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COVID-19

Legislature wins court battle with Governor over COVID

Special to the Minden Press-Herald

The Governor's lawsuit against the Legislature was dismissed on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, by the First Circuit Court of Appeals after the Governor failed to withdraw the suit. Attorney General Jeff Landry argued on behalf of the Legislature and the House Speaker, Clay Schexnayder. For the third time, a court of appeal ruled in favor of the Legislature and against the Governor.

After sixty-three House members signed and delivered a petition in October of 2020 to end the Governor's executive order (134 JBE 2020) and terminate the public health emergency, the Governor immediately filed suit.

"This dismissal paves the way for a new petition to be prepared to terminate the executive branch's overreach," says Beryl Amedee (R-Houma), "and I will be pleased to add my signature."

Attorney General Landry has voiced his willingness and readiness to assist and advise Speaker Schexnayder and the Legislature on a clear path forward.

Kathy Edmonston is hopeful, "With Speaker Schexnayder's leadership and the willingness of the Legislature, the Governor's grip on the citizens of Louisiana through public health proclamations related to COVID-19 could

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HOMECOMING

WELCOME HOME, ALUMNI





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This past Friday the streets of Downtown Minden were lined with multiple generations of MHS Graduates and Students for the Annual MHS Homecoming Parade. To send the Tide off to their homecoming game with a bang, graduating classes of years past came to cheer on and show support for their favorite team while riding down the brick roads of Main Street.

Domestic dispute gets 'heated' with torch

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Webster Parish Deputies were dispatched in regards to a disturbance taking place on the 200 block of Horseshoe Bridge Road in Doyline. The disturbance was domestic in nature, and involved a young adult named, Jasopn Hillman, 18, and his grandparents.

Hillman, who was living with his grandparents at the residence, and the booking report states the dispute started when, "Jason became angry and mad and started cussing..."

"The Grandfather told Jason to leave, and Jason pushed [the grandfather]."

At this point, Hillman went to the lower floor of the property. "Jason went down stairs and got a yellow propane torch and lit the torch. Jason came up to [the grandfather] and threatened to burn him with the torch if he did not move," the report stated.

The report doesn't clearly state how the conflict got resolved, but it doesn't mention any injuries being sustained on the grandfather's behalf, and does state that Hillman has been charged with domestic abuse battery and simple assault. He was later transported to BDCC for booking.

COMMUNITY

National Night Out tonight in Minden

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Tonight, Tuesday Oct. 12 various groups will be participating in the wider National night Out Campaign here within the City of Minden. Councilman Michael Roy, Chairperson, for National Night Out, along with Mayor Terry Gardner, Police Chief Steve Cropper, and the other community leaders invite neighborhoods city-wide to support the theme, "Give Neighborhood Crime & Drugs A Going Away Party."

NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and finally, send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

On Tuesday, October 12, 2021, from 6-8 p.m., residential neighborhoods throughout the City of Minden and across the nation are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors.

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Recent Arrest in Webster Parish

Candice Cooper, 35, of the 1700 block of East Texas Street, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, and two counts of theft.

Wesley Griffith, 39, of the 600 block of Patton Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Steve Studdard, 29, of the 500 block of Patrick Street, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Hykeem Lyons, 19, of the 1100 block of Jefferson Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Kentrail Cornelious, 20, of the 1000 block of West Street, was arrested for disturbing the peace.

Laqueen Sims, 27, of the 500 block of Forest Grave Road, was arrested for driving while intoxicated first offense, and following too closely.

Jaquris Reed, 24, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Zoneisha Boston, 40, of the 100 block of Stanley Street, was arrested for interference with an arrest, resisting an officer, and simple assault.

Bayndasa Boston, 23, of the 000 block of Camelot Drive, was arrested for interference with an investigation.

Terrence Lyons, 28, of the 1100 block of East Street, was arrested for possession of a controlled dangerous substance with intent to distribute, possession of controlled dangerous substances in the presence of a firearm, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

D'angelo Lyons, 22, of the 1300 block of Sheppard Street, was arrested for possession of controlled dangerous substances with intent to distribute, illegal carrying of weapons, illegal possession of a stolen firearm.

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Heather Reinholt, 47, was arrested for theft.

Oscar Rive, 46, of the 200 block of Middle Landing, was arrested for Domestic Abuse Battery.

Steven parker, 33, of the 100 block of Sugar Creek Road, was arrested for contempt of court.

Terrence Lyons, 28, was arrested on multiple warrants.

Malcolm Cagnolatti, of the 300 block of Clarice Street, was arrested for contempt of court.

Bruce Sterling Jr., 44, of the 900 block of Waterman Street, was arrested for driving under suspension and being a fugitive of Bossier Parish.

Crystal Shern, 39, of the 5100 block of Wesson Road, was arrested for being a fugitive of Haynesville.

Tami Williams, 57, of the 13000 block of Highway 80, was arrested for expired license plate, no insurance, and possession of a schedule II substance with intent to distribute.

Kalan Little, 36, of the 1800 block of Burson Road, was arrested for possession of a schedule II substance, possession of a schedule I substance with intent to distribute, two counts of possession of a firearm with controlled dangerous substances, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jamarceon Jackson, 23, of the 1200 block of Garrett Circle, was arrested for criminal neglect.

Sarah Dance, 36, of the 1300 block of Blue Run Road, was arrested for simple criminal damage to property and domestic abuse battery.

Joiner Deangelo, 26, of the 100 block of Claiborne Street, was arrested for simple burglary and theft of a firearm.

NNO: A list of participating addresses throughout Minden

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bors and police.

Many neighborhoods in Minden will be hosting a variety of special events such as block parties, cookouts, parades, visits from police, flashlight walks, contests, youth activities and anti-crime and anti-drug rallies.

So far those that have signed up to host an event include, in District A, Jerald and Kay McGuier, at 362 Carey Lane starting at 6 PM, and St. Rest Baptist Church in their Annex Building from 4 PM to 8 PM.

In District B Teresia Ferguson is hosting an Event from 6 PM to 8 PM located at 324 Spann Street.

In District C, Camilla Law is hosting a block party at 700 Crichton

Street, starting at 6 PM.

In District E, Annie Walkerwill be hosting an event starting at 6:30 PM located at 702 Claiborne Avenue.

Those interested in participating in the event simply need to drive around Tuesday evening and check out the events taking place. Typically there is more going on than just those who signed up.

The NNO campaign is a way to build neighborhood unity and strengthen police-community partnerships, so citizens can help it achieve its goal by getting out there, enjoying the evening, meeting new people, and let criminals know that drugs and crime have no place in the City of Minden.

Four amendments on November ballot

Louisiana voters soon will have the opportunity to consider four constitutional ballot amendments in this year's fall election. All four items are tax and budget issues that could become permanent by majority vote.

Business groups such as the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry are encouraging passage of Amendments 1 and 2, which would centralize sales and use taxes and decrease the individual income tax rate for top earners.

"Louisiana's business tax climate ranks among the worst in the nation," LABI President and CEO Stephen Waguespack said. "A pair of tax reform measures on the November 13th ballot could change that, enacting constitutional amendments to finally simplify our system, meaning lower tax rates and more jobs in Louisiana."

The Louisiana Budget Project, a Baton Rouge-based nonprofit, opposes the tax reduction amendment, saying passage could harm the state budget and lead to "less money for education, health care and transportation."

The election's two other proposed amendments deal with levee districts and state budget funding.

The fall election was scheduled for Oct. 9, but Gov. John Bel Edwards postponed Election Day to Nov. 13 because of Hurricane Ida. Most of Louisiana will see only the four constitutional amendments on their

ballot, though some parishes and cities also will conduct local elections.

Amendment 1: Streamlining sales and use taxes

The first ballot measure proposes amending the Louisiana Constitution to create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, which would centralize the filing, remittance and collection of sales and uses taxes.

According to the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, the Louisiana Department of Revenue collects a state sales and use tax of 4.45%, while local governments collect sales and use taxes averaging around 5%.

However, Louisiana's 64 parishes have differing tax policies and policy interpretations that complicate sales and use tax collection and remittance, though current law also protects them from state government encroachment, a PARC report said.

"This highly decentralized system is unusual; nearly all other states allow a central collector who remits the revenue to the appropriate state and local jurisdictions and acts as the central authority for how and when taxes should be applied," the report said.

Amendment 2: Individual income taxes

A "yes" vote on Amendment 2 would decrease the maximum individual



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potentially come to an end."

Danny McCormick encourages the citizens to contact their legislative representatives and the Governor, "Our political leaders won't move without great influence from the people."

Valarie Hodges asserts, "Covid cases are drastically declining and hospitalizations have decreased by 80% over the last seven weeks. I believe the Governor could and should end his health emergency order and return constitutional freedoms to the citizens of Louisiana."

Amendment 4: Fund-

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OBITUARIES

Charles Wesley Frazier

In loving memory of brother Charles Wesley Frazier. Charles Wesley Frazier was born on June 11, 1956 to the late Mrs. Velma L. Frazier Jackson and the late Mr. LeRoy Mitchell. He lived his entire life and grew up in Minden, LA. He attended Webster High School. During his early twenties he worked at the boat factory in Minden and on October 16, 2019 he retired from the city of Minden. He was a hard-working man with a heart of gold. Many knew him by his nickname "Pillon."

He was preceded in death by both parents, two sisters, one niece, two aunts, and four uncles. He departed this world on October 7, 2021. He leaves to cherish his memories: his baby sister Jennifer Jackson Preston, a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, aunts, and friends. Acknowledgements. The family would like to thank all who called, texted, and visited. A special thanks to the LSU Feist Weiller Cancer Center and the Meadowview nursing staff. There will be no repast. Services entrusted to Benevolent Funeral Home, Minden, LA.

Barbara Samuel Harris



Graveside service for Barbara Samuel Harris, 72, will be held 11:00 a.m. Monday, October 11, 2021 at Gardens of Memory Cemetery, 1527 Lewisville Road, Minden, Louisiana. Barbara was born May 18, 1948 in Minden, Louisiana to Charles C. Samuel, Sr. and Imogene Samuel Lindsay. She passed away peacefully on October 7, 2021. Barbara's greatest loves were her family, friends and her rescue dog Buddy. She was a gifted gardener with a special love for roses. Her extensive garden was pristine and attracted hummingbirds and butterflies which she adored. Barbara was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She and her husband, Reg, enjoyed hosting numerous family birthday barbecues over the years

poolside at their home. She attended Minden High School in her early years. After graduating she continued her education at Northwestern State University. Barbara was a member of Cypress Baptist Church and a loyal hardworking employee of Associated Printing for over 30 years. She is preceded in death by her father. Barbara is survived by her devoted husband of 26 years, Reginald E. Harris, Jr.; mother; brother Sonny Samuel and wife, Barbara; son Mark Dandridge, and grandson, Joe Ben Dandridge Bouillon. She will be greatly missed by stepchildren, Amy Harris Lamb and husband Patrick, Angel Harris Pou and husband Bill, Joey R. Harris and wife Tammie, nine grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and a host of family and friends. John 14: 1-3 "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also."

Elizabeth Carolyn Nelson Hershel Allen Nelson Jr

Elizabeth Carolyn Nelson "Connie" 82, of Cotton Valley La. was born Aug. 15,1939 in Cullen La. and passed away Aug 30,2021 in Minden La. after a long illness. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt. Hershel Allen Nelson Jr "Bud" 81, of Cotton Valley La. was born May 13,1940 in Lake Village Ar. and passed away Sept 16, 2021 in Minden La. after a long illness. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle. They are proceeded in death by their children Alena Keller and David Nelson. Her parents David and Mary Holmes. Her siblings Charles Holmes, Frances



Harr and Ruth Koger. His parents Hershel Sr and Claudia Nelson. His siblings Billy, Jessie and David Nelson. Grandchildren Anthony, Charles and Shantae' Miller. Survived by their children Kay Lacasse, Alicia Miller (Alton), Annette Triplet (Todd), Hershel Nelson III of Minden, La, Marie Chapman (Marty) of North Pole, Alaska, Regiena Miller (Dan) of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Son-in-law Martin Keller of Zortman, MT. Brother Robert Holmes (Flo) of Albuquerque, New Mexico. 27 grandchildren, 26 great grandkids and nu-

merous nieces and nephews. Hershel and Carolyn Nelson met in 1957 while Carolyn was working for Hershel's mom. He was a true gentleman and gave her and her friend a ride home after work. After a while he asked her out and they started dating. They were married on Feb. 7th, 1958 and were married for 63 years. They were the proud parents of 8 children. Alena, Kay, Marie, Alicia, Hershel III, David, Annette and Regiena. From the day they met until they took their last breath, they had a love that comes along only once in a life time. You could see them holding hands and stealing a kiss every chance they got, and at times you would even catch Carolyn sitting on Hershel's lap. They loved each other's company and would light up the room when they were together. They loved taking long drives together. They loved hunting, fishing, camping, the mountains and walking through the woods. But most of all they loved each other and their family. Grandkids were a major part of their life. They had so much love to share with friends and family. Even close to the end of their life when Carolyn was diagnosed with Alzheimer their love never failed. He was her shining light and she was his joy. When Hershel's health started to fail, he would not leave her behind. He had to hold on so he could take care of her. When Carolyn passed away on Aug. 30th, Hershel held on for 17 more days until he was ready to join his beautiful wife on Sept. 16th, 2021. Now they are walking together holding hands and talking with family and friends about the beautiful life they had together. No more pain, sickness or disease, only joy and happiness. Special thanks to the Hospice nursing staff for their care. Special thanks to Rhonda and Mary. Memorial Services will be held Oct 14, 2021 11:00 am at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 801 Sibley Rd Minden La. Service VIA Zoom Meeting ID 5928811467 Passcode; Nelson



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OTHER OPINION

Louisiana school systems split on quarantine rules

State Superintendent of Education Cade Brumley's decision to contradict the COVID-19 quarantine guidance of public health officials is creating sharp divides in Louisiana's school districts, which already were a hotbed of disputes over how to handle coronavirus infections.

By bucking the medical advice, Brumley's left school system leaders to debate whether to follow recommendations aimed at combating the pandemic or to side with those complaining about asymptomatic children repeatedly sent home to quarantine because of COVID-19 exposure.

An Associated Press review of a dozen larger Louisiana school systems shows a split in their response to Brumley's updated guidance.

As Louisiana was emerging from its fourth coronavirus surge, Brumley told school system leaders Sept. 29 that he was loosening the education department's quarantine guidance for Louisiana's 700,000 public school students amid concerns about learning loss.

He's no longer suggesting schools send home asymptomatic students who have come into close contact with someone who tests positive for COVID-19 as is recommended by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Instead, Brumley suggests parents could choose whether to send their children to school if they don't have symptoms.

"Students have regrettably missed unprecedented days of school. These absences have

consequences ranging from student learning to student well-being," Brumley wrote to school leaders. "These quarantines have also placed an undue burden on parents trying to solve childcare dilemmas for their children when they're forced to be absent from school."

Gov. John Bel Edwards and the Louisiana Department of Health are urging districts to



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stick with sending students home if they've been close to someone infected. Louisiana's state epidemiologist Theresa Sokol sent a letter to district superintendents saying that roughly half of COVID-19 infections can involve people spreading the virus despite having no symptoms. She noted one-quarter of all COVID-19 cases in Louisiana since August have been among children. Already this school year, K-12 schools around Louisiana have self-reported nearly 21,000 student cases of COVID-19 and another 2,475 cases among faculty and staff.

"The decision to quarantine cannot rest with parents of children who are at risk of spreading the disease to others; this would deprive other parents of any option to protect their children from exposure,"

Sokol wrote. "In order to effectively curb COVID-19 transmission in schools, quarantine policies must be based on the best available evidence for disease control, not personal preference."

Larger school systems differ in how they're responding to Brumley's latest guidance.

Public school districts in New Orleans, Monroe, East Baton Rouge Parish, Caddo Parish, Lafayette Parish and Jefferson Parish (where Brumley was superintendent until mid-2020) have refused to loosen their quarantine rules.

"After consulting with medical professionals, we have decided not to implement this practice," Jefferson Parish Superintendent James Gray said in an online post.

The Bossier Parish school system said it needs "more clarity" before making changes.

But school officials in Livingston, Ascension, St. Tammany, Calcasieu and Tangipahoa parishes quickly embraced the policy shift, deciding to let parents choose whether to keep their children away from school if they've been close to someone who's tested positive for COVID-19.

"Our school nurses will continue to contact the parents or employees of close contacts and make them aware of all options available through our school system, pertaining to quarantines," Livingston Parish Superintendent Joe Murphy said in a statement.

Brumley noted local school districts already could set

their own rules about whether to send students home for days because of exposure to COVID-19. But most districts had been following the education department's guidance that those students should be quarantined.

It likely was an easier decision to make when the education and health departments were on the same page in supporting the recommendations of infectious disease experts.

Brumley won praise for his position shift from the Republican Party of Louisiana and several conservative GOP state lawmakers who oppose mask mandates and coronavirus-related restrictions.

Ascension Parish Republican Rep. Kathy Edmonston called the new policy a "common-sense approach" that "allows local control, gives parents' choice and encourages students to continue attending classes when they are healthy."

Edwards disagreed, saying he told Brumley his new guidance was "unfortunate."

"I think ultimately it will be self-defeating in the sense that there will be more COVID in the school and not less and there will end up being more disruption to student learning and not less," the Democratic governor said.

School districts are deciding whether they want to take that risk.

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OTHER OPINION

Why is America's mail carrier cashing checks?

ROSS MARCHAND
Special to the Press-Herald

It's been a rough couple of months for America's mail carrier. The public is understandably frustrated about slowing mail and rising stamp prices. Meanwhile, the USPS lost \$3 billion in the third quarter of fiscal year 2021 on top of the more than \$80 billion in net losses over the past 15 years.

Instead of striving to improve basic mail services, though, postal leadership seems distracted with odd forays into financial services. Washington Post writer Jacob Bogage recently reported that the USPS "quietly began offering pay-check-cashing services at several East Coast post offices last month," allowing consumers to trade their checks (worth up to \$500) for Visa gift cards. While the agency is quick to point out that this is just a pilot program, the move to financial services makes little sense. A foray into postal banking will only cause the USPS greater hardship without delivering for low-income consumers.

It's not all that surprising that the agency is testing out financial offerings. Lawmakers such as Sen. Kristen Gil-

librand have long called for postal banking, claiming it would generate billions of dollars in revenue while providing "financial security to millions of Americans in low-income and rural communities." Postal banking proponents such as Sen. Gillibrand believe that the USPS can walk the tight rope of making enough money off of its financial services to cover costs and then some, while providing a low-cost option for households struggling with traditional financial institutions. But it's difficult to see how.

Consider the timely example of check-cashing. The government might claim they are entering the check-cashing business to save low-income Americans from the expense of converting funds in the private sector. This justification may have made sense a few years ago, before banks started offering accounts with low/minimal fees, zero required deposits, and easy check-cashing capabilities. According to the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund, there are now more than 100 bank and credit union accounts that meet the low-fee national standards developed by the organization. Data from the Federal Deposit Insurance

Corporation shows that the share of households without a bank account has declined by about 20% from 2015 to 2019, and the 5.4% of unbanked households have a variety of reasons for forgoing a bank account. But a majority of the underbanked minority do not cite bank fees or minimum balance requirements as the main reason for avoiding banks. It therefore seems unlikely that the USPS setting up a low-cost check cashing service would solve any pressing problem in the marketplace.

Of course, the agency could choose to emphasize making money on financial services rather than helping low-income Americans. Maybe the USPS believes that they could charge a bit less than what Walmart charges for check-cashing, or about \$4 for checks up to \$1,000. While it's possible that the agency finds the "right" price that covers business costs while still being competitive, the USPS hardly has the best track-record in this sort of game.

Indications abound that the agency has been underpricing packages for years via a wacky (and still mostly classified) cost attribution formula. And the

agency has a real problem getting a lid on "controllable" costs such as equipment and fuel expenses. The costs and risks of services such as check-cashing can be particularly high, given the alarming - and increasing - volume of check fraud. The amount of money involved in check scams nearly doubled from 2016 to 2018, and this type of fraud, "makes up 60 percent of all attempted fraud against U.S. bank deposit accounts, according to a survey released by the American Bankers Association." The idea that the USPS is somehow uniquely positioned to get a grip on this problem in a cost-effective way is simply wishful thinking.

For all this speculation, though, we have remarkably little insight as to why America's mail carrier is trying to get into the check-cashing business. Some answers would be nice, but the agency isn't exactly known for their forthrightness. Maybe postal leadership can finally deliver some answers, along with actual postal reform.

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INSPIRATION

Without Thomas Edison Where Would We Be?

If Thomas Edison hadn't been kicked out of school, after only three months in the first grade, and his mother taught him at home because his teacher said "he was addled and his mind wandered in class," we might not have the light bulb today.

Thomas Edison was asked one time what he would have done if he hadn't invented the light bulb and he replied "I would still be in there trying..."

Why is it that we often try to put everyone in the same mold? Why do we want to categorize what is important and what has value only with the grade placed on it by those in

authority?

Is there not some value in "stepping to the beat of a different drummer?"

It took Thomas Edison five thousand tries before he invented the first incandescent light bulb.

It also took Colonel Sanders one thousand times before he sold his chicken recipe. He slept in his car, while traveling across the country, trying to sell his recipe that continues to make a fortune. It took Sam Walton to perfect the multi-purpose store,



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known as Wal-Mart, to not only make his family wealthy but to increase competition between businesses.

But back to my favorite story of Thomas Edison. I love this story because it affirms the power of persistence. The Bible says "The race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, but time and chance happens to them all."

God knew what he was doing when He made man. He gave us each one at least one small talent and we can use it and it

will multiply or if buried it will die.

Who can place value on what we do? So many inventions come into being simply because of necessity. When we want something badly enough we can believe it into existence. It is a tried and true statement that says "what we can conceive and believe we can achieve."

I say just keep on keeping on at whatever you do whether great or small and never ever let anyone else define what is valuable or has any worth.

We were not all created the same. None of us are alike nor should we want to be. God made no duplicates -- no two

snow flakes are alike.

God must like variety.

How could anyone not believe in God? I find it much easier to believe in the One who made me, Who causes the blood to flow through my veins and Who created me to breathe without even thinking about it than to believe in atheism.

We will never fully appreciate the value of what others do in life, whether great or small, because that is how we unfortunately are made and this lack of understanding is what causes much of the conflict in the world.

If we could only understand and appreciate each other a little

more we would know that it is only in our uniqueness that we celebrate our finest hours!!

Having this knowledge gives me the energy to go on even in the midst of emotional storms within my life, even as I write this place, but I am energized knowing that God will always pull me through because Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever getting me to the right place at the right time.

I am thankful for this "peace that passes understanding."

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INSPIRATION

Where Did Love Go?

Dearest readers,

Perhaps you had the chance to read my poem Millennials Matter to Me in July 2021. The following was written with my ongoing concern for our young adults in mind. Navigating the world in which we live is much harder in some ways now, and I am concerned about the pessimism, overall despondency, and the growing angst displayed by many people who are becoming more fearful, even angry. And we are bleeding this over into the hearts and minds of our young people. Many people feel a need to save us ; from the Covid 19 issues, global warming, legislation, politics, socialism, terrorism, liberalism, conservatism. Is there need for so much worry or truth to these threats ? Maybe, possibly, probably in some ways and in some cases. Maybe more than we even know. There's always some 'truth' to any story; just enough to pull in the curious, and then the 'facts' are presented, mingled with many speculations. The concerns just keep growing, and so I am taking some time to learn from sources that have been reliable thus far. But in the revealing of some newly discovered fact (I can't keep up with all the 'facts' !!) I wonder: where did love go and will we ever get it back? You know; the kind of love that keeps our eyes on our Father; not being driven by fear of the unknown, not trying to figure it all out before it 'gets us'; not letting THAT be the thing on which we focus. I have decided since the 'theories' show no signs of ending but are rather multiplying, I will refocus my eyes on the One who never leaves me and will

let Him be the One who guides me. I have to make a choice, and though this one is quite easy enough, I cannot go the forementioned route of fear and dread. All of my writings were designed to lift people to a higher place of thinking and feeling, with the assured hope that God really does love us, He will keep and guard us, will carry out His plan for our lives, has always been faithful to us, and is always going before/beside/behind/ and above us. I am reminded that my heavenly Father has never left me alone in my past; never to give in, give up, or be over-taken. Never. And equally important; both the extremists and their opponents on either side; even with their positions in high places, have never been able- not even once- to match that level of power. So therefore, why should we allow them any special allotment in our life or thoughts ? As Christians, we too must be careful that we not go to such extremes that people shut us out and turn to the latest news on the TV or w.w.w .for the answers, and shut off The Good News of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I see it happening, and hear almost weekly the sagas and suggestions of what is or may go wrong, and they seem to grow ever more twisted. And sometimes, they completely flip on themselves, turn in disguise, morph, and mutate as fast as the Covid 19 virus. But our Jehovah has never changed. His story or mission, nor sent us down a rabbit hole that tunnels so far away from The Light, that only darkness surrounds. That's what our mutual enemy does; twist the truth, stirs confusion, divides, and ultimately

steals or destroys.

Our Millennials, Gen Z and Gen Alpha desperately need a story of hope; something to hold onto. Jesus is after all "The Prince of Peace." Perhaps we all need to take a step back and consider what we are saying to our young people. Any depressing, draining, and damaging conversations will only serve the spirits of fear, self-doubt, anxiety, and despair. This we cannot do. Even as I write this, I am examining the motives of my heart, the character of my words, and the risk of being misunderstood. To me, Jesus was never a person who exhibited 'I don't care what you think. 'I care about what people think and how all of my writings affect them. As Christians we have to care, for God was from the beginning (and I paraphrase)- The God who cares. In all our searching for truth, may we lead our young adults to finding The Father. It's primary and supreme to all else. There's my truth, your truth, but then ultimately His Truth.

I was born during hurricane Betsy (Cat 5) and lived in New Orleans for 22 years, going back another 8 years to see family. I can tell you all about snakes in the street, water in the house, being locked in and boarded up. No FEMA, no Cajun Navy, no Red Cross, no cell phones, no internet, no services, no schools, and nowhere to go. Just dad with his gun and mom with her bleach. And that's a FACT !! Today, many of our brethren in south La. would gladly wear a mask in order to not breathe the mold, mildew, and stench of stagnant swamp water everywhere. Some may accept a shot to pre-

vent another disease on top of those floating and brewing all around them. How about some latex gloves or a gallon of hand gel to have something sanitary? Handout plastic-wrapped food, clean water in bottles, medication to alleviate pain and depression, pencils and paper to do school at home, a meditative book or Bible to give comfort in the isolation, cool air with no mosquitos, a toilet that flushes, a soft bed in a safe home, police officers to stop the stealing, a counselor to talk to.... you get my point. Perhaps this is our problem; too much of everything : opinions, attitudes, rights, entitlements, privileges, and how right we are, especially about the 'hot topics'.

I would like to keep my family and friends with love at the helm, so to that end I will strive to maintain peace and harmony. I write this poem as much to me as to anybody else. How can we help the healing and not hinder the hope? Sometimes I have been offered a 'certainty or fact ' for which I have no means by which to actually prove or disprove them, and only some experience and training. Before deciding anything, I must ask myself " AM I FIRST ASSURED that God will not desert His purposes and plans for me, nor anybody in His care, and that He will guide, direct, and teach me in His perfect manner OF LOVE--- NOT FEAR ? " Then, I can proceed from a steady foundation, and on this assurance (without pride) build my desires, feelings, thoughts, ideas, and continue to learn, educate myself, and grow. God help us to show our kids.

Where Did Love Go?

Where did Love go, have we seen her final days; has she just been thrown aside, cast far and away?

Where did Love go, has she come in an end, that we even separate close family and friends? Where did Love go with her Mercy and Grace, reaching out to others in the trails that they face?

Where did Love go? She is to triumph over all. Have we as God's people forgotten our first call?

Are we as God's people giving into offense; lacking understanding, always on the defense?

Are we not to be different, not easily led astray; but rather to examine how we think, what we say?

Where's the faith and trust that God is still good, even if things don't turn out as we wish they would?

Have we become so angry, hostile, and afraid, causing courage to despair of another hopeful day?

We all have our opinions on both sides of the aisle, so sure we are right and then quickly revile— any other idea with which we don't see eye to eye. Nobody knows anything; just me myself, and I.

Could there be others factors that have true validity? Could they possibly be right? Could the wrong one be me?

Why on every topic are we so certain of our 'facts'; prepared on every issue to go on the attack?

Why does a proposal of an idea that is new, quickly stirs up conflict, causing bitterness to brew?

There's always a debate, yet with little skills and tact, and for those who feed on theories, you will never have a lack-

of a new conspiracy, tomorrow or next year.

Yes, you may feast forever on a banquet of fear !

Maintain a steady diet of mistrust and doubt, glad to inform us and tell us all about -

how the world is in a mess and everything is wrong;

that these troubles will take over and the list is very long.

My God, it looks so terrible ! Has Love officially died?

Has she been kidnapped or is she trying to hide

away from all this tyranny that seeks to choke and drown,

have people made her run or involuntarily leave town?

No, I believe she still remains and is careful to abide

inside the hearts of people who want to keep her alive;

those who know her character, who speaks her kindly words,

who find the lost and lonely, who heal the wounded hurts.

Love is the foundation that will sustain us through these years,

and where she's free to roam there will be no place for fear .

The full extent of our problems- maybe God only knows,

but we must hold onto Love and never-never let her go.

"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment, The one who fears is not made perfect in love." (I John 4:18)

Glenbrook stuns Haynesville with 42-41 win

T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Minden Press-Herald

Glenbrook School was simply hoping to compete playing its first season of Louisiana High School Athletic Association football.

And competitive the Apaches have been so far this season.

On Friday night they did more than compete — the Apaches pulled off one of the biggest gridiron victories of all time as they went on the road and earned a District 1-1A win over Haynesville, the third-ranked team in the classification, defeating the Golden Tornado 42-41.

“It’s huge,” said Glenbrook head coach David Feaster about the win. “For me, it’s just seeing our guys and the players in this program have the night that they had. It was so much fun. It was

an incredible crowd and the number of people and their intensity, it was incredible for our guys to experience that — that’s for me.

“But for the longtime Glenbrook people, I think they’re saying, ‘Yes! We’ve been playing sports over here for a long time, it’s just nobody has noticed it before.’ And so it was kind of an affirmation, if you will, and a validation of the state championship we won in baseball and in softball the last couple of years, and girls cross country. The football state championship we won 15 years ago. All that stuff seems to mean more now because of the football season we’re having. People are realizing that we really can compete with all of these schools. To beat Haynesville is just off the charts exciting.”

The Apaches struck



PRESS-HERALD PHOTO BY T. SCOTT BOATRIGHT
Glenbrook's Rhett Johnson (15, pictured during a game earlier this season), scored on an 11-yard run to help the Apaches edge past Haynesville Friday night.

first with quarterback Ty Feaster hitting Turner Mclelland on a 29-yard scoring strike only two plays into the game-opening drive for a 7-0 lead.

Haynesville countered with 15 unanswered points before Mclelland

was back at it, tying things up on a 15-yard scoring scamper followed by a two-point conversion pass from Feaster to Cade Hollis.

But the Golden Tornado quickly stormed back in front, taking advantage of

a “Pick Six” and two other touchdowns to build a 33-15 advantage with plenty of time remaining in the second quarter.

“In that first half I probably told them 15 times that it was going to be a long game,” Coach Feaster said of dealing with his team as Haynesville stretched out its lead. “Don’t celebrate too much if things go good and don’t get down too much if things go bad, because there’s going to be a lot of it both ways and it’s going to be a long football game.”

A pair of touchdown pass helped the Apaches cut the Haynesville lead to 33-28 at the half.

After taking the ball over on downs to start the third quarter, Glenbrook marched 91 yards with Trey Kent’s three-yard scoring scamper putting the Apaches on top 34-33.

Haynesville scored on

the ensuing drive to go up 41-34 at the 2:34 mark of the third quarter before the defenses of both teams started slugging it out.

Rhett Johnson’s 11-yard touchdown run with 5:23 remaining pulled the Apaches within one point at 41-40. Glenbrook decided to play to win, with Carter powering his way to paydirt to put the Apaches on top 42-41.

Haynesville could drive no deeper than the Glenbrook 48 on the ensuing drive as the Apaches took over on downs and milked the clock for the upset victory.

“It kind of came down to the fourth quarter and our conditioning because they have some great players. But they have a couple of guys that they can’t do without — they run the ball over and over again. We finally wore them down.”

North DeSoto takes down Crimson Tide, 28-7

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Minden Press-Herald

North DeSoto played spoiler for Minden High School’s Homecoming Friday night as the Crimson Tide fell to the Griffins 28-7 at WW Williams Stadium.

The Griffins put up the

lone score in a quiet first half as David Adkins burst through a hole on the left side and raced 73 yards to paydirt at the 7:20 mark of the first quarter for a 6-0 advantage.

Minden moved out in front with 8:07 left in the third quarter when Jaylin Williams hauled in a 15-

yard scoring strike from Andrew Cooper followed by Carter Bennett’s PAT kick to put the Tide up 7-6.

But the Griffins went on top for good with 45 seconds remaining in the stanza and added a pair of fourth quarter scores on a six-yard run by Ad-

kins and a one-yard run by Sam Odom to secure the win.

The Griffins controlled the game offensively, holding a 28:24 - 19:36 time of possession advantage and outrushing the Tide with 297 yards compared to 231 for Minden.

In fact, North DeSoto attempted only two passes in the contest with both falling incomplete.

Adkins provided the bulk of the Griffins’ offense with 166 rushing yards on 16 carries while Daylen Robinson led Minden with 56 yards on 15 rushing attempts.

Cooper went 10-of-21 passing for 126 yards while Williams led the Tide with seven receptions for 86 yards.

Minden (2-4, 0-1 in 1-4A) moves out of district play next Friday by playing host to Neville (5-1), the No. 2 ranked team in Class 4A.

Lincoln Prep holds off Lakeside

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Lakeside High School fought to the finish, but time wasn’t on the Warriors side as they fell at home Friday night by the score of 44-27 to Lincoln Preparatory School.

The Warriors started strong, and finished even stronger. But by then it was simply too late as the Panthers built as much as a 30-point advantage (44-14) with 6:42 remaining.

Early on, Lakeside’s defensive front, led by

Kris Redden and CJ Watt, looked to have the upper hand on the Panthers, forcing Lincoln Prep quarterback Ta’Rell Simmons to scramble throughout the contest.

A 20-yard scoop and score by Watt put Lakeside on top 7-0 at the 1:54 mark of the first quarter.

But the Panthers quickly rebounded as Simmons scrambled and then hit running back Chauncy Harper on a 14-yard touchdown pass that cut the Warriors’ lead to 7-6 with 11:49 remaining in

the first half after the point after kick attempted dinged off the right upright and then the crossbar before bouncing back toward the playing field.

Leading 18-7 lead at intermission, Lincoln Prep quickly added to that lead to start the second half as Dmitry Payne took the opening kickoff 54-yards for a score.

The Panthers led by as much as 44-14 before three late fourth quarter touchdowns by the Warriors tightened things up at the end.

Bossier bounces N. Webster, 28-7

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North Webster overcame an early 16-point deficit to build a halftime lead over Bossier Friday night at Baucum-Farrar Stadium.

But the Bearcats took control in the third quarter before holding on for a 40-28 win in the District 1-3A opener for both schools.

Trailing 16-0, North Webster’s first score came on a one-yard sneak (set

up by his own long run) by quarterback Collin McKenzie at the 7:00 mark of the first half before the Knights’ JaMarcus Stephens made an interception that set North Webster up at the Bossier 24-yard line.

McKenzie hit paydirt on a four-yard scoring scamper shortly later than pulled the Knights to within three points at 16-13 before Stephens did it again, this time scoring on a 102-yard “Pick Six” that put the

Knights on top 20-16 at the half.

“We had all the momentum going into halftime after that,” said North Webster coach John Ware. “We got the ball coming out of the second half and Bossier kicked off and the ball just perfectly bounced down to the one-yard line, bit and stayed inbounds. We tried to pick it up but the player stepped out of bounds. It was just an unfortunate bounce that changed the game.”

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6	4	9	5	3	7	2	8	1
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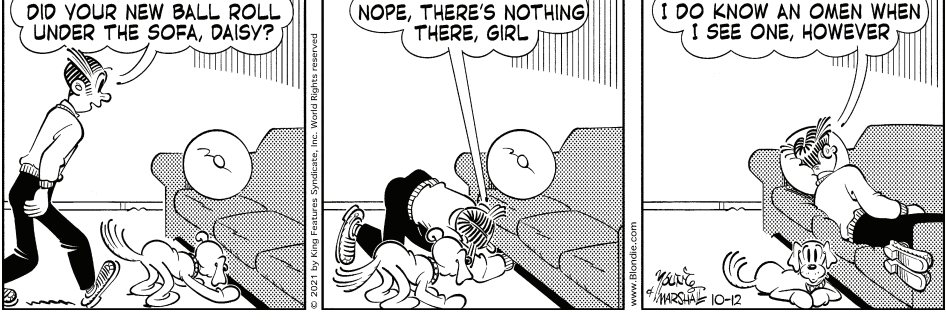
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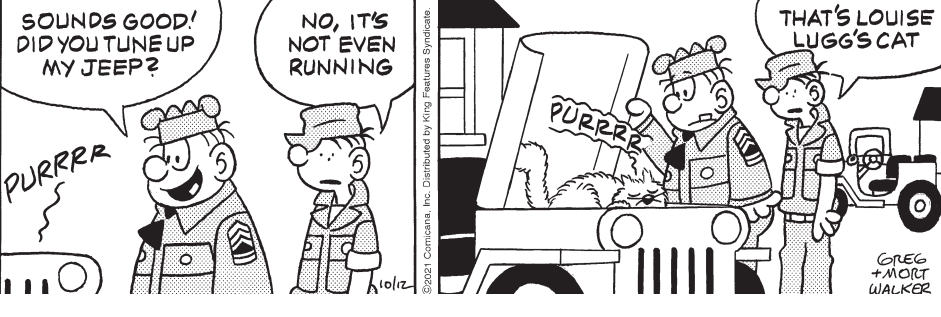
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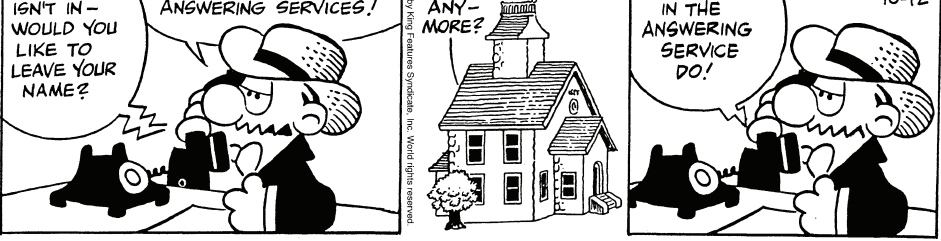
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NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to article IV, section 21 (D) (1) of the Louisiana Constitution, that on September 30, 2021, Entergy Louisiana, LLC ("ELL") an electric public utility providing retail electric service to customers in fifty-eight Parishes of the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission ("LPSC" or the "Commission") in LPSC Docket No. U-35991, its Third Supplemental Application requesting the establishment and securitization of a Hurricane Ida storm damage reserve fund. Approval of the requested relief would result in amendments to the new Rider Financed Storm Cost IV ("FSC IV") rider schedule and new Rider Storm Cost Offset IV ("SCO IV") rider schedule previously proposed in this docket but not yet approved by the LPSC.

If the Commission were to approve the creation and securitization of the Hurricane Ida storm damage reserve fund in the full amount requested by ELL in addition to the relief previously sought by the Company, and were it to adopt the rate design reflected in Riders FSCIII and SCOI (pertaining to Hurricane Isaac): (1) the total system restoration charge, billed on behalf of the LURC, on the monthly electric bill through Rider FSC IV for one of ELL's LPSC-jurisdictional residential customers using 1,000 kWh is estimated at \$8.05 per month; (2) the first year's Rider SCOI imposed on the monthly electric bill of one of its LPSC-jurisdictional residential customers through

proposed Rider SCOI using 1,000 kWh is estimated to be a credit of \$0.31 per month; and (3) the net effect of Rider FSCIV and Rider SCOI on a residential customer using 1,000 kWh is estimated to be \$7.74 per month, which equates to an increase of 6.45%.

The public version of the Company's filing, including its attachments, may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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Entergy Louisiana, LLC

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Quick Draw Travel Plaza & Casino LLC, d/b/a Quick Draw Travel Plaza is applying to the Office of Alcohol & Tobacco Control of the State of Louisiana and the City of Minden for a permit to sell beverages of high and low alcohol content at retail in the Parish of Webster at the following address:

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The following resolution was offered by _Mr. Randy Thomas_ and seconded by _____Ms. Vera Davison____: WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY RESOLUTION # 009 -2021

A resolution approving the holding of an election in Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the "Governing Authority"), acting as the governing authority of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana (the "District"), adopted a resolution on September 13, 2021, calling a special election in the District on Saturday, March 26, 2022, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein; and

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the District has requested that this Police Jury, acting as the governing authority of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, give its consent and authority for the District to hold the aforesaid election, and in the event that the election carries to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein; and

WHEREAS, as required by Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, it is now the desire of this Police Jury to approve the holding of said election and in the event that the election carries, to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, acting as the governing authority of said Parish, that:

SECTION 1. In compliance with the provisions of Article VI, Section 15 of the Constitution of the State of Louisiana of 1974, and in accordance with the request of the Board of Commissioners of Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana, this Police Jury hereby approves the holding of an election in the District, on Saturday, March 26, 2022, at which election there will be submitted the following proposition, to-wit:

PROPOSITION (MILLAGE CONTINUATION)

Shall Dubberly Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana (the "District"), levy and collect an ad valorem tax of eleven and four hundredths (11.04) mills on all the property subject to taxation in the District (an estimated \$180,000 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 2019 and ending with the year 2028, for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, improving, maintaining and/or operating fire protection facilities and equipment of the District, including the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, and all purposes incidental thereto, said millage to represent a one and four hundredths mills (1.04) increase (due to reappraisal) over the 10 mills tax authorized to be levied through the year 2018 pursuant to an election held on October 4, 2008?

SECTION 2. In the event the election carries, this Police Jury does hereby further consent to and authorize the District to continue to levy and collect the special tax provided for therein.

This resolution having been submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

MEMBERS:	YEAS:	NAYS:	ABSENT:	ABSTAINING:
Bruce Blanton	X			
Allen Gilbert		X		
Daniel Thomas	X			
Randy Thomas	X			
Bernard Hudson	X			
Jim Bonsall	X			
Steve Lemmons	X			
Nick Cox	X			
Beverly Kennon	X			
Vera Davison	X			
Steve Ramsey	X			
Benjamin Jordan	X			

And the resolution was declared adopted on this, the 5th day of October, 2021.

/s/ Lisa C. Balkom
Secretary-Treasurer

/s/ Jim Bonsall
President

STATE OF LOUISIANA
PARISH OF WEBSTER

I, the undersigned Secretary-Treasurer of the Police Jury of the Parish of Webster, State of Louisiana, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by said Police Jury on October 5, 2021, approving the holding of an election in Evergreen Fire Protection District, Claiborne/Webster Parishes, Louisiana, to authorize the levy of a special tax therein.

IN FAITH WHEREOF, witness my official signature at Minden, Louisiana, on this, the 5th day of October, 2021.

LISA C. BALKOM
Secretary-Treasurer

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<div><div><div>NOTICE</div><div>Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the Open Primary/Orleans Municipal Parochial Primary Election October 9, 2021 rescheduled for November 13, 2021 by Executive Order Number 2021 JBE 13</div><div>-----</div><div>CODING: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and/or underscored are additions.</div><div>-----</div><div>Proposed Amendment No. 1 Regular Session, 2021</div><div>-----</div><div>ACT No. 131</div><div>-----</div><div>HOUSE BILL NO. 199 BY REPRESENTATIVES SCHEXNAYDER, BAGLEY, BISHOP, BRYANT, BUTLER, CARRIER, COUSSAN, DAVIS, DEVILLIER, ECHOLS, EDMONDS, FARNUM, FREEMAN, GADBERRY, GLOVER, GOUDEAU, GREEN, HARRIS, HILFERTY, HORTON, MIKE JOHNSON, TRAVIS JOHNSON, KERNER, LARVADAIN, MARCELLE, MCKNIGHT, MCMAHEN, MOORE, NELSON, NEWELL, ORGERON, PIERRE, PRESSLY, ROMERO, SELDERS, ST. BLANC, STAGNI, THOMAS, VILLIO, WHEAT, WHITE, AND WRIGHT AND SENATORS ABRAHAM, ALLAIN, BERNARD, BOUDREAUX, BOUIE, CATHEY, CONNICK, HEWITT, JOHNS, LUNEAU, MCMATH, MILLIGAN, FRED MILLS, ROBERT MILLS, MIZELL, MORRIS, REESE, SMITH, AND WOMACK</div><div>-----</div><div>A JOINT RESOLUTION</div><div>Proposing to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to sales and use tax collection; to create the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission; to authorize the legislature to provide by law for the streamlined electronic collection of sales and use taxes; to provide for commission membership; to provide for commission duties and responsibilities; to provide for commission officers; to provide for the administration of sales and use taxes; to provide for the transfer of powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board; to provide for funding; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; to provide for effectiveness; and to provide for related matters.</div><div>Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to add Article VII, Section 3.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: <u>§3.1. State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission</u> <u>Section 3.1(A) The State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission, hereinafter referred to in this Section as the “commission”, is hereby created as a statewide political subdivision. The duties and obligations of the commission shall be determined by law.</u> <u>(B)(1) The membership of the commission shall be comprised of eight members, each of whom shall be subject to Senate confirmation, as follows:</u> <u>(a) One member appointed by the Louisiana School Boards Association or its successor.</u> <u>(b) One member appointed by the Louisiana Municipal Association or its successor.</u> <u>(c) One member appointed by the Police Jury Association of Louisiana or its successor.</u> <u>(d) One member appointed by the Louisiana Sheriffs’ Association or its successor.</u> <u>(e) The secretary of the Department of Revenue, or a designee of the secretary.</u> <u>(f) One member appointed by the governor.</u> <u>(g) One member appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives.</u> <u>(h) One member appointed by the president of the Senate.</u> <u>(2) The initial members of the commission shall be appointed at the first meeting.</u> <u>(3) The commission shall have a chairman and vice-chairman and such other officers as the commission deems necessary. The initial chairman of the commission shall be elected by commission members at the first meeting and shall be a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) of this Paragraph. The initial vice-chairman shall be elected by commission members at the first meeting and shall be a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) of this Paragraph. Thereafter, on the anniversary of the initial election of the chairman and vice-chairman, the commission shall elect as chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(e) through (h) of this Paragraph, and shall elect as vice-chairman a member appointed pursuant to Subsubparagraphs (1)(a) through (d) of this Paragraph. The election of chairman and vice-chairman positions shall continue to rotate in this manner each year.</u> <u>(C) The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the speaker of the House of Representatives no later than one year following the enactment of the statutory provisions as provided for in Paragraph (I) of this Section.</u> <u>(D) The commission shall:</u> <u>(1) Provide for the streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of sales and use taxes levied within the state ensuring prompt remittance of the respective tax returns and monies received electronically by the commission to the single collector for each taxing authority and to the Department</u></div></div><div><div>of Revenue for distribution. The tax monies received shall, at all times, be and remain the property of the respective taxing authorities or the state.</div><div>(2) <u>Issue policy advice relative to sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.</u></div><div>(3) <u>Develop rules, regulations, and guidance to simplify and streamline the audit process for sales and use taxpayers.</u></div><div>(E) <u>The commission shall be funded with state and local sales and use tax revenues collected and deemed by the commission, to be reasonable and necessary costs of the administration and collection of sales and use taxes levied by all taxing authorities within the state.</u></div><div>(F) <u>One year following the first meeting of the commission, the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be abolished. The powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to, exercised by, and under the administration and control of the commission. When the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are abolished:</u> <u>(1) Any reference in law to the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be deemed to apply to the commission.</u> <u>(2) All books, papers, records, actions, and other property, heretofore possessed, controlled, or used by the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board are hereby transferred to the commission.</u> <u>(3) All employees of the Louisiana Sales and Use Tax Commission for Remote Sellers and the Louisiana Uniform Local Sales Tax Board shall be transferred to the commission.</u> <u>(G) The adoption or amendment of any rule by the commission shall require a two-thirds vote of the members of the commission and shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act.</u> <u>(H) All statutory provisions enacted relative to the duties, funding, or obligations of the commission shall require the enactment of law by a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature.</u> <u>(I)(1) Absent the enactment of statutory provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section, local sales and use tax collection shall be as provided in Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution and state sales and use tax collection and administration shall be by the Department of Revenue as provided by law.</u> <u>(2) Any law enacting provisions pursuant to Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section shall require a two-thirds vote of the elected members of each house of the legislature. Beginning on the effective date of such law, the provisions of Article VII, Section 3(B) of this Constitution shall cease to be effective and shall be inapplicable, inoperable, and of no effect for the limited purposes of the commission’s duties as set forth in Subparagraphs (D)(1) through (3) of this Section.</u></div><div>Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. If the Act which originated as Senate Bill No. 149 of this 2021 Regular Session of the Legislature does not become effective and no statewide election is held on October 9, 2021, this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on November 8, 2022.</div><div>Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: Do you support an amendment to authorize the legislature to provide for the streamlined electronic filing, electronic remittance, and the collection of sales and use taxes levied within the state by the State and Local Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Commission and to provide for the funding, duties, and responsibilities of the commission? (Adds Article VII, Section 3.1)</div><div>-----</div><div>Proposed Amendment No. 2 Regular Session, 2021</div><div>-----</div><div>ACT No. 134</div><div>-----</div><div>SENATE BILL NO. 159 BY SENATORS ALLAIN AND JOHNS AND REPRESENTATIVE BISHOP</div><div>-----</div><div>A JOINT RESOLUTION</div><div>Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to income tax; to provide a maximum rate of individual income tax; to provide with respect to the deductibility of federal income tax for purposes of computing state income tax; to eliminate the mandatory deduction for federal income taxes; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.</div><div>Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 4(A) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: §4. Income Tax; Severance Tax; Political Subdivisions Section 4.(A) Income Tax. Equal and uniform taxes may be levied on net incomes, and these taxes may be graduated according to the amount of net income. However, the maximum state individual and joint income tax schedule of rates and brackets shall never exceed the rates and brackets set forth in Title 47 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes on January 1, 2003 rate shall not exceed four and three-quarters percent for tax years beginning after December 31, 2021. Federal income taxes paid shall may be allowed as a deductible item in computing state income taxes for the same period as provided by law. Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: Do you support an amendment to lower the maximum allowable rate of individual income tax and to authorize the legislature to provide by law for a deduction for federal income taxes paid? (Amends Article VII, Section 4(A))</div><div>-----</div><div>Proposed Amendment No. 3 Regular Session, 2021</div><div>-----</div><div>ACT No. 132</div><div>-----</div><div>SENATE BILL NO. 87 BY SENATOR CONNICK</div><div>-----</div><div>A JOINT RESOLUTION</div><div>Proposing to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to taxing authority of levee districts; to provide for the millage limits on certain levee districts; and to specify an election for submission of the proposition to electors and provide a ballot proposition.</div><div>Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VI, Section 39 of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: §39. Levee District Taxes Section 39.(A) District Tax; Millage Limit. For the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection, and for all other purposes incidental thereto, the governing authority of a levee district created prior to January 1, 2006; except as provided in Paragraph (C) of this Section, may levy annually a tax not to exceed five mills, except the Board of Levee Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District which may levy annually a tax not to exceed two and one-half mills on the dollar of the assessed valuation of all taxable property situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow. (B) Millage Increase. If the necessity to raise additional funds arises in any levee district created prior to January 1, 2006; for any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, or for any other purpose related to its authorized powers and functions as specified by law, the tax may be increased. However, the necessity and the rate of the increase shall be submitted to the electors of the district, and the tax increase shall take effect only if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon in an election held for that purpose. (C) Certain Districts Created After January 1, 2006. For any purpose set forth in Paragraph (A) of this Section, the governing authority of a levee district created after January 1, 2006, and where a majority of the electors in the district failed to approve the provisions of this Section in an election held on October 9, 2021, or a levee district created after October 9, 2021, may annually levy a tax on all property not exempt from taxation situated within the alluvial portions of the district subject to overflow. However, such a district shall not levy such a tax nor increase the rate of such a tax unless the levy or the increase is approved by a majority of the electors of the district who vote in an election held for that purpose. If the district is comprised of territory in more than one parish, approval by a majority of the electors who vote in each parish comprising the district is also required for any such levy or increase. Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at said election there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: Do you support an amendment to allow levee districts created after January 1, 2006, and before October 9, 2021, whose electors approve the amendment to levy an annual tax not to exceed five mills for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, flood protection, and hurricane flood protection? (Amends Article VI, Section 39)</div><div>-----</div><div>Proposed Amendment No. 4 Regular Session, 2021</div><div>-----</div><div>ACT No. 157</div><div>-----</div><div>HOUSE BILL NO. 487</div><div>-----</div></div></div>	<div><div>BY REPRESENTATIVE ECHOLS</div><div>A JOINT RESOLUTION</div><div>Proposing to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, relative to deficit avoidance; to increase the amount of allowable reductions to certain funds when there is a projected deficit; to provide for submission of the proposed amendment to the electors; and to provide for related matters.</div><div>Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of Louisiana, two-thirds of the members elected to each house concurring, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana, for their approval or rejection in the manner provided by law, a proposal to amend Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b) of the Constitution of Louisiana, to read as follows: ARTICLE VII §10. Expenditure of State Funds Section 10. * * * (F) Projected Deficit. * * * (2)(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, adjustments to any constitutionally protected or mandated allocations or appropriations, and transfer of monies associated with such adjustments, are authorized when state general fund allocations or appropriations have been reduced in an aggregate amount equal to at least seven-tenths of one percent of the total of such allocations and appropriations for a fiscal year. Such adjustments may <u>shall</u> not exceed five <u>ten</u> percent of the total appropriation or allocation from a fund for the fiscal year. For purposes of this Subsubparagraph, reductions to expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall not exceed one percent and such reductions shall not be applicable to instructional activities included within the meaning of instruction pursuant to the Minimum Foundation Program formula. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies transferred as a result of such budget adjustments are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure in the year of the transfer from one fund to another, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any transfers exceed the amount of the deficit. (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this constitution to the contrary, for the purposes of the budget estimate and enactment of the budget for the next fiscal year, when the official forecast of recurring revenues for the next fiscal year is at least one percent less than the official forecast for the current fiscal year, the following procedure may be employed to avoid a budget deficit in the next fiscal year. An amount not to exceed five <u>ten</u> percent of the total appropriations or allocations for the current fiscal year from any fund established by law or this constitution shall be available for expenditure in the next fiscal year for a purpose other than as specifically provided by law or this constitution. For the purposes of this Subsubparagraph, an amount not to exceed one percent of the current fiscal year appropriation for expenditures required by Article VIII, Section 13(B) of this constitution shall be available for expenditures for other purposes in the next fiscal year. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this constitution to the contrary, monies made available as authorized under this Subsubparagraph may be transferred to a fund for which revenues have been forecast to be less than the revenues in the current fiscal year for such fund. Monies transferred as a result of the budget actions authorized by this Subsubparagraph are deemed available for appropriation and expenditure, but in no event shall the aggregate amount of any such transfers exceed the amount of the difference between the official forecast for the current fiscal year and the next fiscal year. * * *</div><div>Section 2. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the electors of the state of Louisiana at the statewide election to be held on October 9, 2021. Section 3. Be it further resolved that on the official ballot to be used at the election, there shall be printed a proposition, upon which the electors of the state shall be permitted to vote YES or NO, to amend the Constitution of Louisiana, which proposition shall read as follows: Do you support an amendment to increase the amount of allowable deficit reductions to statutory dedications and constitutionally protected funds from five percent to ten percent? (Amends Article VII, Section 10(F)(2)(a) and (b))</div><div>October 12, 2021 Minden Press-Herald</div></div> <div><div>ATTORNEYS Applying for Social Security Disability or Appealing a Denied Claim? Call Bill Gordon & Assoc. Our case managers simplify the process & work hard to help with your case. Call 1-844-883-2045 FREE Consultation. 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