

Westwego Picayune

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1981

KEEPING THE FAITH

Gretna church will pray for armed forces

The Rev. Steven A. Smith and the congregation of Faith Christian Fellowship will hold a special prayer and memorial service Sunday at 10:30 a.m. at the church at 400 Weidman St. in Gretna.

The church, founded in 1960, is holding the service to pray for and show support for the U.S. armed forces and the victims of the



The Rev. Steven A. Smith

Sept. 11 tragedies in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Military personnel and veterans will attend the service.

Francis Ray, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3121, will make a short presentation on flag history. Afterward, a flag dedication will be held on the lawn of the church. Child care will be available for infants and children younger than 5. For information, call (604) 392-0877.

Shiloh marks 129th

Shiloh Baptist Church at 723 Magellan St. in Gretna is celebrating its 129th anniversary this month.

Family story inspires plot of popular children's book

Effort got bus service for segregated pupils

By Gloria Alvarez
Contributing writer

It was an obscure bit of family history.

At her uncle's funeral, Freddi Williams Evans heard the story of how her uncle in segregation-era Mississippi helped get

school bus service for black children, who previously had had to walk to school.

"Someone got up to thank him for bringing the school bus" to the children, she said.

The story caught the Algiers resident's attention, and she began to ask questions about it. Several years later, Evans, a Jefferson Parish schools special education administrator, has turned the story into an award-winning children's book, "A Bus of Our Own."

She will lead a discussion and autograph copies of the book Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the new Barnes and Noble Bookshelters in Harvey.

"Everything is happening so fast," Evans said recently of the whirlwind of events surrounding the book. Since its release in September, "A Bus of Our Own" has earned rave reviews from the trade press and garnered an Oppenheim Toy Portfolio Book Award for distinguished story-

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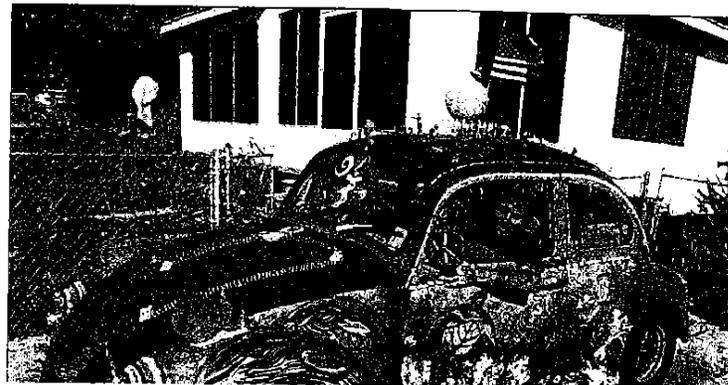
A Bus of Our Own

WRITTEN BY FREDDI WILLIAMS EVANS
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The cover of Freddi Williams Evans' award-winning children's book.

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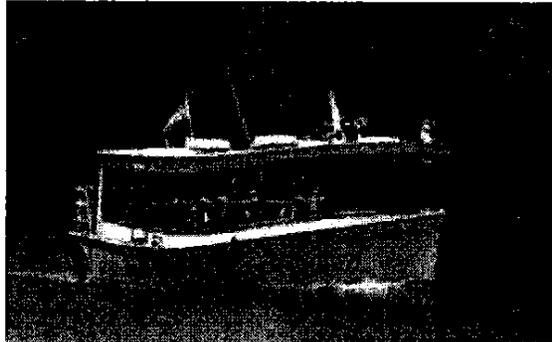


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Some of Louisiana's most picturesque bayous and swamps are located right outside of Westwego, a west bank community that was originally a springboard for pioneers headed to the western frontier. Nestled beside Bayou Segnette State Park, Westwego is now the launching point for many swamp tours and bayou excursions. It's also just a short distance away from several plantation homes along the Mississippi River.



A trip to Westwego would not be complete without a tour of Bayou Segnette. This 580-acre state park offers picnicking, a wave pool, and boat cruises through a maze of lakes and bayous. The park is particularly popular for its overnight facilities which include carpeted cabins with screen porches, bedrooms, living areas, cathedral, ceilings, and loft space. One hundred camp sites and three dormitories are also available. Call (504) 736-7140 for reservations or more information.

Also close to Westwego are the Harvey Canal Locks that connect the Mississippi River to the Harvey Canal. Back in the 1800s the locks served as ferries to transport railroad cars from one side of the canal to the other. Workers would then reunite the railroad cars on land. This service may have sparked the name of the town. According to one local folk tale trainmen would shout "West We Go" as the railroad cars were reconnected and pulled out of the station.

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Westwego Police Department
417 Avenue A.
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City of Westwego Tourist Information Center

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City of Westwego Tourist Information Center
10 Westbank Expressway
Westwego, LA 70094

Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Westwego Historical Societv

Membership is open to the general public. Monthly meetings.

Dues: \$12.00

Daniel Alario *Sr.* President
502 Second *St.*
Westwego LA 70094

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Westwego Historical Museum

The Westwego Historical Museum is located in the century-old Fisherman's Exchange Building (Durac Terrebonne/L.J. Bernard Hardware Store) and features an old time hardware store (early 1900s), completely furnished upstairs living quarters with antique Furniture. We also have an outhouse and wooden cistern.

Phone: 504-341-3161

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Westwego Historical Museum
275 Sala Avenue
Westwego, LA 70094

Hours: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesdays - Saturdays.

Group tours are available by appointments only. Fee charged

Westwego Historic District Commission:

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**The City of Westwego
 Louisiana**

Westwego Fest



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History -- The City developed around the Mississippi River, the Westwego canal that once connected with the river through locks, Bayou Segnette, and the swamp and marshes south of the city that connected it to the rich wildlife and fishing areas of the Barataria basin. Westwego was founded in 1870 by the Texas and Pacific Railroad when it placed a railroad yard and docks on the Mississippi River just above the canal linking the river to Bayou Segnette. It grew to eventually incorporate the village of Salaville. Seven Oaks Plantation, Whitehouse Plantation, and surrounding farmland.

No one is quite sure how the town got its name. though Westwego was the location from which the railroad was compensated by the State to build a railroad to the west. Folklore holds that as travelers departed the station they heard rail workers yell "west we go". A railroad engineer, G. W. R. Bayley, first publicized the name in 1873 when he wrote. "The construction of the railroad west of New Orleans was commenced at Westwego, opposite the Western boundary of the city (New Orleans), in the latter part of May 1870."

Tradition -- A large portion of the early residents were fishermen, shrimpers, oystermen, and trappers, the City being on the fastest route for seafood to come from the Gulf and Barataria Basin to the markets of New Orleans. In 1893, a hurricane devastated a small fishing village on Cheniere Caminada, a small barrier island west of Grand Isle, with great loss of life. Many survivors moved their families to Westwego since it was a safer location off the coast. The introduction of motorized boats resulted in more residents and further development of marine related businesses

Family -- Many residents are descendants of the early Afro-American, French, German, Hispanic, and Italian settlers that resided in the City. It is still possible to hear French spoken among the residents. Their pride of, and concern about, family run deep and is evidenced by their support of family activities and recreational events that abound in Westwego

[Click Here](#) to view more on the interesting history of Westwego

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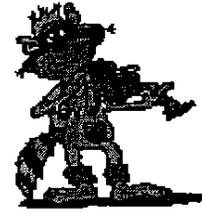
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Cypress Swamp Tour -- Take a tour of our unique "backyard". Just south of the City is a wetlands area that features a freshwater swamp and salt marsh prairies. Look at the pictures at right of the Cypress Swamp Tours trip. It will take a little while to load the pictures with a 56K modem, but it is worth the wait. Captain Gary Toups, featured in the pictures, is one of several knowledgeable Captains who will make your trip interesting and fun. Here is a link (www.cypresswamp.com) to their Website where you can find more information on tours and featured activities.



Sala Ave. Historic District-- Sala Ave. is the City's Historic District. It is currently being redeveloped for the enjoyment of locals and visitors. Of particular interest at present is the Westwego Historical Museum shown at left. It is located in the century-old Fisherman's Exchange Building (Durac Terrebonne/L. J. Bernard Hardware Store) and features an old time hardware store



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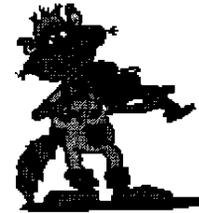
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To add events to the calendar, please mail your submissions to the webmaster by clicking here. Either attach a Microsoft Word or ASCII text document, or type your submission directly into the text of the e-mail. Unfortunately, **we cannot accept hard copy originals** since resources have not been provided for retyping. Before being posted, all submissions will be cleared through the City Administration for appropriateness.

Special Invitation For Historic Slide Show (a JPEG that may require a viewing software)

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Boat Landing 1st Phase Nears Completion (In Acrobat)

Click Here For Information On Historical Society Cook Book (In Acrobat)

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<p>American Legion Post #206 Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-347-8851</p>	<p>Westwego Lions Club 410 Fourth St. Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-9969</p>
<p>Banter Fraternity Home 447 Columbus St. Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-6611</p>	<p>Westwego Historical Society 502 Second St. Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-2544</p>
<p>Disabled American Veterans 490 Avenue A Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-8187</p>	<p>Westwego Senior Center 701 4th Street Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-2957</p>
<p>Sidney & Percy Barrios AMVETS # 38 1211 4th St. Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-340-9104</p>	<p>Westwego VFW Post # 6793 889 Ave. F Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-8234</p>
<p>Westwego Civic Association 1220 Avenue H Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-347-2144</p>	<p>Young Men's Business Club 101 Holly Street Westwego, LA 70094 Phone: 504-341-8140</p>

Churches

Apostolic

Tabernacle Church
355 Sala Avenue

341-4707

Assemblies of God

New Life Fellowship 301 Westbank Expressway
340-7778

Baptist

First Baptist Church of Westwego
703 Avenue B
341-3952

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church
1319 4th Street
341-9324

True Vine Baptist Church
249 Sala Avenue
341-0282

Catholic

Our Lady of Prompt Succor
146 4th Street
341-9522

Church of God in Christ

Westwego Church of God in Christ
41 Norton
341-8691

Jehovah's Witness

Westwego Congregation
1001 Victory Dr.
347-6209

Nondenominational

True Love Full Gospel Ministries
1312 4th Street
340-4060

Church of God of Prophecy
301 Sala Avenue
348-0971



The City of Westwego **Business Development Targets**

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The City of Westwego is well positioned within the New Orleans and River Region to take advantage of the existing and expanding economic sectors that exist. Those that seem to be most primed for development are listed below, along with links to MetroVision's development support pages. Metrovision is the premier regional development organization that supports the development initiatives of the ten parishes (counties) it serves. Investors and business developers interested in considering Westwego should contact the Mayor at 504-341-3424.

Entergy Corporation's Economic Development Profile For Jefferson Parish Louisiana (In Acrobat)

Westwego Brownfield's Renewal Project -- Business Development Opportunities

Development Links

Food Processing-- Westwego has historically been a center for the seafood industry. Many of its residents have been traditionally involved in catching, processing, and packing seafood for the enjoyment of people worldwide. Food Processing is an existing economic sector that offers additional opportunities for business development. Metrovision **Food Processing Link**

Tourism -- Existing nearby attractions include the the Westwego Historic District and Hardware Museum, Cypress Swamp Tours, and the Alario Event Center. The City is currently developing additional attractions within the Historic District and the City Administration is extremely interested in working with tour operators, hotels and motel operators, and attraction operators. There are significant tracts of land in and adjacent to the City that can be developed for recreational use. Additional information about the Region's attractions can be found at Metrovision **Tourism Link**.

Shipbuilding and Boat Building -- Because of its long association with the seafood industry and nearby waterways, many of Westwego's residents and the regional work force are experienced boat and shipbuilders. Over the years their skills have evolved from building cypress shrimp boats into building ships and boats of steel, fiberglass, and aluminum. Whether its seagoing ships and tugs, or quality recreational craft, Westwego should be explored as a possible site for development. Metrovision **Shipbuilding and Boat Building Link**.

Logistics - Warehousing/Distribution -- Westwego is bisected by US Hwy. 90 that is being promoted for upgrade to the Interstate standard. This well-maintained, modern highway connects to the Huey P. Long Bridge that crosses the Mississippi River in Bridge City, Westwego's neighboring community to the west. To the east, US Hwy. 90 connects to Interstate 10 in downtown New Orleans. The City's location on the Mississippi River and available sites with deepwater access and its existing rail infrastructure result in opportunities for specialty distribution and

warehouse operations, particularly those that involve import/export operations. To learn more see Metrovision Logistics - **Warehousing/Distribution** Link.

Back Office And Call Center Operations -- The City is located in an area with a large work force that could be quickly trained to perform back office and call center functions. Several trade schools and universities operate facilities on the westbank of the Mississippi where Westwego is located. Further, the region has numerous four-year colleges and universities, and technical schools that can support the technical needs of most high-tech firms. Need a reliable electric supply and communications infrastructure? It would be best to explore what Westwego's region offers. Find more details at Metrovision Information Technology Link.



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✓ Church Of God Of Prophecy	301 Sala Ave	Westwego, LA	(504) 348-0971
Ephesus Missionary Baptist	831 Wayne Street	Westwego, LA	(504) 437-0508
First Baptist Church Of Waggaman	401 Azalea Dr	Westwego, LA	(504) 431-7568
✓ First Baptist Church Of Westwego	703 Avenue B	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-3952
New Life Fellowship	301 Westbank Expy	Westwego, LA	(504) 340-7778
Our Lady Of Prompt Succor Westwego-Church	146 4th St	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-9522
✓ Our Lady Of The Angels Rectory	139 Herman St	Westwego, LA	(504) 436-4459
Second Salvation Baptist Church	212 Marrero Ave	Westwego, LA	(504) 436-3067
✓ True Vine Baptist Church	249 Sala Ave	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-0282
✓ Westwego Church Of God In Christ	41 Norton	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-8691
Westwego Missionary Baptist Ch	636 11th St	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-7205

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Stella Worley Junior High	801 Spartan Ln	Westwego, LA	(504) 348-4964
Waggaman Special School	6801 River Rd	Westwego, LA	(504) 436-1304
Westwego Elementary School	537 Avenue D	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-1451

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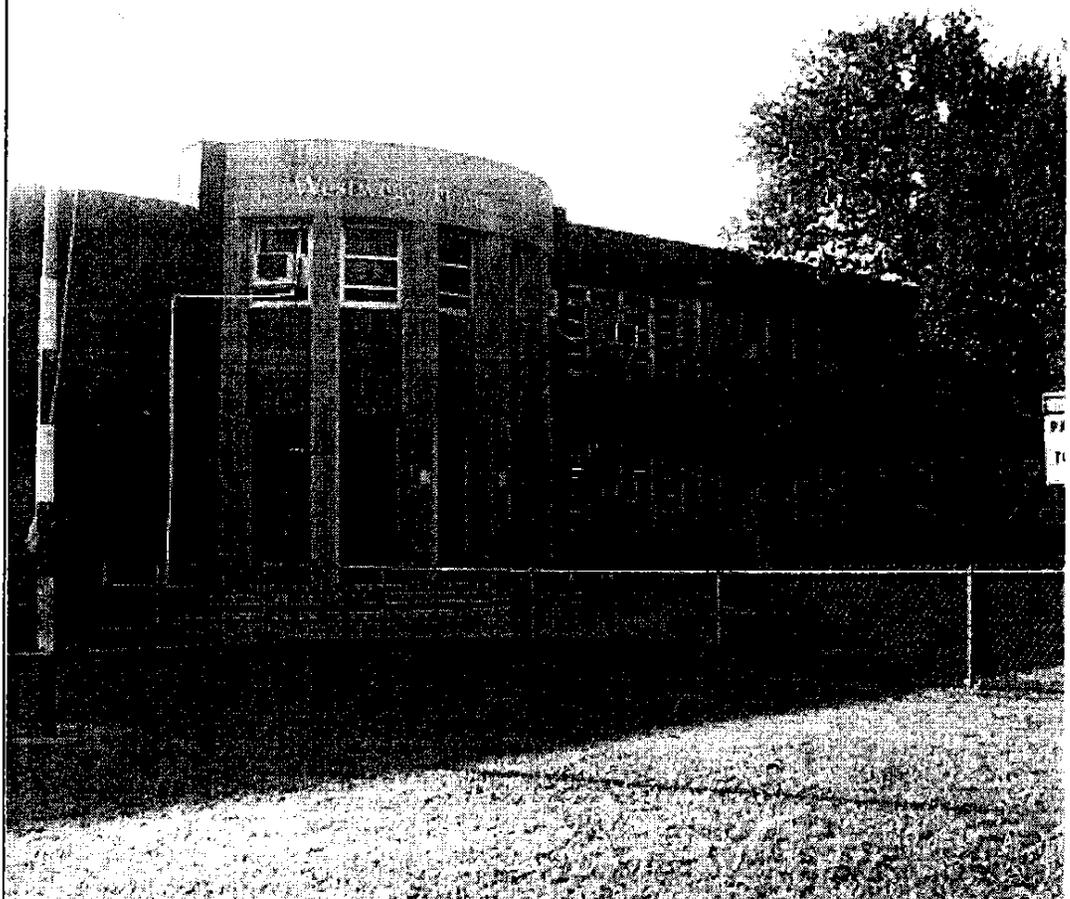
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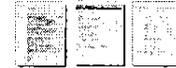
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Live Oak Manor Volunteer Fire	404 Azalea Dr	Westwego, LA	(504) 000-1111
Live Oak Manor Volunteer Fire Co-Station 72 Office	404 Azalea Dr	Westwego, LA	(504) 431-7092
Westwego City Fire Chief's	677 Avenue H	Weshvego, LA	(504) 347-7385
Westwego Fire Dept	677 Avenue H	Westwego, LA	(504) 341-1196

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About the Westwego Vol. Fire Company # 1

Westwego Vol. Fire Company # 1 proudly protects 11,900 people living in an area of 1 square miles. We operate out of five stations that protect a primarily residential area. Our department is a public department whose members are on a combination of paid and volunteer status. We have an ISO rating of class 3.

Our Fire Company has provided service to the City of Westwego for 80 years. We have provided service not only in firefighting, but in all types of emergencies. Our membership takes pride in providing the best service for the lowest possible cost to our citizens. We are a Class 3 Fire Company as rated by the PIAL and ISO. Our company has the honor of Having had four of its Presidents to **Serve** as Presidents of the Louisiana State Fireman's Association, the largest fire service organization in the state. They were Harry A. Pitre (1959) Milton A. Pichoff (1977) Warren J. Deemer (1991) and Gary M. Girard (1996). Also a point of pride for our department was having Asst. Chief Kenneth Bouvier named the National Emergency Medical Technician of the year, and Arthur "Doc" Musser as the oldest living Nationally Registered

Emergency Medical Technician in the U.S. and Possibly in the World. Our Fire Company is proud of it's accomplishments. We have an extensive patch collection and invite you to trade patches with us, one for one. Doyle P. Guidroz assumed the position as Fire Chief after a two year hiatus, on June 14, 2001. He commends Chief Mark Thibodaux for a job well done during his tenure. Chief Guidroz has served through the ranks of Captain, District Chief, Assistant Chief, Training Chief, Rescue Chief and was Safety Officer for Chief Thibodaux. The Officers and members look forward to continued success and progression under his command. President Wilfred Schexnider was elected President on July 14, 2001 replacing Warren Deemer. President Schexnider has served through the Field ranks of District Chief, Assistant Chief, and Administratively as 2nd Vice-president. He is a Life Member of the Department, The Louisiana State Firemen's Association and has served his department for over 30 years. President Schexnider looks forward to continued departmental growth and providing all necessary services to the citizen's of our city.

Our **Services:**

- Fire
- Haz-Mat
- Search and Rescue
- Extrication

Our **Dispatched Methods:**

- Dialing **911**
- County

We **Belong to These Organizations:**

- Louisiana State Firemen's Association
- Louisiana Fire Chiefs Association
- Louisiana Arson and Fire Prevention Association
 - Jefferson Parish Fireman's Association
- Westbank President's and Chiefs Association
- NFPA
- National Volunteer Fire Council
 - National Information Officers Association
- **Louisiana Fire Educators Association**
- International Association **of** Arson Investigators
- Southwest Division **Intl.** Assn. Fire Chiefs
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- International Association of Arson Investigators
- Louisiana Chapter **of IAAI**
- Firefighters Legislative Action Group



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Station 94	206 Louisiana Street	<i>not given</i>

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