

Louisiana Bird Records Committee

**94-111 Golden Eagle**

**one immature 20 October 1994, Calcasieu: just outside Lake Charles. A bird found injured and transferred to Audubon Park Zoo, New Orleans. Released north of Lake Charles December 1994.**

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1994-111

GOLDEN EAGLE; SHOT NEAR KINDER, LA. (NEAR LAKE CHARLES).

JUVENILE PLUMAGE, MOLTING, BUT NOT INTO ADULT PLUMAGE YET.

RECEIVED OCTOBER 20, 1994, ~~RECEIVED~~ RELEASED DECEMBER 20, 1994

OUTSIDE OF LACACINE REFUGE BY TAMMY ST-DROMAIN, BANDED BY

JENNIFER O. COULSON.

(INJURY - BROKEN WING FROM SHOT)

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# NEW ORLEANS

94-111

RTA cuts details \$14.5 million deficit

By ALFRED CH Staff writer

The Region has accrued \$14.5 million in deficit, plans to whitewash million in the Robert Tucker.

The author of the city's buses and its board of lion 1995 bi-monthly meeting later, the board raters appear Council's Budget explain how to stem the flow.

"First, we hemorrhaging estimated the expenses will exceed million a year changes the way.

Although the 1995 open most city days weeks ago, B Chairman Jim RTA administration budget would until they provide out the d

Mayor M Tucker called last week to was a "complex trial took off Tucker. The from mismanagement runs, steadily ing costs, m benefits and and labor cost

To turn this told the council

- ▶ Cut about time pay for \$1 million in
- ▶ Save \$2.2 repair costs in lion in 1996

## WINGING IT



Jamie Primm, left, Audubon Zoo curator of birds, and Dr. Roberto Aquilar, zoo veterinarian, examine the golden eagle's healed wing before releasing him.

PHOTO BY SEAN C. SMITH

## Golden eagle returned to wild

By DEXTER CHAMBERS Staff writer

### Fisheries.

They sent it to Audubon's Animal Health Care Center for treatment.

The golden eagle, which is predominantly brown but gets its name from the brownish-yellow feathers on its head and neck, is a rare species in this part of the country. Unlike some other eagles, it is not considered endangered, but it is seldom found in southern Louisiana.

The male bird, weighing just under seven pounds when it was brought in, was in danger of dying if something

wasn't done quickly, said Jamie Primm, curator of birds at the Audubon Zoo.

The eagle had suffered a compound fracture, and the wound had become infected. The injury was in an area of the wing similar to the lower forearm in a human. Veterinarians believe the animal was shot while it was on the ground and not in the air. X-rays revealed that lead fragments from the bullet were still in the wing.

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A golden eagle left flightless two months ago by a gunshot wound was released into the wild Tuesday after weeks of rehabilitation at the Audubon Zoo.

A motorist spotted the bird with a broken wing along a road just outside Lake Charles Oct. 20 and took it to officials of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the state Department of Wildlife and

## Cop, 2 others plead innocent in killing

By BILL VOELKER Staff writer

A suspended New Orleans police officer and two other men pleaded innocent Tuesday to federal charges in the October shooting death of a New Orleans woman.

Officer Len Davis, 30, was indicted Dec. 13 with Paul "Cool" Hardy, 27, and Damon Causey,

24, for conspiracy to violate the civil rights of Kim Marie Groves, 32. There is not a federal charge of murder. The three entered their pleas before U.S. Magistrate Louis Moore Jr.

Before the pleas, Moore asked Assistant U.S. Attorney Constantine Georges to tell the defendants the possible penalty if they're convicted. "The

maximum sentence is death," Georges said.

Trial was set for Feb. 13 before U.S. District Judge Ginger Berrigan. Moore returned the three men to the custody of U.S. marshals.

Groves was shot about a block from her home one day after filing a brutality complaint against Davis in which she said she witnessed the officer pistol whip a

17-year-old m

An FBI cop Davis ordered that Hardy that Causey weapon.

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## Robber had long record

By WALT PHILBIN Staff writer

A man fatally shot while trying to rob a St. Claude Avenue service station Monday had been arrested for dozens of other robberies since 1979, and is believed to have robbed several bakeries in the past two

On Monday afternoon, police said, Buggage robbed a Shell service station at St. Claude and Franklin, acting as if he had a gun and ordering the clerk to put the store proceeds in a paper bag.

The clerk complied, but seconds later, she pulled a gun and shot Buggage, police said. Buggage managed to run away but



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### Letter for a lost friend

The letter, addressed to no one in particular, tells a heart-wrenching story.

"My son was heir to a small business," it says. "He was just beginning his life. He had dreams. He told customers he was going to school to learn the business so he could take over when I retired. Now, all of his dreams have ended; ended by killers that didn't even know him or his name."

It is signed, "A father." Melvin Kisack, the owner of Rid-A-Pest insect control on Chef Menteur Highway, is that father.

Frustrated, angry and depressed, Kisack wrote the letter Dec. 12, a month after his only son, 20-year-old Jamal, and another man were ambushed and murdered in a house on Lafaye Street in Gentilly.

Desperate for answers, Kisack sent the letter to anyone he thought would read it. He has tacked fliers on street corners throughout the city and added \$2,000 to the \$1,000 reward Crimestoppers is offering for information.

"At this point, I'm just full of questions," Kisack said. "There are so many stories I'm looking at, just trying to figure out the answers."

### Father taking the blame

What Kisack has been told is that sometime after midnight on Nov. 8, three masked men, carrying 9mm pistols, ambushed his son, stepdaughter Takilla Sparrow and her boyfriend, Thaddeus Bolden, outside the Gentilly house.

Sparrow and her two brothers survived about four

minutes. Jamal was strangled. Jamal

was unharmed.

Steve -

Yes  
Big  
No