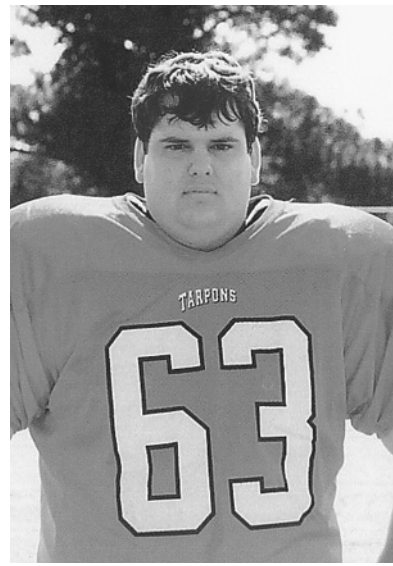
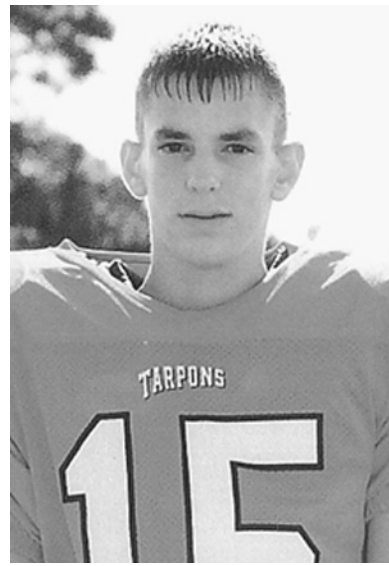


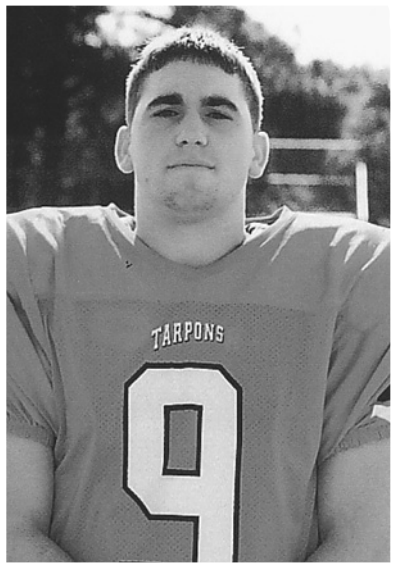
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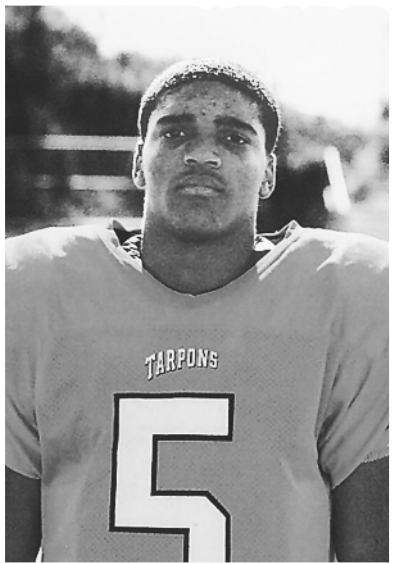
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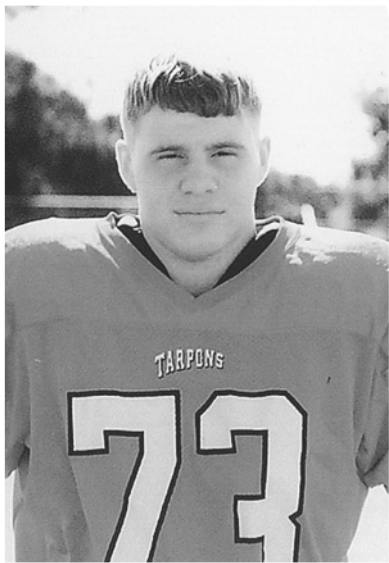
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Tarps named All-State

Four South Cameron High School football players received All State Team honors this week and two others received Honorable Mentions. The Tarpons, under the leadership of Head Coach Parry LaLande advanced to the state Class 1A quarterfinals before losing to

Sterlington to give them a 12-1 season.

Tarpons named to the La. Sports Writers Association's Class 1A team were linebacker Parry LaLande, Jr. and place-kicker Nick Boudreaux.

Quarterback Brett Baccig-

alopi and wide receiver Trey Lute received honorable mention on this team.

Offensive Tackle Terry Menard was named to the La. Football Coaches Association Class 1A team and Parry LaLande and Nick Boudreaux made the second team.

Property taxes on Jan. 18 ballot

The hot political races may be over for awhile, but Cameron parish voters still have a variety of property tax elections coming up for Jan. 18, including five parishwide elections and three special district votes.

Registration to vote in these elections ended Wednesday. The eight elections on the ballot will

be: Parishwide 2.64 mills property tax to maintain and operate the Cameron Parish courthouse and jail.

Parishwide 6.61 mills for parish road and bridge maintenance.

Parishwide 1.32 mills for the Cameron Parish Health Center.

Parishwide 9.23 mills to maintain and operate parish schools.

Parishwide 6.58 to maintain buildings and operate the school system.

Johnson Bayou, Fire Protection District No. 10, 8 mills for fire protection. If the tax passes, all current property taxes now being collected will be abolished.

Johnson Bayou Recreation District, 8 mills to operate and maintain recreation facilities. If the tax passes, all current property taxes being collected will be abolished.

Grand Chenier area, Waterworks District No. 9, 6.34 mills for operation and maintenance of the water system.

Holiday Edition deadlines told

Christmas week the Cameron Pilot will be printed on Monday, Dec. 23, in order that it can reach subscribers before Christmas.

Anyone with classified ads, display advertising or news is asked to get this in to the paper by Friday, Dec. 20.

New Year's week the Cameron Pilot will be printed on Monday, Dec. 30. Deadline is Friday, Dec. 27.



THIS PHOTO taken by Lisa Wilde Hunt of Johnson Bayou of her husband, Barry, and dogs, BooBoo and Penny, is the grand prize winner of the 2002 Louisiana Travel Photo contest. The picture was taken at West Cove.

Parish residents win top honors in La. Travel Photo competition

Lisa Wilde Hunt of Johnson Bayou is the Grand Prize winner, and Bennett Duhon of Creole one of five who won an honorable mention in the 2002 Louisiana Travel Photo Contest.

The photos were among 10 winners unveiled Monday by Lt. Gov. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco.

"The picture is of my husband, Barry Hunt, and our dogs, Boo Boo and Penny," Mrs. Hunt said. "We were fishing in West Cove when I took the shot. We have a fishing camp on Oyster Bayou and spent a week there in

August for our vacation, fishing and relaxing. I usually keep my camera with me and have always enjoyed taking pictures, particularly outdoors and nature shots."

The photo beat out nearly 350 submissions for this year's contest, themed "Louisiana: All Outdoors" and sponsored annually by the Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism and the Louisiana Press Association.

"The winning photos showcase the stunning natural beauty of Louisiana, our scenic water-

ways and plant and wildlife, and our people enjoying this unique place we are privileged to call home," Blanco said.

The submission earned Hunt six three-day, two-night get-aways at Louisiana's Audubon Golf Trail properties.

Duhon's honorable mention photo was a close-up photo of an alligator. He and the other four honorable mention recipients won a camera bag, magazine subscriptions and camera film.

Fur Festival parade plans are announced

The 2003 Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival parade will be held Saturday, Jan. 11 beginning at 12:30 according to Parade Chairman, Freddie Richard.

The parade will line up as usual next to the old Cameron Construction Office on the east side of Cameron and will start at the Methodist Church. No throws will be put on the floats until it reaches the starting point.

The route is also the same this year, beginning at the Methodist Church, proceeding through town, turning south at the FDF office and disbanding on the back street.

This year's parade will honor the Alligator Industry. Judges will be in front of Hibernia Bank to judge the floats from the different categories including junior division, senior division, commercial floats and the Ed Swindell Memorial Award. In addition to floats, the parade also welcomes horseback riders, bicycles, trucks, etc.

The Grand Marshall's for the parade this year will be charter members of the Fur Festival.

These individuals were instrumental in organizing and making the Fur Festival the success it is today.

If you have an entry for the parade, please contact Freddie Richard at 775-5006 or after 5 p.m., 775-7382.

MSU grads announced

Dr. Jeanne Daboval, provost and vice president for academic affairs at McNeese State University, conferred degrees on 591 graduates at the university's fall commencement at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Burton Coliseum.

According to Stephanie Tarver, MSU registrar, the area graduates who received degrees are:

Master of Science, Environmental Science: Angela R. Guidry, Grand Chenier.

Bachelor of Science in Accounting: Trevor D. Trahan, Cameron.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice: Stacy L. Hebert, Cameron.

Bachelor of Science in Marketing: Trevor D. Trahan, Cameron.

Associate of Arts, Early Childhood Education: Jo Ann Daigle, Hackberry.

Associate of Arts in Paralegal Studies: Stacy L. Hebert, Cameron.

Associate of Science in Engineering Technology: Shannon Dale LaBove, Hackberry.

Associate of Science in Process Plant Technology: Charles Brady Abshire, Hackberry.

New Super. will be a resident

The Cameron Parish School Board will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 6 to swear in three new board members, elect officers and name a new Superintendent.

Candidates for the superintendent's position are John DeBarge of Hackberry, Al Burguières of Lake Charles and Doug Chance of Early, Texas.

Retiring Superintendent Judy Jones said the new superintendent will have a Cameron Parish residency. DeBarge is a present resident. Burguières and Chance both own property in Cameron Parish and if either is chosen he will move to the parish.

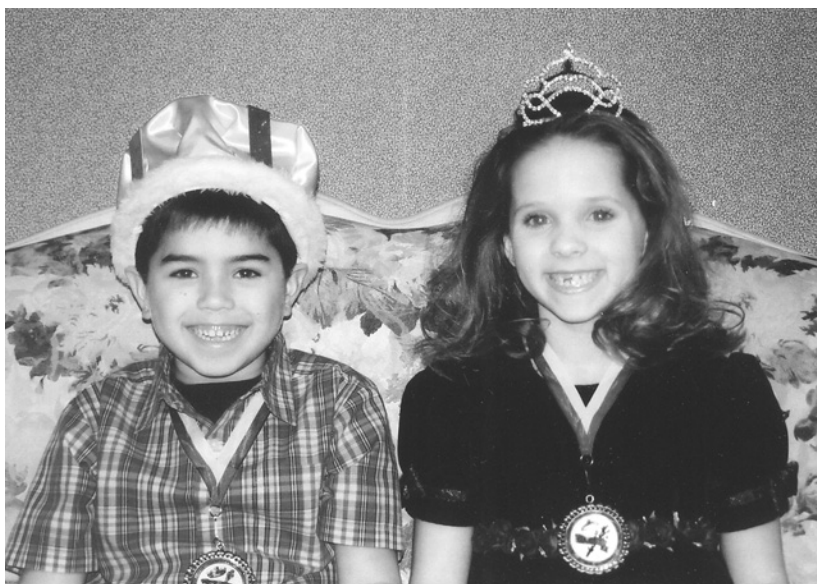
The board's January regular meeting will be held at 4 p.m., Monday, Jan. 21.

Three new board members will be sworn in at the Jan. 6 meeting. They are Dwayne Sanner, District 6; Loston McEvers, District 5; and Rachel Abadie, new District 7.

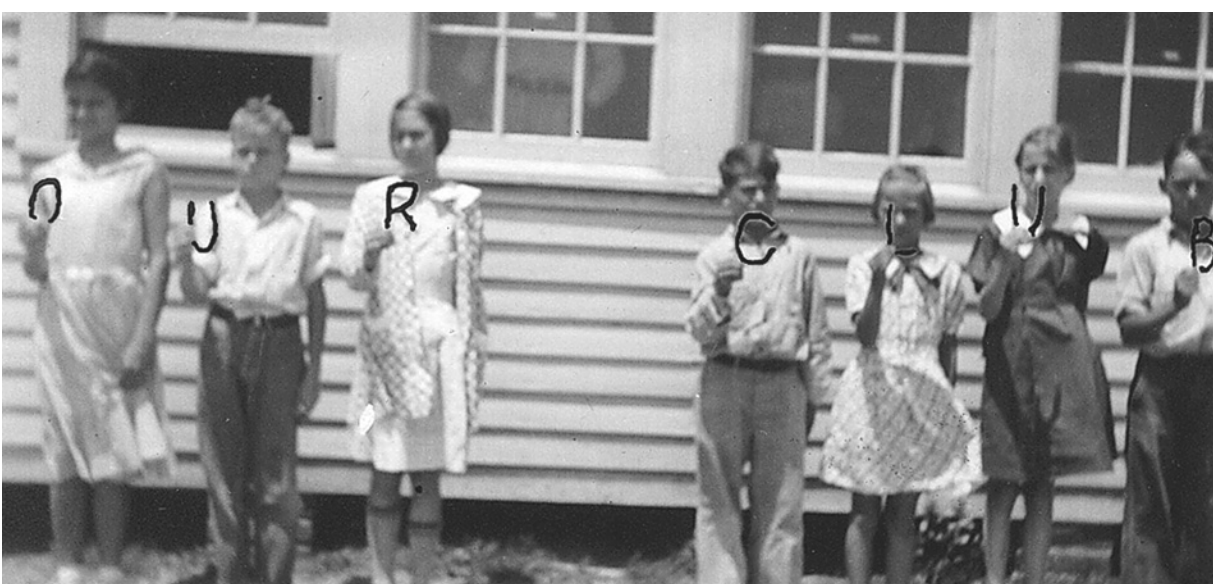
Lions club to sell Christmas trees

The Cameron Lions Club is selling Christmas trees in Cameron at the Chamber of Commerce office on Marshall Street. Stop by and see the assortment of trees that are available. Proceeds from the sale help the Lions Club programs such as eye glass purchases, Crippled Childrens Camp and the Eye Foundation.

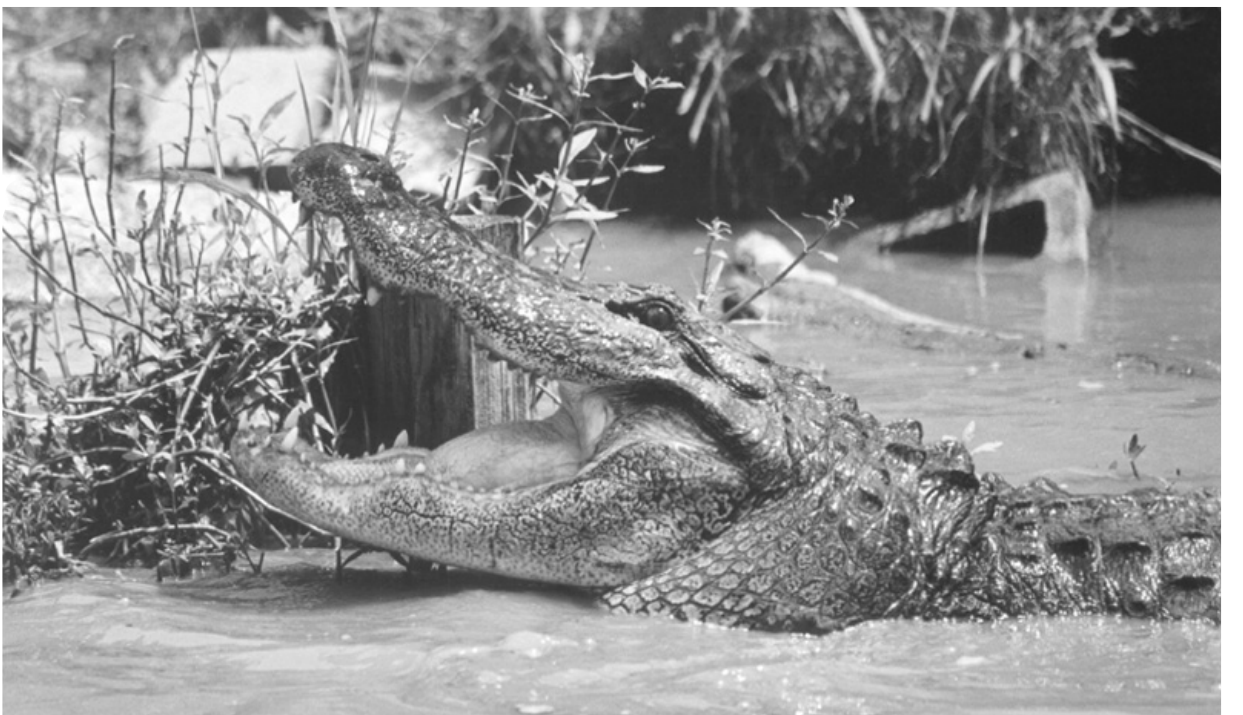
The Lions Club raffle for a shotgun or \$500 cash is underway at this time. The drawing will be held Jan. 11, during the La. Fur and Wildlife Festival Saturday night program. Get your ticket now from a Lions Club member. Tickets are \$1 each.



SHOWN ABOVE ARE Madison Morales, 7-year-old son of Chris and Patty Morales, and Marlie Ellice Mudd, 8-year-old daughter of Lance and Kelly Mudd. They will represent Grand Lake in the Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish in the contest to be held Jan. 9 in conjunction with the Louisiana Fur and Wildlife Festival.



DO YOU REMEMBER? These youngsters were members of the Sweetlake 4-H club who were taking part in a school program 50 years or so ago. Perhaps some of our readers recognize themselves in this photo.



Bennett Duhon of Creole won Honorable Mention in the Louisiana Travel Photo contest with this picture of an alligator.

Funeral

GENE A. TRAHAN JR.

Funeral services for Gene A. "Sugar Man" Trahan Jr., 65, of Lake Charles were held Monday, Dec. 16, from Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. The Rev. Wayne LeBleu officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home.

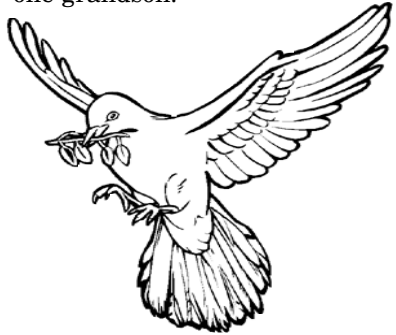
Mr. Trahan died Thursday, Dec. 12, 2002, in a Houston hospital.

He was a native of Cameron parish and served in the U. S. Army as a 101st Airborne Ranger.

He worked much of his life all over the world as an independent drilling consultant and served as an expert witness in the oilfield industry.

He was a member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Claudia Catherine Trahan; two sons, Kenton Trahan Ortego and Shaun Leon Trahan; two daughters, Charmaine Leona Trahan and Roxanne Trahan, all of Lake Charles; two sisters, Sadie Mae Williams, Houma and Betty Theriot, Cameron; and one grandson.



DO YOU REMEMBER? By KEITH HAMBRICK Creole Honor List from 1939

(Lake Charles American Press, Nov. 1, 1939)
GRAND CHENIER HD CLUB

A demonstration on how to make fudge candy was given by Miss Sophie Bernard, agent, at the last meeting of the Grand Chenier HD Club, held at the home of Mrs. Moise Sturlese.

Those present were Mesdames M. Sturlese, D. A. Bertrand, C. Richard, L. Vincent, and Misses Nancy Swire and Sophie Bernard. (Mrs. Rufus McEvers, reporter).

Officers for some of the Cameron Parish HD clubs are: Big Lake - president, Mrs. Charles Richard; secretary, Mrs. Moise Sturlese. Creole - president, Mrs. Ursin Theriot; secretary, Miss Horace Montie. Oak Grove - president, Mrs. E. O. Steward; secretary, Mrs. Raphael Theriot. Cameron - president, Mrs. Sanders Bertrand; secretary, Mrs. C. F. Hebert.

Grand Chenier - president, Mrs. J. F. Sturlese; secretary, Mrs. Rufus McEvers. Johnson Bayou - president, Mrs. Jim Erbeling; secretary, Mrs. Dewey Raggio. Chenier Perdue - president, Mrs. Vian Theriot; secretary, Mrs. Oliver Boudreaux.

CREOLE SCHOOL HONOR LIST

The honor roll of the Creole High School for the first six weeks of the current school year has been announced as follows:

First grade - Fae Bourriague, Robert Vernon Landry, Dorothy Ann Savoy, Ethel Theriot. Second grade -

Madora Babineaux, Margie Lou Nunez, Lorraine Stagg. Third grade - Dorothy Bourriague, Gilbert Landry, Jr., H. P. LeBlanc, Jr., Lindy LeBoeuf, Eddie Mudd, Bertha Toerner. Fourth grade - Lurlie Broussard. Fifth grade - Ray Conner, Dorothy Mae Nunez.

Sixth grade - Carl Theriot, Ethel Fae Toerner, Bernice Venable. Seventh grade - Iola Trahan. Eighth grade - Corine Nunez, Oble Lee Theriot, James Savoie. Ninth grade - Dixie Ferguson, Ned Melancon. Tenth grade - Cecil Clark, Edna Richard. Eleventh grade - Iver Glass, Alton Melancon.

(Cameron Pilot, Oct. 30, 1969) HACKBERRY HOMECOMING

Homecoming festivities at Hackberry High School will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 31, with an open house honoring the 1949 and 1969 graduating classes.

At 7 p.m. the Mustangs will play the Merryville High School team and the homecoming queen will be presented and crowned at half-time ceremonies.

Included in the homecoming court are Abbie Hebert, Gail Riggs, Roxanne Hughes, Susan Poole, Carol Welch, Glenda Schexnider, Becky Hughes, Shelia LaBove and Teresa Duvall.

RECREATION POTENTIAL BOOK By Geneva E. Griffith

An appraisal of potential for outdoor recreational development for Cameron Parish is being compiled by the Technical Action Panel of Cameron Parish. The panel is composed of representatives from various governmental agencies and private organizations as well as interested citizens.

The report is due to go to the publishers on Jan. 1, 1970 to be printed as a book. It will be reviewed at the November meeting of the Cameron Parish

Development Association.

The information contained in the book will be of help to groups and individuals in planning recreational enterprises in the parish. Also, it may serve as a guide in evaluating the recreational possibilities for developing specific locations here.

Appraising the potentials for outdoor recreation is an essential step in planning to meet recreational needs. This appraisal involved a consideration of more than natural resources since development potential also depends upon people and facilities necessary for development.

The book will be available to interested parties in planning recreation developments for Cameron Parish.

DIESEL AMENDMENT ON BALLOT IN '70

A constitutional amendment to be voted on next year of special interest to the Cameron area, is one that would exempt diesel powered shrimp and oyster boats from ad valorem taxation.

The amendment was placed on the constitutional amendment ballot for Nov., 1970 as a result of a bill introduced by Rep. Conway LeBleu at this year's fiscal session of the state legislature.

LeBleu pointed out that gasoline powered fishing boats already are exempt from ad valorem taxes. If the amendment passes, about 50 to 60 diesel powered boats in the Cameron area will be affected.

The representative pointed out that it wasn't fair for the fishing boats to have to pay taxes for such services as sewerage, garbage, etc., when none of these services were available to the boats.

OYSTER SEASON TO BE ANNOUNCED FOR 1969

The Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission is expected to meet in the near future to set the dates for the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake.

After conferring with Jerry Jones, commission chairman of Cameron, and Rep. Conway LeBleu, T. B. Ford, chief, division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods made the following recommendations to the commission:

1. That the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake be fixed to extend from daylight Fri., Nov. 14, 1969 through sunset Fri., April 10, 1970.
2. That oyster fishing be limited only to the use of tongs and to daylight hours.
3. The open areas shall be confined to Calcasieu Lake including the West Cove area, with the exception of the Calcasieu River and Ship Channel, East Fork, west Fork and Oyster Bayou which shall be closed.
4. The 3-inch culling law shall be observed by all fishermen fishing the area and the culls shall be scattered around the perimeter of the reefs to provide for expansion and future harvesting.
5. The taking of oysters for home consumption shall be limited to three bushels (two sacks) per boat per day.
6. All commercial fishing of oysters shall be done only with proper licenses.

GUIDRYS NAMED 'GOOD PROVIDERS'

Darlene and Ricky Wayne Guidry, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Guidry of Sweet

Lake, were named top winners in the Good Providers competition for the Central and Southwest District.

Cameron Parish 4-H youngsters have been top winners for the past several years in this contest sponsored by the Times-Picayune, New Orleans Chamber of Commerce and the LSU Extension Service.

Darlene was named first place winner in the contest and Ricky placed second in the boys division.

Darlene is president of the Future Homemakers Club at Grand Lake High School where she has been engaged in various projects ranging from photography to livestock, food nutrition and homemaking.

Her brother, Rickey, is an accomplished farmer, having garnered awards in practically all phases of livestock except swine. He plans a career in agriculture.

CHENIER FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED

The Grand Chenier Pee Wee football team is composed of Mark Arrant, Kenny Smith, Randy Jones, Robert Dowd, Randy Nunez, Rufus McEvers, Chris Theriot, Jeff McCall, Walter Dupuis, Eugene Jones, Mark Theriot, Gerard Nunez, Lyndon Miller, Myron Manuel, Vince Theriot, Keith Smith, and Terry Miller.

The team had a hot dog party, Oct. 16, at the Grand Chenier Park. After the party games of touch football were played. The party was given by

the parents and coaches of the athletes who won first place in their division. Grand Chenier will be the first team in Cameron Parish to receive a trophy in Pee Wee football.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Folks around Grand Chenier were very much relieved last week as Hurricane Laurie spun around and didn't do any harm to any of Louisiana's coast especially ours. However, most folks in this area had evacuated and others were prepared to evacuate had Laurie continued on her northwest course. Loads of cars packed to the brim with personal belonging, trailers of boats and other equipment, made a steady stream of evacuees Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark last week purchased a 1970 Chevrolet station wagon.

Five JB children were confirmed at the Hackberry Catholic Church Friday. They are: Randy Badon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Shirley Badon; Nat Griffith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Griffith; Jay McGee, son of Mrs. Genevieve McGee; and Marilyn Boudreaux, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymie Boudreaux.

Adeline Young has been visiting here sister Mrs. Melanie Simon on the Bayou.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hebert of Crowley spent Wednesday through Friday visiting Mrs. Edmond Bertrand and family here.

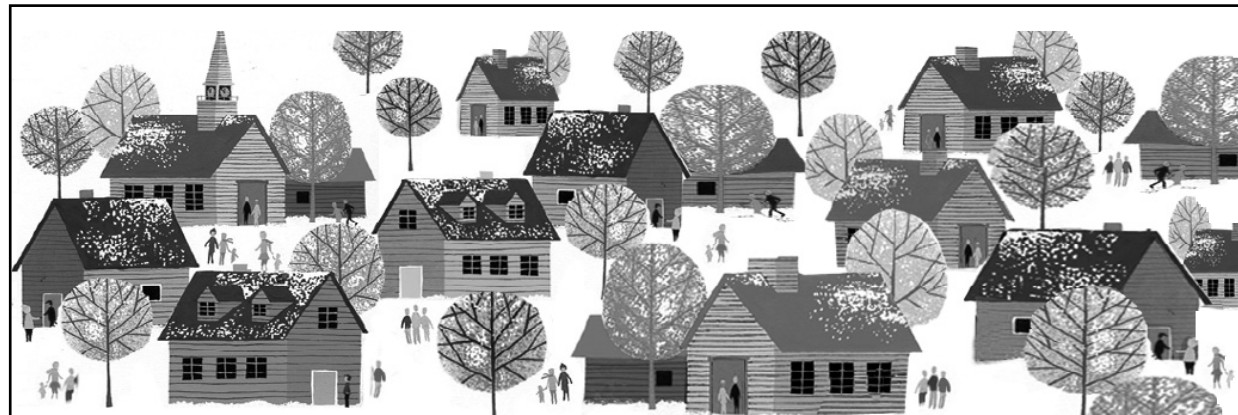
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Home For The Holidays

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Happy Holidays!



FIRST BAPTIST Church of Cameron held a children's choir and play on December 14 called "Hotel Bethlehem". The children were all from Cameron Elementary School.

C. P. Outreach Program holds meeting Dec. 10

The Cameron Parish Outreach Program held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 10 at the Grand Lake Fire Station. Community Organizer, Angela Jouett, announced the toy drive, clothing drive and food basket program for the needy of the Parish was still in effect and so far a big success.

Outreach Program Chairman, William Daigle, announced upcoming future programs and projects, including entering a float in the Cameron Parish Fur Festival

Parade and a fund raiser.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Chief Deputy Theos Duhon from the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department. Chief Deputy Duhon spoke on Holiday Safety when traveling and shopping. Some holiday safety tips he gave were:

- 1.) Be alert in your surroundings when walking in the parking lots.
- 2.) Watch out for credit card fraud when making purchases.
- 3.) Watch out for telephone, e-mail, and mail scams asking you

to give money.

4.) Protect your purse or wallets when shopping in crowded stores.

If you have any questions or want more information about Holiday Safety Tips, please contact Chief Deputy Duhon at the Cameron Parish Sheriff's Department (337) 775-5111.

The next Outreach meeting will be held at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 21st, 2003, at the Grand Lake Fire Station. The guest speaker will be William Daigle, Director of Victim Programs for the Cameron Parish District Attorney's Office. Mr. Daigle will speak on Victim Rights and the Judicial Process. The public is invited to attend.

If you have any questions



QUINCY CLAIRE MUDD was crowned Tiny Miss Alligator at the 2002 St. Eugene Catholic Church Alligator Festival held at the Grand Chenier park in October. She is the two-year-old daughter of Lance and Kelly Mudd of Sweetlake and the granddaughter of Robert and Olga Mudd.



AVA MARIE MUDD, one-year-old daughter of Chad and Michelle Mudd of Cameron, was named Baby Miss Alligator at the recent Grand Chenier Alligator Festival. She is the granddaughter of Robert and Olga Mudd of Cameron and the late Roy Thompson of DeQuincy.



ALLIE NICOLE BONSAALL was recently crowned Queen of the Toy Pageant in Lafayette. She was also recently crowned Tiny Miss Sulphur Mines. Allie is the 3 1/2-year-old daughter of Kenton and Kris Bonsall of Grand Chenier. Her grandparents are Leland and Carolyn Rutherford and Tommy and Gail Bonsall.

Hackberry News

By Grace Welch

MCNEESE GRADUATES

The McNeese Graduation was held Saturday, Dec. 14 at Burton Coliseum. Graduating from Hackberry were:

JoAnn Daigle, Early Childhood Education; Brady Abshire, Plant Technology; Shannon LaBove, Engineering Technology;

Also graduating was Robert Braddock Welch (Brad) from Carlyss in Computer Technology. Brad is the son of Robert C. (Bo) Welch from Hackberry and Dottie Currie of Carlyss.

BASKETBALL

Dec. 13 - Hackberry 40, Hamilton Christian 28 - Clay Billedeux 9, Van Lebler 10.

Hackberry J. V. Girls 41, Hamilton Christian 45 - Jena Sonner 14, Ashley Barris 16.

NON-DISTRICT

Hackberry boys 37, Elizabeth 56 - Wade LaBoave 12, Cody .

ST. LOUIS TOURNAMENT

Hackberry girls 39, Crowley 37 - Meagan Broussard 12, Edie Lenards 10, Denaque Domingue 16.

New novels in library

New novels in the Cameron Parish Library are:

I'll Take You There, Joyce Carol Oates; July, July, Tim O'Brien; Crime School, Carol O'Connell; The Beloved Land, Janette Oke; Victorian Rose, Catherine Palmer; Shrink Rap, Robert B. Parker.

The Art of Deception, Ridley Pearson; Death of a Stranger, Anne Perry; The Walkaway, Scott Phillips; Blessings, Anna Quindlen; The First Billion, Christopher Reich.



A Blessed Christmas!

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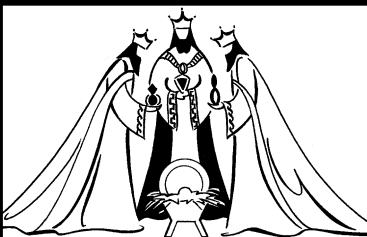
I would like to thank the NAACP national office, Sheriff's office, all Courthouse offices, the Cameron Parish School Board, the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the Cameron Pilot, and the American Press.

I thank each and everyone who has worked with me for the last twenty-four years, including the executive board and my family.

Moreover, let us allow our faith in God to be active, let us achieve true brotherhood and sisterhood through unity of purpose and let us all be positive, effective role models in order to motivate others.

Let us continue to work together. May God bless each and everyone of us. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Let us all keep Christ in Christmas.

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S.C. Jr. 4-H meets

The South Cameron Jr. 4-Hers held their 3rd meeting of the school year on Dec. 3.

New Business - The 4-H office will be closed for holidays from Dec. 24 - Jan. 1. The parish beef show will be held on Jan. 11, 2003. The parish market show and sale will be held Jan. 16 - Jan. 18. Our next club meeting will be held on March 26, 2003.

Shylyn Nunez and Chandler LeBouef did a demonstration on Citizenship. Ms. Penny gave out clovers and we discussed them. Congratulations to the SCHS Jr. club for receiving 100 pts. on their Dec. club meeting.

The next meeting will be March 26.

Chelsi King, Reporter

about the Outreach Program or you would like to be a guest speaker contact Angela Jouett at (337) 370-6736 or William Daigle at (337) 775-5713.



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4. Thank you for the gift of your friendship. *It makes it all worthwhile.*
5. Thank you for making us a part of your lives. *It's always a privilege and a pleasure to serve you.*

Wishing You All A Joyous Holiday And A Happy New Year.



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BASKETBALL

By CHRIS MUELLER

BOYS

Elizabeth 56; Hackberry 37 - Wade Labauve was the leading scorer for the Mustangs with 12 points.

Fairview 61; Johnson Bayou 51 - Dominique Sandifer knocked down 21 points for the Rebels and Kyle Badon added 10 points.

Grand Lake 51; Hathaway 50 (OT) - Barry Reed hit a tip-in with one second left in OT to help grab the win for the Hornets. He scored 17 points and Trevor Hebert added 16 points.

Bell City 74; Johnson Bayou 55 - Kyle Badon chipped in 21 points and Adam Young added 14 for the Rebels.

Hamilton Christian 40; Hackberry 28 - Clay Billedeaux led the Mustangs with 9 points.

GIRLS

Hamilton Christian 45; South Cameron 33 - Kayla Rutherford scored 17 points for

the (1-4) Lady Tarpons.

Fairview 70; Johnson Bayou 29 - Megan Romero led the Lady Rebels with 9 points.

Hackberry 39; Crowley 37 - Meagan Broussard chipped in 12 points and Edie Leonards added 10 as the Lady Mustangs knocked off class 3A Crowley to improve to 17-1 on the year.

Bell City 57; Johnson Bayou 29 - Megan Roberts scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels.

Hamilton 45; Hackberry JV 41 - Jenna Sanner led the junior Lady Mustangs with 14 points.

Southwood 50; Hackberry 30 - The Lady Mustangs dropped only their second game of the season as the fell to Southwood in the Championship Game of the St. Louis Tourney. Tobie Devall led Hackberry with 8 points.

Hackberry 47; LaGrange 33 - Edie Leonards scored 19 points and Tobie Devall added 12 for the Lady Mustangs.

Second split duck season opens Sat.

The second split of duck season is set to open in the west zone of the state on December 21, but this year, pintail will not be included in the daily bag. The 30-day pintail season ended with the closure of the first split of the west zone on December 8. The second split of the west zone, as set by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, will close on January 19.

The second split of the east zone opened on December 14 and will run until January 26. However, the pintail season in the east zone will close on December 27.

LDWF officials want hunters to be aware of this closure for pintail in the west zone and be certain of what they are aiming at. Hunters are urged to make proper identification of waterfowl before shooting. It can be



THESE CAMERON Elementary students won ribbons in the Junior Art Division of the Cal-Cam Fair. Shown above were (front row, from left): Tien Le, Alayna Trahan; (middle row) Jody Thomas, Jaired Andrews, Mikalee Mooney, Kami Savoie, Erika Pickett; (backrow) Travis Trahan, Dex Murphy, Jerrica Mock.

S. Cameron Elem. 4-H meets

The South Cameron Elementary 4-H Club met Nov. 15.

Barrett Hebert and Justin Trahan presented a demonstration on how to clean a saddle.

Mrs. Penelope Richard, guest speaker, spoke about getting career opportunities. Mrs. Penny gave an educational program on Healthy Snacks. Mr. Mike went over the Clover.

Cody Jouett, Reporter SCE

Lions Club meetings

The Cameron Lions Club will meet on the following dates in January at the Outrigger Restaurant at noon:

Jan. 8, guest speaker Clifton Hebert; Jan. 15; Jan. 22, followed by a board meeting; Jan. 29, guest speaker, Judy McClendon.

difficult at times to distinguish the pintail.

Pintails are long, slender ducks with narrow wings. Because of its long neck and tail, and distinctive plumage this time of year, the male pintail is easy to identify. The female, however, can be more difficult. The hen pintail is a mottled brown and has a rather non-distinct brown-green speculum or wing patch, unlike the large white wing patch of widgeon and gadwall, with which they can be confused.

Hunters should consult a good waterfowl identification source if they are not sure of their ability to properly identify pintails. They are also encouraged to refer to the Louisiana Migratory Game Bird Hunting Regulations pamphlet for 2002-2003 to be assured that they are not violating any season dates or limits.

Mourning dove season will also reopen on December 21 and close on January 6. Canvasback season remains closed statewide.



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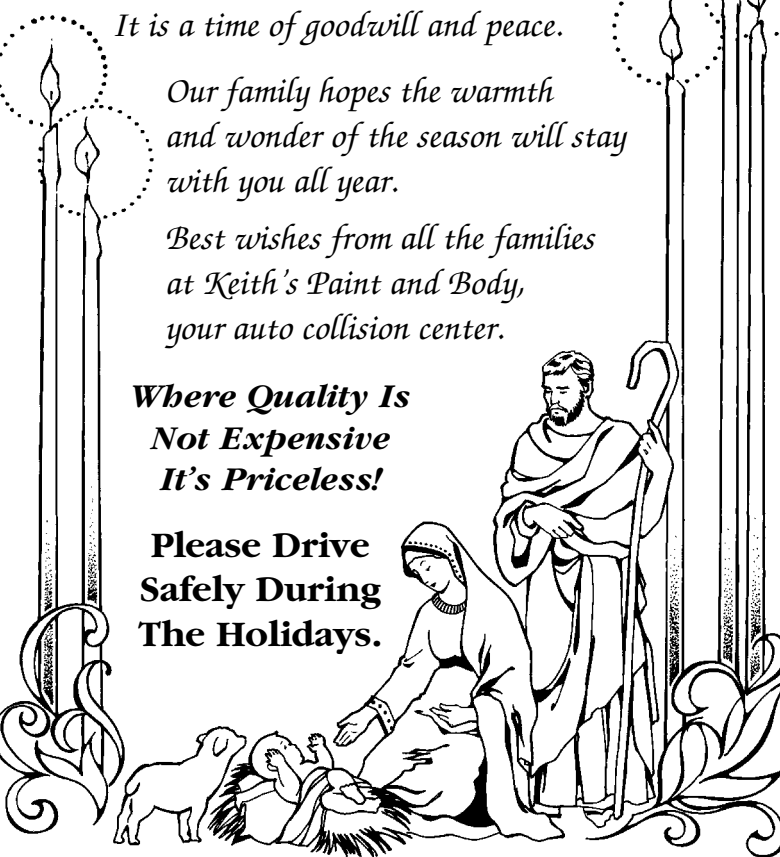
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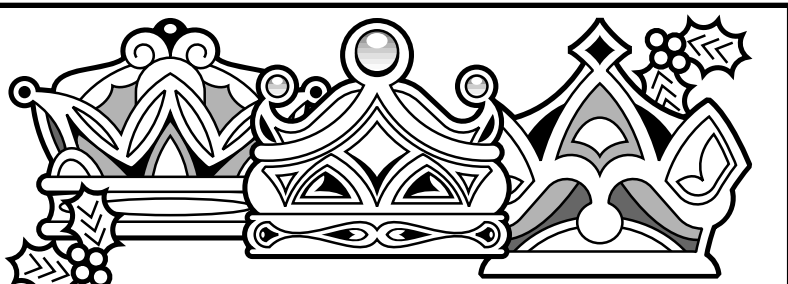


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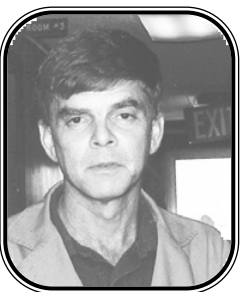
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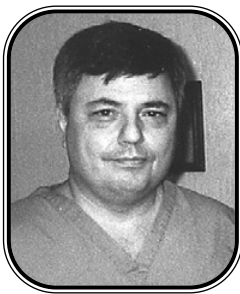
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Nutrias now on the 'most wanted' list

By MARILYN BARRETT
La. Sea Grant Program

Since they first escaped from fur farms in the 1930s, nutria have contributed to the nation's annual loss of coastal wetlands. These South American rodents graze on wetland plants, eating until only weakened roots are left. Without strong plant roots to trap silt and secure the marsh's foundation, the marsh erodes.

Nutria wear away the marsh through all seasons. Females can have up to five litters (averaging three to five young) every two years, and the youngsters begin feeding on marsh plants within hours of birth. Alligators are their primary predators.

Because of their large litters and ability to survive in fresh and brackish waters, nutria provided an abundant supply of marketable soft, dark brown fur to commercial trappers. The rodent accounted for \$15 million of the total \$25 million contributed to Louisiana's economy by the fur industry in the mid-to late 1970s. However, as fur markets declined throughout the world in the late 1980s, the number of trappers and fur producers in Louisiana also decreased.

The nutria population in Louisiana actually peaked at 20 million in the 1950s, according to Ted O'Neil, former chief of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Fur and Refuge Division. However, nutria density remains a problem. When the population exceeds the carrying capacity of the marsh, erosion and marsh degradation result, according to Greg Linscombe of the same division.

"Pockets" of nutria threaten portions of the state's three million acres of marsh. The animals are a major threat to the coastal restoration efforts in Louisiana of many state and federal agencies.

Over the years, a variety of attempts have been made to reduce nutria populations. The Fur and Alligator Council, created by the state legislature in 1986, sought new international markets and developed new product. To stimulate interest in nutria meat among the general public, LDWF administers an incentive program for the restaurant industry, processors, and trappers. It is not uncommon to see nutria on restaurant menus or featured at cook-offs during public events.

Researchers have studied several kinds of barriers for blocking nutria from marsh grasses. A contractor, hired by LDWF to look at population control methods ranging from killing to sterilization concluded that the number of animals in these areas must be reduced. The contractor identified an EPA-approved chemical to poison them. Although LDWF accepted the conclusion that some nutria must be killed, the agency rejected the use of poison, which might also kill other local wildlife.

Instead, several agencies together devised a new, five-year program to neutralize the nutria, the Louisiana Coastwide Nutria Control Program.

"This is an unusual CWPRA project," Linscombe said. The Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection, and Restoration Act (CWPRA) of 1990 ordered federal agencies to develop comprehensive plans to restore and prevent loss of coastal wetlands in

Louisiana, which has about 40 percent of the nation's wetlands.

Many of CWPRA's projects have focused on wetland restoration. CWPRA partners include the Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, US Army Corps of Engineers, National Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), and Louisiana Department of Natural Resources (LDNR). LDWF administers the program with assistance from NRCS and LDNR. Louisiana Sea Grant extension agents, associated with the LSU AgCenter, arranged six public meetings in

local communities last summer during which representatives of LDWF and NRCS explained this program to trappers.

The Nutria Control Program 2002 is designed to stop the threat to new as well as existing wetlands in the state's coastal areas (south of I-10 and I-12). The goal of the \$12 million project is to reduce Louisiana's coastal nutria population by 400,000.

The five-year time period and the focused harvest area give this program a better opportunity for success, Linscombe explained. The harvest target number is not dramatically higher than the total number of nutria trapped last year. Besides the fact that Louisiana sold and shipped all pelts from last year's trapping season, new markets are opening up in Russia, Ukraine, and China, and the number of Argentine nutria pelts coming to market may be declining. "We'll be hunting and trapping now with no pelts on hand," Linscombe says.

This program increases the value of nutria for the trappers. Besides revenue and possible

incentives trappers can receive from meat processors and fur dealers, trappers will receive \$4 for each nutria tail turned in at designated collection centers close to the harvest areas.

The application process is similar to those for alligator hunting without quotas, Linscombe said. With written permission from a landowner or manager of specific public and private lands, trappers will receive a Nutria Control Program Registration Number, allowing them to set traps or shoot nutria and receive payment for each tail.

If the program is successful, LDWF and NRCS may extend it, Linscombe said. Time will tell. But for now, he is just hoping to neutralize the nutria population by harvesting 400,000 annually for the next five years, and in the process, to see a significant reduction in marsh degradation in the target areas.

For more information on the program, contact the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Fur and Refuge Division in New Iberia (337-373-0032).



ANGELA JOUETT welcomed Deputy Theos Duhon as guest speaker at the December meeting of the Cameron Outreach Program. Deputy Duhon spoke on improving safety while holiday shopping.

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REMEMBER? By Keith Hambrick
The old Rex brings in cotton

(Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 19, 1917)
BOREALIS REX BRINGS COTTON

The Borealis Rex came in last evening, bringing considerable freight besides some 200 sacks of cotton from Hackberry. This was the first time in several weeks that the Rex was able to go along side the wharf at this point on account of the low water. The boat was able to stick her nose up to the end of the wharf a few times, but that was as far as they could get. A few days ago, when attempting to reach this wharf, the boat got stuck and it took over an hour before they could pull her off.

The cotton has been accumulating at Hackberry for several weeks, awaiting sufficient water for the boat to make a landing. It is about the last of the cotton to come from that point.

The boat tied up here first at the cotton wharf to unload the cotton. The gin was awaiting this shipment and will start gaining it immediately.

Water in the river at Hackberry and other points is nearly two feet higher than it has been for several weeks, due to the recent heavy rains, and low water is not expected to hamper river travel again this winter.

The marshes of Cameron Parish are swarming with duck hunters from all sections of the country and the game is reported more plentiful than at any time this winter.

The Col. Bowie, a large boat owned by the Gulf Transportation Co., is still in the mud near the second cluster of piling a short distance from

where the river enters Grand Lake. This boat has been fast for nearly a month despite the efforts of a large crew with modern machinery to pull her off.

They are in hopes that they can float her again soon, as the water is rising and should the rains continue a couple of days more they will, in all probability, have her afloat by the latter part of the week. Her loss to the transportation company has been considerable as the boat was badly needed in the service.

The Rex left this morning on her regular down-trip, carrying considerable freight, besides a large consignment of building lumber of all kinds.

(Cameron Pilot, Dec. 18, 1969)
NEW LEGION POST HOME DEDICATED

The new Richard Bros. American Legion Post home was dedicated Sun., Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. with approximately 125 visitors to the new home.

Rev. Frederick Weber gave the opening prayer, Pledge of Allegiance was led by adjutant Ellis McWhirter, the preamble was given by Berton Daigle. Master of Ceremonies was Floyd (Hackberry) Stanley, Dept. Vice Commander of Sulphur.

Commander Jules Dronet gave special recognition to Edison R. Mhire, past commander, for expediting the securing of the land and the building of the new home. Thanks were given to the ladies auxiliary for their help.

Phirma LeBouef and Ellis McWhirter were singled out for their dedication to the Legion in securing new members and being a hard worker, respective-

ly. Mrs. Nancy Hines, second vice-president State auxiliary, introduced Mrs. Sybil Deshotel, president 7th District. Mrs. Deshotel noted that this is the only district in the state with two new units. She presented a certificate to Mr. McWhirter for helping organize this unit and a small token of appreciation to Mr. Dronet.

The elected officers of the ladies auxiliary for the Richard Bros. post are Mrs. Ellis McWhirter, president; Mrs. D. W. Griffith, secretary; and Mrs. J. T. Primeaux, treasurer.

Father Weber spoke on understanding the meaning of the "Preamble to the Constitution".

Dalton J. Comeaux, past Dept. Commander and guest speaker, emphasized "Unity and Service for America," the slogan for national commanders and action programs encouraging everyone to get involved in community activities. Mr. Comeaux congratulated both Post and Unit for building a home that will serve not only the post but community activities.

JURY BOOKS IN GOOD SHAPE

The annual audit of the Cameron Parish Jury's records found them "maintained in excellent manner" according to a report this week from the state legislative auditor, J.B. Lancaster.

He reported a surplus of \$80,853.03 in the general fund as of Dec. 31, 1968, as compared to \$111,068.65 in the parishwide road maintenance fund, as compared to a surplus of \$112,332.76 for the previous year.

It was noted that the jury had failed to re-invest \$74,163 in Road District sinking fund monies, which would have earned \$2,510.79 in interest had it been invested.

THE CENTENNIAL

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Hackberry 4-Hers at Achieve. Day

Hackberry Jr. 4-H Club members participated in the recent Achievement Day at Cameron Elementary School. They were: Kayla Backlund, Tabitha Deville, Natasha Hicks, Taylor Simon, Lori Beth Shove, Kelsey Helmer, Jacob Poole, Kaitlyn Hicks and Clinton Granger. All placed either 1st, or 3rd in their demonstrations.

Lori Beth Shove, reporter

may wind up with a date with Riley Richard and the new photo-electric intoximeter that has been installed in the Cameron Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Richard, who is also Sheriff Claude Eagleson's juvenile officer, recently took a week's course in operation of the machine at the state police headquarters in Baton Rouge and is certified in its use.

The intoximeters, which cost \$600 each, have been installed in all sheriff's offices and major city police offices.

ORIGINAL CANTATA TO BE GIVEN

An original Christmas cantata "The Most Beautiful Story Ever Told," written by Mrs. Jerry Ford and Arlene Tarter, will be presented by the Oak Grove Baptist Church Choir Sunday night, Dec. 21, in the church auditorium.

Jerry Ford is director of the cantata. Narration will be by Mrs. Winston Sells and Mrs. Ruby Rutherford. Pianist will be Mrs. Jerry Ford and Larry Bourriague will play the organ.

ROUNDOABOUT THE PARISH

Mr. and Mrs. Emile Roux, of Hackberry, visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Roux, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Roux and Jo, last week.

James and David Trahan of Port Arthur spent Saturday with Mrs. Henry trahan and Joe Bellanger.

Visiting the A. J. Nunez family Sunday were the Clement L. Granger family of Sweet Lake and the Preston Nunez family of Grand Chenier.

Mrs. Horace Goodrich and her granddaughter Stephanie, visited the Carl Jinks family of Vidor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Miller and family visited with Mrs. Sanders Miller and children in Alexandria recently.

Pvt. Harold Domingue of Camp Polk is coming home Dec. 18, for a two weeks stay with his parents, the Marion Domingue family.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Steward of Lake Charles spent Friday and Saturday visiting Mrs. Stewart's sister and family, the Edwin Mhires.

Mrs. Ethel Martin of Lake Charles visited Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Nunez.

Mrs. Alvenia Koonce and son, Bo, and Mrs. Koonce's two grandchildren, were weekend visitors here.

Mrs. Gilford Mhire and Cheryl, Mrs. Edmond Bertrand, Mrs. Abra Conner and Mrs. John Montie were in Jennings Monday visiting with Hubert Conner.

State colleges raising their tuition beginning next year

The eight colleges in the University of Louisiana System will be charging students higher tuition beginning next summer.

The ULS Board of Supervisors approved the tuition increases at its December meeting, subject to approval by the state Board of Regents. System President Sally Clausen said tuition at Louisiana colleges still will be lower than what students pay at comparable campuses in the South.

State funding for higher education has been increased in recent years, Clausen said, but it still lags behind the amount provided in other states. Until recently, universities in Louisiana had to receive legislative approval to institute any tuition or fee increases. Now, the governing boards are allowed to raise tuition as much as 3 percent each year.

Spring 2003 tuition will be unchanged from the fall semester.

The increases will become effective for the summer 2003 term.

Beginning with the fall 2003 semester, Grambling State university students will pay annual tuition of \$2,797, up \$81 from this year.

Louisiana Tech's annual tuition will rise \$87 to \$2,976.

The \$74 increase will bring McNeese State University's annual tuition to \$2,589.

At Nicholls State University, the annual tuition of \$2,681 will be \$78 higher.

Northwestern State University students will pay \$78 more to total \$2,703 annually.

The smallest annual increase is at Southeastern Louisiana University, where tuition will go up \$67 to \$2,496.

The University of Louisiana at Monroe campus will institute a \$74 annual increase to \$2,555.

The largest increase will be the \$96 rise at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, where tuition for the fall and spring semesters will become \$2,572.


The systems of Louisiana State University, Southern University and the community and technical colleges are governed by different boards, so they will not be affected by the ULS board's action.

Guillory graduates at Lafayette

More than 5,500 students from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette were recently named to the Fall 2002 Dena's list.

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THURSDAY, JAN. 9, 2003
Carnival Rides
7 p.m. Little Mr. and Miss Cameron Parish, Talent Show, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

SATURDAY, JAN. 11, 2003
8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open. State Trap Shooting Competition. Carnival Rides.

Admission To All Pageants At Cameron Elementary Auditorium:
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FRIDAY, JAN. 10, 2003 "CAMERON PARISH DAY"
8 a.m. - Fairgrounds Open, Carnival Rides, Parish Trap Shooting Competition.
9 a.m. - Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials Registration.
10 a.m. - Senior Archery Contest; Jr. & Sr. Parish Dog Trials
2-6 p.m. - Carnival \$10 armbands.
5:30 - 9 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds
7 p.m. - Deb, Teen, Jr. and Miss Cameron Parish Pageant; Crowning of King Fur, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.

9 a.m. - Ladies' & Men's Oyster Shucking Contest, Jr. and Sr. State Dog Trials Registration; Display of Scrapbook.
9 a.m. - 12 noon - Carnival \$10 Armbands.
10 a.m. - Jr. and Sr. State Dog Trials.
12:30 p.m. - Parade.
2 p.m. - Junior and Senior Duck & Goose Calling Contest.
2-5:30 p.m. - Dance on Fairgrounds - Kingfish.
3 p.m. - Skinning: Ladies & Men's Muskrat; Jr., Ladies' & Men's Nutria Trap Setting.
7 p.m. - La. Fur & Wildlife Queen Pageant, Cameron Elementary Auditorium.
9:00 p.m. - Adult Dance with Barry Badon & the Bayou Boys in the Cameron K. C. Hall. Admission \$10 per person. Food Will Be Sold.

Food & Craft booths on Festival Grounds

Cameron Outdoors

By Loston McEvers

DUCK SEASON RE-OPENS

We had a brief break between splits of our duck season. Many hunters returned to the marshes to re-cane and touchup their blinds, with the water going down some were making new blinds. Setting a new spread of decoys is a must, although I don't know if setting pintail decoys really needs to happen, as our second split of duck season is closed to pintail hunting, as well as the canvas-back.

Sat., Dec. 21, in our West Zone, we'll see duck, coots and speckle belly season open. Also, hunters will be able to shoot snow, blue, Ross geese, gallinules and rails, snipes, doves, as well as rabbits and squirrel. On Wed., Dec. 18, woodcock season also opens, as well as our deer season in Zone 3 is open only for bucks.

There's lots of hope that our second split of duck season is better than our first, especially on the eastern end of the parish. I don't know this year's results, but Arkansas waterfowl harvest was down 25 percent last year, but the state was still number one in the country for mallards killed.

One of our other neighboring states, Mississippi, has been short on ducks for the past two years, so they prepared themselves this year by planting plenty of grain and wild rely on shooting doves. It's not just our state or parish that's had less and less ducks, it's happening in quite a few more states. I think that Venice, La., area ranks among the most productive

waterfowl marshes in the world, with lush vegetation and the fertile flow of the Mississippi River, which makes a healthy habitat.

I normally wait until January or after a couple of frosty light freezes to hunt rabbits. Reports show that since rabbit populations have decreased in many area, due to fire ants and other predators, many have turned to deer hunting. In the 1960's more Beagle dogs were registered with the American Kennel Club than any other breed. These days Labradors are at the top of the AKC list. Still, rabbit is a great sport and this is a great way to introduce our youth to the field and to shooting.

FISHING NEWS

Lots of us took time to do a little fishing between duck season splits. Big bull redfish are being caught at the Cameron jetties, some over 40 pounds. This is quite a fight and of course, most of us release these big fish as they're really not that good eating.

In the Big Lake area anglers are catching speckle trout working the birds. The best results have been a glow and chartreuse plastic minnow on a lead head, fishing on bottom. Although they'll come on top for shrimp, the colder water keeps most on bottom.

There's more than 34 million Americans over the age of 16 who fished last year according to some of the data released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Census.



OAK GROVE BAPTIST Church held their hanging of the greens on December 15. The children's church choir is shown singing Christmas songs.

That's about the same number as a decade ago, which shows no growth in number of anglers.

There are so many other outdoor recreational things to do, many have taken up boating. Fishing and boating are favorite American traditions that's really a family affair. It is said that these two sports reduce stress.

HOLIDAY TIP

This is a holiday tip for all hunters, fishermen and outdoor folks. Although we hardly ever see snow we do sometimes see sleet or a light rain that feels like sleet. Never catch snowflakes, sleet or rain drops with your tongue, until all the birds have gone further south

for the winter. If you do, this could leave a bad taste for you.

Remember, Christmas is this coming week, so get your shopping done, as there's only five more days before Christmas.

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Sat., Dec. 21, 7:05 a.m., 5:17 p.m.
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Hackberry area - Thursday, Dec. 19, 11 a.m. - 12 noon, at the Hackberry Community Center, Hackberry.

Holly Beach area - Thursday, Dec. 19, 1:30 - 2 p.m., at the

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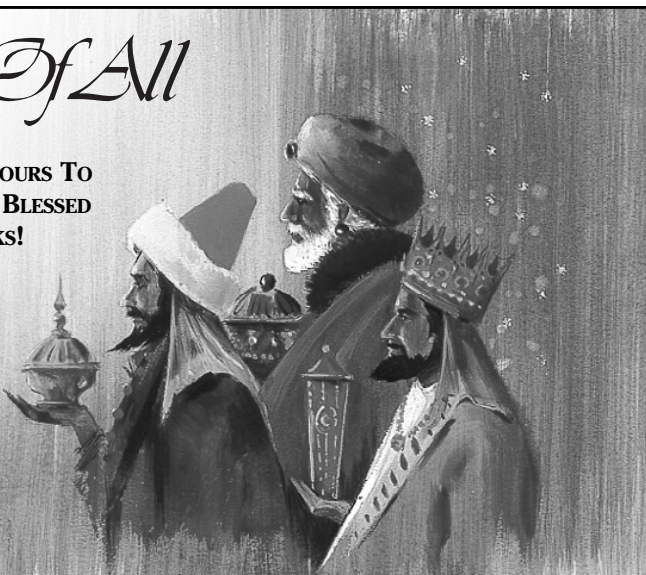
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Merry Christmas

Seasons Greetings To The People of Cameron Parish:

A Season of Hope

This Christmas, let us all be thankful for the many blessings that we have in America and in Cameron Parish. As the year of 2002 is ended and 2003 will be ringing in, we can be thankful that our economy is on a strong recovery. May you have many more good years of prosperity.

I hope you all will have a wonderful Christmas with your families. If you go to holiday parties, please be careful afterwards while driving home.

My deputies and I are dedicated to serving you the people of Cameron Parish and feel free to call on us if we can be of help to you in any way.

As I was going over some of my papers I found a Prayer for the Day...

This is the beginning of a new day and soon will be the beginning of a New Year. God has given me this day to do with as I will. I can waste it or use for my good. What I do today is important because I'm exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes this day is gone forever, leaving in its place something that I have traded for.

I want it to be gain, and not loss; good and not evil; success and not failure; in order that I shall not regret the price that I have paid for it.

With all the evil going on in the world, let us all take a moment out to pray for our men and women who are serving our country to keep us free. Also pray for the president that God will lead him in a positive, moral and peaceful settlement of the world's problems, so we can keep our freedom forever and ever, until death we shall part.

So I wish each and everyone of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and a brighter tomorrow and future.

Wishing you Happy Holidays,
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Letters to Santa

The following letters to Santa are from Dana Granger's Kindergarten and Amanda Troclair's Pre-K classes.

Dear Santa - Um I lost my handcuffs and some keys. I don't know, 4-wheeler doesn't even work. Santa, I want a red bike. Um remote control truck. Um Brant wants for Christmas a play gun and a toy truck and stuff. That's all he wants for Christmas. I will leave him some cookies and some milk because we always did that. That's all.

Jade Theriot

Dear Santa - Have you been good? No. I want a horse, a Bob the Builder movie, a green sucker. I want a castle. What will you leave Santa? Root beer.

Blanin Este

Dear Santa - Santa, I been good. I want a Scooby-Doo movie, a horse. I want a Bob the Builder movie.

Lenin Castillo

Dear Santa - Santa I've been good this year. I want a Barbie baby pony, a Barbie computer, some blue jeans and some cow-girl boots, a Barbie shirt. I'm gonna leave you some plain cookie and the red nosed reindeer some carrot.

Clarisa Gary

Dear Santa - Santa was I good? I want a princess skirt, mermaid stickers, a cowboy's shoes and shirt. Please bring Sam a bone. And I want a Barbie cash register, a mermaid pillow, prince colors, a Brittney Spears book. The donuts are for

you and the milk too. That's all.

Hallie Boudreaux

Dear Santa - You know them telephones that's purple with the backstreet boys and cards, that's what I want and the notepad with the pencil, a Brittney Spears book, a Barbie booksack - it's pink. My mama's getting me a Barbie bike and I ride it at Walmart. I want a Barbie cash register. I will wash you sleigh. I will leave you rice and milk. I love you Santa.

Kinlee Boudreaux

Dear Santa - I want a doctor set, a new green bike, a green CD player because my other one's old - my nanny bought me an old one. I want eyeglasses like Mrs. Donna. I want to leave you some milk and meat with rice and gravy.

Trevor Bertrand

Dear Santa - I've been good. Bring me a truck, a blue bike, a Barbie for Machaelo. Please bring mama a pot to cook pancakes on. A pot for daddy too. I want some play handcuffs. I will leave you Dr. Pepper and Cheetos.

Larry LeDoux

Dear Santa - I love you. I like your reindeers. I've been a little good this year. Bring me some toys. I like you. Get Brayden a farm with Indians and cowboys. Get Gran some make-up for her lips. My mom can have a plastic football player. I'll leave you chocolate milk and macaroni and cheese.

Garen Romero

Dear Santa - I love Rudolph. I'll leave you some chocolate chip cookies and chocolate milk. I want a radio, a boat, a punching bag, a remote control car, and a water bike. I have been good this year.

Jeremiah Dockins

Dear Santa - I like your presents. How is Rudolph? I like your house. I want a 4 wheeler for Christmas, a dirt bike. I will leave you some chocolate candy and some milk. I've been real good Santa. I love you Santa.

Adam Jones

Dear Santa - I love you. I will get you some milk and chocolate chip cookies. I want a motor bike, a blue 4 wheeler, and a remote control car, and a remote control boat that goes in water in the bathtub. That's all.

Breydon Trahan

Dear Santa - I've been good this year. I would like to have a Green Bay Packers helmet, a blue bicycle, a skateboard with a man on it. That's all. I will leave Rudolph a carrot and you some chocolate chip cookies. I love you Santa.

Blayne Miller

Dear Santa - I have been real good this year. Please bring me a Barbie phone, a pink bike, 3 pink and yellow pencils. Bring a present for mama - some perfume. I'm leaving carrots for the reindeer and cookies and milk for you. Santa, do you like milk and cheese? I do.

Baylie Duhon

Dear Santa - I've been good. I want a deer hunting game for the TV, a golf toy with a beeper, and something for my little sister. A teddy bear for mama to put on her dresser. A game for the computer. Cookies and milk are for you. The deer will get apples.

Jacob Dockins

Dear Santa - I will watch your reindeer so they don't fly off. I want sunglasses, I want make-up, I want to give my little sister a Barbie. I want a cowboy skirt and a cowboy shirt and cowboy boots. I want a Barbie cash register. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Santana Reese

Dear Santa - I've been good this year. I want a train and a robot for Christmas. That's all. I will leave you cookies and milk.

Brandon LeBoeuf

Dear Santa - I want a remote control monster truck. Bring me a toy car, a scooter, an orange bike. I've been bad this year but I'm gonna try not to be bad next year. I will leave you chocolate milk and rice. I love you Santa.

Ryan Romero

Dear Santa - I love you Santa. I will save you some chocolate and regular milk. I've been much good. I want some cookies for Santa, Rudolph too. I want make-up for mamma. I want a Barbie bicycle, a Barbie clock that makes noise to wake me up. A fake 4 wheeler for my brothers. I want some bananas and apple juice.

Linlee LaLande



HORATIO ALGER Career/College Day was held at Grand Lake School on Dec. 9. Students from 8th, 11th, and 12th grades in all Cameron Parish schools attended the seminar. Many colleges and businesses presented information to help the students make decisions about their future careers.



Teach good financial habits

With a significant increase in disposable income, in recent years teenagers have become an important part of the consumer market. One statistic suggests that in 2001 alone teenagers spent more than \$124 billion. Despite this incredible spending power, as few as 12 percent of high school students in the U.S. receive a formal education in personal finance.

Parents can create their own "lesson plans" at home to get teens financially fit.

To instill financial responsibility and to show that you trust them, offer your kids an allowance. The key to a successful allowance is structuring it from the beginning. Make it clear what kinds of purchases your kids can use the money for and that they are expected to save some of it.

To help your kids learn budgeting skills, work with them first to identify all the ways they currently spend money. Brainstorm together to choose the items they'd like to save for and set manageable goals. Next, help them track their spending with a budgeting worksheet or chart to make sure they stay on target to reach their desired purchase. Finally, teach them how to conduct research to find the best value before making a purchase.

Get your children involved early on in helping you make household spending decisions and involve them when you pay your family's monthly bills. Make sure they understand the

consequences of making late payments or missing payments entirely.

Taking into account money from jobs, allowance, holiday and birthday gifts, help your kids determine their monthly "income." Teach them to put away roughly 10 percent of this amount as savings. Encourage your teens to open a savings

account at a bank, or store the money safely at home for them so they will not be tempted to spend it.

The sounder your own financial judgment, the better your kids' may be. Demonstrating your own financially responsible behavior, such as keeping a balanced checkbook, always paying bills on time and sticking to a budget and savings plan, will help reinforce good habits in your kids.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."
— Luke 2:8

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— Luke 2:11

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We especially wish for a safe, careful and accident free holiday season.

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If you know that they're coming, bake a cheesecake



Peanut butter, chocolate and cream cheese combine in this delectable holiday creation.

(NAPSA)-No matter what the occasion, a slice of rich, creamy, silky-smooth cheesecake is a tantalizing way to top off a memorable feast.

Cheesecake may be a classic holiday dessert, but that doesn't mean you can't improve upon perfection. From luscious ingredient additions to better baking methods, it's possible to bake up a cake that's reason enough to celebrate on its own. Consider

these preparation tips:

- For even marbling and the best distribution of added ingredients-such as nuts or Reese's new Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chips-do not over-soften or over-beat the cream cheese.

- Avoid overbaking. Cheesecake baking times are not always exact, due to variations in ovens. The cheesecake will continue to bake after it is removed from the oven. The center of the cheesecake should be just slightly moist when it is ready to be removed.

- Baked cheesecakes freeze well. Cool completely and wrap securely in heavy-duty foil or plastic wrap; do not freeze cheesecakes with garnishes or toppings.

One way to wow your guests this year is with this rich recipe:

Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chip Layered Cheesecake

1 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 1/3 cups sugar, divided

1/3 cup Hershey's Cocoa
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter, melted

2 packages (8 oz. each) cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
3 cartons (8 oz. each) dairy sour cream

3 eggs, slightly beaten
1 3/4 cups (11 oz. package) Reese's Peanut Butter and Milk Chocolate Chips, divided

1 teaspoon shortening (do not use butter, margarine, spread or oil)

1. Heat oven to 325°F. Combine graham cracker crumbs, 1/3 cup sugar, cocoa and melted butter in medium bowl. Press crumb mixture evenly onto bottom and about 1 1/2 inches up side of 9-inch springform pan. Bake 8 minutes; remove from oven. Cool slightly.

2. Increase oven temperature to 350°F. Beat cream cheese, remaining 1 cup sugar and vanilla on medium speed of mixer until well-blended. Add sour cream; beat on low speed until blended. Add eggs; beat on low speed until just blended. Do not over-beat.

3. Pour 2 cups filling into prepared crust. Reserve 1/4 cup chips for drizzle. Sprinkle

remaining 1 1/2 cup chips evenly over filling in pan. Carefully spoon remaining filling over chips.

4. Bake about 1 hour or until center is almost set. Remove from oven. Using knife or narrow metal spatula, loosen cheesecake from side of pan. Cool on wire rack additional 30 minutes. Remove side of pan; cool 1 hour.

5. Combine shortening and reserved 1/4 cup chips in a small, microwave-safe bowl. Microwave on High (100%) 30 seconds; stir. If necessary, microwave on High additional 15 seconds at a time, stirring after each heating, until chips are melted and mixture is smooth when stirred. Drizzle over cheesecake; cover and refrigerate at least 4 hours.

Makes 12 to 14 servings. Cover and refrigerate leftovers.



Deck your halls for next to nothing this year

(NAPSA)-Bells are not the only thing that will jingle this holiday season. By following a few decorating tips, you may hear the sound of leftover change in your pocket.

Decor You'll Adore

Use antique reproduction sleighs and sleds as table accents or wall and door displays. Fill the sleighs with poinsettias or holly and berry sprays. Add some mini-lights and a handmade bow and you'll have a holiday creation the neighbors may envy.

Make It A Bright And Beautiful Holiday

Drape inexpensive net lighting over your bushes. When it comes to the tree, branch out. Decorate outdoor trees with inexpensive ornaments and ribbons. Purchase a six-pack of clear glass ornaments and create your own unique look. Hand-paint or fill them with miniature glass ornaments or garlands in all sizes, shapes and colors.

Brighten your lawn with animated reindeer or line your walk with twinkling candy canes. Discount stores have dozens of pre-lit

decorations to choose from, such as swags, garlands, and two-foot trees.

Wrap Up Some Savings

Buy decorative tins or baskets to showcase your homemade cookies and candies. At closeout prices, you can taste some delicious savings. Discount stores offer low prices on gift bags and tins, plus coordinated wraps, bags, tissue and bows to make holiday gifts sparkle.

No place like home

Trend watchers predict people will travel less this holiday season and will want to make their homes welcoming and festive. Making your castle warm and cozy can be more affordable than you think.

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(Never Known To Fail)
Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine splendor of Heaven Blessed Mother of the Son of God Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity, oh Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, oh Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in this necessity. There are none that can withstand your powers, oh, show me herein you are my Mother, oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (three times). Holy Mother, I place this cause in your hands (three times). Holy Spirit who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can attain my goal, you who give me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that all instances in my life you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person says this prayer 3 consecutive days. After 3 days, the request will be granted! This prayer must be published after the favor is granted.

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Preventing cold weather damage to skin and lips

NAPSA)-Blustery cold causes our noses to turn red, our breath to freeze and, if we're not careful, our bodies to turn into parched landscapes of dry, chapped skin.

Aside from the sun, nothing wreaks more havoc on the skin than a change in the weather, according to Dr. Charles Zugerman, associate professor of clinical dermatology at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago.

"Cold, dry air and bitter winds can deplete the skin's natural moisture and cause a variety of uncomfortable, chronic dry skin conditions," says Zugerman, who offers the following advice for relieving the most common cold weather skin-care woes:

- Heal cracked and peeling lips. Lips are particularly sensitive to the cold, dry temperatures of fall and winter. To prevent moisture loss, forego the temptation to lick your lips when they're feeling dry. Instead, apply a generous layer of a moisturizing lip balm, such as Blistex Complete Moisture with SPF 15, onto your lips.
- Don't forget the sun. Reflected sunlight from snow, or even sunlight coming through a car or office window, can burn the skin and increase the risks of developing skin cancer. And, remember that gray winter clouds don't filter the sun's UVB rays that can cause burning. That's why it's crucial to continue using moisturizing skin and lip care products with an SPF 15 or higher throughout the winter

months.

- Moisturize morning, noon and night. For maximum skin protection, apply a vitamin-enriched moisturizer in the morning right after a shower or bath, which allows the moisturizer to be sealed into the skin as it dries. It's also a good idea to reapply moisturizing products after lunch and any time your skin feels tight and dry. Applying moisturizer at bedtime helps seal in moisture. A three-times-a-day regimen is even more important for your lips, the most exposed and unprotected part of your body. Apply a protective lip balm, such as Blistex Lip Balm with SPF 15, upon waking, at night and throughout the day.
- Soothe chapped hands. Hands can easily become dehydrated and chapped in the winter-even cracked to the point of bleeding. To heal severely chapped skin, especially around the knuckles, massage a thick hand cream or petroleum jelly over hands. It's also a good idea to apply a moisturizing lotion to hands after every washing.
- Avoid gray elbows and knees. Rubbing or friction on the skin from wool, knits and other warm winter fabrics can cause elbows and knees to become thick, scaly and rough. To remove dead, gray skin, use an alpha hydroxy lotion or product to exfoliate and moisturize these problem areas. Wear soft, cotton clothing underneath heavier garments and avoid resting elbows on tables or countertops.

Tips relieve holiday stress

(NAPSA)-Stress doesn't have to put a damper on merriment this holiday season. Taking these tips to heart can help turn tension into a ghost of Christmas past:

1. **Shop early, at one location.** The sooner you get started on your holiday shopping spree, the better off you'll be. See if you can narrow down the number of stops by finding a diverse, useful store that offers delightful gifts for everyone on your list. Your local mall, for instance, offers one-stop shop alternatives, where you'll find a variety of gifts to rejuvenate the senses and lift the spirits.
2. **Get organized.** Make a list of everything that needs to be done, from shopping to entertaining to decorating, and divvy up the work you need to accomplish between family and friends. There's no need to do everything yourself-and the feel-

ing of being overwhelmed is a major contributor to stress.

3. **Have extra holiday gifts on hand.** When unexpected guests arrive, a simple something can go a long way toward making them feel welcome. Some suggestions include festive and fragrant candles, pampering personal products and beautifully wrapped soaps and lotions.
4. **Pamper yourself-and others.** Taking time out for yourself is key to keeping calm during this busy season. Try a Slipper Set to comfort your feet after a hard day of holiday shopping or a therapeutic Aromatherapy product filled with lotion, bath oil, mist or scrub in three soothing, relaxing and energizing scents. Both of these gift ideas provide yourself or your loved ones an air of happiness.

Yam Pecan Pie

For a tasty dessert, try adding sweet potatoes to pecan pie. You get the added benefits of this nutritious vegetable without foregoing flavor. This delicious pie is easy to prepare and can be made year 'round, either with fresh or canned sweet potatoes:

- Yam Pecan Pie Makes 8 servings
- 1 refrigerated 9-inch pie crust
- 1 (15 oz.) can yams (sweet potatoes) drained and mashed
- OR 1 cup fresh yams, cooked and mashed
- 2 large eggs, divided
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 3 large egg whites
- 2/3 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla extract
- 2/3 cup pecans, chopped

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a mixing bowl, blend together yams, 1 egg, brown sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg. Spread evenly on bottom of pie crust. In a mixing bowl, beat together remaining egg, egg whites, corn syrup, sugar and vanilla until mixture is frothy. Stir in pecans. Carefully spoon mixture over yam layer. Bake for 50 to 60 minutes until filling is set around edges or a knife inserted halfway between the center and edge comes out clean. Cool and serve.

A touch of honey adds to honey bread pudding

Honey Bread Pudding
8 cups day-old egg bread, cubed
3 cups milk
1 cup half and half
6 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup honey
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 teaspoon each vanilla and ground cinnamon

Honey Cream Sauce
1 cup heavy cream
1/4 cup honey
1/4 teaspoon rum extract
Place bread cubes in a lightly buttered shallow 2-quart baking

dish. In a medium bowl, beat together milk, half and half, honey, orange peel, vanilla and cinnamon until well blended. Pour mixture over bread cubes and let stand for 1 hour or until the bread has absorbed the liquid. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place dish in hot oven and bake for 45 to 50 minutes or until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Meanwhile, beat cream until light and fluffy. Slowly add honey and beat until stiff. Fold in rum or extract. Serve dollops of cream over the warm bread pudding. Makes 8 to 12 servings.

Recipe for leftover turkey

Leftovers-particularly the turkey and stuffing are the best part of holidays..

Savory turkey sandwiches and the aroma of stuffing being heated evoke mouthwatering memories. With a little ingenuity-and proper storage-these holiday staples can go a long way.

Store cubed, cooked turkey in one- or two-cup amounts in zipper-style plastic freezer bags; press air out before sealing. Label with amount and date, and freeze for up to a month. When ready to use, thaw in the refrigerator or defrost in the microwave.

With these serving ideas, you won't even recognize leftovers because they taste so fabulous.

- Turkey Grilled Cheese-Add turkey slices and honey mustard to your next grilled cheese sandwich. Serve with a side of stuffing.
- Turkey Caesar Salad-Toss together cooked turkey, salad greens and Caesar dressing. Sprinkle with grated Parmesan cheese.

Just as stuffing makes Thanksgiving special, its many varieties can add flavor to any meal. By using an instant stuffing mix, you can quickly make a terrific side dish or main meal. Consider how stuffing lifts the classic turkey sandwich to new heights:

The Ultimate Leftover Turkey Sandwich
Prep: 20 minutes
1 cup Stuffing Mix, any variety, or leftover hot, prepared stuffing
4 slices bread, toasted
2 Tbsp. Miracle Whip Salad Dressing
2 Tbsp. cranberry sauce
2 cups pulled cooked turkey
2 Tbsp. Philadelphia Cream Cheese Spread
PREPARE stuffing mix as directed on package; set aside.
SPREAD 2 of the toast slices with salad dressing and cranberry sauce; top with turkey and stuffing.
COVER with remaining 2 toast slices spread with cream cheese spread.
Makes 2 sandwiches.

• NOTICE •

The Cameron Parish School Board will meet in special session on Monday, January 6, 2003, at 9:00 a.m. to swear in Board members, elect officers, and name the new Superintendent.

RUN: Dec. 19, 26 (D 43)

— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a child specific aide for Hackberry High School.

Contact: Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School, Phone: 762-3305.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma, and score satisfactorily on an achievement test.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 13, 2002 at 1:00 p.m.

RUN : Dec. 19, 26 & Jan. 2, 2003 (D-45)

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— JOB AD —

The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a child specific aide for Johnson Bayou High School.

Contact: Doug Welch, Principal; Johnson Bayou High School; Phone: 569-2673.

Applicants must be at least 21 years of age, possess a high school diploma, and score satisfactorily on an achievement test.

The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 13, 2003 at 1:00 p.m.

RUN: Dec. 19, 26, 2002 and Jan. 2, 2003 (D 44)

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on October 7, 2002. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. TEN TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF EIGHT MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S FIRE PROTECTION FACILITIES AND PAYING THE COST OF OBTAINING WATER FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES, INCLUDING CHARGES FOR FIRE HYDRANT RENTALS AND SERVICE WITHIN SAID DISTRICT. ALL CURRENT AD VALOREM TAXES BEING COLLECTED WILL BE ABOLISHED.

Shall Fire Protection District No. Ten of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eight (8.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's fire protection facilities and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service within said District? All current ad valorem taxes being collected will be abolished.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Fire Protection District No. Ten, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, the governing authority of Fire Protection District No. Ten, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex Building, Cameron, Louisiana, on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 2003, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 7th day of October, 2002.

APPROVED: /s/Charles Precht, III CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ATTEST: /s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2003 (N 47)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on September 12, 2002. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF EIGHT MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING SAID DISTRICT'S RECREATION FACILITIES WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT. ALL CURRENT AD VALOREM TAXES BEING COLLECTED WILL BE ABOLISHED.

District of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of eight(8.00) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's Recreation facilities within and for said District? All current ad valorem taxes being collected will be abolished.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

PRECINCT 1; PORTION; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Johnson Bayou Recreation District, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Johnson Bayou Recreation District Recreation Center Johnson Bayou, Louisiana, on Thursday, the 23rd day of January, 2003, at 6:30 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 12th day of September, 2002.

APPROVED: /s/Brenda Sanders BRENDA SANDERS, PRESIDENT JOHNSON BAYOU RECREATION DISTRICT ATTEST: /s/Ricky Harrington RICKY HARRINGTON, SECRETARY RUN: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2003 (N 48)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of the Parish, October 7, 2002. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in the Parish, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY THE PARISH OF CAMERON TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF TWO AND SIXTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING AND OPERATING THE CAMERON PARISH COURTHOUSE AND JAIL.

Shall the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of two and sixty-four hundredths (2.64) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2004, for the purpose of maintaining and operating the Cameron Parish Courthouse and Jail?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR THE PARISH OF CAMERON TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SIX AND SIXTY-ONE HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING, MAINTAINING, CONSTRUCTION AND KEEPING IN REPAIR ROADS AND BRIDGES IN SAID PARISH.

Shall the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of six and sixty-one hundredths (6.61) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2004, for the purpose of improving, maintaining, construction and keeping in repair roads and bridges in said Parish?

PROPOSITION NO. 3

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR THE PARISH OF CAMERON TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF ONE AND THIRTY-TWO HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING THE HEALTH CENTER IN CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA, TITLE TO WHICH SHALL BE IN THE PUBLIC.

Shall the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of one and thirty-two hundredths (1.32) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said Parish for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2004, for the purpose of supporting the Health Center in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, title to which shall be in the Public?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within the Parish, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

PRECINCT 1; ALL; JOHNSON BAYOU MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING; JOHNSON BAYOU, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 2; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 3; ALL; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 4; ALL; HACKBERRY RECREATION CENTER; HACKBERRY, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 5; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 6; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 7; ALL; RECREATION DISTRICT NO. 5; RECREATION CENTER; GRAND LAKE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 8; ALL; LOWRY FIRE STATION; LOWRY, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 9; ALL; KLONDIKE COMMUNITY CENTER; KLONDIKE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 10; ALL; AMERICAN LEGION HALL GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 11; ALL; GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 12; ALL; MURIA FIRE STATION; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 13; ALL; CREOLE FIRE STATION; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 14; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 15; ALL; CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ANNEX; CAMERON, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Cameron Parish Police Jury, the governing authority of said Parish.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Police Jury, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said Parish, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Police Jury Annex, Cameron, Louisiana on Monday, the 3rd day of February, 2003, at 5:00 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of the Parish, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 7th day of October, 2002.

APPROVED: /s/Charles Precht, III CHARLES PRECHT III, PRESIDENT CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY ATTEST: /s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY RUN: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2003 (N 49)

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Pursuant to the provisions of a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of the District, on September 26, 2002. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election will be held in Waterworks District No. Nine Cameron Parish, Louisiana, on Saturday, January 18, 2003, and that at said election there will be submitted to all registered voters of said Parish qualified and entitled to vote at the said election under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana and the Constitution and laws of the United States, the following Proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION

SUMMARY: AUTHORITY FOR WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. NINE TO COLLECT, FOR 10 YEARS, A TAX OF SIX AND THIRTY-FOUR HUNDREDTHS MILLS PER ANNUM FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING AND MAINTAINING WATER SYSTEMS WITHIN AND FOR SAID DISTRICT.

Shall Waterworks District No. Nine of the Parish of Cameron, be authorized to levy a tax of six and thirty-four hundredths (6.34) mills on the dollar of assessed valuation on all property subject to taxation in said District, for a period of ten (10) years, commencing with the year 2003, for the purpose of operating and maintaining said District's Water Systems

within and for said District?

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that said special election will be held at the polling places set forth below, all situated within Waterworks District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, which polls will open at six o'clock (6:00) a.m. and close at eight o'clock (8:00) p.m., in compliance with the provisions of Section 541 of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended (R.S. 18:541):

PRECINCT 10; ALL; AMERICAN LEGION HALL; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 11; ALL; GRAND CHENIER FIRE STATION; GRAND CHENIER, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 12; PORTION; MURIA FIRE STATION; EAST CREOLE, LOUISIANA

PRECINCT 13; PORTION; CREOLE FIRE STATION; CREOLE, LOUISIANA

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the said special election will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Louisiana Election Code (Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes), including Chapter 6-A thereof, and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto. Such officers appointed to hold the said election, and such substitutes therefor as are selected and designated in compliance with law, will make due returns thereof to the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and to the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the commissioners-in-charge duly certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish and selected by the Parish Board of Election Supervisors as provided for in R.S. 18:433, as amended, are hereby designated as the commissioners-in-charge to serve at the polling places designated in the election herein called. The commissioners of election and alternate commissioners of election shall be appointed by the Cameron Parish Clerk of Court, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended. In the event the election herein called is held at the same time as the election of public officials the commissioners and alternate commissioners shall be those commissioners and alternate commissioners selected for the election of public officials, in accordance with R.S. 18:1286, as amended.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, the governing authority of said District, will meet at its regular meeting place, the Waterworks District No. Nine Waterboard Office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana, on Thursday the 23rd day of January, 2003, at 6:30 PM, and will then and there, in open and public session, proceed to examine and canvass the returns as certified by the Clerk of Court of Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and declare the result of the said special election.

All registered voters of Waterworks District No. Nine, Cameron Parish, Louisiana are entitled to vote at said special election and voting machines will be used in the conduct of the election.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED on this, the 26th day of September, 2002.

APPROVED: /s/Thompson McCall THOMPSON MCCALL, PRESIDENT WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. NINE ATTEST: /s/Catherine Miller CATHERINE MILLER, SECRETARY RUN: Nov. 28, Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26, 2002; Jan. 2, 9, 16, 2003 (N 50)

BUDGET HEARING ON FUNDS OF THE CAMERON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 9

The Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 23, 2002 at the Waterworks Office in Grand Chenier, Louisiana. The purpose of hearing will enable written and oral comment from the public concerning the proposed annual budget for the Fiscal Year 2003 and the use of funds as contained in that proposed budget.

Regulations require a hearing on the proposed use of these funds before the budget is adopted each year. All interested citizens, groups, senior citizens and organizations representing the interest of senior citizens are encouraged to attend and to submit comments.

A summary of the proposed budget and additional background materials are available for public inspection from 8:00 to 3:30 p.m. weekdays at the Waterworks District No. 9 office, Grand Chenier, Louisiana. RUNS: Dec. 5, 12, 19 - N 68

WATERWORKS DISTRICT #9

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 9 at its meeting place in Grand Chenier until 5:30 p.m., December 23, 2002 for official journal. Submit bids to P. O. Box 339, Grand Chenier, LA 70643.

The board reserves the right to reject any/or all bids and to waive formalities.

Waterworks District #9 RUNS: Dec. 5, 12, 19 - D 1

NOTICE FOR BIDS

Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 will receive bids for the purchase of two new Type I ambulances as per specifications.

Specifications can be obtained at Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2, P. O. Box 8815, Grandlake, LA 70606 or by contacting CPAD2 during normal business hours. Sealed bids must be delivered to the above address on or before 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 2003. Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2 reserves the right to reject any and all and to accept any bids in the opinion of the Cameron Parish Ambulance District No. 2, Board of Commissions, will be in the best interest of its district. RUNS: Dec. 5, 12, 19 - D 12

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Beginning at a point which is 896.01' South 89°50'34" East and 286.63' North 00°05'49" West from the intersection of the South line of Fractional Section 27, T12S, R9W, Cameron Parish, Louisiana; and the East bank of Calcasieu Lake; said

point of beginning is located on the West line of an existing 50' wide easement; proceed North 89°44'30" West a distance of 750.00'; thence proceed North 00°05'49" West a distance of 50.00'; thence proceed South 89°44'30" East a distance of 750.00' to the West line of an existing 50' wide easement; thence proceed South 00°05'49" East a distance of 50.00' to the point of beginning.

Anyone having any objections to said abandonment should make their objections known at the meeting of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, to be held January 6, 2003 at 5:00 P.M. in the Police Jury Annex building in Cameron, Louisiana.

/s/Bonnie W. Conner BONNIE W. CONNER, SECRETARY CAMERON PARISH POLICE JURY RUN: Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26 (D 17)

WATERWORKS DISTRICT #10

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Cameron Parish Waterworks District #10 at its meeting place in Johnson Bayou until 6:15 p.m. January 14, 2003 for official journal. Submit bids to 159 Berwick Road, Cameron, Louisiana 70631.

The board reserves the right to Reject any/or all bids and to waive formalities.

Waterworks District #10 RUNS: Dec. 12, 19, 26 - D 20

BID NOTICE

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD will receive BIDS FOR EQUIPMENT to be located in the cafeterias at Cameron Elementary School, Grand Lake High School, and Johnson Bayou High School. The bids will be accepted until the hour of 10:00 AM CSDT, in the Cameron Parish School Board Office on Wednesday, January 15, 2003.

A bid form, specifications, and bid procedures may be obtained from the Food Service Department of the CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OFFICE, P. O. Box 1548, 246 Dewey Street, Cameron, La., 70631. All BIDS must be submitted on or before the scheduled time and date. Envelopes should be clearly marked "BID for Equipment."

The CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD RESERVES the right to refuse or cancel any price quotation based on the quality of goods, availability of products and/or services rendered.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

/s/Judith Jones Judith Jones, Superintendent RUNS: Dec. 12 - D 21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Police Jury until 2:00 p.m., Monday, January 6, 2003, in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Meeting Room at 110 Smith Circle, Cameron, LA, for the construction and delivery of six (6) Solid Waste Collection Site Guard Houses.

Bid forms may be obtained by contacting the Cameron Parish Police Jury Office during normal working hours.

By: /s/Earnestine T. Horn Earnestine T. Horn, Parish Administrator RUNS: Dec. 12, 19, 26 - D 29

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control November 4, 2002

The Cameron Parish Public Library Board of Control met in regular session on Monday, November 4, 2002 at the Cameron Library at 4:00 PM. The following members were present: Sallie Sanders, John Calzada, Cindi Sellers, and Edward Petersen. Absent were Wanita Harrison and Madeline Solina. Guest in attendance was Charlotte Troclair.

Cindi Sellers led the prayer and Edward Petersen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

On the motion of Cindi Sellers, seconded by John Calzada and carried the board accepted the minutes.

On motion of Mr. Petersen, seconded by Mr. Calzada and carried the board agreed to spend \$150.00 per employee for uniforms for full time employees. It was discussed and agreed on that uniforms for part-time employees would be the part-time employee's option.

In other business, Ms. Troclair discussed the Trustee Conference to be held in Baton Rouge on December 6. The Trustees expressed a desire to attend.

On motion of Mr. Calzada, seconded by Mr. Petersen and carried the board accepted the low bid of Henderson Construction for the ramps and porches at Hackberry and Johnson Bayou branches.

There being no further business and upon motion of John Calzada and seconded by Cindi Sellers the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting was tentatively set for November 25, 2002 at 4:00 PM.

APPROVED: /s/Sallie Sanders Sallie Sanders, Board President ATTEST: /s/Charlotte Troclair Charlotte Troclair, Secretary RUN: Dec. 19 (D-39)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at the Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 p.m.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Donald Broussard, Mr. Richard Erickson, Mr. Darrell Duhon, Mr. Anthony Hicks. Members absent: None. Guest: None. Employees present: Mr. Jackie LaBauve, Mr. Kelly Cloud, and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

Mr. Schexnider opened the meeting. Mr. Broussard moved, Mr. Erickson seconded and carried to adopt the revised budget for 2002.

Mr. Duhon moved, Mr. Broussard seconded, and carried to give permanent and parttime employees a 75¢ an hour raise.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Duhon seconded, and carried to have a special meeting on December 11, 2002, at 7:00 P.M. at the waterworks office in Hackberry.

Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Duhon seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED: /s/Alton Schexnider Alton Schexnider President

ATTEST: /s/Richard Erickson Richard Erickson/Sec.-Treas. RUN: Dec. 12/19 (D 40)

PROCEEDINGS

A regular monthly meeting for Cameron Parish Waterworks District No. 2 was held Wednesday, October 9, 2002 at the Hackberry Waterworks office in Hackberry, Louisiana at 7:00 P.M.

Members present were: Mr. Alton Schexnider, Mr. Darrell Duhon, Mr. Anthony Hicks, Mr. Donald Broussard, and Mr. Richard Erickson. Members absent: None. Guest: None. Employees present: Mr. Jackie LaBauve and Mrs. Marilyn LaBauve.

Mr. Schexnider opened the meeting. Mr. Hicks moved, Mr. Duhon seconded,

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thereafter withdrawn or canceled; and the cash bonus accompanying the bid of the successful bidder shall be forfeited to the Cameron Parish School Board should he not return the written lease, duly executed, within twenty (20) days after his receipt of the same.

The Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to grant a lease on any portion of the tract advertised for a price not less than proportionate to the best bid offered for the lease on the entire tract.

CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
BY: Judith Jones, Superintendent
CAMERON PILOT ADVOCATE
RUN: Dec. 19, 26, 2002 and Jan. 2, 2003 (D 46)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron, Louisiana
December 2, 2002
The Committee of the Whole met on this date at 3:00 p.m. with the following members present: Pat Howerton - President, Glenda Abshire, Dot Theriot, Clifton Morris, Tony Johnson, and Marvin Trahan. Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Committee approved the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Committee approved the minutes from the November 4, 2002 meeting.

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Committee received the financial report.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Committee reviewed bills for payment.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Committee adjourned.

APPROVED:

/s/Patrick Howerton
Patrick Howerton, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ATTEST:
/s/Judith Jones
Judith Jones, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

Cameron, Louisiana

December 2, 2002

The Cameron Parish School Board met in regular session on this date with the following members present: Pat Howerton - President, Glenda Abshire, Dot Theriot, Clifton Morris, Tony Johnson, and Marvin Trahan. Absent: None.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board approved the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Board approved the minutes from the regular meeting of November 4, 2002, as published in the official journal.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Board accepted low bids of C & F Electronics in the amount of \$17,128.85 for a security camera system at Hackberry High School (School District 15 bond money). (Tabulations attached.)

Partners in Education were recognized.

Presentations were made to Judith Jones, Superintendent, who is retiring.

Board Members, Glenda Abshire and Tony Johnson, were recognized by Mr. Howerton for their service on the Board.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board tabled recognizing Eagle Scouts.

On motion of Mrs. Abshire, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board granted Willyne Kestel, Special Education Supervisor, and four Principals permission to attend the Legal Issues Conference in San Francisco, CA in May of 2003 (paid out of IDEA funds)

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board set Board Meeting dates for 2003 as the second Monday of the month, except for the following meeting dates: (Finance Committee Meeting - 3:00 p.m. and Regular Meeting - 4:00 p.m.)
January 21, 2002
February 3, 2003

On motion of Mrs. Theriot, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board defined the process for naming the new Superintendent as follows:

*Assume all three candidates are nominated for consideration.

*Ballots with date and name of respective Board member will be distributed to each of the Board members.

*Ballots will be read aloud by the Board President.

*Board President will name candidate and respective Board Member for each ballot.

*If no majority results from first balloting, the candidate with the lowest (least) number of votes will be removed.

*Balloting will continue until a candidate receives four or more votes.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board set the special meeting on January 6, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. for swearing in of Board members, election of officers, and naming the new Superintendent.

On motion of Mrs. Abshire, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board granted permission to advertise for mixers for cafeterias (Cameron Elementary School, Johnson Bayou High School, and Grand Lake High School).

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Board received comments from Stephanie Rogers, CAE representative.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Johnson, the Board approved advertising for an oil and gas lease on all of Section 16-14-13, containing 783 acres, more or less. (Resolution attached.)

On motion of Mrs. Abshire, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board received for review policy: IDCH (Home Study Program), to be considered for approval at the January regular meeting.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board approved personnel items:

Resignation:
Mary Kathleen Savoie - Child Specific Aide - Hackberry High School
James Scott - Health and Physical Education Teacher and Head Basketball Coach at Johnson Bayou High School, effective December 1, 2002.

Advertisement:

Child Specific Aide - Hackberry High School

Child Specific Aide - Johnson Bayou High School

Retirement:

Roselyn Harris - Teacher - Grand Lake High School - effective 1-10-03
Sabbatical Leave:

Rosalie Perry - Counselor - Grand Lake High School - for the 2003-2004 school year (rest and recuperation from a medically necessary condition)

Allow Stephanie Rogers, English Teacher at South Cameron High School, to return to work 12-02-02, thus ending her sabbatical leave

Contract Extension:
Extend Jimmie Reed's contract (English Teacher at South Cameron High School) to June 2, 2003.

On motion of Mr. Morris, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Board approved paying application No. 3 to Besette Development Corporation in the amount of \$234,029.65 out of School District 4 bond funds (Johnson Bayou High School).

On motion of Mrs. Abshire, seconded by Mrs. Theriot, the Board approved the financial report.

On motion of Mr. Trahan, seconded by Mrs. Abshire, the Board approved payment of bills.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Morris, the Board adjourned until the special meeting of January 6, 2003. The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2003.

APPROVED:

/s/Patrick Howerton
Patrick Howerton, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ATTEST:
/s/Judith Jones
Judith Jones, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board has received an application to advertise for bid for a lease for oil and gas from Renfro Energy, LLC covering the following described tract of land:

All of Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 13 West, containing 783 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, said application was accompanied by a certified check in the amount of \$500.00 payable to the Cameron Parish School Board, as required by law, and

WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board is desirous of advertising for bid the above described tract of land as requested.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cameron Parish School Board does hereby authorize and request its Superintendent, Judith Jones, to advertise, pursuant to the terms of R.S. 30, Sections 151 through 158 as amended, for an oil and gas lease, covering and affecting the following described tract of land:

All of Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 13 West, containing 783 acres, more or less.

Said advertisement shall further provide that said bids shall be received on or before the 21st day of January, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. at the office of the Cameron Parish School Board, and that the Cameron Parish School Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Judith Jones, Superintendent of the Cameron Parish School Board, is empowered to do each and every thing that is necessary to carry out the intents and purposes of this resolution and that such actions are hereby approved and ratified as actions of this Board.

Adopted and approved the 2nd day of December, 2002.

APPROVED:

/s/Patrick Howerton
Patrick Howerton, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ATTEST:
/s/Judith Jones
Judith Jones, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RUN: Dec. 19 (D 47)

PROCEEDINGS

Cameron, Louisiana

December 2, 2002

The Cameron Parish School Board met in special session at 9:00 a.m. on this date with the following members present: Pat Howerton - President, Glenda Abshire, Dot Theriot, Clifton Morris, Tony Johnson, and Marvin Trahan. Absent: None.

The Board interviewed applicants for Superintendent:

Al Burguieres
Doug Chance
John DeBarge

On motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Trahan, the Board adjourned.

APPROVED:

/s/Patrick Howerton
Patrick Howerton, President
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

ATTEST:
/s/Judith Jones
Judith Jones, Secretary
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RUN: Dec. 19 (D 48)

NOTICE

Public Notice of Federal Consistency Review of a Proposed Initial Exploration Plan by the Coastal Management Section/Louisiana Department of Natural Resources for the Plan's consistency with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program.

Applicant: Remington Oil & Gas Corporation, 8201 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75225.

Location: Lease OCS-G 22575, East Cameron Block 73. Lease OCS-G 22607 Vermilion Block 61. Offshore, Louisiana.

Description: Proposed Initial Exploration Plan for the above area provides for the exploration for oil and gas. Exploration activities shall include the drilling of four (4) exploratory wells and shall include drilling from a jack-up rig and transport of drilling crews and equipment by helicopter and/or cargo vessel from an onshore base located in Cameron, Louisiana. No ecologically sensitive species or habitats are expected to be affected by these activities.

A copy of the plan described above is available for inspection at the Coastal Management Division Office located on the 10th floor of the LaSalle Building, 617 North 3rd Street Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Office hours: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday.

The public is requested to submit comments to the Louisiana Depart-

ment of Natural Resources Coastal Management Division, Attention: OCS Plans, P. O. Box 44487, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4487. Comments must be received within 15 days of this notice or 15 days after the Coastal Management Section obtains a copy of the plan and it is available for public inspection. This public notice is provided to meet the requirements of the NOAA Regulations on Federal Consistency with approved Coastal Management Programs.

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District
November 11, 2002

The regular meeting of the board of Commissioners of the Hackberry Recreation District was held at the Hackberry Recreation Center in Hackberry, Cameron Parish, Louisiana at 6:00 pm., Monday, November 11, 2002.

Members Present: Carrie Hewitt, Blane Buford, Kenny Welch, Clarence Silver, and Michael Devall, Jr.

Members Absent: None.
M/P Advisors: None.
Guests: None.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Blane Buford and the following business was discussed.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 14, 2002 were read and motion was made by Carrie Hewitt, seconded by Michael Devall, Jr., and carried to accept the minutes as read.

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

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

APPROVED:

/s/ Blane Buford,
Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Dwayne Sanner,
Sect./Treas.
RUN: Dec. 19 (D-50)

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, PERMITS DIVISION
REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT WATER DISCHARGE PERMIT

Gary-Williams Production Company
Black Lake Facility

WEST HACKBERRY FIELD,
CAMERON PARISH, LOUISIANA
LA0116807, AGENCY INTEREST (AI) NO. 101952, PER20020001

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality-Office of Environmental Services (LDEQ-OES), Permits Division, is providing notice that a draft permit has been prepared for Gary-Williams Production Company, Black Lake Facility, c/o Brammer Engineering, Inc., 333 Texas Street, Suite 1425, Shreveport, LA 71101-5303, to issue for the first time, a Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, LA0116807. The facility is located in West Hackberry Field, approximately 3.5 miles west of Hackberry on the edge of Black Lake, Cameron Parish.

The principal discharge from this proposed source will be made into Black Lake, waters of the state classified for primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, and fish and wildlife propagation. Under the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Code 1311, the applicant proposes to discharge certain wastewater streams associated with oil and gas exploration, development and production operations from a proposed oil-field facility.

During the preparation of this draft permit, it has been determined that this discharge will have no adverse impact on the existing uses of the receiving waterbody. As with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur. A statement of basis is available.

The LDEQ-OES, Permits Division, has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination of approval. The public may submit written comments or requests for a public hearing relative to the issuance of this permit to Ms. Soumaya Ghosn, Environmental Assistance Division, Post Office Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135. A public hearing will be held if the office finds a significant degree of public interest. Written comments received by 12:30 p.m., Thursday, January 23, 2003 will be considered prior to a final permit decision. LDEQ will send notification of the final decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notification.

All correspondence should specify reference numbers LA0116807, AI 101952, and PER20020001. The application, draft permit and statement of basis may be examined at the LDEQ Public Records Center, Room 4400, 7290 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this draft permit should be directed to Scott B. Pierce, LDEQ, Permits Division, P. O. Box 82135, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2135, phone (225) 765-0915.

Persons wishing to be included in the mailing list for permitting actions on this facility should contact Ms. Soumaya Ghosn at the address above, telephone (225) 765-0908.
RUN: Dec. 19 (D 51)

NOTICE FOR BIDS

The Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1 will receive sealed bids until 5:00 P.M. Monday, January 6, 2003, at the office of Mosquito Control in Creole, Louisiana, on insecticides, petroleum products, airplane engine and fiscal agent.

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

Bids should be mailed or delivered to Cameron Parish Mosquito Abatement District No. 1, 149 LeBlanc Road, Creole, Louisiana 70632, and be marked "BID FORMS ENCLOSED" on the outside of the envelope.

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

Mosquito Abatement District No. 1
/s/ Don Menard
Don Menard, Director

RUN: Dec. 19, 26, Jan. 2 (D-52)

NOTICE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday July 16, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Members Present: Scott Henry, E. J. Dronet, and Joe Dupont.

Members Absent: Edward Racca, Jr., and Kathy Guthrie.

Others Present: Lonnie Harper, Edward Petersen, and James LeBoeuf.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2002, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of June 2002.

It was reported that when Tal McCain performed removal of vegetation (salvinia accumulation) in W-1 West, it took a larger machine than anticipated, and the final cost was \$6,300, rather than the previous estimate of less than \$5,000.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

1. M & M Electric - \$6,300.00
2. Little & Banks, CPA's 1,450.00
3. Cameron Parish Pilot - 144.00
4. Cameron Parish Clerk of Court - 20.00
5. M & M Electric - 350.00
6. Lo Lift Pump Company - 20,737.55

It was reported that salvinia is getting away from us again. We have been pumping water out and introducing salt water, and that has been going on constantly over the last month. However, current wet and overcast weather conditions are allowing the salvinia to grow in spite of those efforts. We are ready to use the chemical spraying opportunity as soon as weather conditions permit. A Parish truck, our spraying equipment and an airboat will be used for the spraying as soon as the rain stops.

It was also reported that tin on top of the bulkhead is all rusted out on the river (west) side of W-1 West, and that tin needs to be replaced. Galvanized flashing applied to tops of the timbers should do the job. Edward Petersen recommended getting Karmack (pitch) to seal tops of the pilings before applying the flashing. A motion was made by E. J. Dronet, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve getting that repair work done.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Henry, President
E. J. Dronet, Secretary-Treas.
RUNS: Dec. 19 - D 53

NOTICE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday August 20, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Members Present: Scott Henry, Joe Dupont and E. J. Dronet.

Members Absent: Edward Racca, Jr., and Kathy Guthrie.

Others Present: Lonnie Harper and Edward Petersen.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2002, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of July 2002.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

1. Lake Charles Diesel - \$217.70
2. Gulf Coast Supply - 193.81
3. Gulf Coast Supply - 126.08
4. Wendell's Electric - 27.88
5. Crain Brothers, Inc. - 2,422.25
6. Cameron Parish Police Jury - 40.74
7. Cameron Parish Police Jury - 903.39
8. Cameron Parish Police Jury - 1,940.63
9. F. Miller & Sons, Inc. - 15,984.32 (subject to receipt of lien free certificate).

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Scott Henry, and unanimously carried to accept the Audit Report as of December 31, 2002, as presented by Little & Banks, CPA's.

It was reported that Thomas "Buddy" Ferris has applied for a permit to fill in a low spot in front of his shrimp house to build a dock.

Scott Henry reported that he had talked to Kevin Smith about putting tin on top of the bulkhead at W-1 West on the salt water side, and he gave a verbal quote of approximately \$3,200. However, he will be asked to submit a written bid, and we might ask Tal McCain if he would like to submit a bid as well. It was agreed that Mr. Henry will get three quotes, and a contractor will be selected to complete this job at the next meeting.

President Henry stated that we are attempting to do some things to control salvinia in the district, but weather conditions have not been conducive. We need about 4 hours of sunlight for the chemical to have an impact on the salvinia.

A motion was made by E. J. Dronet, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to authorize the Police Jury to act on our behalf in eradication of salvinia when the opportunity presents itself. They will furnish trucks and crews as possible. Mr. Henry stated that we think we have the salvinia contained. It is not spreading as fast, but it's not eradicated. He reported that he and several others took an airboat ride, and found two primary spots of salvinia on the East end. He further stated that he feels we will have to spend some money on inspections to control this problem. We will have to purchase or rent equipment and go into a routine spraying program. Once we get it confined to the canal, we can control it. We have enough chemical to do another application with spray pumps. Mr. Henry stated that he would like to see us hire Welsh Airboats to video the area from time to time to check it and to show to the public. On occasion, we've got to go out and look at the situation to stay on top of it. Anytime during the time Jeff Davis Electric has the miniature marsh buggy rented, they have told us we are welcome to use it. They will be renting it for about a month and only need it for one week themselves. We need to spray what we can now, and then purchase some more chemical for

the future. The Parish says they want to help us with ongoing treatment of salvinia, and Scott requested authority to have this work done.

A motion was made by E. J. Dronet, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to adopt a Resolution giving Scott Henry authority to direct work to be done by the Parish to assist with control and/or elimination of salvinia in the area.

Mr. Henry stated that he would feel safer ordering more chemical now, or at least booking 60 gallons of chemical and surfactant.

A motion was made by E. J. Dronet, seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to authorize Scott Henry to book 60 gallons of chemical needed to spray for control of salvinia, as well as the surfactant needed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Scott Henry, President
E. J. Dronet, Secretary-Treas.
RUNS: Dec. 19 - D 54

NOTICE

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Cameron Parish Gravity Drainage District No. 3 held on Tuesday, September 17, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. in the Cameron Parish Police Jury Annex.

Members Present: Scott Henry, E. J. Dronet, Edward Racca, Jr., and Joe Dupont.

Members Absent: Kathy Guthrie.
Others Present: Edward Petersen, James LeBoeuf, Johnny Landry, Virgie Hebert.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2002, regular meeting as written.

A motion was made by Joe Dupont, seconded by Edward Racca, Jr., and unanimously carried to approve the Financial Statement for the month of August 2002.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by E. J. Dronet and unanimously carried to request that we receive copies of all diesel delivery tickets to be invoiced to this District.

A motion was made by Edward Racca, Jr., seconded by Joe Dupont, and unanimously carried to approve the following bills for payment:

1. Cameron Parish Police Jury - \$3,772.50
2. Cameron Parish Police Jury - 3,153.15
3. Red Man Supply - 3.87
4. Cameron Parish Pilot - 183.00
5. Gulf Coast Farm Supply - 36.75
6. Lake Charles Diesel, Inc. - 137.94
7. Cameron Parish Police Jury - 1,813.22

An invoice from Cajun Spraying Equipment in the amount of \$3,115.00 was tabled after Scott Henry reported that the skid under the spray tank was not built to our specifications. Therefore, the company will have to revise the skid, and this invoice will be resubmitted later.

Mr. Virgie Hebert thanked the Board for putting up the School Board Lateral Pump at Red Man Supply area. It is keeping the mosquito population down, and it is also benefiting lots of people on the South side of the road.

Mr. Johnny Landry asked about cleaning out the drainage lateral to help with drainage in the Kelley Subdivision. It was noted that the marsh comes up when it rains, and this area will not drain until the marsh goes down. It goes down to a certain level and then has to evaporate. Mr. Landry requested that we assist with this existing drainage problem in his subdivision. It was agreed that the Parish will be contacted, and we will work with them to solve the problem.

It was reported that the Police Jury has agreed to make the salvinia problem in Cameron an emergency situation. They've given us permission to have their employees stop what they're doing and spend time as necessary to help us address the salvinia problem when the time is right. Jeff Davis Electric has informed us they will be renting an 8-man marsh buggy for approximately 2 months, and we can sub-lease the machine from them to treat salvinia when we can't do it by boat, airboat or tractor during October and November. We can rent this machine for \$800 to \$1000 per week, and the Police Jury will furnish the manpower. We've got signed agreements to allow the work to be done by landowners. An additional aerial application may be necessary as well, but that will cost approximately \$5,000.

HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Cookies say 'I love you'

Nothing says 'I love you' like the gift of food. And since cookies are just about everyone's favorite treats, what better way to say 'I love you' than with cookies? Well there is a better way, one that will keep on giving and that includes that fresh-from-the-oven cookie aroma (sometimes that's even better than eating the cookies)! We're talking cookie mix in a jar, bag, box, tin, basket, bowl, pan or any cute container your imagination can come up with!

Strata or Toss It In?
There are different schools of the mix-in-a-jar crowd, the geologic school and the happy mixers. In the geologic school the ingredients are all layered in a clear glass jar separately so that each layer is distinct. This gives the container the look of strata (think of the rocks in the Grand Canyon in Arizona) or 'sand art'. The happy mixers toss everything together so that there is no need to go through the trouble of layering, thus allowing for greater variety in the choice of containers.

A recipe from either school can easily be adapted to become a recipe of the other. Keep in mind that if you're going for the layered look, the ingredients need to have different colors and textures. A sugar cookie mix made with white sugar and white flour is not going to give you good strata!

Packing 'em In
Most of the cookie and brownie varieties of mix-in-a-jar recipes will fit into a 1-quart or 1-liter size wide mouth canning jar, as long as you pack the ingredients in as tightly as possible. One quart equals 4 cups; one liter equals just over 4 cups. Some of the mix-in-a-jar recipes may be a bit confusing, for if you add up all the cups it equals more than the maximum amount of four! This is because the ingredients, if packed down properly in the jar, will lose volume and thus be able to fit.

Careful packing is the key. After placing one ingredient in the jar, press it down with a utensil with a fairly wide flat bottom (a long-handled tart tamper works great). Do this after each and every ingredient, especially so after you've added ingredients like brown sugar, flour, oats, nuts, confectioners' sugar, cocoa powder, shredded coconut and dried fruits.

Here are few tips for achieving an artfully layered strata:
* White sugar will seep down into layered items like colored candies, chocolate chips, nuts, etc. It's better to put white sugar below these ingredients.
* All-purpose flour and confectioners' sugar also have that seeping problem so place them below the same items as white sugar.
* The layers will stand out most if you pack the most contrasting items next to each other.

Fun-Filled Containers!

Why be chained to just putting these great mixes in glass jars when there are so

many other options?! One way to get around the problem of finding just the right jar is to use heavy-duty plastic bags. Once you've filled the plastic bags with the mix, there's an endless variety of ways you can fancy 'em up for gift giving.

* Place them in a decorative tin or cookie jar.
* Place them in a cloth-lined basket
* Have your kids paint pictures on lightweight cardboard gift containers (available at craft stores) or use leftover oatmeal containers.

* Place them in a beautiful mixing bowl, and if you want to be extra nice, include a good quality wooden spoon.

* Make it a whole baking kit! Along with the mix, include a cookie sheet, measuring spoons, cups and timer! Students away at college would sure love to receive this package in the mail!

Steps to Give
Remember to include a card with the instructions on how to finish the recipe. Hint: many of the recipes call for 1/2 of an egg. How does one measure that? Simply beat the egg and place it in a glass measuring cup and divide that amount in half. Or you can just use a whole egg. This will just cause the cookies to rise a little higher while baking. It's also a good idea to include the amounts of the dry ingredients you used -- that way, they can make the gift again and again!

Shelve It
Many people ask about the shelf life of these mixes. If stored in a cool, dry and dark place, your gift can last for up to 6 months, as long as all of the ingredients used to make it were fresh! Make sure your baking powder and baking soda aren't going to expire anytime soon. If the mix contains nuts, they should be used within 3 months.

Cookie in a Jar
Makes 2 1/2 dozen
Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Ready in: 20 Minutes

- 1/2 cup white chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup crispy rice cereal
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup white sugar

1. In a 1 quart jar, layer the ingredients in the order listed. Pack down firmly after each addition.
2. Attach a tag with the following instructions: Cookie in a Jar 1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). 2. In a large bowl, cream 1/2 cup margarine until light and fluffy. Mix in 1 egg and 2 tablespoons water. Add the entire contents of the jar, and stir until well blended. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto an ungreased cookie sheet. 3. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes in preheated oven. Remove from baking sheets to cool on wire racks.

"Home food safety...it's in your hands"

(NAPSA)-During the holidays, food is the centerpiece for celebrating with family and friends. As many people plan to toast the season with a buffet or potluck meal rather than the more traditional sit-down dinner, holiday hosts must take extra care to safeguard guests from food poisoning.

According to a recent national consumer survey conducted by the American Dietetic Association and the ConAgra Foods Foundation (Impulse Research Corporation), the majority of diners will participate in buffet-style (70 percent) or potluck (55 percent) gatherings this holiday season. And, of the nearly 40 percent who plan to host holiday get-togethers, they'll be serving popular festive foods such as cheeses (53 percent), pasta salads, dips/dressings (53 percent) and deviled eggs/egg-based salads or other fancy egg-based entrees (49 percent), foods that can grow harmful bacteria quickly when left out on a buffet table for more than two hours.

"When hosting a festive gathering, make sure guests leave with their holiday gifts - but not a case of the 'buffet blues,' also known as food poisoning," said Carolyn O'Neil, registered dietitian and national spokesperson for the ADA/Con-Agra Foods Home Food Safety program. "It is important to take extra precautions when serving holiday buffets and potlucks because they often sit out for long periods of time while guests snack, chat and revel in holiday cheer."

Make a list and check it twice
Whether guests are naughty or nice, these helpful hints will ensure potluck and buffet meals not only taste good but are safe for your guests to enjoy.

1. When shopping at the supermarket, pick up meats last

and ask to have them bagged separately from other groceries.

2. Don't forget to check the "sell-by" date. If it has passed, don't buy the product.

3. Wash hands before, during and after food preparation. Sing your favorite holiday carol for at least 20 seconds while lathering up.

4. Defrost meat in the refrigerator or in the microwave on the defrost setting, never on the counter.

5. Use two cutting boards, one for raw meats and another for fruits and vegetables. Color-coded cutting boards can help you remember which is which.

6. Use separate spoons and forks to taste, stir and serve food.

7. Always use a meat thermometer to check the doneness of foods. Favorite holiday foods like whole turkey should be cooked to at least 180°F and ham to at least 140°F. Remember to reheat leftovers to 165°F and bring gravy to a boil before serving a second time.

8. Foods should not be left out of refrigeration for more than two hours. Encourage guests to visit the refrigerator for those second and third rounds.

9. Always refrigerate foods promptly below 40°F.

Simple Solutions
To help reduce foodborne illness, the American Dietetic Association and the ConAgra Foods Foundation have partnered in a national education initiative, "Home Food Safety...It's in Your Hands®." For more simple home food safety tips and holiday recipes, visit www.homefoodsafety.org, or call ADA's Consumer Nutrition Information Line at 800/366-1655.

Chocolate and cappuccino: gifts to "jar" the senses

(NAPSA)-For many people, nothing warms up a cold winter day like a mug of hot chocolate or a steaming cup of cappuccino. Now it's possible to package that feeling for a delectable holiday gift. All it takes is a jar, a little decoration and a little imagination. Just add water.

The gift of a dry mix-whether it's for rich, creamy Hot Chocolate or for an aromatic Cappuccino-can be a delicious way to give a taste of the holiday spirit to the hard-to-shop-for people on your list. Recipe jars like these can also be given for other events, such as house-warmings, tree trimming parties or even to heat things up on Valentine's Day.

After layering the dry ingredients, add a personal touch by selecting colorful fabric, ribbon or trinkets and attaching a recipe card. Other ways to make a gift jar unique include pairing the mix with homemade holiday biscuits or cookies. Or add some zip to the mix itself with chocolate chips, mini marshmallows or cinnamon sticks.

For additional baking tips and tricks or to access a database of over 675 other recipes, visit www.dominosugar.com.

Cappuccino Mix in a Jar
Makes 3 cups dry mix
1 cup instant coffee creamer
1 cup instant chocolate drink mix
2/3 cup instant coffee crystals
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg

Layer all ingredients in a jar to



DRY MIXES, packaged in decorative jars, can make for lovely, practical holiday gifts to warm the heart and soul.

give. To reconstitute, mix all ingredients thoroughly. To prepare a single serving, add 3 Tbsp. mix to 6 oz. hot water and stir well. Store in an airtight container.

Hot Chocolate Mix in a Jar
Makes 3 1/4 cups dry mix
13/4 cups nonfat dry milk powder
3/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1/4 cup granulated sugar

Layer ingredients in jar to give, seal tightly. To reconstitute mix ingredients well. For a single serving, add 8 oz. freshly boiled water to 1/2 cup mix in heat-proof mug. Stir until completely dissolved.



peanuts, raisins and chocolate chips.

Cashews
* Sprinkle a few cashews on chicken salad or in Chinese stir-fry dishes.
* Try cashew butter -- use it as a bagel spread instead of cream cheese, which has no protein and lots of fat.
* Add an ounce of cashews to your granola.

Walnuts
* Top your salad with toasted walnuts and a little blue cheese.
* Bake cookies and breads with walnuts.

If you buy raw nuts, simply toast them in a dry skillet over medium heat until you start smelling their wonderful aroma. Be sure to store them properly. "All nuts should be stored in the refrigerator so they stay fresh longer," notes Acker.

So go ahead and make nuts a part of your healthy eating plan, along with fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. And don't forget moderate amounts of exercise as part of that package as well.

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Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar

Makes 3 dozen
Prep Time: 25 Minutes
Ready in: 25 Minutes

- 1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup dark brown sugar
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1/2 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

1. Combine all-purpose flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Set aside.

2. In a 1 quart wide mouth canning jar, layer dark brown sugar, white sugar, cocoa, chopped pecans, and chocolate chips. Pack everything down firmly before you add flour mixture, it will be a snug fit.

3. Attach a tag with the following instructions: Chocolate Cookie Mix in a Jar: 1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) 2. Empty cookie mix into large bowl. Thoroughly blend mixture with hands. Mix in 3/4 cup softened butter or margarine, 1 egg, slightly beaten, and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Shape into walnut size balls, and place 2 inches apart on a parchment lined baking sheet. 3. Bake for 11 to 13 minutes. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet, then move to wire racks.

Butterscotch Brownies in a Jar

Makes 2 dozen
Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Ready in: 20 Minutes

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 tablespoons baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- 2 cups packed brown sugar

1. To a one liter jar, add flour, baking powder, and salt; stir together, and pack down. Then add and pack down remaining ingredients in this order: coconut, pecans, brown sugar.

2. Attach a label with the following instructions: Butterscotch Brownies in a Jar 1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Grease a 9x13 inch baking pan. 2. Empty jar of brownie mix into a large mixing bowl; stir to break up lumps. Add 3/4 cup softened butter, 2 beaten eggs, and 2 teaspoons of vanilla extract; mix until well blended. Spread batter evenly in the prepared pan. 3. Bake for 25 minutes. Allow to cool in the pan some before cutting into squares.

Nuts are actually good for healthy hearts

If you're among the many people who love to munch on nuts, but who gave them up because of health concerns, there's good news this holiday season. Recent research shows that nuts, in moderation, are actually a boon to your heart. So when you see a bowl of nuts at holiday gatherings, go ahead and grab a small handful instead of the chips and dip.

"Nuts used to be something people felt guilty about eating because they're high in fat," says nutritionist Gigi Acker, MPH, RD, of NutritionInsights in Los Altos, Calif. "But not all fat is bad. Healthy monounsaturated fats, like those found in nuts, actually reduce the risk of heart attack."

The recent Nurses Health Study found that nurses who ate nuts five times a week had less heart disease and on average were thinner compared with those who did not eat nuts. And a study published in the April 2002 Journal of Nutrition had people replace half the fat in their daily diets with almonds for six weeks. Researchers found that the almond eaters' LDL (bad) cholesterol went down 6 percent, and HDL (good) cholesterol went up 6 percent. In addition, their triglycerides (blood fat) dropped 14 percent. These studies and others indicate it's the combination in nuts of monounsaturated fats and protective plant compounds known as flavonoids that reduces the risk of heart disease.

In addition to their heart-healthy benefits, nuts make a great snack because they provide protein, fiber and fat. That combination makes them satisfying -- they fill you up and have staying power, notes Acker.

She recommends enjoying an

ounce of nuts (1/8 of a cup) every day. But, she cautions, you can't simply add nuts to your daily diet. Instead, you should substitute nuts for less healthy fat from chips, cookies, crackers and cheese. In addition to simply eating them out of hand, there are many flavorful ways to include nuts in your diet. Here are some of Acker's favorites:

Almonds
* Sprinkle toasted almonds over your low fat cereal in the morning or slice toasted almonds on a salad.

Peanuts
* For a fresh twist on an old standby, try a peanut butter with fresh fruit sandwich.
* Make your own trail mix --

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Orchids are popular as Christmas gifts

Support local schools

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Growing orchids comes to mind this time of year because they are sometimes given as gifts over the holidays. One of my favorite orchids, the moth orchid, is a readily available and popular choice for gift-giving.

Orchids are tough, resilient plants that produce beautiful flowers. And they are not really challenging to grow - if you just learn what growing conditions they prefer.

In the case of my favorite, moth orchid is the name given to plants that belong to the genus Phalaenopsis (pronounced: fail-en-OP-sis). As a group, they are relatively easy to grow and are a good choice for a beginner's first orchid.

The genus name for these is from the Greek for "moth appearance." The first species discovered produced beautiful sprays of white blooms that resembled big moths in wide-winged flight. With the discovery of new species and the development of hybrids, the color range goes well beyond white and includes white with a colored lip, pink, yellow, green and red - with spots, stripes or barring in many different combinations.

There are 40-50 species that are found from the eastern Himalayan Mountains to Australia, with most native to the warm Philippine lowlands. They typically grow epiphytically, with their roots attached to

trees or on rocks in warm, humid, shady locations.

The plant growth habit is attractive, with low-growing elongated leaves arising in opposite directions from a central crown. Plants send up leaves individually during periods of active growth, and as they do, older leaves will tend to yellow and should be removed.

Usually there are not more than three to five leaves on a plant at one time. In some varieties, the leaves are attractively marked with silver, but, for most, the leaves are mid- to dark green and leathery.

The classic Phalaenopsis has long pendulous flower stalks bearing a number of large, rounded white or pink flowers. But many species and hybrids produce flowers in a wide variety of colors and forms - including small flowers in large branching clusters and short upright spikes.

A well-grown plant can send up multiple flower spikes. Each bloom can last a month or more, and a plant can flower for months at a time.

Indoors these plants will thrive in a brightly lit window facing east, south or west. A shady north-facing window may not provide enough light to encourage blooming.

You can summer your plants outside during warmer times of the year. After nighttime temperatures reliably stay above 55 degrees, move them to a shady spot that receives no more than a couple of hours of morning sun or dappled light (too much direct

If you're the parent of a school-age child, odds are good that you don't need to buy any wrapping paper this holiday season. You're also probably well stocked with magazine subscriptions, candy and cookies as well. All of these items and more are sold door-to-door as school fundraisers.

Students, family members and parent-teacher organizations today use a variety of fundraising strategies to help local schools raise tens of thousands of dollars to fund educational programs or purchase needed school supplies and equipment. But corporate-spon-

sun will burn the foliage). Spending time outside also provides a temperature drop between day and night of at least 10 degrees, which these orchid prefer.

Phalaenopsis, like many orchids, are epiphytes which do not grow in soil. Instead, they grow upon the branches of other plants (like our own resurrection fern and Spanish moss). When grown in containers, they must be planted in a special orchid mix.

Orchid mixes generally are based on chopped fir bark these days. Phalaenopsis should be potted in a medium-grade bark or medium-fine bark mix (medium bark with perlite and chopped sphagnum moss added).

These special mixes greatly influence how we water orchids. To water orchids properly, you must run water through the mix until it is properly moistened. This cannot be done with the plant sitting on the windowsill, because water would go all over the place.

So indoors watering is best done at the sink, where you can allow warm water to flow through the mix until it is thoroughly moistened. Outside, just use a hose. Unlike some orchids, phalaenopsis do not have water storage organs and should be kept moist; let them dry only slightly between waterings.

These orchid mixes also contain very little in the way of nutrients. To keep your phalaenopsis growing vigorously, fertilize them often from spring to early fall using a soluble fertilizer, such as 20-20-20, according to label directions.

It is important to remember that there are many different kinds of orchids, and each type has its own preferred growing conditions. It's really not all that complicated. But it is important to know what type of orchid you have when trying to learn how to grow it.

If you should receive one of these wonderful plants as a gift this year, make sure you save the label with the name of the plant on it. That will help considerably when you start researching how to care for your new orchid.

sored programs provide some of the easiest and most valuable fundraising methods.

"School loyalty programs can provide parents with an easy way to give an individual school district a funding boost -- which is particularly important in this time when less money is being made available for education," said Tim Sullivan, publisher of PTO Today magazine. "Parent groups are often responsible for the 'extras' at schools, like playgrounds and gym equipment and computers and art supplies, and these programs really help." These types of programs include:

* Product redemption programs -- Several companies operate redemption programs that reward your school with a certain amount of money each time you purchase one of their products. For example, through its "Box Tops for Education" program, General Mills will donate 10 cents to your school -- up to \$20,000 total -- for every Box Tops coupon that is collected at your local elementary or middle school. Box Tops coupons can be found on more than 800 products in your grocery store.

* Credit card programs -- While we've long been able to use credit card purchases to earn points toward airline frequent flyer reward programs, the marriage between credit cards and school fundraising is relatively new. Many companies now offer credit cards that will donate a percentage of your total purchases to your designated school.

* Online shopping portals -- Some Internet retailers will donate funds to your school every time you make an online purchase through an Internet portal site -- a site that allows you to access other Web sites through a single home page. Such portals may offer dividends to your child's school when you use the site to purchase items at major online retailers such as Amazon.com, EddieBauer.com and OfficeMax.com.

The Box Tops for Education program actually combines all three options -- product redemption, credit card donations and an online shopping portal -- to create a fundraising opportunity that will donate up to \$60,000 to your child's school.

Before You Begin
If you'll be participating in a fundraising program at your child's school this year, consider these helpful tips:

* Do your homework -- Make sure the fundraising program you're participating in has a proven history of providing a good financial return to participating schools. A successful, reputable program should be easy to use and not involve a substantial investment of time or money on your part.

* Are your efforts going to pay off? -- Estimate carefully the amount of products you can sell,

CHRIS' PICKS

I got all of the state champions correct last week. I went 8-2 to improve my season record to 169-71 with a .704 winning percentage. Look for McNeese to be I-AA National Champions on Friday night.

Here's this week's picks:
McNeese over Western Kentucky
New Orleans Bowl: Cincinnati over North Texas
GMAC Bowl: Marshall over Louisville
Tangerine Bowl: Texas Tech over Clemson
Las Vegas Bowl: UCLA over New Mexico
Hawaii Bowl: Hawaii over Tulane
Philadelphia over Dallas
Washington over Houston
New Orleans over Cincinnati



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