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## ‘Sounds like a terrible decision’



Bad Bunny performs live in San Juan, Puerto Rico, on Sept. 20. GLADYS VEGA/GETTY IMAGES

### Johnson comments on Bad Bunny’s Super Bowl halftime show announcement

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According to Speaker Mike Johnson, Puerto Rican entertainer Bad Bunny’s scheduled performance during the Super Bowl half-time show was a “terrible decision” that should have gone to an artist with a “broader audience.”

Bad Bunny was announced Sunday, September 28, as the 2026 Apple Music Super Bowl halftime show performer during the Sunday Night Football game

between the Dallas Cowboys and the Green Bay Packers.

Outside of the House chambers Tuesday, Johnson was asked about the Puerto Rican entertainer being chosen as this year’s Super Bowl half-time show headliner.

“I didn’t even know who Bad Bunny was but it sounds like a terrible decision in my viewpoint,” Johnson said. “It sounds like he’s not someone who appeals to a broader audience and I think there’s so many eyes on the Super Bowl. A lot of young impressionable children

and I think, in my view, you would have Lee Greenwood – role models doing that. Not somebody like this.”

Greenwood is a country singer and songwriter, known for his 1984 hit single, “God Bless the U.S.A.,” which was included a film about Ronald Reagan, the then-Republican presidential nominee, at the 1984 Republican National Convention.

Bad Bunny has vocally opposed President Donald Trump’s policies,

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## Louisiana senator plans to run for district attorney in Shreveport

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Republican state Sen. Alan Seabaugh will launch a campaign to run for district attorney in Shreveport with an official announcement set for Oct. 14.

“You’ll have to come to the event to find out,” Seabaugh said in an interview with USA Today Network.

His announcement event for the 2026 election is scheduled at 2 p.m. Oct. 14 at Superior Mexican Grill in Shreveport. It is open to the public.

Seabaugh, 58, will seek to unseat Caddo Parish District Attorney James E. Stewart Sr., a Democrat who was first elected in 2015 and reelected in 2021.

Louisiana district attorneys serve six-year terms.

Though Seabaugh declined to provide details about his campaign until his official announcement, he said he believes crime is the top concern among residents in the state’s third largest city.

The focus on crime in Shreveport has been elevated by Gov. Jeff Landry’s request for President Trump to deploy National Guard troops to patrol the city’s streets.

Seabaugh built a reputation as an uncompromising and sometimes combative conservative during his 14 years in the state House and early in his first term in the state Senate.

During his 2023 Senate election

campaign, Seabaugh received endorsements from Landry and U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson of Shreveport-Bossier. Seabaugh served with Johnson when both were in the state House before Johnson’s election to Congress.

Seabaugh’s Senate District 31 boundaries include parts of 10 parishes, but 70% of the population within the district is located in Bossier, Caddo, Natchitoches and Sabine parishes. Bienville, DeSoto, Rapides, Red River, Webster and Winn are the other parishes within the district.

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### US NEWS & WORLD REPORT

## This state university puts grads in most debt

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When it comes to higher education, rising tuition and limited financial aid may make borrowing necessary for some students.

In order to find out which schools have students that graduate with the heaviest debt, U.S. News & World Report analyzed loan data owned by the U.S. Department of Education.

On U.S. News & World Report’s ranking of national universities where students graduate with the most debt, one Louisiana university is ranked fourth.

### Southern University among colleges where students graduate with most debt, says U.S. News & World Report

At Southern University, the in-state tuition and fees are \$9,290, while out-of-state tuition and fees are \$10,479, according to U.S. News & World Report.

Approximately 88% of first-year students receive need-based financial aid, and the average net price for federal loan recipients is \$17,701, according to U.S. News & World Report.

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## Shreveport mayor withdraws proposed 2% surcharge

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On Thursday, Mayor Tom Arce-neaux withdrew his proposal for temporary 2 percent surcharge on water and sewer bills for the intended purpose to fund the demolition of large, abandoned apartment complexes and commercial properties in Shreveport.

A news release from Arceneaux stated the decision followed discussions with members of the Shreveport City Council and feedback from the public.

“I have asked the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the budget ordinances without the surcharge and without the intended uses of the funds that the surcharge was projected to generate,” Arceneaux stated in the news release. “We welcome input from the Council and the community on alternative ways to address large property demolitions.”

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