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Recreational weed still not legal in LA



A marijuana cultivator in Vineland faced an extortion attempt, federal authorities say. COURIER-POST FILE

But THC-infused products available in state

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As of 2026, 24 states and Washington D.C. have legalized recreational marijuana and 48 have made marijuana legal for medical purposes. • At the federal level, marijuana is now classified as a Schedule III drug, meaning the substance has a moderate to low potential for physical and psychological dependence, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration. • While Louisiana has not legalized recreational marijuana, medical marijuana is legal in the state, and so is the use and sale of THC-infused products.

While Louisiana residents can purchase THC-infused drinks, they may not be able to do so for long, as Congress passed legislation limiting the THC limit in products.

Is Congress banning THC drinks?

THC-infused drinks became legal at the federal level with the 2018 Farm Bill, when hemp became reclassified and allowed the manufacture and dis-

tribution of cannabis products as long as the THC content is less than 0.3% of the products' total weight.

This means 12-ounce beverages with 5mg of THC are considered legal hemp because the total Delta-9 THC content does not exceed 0.3%. Delta-9 is a natural cannabinoid and the primary psychoactive compound in cannabis, while Delta-8 and Delta-10 are synthetic cannabinoids.

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Sen. John Kennedy considering run for President

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Sen. John Kennedy appeared on NBC News "Meet the Press" on Sunday Oct. 4, where he discussed education, the economy and affordability, as well as upcoming elections.

Kennedy talked about his time actively campaigning in various states in support of GOP candidates up for election and he talked about his own reelection in 2028.

Kennedy said he will seek another term when his seat in the Senate is up for election in 2028, but he also said he's considering running for President.

What did Sen. John Kennedy say about running for President in 2028?

During NBC News' "Meet the Press," moderator Kristen Welker asked Kennedy if he was considering running for President in 2028, to which Kennedy replied "yeah."

"My plans right now are to run for

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Public can speak at Louisiana Tech meeting

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A public forum to kick off the search for Louisiana Tech University's next president is scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in Room 108 of the Integrated Engineering and Science Building at 418 Dan Reneau Dr.

The first meeting of the presidential search committee will include a discussion of the search process, a tentative timeline and provide an opportunity for public comment.

Tech President Jim Henderson announced Sept. 25 that he will retire at the end of 2026 after three years at the helm, citing health concerns.

University of Louisiana System President Rick Gallot told USA Today Network the system board tentatively plans to name the next president on Nov. 19, 2026, with the new leader to assume office Jan. 1, 2027.

Gallot will chair the search committee as a non-voting member.

"It's important for the public to be engaged and be able to voice the attributes they'd like to see in the next leader," Gallot said Tuesday. "We want to process to be as open as possible."

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Where should I set my thermostat in fall?

What to know as Louisiana cools

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While it's still quite warm in Louisiana, fall weather will soon bring cooler temperatures, making it necessary to turn up the heat in the home.

At the first sign of a chilly autumn evening, it may be tempting to crank up the temperature, but experts recom-

mend keeping it low to lower your energy bills.

If you keep thermostats within the recommended temperature range, you can balance comfort and efficiency.

Set your temperature to this during the fall in Louisiana

During fall, the U.S. Department of Energy recommends setting thermostats to 68 degrees during the day when you're at home and lowering it at night or when you're away.

This settings provides a good indoor

temperature for comfort while reducing unnecessary energy use, according to Honeywell Home.

Should you lower thermostat at night or while you're away during the fall?

At night, you can drop the temperature to between 60 and 65 degrees while you sleep to further lower costs without sacrificing comfort, says Southwest Public Power District.

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