



## Post Scripts

### Why NOLA?

When it comes to major U.S. cities that are political hotbeds, New Orleans likely doesn't even crack the Top 20, but shortly after 3 a.m. New Year's Day, it became the scene of a very political thing — a 'terrorist' attack, one that left 15 people dead and dozens injured.

Let's be real. People weren't sitting around chewing over politics on New Year's Eve in the French Quarter. People were reveling, imbibing, pre-gaming for the Sugar Bowl and Mardi Gras, ushering out 2024 and welcoming in 2025. People were doing what New Orleans is known for doing — being The Big Easy.

Now it will not be so 'Easy.' What will the upcoming Super Bowl and Mardi Gras season look like? Because even though we doubt — and hope and pray — something like this will never happen in New Orleans again, people are going to be un-Easy in the Big Easy as we

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### 'Write Now! Acadia' group formed by CAA

A new literary arts workshop known as "Write Now! Acadia" is being formed at the Crowley Art Association.

The group will be led by Randy Dupré, co-founder of Bayou Writers Group of Lake Charles, which has produced many fine authors and poets.

Dupré said he hopes to do the same here by offering a place and community where writers can grow and support one another as they develop their skills and work towards publication.

The intention of the group is to give writers a place to work, share ideas, get help or bounce ideas off of one another as well as to be a venue to share their work.

Meetings will be held at the Crowley Art As-

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## Petitjean sworn in for fourth term



Acadia Parish Assessor James "Jimbo" Petitjean, left, is congratulated by retired Rayne City Judge Jim Cunningham after Petitjean was sworn in for his fourth term as assessor during ceremonies on Dec. 30. Cunningham, a long-time friend of Petitjean's, administered the oath of office.

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### Assessor, staff take oaths on Dec. 30

CROWLEY - Acadia Parish Assessor James J. "Jimbo" Petitjean was sworn in for his fourth term of office during ceremonies on Dec. 30, 2024.

The Oath of Office was administered by Judge James M. Cunningham, Retired.

"What an honor for our office and staff," Petitjean said.

Serving as Assessor of Acadia Parish since 2013, Petitjean has assembled a staff of competent and capable individuals.

Also sworn in were Chief Deputy Assessor Jeff Bourgeois and Deputy Assessors Nancy Hayes, Selina Myers, Joel O'Quain, Deborah Jackson, Cheryl Boudreaux, Lisa Faulk and Randy Guidry.

"We are all grateful to serve Acadia Parish and will continue to provide

the service and resources that have been the cornerstone of this administration," Petitjean said.

"We remain steadfast in upholding our Mission Statement which is 'To increase awareness and understanding throughout Acadia Parish regarding the assessment process, so that residents recognize what it entails and how it ultimately affects and benefits them daily.'"

Petitjean was recently honored by the Louisiana Assessor's Association as "Assessor of the Year" for the second time in three years.

"Acadia Parish is truly fortunate to have an assessor with such a sincere love for his parish and the people he serves," said LAA President and Vermilion Parish Assessor Gabe Marceaux in making the presentation to Petitjean.

## Funeral services today for Frances Regan Miller

*"So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."*

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

IOTA - It is with great sadness that we announce to passing of Frances Regan Miller, 63, of Iota, on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025, at 5:50 a.m. surrounded by her loving family.

Frances Marie Regan was born on July

25, 1961, to Paul and Ida Belle Breaux Regan, coming along a little more than 3 years after her big brother Ronald. She attended St. Francis Catholic School in Iota and then Iota High.

"Teacher's Pet" was an understatement from what we've been told. She was an exemplary student who loved to learn and was never afraid to show her love for Jesus and ev-

eryone around her.

There was an older boy on the school bus that she "chased" for about a year until she finally "caught" him. The best decision they both made! On Oct. 6, 1979, she married the love of her life, Dale Miller. A couple of years later their son Johnny came. Next came their daughter Cassie.

After a wonderful stay-at-home mom expe-

rience, she substituted in the Pre-K classroom as an aide at St. Francis for half a year. It was then that she made the decision to go to college and become what most everyone knows her as now — Mrs. Frances, the Pre-K teacher.

After graduating with honors from McNeese, she taught first grade at St. Francis for half a year.



Frances Regan Miller

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## Prayer service remembers families, victims of recent New Orleans terrorist attack

BY STEVE BANDY  
MANAGING EDITOR

An informal gathering Saturday afternoon at the Historic Rice Theatre prayed for all those impacted by the New Year's Day terrorist attack in New Orleans that killed 14 innocent people and injured dozens more.

"This is something that's been on everyone's minds since it happened and I just thought we could gather and pray for the victims," said Mayor Chad Monceaux, who spearheaded the event.

"We have been fortunate in Louisiana that we have not had

to deal with tragedy of this magnitude to date."

Those in attendance gathered in a circle in front of the stage at the Theatre and were led in prayer by Father Mark Miley, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church; Rev. Marcal Poullard, pastor of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church; and Pastor J.J. Uys of Our Savior's Church of Crowley.

Fr. Miley offered a prayer for the "victims' families and for the family of the perpetrator of this tragic event," who was ulti-

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Father Mark Miley, right, pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, leads a prayer during an informal prayer service for victims of the New Orleans terror attack. The service was held Saturday afternoon at The Rice Theatre. Also participating were Pastor Marcal Poullard, center, of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church; Mayor Chad Monceaux, left; and Pastor J.J. Uys of Our Savior's Church, not shown.

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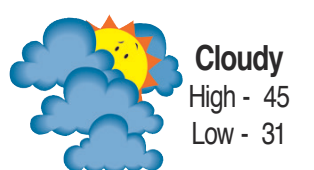
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# Biden bans offshore drilling, AG Murrill threatens lawsuit

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Louisiana officials, including Attorney General Liz Murrill, have voiced strong opposition to President Joe Biden's recent offshore oil drilling ban, citing its potential economic impacts.

Signed during Biden's final days in office, the executive order halts all future drilling along the East and West Coasts, parts of Alaska's Bering Sea, and the eastern Gulf of Mexico.

The move, made under the 1953 Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act, cannot be immediately reversed by incoming President Donald Trump.

Murrill hinted at a potential lawsuit, calling the decision a "direct threat" to national security and the energy workforce.

In his order, Biden emphasized the need for environmental protection, citing the risks offshore drilling poses to coastal communities and ecosystems.

"My decision reflects what coastal communities, businesses, and beachgoers have known for a long time: that drilling off these coasts could cause irreversible damage to places we hold dear and is unnecessary to meet our na-

tion's energy needs. It is not worth the risks," Biden said.

Biden defended the ban as necessary to address climate risks and prevent catastrophic oil spills, referencing the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster.

"The Deepwater Horizon oil spill, a man-made catastrophe that took the lives of eleven people and spilled millions of barrels of oil into the waters of the Gulf of Mexico, is a solemn reminder of the costs and risks of offshore drilling."

## Louisiana Leaders Respond

The ban has sparked widespread criticism in Louisiana, a hub for the oil and gas industry. Officials argue the decision will harm the state's economy and energy independence.

Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill took to X to express her opposition, hinting at legal action:

"After 4 years of incompetence & bureaucratic reign by DC over the American people, @JoeBiden's parting gift is to attack America's energy independence. This is a direct threat to our national security & the hard-working men & women of this Country. Lawsuit incom-

ing — stay tuned."

Senator John Kennedy also criticized Biden's energy policy on X, saying:

"From Day 1, Pres. Biden's energy policy has been — for political reasons — to have America forfeit its energy independence. I think he'd prefer to have us buy oil from countries that hate us so that those countries will have more money to buy weapons to try to kill us."

Senator Bill Cassidy described the decision as part of Biden's broader anti-energy agenda:

"It's only fitting that as a parting shot, Joe Biden's war on American energy and the American energy worker continues," Cassidy said. "This action cuts off well-paying energy jobs for Americans that want to have a better life to satisfy an environmental left wing who only cares about abstract notions."

Congressman Clay Higgins pledged to fight the ban, stating:

"Joe Biden has been at war with the oil and gas industry since day one. His latest ban will not stand. I'll be introducing legislation ensuring President Trump can swiftly overturn this action and unleash American energy dominance."



The house fire in the 7100 block of the Mire Highway near Higginbotham Hwy, which claimed a man's life on Thursday, Jan. 2.

## Mire VFD responds to two fires, one fatal, over holiday weekend

MIRE - On Thursday, Jan. 2, at 1:08 p.m. the Mire Volunteer Fire Department responded to a residential fire in the 7100 block of Mire Hwy., north of Mire (intersection of Mire Hwy. and Higginbotham Hwy.).

Upon arrival, firefighters observed a single family residential structure with heavy flames and smoke emitting from it. Firefighters began extinguishing efforts and conducted a search of the residence.

During the search, firefighters discovered one subject, deceased, later identified as Isaiah Harrison, 34, a native of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The Office of the Louisiana State Fire Marshal was contacted and took over the investigation, along with the Acadia Parish Coroner's Office.

Assisting Mire firefighters during the incident were volunteer firemen of the Branch Fire Department.

In the late evening hours of New Year's Day, Jan. 1, Mire Firemen were called to a multi-structure fire in the 400 block of Romona Drive, located just north of Soldier Road in Acadia Parish.

No injuries were reported. Mire firemen were assisted by members of the Branch and Rayne Fire Departments.

## WRITE: Classes free to attend

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sociation Gallery, located at 411 N. Parkerson Ave. from noon until 5 p.m. every Tuesday through May.

Attendees will not be required to stay the full time nor attend every meeting. There is no cost to be a member and

membership is open to the public and all ages and all forms of writing are acceptable.

The first meeting of Write Now! Acadia will be held on Tuesday Jan. 14.

Contact Dupré at 337-658-0829 or at the gallery on Tuesdays for more information.

## SERVICES: 29 years in classroom

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The following year, one of her high school teachers who was a principal at the time thought she'd be perfect for the brand-new Pre-K program that was being started at Egan Elementary.

A few years after that, when her two oldest were in their teens, along came their son Jacob. She was chosen more than once as the Egan Elementary Teacher of the Year.

She spent 29 years in school classrooms, even returning to her roots at St. Francis to finish off the last part of the year in Pre-K before her cancer diagnosis. She volunteered her time with the Acadia Parish 4-H program, serving many years as club leader at Egan Elementary.

In 2008 she was chosen by Louisiana Ag in the Classroom as the Teacher of the Year. She then joined the state committee. She traveled around the country learning all that she could to bring back that knowledge to her "kids" at school. After retirement from the public school system, she ran for and won the District 2 seat on the Acadia Parish School Board.

She lived a beautiful, faith-filled life. They attended Mass at St. Michael's Chapel in Egan, where Frances was a lector, Communion minister, and CCD teacher. She spent 40 years in a CCD classroom where she was able to teach generations of kids from this area about the Catholic faith.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband, Dale; son, Johnny (Katie); daughter, Cassie (Pierce); son, Jacob (Sydney); brother, Ronald "RP"; mother-in-law, Daisy; grandchildren — Gannon (Lillie), Julianna (Andrew), Lilli (Dylan), Ava, Hudson, Jemma, Porter, Emmalynn, Ellie, and Kate-Frances; great-grandchildren — Maverick and baby on the way; and a host of family and friends who were very dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Paul and Ida Belle Regan; and her father-in-law, Pat Miller.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Wednesday, Jan. 8, at 11 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Iota. Father Andrew Killeen, pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church,

officiated for the services.

Visitation began at Geesey Ferguson Funeral Home — Iota from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday and continued Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. with a rosary being recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday

One of her wishes was that whoever attends her services does NOT wear black.

In lieu of flowers, Frances requested donations to either St. Francis Catholic School in Iota or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (where she and Dale have donated faithfully for since 1979).

Words of comfort may be sent to the family at [www.geesey-ferguson.com](http://www.geesey-ferguson.com).

Arrangements were entrusted to Geesey-Ferguson Funeral Home, 509 Duson Ave., Iota, 337-779-2627.

## SCRIPTS: College football playoffs

FROM PAGE 1

tend to the black eye that was dealt to our citizens and guests in — even though it is known the world over as "the" party town — a spot that is dear to many hearts and Louisiana's history.

Why did this 'terrorist' chose New Orleans? Simply because a maximum amount of people ensures a maximum amount of carnage? Like many of these types of incidents, we'll likely never know the nitty, gritty, end-all, be-all reason this person chose to do this.

We never thought something like this would happen in New Orleans, our backyard, and now it has.

Sending good vibes to one of our nation's most treasured cities. May it heal and find its way back to 'Easy.'

### Playoffs

It's getting down to the nitty gritty in college football with just three games remaining before a new national champion is crowned.

And none of the top four seeds remain.

No. 7 Notre Dame will take on No. 6 Penn State Thursday in the first semifinal at the Capital One Orange Bowl and No. 5 Texas will take on No. 8 Ohio State Friday in the Goodyear Cotton Bowl in the other semifinal.

The winner of those two games will meet on Jan. 20 in the College Football Playoff National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia.

The Big Ten leads all conferences in bowl game victories with nine wins and five losses with at least two games remaining.

The SEC is at 8-6 with at least one game remaining.

The leader of the pack is the independents who sit at 3-0 with at least one game remaining.

Notre Dame has two of those victories (Indiana and Georgia) in the playoffs and UConn has the other, a 27-14 victory over North Carolina.

Now the big question is, who will win it all.

It will definitely be an underdog.

Vegas odds are in favor of Ohio State with

Notre Dame, Texas and Penn State to follow.

### A little history

Notre Dame and Penn State have met 19 times, dating back to their first-ever matchup on No. 7, 1913.

The series is tied at 9-9-1.

The Fighting Irish haven't won a national title since 1988.

Penn State's last championship was in 1986 when the Nittany Lions defeated Miami in the most watched college football game in history.

Texas and Ohio State have met just three times prior to Friday's semifinal contest.

Texas leads the series 2-1 with their last meeting being a 24-21 victory over the Buckeyes in the 2008 Fiesta Bowl.

Texas has nine championships with the last coming in 2005 with a victory over USC in the Rose Bowl.

Ohio State has eight national titles with the last coming in 2014 when the Buckeyes beat Oregon in the inaugural College Football Playoff.

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# BBB serving Acadiana names new president/CEO

LAFAYETTE - The Board of Directors of Better Business Bureau Serving Acadiana, our local organization committed to fostering marketplace trust, has just announced that Kathryn Mobley, MA, has been appointed as the organization's new President and Chief Executive Officer.

Outgoing President/CEO Chris Babin is pursuing other career opportunities, and will be working closely with Kathryn over the coming weeks to facilitate a smooth transition.

Kathryn brings over 15 years of leadership experience

across corporate, nonprofit, and healthcare sectors, with a proven track record of driving operational excellence, fostering organizational growth, and strengthening community engagement.

Her expertise in strategic planning, fiscal management, and employee development has consistently resulted in high-performing teams, innovative solutions, and measurable improvements in organizational effectiveness.

When asked, Mobley said, "I am thrilled to be stepping into the role of CEO at the Better Business Bureau (BBB) Serving Acadiana and to lead us into the next chapter of growth and development. I am excited to serve in this role and to work together to drive our continued success while further strengthening our impact in the community."

"I'd like to take a moment to recognize and express my sincere gratitude to Chris for his leadership. Under his guidance, the BBB has been positioned in a solid and sustainable condition, and I wish him all the best in his next endeavor. I am confident that the foundation he has built

will provide us with the strong platform we need to continue to grow.

"As we move forward, my focus will be on fostering innovation and developing strategies not only to grow the BBB, but also to empower and elevate the community we serve. Together, we can create a dynamic and resource-rich environment for local businesses and consumers to thrive, providing them with the tools, knowledge, and opportunities they need to succeed.

"Furthermore, I am committed to building a culture within the BBB



Kathryn Mobley

that is collaborative, inclusive, and thriving—one where our team is engaged and supported to do their best work.

"Thank you for your trust and support. I look forward to connecting with all of you as we take on the exciting opportunities ahead."

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Chairman Jackie Hettich said, "While we are sad to say goodbye to Chris, whose leadership has been pivotal for our BBB, we are excited for him as he begins his next chapter. Under Kathryn's guidance, we look forward to welcoming fresh ideas and dynamic leadership that will propel us forward in 2025 and beyond."

## Fire districts recognized for training



THE POST-SIGNAL / Claudette Olivier

During the December Acadia Parish Police Jury meeting, a proclamation was made to commend Fire District No. 5 and Lyons Point Fire Protection District No. 8 for exemplary efforts to increase training quality for volunteer personnel in an effort to promote safety and potentially lower homeowner insurance rates. Pictured during the presentation, from left, are District 4 Police Juror Gordon Morgan, Johnny Simon, with District No. 8, District 3 Police Juror Kirk Guidry, Josh Hanks, Robert Touchet, Michael Richard and Justin Trahan, all with District No. 5.

## Former employee arrested in Acadiana Mall terrorism incident

### Mall evacuated; police say no shots were fired

LAFAYETTE PARISH — A former employee was arrested late last Thursday after hours of tension at Acadiana Mall.

A huge police presence descended on the mall Thursday afternoon; patrons were evacuated and employees locked down in their stores.

Within an hour, Lafayette Police reported that no shots had been fired and there were no injuries — despite lots of misinformation posted on social media alleging people were shot.

After sweeping the mall, Lafayette Police said the facility was safe. They said no gunman was found inside the mall, but the investigation led to the arrest of Gregory Stevens, a former employee and security guard at the facility.

Lafayette Police said Stevens, 38, of Lafayette, had been terminated in early



Gregory Stevens

December and was banned from the property.

Witnesses reported seeing Stevens acting erratically inside the mall earlier in the evening, raising concern among patrons.

Stevens was later located and taken into custody at a residence in the 100 block of Pleasant View Drive in Lafayette. When he was booked, he gave an address in Jacksonville, Florida.

Police say he was booked with trespassing, terrorizing and on an active warrant for possession of a stolen firearm.

Law enforcement officials have not confirmed whether Stevens was armed or if he posed an active threat at the time of his arrest.

The investigation remains ongoing.

## Upcoming events

**January 10 COMMISSIONERS' DRAWINGS** - The Acadia Board of Election Supervisors will hold drawings of Commissioners-in-Charge for 2025 at 10 a.m. in the Registrar of Voters Office, 568 NW Court Circle. The public is invited to attend. For more info call the Registrar's office at 337-788-8841.

**January 13 CROWLEY COMMUNITY STREET CORNER PRAYER** - PUSH (Pray Until Something Happens) will hold its Crowley Community Street Corner Prayer

event beginning at 5:30 p.m. via conference call. To join in, call 1-605-475-4350 and use access code 657445#. For more info, call Dr. Ezora Proctor, PUSH founder, at 337-783-8094; or Walter Andrus, PUSH coordinator, at 337-414-2623.

**January 14 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS** - The Crowley City Council will hold its regular committee meetings at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the City Courthouse, 426 N. Ave. F. The meetings will be streamed live on the City of Crowley's

website. For more info call 337-783-0824.

**POLICE JURY MEETING** - The Acadia Parish Police Jury will meet in the Police Jury Meeting Room at the Acadia Parish Courthouse on the Crowley Court Circle at 6 p.m. For more info call 337-788-8800.

**January 16 JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW** - The 2025 Acadia Parish Livestock Show will be held January 16-18, at the Acadia Rice Arena, 159 Cherokee Drive, Crowley.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January 8**  
Bubba Foreman  
C.J. Doucet  
Chloe Pauline  
Kibodeaux  
Colleen Leblanc  
Diedra Cormier  
Don Chaisson  
Donna Vice  
Elizabeth Stutes  
Emily Vidrine  
Eunice Bertrand  
Gabriel Bandy  
Greg Dronet  
Greg Miller  
Jimmy Cormier  
Keely Robinson  
Kenny Bertrand  
Leslee Soileaux  
Michael Bertrand  
Odelia Johnson  
Patty Helo  
Randy Hanks  
Ray "Bud" Guidry II  
Sophia Tevy  
Steven James  
Broussard  
Susan Wright  
Tammy Miller  
Torri Credeur  
Becky and Mark Penn  
Ryan and Lisa Girouard

**January 9**  
Agnes T. Breaux  
Alice Mouton  
Angie Tevis  
Baker Brooks  
Benjamin Broussard  
Brandon Richard

Bryan K. Lejeune  
Cody Blake Cagnina  
Donald Bordelon  
Gal Matthews  
Gregory T. Cormier  
Gwen Toups Foreman  
Homer Scheufens  
Jamal Broussard  
Jarmar Mouton  
Jason James Ceasar  
John "Jay" Prejean  
Judy Habetz  
Kellee Meshell  
Guillory  
Leneal Bolden Sr.  
Maudrey Martin  
Michael Wright  
Olivia Barbin  
Peyton Cunningham  
Phobee Spell  
Qualyan Zachary  
Roarke Benoit  
Robert Ray  
Gauthreaux  
Roderick Guidry  
Scott Harvey  
Shannon Trahan  
Susan Castile  
Tammy Geerts  
Tammye Morgan  
Tasah Guidry  
Thomas Geerts, II  
Denell and Dwayne  
Comer

**January 10**  
Alannah Deville  
Ann Lege  
Beth M. Gondron  
Blake Shields

Brittany Dalfrey  
C.W. Hoffpauir  
Carlton Humble  
Chris Mayard  
Christopher Luke Stutes  
Colby Jude Leger  
Dalton Newman  
Danny Menard  
Da'shone Dean  
Eugene Zaunbrecher  
Eva Landry  
Eveline B. Leger  
Gerald Robison  
Greg Smith  
Hailey Delaine Robison  
Imber Toye Bouillion  
Jackie Babineaux  
Jada Breaux  
James Quebedeaux  
Jane Benoit  
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Sharia Trahan  
Taylor Walker  
Theresa Roy  
Wilton "Bubba"  
Champagne  
Donnie and Monica  
Hilliard

# PUBLIC NOTICE



The full text of the Acts from the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature may be viewed on the website of the Official Journal of the State at [www.theadvocate.com](http://www.theadvocate.com).

Prepared by  
Secretary of State Nancy Landry  
pursuant to Act 802 of the 2010 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

## Louisiana leads the defense of Religious Liberty

On January 23rd Louisiana's Attorney General will make oral arguments in the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals defending both the State's new law requiring public schools to



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post the Ten Commandments and Religious Liberty (under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution).

Legal proceedings would not have been necessary sixty years ago, but today Marxists have infiltrated government, education, media, and even our churches and seminaries as they miseducate America in their revolt against God. Socialism and Marxism are the preliminary stages of Communism — which “should be understood as an evil specter forged by hate and degeneracy and use ideas like “separation of church and state” to marginalize and sabotage religion and education.”

Religious Liberty was protected in the Constitution under the First Amendment which, in part, states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” Translation, the Federal Government is prohibited from infringing on Religious Liberty.

However, secular laws were passed in the 1960s and 70s that kicked God and the Bible out of our public schools under a misinterpretation that required “separation of church and state.” This misinterpretation was corrected by the Supreme Court in its 2022 ruling in *Kennedy v. Bremerton* which said that the test of compliance with the First Amendment is whether it's consistent with the country's “original meaning and history.”

Justice Gorsuch, writing for the majority, said that forbidding teachers from engaging in any religious speech is “suppressing religious liberty rather than protecting it.” One would think that this would be the end of the story!

However, in November a federal judge declared the Louisiana Ten Commandment mandate unconstitutional while apparently ignoring the 2022 Supreme Court ruling — forcing Louisiana to appeal the decision. The case will center on the “original meaning and history” of the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution (1791) and will be looking at the Declaration of Independence (1776), and President George Washington's First Inaugural Address in 1789 in which he stated “No People can be bound to acknowledge and adore the Invisible Hand more than the People of the United States. Every step by which they became an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency”, and suggested the Nation should have “pious gratitude along with humble anticipation of future blessings.”

Most profound in confirming our Founders “original meaning” of Religious Liberty, however, would be Washington's Farewell Address in 1796 in which he warned that “religion and morality are indispensable supports” for political prosperity, cautioning against assuming “that morality can be maintained without religion”, followed by our second President, John Adams, who wrote: “Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.” Amen!!

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## Letters to the Editor

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## NOLA collapsing under weight of wokeness

A terrorist attack at 3:15 a.m. on New Year's Day exposed to the world the deadly consequences of the dysfunctional leadership of New Orleans. The Crescent City has been controlled by the Democratic Party since 1872, when the last Republican mayor left office.

The current Democrat mayor, LaToya Cantrell, is thankfully in the final year of her second term in office. She has been enmeshed in controversy from the beginning of her tenure as mayor.

While she survived a recall effort, she is currently embroiled in a federal investigation involving local businessmen, who allegedly gave her gifts in exchange for the firing of a city employee.

She is also implicated in the indictment of her former bodyguard, Jeffrey Vappie, a former policeman, who has been charged with wire fraud and making false statements. The indictment alleges that Cantrell began having an affair with Vappie, then married, while he was “on duty” guarding her.

It is also alleged that Cantrell and Vappie spent personal time together at the city owned Upper Pontalba apartment, located adjacent to Jackson Square in the French Quarter. In previous mayoral administrations, this apartment was strictly used to accommodate dignitaries visiting New Orleans. The historic apartment was reportedly utilized by Cantrell as a personal residence. It took a prolonged battle with the New Orleans City Council for Cantrell to finally surrender the keys to the apartment.

When Cantrell was not spending time with her bodyguard and living in the city-owned apartment, she was enjoying lavish international trips, often accompanied by Officer Vappie. In fact, they travelled together on 14 out-of-town trips, often to far-flung destinations such as Qatar, France, United Arab Emirates, Kenya and South Korea.

Why was Cantrell traveling so often? Regularly, she attended conferences



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organized by the Aspen Institute, “a global nonprofit organization that works to create a more just, equitable, and free society.” She also was a frequent attendee of Bloomberg Media events focused on “climate change.”

Last October, Cantrell attended a Bloomberg CityLab summit in Mexico City. The summit focused on issues such as “environmental challenges that cities across the globe face,” and “climate resilience” to help New Orleans become “more sustainable” in the future.

If only Mayor Cantrell had been worried about the safety of New Orleans citizens and visitors as much as “climate resilience,” she would have known that the bollard security system on Bourbon Street had been broken for years and that the security measure of using one police car to block the intersection of Bourbon and Canal Streets was insufficient to thwart a terrorist, Shamsud-Din Jabbar, “hellbent” on killing innocent people.

Jabbar, with an ISIS flag on the back of his rented pickup truck, avoided the police car and used the sidewalk to enter Bourbon Street. Thereafter, he turned his truck into a deadly weapon, killing 14 innocent people, from 18 to 63 years of age, and wounding dozens of others.

Jabbar exited the truck firing his weapon and wounded two New Orleans police officers before ultimately dying in the shootout. The police officers exhibited tremendous bravery in exchanging gunfire with the maniacal terrorist, but this should have never happened.

Bourbon Street, one of the most heavily trafficked pedestrian thoroughfares in the country, was not adequately protected. The Cantrell administration had promised to fix the broken bollards before the Super Bowl in February, but inadequate precautions

were taken for the massive Sugar Bowl and New Year's Eve crowds.

At the very least, dump trucks should have been placed at each entrance to Bourbon Street, preventing any type of vehicle from entering the roadway and threatening pedestrians. Otherwise, city officials could have used sidewalk obstacles, known as “Archer barriers,” that were purchased in 2017.

This critical security measure was used previously to protect citizens during parades, and they were available on New Year's Eve, but the New Orleans Police Chief, Anne Kirkpatrick, admitted she did not know about them prior to the terrorist attack.

Due to this negligence, Kirkpatrick should immediately resign, or be fired, but the only person who could remove her is Cantrell, her boss, and no one should expect her to exercise good judgment.

The terrorist attack occurred one day after another building collapsed on Magazine Street in New Orleans. This was the third building to collapse in the last few weeks, perfectly symbolizing the Cantrell administration, which has been criticized for improper and ineffective building inspections. In 2019, the Hard Rock Hotel collapsed on Canal Street, killing three.

A Magazine Street restaurant owner, Eric Cook, who was negatively impacted by the nearby building collapse, thoroughly summarized the continuing problems in New Orleans. He told New Orleans TV station WDSU, “There's no blame, so there's no reason for anyone to care, and that's the sad thing, is that we don't hold people accountable for doing wrong in New Orleans. And if we don't start doing something soon, then maybe we will just become Cleveland, who knows?”

Unfortunately, the world now knows.

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## Pay attention if you hear a rooster crow

In the days before Powerball and other Win Big schemes began to inspire visions of instant wealth, the best way to get rich quick in Louisiana was to find buried treasure. In my experience it has probably been the only way — aside from finding oil on the old family farm.

Both treasure and oil have eluded me so far, or great wealth from any source. I bought a ticket for the recent \$1 billion jackpot, but somebody in California won that. I can't get too upset. They probably need it, with the cost of living out there.

I did come close, sort of, years ago when the Louisiana lottery was new. A guy who worked across the street won a million dollars. When I complained that he'd greatly diminished my chances — “What are the odds of guys working across the street from each other winning?” — he smugly told me that it was my problem, not his.

That's when I started thinking about buried treasure again.

Every old Louisiana family has a treasure story: Beneath this huge oak ... on such-and-such a cheniere ... along the bank of this bayou ... near the old plantation house ... there was an old map. Many stories supposedly came from deathbed tales: An old relative whispered a long-kept secret heard from the deathbed of another, who heard it from the nephew of one of Jean Lafitte's men.

Most of the stories were nothing more than wishful thinking, or just plain fiction. The tale persisted for many years that a Texan named Wooten found a stash of Lafitte's booty in 1914. But Wooten's grandson said his grandfather and some friends made up the whole thing. They repented and tried to tell everyone the story was a hoax, but nobody believed them. People thought they were just trying to protect their riches.

There is another story of how Lafitte captured six wagonloads of silver from a Spanish ship and was trying to sneak it inland when the law caught up with him



**Jim Bradshaw**

near Hendrick's Lake in east Texas. As that story goes, Lafitte's men drove the wagons to the rim of a steep bank and rolled them into the water. That inspired an attempt in the late 1800s to drain the lake and uncover the treasure, but the lake filled again as fast as the treasure hunters could empty it. The silver — if it was ever there — has never been found.

Some people believe pirate treasure is still buried on the Sabine River bank near Vinton, even though everybody knew about it. For years, a billboard just on the Louisiana side of the bridge on old Highway 90, proclaimed that “Lafitte Buried His Treasure Here Near 40 Gum Trees.” Unfortunately, the gum trees are long gone. Not even a stump stands as a clue.

It sometimes seems like there are more places in south Louisiana rumored to hide Lafitte's gold than there are without a treasure tale. His horde might be on Kelso's Island in Calcasieu Lake, or buried on Pecan Island, or Grand Terre, or Grand Isle, or along Contraband Bayou in Lake Charles (so named because a few doubleblons once washed out of its banks), or on Jefferson Island (where a worker once dug up a handful of Mexican coins), or on the grounds of any of the plantations Lafitte is said to have visited.

Most of those old plantations had stories of their own about gold coins or old silver or priceless jewels the family buried to save them from Civil War looters. Some of those tales probably are more authentic than the ones about pirate treasure, but also as elusive.

In my family the story is that

\$30,000 worth of gold coins were buried somewhere near an ancestral home. We've dug in all the likely places, and a few unlikely ones. We are still people of only modest means.

Some of the old folklore might help if you're inclined to go treasure hunting. The best time to dig for treasure is between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the second day of the full moon, but you won't find anything if you talk, spit, curse, or swear while you're digging. If you dream about a beam of light focused on a certain place, treasure is buried there, unless the light is bobbing up and down in the swamp. That's just the mischief of a *feux-follet*.

Also, the search will be a lot easier if your ancestors remembered to bury a rooster's head with the family jewels. Everybody knows that the rooster will crow if the rightful owner comes near.

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**Bookings: Dec. 28 - Jan. 3**

*All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty*

December 28  
 • Toshia Loignon, Sunset: Booked by the Acadia Parish Sheriff's office for misdemeanor resisting an officer; misdemeanor disturbing the peace / intoxication.

• Jessica Dupre, Jennings: APSO - illegal use of weapons or dangerous instrumentalities; simple burglary / immovable structure.

December 29  
 • Ryan Johnson, Carencro: APSO - misdemeanor illegal use of narcotics in the presence of persons under 17 years of age; felony possession of MDMA.

• Jaret Simar, Evangeline: APSO - misdemeanor disturbing the peace / intoxication; criminal trespass; felony resisting an officer with force or violence; two counts of felony aggravated assault upon a peace officer; bench warrant.

• Joshua LeBlanc, Crowley: Louisiana State Police - misdemeanor DWI - first offense.

December 30  
 • Cedric Batiste, Crowley: APSO - possession of Schedule I narcotics; felony transactions involving proceeds from illegal narcotics; two counts of possession with intent to distribute synthetic marijuana.

• Tori Premo, Midland: Crowley Police Department - misdemeanor aggravated assault; felony aggravated criminal damage to property.

December 31  
 • Tracy Bernard, Rayne: APSO - misdemeanor domestic abuse battery.

• Cassandra Broussard, Crowley: APSO - misdemeanor domestic abuse battery.

• Amber Shumpert, Rayne: APSO - mail theft.  
 • Charlene Dominick, Crowley: Other Agency - misdemeanor theft; felony battery of a police officer; felony carjacking; two bench warrants.

January 1  
 • Sharon Broudreux, Broussard: APSO - felony possession of matham-

phetamine / less than 28 grams; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

• Johnathon Breda, Lake Charles: Louisiana State Police - misdemeanor or DWI - first offense.

• William Mason, Maurice: Rayne P.D. - possession of Schedule II narcotics; misdemeanor possession of marijuana - first offense; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia.

January 2  
 • Timothy Mayfield, Rayne: APSO - misdemeanor battery of a dating partner.

• Rochelle Bruno, Lafayette: APSO - misdemeanor possession of a controlled dangerous substance in a drug-free zone; felony possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine; felony distribution of methamphetamine; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia; felony taking contraband to/from a penal institution; possession with intent to distribute oxycodone; felony possession with intent to distribute fentanyl.

• Derrick Sinegal, Jennings: Crowley P.D. - felony possession of a firearm by a convicted felon; possession of Schedule I narcotics; possession of Schedule II narcotics; felony aggravated assault with a firearm.

• Saquoya Savoy, Broussard: detainer.

• William Kickinson Jr., Duson: Rayne P.D. - possession of Schedule I narcotics; felony possession with intent to distribute fenatnyl; felony possession of suboxone; misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia; two counts of felony possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine.

January 3  
 • Brandi Comeaux, Crowley: Crowley P.D. - misdemeanor money laundering; possession of Schedule I narcotics; misdemeanor flight from an officer; misdemeanor resisting an officer.

• Chadwick Guidry, Crowley: Crowley P.D. - misdemeanor domestic abuse battery.

**Holiday fun at Iota Manor**



**SUBMITTED**  
 Iota Manor Apartments hosted a Christmas brunch to celebrate the holiday season. Above, residents showed up in their PJs and were served coffee, hot chocolate, sausage egg casserole, biscuits, hash browns and fruit. Everyone stayed after brunch and played bingo. At right, J & M Office manager Tessa Borill, left, and Iota Mayor Cody Leckelt, right, congratulate Gilbert Lejeune, who was the winner of the ham giveaway.



**La. A.G. issues guidance as law requiring Ten Commandments in classrooms goes into effect**

BATON ROUGE - Louisiana Attorney General Liz Murrill issued guidance Friday to public K-12 schools, colleges and universities on how to comply with a new law requiring the Ten Commandments to be posted in classrooms.

The law is currently blocked in five K-12 school districts — St. Tammany, Livingston, East Baton Rouge, Orleans and Vernon parishes — as a lawsuit challenging the its constitutionality plays out. The law, originally House Bill 71 by Rep. Dodie Horton, R-Haughton, took effect Jan. 1.

“As I have repeatedly said, H.B. 71 is plainly constitutional because there are constitutionally sound ways to implement it,” Murrill said in a news release.

She pointed out that, for the past several months, the Attorney General's office has defended H.B. 71 in federal

court and “throughout that process, we have tested several potential H.B. 71 displays to determine a constitutionally sound implementation plan for our schools.”

Murrill's guidance calls on schools to post one of four posters she selected in each classroom. She advised they should not be posted behind teachers' desks or podiums to avoid the impression the displays are attributable to individual instructors.

The posters should be between 11 inches by 14 inches, the minimum size, and 18 inches by 24 inches, to ensure readability, Murrill advised. The

posters should only be put up if they are donated or privately funded, the attorney general's guidance continues.

She also recommends the Ten Commandments poster be displayed among other educational displays, including those recommended in the legislation. They include the text of the Mayflower Compact, the Declaration of Independence and the Northwest Ordinance, which established laws in the U.S. territory in the late 18th century.

The new law does not include any punishment for not posting the display in classrooms.

A federal judge is ex-

pected to hear arguments later this month in the lawsuit from nine parents of Louisiana students who insist the new law violates the First Amendment's prohibition against state-sponsored religion.

“My office also has prepared a draft resolution that governing authorities may adopt to implement this guidance in an expeditious manner,” Murrill said. “If a school implements H.B. 71 in accordance with this guidance — and is later sued over its implementation — my office will represent that school in addition to defending statewide officials and H.B. 71 as permitted by law.”



**THE POST-SIGNAL / Steve Bandy**

Among those attending Saturday afternoon's informal prayer service for victims of the New Year's Day terrorist attack in New Orleans were, from left, Pastor J.J. Uys of Our Savior's Church of Crowley; Alderman-at-Large Chuck Ashby (back to camera); Mayor Chad Monceaux, organizer of the event; Pastor Marcal Poullard of Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church; and Pastor Mark Miley of St. Michael Catholic Church.

**PRAYER: 'How do we respond?'**

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mately killed in a shootout with police.”

Rev. Poullard noted that “people across the country are hurting and calling on God's name for healing.”

Poullard also remembers the first responders, especially the two New Orleans Police officers who were wounded in a gunfight with the perpetrator.

Pastor J.J. said since the event, he has been reflected “on what motivat-

ed this person to perform this heinous act” and “how we respond as Christians.”

“Unless we submit to Christianity, we cannot ask others to do so,” he said. “The Bible will define what is good and what is evil.”

# La Salle

## Return to Louisiana — or die trying

René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle, the man who named Louisiana, was one of the most famous and honored men in American history.

Both his successes and his failures were of monumental proportions, so much so that he is remembered today in actual monuments across North America and in Europe.

There are LaSalle counties in Illinois and Texas, and a LaSalle Parish in Louisiana. He even had a line of automobiles named after him, manufactured by General Motors' Cadillac division between 1927 and 1940.

Robert Cavalier was born in 1643 in Rouen, France, the son of Jean Cavalier and Catherine Geest. He took vows as a Jesuit brother in 1660, for which he was required to reject any family inheritance.

Cavalier was later released from his Jesuit vows, at his own request, citing "moral weaknesses."

He immigrated to the French colony of New France (Québec) in 1666, following in the footsteps of his older brother, Jean, who was a Sulpician priest. There, he received a seigneurie — a feudal land grant — near Montréal. The area was being settled in order to thwart Iroquois Indian incursions against Québec and its fur trade.

Now a feudal lord, he added Sieur de La Salle to his name, after the name of a family estate in France.

North America was a great unknown at the time and finding a quick route to China was always in the back of French minds. Rumors of a great river to the southwest excited men like La Salle. He was bit hard by the exploration bug.

Impetuousness was a La Salle trademark. He sold his land to fund an expedition to find the Ohio River in 1669 by way of Lake Ontario, even though he was not acclimated to living in the wilderness and spoke

no Indian languages.

Though it is known that he traveled around what is now the state of New York, it is a mystery as to whether he made it to the river. He likely didn't. Another expedition of 1671-72 likewise had unknown results.

Then he made a powerful friendship. Louis de Buade, Count de Frontenac arrived in New France in 1672 as the new governor general. Governor Frontenac quickly made enemies of fur traders, religious leaders and other government officials, but he found a supporter in La Salle.

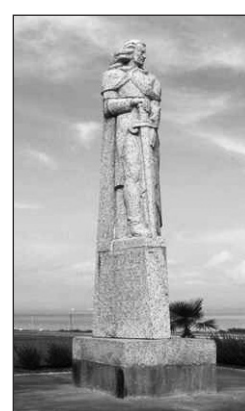
In 1673 the governor traveled to the site of today's Kingston, Ontario, to meet Iroquois leaders and had La Salle construct a wooden fort there, called Fort Frontenac.

La Salle returned to France in 1674-75, with the good will of Governor Frontenac. He also had powerful allies in France who were pushing for more exploration of the continent. He appeared to be the 17th century version of a 'rock star.' He received a patent of nobility for himself and his heirs, and an official grant of Fort Frontenac. He returned to Canada triumphant.

But this was not enough for the intrepid La Salle. The upper reaches of the Mississippi River had already been discovered in 1673 by Louis Jolliet and Fr. Jacques Marquette, along with the mouths of the Missouri and the Ohio Rivers.

La Salle returned to the French court in 1677-78, seeking authorization to construct two forts (one at Lake Erie and another at Lake Michigan) at his own expense in return becoming seigneur and governor of any lands he discovered and populated. He received permission and once more went back to North America.

Besides his permission, he brought back



Statues of René-Robert Cavelier, Sieur de La Salle

Far left: Rouen, France  
Middle left: Navasota, Texas  
Middle right: Chicago, Illinois  
Top far right: Belleville, Michigan  
Bottom far right: Indianola, Texas

Henri de Tonti (born Enrico Tonti), an Italian-born French military officer. Tonti would serve as La Salle's lieutenant.

Tonti was totally loyal to his leader, and would later prove to be even more skillful at exploration and leadership of both French and Indians than was La Salle.

La Salle left Québec City in 1678. At Niagara Falls he built Fort Conti. His men built a boat, the Griffon, since the rest of the Great Lakes were the same level beyond the falls. He traded with the Indians for furs along the route and built Fort Miami (today St. Joseph, Michigan) at the south end of Lake Michigan.

The expedition headed up the St. Joseph River, portaged to the Kankakee River and followed it down into the Illinois River. At the present site of Peoria, Illinois, they built Fort Crèvecoeur.

Then La Salle's luck ran out.

Supplies were running low and the Griffon was nowhere to be found (it had sunk, loaded with supplies). In search of supplies, the stubborn explorer travelled back to Niagara, mostly by foot, only to find the fort burned, so he journeyed on to Fort Frontenac.

Meanwhile, the men he had left at Fort Crèvecoeur mutinied, stole the remaining supplies and headed back to Québec, leaving Tonti behind.

Most men would have given up at this point; But not the Sieur de La Salle. He went further into debt and returned to the lakes. He searched for, and found, Tonti and then negotiated an alliance between the Miami and Illinois tribes to fight off the Iroquois,



Remains of the La Belle at Bullock, Texas, State History Museum

who were ravaging their territories.

With the path now known, the explorers made it back to the Mississippi River in early 1682. From there La Salle travelled further down river than had Jolliet and Marquette, in fact, all the way to the Gulf of Mexico. He claimed the entire drainage of the river for the French crown, and named it Louisiane, after King Louis XIV.

Fort Prudhomme was built at the site of today's Memphis, Tennessee, and Fort St. Louis at Starved Rock, Illinois.

If René-Robert Cavelier de La Salle, thought he would return to Canada as a hero, he was very wrong. His patron, Governor Frontenac, had been replaced by Joseph Antoine Le Febvre de La Barre. The new governor sided with the fur traders, who feared La Salle would infringe on their profits, and the Jesuit order, who wanted Illinois to be kept only open to missionaries.

He was accused, rightfully, of trading with tribes which he was expressly forbidden to and with upsetting negotiations with the Iroquois by allying the Illinois and the Miami Indians. He returned to France in

1783 with a dark cloud hovering above his head.

While the king was not impressed with Louisiana, a new factor came into play. Some powerful Frenchmen wanted to push the Spaniards out of northern Mexico and take over the mines there. La Salle joined into this plan, claiming he could establish a settlement on the Mississippi River and recruit 15,000 Indian warriors to fight the Spanish. King Louis agreed.

Four ships left France heading to Louisiana in 1684. One was captured by the Spanish in route. The remaining boats missed the mouth of the Mississippi and landed instead on the Texas coast, where a ship grounded and sank.

The captain of the largest vessel, feeling he had accomplished his mission, went back to France. That left La Salle with the La Belle, a three-mast barque of 40-45 tons.

180 people — soldiers, settlers, servants, clergy and even a few women and children — were left to found a colony on the Mississippi River, even though they were far from it. Deadly relations with the native people began almost as soon as they touched the beach at Matagorda Bay.

They established Fort St. Louis near today's Victoria. La Salle knew that the Mississippi lay somewhere to the east so he decided to load most of the supplies onto the La Belle. He led a group of men in canoes while the ship travelled alongside them offshore.

After three months of searching they decided to return to Fort St. Louis, but the La Belle was not there. The crew of the ship had run low on drinking water and headed back to the fort earlier. However, they grounded it on a sandbar and their last ship, along with most of the remaining supplies, was lost.

Indian attacks, disease and malnutrition reduced the settlement's population to 42. The energetic La Salle decided to take

a team and head to Fort St. Louis des Illinois by foot from Fort St. Louis des Texas. On the way, near today's Navasota, Texas, he was murdered by some of the men on March 19, 1687.

So ended the life of the first to descend the Mississippi from Illinois to the Gulf of Mexico. He was a man with an exploration obsession who set the stage for the establishment of Louisiana.

The Spanish sent an expedition to find the settlement in 1686. All they found was a broken ship, the La Belle. That was the last knowledge anyone had for the next 300 years about La Salle's last vessel.

In 1995, the Texas Historical Commission sent an archeological expedition to search for La Salle's ships in Matagorda Bay. They found an old shipwreck and pulled a bronze cannon from it. The gun was studied and was found to be from the La Belle.

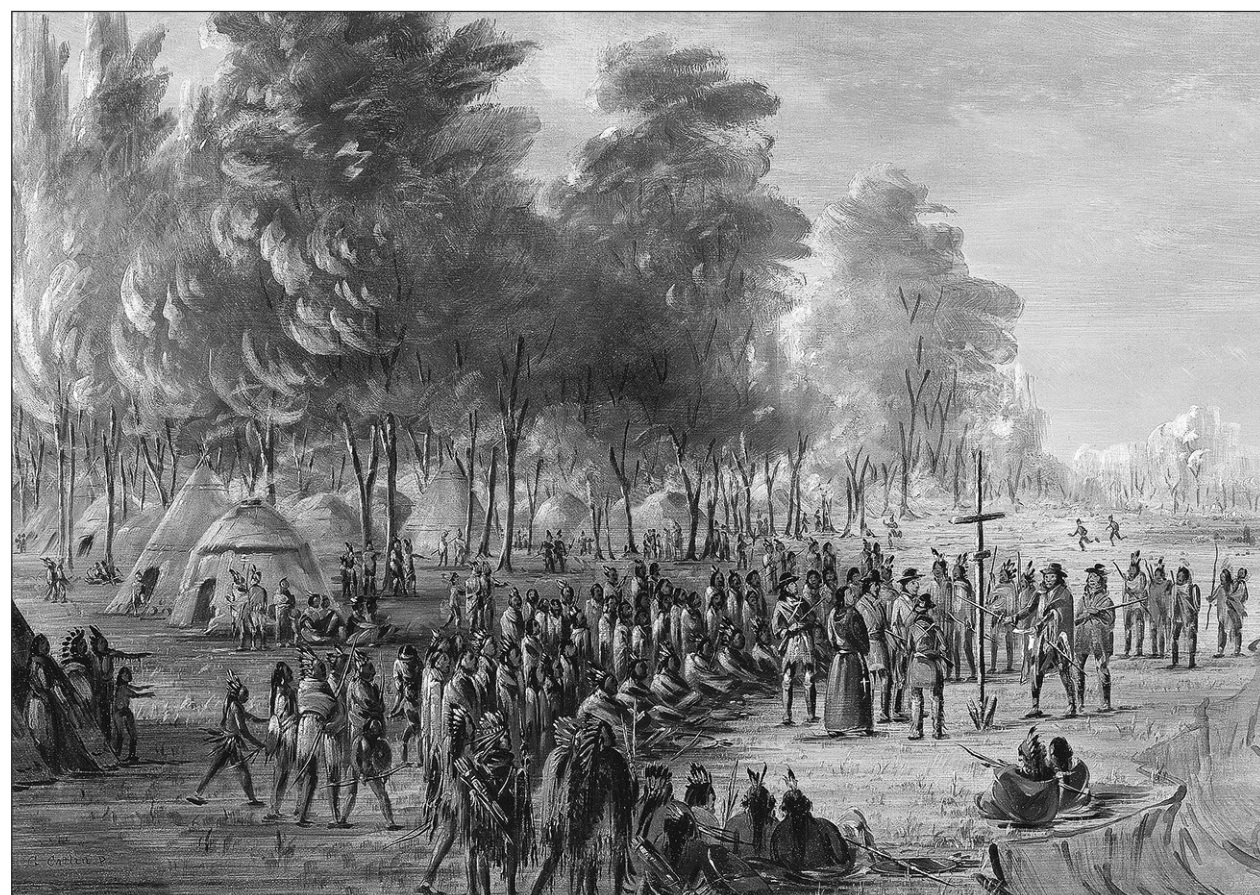
The historical significance of this discovery was considered so important that a cofferdam was built around the wreck and the sea water and mud were removed. All artifacts and the timbers of the hull were brought to land. The wood was treated in a preservation process that took ten years to complete.

In 2014, La Belle's re-assembled hull was put on display at the Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, along with much of the surviving cargo. It is still there today, an awe-inspiring reminder of La Salle and his legacy.

But who owns the La Belle? France filed a claim for the vessel soon after it was excavated. According to international naval laws, a wreck of a navy ship still belongs to the country under which it had sailed.

After several years of negotiation, it was agreed that the vessel belongs to the Musée National de la Marine in Paris, but the Texas Historical Commission has day-to-day control of it for 99 years.

For information on Gene Thibodeaux's books, "On the Banks of Plaquemine Brûlée; A History of Church Point, Louisiana" and "Rice, Railroads and Frogs; A History of Rayne, Louisiana," contact Plaquemine Brûlée Press, 528 N. Moss St., Church Point, LA 70525, (337) 684-2134, [cajunmart@msn.com](mailto:cajunmart@msn.com).



Depiction of La Salle claiming Louisiana for France

# Vietnam Veterans Memorial Replica Wall coming to Baton Rouge March 20 - 23

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Wall That Heals, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Louisiana for the first time on March 20-23 at Life Tabernacle Church in Baton Rouge.

It will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public.

Baton Rouge is the third stop on the 2025 year-long tour and the only destination to be selected in Louisiana.

The Wall That Heals honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,281 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Of the four traveling walls that criss-cross America, The Wall That Heals, is the original and oldest mobile memorial and the only one affiliated with the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall) in Washington, D.C.

“The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is pleased to bring The Wall That Heals mobile exhibit to Baton Rouge to allow local veterans and their family members a chance to experience The Wall,” said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF. “Hosting The Wall That Heals provides an opportunity to honor and remember all those who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War and educate visitors on the continuing impact of the Vietnam War on America.”

“On behalf of the Great State of Louisiana, East Baton Rouge Parish, the Cities of Baton Rouge and Central and Life Tabernacle Church, it is an honor to host The Wall That Heals,” said Pastor Tony Spell, “For the past five years we have made a tireless effort to bring this significant exhibit to our state.

“This March will mark the first time Louisianans will have this opportunity to experience The Wall. We



welcome all Louisianans in the 64 parishes of our state and all neighbors in Texas, Mississippi and surrounding areas to come and recognize the Gulf South’s deep history of service to America. Let it serve as a teaching tool for schools, organizations and for all peoples to learn about the high cost of freedom. We are blessed to be hosting this inaugural event because our cities, states and our country is in need healing. Let it begin here.”

The Wall That Heals is transported from community to community in a 53-foot trailer. A motorcycle brigade of veterans, service personnel, law enforcement and first responders will be in escort from Interstate 10 to it’s site at Revolution Square on the campus of Life Tabernacle on Hooper Road on Tuesday, March 18, were a ceremony will take place before 100 people will begin erecting the memorial.

Construction will continue Wednesday, the 19th before opening to the public Thursday, March 20. For the next three days the display will be available

around the clock and will end the afternoon of Sunday, March 23.

The three-quarter scale Wall replica is 375 feet in length and stands 7.5 feet high at its tallest point. Visitors will experience The Wall rising above them as they walk towards the apex, a key feature of the design of The Wall in D.C.

Visitors will be able to do name rubbings of individual service member’s names on The Wall with pencil paper.

The mobile Education Center of the exhibit includes: digital photo displays of “Hometown Heroes” - service members whose names are on The Wall that list their home of record within the area of a visit; digital photo displays of Vietnam veterans from the local area honored through VVMF’s In Memory program which honors veterans who returned home from Vietnam and later died; video displays that teach about the history and impact of The Wall; educational exhibits told through items representative of those left at The Wall in D.C.; a replica

of the In Memory plaque; a map of Vietnam and a chronological overview of the Vietnam War.

The exhibits tell the story of the Vietnam War, The Wall and the era surrounding the conflict, and are designed to put American experiences in Vietnam in a historical and cultural context.

Since its debut in 1996, the exhibit has been on display in nearly 800 U.S. communities in addition to an April 1999 tour of the Four Provinces of Ireland and a visit to Canada in 2005. The Wall That Heals is a program of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that built the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982.

The Wall That Heals is the only traveling exhibit affiliated with The Wall in Washington, D.C. and includes the largest Wall replica that travels the country. Two VVMF staff members lead volunteers on site, educate visitors and students, and ensure the reflective atmosphere of The Wall. More information can be found at: [www.thewallthatheals.org](http://www.thewallthatheals.org).

## Public Notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Article IV, Section 21(D)(1) of the Louisiana Constitution and Louisiana Public Service Commission General Order 7/1/2019 (Docket R-34738), that on December 30, 2024, Entergy Louisiana, LLC (“ELL”), a public utility providing retail electric and gas service in various parishes throughout the State of Louisiana, filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission (“LPSC”) an Application (“Application”) for recovery in rates of costs related to Hurricane Francine.

The Application requests that the LPSC, among other things: (1) find the costs incurred by ELL in restoring serving and repairing its facilities in the wake of Hurricane Francine, totaling \$183,572,459, to be reasonable and necessary and, therefore, eligible for recovery from customers; (2) specify and approve the functionalization of the costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine; (3) as to the distribution-related capital costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine (the “Francine Distribution Capital Costs”), approve ELL’s authority to recover those costs pursuant to Section 3.A.1 or, alternatively, through Section 3.C of the Formula Rate Plan Rider Schedule FRP (“Rider FRP”), approve the recovery of the functionalized Francine Distribution Capital Costs pursuant to the terms (except the cap) of the Distribution Recovery Mechanism (“DRM”) of Rider FRP, and vote to take up, and approve, at the LPSC’s February 2025 Business and Executive Session recovery by ELL of the Francine Distribution Capital Costs through Rider FRP on an interim basis, subject to refund and true-up, with such interim rate adjustment beginning with the first billing cycle for March 2025 and pending such time as the LPSC completes its full prudence review and the LPSC’s Order becomes final; (4) authorize ELL to recover carrying costs on the Francine Distribution Capital Costs from the date on which the storm costs were incurred until the date ELL begins recovering its storm costs through rates; (5) as to the operations and maintenance costs incurred by ELL in responding to Hurricane Francine and the referenced carrying costs, affirm ELL is authorized to withdraw \$30,000,000 from ELL’s previously funded storm escrow for those costs; and (6) grant such other relief to which ELL shows itself to be entitled.

The estimated bill effect of the costs sought by ELL in the Application for responding to Hurricane Francine is an estimated increase of \$0.80 per month for a residential customer that receives 1,000 kWh of electric service per month, with an annualized typical monthly bill for such a customer increasing from \$127.44 per month to an estimated \$128.24 per month.

For questions and comments regarding ELL’s filing, please call the LPSC toll free at (800) 256-2397. Additionally, the filing, including its attachments may be viewed in the Records Division of the LPSC at the following address:

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Telephone: (225) 342-3157

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury voted at a duly convened regular meeting on December 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. to call for a Public Hearing regarding a proposed ordinance to adopt a compensation schedule for Police Jurors starting February 1, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance would provide that all Police Jurors are paid on a salary basis in lieu of the current per diem amount with such salary being \$1200.00 dollars per month with an additional \$200.00 dollars per month being paid to the President of the Acadia Parish Police Jury; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance is presented pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §33:1233(A)(2)(b)(ii);

**THIS NOTICE** is published to announce that the public hearing on this matter will be held on the 14th Day of January 2025 at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Acadia Parish Courthouse.

The referenced proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Administrative Office of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, 505 NE Court Circle, Crowley, Louisiana, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (holidays excepted).

*/s/ Huey Bryan Borill*  
**HUEY BRYAN BORILL**  
Secretary-Treasurer

*/s/ Beau Pettitjean*  
**BEAU PETTITJEAN**  
Police Jury President

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### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CALL PUBLIC HEARING

**WHEREAS**, the Acadia Parish Police Jury voted at a duly convened regular meeting on December 10, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. to call for a Public Hearing regarding a proposed ordinance to create Article VII within Chapter 10 (“Licenses and Taxation”) of the Code of Ordinances of Acadia Parish to provide for the regulation of all “sexually oriented businesses” in present or future operation within the unincorporated areas of Acadia Parish; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed ordinance has the following title: AN ORDINANCE TO ENACT AND CREATE ARTICLE VII OF CHAPTER TEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY TO BE ENTITLED “SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESSES” WHICH WILL PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION, REGULATION, PERMITTING, ZONING, AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF SUCH BUSINESSES AND CERTAIN ACTIVITIES PERMITTED AND PROHIBITED ON THE PREMISES OF SUCH BUSINESSES; TO PROVIDE FOR OFFICIAL FINDINGS REGARDING SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR THE IMPOSITION OF FEES FOR LICENSING AND PERMITTING; TO PROVIDE FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF SAID ORDINANCE AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING SAME; TO PROVIDE FOR THE TERM, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF SUCH LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR SCIENTER REQUIRED TO PROVE A VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS OF PROSECUTING AND ADJUDICATING VIOLATIONS OF SAID ORDINANCE; TO PROVIDE FOR THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE PARISH ATTORNEY AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICE REGARDING SAME; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES CONTRARY THERETO OR IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; AND TO PROVIDE FOR ALL MATTERS RELATIVE THERETO.

**THIS NOTICE** is published to announce that the public hearing on this matter will be held on the 14th Day of January, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Acadia Parish Courthouse, 500 N. E. Court Circle in Crowley, Louisiana.

The referenced proposed ordinance is available for public inspection at the Administrative Office of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, 505 N.E. Court Circle, Crowley, Louisiana, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (holidays excepted) and at [www.appj.org](http://www.appj.org).

*/s/ Huey Bryan Borill*  
**HUEY BRYAN BORILL**  
Secretary-Treasurer

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### City of Crowley Planning & Zoning Commission PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, January 28th, 2024

Time: 5:15 p.m.

Location: Criminal Justice Building Courtroom  
426 North Avenue F  
Crowley, LA 70526

Re-subdivide process showing Tract B-1, located at Sec.3 - T10S- R1E in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act, if you need special assistance, please contact Lisa Bruno at (337) 788-4100, describing the assistance that is necessary.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Re-Subdivide Crowley, Louisiana

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Planning & Zoning Department of the City of Crowley, Louisiana, will conduct a public hearing in the City Court Room at the Criminal Justice Building, 426 North Avenue F (5th Street entrance), on January 28, 2025 at 5:15p.m. to consider the following:

Re-subdivide process showing Tract B-1, located at Sec.3 - T10S- R1E in the City of Crowley, Acadia Parish.

The Public is invited to attend and comment on the application described above. You may submit written comments to the Zoning and Planning Administrator for inclusion into the public record. Written comment may be submitted to the Zoning and Planning Administrator, P.O. Box 1463, Crowley, LA 70527 or at Crowley City Hall, 425 North Parkerson Avenue, Crowley, LA.

If you challenge any portion of this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered at or prior to the public hearing. If you have any questions, I can be reached at 337-783-0824.

Planning & Zoning Administrator  
Tony Duhon

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## Acadia Library activities

### January 10

Church Point: Coffee & Canvas - 10 a.m. (sign-up required, call 337-788-1880)

### January 13

Crowley: Toddler Time - 10 a.m.

Morse: Snowball Launcher Children’s Craft - 1 p.m.

Iota: LEGO Hour - 4 p.m.

Church Point: Kids’ Corner - 3:30 p.m.

### January 14

Mermentau: Snowball Launcher Children’s Craft - 4 p.m.

Iota: Adult Button Showman Craft - 9:30 a.m. (sign-up required, call 337-788-1880)

Rayne: Adult Snowflake Mason Jar Vase - 2 p.m. (sign-up required, call 337-788-1880)

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# All 14 victims of New Orleans terrorist attack ID'd

NEW ORLEANS — All 14 people killed in las Wednesday morning's terror attack on Bourbon Street have been identified, either through family members or verification from the local coroner.

LaTasha Polk, 47, of New Orleans was the final person whose name was unknown until family members confirmed she had died to The Times-Picayune.

She was celebrating New Year's Eve in the French Quarter with her brother, Prentiss Polk, who is still missing, according to the report.

BBC News confirmed Edward Pettifer, 31, of England, was also among those killed. He was the stepson of the former nanny for Prince William and Prince Harry.

More than three dozen people were injured, including two New Orleans police officers who were shot during a gunfight with Shamsud-Din Jabbar, who was killed after firing at law enforcement after he crashed his rented Ford F-150 pickup truck into a lift vehicle.

### Other fatalities

- Nikyra Cheyenne Dedeaux, 18, of Gulfport, Mississippi. The Times-Picayune reported she had accompanied her cousin and friend to the French Quarter for New Year's Eve, her mother said.
- Hubert Gauthreaux, 21, of Gretna. He gradu-

ated from Archbishop Shaw High School in 2021 and was remembered as a bright and promising young man, according to the school representative.

- Martin "Tiger" Bech, 28, of New York. Bech was a graduate of St. Thomas More Catholic High School in Lafayette who graduated from Princeton University, where he played on the football team. KLFY-TV in Lafayette reported Bech worked for a financial firm in New York. His brother Jack, who played for LSU before transferring to Texas Tech.

- Reggie Hunter, 37, of Baton Rouge. WAFB-TV reported the father of two made a last-minute decision to travel to the French Quarter with his cousin, who was also struck by the truck and injured.

- Kareem Badawi, 18, of Baton Rouge. The 2024 graduate of Episcopal High School was a student at the University of Alabama. WAFB-TV reported the school sent a message to parents Wednesday about Badawi's death. His classmate, Parker Vidrine, was also injured in the attack.

- Nicole Perez, 27, of Metairie. The Times-Picayune reported she was the mother of a 4-year-old son and was recently promoted to a manager at the deli where she worked.

- Drew Dauphin, 26, of Montgomery, Alabama. He was an engineer who

worked for Honda, according to a report from AL.com.

- Matthew Tendorio, 25, an audiovisual technician at the Superdome from Slidell.

- Billy DeMaio, 25, of Homedell, New Jersey. He was an account executive with Audacy Inc.

- Terrence Kennedy, 63 of New Orleans. WDSU-TV first confirmed his death in the attack. Kennedy's family told The Times-Picayune he had gone out for a drink in the French Quarter to celebrate New Year's Eve.

- Brandon Taylor, 43, of Terrytown. The Times-Picayune reported that Taylor was with his fiancée at a club in the 300 block of Bourbon Street early Wednesday morning. He stepped out onto the street near a lift vehicle just before Jabbar crashed his truck into it. It's believed Taylor was the last person he struck.

- Elliot Wilkinson, 40, of Lafayette. His brother, Cecil, posted on his Facebook page that he was notified Friday morning that his brother was among the fatalities. KPEL-FM reported that the Orleans Parish coroner had contacted the family.

### Among the injured

- The University of Georgia, whose football team took part in the Sugar Bowl college football playoff game against Notre

Dame, confirmed that one of its students was critically injured in the terror attack.

- WBBH-TV confirmed the student is 19-year-old Elle Eisele of Fort Myers, Florida.

- Eisele's high school classmate, Steele Idelson, 19, was also hurt. She is a student at San Diego State University.

- Adam Coste, an employee of the National World War II Museum in New Orleans, suffered "extensive injuries to his lower extremities," according to a friend. He identified Coste as an Army veteran.

- Jeremi Sensky of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, was paralyzed from the waist down before Wednesday's attack. He was in his wheelchair going back to his French Quarter hotel room after dinner when Jabbar's truck struck him on Bourbon Street, NBC News reported. He sustained two broken legs and needed surgery.

- Alexis Scott-Windham of Mobile, Alabama, was struck by Jabbar's truck then shot in the foot when Jabbar exchanged gunfire with police, The Times-Picayune reported. Her friend, Brandon Whitsett, was also hit by the truck and suffered multiple injuries. Two others in their group received minor injuries.

- Two visitors from Mexico were also among the injured, WVUE-TV

Fox 8 reported. Both are in stable condition at a local hospital, and the Mexican consulate in New Orleans is working to keep their families informed.

- ABC News reported that two Israeli nationals were injured. Israel's consulate is sending a representative to New Orleans.

### Lone actor

Jabbar posted five videos on his Facebook page in the two hours before he made his fatal drive down Bourbon Street. In one video recorded while he was driving from Houston to New Orleans, Jabbar said he "joined ISIS before the summer," FBI Deputy Director Christopher Raia said at a news conference Thursday.

The pickup Jabbar drove was rented Monday (Dec. 30) in Houston, and he made the trip to New Orleans on New Year's Eve. Investigators believe he built improvised explosive devices at a short-term rental property 2 miles from the French Quarter.

One of the IEDs was found inside the pickup truck, which featured an Islamic State flag on a pole attached to its trailer hitch. The FBI said Friday a working remote detonation device was also found inside the truck.

Raia said surveillance

video shows Jabbar placing a cooler with a homemade bomb inside at the intersection of Bourbon and Orleans streets and a second device two blocks away. Both were safely detonated after the French Quarter was cleared and police swept the neighborhood for evidence and other explosives.

"Precursor chemicals" for bomb making were found in the mobile home where Jabbar lived in north Houston, according to the FBI. Agents broke down the door of the residence Thursday and returned to the site Friday in search of more evidence.

The FBI is saying their investigation to this point indicates Jabbar acted alone in planning the terror attack. Agents do not currently believe there are any links between the incident in New Orleans and Wednesday's explosion of a Tesla Cybertruck outside the Trump International Hotel in Las Vegas.

The driver of that truck, U.S. Army Master Sgt. Matthew Livelsberger, 37, left notes on his iPhone praising President-elect Donald Trump and Elon Musk and criticizing Democrats, the FBI said.

Livelsberger committed suicide before the explosion, according to investigators.

## La. has first U.S. bird flu human death

BATON ROUGE — The Louisiana Department of Health reports the patient who had been hospitalized with the first human case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI), or H5N1, in Louisiana and the U.S. has died.

The patient was over the age of 65 and was reported to have underlying medical conditions. The patient contracted H5N1 after ex-

posure to a combination of a non-commercial backyard flock and wild birds.

LDH's extensive public health investigation has identified no additional H5N1 cases nor evidence of person-to-person transmission. This patient remains the only human case of H5N1 in Louisiana.

The Department expresses its deepest condolences to the patient's

family and friends as they mourn the loss of their loved one. Due to patient confidentiality and respect for the family, this will be the final update about the patient.

While the current public health risk for the general public remains low, people who work with birds, poultry or cows, or have recreational exposure to them, are at higher risk.

### Saturday's Crossword Answer

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### CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to dog training. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 24 = A)

A. 20 13 24 12 1  
Clue: Controls pet

B. 26 19 4 4 24 9 10  
Clue: Give an order

C. 12 24 7 13 25 2  
Clue: Caution

D. 19 3 13 2  
Clue: Follow commands

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Level: Intermediate

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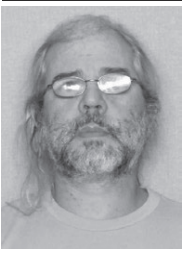
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## Notre Dame cruises past Westminster

CROWLEY – Jackson Casanova was a force to be reckoned with Friday in Notre Dame's matchup with Westminster of Lafayette at A.B. Dore Gym.

Casanova recorded a double-double by scoring 20 points and grabbing 10 rebounds to help lead the Pios to a 53-31 victory over the Chargers.

The victory sent the Pios to 7-1 overall heading into Thursday's 7 p.m. road contest at Sacred Heart of Ville Platte.

"We're off to a good start and I'd guess you'd say we've met the expectations of where we thought we'd be at this point," said ND coach Duke Daigle of his team's 7-1 start. "They're producing on both sides... all of the kids. But there's still room for growth."

"We're playing well, but we still haven't put a complete four-quarter game together yet. We're putting some quarters together, but we still haven't put a complete game together."

A big reason for the Pios' success has been their tenacious defense.

Against the Chargers, the Pios picked up 10 steals, blocked five shots and pulled down 33 rebounds, including 19 on the defensive side.

"Last year, we gave up an average of 39 points per game on the season and right now, we're allowing 29 through eight games, which is phenomenal," said Daigle. "The Pios grabbed a slim 10-9 lead after the first quarter before breaking the game open with a 17-7 run in the second frame.

The run was sparked by Casanova, who poured in eight points during the frame



THE POST-SIGNAL / Jason Faul  
Notre Dame's Jackson Casanova goes up for a shot during a recent game. Casanova scored 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds Friday in the Pios' 53-31 victory over Westminster.

to help the Pios take a 27-16 advantage heading into the break.

"Jackson is healthy for one and he's playing at a high level," said Daigle. "His in-

ter before breaking the game open with a 17-7 run in the second frame.

The Warriors fell to 5-9 with the setback. The Mustangs opened the game on a 17-6 run and they outscored the Warriors 13-7 in the second frame to take a 30-13 advantage.

stincts and rebounding and finishing is fun to watch. He's a big kid and he's agile and the kids are kind of feeding off of him."

Will Lavergne came in and knocked down a big three pointer just before the half to push the Pios' lead to 11.

"Our defense in the second quarter was huge and we had a couple of kids come up with some big shots," said Daigle.

The Pios outscored the Chargers 9-6 in the third quarter and then pulled away in the final frame by going on a 17-9 run over the final eight minutes.

The Pios limited the Chargers to under 10 points per quarter on the night.

"Our defense was phenomenal," said Daigle. "This team (Westminster) was averaging 51 or 52 points per game and by the time I pulled my starters in the fourth quarter with four minutes left, they had 23 on the board."

Tate Savant joined Casanova in double figures on the night with 12 points on four shots from beyond the arc. He also dished out four assists.

Parker Faust followed with six points, nine rebounds and four assists.

Kagen Semmes and Lavergne each scored four points, Ashton Leleux added three and Brice Duhon had two.

Andrew Hoffpauir and Felix Trisler rounded out the Pios' offense with one point each. Trisler also recorded five rebounds and blocked two shots.

## Hackberry powers past Northside Christian in doubleheader sweep

CROWLEY – The Hackberry Mustangs made it a clean sweep Friday by knocking off Northside Christian, 50-26, in the girls game and 51-34 in boys action at Seth Trahan Memorial Gym.

In the opener, the Lady Warriors (3-9) fell behind early and never recovered after Hackberry went on an 18-2 run in the second quarter to take a 30-8 advantage.

Three-pointers from Jade Guidry, Kennedy Knight and Rylee Hernandez in the third quarter to help the hosts outscore the Mustangs 9-8.

But the Mustangs regrouped in the final frame and outscored the hosts 12-9 to close out the game.

Aubre Mire was the leader for the Mus-

tangs with 21 points, including 13 in the first half. Kynlin Moore added all eight of her points in the second half.

Guidry and Knight paced the Lady Warriors with six points each and Katon Soeseno had four. Hernandez and Scarlett Allen each added three points. Piper Hebert and Madelynn Hebert rounded out the offense with two points each.

In boys action, the Mustangs reeled off their eighth-straight victory and improved to 10-6 overall.

The Warriors fell to 5-9 with the setback. The Mustangs opened the game on a 17-6 run and they outscored the Warriors 13-7 in the second frame to take a 30-13 advantage.

Each team scored 21 points over the final two frames.

Hayden Duhon was the leader for the Warriors with 15 points. Carter Hebert and Cody Clayton followed with five points each and Brayden Smith had four.

Bentley Guidry and Jackson Dupuis rounded out the offense with three and two points, respectively.

Ely Waker paced the Mustangs with 14 points and Greyson Duhon scored 10.

The Lady Warriors return to action on Friday with a 6 p.m. contest at Sacred Heart of Ville Platte.

The Warriors will also be on the road for a 6 p.m. contest against Slaughter Community Charter.



Crowley High's Gael Tavera

## Tavera places second at powerlifting meet

LAFAYETTE – Gael Tavera's powerlifting career at Crowley High was cut short the last two years due to injuries.

In fact, Saturday's Comeaux Invitational was his first real competition in the last three years.

And the senior didn't disappoint.

Tavera, lifting in the 242-pound weight division, set personal best lifts in the bench press and the deadlift to finish second with a total of 1,070 pounds.

Catholic High of New Iberia's Desmond Jones was the winner in the weight class with a total of 1,155 pounds.

Tavera began his day with a squat of 365 pounds before logging a personal best 285 pounds on the bench. He closed out his afternoon with a lift of 420 pounds in the deadlift to edge out Catholic High's Mike Bertrand for second place by 10 pounds.

Abner Guevara and Christian Menard each recorded fourth-place finishes for the Gents.

Guevara totaled 700 pounds in the 132-pound weight class and Menard lifted 815 pounds in the 220-pound division.

Zander Quebedeaux was fifth in the 132-pound division with a total of 695 pounds.

Christopher Hernandez finished sixth in the 165-pound division with a total of 700 pounds and Derrick Mendez was ninth with 695 pounds in the 148 division.

Also in the 148-pound division, Jacob Guidry finished 12th (630) and Aidan Adams was 11th in the 198 division (620).

The Ladies and Gents return to action Saturday when they host the CHS Raw Invitational beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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