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TODAY IS ELECTION DAY

IN LOUISIANA, STAKES ARE HIGH



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Randy Perkins and Kendal Spears move voting machines onto a waiting truck at the East Baton Rouge Parish voting machine warehouse on Monday. Election Day is Tuesday.

State's voters to decide an unexpectedly tight Senate race atop ballot packed with amendments, local races

BY TYLER BRIDGES
Staff writer



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High prices for gas and groceries, the war in Iran, President Donald Trump and the accusation that radical socialists have taken over the Democratic Party will be top of mind for Louisiana voters Tuesday as they head to the polls on Election Day.

The state has plenty at stake in this year's midterms.

Speaker Mike Johnson and Majority Leader Steve Scalise, both from Louisiana, have been campaigning throughout the country to stave off forecasts that

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President Donald Trump speaks in front of the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool on Monday in Washington.

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Trump, Democrats clash in closing messages

BY MICHELLE L. PRICE and STEVE PEOPLES
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – Less than 24 hours before polls opened across America, Democrats on Monday fought to stay focused on the economy and move past intraparty infighting in the Midwest, while President Donald Trump promoted construction projects in Washington and cast his Democratic opponents as dangerous radicals.

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LSU to crack down on game-day events

Police recently broke up on-campus crowd with pepper balls

BY MATTHEW ALBRIGHT
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LSU plans to crack down on large gatherings on campus before and after football games after an on-campus brawl following the homecoming game against Mississippi State led police to break up a crowd with pepper balls.

"Tailgating is about football. We cherish the seven Saturdays when we gather as a community to celebrate our tailgate traditions before cheering on our Tigers to victory," LSU President Wade Rousse said in a news release Monday. "While tailgating is embedded within the fabric of our community, we must remember it is a shared privilege that mandates a safe environment focused on one event, the LSU football game."



Rousse

Starting Saturday, "promoters/organizers of any unauthorized event can anticipate being shut down immediately if advertising is brought to the university's attention ahead of game-day," the release stated. That includes any activities that require university approval, "such as publicly promoted events with bands and DJ's that obstruct pedestrian or emergency access or disrupt university operations."

The restrictions do not apply to "traditional tailgating," which includes "food, beverages, tents, grills, televisions and personal or consumer-grade music at a reasonable volume."

Student tailgates are already required to break down one hour before kickoff. Starting this weekend, authorities will sweep the campus to make sure all events have wrapped up and attendees have either moved to the stadium or gone home.

No additional events will be allowed during or after the game — except for traditional tailgates, where watching the game on TV is allowed.

School officials pledged to beef up on-campus security after a homecoming day fight near the Pentagon and Greek Theater. A brawl involving several women

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