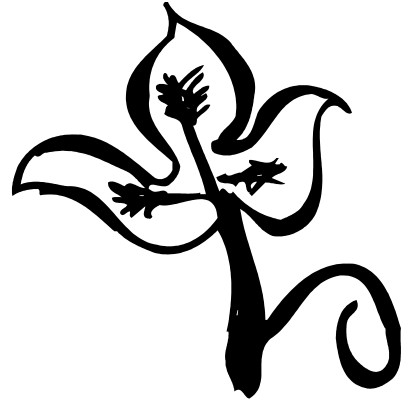


# LA Wetland Education Coalition

## Wetland News for October 5, 2004



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1. **Congratulations to Harry Hurst Middle School  
LaBranche Wetland Watchers!**

The heart and soul of South Louisiana culture, music, food, politics and passing a good time will be found in abundance when **V.O.W.** presents the **Voice of the Wetlands Festival 2004** October 9 and 10, in downtown Houma, Louisiana.

**Voice of the Wetlands** is a non-profit organization formed to help give voice to the people South Louisiana in the battle to save their homes and traditions from the effects of the land washing away, and to bring national attention to the urgency of and possible solutions to the crisis.

"The festival is modeled after the traditional bayou church fairs that have long been part of local culture, where entire communities gathered to work and play for their common cause," said Houma native and blues musician Tab Benoit, V.O.W., Founder and President. "Proceeds will be used for awareness and a strong outreach effort to making our united voice loud enough to be heard by the rest of the nation," he said.

You can't have a Party without Music! The festivities will kick off Friday night at Tab Benoit's Lagniappe Café, with a CD release party. CD is "Save our Swamps", a compilation of local groups recorded live, proceeds to be used to support V.O.W.'s mission. Saturday's Music lineup includes: The Renditions, Rusty Duet and Kipori Woods in a six string showdown, The Keith Blair Band from Lafayette, Mary Beth Landry, The Hurricane Levee Band, plus many others. Headlining Saturday night, in a first time ever performance, will be Big Chief Monk Boudreaux, of the The Golden Eagle Mardi Gras Indian Band; Tom Leblanc, of the Lakota Native Americans; and Reverend Goat Carson, of the Cherokee Nation, backed by John Lissi and Delta Funk. This is an event you won't want to miss. Sunday's line up will include performances from Labonne Vie featuring Harry Anselmi, Leroy Martin, and Buddy Miller, plus many other acts. Closing the Festival will be Tab Benoit and Waylon Thibodaux and other special guests

The festival is dedicated to the legacy "**Alligator Annie**" Miller, the legendary Terrebonne native who passed away this year. The weekend event will highlight as well the best of local food, talent, music, arts and crafts. "This is an all-South Louisiana event to show the world our culture is too valuable to lose" said Benoit. "Other groups and organizations involved in coastal education, awareness and lobbying efforts are encouraged to participate and showcase their efforts."

"Being an election year, candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives will be invited to give old-fashioned "stump speeches" as well," Benoit said. The People of South

Louisiana know what they stand to lose if the coast is allowed to continue to wash away. With one loud and strong Voice, the nation will know too

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**2. Additional websites on damage from Hurricane Ivan:**

This website has damage photos in the Pensacola area:

<http://www.pensacolajournal.com/news/guides/hurricane/galleries.shtml>

Florida condo damage:

<http://www.30-a.com/ivan.html>

Satellite photos:

<http://www1.msfc.nasa.gov/newsroom/camex/camphotos.html>

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**3. LAWEC-L LISTSERVE INFORMATION**

- **Description of this listserve:** A listserve serving educators interested in LA wetlands.
- **To send a message of your own to the listserv:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and type your message into the body of the email. The message will be distributed to ALL PARTICIPANTS subscribing to the listserve.
- **To UNSUBSCRIBE from this listserve:** email LAWEC-L@LISTSERV.LSU.EDU and enclose the following single line in the body of the email  
unsubscribe LAWEC-L

***Please do not reply to the entire list unless you want everyone to read your message!***

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