 p.m. on Thursday, April 17. Remember to stop by to check out what your library has to offer and enjoy the refreshments.

Open The Door To A World of Books

SHELBY WELCH, six-year-old Grand Chenier girl, is shown getting ready to compete in the sheep-riding event at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo. She is the daughter of Ben and Michelle Welch.

Chenier girl places in sheep riding at rodeo

Shelby Welch, 6-year-old daughter of Ben and Michelle Welch of Grand Chenier recently placed 5th in the Mutton Bustin (sheep riding) event held at the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo recently.

On March 7, she participated in the Mutton Bustin event and won her go-round against 13 other competitors. She won a beautiful belt buckle and was invited to go back on March 22 to ride for the World Title.

She did, and qualified 2nd in the top 10 out of about 50 plus kids. The scores were thrown out and the top 10 rode again and she placed 5th.

Shelby Welch

W. Cameron Port gets favorable court ruling

In conjunction with the West Cameron Port Authority, the Office of Planning & Development acting as the lead agency for the Port, announced the recent Supreme Court ruling that denied a series of writs for the Lake Charles Port.

In the latest ruling in the litigation between Port of Lake Charles and West Cameron Port, which began in December 2005 in Cameron Parish, the Louisiana Supreme Court unanimously rejected the Port of Lake Charles' writ application, for the second time.

West Cameron has a pending lawsuit against Port of Lake Charles where it claims that the lease between Port of Lake Charles and Cameron LNG is an illegal port operation outside of the territorial jurisdiction of Port of Lake Charles.

West Cameron has exclusive jurisdiction to conduct port activities within its own jurisdiction. To save the LNG project and make it legal, West Cameron seeks to have the Court transfer title to the land at issue from Port of Lake Charles to West Cameron.

According to a Jan. 23, 2006 Port of Lake Charles press release, in response to the suit filed against it by West Cameron, Port of Lake Charles sued West Cameron at the Federal Maritime Commission in Washington D.C.

That Federal Maritime Commission suit was dismissed based upon Port of Lake Charles failure to provide evidence to support its claims.

Port of Lake Charles recently attempted to end the Cameron Parish litigation by claiming that West Cameron has no legal claim and has no legal right to bring an action against Port of Lake Charles for its activities in leasing the site to Cameron LNG for an LNG Terminal in West Cameron's jurisdiction. The arguments presented by Port of Lake Charles were rejected three times: by the Trial Court, by the Third Circuit Court of Appeal and most recently by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on Friday, March 28, 2008.

Ernie Broussard, Executive Director of the Office of Planning & Development says "Although regrettably we would prefer not to be embroiled in this controversy, it is nonetheless encouraging to witness the series of consistent wins by the Port, which substantiates our jurisdictional privileges and further questions the legitimacy of inter-jurisdictional development."

"The significance of this most recent rejection by the Supreme Court is that the Supreme Court judicially recognized West Cameron's right to challenge the conduct of Port of Lake Charles as illegal." Broussard said. Among other things, the Trial Court is being asked to transfer the property to West Cameron.

GED classes are offered by agency

The Cameron Community Action Agency is offering GED classes for anyone interested in pursuing their high school certification. The classes are taught by a certified teacher and are free to the public.

Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and on Tuesday and Thursday from 12-6 p.m. Class schedules are flexible and may be planned to suit your needs.

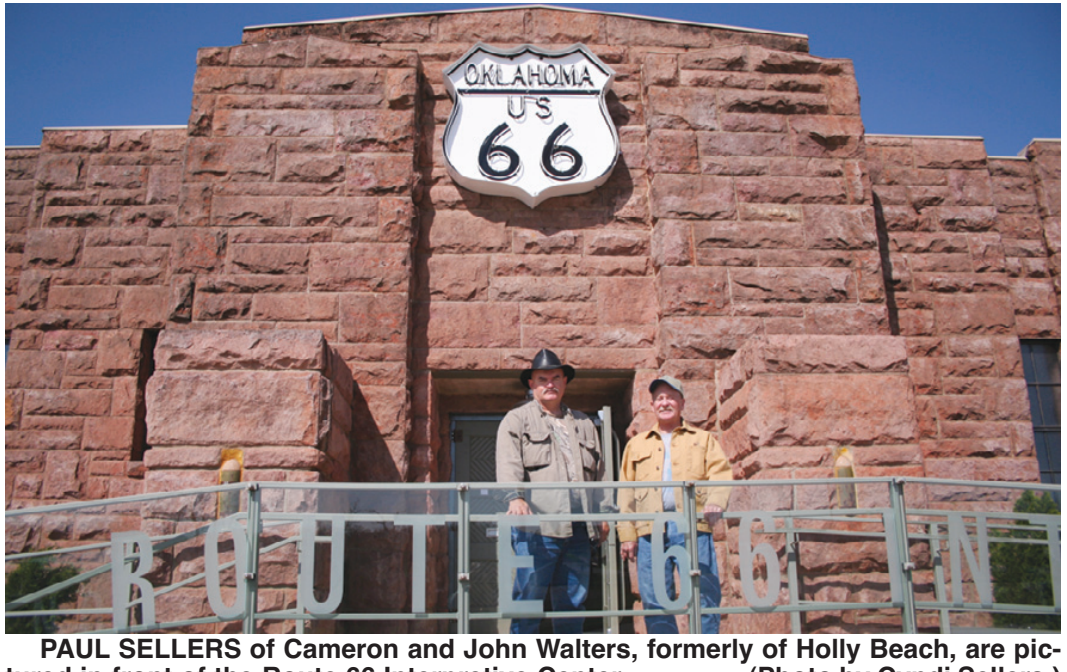
Interested persons should contact either Lana Miller or Denise Breland at 598-5158 or come by the CCAA office located next to the Grand Lake fire station

CHENIERE ENERGY'S Bill English delivered checks to Cameron Parish authorities Monday afternoon for this year's installment of the Cheniere Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) program. A total of $2.5 million was paid 12 years early to local taxing districts. Cheniere's total participation in the ten-year program will total $25 million. Also present from Cheniere were Pat Outtrim and Stan Holton, Cheniere Energy President. Receiving checks were Police Jury members and President Sonny McGee, West Cameron Port Board Member Howard Romero, Library Board President Cyndi Sellers, Sheriff Theos Duhon and Johnson Bayou Fire Chief Larry Jinks.

THE STATUS OF this FEMA park model trailer at Holly Beach is under investigation by the Parish Coastal Zone Management office. It was the subject of a lengthy discussion at last week's Police Jury agenda meeting. At issue are the methods of attaching sewer and electrical hookups to the RV classed trailer.
(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

THERE WERE 4000 dealer tables at the Tulsa, Okla., Gun and Knife Show recently attended by Paul and Cyndi Sellers of Cameron.

THE ROUND BARN was a familiar sight to folks on Route 66 years ago. It has been renovated and is a sight to see. There are 35,000 shingles in the roof. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



PAUL SELLERS of Cameron and John Walters, formerly of Holly Beach, are pictured in front of the Route 66 Interpretive Center. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Route 66 "Main Street of America"

By CYNDI SELLERS

The "Mother Road", the "Main Street of America", historic Route 66 was once the main cross-country highway for travelers from Chicago, Illinois to Santa Monica, California. For 2400 miles, through eight states and three time zones, US Route 66 was the interstate of its day. Through the windshields of untold hundreds of thousands of cars the heartland of America unrolled like a movie.

From the beginning of automobile travel in the 1920s until the advent of the interstate highway system in the late 1950s, Route 66 was characterized by expanses of open road, towns small and large, motels, cafes, gas stations and quirky tourist stops.

Some of these remain, and Oklahoma is a good place to find them, having nearly 400 drivable miles of the original route, more than any other state.

Paul and I recently went to Oklahoma to visit John and Joann Walters, formerly of Holly Beach. The Walters have moved to Chandler, Okla. near their hometown of Cushing. Chandler is 45 miles east of Oklahoma City, and Route 66 runs right through the middle of town.

While there, we visited the Route 66 Interpretive Center, located in the former National Guard Armory, an historic sandstone building. We saw an old time gas station being restored in the middle of town, which brought back childhood memories of car trips in the 1950s and early '60s.

Chandler is about to become the home of the Law Enforcement Hall of Fame, being the home of a famous lawman Bill Tillghman. John was happy to show us many historic features of his town, from the brick streets dating to the Oklahoma Territory days, to the starting line for the first Oklahoma land rush.

He took us on a ride down old Route 66 where we saw the famous Round Barn in Arcadia, a 1920s era stone filling station, now a ruin, and the modern Pop's gas station with its 66 foot tall soda bottle sculpture and 12,000 bottle soda collection. We bought a bottle of Route 66 root beer there.

Oklahoma is full of history. Famous lawmen and outlaws roamed all over the state. Partly through forced relocations like the Cherokee Trail of Tears, over 30 Native American tribes came to be located in the state. The imprint of Native American culture is everywhere, from names of towns and rivers to decor on buildings. The state flag features an Osage war shield.

A good place to absorb some of that history is the National Cowboy and Western Heritage museum in Oklahoma City, which we toured much too quickly. We could have spent all day experiencing the multimedia exhibits of western gear; Native American clothing, implements, and lifestyle; US Cavalry uniforms and equipment; paintings and sculpture by Remington, Russell, and other famous western artists; a recreated western town; rodeo gallery; and memorabilia of western performers like John Wayne, Barbara Stanwyck, and Gene Autry. Unfortunately photography was prohibited in most of the galleries because of the fragile nature of the exhibits.

We ate barbeque ribs at a restaurant that was a speakeasy in the days of prohibition. It overlooked a stretch of Interstate 40 that covers the original Route 66.

While in Oklahoma City we also visited the memorial at the site of the Edward R. Murrow Federal Building which was bombed in 1995. Next week will be the 13th anniversary of that tragic event, and I will write about it then.

The next day we drove to Tulsa to attend the Tulsa Gun and Knife Show, which has 4000 tables of merchandise for sale twice a year. It was too much to take in. We could only walk about a third of the arena, but in that time we saw everything from an antique pre-Revolutionary blunderbuss to modern AK-47s. Lots of Civil War era and Western items, too, not just guns but canteens, badges, powder horns, leatherwork, you name it. Paul said after a while his brain refused to process what he was seeing. He did buy a western holster. I bought an old book, of course.

On the way home we stopped to see Turner's Falls in the Arbuckle Mountains. The clear spring water flowing over the smooth sandstone rock was very different from the other muddy red rivers we had seen. The state tree, the redbud, was evident everywhere, in full bloom. Finally we crossed the Red River into Texas, where bluebonnets and Indian paintbrush were in flower along the highway.

There are so many other things to see and do in Oklahoma, that I know we will go back. From Anadarko's Indian City, to the Will Rogers Museum, to the Toy and Action Figure Museum in Pauls Valley, there is something for everyone to see in Oklahoma.

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J.B. library schedule

Johnson Bayou Library announces the schedule of events as follows:

Friday, April 11, Children's Story time 10-11 a.m., Movie time 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Monday, April 14, Recipe Swap 10:30 -11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16, Gardening Tips & Secrets hosted by Peggy Boudreaux 10-11 a.m.

Thursday, April 17, Teen Craft Hour-Ages 10 & up, 4:30-5:30 p.m..

Friday, April 18, Children's Story time 10-11 a.m., Movie time 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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Library Week set at G. L.

Grand Chenier Library invites everyone to join the circle of knowledge at our library in honor of National Library Week April 14-18, 2008.

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support.

Grand Chenier Library will host an "Open House" putting on numerous activities for the community to participate in.

ART SHOW

A display of local community members' artwork will be available for viewing during this week.

BOOK EXCHANGE

Patrons can bring their books from home to exchange with other patrons.

BOOK CHOICE AWARDS IN JUVENILE/TEEN/ADULT CATEGORY

Patrons of all ages can enter their favorite novel in our book drawing. We will pull names in each category at the end of the week.

READING CONTEST IN JUVENILE/TEEN/ADULT CATEGORY

Patrons agree to report the number of pages read each evening. We will keep a tally and announce the winners in each category at the end of the week.

PHOTO CONTESTS

We will take "Baby" and "Pet" pictures for patrons to guess "Which baby picture is which person?" or "Which pet belongs to which person?"

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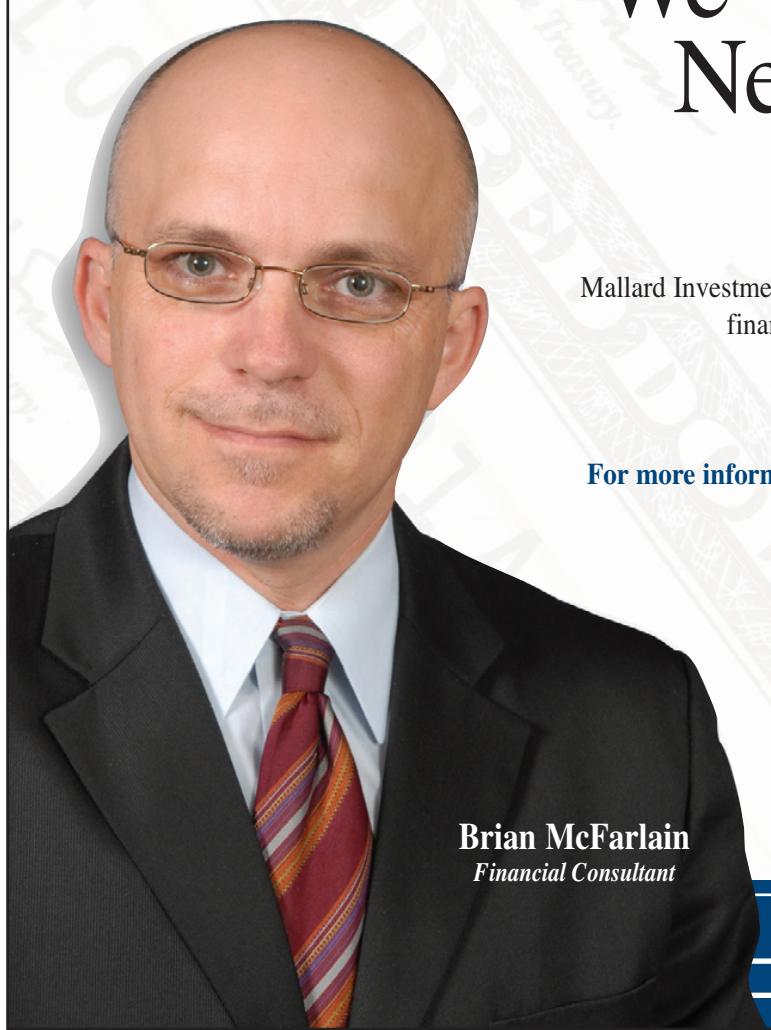

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DO YOU REMEMBER? This picture of Hackberry's first fire truck was taken on March 8, 1960 and shown with it were some of the members of the Hackberry Volunteer Fire Department. From left were: J. D. Welch, fire chief; Albert Kyle, Horace Goodrich, Alfred Devall, Bob Frazier, and (kneeling) Aubrey Welch.
(Photo courtesy of Margaret Shove.)

Birth is told

AIDAN CHRISTOPHER WOLFE

Rickey and Karalee Wolfe announce the birth of their first child Aidan Christopher, March 26, at West Jefferson Medical Center in Marrero. He weighed 7 lbs. and 5 ozs.

Grandparents are Austin and Barbara LaBove, Brian and Kaye DesOrmeaux, all of Hackberry and Ricky and Gail Wolfe, of Lake Charles.

Great-grandparents are Willie Mae Alford and Lois Meyers, both of Hackberry.

BONNER (BUTCH) and Mary Willis of Grand Lake announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lori (Nicki) Willis, to Jae Chang, son of Jung and Eun Chang of Taegu, South Korea. The wedding is set for Saturday, May 24 at Bali Hai Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nev. at 12 p.m. A reception will follow.

South Cameron High School News

RELAY RESULTS

Welsh Relays results: 100m Hurdles - Rachael Fountain 2nd, Haley McCall 6th; High Jump - Rachael Fountain 1st; Long Jump - Rachael Fountain 1st, Shelby Willis 5th; Triple Jump - Rachel Fountain 1st; Pole Vault - Laikin Canik 3rd, Haley McCall 4th; Outstanding Field - Rachael Fountain.

YEARBOOKS

2008 yearbook will go on sale on Monday April 14. Yearbook representatives will take orders during lunch recess each day. A minimum deposit of $10 is required at the time the order is placed. Yearbooks cost $40 each.

SENIOR PICTURES

2008 Seniors please turn in a baby picture and senior picture to Ms. Sharon Picou for the slide show ASAP. Pictures can be emailed to Sharon_picou@camsch.org.

BARBEQUE FUNDRAISER

South Cameron High School athletic dept. is sponsoring a barbeque chicken plate lunch dinner at the Creole fire station on May 9. Anyone interested in purchasing a dinner many contact any SCHS athlete or orders may be placed through the school.

Dinners are $7 each and can be picked up at the fire station or arrangements for delivery can be made. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be used for the athletic banquet. Any additional funds will be divided among all sports.

For more information contact the school at 542-4628.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

April 10, Baseball - Oberlin - Home JV - 3:30 p.m., V - 4:30 p.m. Senior Night.

April 11, Designated Friday Remediation (grades and discipline).

April 14, 8th Grade LEAP Field Test

April 14, Lifeskills Parent Training SCHS cafeteria 5:30 p.m.

April 15, District Student Council Meeting (LC Civic Center).

April 15, Baseball - Hamilton Christian - Away - JV - 4:30 p.m., V - 6 p.m.

April 17, Baseball - Merryville - Away - JV - 4 p.m., V - 6 p.m.

April 19, Jr./Sr. Prom Merlyn's Veranda in Sulphur.

April 19, State Literary Rally - Baton Rouge

Berries to be delivered

Dear Editor:

Thank you to everyone who purchased flats of deliciously sweet Louisiana Strawberries from our 4-H Club Members. The Cameron 4-H Youth Development Program and our Louisiana Strawberry Farmers thank you for supporting them by purchasing over 1,300 flats of strawberries this year.

Remember that preordered flats of strawberries will be delivered on Wednesday, April 16, and can be picked up from 4-5:30 p.m. at one of two locations: the LSU AgCenter in Grand Lake or the Hackberry Community Center.

Hackberry High School is not a pick-up site this year.

For more information call the LSU AgCenter at 905-1318.

/s/ Penny Thibodeaux

Fountain named outstanding field athlete

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

South Cameron's Rachael Fountain scored first place finishes in the long jump, triple jump, and high jump, as well as a 2nd place finish in the 100 low hurdles and was named the Outstanding Field Athlete at the Greyhound Relays in Welsh last week.

The Lady Tarpon track team finished the meet in 6th place. Laikin Canik placed third in the pole vault. Dex Murphy placed third in the 300 high hurdles for the Tarpons in the boys meet.

Registration for McNeese summer session announced

Priority registration for McNeese State University's three summer sessions began April 7 at 1 p.m. for graduate students and at 3 p.m. for seniors and student-athletes.

Junior priority registration began at 1 p.m. April 8, while registration began for all students at 1 p.m. April 9. Students can go online to www.mcneese.edu and click on Banner Self-Service to begin the registration process.

April 24 is the deadline to apply for admission to be eligible for regular summer registration at McNeese. Regular registration for the three summer sessions will continue through April 30.

For the summer, undergraduate students may choose from more than 400 courses being offered through a six-week session that meets five days a week, while mostly graduate students can take advantage of courses being offered through two three-week mini-sessions, which also meet five days a week.

Classes begin June 2 for the regular summer session and the first mini-session, while classes for the second mini-session begin June 23. Students who have enrolled and registered online for McNeese's summer sessions have until 3:45 p.m. May 29 to pay fees. Students who fail to meet the fee payment deadline will be dropped from class rolls.

Summer schedules and applications are available at the registrar's office or online.

For more information about summer registration at McNeese, contact the registrar's office at 475-5356 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5356.

Lunch menus told

Cameron Parish School lunch menus are as follows:

Friday, Apr. 11 - Baked ham, lettuce cup, sweet peas, yellow cake, pineapple topping, wheat sliced bread, milk

Monday, Apr. 14 - Hamburger, oven fries, lettuce cup, chocolate chip cookies, hamburger bun, catsup, milk

Tuesday, Apr. 15 - Enchilada casserole, tossed salad, baked potato, chilled peach slices, wheat sliced bread, milk

Wednesday, Apr. 16 - Chili Frito pie, whole kernal corn, apple/orange wedges, royal brownies, wheat sliced bread, milk

Thursday, Apr. 17 - Beef nachos, salsa, pinto beans, fresh vegetable, cinnamon rolls, tortilla chips, salad dressing, milk.

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Grand Lake Banner and Honor Roll announced

The following is a list of Banner and Honor Roll students for Grand Lake High School:

BANNER ROLL

Grade 1 - Caleb Boening; Mallory Davis; Christopher Duhon; Kolt Gauthreaux; Ashton Landreneaux; Cade Lavergne; Cade Nieves; Teala Schiele; Sadie Soileau; Trey Taylor; Clay Trahan; Austin Vincent; Sarah Wesley.

Grade 2 - Marlee Boudreaux; Thomas Delaney; Andrew Ferguson; Cecilia Lomeli; Jordan Morgan; Quincy Mudd; Ashlyn Poole; Emily Poole; Gabrielle Talbot; Madison Theriot; Karlee Thomas; Bryce Toerner; Joseph Trahan.

Grade 3 - Brennan Abadie; Mallory Dupuie; Cameron Granger; Katelynn Granger; Tanner Olson; Alexis Reeves; Kamryn Trahan.

Grade 4 - Darien Boudreaux; Christian Bourriague; Allison Ross; Ally Thomas; Lucas Verret; Coryn Vincent.

Grade 5 - Cloie Broussard; Luke Miller; Brycen Savoie.

Grade 6 - Tyler Beard; Zane Bellon; Callie Brevelle; Timothy Foreman; Shyla Gordon; Victoria Thomas.

Grade 7 - Calley Conner; Kent Doxey; Rebecca Dupont; Joshua Fitkin; Julianne Lannin; Leann Larocca; Darbi Montie.

Grade 9 - Alysha Hackler.

Grade 10 - Tasha Fontenot; Heather Girlinghouse.

Grade 11 - Evan Guidry; Megan Poole.

Grade 12 - Corey Broussard; John Guidry; Brittany Hebert; Sonya Lavergne; Samantha Poole; Molly Precht; Renn Savoie; Amber Taylor; Ashley Toups.

HONOR ROLL

Grade 1 - Taylor Agullard; Dru Bertrand; Alex Brown; Michael Clark; Macie Conner; Caleb Courville; Drew Dillon; Hannah Doucet; Sabra Edwards; Jackson Gerber; Isaac Harrington; Grant Harris; Drake Johnson; Kayla Kay; Nicholas King; Brandon LaBove; Trevor Laughlin; Chandler Ledoux; Mark Manuel; Alexis Matt; Noah Morgan; Emily Obryan; Abbie Pearce; Wesley Quinn; Kayla Richardson; Allison Romero; Ashlynn Sarver; Jaren Sonnier; Zachary Stathakos; Ashlie Sterling; Lee Roy Stevens; Malik Sturlese; Cayce Thibodeaux; Zeke Verzwyvelt; Ethan Williams.

Grade 2 - Lauren Baudoin; Matthew Brasseaux; Madison Breaux; Grabielle Conner; Maeleigh Conner; Zachary Cooper; Kade Delcambre; Kayla Devall; Destiny Doxey; Hope Duhon; Alayna Ewing; Callie Fontenot; Tyler Hebert; Kirston Landreneaux; Annaston Picou; Ty Taylor; Garett Vedder; Jayleigh Young.

Grade 3 - William Bertram; Marrisa Dupont; Keighan Faulk; Emily Fontenot; Hunter Foreman; Madison Huffman; Frank LaBove; Hagyn Miller; Christian Pascale; Kayla Quibodeaux; Tori Smith.

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Grade 5 - Kyndal Berkey; Aimie Clark; Katherine Deshotel; Laikyn Dubard; Courtland Granger; Audrey Harris; Matthew Kay; Gabrielle Lavergne; Lynsey Mhire; David Miller; Addilyn Poole; Stephen Poole; Joy Richard; Samuel Vincent; Erica Williams.

Grade 6 - Lacey Boudreaux; Roman Brown; Jasmine Cox; Kylie Davidson; Dillon Hays; Regan LeJeune; Megan McCullen; Brianna Murphy; Jarrett Nunez; Sara Richard; Halee Sullivan.

Grade 7 - Katelyn Babineaux; John Boudreaux; Lexi Conner; Justin Demary; Robert Ezell; Alexandra Kennedy; Abby Miller; Rebecca Monceaux; Marlie Mudd; Andrew Ogea; Kortney Olson; Savannah Quinn; Karissa Trahan; Katelyn Vincent.

Grade 8 - Katie Fruge; Shelby Thomas; Paige Vedder.

Grade 9 - Kimberlee Babineaux; Tyler Hebert; Jaide Landreneau; Karen Miller; Kallan Mudd; Julia Quinn; Ricky Richard.

Grade 10 - Adam Ferryman; Colton Larocca; Shawnee Pearce; Samuel Richard; Sandra Vincent; Kody Willis.

Grade 11 - Justin Aguillard; Taylor Beard; Jayce Hebert; Elizabeth Kingham; Jade Miller; Dylan Morgan; Victoria Roach; Samantha Williams.

Grade 12 - James Benoit; Jordan Duhon; Lakeyn Duhon; Kent Gauthreaux; Brett Griffith; Lucas Hebert; Morgyn Jeffers; Ryan Monceaux; Crissa Morales; Kayla Savoie.

Cameron Outdoors

By LOSTON MCEVERS

IT'S APRIL

If you got by "April Fools Day", you're better than me. I got caught for a steak supper, that turned out to be a duck/coot gumbo, but not bad anyway.

Spotted seatrout spawning begins in high salinity bays and near shore waters. There has been lots of rain and hopefully it doesn't effect the spawn and fishing in Calcasieu Lake. This is also the month for dove hunters to start planting sunflowers for doves to feed on this fall.

SALTWATER

Big Lake Redfishing has been good, especially on the southeast section, fishing close to the bank. Offshore anglers are going out, but still fighting the strong winds. Most anglers are fishing the closer platforms and rigs, catching a variety of fish.

FRESHWATER

The Big Burns is still showing signs of the Hurricane Rita recovery, and fairly good strings of bass are being caught. Most anglers are working the deep canals banks. Amoco is about the same, work out of the wind in the canals and pipeline canals.

Toledo Bend water level is over the 172 feet mark and this last weather change has produced 6 to 14 inches of rain in that area. It's not only the generators running, they got a bunch of flood gates open and all this is going down the Sabine River.

Fishing has been good on the bend, but this Louisiana Oilmen's Bass Invitation Tournament held this past weekend really limited anglers fishing times. Some of our local anglers tell me that they just wouldn't take the change and fishing a little more that half day of the two day event. There was a bass caught and weighed over 11 pounds.

The Southeast Texas, now the Toledo Bend Oilmen's Classic will be on April 25-26. This tournament lets oilfield workers that have retired, also compete.

Sam Rayburn will be the host of the 'Annual McDonald Big Bass Splash' April 18-20.

Reports from a friend of mine said they're still catching nice bass on Lacassine Impoundment, but no big bass. However, he said there were still some large bass on the beds, but couldn't make them bite. He's having good luck on the plastic flute and crawdad, as well as floating a lizard or plastic worm, working it slow.

LEMESCHE BASS CLUB

The Lemesche Bass Club held their third club tournament of the year, fishing the Big Burn.

Tom Hess and Johnny LeDoux took first place stringer, with 5 bass weighing 13.18 pounds, and they had the second place largest bass weighing 3.22 pounds.

Second place stringer went to Darren and Barry Wayne Richard, with 10.70 pounds.

Third place was Chad Bridges and Daniel Pinch 10.66 pounds.

Fourth place was Brett Baccigalopi and Mack Dupree with 10 pounds and their first place largest bass weighing 3.24 pounds.

Fifth place went to Richard Duhon, 9.34, third largest bass 3.08 and the largest choupique weighing 5.36 pounds.

Carl Broussard and Chance Doxey had a weight of 8.54 to take sixth place, while Scootie Trosclair had 8.24 and Ricky Canik had 7.74 pounds.

The club's next tournament is set for Sunday, April 20, at the old Amoco Field in Grand Chenier.

H. B. High honor list told

The Hackberry High School announces banner/honor roll for the 3rd nine weeks as follows:

BANNER ROLL

Grade 2 - Gauge Byler; Gracie Devall; Adelynn Domingue; Keaton Jinks; Tayt Little; Kynzie Meche; Zoie Navarre; Dean Sanner; Chelsea Sorrells; Amber Vincent; Bryce Welch.

Grade 3 - Alexis Lozier.

Grade 4 - Jaci Granger.

Grade 6 - Kennedy Darbonne; Anais LaFleur; Mattie Stine; Jolie Trahan.

Grade 8 - Meagan Johnson.

Grade 10 - Emily Bird; Meghan Shipp; Megan Spicer.

Grade 11 - Lauren Broussard; Kelsey Helmer; Kaitlyn Hicks; Lauren Johnson; Jacob Poole; Lori Beth Shove.

Grade 12 - Kayla Sanner; Brooke Wing.

HONOR ROLL

Grade 2 - Collin Cloud; Genee Gremillion; Dedryck Leday; Cody Romero.

Grade 3 - Reagan Darbonne; Peyton Delome; Bailey LaBove; Shauntil Patin; Jeanne Trahan.

Grade 4 - Kelsey LeBoeuf; Lexie Stine; Logan Tingler.

Grade 5 - Sydney Broussard; Timothy Fontenot; Hunter Sorrells.

Grade 6 - Jeb Backlund; Brett Bird; Ashlee Little; Torey Little; Codie Reon; Destiny Simon; Laci Stansel.

Grade 9 - Erica Duhon; Jenna Granger; Kayla Vincent.

Grade 10 - Katherine Bridgewater; Matthew Constance; Sean Hicks.

Grade 11 - Mason Hicks; Dakota Rose; Allyson Sanner; Shelby Seay; Megan Swire; Chandelle Toups.

Grade 12 - Judd Addison; Leslie Fincher; Joseph LeJuine; Dillon Thibodeaux.

Railroad Fest schedule

The 25th annual Louisiana Railroad Days Festival will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10-12 on the grounds of the DeQuincy Railroad Museum. The festival is sponsored by the DeQuincy Federated Service League and the City of DeQuincy.

The Festival schedule is as follows:

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

5 p.m. - Festival opens, Food Booths open, Carnival Rides begin.

5:30 p.m. - Ms. Caboose Pageant (Womanless Pageant).

6:30 p.m. - Entertainment.

7:30 p.m. - Louisiana Railroad Days Festival Queen and Jr. Queen Pageant.

11 p.m. - Festival closes

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

2 p.m. - Carnival Rides open, Food Booths open, Arts and Crafts Show, Parade line up at Nichols, Bicycle Parade line up.

2:30 p.m. - Bicycle Parade judging.

3 p.m. - Parade begins.

3:30 p.m. - Introduction of 2008, Louisiana Railroad Days Festival Queen, Jr. Queen and Princesses, Parade Marshal and Contest Winners.

4 p.m. - Music by Perry Comeaux,

5:30 p.m. - Gospel Night begins

8-9:30 p.m. - Monument Quartet

9:45 p.m. - Disc Jockey Perry Comeaux

11 p.m. - Festival closes

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 a.m. - Cannonball 5K run, 1 Mile Fun Run following.

9 a.m. - Carnival Rides open, All Booths open, Railroad Museum opens, Model Train Show, Arts and Crafts Show, Domino Tournament.

10 a.m. - Old Timers Reunion.

11:30 a.m. - Recognition of Queens and Special Guests.

12 p.m. - Railroad Idol

3 p.m. - Louisiana Express and Elvis

4:30 and 6:30 p.m. - The Bayou Katz,

8 p.m. - Country artist Ronnie McDowell,

10 p.m. - Street Dance.

12 p.m. - Festival closes.

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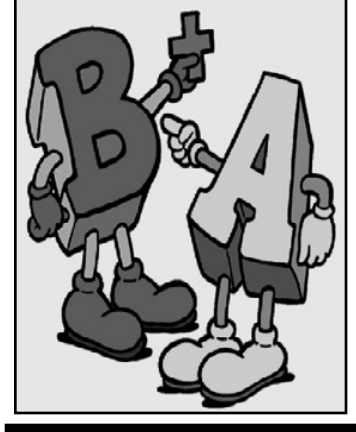

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EACH FRIDAY at 11 a.m. the Cameron Branch Library has an arts and crafts project for children of all ages. Shown in the photo are some of last week's participants doing their projects with the LA Spirit volunteers. The program is free to the public and everyone is invited to attend. For more information call 775-5421.

THE GRAND LAKE Head Start Busy Bee class recently visited the Zoo of Acadiana. Shown are some of the students looking at a goose at the zoo.

COURTHOUSE

Cont'd from Page 1.

Assistant District Attorney Tom Barrett said the proposed amendment would provide for notification of the violation, giving the builder time to correct the problem or show why no correction is needed. If the problem remains, an injunction would be sought through the court. If the problem is still not corrected, it would become a misdemeanor offense, punishable by a fine of up to $500, with the amount set by the judge.

Barrett said this ordinance only addresses the state mandated building codes, not FEMA problems such as mobile homes which may not be in legal trailer parks. He said 99 of 100 people will be in compliance; this procedure is only for the remaining 1% who refuse to comply.

BROUSSARD'S VIEW

Teddy Broussard, former Grand Chenier resident who is trying to return, asked jurors not to "jump into this real fast and find out later you made a mistake." "Use good judgment," he said, "It doesn't make us look good when Cameron Parish falls because of seven people."

Another amendment, to raise the legal age for alcoholic beverage consumption to 21, will also be advertised. The move is to bring the parish ordinance into line with state law.

An amendment to the dog ordinance, stating the length of time an animal will be kept at the pound, was tabled until next month for further research. The amendment to impose administrative fees for each day of impoundment was approved.

APPOINTMENTS

The Klondike Fire Department board now has four openings following the resignation of Scott Weekly and Leo Thevis. Police Juror Thomas McDaniel said he is having trouble finding anyone to agree to serve.

Edmond Trahan was appointed to Ambulance District #2, replacing Recia Boudreaux who resigned, and Charlene Babineaux was re-appointed to the board.

Greg Comeaux was appointed to Gravity Dist. #4, replacing Walter Rogers.

An opening on the Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway District board, created by the death of Pat Doland, remains unfilled as jurors search for a suitable replacement.

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4-H members participate in cookery contest

Several Cameron Parish 4-H Youth had the opportunity to submit their tasty dishes at the Area 4-H Cookery Contest in Crowley on March 31. While at the contest, 4-H members participated in a Pyramid Posse educational workshop where they brushed up on their nutrition labels skills, portion sizes, participated in a workout using soup cans, and much more.

After the educational workshop, the following awards were announced: Madison Shove, Blue Ribbon Rice Dessert - "Pineapple Rice Pudding"; Charli Little, 3rd Place Seafood Oysters - "Cajun Rice Dressing with Oysters"; Kory Kyle, 1st Place Rice Side Dish - "Rice and Peas Casserole"; Jaci Granger, Blue Ribbon Rice Main Dish - "Sausage and Rice Casserole"; Jarrett Nunez, Sugar Non-Baked - "Jarrett's Creamy Pralines"; William Toups, Blue Ribbon Seafood Crab - "Crabmeat Au Gratin"; and Samantha Little, Blue Ribbon Seafood Crawfish - "Mexican Crawfish Cornbread".

For more information on the 4-H Food and Nutrition project, contact Penny Thibodeaux, 4-H Agent with the LSU AgCenter at 905-1318.

The Power of Youth

THESE CAMERON Parish 4-Hers won awards in the area 4-H Cookery Contest in Crowley on March 31: (front row, from left) Madison Shove, Charli Little, Kory Kyle, Jaci Granger, Jarrett Nunez; (back row) William Toups.

FRIDAYS ARE movie days at the Cameron Branch Library. Each Friday at 9:30 a.m. the Cameron Branch Library shows a free children's movie to anyone who would like to watch on their 52" screen. Shown above are some of the people who showed up to watch the Chipmunk Movie last Friday. This week's movie will be Dr. Doolittle - Tale to the Chief. For more information call 775-5421.

THE SOUTH CAMERON High School FFA Meat Identification team, consisting of Brendan Trahan, Brett Richard, Gabe LaLande, and Kobi Richard, won first place at the FFA Area III competition in Lafayette. Kobi Richard won High Point Individual for the Area III competition.

You grow up the day you have your first real laugh - at yourself.
~ -Ethel Barrymore

DURING THE 4-H Environmental and Outdoor Workshop held March 27. Cameron 4-Hers enjoyed activities presented by the Cameron Parish Jr. Leader Club ranging from outdoor cookery to aerospace with 4-Hers using handheld computers, GPS units, compasses, and maps to navigate as they hiked through 20 acres of wetland, gaining appreciation for local environment and wildlife. Pictured are 4-Hers Jakin Morales, Ally Thomas, Darien Boudreaux, Savannah Quinn, Morgan Quinn, Hannah Arabie, Lennis Smith, Hannah Rogers, Cole Verret, Tyler LaBove, and Jaron Theriot; and Jr. Leaders Devon Richard, Bailey Richard, Jenna Conner, Samantha Williams, Levi Stephenson, Micah Richard, Katelyn Horn, Molly Alexander, Mikalee Mooney, Jordan Poole, James Duhon, Javen Little, and Cody Jouett.

A LARGE number of motorcyclists are pictured at a stop made at Brown's Grocery in Hackberrylast week. A similar Poker Run will be held this Saturday to benefit the Bethany Boudreaux fund. (Photo courtesy of Coot McInnis.)

THESE CAMERON Parish 4-Hers who took part in the recent 4-H Regional are shown above: (front row, from left) Brendan Trahan, Justin Trahan, Scottie Nunez; (middle row) Dylan Conner, Molly Alexander, Jacob Landry; (back row) Jacob Vaughan and Bryce LaBove.

Shooting sports winners told

Several Cameron Parish 4-Hers took part in the recent 4-H Regional Shooting Sports competition. They were:

Bryce LaBove - 8th place modified skeet junior division.

Jacob Landry - 7th place modified skeet senior division.

Scottie Nunez - 2nd place 5-stand and skeet senior division.

Dylan Conner - 1st place black powder senior division, 3rd place 5-stand and skeet senior division.

Brendan Trahan - 5th place 5-stand and skeet senior division.

Justin Trahan - 2nd place black powder senior division.

Jacob Vaughan and Molly Alexander qualified for state in the hunting discipline.

THESE MEMBERS of the Cameron Parish NAACP Branch attended a regional Civil Rights Advocacy Training session held March 27-29 in New Orleans. Parish delegates were Louise Cole, president, and Charles Cole, secretary. Workshops were held on voter empowerment, civil rights, and youth involvement.

The Power of Youth

Baseball, Softball Roundup

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BASEBALL SCORES

Oberlin 8, South Cameron 3 - Jody Trosclair struck out 11 Tiger batters in the Tarpons' district loss.

Top hitters for South Cameron were Justin Trahan, 3-4 and 1 RBI; Thomas Trosclair, 1-3 and 1 RBI; Jordan Rutherford, 2-3 and 1 RBI.

Hackberry 7, Starks 1 - Ian Blue and Dillon Thibodeaux pitched for the Mustangs (6-1, 3-0).

Top hitters were Dillon Thibodeaux, 1-4 and 1 RBI; Austin Moore, 1-2; and Hunter Stansel, 1-3 and 2 RBIs.

SOFTBALL RESULTS

Grand Lake 10, Bell City 0 - Lakeyn Duhon struck out 9 batters, while giving up no hits and 1 walk as the Lady Hornets clinched the district 7B title.

Top hitters were Maggie Fruge, 2-4; Tressa Theriot, 3-3; Rebecca Monceaux, 1-2; Sonya Lavergne, 2-3; and Brittany Hebert, 2-3.

Hackberry 20, Johnson Bayou 0 - Amber Byler pitched for Hackberry (10-6-1, 1-1) and Chelsey Leger and Morgan Leger threw for the Lady Rebels (0-7, 0-3).

Top hitters for the Lady Mustangs were Destiny Simon, 2-2; Brooke Wing, 1-2; Jolie Trahan, 1-2 and 1 RBI; Sam Little, 1-2 and 1 RBI; Mattie Stine, 1-3 with a double and 2 RBIs; Jenna Granger, 1-1; and Byler 1-4 and 1 RBI.

Hackberry 17, Johnson Bayou 2 - Erica Duhon and Jolie Trahan pitched for Hackberry. Chelsey Leger was on the mound for the Lady Rebels.

Top hitters for the Lady Mustangs were Brooke Wing, 4-4; Duhon, 3-3 with 2 doubles and 2 RBIs; Allyson Sanner, 1-3 with a double and RBI; Amber Byler, 1-2 with a homerun; Sam Little, 1-3; Destiny Simon, 1-3 and 2 RBIs. Chelsey Leger and Tabitha Harrington scored for the Lady Rebels.

South Cameron 10, Oberlin 2 - Haley McCall, Kimmily Bourriaqe, and Amanda Wicke shared the mound as the Lady Tarpons took sole possession of first place in district 5-1A.

Top hitters for South Cameron were Haley McCall, 2-5 with 2 doubles; Bourriaque, 1-4 and 1 RBI; Shelby Willis, 1-4; Whitney Richard, 1-3 and 2 RBIs; Michelle Champion, 1-3; Devon Richard, 2-4 and 1 RBI; and Bailey Richard, 1-3. The Lady Tigers committed 7 errors in the game.

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HANNAH ROGERS, Cameron Parish 4-H member, is shown learning archery safety from Jordan Poole, Cameron Parish 4-H Jr. Leader. Hannah is one of eleven 4-Hers who participated in the 4-H Environmental and Outdoor Workshop held on March 27 by the 4-H Jr. Leaders.

H.B. 4-H'ers place in competition

Hackberry 4-H Club members placed at the Regional Shooting Sports Competition held in Covington, April 4-5.

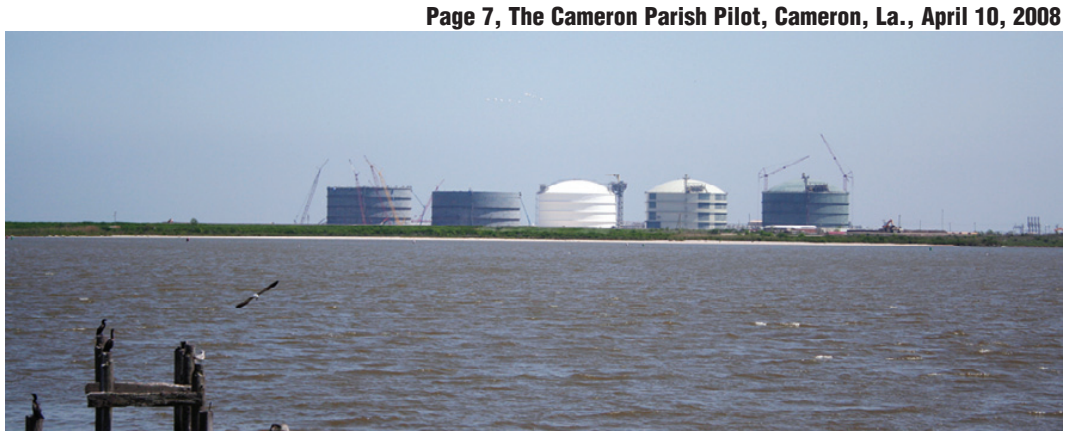
Attending the competition and competing were John Eric White, Robert Savant, and Shannon Landry. They placed in the following events and qualified to participate in the state competition.

Senior Genesis Bow - John Eric White, 2nd place; Robert Savant, 3rd.

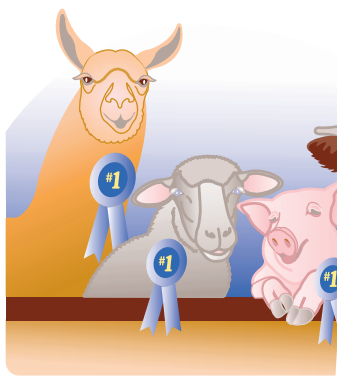
Senior Compound Bow - Robert Savant, 9th place; John Eric White, 3rd place.

Junior Shotgun, Modified Trap - Shannon Landry, 2nd. She also was on a team that placed 3rd overall.

Senior Modified Trap - John Eric White and Robert Savant, tied for 15th place.



CHENIERE ENERGY'S Sabine Pass LNG Terminal is ready to receive its first load of liquefied natural gas. The boat is scheduled to arrive Saturday morning, April 12, and can best be viewed from the Dick Dowling State Park on the Texas side of the Sabine River. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



PICTURED IS Sharon Nabours from the American Wetland Conservation Corps and Kelby Comeaux during a learning activity presented to the fourth grade students at South Cameron High School. The students learned about beavers and how they have adapted to living in the wetlands. The program is part of Youth Wetlands Week and is sponsored by The American's Wetland Conservation Corps and LSU AgCenter.

JORDON RUTHERFORD, an 11th grader at South Cameron High School, tests the ability of his simulated wetland to filter impurities from water. This activity was part of the Youth Wetlands Week program delivered to schools in Cameron Parish. Sharon Nabours from American Wetland Conservation Corps worked with Cameron Parish 4-H agents to deliver programs to area students.

Beware of email scams targeting hay farmers

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M., issued a warning to Louisiana citizens today about an email scam targeting farmers throughout the United States.

"It appears the scam is widely aimed at hay producers and often involves fraudulent cashier's checks or money orders," Strain explained. "The buyer sends the money, usually for more than the asking price of the hay, the farmer deposits the check and sends the additional funds back to the buyer but later finds out the check wasn't good."

Strain said other states' agriculture agencies have received reports from farmers that the scammers are using Market Bulletin ads and classified ad publications to contact the sellers. They most often correspond with the farmers by email and usually refuse phone communication.

Along with additional information about the scams, www.Haybarn.com offers the following as possible warning signs of a scam:

· Offering payment by cashier's check or money order only.

· Insisting on paying more than the asking price.

· Asking for cash to be sent to a third party, such as the shipper

· Poor spelling and odd word choices.

· Lack of knowledge or interest in the hay itself.

· Unusual name or email address.

A list of known scammers is also available on the site.

"I would just warn everyone to be cautious and follow your intuition. If something seems too good to be true, as they always say, it probably is," Strain said. "If you believe you've been a victim of a scam, please contact the Department of Agriculture and Forestry for assistance."

To contact the department, call 225-922-1234 or 1-866-927-2476.

Over 17,000 students celebrate Wetlands Week

More than 17,000 students in grades 7-12 participated in the 2007 Youth Wetlands Week, a joint project of the American's Wetland Conservation Corps and LSU AgCetner.

This year during the week of March 31-April 4, more than 55,000 students in grades 4-12 were expected to have taken part in lessons and activities designed to promote awareness of America's wetlands.

The America's Wetland Conservation Corps is a partnership between the LSU AgCenter and the America's Wetland Campaign. It is supported by a grant from AmeriCorps and is administered by the Louisiana Serve Commission in the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

"We want these young minds to start thinking that there is a way to fix this," said David Latona, LSU AgCenter 4-H science and technology educator.

Cameron teachers who signed up to participate in Youth Wetlands Week received a comprehensive curriculum binder developed by the LSU AgCenter, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, America's Wetland Conservation Corps and Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program. Programs were presented in Hackberry and Cameron, with additional presentations being planned for Johnson Bayou and Grand Lake in the coming weeks.

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•HEBERT CAMP ROAD lots: Tract 3&4 $25,500, Tract 1 $22,500

•10962 HWY 384: 3/2 Modular home w/additions on 17.5 + acres. Owner will look at all offers $275,000

•2321 MALLARD ST.- Holly Beach lot fronting Hwy 82 & Mallard $68,900

•169 GRANGER LANE: 4 acres w/shop pad, electricity, and mechanical system. $64,000.

•229 McCAIN: Acadian 4/2 in Grand Lake in restricted subdivision w/large upstairs game room $219,000. 2/13tfc.

FOR SALE: North of Sulphur: Darling 3 bedroom, 2 bath, island kitchen, large master and sitting room, covered back patio, front porch, fireplace, workshop, everything you would need in a lovely mobile home community, Holbrook Acres. Only 1+ years old. Located on a man made lake that will be completed this year. Reduced to sell now, $129,900.00. Call Claudette Morgan, Wold R.E. 477-0511, or direct 532-8282. 3/20 - 4/9p.

•20 ACRES of timberland for sale in Oretta, Beauregard Parish. Southwest of intersection of Oklahoma Ave. and 7th St. Call Darlene with Coldwell Banker Elite at (337) 274-2466. 3/5nc

HOLMWOOD: 3896 living, 4br/4ba, 1.2 acres, gameroom, fireplace, sunroom, 30x70 shop, pool, metal roof, bell city school, $285,000 call 540-9441. 3/26 - 4/6p

For Sale

D&R FARMER'S Market: Next to Miller Livestock Auction Barn, Hwy 27. Sale ever Saturday, 9 am. All entries starting at 7 am. All types of farm related equipment and garden product will be sold first. Poultry auction immediately following. For information call (337) 309-0791 or (337) 305-0508. Note: Starting Friday evening, April 18 until Oct. 18, all sales will be held on Friday's. All entries will be admitted starting at 4 pm Sale will start at 6 pm. 4/9 & 4/16p.

For Sale

SWEETLAKE - Grand Lake Cemetery. If you are interested in purchasing a plot, please call Toni at 598-5158 or 598-4909. 4/9nc

FOR SALE: 1997 Cadillac Deville, 124,682 miles, good condition, new tires, $5,000. Call 542-4560. 4/2 - 9p.

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

ATTRACT ATTENTION: Need promotional items for trade shows, festivals, fairs, school events, etc. Call us, we can help! Rely on Wise Ideas Printing & Promotions to help you develop a customized program for your next event. Check out our website: www.bestwiseideas.com. Call Jeffra Wise DeViney for competitive quotes & sales catalogs. Phone: 912-5063.

Help Wanted

TALEN'S MARINE & Fuel now hiring: CDL driver w/hazmat, Cameron Dock Location. Competitive pay, excellent benefits. Contact Shana Brown, Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4 pm. Phone: (337) 774-5480 or email: shana@talensmarine.com. 3/26 - 4/2p.

NEEDED: SECURITY Guard in the Cameron Area. Pay rate: $10 an hour. Day shift, 12 hour shifts. Must be able to pass drug screen and background check. Contact Lofton Security, 337-433-6188 between the hours of 8-5. 4/9c

CAMERON PARISH Recreation District 5 is accepting applications for lifeguards. Applications can be filled out at 108 Recreation Lane Grand Lake, LA. For more information call (337) 598-3333.

NEWS & PHOTOS

News articles with photos, engagement and wedding announcements, happy ads, and letters to the editor should be in the news office by 4 p.m. on Tuesdays for that weeks Cameron Pilot. Photos and articles may be emailed to: dequincynews@centurytel.net For more information call 1-800-256-7323.

Attention!

GRAND LAKE, SWEETLAKE & BIG LAKE

Grand Lake Community Church

Is Now Conducting. . .

Preview Worship Services & Bible Study

At The FIREMAN'S CENTER

Worship Service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on the 20th of April and the Bible Study is on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

In May we will be moving to another location and will be changing the midweek service to Wednesday nights. This is a Southern Baptist Mission Church sponsored by First Baptist Moss Bluff.

For additional information, please contact Bro. Mike Paris at:

438-2313

Alternatives to grass under shade trees

By DAN GILL
LSU AgCenter
Horticulturist

It's amazing how many times I've gotten questions about growing grass in shady areas. This is a common issue because shade trees in a landscape grow larger over time. Eventually, the shade they create may not allow grass to grow well in the most shaded areas. When dealing with this sort of situation, you have several options.

First - The amount of sunlight reaching the turf can be increased by selectively pruning trees in your landscape. Lower branches and some of the inner branches may be pruned to allow more light to reach the lawn below. Keep in mind, however, raising and thinning the canopy on large trees is best done by a professional arborist who can determine which branches should be removed without affecting the tree adversely Be aware that this is a temporary solution because the trees will continue to grow over the years and shade will once again become a problem.

Second - Choose a grass that will tolerate some shade. St. Augustine grass is considered the most shade-tolerant of the grasses we use for lawns. Among the St. Augustine cultivars available, Palmetto is considered one of the more shade-tolerant. Don't expect it to grow in heavy shade, however.

Grass growing in shaded areas should be mowed at a slightly higher setting on your lawn mower than normally recommended. This allows the leaf blades to grow longer, providing more surface area to absorb what light is available and to produce food through photosynthesis. St. Augustine can be mowed at a height of 3 inches.

Third - Avoid excessive fertilization because this can increase disease problems. Grass growing in the shade actually requires less fertilizer since it grows less vigorously.

If, after these efforts, you still can't get grass to grow under your tree, it's time to accept the situation (as we gardeners often must do) and stop trying to make grass grow where the shade simply won't allow it. Unless cutting down the tree is an option, your next step is to look at other choices for situations where grass won't grow.

The easiest solution is to simply mulch the area. Leaves, pine straw or other mulching materials can be applied 4 to 6 inches deep under a tree where grass no longer grows well. This is relatively inexpensive and easy to do and, I think, looks very attractive and natural. After all, in nature trees grow with a layer of decomposing leaves over their roots. Simply add more mulch as time goes by to maintain a 4-inch to 6-inch depth. With the mulch, weeds are rarely an issue and can be controlled easily.

Another option is to plant the area with a shade-loving ground cover or even landscape it with shrubs, annuals and perennials that thrive in shade. For inspiration, take a drive around older neighborhoods with mature trees. You'll see how areas under large trees can be landscaped beautifully using a variety of ground covers, annuals, perennials and shrubs.

The most important thing to remember when creating landscaped areas under a tree is to respect the root system of the tree itself. Avoid cutting any roots larger than 1 inch in diameter. Use a gardening fork rather than a shovel or spade to turn the soil under the tree because the fork will damage fewer roots. If you need to bring in extra soil to create the bed, use as little as possible - preferably no more than 2 inches to 4 inches. Do not pile several inches of soil up around the base of the trunk because this can lead to decay. If you intend to cover over a large part of the tree's root system (which extends out well beyond the reach of the branches), don't apply soil more than 2 inches deep.

A simple alternative to grass is to plant the area entirely with a low-growing ground cover. I think that the best ground covers for covering large areas are monkey grass (Ophiopogon japonicus), creeping lily turf (Liriope spicata) and Asian jasmine (Trachelospermum asiaticum). These ground covers are reliable, easy-to-grow and relatively fast-growing.

Other ground covers suitable for larger areas include English ivy (Hedera helix), Japanese ardisia (Ardisia japonica) and ferns - such as holly fern (Cyrtomium falcatum), leather leaf fern (Rumohra adiantiformis), autumn fern (Dryopteris erythrosora, known for its coppery-red new fronds), sword fern (Nephrolepis cordifolia) and others.

Many plants thrive in partially shaded to shady conditions. Indeed, gardening in a shady area should not be looked at as a challenge or problem but as a chance to grow a wide variety of beautiful plants. I personally enjoy gardening in the shade, particularly in the heat of the summer. Gardens in shady areas are also often easier to maintain because they generally have fewer weed problems.

When the lawn grass finally decides that an area has become too shady for it to grow, don't fight it. Instead, mulch or choose a ground cover that will thrive in the shade. Or open yourself up to the wonderful possibilities of planting a beautiful and satisfying garden of shade-loving plants.

Get It Growing is a weekly feature on home lawn and garden topics prepared by experts in the LSU AgCenter. For more information on such topics, contact your parish LSU AgCenter Extension office or visit our Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. A wide range of publications and a variety of other resources are available.

Sheriff's Report

The following arrests were made by the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Dept. April 1-9:

Cathy Sue Czech, 37, Lake Charles; Fugitive Warrant.

Asa Swire, 35, 429 N. Island Rd, Grand Chenier; Issue Worthless Checks.

Suzanna Gaye Ogea, 42, 157 A. Adam Roux St., Cameron; Probation Violation.

Megan Colleen Lott, 26, Jennings; Unauthorized use of a Movable.

Paul Arceneaux Canik, 4095 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier; Wildlife Violations (5 counts).

Wesley James Haywood, Jr., 62, 238 Rogers Lane, Cameron; Fugitive Warrant.

Jessica L. Authement, 26, 3689 Trosclair Rd., Creole; Theft.

Sheldon James Frey, 36, 559 Meyers Rd, Hackberry; Bench Warrant.

Inoseencio Cruz-Vargas, 28, Port Arthur, Tex.; D.W.I., No Drivers License, Careless Operation.

Jose Pablo Uvieta, 44, Houston, Tex.; Illegal Alien.

Enrique Montiel Hernandez, 41, Port Arthur, Tex.; Illegal Alien.

Ronald Joseph Valerie, 46, 2609 Ryan Rd, Lake Charles; Fugitive Warrant.

Claude Jinks, 38, 157 Main St, Hackberry; Public Intimidation, Resisting an Officer, Simple Battery, Bench Warrant (2 counts).

Justin Beau Doucet, 28, Lake Arthur; Bench Warrant.

Albert John Crain, 46, 3407 Grand Chenier Hwy, Grand Chenier; Domestic Abuse Battery.

Richard E. Eaves, 44, 107 Bobbies Lane, Cameron; Simple Assault.

Legal Notice

FOR SALE BY BID:

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the office of Mosquito Control in Grand Lake, Louisiana, on the following vehicles;

(1) 2003 Dodge Pickup
(1) 1999 Dodge Pickup
(1) 1999 Dodge Pickup

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Mosquito Control Headquarters.

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 146 Theriot Road, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, and be marked "BID FORM ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities.

Run: Mar. 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17 (M 34)

THE SAVVY SENIOR

By JIM MILLER

Dear Savvy Senior

Can you give me some tips on how to reduce the mass junk mail and e-mail I receive? For some reason, my wife and I get bombarded with this stuff every day and are sick of it. What can you tell us?

Retied Targets

Dear Targets

While most adults in the U.S. receive large amounts of junk mail, the biggest targets tend to be seniors. But there are steps you can take to avoid these invasions. Here's what you should know.

Junk Mail

To help you scrub your name and address from marketers mailing lists start with the Direct Marketing Association, who offers a consumer opt-out service at www.dmachoice.org/mps. This won't eliminate your junk mail (because many direct mailers aren't association members) but it will reduce it. The fee for this service is $1. If you're willing to pay a little more try Greendimes.com, a savvy resource that for $20 promises to reduce your junk mail up to 90 percent and will plant 10 trees on your behalf. Also see 41pounds.org which charges $41 for a five-year anti-junk mail plan.

De-catalogue

To reduce or eliminate the paper catalogs you receive go to Catalogchoice.org, a free new service that does the work for you. Stopthejunkmail.com is another good service but charges a $20 fee. Other options include calling the catalogs' toll-free number and request to be taken off its list – have the customer number from your mailing label handy when you call. Or you can tear off the page with the mailing label and mail it to the retailer with a request to be removed from its mailing list.

Credit Card Offers

Are credit card offers clogging your mailbox? You can shut them down with the opt-out service run by the major credit bureaus at www.optoutprescreen.com or call 888-567-8688. Be prepared to key in your Social Security number and date of birth. You'll have the option of removing your name either for five years or permanently from pre-screened marketing lists sold to credit card companies and insurers.

You can also prevent financial institutions and other companies from sharing or selling information about you. Look for the privacy notices (sent once a year) that should come with your statements and follow their instructions. You should have to opt out only once with each institution.

Can the Spam

To cut down on the junk e-mail you receive, register your e-mail addresses at www.dmachoice.org/EMPS. And check your e-mail account to see if it provides a tool to filter out potential spam or a way to channel spam into a bulk e-mail folder. Also see www.ftc.gov/spam for more tips.

Telemarketing Protection

You're probably already aware of the "National Do Not Call Registry," which has helped millions of Americans reduce their telemarketing calls. If not, you can sign up at www.donotcall.gov or by calling 888-382-1222. If you already signed up, you don't need to reregister. Sign-ups were supposed to expire after five years, but the FTC expects to make registration permanent. The registry however will not stop calls by charities, politicians, survey takers or companies that have a prior business relationship with you. In addition to the national registry, many states operate their own do-not-call program. Go to www.ataconnect.org/public/compliance/donotcallbystate.php for a list of state programs.

Be Stingy

Be very picky about sharing your information. Every time you order something online, check the site's privacy policy and avoid sites that don't let you opt out of advertising or ones that are looking to share or sell your information to others. Also, be wary about signing up for freebies, sweepstakes or contests, online or off, because many are simply ploys to collect contact information for marketing purposes. And always write "no mailing list" on product warranties or rebates you send in.

Savvy Tips: Another good resource on this topic is the World Privacy Forum (www.worldprivacyforum.org/toptenoptout.html), a nonprofit group that offers a top 10 list of opt-outs. And if identity theft concerns you, you can freeze your credit files by mailing a certified letter to the three credit bureaus. See www.financialprivacynow.org for more information.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

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— NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC —

THE CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE ORDINANCE. ANYONE WISHING TO COMMENT MAY DO SO BY CALLING (337) 775-5718 OR BY WRITING P. O. BOX 1280, CAMERON, LOUISIANA 70631.

Sec. 3-36. Prohibited acts of retail permittees.

No person holding a retail dealer's permit under this article, and no servant, agent or employee of the permittee shall commit any of the following acts upon the permit premises.

(a) Sell or serve alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of twenty-one (21) years, unless such person submits a driver's license, selective service card or other lawful identification which, on its face, estalishes the age of the person as twenty-one (21) years or older and there is no reason to doubt the authenticity or correctness of the identification.

RUN: Apr. 10, 17, 24, May 1 (A-33)

— NOTICE —

Cameron Parish Police Jury will accept job applications until 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 25, 2008 for the position of secretary to the administrator.

Cameron Parish Police Jury does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, sex, handicap, national origin, or political or religious opinions.

RUN: April 1, 17 & 24 (A-23)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Cameron Parish Police Jury is considering an amendment to the Building Codes and Permits Ordinance. The proposed amendment can be reviewed in full in the legal section. Anyone wishing to comment may do so by calling (337) 775-5718 or by writing to P. O. Box 1280, Cameron, LA 70631.

RUN: Apr. 10, 17, 24 (A-24)

CAJUN WISH

Bethany Boudreaux Benefit Fund

P. O. Box 817
Cameron, LA 70631

WE NEED YOUR HELP. . .

Bethany Boudreaux is a victim of a very serious automobile accident that occurred in October, 2007 when she was hit from behind while sitting at a red light.

She suffered massive brain trauma and was in Lake Charles Memorial ICU for months. Bethany has been undergoing extensive rehabilitation in Houston, however, her injuries have hindered her progress and caused numerous setbacks.

Bethany is the daughter of Tommy and Nancy Nunez Boudreaux formerly of Grand Chenier, LA. Due to Hurricane Rita, they now reside in south Lake Charles.

Bethany graduated from St. Louis High School in 2002 and McNeese State University in 2007 just prior to her accident. At the time of her accident, Bethany was working to save money to continue her education by obtaining her Master's Degree.

The Bethany Boudreaux Benefit Fund Committee consists of friends and family members who care deeply for this family. We would appreciate your help in making this endeavor a success.

An account has been set up at Capital One Bank in Cameron, LA , 337-775-7108.

Bayou Beauty & Beau Pageant

Saturday, April 12

GRAND CHENIER PARK PAVILION

Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Pageant Begins: 10:00 a.m.

— Categories Include —

Girls - Baby Miss, 0-11 months; Toddler Miss - 12-23 months; Tiny Miss - 2-3 years; Little Miss - 7-9 years; Deb Miss - 10-12 years & Teen Miss - 13-15 years.

Boys: Baby Beau - 0-11 months; Toddler Beau - 1-2 years & Master Beau - 3-5 years.

For More Information Call:
Recia Willis at 775-5316, 370-4325 or 542-4570

PLAN TO ATTEND. . .

BETHANY BOUDREAUX BENEFIT EVENTS
SATURDAY, APRIL 12
GRAND CHENIER PARK

• SCHEDULE OF EVENTS •

8:00 a.m.: Poker run Registration begins at West Bank Motorcycle, located on Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles. Registration fee is $20 for single rider or $35 for couples riding same motorcycle. Last bike leaving at 10 a.m. Poker run stops at the following locations: The Caribbean Hut on Common St., Lake Charles; Fred's Lounge, Big Lake; Boone's Corner, Grand Lake; Sha Sha's, Creole; and the final stop at the Grand Chenier Park at 2 p.m.

9:30 p.m.: Registration for Bayou Beauty and Beau Pageant begins at the Park Pavilion. Registration fee of $30 per contestant.

10:00 a.m. Pageant and Silent Auction begin at the Park Pavilion.

11:00 a.m.: Food booths open, serving boiled crawfish or crabs, chicken barbecue plate lunches, hamburgers, sausage, boudin along with plenty of homemade cakes, cookies and candies. Hourly drawing for door prizes begin. Children's games and fun jumps open.

11:30 a.m.: Presentation of winners of the Beauty & Beau Pageant.

12:00 Noon: The Teardrops Band performs. **2:00 p.m.:** Lagniappe Band performs.

4:00 p.m.: Hank Theriot Band performs. **5:30 p.m.:** LIVE AUCTION BEGINS

7:00 p.m.: Steel Shot Band performs. **9:00 p.m.:** Bethany Boudreaux Benefit Concludes

Sunday, April 13

The Harlequin Steaks & Seafood, located at 501 W. College St., Lake Charles, will be selling plate lunches, to go only. Your choice of either Fish Courtboullion or Hamburger Steak with sauteed mushrooms, both served with vegetable, bread and dessert.

Only a limited amount of lunches will be served so please call 337-310-0077 to place your order.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 meeting in regular session convened on the 20th day of February 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-08; Post-Rita Restoration of Recreation Facilities pursuant to the certain contract between Delta Development of Lake Charles L.L.C. and said Cameron Parish Recreation District 7 under File No. 305810, 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 Recreation District 7 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

By: Angela Conner,
President

RUN: Feb. 28, March 6, 13 ,20, 27, April 3, 10 (F40)

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA
VS. NO. 10-18189
ROBIN BROUSSARD AND
KATHY BROUSSARD

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 appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

ONE 2002 NISSAN ALTIMA 4 DR. BEARING VIN #1N4AL11EX2C136512
seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/Theos Duhon
THEOS DUHON,
SHERIFF
CAMERON PARISH, LA.

Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
March 6, 2008

WALTER N O'ROARK, III
Attorneys for
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA

Run: Mar. 13, Apr. 10 - M 17

SHERIFF'S SALE
THIRTY-EIGHT JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
PARISH OF CAMERON
STATE OF LOUISIANA
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA
VS. NO. 10-18188
JACK T LATIOLAIS, JR

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 appraisement, at the Court House door of this Parish of Cameron, on Wednesday, April 23, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. the following described property to-wit:

ONE 2001 DODGE RAM BEARING VIN #1B7HC13Z51J576799
seized under said writ.

Terms: CASH DAY OF SALE.

/s/Theos Duhon
THEOS DUHON,
SHERIFF
CAMERON PARISH, LA.

Sheriff's Office, Cameron, La.
March 6, 2008

WALTER N O'ROARK, III
Attorneys for
JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA

Run: Mar. 13, Apr. 10 - M 18

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 meeting in special session convened on the 19th day of February, 2008 accepted as substantially complete and satisfactory the work preformed under Project Number 2007-05: Waterline Extension to Sabine pursuant to the certain contract between Teche Construction Company Inc. and said Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 under File No. 303498, 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 th 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 Waterworks District No. 10 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Secretary
RUN: Mar. 13, 20, 27, Apr. 3, 10, 17, 24 - M 21

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater Dist. #1 will be accepting bids for prices per pound for Chlorine gas, and prices per gallon for Polyphosphates, until 3:00 p.m. April 24, 2008.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained during normal business hours at the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater Dist. #1 Office at 126 Ann Street in Cameron.

RUN: April 3, 10, 17 (A 2)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Waterworks District 9 meeting in regular session convened on the 27th day of March 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-03: Post-Rita Restoration of Storage Building in Grand Chenier pursuant to the certain contract between Shannon Smith Construction, Inc. and said Cameron Parish Waterworks District 9 under File No. 305291, 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 Waterworks District 9 will pay all sums due in the absence of any such claims or liens.

BY: Thompson McCall,
President

Run: April 3, 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 15 (A 9)

Calcasieu Parish Consortium-Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

LEGAL NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) ANNOUNCEMENT The Calcasieu Parish Consortium Workforce Investment Board is seeking proposals from qualified and eligible organizations to provide comprehensive, year round services with emphasis for out-of-school youth, who meet the eligibility requirements of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998. These youth should reside in the Local Workforce Investment Area 51 (LWIA) which includes Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis Parishes. The intent of the Workforce Investment Board is to enter into a contractual relationship with one or more proposers beginning July 1, 2008.

Program Services: Youth services will include the provisions of the ten youth elements of the Workforce Investment Act. Service providers should be the coordinators of Program Design and Program elements by delivering at least one of the Program elements and coordinating the delivery of the other required program elements not delivered directly by their agency.

Youth Target Group: The youth target group for this program is youth 17-21 years of age who meet the WIA definition of an out-of-school youth. An out-of-school youth is defined as: (A) an eligible youth who is a school dropout; OR (B) an eligible youth who has received a secondary school diploma or its equivalent but is basic skills deficient, unemployed, or underemployed. Youth must (1) meet the criteria for low income AND (2) meet one or more of the following characteristics: Deficient in Basic Literacy Skills; School Dropout; Homeless, Runaway, or Foster Child; Pregnant or Parenting; Offender; or Individuals who Require Additional Assistance to Complete an Educational Program or to Secure and Hold Employment. In-school youth ages 14-21 may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Youth currently enrolled in a WIA program may be carried over regardless of status AND in the event a current provider does not renew their services, the youth may be served by a renewed or new provider.

Performance Requirements for Youth include the following Common Measures: Placement in Employment or Education, Attainment of a Degree or Certificate, and Literacy/Numeracy Gains.

Bidders Conference: Request for Proposal (RFP) packets may be obtained at the Bidder's Conference scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at the Calcasieu Parish Workforce Investment Board Office located at 1011 Lakeshore Drive in the Magnolia Building, 6th Floor Conference Room in Lake Charles, LA. One conference will be at 9:00 a.m. and another at 2:00 p.m. All Bidders are encouraged to attend. Agencies unable to attend the conference may pick up an RFP any time after the Bidder's Conference at the Workforce Investment Board Office. One-on-one Workshops will be available (by appointment) to assist with the RFP.

Due Date: The RFP must be completed and submitted to the Workforce Investment Board by 12:00 NOON on Wednesday, May 14, 2006.

Disclaimer: The Workforce Investment Board reserves the right to cancel in part, or in its entirety, this Procurement based upon the best interests of the Board. The Board reserves the right to reject any non-responsive proposals. Any programs awarded are based upon actual receipt of and availability of funds provided through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Contact Persons: Questions on the proposal or the proposal process should be directed to Juanita Poland, Planner or Jean M. Augustine, WIB Director by calling (337) 721-3584.

The Workforce Investment Board is an Equal Opportunity Employer/Program. Auxiliary aids are available to the disabled upon request. (TDD 1-800-947-5277). The Calcasieu Parish Police Jury sponsors the program.

Run: April 10, 17, & 24 (A 11)

CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 10
PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in regular session on Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Gravity Drainage Board. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., and Mr. Lloyd Badon, Member absent was Mr. Jim Cox. Guests attending were David Minton and Mike Slovensky.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the minutes as read.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and duly carried that the returns by examined and canvassed and the result announced.

It was moved by Mr. Simon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and duly carried that a process verbal be made of the proceedings and that a certified copy of same be published to give public notice of the result election.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to adopt the Maintenance millage rate of 4.00 for the tax year 2008.

An update was given on the proposed well site by Mike Slovensky.

The details of the GIS database was discussed with David Minton.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to move into executive session at 7:26 to discuss personnel.

It was moved by Mr. Badon, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to move back into regular session at 8:04 p.m.

Water Plant Operator applications were reviewed. Chosen applicants will be contacted for an interview on April 1, 2008.

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Badon to accept the lowest quote received from Janco Water Division to install and repair fire hydrants.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 9 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of May 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith,
President

Attest:
/s/ Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan,
Secretary
Run: April 10 (A 14)

PROCEEDINGS
Lower Cameron Parish
Ambulance Service District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 20, 2008

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Vice-President Michaeil Booth.

Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer was lead by Mrs. Booth.

Roll call: Present - Loston McEvers, Jo Ann Nunez and Michaeil Booth.

The following amendment to the agenda was proposed:

* Discuss new building.

Mr. McEvers motioned to approve the amendments to the agenda. Second by Mrs. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Nunez motioned to approve the minutes for the January 16, 2008 meeting. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director, Byron Broussard presented the director's reports for January 2008, which included monthly call volume, asset report, tax revenues received, payment report and expense report. Account adjustments were presented, approved and signed by the board president, Ms. Pinch.

Mr. Broussard also discussed the CD which will mature on March 6, 2008 and asked for the board's instructions on how to manage the funds. Mr McEvers motioned to renew the CD with interest accrued and add to it $200,000.00. Second by Ms. Nunez. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Nunez motioned to approve and accept the director's report. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. McEvers opened discussion on the new building. He stated that he is waiting for a response from the Southwest Homes Engineer and hopes to have more to report at the March meeting. Placement of the foundation and the building was also discussed. It was decided that the building should face toward the east. Ideas for entrances and handicapped access were also discussed. Ms. Nunez motioned to receive. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Nunez motioned to adjourn. Second by Mr. McEvers. None opposed. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Run: April 10 (A 15)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
SP# 1163

Sealed bids will be opened and publicly read by the Purchasing Section of the Division of Administration, 1201 N. 3rd St., 2nd Floor, Suite 2-160, (P. O. Box 94095), Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 10:00 a.m. for the following:

File No. O11309X, Bid No. 2224641 - 1000 Gallon Double Walled Horizontal Tank, Apr 30.

Bid proposal forms, information and specifications may be obtained by accessing the bid number in LaPac at www.doa.Louisiana.gov/osp or from the purchasing section listed above. No bids will be received after the date and hour specified. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities.

DENISE LEA
Director of State Purchasing
FAX (225) 342-8688
Run: April 10 (A 16)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on December 17, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the District office in the Village of Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Sandra Ford, Guy Murphy, Wilson Conner and Vernon Primeaux. Absent: Greg Comeaux. Guest: Employees.

Sandra Ford called the meeting to order, and led everyone in the Pledge.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to accept the reading of the minutes, it was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

Wilson Conner made a motion to approve the financial statement for the month of November, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

A discussion took place on the building of the new office. It was noted that due to the change of location, it was taking a little longer than expected to get thru the environmental process of the P.W.

Wilson Conner made a motion to amend the 2007 budget and adopt the 2008 budget, it was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

/s/ Guy Murphy
Approved
Guy Murphy - V. Pres.

Run: April 10 (A 17)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 7 met in regular session on January 15, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. in the Waterworks District Office in the Village of Creole, Louisiana. Members present: Guy Murphy, Vernon Primeaux, Wilson Conner and Greg Comeaux. Absent: Sandra Ford. Guest: Scott Trahan and Employees.

Guy Murphy called the meeting to order and led everyone in the pledge.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to accept the minutes as read and the financial statement for the month of December. It was seconded by Wilson Conner and carried.

Vernon Primeaux made a motion to increase the monthly flat rate from $11.00-12.00 and $15.00-16.00. The price after the first 2000 gallons will be $2.00 per thousand gallons there after on all bills. Tap fees will increase to $50.00 plus material. It was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Greg Comeaux made a motion to accept Edward LaBove's resignation as operator, and to advertise for new operator. It was seconded by Guy Murphy and carried.

Wilson Conner made a motion to pay the monthly bills, it was seconded by Greg Comeaux and carried.

A motion was made by Greg Comeaux to adjourn, it was seconded by Vernon Primeaux and carried.

Approved
/s/ Guy Murphy
Guy Murphy
V. President

Run: April 10 (A 18)

PROCEEDINGS
JOHNSON BAYOU
RECREATION DISTRICT OF
CAMERON PARISH
REGULAR BUSINESS
MEETING THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 21, 2008

The Johnson Bayou Recreation District of Cameron Parish met on Thursday, February 21, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the Temporary Trailer located at the Johnson Bayou Recreation Center grounds in Johnson Bayou, LA.

Members present: Mr. Shannon Trahan, Mrs. Khristy Trahan and Mrs. Heather Trahan.

Absent: Mrs. Christine Storm and Mr. Greg Trahan.

Guest: Christen Trahan, Arean Jinks, Juanita Sandifer, Don Scimemi, Steve Mott, Jason Cochran and David Moss.

Mrs. Heather Trahan called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Shannon Trahan seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan carried to review and pay the bills for the month.

A motion was made by Mr. Shannon Trahan seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan and carried to accept the minutes from the January 2008 meeting.

A motion was made Mr. Shannon Trahan seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan and carried to accept review of the financial statements.

Mr. David Moss and Priola Construction Representatives presented the Board with the Community Center Change Order #1 and discussed the progress and timeline of the project. Priola is requesting a 92 day extension of contract with a new completion date of May 8, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Shannon Trahan seconded by Mrs. Khristy Trahan and carried to table the Community Center Change Order #1 until further investigation and approval by all Board Members.

A motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mr. Shannon Trahan and carried to hire Sunny J. Trahan for the inside supervisor position.

A motion was made by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mr. Shannon Trahan and carried to hire Connie Badon for the inside supervisor position.

Mrs. Juanita Sandifer presented the Board with a few ideas on getting the children involved in the community again. Changing the hours of operation and scheduling more one on one events were some of the topics. The Board had agreed to let the Director, Christen Trahan come up with new hours and scheduling new events.

There being no further business to discuss on a motion by Mrs. Khristy Trahan seconded by Mr. Shannon Trahan and carried; the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. A regular meeting will be held in the temporary trailer at the Recreation Center on March 20, 2008 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ Heather Trahan
Run: April 10 (A 19)

CAMERON PARISH
WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NO. 10
PROCEEDINGS

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 10 met in Special session on Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at the Johnson Bayou Gravity Drainage Board. Members present were: Mrs. Connie Trahan, Mr. Nathan Griffith, Mr. Jessie Simon, Jr., Mr. Jim Cox, and Mr. Lloyd Badon. Members absent were none. Guests attending were Robby Trahan, Loretta Trahan, and Tracy Erbelding.

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

It was moved by Mrs. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Simon and carried to accept the minutes as read.

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

Interviews for Maintenance Operator Trainee were conducted. The Board of Directors will meet with chosen applicant at the next meeting.

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mrs. Trahan and carried to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

The next Waterworks meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of May 2008 at 6:00 p.m. in Johnson Bayou.

Approved:
/s/ Nathan Griffith
Nathan Griffith, President

Attest:
/s/ Connie Trahan
Connie Trahan, Secretary
NG/rm
Run: April 10 (A 20)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 10:00 a.m., May 5, 2008 at the Cameron Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at 128 D Street, Cameron, LA 70631 for lower Cameron Parish saltwater tree removal.

All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at 128 D Street, Cameron, LA (337) 775-7048 during normal business hours.

BY: /s/ Margaret Theriot
Margaret Theriot
OHSEP Directors Assistant

Run: April 10, 17, 24 (A 21)

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals for the construction of the following project will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on **Friday, May 2, 2008** at **2:00 p.m.** at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex, 122A Recreation Ln., Cameron, LA (337-775-5719)

Project Number: 2008-08

Post Rita Restoration of the Cameron Parish Multi-Purpose Building.

Project Location: 122 Recreation Ln, Cameron, La.

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

I Building Construction

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

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

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

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

Full information and proposal forms are available at the office of Lonnie G. Harper & Associates, Inc., 2746 LA Hwy. 384, Bell City, Louisiana 70630, (337) 905-1079. Plans and specifications may be inspected upon deposit of $50.00 per set. Bids must be submitted on proposal forms provided by the engineer. Official action will be taken at the regularly scheduled Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting. The Cameron Parish Police Jury reserves the right to reject any or all the proposals and to waive informalities.

Cameron Parish Police Jury
/s/ Magnus Magee, President.
Run: April 10, 17, 24, & May 1. (A 22)

Building Codes and Permits
Section 101. Definitions.

Cameron Parish Building Official shall mean that employee or individual appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury to serve as the building official for Cameron Parish and to serve as building codes enforcement officer for Cameron Parish.

Section 102. Adoption of State Uniform Construction Code.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1730.21 et seq., the following codes are hereby adopted as the regulations governing the construction of buildings and other structures in Cameron Parish. Unless specified, all standards contained in a referenced code are adopted and included for purposes of this article. Unless referenced by name or letter designation, no appendix or appendices to a code is adopted.

(1) International Building Code, 2006 Edition, not including Chapters 270 Electrical and Chapters 27-Electrical and Chapter 29-Plumbing Systems;

(2) International Existing Building Code, 2006 Edition;

(3) International Residential Code, including Parts I-Administrative, and V Mechanical as published by the International Code Council;

(4) International Electric Code, 2005 Edition;

(5) Louisiana Plumbing Code, 2000 Edition.

Section 103. Permits.

It shall be unlawful to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change any building or structure or change the occupancy of any building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system, the installation of which is regulated by the technical codes adopted in Section 102, or to cause any such work to be done, without obtaining a properly issued construction permit from the Cameron Parish Building Official for said work.

Section 104. Applications for permit.

The permit mandated under Section 103 shall only be issued after the owner or his designee has submitted an application for a construction permit to the Cameron Parish Building Official and that official has approved the application for permit. The application shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

(1) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of owner;

(2) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of any and all contractors;

(3) Location of the construction;

(4) Description of the construction, including but not limited to square footage, type of construction, intended occupancy, and whether any work will involve following types;

a.Electrical,

b. Concrete or masonry,

c. Plumbing,

d. Structural, and

e. Natural gas, liquefied gas, or other gas fuel.

(5) Anticipated completion of construction; and

(6) Certification, under penalty or perjury, that the construction will be done in compliance with the applicable codes and standards and FEMA regulation.

Section 105. Certification of compliance.

It shall be unlawful for any structure or other construction which is required to be permitted under Section 103 to be occupied, used, or otherwise put in service before the owner or his designee has filed a certificate of completion and compliance on the form provided by the Cameron Parish Building Official. The certificate of completion and compliance shall include the following information:

(1) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of owner;

(2) Name, address, and daytime telephone number of any and all contractors;

(3) Location of the construction;

(4) Description of the construction, including but not limited to square footage, type of construction, and intended occupancy;

(5) Date of construction; and

(6) Certification, under penalty or perjury, that the construction was done in compliance with the applicable codes and standards and FEMA regulations.

Section 106. Enforcement of construction code.

After Notice is given as provided in Section 110, the Building Official of Cameron Parish may, through the District Attorney, (1) seek to enjoin further construction of work which is required to be permitted under this chapter and which construction or work does not have a validly issued permit or is not in compliance with a validly issued permit; and/or (2) seek to enjoin the occupancy or use of any building or structure which has, without compliance with this chapter, been, in whole or in part, constructed, enlarged, altered, repaired, moved, demolished, or the occupancy changed or for which the electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system has been erected, installed, enlarged, altered, repaired, removed, converted or replaced in any fashion.

Section 107. Building officials.

There shall be a Cameron Parish Building Official who shall be the parish building code enforcement officer responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Louisiana State Uniform Construction code and this Ordinance.

Section 108. Penalties.

Any person, partnership, or corporation who violates any of the provisions of this chapter or aids or abets in the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not exceeding five hundred dollars ($500.00), nor less than one hundred dollars ($100.00) for each offense.

Section 109. Building official.

Pursuant to La. R.S. 40:1730.25, LAC 55:VI, and this chapter of the Cameron Parish Code of Ordinances, a building official is hereby appointed and confirmed for Cameron Parish.

Section 110. Notice.

A. Notice

1. Notice shall be served by one of the following methods:

a. Notice is served by posting a "NOTICE: STOP WORK ORDER"
on the building or structure which is in violation of this Ordinance.

b. Notice is served by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, sent to the actual address or last known address listed on the tax rolls of the parish.

c. Notice is served in the same manner as service of citation or other process upon any mortgagee or any other person who may have a vested or contingent interest in the premises as indicated in the mortgage or other public records of the parish, if the owner is absent or is unable to be served in accordance with the first two (2) paragraphs of this subsection.

d. Notice is made by publica-

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tion once a week for two (2) consecutive weeks in the official parish journal if the owner is absent or is unable to be served in accordance with the first three paragraphs of this subsection.

2. In the event Notice is mailed, Notice may be served to one of the following responsible parties:

a. The owner of the premises. *Owner* shall mean the person listed as owner of the premises in questions on the current parish property tax rolls, and the address shall be the last address shown on said rolls

b. The occupant of the premises. *Occupant* shall mean anyone residing on the premises in questions.

c. The owner's representative. *Owner's representative* shall mean the general agent, architect, contractor, or any other person who commits the violation. Owner's representative may be served orders or notices in lieu of serving the owner or occupant.

B. Procedure for abatement.

Notice from the Building Official shall outline the conditions of abatement, which shall include but not be limited to the violation, the action needed to remedy violation and the time limit for complying with this Ordinance and/or correcting the violation.

Section 111. Severability.

This Chapter and each Section, subsection and provision of said chapter there under, are hereby declared to be independent divisions and subdivisions and, notwithstanding any other evidence of legislative intent, it is hereby declared to be the controlling legislative intent that if any provisions of this chapter, or the application thereof to any persona or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remaining sections or provisions and the application of such sections and provisions to any person or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid, shall not be affected thereby, and it is hereby declared that such sections and provisions are severable and would have passed independently of such section or provision so known to be invalid.

Run: April 10, 17, 24 & May 1 (A 25)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury intends to abandon the following described Road Right-of-Way being of no further use or necessity:

Parish Road No. 3150 which is 195 feet in length and located in Section 31, Township 14 South, Range 9 West, Cameron Parish, LA.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held Monday, June 2, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. in the Cameron Courtroom in Cameron, Louisiana.

BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY

RUN: April 10, 17, 24, and May 1, 8 (A 26)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
JANUARY 14, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, January 14, 2008, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel, Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Scott Trahan and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

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

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

15c. Creation of Advisory Committees

17. Advertise for Bids:

d. Road Striping Project

19. Plan Change:

c. Project #2007-11 - Big Lake Wharf

24. Update All Hazards Plan

25. Variance Request

30. Advertise for Program Management

31. Executive Session

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President. It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that Magnus McGee is hereby nominated for President. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Stephen Racca, Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh, Darryl Farque

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

Mr. Magnus McGee was hereby elected President.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice President. It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Stephen Racca is hereby nominated for Vice President. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Stephen Racca, Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh, Darryl Farque

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

Mr. Stephen Racca was hereby elected Vice President.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that Earnestine T. Horn is hereby reappointed to serve in her current position as Parish Administrator for a one-year term. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Charles Precht, III., Stephen Racca, Magnus McGee, Darryl Farque, Thomas McDaniel, Kirk Burleigh,

NAYS: Scott Trahan

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that Bonnie W. Conner is hereby reappointed to serve in her current position as Parish Secretary for a one-year term. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque, Thomas McDaniel, Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Stephen Racca, Kirk Burleigh, Charles Precht, III.

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Bonnie W. Conner is hereby reappointed to serve in her current position as Parish Treasurer for a two-year term. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Darryl Farque, Charles Precht, III., Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Stephen Racca, Kirk Burleigh, Thomas McDaniel

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The following proclamation was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

PROCLAMATION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, 4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills; and,

WHEREAS, 4-H in **Louisiana** claims **50,000** youth members and adult volunteers, while Cameron Parish's 4-H program numbers over 350 members and over 50 volunteers; and,

WHEREAS, 4-H is a part of the LSU AgCenter is a program where youth learn together in all kinds of projects, events and activities; and,

WHEREAS, 4-H has been helping youth and adults learn, grow and work together for one hundred years in Louisiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, the **Cameron Parish Police Jury** does hereby proclaim the year 2008, as the 100th Birthday of Louisiana 4-H and urges the people of Cameron Parish to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of the special programs offered through the Cameron Parish LSU AgCenter's 4-H Youth Development Program which gives youth and adult volunteers the chance to learn together and on their own as part of **Cameron**, and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between Cameron Parish and our Louisiana State University System.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

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

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick A. Doland, Sr. departed this life on November 23, 2007 and,

WHEREAS, this body and people of Cameron
Parish shall be eternally indebted unto the late
Mr. Patrick A. Doland, Sr. for his faithful service as a member of the Creole Nature Trail Scenic Byway All-American Highway Board.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Police Jury of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana, in regular session convened on this 14th day of January, 2008, that:

SECTION I: The Secretary is hereby directed to spread this resolution on the Minutes of this body
and forward certified copies thereof to the family of the deceased.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury this 14th day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declare duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

Resolution authorizing the filing of an application with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for a grant under 49CFR 5311, Non-Urbanized Area Formula Program and/or 49 CFR 5309, Discretionary Capital Program.

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Transportation and Development is authorized to make grants for mass transportation projects;

WHEREAS, the contract for financial assistance will impose certain obligations upon the applicant, including the provisions by it of the local share of project costs;

WHEREAS, it is required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development in accord with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that in connection with the filing of an application for assistance that it will comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the U.S. Department of Transportation requirements thereunder; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Applicant that minority business enterprise be utilized to the fullest extent possible in connection with this project, and that definitive procedures shall be established and administered to ensure that minority businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to compete for contracts when procuring construction contracts, supplies, equipment, or consultant and other services:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that:

1. That the Police Jury President is authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the Cameron Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development, to aid in the financing of operating and/or capital assistance projects pursuant to the Rural Public Transit Program, 49 CFR 5311 and/or the Discretionary Capital Program, 49 CFR 5309.

2. That the Police Jury President is authorized to execute and file with such applications an assurance or any other document required by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development effectuating the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended.

3. That the Police Jury President is authorized to furnish such additional information as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development may require in connection with the application or the project.

4. That the Police Jury President is authorized to set forth and execute affirmative minority business policies in connection with the project's procurement needs.

5. That the Police Jury President is authorized to execute grant contract agreements on behalf of the Cameron Parish Police Jury with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for aid in the financing of the operating or capital assistance projects.

6. This resolution is applicable for a period of one year unless revoked by the governing body and copy of such revocation shall be furnished to the Department of Transportation and Development.

ADOPTED and APPROVED this 14th day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INCURRING OF DEBT TO PROVIDE FINANCING FOR THE COSTS OF RECONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION AND REESTABLISHMENT OF ESSENTIAL GOVERNMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED BY HURRICANE RITA ON SEPTEMBER 23-24, 2005, ALL FOR THE USE AND BENEFIT OF THE RESIDENTS OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA; AUTHORIZING BORROWING OF FUNDS FROM THE LOUISIANA LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ("LCDA"); PRESCRIBING THE FORM, FIXING DETAILS AND PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT THEREOF, ENTERING INTO CERTAIN COVENANTS AND AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF SAID DEBT; AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING EXECUTION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE LCDA; AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority ("LCDA") was created for the purpose of assisting political subdivisions in acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including facilities used for environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in financing of local government and economic development projects;

WHEREAS, the LCDA has authorized development of a project on behalf of various Cameron Parish governmental entities involving issuance of not to exceed $30,000,000 Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Revenue Bonds (Cameron Parish, Louisiana Recovery Project), Series 2008 (the "Bonds") to finance a portion of the costs of (i) reconstruction and reestablishment of governmental infrastructure and facilities in order to restore essential governmental services and functions to the citizens and residents of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, (ii) funding a debt service reserve fund, and (iii) paying the costs of issuance of the bonds;

WHEREAS, the LCDA may lend proceeds received from the sale of the Bonds to participating political subdivisions to finance the cost of the Project;

WHEREAS, the Parish has commenced planning and design for the acquisition and construction of certain public improvements, including Courthouse West Annex and other Courthouse and jail improvements, fire equipment, and road and bridge construction, and related infrastructure improvements, all for the use and benefit of the residents of the Parish, as more fully described hereinafter (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Parish is participating member of the LCDA;

WHEREAS, this Parish Police Jury has determined it would be fiscally advisable and expedient to incur debt and borrow funds not exceeding in the aggregate $16,500,000 from the LCDA to finance the Project, and to pay a pro-rata share of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to enter into a Loan Agreement with the Issuer to provide the repayment terms of the loan;

WHEREAS, it is also necessary that the Loan Agreement, and other matters in connection therewith, be formally approved by this Parish Police Jury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE POLICE JURY OF CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, in regular public session convened, that:

SECTION 1. Unless otherwise defined, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the same meanings as ascribed thereto in the Loan Agreement. For the purposes of this Resolution the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed thereto:

"Act" shall mean Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (La. R.S. 33:4548.1 through 33:4548.16).

"Borrower" or "Parish" means the Parish of Cameron, State of Louisiana.

"Project" means construction, reconstruction and reestablishment of buildings, machinery and equipment, including both real and personal property, including the Cameron Parish Courthouse West Annex and other Courthouse and jail improvements, fire equipment, and road and bridge construction, and related infrastructure improvements, all for the use and benefit of the residents of the Parish.

SECTION 2. In compliance with the applicable provisions of the Parish's Code of Ordinances, the Act and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, there is hereby authorized the incurring of indebtedness and the borrowing from the LCDA of not exceeding the aggregate principal amount of Twelve Million Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 ($16,500,000) Dollars (the "Loan"), for, on behalf of, and in the name of the Parish for the purposes of financing the costs of acquisition, construction and improvement of the Project, the reimbursement of any costs heretofore advanced by the Parish for the Project, and a portion of the costs of issuance of the Bonds, and to represent said indebtedness this Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize issuance of a note of not exceeding in the aggregate total principal amount Sixteen Million Five Hundred Thousand and No/100 ($16,500,000) Dollars (the "Borrower Note") or such other evidence of indebtedness as required and described in the

Loan Agreement (hereinafter defined). The Borrower Note shall be issued in the name of the Parish and in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 3. The Borrower Note shall bear interest at a fixed rate or rates not exceeding 7% per annum, shall mature not later than Ten (10) years from the date thereof, be payable at such times and places, and be subject to prepayment all in accordance with the provisions of the Loan Agreement. There is hereby pledged and dedicated for the payment of the Borrower Note in principal and interest as they shall respectively become due and payable, the Lawfully Available Funds of the Parish, as more fully defined in the Loan Agreement. The pledge hereof and the provisions, covenants and agreements set forth herein and in the Loan Agreement to be performed by or on behalf of the Parish shall be for the equal benefit, protection and security of the owners of the Borrower Note regardless of the time or times of issuance or maturity, shall be of equal rank without preference, priority or distinction over any other thereof. The Borrower Note shall be a special obligation of the Parish and is payable from the Lawfully Available Funds of the Borrower. The Borrower Note shall not constitute an indebtedness or pledge of the general credit of the Parish within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory limitation of indebtedness.

SECTION 4. This Parish Police Jury shall consider for approval and execution the Loan Agreement with the LCDA (the "Loan Agreement") substantially in the form presented to the Parish Police Jury and the Parish Attorney. Upon approval of the Loan Agreement by the Parish Police Jury and the Parish Attorney, the President of the Police Jury is authorized and directed to execute said Loan Agreement for and on behalf of the Parish, and is further authorized to make and approve any changes required therein, but not inconsistent with the intent of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. Upon approval of the Loan Agreement, there shall be authorized the irrevocable and irrepealable pledge and dedication of an amount sufficient for payment of the Borrower Note in principal and interest as it shall become due and payable, and for the other purposes herein set forth (a) the Lawfully Available Funds of the Parish and (b) all Accounts established within the Loan Agreement, including the moneys or investments, if any, therein or thereof, subject only to the provisions of this Resolution permitting application thereof for the purposes and on the terms and conditions set forth in this Resolution. It is the intention of the Borrower that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the pledge shall be valid and binding from the time when it is made and that the pledge shall be valid and binding against all parties having claims of any kind in tort, contract or otherwise against the Borrower, irrespective of whether such parties have notice thereof. Said Lawfully Available Funds shall be set aside in a separate account, as provided in the Loan Agreement, and shall be and remain pledged for the security and payment of the Borrower Note in principal, including mandatory redemption, interest and premium, if any, and for all other payments provided for in this Resolution and the Loan Agreement until the Borrower Note shall have been fully paid and discharged or provisions for such payment and discharge have been provided in accordance with the Loan Agreement.

SECTION 6. The Parish covenants and agrees that, to the extent permitted by the laws of the State of Louisiana, it will comply with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and any amendment thereto (the "Code") in order to establish, maintain and preserve the exclusion from gross income of interest on the Borrower Note under the Code. The Parish further covenants and agrees it will not take any action, fail to take any action, or permit any action within its control to be taken, or permit at any time or times any of the proceeds of the Borrower Note or any other funds of the Parish to be used directly or indirectly in any manner, the effect of which would be to cause the Borrower Note to be "arbitrage bonds" or would result in the inclusion of interest on any of the Borrower Note in gross income under the Code, including, without limitation, (i) the failure to comply with the limitation on investment of the Borrower Note proceeds or (ii) the failure to pay any required rebate of arbitrage earnings to the United States of America or (iii) the use of proceeds of the Borrower Note in a manner which would cause the Borrower Note to be "private activity bonds."

SECTION 7. The Parish Police Jury does hereby approve the principal value of the Borrower Note in an amount not to exceed $16,500,000 substantially in the form to be attached to the Loan Agreement; provided the principal amount of the Note or Notes shall not exceed in the aggregate $16,500,000 and shall mature no later than Ten (10) years from date. The President of the Police Jury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Borrower Note on behalf of the Parish with such changes, insertions and omissions consistent with this Resolution.

SECTION 8. The President and Secretary of the Police Jury and the Parish Administrator be and they are hereby authorized to take and perform any and all actions required and necessary under the terms of the Loan Agreement, including execution of certificates and other documents necessary therefor. The President of the Police Jury and the Parish Administrator are hereby further empowered, authorized and directed to take any and all action and to execute and deliver any instrument, document or certificate necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

SECTION 9. The President and Secretary of the Police Jury, and the Parish Administrator (each, an "Authorized Officer") be and each is hereby authorized and directed to take any and all actions on behalf of the Parish necessary or advisable to effect the transactions described herein including, without limitation, execution and delivery of any additional agreements, certificates, waivers, consents, amendments or other agreements or instruments deemed appropriate by such Authorized Officer, payment of all recording and filing fees, counsel fees of the Parish, and other costs, and observance and performance of the Parish's obligations and enforcement of the Parish's rights that are under or otherwise with respect to such transactions.

SECTION 10. Employment of Government Consultants of Louisiana, Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, as Financial Advisor in connection with the Bonds is hereby approved. The compensation to be paid to the Financial Advisor shall be payable from proceeds of the Bonds and shall be subject to approval of the Issuer, the Borrower, and the Louisiana State Bond Commission.

SECTION 11 It is recognized, found and determined that a real public necessity exists for employment of Bond Counsel in connection with issuance of the Bonds and accordingly, Joseph A. Delafield, A Professional Corporation, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, is hereby employed as Bond Counsel to the LCDA to do and perform comprehensive, legal and coordinate professional work with respect to issuance and sale of the Bonds. Bond Counsel shall (i) prepare and submit to the LCDA for adoption all proceedings incidental to authorization, issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds; (ii) counsel and advise the LCDA with respect to issuance and sale of the Bonds; and (iii) furnish their opinion covering legality of issuance thereof. The fee for the work to be performed by Bond Counsel is contingent upon the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, and shall be an aggregate amount less than the Attorney General's then current Bond Counsel Fee Schedule and other guidelines, as negotiated, for comprehensive legal and coordinate professional work in the issuance of revenue bonds applied to the actual aggregate principal amount issued, sold, delivered and paid for at the time such Bonds are delivered, together with reimbursement of out of pocket expenses incurred and advanced in connection with issuance of the Bonds, said fee to be payable out of Bond proceeds subject to the Attorney General's written approval of said employment and fee to be paid with Bond proceeds as required by the Act.

SECTION 12. This resolution does hereby incorporate by reference as though fully set on herein the provisions and requirements of the Act.

SECTION 13. By virtue of the Parish's application for, acceptance and utilization of the benefits of the Louisiana State Bond Commission's approval(s) resolved and set forth herein, it resolves that it understands and agrees that such approval(s) are expressly conditioned upon, and it further resolves that it understands, agrees and binds itself, its successors and assigns to, full and continuing compliance with the "State Bond Commission Policy on Approval of Proposed Use of Swaps, or other forms of Derivative Products Hedges, Etc," adopted by the Commission on July 20, 2006, as to the borrowing(s) and other matter(s) subject to the approval(s), including subsequent application and approval under said Policy of the implementation or use of any swap(s) or other product(s) or enhancement(s) covered thereby.

SECTION 14. A copy of this Resolution shall be published immediately after its adoption in the official journal of the Borrower, and shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours at the Office of the Police Jury.

This Resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Kirk Burleigh, Darryl Farque, Thomas, McDaniel, Magnus McGee, Stephen Racca, Scott Trahan, Charles Precht, III.

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at Cameron, Louisiana, on this the 14th day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

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

a. Liberty Gas Storage, LLC - Hackberry, Section 20, T12S, R10W, (proposed to perform cavern testing and well work over at Black Lake Road), Cameron Parish, LA. (080101)

b. ANR Pipeline/TransCanada US Pipelines Central - Offshore, West Cameron Area Block 32, (proposed 30" x 12" Mechanical Tap/Subsea Tie-In), Cameron Parish, LA. (080104)

c. LLOG Exploration Company, LLC - Grand Chenier, Sections 17 & 20, T14S, R3W, (proposed 6-inch pipeline to produce Adam Gabler Nunez, et al Location No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (080111)

d. Ventum Mandalay, LP - Creole, Sections 15 & 16, T13S, R7W, (proposed location and drill site to drill Miami Corporation Wells No. 1 & 2), Cameron Parish, LA. (080112)

e. Mack Energy - Grand Chenier, Mallard Bay, Section 15 & 16, T13S, R3W, (proposed (2) 3-inch flowlines & structures for producing Walker No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080113)

f. Stone Energy - Johnson Bayou, Section 5, T15S, R13W, (proposed emergency repairs to exposed pipeline), Cameron Parish, LA. (080116)

g. Red Willow Offshore, LLC - Oak Grove, Section 22, T14S, R7W, (proposed 2-inch gas line and 4-inch flow line to serve the C.B. Boudreaux et al Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (080118)

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

a. Gulfport Energy Corporation - East Hackberry Field, Section N/A, T12S, R9W, (proposed site clearance SL 50 Wells, Application No. 07-0077), Cameron Parish, LA. (080102)

b. Manti Operating Company - Grand Chenier, Sections 21 & 28, T15S, R5W, (proposed mitigation for Grand Volle' Prospect), Cameron Parish, LA. (080103)

c. James H. Welsh/Commissioner of LA Office of Conservation - East Hackberry, & Wildcat Fields, (proposed plug and abandon activities at 16 orphan wells and 2 trash and debris sites), Cameron Parish, LA. (080105)

d. Gryphon Exploration Company - Offshore, Sabine Pass Area, (proposed site clearance operations at Sabine Pass No. 3 Facility and Pipeline in West Cameron 49 Field, Application No. 07-0081), Cameron Parish, LA. (080106)

e. URB Holdings - Hackberry, Section 40, T12S, R10W, (proposed to construct the North Riverside Drive Residential Subdivision), Cameron Parish, LA. (080107)

f. Woods Hole Oceanographic Inst. - Grand Chenier, (proposed instrument platforms on the sea bed at 3 sites for measuring currents, waves, pressure, water temperature and turbidity off Flat Lake), Cameron Parish, LA. (080108)

g. Louie D. Barbe III - Hackberry, Section 12, T12S, R10W, (proposed to maintenance dredge the Brown Lake Open Water Marsh Trail), Cameron Parish, LA. (080109)

h. ExxonMobil Production Company - Johnson Bayou, Section 1, T15S, R13W, (proposed to permanently close reserve pit associated with Cameron Meadows Well No. 67), Cameron Parish, LA. (080110)

i. Targa Resources, Inc. - Grand Chenier, Sections 17 & 20, T15S, R3W, (proposed dredging and revetment placement for bank stabilization in Superior Canal), Cameron Parish, LA. (080114)

j. Sabine Pass LNG, L.P. - Johnson Bayou, (proposed Sabine Pass LNG dredge material management plan), Cameron Parish, LA. (080117)

k. M. & C. Oilfield Services, LLC - Holly Beach, Sections 30 & 31, T15S, R10W, (proposed bulkhead and access road along Calcasieu Ship Channel),

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l. Rodessa Operating Company - Grand Chenier, Sections 12,13,14,24, T15S, R6W, (proposed levee maintenance), Cameron Parish, LA. (080120)

m. Roy Bailey Construction - Johnson Bayou, Sections 8 & 17, T15S, R13W, (proposed extension to excavate fill from existing permitted pond), Cameron Parish, LA. (080121)

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the following permit shall be tabled:

EPR, LLC - Big Lake, Section 31, T12S, R9W, (proposed boat house and slips at Commissary Point), Cameron Parish, LA. (080115)

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Byron Gibbs shall be appointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Nine Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that Dwight Savoie and Lynn Hohense shall be appointed to serve as a member and alternate, respectively, of the Harbor Safety Council.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint the following members to serve on a strategic planning committee: Scott Trahan, Chairman, Kirk Burleigh and Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint the following members to serve on a finance committee: Darryl Farque, Chairman, Thomas McDaniel and Stephen Racca.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize, empower and direct Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish 911 and the Calcasieu Parish 911.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an application for grant funds through the Louisiana Community Development Block Grant Program (LCDBG).

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Item No. 16c on the agenda, Disposition of Land Agreement, shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the South Cameron Memorial Hospital for services related to the Cameron Parish Health Unit tuberculosis monitoring program.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Item No. 16e on the agenda, Amendment to Agreement, shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the following items on behalf of the Office of Emergency Preparedness:

One (1) Command Trailer
One (1) 3/4 Ton Pickup Truck
Mobile Radios

The cost will be funded by means of 2006, 2007 and 2008 grants from the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for a road striping project.

In response to an advertisement for bids published in the Official Journal, bid schedules for the purchase of limestone were received from Roy Bailey Construction and DP Aggregates, Inc. It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept individual low bids; thereby, awarding specific bids to each of the two bidders.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that Item No. 19a on the agenda, a proposed Plan Change for Project No. 2007-14, shall be tabled.

The following Plan Change was offered by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and declared duly adopted:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT: 2006-14 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF PARISH
ROAD NO. 217 PLAN
CHANGE NO. ONE

OVERRUN: $15,000.00

To update quantities required for the guardrail system

The following Plan Change was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and declared duly adopted:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT: 2007-11 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF
BIG LAKE PIER
PLAN CHANGE NO. ONE

Net Increase +60 days

To allow for days contractor was unable to access project site due to weather

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the contract for Project Number 2006-14: Post Rita Restoration of Parish Road No. 217 by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and W.E. McDonald & Son, LLC under File No. 306194 shall be accepted as complete and satisfactory and the Secretary shall cause the necessary advertisement for the claims to be made in a manner and form provided by law.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to purchase one (1) compressor cascade system through state contract on behalf of the Fire Protection District No. Seven. The cost will be funded by means of a Department of Agriculture Forestry Grant.

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

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

A resolution enhancing the existing Parishwide Capital Improvement Program and assigning designated funding sources thereto.

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury finds it necessary to promote the public welfare and to expedite parish recovery to develop a comprehensive Parishwide Capital Improvement Program for transportation and other infrastructure needs and;

WHEREAS, this Capital Improvement Program has been identified as a positive feature in the parish's redevelopment and preliminary land use ordinances and;

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury finds its necessary to coordinate the efforts of the Parish Administration, Finance, Road & Bridge and Planning & Development departments in order to assemble, formulate, and administer this program and;

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish this objective the Cameron Parish Police Jury proposes to secure funds from the following sources:

General Fund surplus - $1 million
CDBG Funds - $1.4 million
Proceeds from the PILOT Bond Issue - $1.6 million

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish Police Jury that this Capital Improvement Program shall be supplemented within the first quarter of the fiscal year 2008 and will demonstrate first year budget and project identification, and will also suggest future projects projected in out years.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14th Day of January, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize, empower and direct Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, to sign an updated version of the All Hazards Plan, as per revisions made by Compliance Solutions, Inc.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that a development permit variance request be granted to Halliburton Baroid to place a commercial structure below the base flood elevation requirement. This variance was granted and categorized as a "Functionally Dependent Use Variance".

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall set its 2008 meeting schedule, as follows: Agenda meetings will be held the last Monday of each month. Voting meetings will be held the first Monday of each month. It was further moved, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise said schedule.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the December, 2007 bills.

Juror Kirk Burleigh recognized the Mennonites and Americorps for their assistance with hurricane recovery efforts.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the Administrator is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for a Program Management position to be funded through a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheet.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Jury shall go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Darryl Farque, Thomas McDaniel, Stephen Racca, Kirk Burleigh, Charles Precht, III.
NAYS: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Jury shall return to regular session. The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Magnus McGee, Scott Trahan, Darryl Farque, Thomas McDaniel, Stephen Racca, Kirk Burleigh, Charles Precht, III.
NAYS: None
ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to file a trespassing complaint on behalf of the parish against Roman Theriot, and if necessary, a second party.

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

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: April 10 (A 27)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
January 28, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, January 28, 2008, at the Cameron Courtroom in the Village of Cameron at 5:30 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Charles Precht, III., Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Thomas McDaniel.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the eight trailer parks requesting certification. The motion died from lack of a second.

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

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: April 10 (A 28)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
FEBRUARY 4, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2008, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 3:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel, Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Scott Trahan and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.

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

6. Drilling Permits:
h. Legacy Resources Company, LP
7. Other Permits:
e. Dore Energy Corporation
11. President Authority to Sign:
c. Lease - Calcasieu Ship Channel Boat Launch
d. Lease - Kala Billedeaux
e. Cooperative Endeavor Agreement - Payment in Lieu of Taxes
19. Bid Acceptance - Project No. 2007-10

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

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr., departed this life on September 20, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr., had a deep love and affection for the Parish of Cameron, choosing to make it his home for most of his adult life; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr. had recognized the damage to the Louisiana Gulf Coast, more specifically, to the Parish of Cameron created by coastal erosion; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr. had tirelessly devoted many countless years as an advocate for the prevention of coastal erosion, encouraging state and federal officials to fund beach nourishment projects and other coastal restoration projects in the Parish of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, the late Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr. had always believed education to be an effective tool in creating coastal erosion awareness, by faithfully advocating to schools, civic groups and in public forums.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that the late Mr. Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr., shall be posthumously recognized and memorialized for his lifelong efforts in the battle against coastal erosion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall urge the Legislative Delegation to recommend to the Louisiana State Department of Transportation and Development that the section of State Highway No. 82 from mile marker nineteen to mile marker twenty-six shall be named in memory of the late Rodney J. Guilbeaux, Jr.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

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

a. Legacy Resources Company, LP - Holly Beach, Section 18, T14S, R10W, (proposed drill site and structures for drilling Vincent Well No. 2), Cameron Parish, LA. (080201)

b. Gulfport Energy Corporation - East Hackberry Field, Section N/A, T12S, R9W, (proposed pipeline installation to serve SL 50 Well No. 149), Cameron Parish, LA. (080202)

c. Centurion Exploration Company - Chalkley Field, Section 15, T12S, R6W, (proposed drill site and structures for drilling Bruiere Mineral Co. SWD Well No. 2), Cameron Parish, LA. (080203)

d. Mack Energy - Grand Chenier, Section 8, T13S, R3W, (proposed structures for drilling SL 18505 Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (080204)

e. Crimson Exploration Inc. - Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 7 & 8, T12S, R5W, (proposed 3-inch flowline for producing Lacassine C No. B-4 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080205)

f. Kaiser-Francis Oil Company - Black Bayou Field, Sections 7,8,17,18, T12S, R12W, Sections 2,11,12,13,14, T12S, R13W, (proposed pipelines, facilities and improvements for Black Bayou Gas Storage Project), Cameron Parish, LA. (080206)

g. Energy XXI Gulf Coast, Inc. - Johnson Bayou, Section 44, T15S, R13W, (proposed limestone road, drill site, & structures for drilling Venus Prospect), Cameron Parish, LA. (080209)

h. Legacy Resources Company, LP - Holly Beach, Section 24, T14S, R10W, (proposed drillsite & structures for drilling Lutcher C-1 No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080212)

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the following permit is hereby tabled:

EPR, LLC - Big Lake, Section 31, T12S, R9W, (proposed boat house and slips for Commissary Point), Cameron Parish, LA. (080115)

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

a. Gravity Drainage District No. 8 - Sweetlake, Sections 10, 11,12, T13S, R7W, (proposed dredging of North Canal), Cameron Parish, LA. (080207)

b. Chevron U.S.A., Inc. - West Cameron Block 19 Field, (proposed site clearance at SL 4418 No. 010, Site Clearance Application No. 08-0002), Cameron Parish, LA. (080208)

c. Louisiana Generating, LLC - Chalkley Field to Creole - Section 20, T10S, R7W, Section 26, T14S, R8W, (proposed debris removal, repair and restoration of a 138kv transmission line damaged by Hurricane Rita), Cameron Parish, LA. (080210)

d. Dore Energy Corporation - Johnson Bayou, Section 21 & 35, T14S, R13W, (proposed Cameron Meadows Oilfield & Wetlands Restoration Project), Cameron Parish, LA. (080211)

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall the resignations of Renella Hargrave and Letha Mae "Tutt" Savoie as members of the Communications District Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write letters to Ms. Hargrave and Ms. Savoie thanking them for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that JoAnn Nunez and Phyllis Pinch are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Ambulance District No. One Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that Tony Porche is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Water and Wastewater District No. One. Board.

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

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the resignation of Carol Baccigalopi as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Seven Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Ms. Baccigalopi thanking her for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Michael Baccigalopi is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Nine Board.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Joseph A. Racca and C. S. Darbonne are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Fire Protection District No. Fourteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that Item No. 8g on the agenda, consideration for the expiring term of Elsworth Broussard as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Fifteen Board shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Raccca, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Ernest Carol Trahan is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Seven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Ricky Poole, Reverend Andrew Martin and Gary Wicke are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Sweetlake - Grand Lake Cemetery Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the resignations of Carl Broussard and Julie Burleigh as members of the Children and Youth Planning Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write letters to Mr. Broussard and Ms. Burleigh thanking them for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Katie Armentor, Flora Belle Semien and Ruby Miller are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Children and Youth Planning Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that consideration for the appointment of Miranda DeBarge as a member of the Children and Youth Planning Board shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Wesley Hardin is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Nine Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that Lonnie Harper, P.E., is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for the acceptance of bids for the Post-Rita Restoration of the Cameron Multipurpose Building.

The following Plan Changes were offered by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and declared duly adopted:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT: 2007-14 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF
MURIA FIRE STATION
PLAN CHANGE NO. ONE

OVERRUN: $5655.92

To allow for changing insulation in building

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT: 2007-14 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF MURIA
FIRE STATION PLAN
CHANGE NO. TWO

OVERRUN: $2106.80

To replace damaged steel hidden beneath soffit panels

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign contracts by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Palermo Construction Company, Inc. for Additions to the Grand Chenier Maintenance Barn and the Johnson Bayou Maintenance Barn.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a lease by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Henry Estate for the Calcasieu Pass Boat Launch on Davis Road.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a lease by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Westlands Corporation for the boat launch on the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a lease by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Kala Billedeaux for property adjacent to the proposed East Annex.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and Payment in Lieu of Tax Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Sabine Pass LNG, L.P.

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

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 has not received a proportionate share of monies from its State and Federal partners, when it comes to protection and restoration of our wetlands and our shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the sediment once received from the Mississippi River to naturally build our chenier ridges has been altered leaving them vulnerable to the erosive forces of the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the marsh estuaries of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 serve as a nursery ground to marine organisms, (shrimp, crab and fish), furbearers, reptiles, waterfowl and a host of other wildlife; and

WHEREAS, by the year 2010 Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 will host four of the Nation's Liquefied Natural Gas Plants and the Internationally known Henry Hub site, which services over 25% of the Nation's gas supply, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana 2050 Plan identifies clear restoration strategies to address coastal wetland loss which has garnered local support for implementation in Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 that will successfully help sustain the marshes and shorelines of the Calcasieu-Sabine, Mermentau and the Teche-Vermilion Basins; and

WHEREAS, protecting and restoring our coastline and wetlands will help serve as a buffer zone to high tides and hurricanes for the Parishes north of Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 need one strong voice promoting legislation, programs, and projects needed to sustain our coastal shoreline and wetlands.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury on this 4th day of February, 2008, that this body invites other surrounding Parishes, state and federal elected officials, public and private entities to stand with Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4 in its fight to attain a proportionate share of recognition, research, and resources, to construct projects that will work to sustain a critical part of America's Wetland along the Gulf of Mexico.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury encourages surrounding Parishes, state and federal elected officials, public entities and private businesses to pass this resolution so that we may stand as one voice in our efforts to protect and restore Louisiana's Chenier Plain, Regions 3b & 4.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby support the United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) project, "Holly Beach Sand Fence/Planting Project", as presented by Mike Perry; and furthermore does hereby agree to participate in the construction of the sand fence.

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

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 11.1 of the Louisiana Constitution granted authority for the Cameron Parish Police Jury to create a mosquito abatement district within the Parish of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, Article 6, Section 11.1 of the Louisiana Constitution provides the Board of Commissioners of said mosquito abatement district shall consist of five (5) members; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury desires to increase the membership of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. One Board of Commissioners from five (5) members to seven (7) members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that the Louisiana Legislature is hereby urged and recommended to introduce legislation to allow the Cameron Parish Police Jury to increase the membership of the Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. One Board of Commissioners from five (5) members to seven (7) members.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 4th day of February, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise for a period of thirty (30) days a proposed amendment to the Animals and Fowl Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby offer certain adjudicated properties for lease for the purposes of mineral exploration and furthermore, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize the necessary advertisement of same.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Ernest Broussard, Jr., Executive Director of Planning and Development, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) and Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a Program Management Consultant to be funded through the Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) Program.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby authorize, empower and direct the Administrator to advertise Requests for Proposals (RFP) for a Program Management Consultant specifically for the Coastal Impact Assistance (CIAP) and Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Programs.

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby grant authorization to Lonnie Harper, P.E. to proceed with Project No. 2007-10, Post-Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Roads. The bid of eight hundred twenty-four thousand, two hundred ninety & 40/100 dollars ($824,290.40) had previously been accepted, pending Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheet alignment, which has now been secured.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the January, 2008 bills.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Guy Theriot thanking him for allowing the Police Jury to use his personal sound equipment during the recent Fur Festival parade.

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

23. Creation of Wetlands Association

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby urge and support the creation of a Wetlands Association.

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

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: April 10 (A 29)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
MARCH 3, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2008, at the Cameron Courthouse in the Village of Cameron, Louisiana at 3:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Stephen Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel, Mr. Kirk Burleigh, Mr. Scott Trahan and Mr. Charles Precht, III.

It was moved by Mr. Farque,

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seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the reading of the minutes shall be dispensed with and approved.

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

11. President Authority to Sign:

g. Contract - DNR - Cost Share CIAP

24. Staff Report:

a. Generator - OEP

The following resolution was offered by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, Louisiana parish governments receive oil and gas severance tax revenue from the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the present state structure caps the annual disbursement of oil and gas severance tax at $850,000 per parish; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury historically receives the maximum in oil and gas severance tax revenue; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury acknowledges and appreciates the oil and gas industry for its vital part in Cameron Parish's economy; yet, recognizes the excessive wear and tear the industry inflicts upon Cameron parish roads.

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury feels it is time to re-evaluate how little severance tax is turned over to local government to compensate for the wear and tear of the industry.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby urge and recommend the Louisiana Legislature to raise the oil and gas severance tax cap from $850,000 to $2,850,000 per year.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

Garrett Broussard, representing the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR), explained a state program offering removal of hurricane-related marine debris from navigable waterways. It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter of support to DNR and furthermore, to solicit assistance from the public by advertising the program in local newspapers.

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

a. Rozel Operating Company - West Cameron Block 2, (proposed pipeline installation to serve S.L. 18423 Well No. 1), Cameron Parish, LA. (080301)

b. ExxonMobil Production Company - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 13, T14S, R11W, (proposed drill site & structures for drilling Chevron No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080302)

c. ExxonMobil Production Company - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 13, T14S, R11W, (proposed board road, drill site & structures for drilling Chevron No. 2 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080303)

d. Sam Gary, Jr. & Associates - Johnson Bayou, (proposed emergency repairs to Matilda Gray No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080304)

e. ExxonMobil Production Company - Sabine National Wildlife Refuge, Section 13 & 24, T14S, R11W, (proposed 4-inch flowline for producing Chevron No. 1 Well), Cameron Parish, LA. (080305)

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall the resignation of Stephanie Rogers as a member of the Library Board of Control; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Ms. Rogers thanking her for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Dinah Billings is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Library Board of Control.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Bryan Weekly is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Fire Protection District No. Fifteen Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Miranda DeBarge is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Children and Youth Board.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Item No. 8e on the agenda, consideration for the expiring term of Walter Rogers, Jr. as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Four Board shall be tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Ricky Romero is hereby reappointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Seven Board.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Tommy Arceneaux and Glenn Harris are hereby reappointed to serve as members of the Gravity Drainage District No. Eight Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury shall accept the resignation of Lisa Stewart as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Three Board; and furthermore, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to write a letter to Ms. Stewart thanking her for serving on the Board.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that Chad DeBarge is hereby appointed to serve as a member of the Gravity Drainage District No. Three Board.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that Ronald Nunez, Jr. and Edmond Trahan are hereby appointed to serve as members of the Communications District Board.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby appoint a Coastal Restoration Committee consisting of the following persons: Curtis Trahan, Tommy Wright, Kirk Stansel, Ted Joanen, Doug Miller, Chad Courville, Kevin Boudreaux, David Richard, D.Y. Doland, Jr., Bryon Richard, Chad DeBarge, Bill Bruce and Tommy Stoddard. Serving as members-at-large shall be Kevin Savoie, Earnestine Horn, Glenn Harris and Tom Hess.

In response to an advertisement for bids published in the Official Journal for a road striping project, the following bids were received:

BIDDER, AMOUNT

Stars & Stripes Traffic Systems, $71,384.00

Pavement Markings Company, 87,388.70

Considering the bid of Stars & Stripes Traffic Systems to be the lowest, responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted.

In response to an advertisement for bids published in the Official Journal for the purchase of One (1) ? Ton Truck on behalf of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, the following bids were received:

BIDDER, AMOUNT

Martin Truck Center, $38,552.00

Billy Navarre Chevrolet, 42,104.00

Allstar Pontiac GMC, Inc., 39,063.00

Considering the bid of Martin Truck Center to be the lowest, responsible bid, it was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that said bid be and the same is hereby accepted. The cost of the truck is to be reimbursed by the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby approved:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT NO. 2007-11
POST RITA RESTORATION OF
BIG LAKE WHARF
PLAN CHANGE NO. TWO

To increase contract time to allow additional 20 days for delivery of metal canopies.

It was moved by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Otis Elevator Company to cover maintenance on the elevator in the Cameron Courthouse.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the State of Louisiana, Office of Facility Planning and Control for Project No. 50-J12-07B-02, Holly Beach Sewer, Planning and Construction.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an application for a Coastal County Restoration Initiatives (CCRI) grant through the National Association of County Officials (NACo) for a dredging project.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Villavaso & Associates, LLC for a land use planning project.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign an Act of Donation on behalf of the Cameron Parish Library to accept a mobile electronic laboratory from the Beauregard Parish Library.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the Cameron Parish Library and Denelle Wrightson for planning services for the rebuilding of the Cameron Parish Main Library and its branches. The contract will be funded through The Gates Foundation.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources to cost share Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) funds for a Mermentau Jetties project.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that Item No. 12 on the agenda, a resolution regarding a Summary Position Statement, shall be tabled.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING CAMERON PARISH'S DISPOSITION PLAN IN SUPPORT OF BOTH LOUISIANA RECOVERY AUTHORITY AND THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

WHEREAS, Cameron Parish Police Jury wishes to participate in Louisiana recovery initiatives by the acceptance of those certain parcels that have been acquired and secured by the Louisiana Land Trust under Option 2 and Option 3 of the Road Home Program and;

WHEREAS, it is the objective of the Parish to use these parcels for community benefit that will be consistent with the national goals and objectives of HUD and Community Development Block Grants in the way of eliminating blighted areas, induction of development, and by improving the quality of life throughout the community.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury that the Jury accepts the attached Parish Disposition Plan and will recommend submission to the Louisiana Recovery Authority for full ratification.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

The following amendment to the Animals and Fowl Ordinance was offered by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Farque and declared duly adopted:

CHAPTER 4
ANIMALS AND FOWL
ARTICLE II. DOGS

ADD:

Sec. 4-29. PROHIBITED AREAS

Dogs and exotic animals are not allowed on public grounds or public rights of way during the hours of a permitted fair, festival or parade.

Prohibited areas and the applicable hours shall be designated on the Permit issued by the Cameron Parish Police Jury.

Exotic Animals are defined as any species of animal that is not considered to be a common pet (companion animal) or domesticated livestock species.

A fair is defined as an exhibition usually with accompanying entertainment or amusements.

A festival is defined as a celebration for a specific occasion.

A parade is defined as any march or other organized movement of persons from place to place, or about a place.

This section shall not apply to individuals with a disability who are accompanied by a guide dog, signal dog or service dog, specially trained for this purpose.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Burleigh and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise a proposed amendment to the Animals and Fowl Ordinance involving administrative fees.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that an emergency authorization is declared for repairs to the Deep Bayou Timber Bridge located off of Deep Bayou Road in Johnson Bayou. The bridge must be repaired due to the threat to life and public safety.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded Mr. Racca and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby place two (2) moratoriums, as follows:

A moratorium on issuing certificates or permits on immovable property for mobile home trailer parks. This does not apply to applicants for mobile home parks which comply with all parish, state and FEMA regulations, particularly the base flood elevation requirement.

A moratorium on issuing certificates or permits for mobile homes to be placed on immovable property that have been certified or permitted as mobile home parks after September 24, 2005. This does not apply to applicants for mobile homes which comply with all parish state and FEMA regulations, particularly the base flood elevation requirement.

The vote thereon was recorded, as follows:

YEAS: Thomas McDaniel, Steve Racca, Kirk Burleigh, Charles Precht, III., Darryl Farque

NAYS: Scott Trahan, Magnus McGee

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING: None

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Burleigh, seconded by Mr. Racca and declared duly adopted:

RESOLUTION
STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF CAMERON

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury created the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. One within the Parish of Cameron; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Constitution provides the Board of Commissioners of a water and wastewater district shall consist of seven (7) members; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. One has frequently been unable to hold its board meetings due to lack of a quorum, a problem even more pronounced post-Hurricane Rita; and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish Police Jury desires to decrease the membership of the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. One Board of Commissioners from seven (7) members to five (5) members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, that the Louisiana Legislature is hereby urged and recommended to introduce legislation to allow the Cameron Parish Police Jury to decrease the membership of the Cameron Parish Water and Wastewater District No. One Board of Commissioners from seven (7) members to five (5) members.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of March, 2008.

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Secretary is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to advertise to hire two (2) replacement road and bridge employees for District One.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby appropriate fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) from the General Fund to the Gravity Drainage District No. Eight to assist with Project No. 07-023, North Canal Dredging Project.

It was moved by Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby appropriate twenty thousand dollars ($20,000) from the General Fund to the Recreation District No. Seven to be used for repairs to the district's recreational equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby approve an amount not to exceed twenty-five thousand ($25,000) from the General Fund to be used for fencing at the Big Lake Ballpark.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Nash Fence Company for fencing at the Big Lake Ballpark.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Trahan and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay dues to the Police Jury Association of Louisiana in the amount of six thousand four hundred dollars ($6,400).

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. Racca and carried, that the Treasurer is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to pay the February, 2008 bills.

It was moved by Mr. Farque, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that Clifton Hebert, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness, is authorized to purchase a used generator from Genstar Power Service in the amount of fourteen thousand dollars ($14,000).

It was moved by Mr. Racca, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the Cameron Parish Police Jury does hereby accept the priority list of Coastal Wetlands Planning Protection Restoration Act (CWPPRA) projects, as presented by David Richard.

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

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: April 10 (A 30)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
March 11, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Tuesday, March 11, 2008, at the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the Village of Cameron at 1:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Magnus McGee, Mr. Thomas McDaniel, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burleigh and Mr. Charles Precht, III.; absent were Mr. Steve Racca and Mr. Darryl Farque.

The purpose of the meeting was to allow members of the jury to meet with department heads and employees of the Administrative Department. Better communication between departments was encouraged. President McGee explained the Jury's expectations from the staff. Employees were allowed a comment period to express concerns, needs, and/or recommendations for improvement.

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

APPROVED:
MAGNUS MCGEE, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

ATTEST:
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: April 10 (A 31)

PROCEEDINGS
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY
March 24, 2008

The Cameron Parish Police Jury met in special session on Monday, March 24, 2008, at the Office of Emergency Preparedness in the Village of Cameron at 4:00 o'clock P.M. The following members were present: Mr. Steve Racca, Mr. Darryl Farque, Mr. Thomas McDaniel, Mr. Scott Trahan, Mr. Kirk Burleigh and Mr. Charles Precht, III.; absent was Mr. Magnus McGee.

There was a discussion of possible penalties for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and state building code violations.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby accepted:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT 2007-14 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF MURIA
OFFICE AND FIRE STATION
PLAN CHANGE NO. THREE

Overrun: $18,856.59

To increase the contract price to include relocation of water well control panel to interior of building, also to relocate flood lights and wall packs. To allow contractor additional 90 days due to the delay awaiting FEMA approval of hazard mitigation.

It was moved by Mr. Precht, seconded by Mr. McDaniel and carried, that the following Plan Change is hereby accepted:

PLAN CHANGE AND/OR
SPECIAL AGREEMENT
PROJECT 2007-14 POST RITA
RESTORATION OF MURIA
OFFICE AND FIRE STATION
PLAN CHANGE NO. FOUR

Overrun: $78,203.00

To increase the contract price to include hazard mitigation items.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Farque and carried, that the President is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to sign a contract by and between the Cameron Parish Police Jury and Royal Engineers and Consultants for program management of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) project worksheets (PW's), pending a positive outcome of reference and background checks.

It was moved by Mr. McDaniel, seconded by Mr. Precht and carried, that selection of a program management firm to administer the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) shall be tabled for thirty (30) days to allow time for reference and backgrounds checks, plus an ethics ruling.

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

APPROVED:
STEVE RACCA,
VICE PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
POLICE JURY

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BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
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NOTICE

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Trommie Wilson aka Trommie Faye Choate, please contact Bryan F. Gill, Attorney-at-Law, at 427 Kirby Street, Lake Charles, LA. 70601, phn: 337-433-8116.

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Aquatic invasive species are problem in Louisiana

By GLENN THOMAS

In 2003, resource managers in the 28 states of the Mississippi River drainage basin were surveyed about the aquatic invasive species that were ranked "most troublesome." They identified 46 plants, microorganisms, mollusks, fish and mammals. The list includes some of the species that have been causing major problems in Louisiana, such as the water weeds Hydrilla and Salvinia and the Asian carps (grass, silver, bighead and black carps).

Some folks may find it odd that the list also includes the red swamp crawfish Procambarus clarkii. Yes, that's the main one in everyone's crawfish boil around here. But this species isn't welcome in areas that haven't been part of its native range. In those places, the red swamp crawfish causes problems through burrowing – damaging irrigation systems, levees, dams and water control structures. It also acts as an intermediate host for some helminth parasites that may be limited in their reproductive capacity without this "new" species.

By this example, we see that the term "invasive species" has a lot in common with the term "weed." According to gardeners, a weed is any plant that is growing somewhere where it isn't wanted.

Unfortunately, plants and animals and even disease organisms are now traveling to more places where they are definitely not wanted. As an example of how fast species are being moved around the world now, the 2003 species list does not mention two of Louisiana's newest aquatic invaders: the apple snail (genus Pomacea) and the Rio Grande cichlid fish (Herichthys cyanoguttatus).

Infestations of apple snails have occurred in several places in south Louisiana. Reports have described the invaders as one of two very similar species within the group called channeled apple snails: Pomacea canaliculata and Pomacea insularum.

Originally from South America, this genus has been popular for food and for use in aquaria. Wild populations now cause tremendous damage to rice crops in Southeast Asia and the Dominican Republic. In the United States, this pest has become established in Florida, California, Texas, Georgia, Alabama and Hawaii. Even in locations where rice crops aren't threatened, wetland vegetation can be damaged.

Since 2006, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has banned the importation and interstate transport of most apple snails. However, some biologists have reported seeing the banned species in stores this year.

In 2006, apple snails were found near New Orleans in canals in Gretna. Attempts were made to control this infestation by aggressive removal and destruction of egg masses. Finding the bubble-gum-pink egg masses attached above the waterline on trees and pilings is a sure indication of the species' presence, even where the fist-sized snail isn't apparent.

In the past few months, P. insularum has been found in huge numbers at locations near Houma. This outbreak is probably too extensive to control manually. Hoping for cold weather to kill this species won't help, either. P. insularum is native to the Buenos Aires region of Argentina, where their average minimum monthly temperature in winter is 4–6 degrees Celsius (39–43 degrees Fahrenheit), which is actually colder than north Louisiana.

In addition, channeled apple snails are relatively tolerant of estuarine salinity concentrations. We may be in the situation of hoping that there is an unknown factor which will limit this species in Louisiana.

Should they become established, the question will be raised on their edibility. Apple snails are popular as food in parts of Asia, but they are the intermediate host of several parasites. Anyone who tries one of the published recipes will want to cook them thoroughly.

Since about 1995, the Rio Grande cichlid is becoming more common in the waters in and around New Orleans. Known as the Texas Blue in the aquarium trade, this fish breeds readily in aquaria, and a number of folks have admitted to dumping excess fish into the canals. Now, people fishing for bluegills in City Park or Bayou St. John are as likely to pull up a Rio Grande as a native bream, and Rio Grandes have been found in bayous outside of the metropolitan area, including LaBranche.

UNO researchers have found that the fish have no trouble living in Lake Pontchartrain at least long enough to infest nearby freshwater habitats. While this species originates from warmer locales, it seems to be doing fine in south Louisiana.

And researchers are also finding that the Rio Grande can defend territory more aggressively than native bluegills, possibly leading to total displacement of native bream. While there is still some hope that conditions will develop that limit this species, people may want to investigate recipes for this one.

To learn more about preventing the spread of aquatic invasive species, visit http://www.protectyourwaters.net/ where the following procedures are explained:

Remove any visible mud, plants, fish or animals before transporting equipment

Eliminate water from equipment before transporting

Clean and dry anything that came in contact with water (boats, trailers, equipment, clothing, dogs, etc.)

Never release plants, fish or animals into a body of water unless they came out of that body of water

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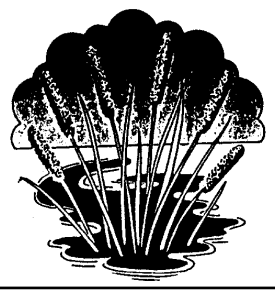

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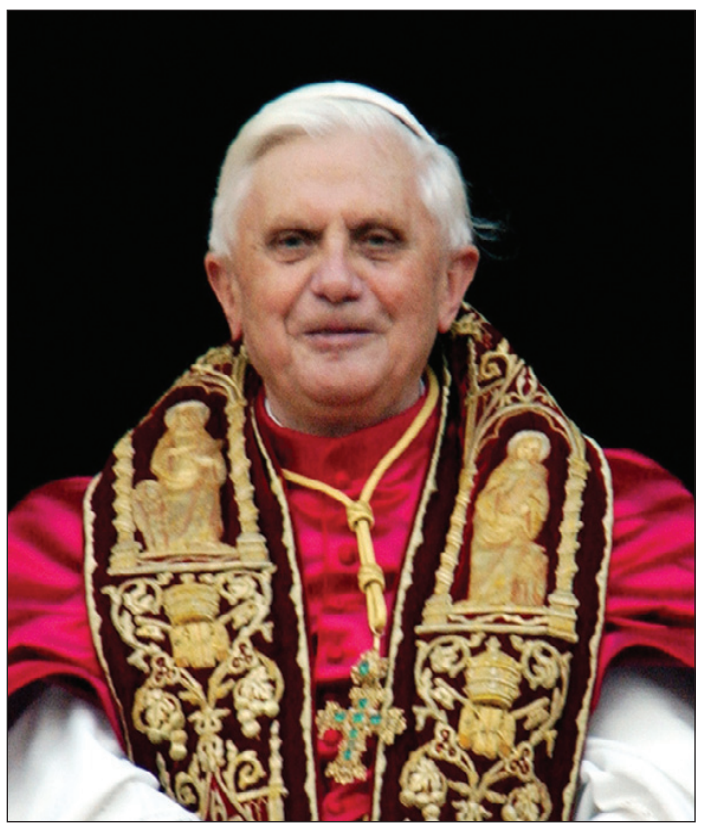
Pope Benedict XVI's U. S. itinerary



Pope Benedict XVI

April 15-20, 2008

- Tuesday, April 15

Arrival at Andrews Air Force Base. Greeting by President Bush and Mrs. Bush. Also present will be local dignitaries of the church and the apostolic nuncio.

- Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

President Bush and the First Lady meet the Holy Father on the south lawn of the White House. This is only the second time in history that a pontiff has visited the White House. At the end of the welcoming ceremony, a private meeting is scheduled for the Holy Father and the President, while dignitaries of the two states also meet.

- Wednesday, April 16, 5:30 p.m.

Private prayer service and meeting with the 350 bishops of the United States at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Before the prayer service, which will be held in the crypt of the Shrine, there will be outdoor photo opportunities of the public welcoming the pope to this national church.

- Thursday, April 17, 10:00 a.m.

The pope will offer Mass at the new Nationals Park in Washington. This will be the first non-baseball event in the park, and Catholics from around the country are making plans to attend.

- Thursday, April 17, 5 p.m.

The heads of the more than 200 Catholic colleges and universities in the United States and superintendents from the 195 Catholic dioceses have been invited to an address by Pope Benedict XVI on the importance of Catholic education. The address will be on the campus of The Catholic University of America, the only college in the United States operated by the bishops.

- Thursday, April 17, 6:30 p.m.

Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, Jews and representatives of other religions will meet the Holy Father at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, next door to Catholic University.

- Friday, April 18, 10:45 a.m.

Pope Benedict XVI will address the United Nations, after an early morning flight to New York.

- Friday, April 18, 6 p.m.

Prayer service with leaders from other Christian denominations at St. Joseph's Church, founded by German Catholics, in Manhattan.

- Saturday, April 19, 9:15 a.m.

Mass for priests, deacons and members of religious orders at St. Patrick's Cathedral in the heart of New York City.

- Saturday, April 19, 4:30 p.m.

The Holy Father will meet with young Catholics, including 50 youngsters with a range of disabilities, at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers. Thousands of young people, including hundreds of seminarians, are expected to participate in a rally/prayer service and to hear the pope speak.

- Sunday, April 20, 9:30 a.m.

The Holy Father will visit Ground Zero, the site of the disaster at the World Trade Center.

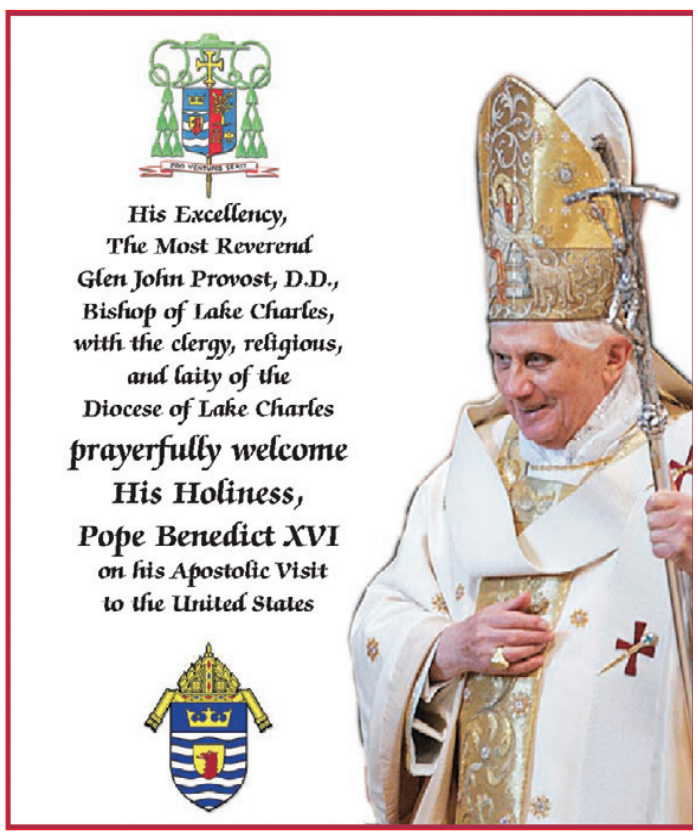
- Sunday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.

Mass at Yankee Stadium will bring this historic visit to a close. The 200th anniversary of the Baltimore Archdiocese's designation as an archdiocese, as well as the birth of four dioceses – Boston, New York, Louisville and Philadelphia – will be highlighted during the Mass.

- Sunday, April 20, 8 p.m.

Shepherd One lifts off from John F. Kennedy airport in the Brooklyn Diocese, heading east to the Eternal City.

Bishop Glen John Provost recently hosted a luncheon for members of the Southwest Louisiana legislative delegation at his residence before the beginning of the current session. In attendance were, from left, Daniel Loar, Executive Director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, Rep. A. B. Franklin, Sen. Dan "Blade" Morrish, Rep. John E. Guinn, Bishop Provost, Rep. Michael E. Danahay, Sen. Willie L. Mount and Rep. Chuck Kleckley.



Did you know...

The Rev. John H. Giles and the Rev. Brian King were both ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Lake Charles under the Church's "Pastoral Provision," Father Giles was ordained on December 19, 1987 and, at the time, was one of 50 married priests in the United States as well as one of the first Methodist ministers to be ordained. He served in various assignments until his untimely death following a short illness on August 4, 2006. He and his wife Carol were the parents of two sons. Father King was ordained December 19, 1997 and currently serves as Vice President of Mission Integration at Christus St. Patrick Hospital. He and his wife Kathy have a son.

The Mother Church of the diocese, what is now the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, was established on December 8, 1869 as the Church of St. Francis de Sales. The new parish, had been a mission church of St. Mary Magdelen Parish in Abbeville. The territory of the new church took in all of the civil jurisdiction known as Imperial Calcasieu Parish. Two other churches were created from that geographic area before the end of the 19th century. Do you know which parishes they were? Find out in the next issue of the Catholic Calendar.

Abrazando Cristo fundraiser underway

LAKE CHARLES – Tickets for the annual Abrazando Cristo Mission Program fundraiser are now available, according to the Very Reverend Daniel Torres, the program's director.

Each ticket is $100 and only 500 tickets will be sold. First prize is $5,000, second prize is $1,000 and third prize is $500. The drawing will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, June 15, at St. Henry Catholic Church.

Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase medicines, construction supplies and Catholic materials for evangelization to be used during the group's mission trip to Nicaragua.

Father Torres also noted that direct donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information contact Father Torres at 439-7400 or by mail at 414 Iris Street, Lake Charles, 70601.

A Chaplain's Chaplain

Houses of Worship
By Peter Duffy

(Editor's Note: This Sunday, April 13, is Good Shepherd Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Easter. It has also been designated as "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The following article appeared in the Wall Street Journal.)

As a young chaplain candidate in the U.S. Navy in the late 1980s, the Rev. Daniel L. Mode became captivated by the story of a Roman Catholic priest who was killed at age 38 while ministering to U.S. Marines in 1967. Over the next several years, Father Mode immersed himself in the life of the Rev. Vincent R. Capodanno, a Maryknoll missionary from Staten Island, N.Y., who spent 16 months traveling from battlefield to battlefield in Vietnam. What began as Father Mode's master's thesis at Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, Md., turned into a book called "The Grunt Padre," published in 2000.

Working with an organization called Catholics in the Military, Father Mode used the research in his book to initiate a "cause for canonization" application to Rome. In 2006, Father Capodanno was declared a "Servant of God," the first step in the journey to sainthood. The Vatican named Father Mode as "postulator," or promoter of the cause, and a tribunal was established to interview witnesses to Father Capodanno's life. One authenticated miracle will qualify the Vietnam War chaplain for beatification; a second for sainthood.

Father Mode, who is 42, does not advocate for his hero's holiness from behind a desk in a diocesan headquarters somewhere. Rather, he is following Father Capodanno's example, serving as a Navy chaplain in a war zone. He has been on active duty for three years now, including 20 months in Afghanistan.

"I can identify with him more," Father Mode says by telephone from the USS Harry S. Truman, a Naval aircraft carrier now stationed in the Persian Gulf. "I've been in a cold, dirty, cramped Humvee for hours on end. It has brought a realism to my study of his life."

Father Mode is one of 300 active-duty Catholic chaplains in the U.S. military, responsible for tending to the 375,000 Catholic service personnel. "I need about 500 more," quips Archbishop Timothy Broglio, who leads the Archdiocese of the Military Services, U.S.A.

Catholic chaplains have been part of the U.S. military since the Rev. Adam Marshall, S.J. , was commissioned as a Navy officer in 1824, serving on the USS North Carolina. Although two chaplains now have been formally nominated for sainthood – along with Father Capodanno, there is the Rev. Emil J. Kapaun, who was killed in Korea in 1951 – the most famous Catholic chaplains are two others: the Rev. Francis Duffy of "The Fighting 69th," played by Pat O'Brien in the 1940 film about World War I, and the fictional Father Mulcahy of the M*A*S*H TV series.

While the modern Catholic Church has been reluctant to support armed conflict in all but the most exceptional circumstances – "War no more, war never again!" Pope Paul VI famously cried at the United Nations in 1965 – the church has always taken seriously its duty to care for the souls of fighting men and women. The Vatican's opposition to the Iraq war, Archbishop Broglio says, "does not change the responsibility that we have to attend to soldiers who are engaged in war." The same principle applied during the Vietnam War, when the Vatican made repeated attempts to halt the conflict.

From his post on the USS Truman, Father Mode told me that few chaplains were better at relating to the average grunt in war than Father Capodanno, a thin soft-spoken winner of the Bronze Star and the Medal of Honor. The New Yorker is remembered for his keen listening ability, his to-the-point homilies and his expressive eyes. "They were gentle eyes, hurting eyes, compassionate eyes – eyes that had seen an awful lot, eyes that would embrace you," said Eli Takesian, a Presbyterian chaplain who served alongside him.

Father Capodanno was renowned for his willingness to be among Marines in the heat of combat. "If a company was going out, he would just slip into their midst and he'd be gone before you knew it," says Tony Grimm, a captain who was assigned by his battalion commander to keep track of the priest.

On Sept. 4, 1967, the men of M or "Mike" Company, Third Battalion, Fifth Marines, fought a vicious battle with North Vietnamese Army regulars in the Que Son Valley, 30 miles south of Da Nang. Throughout the day, Father Capodanno administered last rites, delivered medical care and dragged injured Marines to safety – even after he was twice struck by gunfire in his hand and shoulder.

Ray Harton, who at the time of the battle had been in Vietnam for three months and who now lives in Carrollton, Ga., was one of the last Marines to see Father Capodanno alive. He himself was injured in the battle, having been shot in the left arm. He recalls the peace that came over him as he heard the priest's voice: "Stay calm, Marine. Someone will be here to help. God is with all of us this day." Father Capodanno then dashed to tend to another wounded corpsman – and was fatally cut down by machine-gun fire.

Father Mode is trying hard to ensure that Father Capodanno's heroic service in Vietnam is properly recognized and remembered. His efforts, by extension, call attention to the service of many, many other chaplains, including those still ministering under fire in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Duffy is the author of "The Killing of Major Denis Mahon: A Mystery of Old Ireland" (Harper-Collins)

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