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Band of locals will play in D.C.

Connick to headline at White House

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This evening, the White House ballroom might sound like a northern outpost of Snug Harbor.

Pianist and crooner Harry Connick Jr., a New Orleans native, will headline the annual Governors Ball with his big band. He'll close out his performance with a number played with four jazz players who live in the New Orleans Musicians' Village: drummer Bob French, trumpeter Shamarr Allen, tenor saxophonist Calvin Johnson, Jr. and singer Al Johnson, who wrote the Mardi Gras classic "Carnival Time."

The ball is for state executives visiting the city for a National Governors Association meeting. Among those who will be in attendance are Gov. Bobby Jindal and his wife, Supriya.

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Group wants to start new charter

Metairie school could open in Aug.

By Barri Bronston
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A nonprofit group based at Louisiana State University is applying to open a science and technology charter school in Jefferson Parish.

The Pelican Educational Foundation, which manages Abramson Science & Technology in eastern New Orleans and Kenilworth Science & Technology in Baton Rouge, wants to open a similar school in Metairie, possibly as early as August.

The foundation submitted its typical charter application to the Jefferson Parish School Board

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FANS R.I.P. THE BAGS



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Irby Nabatoff of New Orleans marches in a jazz funeral on Rampart Street in New Orleans on Saturday.

A jazz funeral was held Saturday for the Aints paper bags, led by Glen David Andrews and the Baby Boys Brass Band. The bags were born in 1980, when the Saints' 1-15 season prompted fans to hide their faces.



A jazz funeral for the Aints paper bags was held Saturday on Rampart Street in New Orleans on Saturday. The funeral was the brainchild of two Tremé families who decided, now that the team has a Vince Lombardi trophy, it was time to bury the symbol of Saints' losses.

Theriot vows to eliminate 2 top jobs

Jeff would bolster watchdogs instead

By Richard Rainey
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Housecleaning in Jefferson Parish's bedraggled government will continue as interim President Steve Theriot vowed last week to wipe out two administrative jobs close to the president's inner circle.

Should the Parish Council agree, the move would make room in this year's belt-tightened budget for two new watchdog positions that Theriot proposed.

Streamlining the executive staff is a highlight of several reforms Theriot hopes to install to combat Jefferson's history of patronage and rambling bureaucracy. They come in answer to

the ongoing scandal that has wracked the parish and left former Parish President Aaron Broussard's administration under federal investigation.

Problems arose in November after disclosures that Broussard's chief administrator, Tim Whitmer, had parish contractors and public agencies as insurance clients. Since then, investigators have extended their reach to include the parish payroll and other departments.

Broussard resigned Jan. 8; his chief administrative officer, Tim Whitmer, resigned four days earlier.

Should Theriot's proposal take effect, gone would be two executive assistant positions currently filled by close friends of Broussard: D.J. Mumphy, Kenner's former fire chief, and Jimmy Lawson, who served on the Parish Council with Broussard in the 1970s.

Lawson and Mumphy couldn't immediately be reached Friday for comment. Theriot and Deputy Chief Operating Officer Bert Smith said the two assistants planned to stay until their jobs sunset — on April 3 at the earliest.

Broussard hired Lawson as an assistant last summer at a starting salary of \$87,000. He now makes \$91,350, payroll records show. In a similar position, Mumphy was annually making \$111,279 in June and now makes \$116,843 in the current fiscal year, according to parish records. The executive assistant job had a cap of \$91,700, but Mumphy had previously served in a higher

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Drug kingpin arrested, police say

High-grade marijuana ring investigated

From staff reports

Authorities investigating a drug-trafficking ring suspected of shipping high-grade

marijuana from California and Atlanta to the New Orleans area have arrested the operation's alleged kingpin and seized more than 5 pounds of pot and other substances, according to Louisiana State Police.

Paul Cattoche, 57, of New Orleans, was arrested Wednesday in Atlanta at one of at least five locations in Louisiana and Georgia where state and federal

agents executed search warrants as part of a probe that began last month, Trooper Melissa Matey said in a news release issued late Friday. The sites were not identified.

Three others also were arrested, Matey said. None of their names was immediately released.

During their investigation, authorities seized about 5

pounds of high-grade hydroponic marijuana with an estimated street value of \$4,700 per pound, Matey said.

Louisiana authorities on Wednesday seized a small amount of hydroponic marijuana, hashish, psilocybin mushrooms and about \$5,000 in cash, while agents in Atlanta also seized marijuana and money, she said.

DATA FILE

Q: How many mayors has New Orleans had since the Louisiana Purchase? A: 59

1. Etienne de Boré 1803-1804	2. James Pitot 1804-1805	3. John Watkins 1805-1807	4. James Mather 1807-1812	5. Charles Trudeau 1812	6. Nicholas Girod 1812-1814	7. LeBreton Dorgoison 1814-1815 (2nd term)	8. Nicholas Girod 1814-1815 (2nd term)	9. Augustin de Macarty 1815-1820	10. Louis Philippe de Rottiers 1820-1821
11. Denis Prieur 1826-1838	12. Paul Bertus 1838	13. Charles Genois 1838-1840	14. William Freret 1840-1842	15. Denis Prieur 1842-1843 (2nd term)	16. Paul Bertus 1843 (2nd term)	17. William Freret 1842-1844 (2nd term)	18. Joseph Edgard Montagu 1844-1845	19. Abiel Crossman 1844-1854	20. John L. Lewis 1844-1856
21. Charles W. Waterman 1856-1858	22. Gerald Stith 1858-1859	23. John T. Monroe 1859-1862	24. George F. Shopley 1862	25. Godfrey Weitzel 1862	26. Jonas H. Franch 1862	27. Godfrey Weitzel 1862 (2nd term)	28. Henry C. Deming 1862-1863	29. James F. Miller 1863	30. Edward Henry Dorell 1863
31. James F. Miller 1863-1864 (2nd term)	32. Stephen Hoyt 1864-1865	33. Hugh Kennedy 1865	34. Samuel Miller Quincy 1865	35. Glendy Burke 1865	36. Hugh Kennedy 1865-1866 (2nd term)	37. J.A.D. Rozier 1865	38. George Clark 1866	39. John T. Monroe 1866-1867 (2nd term)	40. Edward Heath 1867-1868
41. John R. Conway 1868-1870	42. Benjamin Flanders 1870-1872	43. Louis A. Wiltz 1872-1874	44. Charles J. Leeds 1874-1875	45. Edward Pillsbury 1875-1875	46. Isaac W. Patton 1876-1880	47. Joseph A. Shakespeare 1880-1882	48. William J. Behan 1882-1884	49. J. Valen Guillotte 1884-1888	50. Joseph A. Shakespeare 1888-1892 (2nd term)
51. John Fitzpatrick 1892-1896	52. Walter C. Flower 1896-1896	53. Paul Capdevielle 1900-1904	54. Martin Behrman 1904-1904	55. Andrew J. McShane 1905-1905	56. Martin Behrman 1905-1908 (2nd term)	57. Arthur J. O'Keefe 1905-1909	58. T. Semmes Wainstoy 1909-1909	59. A. Miles Pratt 1909	60. Fred A. Earhart 1909
61. Jesse S. Cavo 1936	62. Robert S. Maestri 1936-1946	63. Delesseus S. "Chop" Morrison 1946-1961	64. Victor H. Schire 1961-1970	65. Moon Landriau 1970-1976	66. Ernest H. Morial 1976-1988	67. Sidney Barthelémy 1988-1994	68. Marc Morial 1994-2002	69. C. Ray Nagin 2002-present	70. Mitch Landriau Will take office in May

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Mitch Landriau will be the 60th
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