



Charles Precht, III

## Precht asks re-election as Juror

Charles Precht III, 46, is seeking re-election for Police Juror of District 3 for the Grand Lake-Sweet Lake area. He is a lifelong resident of Sweet Lake and a graduate of Grand Lake High School.

Precht is the son of Charles (Charlie Boy) Precht Jr. and Ethel LeBleu Precht. He has been married for 23 years to Donna Kline Precht. They have three children, Natalie Precht, 19, Adam Precht, 15, and Molly Precht, 13.

Precht manages and is in partnership of Charles Precht and Sons, a Grand Lake/Sweet Lake farming operation. Farming has been his occupation since 1979. He also served as a Cameron Parish deputy sheriff from 1980 to 1996.

He has been involved in the Grand Lake Little Dribblers Association for 8 years. Precht has also coached Dixie Youth Baseball and girls ASA Slowpitch.

He and his family are members of St. Mary of the Lake.

He has served two years as vice president for the Cameron Parish Police Jury and is serving two years as president.

## Teal hunt to be held on Lacassine

Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will be open to teal hunting during the Louisiana state season, Sept. 13-28. Hunting will be permitted from one half hour before sunrise until noon each day Wednesday through Sunday during this special season. No hunting is allowed on Monday and Tuesday.

Refuge 2003-2004 hunting brochures/permits are now available at the refuge headquarters and at all refuge kiosks. While hunting on the refuge, all hunters are required to have in their possession a valid refuge permit signed and dated.

The refuge brochure details additional hunting regulations for the refuge. The permit and brochure are free and can be obtained at the refuge headquarters located off Highway 3056, 11 miles southwest of Lake Arthur. For additional information contact the refuge headquarters at 337-774-5923, Mon-Fri., 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or visit the refuge website at: <http://lacassine.fws.gov>

Sept. 11 is a day that will continue to remind us of the sacrifices that were made to keep us free!!



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SEVERAL MEMBERS of the Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District Board paid a courtesy visit to the Cameron Parish Police Jury at its monthly meeting Tuesday. From left are: Leonard Knapp, board member; Charles Precht, jury president; Fred Godwin and Marshall Simien, Jr., board members; and R. Adam McBride, Port Director.

## Dock board members visit with Cameron police jurors

Three members of the new Lake Charles Harbor & Terminal District board (dock board) and the new port director paid a visit to the Cameron Parish Police Jury monthly meeting Monday.

They were Leonard Knapp, Fred Godwin and Marshall Simien, Jr., all of Lake Charles and Port Director R. Adam McBride.

Knapp told the jury that the Port Board wanted to

work with the jury on projects that will benefit Cameron Parish as well as Calcasieu Parish.

Juror Steve Trahan noted that the L & G Project, in which the Port Board is involved, is located in Hackberry.

Knapp explained that the new dock board, which was recently appointed by the Legislature, has staggered terms and that his and

Simien's terms will be up in three years.

At that time, he said, the Cameron Police Jury and the Westlake City Council will have the authority to each name a board member. However, the nominee must live in the Port district.

Cameron Parish's representative on the old Dock Board was James Watts of Lake Charles, who is a Cameron Parish native.

## Cameron Communications to hold open house here

Cameron Communications is commemorating its 75th Jubilee throughout 2003 with community celebrations. The communities of Cameron, Creole and Grand Chenier will be honored with an anniversary party premiere party, Thursday afternoon, September 18th from 3 to 6 at Cameron Multipurpose Building.

The celebration will mark the premiere of Cameron Communications' rollout of 3-dimensional digital television communications over ordinary telephone lines.

Displays will show the capabilities of the new 3-dimensional service. Demonstrations of digital video, high speed Internet connection, long distance and custom calling features will be available.

To contrast the latest technology, there will be an exhibit of antique telephones and communications equipment. During the premiere party on September 18th, guests can register to win several door prizes, including the grand prize -- a new 30-inch flat screen television.

There will be drawings for door prizes every 15 minutes and refreshments will be served. The 2003 User-Friendly Phone Book and prints of the cover art will be given out.

Additionally, guests can register for a 2-carat diamond that will be given away to one lucky person in honor of Cameron Communications' 75th Anniversary.

The winner will be chosen at random through a drawing

of all entries in Cameron Communications' service areas. The drawing will be held on October 31.

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### DIAMOND GIVEAWAY

Cameron Communications customers are invited to register to win a 2-carat diamond as part of our 75th anniversary. You must be 18 or older to win. Register as many times as you like. Not redeemable for cash.

## Fur Festival meeting set

A Fur Festival Board meeting will be held on September 14 at 6:00 in the Our Lady Star of the Sea religious building. Any one interested in helping with the festival is invited to attend.

## Forum told for sheriff candidates

Residents have until Sept. 17, to send in questions for the Sheriff's Candidate Forum to be held Tuesday, Sept. 23, in Cameron. The Cameron Parish Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the forum to let the public learn where the candidates stand on key issues.

The format being proposed by the Chamber is a short opening statement by each candidate followed by a series of prepared questions delivered by a moderator. Each candidate will have a turn to answer the same questions, with a time limit.

The questions will be prepared by a committee, prior to the forum.

The forum has been set for 6 p.m. at the Police Jury Annex.

Questions may be sent to the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, P.O. Box 1248, Cameron, La. 70631.

## Old cell phones being collected

Cameron Parish Outreach is collecting old cell phones and are using these for victims who need 911 assistance and as an ongoing fund raiser project.

Please leave your old cell phones at the Council on Aging Office in Grand Lake and Faith Share Thrift Store in Sweet Lake, Dinah Billings at the Cameron Parish School Board office or Council on Aging in Cameron.

Any questions, contact Angela Jouett, Community Organizer, 598-5716.

## DU banquet is Sept. 20

The annual Cameron Ducks Unlimited banquet will be held Sat., Sept. 20, at 7 p.m. at the Creole Multipurpose Building. A rib-eye dinner will be followed by an auction.

Many door prizes will be given and a number of items will be raffled. Funds raised will support Ducks Unlimited's efforts to promote waterfowl habitat preservation.

Banquet tickets are \$10 and annual memberships are \$30. Greg Wicke is the parish chairman.



SHOWN DISPLAYING some of the items to be auctioned at the annual Ducks Unlimited banquet on Sept. 20 are Jake Fontenot, left, and Greg Wicke, members of the local DU Club. The banquet will be held at 7 p.m. at the Creole Multi-Purpose building.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

## Big red fish killed told on west beaches

A total of 139 large red fish were washed up on a 5-mile stretch of beach in western Cameron Parish Tuesday night.

Rodney Guilbeau and Bob Dill made an inspection of the beaches Wednesday morning and found dead red fish ranging in size from 30 to 40 inches.

Guilbeaux said all of the fish were at the waterline, an indication that the fish kill was recent.

Most of the fish were found in along a 2.5 mile section from Longview/Dunn beach to

Martin beach on far west side of the parish.

More fish was found along Gulf Breeze and Little Florida beaches further to the east.

Menhaden (pogy) boats were seen fishing along these beaches Tuesday but there was no indication that they may have caused the red fish kill.

Agents from the Lake Charles office of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries agency were sent to the scene Wednesday morning to make an investigation.

## Grants sought for parish projects

By JERRY WISE

The Cameron Parish Police Jury took action at its monthly meeting Tuesday to seek grants to fund several parish projects.

Juror Steve Trahan asked that Wallop-Breaux funding be sought for a fishing pier in Calcasieu Lake at Hackberry.

Capital outlay requests also will be made by the jury for the construction of the Monkey Island bridge and for the construction of a road on an 80-acre tract owned by the parish at Grand Lake.

Juror Charles Precht reminded jurors that public wharf at Big Lake is in "terrible shape" and need repairs.

### APPOINTMENTS

Jurors appointed Chris Hebert to the Recreation District 6 board to replace Freddie Richard, Jr., who resigned.

Dale LeBouef was appointed to the Waterworks Dist. 7 board.

### APPROPRIATIONS

The jury voted to reimburse Gravity Drainage Dist. 5 \$25,000 which it spend recently in relieving flooding in the Humble Canal area. The jury may be reimbursed for this expense by the feder-

al government.

It was also voted to give the parish livestock committee \$5,000 to help pay for the annual junior livestock show.

Jurors also agreed to pay a \$4800 electric bill for the Grand Lake Firemen's Center, which is used for training parish firemen.

### HEALTH COVERAGE

The jury was advised by its insurance advisor that the company which covers employees health insurance plans to exclude a procedure for stomach stapling.

The jury was told that one of its employees was interested in this operation. After much discussion it was decided to study the matter further.

## Fall Festival

The Fall Festival at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Hackberry will be held Sunday, Sept. 28 at the Hackberry community center.

Bingo will start at 20 a.m refreshments and fried fish dinners will be sold.

There also will be games for children.

Anyone interested in helping or in making a donation can contact the rectory of Mae Doris Little.



ODIS CLARK, Holly Beach resident, and Tina Horn, Cameron Parish Administrator, display a 911 flag designed by Clark, who presented the jury with six of the flags to be flown in front of the courthouse and jury annex.



- BHP Billiton Petroleum (Americas) Inc. donated \$1,500 to the 4-H Beach Sweep Program for Rutherford Beach, which will be held on Saturday, September 20. Pictured is Roger Molaison with BHP Billiton, Jake Fontenot, 4-H County Agent and Kevin Savoie, Area Natural Resources Agent both with the L.S.U. Agricultural Center. Not pictured is Fred Lowery with BHP Billiton. (Photo courtesy of Jake Fontenot, Assistant County Agent 4-H.)



# It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



## (Lake Charles American Press, Sept. 10, 1940) CAMERON VOTERS FAVOR TAX FOR ROADS, BRIDGES

In a quorum meeting last week of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, promulgation of a road bond election held for Ward 6 of that parish declared a majority in both number and value of ballots cast favored the special tax of four mills for construction and maintenance of roads and bridges in Ward 6.

According to a copy of the procès verbal signed by Police Jurors Benson Vincent, Eraste Hebert, Joseph P. Erbeling, Horace Mhire, Valu Theriot, and James B. Savoie, official returns of the election are 25 ballots and \$25,140 for the levy, and one ballot and \$2,250 against. Monetary figures represent taxable properties.

## (Cameron Pilot, Sept. 11, 1970) FLOOD INSURANCE

Homeowners and tenants in Cameron Parish are now eligible for increased amounts of flood insurance protection on their homes and possessions due to a recent change in the national flood insurance program, first made available in Cameron Parish.

The program is administered and funded in accordance with requirements established by the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development in cooperation

with the private insurance industry.

## FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

The football championship of Cameron Parish will be decided early this season as the parish's two teams clash in the opening game for both teams. The game will be played at Hackberry.

South Cameron Coach Robert Manuel, sporting a varsity team of 45 players plus about 35 other younger players, will be working very strongly this year with a platoon system.

His two top teams, the Red offense and Red defense will be spelled by his two backup teams, Ready offense and Ready defense.

And if this wasn't enough teams, he still can call on his Blues teams, made up of the younger boys.

South Cameron is expected to make a fine showing in the new District 4-AA play this year, but will be meeting some very strong teams such as Kinder, St. Louis, Iowa, Marion, Welsh, DeQuincy, Iowa and Vinton.

The Red offense team is made up of: Lawrence LeBouef, LE; Jerome Rutherford, alternating at slot back; Allen Backer, RT; D. L. Brasseaux, RG; Scot Henry, center; Sedrick Hebert, LG; Richy Wolfe, LT; Dave Savoie, LE; Omer Neal Smith, TB; Earl Guthrie, QB; Robert Boudreaux, FB; and Barry Kelley, alternating at slot back.



A FRAMED PRINT of the painting on the cover of the 2003 Cameron Communications telephone book was presented to the Cameron Parish Police Jury at its meeting on Sept. 9. From left are Scott Trahan and Steve Trahan, jurors; Dennis Trahan, Cameron Communications representative; Charles Precht, jury president; Norma Jo Pinch and James Doxey, jurors.

## CAMERON MEN ENTER THE MILITARY

Six Cameron Parish men have entered the armed services according to Mrs. Ermyne Peppers, executive secretary of the Cameron Parish Draft Board.

Inducted into the Army were James Lee Savoy, son of Mrs. Sophie Savoy of Cameron, and Robert A. Broussard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Broussard, Cameron.

Enlisting in the Army were Ronald Lonthier, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Newton of Sweet Lake, and Wilson Thibodeaux, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Thibodeaux, Big Lake.

Ernest G. Devall, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Devall, Sr. of Big Lake, enlisted in the Air Force.

Capt. John L. Colligan, son of J. L. Colligan of Hackberry, went on active duty with the Army.

## TOP SCOUT AWARDS GIVEN

The coveted Eagle Scout rank was awarded to three of Cameron's outstanding young men Sept. 2 during a combined Court of Honor for Boy Scout troops 202 of Creole and 210 of Cameron. The new Eagle Scouts are: Mathias

# Cougars still around in Tex. & La. says Block

(EDITOR'S NOTE--This is a copy of an e-mail that Pilot contributor and historian W. T. Block sent to a friend concerning cougars that have been seen in the recent years in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.)

What can I say...I feel either way I lose. If I harp too loud and clear, hunters will take to the forest and kill every beautiful cat. If I don't spread the word, one runs the risk of a beautiful child, family dog, or livestock being killed. These cats have been shot at so little that they are not afraid of humans. And weighing up to 200 pounds, they can kill most any kind of livestock or forest animal except a big bear if there are any of those left.

What I find so odd is the variety of colors of these cougars -- they run from tawny, to reddish brown, to dark chocolate brown. If a hunter comes in contact with a cat, there is nothing we can do to stop him from shooting. And they are not protected by law, nor should they be if one's life is threatened. If too much livestock is being killed, then the cats should be hunted out.

But mostly parents should protect children closely if allowed to play outside where danger exists.

Saltzman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Saltzman, Barry Kelley, and Robin Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Roberts, all of Cameron.

Kelly and Roberts were staff members at Camp Edgewood this summer, serving as moskeet councilor and lifeguard-rowing instructor, respectively.

Scouts receiving the Tenderfoot rank were R. J. Vinson, Glenn Kelley, James Chambers, Greg Boudreaux, and Kent Benoit. Second Class rank went to Stanley Primeaux, Arlo Savoy, Richard, Larry Myers, Carl Rutherford, Kent Benoit, Greg Boudreaux, R. J. Vinson and Glenn Kelley.

First Class rank was presented to David Dimas, Joey Dimas, Glen Baccigalopi, Toby Landry, Joey Reina, Donald Nunez, Tod Landry, Lawrence Arceneaux.

Star Scout awards went to Tony Sturlese, Vernon Primeaux, Tony Johnson, Cecil Myers, Russel Savoy, Eddie Benoit, Terry Dronet, Terry Kelley, and David Kelley.

Life Scout ranks were presented to Dan Nunez, Michael Kelley and Bobby Doxey.

# West Nile death told in Caddo

Baton Rouge --- Public health officials have confirmed an earlier report from the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office stating that a man from Caddo Parish is the first person to die of West Nile virus complications this year.

The victim was a 73-year-old male who died Sept. 1 of West Nile-related meningitis. The Office of Public Health previously had confirmed the man had West Nile virus.

Statewide, there have been 46 cases of West Nile virus this year, with 27 cases in Caddo Parish alone. In humans, West Nile virus typically spreads through bites from mosquitoes that have bitten an infected bird.

The majority of people who get the virus experience no illness or an infection similar to a mild flu with fever, headache and fatigue. Rarely, the virus multiplies in the central nervous system and can cause encephalitis or meningitis. If you begin experiencing any of the above symptoms, please contact a doctor or health care provider.



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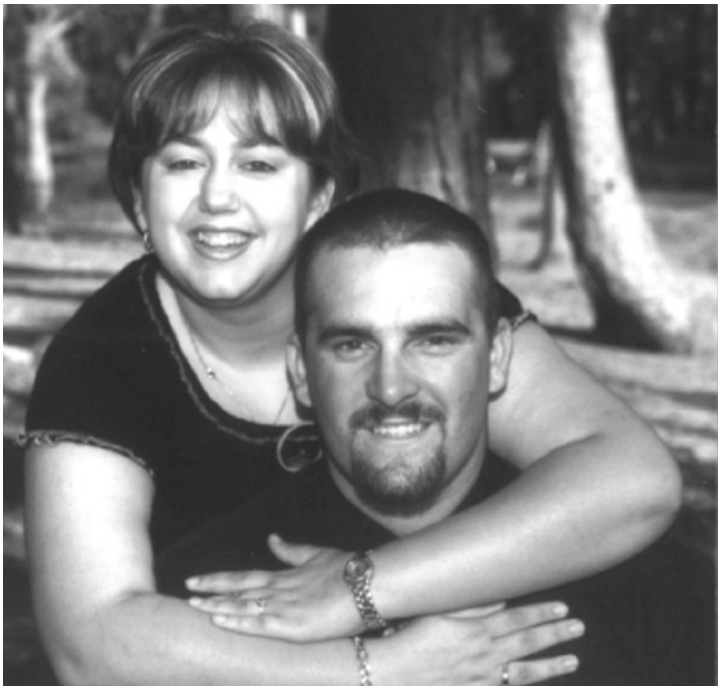
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MR. AND MRS. JOHN (Manny) Armentor of Creole announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Amanda Kaye Armentor to Quinton Scott Chaumont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Carriere of Creole, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Chaumont of Lake Charles, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John Conner of Cameron. The wedding is set for Saturday, Sept. 27 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron at 1 p.m. Through this means friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Memorial books donated to Cameron Parish Library

New memorial books in the Cameron Parish Library include:

The Story of Air Transport In America, Weldon Authemont, Sr. by Randall and Carlotta Boudoin.

Best of Bayou Cuisine, George Theriot, Jr. by Charlotte Trosclair.

Jesus, Sonny Boy Pri-mieux by Charlotte Trosclair and family.

LSU-Tiger Turnaround, Ronnie Murphy by Grace Roberts.

Quotable Fisherman, Tony Cheramie by Grace Roberts.

Snakes, Russell Nunez by

Grace Roberts. Great Garden Fix-Its, Howard Lancon by American Legion.

The Waterfowler's World, Dan Dupont by Cameron Parish Library.

American's National Wildlife Refuges, Clayton Nunez by Bob and LeAnna.

Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove and Charles and Tammy Vincent.

Weapons of War, Chammy Roberts by Bob and LeAnna Caldwell, Patricia and Kent LaBove and Charles and Tammy Vincent.



MR. AND Mrs. Joseph Swinford (Lorraine Theresa Ogea) Baccigalopi of Creole will celebrate 50 years of marriage on Sunday, Sept. 14 in conjunction with the Savoie/Savoy reunion at the KC Hall in Creole beginning at 10 a.m. Children and spouses of the couple are: Mr. and Mrs. Joel (Sherry) Baccigalopi, Baytown, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Susan) Hebert, New Iberia; Mr. and Mrs. Doyle (Shannon) Baccigalopi, Creole; Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Angel) Baccigalopi, Creole; Mr. and Mrs. Nick (Carol) Baccigalopi, Creole; Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Ester) Salvador, St. Martinville. They also have 14 grandchildren and 1 stepgrandchild. The couple was married Sept. 15, 1953 at St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church in Grand Lake with the Rev. Charles LaVasseur officiating. Through this means, friends and family are invited to attend.

## School lunch menus told

Lunch menus for Cameron Parish Schools are as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 11 - Baked chicken, rice, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit cup, brown gravy, biscuits.

Friday - Luncheon meat sandwich, lettuce cup, tater tots, chocolate cookie, sliced bread, catsup.

Monday - Barbecue burger, oven fries, baked beans, chocolate cake, chocolate cream frosting, hamburger bun, catsup.

Tuesday - Chicken fajitas, fixings cup, baked potato, banana split dessert, flour tortillas.

Wednesday - Stromboli, tater tots, baked beans, chilled peach slices, catsup.

All meals are served with milk.

## Sweeney family is recalled

Dear Jerry:

Reading the obit of George Carter Sweeney (Sept. 4) certainly brought back some memories since he was obviously the namesake and grandson of my great uncle, Dr. George Carter Sweeney (1851-1922). The Sweeney family of Grand Chenier furnished three medical doctors. Uncle Carter practiced medicine on the Chenier from about 1875 until 1910. He was married to Aurelia Miller.

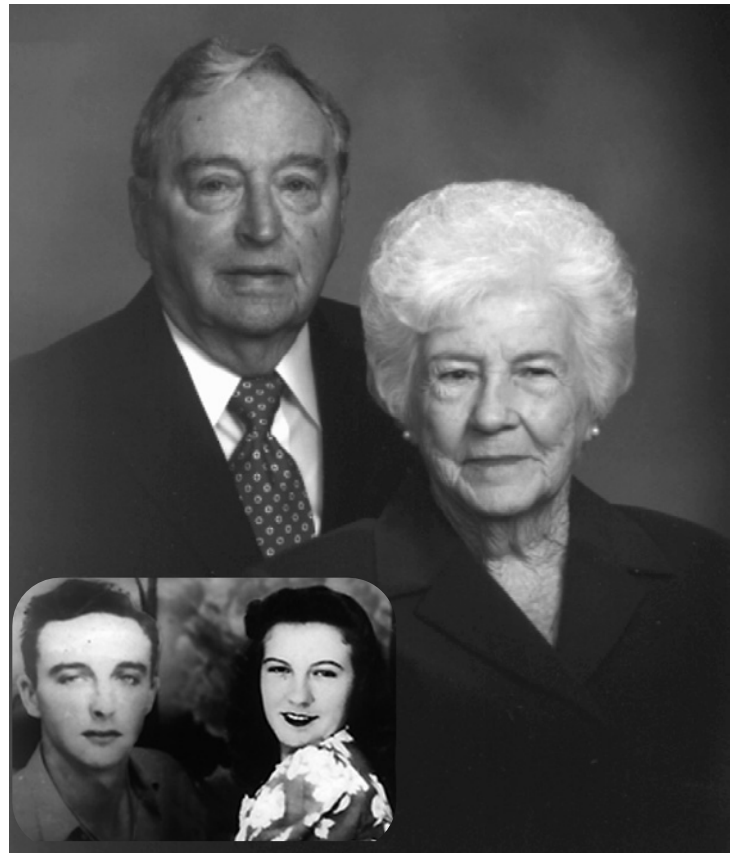
Uncle Carter's nephew, and son of Mary Elizabeth Sweeney Bonsall, was Dr. Isaac Bonsall (1852-1922) who practiced medicine in Cameron until he died. Uncle Carter's son, Dr. Alvin R. Sweeney (1881-1953) was the immigration and public health physician at Sabine Pass for many years. /s/ W. T. Block Nederland, Tex.

## Recreation Football League set

The Recreation Football League will kick-off their sixth season at the Recreation Football Jamboree on Sat., Sept. 27, beginning at 9 p.m., South Cameron High School Stadium.

Teams to play are Jets vs Hornets vs Barracudas. They are comprised of approximately 60 boys on each team, age 7-13, from Grand Lake, Cameron and Creole. Coaches are volunteers.

Concessions will be available. There will be a gate charge. For more information contact Pete Lancaster, Grand Lake Football Association Vice-President, 598-4170.



MR. AND Mrs. Arthur (Dorothy Lee Barbier) Seay of Hackberry celebrated 60 years of marriage on Saturday, Sept. 6 at the Community Center in Hackberry, hosted by children, spouses, friends and church members. Children and spouses of the couple are: Mr. and Mrs. Lee (Sharon) Rogers, Whorton, Tex; Mr. and Mrs. James (Twana) Duhon; Hackberry; Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Brenda) Nassar, Sulphur; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. (Deanie) Seay, Hackberry. They also have 8 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. The couple was married Sept. 4, 1943 at Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Sulphur.

## Birth told

LUKE JOSEPH SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Nichole) Smith of Sweet Lake, announce the birth of their second child, Luke Joseph, Aug. 28, at Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Lake Charles. He weighed 7


lbs. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Jan) Roberts of Grand Chenier and Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Linda) Smith of Sweet Lake.

A great-grandmother is Mrs. Bertha Roy of Grand Chenier.

The couple's other child is Lennis, 6.

## Karate classes to be offered

Karate classes will begin Oct. 7, at the Cameron Rec. They will include self defense, discipline, confidence, exercise, and are open to all ages. There are family discounts. Registration is Sept. 13, 10 a.m. - noon and the cost is \$30. For more information call 274-9640.



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Among the many things I will do as Sheriff, I pledge that:

- ◆ I will put a substation in the Sweetlake-Big Lake area, as well as re-open the substation in Hackberry.
- ◆ I will have Sheriff's boat patrolling available in Hackberry, Sweetlake-Big Lake, Cameron, Klondike and Lowery areas.
- ◆ I will visit with the people throughout the parish once a month at each ward for input.
- ◆ I will always be available to talk with all the people at all times in the office, on the streets, or at home (in French or English)
- ◆ I plan to have continuous training and random drug testing of all deputies, including myself, to assure the safety of the people.
- ◆ I will continue to implement programs for drug identification and awareness in our school systems with the cooperation of the School Board.
- ◆ I will hold town meetings to further educate the public on these issues as well as issues concerning the community.
- ◆ The Sheriff's Department will work with all elected officials of the parish, Civil Defense, organizations, churches, schools, and businesses of the parish
- ◆ I will make sure the deputies respect the people of the parish and ensure protection to all.

My plan is to run this department based on the method of using "old common sense." I am open to any suggestions from the people of Cameron Parish.

Lastly, if I am elected to office, the deputies and myself will work "for the people of Cameron Parish!"

Your Vote and Support Are Well Appreciated!

PLEASE VOTE #70

Sincerely,  
**Gene Constance**

(Paid for by Gene Constance)

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## Folks and Memories

By W. T. BLOCK, JR.



If one should look up the meaning of the word 'libel,' it means to slander in print, to discredit, belittle, disparage, or unjustly accuse a person or organization in a published record. The only exception to the libel laws appears to be if some one is running for public office.

A century or more ago, one of the persons most likely to publish libelous statements was the editor of a weekly newspaper. And if the libeled person were the editor of a competing newspaper, the libel was often of the most "delicate and delicious" nature, that could lead to murder.

Willard Richardson, editor of "Galveston Weekly News," and Hamilton Stuart, publisher of "Civilian and Galveston Gazette," libeled each other for more than 30 years, apparently in a spirit of good humor. Richardson upheld slavery and secession and bitterly opposed Sam Houston. Stuart was his political opposite, opposing slavery and secession, and was Houston's principal proponent. Nevertheless, Richardson greatly respected and wrote of Stuart that he "...wielded a powerful influence over destinies of state and of the Democrat party..."

However, Richardson despised Ferdinand Flake, publisher of the German language "Der Union," and of "Flake's Bulletin," with a passion. Before the Civil War, Flake's views were the same as Stuart's; during the war, he seemingly supported the

Confederacy's efforts. As soon as Lee surrendered, Flake's editorials declared that the South deserved to lose, and Richardson noted that "...Flake fattened on the enemy's excrement..."

Competing newspapers at Sabine Pass in 1870 included J. W. Winn's "Union" and William McClanahan's "Beacon." McClanahan accused Winn in the same manner that Richardson accused Flake, and called Winn a "satrap of the hated scallawag regime of Gov. E. J. Davis." Edward I. Kellie, who founded Jasper Newsboy, was another who pulled no punches. Gov. Davis hated Kellie with a passion, and offered him \$3,000 for his newspaper, which Kellie refused.

The editor of the Marshall "Texas Republican" rebuked the editor of the Tyler "Index" mercilessly. Whenever William Lloyd Garrison denounced slavery and the domestic slave trade in his "Liberator" of Baltimore, a

slave trader sued Garrison, who was convicted, fined and sent to jail. Although Garrison never lived in the South, the state of Georgia posted a \$5,000 reward for Garrison's capture. In 1863, when Sam Medary of the Columbus, Oh. "Crisis" seditiously attacked Pres. Lincoln and the Northern Army, his type and printing press were destroyed.

Hate between country editors could even grow deadly with time. In Sept. 1889 Editor Pool of the "Vernon Parish News" in Leesville, La., and Editor Luke McAlpin of the "People's Friend," hated each other so much that each carried a gun. Upon meeting in the street on Sept. 27, 1889, each man pulled his gun simultaneously and killed his enemy. Only a month later, Reese W. Smart and John T. Windham, the new editor of "Vernon News," cursed each other as they exited from church that Sunday morning. Smart then killed Windham with his 38-cal. revolver, purportedly for the libelous statements published about him.

One of today's managing or city editor's duties is to screen every reporter's writings carefully to exclude every libelous statement. Otherwise the newspaper might become involved in a costly law suit.

## Career Fair to be held at McNeese Sept. 29th

The McNeese Career Services Center will be hosting its biannual career fair from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 29, in the Parra Ballroom of the New Ranch.

The campus wide event is designed to give McNeese students and alumni of all majors an opportunity to put on their best dressy-casual to meet and mingle with potential employers and graduate schools, according to Kathy Bond, director of Career Services. Graduating seniors and alumni are encouraged to have several copies of their resume available.

"The event is advantageous to students because they are able to make connections with these organizations as well as to explore job opportunities with representatives from business, industry and government," said Bond.

The fair will also provide a forum for employers to discuss career choices with students and ways they can best prepare for employment in their fields, she added.

Bond said attending the fall career fair is important for students in preparing them for the job hunt because "most employers often pre-select students they have met at the event for future interviews." Because of the contacts students can make at the fair, Bond stresses the importance of leaving a good impression on potential employers and graduate schools.

Sponsors for the fall fair include Beneficial Finance, ConocoPhillips, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, KVHP TV-Fox

29, Louisiana Army National Guard, Lake Charles Memorial Hospital, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Sherwin-Williams, United Rentals, U.S. Air Force, and U.S. Air Force Reserve Recruiting.

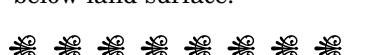
A list of businesses participating may be viewed online at [www.mcneese.edu/career/](http://www.mcneese.edu/career/) or for more information call 475-5612 or 1-800-622-3352, ext. 5612.

## Hearing set on H'berry project

A public hearing on applications to construct and operate three natural gas storage wells near Hackberry will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, in the Police Jury meeting room in Cameron.

At the hearing interested persons will be given the opportunity to present testimony or written comments concerning the proposed project which is planned by Dominion Natural Gas Storage, Inc. of Clarksburg, West Virginia, which has a natural gas storage operation near Hackberry.

Gas will be injected into caverns with the deepest cemented casing string set at approximately 2,600 feet below land surface. The base of the lowermost underground source of drinking water at the specific facility location occurs at an approximate depth of 1,000 feet below land surface.



### THE BUDDY LEACH PLAN: STOP TAXING EDUCATION

If you want a better economy for Louisiana, there's another way to do it. Let's not levy sales taxes on mothers and fathers when they buy school supplies for their children.

As Governor, I will **END** state sales taxes on **SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND SCHOOL CLOTHES** in the month of August. When we do, watch the Louisiana economy grow. More importantly, watch our citizens who have children in school have more money to spend on the necessities of life like food, prescription drugs, and utilities.

I want you to know exactly where I stand so you can make an informed decision on October 4th. I would appreciate your vote for Governor.



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Remember Sept. 11th

# Wendell Wilkerson

## for Sheriff

Cameron Parish  
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ELECT #75

**Dear Citizens of Cameron Parish,**

While campaigning throughout the parish, I have met with many wonderful people and have been welcomed by almost all that I have come in contact with. Even those who have already committed to other candidates have been willing, in most cases, to hear what I have to say.

The most asked question to me has been, "what are you planning to do about the severe drug problem?" The way I have answered that question is to tell people that no matter who is elected Sheriff, they cannot combat the drug situation by themselves, it will take the total cooperation of the entire parish. This includes the Sheriff's Department, DA's Office, School Board, Police Jury, and most importantly, the parents and family members of the parish.

This problem is affecting the parish in many ways including abuse in many forms, loss of productivity in the work place, grades and discipline problems in school, which in turn effects the lives of many wonderful people in our parish and whole economy of the parish.

If elected, I will spend as much time as possible trying to rid our parish of drug problems and to work with all of the parish agencies to do so. This once again will take the cooperation of everyone.

My record of community service has proven that I can work with the parish citizens and the parish officials and together maybe we can defeat this tragic epidemic.

I have not yet completed my visiting in the entire parish, but intend to do so before October 4th. Hope to visit with all of you soon.

Sincerely Yours,  
*Wendell Wilkerson*

**Wendell Wilkerson**  
Candidate for Sheriff

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# Corn flakes and cow's milk during the Battle of Bulge

By W. T. Block

During the 1930s I was associated with dairying on a small scale, but my last connection with that industry was "out of this world" - that is, in the midst of the Battle of the Bulge. About Dec. 11, 1944, my radio team followed the 309th Regiment headquarters into the German farm village of Simmerath, on the Belgian border, as soon as the town was declared secure.

As we pulled into its only thoroughfare of 114 houses that morning, the village did not seem so secure, since 88 mm. shells were still exploding at tree top level and an occasional sniper's bullet whizzed past us.

"Yuh better git in here quick!" shouted a rifleman from a nearby house. "That church belfry is still full of snipers."

We ran inside the house that was to become our "home" for the next two weeks. It was a very long house in local fashion, with the rear kitchen door opening into the milk barn; followed by a door opening into another barn, where hay and farm implements were stored. We soon set up our radio in the cellar, where we also slept and cooked C-rations on a Coleman stove for our meals.

Some days later the German army invaded Belgium a few miles south of us. They sought to keep open a major supply road a half-mile distant, and we were quickly cut off from all supplies except by air drops. Nevertheless German artillery pounded our posi-

tions at 30 minute intervals to remind us that the enemy was dug in 400 yards away from us.

On our second morning in the house, I heard a cow "moo-ing" outside, and when I opened up the milk barn door, a Holstine cow walked in. She had been standing outside in 6 inches of snow, obviously very cold and hungry, and with streams of milk leaking from the teats of her large udder.

I locked her head in a milk stall; fed her some hay and apples that I found nearby, and after filling a kitchen pot with milk, I emptied the rest in her udder on the barn floor. Afterward the cow lay down on the floor in total bovine contentment, chewing her cud, and totally oblivious to the noises of war outside. For the next ten days, the cow continued to eat and chew her cud.

As I reentered the cellar, I exclaimed to my friends, "Hey, guys, I found this farmer's stock of booze!"

"Aw, Block, we don't want to be drinking any alcohol," declared one of my team mates, "with the Germans so close to us. If they counterattacked at daylight, they could be on top of us in minutes."

"Don't worry!" I retorted. "This is only warm cow's milk, and I'm gonna eat some with our C-ration corn flakes." One soldier warned that the milk might be "booby-trapped," but I laughed and asked how one boobytrapped milk inside a cow's udder. I wondered if we were the only GIs on the

Western Front eating corn flakes with fresh milk.

Each morning for ten days afterward, I repeated my bovine tasks, feeding hay and apples to my cow and removing a pot of warm milk from her udder. One morning a comrade handed me a box of cookies from home, and as I opened it, I was reminded that Christmas was fast approaching. As I watched, the cow lay on the floor, chewing her cud, a sight reminiscent of another stable centuries ago, where the Christchild lay in a manger. The irony was not lost on me that outside that stable door, there was neither peace on earth, nor good will to any man in that part of Europe.

At dawn of the 23rd, we took 3 shell hits in rapid succession, one on the hay barn, which quickly burst into flames; one above the milk barn, which killed my cow; and the third directly above us, which brought the roof down over our cellar stairs. Luckily we escaped through the cellar windows, but we quickly found refuge in another cellar. To this day I have not forgotten my Holstine cow in Simmerath, Germany, nor my last dairying experience during the Battle of the Bulge.

## Services set

The Youth ministry of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Cameron has announced the following special services:

A Youth Musical extravaganza will be held SAT., Sept. 20, at 6p.m. with songs of praise and thanksgiving. Area youth ministries groups are welcome to participate.

A Praise and Worship Service will be held Sun., Sept. 21, at 3 p.m. Minister Aaron LaSalle will deliver the message. A special guest will be New Emmanuel Baptist Church Rev. Roland E. Mouton, Jr., pastor.




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**Sept. 27, 2003**  
**9:00 a.m. Till**


**South Cameron High Stadium**

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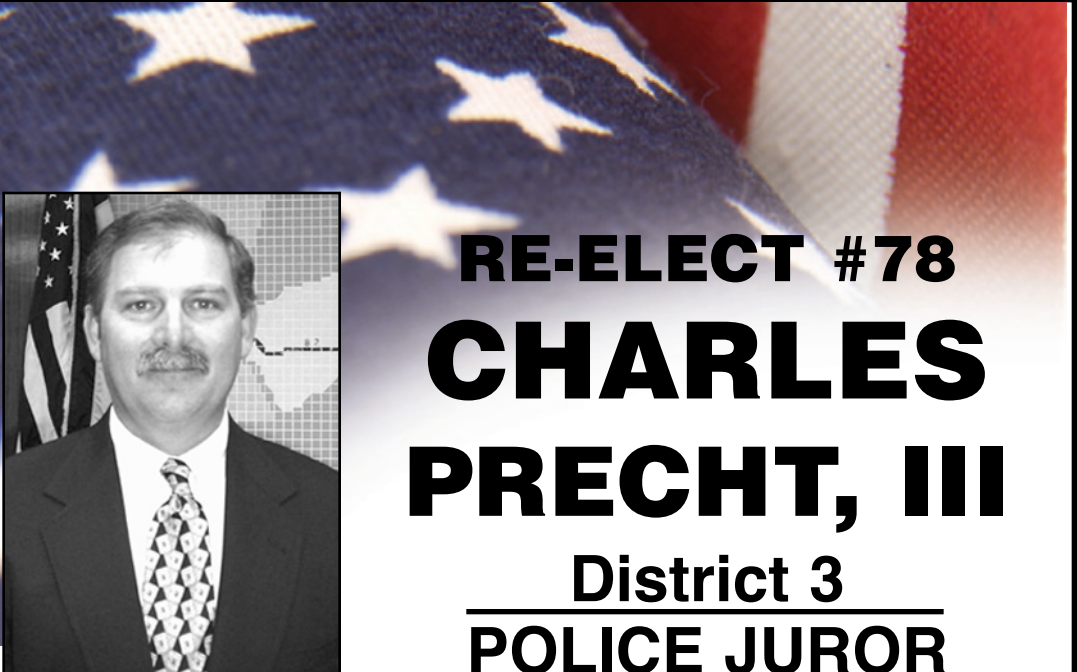


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**CHARLES PRECHT, III**

**District 3**

**POLICE JUROR**

I, Charles Precht, am seeking re-election as District 3 Police Juror for Cameron Parish. During the first two years of service, I served as Vice-President of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. I have continued serving since that time in the capacity of President of the Cameron Parish Police Jury. In all four years I was elected to serve in leadership positions which enabled me to serve both the district and the entire parish with greater enthusiasm.

During the past four years I have worked diligently to provide up to date services for the rapid growth of Grand Lake/Sweetlake/Big Lake. With the dedicated service of newly elected boards, we have met and tackled enormous adversities. Some of the accomplishments during my term are as follows:

### PARISH PROJECTS

- Gained a parish ruling to accept only hard surface roads as parish roads so the taxpayers wouldn't be burdened with financial acceptance of shell roads
- Maintenance program of existing asphalt roads
- Dust control program - bottom ash
- Secured a 7th police jury member for district 7 to give more representation for the growing population of our district
- Obtained an extension on the Monkey Island Bridge until 2005
- Fought state for gaming to be brought to Cameron Parish
- Saw to the implementation of the Cameron Parish Jetty Pier RV Park (public restrooms/fishing lights/plans for open pavilion/walkway to the beach)
- Initiated the project of a bird watching tower at the Cameron Jetty Pier RV Park funded by LOS
- Sought and redeveloped the existing Cameron Parish Jetty Pier lease to provide a greater revenue for Cameron Parish
- Built Cameron Sheriff Department a shooting range
- Was instrumental in the fight against the spread of Giant Salvinia
- Requested and was able to receive "reclaimed" asphalt in our district from the state at no expense to the tax payers
- Took a neglected Black Bayou Culvert Project and motivated the state to grant the project prioritization which is now ranked 6th on the list of 40 projects.
- Overlaid approximately 3 of main infrastructure roads
- Designated and initiated the new construction of paved roads in Turner Subdivision
- Promoted drainage off of Mallard Road by changing substandard culverts

### WATER WORKS DEPARTMENT

- Addressed questions of water quality: enlisted the service of LA Rural Water for suggestions and standards
- Initialized the investigation of the Grand Lake Water Works due to unstable financial reports and billing.
- Presented information obtained through legal investigation to the present water board to secure legal action necessary to correct employee and system malfunctions
- Insisted on the collection of delinquent accounts and unauthorized credit card usage.
- Provided ongoing improvements to the water works necessary to provide for a population increase from 800 customers in 1984 to 1350 customers in 2004. The board chose to increase water rates in opposition to more taxation. These water rates were not increased in the past 20 years to keep up with current growth.
- Projects in progress are as follows:
  - A. Upgrading 2" lines to 8" lines to provide for fire protection requirements and lower fire protection rating
  - B. Upgrading old wells that have been in service for 20 years.
  - C. Upgrading the distribution line.
  - D. Planning the construction of a new well to support growing population

### FIREMEN CENTER

- Provided the insight to reverse the self-bookkeeping to parish-bookkeeping thus increasing the budget by \$7,000.00
- Provided a means for lower fire protection ratings due to excessive work in the Water Works department
- Stabilized and secured the failing budget of the Firemen's Center (previously referred to as the Multi-Purpose Building)
- Provided a stable environment for the Council on Aging Program
- Upgraded new chairs and tables for the Firemen's Center
- Replaced fencing on site of the Firemen's Center
- Extended parking to facilitate the Head Start Program and the Satellite Library without cost to the parish

### DRAINAGE

- Suggested a "per diem" free board thus saving the drainage fund \$3,900.00
- Requested that the bookkeeping and audit be handled by the Cameron Police Jury instead of an independent service. By doing this we saved our board \$2000.00
- Facilitated the means and funds to assist the board to spray 52 miles of drainage laterals thus becoming a yearly project
- Contacted the state to alleviate drainage problems existing in low lying areas
- Initiated a project to dig a new drainage ditch to increase drainage from Shirley Drive to McCain's Subdivision (completed)
- Proceeding to dig a drainage ditch from Eric Road to the newly constructed drainage ditch located on the property of Ricky Guidry (formerly owned by O. Theriot)
- Proceeding to open up drainage north of Turner's Subdivision
- Working toward the permit and right-away from Delaney Road west to Big Lake

### RECREATION

- Encouraged capital improvements
- Hired a youth director
- Implemented free youth dances
- Provided for health equipment upgrades
- Provided for an "after school" and "summer" program

### GRAND LAKE/SWEETLAKE COMMUNITY CEMETERY

- Secured donated land from Sweetlake Land & Oil
- Created a cemetery board to operate and maintain the cemetery
- Obtained donated dirt work from Roy Bailey's
- Obtained donated dirt from Calcasieu Real-Estate and Oil Company

These accomplishments were possible due to the implementation of board members that were able to see a vision of growth and prosperity in an environment that was stagnated. Together we have made a positive difference in our community and state. Please support me with your vote on October 4 to continue to move forward without fear of regression. Thank you.

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**YOUR VOTE WILL BE APPRECIATED!**

(Paid for by Charles Precht, III)

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## It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, Aug. 10, 1940)

### JOHNSON BAYOU DAMAGED

First word of conditions at Johnson Bayou in the extreme southwest corner of Cameron Parish, unheard of since the tropical disturbance struck in that vicinity Wednesday, was received here today.

Archie roux, Cameron storekeeper, who came to Lake Charles this morning by car along the east road and by boat, reported that Clyde Labauve of Johnson Bayou had reached Cameron yesterday.

Labauve, he said, reported that considerable damage was done to the settlement by wind and water but no one was injured.

Thirteen derricks were reported blown down in the Cameron Meadows oil field, about eight miles northeast of Johnson Bayou.

(Lake Charles American Press, Aug. 13, 1940)

Both routes to Creole and Cameron were reported this morning to be in extremely bad condition with water over the roads in some places.

### CATTLE RESCUE WORK

Now that most of Southwest Louisiana's flood-mened folk have been removed to safety, rescue workers in Lake Charles today turned their attention to this area's 250,000 cattle.

After a four and a half hour survey by airplanes this morning over Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermillion parish flood sections, loss of livestock was estimated at 20 to 30 percent, already, and the risk of loss was placed enormously higher unless some form of rescue work is undertaken immediately.

The fire bargelod of feed left Jennings shortly after noon for cattle of the Gueydan area, it was announced here by Charles C. Collet, agricultural agent for Calcasieu Parish.

The rotting carcasses of about 18,000 cattle floating upon the flood waters must be removed to streams which will take them out to sea, authorities declared, in order to avoid the risk of carbon epidemic to other cattle in this region and to eliminate the possibility of disease to human beings as well.

One Cameron cattleman reported a loss of 600 of his

1,000 heard of cattle; E. W. Emmett, tick eradication official, who was one of those making the survey this morning, stated it was safe to estimate at least 6,000 to 8,000 cattle drowned in the Gueydan section.

Several hundred cattle were seen trapped in pastures, the observers reported and suggested that fences be cut immediately to allow the animals to get to higher ground where they may be fed and rescued.

### FAMILIES EVACUATED

Plans to evacuate about 40 families from Sweetlake are being made as waters in that area continue to rise, it was learned this afternoon from Murphy Hebert from that place.

The rise was reported to have been four inches since yesterday, putting the Pure Oil Company's office about three inches under water.

(Cameron Pilot, Aug. 14, 1970)

### OFFSHORE FISHING REEF

The U. S. Corps of Engineers will receive protest or suggestions for modification until Sept. 1 on the proposed construction of an artificial fishing reef 20 miles south of Cameron in the Gulf.

Proposing to construct the reef is Offshore Reefs, Inc. of Lake Charles. This presumably is a non-profit sportsman group that is constructing the reef with concrete blocks donated by a Lake Charles industrial plant.

### NED CRAIN KILLED

Services for Ned Watkin Crain, 53, supervisor of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier, were held Thursday in Grand Chenier Methodist Church. The Rev. Taylor Wall officiated, assisted by the Rev. Arby Coody. Mr. Crain died Sunday in a plane crash while on a hunting trip in Glenallen, Alaska.

Mr. Crain was a board member of the Grand Chenier Methodist Church. His wife is the former Shirley Hendrick of Shreveport. He is also survived by three brothers and eight sisters.

### TEACHER TO VISIT PARENTS IN GREECE

Miss Theodora Orestiadou departed from Cameron Aug. 3 for a six weeks' visit with her parents in Chalkis, Greece. Her plans include a stop over in New York before

## Grand Lake school bonds are sold

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board on Monday authorized the sale of five million dollars of general obligation school bonds to finance improvements to Grand Lake High School.

The Morgan Keegan Company from New Orleans won the bid to buy the bonds at an interest rate of 4.238%, well below the earlier estimate of 4.5%.

Lennie Dewley, bond attorney with Foley and Judell of New Orleans, reported that the district's very good bond rating of BBB+ was improved by the willingness of AMBAC to insure the bonds, giving the effective rate of AAA. This rating combined with a seasonal improvement in interest rates resulted in the reduced cost of the bonds. As a result, tax millages will be somewhat reduced as well.

The bonds will be sold near the end of October after which the project can go forward.

The Department of Natural Resources asked for and received permission to place monitoring devices on several school sections to track salinity, marsh election, vegetation, water levels, sediment levels and accretion rates in the marsh.

The monitoring will take place over 20 years and is part of the effort to restore Louisiana's coast. The Department agreed not to check monitors during hunting season without permission of lessees.

her flight home.

Miss Orestiadou came to America at the age of 18 and with the help and encouragement of her uncle, the late Lazarus Andrews, enrolled at LSU in elementary education. She knew very little English in the beginning, but four years later had successfully earned her bachelor of science at LSU.

Since then she has taught in Cameron Parish schools a fourth grade teacher, one year in Hackberry and three at Cameron Elementary.

### 4-H YOUTHS WINNERS

A team of three 4-H club members from Cameron Parish placed 3rd in the annual Louisiana Junior Hereford Association Field Day and Judging contest held last week at La. Tech University in Ruston.

The are: Larry Myers, Russell Savoie, and Cecil Myers. Cecil also placed 6th in the individual class. The team also placed 2nd and 4th in the Junior and Overall Angus Judging contest held in St. Joseph a few weeks ago.

Also participating in the Hereford contest from Cameron Parish were: Ricky Guidry, Terry Cox, Michael Chesson, Roxanne Myers, James Cox, Dan Nunez, and Diana Myers. Uland Guidry, Assistant County Agent accompanied the youngsters to the Field Day.

### ROUNDAABOUT THE PARISH

These four Cameron residents say you don't have to go very far to have a good camping trip. Eunice and Vanese Saltzman and Bruce and P. U. Broussard are shown here setting up camp for three days of relaxation on their property at East Creole near the Jim Theriot home.

Barbard Doland Coatney of Alexandria, formerly of Grand Chenier, received her master of science degree Aug. 7 at Northwester State University.

## 1,155 'gators to be harvested on Sabine National Refuge

The Sabine National Wildlife Refuge alligator harvest began Tuesday, September 2, 2003. Seven permitted alligator hunters were issued 1,155 alligator tags. Hunters will use hook and line sets to fill as many tags as possible during the ten day refuge season ending Friday, September 12, 2003. Sabine National Wildlife Refuge caution all refuge visitors to please stay away from downed alligator lines, hooked alligators, and alligator sets throughout the refuge.

Refuge staff will be stationed at West Cove Recreational Area to record biological information, including length and weight, for each alligator caught daily. Visitors are asked to please stay clear of the check station tent and the West Cove boat launches when alligators are being brought in for data processing. For additional information about the refuge alligator harvest please contact Diane Borden-Billiot, Refuge Outreach Coordinator at 337-762-3816.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.



The resignation of Janice Crador, Grand Lake School secretary, effective Sept. 30, 2003, was accepted. Her resignation prompted a number of changes in assignment of staff at the school.

## Refuge tells closure for gator hunt

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge at Grand Chenier has announced a partial closure of the refuge to fisherman and other recreational users beginning Wednesday, Sept. 3.

The refuge will be closed until 10 a.m. daily for a short period in connection with the 2003 alligator harvest.

After 10 a.m. fishermen may enter the refuge but are cautioned not to interfere with the set lines that the trappers have left.

All other refuge regulations remain in effect.

### Gator season is open until Sept. 12



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### SEMIANNUAL GENERAL COURSE OF INSTRUCTION FOR ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

According to Carl Broussard, Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, and in accordance with R.S. 18:431 A. (1) (a), there will be a General Course of Instructions of all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioners, Alternate Commissioners and anyone wishing to become a Commissioner on the following dates, locations and times listed below:

Mon., Sept. 15, 2003: Holly Beach Fire Station - 6:30 p.m. - Holly Beach

Tues., Sept. 16, 2003: Lowery Fire Station - 6:30 p.m. - Lowery

Wed., Sept. 17 2003: Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex 6:30 p.m. - Cameron

If you are the Commissioner-in-Charge or if you are chosen to serve as a Commissioner and/or Alternate Commissioner for the upcoming Gubernatorial Primary Election to be held Saturday, October 4, 2003, it is mandatory that you attend one (1) of these courses.

RUN: Sept. 9 & 11 (S-6)

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## Shrimper may be eligible for federal disaster funds

Qualified commercial shrimpers will soon receive notices by mail concerning the distribution of federal fisheries disaster assistance funds. Earlier this year, Congress appropriated funding for fisheries disaster assistance to states in the southeast region and \$17.5 million "shall be made available for assistance to the shrimp industries in the states of Mississippi, Texas, Alabama, Louisiana and Florida in proportion to the percentage of the shrimp catch landed by each state for economic assistance to the Gulf shrimp fishery." Louisiana's share of these funds is approximately \$8.7 million.

Under a plan approved by Governor Foster, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has been charged with the administration and distribution of these funds.

According to this plan, the LDWF will distribute 2% of the funds (\$173,777) for economic assistance to commercial shrimpers who have a demonstrated record of compliance with turtle excluder and bycatch reduction device regulations, 10% (\$868,887) to commercial shrimpers as incentive to ensure widespread and proper use of turtle excluder and bycatch reduction devices in the fishery, 70% (\$6,082,206) for direct personal assistance to commercial shrimpers and 13% (\$1,129,553) for the promotion and marketing of wild caught Louisiana shrimp and the initiation of a quality certification and marketing program.

The LDWF will utilize no more than 5% of the funds (\$434,443) as administrative expenses. Additionally, if another Gulf state provides financial assistance to their residents and equally treats Louisiana residents and their residents, Louisiana's

plan will allow the non-resident shrimpers to qualify for assistance similarly to Louisiana residents.

Qualifying criteria used for the distribution of economic assistance to commercial shrimpers will be determined through the examination of 2001 and 2002 LDWF trip ticket report records. Under the plan, trip tickets submitted after February 28, 2003 will not be considered for qualification.

Below is a summary of the specific qualifying criteria to be used under each component of the plan:

Economic assistance to commercial shrimpers who have a demonstrated record of compliance with turtle excluder and bycatch reduction device regulations;

\* Commercial shrimpers who reported sales of trawl-caught shrimp on LDWF trip tickets in 2002 and have not been found in violation of a turtle excluder device (TED) or bycatch reduction device (BRD) regulation will share equally in the 2% of funds (\$173,777) allocated.

Economic assistance to commercial shrimpers as incentives to ensure widespread and proper use of turtle excluder and bycatch reduction devices in the fishery;

\* Commercial shrimpers who reported sales of trawl-caught shrimp on LDWF trip tickets in 2002 will share equally in the 10% of funds (\$868,887) allocated.

Direct economic assistance to commercial shrimpers;

\* Commercial shrimpers who reported sales of shrimp on LDWF trip tickets in 2002 will share equally in the 5% of funds (\$434,443) allocated.

\* Commercial shrimpers who reported sales of over 2,000 pounds of shrimp on LDWF trip tickets in either

## LaChip program offers insurance for children

Baton Rouge - In observation of Grandparents Day, the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals is reminding grandparents that they can apply for no-cost health insurance for grandchildren in their care through the Louisiana Children's Health Insurance Program (LaCHIP). On LaCHIP applications for households in which a grandparent is responsible for the care of a child, the grandparent's income is not counted toward eligibility. This policy differs from other state programs such as Food Stamps, TANF cash assistance and free or reduced school lunch.

LaCHIP is a health insurance program designed to

bring quality health care to uninsured children and youth up to the age of 19 in Louisiana. The LaCHIP application is an easy-to-read, two-page document with no follow-up interview required. LaCHIP has absolutely no enrollment fees, premiums, co-payments or deductibles.

According to the 2000 U.S. Census, Louisiana ranks as one of the top five states in the nation for grandparents raising their grandchildren. The Census Bureau reports that more than 67,000 Louisiana grandparents are responsible for meeting the basic needs of their grandchildren, including their health care.

"Today, with so many Louisiana children being raised by grandparents, it is important for these second-generation parents to know they can receive no-cost health insurance for their grandchildren," said DHH Secretary David W. Hood.

If grandparents already have private insurance coverage for their grandchildren, traditional Medicaid still may offer them wraparound services. This coverage would allow the state to cover co-payments, prescription coverage and other services not covered under private health plans.

For more information, or to receive a LaCHIP application, call toll-free, 1-877-252-2447 (2LaCHIP), or visit the LaCHIP Web site at [http://www.dhh.state.la.us/](http://www.dhh.state.la.us/MEDICAID/LaCHIP/index.htm)

2001 or 2002 will share equally in the 40% of funds (\$3,475,546) allocated.

\* Commercial shrimpers who reported sales of over 20,000 pounds of shrimp on LDWF trip tickets in either 2001 or 2002 will share equally in the 25% of funds (\$2,172,217) allocated.

Commercial shrimpers who qualify for economic assistance under this program will be notified by mail of their qualifying status. These notices will also contain a page entitled "Qualification For Commercial Shrimper's Economic Assistance Payments" which lists the components of the program each shrimper individually qualifies for, based on LDWF trip ticket records.

Shrimpers are asked to carefully review this document, then complete the "Certification Form" and the W-9 Form and return them to the Department by September 20, 2003 using the postage-paid envelope provided. Shrimpers must return the "Certification Form" and "Form W-9" in order to receive any economic assistance for which they qualify.

It is very important that the LDWF have the most current address information for all shrimpers who qualify for assistance under this program. Shrimpers are asked to list their current address on the Form W-9, and correct any errors on the "Certification Form". If a shrimper believes that he or she qualifies for assistance and does not receive this packet by August 15, 2003 they should call LDWF at 1-800-717-4665 to provide current address information and request an application packet.

Payment to the surviving spouse or heirs of qualified shrimpers who are now deceased must submit a notarized affidavit detailing the rightful person to receive the assistance payment.

The Department anticipates that some individuals may choose to challenge their qualifying status and an appeals process will be used to review these appeals. Following final disposition of appeals, the LDWF will distribute payments to all qualified commercial shrimpers who have submitted the necessary documents. Any questions can be addressed by calling 1-800-717-4665.



## Texas Renaissance Festival to be held in Oct. & Nov.

This fall's Texas Renaissance Festival theme, the 'Tournament of Champions,' celebrates the completion of the Arena, home to the joust. An arched wall now stands on the hill overlooking the jousting field, transforming the Arena into an amphitheater.

King Henry VII, his queen, Catherine of Aragon, and royal in-laws, King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, will make a daily attempt to choose a new "Royal Champion" from a field of four bold knights, English, French, Spanish, and German, portrayed by the members of the Hanlon-Lees Action Theatre stunt group from Chicago.

These courtly combatants, famed for their ferocious fighting as well as their chivalrous manners, will meet in three jousts a day at 1, 3 and 5 p.m. The battles are fierce and conclude with the final "Joust to the Death".

At 6 p.m., last year's well received Masque of the Conquistadors, the story of Cabeza de Vaca's travels in Texas, will be held at the Globe Theater to honor the newly crowned Royal Champion.

The artists and merchants of New Market Village are offering their finest wares, the cooks and bakers have labored all week to provide the most succulent foods, musicians and sundry entertainers abound, and games and rides have been prepared to honor the victor in this year's Tournament of Champions.

The Festival is located 45

miles from Houston on FM 1774 near Magnolia. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to dusk, rain or shine. Parking is free and free camping is available. Discount tickets may be purchased at Market Basket and Brookshire Brothers stores.

## Beach Sweep to be held Sept. 20th

The 2003 Louisiana Beach Sweep will be held Saturday, Sept. 20, according to the La. Dept. of Environmental Quality which coordinates the events.

Beach cleanup will be conducted on Cameron beaches and in the Fourchon, Grand Isle and Lake Pontchartrain areas.

Nathan Griffith is the Cameron Parish coordinator and he may be contacted at 569-2484 for information on the Cameron Parish efforts.

Last year 2,247 Louisiana citizens joined forces to collect over 27,887 pounds of debris and covered over 38 miles of beaches and waterways.

Now in its 18th year, the Louisiana Beach Sweep is part of "The International Coastal Cleanup," the oldest and largest beach and waterway cleanup in the world with data collection. Information from previous sweeps indicates that about 65% of the trash collected can be recycled. The number one form of litter continues to be cigarette butts.

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# Tarpons blank DeQuincy Tigers in opening game here Friday

By CHRIS MUELLER

The South Cameron Tarpons looked like they were in mid season form here last Friday when they played the DeQuincy Tigers and that could be scary for the rest of their opponents. The Tarpons, with back to back perfect regular seasons, picked up right where they left off last year.

The Tarpons dominated the line of scrimmage on offense and defense enroute to a 31-0 blanking of the class 2A Dequincy Tigers. The 3rd ranked Tarpons lived up to their pre-season billing allowing the Tigers only 71 total yards and 5 first downs.

The Tarpons question mark at quarterback was answered quickly as junior Andre Savoie filled in nicely

for injured star quarterback Brett Baccigalopi. Savoie completed 11 of 15 passes for 126 yards on the night. Senior tailback Kris Benoit scored 3 times on the night on runs of 8, 7, and 4 yards.

Benoit ended the contest with 17 carries for 141 yards. Benoit's backfield mate freshman Dominique Leblanc rushed 12 times for 144 yards, including a 57 yard burst straight up the middle to the Tiger 1 yard line.

Top receivers for the Tarpons were Beau Duhon with 4 catches for 34 yards and Kris Benoit 3 catches for 27 yards. Dane Desonnier had a nice catch for 35 yards.

The Tigers, with a very young squad compared to the Tarpons who have 20 seniors, managed very little on offense. Tiger quarterback

Tate Woodard was harassed all night long by the tough Tarpon defense.

Woodard completed 5 out of 12 passes for 47 yards. Jacob Benson and T-John Henry each had an interception for the Tarpons.

The Tarpon defense also chipped in a safety on the night as they caught Tiger running back Mauricio Payne in his own end zone.

Tarpon place kicker Nick Boudreaux added a 34 yard field goal and Savoie had a 1 yard run for the Tarpons other score on the night.

For the Tigers on offense Mauricio Payne had 23 yards on 8 carries and freshman Willie Ricard had 17 yards on 2 carries. C. J. Joyce had two catches for 25 yards and Rashard Wilson added 1 catch for 18 yards.

The Tigers did not reach Tarpon territory until the 4th quarter and that was aided by a Tarpon penalty.

Tiger punter Matt Hungerford was busy on the night punting 6 times for a 31 yard average. Reese Grove and Jeremy Harville each had a sack for the Tiger defense.

# Bowhunting to open Oct. 1 on Cameron Prairie Refuge

According to refuge manager, Glenn Harris, bowhunting for white-tailed deer will open at Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge on October 1, 2003, and remain open through October 31, 2003. Bowhunting will be according to the regulations of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries except that no firearms are allowed in vehicles or on hunters. Hunters are required to carry a signed copy of the refuge regulations while hunting; must possess proof of completion of the International Bowhunters Education Program; and fill out a Harvest Information Card following each hunt on the refuge, successful or not.

Access to the refuge will be on designated roads and canals. Vehicular access will be allowed only on the Pintail Wildlife Drive, West Cameron Prairie road, and the Bank Fishing Road (other levees and dirt roads are closed to vehicle access). Motorboat access will be allowed only on the North Canal (the East refuge boundary), the "Outfall Canal", and the Gulf Intra-

coastal Waterway. These boat approved areas can be accessed from the public boat launch under the Gibbstown Bridge on Louisiana Hwy 27. All terrain vehicles (airboats, 3 and 4 wheelers, and marsh buggies) will not be allowed anywhere on the refuge. Disabled hunters interested in special access for bowhunting may come to the Refuge Headquarters for information. Use of non-motorized boats is permitted.

No baiting is allowed. Hunters may enter the hunting area no earlier than 4:00 AM and may remain no later than one hour after sunset each day. Only portable stands may be used and must be dismantled or removed from trees after each days use. A stand or blind left on the refuge overnight may be used by any hunter on a first-come first-served basis. All stand and blinds must be removed from the refuge by November 1, 2003.

Refuge regulations, permits, and maps may be obtained from Cameron Prairie NWR, 1428 Hwy 27, Bell City, LA 70630.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish, wildlife, and plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service manages the 95-million-acre National Wildlife Refuge System that encompasses more than 540 national wildlife refuges, thousands of small wetlands, and other special management areas. It also operates 70 national fish hatcheries, 64 fishery resource offices and 78 ecological services field stations. The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, administers the Endangered Species Act, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts. It also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes hundreds of millions of dollars in excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state fish and wildlife agencies.

## South Cameron High News

### SCHOOL NEWS

The Louisiana Department of Transportation (DOT) is sponsoring a week-long Career Fair for students of southwest Louisiana in grades 8-12 at Burton Coliseum in Lake Charles. DOT is covering both transportation costs and lunch for the students and teachers attending.

Cameron Parish students may participate on Thurs., Sept. 25. Cameron Parish school buses will transport students and teachers to Lake Charles beginning at 8:30 and returning between 1 and 1:30 p.m.

Students need to complete permission slips and return them to the office by Sept. 25.

### BETA

Jr. Beta and Sr. Beta eligibility lists are posted around school. Those students interested in joining can pay dues to Coach McKoin, Jr. Beta sponsor or Miss Benoit, Sr. Beta sponsor.

### CAL-CAM FAIR

Any 8th, 10th or 12th grade girl interested in participating in the Cal-Cam Queen contests needs to contact Mrs. Charlene or Mrs. Debbie by Sept. 26.

### SPIRIT SHIRTS

School spirit T-shirts are still available in the office. Cost is \$10.

### 4-H NEWS

4-H Club dues are \$10. Students can pay Mrs. Baccigalopi for Sr. 4-H and Mrs. Nunez for Jr. 4-H. Dues must be paid before Sept. 16.

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Mr. Broussard has the following scholarship applications: Rutherford Institute for a Junior and a Senior; Outstanding Student of America (Seniors only); Horatio Alger Scholarship; and Coca Cola Scholarships.

### ATHLETIC SUPER BINGO

The Athletic Department is sponsoring a super bingo Sun., Oct. 19. More information will follow.

### SCHOOL EVENTS

Sept. 11-12, class officer elections.

Sept. 11, JV game at Kinder.

Sept. 12, Kinder game, home.

Sept. 16, Sr. 4-H meeting.

Sept. 17, Jr. 4-H meeting.

Sept. 18-19, Homecoming court elections.

Sept. 19, Vinton game, away.



## A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MIKE FOSTER

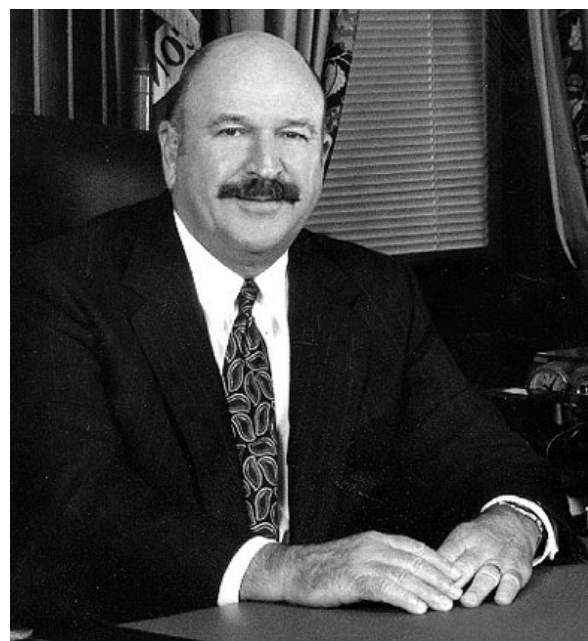
Much of Louisiana's future, and the future of our families, is going to be determined in the upcoming governor's election. During this campaign far too many promises have been made by candidates pandering to special interests. Many of those promises simply cannot be kept. It is impossible to do so. I believe in the people of Louisiana and I trust that you, too, see through these empty political promises and recognize them for what they represent. That is why I want to tell you my reasons for supporting Bobby Jindal for governor of Louisiana.

I have had the opportunity to get to know Bobby because he has worked for me during the past eight years. He began his service to the state as part of our administration in the Department of Health and Hospitals. DHH is the largest agency in state government with a budget of approximately \$4 billion. When Bobby accepted the job, he asked me if he would have free rein to go after anybody who was not dealing straight up with the state and your hard-earned tax dollars. I assured him he could. The end result was that, under Jindal's watch, over half a billion dollars in Medicaid savings were achieved through spending reductions, elimination of fraud and waste and collections of amounts owed to the state.

Bobby Jindal acted in the best interest of the citizens of Louisiana, and the rest is history. He helped keep Louisiana from having a huge deficit at the start of my administration. He eliminated fraud and the department actually delivered more services. Bobby then ran the University of Louisiana System, though he had not come from the established higher ed community. He did a great job.

It is important to note that Bobby took a hefty salary cut in order to come to work for our administration. In spite of his earning ability as a private consultant, Bobby chose to be a part of our push to change the way Louisiana was run. His personal financial sacrifice for the purpose of serving our citizens is just one indication of the length he will go to in order to give back to his home state.

Bobby was called by the Congress, specifically by Senator John Breaux and others, to go to Washington D.C. to help with changes in the Medicare program for a short period of time. He was also called back to Washington by President George W. Bush to work at the top level, as an Assistant Secretary, on health care policy for the U.S. And he did a great job. He is a personal friend of the president's, which should be helpful to us in this state.



It just so happens that health care and education are two of the major challenges a governor has to deal with. Bobby's experience in both of those areas puts him at a big advantage. His tenure in the public service arena has given him first-hand experience in dealing not only with our state legislators, but also with the Washington D.C. establishment.

Bobby comes from a typical Louisiana family. His father worked at Exxon and is now at Jacobs Engineering, his mother works for the state, and his father-in-law works for Freeport MacMoRan. His wife has a degree in chemical engineering, has earned her MBA and is presently working on her PhD in business at LSU. She works at Albermarle in Baton Rouge and, along with Bobby, is raising their 20-month-old daughter.

I hope you have noticed that, in this election, Bobby Jindal is the only candidate who has **not** promised everything to everybody. He has said that he is not Santa Claus. Instead, he will dedicate himself to a better Louisiana. **Bobby understands state government. He has the experience. He has no aversion to hard work.** Much like myself, but younger, Bobby is not a professional politician. Because of this, he owes no favors or allegiance to anyone. He will serve as governor for the sole purpose of providing good government to the people of the state.

Bobby believes in hard work, straight talk, honesty and family values. He will be a governor that all Louisianians will be proud of. He is fully capable of moving Louisiana into a leadership position amongst the states in the 21st century.

I will not presume to try to tell you how to vote. I simply want to let you know how strongly I feel about electing someone who can keep us on the right path. Please look hard at Bobby Jindal and give him your consideration in the governor's election.

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