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SECOND FRONT

GOVERNMENT

Texas, Louisiana sue US government over deportation holds

(AP) - Texas and Louisiana sued the federal government Tuesday alleging immigration authorities have declined to take custody of people who have been convicted of crimes and could be subject to deportation.

In a complaint filed with a federal court in Houston, the states contend that changes in immigration policy by President Joe Biden’s administration allow immigrants who have been convicted of crimes to be released at the end of their sentences rather than being held for deportation proceedings.

The lawsuit claims U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents have not requested or dropped requests that state prisons hold such people rather than releasing them into the community. “Dozens” of these requests have been rescinded in Texas and people subject to deportation have been released in Louisiana, according to the suit, which does not cite specific cases. It asks a judge to declare some of the Biden administration’s executive actions on immigration to be illegal.

“Law and order must be immediately upheld and enforced to ensure the safety of our communities,” Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in a statement. “Dangerous and violent illegal aliens must be removed from our communities as required by federal law.”

ICE and the Department of Justice declined to comment.

The lawsuit comes less than two months after Texas officials said ICE had been prepared to release three men convicted of sex offenses against children, in an apparent misapplication of Biden’s enforcement directives.

The men were not ultimately released, but Jason Clark, chief of staff at the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said in February that they were among 26 people for whom ICE had dropped “detainer” requests. Most of the 26 were convicted of drug charges or drunk-driving offenses, according to state records.

Immigration authorities issue detainers to local or state law enforcement agencies holding someone who might be subject

to deportation. When an immigrant makes bail or completes a sentence for a crime, ICE can seek to take them into custody.

On Biden’s first day in office, the Department of Homeland Security issued a memorandum directing immigration agencies to focus their enforcement efforts on three categories: threats to national security, threats to public safety, and immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally on or after Nov. 1. The memorandum was a departure from practice during President Donald Trump’s administration, when immigration agencies were given wide latitude on whom to arrest, detain, and deport.

But people convicted of sex offenses against minors still qualify for enforcement. The memorandum defines public safety threats as incarcerated people “who have been convicted of an ‘aggravated felony’” as defined in immigration law. The relevant portion of the law begins: “The term aggravated felony means ... murder, rape, or sexual abuse of a minor.”

Clean: Inoperable vehicles may be taken to Webster Iron & Metal

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GOVERNMENT

Louisiana’s latest legislative session moves past pandemic

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Despite the coronavirus outbreak, the Louisiana Legislature opens a regular session Monday that seems more like those of pre-pandemic times, with debates planned on taxes, sports betting, transgender rights and other issues far beyond the virus’ aftermath.

Lawmakers will haggle over some COVID-19 topics, such as whether to curb the governor’s emergency response authority and possible bans on vaccination mandates. They’ll also try to decide how to divvy up more than \$3 billion in new federal coronavirus aid heading to Louisiana.

But the agenda for the two-month gathering that begins midday Monday is broad, as lawmakers who saw session plans last year disrupted by the pandemic have a long list of bills they want to debate.

“A lot of people have a pent-up demand,” said Sen. Fred Mills, a Republican from St. Martin Parish. He noted many issues are contentious: “It’ll be like cage wrestling.”

Senate President Page Cortez and House Speaker Clay Schexnayder, both Republicans, are promoting a sweeping tax rewrite they say is aimed at simplifying the state’s tax laws and attracting business.

“The goal of the tax reform is to move Louisiana up on lists, make us a more business-friendly state, stop the outmigration,” Cortez, of Lafayette, said at a recent event to discuss the session.

Similar efforts have been tried and failed in prior years. Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards said he’s open to the idea if the majority-GOP Legislature doesn’t shrink the amount of money coming into state coffers with the overhaul.

The governor won’t be giving the usual session speech in the House chamber, saying it would be too tight to follow social distancing rules. Instead, he’ll be speaking Monday evening on Southern University’s campus. Lawmakers are invited, though many aren’t expected to attend.

The Louisiana Capitol is reopened to the public, but masks and temperature checks are required, seating in the House and Senate chambers is limited and caps are placed on the size of groups touring the building.

Lawmakers themselves, however, often don’t comply with the statewide mask mandate or suggestions on keeping their distance, and some of the after-hours receptions and parties of the pre-pandemic legislative

sessions are returning.

Even amid the virus outbreak, Louisiana doesn’t have the budget shortfalls of years past, thanks in part to federal coronavirus aid. Edwards is asking lawmakers in his \$36 billion budget proposal to give public school teachers and college faculty a pay raise. He hasn’t outlined his recommendations yet for spending the \$3 billion in additional federal assistance on the way.

Sen. Cameron Henry, a Jefferson Parish Republican, said his priority “is to make sure we pass a budget that addresses all the state’s needs, but that doesn’t put us in a hole in the future.” He opposes using one-time federal cash for ongoing programs and services.

Female lawmakers are enraged by an independent report documenting widespread mishandling of sexual misconduct claims by Louisiana State University. They want to pass new requirements for responding to such allegations and secure a firing mandate for those who fail to report incidents.

“We want to ensure that this never happens again,” said Sen. Regina Barrow, the Baton Rouge Democrat whose committee has held repeated hearings on the report.

Some lawmakers will take aim at law enforcement tactics amid the national discussion about racial bias in policing, a debate that has moved close to home with allegations of improper behavior involving the Louisiana State Police.

A task force that studied the issue recommended changes to the handling of complaints against police officers, new limits on chokeholds and no-knock warrants, requirements for anti-bias training and reduction of certain legal protections for law enforcement, among other ideas.

“We have local issues that we could point to that highlight the need to make these changes. Nobody can run from those,” said Baton Rouge Rep. Ted James, a Democrat who leads the Legislative Black Caucus.

The session must end by June 10.

Other debates will involve legalizing recreational marijuana use, loosening gun laws, raising the minimum wage, redesigning Louisiana’s election system and banning transgender girls from competing on girls’ sports teams in schools. Lawmakers also will try to hash out regulations for sports betting, after most parishes authorized the activity.



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OTHER OPINION

Malkin: Silicon Valley's smuggling apps

The mainstream media is slowly catching on to the "Open Borders, Inc." racket. Just this week, NBC News reported that smugglers are using Facebook to advertise their services in violation of Facebook's policy ban on human exploitation and trafficking. The news network appears shocked, shocked, shocked that coordinated illegal activity is booming on Facebook — one of the world's biggest and most influential globalist platforms.

Maybe if the bleeding-heart libs in the Fourth Estate hadn't been so busy carrying water for Mexican cartels and Big Business through endless anti-Trump propaganda pieces defending the mass illegal immigrant invasion over the past four years, they might have blown the whistle sooner on Silicon Valley's co-conspirators with ruthless coyotes.

Only now has NBC News seen fit to enlighten the public about Spanish-language posts on public Facebook pages advertising "Travel to Mexico to the United States. Costs \$8,000. 100 percent safe" or "Make your dream a reality in the United States. We are here to help you. The journey is safe and reliable and the price is \$4,500 leaving from Monterrey to San Antonio, Texas."

That's the tip of the iceberg. In 2019, I reported how smugglers and their clients worldwide have used Facebook and WhatsApp (owned by Facebook) to coordinate their journeys. Pueblo Sin Fronteras,

the most notorious sponsor of illegal immigrant caravans, still maintains a public Facebook page where its leaders taunt America, announce their border-breaching activities and post solicitations for supplies and donations.

Nongovernmental organizations, advocacy groups and financial institutions have created an additional array of



MICHELLE MALKIN

free apps to "help." The U.N.'s International Organization for Migration offers MigApp on Google Play and Apple's App Store with information and "assistance to migrate safely." The app features weather and crime alerts, medical clinic appointment scheduling and money transfer services (more on that in a moment).

Similarly, the International Committee of the Red Cross's WhatsApp alerts provide "advice on how to avoid and prevent accidents, illness and being separated from family members," as well as a means "to share the geolocation of a shelter or send specific advice or alerts in the event of unexpected situations."

United We Dream's "Notifica" app is also available on Google Play and the Apple App Store. It gives illegal immi-

grant travelers a "help button" to alert friends, family, lawyers, media propagandists and others in case of detention or encounters with law enforcement.

Border saboteurs have used technology for decades to help undermine immigration enforcement. Ricardo Dominguez created a crowdsourced website-jamming network in the 1990s called the FloodNet system, which allowed anyone with an internet connection to interfere with the communications of the U.S. Border Patrol, White House, G8, Mexican embassy and others. He then introduced the Transborder Immigrant Tool in 2009 using cheap \$30 Motorola cellphones equipped with a free GPS applet to help illegal immigrants navigate desert routes, locate water stations and determine their proximity to highways. An expert consulted by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees lauded "how smartphones and social media have revolutionized" migration, allowing illegal immigrants to bypass "legal means" of finding agents that "take a long time" and instead use the "dark digital underworld" for "facilitating access to agents and smugglers" through encrypted Facebook and WhatsApp channels.

Add to all this a new boom of peer-to-peer apps that facilitate illegal immigrant money transfers known as "remittances." In 2017, the aggregate cost of sending remittances was about \$30 billion. Old-line money

transfer operators charge steep fees averaging about 7% of the amount sent. Among the plethora of competitors and disrupters jockeying in the migrant money market to peel away customers with lower transaction fees are Wells Fargo, MoneyGram, Paypal/Xoom, Wise and WorldRemit. Many of these apps integrate with Facebook's Messenger Chat, Viber and WeChat. WorldRemit, a start-up founded by a Somalian former United Nations official with venture capital backing from Facebook, Spotify, Netflix and Slack, is closing in on 600,000 transfers per month, according to Fast Company.

Just to make Silicon Valley's allegiances clear: Apps owned or backed by Facebook, Google and Apple that aid and abet illegal immigration and human smuggling operate with impunity, while those same globalist companies have banned law-abiding, free-speech apps such as Gab and Parler. Untold thousands of nationalists have been deplatformed for defending our homeland, while cartels and coyotes exploit the internet and corporate oligarchs' cheap labor appetites to sabotage our borders and attack American sovereignty.

Who needs foreign enemies when domestic blind worship of the "free market" is destroying us from within?

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OTHER OPINION

DeSlatte: Louisiana lawmakers plan return to old tax debates

Talk of "tax reform" has returned to the Louisiana Capitol, with the House and Senate's Republican leaders making it their central push for the two-month legislative session starting Monday. But reform means different things to different people, and reaching a deal is tricky at best.

Louisiana's majority-Republican Legislature and Democratic Gov. John Bel Edwards were mired in tax debates most of the last four-year term, to fill massive budget gaps left behind by former Gov. Bobby Jindal. Eventually, they reached a patchwork deal to keep the state's budget afloat without deep slashing, balanced mainly on a temporary state sales tax hike.

That deal fell far short of the long-term tax overhaul that good government groups, tax experts and economists suggest is needed to simplify Louisiana's exemption-riddled set of tax laws. Reams of studies point out the problems.

A new term began in 2020, with new lawmakers, new GOP legislative leaders in House Speaker Clay Schexnayder and Senate President Page Cortez and new tax committee chairmen. They want to revisit the debate, with a focus on business.

"Louisiana has a per capita state and local tax burden that is very competitive. But, because of the complexity of the current tax structure, we

are ranked near the bottom by many tax policy organizations," Cortez, Schexnayder and six other Republican legislative leaders said in a joint statement outlining the effort. "Businesses pay attention to these rankings."

At least this time, lawmakers aren't trying to rewrite the



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tax structure in the middle of a budget crisis. Whether that's a help or impediment isn't clear. Sometimes Louisiana lawmakers only embrace sweeping change if their hands

are forced by looming disaster. There's a mid-2025 expiration of the temporary sales tax, which could help drive the discussion, but it's not an imminent problem.

Edwards said he'd support a tax overhaul if the package remains "revenue neutral" — where the state treasury doesn't lose the current level of money used to pay for state services.

"What I am not going to do as governor is create that structural deficit that I inherited again. We have worked too hard and made too much progress. I am

not going backwards on that," he said.

Sen. Bret Allain, the Franklin Republican who chairs the Senate tax committee, agrees. He's said the goal isn't to lower the tax collections the state receives, but to make the tax laws simpler, fairer and more attractive to business.

Striking agreement on bills that need two-thirds support in the House and Senate will be tough. Lawmakers will face competing interests and would have to pick winners and losers. What benefits one business can harm another. What helps some households can boost the tax bill of others.

The top priority for the powerful Louisiana Association of Business and Industry — and Schexnayder — is a push to centralize sales tax collections in the state, rather than allowing local elected officials to oversee the work.

Supporters of the centralization call Louisiana's fragmented approach confusing and overly cumbersome to businesses. Some local government officials are certain to oppose efforts to strip their authority.

Other proposals pushed by Republican leaders would lower personal and corporate income tax rates in exchange for eliminating Louisiana's current tax deduction for federal income taxes paid. They also want to cut the corporate franchise tax and find a way to phase-out the local proper-

ty taxes charged on business inventory. Exactly how they would offset lost revenue isn't clear.

Republican Sen. Cameron Henry of Jefferson Parish is waiting for more details.

"I would imagine we would either meet in groups or receive something from leadership about what the plan looks like, how they affect the businesses and people in our districts. I'm hoping to get that relatively soon," he said.

Baton Rouge Rep. Ted James, a Democrat who leads the Legislative Black Caucus, said the centralized sales tax proposal could win final passage. But he's skeptical any other big tax measures will emerge from the session.

"I know that we have these tax reform conversations. We've done that before, and they haven't been successful," James said. "I don't expect anything different."

In a podcast with the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, Allain acknowledged the difficulty of gaining passage: "You're talking about moving mountains that have been in place in this state for 30 and 40 years, but I think we'll be a better state taxwise."

MELINDA DESLATTE HAS COVERED LOUISIANA POLITICS FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS SINCE 2000.

INSPIRATION

Everyday should be child abuse awareness day

At the age of fourteen I made a promise to myself as well as all those children in the orphanage that I would let the world know what often goes on behind closed doors of even church run orphanages.

As an activist, who witnessed and experienced child abuse in an orphanage, I must take a stand for those who have no voice.

The Bible says "Its better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones" which I think applies to anyone who is helpless, such as children, the elderly or those who are mentally challenged.

According to Safe Horizon, which is the largest non-profit victim services agency in the Burroughs of New York City, one in ten children are being abused.

How would you like to be a defenseless child who has no voice? Recently I was talking to someone who thinks we shouldn't be whistle blowers, ones who take a stand on such issues as child abuse which re-

ally agitated me, causing me to respond that if we don't report child abuse we are just as guilty as if we had molested or abused the child ourselves!

If not, why not?
I can't help but ask why would anyone not want child abuse exposed?

After being in a loving foster home, I could hardly believe the abusive orphanage where I landed. Rather than be a victim, I decided in October, 1962, at the age of fourteen, that I would make it my mission to expose what often goes on behind closed doors.

I was shocked when a ten-year-girl asked me to step into the bathroom with her at church. In horror I watched as she unveiled massive layers of blackened bruises beneath her clothing.

Without hesitation I told her "tomorrow we will go to the school nurse." I knew I'd gone against the home. I nervously watched the clock at school,

dreading my punishment. Still I felt proud of what I'd done. Just as soon as I arrived back at the home, I boldly hurried off the bus and told the superintendent who was waiting for us.

Instinctively I knew he was looking for the one who had reported an employee.

I was verbally slapped in the face when he said he'd tell my housemother because the nurse had kept my name anonymous when she visited the home that day.

My housemother lectured me for hours, telling me how she had beaten her own daughter with a garden hose so severely her daughter had to be put to bed. She didn't dare lay a hand on me because she knew I would report her.

My punishment was to be one month's grounding -- and I wouldn't be able to bathe or wash my hair. I was to wear the same dirty clothes to school and church for the duration of my



SARAH HUDSON-PIERCE

grounding.

I suppose she thought this would make me look stupid.

Fifty-nine years later, I smile because it backfired on her the following Sunday morning when she suddenly remembered that was to be the day of "Open House", when the home showcased our immaculate cottage to display our "wonderful home-like" environment to the many church members who might choose to visit the orphanage and leave a contribution to the "worthy cause" so they might be hoodwinked into feeling good about their generosity as they recalled our plastic smiles and well-groomed appearance.

Never did my housemother fly so fast to see that the older girls helped me wash, set and dry my hair in a day before blow-dry hair styles.

Though more than half of a century has passed and the abusive housemother was finally fired the following year, and my own sadistic housemother was also later fired, I'm proud

of the shy, undersized, awkward fourteen year-old girl from the backwoods of Arkansas, who took justice into her own hands back then and continues to do so, being the activist that I am, as I strive to be an advocate, a voice to speak out for those who appear to have no voice!

Even though the orphanage has moved and changed their name court records shows abuse still reins while they home school their children which makes it harder to report the abuse.

One house father is serving time in prison for repeatedly raping and sodomizing a young girl in 2003. (She was unable to report the abuse until she went home.)

In 2010 I compiled and published a book of true stories written by these adult children (many in their 50's and 60's) because they wanted to finally be heard, to give some closure to what went on back then and perhaps to prevent future abuse.

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EDUCATION

Edwards' legislative agenda includes mandatory kindergarten, teacher raises, higher minimum wage

(The Center Square) – Gov. John Bel Edwards announced his agenda Thursday for the legislative session that starts Monday, including his support for making kindergarten mandatory for every Louisiana student.

The estimated cost of the change to the state's multibillion education budget is \$12 million or less. The proposal is in line with lawmakers' recent emphasis on early childhood education, though critics believe the mandate infringes on families' right to make that decision for themselves.

Senate Bill 10 by Sen. Cleo Fields, a Baton Rouge Democrat who chairs the Senate Education Committee, would require mandatory kindergarten attendance beginning at age 5. Children could satisfy the requirement through public or private school or homeschooling, Edwards said.

Edwards said his office believes only about 2,000 kindergarten-age children are not enrolled. Even if all 2,000 went to public schools, that would

be less than the normal attendance fluctuations in any given school year, he said.

The Legislative Fiscal Office estimates the change could increase kindergarten enrollment by 1% to 6%, increasing state costs by \$2 million to \$12 million.

"Will it cost a little bit more?" Edwards said. "Yeah. But it's an investment that's well worth it and easy to absorb in a system as large as we have."


Edwards reiterated his support for increasing educators' salaries. His budget proposal includes \$400 raises for teachers and \$200 for support staff, and he plans to ask for bigger pay bumps if the state's Revenue Estimating Conference adopts a higher revenue projection during the session.

Edwards also is asking again for a state minimum wage that is higher than the federal wage floor of \$7.25 an hour, though he is not backing a specific proposal. Sens. Karen Carter Peterson and Troy Carter, New Orleans Democrats who

are running against each other for Congress, have filed legislation calling for a \$15 an hour state minimum, though the details differ.

Edwards has tried and failed to establish a higher minimum wage in Louisiana every year he's been in office. Supporters argue raising the minimum wage will lift families out of poverty and boost the economy by giving low-wage workers more spending power. Opponents believe markets, not the government, should set wages, and argue mandating a higher minimum will lead to fewer jobs for less-skilled workers.

The Democratic governor also restated his willingness to work with the Republican-majority Louisiana Legislature on an overhaul of the state's tax system, as long as the changes raise about the same amount of money as the current structure, saying he did not want to return to the "structural deficits" of the previous administration.



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Louisiana launches COVID-19 vaccine hotline

(The Center Square) - Louisiana has launched a COVID-19 vaccine hotline for residents who have questions about the vaccines or would like help scheduling a vaccination appointment.

The number is 1-855-453-0774, and the hotline's hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through

Saturday and noon to 8 p.m. Sunday.

About 28% of the state's population has at least started the process of getting vaccinated, Dr. Joseph Kanter with the Louisiana Department of Health said Thursday. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two doses to get the full benefit, while

the Johnson & Johnson vaccine requires only one dose.

State officials expect to get 64,350 first doses of the Pfizer vaccine, 47,000 first doses of the Moderna vaccine and 8,000 doses of Johnson & Johnson next week, Kanter said. Those numbers don't include doses the federal

government sends directly to pharmacies, which amounted to more than 111,000 doses this week, he said.

A recent poll indicated almost one-third of the state's population, including almost half of Republicans, did not plan to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Kanter said

officials are finding that people who are hesitant are more open to getting a vaccine the more they learn about them.

Kanter said state officials have identified 170 "breakthrough cases" of Louisiana residents who got COVID-19 even after getting fully vaccinated, which represents 0.02%

of people who have been vaccinated. Just more than half reported experiencing symptoms and 11 (0.001%) have been hospitalized.

"No vaccine for any disease is 100% effective in 100% of circumstances," Kanter said.

GAS BUDDY

Gas prices halt their hike, may continue to rise with the summer

(April 12, 2021) - Louisiana gas prices have fallen 2.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.59/g today, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,436 stations in Louisiana. Gas prices in Louisiana are 5.7 cents per gallon higher than a month ago and stand 87.8 cents per gallon higher than a year ago. The

cheapest station in Louisiana is priced at \$2.31/g today while the most expensive is \$3.19/g, a difference of 88.0 cents per gallon.

"It has been a fairly tame last few weeks at the pump for most areas after a particularly active February and March when prices were screaming higher," said Patrick De

Haan, head of petroleum analysis for GasBuddy.

The national average price of gasoline has fallen 2.1 cents per gallon in the last week, averaging \$2.85/g today. The national average is down 0.5 cents per gallon from a month ago and stands \$1.02/g higher than a year ago.

"After surging back

then, we've seen the price increases fade, and while we haven't seen much of a decline, prices have been holding near their yearly highs. For now, it feels like the risk of seeing the national average climb to \$3/gal has been delayed by a recent surge in COVID-19 cases both here and abroad, limiting the upside to gasoline de-

mand, but should things begin to improve, especially as we get closer to the start of the summer, we still have potential to see summer gas prices at their highest levels in years. Make no mistake, gas prices this year will be tied to the hip of the Covid situation."

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GLYNN HARRIS

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

It all started with a pre-teen Sarah Hebert more than two decades ago. Sarah is the daughter of retired wildlife biologist, Steve Hebert and on a particular youth hunt back in the day on Jackson Bienville wildlife management area, a group of adult turkey hunters were asked to guide youth hunters. I volunteered and was assigned to young Sarah.

The morning was mild, foggy and damp as we crawled into a blind already set up with jake and hen decoys out front. Once daylight began penetrating the fog, a couple of gobblers started sounding off and I stroked my slate call and got an immediate answer. It was only a couple of minutes when a jealous gobbler appeared out of the fog and made a bee-line for the jake decoy, assuming the jake had invaded his territory. Sarah's shot was dead on and she was soon packing out her first gobbler and it was special for me to be a participant in the event.

Next was Ruston businessman and friend, Jody Backus. He was not a turkey hunter but had turkeys on his property near Simsboro. When he invited me to on a hunt to see if I could call up a gobbler for him, I jumped at the chance.

Again, the weather was anything but perfect for a turkey hunt. A front had come through the night before, it was windy and cold but we gave it a shot anyhow, although I felt we had two chances at getting Jody his first gobbler, slim and none.

Setting up and calling at several locations on the property without hearing a gobble, we decided to make one more set up along an old road. I called several times and heard nothing so I motioned to Backus to get his gear together; we'd have to try it another day when conditions were better. He had started gathering his stuff when I looked down the road one last time and to my surprise, there stood a gobbler in full strut. I motioned for him to sit back down and get his gun up. The gobbler strutted on in and Jody and I were soon high-fiving as the mature bird lay flopping on the ground.

You don't always have to be on the scene when one of your "students" realizes success with wild turkeys. Such is the case with Carla Johnston who asked me to go with her to the turkey woods on their home property and teach her about how to set up and call a gobbler.

We heard one but no gobbler appeared that day. If you think Carla was ready to give up on turkey hunting, think again. One day a week or so later, I got a call from an excited lady; Carla had gone out to the woods by herself, set up her decoys the way I had taught her, stroked a turkey call in the way she had seen me do it and lo and behold, she called in and shot a young gobbler.

She had tasted blood and wanted more. A couple of years ago, she went out alone, called up and downed her second gobbler.

Last week, my phone rang and it was Carla.

She was trying to describe what had happened that morning and in her excited voice, she told me she had set out her decoys, a strutting gobbler and submissive hen. Soon after she started calling, she saw movement up the hill and here came not one but two gobblers ready to go to fist city with the fake gobbler that was courting a plastic hen. Once again, her shot was true and not only was she soon standing over a mature gobbler, she noticed something unusual hanging from his chest. She had called in and shot a double bearded gobbler.

You don't have to actually be on the scene when a rookie hunter hits pay dirt. Teaching this lady how it's done and rejoicing with her over the three gobblers she has taken on her own without me being there is a feeling I find hard to describe.

FISHING REPORT

BUSSEY BRAKE – Cooler stormy weather has slowed fishing quite a bit. Bass are fair around the banks and trees. Spinners, crank baits and soft plastics are picking up a few. The bream are showing signs of starting to move to the beds. Crappie are slow to fair this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

BLACK BAYOU – Bass fishing has been fair on jigs, spinners and soft plastics. Bream are improving and crappie are fair this week. Contact Honey Hole Tackle Shop 323-8707 for latest information.

OUACHITA RIVER –

The river is still high but starting to fall. No fishing report this week. For latest information, contact the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE D'ARBONNE – Crappie fishermen are having to move to deeper water as the spawn, while still hanging on in some areas, is in the process of being over for the year as the fish are scattered and fishing success is off somewhat. Ditto for bass as they are moving away from shallow spawning areas and are setting up on deeper points and channel edges. Best baits have been spinners, crank baits, spinners and soft plastics. Bream are just now starting to show signs of life as they're moving to shallow bedding areas and starting to hit worms and crickets. Catfishing continues to be good off the banks on night crawlers and cold worms. For latest reports, call Anderson's Sport Center at 368-9669 or Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE CLAIBORNE – Bass fishing has been fair with some small to medium sized fish caught on spinner baits and Sinkos. Crappie are hitting shiners on yo-yos with some still shallow while others that have already spawned have moved to deeper water. Both crappie and bream continue to bite below the spillway. Catfishing has been fair to good on yo-yos, stump hooks and on noodles. Striper fishing has been fair and the bream are beginning to bite around shallow beds on worms and crickets. For latest information, call Tim Loftin at Kel's Cove at 927-2264.



VIC JOHNSTON/COURTESY PHOTO

Carla Johnston, Ruston, is proud of the third gobbler she has ever taken when hunting alone, this one being a mature double bearded gobbler.

CANEY LAKE – Bass fishing has been fair to good this week with some in the 9 pound range caught fairly shallow on soft plastics. Crappie have moved off the banks and are setting up around submerged brush in deeper water. Shiners and jigs are picking up a few. Bream fishing is just now starting for medium sized fish as the big bull bream and chinquapins are still a week or so away from being on the shallow beds. No report on catfish this week. For latest information contact Bateaux on Caney Lake at 259-6649, Hooks Marina at 249-2347, Terzia Tackle at 278-4498 or the Honey Hole Tackle Shop at 323-8707.

LAKE POVERTY POINT – Some crappie

are still shallow while others have moved to deeper water. Bass are fair with a 7 pounder caught. Catfishing for smaller fish has been good. Bream are beginning to show up around shallow bedding areas. For latest reports, call Poverty Point Marina at 318/878-0101.

LAKE ST. JOHN – Crappie are fair with some still on shallow bedding areas. Bass and catfish are fair. Bream have yet to start biting. For information, call Ken Mahoney at 318-201-3821.

LAKE YUCATAN – The water is still quite high but slowly falling. No fishing this week. For information, call Surplus City Landing at 318/467-2259.

FOOTBALL

Louisiana Tech to Host Spring Game on April 24

RUSTON, La. – Louisiana Tech fans will have the chance to preview the 2021 football team during the LA Tech Spring Game presented by Origin Bank on Saturday, April 24, at Joe Aillet Stadium as part of a big weekend of home athletic events.

In addition to the spring football game, both the Bulldog baseball and Lady Techster softball teams will be hosting big Conference USA series.

All fans, students and alumni can enjoy free admission to the spring game for a sneak peak of the 2021 Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have six home games on the 2021 schedule, including a visit from SMU on Sept. 18.

The 2021 LA Tech Spring Game is set to begin at 12 p.m. CT with

gates to the stadium scheduled to open at 11 a.m. LA Tech officials expect the game to last approximately 90 minutes.

Fans are encouraged to enter on the west side of Joe Aillet Stadium where concessions and bathrooms will be accessible. The 13 suite holders within the Chris Richardson Family Suite Level will have access to their individual suites during the game.

Davidson Athletics Complex seat holders or those interested in purchasing seats in this space can email Associate A.D. for Development Alan Savage (asavage@latechalumni.org) to sit in this area and check out available seats for the 2021 season.

Former LA Tech football student-athletes will have a designated space

in the north end zone during the 2021 spring game. Tents will be set up and complimentary food and drink will be available beginning at 11:45 a.m. for former Bulldogs. Email Director of LTAC Jarred Latta (jlatta@latechalumni.org) by Thursday, April 22, at 5 p.m. to reserve your spot as a former football student-athlete in this space for the game..

Louisiana Tech fans will have plenty of opportunities to cheer for their Bulldogs and Lady Techsters that Saturday as both the baseball and softball teams will be hosting double-headers inside their respective facilities.

LA Tech softball will be hosting UTEP at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field. Gates will open at 11 a.m.

Tech will wrap up the series versus the Miners in another doubleheader on Sunday, April 25, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

A limited number of softball season tickets are available. Season tickets are only \$80 for chairbacks and \$50 for bleacher backs at Dr. Billy Bundrick Field and can be purchased at latechsports.com/tickets or by calling 318-257-3631 Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The No. 16 Louisiana Tech baseball team will host Marshall in a doubleheader at J.C. Love Field at Pat Patterson Park with the first game set for 2 p.m. Gates will open at noon. LA Tech will have opened the series against Marshall on Friday, April 23, at 6 p.m., and will play the final game on Sunday,



LOUISIANA TECH ATHLETICS/COURTESY PHOTO

Louisiana Tech football competes at 2021 spring practice.

April 25, at 1 p.m. Tickets are currently sold out for the LA Tech vs. Marshall series.

Season tickets for the 2021 Louisiana Tech football season are on sale now. Fans can pur-

chase season tickets online at LATechSports.com/tickets or by calling the LA Tech Ticket Office at (318) 257-3631.

SOFTBALL

Warriors Set for playoffs after being named District Champs



The Lakeside Lady Warrior softball team won the 1-2A district championship Thursday night with an away win against Darbonne Woods. The Lady Warriors and head coach Gary Cooper now turn their eyes to the playoffs.

JOSH BEAVERS/COURTESY PHOTO

No. 16 LA Tech Completes Weekend Sweep at Rice

HOUSTON – Six unanswered Louisiana Tech runs between the fifth and sixth innings helped No. 16 LA Tech complete the four-game weekend sweep at Rice on Sunday afternoon. LA Tech's 13-4 victory at Reckling Park secured the Bulldogs' second road sweep of the season and first against Owls in program history.

After Rice (13-18-1, 2-9-1 C-USA) tallied two runs in the fourth to jump ahead 2-1, the Bulldogs reeled off two in the fifth and four in the sixth to establish a five-run cushion. The top of LA Tech's batting order began the scoring run in the fifth with Taylor Young, Hunter Wells and Parker Bates each reaching base to load the bases with nobody out. Cleanup batter Manny Garcia then put the Bulldogs in front for good with a two-RBI single to left field, putting the Bulldogs up 3-2.

LA Tech (24-7, 10-2 C-USA) then scored four runs in the top of the sixth to extend its lead. Catcher Kyle Hasler launched a solo shot to left field for his second home run of the series,

making it 4-2 Bulldogs. Bates then tacked on another run with an RBI single through the right side with two outs. Designated hitter Jorge Corona capped off the four-run frame with a two-out, two-run single to push the visitor's advantage to 7-2. Three of LA Tech's four runs in the sixth came with two outs.

"We talk about the ingredients of a big inning, walk, HBP and an error," head coach Lane Burroughs said. "Right there in the fifth were your walks and the error, and Taylor Young was in the middle of it, so it's not surprising."

"We embrace the walk, and people don't like to talk about walks, but it leads to big innings. It's a big part of what we do, and it seems like Manny keeps coming up with big hits for us."

The Owls clawed two runs back in the seventh to trim LA Tech's lead to 7-4, but the Bulldogs again answered Rice's two-spot with a two-spot of their own in the top of the eighth. Garcia sent a chopper over the shortstop's head for an RBI single to make it

8-4 before Philip Matulia recorded an RBI with a bases-loaded walk. The Bulldogs' offense drew 29 walks over the weekend while Tech's pitching staff allowed just five free passes in 32 innings.

The Bulldogs put the exclamation point on the series sweep with four more runs in the ninth, pushing the score to its final tally. Young recorded an RBI single to score shortstop Logan McLeod from second, making it 10-4 Diamond Dogs. McLeod led off the inning with a double to left field.

Bates then blasted a three-run homer to right field, unloading on the first pitch of the at-bat to score Wells and Young to extend the lead to 13-4. Bates' blast pushed LA Tech's run tally to double digits for the ninth time this season. The Bulldogs have outscored their opponents 195-91 in weekend games in 2021.

On the mound, right-hander Jarret Whorff earned his sixth pitching victory after tossing six-plus innings with six strikeouts. Fellow right-hander Kyle Crigger then recorded the final nine outs for the Bulldogs out



TOM MORRIS/COURTESY PHOTO

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of the bullpen, picking up his first save of the season and the second of his career. Crigger struck out a pair of Owls and induced LA Tech's third ground-ball double play of the day in the seventh.

Wells' red-hot bat continued to shine at Reckling Park over the weekend as the third baseman finished the weekend 11-for-18 with seven RBI, eight runs scored and a home run. Wells went 4-for-6 in Sunday's victory with a double and a team-best four runs scored, extending his hitting streak to 17 games. Wells and Bates are both batting over .430 in Conference USA play in 2021.

Sunday's win also moved the Bulldogs to 7-0 on "championship" Sundays. Tech sits alone atop the C-USA's West Division with Southern Miss (21-9, 8-3 C-USA) coming to Ruston next weekend for a huge matchup between the West Division's top two teams in the standings.

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Level: Beginner

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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Monday's unlisted clue: YELLEN

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: KING OF THE ROUND TABLE

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Arn	Karen	Mordred	Ulfran
Cormac	King Aguar	Nathan	Vanni
Galan	Maeve	Sir Gawain	

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HISTORY

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solidarity movement demanding his release included Dmitri Shostakovich, Leonard Bernstein, and Harry Belafonte.

1960 - The world's first satellite navigation system is launched. Transit 1B was primarily used by the U.S. Navy to update the navigation systems aboard their Polaris submarines.

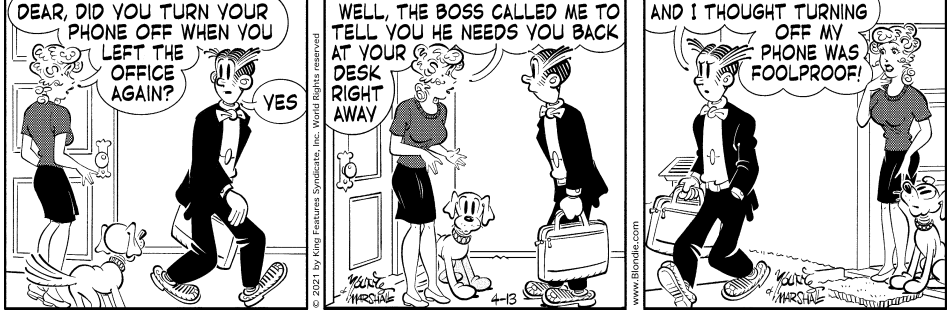
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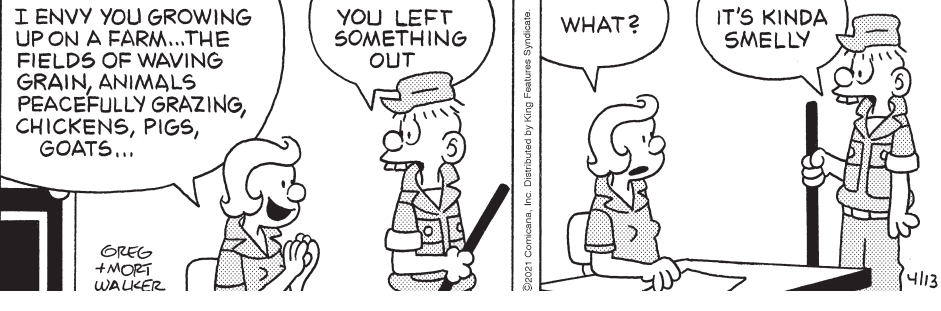
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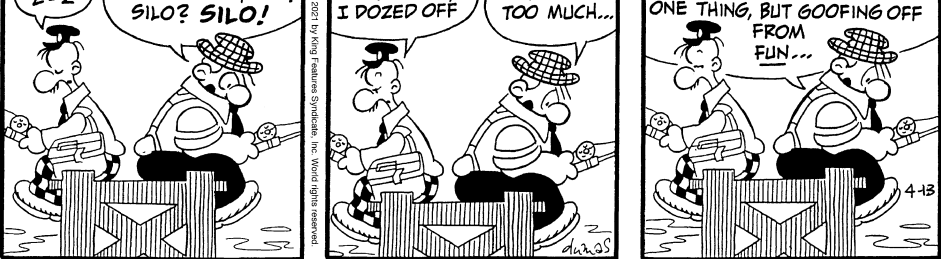
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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 1, 2021

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA, WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER, JAKIE DANIELS AND CHRISTIE GATES. THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL. THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY MAYOR BRIDWELL AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CITIZENS ATTENDING. THERE WERE NO MEETING MINUTES OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO APPROVE. THEY WILL BE APPROVED AT A FUTURE MEETING. THERE WAS MUCH GENERAL DISCUSSION REGARDING THE PROCESS OF HIRING A NEW VILLAGE CLERK. AN AD WILL BE PLACED IN THE LOCAL JOURNAL TO SEEK QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR TWO ISSUES. MIKE DUNAWAY, SEWER OPERATOR, GAVE THE MONTHLY SEWER REPORT. JOHN MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, GAVE THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE

BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 HEATHER FEEBACK, VILLAGE CLERK STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR
April 13, 2021
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VILLAGE OF DOYLINE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 1, 2021

THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR DOYLINE, LOUISIANA, WAS HELD AT THE DOYLINE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 AT 6:00 PM, PURSUANT TO DUE NOTICE. COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE CARLY COLLIER, JAKIE DANIELS AND CHRISTIE GATES. THE MEETING WAS PRESIDED OVER BY MAYOR STEVEN BRIDWELL. THE MEETING WAS OPENED WITH PRAYER BY MAYOR BRIDWELL AND THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS LED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CITIZENS ATTENDING. THERE WERE NO MEETING MINUTES OR FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE TO APPROVE. THEY WILL BE APPROVED AT A FUTURE MEETING. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO HIRE HEATHER FEEBACK AS THE NEW VILLAGE CLERK, EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2021, SECONDED BY CARLY COLLIER. THERE

WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 A MOTION WAS MADE BY JAKIE DANIELS TO ADD POLICE CHIEF HAYDEN TO THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 HAYDEN REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO HIRE TWO ADDITIONAL PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO BETTER SUPPORT THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CARLY COLLIER TO GRANT CHIEF HAYDEN'S REQUEST TO HIRE TWO ADDITIONAL PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS AT HIS DISCRETION, SECONDED BY CHRISTIE GATES. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 JOHN MONTGOMERY, MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR, GAVE THE MONTHLY MAINTENANCE REPORT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY CHRISTIE GATES TO ADJOURN THE MEETING, SECONDED BY JAKIE DANIELS. THERE WERE NO COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE, MOTION CARRIED. AYES: 3 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 HATHER FEEDBACK, VILLAGE CLERK STEVEN BRIDWELL, MAYOR

DECLARATION OF ELECTION RESULTS

Be it known and declared that the governing authority of City of Minden, State of Louisiana (the "City"), did meet in open and public session to examine the official certified tabulations of votes cast at the special election held in the City on Saturday, December 5, 2020, and did examine and canvass the returns of the said election, there having been submitted at said election the following proposition, to wit: **MILLAGE CONTINUATION PROPOSITION** Shall the City of Minden, State of Louisiana, be authorized to continue to levy a special tax of two (2.00) mills on all property subject to taxation within the Downtown Development District of the City of Minden (the "District") as defined by Act 379 of 1990, as amended (the "Act") (an estimated \$16,000 reasonably expected at this time to be collected from the levy of the tax for an entire year), for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2021 and ending with the year 2030, with the proceeds of said tax to be used solely and exclusively for the purposes and benefit of the District, and to be expended by the governing authority of the District for administration, operational expenses, acquiring property by purchase, donation, exchange, or otherwise as the District may deem appropriate, but not by expropriation, and/or the retirement of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Act, said millage to represent a five hundredths of a mill (.05) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 1.95

mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2020 by an election held on October 22, 2011? There was found by said count and canvass that there was a total of 467 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition and a total of 373 votes cast AGAINST the Proposition, as hereinabove set forth, and that there was a majority of 94 votes cast IN FAVOR OF the Proposition as hereinabove set forth. Therefore, it has been declared by the governing authority of the City that the proposition as hereinabove set forth was duly CARRIED by a majority of the votes cast by the qualified electors voting at the said special election held in the City on Saturday, December 5, 2020. Results by precinct are available from the City Clerk of the City during regular business hours or via the Louisiana Secretary of State's website (voterportal.sos.la.gov). The actual cost of the election as determined by the Louisiana Secretary of State in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 8-A of Title 18 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, is \$3,025.26. City of Minden, State of Louisiana
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