

THE CAMERON PARISH Library's bookmobile was moved from Cameron due to the threat of Hurricane Gustav and was parked at the Calcasieu Regional Library parking lot in Sulphur. The unit remains there this week due to the threat of Hurricane Ike. The Creole and Johnson Bayou bookmobiles were also moved out for Gustav.



THIS BRAND NEW Capital One "bankmobile" arrived in Cameron on Monday from New York City, temporarily replacing the mobile building that was removed last week ahead of Hurricane Gustav. Branch manager Yvonne Mhire says the mobile unit will stay in Cameron until the regular unit returns. It has an ATM, teller window, new account desk, and commercial teller desk, and it can be disconnected and moved out very quickly. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Generators may be available to businesses

The Office of Planning & Development in conjunction with its regional and state allies has announced the availability of generators purchased through the state for issuance to essential service providers including grocery stores, pharmacies, service stations and other industry sectors.

Any major employer in the parish who would like to get in touch with the Louisiana Department of Economic Development (LED) is encouraged to contact the Office of Planning and Development at 775-5206 for referral for preliminary clearing and ultimate referral to LED.

In working with its economic allies around the State, LED has established the economic impact of hurricane Gustav to be as follows:

Excluding assets in the Gulf of Mexico, the preliminary estimates suggest that Hurricane Gustav caused very roughly \$7-15B in property damage in Louisiana (including both insured and uninsured losses), including \$4-9B for homes, vehicles, and personal property, and \$1.5-3B for commercial structures, property, and inventory (specific estimates for agriculture, timber, fisheries, flooding in North Louisiana, public facilities, and public infrastructure in process)

In addition, Louisiana businesses have incurred roughly \$1.5-2.5B in lost economic activity during the primary evacuation period (including two days prior to and after landfall) and will

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Early voting to begin on Sept. 20th

Early voting for the Oct. 4 election will be at the Cameron Parish Registrar of Voters office at 122-F Recreation Ln. behind the courthouse. This election is for Constable in Ward 6 and for Justice of Peace and Constable in Ward 3.

Early voting has added another Saturday to the early voting days for the convenience of voters and extends the daily hours during early voting from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. starting Saturday Sept. 20 and the week of Monday, Sept. 22 through Saturday, Sept. 27. When you go vote you must have a pictured ID with you.

Any person who feels they need assistance in voting due to a physical disability such as poor eyesight or other must get a physicians certificate confirming the need for assistance in voting and submit it to the registrar prior to the election or give the certificate to the commissioners at the polls on Election Day.

Deadline set candidates' news stories

Cameron Parish candidates for the offices of Justice of the Peace and Constables have only one more issue of the Pilot in which they may run free announcements of their candidacies along with their photos. The deadline for receiving this information is Tuesday, Sept. 16.

Announcements should contain only biographical information. Other information such as campaign pledges should be run as paid advertising. The Pilot reserves the right to edit the announcements. If too many announcements are received, they will have to be run on inside pages.

Announcements and photos should be mailed to Cameron Pilot, P. O. Box 995, DeQuincy, LA 70633 or e-mailed to: dequincynews@century.net. Telephone 1-800-256-7323 for more information.

No announcements will be run in the last issue before the Oct. 4 election although paid advertisements will be accepted for that issue.

Parish evacuates for 3rd time in a month

By CYNDI SELLERS

For the third time in a month, low lying areas of Cameron Parish are under a mandatory evacuation. This time it is for Hurricane Ike, projected to be a Category 3 or more storm when it hits

the Gulf coast late Friday or early Saturday.

A mandatory evacuation of lower Cameron Parish including low lying areas of Grand Lake, Big Lake, and Hackberry, was called at 10 a.m. Wednesday, with roadblocks scheduled to go up on Friday morning.

Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness Director Clifton Hebert, noted that the predicted path of the storm is very similar to that of Hurricane Rita in 2005, including the uncertainty level.

He said that he hoped the evacuation would prove unnecessary. "Hopefully I'll get a lot of phone calls on Monday," he said, "but your life is the most important thing."

Hebert pointed out that the projections for Ike have changed every day since it began, and on Tuesday were still fluctuating along the Texas coast. Roger Erickson of the National Weather Service said a difference of only 100 miles to the north could increase the storm surge at Cameron from 5-6 feet to 10-15 feet.

"We'll be there to protect

your property," Hebert said, "just please, please don't take this lightly."

In 2005, many in Cameron Parish were lulled into complacency by predictions that Hurricane Rita would strike Corpus Christi, Tex., giving Cameron Parish only 4-5 feet tides. After leaving with only a few belongings, evacuees were horrified to watch as the path moved further north daily, finally striking near the Texas-Louisiana border and virtually wiping out the Cameron coast.

As of Wednesday, Hurricane Ike was projected to hit almost the same spot on the Texas coast. The National Weather Service was saying that the final landfall would depend on how soon a trough of low pressure moves in from the west, weakening the high pressure area protecting the Louisiana coast. It was the same for Rita.

"There is rhyme to our reason for calling this mandatory evacuation on Wednesday," Hebert said. "People couldn't get a lot out in one day for Rita. We're giving 2-3 days this time."

Cancellations

BEACH SWEEP CANCELLED

The annual Beach Sweep, which was set for Saturday, Sept. 20 on various Cameron Parish beaches, has been cancelled for this year, according to Nat Griffith, coordinator.

Griffith said the disruption caused by three tropical systems in the past month led to this decision. He hopes to schedule another event, perhaps in the spring to avoid hurricane season.

BLOOD DRIVE CANCELLED

Due to the evacuation, the blood drive scheduled for Wednesday, Sept 10 at First Baptist Church of Cameron has been rescheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 1.

LifeShare Blood Center staff will be at the church

from 3:30-6:30 p.m. accepting blood donations, which are badly needed at this time.

MOVIE CANCELLED

The showing of "Little Chenier" has been postponed indefinitely because of hurricane evacuations.

The Cameron Library will re-schedule the showing at a later date.

MEETING CANCELLED

Cameron Parish Farm Bureau's annual meeting which was scheduled for Sunday Sept. 14, has been postponed.

Board President James Bozo Cox and board members will reschedule the meeting for a later date. Members will be notified when a new date is set.

Schools were closed Wed for evacuation

According to Cameron Parish School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue all schools and school offices in Cameron Parish were closed Wednesday to begin the mandatory evacuation process and will remain closed until further notice.

For more information, check the website at www.camsch.org and listen to My State alert messages.

DeQ. game cancelled

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

It's been a long time since the South Cameron Tarpons and the DeQuincy Tigers have not opened their seasons against each other, but Hurricane Gustav caused a lot of football games to be cancelled last week.

The Tarpons and Tigers were hoping to play last Saturday, but the Calcasieu Parish School Board canceled all games that involved parish schools.



DISPLAY AREA AT South Cameron School shows the names of all the sports teams that have represented southeastern Cameron Parish. The South Cameron Tarpons, Grand Chenier Elementary Packers, Audrey Memorial Hurricanes, Cameron Elementary Cudas, and South Cameron Elementary Jets are remembered. All South Cameron teams are now the Tarpons. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Refuge tells closure

The 125,000 acre Sabine National Wildlife Refuge will be closed to all public access and recreational uses as of 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10. For the safety of the public and the refuge employees, all the refuge entrance gates will be closed at 3:30 p.m.

This action corresponds with a Cameron Parish decision to implement a mandatory evacuation for lower Cameron Parish and areas prone to flooding. The refuge will re-open when the Parish lifts the mandatory evacuation and it is determined safe to re-enter Refuge marshes after the storm passes and damages, if any, are assessed.

For duck hunters who were expecting to teal hunt on the Sabine Refuge this weekend you will not be allowed to access the Refuge however, the Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge will be open in accordance with Refuge specific and appropriate state, and federal regulations.

For additional information about the closure or re-opening dates and times call our Southwest Louisiana National Wildlife Refuge Complex Office at 598-2216.

What's the difference between mandatory and voluntary?

By CYNDI SELLERS

What is the difference between a mandatory and voluntary evacuation? When do you have to be out of the parish? The Sheriff's Office fields hundreds of these questions every time an evacuation is called.

Clifton Hebert, Director of the Cameron Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, says there is not a lot of difference between voluntary and mandatory. He would prefer to use the term "evacuation" every time. The main difference is that "mandatory" triggers some industries to close down operations and let employees go home. It also conveys a sense of urgency to residents that they really need to prepare to leave.

In a mandatory evacuation, no one is forced to leave, but anyone who chooses to remain should know that emergency services will not be available for them during the emergency.

It is possible that the Sheriff's Office, ambulance services, fire departments, and OEP staff will evacuate to higher ground for safety, leaving any die-hards stranded by rising water and cut off from medical care. No one will be coming to get them if things go wrong.

Most water districts will cut off water before leaving to keep tanks full. This pro-

cedure is credited with saving the water towers in Rita. Electricity will not be cut off, except by weather.

Roadblocks are set up at the entrances to the parish to prevent anyone who has no business here from entering. Hebert has stressed that residents can leave at any time, but at some point it will not be possible to re-enter.

Mandatory evacuation does not mean that everyone has to exit the parish at the moment it is called. The beginning time starts a countdown to final shutdown, which can take 1-2 days. Livestock owners can still make multiple trips to move stock. Homeowners can make extra trips to move belongings. Weather conditions will determine when re-entry is halted, Hebert says.

After landfall occurs, essential personnel will re-enter the parish first, to clear roadways and assure safe re-entry for residents. Industry personnel will make sure there are no gas leaks, etc.

Electrical workers will remove downed power lines. Road crews will clear roads of trees and other debris. When all is safe, residents will be allowed to re-enter.



THE CAMERON Multipurpose Building is closer to completion, but the contractor has asked for an 84 day extension due to unforeseen repairs and weather stoppages. The request was one of several plan changes causing concern at Monday's Police Jury meeting. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



EVELYN MARY ABADIE BENOIT

Evelyn Mary Abadie Benoit, 81, a native of New Iberia and a resident of Jenerette died, Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008 in Metairie. She formerly lived in Cameron.

A Rosary was held a 10:30 a.m. and Mass of Christian burial was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Baldwin with Father Greg Cormier officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Benoit is survived by her husband, Sidgy P. Benoit Sr.; four children, Sidgy P. Benoit Jr. and wife, Pamela, of Franklin, Gladys B. Smith and husband, Sterling Jr., of New Orleans, Wedna A. Benoit of Houston, Tex., and Charles A. Benoit of Jeanerette; six grandchildren, Crystal M. Benoit, Sidgy P. Benoit III, Decca R. Benoit, Samuel P. Benoit, Charles J. Benoit, and Dwayne A. Benoit; two great grandchildren, Kaylin Boudreaux and Kesli Benoit; and one brother, Raymond Abadie of Crowley.

She was preceded in death by her father, Leonce M. Abadie and her mother, Gladys F. Abadie.

Arrangements were entrusted to Ibert's Mortuary in Franklin.
(Paid Memorial)



JOYCE VIRGINIA NUNEZ STURLESE

Joyce Virginia Nunez Sturlese, 85, passed away on Monday, Sept. 8, 2008, in New Iberia.

A loving mother and devoted grandmother, Joyce was born in Creole, and resided in New Iberia post hurricane Rita. She was a faithful member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and Charter member of the Catholic Daughters of America.

Joyce was a graduate of St. Charles Academy in Lake Charles and a member of the Home Demonstration Club where she was elected Woman of the Year in 1988. Joyce was selected to reign as Senior Citizen Queen of the 2001 Alligator Festival in Grand Chenier.

Survivors include her sons, Joseph Wayne Sturlese and wife, Suzanne, of Grand Lake, Anthony Charles Sturlese and wife, Rachel, of New Iberia, John Patrick Sturlese and wife, Christina, of Lake Charles; granddaughters, Telesha Sturlese Bertrand and husband, Patrick, Brandi Sturlese

Landreneaux and husband, Stacy, Skye Sturlese Fantaci and husband, Matthew, Stacey Sturlese Davidson and husband, Spencer, Courtney Leigh Sturlese, Kristin Sturlese Fenetz and husband, Corey; great-grandchildren, Jensen Bertrand, Haydon Sturlese, Kirston Landreneaux, Dru Bertrand, Ashton Landreneaux, Drake Sturlese, Camelia Nicole Fenetz and step-grandsons, Cody Richard and Thomas Richard.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edras Nunez, Jr. and Camelia Richard Nunez; brothers, Fredrick Bennett Nunez and Gordan Nunez; and son, Adam George Sturlese.

Mrs. Joyce's funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 11 at Christ the King Catholic Church. Father Joseph McGrath will officiate.

Pallbearers assisting in her service will be grandsons, Patrick Bertrand, Stacy Landreneaux, Matthew Fantaci, Spencer Davidson, Corey Fenetz, and great grandson, Haydon Sturlese.

Honorary Pallbearers will be her nephews, Dan Nunez, Phillip Nunez, Tommy Nunez, and Scott Nunez, step-grandsons, Cody Richard, and Thomas Richard, and her special young friend and neighbor, B. J. Primeaux and J. T. Primeaux.

Burial will be in Highland Cemetery under the direction of Hixson Funeral Home of Lake Charles. Visitation was from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. on Wednesday, and continued from 8 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday. Rosary was Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Family would like to express their deep appreciation to her caregivers, Yvonne Layne, Jackie Thompson, Mary Mitchell, Jeanette Davis, and Charlene Flugence for their loving care to our mother.

Special thanks also goes to her personal physical therapist, Bola Adeyanju, for his generous attention to her rehabilitation.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.mem.com
(Paid Memorial)



DO YOU REMEMBER? The picture of Robinson's Café at Gibbstown was taken after Hurricane Audrey hit on June 27, 1957. Adia and Nora Gaspard helped the owners clean the café which had three feet of water in it.
(Photo by Lillian Broussard and submitted by Verna Pettefer.)

Cyndi gets a close view of storm's damage across La.

By **CYNDI SELLERS**

Cameron Parish was spared from Hurricane Gustav, but like many others, Paul and I have family in other, more affected parishes. Our daughter Alyssa had flown in from Portland, Ore., to help us evacuate, and as soon as we returned from Houston, and I sent my articles to the Pilot, we set out for points east.

First stop - Abbeville. Paul's dad lives there. He is almost 91 and lives alone. We arrived to find he had been busy hauling limbs that had fallen from his pecan tree to the street. He wanted to leave the boards on his house in case Ike threatened, so there was not much more we could do for him.

Most of Abbeville seemed to be OK, with a lot of limbs on the ground, but no noticeable damage. The power had been out for less than a day, we heard from relatives.

Next stop - Broussard. My mother, Marianna Primeaux, lives there. She and her husband Wallace were without power for several days, but by the time we arrived on Friday it had been restored. A large magnolia tree in the back yard had split, but the house was not damaged. A neighbor had helped rake up leaves and pecans from the front yard.

We did see a large tree

that had fallen in a nearby yard, and there was some minor roof damage, but overall damages seemed light. Alyssa and I helped Mom pull weeds and then headed east once more.

Final Stop - Denham Springs. Our son Michael, his wife Erica and our granddaughter Claire live there. Alyssa needed to see her niece.

Along the way, we looked for damage. Along the Atchafalaya we saw evidence of wind - some trees with tops out, some blown down - but nothing approaching the level of Hurricane Andrew, which stripped the trees for miles. Some road signs were blown down, and a few billboards.

In Baton Rouge many areas were still without power on Friday night. The Capital was lit up, however, a sign of hope. In Denham Springs, the main street seemed to have power, but there was a curfew so stores were closing. Mike's subdivision still did not have electricity, but he had a generator and a cool front was making the house pleasant.

In fact, the night was so nice that many neighbors had set up chairs in their garages to enjoy it. We went outside to look at the stars, more visible than usual because of the darkened lights. Our stargazing was rewarded with two shooting stars before, lulled by the hum of many generators, we went inside to bed.

We had seen electrical workers along the road, and hoped for the best. Almost asleep, we were awakened at 11:30 p.m. by the screeching of the alarm as the power

came back on. The air conditioner replaced the sound of generators, but I almost missed the earlier simplicity.

Looking around the next day, we saw some roof damage and some trees down, but the biggest problem was the power. The Denham Springs Wal-Mart was one of the few places to get groceries, and it was packed. People from Baton Rouge were driving over. Many traffic lights were still out and the four-way stops were causing long delays.

Calls to relatives in Morgan City and New Iberia assured us that they were safe and undamaged also. Overall, Gustav could have been a lot worse, but we know that some areas like Houma, Grand Isle and Port Fourchon were hard hit. It has been frustrating that the national news media virtually ignored those areas once New Orleans was known to be safe. Our hearts go out to those people, for we know how they feel.

Recipes requested

Recipes are requested for the 2009 Fur & Wildlife Festival Cookbook. The festival will be honoring the cattle industry this year.

Recipes can be emailed to Shirley Murphy at smurphy65@suddenlink.net or mailed to 2899 Sugarloaf Dr. #114, Lake Charles, LA 70607.

Deadline for receiving recipes is Monday, Sept. 15.

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CAMERON STATE BANK representatives Amy Nyberg, left and Stacie Thibodeaux, right, present Jeanne Hamilton of Lake Charles, center, with a spa gift basket, part of the "Rejuvenation" spa package for August. The gift is valued at \$1,000 and includes an overnight stay at L'Auberge du Lac. A different spa package will be given away each month through November. September's spa package will "Tickle Your Toes" with a variety of spa treatments to pamper feet. Registration slips are available at all Cameron State Bank locations throughout Southwest Louisiana. The grand finale in December is an all-inclusive seven-night stay at Lake Austin Spa Resort for the winner and a guest, valued at over \$12,000.

Shooting Sports program to be explained at schools

The Cameron Parish 4-H Shooting Sports program is a youth development education program. Positive youth-adult interaction and peer leadership is a strong emphasis in this program. The program is designed to enhance family communications and quality time together. Community members, parents, and 4-Hers wanting to know more about the Cameron Parish 4-H Shooting Sports program

may attend a Shooting Sports Community Meeting at the following sites:
South Cameron - Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
Hackberry - Wednesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
Johnson Bayou - Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 5 p.m. in the school cafeteria.
For more information, call the Cameron Parish 4-H Office at 905-1318.

Funds available for fire fighting related equip.

Cameron Parish Planning & Development has been notified of grant funds available for fire related equipment through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry's Volunteer Fire Assistance Funding program. This grant is a 50/50 reimbursement matching grant with a restriction on the maximum amount requested.

Any fire related equipment is eligible, except fire trucks, repair or construction of buildings, land acquisition, water lines/hydrants, and daily operating expenses.

Planning & Development will submit applications on behalf of any interested Cameron Parish fire district. Letters have been sent to all fire chiefs in the Parish with a copy of the program guidelines and application.

The Planning Office asks that any fire district request-

ing their assistance to please contact them with information on or before Sept. 23. Information can be mailed, emailed, faxed, or delivered to the following:

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Physical Address:
122-E Recreation Center Ln
Cameron, LA 70631



Dedication postponed

A ceremony to dedicate a portion of Hwy. 82 as the "Rodney Guilbeaux Memorial Highway" scheduled for this Saturday has been postponed due to the threat of Hurricane Ike.

A resolution naming the highway was passed in the recent session of the Louisiana Legislature. The ceremony will be scheduled at a later date.

Commissioner classes told

Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, Carl Broussard, in accordance will conduct General Courses of Instructions for anyone wishing to become certified to work as a Cameron Parish Election Commissioner. These Courses are also for all Commissioners-in-Charge, Commissioner, and Alternate Commissioners who were selected to work for the upcoming Fall Congressional Primary Election to be held on Saturday, Oct 4, and the Presidential Election to be held on Tuesday, Nov. 4. These courses will be held as follows:

- Monday, Sept. 15, Klondike Community Center, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 16, Hackberry Multipurpose, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 17, Cameron Courthouse Courtroom, 6:30 p.m.

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likely incur a total of \$2.5-5.0B in lost economic activity due to business interruptions

Most of Louisiana's economic-driven firms experienced relatively minor impacts from the storm, with the manufacturing sector experiencing the greatest loss of economic activity and productivity (roughly \$500MM and \$100MM, respectively, to date)

Shut-in oil-and-gas production in the Gulf of Mexico (and lower production rates as operations are restarted) could result in a loss of \$2-5B over a six-month period. The daily loss of revenues from shut-in operations (currently nearly 90-95% shut-in) are ~\$150-200MM

Excluding the Gulf of Mexico, property damage from Hurricane Gustav appears to be about 7-15 percent of that from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (roughly \$100B together)

The primary remaining economic threat from Hurricane Gustav is business interruptions across the state, which are being caused by a lack of electricity, fuel, and employees - roughly \$150-250MM per day of GSP currently is being lost due to business interruptions.

These comprehensive economic impact assessments are preliminary estimates that will be updated over the coming weeks and months.



THESE WERE some of the persons who were on the program for the annual awards banquet of the Cameron Parish NAACP branch which was held Aug. 23 at the King Center in Lake Charles.

Grand Lake High School News

BASKETBALL NEWS

The girls basketball team will be selling Crocs and Flip Flops, also they will be selling wind jackets. Order forms will be in the elementary and high school offices.

Basketball season passes are also on sale. Order forms are in the offices.

Annual Maroon and Gold night is set for Thursday, Sept. 18, at 6 p.m. Come meet and greet your favorite boys and girls basketball player and cheerleader and watch them play. Free to the public.

BAKE SALE

A Bake Sale will be held at Boones Corner, Saturday, Sept. 13, at 5 a.m. sponsored the girls basketball team.

SENIOR/PARENT MEETING

The 1st Senior/Parent meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. All seniors and parents interested in taking a senior trip after graduation are asked to attend this meeting.

Deadline for fair entries is Sept. 15

All Cameron Parish livestock exhibitors who have officially validated a market animal or have a breeding animal you plan to exhibit at the state fair, please complete and return your entry form to The State Fair of Louisiana, postmarked no later than Sept. 15.

The 4-H Agent or Ag Teacher must sign the entry before it is mailed. The Louisiana State Fair in Shreveport is scheduled for Oct. 23-Nov. 9.

All information regarding the livestock show, including an online entry and show schedule, can be found online at <http://www.state-fairoflouisiana.com/livestock> Schedule.aspx



RON JOHNSON, right, chief deputy of the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department, presented a Key to the Parish to Dr. Ernest Johnson, Louisiana NAACP president, at the annual Cameron Parish NAACP awards banquet held Aug. 23 in Lake Charles.

Validation time is set at Burton Coliseum

Please be advised that the validation time for Burton Coliseum on Friday, Sept. 26, will not be from 2 to 8 p.m.

The schedule is as follows:
Steers, Beef Commercial Heifers, Market lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Goats, and Commercial Does will be validated and classified at regional locations on Sept. 23-27.

Exhibitors may attend any of the listed sites to be validated. The possession date for the listed groups will be Saturday, Sept. 27. The proposed validation sites and

dates will be as follows:
Tuesday, Sept 23, Delhi Northeast District Livestock Show Facility, 4-8 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept 24, New Iberia-Sugar Arena, 4-8 p.m.
Thursday, Sept 25, Bator Rouge - Livestock Show Office Facility, 4-8 p.m.

Friday, Sept 26, Lake Charles-Burton Coliseum 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Not 2-8 p.m.)

Saturday, Sept 27 Alexandria-Dean Lee Show Facility, 8 a.m.-12 p.m.
Saturday, Sept 27 Natchitoches-Rodeo Arena 3-5 p.m.

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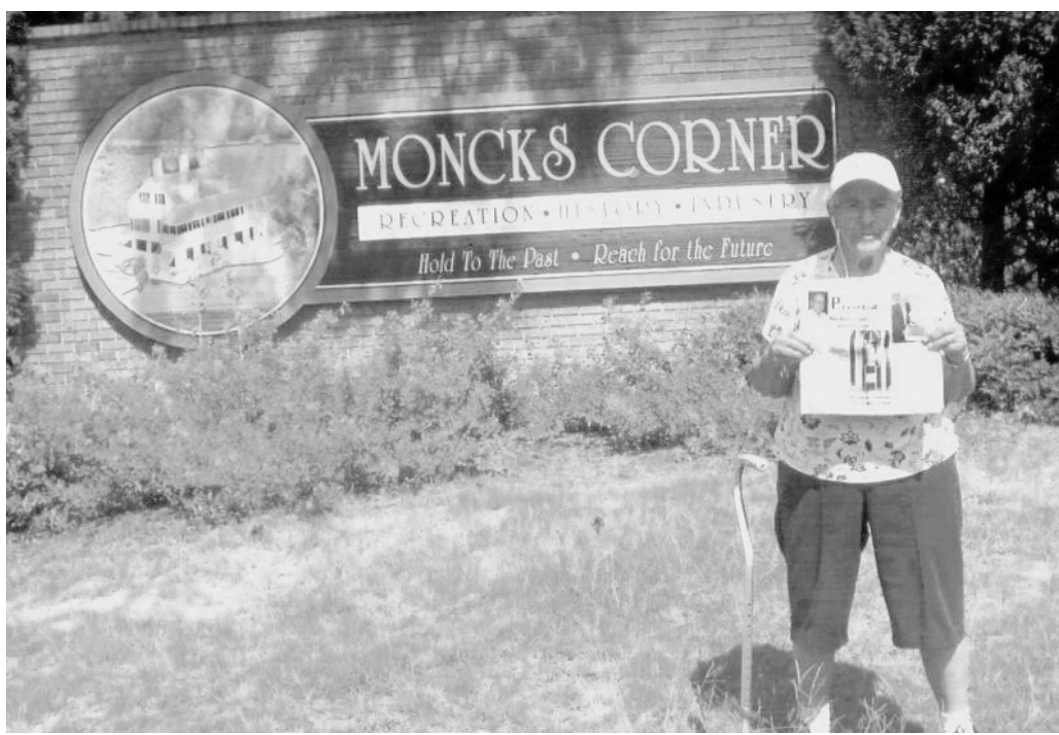
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GRACE WELCH is shown holding an issue of the Cameron Parish Pilot while she was in Monck's Corner, South Carolina. (Photo by Coot McInnis.)

Evacuation to S. Carolina told

By COOT MCINNIS

Aug. 29, my daughter called and said we best not stay because of the storm. She had been watching the Weather Channel and was getting concerned. My mother is 88 years old and my son is 28 years old, they both face daily challenges with their health. Hurricane Gustav was heading our way so we decided to leave before we were told to get out. Hurricane Rita taught everyone a valuable lesson, don't wait and don't stay.

The best place I could think of was at my aunt's in South Carolina. A long trip but I would have my mom and my son out of harms way. My brother decided he would go with us also.

I have a Jack Russell Terrier and my brother has a Yorkie, they both made the trip also. Jack was in his kennel and Bear was on his pillow. Overall the dogs did great.

My oldest sister came down from Houston on Saturday and we went to see my brother's first grandson. When we got home, I laid down. This was normal, my motto was whatever time I wake up, be in the vehicle we were leaving. We left at 5 p.m. on Aug. 30.

Upon our journey, we encountered areas of heavy traffic. We took 171, all along this route the gas stations

either had long lines or no gas. We stopped in north Louisiana.

The trip, I drove straight through took almost 24 hours which it has never taken me this long before. My aunt and family were waiting on us. They had been watching the Weather Channel also.

For the next few days we watched the weather channel and prayed. I didn't see too much about Cameron Parish because once again the Weather Channel and other stations were focused on the New Orleans area, as they were when Hurricane Rita changed all of our lives. I received a text message from Cameron's Alert System. Family and friends kept in touch by cell phones.

Mom brought the Cameron Pilot with us, so my aunt could read some of the articles in it. She wanted to take a picture in front of the town my aunt lives in, Moncks Corner, S. C.

When I received the notice of the evacuation lifted, I delayed one day before returning. Once this happened, as it was when we left, you just don't know what area is without any power and what stations would be open for gas. My daughter who lives in Lafayette advised they had a lot of damage and power outages. My son would be staying with her to help with the

clean up.

We started our journey home, on Wednesday Sept. 3. We stopped for lunch that ended up being supper at my niece's in Columbus, Ga. We took the scenic route before going to their home. We stayed at a motel in Montgomery, Ala. We encountered quiet a lot of Louisiana and Texas residents who were going back home. We came back on 80 then 20 and 49.

We saw part of the destruction that was left. In Louisiana we went through several parishes still without power. One station, a Chevron had power but the owner said his home had no water. He said he was tired of sponge bathing and was going to find a bathtub.

One station had no power, as it was also a convenient store that was also closed. It appeared that residents who were returning, left their trash there. Some was in trash cans but most was piled up by the gas tanks. This was not a pretty site, the owner and workers would face upon returning.

Once we got to Lafayette, my daughter met with us and took her brother home to start their recovery process. We got back on Interstate 10 and came home.

I brought my family over one thousand miles, to safety. When we left, my aunt's family were facing decisions of their own to stay or go. Hurricane Hannah was coming towards the coast of the Carolinas.

We are home and safe and watching Hurricane Ike.

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Hackberry High School Highlights

Hackberry High School Highlights is a weekly column about the comings and goings at HHS.

At HHS, as with the rest of the parish schools much of our time is spent packing for and unpacking from hurricanes. Our parish and school fared very well from Hurricane Gustav.

FACULTY NEWS

The greatest buzz about the school is the addition of new faculty and staff members. To this date the new additions, I am told, are numbering 15. We will be featuring one of them in our "Who's New" section of this column each week.

New faculty members are: Wendy Burleigh - 5th grade, Allison Devall - Adaptive PE, Benji Duhon - 3rd grade, Frances Fazzio - Art, Byron Gibbs - Alternative class, Emma Hobbs - FACS and Special Ed, Ashley Kebodeaux - Social Studies, Shawn Kyle - Math, Rachal Lancon - English, Carl Langley - Asst. Principal, Gingi Lockhart - Special Ed, Lynda Williamson - Pre-K, Theresa Guidry - Aide, Jolene John - Aide, Ashley Poole - Nurse.

WHO'S NEW

New to our school and community is Mr. Carl Langley, new assistant principal.

Mr. Langley came to Hackberry by way of Hackberry High School where he served as assistant principal, then principal from 1978 until 2002 before leaving to have surgery.

Beginning the 2008 school term, he had spent a total of 36 years in education, and was named a finalist in the Louisiana Principal of the Year contest for the state of Louisiana, and once received the Governor's Distinguished Service Award for his contributions to education.

He is married to the former Paula Marie Hebert and the couple has a daughter,

Hackberry Catholic News

PRAYER SERVICE

St. Peter Claver Evening Vespers Prayer Service was held Sunday, Sept. 7 at the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles. Those attending were: Mae Doris Little, Tammy Welch, Suzanne Duhon, Mark and Angie Granger, Gene Little and Father Rommel Tolentino.

PIE SALE

The Pie Sale has been rescheduled to Friday, Sept. 26. To order a pie contact Velma at 762-4750, Lou Johnson 762-4756, or the church office. Pies are \$8.

BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

The Bishop's Golf Classic has a rescheduled date of Friday, Sept. 19 at Gray Plantation Golf Course.

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Erin Kaye, who lives in Houston.

Mr. Langley graduated from Fenton High School (now Lacassine) and received his college education at McNeeseState, where he received his B.A., Master's of Education and Master's + 30.

Mr. Langley states, "I love being a part of the Hackberry community and it's dedicated staff and disciplined student body. As long as I can work and make a contribution to education, I feel that the Lord is calling me to do just that."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Sept. 15 - Progress reports go out, this may have to be rescheduled due to Hurricane Ike.

Sept. 16 - ASVAB testing for Juniors

Sept. 18 - Graduation Invitation and Graduation Ring presentations, for Juniors and Seniors, beginning at 9 a.m.

JV BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 18 - Johnson Bayou - Home - 5 p.m.

Sept. 25 - Johnson Bayou - Away - 5 p.m.

Sept. 29 - Bell City - Home - 5 p.m.

Oct. 6 - Bell City - Away - 5 p.m.

Oct. 9 - Grand Lake - Home - 5 p.m.

Oct. 16 - Varsity Basketball begins with the Hackberry Jamboree

4-H

First Jr. 4-H meeting of the year scheduled for Sept. 24, at 12:30 p.m.

RODEO NEWS

The Jr. High Rodeo for this weekend in Ruston has been postponed due to the impending effects of Ike, and the ongoing effects of Gustav. The rodeo will be held the weekend of Oct. 3-5.

The Jr. High event is called the Wrangler division of the Louisiana High School Rodeo Association, and is usually held on Sundays in conjunction with the Friday and Saturday performances of the high school events. Further information may be found on line at LHSRA-info.

Jr. High team members from Hackberry are: Sami Little, Kennedy Darbonne, and Torey Little.

Evacuation aid may be available

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has activated procedures under its transitional sheltering initiative that allows eligible Gustav evacuees who cannot return to their homes to stay in hotels or motels until it is safe for them to go home. FEMA will pay for the lodging through the use of an authorization system directly to hotels and motels. A list of participating hotels is available online at www.gustav-evac.com.

As congregate shelters begin to close down, this assistance is intended to provide a more appropriate extended sheltering environment to evacuees who cannot return home because their neighborhoods are inaccessible or because their homes are so severely damaged that they cannot live in them. The initial period of assistance is from Sept. 3, to Oct. 3. FEMA can extend the stay if needed. Applicants are responsible for their own meals and hotel expenses other than lodging, as well as for any lodging costs above the authorized allowance.

Evacuees first need to apply for federal assistance through FEMA either online at www.fema.gov or by calling the FEMA toll free number at 1-800-621-FEMA (3362), TTY 1-800-462-7585. Eligible evacuees must fit the following criteria:

- FEMA must be able to verify the identity of the evacuee;


- The primary residence of the evacuee must be in one of the parishes that have been declared a disaster area (please, contact the toll-free number to be certain); and

- The evacuee cannot return to or re-occupy his/her primary residence.

Persons who do not meet these criteria will be referred to local agencies for possible assistance for short-term lodging.

This program will not reimburse applicants for previously incurred hotel expenses. However, applicants should contact FEMA to see if they are eligible for such reimbursement under other FEMA programs.

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Thank You,

Julie Batts and her family would like to extend a large amount of gratitude to everyone who joined together and extended generosity before and during the medical benefit of August 24.

Everything was a huge success because of the efforts of all those people who worked tirelessly behind the scenes in planning an event of this magnitude. We have no idea just how much planning goes into holding such an event. Success came through many of the wonderful volunteers donating their valuable time and talents

Finally, it is truly a testament of character to witness a community of people coming together to help one of their own.

In addition to the benefit, I appreciate all the prayers received since the beginning of my illness, February 2007. With God's blessings and a fellowship of people around us, we will overcome this dreaded disease.

Once again, the Batts family would like to just say "Thank You" to everyone.

God Bless,
Julie Batts

South Cameron High School News

HOMECOMING
South Cameron High School Homecoming will be held on Thursday, Oct. 2. The Classes of 1959, 1984, and 1999 will be honored with a reception to be held in the SCHS old gym at 5:30 p.m.

BOX TOPS COLLECTION
SCHS Senior 4-H is collecting box tops for education and community coffee coupons. Donations can be sent to the school.

TARPON STUFF
SCHS Danceline is selling tarpon boxer shorts (\$15/\$16), tarpon pajama pants (\$20/\$21). Boxer shorts and pajama pants will be on sale until Oct. 23.

Please see any dance line member: Falon Welch, Devon Richard, Jerica Boudreaux, Katelyn Horn, Molly Wigley, Lakin LaBove, Taylor Canik, and Destiney Crowe or Ms. Sheri Dubard, or Mrs. Sharon Picou.
Tarpon sunglasses are on sale in the high school office for \$5 a pair.

CLASS OFFICERS
Eighth Grade - President: Skylar Barnett, Vice President: Marcus Doxey, Secretary: Clodia Booth, Treasurer: Gage Richard,

GATOR SEASON
The alligator hunting season opened last weekend and hunters are catching their gators, however there is a small problem. It seems that the buyer from around the Breaux Bridge area got hit for Hurricane Gustav, so hunters for the Miami Corporation were only bringing in 15 gators a day to see how things would be handled. If things go well, then they'll be able to bring more gators each day.

Reporter: Brooklyn Broussard.
Ninth Grade - President: Laney Theriot, Vice President: Myli Hay, Secretary/Treasurer/Reporter: Taylor Canik.
Tenth Grade - President: Jadah Primeaux, Vice President: Kristin Broussard, Secretary/Treasurer/Reporter: Cade Theriot.
Eleventh Grade - President: Hunter Canik, Vice President: Molly Alexander, Secretary: Shelby Willis, Treasurer: Sara Dupre, Reporter: Bailey D. Richard.
Twelfth Grade - President: Haley McCall, Vice President: Kimily Bourriaque, Secretary: Kyle Little, Treasurer: Amanda Wicke, Reporter: Melanie Hardy.

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Eighth Grade - Karlee Primeaux, Becca Richard.
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SCHOOL CALENDAR
Sept. 15 - Graduate Sales Presentation to Juniors and Seniors, 9 a.m.
Sept. 15 - Progress Reports.
Sept. 16 - 4-H Shooting Sports Parent Meeting, 6 p.m., SCHS lunch room.
Sept. 18 - Order Gradate Sales rings and graduation supplies, 9 a.m.
Sept. 19 - Tarpons vs. Kinder (away) JV game TBA.



PEGGY GRIFFITH, South Cameron 4th grade teacher, spent Wednesday and Thursday of last week putting materials back into her classroom following the Hurricane Gustav evacuation. This week teachers had to pack up and evacuate again, hoping to be able repeat this task after Hurricane Ike makes landfall. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



SOUTH CAMERON High School teachers are shown moving back in after evacuating for Hurricane Gustav. (Photo by Melissa Bonsall.)

Tarpons have a 19-18 win over Vinton Lions Tues.

By **CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER**
Tarpons' touchdowns. He also intercepted a Lion pass late in the game to thwart a last minute Vinton drive. The Lions built a 2 touchdown lead in the first half, but South Cameron answered with scores of their own in the second half after failing several times in the red zone during the first half of the game.
They had reached the red zone four times, but scored only once. The Tarpons winning touchdown came with less than 3 minutes remaining in the game.

Cameron Outdoors

By **LOSTON MCEVERS**



HURRICANES A PLENTY
Last week, I missed "D Boat", as I was up North like most folks from our area, to try to get out of the way of Hurricane Gustav, now it seems that we may have to try to dodge another bullet, as Hurricane Ike comes into the Gulf.

Fishing was a no-no for several days, however salt-water anglers are back catching trout and redbird. We didn't get as much rain as other areas did, but we'll surely get some of the water to come down to our area. I spoke with friends from the Houma/Thibodaux area and they have plenty of problems. Their homes and boats and launches got hit hard. We were lucky as everything was normal in our return.

DOVE SEASON
Dove season opened last Saturday and I got a chance to make a dove hunt Saturday evening at the Cal-Cam area. We didn't really see many of the smaller mourning doves, but we did get some shooting on the larger doves that are beginning to raise down in our parish.

I made a hunt in Creole, Sunday, and again all of the larger doves, but I noticed there's lots of mourning doves in the Chalky Fields west of St. Patrick's Church. It felt good to get in the hunting groove and fire off a few boxes of shells. The first split closes this Sunday, Sept. 14.
Out teal season, Blue-wing-green-winged and Cinnamon Teals will be a 4 day limit, 8 possession limit after the first day opens this Saturday, Sept. 13-28. We will also be able to shoot rails

during the teal season, as well as gallinules. I'm not seeing as many teals in our marsh as a week ago, but there's surely lots of gallinules.

Archery hunters in our area 3, are getting ready for the opening on Saturday, Sept. 20 and will run thru Jan. 15, 2009.

GIBBSTOWN CHAMPIONSHIP
The afternoon Gibbstown tournament held throughout our summer months, took the top 3 anglers from each Monday night and had a championship to fish finals on Toledo Bend, as what I was told. The winners Bryon and Merritt Robertson with 8.73 pounds and also largest bass weighing 3.93 pounds.

Second place went to Richard and Blair Duhon, a husband and wife team from Creole and Lemesche Bass Club members, weighing in 8.20 pounds of fish. Third place went to Carl Broussard and Ricky Canik of Grand Chenier, also Lemesche Bass Club members, weighing in a 6.68 team stringer. Congratulations are in order to the three teams of Bass Anglers.

BRIEFS

Although the Big Burn and Miami Corporation permit fishing is closed, there's still Lacassine Refuge. The rains have put more water into the impoundment port that's open and there's still some large bass being caught, dragging plastic flukes and Senko worms across the vegetation. Good colors are watermelon/candy, watermelon/red and cotton candy.

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School Board adopted annual budget Monday

By CYNDI SELLERS

The Cameron Parish School Board adopted its annual budget Monday afternoon, planning to spend \$29.5 million in 2008-2009. This amount is \$2 million more than the expected revenues of \$27.5 million. The extra expense is not a problem, however, because the School Board has a beginning fund balance of \$42.7 million.

The fund balance is made up of funds held in accounts such as the 16th Section fund, Special Projects fund, leftover bond issue funds, and other separate accounts for specific purposes, as well as previous year surpluses held in investments.

The Board approved raises for hourly workers, to reflect greater than minimum wage for all employees. School Superintendent Stephanie Rodrigue said the raises were needed to stay competitive.

School clerks, bookkeepers, secretaries, paraprofessionals, janitors, sweepers, and food service technicians will receive \$8 per hour worked. Substitute teachers will receive from \$10 - \$20 depending on the qualifications and number of consecutive days. Bus drivers will receive \$65 for full days and \$33 for half days.

At Rodrigue's request, the board adopted a procedure to automatically cancel all athletic practices and events during an evacuation until

school reconvenes, with a provision to release the practice prohibition if conditions warrant. She said she had heard that some families were reluctant to evacuate because their child might miss a practice or a game, and some might return before it was safe for the same reason.

Rodrigue was working with Calcasieu Parish school authorities to move the Friday football game between Vinton and South Cameron to Tuesday night, but had not been successful so far. This was later accomplished.

Rodrigue reported that copies of school records were being sent home with children to facilitate their enrolling in another school if Hurricane Ike damages Cameron Parish schools this week.

She also reported that the School Board will be eligible for 75% reimbursement for expenses related to Hurricane Gustav evacuation. The timeline for reimbursement is unclear, however, especially since all Rita related FEMA personnel have been moved to SE Louisiana to assist with Gustav issues for at least two weeks.

Permission was given to advertise the sale of surplus buses, to purchase three new air conditioned buses with wheelchair capacity, and to retrofit the six most recently purchased buses with air conditioning units.

Seven plan changes added to Police Jury agenda

By CYNDI SELLERS

Darryl Farque is angry and he's not going to take it any more. At Monday's Police Jury meeting the Big Lake juror made it clear that contractors and engineers can no longer submit plan changes at the last minute and expect automatic approval.

Seven plan changes were presented to be added to the agenda, and Farque was prepared to disallow all of them, until he was persuaded to take them up one at a time on the agenda. New state rules require a unanimous vote to add any items to a published agenda.

Farque's concern was with plan changes to hurricane recovery projects in lower Cameron Parish, including the Cameron Multipurpose Building, East Annex, Cameron, Grand Chenier and Muria fire stations, Jetty Pier, and Cameron Maintenance Barn.

These items, mostly the addition of test pilings, were not brought before the agenda meeting for discussion, and Farque wanted assurance from Royal Engineering that FEMA would cover the cost of the changes. Royal has been hired by the parish to oversee FEMA projects to assure full coverage.

An engineer representing one of the firms involved said that the determination of need had only been made recently, but that waiting for the next agenda meeting would delay the projects. Royal's representative said the test pilings are considered necessary and FEMA will cover them. Other items were hazard mitigation requested by FEMA.

All the plan changes were eventually approved after a thorough discussion of each lower Cameron Parish item. Three Grand Lake water system plan changes were approved without discussion, upon Farque's assurance that Community Development Block Grant funds would cover them.

Another extended discussion involved approval of the contract with Lonnie Harper and Associates for engineering services for the Holly Beach Sewer System. The contract is to be paid through state capital outlay funds, but the state will only allow for one day of inspection per week. Harper and Associates feel that daily inspections will be necessary when construction begins, and asked the Parish to cover the remaining \$63,000 needed for this. Jurors decided to wait until the construction phase actually begins and work with the state to get the inspections fully funded.

Farque complained that Harper and Associates didn't come before the Jury to present the contract, even though the company has not had to do so for any other contract with the parish. He warned that there will be much more scrutiny in the future.

Funds are currently available to proceed with aerial photography of the Holly Beach area for the engineering phase. Parish Planner Ernie Broussard also said the photos would be useful for coastal protection efforts later on. The photography was approved.

Broussard's report on the Parish Planning and Development department's activities included plans to advertise the West Cameron Port on KPLC Salutes and progress toward getting roads in the north part of the parish resurfaced with Cheniere PILOT funds.

Lower Cameron Parish roads are to be resurfaced using CDBG funds. Funding for the West Police Jury Annex land acquisition and construction is waiting on written acceptance from the Office of Community Development.

Parish OEP Director Clifton Hebert reported plans to call a mandatory evacuation on Wednesday at 10 a.m. for Hurricane Ike. He said he fully understood that people might wait to see where the storm is going, but he wanted to be ready. He had already requested generators and National Guard troops for roadblocks.

Hebert warned that a Category 3 storm making landfall close to Southwest Louisiana would trigger evacuations in Calcasieu, Allen, Beauregard, and Jeff Davis parishes as well. Shelters are being prepared in SE Louisiana, and buses in Lake Charles will transport those who can't afford to travel or are unable to do so alone.

Hebert also explained that Cameron Parish didn't have enough damage from Gustav to qualify for FEMA assistance to residents. He said FEMA won't reimburse the first 3-4 days of an evacuation; it only kicks in when evacuation is prolonged by damage.

OTHER BUSINESS

Bids were accepted for elevation and resurfacing of a section of Little Chenier Road, a pumper truck for Fire District #14, geotechnical engineering for three library sites, and aluminum and plastic culverts.

Permission was given to advertise for road work in the north part of the parish, to be funded through the PILOT bond issue. Cameron Fire District #1 will advertise for radio equipment.

The President was given authority to sign leases for the West Cameron Ship Channel Boat Launch, the Calcasieu Pass Boat Launch, and a Waterworks #9/Fire District #9 agreement.

Two Holly Beach Sewer actions will move the project forward - a cooperative endeavor agreement/request for line of credit with State Facility Planning and Control and the Lonnie Harper and Associates contract for engineering services. The fee curve approved for the firm was the lower, architectural curve, rather than the engineering fee curve the firm could have used.

Charles Glenn Theriot was re-appointed to Fire District #9; Kurt Storm was appointed to Waterworks District #10; Patrick Theriot was appointed to Recreation District #6, replacing Lisa Stewart, who resigned; and Mitchell Kelley was appointed to Mosquito Control, replacing Whitney Baccigalopi, who resigned last month.

Facilities battened down and everything out by Tuesday night

Within 24 hours of welcoming students back from Hurricane Gustav evacuations, plans were in place to make the move again. Without the advantage of the meeting day when packing was done for Gustav, school employees and community volunteers worked quietly and swiftly without disruption to classes. With the strong possibility of an evacuation, students were sent home with half of their textbooks on Monday afternoon.

After OEP Director Clifton Hebert made the call on Monday night for a Wednesday a.m. evacuation, parents received My State alert notifications requesting that they make all efforts to have their students in school on Tuesday, but with the understanding that schools would close Wednesday and remain closed until further notice.

Minutes later, Cameron Parish School Board employees received notifications to report to work at 6 a.m. on Tuesday, if at all possible, and to plan to remain as late as possible. By keeping non-essential materials and supplies packed, in 14 hours all

schools were again emptied of contents and the last of the Cameron Parish School Board vehicles secured in Oberlin, and Lumberton, Tex. by 9 p.m.

The Gustav experience and the Rita recollections helped to streamline the process. An additional feature in this evacuation was the printing and distribution to parents of the cumulative records of all students. These records would expedite enrolling students in any school, if they would be temporarily displaced to another area. Cameron Parish School Board will continue this practice.

From this point forward, parents should expect to receive these records in the mail every summer. The documents should then be stored with all other important papers that families evacuate with whenever they are forced to leave their homes.

"We learn and grow from our experiences, just like our students do", sums up Stephanie Rodrigue, Superintendent of Schools in Cameron Parish.

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CARD OF THANKS

The Joseph Fredman Theriot family would like to give a special thanks to everyone in our time of loss. Monsignor Harry Greg, Father Joseph McGrath, Father John Poerio and Father Joseph who gave him the last sacraments and for all their prayers they prayed for him, withhim and us by his side.

Thank you to the entire Jean LaFitte Pirates (Camper Club) that helped us through this rough time and was a comfort to know they cared so much for him.

Special Thanks to Dr. Richard Sanders, Dr. Michael Broussard and Dr. Ben Thompson for all the wonderful care they gave to him to try to cure and comfort him. The Christus St. Patrick Hospice nurses, the chaplain, caregivers, and the Lake Charles Memorial nurses on the cancer floor who were all so nice and caring.

Terry Beard, thank you for the beautiful music and songs at mass. The KC's, all the pallbearers, Hisxon Funeral Home employees, for serving us with such comfort and meeting our needs.

Thanks to our wonderful family and friends for being there with all of their prayers, sympathy, kind words, love, visits, calls, thoughtfulness, food, generous donations, masses, beautiful flowers and pot plants. If we have missed anyone, we apologize.

Once Again, Thank You All, Ethel, Sharon, Ron, Becky, Carter, Tod, Tammy Joe & family.

Most mosquitos being bred are not West Nile vectors

Most of the mosquitos being bred in the standing water left in Louisiana from Hurricane Gustav are not the kind that carry West Nile virus, according to LSU AgCenter entomologist and mosquito expert Wayne Kramer.

"The situation now is leading to a proliferation of pest mosquitos, such as the inland floodwater mosquito," Kramer said. "These mosquitos are not vectors of the West Nile virus."

The mosquitos that cause West Nile virus, such as the southern house mosquito, are still around, however.

"July and August are the peak season for the mosquitos that serve as vectors for West Nile virus," Kramer said.

The southern house mosquito - the most important mosquito vector of West Nile virus in Louisiana - will come into people's houses at night, Kramer said. And this is a problem for people without power who are leaving

their windows open.

"People should try to leave open only windows with screens," Kramer said. "The best protection is to use a mosquito repellent on their skin."

The mosquito repellents should include DEET or picaridin, Kramer said.

Currently, mosquito control districts around the state are gearing up to provide some major mosquito protection. Kramer recommends that people contact their local parish government officials to find out the status of mosquito protection in their areas.

More information about mosquitos and mosquito protection is on the LSU AgCenter Web site at www.lsuagcenter.com. Put "mosquito" in the search box.



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BLACK BAYOU HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION MAINTENANCE IV FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

CAMERON & CALCASIEU PARISHES, LOUISIANA
Proposal Number: P 27187 UL
Solicitation Number: 2228177
Complete Bidding Documents may be obtained from:

OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: Debbie Kimball (225) 219-7839
MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT:
A Mandatory pre-bid conference will be conducted for this project on Wednesday, September 24, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Lafayette Field Office, 635 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA 70506. Attendance is required in order to submit a bid proposal. Please call Stan Aucoin at (337) 482-0681, if you need assistance with directions to the pre-bid conference location. Bidders are reminded that only bids from vendors attending the mandatory pre-bid conference and site visit will be considered for award on this solicitation.

Mandatory Site Visit: The need for a site visit will be determined and discussed at the pre-bid conference.

Bid security must be attached (insurance company, bank money order, certified check or cashier's check) in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid (including base bid and additive alternates, if any) and shall become the property of the owner in the event the contract and bond are not executed within the time set forth above. If bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is licensed to write surety bonds. In addition, the bond shall be written by a surety or insurance company that is currently licensed to do business in the state of Louisiana.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s), **Heavy Construction and/or specialty of Coastal Restoration & Habitat Enhancement; Seeding, Sodding, Soil Stabilization, Sheet Piling Dredging; Dams, Reservoirs and Flood Control Work Other Than Levees; Earthwork, Drainage & Levee; Wharfs, Docks & Harbor Improvements; Landscaping, Grading & Beautification.** No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

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

STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF STATE PURCHASING
DENISE LEA
DIRECTOR OF STATE PURCHASING
RUN: Aug. 28, Sept. 4 & 11 (Au 32)

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to advise that the Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting in regular session convened on the 11th day of August 2008 accepted as complete and satisfactory the work performed under Project Number 2007-10; Post Rita Restoration of Holly Beach Roads pursuant to the certain contract between K.A.S. Construction LLC and said Cameron Parish Police Jury under File No. 309406, in the Book of Mortgages, Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

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

RUN: Aug. 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 (Au 19)

PUBLIC NOTICE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Parish Police Jury will meet as a Board of Review of Tuesday, September 23, 2008 through Tuesday, October 7, 2008 in the Courtroom of the Cameron Parish Courthouse located at 119 Smith Circle Room 32, Cameron, Louisiana to hear any and all protests from taxpayers on their 2008 assessments.

The Board shall consider the written or oral protests of any taxpayer desiring to be heard that has filed protests 7 days after the final assessment lists exposure date. Protests shall be filed in person at the Police Jury office or by certified mail.

R. E. Bobby Conner, CLA
Cameron Parish Assessor
RUN: Sept. 4 & 11 (S 1)

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Proposal Number: P 27197 UL
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: DEBBIE KIMBALL 225-219-7839
MANDATORY PRE-BID/SITE VISIT:

There will be a mandatory pre-bid conference on Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Lafayette Field Office, Abdalla Hall Conference Room, 635 Cajundome Blvd., Lafayette, LA. Please contact Dewey Billodeau at (337) 482-0664, or (337) 380-5963 for directions. The need for a site visit will be determined at the Pre-Bid Conference meeting. Bidders are required to attend the Pre-Bid Conference and the Site Visit, if held. Failure to attend will result in a null or void bid.

Bid security must be attached (insurance company, bank money order, certified check or cashier's check) in the sum of five percent (5%) of the amount bid (including base bid and additive alternates, if any) and shall become the property of the owner in the event the contract and bond are not executed within the time set forth above. If bid bond is used, it shall be written by a surety or insurance company currently on the U.S. Department of the Treasury Financial Management service list of approved bonding companies which is published annually in the Federal Register, or by a Louisiana domiciled insurance company with at least an A- rating in the latest printing of the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide to write individual bonds up to ten percent of policyholders' surplus as shown in the A.M. Best's Key Rating Guide, or by an insurance company that is either domiciled in Louisiana or owned by Louisiana residents and is licensed to write surety bonds. In addition, the bond shall be written by a surety or insurance company that is currently licensed to do business in the state of Louisiana.

Bids shall be accepted only from Contractors who are licensed under La. R.S. 37:2150-2163 for the classification(s), **Heavy Construction and/or specialty of Coastal Restoration & Habitat Enhancement; Seeding, Sodding, Soil Stabilization, Sheet Piling; Dredging; Dams, Reservoirs and Flood Control Work Other Than Levees; Earthwork, Drainage & Levee; Wharfs, Docks & Harbor Improvements; Landscaping, Grading & Beautification.** No bid may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after receipt of bids.

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Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Presidential/Congressional General Election
November 4, 2008

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through type deletions from existing law; words underscored (House Bills) and underlined and boldfaced (Senate Bills) are additions.

Proposed Amendment No. 1
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 935

SENATE BILL NO. 232
BY SENATORS MOUNT,
MARIONNEAUX AND
THOMPSON

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article IV, Section 21(A), Article VII, Sections 3(B), 5(B), 6(B), 7(B), and 7.1(B), Article IX, Section 8(B), and Article X, Sections 3(B) and 43(B) and to add Article IV, Section 22 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to term limits for members of certain boards and commissions; to provide for a limitation on service for members of the Public Service Commission, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the Louisiana Forestry Commission, the State Civil Service Commission, and the State Police Commission; to provide for a similar limit on service on more than one such board; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article IV, Section 21(A), Article VII, Sections 3(B), 5(B), 6(B), 7(B), and 7.1(B), Article IX, Section 8(B), and Article X, Sections 3(B) and 43(B) and to Article IV, Section 22 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

ARTICLE IV. EXECUTIVE BRANCH

§21. Public Service Commission
Section 21.(A)(1) Composition; Term; Domicile. There shall be a Public Service Commission in the executive branch. It shall consist of five members, who shall be elected for overlapping terms of six years at the time fixed for congressional elections from single member districts established by law. Each commissioner serving on the effective date of this constitution shall be the commissioner for the new district in which he resides and shall complete the term for which he was elected. The commission annually shall elect one member as chairman. It shall be domiciled at the state capital, but may meet, conduct investigations, and render orders elsewhere in this state.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the commission for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be elected to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person elected to the commission prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

§22. Term Limits: Certain Boards and Commissions

(A) A person who has served as a member of any one or more of the following boards or commissions for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms combined shall not serve as a member of any of the following boards or commissions for a period of at least two years after the completion of such consecutive terms of service:

(1) The Public Service Commission.

(2) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

(3) The Board of Regents.

(4) The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System.

(5) The Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

(6) The Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College.

(7) The Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges.

(8) The Forestry Commission.

(9) The State Civil Service Commission.

(10) The State Police Commission.

(B) This Section shall not apply to any person who is serving on any such board or commission on the effective date of this Section, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

ARTICLE VIII. EDUCATION

§3. State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education
Section 3.

(B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall consist of eleven members, eight of whom shall be elected from single-member districts, which shall be determined as provided by law, and three of whom shall be appointed by the governor from the state at large, with consent of the Senate. Members shall serve terms of four years, which shall be concurrent with the term of the governor.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive

terms shall be appointed to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person elected or appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

§5. Board of Regents
Section 5.

(B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of two members from each congressional district and one from the state at large appointed by the governor, with consent of the Senate, for overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms which shall be fixed by law. The board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed to the board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

§6. Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System
Section 6.

(B)(1) Membership; Terms. The board shall be composed of two members from each congressional district and one member from the state at large, appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. The members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed to the board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

§7. Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College
Section 7.

(B)(1) Membership; Terms. Each board shall be composed of two members from each congressional district and one member from the state at large, appointed by the governor with consent of the Senate. The members shall serve overlapping terms of six years, following initial terms fixed by law.

(2) No person who has served as a member of either board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed to the board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to either board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

§7.1. Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges
Section 7.1.

(B)(1) Membership; Terms; Initial Membership and Terms. The board shall be composed of fifteen members appointed by the governor, as provided by law. In addition, the board shall have two student members as provided by law. All members selected and appointed by the governor shall be appointed by the consent of the Senate. Of those members selected and appointed by the governor, there shall be two members from each congressional district and the remaining member or members from the state at large. The board should be representative of the state's population by race and gender to ensure diversity. The members selected and appointed by the governor shall serve terms of six years, except that the initial members shall serve terms as provided by law.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the board for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed to the board for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed to the board prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

ARTICLE IX. NATURAL RESOURCES

§8. Forestry
Section 8.

(B)(1) Forestry Commission. The practice of forestry is placed under the Louisiana Forestry Commission. The commission shall be in the executive branch and shall consist of seven members. The head of the Department of Forestry at Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College and the director of Wildlife and Fisheries Commission shall serve ex officio as members. The governor shall appoint the remaining five members, subject to confirmation by the Senate, for overlapping terms of five years, as provided by law.

(2) No person who has served as an appointed member of the commission for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive

terms shall be appointed to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed to the commission prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

ARTICLE X. PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES PART I. STATE AND CITY CIVIL SERVICE

§3. State Civil Service Commission
Section 3.

(B)(1) Appointment. The members shall be appointed by the governor, as hereinafter provided, for overlapping terms of six years.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the commission for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed to the commission prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

PART IV. STATE POLICE SERVICE

§43. State Police Commission
Section 43.

(B)(1) Appointment. The members shall be selected, as hereinafter provided, for terms of six years, after initial terms of one year, two years, three years, four years, five years, and six years for the appointed members, as designated by the governor, and six years for the elected member.

(2) No person who has served as a member of the commission for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall be appointed or elected to the commission for the succeeding term. This Subparagraph shall not apply to any person appointed or elected to the commission prior to the effective date of this Subparagraph, except that it shall apply to any term of service of any such person that begins after such date.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

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

To provide for term limits for members of the Public Service Commission, the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, the Board of Regents, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Supervisors of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Southern University and Agricultural and Mechanical College, the Board of Supervisors of Community and Technical Colleges, the Louisiana Forestry Commission, the State Civil Service Commission, and the State Police Commission; to provide that a person who has served for more than two and one-half terms in three consecutive terms shall not be appointed or elected to the succeeding term; and to provide for a limit on service on more than one such board or commission. (Amends Article IV, Section 21(A), Article VIII, Sections 3(B), 5(B), 6(B), 7(B), and 7.1(B), Article IX, Section 8(B), and Article X, Sections 3(B) and 43(B); Adds Article IV, Section 22)

A true copy:
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 2
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 937

SENATE BILL NO. 296
BY SENATOR ADLEY
A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing to amend Article III, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to calling extraordinary sessions of the legislature; to require the proclamation to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article III, Section 2(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§2. Sessions
Section 2.

B. Extraordinary Session. The legislature may be convened at other times by the governor and shall be convened by the presiding officers of both houses upon written petition of a majority of the elected members of each house. The form of the petition shall be provided by law. At least ~~five~~ seven calendar days prior to convening the legislature in extraordinary session, the governor or the presiding officers, as the case may be, shall issue a proclamation stating the objects of the extraordinary session, the date on which it shall convene, and the number of days for

which it is convened. The power to legislate shall be limited, under penalty of nullity, to the objects specifically enumerated in the proclamation. The session shall be limited to the number of days stated herein, which shall not exceed thirty calendar days.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To require a proclamation which calls the legislature into extraordinary session to be issued at least seven calendar days prior to the convening of the legislature in extraordinary session. (Amends Article III, Section 2(B))

A true copy:
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 3
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 931

HOUSE BILL NO. 183
BY REPRESENTATIVES
LORUSSO, FOIL, HAZEL,
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BURNS, CARTER, CROMER,
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SCHRODER, SMILEY, ST. GER-
MAIN,

TALBOT, TEMPLER, AND
WILLMOTT
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article III, Section 4(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to require the legislature to provide by law for the succession to the powers and duties of a member of the legislature when the incumbent member becomes unavailable for certain reasons; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article III, Section 4(F) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:

§4. Qualifications; Residence and Domicile Requirements; Terms; Elections Limitations; Vacancies; Temporary Successors
Section 4.

F. Temporary Successors. The legislature shall provide by law for the prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of a member of the legislature if the incumbent member is unavailable to perform his functions or duties due to being ordered to active duty in the armed services of the United States.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To require the legislature to provide by law for the prompt and temporary succession to the powers and duties of a legislator if the legislator is unavailable to perform his functions or duties due to being ordered to active duty in the armed services of the United States. (Adds Article III, Section 4(F))

A true copy:
Jay Dardenne
Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 4
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 932

HOUSE BILL NO. 420
BY REPRESENTATIVES
GALLO, ANDERS, ARMES,
AUBERT, BOBBY BADON,
BALDONE, BARRAS, BILLIOT,
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PETERSON, POPE, PUGH,
RICHARD, RITCHIE,
ROBIDEAUX, ROY, SIMON,
GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH,
TALBOT, TUCKER, WADDELL,
WHITE, WILLIAMS, WILL-
MOTT, AND WOOTON AND
SENATORS

MARIONNEAUX, MICHOT,
AND WALSWORTH
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) and to enact Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) and (5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to increase the amount of severance tax on certain natural resources which is remitted to parish governing authorities and to a certain special fund; to provide for the use of such remitted funds; to provide for an effective date; to provide for submission of the proposed

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amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.
Section 1: Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) and to add Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) and (5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions
Section 4.

(D) ***

(3)(a) Effective July 1, 2007, one-fifth of the severance tax on all natural resources other than sulphur, lignite, or timber shall be remitted to the governing authority of the parish in which severance or production occurs. The initial maximum amount remitted to the parish in which severance or production occurs shall not exceed eight hundred fifty thousand dollars. Effective July 1, 2009, the maximum amount remitted to the parish in which severance or production occurs shall not exceed two million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars. The maximum amount remitted shall be increased each July first, beginning in 2008, by an amount equal to the average annual increase in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, as published by the United States Department of Labor, for the previous calendar year, as calculated and adopted by the Revenue Estimating Conference.

(b) At least fifty percent of the excess severance tax remitted to a parish in a fiscal year shall only be used within the parish in the same manner and for the same purposes as money received by the parish from the Parish Transportation Fund or its successor.

(4) The term "excess severance tax" shall mean the amount of severance tax remitted to a parish pursuant to the provisions of Paragraph (3) which is in excess of the amount of severance tax remitted to the parish for the fiscal year prior to July 1, 2009.

(5)(a)(i)(aa) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution, after deposit to a Bond Security and Redemption Fund as required in Article VII, Section 9 of this constitution, and the allocations required in this Paragraph, Paragraph (E) of this Section, and Article VII, Section 10-A of this constitution, beginning July 1, 2009, fifty percent of the revenues received from severance taxes on state lands in the Atchafalaya Basin each fiscal year, but not to exceed ten million dollars each fiscal year, shall be deposited by the treasurer into the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund hereby created as a special fund in the state treasury. The money in the fund shall be appropriated to the Department of Natural Resources to be used exclusively to fund projects contained in the state or federal Basin master plans or an annual Basin plan developed by an Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and other such advisory or approval boards, all of which the legislature shall create and provide for by law within the Atchafalaya Basin Program, or to provide match for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project, all as the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources shall direct.

(bb) The money in the fund shall be invested by the treasurer in the same manner as money in the state general fund, and interest earnings shall be deposited in and credited to the fund. All unexpended or unencumbered money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year shall remain in the fund.

(ii) Of the money allocated in any one fiscal year, eighty-five percent shall be used for water management, water quality, or access projects, and the remaining fifteen percent may be used to complete ongoing projects and for projects that are in accordance with the mission statement of the state master plan. However, a maximum of five percent of the money allocated in any one fiscal year may be used for the operational costs of the program or the department.

(b) As used in this Subparagraph, the following terms shall have the meaning ascribed to them below:

(i) "Access project" means construction or renovation of a boat launch or a roadway that provides access to areas of the Atchafalaya Basin, or acquisition of a maximum of fifteen hundred acres, all in compliance with the provisions of the state or federal master plans.

(ii) "Annual Basin plan" means the list of projects or stages of projects to be undertaken in any single fiscal year.

(iii) "Atchafalaya Basin" means the area located within the guide levees of the Atchafalaya Basin and those areas directly adjacent to the levees bounded on the north by U.S. Highway 190 and on the south by Morgan City, and as defined in the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project.

(iv) "Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project" means the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project and enacted by the 1982 Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Feasibility Study, Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985,

Public Law 99-88, as amended by the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1991, Public Law 101-514, the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act of 1997, Public Law 104-206, the Water Resources Development Act of 2000, Public Law 106-541, and the Water Resources Development Act of 2007, Public Law 110-114.

(v) "Basin master plan" means the plan developed by the state in accordance with the federal Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project, pursuant to federal law, including the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1985, Public Law 99-88, and the Water Resources Development Act of 1986, Public Law 99-662.

(vi) "Water management project" means any project that facilitates improvements to water quality, interior circulation, water access, or improvements to general ecosystem function by means of sediment reduction, removal, or diversion.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

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

To increase the maximum amount of the severance tax imposed and collected by the state on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, which is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from eight hundred fifty thousand dollars to one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and to two million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and thereafter; to require at least fifty percent of the excess severance tax remitted to a parish because of this constitutional amendment to be used within the parish only in the same manner and for the same purposes as money received by the parish from the Parish Transportation Fund; to increase the amount of such severance taxes collected by the state, not to exceed ten million dollars each fiscal year, which is to be deposited to a special fund created in the state treasury to be known as the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund, in order to fund projects contained in the state or federal Basin master plans or an annual Basin plan developed by an Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and other such advisory or approval boards, all of which the legislature must create and provide for by law within the Atchafalaya Basin Program, or to provide match for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project, all as the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources shall direct, provided that eight-five percent must be used for water management, water quality, or access projects, and the remaining fifteen percent may be used to complete ongoing projects and for projects that are in accordance with the mission statement of the state master plan, further provided, however, that up to five percent of the money allocated in any one fiscal year may be used for the operational costs of the program or the department; all to become effective July 1, 2009. (4)(D)(3); Adds Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) and (5)

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Proposed Amendment No. 5
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 933

HOUSE BILL NO. 461
BY REPRESENTATIVE
RITCHIE AND SENATOR
NEVERS

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article VII, Section 18(G)(6) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to the special assessment level when the homestead has been sold or expropriated under certain circumstances; to authorize the transfer of the special assessment level to a new homestead in cases where a homestead has been sold or expropriated under certain circumstances; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 18(G)(6) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§18. Ad Valorem Taxes
Section 18.(A)

(G)(1) Special Assessment Level.

(6) The special assessment level on property that has been sold to or expropriated by the federal government, state government, expropriated by the state or any local governing authority or political subdivision shall be transferred to the new property of the owner entitled to the special assessment level and shall remain in effect on the new property at the same special assessment level of the property that was sold or expropriated, provided the owner entitled to the special assessment level remains the owner of the new property. The provisions of this Paragraph shall

only apply to new property acquired by an owner entitled to the special assessment level which is acquired no later than twenty-four months after the expropriation or sale has become final and funds have been disbursed and which is similar in nature, has a fair market value which does not exceed two hundred percent of the fair market value of the property sold or expropriated, and is intended to replace the property sold to or expropriated by the federal government, state government, or a local governing authority or political subdivision.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To increase the maximum amount of the severance tax imposed and collected by the state on natural resources, other than sulphur, lignite, and timber, which is remitted to the parish governing authority where the severance occurs from eight hundred fifty thousand dollars to one million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars, for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and to two million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 and thereafter; to require at least fifty percent of the excess severance tax remitted to a parish because of this constitutional amendment to be used within the parish only in the same manner and for the same purposes as money received by the parish from the Parish Transportation Fund; to increase the amount of such severance taxes collected by the state, not to exceed ten million dollars each fiscal year, which is to be deposited to a special fund created in the state treasury to be known as the Atchafalaya Basin Conservation Fund, in order to fund projects contained in the state or federal Basin master plans or an annual Basin plan developed by an Atchafalaya Basin Research and Promotion Board and other such advisory or approval boards, all of which the legislature shall create and provide for by law within the Atchafalaya Basin Program, or to provide match for the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System, Louisiana Project, all as the secretary of the Department of Natural Resources shall direct.

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Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To authorize the transfer of the special assessment level on property when the property for which the special assessment level applies has been sold to or expropriated by the federal government, state government, or a local governing authority or political subdivision. (Adds Article VII, Section 18(G)(6))

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Proposed Amendment No. 6
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 936

SENATE BILL NO. 295
BY SENATORS MURRAY AND DORSEY

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to add Article I, Section 4(H)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to property; to provide relative to the right to property; to provide relative to the taking of property for certain purposes; to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors; and to provide a ballot proposition.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article I, Section 4(H)(5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§4. Right to Property
Section 4.(A)

(H)(1) ***

(5) The provisions of this Paragraph shall not apply when property is taken pursuant to Subsubparagraph (B)(2)(c) of this Section.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To provide an exception to the requirements of first refusal by the owner prior to sale and certain procedures for declaration of property as surplus property, when property is taken for the public purpose of removal of a threat to public health or safety caused by the existing use or disuse of the property. (Adds Article I, Section 4(H)(5))

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Proposed Amendment No. 7
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 934

HOUSE BILL NO. 584
BY REPRESENTATIVE
DOWNS

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize certain investments for the state and political subdivisions with respect to monies reserved for post-employment benefits; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§14. Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit
Section 14. ***

(B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension- and insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property to the former owner under such terms and conditions as

specified by the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax, interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is located; (8) the deduction of past due past-due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five percent of the public funds endowed; or (12) the investment in equities of a portion of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provision of R.S. 46:2691 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; or (13) the investment in equities of monies of the state and a political subdivision which have been reserved to provide for post-employment benefits other than pensions.

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(B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension- and insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property to the former owner under such terms and conditions as

specified by the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax, interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is located; (8) the deduction of past due past-due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five percent of the public funds endowed; or (12) the investment in equities of a portion of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provision of R.S. 46:2691 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; or (13) the investment in equities of monies of the state and a political subdivision which have been reserved to provide for post-employment benefits other than pensions.

Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 4, 2008.

Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote FOR or AGAINST, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: To provide an exception to the requirements of first refusal by the owner prior to sale and certain procedures for declaration of property as surplus property, when property is taken for the public purpose of removal of a threat to public health or safety caused by the existing use or disuse of the property. (Adds Article I, Section 4(H)(5))

A true copy: Jay Dardenne Secretary of State

Proposed Amendment No. 7
Regular Session, 2008

Act No. 934

HOUSE BILL NO. 584
BY REPRESENTATIVE
DOWNS

A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to authorize certain investments for the state and political subdivisions with respect to monies reserved for post-employment benefits; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 14(B) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§14. Donation, Loan, or Pledge of Public Credit
Section 14. ***

(B) Authorized Uses. Nothing in this Section shall prevent (1) the use of public funds for programs of social welfare for the aid and support of the needy; (2) contributions of public funds to pension- and insurance programs for the benefit of public employees; (3) the pledge of public funds, credit, property, or things of value for public purposes with respect to the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to meet public obligations as provided by law; (4) the return of property, including mineral rights, to a former owner from whom the property had previously been expropriated, or purchased under threat of expropriation, when the legislature by law declares that the public and necessary purpose which originally supported the expropriation has ceased to exist and orders the return of the property to the former owner under such terms and conditions as

specified by the legislature; (5) acquisition of stock by any institution of higher education in exchange for any intellectual property; (6) the donation of abandoned or blighted housing property by the governing authority of a municipality or a parish to a nonprofit organization which is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) nonprofit organization under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and which agrees to renovate and maintain such property until conveyance of the property by such organization; (7) the deduction of any tax, interest, penalty, or other charges forming the basis of tax liens on blighted property so that they may be subordinated and waived in favor of any purchaser who is not a member of the immediate family of the blighted property owner or which is not any entity in which the owner has a substantial economic interest, but only in connection with a property renovation plan approved by an administrative hearing officer appointed by the parish or municipal government where the property is located; (8) the deduction of past due past-due taxes, interest, and penalties in favor of an owner of a blighted property, but only when the owner sells the property at less than the appraised value to facilitate the blighted property renovation plan approved by the parish or municipal government and only after the renovation is completed such deduction being canceled, null and void, and to no effect in the event ownership of the property in the future reverts back to the owner or any member of his immediate family; (9) the donation by the state of asphalt which has been removed from state roads and highways to the governing authority of the parish or municipality where the asphalt was removed, or if not needed by such governing authority, then to any other parish or municipal governing authority, but only pursuant to a cooperative endeavor agreement between the state and the governing authority receiving the donated property; (10) the investment in stocks of a portion of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Trust and Protection Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:797, and the Russell Sage or Marsh Island Refuge Fund, created under the provisions of R.S. 56:798, such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of each fund; (11) the investment in stocks of a portion of the state-funded permanently endowed funds of a public or private college or university, not to exceed thirty-five percent of the public funds endowed; or (12) the investment in equities of a portion of the Medicaid Trust Fund for the Elderly created under the provision of R.S. 46:2691 et seq., such portion not to exceed thirty-five percent of the fund; or (13) the investment in equities of monies of the state and a political subdivision which have been reserved to provide for post-employment benefits other than pensions.

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Section 1: Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(D)(3) and to add Article VII, Section 4(D)(4) and (5) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows:
§4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions
Section 4.

(D) ***

(3)(a) Effective July 1, 2007, one-fifth of the severance tax on all natural resources other than sulphur, lignite, or timber shall be remitted to the governing authority of the

LEGAL NOTICES

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Bayou High School, Registered Nurse, effective August 11, 2008
Rebecca Stockman, Grand Lake High School, Teacher, effective August 11, 2008

Jolene Gale John, Hackberry High School, Teacher Aide for Alternative School, effective August 12, 2008

Theresa Guidry, Hackberry High School, Teacher Aide, effective August 12, 2008

Rachel Berry, Grand Lake High School, Special Education Teacher, effective August 11, 2008

Tina Schiele, Grand Lake High School, Sweeper, effective August 12, 2008

Velma Castaneda, Johnson Bayou High School, Bus Driver, effective August 12, 2008

Martha Richard, Grand Lake High School, Sweeper, effective August 12, 2008

On the motion of Mr. McEvers, seconded by Mrs. Trahan, the Board adjourned the regular school meeting.

APPROVED:
/s/ Dwayne Sanner
DWAYNE SANNER,
PRESIDENT
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
/s/ Stephanie D. Rodrigue
STEPHANIE D. RODRIGUE,
SUPERINTENDENT
CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
REVENUE AND EXPENSE
REPORT AS OF July 31, 2008
Cash Revenues: MTD; YTD
Ad Valorem Taxes: \$0; \$0
Tuition from Other Sources:

\$0; \$0
Bus Rentals: \$0; \$0
Interest on Investments:

\$219,238; \$219,238
Royalties/Leases/Right
Ways: \$357,078; \$357,078
Rentals: \$0; \$0
Contributions and Donations:

\$0; \$0
Medicaid: \$0; \$0
Equalization: \$561,774;
\$561,774

Other Restricted Revenue:

\$0; \$0
Special Education: \$0; \$0
Educational Support (8G): \$0;

\$0
PIP: \$0; \$0
Other Restricted Revenues:

\$0; \$0
Revenue Sharing: \$0; \$0
Other Restricted Revenues

State: \$0; \$0
FEMA: \$0; \$0
Total Revenue: \$1,138,090;

\$1,138,090
Cash Expenditures:
Monthly Payroll: \$158,079;

\$158,079
Employee Benefits: \$299,536;
\$299,536
Purchased Services: \$82,986;

\$82,986
Pension Fund: \$0; \$0
Architect Fees and Other

Fees: \$33,407; \$33,407
Repairs and Maintenance:

\$196,876; \$196,876
Insurance and Bonds: \$0; \$0
Telephone, Travel, Postage:

\$14,637; \$14,637
Textbooks and Supplies:

\$15,424; \$15,424
Utilities and Gasoline:

\$8,727; \$8,727
Equipment, Furniture,

Buildings, Vehicles: \$20,584;
\$20,584
Other Expenses: \$8,713;

\$8,713
Transfer Out: \$1,000,000;
\$1,000,000
Total Cash Expenditures:

\$1,838,969; \$1,838,969
Total Cash Operations:

(\$700,879); (\$700,879)
LAMP INVESTMENTS
FUND; TERM; RATE;

AMOUNT
DISTRICT #4 TAX; ; 2.26%;
\$398,983.74

DISTRICT #5 CONST; ;
2.26%; \$60,130.37 ;
\$429,649.49

DISTRICT #15 TAX; ; 2.26%;
\$355,399.51
WORKERS COMP; ; 2.26%;

\$61,029.92
DISTRICT #4 CONSTR; ;
2.26%; \$83,027.99
DISTRICT #10 TAX; ; 2.26%;

\$65,371.44
16TH SECTION; ; 2.26%;
\$5,789,795.54
GENERAL FUND; ; 2.26%;

\$4,118,180.53
CHENIERE TAX PREPAY; ;
2.26%; \$1,645,714.14
SPECIAL PROJECTS; ;

2.26%; \$471,278.30
PROTEST TAX; ; 2.26%;
\$1,682,249.21
TOTAL LAMP INVEST-

MENTS: \$15,160,810.18
CD INVESTMENTS
FUND; TERM; RATE;

AMOUNT; SUB TOTAL
16TH SECTION; 180; 1.25%;
\$2,087,123.78
16th SECTION; 240; 2.40%;

\$1,000,000.00; \$3,087,123.78
DISTRICT #10 TAX; 240;
2.87%; \$265,000.00; \$265,000.00
GENERAL FUND; 179;

2.78%; \$1,205,591.67
GENERAL FUND; 180;
2.55%; \$1,002,750.00
GENERAL FUND; 60; 1.34%;

\$200,000.00
GENERAL FUND; Various;
3.25%; \$2,047,105.00
GENERAL FUND; Various;

3.25%; \$1,018,055.00
\$5,473,501.67
PROTEST TAX; Various;

3.25%; \$1,700,085.00
\$1,700,085.00
TOTAL CD INVESTMENTS:

\$10,525,710.45
BOND INVESTMENTS
FUND; MATURITY; RATE;

AMOUNT; SUB TOTAL
GENERAL FUND; 10/30/08;
3.05%; \$2,622,542.40
GENERAL FUND; 9/15/08;

4.50%; \$1,199,843.61
GENERAL FUND; 9/19/08;
4.48%; \$1,102,053.33
GENERAL FUND; 12/8/08;

3.50%; \$1,087,761.76
GENERAL FUND; 1/5/09;
3.35%; \$999,594.16
GENERAL FUND; 7/31/09;

3.15%; \$1,015,741.48,
8,027,536.74
PROTEST TAX; 7/31/08;
3.15%; \$28,052.95; 28,052.95

16TH SECTION; 11/17/08;
3.75%; \$1,099,031.66
16TH SECTION; 4/15/09;

3.65%; \$1,010,530.04;
2,109,561.70
TOTAL BOND INVEST-

MENTS: \$10,165,151.39
UBS INVESTMENTS
FUND; MATURITY; RATE;

AMOUNT
GENERAL FUND; 2/25/09;
3.05; \$780,777.76
GENERAL FUND; 1/12/09;

3.06; \$499,495.00
TOTAL UBS INVEST-

MENTS: \$1,280,272.76
TOTAL ALL INVEST-

MENTS: \$37,131,944.78
TOTAL INVESTMENTS
BY FUND

DISTRICT #4 TAX;
\$398,983.74
DISTRICT #5 CONST;

\$60,130.37
DISTRICT #5 TAX;
\$429,649.49

DISTRICT #15 TAX;
\$355,399.51
WORKERS COMP;

\$61,029.92
DISTRICT #4 CONSTR;

\$83,027.99
16TH SECTION;
\$10,986,481.02
GENERAL FUND;

\$18,899,491.70
SPECIAL PROJECTS;
\$471,278.30
PROTEST TAX;

\$3,410,387.16
DISTRICT #10 TAX;
\$330,371.44
CHENIERE TAX PREPAY;

\$1,645,714.14
TOTAL: \$37,131,944.78 \$ -
INVESTMENT TYPE; % OF

TOTAL
TOTAL LAMP INVEST-

MENTS; 41%
TOTAL CD INVESTMENTS;
28%
TOTAL BOND INVEST-

MENTS; 27%
TOTAL UBS INVESTMENT;
3%

100%
Cameron Parish School Board
Special School Projects

As of July 31, 2008
Johnson Bayou, Hackberry,
Grandlake, South Cameron, Total
Allocations Made:

\$117,600.21, \$117,600.21,
\$117,600.21, \$117,600.20,
\$470,400.81

June Interest: \$219.37,
\$219.37, \$219.36, \$219.36,
\$877.49
Allocation Subtotal:

\$117,819.58, \$117,819.58,
\$117,819.57, \$117,819.56
\$471,278.30
Expenses: \$ - , \$ - , \$ - , \$ -
Ending Balance: \$117,819.58,
\$117,819.58, \$117,819.57,
\$117,819.56, \$471,278.30

CAMERON PARISH
SCHOOL BOARD
SUMMARY OF DISTRICT #5
AND DISTRICT #4 BONDS
AS OF JULY 31, 2008
BOND ISSUE AMOUNT,
BOND EXPENDITURES, BOND
REVENUE, AMOUNT REMAIN-

ING
DISTRICT #5 BOND
\$3,200,000, \$3,137,076, \$60,301
(JOHNSON BAYOU)
DISTRICT #4 BOND
\$5,000,000, \$4,907,701, \$7,192,
\$55,107 (GRAND LAKE)

TOTAL \$8,200,000,
\$8,044,777, \$9,815, \$145,408
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL
BOARD SURFACE LEASE
TALLY SHEET

August 11, 2008
Section, Bidder/Amount,
Bidder/Amount, Bidder/Amount,
Bidder/Amount, Bidder/Amount,
Bidder/Amount, Bidder/Amount

16-12-13, Lloyd
Hoover/\$1,975.00, Civil
Construction Company/\$3,755.00
16-14-3 Lot 1, Terry
Chapman/\$151.00

16-14-3 Lot 2, Henry
Matt/\$400.00
16-14-3 Lot 3, Leland
Matt/\$200.00

16-14-3 Lot 4, Johnny
Price/\$134.00
16-14-3, Robert
Price/\$1,551.00, Terry

Chapman/\$1,200.00
16-14-7, Harold
Doucet/\$9,200.00, Lloyd
Styron/\$8,050.10, Lloyd
Hoover/\$5,735.00, Chad
Mudd/\$10,150.00, Brian

Boenig/\$10,533.00, Lyle
Greer
Gremillion/\$8,100.50,
Oaks, LLC/\$12,944.00
16-14-10, Lloyd
Hoover/\$101.00

16-14-13, David
Daughenbaugh/\$7,012.00,
Hackberry Rod & Gun
Inc./\$31,050.00, Arty
Cormier/\$3,151.51, Damien
Delcambre/\$7,077.77

16-14-14, Ernest
Trahan/\$9,050.00
16-15-3, Lloyd
Hoover/\$1,675.00, Brian

Boenig/\$2,080.00, James
Roberts/\$3,005.00
16-15-4, Douglas
Sonnier/\$10,501.00, Mark
Rohrberger/\$20,210.00, Brian
Boenig/\$11,511.00, Jerry
Bracota/\$14,603.00, Robert
Wiemer, Jr./\$21,626.51, Peter
Mayeux/\$5,005.00, Barry
Greer/\$13,256.00

16-15-7, Lloyd Hoover/\$71.00
16-12-10, Lloyd
Hoover/\$1,226.00, Hackberry Rod
& Gun Inc./\$1,550.00
Run: Sept. 11 (S 16)

LEGAL NOTICE
This is to advise that the
Cameron Parish Police Jury
meeting in regular session con-

vened on the 9th day of
September, 2008 accepted as
complete and satisfactory the
work performed as Project No.
2007-14: Post-Rita Restoration
of the Muria Fire Station, pursuant
to the certain contract between
Sam Istre Construction and said
Cameron Parish Police Jury
recorded under File No. 307522
in the Book of Mortgages,
Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that any person or persons hav-

ing claims arising out of the fur-

nishing of labor, supplies, materi-

al, 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 pre-

scribed by law. After the elapse of
said time, the Cameron Parish
Police Jury will pay all sums in

the absence of any such claims or
liens.
BY: /s/ Bonnie W. Conner
BONNIE W. CONNER,
SECRETARY
Run: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9,
16, 23 (S 17)

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By KEITH HAMBRICK



**Cameron Pilot
Sept. 11, 1975
JOHNSON BAYOU
CENTER IS OPENED
By GENEVA GRIFFITH**

A dream that started 2
1/2 years ago became a reality
Saturday afternoon when the
ribbon was cut opening the
half million dollar
Johnson Bayou Recreation
Center.

The actual construction
on the complex was started 1
1/2 years ago after a 13 mill
Homestead exempt tax was
passed; 8 mills was for con-
struction and 5 for mainte-

nance.
Situated on approximate-
ly 17 acres of land the com-
plex includes the modern
brick Center, complete with
gym, kitchen and meeting
rooms; swimming pool and
baseball field.

At the opening ceremony
Archie Berwick, Police Jury
member, cut the ribbon,
assisted by the board mem-

bers.
Rev. Malcolm Sharp deliv-
ered the invocation, followed
by a short talk by the direc-

tor.
Board members of the
new Recreation District are:
Danny Trahan, president;
Francis Erbeling, vice pres-
ident; Howard Romero, sec-
retary-treasurer; Don Billiot
and Stanley McComie.

**SCHOOL BOARD
PLAN APPROVED**

The Cameron Parish
School Board Monday tenta-
tively approved a six-mem-
ber reapportionment plan for
the board as prepared by its
consultant, Ken Selle. The
board authorized Selle to
consult with J. B. Jones, Jr.,
the board's legal adviser, and
to prepare the legal docu-
ments for submitting the
plan to the U. S. Attorney
General's office.

The proposed reappor-
tionment plan differs from
the one that was adopted by

the Cameron Police Jury last
year. The school plan calls
for these districts:
District 1 - Johnson
Bayou - Holly Beach area;
District 2 - Town of Cameron;
District 3 - Hackberry area;
District 4 - Creole - Little
Chenier area; District 5 -
Grand Chenier area; District
6 - Grand Lake, Sweetlake,
Lowery and Klondike area.

SCHOOL SITE OK'd
After a lengthy discussion
and some disagreement
Monday the Cameron Parish
School Board voted unani-
mously to permit the Grand
Lake-Sweetlake recreation
board to lease a portion of
the Grand Lake school prop-
erty as a site for a recreation
center, swimming pool and
ball fields.

Ernest Myers, police juror
for the Grand Lake-
Sweetlake area, and Ernest
Broussard, chairman of the
recreation board there,
appeared before the board
again Monday to ask again
for the use of the property
stating that they had been
unable to find any centrally
located property that could
be purchased at a reasonable
price.

**KNIGHTS NAME
OFFICERS**
Lynx Richard was elect-
ed Grand Knight of J. P.
Boudoin Sr. Knights of
Columbus Council. Other
officers elected are Clifford
Myers, deputy grand knight;
Dalton Richard, treasurer;
Ray Hendricks, advocate;
Charles Glenn Theriot, chan-
cellor; Gary Baccigalopi,
recorder; Alex Beard, inside
guard; Dan Nunez, outside
guard; Ira Theriot and
Dallas Mouton, honorary
guards; Roland Primeaux,
warden; Msgr. M. J.
Bernard, chaplain; Lasan
Primeaux, Darryl Istre and
Robert Landry, trustees.

Cameron Parish Sheriff's Report

The following arrests
were made by the Cameron
Parish Sheriff's office from
Aug. 26 to Sept. 9:

Christopher Hudson, 31,
Midland, Tex.; Driving
Under Suspension, Careless
Operation.

Patrick Raymond Peshoff
Sr., 22, 2899 Sugarloaf, Lake
Charles; Possession of CDS
III, Possession of CDS III.

Jon Martin Daigle, 29,
4602 Ogden Rd, Lake
Charles; Bench Warrant.

Michael Jeffery Cline, 25,
717 8th Street, Lake
Charles; Possession of
Marijuana.

Fabin Urias, Galveston,
Tex; Possession of a Legend
Drug, Possession of CDS III.

John L. Mosby, 29,
Galveston, Tex., Possession
of a Legend Drug, Possession
of CDS III.

Erick D. Lewis, 25,
Jennings; Bench Warrant.

Herbert Edwin Carver
Jr., 53, Liberty, Tex., Simple
Criminal Damage to
Property, Simple Battery.

Thomas Salmons, 48,
4845 Goos Ferry Rd, Lake

Charles; Public Intoxication.

Mary Bartley Fontenot,
44, 135 Roy Reeves Rd,
Ragley; Public intoxication.

Dennis Brian O'Quain,
29, 2625 Dee Lane, Sulphur;
Bench Warrant.

James Lee Duncan, 52,
Golden Meadow; Public
Intoxication.

Gary Lynn Fountain, 33,
148 Main St., Hackberry;
Public Intoxication.

Vincent Touson Jr., 44,
157 Main St., Hackberry;
Simple Battery.

Juan Pablo Naranjo, 30,
Dallas, Tex; Operating
Vehicle without United
States License, Speeding.

Timothy Joseph
Delagarza, 18, 175 Riggs
Lane, Hackberry; Probation
Violation.

William Thomas Budinas,
56, 328 Old Town Rd,
Hackberry; Possession of
Marijuana, Open Container.

Gary Wayne Morgan, 29,
Galveston, Tex.; Fugitive
Warrant.



NOTICE

Early voting for the Oct. 4, 2008 election will be
at the Registrar of Voters office at 122-F
Recreation Ln. behind the courthouse. This
election is for Constable in Ward 6 and Justice
of Peace and Constable in Ward 3.

Early voting has added another Saturday to the
early voting days for the convenience of our vot-
ers and extends the daily hours during early vot-
ing from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Early voting will occur from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00
p.m. starting Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 and the
week of Monday, Sept. 22 through Saturday
Sept. 27, 2008. . Please remember when you go
vote, you must have a picture ID with you.

Finally, any person who feels they need assis-
tance in voting due to a physical disability such
as poor eyesight or other **MUST** get a physi-
cians certificate confirming the need for assis-
tance in voting and submit it to the registrar
prior to the election or give the certificate to the
commissioners at the polls on Election Day.

Thanks,

RUN: Sept. 11 & 19 (S-12)

Suzanne Sturlese, Registrar

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Your
STATE.

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20,000 Enlistment Bonus
\$15,000 Prior Service Bonus
100% Tuition Exemption
Student Loan Repayment Program

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September 18-20, 2008 Jennings, LA

- Barbeque Competition & Wine Tasting
- Kid's World • Food Vendors
- Great Bands under HUGE Pavillion
- FREE Parking & Shuttle
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By The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, D.D.
Bishop of Lake Charles

A serious responsibility of a bishop is to insure the purity of teaching in areas of faith and morals (cf. I Timothy 4:16). These teachings must be in conformity with the universal and historic teachings found in Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition and defined by the teaching office of the Catholic Church. The beauty of Catholicism rests in part on its ability to be clear.

Recently there has been high-profile press given to arguments concerning when human life begins. I am concerned about clarity and any misrepresentation of consistent Catholic teaching. My remarks are made in response to numerous questions posed to me by good Catholics in our own Diocese of Lake Charles who are confused by glib citations of patristic authorities, such as St. Augustine, that life begins at some other time than conception.

In response, I would say:

1) St. Augustine, one of our most revered Fathers, lived and wrote almost fifteen hundred years ago; he did not see the world around him with the scientific perspective, as we know it

today; as with early writers of this and later periods, his concern was the nature of the immortal soul and the human being; he approached this question primarily from the perspective of theology and philosophy;

2) To answer a question such as when does life begin, science gives us a quite adequate answer; according to one prominent embryology text, *The Developing Human: Clinically Oriented Embryology*, by Keith L. Moore and T.V.N. Persaud (7th Edition; Publ. Saunders, p. 16), "Human development begins at fertilization when a male gamete or sperm (spermatozoon) unites with a female gamete or oocyte (ovum) to produce a single cell—a zygote. This highly specialized, totipotent cell marked the beginning of each of us as a unique individual"; if he were alive today, St. Augustine would agree, because St. Augustine believed that there was no "disjunction" in what was known by faith and reason (cf. *Catholic Encyclopedia*, 1981 ed., vol. 5, p. 808, "St. Augustine" on "Faith and Reason"); life begins at conception; no doubt St. Augustine would have marveled at a uterine ultrasound and what it reveals about a human in the womb;

3) The teaching that life in the womb is sacred has been con-

sistently taught by the Church from the beginning and is reflected in the opposition of the Church for twenty centuries to abortion; please consult the oldest catechism instruction of the Church, outside the Sacred Scriptures, called the *Didache* or *The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles* from the First Century A.D.; it reads as follows: "Do not kill a fetus by abortion, or commit infanticide" (*Didache*, 2:2); also, noted patristic scholars are in agreement that St. Augustine probably knew the *Didache* and may have used it as a source in writing his own *First Catechetical Instruction*;

4) To say in some way that the Fathers and Doctors of the Church in centuries past taught otherwise than the Church's consistent teaching on the sacredness of life in the womb or that they were not sure when life began is misleading and erroneous; for this reason, the official Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception... Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable" (Catechism of the *Catholic Church*, #2270-2271).

Seminary burses now total over \$750,000

LAKE CHARLES — The Diocese of Lake Charles has a total of \$758,036.33 invested to aid in paying for seminarian education expenses. These funds are in the form of 46 seminary burses established by people and organizations for the benefit of the Diocese and its education of future priests..

The recent gift of \$100,000 establishing the Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc Burse was the largest single contribution made to begin a burse in the history of the Diocese.

A seminary burse is a permanent fund set aside to provide income for the education of seminarians. The principal of the fund is never spent but invested, with the interest used each year for seminarian education expenses. Since the principal is never touched, this fund is truly a "gift that keeps on giving." Donations made to the fund will continue to support the education of seminarians every year, as long as the Diocese exists.

Seminaries burses can be started with any amount of money and gifts may be made to already established burses.

Some of the burses have been established in memory of other highly regarded priests, such as Msgr. Amos Vincent, Father Oris Broussard, Father John Giles and Monsignors Curtis Vidrine and Murphy J. Bernard along with Msgr. Jules Daigle, Msgr. Aloysius Van Buijtenen and Msgr. Louis H. Boudreaux.

The Diocese has eight men in various stages of study for the priesthood this year. Those men include Deacon Scott Conner, Pontifical College Josephinum; Jeff Starkovich, Pontifical North American College; Bryan Thompson, Pontifical College Josephinum; David "Doc" Hardey, Jr., Pontifical College Josephinum; Matthew Cormier,

St. Joseph Seminary College; Ruben Villerreal, Catholic University of America; Brandon Jones, St. Joseph Seminary College; and Corey LaVergne, St. Joseph Seminary College.

For more information about making a contribution to the Msgr.

Irving A. DeBlanc Seminary Burse, any existing burse, or creating a special burse of your choosing, contact Chip Gauthé at the Office of Development of the Diocese, 337-439-7400, Ext. 307, or by e-mail at chip.gauthé@lcdiocece.org.



Diocese of Lake Charles Seminary Burses

Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$6,982.50
Bishop Jeanmar	\$9,276.69
Latrielle Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Charles Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Gelu Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Henry Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Msgr. William J. Teurlings	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Houssiere	\$15,000.00
Israel Hebert Family	\$15,000.00
Fr. Moise Hebert	\$2,231.66
Pro Ecclesia	\$5,203.55
Immaculate Conception	\$3,092.23
Saint Joseph	\$1,203.35
Lake Charles Seminary	\$15,000.00
Cure d' Ars	\$3,092.23
Mr. & Mrs. C. Delahoussaye	\$15,000.00
Msgr. Lersch	\$1,203.35
Saint Theresa	\$5,356.71
Catholic Daughters of the Americas	\$1,666.46
Msgr. Louis Boudreaux	\$15,000.00
Herrington Family	\$15,000.00
Horvath Family	\$12,500.00
Harry Van Tiel Family	\$1,031.96
Habetz-Oustalet-Mitchell Families	\$5,000.00
Msgr. A. Van Buijtenen	\$5,000.00
Msgr. Jules Daigle	\$15,000.00
Mr. & Mrs. Galip Jacobs/Sam Joseph	\$600.00
Msgr. Charles Levasseur	\$70,000.00
Plauche Family	\$4,000.00
Rev. Oscar S Vasquez-Munoz	\$1,429.00
Msgr. Bede Beceal	\$23,652.68
Jeffery Savant	\$2,435.00
Rev. Robert Lee Shreve	\$25,973.33
Bishop Jude Speyrer	\$4,000.00
Our Lady of the Snows/ CDA Court	\$20,200.00
Msgr. Curtis Vidrine	\$28,689.60
Msgr. Murphy Bernard	\$27,476.90
Rev. Alphonse M. Volpe	\$25,122.62
East Deanery Serra Club	\$550.00
Msgr. Charles Dubois	\$9,926.70
Msgr. Amos J. Vincent	\$34,723.21
Rev. Oris A. Broussard	\$27,810.66
Msgr. Irving A. DeBlanc	\$157,897.43
Rev. John Giles	\$25,132.21
Rev. Maurice Martineau	\$27,087.40
Truman Stacey	\$10,382.09
Total	\$758,036.33

Bishop's Golf Classic now set for Sept. 19

LAKE CHARLES — The Bishop's Golf Classic, benefiting seminarian education and the priest retirement fund originally scheduled for Friday, September 5 at Gray Plantation golf course, has now been slated for Friday, Sept. 19.

Host sponsors for this inaugural event are Alfred Palma Contractors and Cameron State Bank while Bubba Oustalet and Jeff Davis Bank are presenting sponsors.

Banner sponsors include Calcasieu Mechanical Contractors, Cathedral Outreach, Crossroads Bookstore, Kenny Fuselier and Company, Lake Charles Rubber and Gasket, Navarra's Jewelers, Russell J. Stutes Construction, S & M Bargain City, Villa Maria Retirement Center, Adlink, and Christy Drum Ammons, D.D.S..

The need for funds for the men studying for the priesthood as well as those who have given their lives in the service to the Church is absolutely necessary. Eight men are studying for the priesthood for the Diocese and

an increase in that number in the years ahead is seen which would cost even more money. More than \$250,000 will be paid for the education and training of this group this year.

The four-person scramble will have morning and afternoon shotgun starts. Food and beverages will be provided on the course. Prizes will be awarded and a hole-in-one will win the lucky golfer a car.

Entry fee is \$125 per person and \$500 per team.

Tournament entry forms are available in every parish of the Diocese, at area golf courses, and from the Office of Development of the Diocese, 411 Iris Street.

For more information contact Chip Gauthé, Director of Development, 337-439-7400, Extension 307, or at chip.gauthé@lcdiocece.org.

Members of the tournament committee are Robert Piper (474-6814), Bill LeBlanc (540-3543) and Larry Deroussel (794-8339).

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Did you know . . .

Many orders of religious men and women have served in the area of what is now the Diocese of Lake Charles over the years. Religious sisters who played roles in the history of the Church Southwest Louisiana include Sisters Marianites of the Holy Cross, Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Congregation of Divine Providence, Eucharistic Missionaries of St. Dominic, Sisters of St. Joseph, Sisters of the Eucharistic Covenant, Sisters of Emanuel and Daughters of Mary Mother of Mercy. Men religious who have served the community include Holy Ghost Fathers, Divine Word Missionaries, Conventual Franciscans, Benedictine Monks, Heralds of Good News, Carmelites of Mary Immaculate, Jesuit Fathers and Brothers, Christian Brothers and LaSalette Brothers.

Each of the three Bishops of the Diocese of Lake Charles has had a motto emblazoned on their coat of arms. Bishop Speyrer's was "To Bring Glad Tidings," Bishop Edward K. Braxton's motto was "Gaudium et Spes." Do you know Bishop Glen John Provost's motto and its English translation? Find out in the next Catholic Calendar.



The recent Archbishop James Lyke Conference held in Lafayette drew nearly 700 participants for its four-day run including 11 members of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles. Some of that group pictured here are, seated from left, Jacquie Mathews, Jackie S. Guillory, Sharon Washington, and Gaynell Carrier. Standing, from left, are Rev. Henry Mancuso, Jerrell Mayne, Johathan Druilhet, and Marmal Druilhet. The goals of the conference were to develop and inspire our youth spiritually and culturally; to provide participants with spiritually uplifting and unifying knowledge; to provide a culturally rich atmosphere encompassing music, art, ritual and other activities to inspire the spirit; to facilitate an ongoing dialogue involving the African American community and the Catholic Church; to grace the prayer life of God's people through the development of liturgical resources that are rooted in the Black experience and truly Catholic; to teach train and form liturgical ministers; to promote and develop lay ministerial leadership; and to evangelize within the African American community and other communities.

Catholic people called to stand with immigrants

WASHINGTON — In his keynote address to the National Migration Conference recently, Cardinal Roger Mahony said, "A human being's worth is defined by their God-given dignity, not by what papers they carry."

Recognizing the general negative feelings toward immigrants, refugees, and newcomers, Cardinal Mahony described these times as a "dark moment in our nation's history" and challenged all Americans not to scapegoat immigrants for many of the challenges facing our country.

The Rev. Henry Mancuso, Secretary for Pastoral Services for the Diocese of Lake Charles, was one of eight representatives from Louisiana in a total of 700 who attended the four-day con-

ference, which was sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities USA, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., and the Migration Relief Services.

The Catholic Bishops of the United States have called for Comprehensive Immigration Reform, which balances a nation's right to protect its borders and the right of all people to seek a place to live in which they can provide for their families while living without fear. It is often thought that the Bishops support an "amnesty plan"; but this is not true, according to Father Mancuso.

In their proposals, leaders of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have called for a "path to earned citizenship",

especially for the 12 million undocumented people already within our borders. To earn citizenship, undocumented men and women would need to pay a penalty for entering the United States without permission, apply for Social Security, pay taxes, and enroll in English classes.

Conference participants were given Biblical reminders of Abraham leaving his homeland under God's command to found a new nation. God brought the Hebrew Community from bondage in Egypt to a "promised land." Mary and Joseph were asylum seekers in Egypt because they feared for the safety of their child Jesus. We are a nation of immigrants who have been regularly renewed by newcomers to our shores.



Deacons, their wives and members of their families attended Mass on Monday, August 11, in celebration of the Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr, their patron. The Most Reverend Glen John Provost was the celebrant of the liturgy held at St. Lawrence Catholic Church in Raymond. The deacons were honored by the parish of St. Lawrence with a meal following the Mass in the parish hall.

Men's breakfast, women's luncheon dates announced

LAKE CHARLES — September's First Friday Men's Prayer Breakfast with Bishop Glen John Provost was cancelled due to Hurricane Gustav. The next breakfast will be Friday, Oct. 3 at 7 a.m. in Ave Maria Hall. Call 439-7400 to

register your attendance.

The inaugural Women's Tuesday Prayer Luncheon with the Bishop, which was to have been Sept. 2 will now be Nov. 4. Women planning to attend should call 439-7400 to register.