INTRODUCTION

- If you know someone or a group that would enjoy receiving this newsletter, please send their address to CODOFIL at (337-233-5832) or E-mail jmmenard@bellsouth.net.
- If you want to send any information to me, please feel free to e-mail me at perrin@plddo.com.
- We invite you to visit the calendar on our website at www.codofil.org for all of the Louisiana francophone and cultural events. It is updated every Friday. To publish your events, please send details at least one week in advance to Elaine Clément (337) 262-5810
- We are sorry to announce the deaths of Chester Cheramie, father of Dr. David Cheramie, who died on February 21, and Relie LeBlanc, Acadian Museum volunteer, on March 17.
- The annual CODOFIL Board of Directors meeting was held November 9, 2002 at Chez Clémentine, a wonderful Belgian restaurant at 2505 Avenue Whitney in Chalmette, Louisiana.
- The Times of Acadiana continues to support CODOFIL: publisher Rynni Henderson wrote an interesting article on parallels between efforts to preserve the Louisiana and Hawaiian language and culture; Judy Johnson and Judi Gunn did a terrific job hosting and underwriting the “First Honorary Cajun Awards” on February 26th (honoring Chantal Le Claire Dowty, Donald Washington and Jean Ouellet); all proceeds were donated to the CODOFIL Fondation and Cité des Arts.
- The Honorable Neil LeBlanc, Minister of Finance and Acadian Affairs of Nova Scotia, was the guest speaker at an International Trade Club Luncheon at the City Club in Lafayette, where he presented a comprehensive review of plans for the Nova Scotian government for the 400th anniversary of the founding of Acadia in 2004. Mrs. Vaughn Madden, director of the Congrès Mondial Acadien 2004, accompanied Minister LeBlanc.
- Jean-Michel Roy, the new Consul General of Canada in Houston, visited Lafayette with Consul and Public Affairs Manager, Peter Price, and Political and Economic Relations Officer, Henry Wells. In addition to familiarizing himself with our area, the new consul general will assist in the planning for the visit to Louisiana in April of Michael Kergin, Canada’s Ambassador to the United States.
- Consul General of France, Patrick Rolot, hosted a reception for Denis Simonneau, Consul General of France in Houston at a reception in New Orleans that I attended on February 13th.
- Eliane Levaque, permanent representative of the French-speaking community of Belgium, recently announced that Mr. Frans van Daele, Ambassador of Belgium and Washington, D.C., will visit Louisiana from April 24 - 28th and participate in the activities of Festival International de Louisiane.
- I was invited to address the BESE Board on February 20.
- The Board passed a resolution which we submitted urging all schools in the state to encourage students to participate in activities dealing with the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial. I expressed our sincere appreciation for support from the general support of the BESE Board; in particular, Superintendent of Education Cecil Picard, and members Dale Bayard, Keith Johnson, Glenny Lee Bouquet, Gerald Dill, and Dr. James Stafford.
- I was recently invited to speak to students of the Louisiana Community College concerning the history and work of CODOFIL.

FINANCE

- Kermit Bouillion and Robert Vincent are heading up a major fund-raise for the Acadian Museum of Erath that will take place on May 25th, Governor Mike Foster will be inducted as a “Living Legend” and a raffle will take place. The event is entitled “Merci Au Gouverneur.” Corporate sponsors are being sought. To purchase tickets or obtain more information, please call Kermit (337-236-9228) or Robert (337-937-5585).
As a result of tax incentives through the Louisiana State Film Commission, a movie will be filmed in Baton Rouge on the life of singer Ray Charles "Unchain My Heart." (225-342-3456).

The CODOFIL Foundation met recently; despite the downturn in investments overall, the funding of all existing scholarships will be maintained.

Dr. May Waggoner and Renaissance Cadienne recently released a new CD "Mon père aussi Ma mère." All funds support the group, Tracas Records, 1421 Alice Drive, Lafayette, Louisiana, 70503.

Louisiana Folk Roots had a fund-raiser "Soirée sur le Teche" at Au Courant in Breaux Bridge on March 12th (337-332-0967).

The new director of the Acadian Memorial in St. Martinville, Brenda Comeaux Trahan, announced a fund-raiser: Traditional Acadian dances were performed on March 12th at the Duchamp Opera House (337-394-2258).

Julie Fabian, president, L'Ecole Maternelle is seeking supporters and sponsors for Fete Francaise 2003 (504-899-9796);

LITERATURE, THEATER AND ART

"Charlo" (Charles Guilbeau, Jr.), issued a new CD; "A History of The Cajuns."


The very popular "Second Saturday Artwalk" continues to feature interesting artists including: Blue Moon Saloon & Guest House, Cité des Arts, Francis Pavy Studio, Galerie Eclaireuse, Galerie de Louisiane, Lalerie Lafayette, Gallery 549, San Souci Fine Crafts Gallery and Wohooju Stained Glass.

Steve Riley, Dave Greely and Sam Broussard of "Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys," Mitch Reed of Charivari, Josh Caffery of The Red Stick Ramblers, Jimmie Duohn and friends performed recently at the Cajun Jam for Festival International de Louisiane.

Sid Williams, owner of Sid's One Stop and El Sid's Zydeco and Blues Club again held his successful food drive.

Herman Fuselier continues to do excellent articles in the Daily Advertiser as well as promotions of his show on Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. on KRVS 88.7 FM.

The "Louisiana Purchase Bluegrass Band" helped kick off the music and art program in Old City Market in Opelousas. (337-942-2575).

The Noveau String Band with Marcé Lacouture performed terrific shows in January.

The family of the late Cajun artist Floyd Sonnier is maintaining the BeauCajun Art Gallery in Nova Scotia. Mrs. Boudreaux can be reached at (902) 226-0338 or bye-mad at www.CAFA.org/CAFANewsletterJan2003.html.

Lo Famille Blanchard announced that individuals may film in Baton Rouge on the life of singer Ray Charles "Unchain My Heart." (225-342-3456).

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original European inhabitants. If Louisiana French culture is not to become a hollow shell, support must be given to the language. He will be honored by LPB as a "Louisiana Legend" on April 3 (1-800-272-8161, Ext. 4456).

Paul Olinda's film "Pain de Mait" will include Michael Doucet's fiddle music.


Due to popular demand, "Boudreaux's and Thibodeaux's" Wedding" is receiving an extended run at Gentry's Restaurant in Lafayette. For info and tickets, call 337-233-8230.

LEGAL

Louisiana-native and Houma Indian activist Patty Ferguson is law clerking for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal in Seattle, Washington.

The newsletter of the Law Library of Louisiana recently published an interesting article: "Early French Sources That Influenced Louisiana Law" by Carol Billings (504-568-5705).

John Hernandez, III, with the support of his executive committee members, and many law organizations and judges from throughout the state, is putting together an interesting program for the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase: Mock Trial. It will be in French during Festival International (April 25) at 4:00 p.m. in the U.S. Federal Courthouse. The last Louisiana Bar Journal was devoted to various Bicentennial events as they impacted the legal profession (337-233-5330). The Mock Trial will conclude in New Orleans on December 19th; special guests are anticipated to be U. S. Supreme Court Justice Scalia. Associated Press writer Cain Burdeau wrote an interesting story "Greatest Land Sale in History," Advocate, February 1st wherein he discussed the upcoming Mock Trial; the "trial" will be filmed by Pat Mire, award-winning historical documentary film maker.

Louis Koerner's effort to get the Louisiana Supreme Court to allow Francophone lawyers to take the Louisiana Bar Exam has been rebuked; however, Louis got much favorable attention to his crusade, including an article by James Gill in the Times Picayune (February 12th).

Dr. Jean-Douglas Comeau has helped to facilitate a visit to Louisiana by Marie Gardner, French International Inspector and French law student. She is preparing a course in criminal justice in French and will be visiting Louisiana to meet lawyers, judges and law enforcement officers. She will be in Lafayette on April 6th.

CONGRÈS MONDIAL ACADÉNIEN 2004

The CMA website: www.cma2004.com has a new section on Acadian traditions, as well as a photo album. There are only 541 days until the official launch of the Congres!

The Société Acadie Nouvelle-Ecosse 2004 is pleased to announce that Delores Boudreau has joined the Congres Mondial Acadien 2004 as program coordinator for the northern region of Nova Scotia. Mrs. Boudreaux can be reached at (902) 226-0338 or by e-mail at dboudreau@cma2004.com.

Donald Gaspard, chairperson of the Gaspard-Picard-Laviolette Family Association, hosted a reunion in Kaplan.

Eddie Richard, president of CAFÉ, continues to do a terrific job organizing the upcoming event.

Mitch Conover reminds everyone that CAFÉ will have a Bicentennial celebration June 13, 14, 15 at the Rayne Civic Center and (whiskey6@earthlink.net) announced the gathering of the Trahan family in Maurice and the CAFÉ meeting to help organize for the Bicentennial of the Louisiana Purchase.

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Loubert Trahan advises that you can receive the CAFÉ Newsletter electronically: www.CAFA.org/CAFANewsletterJan2003.html

The Times Picayune did an interesting story "Evangline's Country" (June 30, 2002).

Don Louis Broussard of La Famille Beausoleil Association announced that individuals may purchase the Joseph Beausoleil Broussard commemorative coins: sterling silver: $20; bronze...
• Julee Lal'orte, St. Amant High School (full scholarship).
• ALCFES (Association Louisianaise des Clubs Francais des Ecoles Secondaires) held its 23rd annual meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association was held March 27-29 at the Holiday Inn Central in Lafayette.
• The Students of Dr. Dana Kress at Centenary continue to produce an excellent French newspaper "Beef Cook-Off" at Acadian Village; Bob Moore is assisting with the project and continues to do an excellent job reading the news in French on Channel 10's "Passer Partout" morning program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

• Two excellent B&B's in Vermilion Parish are Ducote-Williams House in Abbeville (337-898-0048) and "Local Flavor" (337-937-4753).
• Students at Ridge Elementary School have a Cajun/Zydeco dance group; they often dance with persons in retirement communities (Dancing to Fitness, Daily Advertiser, February 10th).
• ABC TV Australia forwarded to us a copy of the documentary which they filmed in Louisiana last fall. Thanks to Evan Williams, Foreign Correspondent for his thoughtfulness.

EDUCATION

• Cité des Arts offers French language theater classes form middle- and high-school students who have taken one year of French (337-291-1122).
• Louisiana Heritage and Gifts, offers classes of emerging Cajun musicians of any age. (337-237-9258).
• The Students of Dr. Dana Kress at Centenary continue to produce an excellent French newspaper Le Tintamarre.
• ALCFES (Association Louisianaise des Clubs Francais des Ecoles Secondaires) held its 23rd annual convention at the Marriott Hotel in Baton Rouge.
• CODOFIL offered a course of adults interested in learning standard French on March 26 at Louisiana Technical College (337-982-0161). Lillie Petit Gallagher, president of Friends of French Studies at LSU, announced that the last board meeting was held on March 12th in the Faculty Club on the LSU campus.
• The Council for the Development of French in Louisiana would like to congratulate the 2003 scholarship recipients. The following scholarships were awarded at the annual ALCFES Convention which was held in December 2002 in Baton Rouge:
  • Université Sainte-Anne (Nova Scotia, Canada): Julee LaPorte, St. Amant High School (full scholarship); Erqui Liu, Baton Rouge High School (partial scholarship); Aimée Larroque, Lafayette High School (partial scholarship) and Lani Payne, Neville High School (partial scholarship). Jason Dyess Scholarship (Angers, France): Calvin Woodruff, Episcopal School of Acadiana. Collège Jonquières (Jonquière, Québec, Canada): Karen Rhorer, Redemptorist High School. Université de Mons (Mons, Belgium): Jeanie Marie Hawkins, Teacher at Hammond High School; Virginia Davis, Episcopal High School, and Mary Greenwood, Ruston High School.

• The following scholarships were awarded to university students who are majoring or minoring in French or French Education and to Louisiana teachers of French: Université Sainte-Anne: Robin Miller, UL Lafayette, and Carol Pampell, Southeastern Louisiana University. Université de Mons: Anita Greenwood, Teacher at Ruston High School; Grazyna Szczepkowski, Teacher at Northeast High School; Roselyne Tembria, Teacher at Lawtell Elementary School; Stephanie Viator, Teacher at Springfield Junior High; Cole Fairchild, Centenary College: Rebecca Lafleur, LSU; Carla Bock, Tulane University; Emily Capdeville, Loyola University; Melanie Fields, Tulane University; Elizabeth Gibson, Tulane University; Elizabeth Singreen, Tulane University; Ethony Turner, LSU; Daniel Aikens, UL Monroe; Sarah Kelly, Loyola University; and Lien Ngo, University of Louisiana at Monroe. Belgian Specialty Scholarship for graduate students: Silaine Warm-Varnas, Southeastern Louisiana University. Le Prix Richelieu: Anna (Nina) Risen, Tulane University.

FOODWAYS

• Chef Pat Mould's cooking school was featured by Bon Appetit.
• Mary Tutweiller writes an entertaining weekly column (Daily Advertiser, November 29th); she recently wrote about the return of the very popular Cafe des Amis in Breaux Bridge.
• Redell Miller's "Joie De Vivre" featured a chicken jambalaya with Tabasco® ingredients.
• In 1954, the first authentic Cajun restaurant opened in Lafayette: Don's. One of its founders, Ashby Landry died. Our condolences to his family.
• Eula Mae Dore's "Cajun Kitchen Cookbook" got an excellent review from Cheramie Sonnier (Advocate, February 20th).
• Prejean's Restaurant received a visit from Cornell University Dining Dept. to study their operations.

HISTORY

• Dr. Shane Bernard, historian and archivist from McIlhenny Tabasco® Company, was featured in The Times of Acadiana.
• UL Lafayette's Acadiana and Creole Folklore Archive received a portion of a recent documentary that touched on Cajun and zydeco music in southwest Louisiana.
• An interesting article by Reese Fuller concerned Dr. Barry Ancelet's efforts to return a piece of history to a French community in Missouri (The Times, November 27, 2002).
• UL Lafayette History Department sponsored its annual History Week highlighting the Louisiana Purchase.
• Jason Theriot has completed his latest project "To Honor Our Veterans," a three-book series chronicling the World War II experiences of dozens of men and women from south Louisiana; French was a prominent language and most of these Cajun homes. The book signing at Barnes & Noble in Lafayette on April 12th.
• The Zigler Museum and Strand Theater in Jennings are hosting a pair of Black History exhibitions (337-824-0114).
• David Floyd, executive director of LSU Rural Life Museum, welcomed members and local media to their January 30th luncheon.
• A free presentation on an Acadian archaeological test excavation was offered at the Acadian Memorial by Mark Rees, assistant professor of anthropology and archaeology at UL Lafayette.
• The Acadian Museum of Erath and Kermit Bou illion were featured in a story by Agatha Fontenot "Lâche pas la patate!" in Life Style magazine.
• The 45th annual meeting of the Louisiana Historical Association was held March 27 - 29th at the Holiday Inn Central in Lafayette.
• Hometown Indians held a show of their traditions at the French Quarter Visitor’s Center in New Orleans.

• The French Heritage Society, dedicated to the French architectural history of Louisiana, will be holding a dinner at the Cabildo in New Orleans on April 9. For info and tickets, call 504-835-6694.

LOUISIANA PURCHASE BICENTENNIAL

• Lt. Governor Blanco was quoted as saying that she had received a commitment from the president of France, Jacques Chirac, to participate in the re-enactment of the first signing at the Cabildo in New Orleans, contingent upon the participation of President Bush. Perhaps it will afford the leaders to make a reconciliation.

• In an interesting interview in *Time Magazine* (February 24th) President Chirac reminded everyone of his affinity for Louisiana and the story about him which appeared in the *Times Picayune*.

• Marilyn V. Dittmann, Coordinator of Exhibitions, NOMA, is doing a terrific job promoting the exhibit ‘Jefferson’s America & Napoleon’s France. (504-488-2631).

• The New Orleans Historic Collection is offering a publication “Charting Louisiana: 500 Years of Maps” (504-523-4662).

• Genealogists are planning events for the Louisiana Purchase Anniversary. Contact Editor Judy Rifflle at ja.rifflle@att.net or (225) 255-9906.

• UnivArTcity, a visual arts fair, is inviting Louisiana’s college and university students to submit exhibits of art and work in celebration of the Bicentennial (504-523-5394 ext. 35).

• Helene Durand, France-Louisiane, has done a terrific job organizing “Voyage de Bicentenaire:” the group will be in Louisiana from April 4th - 15th participating in various events, including the unveiling of the Domengaux plaque on Le Centre building.

• The *Daily Advertiser* is promoting a book “Louisiana Purchase Book” (The *Daily Advertiser* (337-289-6300).

• To celebrate the Louisiana Purchase, the *Daily Advertiser* will be sharing stories with other Gannet newspapers from throughout the state that will highlight Louisiana’s foods (Wednesday, December 25, 2002).

• The Performing Arts Society of Acadiana celebrated the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial with a premier performance by the Parsons Dance Co. and the Ahn Trio on January 17th.

• Pelican Publishing Co. has issued a comic book version of John Chase’s “Louisiana Purchase, An American Story”.

• Dr. John Kukla lectured at Chalmette Battlefield on January 12th on the Louisiana Purchase.

• Louisiana State Libraries is hosting an exhibition on the Louisiana Purchase at 701 North 4th Street.

• The Foundation for Historical Louisiana kicked off its 2003 Heritage Lecture series with a lecture on January 26th at the Old Governor’s mansion: The Louisiana Purchase by John Boles, southern history scholar.

• The D-Day Museum is hosting 25 “original copies” of the Declaration of Independence.

• Lt. Governor Blanco hosted a press conference announcing the French wines of the Louisiana Purchase Bicentennial on February 10th at the Baton Rouge City Club. A part of the proceeds from the sale of those wines will be donated to CODOFIL.

• The Advocate wrote a wonderful laudatory article on CODOFIL’s efforts to promote French in Louisiana.

• Louisiana Purchase expert, C. E. Richard presented “What a Magnificent New France We Have Lost” on February 11th at Vermilionville.

• A. J. LeBlanc issued a new CD “Les Musiciens Du Bal.”

• Napoleon’s wife, Josephine’s, train is being restored by Carla Pendergrass of Gentle Arts Antique Textile Service in New Orleans (*The Advocate*, “Josephine’s train gets royal treatment,” February 9th).

• Alliance Francaise had a fund-raiser on March 24th at Tipitina’s Uptown with a performance by Bernard Lavilliers.(504-568-0770).

• Dupre Library at the UL Lafayette has two exhibits on display, one commemorates the 200th anniversary of the Louisiana Purchase and the other one details the history of basketball at UL Lafayette dating back to the early 1900s.

• Wayne Everard is helping to promote the New Orleans Public Library exhibit: (New Orleans in the Era of the Louisiana Purchase).

• In an editorial in the *Advertiser*, the Bicentennial is credited with spurring the formation of a new UL Lafayette Art Museum; Director Herman Mhire has put together a super exhibit of works from the *Louvre*, the *Musée d’Orsay*, the *Centre Pompidou* and the *Musée Carnavalet*. Also, more than 20 museums in France, Belgium and the United States have agreed to lend French paintings and negotiations are on-going with others.

• The Opelousas Museum of Art will show “Birds of Louisiana” from April 3 - September 14 (1-800-424-5442).

• Washington Garden is sponsoring “Toujours Suzette,” a musical comedy as a celebration event beginning March 21st (337-826-5049).

• L.P.B.’s beautiful book, “Louisiana: An Illustrated History,” was unveiled on March 12th in Baton Rouge.

• Oliver Latry, organist for the Cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, on March 23 (e-mail KMCfar123@aol.com)

• Charles Richard will lecture at City Club at River Ranch on April 3 on “The Louisiana Purchase: Opening the Gateway to Global Markets” (337-291-5474).

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

• Ambassador Corinne Claiborne (Lindy) Boggs received the World Trade Center President’s Award for Distinguished International Service at the luncheon on January 28th.

• Lynn Breaux, chairman of Marquis de Lafayette CODOFIL Committee, recently returned from a trip to France where he attended Alliance Day festivities representing the SAR-USA; he had an opportunity to meet with President Jacques Chirac and Dominique de Villepin, Minister of Foreign Affairs.

• Iva Clavelle, director of TIRAA once again hosted a terrific “Cajun breakfast” for all the members. General membership meeting will be April 6 at “Brother in Law’s” restaurant in Kaplan (P. O. Box 42849, Lafayette, LA 70504).

• The Council for International Visitors of Greater New Orleans continues to do a terrific job in hosting international visitors.

• The East Baton Rouge Parish Bluebonnet Regional Branch Library at 9200 Bluebonnet Blvd. has an exhibit: “Reuniting Black Louisianians with Their Haitian Kin: a Sense of Place and Family Lost,” (225-763-2283).

• Claude Teboul, President of France-Louisiane, recently sent us the latest newsletter; the organization, created on March 14, 1977, has been helping to promote the French culture in the United States. Recently, the group hosted Philip Jones, tourism head from Louisiana; last year, students from Baton Rouge and Lafayette were hosted in the homes of french families.

BOOKS

• Copies of Floyd Sonnier’s book “From Small bits of Charcoal,” may be ordered from Acadian House Publishing: Beau Cajun Am, P. O. Box 397, Scott, LA 70583; (337-237-7104).

• Photographer Philip Gould presented his book “Natchitoches and Louisiana’s Timeless Care River” at the Iberia Parish Library.


• Gus Weill’s new book “The Cajuns,” covers the politics, religion, cuisine and everyday life of the Cajuns. His materials were donated to the state and are subject of an ongoing exhibit at the State Archives in Baton Rouge.

• “Bayou Farewell” (Random House/Pantheon) is the latest book by Mike Tidwell; a non-fiction journey into the wetlands.


• Historian Shane K. Bernard from the New Iberia announced the forthcoming publication of his book “The Cajuns: Americanization of a People;” it covers the sweep of Cajun history from World War II to the present, discussing a variety of trends and events that exerted a major impact on modern Cajun culture. To order, contact skb@cajunculture.com.
• Receiving outstanding reviews is “Blue Collar Bayou” by Jacques Henry and Carl Bankston.

FOLKLORE AND TRADITIONS

• Kermit Bouillion announced the following individuals had been inducted into the Order of Living Legends in 2002: Una Broussard Evans, Paul Marx, Eddie Richard, Former Senator Edgar Mouton, Cheryl Cormier, Hazel Hebert, Young A. Broussard, D. L. Menard, Judge Marcus Broussard, Calvin Roach, Judge Ned Doucet, Representative Errol “Romo” Romero, E-Cliff LeBlanc, Eva Tuchet, Former Senator Alan Bares, chef Roy Lyons, Smiley Anders, Gus Weil, Floyd Sonnier, Cleve Thibodeaux, Stanley Gagneaux, Deno Joseph Boudreaux, Joe Lopez, Bill Domingues and Herbert Belleau. Governor Foster will be inducted on May 25. For tickets: Robert Vincent, 405 North Gin, Erath, LA 70533 (e-mail erathl1@ad.com) or Codifil, 217 Rue Principle Ouest (e-mail dcheranl@bellsouth.net).

• Native Americans in Terrebonne Parish held a month-long celebration promoting their culturally rich heritage.

• The Cajun Prairie Habitat Preservation Society is working to preserve the vanishing Cajun prairie with a ten-acre site near Eunice.

• Jackie Miller demonstrated at “Fait à la main” workshops sponsored by Louisiana Folk Roots.

• Louis and Jean Koerner helped to organize a French Vespers on the eve of the Epiphany at the Mount Olive Church in New Orleans.

• CODOFIL scholarship recipient Jennifer Gipson was the subject of a story (The Advertiser, December 26th).

• Yvette Voorhies was the subject of a story concerning her work to preserve the Acadian craft of weaving (The Advertiser, “Hobby gives fulfillment”).

• Mike Winn said that the Louisiana Political Museum inducted eleven individuals into the Hall of Fame. (318-638-5928).

• The Louisiana Crafts Guild is accepting applications for 2003 membership.

• The annual meeting of the French-American Chamber of Commerce was held January 21st in New Orleans.

• Natchitoches celebrated its Creole history at St. Augustine Catholic Church on January 25th.

• Despite storm damage, Vermilionville is re-opened with music again being provided by None Jules and Mary Guidry.

• Newly installed flags from 17 Francophone countries were hoisted above the stage at Parc International in Lafayette.

• The classic story of “Snow White” was presented with the south Louisiana French accent at Nicholls State University in Thibodaux by Les Amis du Francais de Lafourche and the Nicholls Department of Languages and Literature: “BLanche Neige”.

Les Créoles de La Pointe Coupee offers Creole language lessons at 6:00 p.m. on the first and third Monday of each month at the Pointe Coupee Parish Library in New Roads.

The French Immersion classes at South Boulevard Foreign Language Magnet School and Winbourne Elementary School gave a Mardi Gras program entirely in French.

La lutte continue. Ensemble on est capable. L’union fait la force.

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