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## LONDON CALLING

### *JBE follows Saints across the pond*

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Gov. **John Bel Edwards** and a "delegation of business and state leaders" will fly to London tomorrow for a multi-day "economic development mission" that just so happens to coincide with Sunday's matchup in Tottenham Stadium pitting the Saints against the Minnesota Vikings.

The game is part of the National Football League's International Series. The London Mission, as delegation members are calling it, is part of the Edwards Administration's plan to address insurance issues, among other topics.

According to the Governor's Office, this will be the third international trip of Edwards' second term and the sixth of his governorship. (His most recent was a weeklong resiliency and economic development mission to the Netherlands and France.)

As for who's traveling with the governor, the delegation is said to consist of folks from Louisiana Economic Development, Louisiana Offshore Terminal Authority, Port of New Orleans, Port of South Louisiana and the Committee of 100.

After he arrives in London Thursday morning, the governor will meet with representatives from Lloyd's of London, the world's leading insurance marketplace, to explore a broad range of insurance-related topics.

Among the planned items of discussion: "current factors affecting insurance and reinsurance protection for companies doing business in Louisiana; legislative and regulatory changes that would improve the state's attractiveness to insurers and reinsurers; and how the risk modeling utilized in Lloyd's insurance marketplace impacts the state."

A press release also outlined some of the governor's schedule for Friday:

"The governor is scheduled to meet with top executives of Shell about its expanding portfolio of clean energy investments, including the conversion of its old Convent oil refinery to a renewable fuel plant. He will also meet with Cheniere Energy, the No. 1 liquefied natural gas producer in the U.S., about LNG market changes and what they mean for its Sabine Pass facility in Louisiana. He will meet with Linde, which merged with Praxair in 2018, about the shift to sustainability in its approach to industrial gas production and engineering. And he will meet with Drax, a renewable power generation company in the UK, about its wood pellet production operations in Louisiana."

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## **POLITICAL CHATTER**

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- **MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** An Oct. 12 fundraiser has been scheduled for 5 p.m. at Martine Chaisson Gallery in New Orleans benefiting President **Page Cortez**, Speaker **Clay Schexnayder**, Jud A Vice Chair **Jimmy Harris** and House Natural Resources Chair **Jean-Paul Coussan**.
- **PCEJ PR:** "Yesterday, Monday, September 26, 2022, the Power Coalition for Equity and Justice started an on the ground canvassing initiative in major cities like New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Alexandria and Lake Charles. The campaign is part of a statewide GOTV strategy currently underway ahead of the November 8, 2022 Primary Congressional election. In the beginning of September, PCEJ onboarded over 100 phone bankers and canvassers statewide to help register voters and educate about key ballot initiatives. 'Across the state there is a lot of voter potential,' said **Ashley Shelton**, CEO of PCEJ. "We have voters that are either unregistered or not active in every election. Each election matters and every voice matters. Our goal is to continue to engage and activate voters across the state to use their voice so that the true power of Black and brown voters can be felt without question."
- **WEDNESDAY MONEY:** House Majority Leader **Blake Miguez** has a fundraiser Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at the LRA House.
- **THURSDAY MONEY:** Sen. **Stewart Cathey** has a fundraiser Thursday at 6 pm at the Morris home in Monroe.
- **ALSO THURSDAY:** "You are cordially invited to Rep. **Dewith Carrier's** fundraiser on Thursday, Sept. 29, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Pioneer Club in Lake Charles."
- **TEE TIME:** The 17th Annual **Ree Alario** Memorial Golf Classic presented by AT&T benefiting St. Michael Special School is slated for next week on Oct. 5. The Classis will be at the Tournament Players Club in Metairie. (RSVP: [504-525-5678](tel:504-525-5678)/[nscallan@gnosf.org](mailto:nscallan@gnosf.org))
- **DOJ PR:** "Citing economic, legal, and procedural issues – Louisiana Attorney General **Jeff Landry** is leading a coalition of 18 states in vocal opposition to the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2022. The state chief legal officers slammed the proposed legislation by U.S. Senator Joe Manchin as a back-door attempt to impose the failed Clean Power Plan."
- **CRT PR:** "In an effort to ensure the safety of shrimp imported to the United States, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) says it

signed an agreement with Ecuador in August to share confidential information including inspection records, draft rulemaking and guidance, and other non-public documents. 'Our Louisiana shrimp processors have lobbied to improve the current inspection system to a more holistic approach where the burden is on the exporting country or company to prove its product is safe before it's exported to our country. In 2019, as chairman of the National Lieutenant Governors Association, I introduced a resolution calling for seafood inspection fees that would prevent other countries from selling cheaper and less safe seafood. As a result, we have successfully obtained funding for the FDA to adopt such a system,' said Lieutenant Governor **Billy Nungesser.**"

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## HEADLINES & BYLINES

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- [The Advocate](#): Unsealed court records shed light on longtime Tangipahoa Parish politico's vote-buying scheme
  - [The Advertiser](#): Marijuana laws expanding cannabis access cause confusion in Louisiana medical community
  - [Illuminator](#): How much help should Louisiana crime victims get? State board looks at restrictions
  - [USA Today](#): Climate change makes living at the coast riskier. But more people keep coming.
  - [LRN](#): Realtors ask insurance commissioner to wait on homeowners rate increase
  - [Business Report](#): LDI dealt with just 56% of complaints involving hurricane claims in timely manner
  - [WAFB](#): Teacher shortage impacting Louisiana calls for new recruitment efforts
  - [The Advocate](#): Louisiana Attorney General sidesteps Lakefront Management Authority open meetings complaint
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# WHAT YOU MISSED IN LW

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*Here's what you missed in the latest issue of LaPolitics Weekly, published last week...*

- **HOUSE GOP SPOTLIGHTS LOCAL TALENT:** "He's kind of a Tiger," said House Republican Leader **Kevin McCarthy**, not long after kicking off last week's *Commitment to America* town hall meeting in Pittsburgh. "He's from Louisiana!" That was the nod McCarthy gave to Whip **Steve Scalise** of Jefferson Parish, who joined the minority leader on stage as House Republicans unveiled their election agenda for the first time — with the help of some other folks from Louisiana...
- **LaPOLITICS Q&A:** "For me, the focus will be on the conversations we've had around education issues and how we plan to pass the Parents Bill of Rights to ensure families always have a seat at the table," said Congresswoman **Julia Letlow**, fielding one of five questions in last week's issue...
- **HIGH-FLYING FOOTAGE:** If you've seen the latest commercial from the U.S. Senate campaign of former fighter pilot **Luke Mixon**, then you probably noticed there are seven or so seconds of footage of jets taking off, flying through the air and landing on an aircraft carrier. "That was Luke. That's actually him flying," said media consultant **Jared Arsement**, who shot and edited the rest of the commercial...
- **MISSISSIPPI DOLLARS:** Personal injury attorney **Hunter Lundy**, an Independent from Lake Charles, will get a bit of help from the Mississippi trial bar as he launches his bid for governor. Lundy, who appears to be the first formally announced candidate for governor, has a fundraiser hosted by several attorneys on Sept. 29 at the Blind Tiger in Biloxi...
- **HISTORY:** This weekend will mark the 57th anniversary (Oct. 2, 1965) of a little-known state senator from Acadia named **Edwin Edwards** being elected to replace **T. Ashton Thompson** in Louisiana's 7th Congressional District...
- **THEY SAID IT:** "The man did everything but triple-dog-dare us to sue him, and we're up for the challenge." —Attorney **Scott Sternberg**, who's representing two Lafayette news organizations in

a lawsuit against Mayor **Josh Guillory** over an alleged violation of the Public Records Law, in *The Advocate*

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Our History:

## ***The I-Ain't-Done-Yet*** **Constitutional Amendment**

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This fall marks the 56th anniversary (Nov. 8, 1966) of the moment modern Louisiana governors were afforded the opportunity for a second, subsequent term in office thanks to nothing more than constitutional law.

Prior to the late 1960s, governors were confined to a single four-year term in office — unless they wanted to sit out an election cycle and attempt a comeback, much like late Govs. **Earl K. Long** and **Jimmie Davis**.

But it was late Gov. **John McKeithen** who paved the way for the possibility of two terms back-to-back, like those later enjoyed by Govs. **Edwin Edwards**, **Mike Foster**, **Bobby Jindal** and **John Bel Edwards**.

McKeithen made his push for "Amendment 1" in 1966, as his first term was concluding. He convinced the Legislature to send the proposal to voters and immediately announced his re-election campaign, should the concept gain favor.

The amendment ultimately passed on Nov. 8, 1966, following an all-out electoral war. Opponents included former Gov. Davis and then-Congressman **Gillis Long**, but they were outworked by supporters like the AFL-CIO and most of Louisiana's major newspapers.

Roughly a year later, in the fall of 1967, freshman Congressman **John Rarick**, an Indiana transplant who called St. Francisville home, attempted to capture the Democratic nomination, but McKeithen's country politics and trademark "Won't you 'hep me?" won voters over. Again.

When voters finally reached the general election in February of 1968, no gubernatorial runoff was required because Republicans failed to field a candidate to take on McKeithen.

***This history feature was made possible by the office of Secretary of State Kyle Ardoin.***

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## **SOCIALLY YOURS**

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### ***ANNIVERSARIES & WEDDING BELLS***

**Tanja Foil** and Sen. **Franklin Foil** will toast to 31 years next week (10/04)... Lt. Gov. **Billy Nungesser** and his wife **Cher Taffaro Nungesser** celebrated their anniversary last week... So did **Shannon McCormick** and **Jesse McCormick**, notching their 12th year...

### ***HAPPY BIRTHDAY, TRACKERS!***

- Tuesday, Sept. 27: **Morgan Wampold, Buddy Boe** and **Lacey Ellis**
- Wednesday, Sept. 28: U.S. Sen. **Bill Cassidy**, Sen. **Sharon Hewitt** and **Johnny Koch**
- Thursday, Sept. 29: **Dora Alford, Jason Decuir, Bob Morgan, Bryn Stole, Lynnel Ruckert, Doug Baker** and **Hugh Riviere**
- Friday, Sept. 30: Rep. **Ryan Bourriaque**, Councilwoman **Helena Moreno** and **Lee Faucette**
- Saturday, Oct. 1: Mayor **Sharon Weston Broome**, Public Service Commissioner **Eric Skrmetta**, Rep. **Debbie Villio**, former Rep. **Kevin Pearson, Evan Bergeron, Tom Aswell** and **JR Ball**



- Sunday, Oct. 2: Justice **John Weimer**, Rep. **Kenny Cox**, former Rep. **Shirley Bowler**, **Kim Powers**, **Carling Dinkler**, **Suchitra Satpathi**, **Greg Riley**, **Jared Arsement** and **Natasha Robin**
- Monday, Oct. 3: Rep. **Wayne McMahan**, former Congressman **Charlie Melancon**, **John Hill** and **Frank Jobert**
- Who We Missed: **Mary Charlotte Ferrell** (09/24)
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