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# L'Association de la Famille Boudreaux / Boudreau / Boudrot / Boudreault Mini Etoile

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## What's happening in Acadiana . . .



The **Boudreaux Family Association** held its meeting and reunion of members on Saturday, October 23, 2010, at the Golden Corral Restaurant, 3110 Ambassador Caffery Pkwy, Lafayette, Louisiana.



Attending the Boudreau (x) Family meeting on Saturday, October 23, 2010, seated from left to right: Don Boudreaux, Lafayette, La. (president); Dana Boudreaux Guidry, Lafayette, La. (secretary) ; Patricia Boudreaux Davidson, Baton Rouge, La. ; Luran and Tommy Boudreaux, Covington, Louisiana. Standing from left to right: Friend of Dana Guidry, San Antonio, Texas; Friend of Dana Guidry, Lafayette, La.; Irleen Theriot, Metairie, La., Joseph Floyd Boudreaux (vice-president) Metairie, La.; Charlotte Boudreaux Romero and husband Rogers Romero, New Iberia, La.; Paul Davidson, Baton Rouge, La.; Anne & Preston Boudreaux, Lake Charles, La.; Dot T. Boudreaux, Kingwood, Texas; and Larry and Caroline Boudreaux, Central, Louisiana.

At right: Helen Boudreaux, Breaux Bridge, Louisiana; and that's me, Charles Boudreaux, Kingwood, Texas, behind the camera.

Also attending but not shown were Jay and Mona Caldwell, Scott, Louisiana, and Kirby Boudreaux, Lafayette, Louisiana.

**Parlez français avec vos enfants et petits-enfants à la maison . . . et partout !**  
**Speak French with your children and grandchildren at home . . . and everywhere!**

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## Cajun Singer Zachary Richard on mend after stroke

Houston Chronicle  
Sunday October 24, 2010



Singer and songwriter Zachary Richard is recovering from a stroke but may have to cancel or postpone A Canadian tour that had been scheduled to start October 29.

Todd Mouton told The Lafayette Advertiser in Lafayette, Louisiana, that Richard, 60, is making a good comeback from the stroke, which affected one side of his body but not his voice. The newspaper says that Zachary Suffered the stroke October 17.

Zachary Richard has been promoting Le Grand Gosier, a single and video to help raise awareness about issues facing the people of the Louisiana Gulf Coast.

(See the article concerning the vanishing Louisiana coastline.)

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## Acadian Families join to celebrate heritage & culture

The "Famille de Thibodeaux" will have a meeting on November 6, 2010 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m at the Woodman of the World Hall in Maurice, Louisiana.

Several interesting speakers will share the podium. We will be joining the Broussard Family and the Trahan Family in this meeting.

We request an RSVP for those planning to attend, the RSVP to SHIRLEY LEBLANC at [shirleythibo@lusfiber.net](mailto:shirleythibo@lusfiber.net) (337-981-3289) or CORWIN OR KIM at [crbrouss@bellsouth.net](mailto:crbrouss@bellsouth.net) (phone 337-984-3752).

Woodman of the World Hall in Maurice, Louisiana, is located on the south side of Highway 92 approx. 1/4 mile west of the signal light at the Indian Bayou Road intersection with US 167)As usual a delicious meal will be served with plenty of deserts at a very nominal price. Please RSVP if you plan to purchase a meal.

Shirley Thibodeaux LeBlanc  
Lafayette, Louisiana

At Right: The Deportation Cross in Acadian Memorial Gardens, St. Martinville, Louisiana, and the legendary Bayou Teche in the background. Visit the Acadian Memorial and view the Acadian Families crests, coat of arms and family logos which laid out in front of the Deportation Cross. This Cross is a replica of the original which stands near one of the deportation sites located in Grand Pre, Nova Scotia.





And a little bit of Acadiana in Texas!



Patrick Boudreaux  
 Birthday – October 29  
 Member of the Boudreaux  
 Family Association since 1997.

Family gathered on Sunday, October 31, 2010, to celebrate **Lucy Latiolais Boudreaux's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday at a restaurant in Humble, Texas and at her home for cake and coffee. Shown with her are three of her five great grandchildren: Odin Shedd, Kingwood, Texas; Jean-Pierre Boudreaux, Cypress, Texas; and Kyle Clem, Houston, Texas. Also attending but missing from photo was great grandson Jacques Boudreaux. Absent was her fifth great grandson, Colby Clem.

Lucy is the mother of Alvin Joseph Boudreaux of Houston, Texas; Charles Boudreaux of Kingwood, Texas; and Patrick Boudreaux of Humble, Texas. Lucy was born near Cecilia, Louisiana, on October 31, 1921. She married Alvin Paul Boudreaux of Rayne, Louisiana, on December 3, 1940. The Boudreaux family moved to Houston, Texas, in 1962.

Lucy has been a member of the Boudreaux Family association since 1997.

The family also celebrated Patrick Boudreaux's birthday. His birthday was October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bonjour à toutes et à tous !

Venez vous joindre à nous au **Vendredi français**, un évènement annuel de la Ville des Opélousas (et coparrainé par le CODOFIL), vendredi qui vient de 6 à 11 p.m. à 105 North Main St. aux Opélousas pour la musique, le manger et l'art. <http://www.cityofopelousas.com/news/2010/french-friday.php>

Bonjour!

*Come join us for French Friday, an annual event of the City of Opelousas (and co-sponsored by CODOFIL), this coming Friday, November 5, 2010, from 6-11 p.m. at 105 North Main St. in Opelousas for music, food and art.*

**Le Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc annonce son 2ème concours annuel Jeanne d'arc pour une jeune femme francophone à la Nouvelle-Orléans. La gagnante menera la parade de Jeanne d'arc le 6 janvier 2011 dans le Quartier Français. Ils cherchent quelqu'un qui est leader dans la communauté. La date limite est le 1 décembre 2010. Contactez [stjoankrewe@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoankrewe@yahoo.com) pour plus d'infos.**

*The Krewe de Jeanne d'Arc announces its 2nd annual Jeanne d'Arc competition for a young French-speaking woman in New Orleans. The winner will lead the Jeanne d'Arc parade January 6, 2011 in the French Quarter. They are looking for someone who is a leader in the community. The deadline is December 1, 2010. Contact [stjoankrewe@yahoo.com](mailto:stjoankrewe@yahoo.com) for more info.*

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... and more news from Texas

Congratulations to **Miriam Boudreaux**, president of Mireaux Management Solutions, on being recently chosen as one of the nominees for NAWBO Houston's Woman Business Owner's of the Year.

Mireaux Management Solutions is a consulting firm headquartered in Houston, TX specialized in helping organizations implement Quality or Information Security Management Systems (QMS/ISMS) to satisfy the requirements of the ISO 9001 or ISO 27001 International Standards



At Mireaux, Miriam Boudreaux writes, we strive in assisting organizations conform to these standards while adding significant value to their businesses through our proven consulting approach, our powerful Web QMS and our efficient training. With our solutions you will truly feel empowered to continually improve.

Miriam attended Universidad de Lima, Lima, Peru, and the University of Houston, Houston, Texas, earning a degree in engineering. Miriam is tri-lingual and conducts business in the U.S., Canada and Latin America in English, French and Spanish. She is married to Clark Boudreaux and they have 2 sons, Jean-Pierre, age 9 and Jacques Henri, age 6. They live in Cypress, Texas.

Félicitations à **Miriam Boudreaux**, présidente de Mireaux Management Solutions, d'être choisi candidate Propriétaire féminine d'Affaires du Commerce de l'année 2010 à Houston, Texas.

*Mireaux Management Solutions est une firme de consultants basée à Houston, TX spécialisés pour aider les organisations la mise en œuvre de la qualité ou Information Security Management Systems (QMS / SGSI) pour satisfaire aux exigences de la norme ISO 9001 ou ISO 27001 des normes internationales. A Mireaux nous nous efforçons d'aider les organisations à se conformer ces normes tout en ajoutant une valeur significative à leurs activités grâce à notre approche du conseil éprouvée, nos puissants Web SMQ et notre formation efficace avec nos solutions, vous aurez vraiment l'impression habilitée à améliorer continuellement.*

Miriam a étudié à l'Université de Lima, Lima, Pérou et à l'Université de Houston, ou elle a gagné sa licence d'ingénierie. Elle est trilingue et elle dirige les affaires de business aux Etats Unis, Canada et l'Amérique latine en anglais, français et l'espagnol. Son mari est Clark Boudreaux et ils ont deux fils, Jean-Pierre, 9 ans et Jacques Henri, 6 ans. Ils habitent à Cypress, Texas.

## What's Really Going to Destroy the Gulf Coast



[Dave Thier](#) Contributor

(Oct. 30, 2010) -- Six months after the Deepwater Horizon rig exploded in the Gulf of [Mexico](#), the areas affected by the massive [oil spill](#) are beginning to recover.

But for years the [Mississippi](#) River delta has faced a threat even more insidious than that of a geyser of oil, and for many in coastal wetlands, "recovery" is a dicey proposition at best. Amid spills and storms, the land in the delta itself is falling away, and some fear that if something isn't done to curb erosion and saltwater intrusion soon, the entire area may just fall into the ocean.

"I'm not saying the oil spill was child's play," Eric Hansen, a shrimp dock manager in Plaquemines Parish, told AOL News. "But compared to this, the oil spill is child's play."



Saul Loeb, AFP / Getty Images

Clint Edds, a fisheries biologist with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fish, examines marsh wetlands, whose natural cycle of replenishment has been interrupted by levees built to control the Mississippi River.

The delta is a shifting landmass by nature. It's not built on bedrock but by silt carried south over thousands of years and deposited at the mouth of the river. Over time, it would be eroded by ocean waves and replenished when the Mississippi flooded.

That all changed when engineers in the early 20th century tried to rein in the river. They built levees to control the natural flooding and facilitate development, and the natural cycle of replenishing the land began to break down.

On top of that, oil and gas companies came in behind the levees and started to carve up the marshes to build transportation canals all the way out to the gulf to serve the burgeoning [Louisiana](#) energy industry. The longer canals let saltwater into freshwater marshes, killing the vegetation and allowing ocean waves and storm surges closer and closer to the old mud levees protecting the precarious towns and cities set up on thin strips of land.

Without those marshes, cities like New Orleans would be even more vulnerable to storm surges than they are now. The seafood industry would suffer as untold species of animals lose their nurseries. And all the navigation infrastructure in the area, designed for a marsh ecosystem, would become ineffective. The effects could extend all the way to people like duck hunters in [Wisconsin](#), who might find that their prey had nowhere to live for the winter.

Some suggest just blowing up the levees and hoping for the best, but the populations in southern Louisiana find themselves in a difficult situation: The structures they built that allowed development and industry to move in to begin with may now be threatening everything they've built in the marshes. Allowing the Mississippi River to flood naturally is no longer an option.

There could be a way to simulate the river's natural floods without damaging vulnerable communities in places like Plaquemines and Terrebone parishes. According to Aaron Viles, campaign director for the [Gulf Restoration Network](#), a system of freshwater introductions connecting the river back up to the marshes in a way that mimics the river's natural flooding could be enough to stabilize the system.

It would be an expensive proposition, costing as much as \$15 billion. In the midst of recession, a plan like that might seem impossible. But some money may soon be made available from a certain unpopular benefactor in the area. Viles hopes that if there is an opportunity to be seized in the BP oil disaster, it's that the money the company pays in fines and penalties could be used to build a system that could keep the Mississippi River delta alive.

"We're seeing historical levels of money coming from legal efforts, and if we don't want that money to disappear into the black hole of the federal coffer, we need to tell Congress that it is only right to stand up and say that it is only right that this area which has been a national sacrifice zone for so long see the bulk of this money put toward recovery," Viles told AOL News.

"I am convinced we can do it. It's not rocket [science](#), but it is river science."





