

Dignitaries pay visit to Cameron Wed.

By CYNDI SELLERS

Downtown Cameron resembled a beehive Tuesday and Wednesday as crews went into high gear to get the court house square ready for a visit from a former president and a famous actor.

Former Pres. George H. W. Bush and actor George Clooney were to arrive just after noon on Wednesday to present the South Cameron Hospital Service District with a check for \$2 million from the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund. Gov. Kathleen Blanco and Coast Guard Admiral Thad W. Allen were also to attend. At least 500-1000 interested spectators were anticipated.

Grass was cut, sidewalks and slabs were cleaned, electricity was run for speakers, cameras, and the caterer. An 80' tent was erected in the parking lot, chairs and bleachers were set up on the slab of the Police Jury Annex. A Christmas tree was even placed on the Police Jury lawn to set the mood for the season.

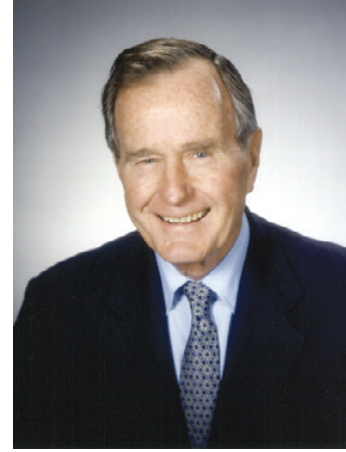
Upstairs in the courtroom, elaborate floral arrangements were assembled to welcome the dignitaries and accent the gourmet dishes being prepared by Chef Roy Lyons.

Lyons arrived Tuesday afternoon with his 48' mobile kitchen, and was stirring up a big pot of jambalaya early Wednesday morning. In the big white tent, tables and chairs were arranged, sound and light systems set up, and musicians from the Medicare Playboys began to find their places.

Media representatives began to arrive and stake out a place on the small platform reserved for them. KPLC-TV marked its corner Tuesday night.

Sheriff Theos Duhon was calling in many deputies from around the parish and off-duty officers as well for crowd control. The secret service mapped out the route the former president would take to the ceremony. On hand were the OEP mobile command center, fire trucks, and other emergency vehicles.

All in all, the event promised to be the biggest event in Cameron in a long time, despite the predicted rain, and a welcome Christmas party for beleaguered lower Cameron Parish.



President George H. W. Bush



Gov. Kathleen Blanco



George Clooney



Adm. Thad Allen



THE 2006 LOUISIANA Fur & Wildlife Festival was cancelled due to Hurricane Rita, but the festival will resume in January. The 2005 royalty are pictured above. From left are King Fur J. A. Miller, Fur Queen Cadi Pedigo, and Miss Cameron Parish Ashley Kelley.

Festival schedule Deadline

The 50th annual Louisiana Fur & Wildlife Festival will be held in January with events scheduled both in Lake Charles and in Cameron. The 2006 Festival was cancelled due to the aftermath of Hurricane Rita.

SATURDAY, JAN. 6

Festival pageants will be held on Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007 at the Lake Charles Civic

Center's Rosa Hart Theatre as follows:

10 a.m.: Little Mr. & Miss Cameron Parish.

2 p.m.: Deb, Teen & Jr. Miss Cameron Parish.

7 p.m.: Miss Cameron Parish & Fur Queen Pageant. King Fur will also be crowned at this pageant.

Admission to the pageants will be \$5 for all three events.

FRIDAY, JAN. 12

All events will take place on the fairgrounds located at the old Cameron Elementary School grounds.

12 p.m.: Fairgrounds will open.

12 p.m.: Trap shooting will open located on the south end of the Cameron Elementary grounds.

12 p.m.: Carnival will open at the fairgrounds.

3-7 p.m.: Steel Shot Band.

SATURDAY, JAN. 13

9 a.m.: Fairgrounds and Carnival will open; Trap shooting.

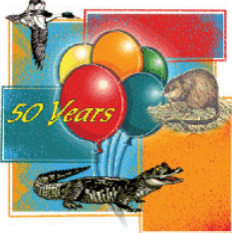
11 a.m.: Muskrat, nutria skinning; Trap setting; Oyster shucking.

1 p.m.: Parade (parade will start at Cameron Construction yard east of Cameron.)

The Deadline for Deb, Teen, Junior & Miss Cameron entry forms are due prior to Dec. 30. Deb ages are 10 to 12 as of Jan. 1, Teen ages are 13 to 14 as of Jan. 1, Jr. Miss ages are 15 to 16 as of Jan. 1, and Miss ages are 17 to 22 as of Jan. 1. Anyone needing information on any of these pageants can contact Lena Hebert at 370-9103 or Debbie Duhon at 249-1400.

Parade set

The Fur and Wildlife festival parade is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Jan. 13. The parade will run the same route as previous years. Contact Freddie Richard at 250-5958 or 480-4101 to reserve spot in the parade.



3 p.m.: Duck and goose calling competition.
3-7 p.m.: Barry Badon & the Bayou Boys.

Churches tell Mass schedule

Msgr. Harry Greig, pastor of St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church and Father Joseph McGrath, pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church and minister of lower Cameron Parish, announce the Mass schedule for the Christmas weekend as follows:

Saturday Vigil (Dec. 23): 4 p.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath; 4:30 p.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig.

Sunday (Dec. 24): 8 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel and 10 a.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig; 10 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath.

Christmas Eve Vigil (Dec. 24): 4 p.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig.

Christmas Midnight Mass, St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath.

Christmas Day (Dec. 25): 8 a.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig; 10 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath.

New Year's is a Holy Day but not an Obligation Day since it falls on a Monday.

Saturday Vigil (Dec. 30): 4 p.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath; 4:30 p.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig.

Sunday (Dec. 31): 8 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel and 10 a.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig; 10 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath.

No New Year's Eve Vigil Mass.

New Year's Day (Jan. 1): 8 a.m., St. Mary, Msgr. Greig; 10 a.m., St. Patrick Chapel, Fr. McGrath.

Insurance ruling told

On Dec. 18, in New Iberia, Louisiana District Court Judge Edward D. Rubin ruled that an insurance company, Louisiana Citizens Insurance Corporation, must pay the full face value of a homeowner's insurance policy to a homeowner whose home suffered a total loss as a result of a combination of wind and flood damage, during Hurricane Rita. Defendants argued that the flood water damage exclusion in the policy applies.

Plaintiffs, Mark and Barbara Landry, filed a Motion for Summary Judgment on an issue of law. Plaintiffs asserted their right to the full amount of their homeowner's policy under Louisiana's Valued Policy Law which states that in the event of a total loss, the insured is entitled to the full

value of their policy, without deduction or offset, if their structure is partially damaged by a covered loss, unless a different method of computing the loss is in both the policy and the application.

Louisiana Citizens had a water damage exclusion in the insurance policy, but no water damaged exclusion in the application of plaintiffs.

Mac's back!

Mac Haynie has announced that he is reopening his barber shop, Mac's, at his home located at 1534 Little Chenier road starting Thursday, Jan. 4.

Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. Telephone 542-4172 or 794-6176.

Whereabouts? Tell Nell . . .

The telephone number for Nell Colligan in the article in last week's paper was in error. The correct number is 337-988-5395.

She may also be contacted at her e-mail address of: nnadc67@aol.com

Mrs. Colligan wrote a column for the Pilot following Hurricane Rita in which she told the whereabouts of Cameron parish residents evacuated due to the storm.

She is proposing to do a followup column in the near future as many evacuees have since moved or have returned to the parish.

Anyone wishing to have Mrs. Colligan list their new addresses should contact her by phone or e-mail or write: 302 Trailwood Lane, Lafayette, 70508-5343.

If they wish, she will only list the town and not the complete address of the resident.

Browns' Groceries tell Grand Lake store

The Cameron Parish Office of Planning and Development today announced the official commitment of Brown's Supermarket to the Grand Lake area in Cameron Parish.

Pat and Jimmy Brown, owners, announced the rebuilding of their Brown's Supermarket in Grand Lake on the Gulf Highway just north of Boone's Corner.

The Browns have been in the Cameron Parish grocery business for 28 years with their store in Hackberry, as well as in the town of Cameron.

The Cameron location was totally destroyed by Hurricane Rita, but after months of research, they have committed to their new location and have begun construction of their new 15,000 sq. ft. full service supermarket in Grand Lake.

Ernest Broussard, Parish Planner, complimented the Browns for their commitment to the Cameron community and commented on what this commitment signified for a recovering parish. "We believe this to be a promising indicator that the 40-50 jobs and \$1.7 million investment with the direct and indirect benefits of having a large chain within a growing community will foster other support opportunities," Broussard said.

The Browns invite all of their patrons, clients, and friends to come by and see their new location, which is expected to open the summer of 2007.

Christmas celebration set at Johnson Bayou

The Johnson Bayou Recreation center will have a Christmas celebration for the Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach community kids.

Gifts have been donated by local companies.

There will be games, crafts, and gifts for the following age groups.

On Thursday, Dec. 21, events will start at 10 a.m.

Preschool - 3 years - 10-10:30 a.m.: Refreshments and gifts.

Christmas Eve

According to the Rev. Jay VanHorn, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, the public is invited to participate in Christmas Eve services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Dec. 24. The 6 p.m. service will be a candle-light service with special music. For more information, call 542-4731.

Children may be dropped off for the following events. Please be on time when dropping and picking up children.

3 years - 2nd grade - 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. - Games, gifts and refreshments

3rd - 7th grade - 1-3 p.m. - Games gifts and refreshments

There will be something for the 8th - 12th grade at a later date.

For more information contact Stacey Badon at 802-8383.

The Recreation Center will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Recreation Center hours: Monday: 3-8 p.m.; Tuesday: Closed; Wednesday: 3-8 p.m.; Thursday: 3-8 p.m.; Friday: 3-8 p.m.; Saturday: 2-8 p.m.; Sunday: 2-8 p.m.

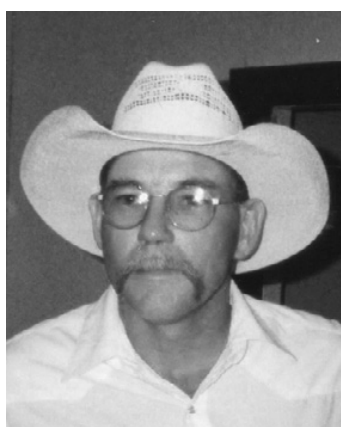


DO YOU REMEMBER? This is a photo of the giant Christmas party thrown on the Cameron Courthouse lawn in December, 1957, just six months after Hurricane Audrey devastated the parish. 867 children were given Christmas gifts from donors from all over the country. Several thousand persons attended the affair in all. Sheriff O. B. Carter and Santa can be seen in the center. Also shown is Brig. Harry Ward of the Salvation Army, who organized the party. The man in the suit at the right was Mayor Bebe Sonnier of Sulphur. Note the lack of trees -- all of the large trees on the courthouse grounds have grown up since then.



HUNDREDS OF chairs were set up in front of the Cameron Courthouse Wednesday in preparation for the South Cameron Memorial Hospital celebration being attended by a number of national dignitaries. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Funerals



JESSE S. GIBBS

Jesse "Cannonball" Gibbs, 47, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006, in a local hospital.

He was a lifelong resident of Hackberry.

Survivors include one son, Jesse "Bubbie" Gibbs, Jr. and wife, Jodi of Sulphur; one daughter, Jessica Gibbs and fiance' Jason Bradshaw of Sulphur; seven brothers, Calvin Kibodeaux and Don "Tommy" Gibbs of Orangefield, Tex., Dean Kibodeaux of Nevada, Charles Kibodeaux of Mauriceville, Texas, James "Tooter" Gibbs of Hackberry, Russell Gibbs of Little Cypress, Tex., and Delious Gibbs of Hackberry; ten sisters, Naomi Sneed and Russie Attaway of Bridge City, Tex., Dora Ordenez and Frances Boutte of Orangefield, Tex., Ellamae Echols of Ohio, Jessie Marie O'Quinn of Lake Charles, Patsy Wolford of Deweyville, Tex., Donna "Tiny" Morcom of Mauriceville, Tex., Lilly Hollis of Beaumont, Tex., Velma Suchanek of Fields; the mother of his children, Linda Terro; and four grandchildren.

His funeral was held Monday, Dec. 18, in St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church in Hackberry. The Rev. Vince Guidry officiated. Burial was in New Hackberry Cemetery.



JOSEPH NUMA NUNEZ

Joseph Numa Nunez 81, of Big Lake died Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2006 in Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. Nunez was born in Cameron and was raised in the Cameron and Creole area. He lived as a young adult in Bell City and was a graduate of Bell City High School. He served the United States Navy during World War II. Mr. Nunez worked many years before retiring as a Crew Boat Captain on the Trans Ocean "Rig Runner". He was a member of St. Mary of the Lake and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Churches. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Nunez prided himself in his family heritage and his grandfather's involvement in the founding of Cameron Parish.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one brother, Wallace "Blackie" Nunez and wife, Rita of Bell City; one stepson, Theo Rick Mier and wife Vicky of Carencro; three stepdaughters, Mickie Richard and husband Ed of Baton Rouge; Michelle Mier of Baton Rouge and Jodi Landry Forsberg and husband James of Clear Lake, Tex.; nine step-grandchildren; 12 step-great-grandchildren; special cousin, Athea Mae Cox of Grand

Lake; one nephew, Pat Nunex and wife Carol; two nieces, Kathy Rednar and husband, Ray and Ann Stear and husband, Ronald; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Numa and Virginia Nunez; wife, Mary Stutes Nunez; brother, Bill Nunez and two sisters, Leta Welsh and Emma Daigle.

Funeral services were Saturday, Dec. 16, 2006 in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Monsignor Harry Greig officiated. Burial was in Consolata Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home. Visitation was Friday from 3p.m. until 10 p.m. with a scripture service. Rosary began at 7 p.m. Visitation continued Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

Donations may be made to St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church- 11054 Highway 384-Lake Charles, LA- 70607.

Words of comfort to the family may be expressed at www.johnsonfuneralhome.net.

(Paid Memorial)

ANAJEANNE ELSWICK

Anajeanne Elswick, 76, of Big Lake, died Sunday, Dec. 17, 2006, in a Sulphur hospital.

Mrs. Elswick had lived in Big Lake for 37 years until Hurricane Rita forced her to relocate to Lake Charles. She was best known as the proprietor of The Reef in Deatonville.

She is survived by her four daughters, Bonnie Elswick of Lake Charles, Bette Elswick Hollier and husband George of Big Lake, and Mary Elswick Wamsley and Molly Elswick, both of Lake Charles; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters, Helen Kearns of Cheektowaga, N. Y., Doris Trojan of Williamsville, N. Y., and Susan Reger of Depew, N. Y.; and one brother, Peter Connors of Wellsville, N. Y.

She was preceded in death by her husband, David Franklin Elswick; and two daughters, Maureen Saxby; and Constance Anne Elswick.

Her funeral will be at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 21, in Johnson Funeral Home. Following the services, the body will be cremated.

AZEMIE LEBOEUF

Azemie LeBoeuf, 95, of Creole, died Friday, Dec. 15, 2006 at her daughter's residence in New Iberia.

Mrs. LeBoeuf was born Feb. 14, 1911 in Creole, where she lived for most of her life before moving to New Iberia after Hurricane Rita. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where she served on the Altar Society.

Mrs. LeBoeuf is survived by her daughter, Betty Walters of New Iberia; sisters, Thelma Theriot of Sweetlake, and Mabel Terry of Metairie; two grandsons, David Walters and wife Patti of Houston, Tex. and Martin Walters and wife Dawn of Anchorage, Ak.; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 18, at the St. Patrick Chapel in Sweetlake. Father Whitney Miller officiated. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Creole.



THE GRAND LAKE Jr. Beta recently held a food drive for the holidays. The community generously responded by donating over 3,600 non-perishable food items. Some of the members of the Grand Lake club are shown above with the donations. Sponsors of the Grand Lake Jr. Beta are Patsy Miller, Misty Witherwax, and Beth Ferguson.

Food drive told at G.L.

The Grand Lake Jr. Beta recently held a food drive for the holidays. The community generously responded by donating over 3,600 non-perishable food items.

The Jr. Beta club is a service organization which members are dedicated to serving the school and the community.

A Jr. Beta member must maintain a 3.0 grade point average to remain a member in good standing.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wise,

During the most recent Cameron Parish Police Jury meeting, a question was posed concerning Cameron Communications' ability to provide a certain type of access and connectivity for the relocation of the Registrar of Voters office back to Cameron from Grand Lake. There are not any means of connectivity and level of service that Cameron Communications, LLC cannot provide to the residents of Cameron Parish.

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Sincerely,
/s/ Gary B. Hightower
Senior Vice President

Deadline told

The Cameron Pilot office will be closed Monday, Dec. 25 for Christmas.

Anyone with news, classifieds or display advertising for the Dec. 28 issue of the Pilot is asked to get this material to the office by Thursday, Dec. 21.

The office will be open Tuesday, Dec. 26.

News and advertising for the Jan. 4 issue of the paper should be turned in the previous Friday, Dec. 29.

South Cameron High School News

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

Ms. Little has the following scholarship applications: Jaycee Senate, La. Municipal Clerks, Rockefeller State Wildlife and a Waterworks Scholarship which is for any student residing in Cameron Parish.

BASEBALL NEWS

Players who plan to join baseball will meet on Jan. 3 during seventh hour P.E. McNeese Hitting Clinic will be Dec. 21 and 22. Coach Cormier has the applications.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

The Student Council is collecting pennies for Leukemia. Please save your pennies for this cause.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 20: School Dismisses at Noon.
Dec. 21 - Jan. 2: Christmas Holiday
Jan. 3: Return to School.



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The deadline is March 1, 2007 for the information requested from the businesses.

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Call Grand Lake Faith Temple (598-2516) or Lenora Poole (598-2972) or Missy Poole (598-3441)
All orders must be in by Fri., Jan. 12, 2007. Any LATE orders & payments can be brought to church services by 12:00 noon on Sunday, Jan/28, 2007



THE GRAND LAKE Elementary School Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Scott Poole, serenaded Christmas shoppers in the Prien Lake Mall to support the Department of Education's First Book program helping Cameron Parish school libraries.



ON NOV. 20 the Grand Lake chapter of FBLA participated in a community service project by helping serve food, set up tables, and clean up at Abraham's Tent. Members attending included Samantha Poole, Kayla Savoie, C'Rissa Morales, Sara Taylor, Baret Bercier, Kevin Delaney, Katherine Rasmussen, and advisor Dorothy Robinson.

It Seems Just Like Yesterday

By Keith Hambrick



(Lake Charles American Press, Dec. 18, 1940)

NEW WILDCAT LOCATION

Superior announced location of a new Cameron Parish wildcat test today and foot measurements were reported for Stanolind's recent site at West Hackberry in the same parish.

The wildcat, to be known

as Miami Corporation No. 1, is spotted south of Grand Lake in a totally unexplored area.

(Cameron Pilot, Dec. 20, 1973)

MISS CAMERON PARISH

Thus far, three area girls have entered the Miss Cameron Parish Queen contest, with others to follow suit.

Dani Denise Sheffield is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Sheffield and is a senior at Hackberry High School.

Dinah Miller is a senior at South Cameron High School and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Watkins Miller of Grand Chenier.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glenn Hebert are parents of Laura Lynn Hebert, freshman at McNeese.

ALL STAR TEAM

The South Cameron High School football team racked up top honors in the District 4-AA All Star team selection this past week, with the team garnering best offensive player, coach of the year and four first team slots. Two Tarpons were also named to the second team.

South Cameron's quarterback, Jody McCall, was named outstanding offensive player in the poll conducted among district coaches for the Louisiana Sports Writers Association.

Baron Thomas, who guided his team to a district championship and its third trip in a row to the state playoffs, was named coach of the year.

Named to the All District Team, offense, were these Tarpons: Tony Sturlese, tackle; Kirk Landry, guard; Jody McCall, quarterback; and Mike McArthur, running back.

Making the second team on the defense squad were Kent Mudd, linebacker, and Ray George, back.

CLUB HAS YULE PARTY

The December meeting and the annual Christmas party of the Creole Extension Club was held in the home of Mrs. Robert Ortego.

During the business meeting Mrs. J. M. Theriot, president, passed out homemakers membership survey sheets for each member to fill out.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS

The Ta Wan Ka Camp Fire Girls, the Sunflower Blue Birds and the Daisy Blue Birds were busy decorating the community Christmas Tree at the American Legion Hall in Creole when Santa Claus dropped in for a surprise visit and caused plenty of excitement.

highest honor that a scout council can bestow. The award was presented at the annual recognition dinner of the Calcasieu Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, Thursday night in Lake Charles.

Mrs. Mary Nunez and Mrs. Gerald Guidry are Sunflower Blue Bird leaders; Mrs. Brenda Quinn is leader of the Daisy Blue Birds. Guardians of the Ta Wan Ka Camp Fire Girls are Mrs. Roland Primeaux and Mrs. Susie Threadgill.

At present there are 13 Camp Fire girls working on the Trail Seekers rank. These include Kim Boudoin, Michelle Boudoin, Susan Conner, Holly Hendrix, Michelle Guidry, Jocelyn McEvers, Margaret Primeaux, Christine Threadgill, Inga Abrahamson, Christie Dimas, Denise Richard, Stephanie Bartie and Regina Quinn.

Karen Quinn is working on the Wood Gatherers rank and Laura Threadgill is working on her Torch Bearer rank. Two working on Firemakers rank are Rosalie Primeaux and Melanie Guidry.

Blue Birds are Terry Nunez, Jo Ellen Boudreaux, Lori Vidrine, Brenda Bartie, Christine Bartie, Regin Nunex, Lain Thomas, Vera Harmon, Cindy Hebert, Victoria Ledano, Monique Guidry, Jo Ann Broussard, Penelope Quinn, Cindy Brown, Melissa Thibeau and Deana Dupont.

MHIRE TO OBSERVE 50th ANNIVERSARY

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mhire, Sr. will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 30.

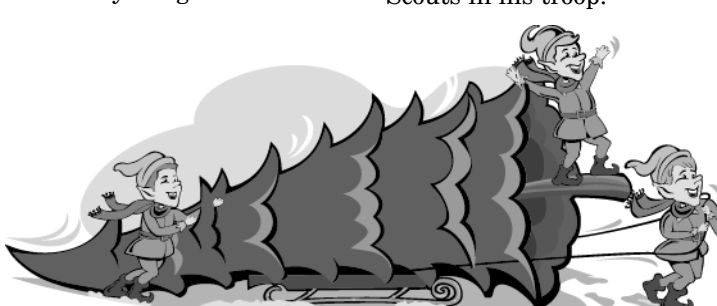
The couple have three children: Mrs. George Miller, Pottstown, Pa., and Evans and Horace Mhire Jr. of Grand Chenier.

Mhire, who is a retired building contractor, served 32 years on the Cameron Parish Police Jury, longer than any other jury member in the history of the parish.

ROBERTS GETS SCOUT HONOR

O'Neil Roberts of Cameron was one of five Southwest Louisiana residents to receive the Silver Beaver award, the

Charles. Roberts has been an assistant scoutmaster, scoutmaster, pack committeeman and post advisor. Currently a scoutmaster, he has 13 Eagle Scouts in his troop.



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The photos above provide stark contrast of what the statue of St. Eugene looked before the refurbishing, left, and its appearance after the work was done, right.

St. Eugene statue back home and refinished

GRAND CHENIER – “Everything happens for a reason,” said Jules Lognion. Lognion, the construction superintendent in charge of the rebuilding at St. Eugene Catholic Church, as he looked upon the statue of the parish’s namesake standing against the wall of the church. The newly painted statue, along with its new left hand and the shepherd’s staff that the hand holds, are all courtesy of Lognion’s skill and talent as a wood carver.

The statue had been lost when Hurricane Rita’s storm surge devastated the church. The surge carried the statue away and it was eventually found near Lake Arthur.

“I had heard about the statue and thought it was quite interesting,” Lognion said.

Lognion, who retired about four years ago after working 32 years for Charles Miller Construction, the company hired to rebuild the church of St. Eugene, a small but hardy faith community located in the extreme southeastern corner of Cameron parish, expressed lifelong interests in drawing and painting.

“I was always drawing as a youth,” he said. Lognion has done a number of oil paintings of wildlife scenes and began working with woodcarving following his retirement. He was drawn out of retirement when the construction company needed experienced hands to oversee some of its projects and he came to St. Eugene to supervise the work there.

“I have done about 10 duck decoys and some fish,” he said. He was intrigued when he saw the statue, remembered the story of its journey and recovery. “I thought to myself, I can build a new hand. I shaped it from a piece of wood with a band saw and then did the work with a stone instead of a knife,” he said. He also cut out a crook for the staff

and then did the finishing work before attached it to a broomstick.

The wooden statue, imported from Italy early in the history of St. Eugene, had lost its left hand during its journey through the marsh as well as the shepherd’s staff the hand was holding.

The church’s pastor, Father Vincent Vadakkedath currently in residence at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Parish, had identified the statue. “When it was first found they thought it might be St. Patrick but when I saw it I knew it was our St. Eugene,” Father Vadakkedath said. “We knew that someone would have to fix it but I took up Mr. Lognion on his offer to do the job.”

“He has done a magnificent job,” Father Vadakkedath continued. “It really looks real. It was a marvelous gesture on his part to do it free of charge. He even thanked me for giving him the chance to do it.”

The job was a labor of love for Lognion, who said, “everyone has been so nice to me here on the job, especially members of the parish who come around almost every day to check out the pace of work on the church. When people are that way it just makes you want to do something nice for them. Father Vincent is such a nice man, I really like him.”

Even though St. Eugene has returned home Father Vadakkedath is still missing another Italian wooden statue, one of the Madonna and Child.

“We don’t know where it is,” he said. “It could still be out in the marsh somewhere and it, like St. Eugene, was every expensive.”

According to Father Vadakkedath, his parishioners are “really excited about the work on the church.”

“I am excited too,” he said.

Class helps students with exceptionalities develop

LAKE CHARLES - At St. Louis Catholic High School it would be easy to get lost in ACT scores, minimum grade requirements, and other regular education stresses. However, a new program at St. Louis Catholic focuses on developing vocational and daily living skills in the lives of students with special needs.

The Special Needs Program has been created for students with mild to moderate exceptionalities. “Unlike other programs, the courses are offered in a flexible, non-traditional format,” Bill Simon, principal, said. “They take place in a smaller class environment promoting interaction between the students and teachers. It’s terrific!”

The Vocational and Life Skills components of the program focus on career exploration, independence in

daily living activities, and the attainment of practical academic skills. The program provides guest speakers, community tours, collaborative classroom experiences, and student-run businesses in an effort to focus on active involvement in natural contexts, emphasizing meaning and relevance while reinforcing classroom learning.

“The development of a full education, one that will serve the students in the profession they choose to follow, is what I strive to provide for them,” said teacher Becky White. The goal of the four-year program is for the students to work and live independently. They will walk with regular education students upon graduation and be awarded a Certificate of Achievement at the end of their high school experience.

“It is a great pleasure to go into the class every week and see the growth in the students,” said Deacon Glen Viau, “It is a joy to have them as part of our school community.”

Pray for vocations Jan. 14

LAKE CHARLES – The Office of Vocations of the Diocese of Lake Charles will host a Benediction Prayer Service at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 14, the National Day of Prayer for Vocations in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Lake Charles, according to the Rev. Daniel Torres, Director of Vocations for the Diocese.

For more information contact Fr. Torres at 337-463-6878.



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We have all experienced holding a newborn baby in our arms. The miracle of life shared in the gift of each birth is awesome. The love of the parents as they welcome their child home is a reminder of the gratitude to God that is theirs and that their lives will be forever changed.

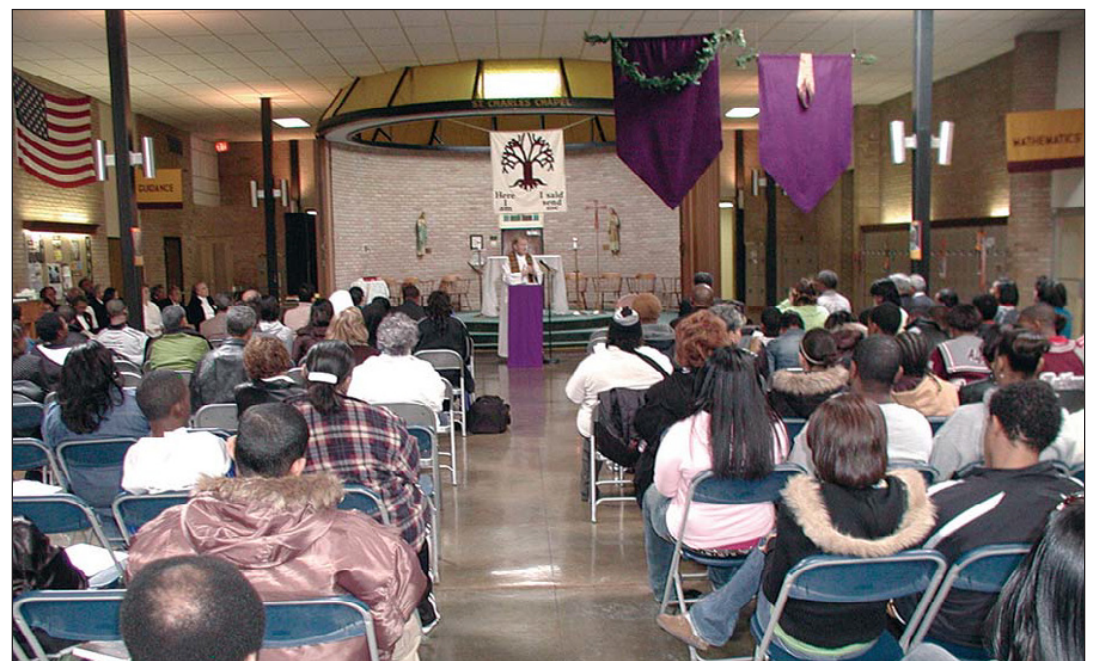
We believe that with the birth of Jesus we have been and are forever changed. Once again, we have HOPE for a better world – that mankind will be open to God’s grace drawing us closer to one another. We trust God’s gift of PEACE – a peace that comes from within and is shared with others. We gift one another with LOVE – symbolized in the time we share with others, the preparations we make to celebrate the day with family and friends, and the gifts we make or buy which are reminders of the love extended by the giver to the one gifted.

Our world will be different to the extent that we are changed or transformed by “God among us.” Will this Christmas Day come and go as just another day? As we celebrate this special day, I pray that we will allow Jesus to reveal Himself and what He wants from us as He comes again into our lives – like Mary, we can “treasure all these things and ponder them in our hearts.”

May Jesus come to you this Christmas with the gift of love, the blessing of hope, and the promise of peace.

In Jesus, Our Savior,

Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig
Diocesan Administrator



The Rev. Msgr. Harry D. Greig, Diocesan Administrator, led the opening prayer at the Day of Reflection held on Dec. 9 in preparation for the National Black Catholic Congress X to be held next year in Buffalo, NY. Nearly 200 participated in the Day of Reflection.

Preparations begin for Black Catholic Congress X in 2007

LAKE CHARLES – The National Black Catholic Congress X will be held in Buffalo, NY, on July 12-15 next year. A crowd of 181 people came together on Saturday, Dec. 9, at St. Louis Catholic High School to discuss and review the eight core principles that came out of Congress IX in 2002 and begin preparations for Congress X, according to Deacon Edward Lavine, Director of the Office of Black Catholics.

“We came together to pray and we heard Msgr. Harry Greig give a wonderful reflection,” Deacon Lavine said. “He told us that during that second weekend of Advent we were called to be heralds of the Gospel, we were called to be good examples.”

The eight principles – Spirituality, Parish Life, Youth and Young Adults, Catholic Education, Social Justice, Racism, Africa and HIV/AIDS – were discussed in eight different smaller groups. Each principle was discussed within a Sacramental vision, according to Deacon Lavine.

One of the concerns arising from the groups, Deacon Lavine noted, was the fact of African American parishes being served by other than African American priests.

“We have been very pleased with the priests who are serving in our communities,” Deacon Lavine said. “We have priests who are inspiring to our African Amer-

ican communities, priests who have been in the forefront on community issues.”

From the discussion group on Africa as well as Youth and Young Adults, Deacon Lavine noted that the idea of exchange programs for our youth going to Africa and having African youth come to our country.

“We also thought of such exchanges within our own parishes,” Deacon Lavine said. “We already have pulp exchanges, where priests will preach at one another’s churches. We look to extend ourselves by visiting other church communities.”

All of the ideas that came out of the discussion groups will be forward to the Office of the National Black Catholic Congress in Baltimore, Md., to aid in the de-

velopment the program for Congress X, Deacon Lavine noted.

“I would like to thank everyone who participated in the preparation for our Day of Reflection, to those who facilitated the various groups, and to the many people who came to the event,” Deacon Lavine said.

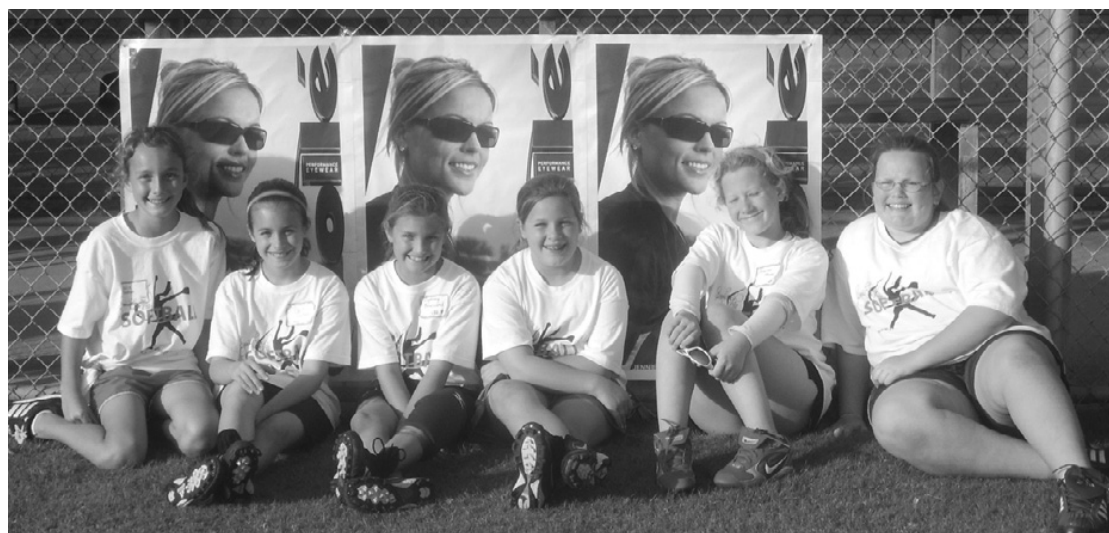
Facilitators for the discussions were Rev. Timothy Goodly, Spirituality; Rev. Msgr. Ronald Groth, Parish Life; Dr. Kathleen Dorsey Bellow, Catholic Education; Rev. Richard Adiukwu, Africa; Richard Wilson, Racism; Rev. Henry Mancuso, Ph.D., Social Justice; Mrs. Milissa Thibodeaux, Youth and Young Adults; and Dr. Susan Jones, HIV/AIDS.

Liturgy Formation Day slated Jan. 13

LAKE CHARLES – The Rev. Edward Foley, Cap. will be the keynote speaker at the Fifth Annual Liturgy Formation Day on to be held on Saturday, Jan. 13. The day will begin at 8:45 a.m. and continue until noon at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church, 3939 Lake Street. This year’s program is entitled, “*Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi*” – “*We Pray As We Believe*.”

The Liturgy Formation Day is held yearly to provide continuing formation for liturgical ministers including the clergy, extraordinary ministers of communion, lectors, music ministers, ministers of hospitality, and ushers, though all interested persons are invited to attend. There is no fee, but to prepare efficiently, registration is required. Call Mary Beth Conner at 337-439-4585 for more information.

The next Catholic Calendar will be published on January 12, 2007.



THESE HACKBERRY GIRLS participated in the Jennie Finch Softball Camp held in Sulphur at the North Frasch Softball Complex Dec. 16 and 17. Jennie Finch was a pitcher for the 2004 USA Olympic GOLD Medal Softball Team. Shown above, from left, are Jolie Trahan, Blair Trahan, Sydney Broussard, Hallie Buford, Madison Shove, and Kourtlyn Fusilier.



A COAST GUARD helicopter surveys the Cameron area for likely landing spots for former president Bush. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CREWS WERE busy Tuesday mowing the approaches to the Court House square and Smith Field, where helicopters carrying former President George Bush and other dignitaries were expected to land. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Basketball

By CHRIS & LAURIE MUELLER

BOYS

Grand Lake 52, Hackberry 47 - Brett Griffith scored 16 points as the Hornets won the championship game of the Cameron Parish tournament. Garrett Billiot and Kory Dahlen added 12 points each. Travis Spicer scored 15 points for the Mustangs and Dillon Thibodeaux added 11 points.

South Cameron 61, Johnson Bayou 55 - Jaylon Ball and James Cormier paced the Tarpons with 20 points each as South Cameron finished 3rd in the Cameron Parish tournament. Desmond Scott added 11 points. Leading scorers for the Rebels were Blaine Trahan with 22 points and Dustin Badon with 11 points.

Grand Lake 74, Johnson Bayou 47 - Brett Griffith was the leading scorer for the Hornets with 16 points. Garrett Billiot and Kory Dahlen added 14 points each. Jacob Hebert chipped in 10 points. Leading scorer for the Rebels was Blaine Trahan with 18 points.

Hackberry 60, South Cameron 50 - Judd Addison paced the Mustangs with 19 points. Nick Moore chipped in 12 points and Travis Spicer added 11 points.

GIRLS

Grand Lake 55, Hackberry 34 - Liz Kingham scored 22 points for the Lady Hornets. Kat Kingham added 14 points. Carly Fountain paced the Lady Mustangs with 14 points. Brooke Wing added 11 points.

South Cameron 50, Johnson Bayou 36 - Rachael Fountain was the leading scorer for the Lady Tarpons with 19 points. Whitney Richard added 14 points. Charmayne Barrentine scored 14 points for the Lady Rebels.

Grand Lake 49, Johnson Bayou 27 - Kat Kingham chipped in 12 points for the Lady Hornets and Heather Girlinghouse added 11 points. Eden Broussard scored 8 points for the Lady Rebels.

Hackberry 62, South Cameron 58 - Brooke Wing scored 17 points for the Lady Mustangs. Brooke Wing, Santana Jinks, and Allyson Sanner added 14 points each. The Lady Tarpons' Rachael Fountain led all scorers with 27 points. Whitney Richard added 12 points.



Hackberry, J. B. church happenings

By GRACE WELCH

CHURCH NEWS

There will be a pie sale on Dec. 24. If anyone would like to order pies please call Velma Lowery at 762-4750, Lou Johnson 762-4756 or the church office at 762-3365. The flavors will be chocolate, lemon, pecan and coconut pies. The price is \$7.

Mass Schedule for Johnson Bayou, as Christmas falls on Monday this year, the only Christmas Mass will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m.

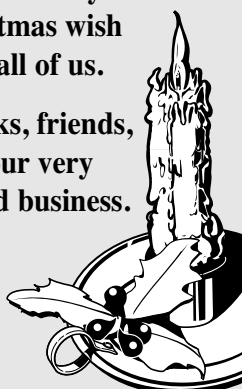
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SOUND CREWS set up stages and equipment on the Court House square for the visit of former President George H. Bush and actor George Clooney. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



CREWS FROM Jeff Davis Electric and the parish worked feverishly Tuesday to set up electric lines and clean the downtown Cameron area for ceremony featuring former President Bush and actor George Clooney. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

History was made in Cameron on Wednesday

By **JERRY WISE**

Cameron Parish was scheduled to have four famous visitors Wednesday—a former president, a governor, a well known movie star and the U. S Coast Guard commander—but the Pilot will not be able to report on this memorable event until next week.

Former President George H. W. Bush, Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco and movie star George Clooney were scheduled to appear at a function Wednesday afternoon celebrating the rebuilding of the South Cameron Memorial Hospital. Also scheduled to attend was Admiral Thad W.

Allen, head of the U. S. Coast Guard.

The Pilot's very capable reporter, Cyndi Sellers, was slated to be at the event to take photographs and write a news story for the Pilot.

Unfortunately this week's Pilot was on its way to the printers at the time of these events and there was no way to "hold the presses."

Because of the distinguished visitors strict safety precautions were scheduled to be in place Wednesday afternoon.

Entertainment was to have included the Medicare Playboys, the Manuel Family, South Cameron High cheerleaders and danceline, Grand Lake Children's Choir and Caleb Trahan.

Catering was by Chef Roy Lyons of Rayne.

President Bush was coming to announce a major Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund grant totalling \$2 million for the South Cameron Memorial Hospital which was destroyed in Hurricane Rita.

Clooney was scheduled to come at Bush's invitation.

The \$2 million will be donated to the Community Fund of Acadiana and then released to the hospital.

Construction on the hospital, located between Cameron and Creole, was begun recently.

Mennonites helping to rebuild homes here

(Louisiana Now)

Doyle Taylor finds it hard to put his feelings into words as he stands before his new Grand Lake home, which is under construction. The house, being built by Mennonite volunteers working in cooperation with the La. Conference Lake Charles/Southwest Disaster Recovery Station, will replace his Cameron Parish home destroyed last year during Hurricane Rita.

Choking back tears, Taylor said, "Our family has lost two homes in Cameron, the second one during Rita. That house was our dream home."

Not only was the structure completely destroyed, the Taylors had no insurance. "I've lived in Cameron for the past 39 years. I always knew that a really bad hurricane was possible. It just didn't click until I saw the effects of Hurricane Katrina on the rest of Louisiana." One month later, his house was swept away by Hurricane Rita.

Volunteers from the United States and Canada have been working through the Mennonite Disaster Recovery Service (MDRS) to build Taylor's home, and plan to complete five additional new builds and three reconstructions. "We have a budget of \$280,000 for these projects, but we need \$20-30,000 more in funding. It will come," said Tonia Pence, the Disaster Recovery Station's case manager for the Cameron area.

Pence has a great deal of admiration for Laura and Carl Dube, MDRS project directors for the Cameron project. "They are both so talented. Carl is a retired engineer who worked on large steel structures. Laura is a registered nurse, who loves to help people. When the Dube's get 'on the job,' it is well done."

The Minnesota couple is managing between 18 and 25 Mennonite volunteers per week through the first completely mobile recovery setup utilized by the Mennonite Disaster Recovery Service. "We typically bring down a few trailers, then house the volunteers in churches or other facilities. In Cameron, not many buildings were left standing, so we moved in kitchen, dining, housing and office trailers," said Laura. The bi-national response to storm affected areas of Louisiana is due to the magnitude of the damage caused by both Hurricanes Rita and Katrina. "Canada is playing a role in this effort because rebuilding Louisiana will be a large, long term effort," said Laura, who said that the Mennonites have volunteers scheduled through the end of

reconstruction and rebuilding efforts in post war areas," said Laura.

The hands-on approach for Mennonites is inspired by the Sermon on the Mount, she added. "We strive to be the hands and feet of Jesus."

The teams sent by the Mennonites are comprised of well seasoned veterans, skilled in every area of construction. "It is a joy to work with the volunteers and those we are working to help. We build strong relationships, and it's always hard to leave once a project is finished," he added.

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A Christmas Wish List

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MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Theos Duhon
Sheriff, Cameron Parish



SOUTH CAMERON High student of the year nominees are Katelyn Reina, Deil LaLande, Alex Broussard, Chelsi King and Shylyn Nunez. These nominees were selected from grades, GPA, test scores and extra curricular activities.



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CAMERON ELEMENTARY student of the year nominees are Jade Nunez, Cody Morvant and Laney Primeaux. These nominees were selected from grades, GPA, test scores and extra curricular activities.

Student of the Year nominees

The South Cameron Elementary student of the year nominees are Alex Jones, Andrew Bonsall, Corbet Dupont, Haylee Conner, Amber Guilbeaux and Blair Little.

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Sempra seeks permit for 'simulated' project

Sempra Global has applied for a Coastal Use Permit for a proposed "simulated" installation of a large pipeline in a marsh owned by Sempra near the Sabine River about 28.8 miles southeast of Hackberry.

The goal of the project is to generate baseline data on the long term effects of a large pipeline installation on an intermediate marsh wetland

system.

The proposed project study area will measure 300'x100'. To simulate the installation of a 36" pipeline, an area measuring 100'x25' will be excavated within a study area. The spoil will be placed adjacent to the excavated area in a manner consistent with typical pipeline installation operations.

The site will be left undisturbed for a period of six months. After the six month period has passed, the spoil will be backfilled into the excavated area. Approximately 926 cubic yards of material will be displaced during the excavation activities. The area surrounding the dredge area will serve as a control for the project.

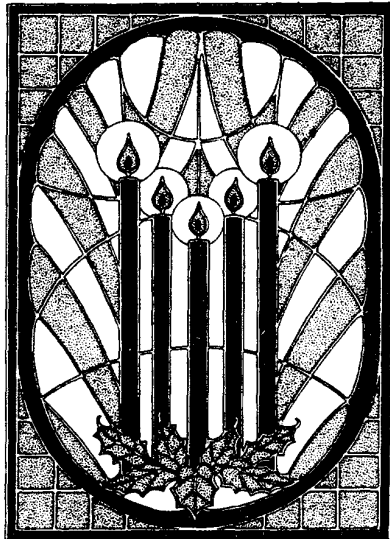
Sempra has selected four potential locations for the study area. Biologists have visited the site to assess these four potential study areas.

Sempra would like guidance from the regulatory agencies in selecting these four potential sites for the study area. Upon selection of a study area, a detailed site analysis will be conducted assessing the plant species, percent cover, etc. within the study area prior to the simulation study.

Once the excavated area has been backfilled, another site analysis will be conducted. In addition, a site analysis will be conducted following the first and second growing seasons.

Christmas - that magic blanket that wraps itself about us, that something so intangible that it is like a fragrance. It may weave a spell of nostalgia. Christmas may be a day of feasting, or of prayer, but always it will be a day of remembrance - a day in which we think of everything we have ever loved.

-Augusta E. Rundel



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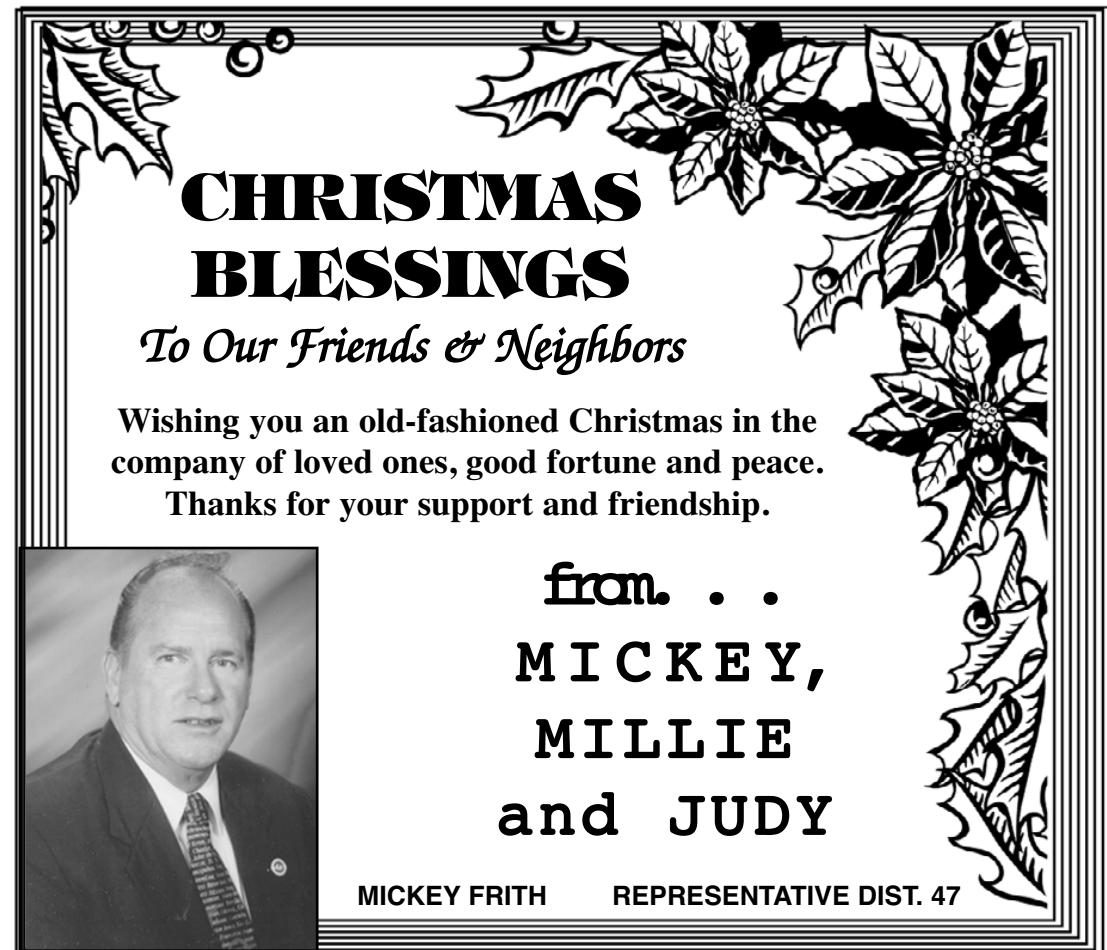
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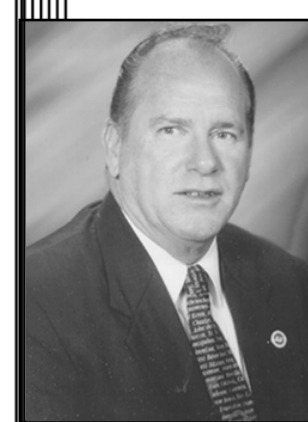
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GEORGE SWIFT, President/CEO of the SWLA Economic Development Alliance and Executive Director of the Partnership, presented Tina Horn with a plaque as a token of the Partnership's appreciation for her year of service.

Horn recognized for work with SWLA Alliance

Tina Horn, Cameron Parish Administrator, recently completed her tenure as chairman of the Southwest Louisiana Partnership for Economic Development. Incoming Chair Mayor Randy Roach of Lake Charles takes over in January.

"The year of 2006 was hard on our entire region as we worked to recover from the physical and economic damage of Hurricane Rita. No one knows more the damage Rita doled out than Ms. Horn, who as Cameron Parish Administrator, saw her

parish destroyed and her residents scattered," said George Swift, Executive Director of the Partnership and President/CEO of the Southwest Louisiana Economic Development Alliance.

Ernie Broussard with Cameron Parish Office of Planning and Development and Mrs. Horn were appointed to the executive committee.

Also elected were representatives for the five parishes represented by the economic development organization.

Michalko has 700th win

(American Press) Eddie Michalko picked up his 700th win as a coach Tuesday night, guiding the Lacassine Lady Cardinals past Lake Arthur 37-32. "I really can't explain how it feels," said Michalko, who in his 27th year of coaching has a 700-265 record. "I never

thought I would be in coaching this long.

"I thought I would coach and see if I could last maybe 10 years."

"I really enjoy coaching," added Michalko. "As hectic as it is and as mad as I get at times, it's still a rush for me to coach."



SHOWN HERE were some of the participants in the third annual Hackberry Holiday Festival held on Dec. 8 under the sponsorship of Cameron LNG. Also providing assistance were Targa Midstream Services, Cameron Communications, and Deep South Productions.



Michalko has won 73 percent of his games, most coming at Hackberry where he spent the previous 22 years before taking the job at Lacassine earlier this year. His teams have reached the playoffs in 23 of 26 seasons.

Isiah Thomas:
If all I'm remembered for is being a good basketball player, then I've done a bad job with the rest of my life.

Larry Bird:
First master the fundamentals.

Basketball tourney results

The Cameron Communications sponsored Cameron Parish Basketball Tournament winners are as follows:
Boys: first place Grand Lake Hornets, second place Hackberry Mustangs and third place South Cameron

Tarpons.
Girls: first place Grand Lake Lady Hornets, second place Hackberry Lady Mustangs and third place Cameron Lady Tarpons.



Grand Lake Hornets, first place



Grand Lake Lady Hornets, first place



Hackberry Mustangs, second place



Hackberry Lady Mustangs, second place



South Cameron Tarpons, third place



South Cameron Lady Tarpons, third place



GRAND LAKE Head Start students entertained senior citizens with Christmas songs at the recent Cameron Council on Aging Christmas Party. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)



THE MEDICARE PLAYBOYS entertained parish senior citizens at the recent Cameron Council on Aging Christmas Party and will also entertain at the event in Cameron attended by former President George H. W. Bush and movie star George Clooney. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

A Christmas prisoner of war story from 1944

By JENNIFER DAVIS

I want to share with you a wonderful story of Christmas told to me by my wonderful Grandpa, Furman Davis, a most worthy and brave man, who has shared with me and

my brother some of the most fabulous stories that only a grandpa can tell.

My Grandpa was a flyer in the American Air Force that had to parachute out of a bomber after it had sustained terminal battle damage while

on a combat mission over Germany.

The weather at Stalag Luft III located in Sagan, Germany, was very cold and snow was twenty inches on the ground. The barracks were hardly weather proof and the American prisoners were dressed mostly in the flimsy clothes that they were shot down in. The prisoners were starving. My Grandpa had been wounded when he jumped from the damaged aircraft. He had lost over 40 pounds. Temperatures were averaging 20 to 27 degrees below zero daily.

The Christmas of 1944 was even more discouraging as the German Army was having a lot of success in the "Battle of the Bulge". The German Commandant of the POW Camp had asked the American officers to give their parole (word of an officer, given on honor) that they would not attempt any escape during the 23rd, 24th and 25th of December and he would allow the prisoners free movement about the camp and would give each barracks an extra ration of coal, and allow the lights to remain on all night. But my grandpa and some of the other officers would not do so, as they saw this as a violation of their orders as officers—so no parole.

Christmas Eve afternoon and night will always be my Grandpa's most wonderful Christmas he has ever experienced, for he saw Christ born again in the hearts and souls of the harsh German soldiers, so efficiently cruel as his captors.

Grandpa spent the late afternoon and night before "lights out" going from barracks to barracks observing the way various Allied nationalities observed this, the most Holiest of Christian days. Everyone sang the traditional songs in their native languages—Norwegian, French, Dutch, Greek, Polish. Everyone wished everyone a happy holiday and under the circumstances, a Merry Christmas. What was really on everyone's mind, was the family they had left behind when they went off to war.

Treasured gifts were given at great personal sacrifice, but with much love and good will. Grandpa received from his friends a beautifully carved walking cane to help him get around, after a severe

spine injury from beatings received from German civilians who captured him on the ground.

One POW gave away his most prized possession. It was a pocket comb, the only reminder of the fine head of hair he once had before starvation, disease and injury had caused him to lose his hair. Grandpa had saved up six slices of German military bread over the past weeks and gave his six closest friends this bread for Christmas breakfast.

When "lights out" finally brought the Christmas fellowship to an end, each went to his bunk with such deep sadness and longing for his "Christmas back home" thoughts. Grandpa told me that he knew there were many pillows dampened that night by the silent tears of very brave young men.

Some twenty minutes after the lights were turned out, there were faint noises and a sound of Christmas Carols. The low mumbles gradually filled the night with the melodious voices of the German guards as they marched around the camp singing all the beautiful songs of the season. They were actually caroling the prisoners.

While this served as a nice distraction, it was noted that some of the German guards (some of them dressed as Saint Nicholas) were silently coming into each room, and upon the small table in the center of each room, he left four eggs, an onion, a small writing pencil and a few pieces of writing paper and a few other precious articles, so trivial, yet so dear to all.

The German guards had exposed themselves to very harsh discipline and criticism by the German Commandant for such a display of Christian fellowship. Truly Grandpa experienced that Christmas the birth of Christ in the hearts of all men.

"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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- 7 sweet dinner rolls
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- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup whole milk
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Butter and flour 10-cup Bundt pan. Slice 1 inch off tops of rolls and tear tops into 1-inch pieces; set aside. Place bottoms of rolls, cut sides up, in prepared pan.

In large bowl, combine coffee cake batter mix, water, oil and 2 eggs. Beat until well blended. Pour half of batter over rolls. Sprinkle with cinnamon swirl packet from coffee cake mix. Pour remaining batter over rolls. Whisk remaining egg, milk and sugar in another bowl to blend. Add reserved roll tops to milk mixture; set aside until milk mixture is absorbed. Pour roll top mixture over cake batter in pan. Swirl batters together with a skewer.

Bake 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted near center of cake comes out clean. Cool cake in pan 25 minutes. Invert cake onto cooling rack; remove pan. Place cake, right side up, on platter. Slice cake and serve.

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Cameron Parish Library Board & Staff

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THE FIFTH GRADE 4-H members in Mrs. Dana Hicks' class at Hackberry High School were shown preparing for the third Annual Hackberry Holiday Festival. The festival sponsored by Cameron LNG was held at the Hackberry Community Center Dec. 8. (Submitted by Jolie Trahan)



PILES OF door prizes donated by area businesses and others were given away to senior citizens at the recent Cameron Council On Aging Christmas party. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Disaster programs are told by Comm. Odom

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom is urging Louisiana producers who suffered losses from last year's hurricanes to sign up for six new disaster programs available through the USDA's Farm Service Agency.

"Producers in nine states are eligible for \$220 million in disaster assistance," Odom said. "Sign up began earlier this week at local FSA offices for the programs and I want to make sure Louisiana pro-

ducers know about it."

The programs include: livestock indemnity II, citrus, fruit and vegetable, tropical fruit and nursery. Two other programs, tree assistance and catfish grants, were also announced this week but sign up will be held later.

"These programs are in addition to programs already underway through FSA and my office," Odom explained. "Farmers and ranchers need to be sure they fill out new applications before the deadline of Feb. 2, 2007."

Producers in the Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu and Cameron Parishes may be eligible for the programs.

Odom said each of the programs has certain other eligibility requirements and guidelines.

The livestock compensation program provides payments to livestock owners for feed losses and includes dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, equine, poultry, elk, reindeer, sheep, goats, swine and deer.

The livestock indemnity program II provides payments to livestock owners for death of animals including non-adult dairy cattle, beef cattle, buffalo, beefalo, catfish, crawfish, equine, sheep, goats, swine, poultry and deer.

The citrus program provides assistance to producers who suffered crop production losses and fruit-bearing tree damage, including related clean up and rehabilitation costs.

The fruit and vegetable program provides assistance to producers who suffered crop production losses, including related clean up costs.

The nursery program provides assistance to qualifying commercial ornamental nursery and fernery producers who suffered inventory losses and incurred clean-up costs. Eligible nursery stock includes deciduous shrubs, broadleaf evergreens, coniferous evergreens, shade and flowering trees, propagation

Old World Fruitcake

A Traditional European-Style Fruit Cake

Although fruitcakes have a bad reputation, this one is "excellent". My mother has been making it for years. She originally got the recipe from a friend, but has since adapted it to suit her fans. (She gets requests for it all year long.)

CAKE

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp allspice
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp mace
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup black coffee (cold)
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 cup mixed fruit
- 1 cup dates
- 1/4 cup rum or brandy

GLAZE

- 4 Tbsp butter
 - 1/2 cup rum or brandy
 - 1/2 cup sugar
- Mix the melted butter, eggs, rum and coffee together.
- Mix dry ingredients together, then stir in liquids. Place in a buttered loaf pan.
- Bake at 300° F or 150C for 2 hours or until done (it will separate from the sides of the pan).
- Make glaze when almost completely baked: Melt (do not boil) butter. Add rum and sugar. Stir by hand.
- Remove the cake from the oven and pour half of the glaze over it. Let it cool 25 minutes, then turn it over and pour the remaining glaze on the other side.

Notes: Don't use glass pans. This freezes well, if you make more than you can eat; just be sure to wrap it carefully so it doesn't get freezer burn. Warm frozen cake in the oven, not the microwave.

Difficulty: easy to moderate.
Time: 15 minutes preparation, 2 hours baking, 30 minutes finishing.
Precision: measure the ingredients.
Seema Chandnani
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stock, and fruit and nut seed stock.

Odom said he is pleased to see sign up finally begin for these programs.

Farmers and ranchers can apply for the new programs at local FSA offices or USDA Service Centers. Fact sheets and other information regarding disaster programs are available online at www.fsa.usda.gov under disaster assistance programs.

For centuries men have kept an appointment with Christmas. Christmas means fellowship, feasting, giving and receiving, a time of good cheer, home.

-W.J. Ronald Tucker

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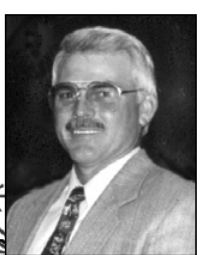
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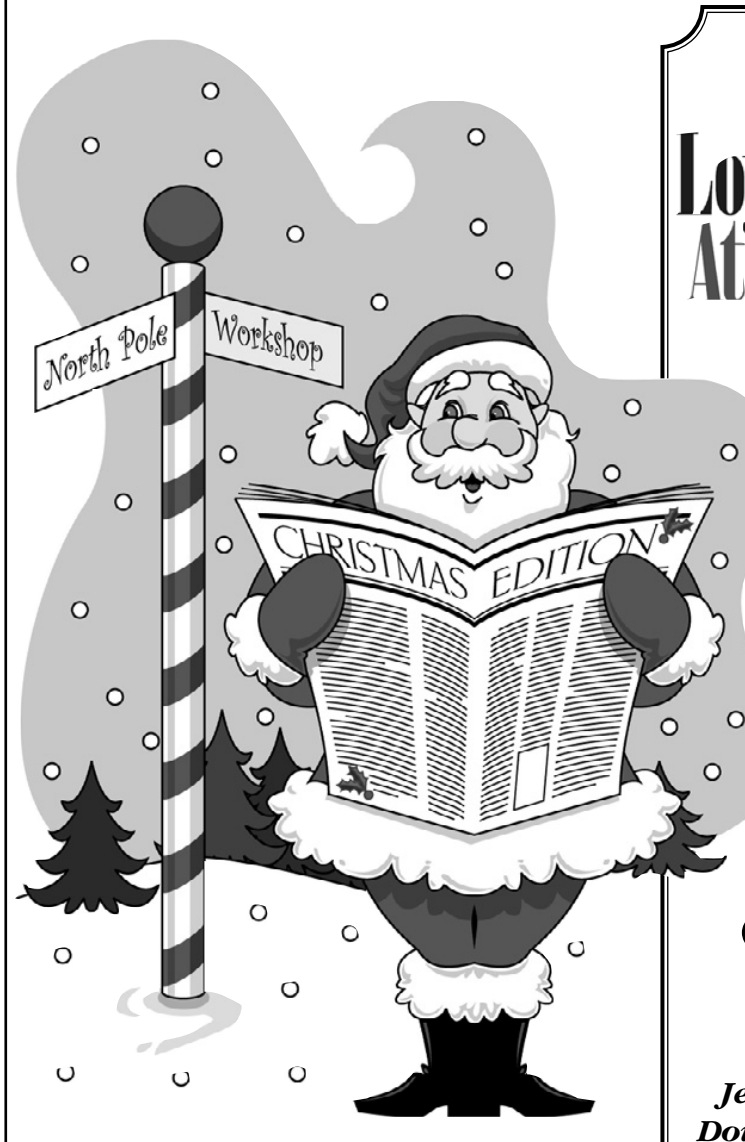
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As we wrap up another holiday edition, we'd like to deliver an extra measure of thanks and best wishes to all of you.

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The Cameron Pilot

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For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:11

It's with great joy that we thank all of our friends and wish everyone a Holiday filled with His love. We especially wish for you a safe and careful holiday season.

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Sweeney Family circa 1896

DO YOU REMEMBER? This photo of the Sweeney family of lower Cameron Parish was probably taken around 1896. The picture was furnished to the Pilot by W. T. Block of Nederland, Texas, whose ancestors lived in Grand Chenier, Cameron, and Johnson Bayou.



TRUSTEES FROM the Cameron Parish jail were called on to help clean up the Court House square for the hospital ceremony. (Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Instead of being a time of unusual behavior, Christmas is perhaps the only time in the year when people can obey their natural impulses and express their true sentiments without feeling self-conscious and, perhaps, foolish. Christmas, in short, is about the only chance a man has to be himself.

-Francis C. Farley



Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.

Norman Vincent Peale

He who has not Christmas in his heart will never find it under a tree.

Roy L. Smith

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AIMEE CORMAN, Office Manager of the Better Business Bureau of SWLA, Inc. recently attended the BBB Military Line training conference in San Diego, CA. BBB Military Line was created to educate and inform our military personnel and their families about ways in which they can protect their financial interests. The BBB workshops help adults and teens to understand their credit and offers tips on smart car-buying and online shopping. The program also teaches consumers how to budget and save money along with information on how to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft. To learn more about the free workshops, contact Aimee Corman at 478-6253.



A CAMERA CREW for ABC's Good Morning America was in Cameron Tuesday capturing video of the effects of Hurricane Rita. A story about the hospital donation aired Wednesday morning on the national television show. Pictured are videographer Joe Duncan, producer Jocelyn Lane, and sound technician Billy Stewart, getting scenes in the town of Cameron. They also conducted interviews with local people at G & G's Cafe, and toured the area with OEP Director Clifton Hebert.

(Photo by Cyndi Sellers.)

Mysterious disease was found here in 1942

(EDITOR'S NOTE--The following article was originally published in the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate on Oct. 1, 1961. It was reprinted in the Cameron Pilot on Dec. 27, 1973.)

By **JAMES H. HUGHES, JR.**

A mysterious disease first surfaced in December, 1942 in Cameron Parish when Odelia Boudreaux Miller, wife of trapper Raymond Miller of Little Chenier, became ill and later died in a Ville Platte

hospital. Unfortunately her attending nurse and then member of the nurse's family also contracted the disease.

Meanwhile Raymond Miller went home and later died also. Doctors were baffled by the disease which soon spread to Rayne and Bunkie and then to New Iberia.

Newspapers in the area agreed to a news blackout, provided that they were informed on an off-the-record basis. While this blackout served its purpose, it proved a stumbling block to efforts to track down possible carriers. No public appeal could be

USDA's Farm Service Agency continues to provide relief and assistance to the agricultural community throughout the state with ongoing 2005 hurricane disaster assistance programs. Sign up began for many of these disaster programs immediately after the devastating storm events in the late summer of 2005 and continues on some of these disaster programs a year later.

The Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) was implemented immediately by local County Committees throughout much of the state. As of Nov. 1, 2006, Louisiana has approved \$33,894,960 to assist with debris cleanup, fence restoration, and conservation structure restoration and repair.

Kirk L. Smith, County Executive Director for Calcasieu-Cameron Parish Farm Service Agency, stated that 226 ECP applications have been approved for Calcasieu Parish totaling

\$1,056,739 and 432 applications have been approved for Cameron Parish totaling \$2,064,219.

Applications for conservation work cannot be paid until the work is completed and reported to the office.

In and during May 2006, four crop and livestock assistance programs were announced that have provided and continue to assist producers affected by the 2005 hurricanes. The four programs approved applications for \$23 million in Louisiana. Forty percent of those funds were issued to Cameron producers as follows:

Cameron Feed Indemnity Program, 285 applications, \$140,089.

Cameron Livestock Indemnity Program, 275 applications, \$8,847,520.

Cameron Hurricane Indemnity Program, 34 applications, \$288,686.

USDA's Farm Service Agency loaned \$4.5 million in low-interest emergency loan funds to help farmers and ranchers rebuild their operations.

issued, so with the cooperation of state and parish health agencies, more than 500 people were tracked down and put under quiet watch.

It was found that muskrats were immune to the disease and after two years a vaccine was developed by Drs. Byron J. Olsen and Edwin L. Landry. It was concluded that the virus causing the disease was a new member of the same family that causes parrot fever. It was believed that Mrs. Miller contracted it from one of the thousands of birds which stop or live permanently in the marshes. No one has advanced a better explanation.

In the 120 days when the disease ran rampant, nineteen people contracted the disease and eight died from it.



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Many malls offer healthy food selections such as made to order sandwiches and pizza, baked potatoes, frozen yogurt, bottled water, juices and grilled chicken. Some malls have whole fruits, such as bananas, oranges or apples, vegetables and even veggie burgers.

If you're planning to spend time at the mall this holiday season, LSU AgCenter nutritionist Dr. Beth Reames offers some tips to help you prevent overeating:

* Eat a healthy meal or

snack before going to the mall. Shopping on an empty stomach may make you eat sooner or overeat at lunch.

* Share the holiday spirit and your food. Cut the calories by sharing a meal or holiday treats with a friend.

* Pack a lunch and take with you. Buy water or a low calorie drink at the mall to go with it.

* Plan a few laps of mall walking. The average person can burn approximately 220 to 310 calories per hour during brisk walking. Some malls have designated walking programs and are open to the public before stores actually open.

Shopping for an hour will burn only 164 calories, but by taking the stairs instead of the escalator, you'll burn an

extra 90 calories (per 10 minutes) going up and 32 calories going down.

"Later, you can burn 50 calories per half hour if you wrap those Christmas gifts yourself," Reames suggests.

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Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Market Report

For the Sale of Dec. 16, 2006, Trading was active with a turnout of 583 Head from 140 Sellers with 72 Buyers Present. All Classes of Cattle remained steady.

DeQuincy (Saturday) Dec. 16 Livestock Receipts: Cattle 538, Horses 1 Hogs 156, Sheep 28, and Goats 162. **BABY CALVES:** Dairy 50⁰⁰-75⁰⁰ per HD, Beef 150⁰⁰-225⁰⁰ per HD, Roping Calves (125-200 lbs.) 1.70-1.95 per lb. **STEER & HEIFER CALVES:** 200-300 lb. Steers: 1.40-1.70 per lb., Heifers: 1.25-1.45 per lb.; 300-400 lb. Steers: 1.30-1.50 per lb., Heifers: 1.15-1.50 per lb.; 400-500 lb. Steers: 1.15-1.35 per lb., Heifers: .95-1.25 per lb.; 500-600 lb. Steers: .95-1.15 per lb., Heifers: .85-1.05 per lb.; 600-700 lb. Steers: .77-.85 per lb., Heifer: .75-.95 per lb. **CATTLE:** Cutter & Utility: 44-50 per lb.; Canners: 38-43 per lb.; Fat Cows: 41-44 per lb.; Thin Cows: 32-37 per lb.; Slaughter Bulls: 52-65 per lb.; Feeder Bulls: 45-55 per lb. **COW/CALF PAIRS:** 800⁰⁰-900⁰⁰ per pair. **PREGNANCY TESTED COWS:** 650⁰⁰-750⁰⁰ per HD. **HOGS:** Choice Barrows & Gilts: 35-38 per lb.; Medium Barrow & Gilts: 30-34 per lb.; Butcher Pigs: 35-40 per lb.; Feeder Pigs: 50-60 per lb.; Sows 300-500 lbs. 27-34 per lb.; Boars: .08-1.0 per lb. **HORSES:** 28-37 per lb. **SHEEP & GOATS:** 35⁰⁰-175⁰⁰ per HD.

Jim Miller & the staff at Miller Livestock Markets, Inc. Wish all our valued customers a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!
Our next Regular Sale will be Saturday, January 6 at 10 a.m. and our next Horse Sale will be Monday, January 15 at 6 p.m.

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FACILITIES AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (THE "AUTHORITY"); APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF A DIRECTOR TO REPRESENT THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY; AND OTHERWISE PROVIDING WITH RESPECT

WHEREAS, Chapter 10-D of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, comprised of R.S. 33:4548.1 through 4548.16 is known as the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority Act (the "Act"); and

acquiring, financing and constructing certain facilities, including environmental, public infrastructure, community and economic development purposes and to otherwise establish programs to aid in the financing of local government and economic development projects; and

participating political subdivision and member of the Authority. Section 2. Pursuant to the Act, the appointment of Loston McEvers to serve as a Director of the Authority for a term of two (2) years from the date hereof is hereby approved.

— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (7 hrs./day) at Hackberry High School. High School diploma is preferred. To make application contact: Mr. Austin LaBove, Principal, Hackberry High School, Phone: 337-762-3305. The deadline for submitting applications is Monday, January 5, 2007 at 2 p.m.

— JOB AD —
The Johnson Bayou Recreation Center is accepting applications for an Inside supervisor. Applications may be picked up and must be turned in at the recreation center by Jan. 12, 2007. For more information contact Stacey Badon @ 337-802-8383.

— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Sweeper (8 hrs./day) at Grand Lake School. High School diploma is preferred. To make application contact: Mr. David Duhon, Principal, Grand Lake School; Phone: 337-905-2231 or 337-905-2056. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, January 5, 2007, at 3 p.m.

CAMERON PARISH OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS CAMERON, LA
PH.: 337-775-7048 FAX: 337-775-7043
NOTICE
Assessment of Saltwater damaged trees
Residents wishing to have an assessment of trees damaged by saltwater intrusion from Hurricane RITA in Cameron Parish must do the following:
1. Residents must call the Emergency Operation Center in Cameron to complete an INTERVIEW and a RIGHT OF ENTRY for your property.
If your property is deemed eligible in accordance with the guidelines listed below and following an assessment by State and FEMA officials eligible trees will be cut and removed from your property.
Call (337) 775-7048 for instructions and assistance
2. Right of Entry must be completed before:
FRIDAY 12/29/06 at 4:00 p.m.
There will be NO EXCEPTIONS due to timeline constraints for completion of this project.
3. TREES MUST BE DEAD TREES OR SEVERELY DETERIORATED TREES FROM FLOODED AREAS THAT CREATE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND/OR IMPROVED PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE QUALIFICATIONS LISTED IN 4, 5, 6, 7.
4. TREES MUST BE ABLE TO DROP BRANCHES OR FALL INTO THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF YOUR DWELLING/GARAGE OR YOUR ENTRANCE/EXIT DRIVEWAY/ROADWAY.
5. TREES FROM THE UNIMPROVED AREAS THAT THREATEN THE AREAS DESCRIBED ABOVE (4) MAY BE REMOVED AND IF PRACTICAL THE RESULTING DEBRIS MAY BE REMOVED.
6. TREES WILL BE CUT AS CLOSE TO THE GROUND SURFACE AS POSSIBLE - FLUSH CUT - STUMPS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REMOVAL.
7. ONLY TREES WITH A DIAMETER OF 6 INCHES OR GREATER WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR REMOVAL UNDER THIS PROGRAM. SMALLER TREES, BUSHES AND SHRUBS ARE NOT CONSIDERED TO BE AN IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AND/OR IMPROVED PROPERTY.
RESIDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CONTACT THE EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FILL OUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK AND TO SECURE AN ASSESSMENT OF THEIR PROPERTY.

ATTEST: /s/ Loston McEvers LOSTON McEVERS, PRESIDENT
/s/ Douglas Chance DOUGLAS CHANCE, SECRETARY
(Other business not pertinent to the within excerpt may be found of record in the official minutes.)
Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR
I, LOSTON McEVERS, do hereby appoint Loston McEvers, as a member of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities and Community Development Authority representing the Cameron Parish School Board.

THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF CAMERON PARISH, Louisiana, governing authority of the Cameron Parish School System ("Board"), met in regular session at 3:00 o'clock p.m., on December 11, 2006, in the Cafeteria of the Grand Lake High School, Grand Lake, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, pursuant to the provisions of written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law.

WHEREAS, the Assessor of Cameron Parish is in the process of reassessing the properties for the referenced taxpayers pursuant to Judgment issued by the 19th Judicial District Court; and
WHEREAS, the referenced have lodged the following appeals with the Louisiana Tax Commission challenging the Assessor's reassessed valuation for the referenced years:
TAXPAYER: LTC DOCKET NO; TAX YEARS
ANR Pipeline Co.; 06-22023-001; 1994-2003
Southern Natural Gas; 06-22023-002; 2000-2003
Tennessee Gas Pipeline; 06-22023-003; 2000-2003
WHEREAS, as this litigation proceeds it has become necessary for the Assessor to defend the assessments in legal proceedings;
WHEREAS, such a defense will necessitate the Assessor contracting with legal counsel;
WHEREAS, in an effort to limit the costs of such legal counsel, which cost is ordinarily borne proportionately by the ad valorem taxing bodies in this Parish, the Assessor intends on engaging legal counsel on a contingency fee basis, with any fees coming only from any additional taxes collected as a result of the new assessments of the above referenced tax payers; and
WHEREAS, the Cameron Parish School Board will benefit from the collection of any additional ad valorem taxes collected with the assistance of the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD OF THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAX AGREEMENT WITH SABINE PASS LNG, LP, AND OTHERS, AND PROVIDING FOR OTHER MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.
SECTION 1. The form of the Payment In Lieu of Tax Agreement among the Board, Sabine Pass LNG, LP, and others, a copy of which is annexed hereto as Exhibit-A, is hereby approved, adopted and authorization for its execution and delivery of same by the Executive Officers of this Board is hereby approved and authorized, subject to any changes, modifications or amendments approved by Bond Counsel, or counsel to the Board.
SECTION 2. The Executive Officers of this Board (President and/or Secretary), are hereby authorized and empowered to execute and deliver the Payment In Lieu Of Tax Agreement, in order to effectuate the provisions thereof.
SECTION 3. Once the Payment In Lieu Of Tax Agreement is duly signed and delivered by all of the other parties thereto, this resolution may not be amended, modified, revoked or cancelled without the unanimous consent of all parties thereto.
SECTION 3. Any and all ordinances, resolutions or other agreements in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
SECTION 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.
SECTION 5. The Board does hereby specifically and specially authorize Cecil R. Sanner, Cameron Parish District Attorney, and Joseph A. Delafield, A Professional Corporation, bond counsel to the Board, to file a Motion For Judgment (Bond Validation Suit) for and on behalf of the Board in connection with the payment In Lieu Of Tax Agreement and the bonds to be issued in connection therewith, all within the discretion and control of said attorneys.

ATTEST: /s/ Loston McEvers LOSTON McEVERS, PRESIDENT
/s/ Douglas Chance DOUGLAS CHANCE, SECRETARY

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of December, 2006
/s/ Loston McEvers LOSTON McEVERS, PRESIDENT
/s/ Douglas Chance DOUGLAS CHANCE, SECRETARY

WHEREAS, there is on-going litigation over the assessment and ad valorem taxation of certain pipeline property located in Cameron Parish; and

and penalties collected for its benefit for the payment of said legal fees.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Cameron Parish School Board that the Assessor and/or the Ad Valorem Tax Collector of Cameron Parish be and are hereby authorized to pay said legal fees to the legal counsel contracted by the Assessor to provide legal services in the above referenced matters prior to or contemporaneously with the disbursement of any additional taxes, interest and penalties to it.
ATTESTED TO BY: /s/ Douglas L. Chance DR. DOUGLAS L. CHANCE, SECRETARY
CAMERON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD
RUN: Dec. 21 (D 41)

PUBLIC NOTICE
Sealed bids will be received by the Cameron Parish Recreation District #7 until 1:30 p.m., Friday, January 5, 2007 in the Police Jury Administrative Office, 10080 Gulf Highway, Grand Lake, Louisiana, 70607 or mail form to P. O. Box 294, Creole, LA 70632 for the purchase and installation of new fencing at 204 East Creole Highway, Creole, Louisiana as per specifications. All bids must be submitted on bid forms which may be obtained from the Police Jury Administrative Office or by calling (337) 905-1318.

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ATTENTION WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 7 CUSTOMERS:
Effective January 1 2007 our water rates will increase by \$1.00 per thousand gallons after the first 3000 gallons. Your base rate will stay the same. After we have changed out your damaged box or meter head and it is damaged again, we will be charging you for these items. When you are replacing your fences and you fence in our hydrants or meter box, you become responsible if cattle or anything else damages these items. We can no longer continue absorbing the cost on these items.
Cameron Parish Waterworks No. 7 Board Members
RUN: Dec. 21 & 28 (D-42)

— JOB AD —
The Cameron Parish School Board is accepting applications for a Warehouse/Delivery Person with other duties. This job assignment may vary from eleven to twelve months, dependent upon need. Preference will be given for high school diploma, work experience, and related knowledge of tasks; and, appropriate driving record, specifications therein, and physical abilities are requirements of the position.
To make applications, mail contact information, work record, and/or resume to:
Doug Chance, Superintendent, Cameron Parish School Board, P. O. Box 1548, Cameron, LA 70631-1548.
Or, deliver the material to the School Board Office at 409 E. Prien Lake Rd., Lake Charles, LA.
The deadline for receiving applications is Thursday, January 4, 2007 at 3 p.m.
RUN: Dec. 21 & 28 (D-43)

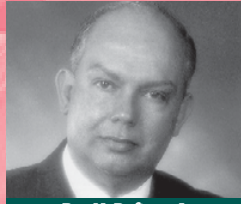
ATTEST: /s/ Loston McEvers LOSTON McEVERS, PRESIDENT
/s/ Douglas Chance DOUGLAS CHANCE, SECRETARY
(Other business not pertinent to the present excerpt may be found of record in the official minute book.)
Upon motion duly made and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.
/s/ Loston McEvers LOSTON McEVERS, PRESIDENT
/s/ Douglas Chance DOUGLAS CHANCE, SECRETARY

Cameron Parish School Board Regular Meeting Schedule

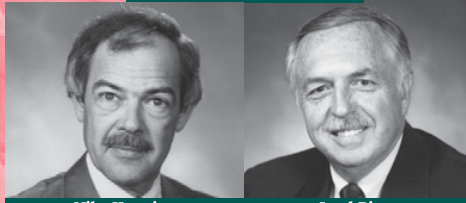
- January 8, 2007: Special Called Meeting Hackberry High School-Cafeteria 1390 School St, Hackberry, LA 70643.....4:00 p.m.
- January 8, 2007: Regular Meeting Hackberry High School-Cafeteria 1390 School St.,Hackberry, LA 70643.....5:30 p.m.
- February 5, 2007: Special Called Meeting LSU AgCenter 7101 Gulf Highway, Lake Charles, LA 70607.....8:30 a.m.
- February 12, 2007: Johnson Bayou High School Cafeteria 6304 Gulf Beach Hwy.,Cameron, LA 70631.....5:30 p.m.
- March 12, 2007: South Cameron School Site Cafeteria 753 Oak Grove Hwy., Grand Chenier, LA 70643.....5:30 p.m.
- April 5, 2007: LSU AgCenter, 7101 Gulf Hwy., Lake Charles, LA 70607.....9:00 a.m.
- May 14, 2007: Grand Lake School Cafeteria 1039 Hwy. 384, Grand Lake, Lake Charles, LA 70607.....5:30 p.m.

RUN: Dec. 21, 28 & Jan. 4 (D-23)

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