



# Region 9



**SGT. DAVIS MADERE**

## REGION UPDATE

*By Sgt. Davis Madere*

Salutations from Region 9. The dog days of summer are upon us and business has picked up on the water. With the price of gas hovering around the three dollar a gallon you would think boat traffic would be lighter; however, that's not the case. Region 9 agents have seen the same volume of boaters and fisherman on the water as in past years if not more. With that being said the large number of people on the water has resulted in more boating incidents and more DWI arrests. We've also been busy working closed season shrimping prior to the May season opening. Several quality cases were made this spring while working the infamous "shrimp patrol".

Only one cadet from the last Academy is assigned to Region 9, but we're hoping it's all about quality and not quantity. G. G. Marcel will be assigned to Terrebonne Parish. G. G. is from Houma so he's already familiar with some of his work area. Good luck to G.

G. as he starts what we hope is a long and successful career.

Not to blow my own horn, but we have another addition to the Region 9 family, care of the Madere's. My wife Jenny gave birth to our son, Davis IV (that's the fourth for those of you not up on your Roman numerals), on April 27. He's our second child, which is making for some pretty interesting adjustments

around the house.

With the hurricane season here we need to be mindful of storm activity. Have a preparedness plan for your family so when or if we are threatened by a storm you're not overwhelmed. Remember the first thing is to make sure your family will be safe in the event of a hurricane or tropical storm.

Until next issue, y'all be safe.

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# Lady Luck

By Agent Jory Guidry

**O**n April 19, Sgt. Chad Hebert and I set out on a Federal Fish patrol. It was a calm day, so we decided to take my nineteen foot Boston Whaler. The plan was to head south to Belle Pass then on to the first set of oil rig platforms, where it is common for smaller vessels to possess red drum illegally past the three mile mark in fed-

eral waters. Of course, I can't remember one day when the laid out game plan made it past the boat launch.

In the past few months, the Region 9 office routinely got calls about numerous subjects with gill nets in the area of lower Lafourche and Terrebonne Parishes. So many times, Region 9 agents spend all hours of the night run-

ning through the marshes trying to find these ghostly gill netters. Sitting on abandoned tank batteries, dodging oyster lease polls, and avoiding unlit platforms while trying not to run aground are just a few of the fun activities encountered on these patrols. After a few of these nights, it's pretty easy to become disheartened and chalk it

up to bogus complaints.

That Thursday morning, we set out and ran into a few commercial fishermen along the way. As we approached the southern part of Lake Felicity around noon, we could make out a boat in the distance which appeared to have two subjects on

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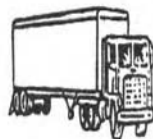
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## Lady Luck

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board. Figuring they were fishing, we decided to have a closer look then check their licenses. As we got closer, both subjects, realizing who we were, gave that distinct "deer in the headlights" look. Sgt. Hebert noticed the seemingly endless line of cork stretched out behind the boat and just as much still stacked in the boat. Then he recognized the subject, Mr. Richard "G", a past, and now present, offender of the gill net ban. This time he was passing on the tradi-

tion to his daughter, Richelle.

After booking the subjects into the jail we seized over sixty pounds of Spotted Sea Trout. Sgt. Hebert informed me that after fourteen years on the job that was probably only his third time to catch someone that "red-handed", fishing gill net since the ban. I guess sometimes it's better to have Lady Luck on your side than a well laid out plan.



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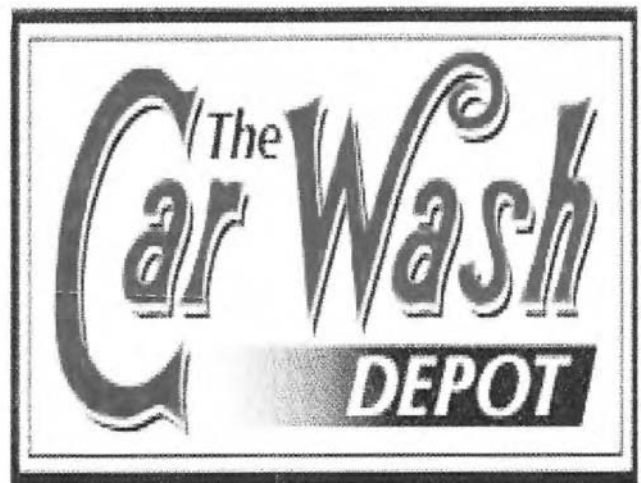
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Agent Tyler Marroy and Sgt. Winston Michel with six sacks of crawfish seized in St. Martin Parish.



Agent Tyler Marroy returning crawfish seized to the water in St. Martin Parish. Eleven sacks were seized for an over the recreational limit violation.

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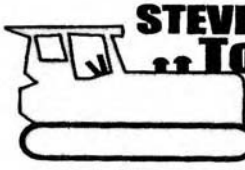


Oysters seized by Sr. Agents Scott Dupre and Ed Ridgel in St. Mary Parish. Four subjects were cited for taking undersized oysters. Approximately 60 sacks of oysters were seized.



This 6 1/2 foot alligator was seized by Sgt. Davis Madere and Sr. Agent Edward Ridgel. The subject was charged with taking alligator closed season after the gator was discovered in the trunk of his car.

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Tanner Broussard, son of Lt. Remy Broussard, with jack rabbits taken in W. Texas.



5-year-old Casey Laviolette, daughter of Sgt. Todd Laviolette, with her first fish. She caught it in the Amite River and reeled it in by herself.

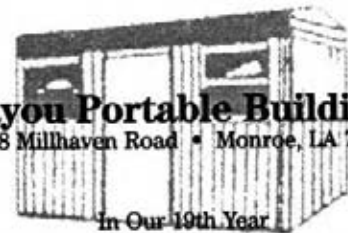


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Region 9 Agents, (l to r) Joe Arnaud, Jamie Folse, Richard Purvis and Dean Aucoin on a recent hog hunt in Evangeline Parish.



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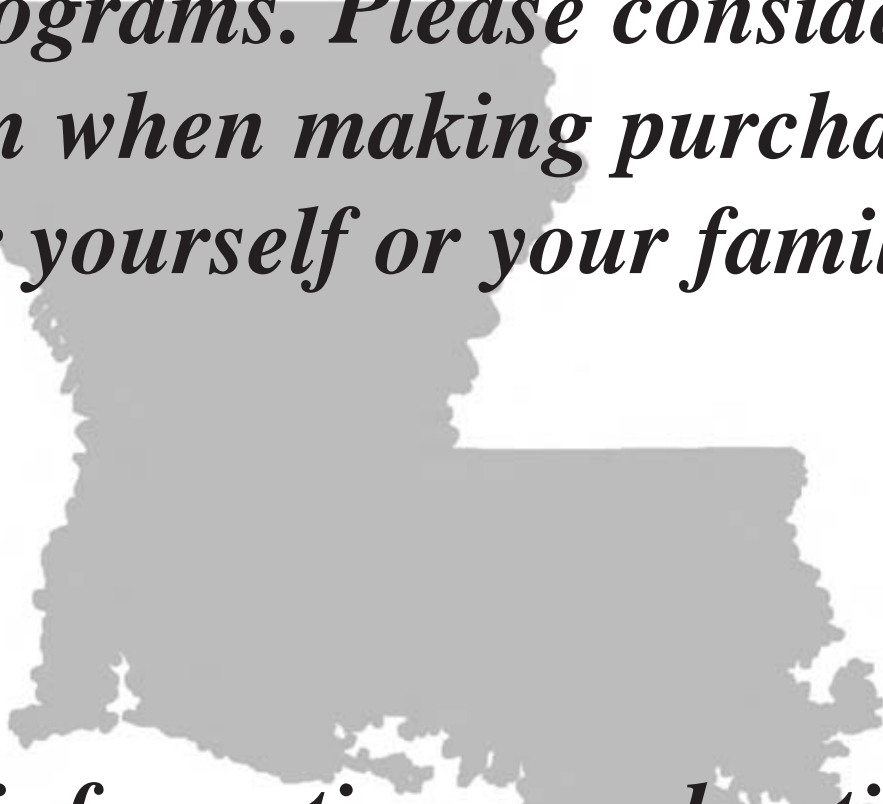
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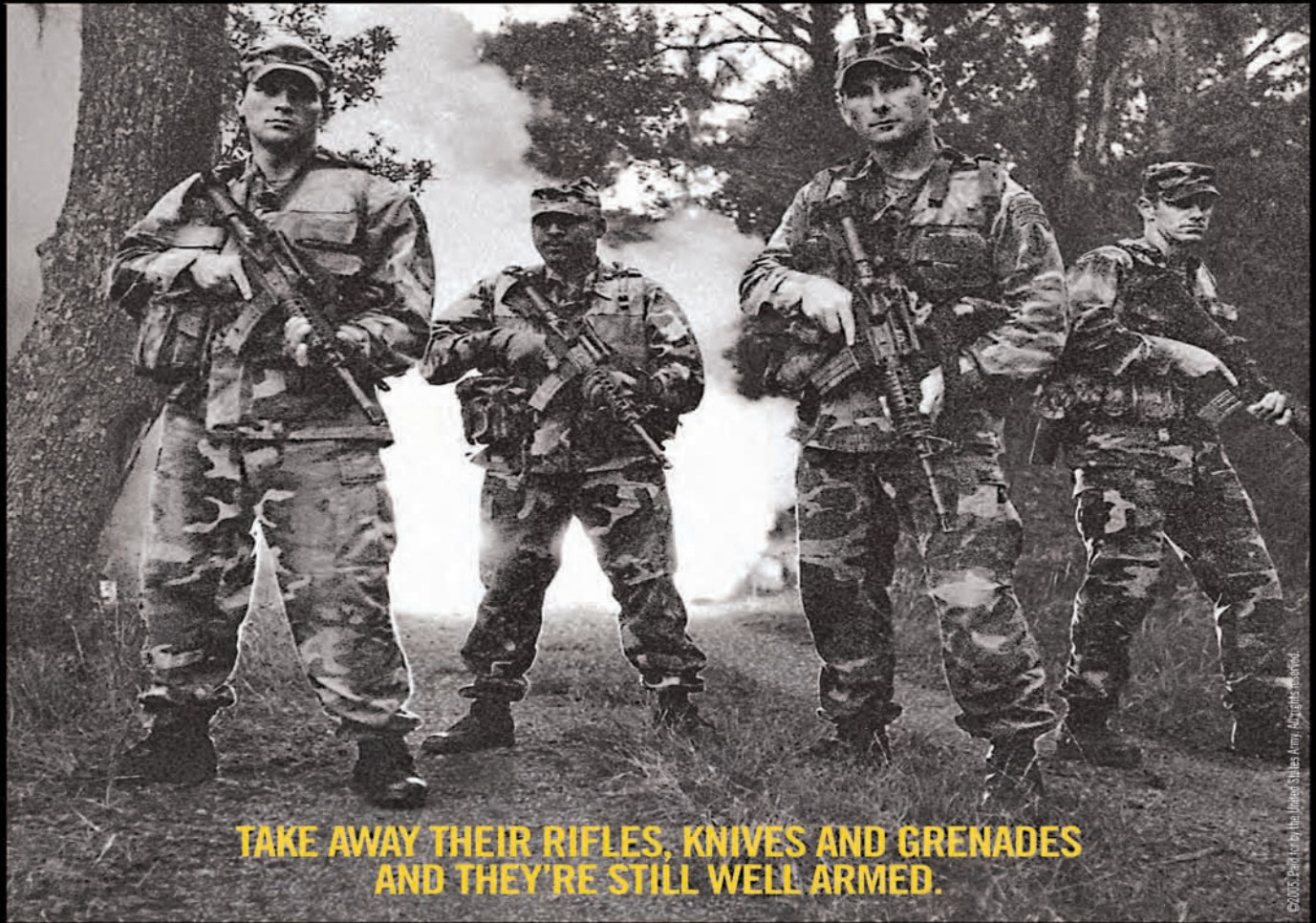


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