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## Politics for Sept. 28, 2008

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### Jindal to campaign for congressman

Gov. Bobby Jindal is hitting the campaign trail Monday in Missouri.

Jindal plans to attend two fundraisers for Kenny Hulshof, a Republican congressman who is running for governor.

Hulshof also is getting help from President Bush.

The president is scheduled to attend a fundraiser Friday for Hulshof.

The governor's press secretary, Melissa Sellers, said Jindal is participating in fundraisers only on Monday.

### Storm debris costly in restoring coast

Using storm debris to restore Louisiana's deteriorating coast is costly, one of the governor's aides told lawmakers Friday.

State Sen. Mike Michot, R-Lafayette, wanted to know if the yard debris from hurricanes Gustav and Ike could be put to use.

"Can this be utilized in our coastal restoration efforts ... similar to what we do with our Christmas trees?" he asked.

Garrett Graves with the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities said debris and Christmas trees are not a cost-effective way to restore coastal areas.

He said the Christmas tree program is valuable because it informs citizens about the eroding coastline's plight.

## **Fla. to let state use computer system**

Department of Social Services' interim Secretary Kristy Nichols joked Friday that she has bartered Louisiana's music and food for computer services from another state.

The state of Florida has agreed to let Louisiana's Department of Social Services use its Internet-based disaster food stamp system, if Louisiana's computer system crashes again.

Many Louisiana applicants received incorrect benefits or no benefits at all for extended periods of time.

Nichols said once the department gets a new computer system, Louisiana hopes to be a backup for Florida in the future.

In addition, "I remember that we owe you a Zydeco band and some beignets," Nichols joked. "That was the agreement, right?"

## **Guide to proposed amendments ready**

The Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana has released its "Guide to the Proposed Constitutional Amendments" that will be on the Nov. 4 election ballot.

Including the seven new proposals, Louisiana voters shall have considered 221 amendments since the 1974 Constitution was adopted. To date, voters have approved 151 amendments.

The guide explains the potential impact of the seven proposed amendments that the public will consider in the upcoming election.

The guide provides background for each amendment, describes the current situation regarding the issues and provides a commentary on each proposed change. Arguments of proponents and opponents also are provided.

Copies of the guide may be obtained by writing PAR at P.O. Box 14776, Baton Rouge, La. 70898-4776 or by calling (225) 926-8414. The guide may also be accessed on PAR's Web site at <http://www.la-par.org/Publications/PDF/ConstAmends2008.pdf>.

## **Dardenne to speak to Press Club**

Secretary of State Jay Dardenne will talk to the Press Club of Baton Rouge Monday about the upcoming elections.

The Press Club meets at noon at De La Ronde Hall, 320 Third St. downtown. Lunch is \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members.

## **WBR Chamber to host forum**

The West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce is hosting a "Meet the Candidates" forum Monday for U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, state House of Representatives District 18 and Port Allen municipal candidates.

The forum will be at 6 p.m. at the Port Allen Community Center, 749 N. Jefferson Ave. in Port Allen. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

### **Professor to speak to women's group**

Bob Mann, a journalism professor at LSU, will be the speaker on Tuesday in an event sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Baton Rouge.

Mann's speech is entitled "The Revolution is Not Being Televised: How the Internet Has Transformed American Politics."

Mann was a communications aide for former Gov. Kathleen Blanco. Before that, he worked for former U.S. Sen. John Breaux, D-La.

The lecture begins at 6 p.m. It will be held at the Louisiana State Archives, 3851 Essen Lane. The public is invited.

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