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MINDEN CRIME

Minden man accused of agg. battery

Suspect arrested under 'Gwen's Law'

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A Minden man accused of domestic battery was arrested by police under 'Gwen's Law.' John Riley Hollingsworth, 28, of Minden, was arrested Friday, May 22, and charged with aggravated battery by domestic violence.

lence. No bond was set. Gwen's Law, authored by Rep. Roy Burrell, of Shreveport, strengthens protective orders and requires a hearing before bail. The court has to decide the feasibility of granting bail to a person charged with domestic violence. The bill was signed into law in late 2014.

Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper says this is the first time he can recall his department having arrested someone under the new law. He says Det. Keith King Jr. was contacted by a concerned citizen stating Hollingsworth's wife had been "battered" by him.



HOLLINGSWORTH

"Sgt. Tokia Whiting located her at her residence," Cropper said. "At that point in time, she informed Sgt. Whiting that her husband Riley had come by and they began to argue. He'd taken her cell phone away from her and threw it at her, hitting her in the right eye area causing a small cut." Cropper says other injuries

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CAMP MINDEN CLEANUP



U.S. Sen. David Vitter and Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis, of the Louisiana Army National Guard, visit before Vitter is taken on a tour of Camp Minden. Vitter says his purpose for being there was to see how the M6 is now stored and where it is kept. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Vitter tours Camp Minden

Senator says agencies working toward starting M6 disposal

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U.S. Sen. David Vitter, in a stop at Camp Minden Tuesday, says after talking with the powers that be, everyone is working toward beginning the disposal of the nearly 7,000 tons of M6 propellant stored at the military installation.

Vitter toured Camp Minden to see where the M6 is now stored and says it's important to begin disposal as soon as possible.

"I think we're in the process of moving forward with the disposal," he said during a short inter-

view before beginning the tour, "and not waiting on that last funding piece the EPA was demanding for its oversight. We're in the midst of that, but I'm very hopeful that we're getting past that."

Vitter says the goal is to begin disposal of the M6 while still working out the details of the additional \$8 million the EPA was asking for to pay for administrative oversight.

"Time is an issue here," Vitter said. "We can't just debate this

for the next five years. We need to move on with it and we'll work out those final details as we do."

Maj. Gen. Glenn Curtis says no one is sure what the administrative oversight is, but that's something they are discussing at this time.

"They told us about this almost two weeks ago when we were getting into the final negotiations on the \$28 million to come out of the federal judgment fund," Curtis said. "The Army, the Department of Justice, (Department of Environmental Quality), and the National Guard



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AT THE FARM

Farmer's Market begins June 6

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Grab your wallets and plan to spend the day at The Farm each Saturday beginning June 6 for the opening of the 6th annual Farmer's Market.

A variety of vegetables, meats and arts and crafts will be for sale, and it's also the perfect chance for a young entrepreneur to test their market. Ben Branch will be one of those young entrepreneurs. Dani Deshotel, executive director of The Farm, says he donated four hens to The Farm, and each year he's come to the event, he's been able to sell the eggs from some of the hens he's raised.

"He raises chickens and sells the eggs," she said. "He's sold his eggs at our Farmer's Market for about the last three years. He's

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DESHOTEL



The Farmer's Market will begin at 8 a.m., Saturday, June 6, with an array of homegrown fruits, vegetables and arts and crafts. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald



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WEATHER

Officials to release hurricane season forecast

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Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will release its forecast for the Atlantic hurricane season Wednesday.

Hurricane season officially runs June 1 through Nov. 30. But this season's

first storm, Tropical Storm Ana, came ashore in North Carolina earlier this month, bringing rain from Virginia to South Carolina. It did not cause any major problems.

This will be the 10th hurricane season since hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast.

Administrator Kathryn Sullivan will join Joe Nim-

mich, deputy director of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, and New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu at a news conference Wednesday to release the forecast.

The weather phenomenon called El Nino generally means fewer hurricanes. But the head of the National Weather Service's Climate Prediction Center, Mike Halpert, said in

March that this year's El Nino is happening late and is weak.

University of Colorado scientists William Gray and Philip Klotzenbach said in April that they expect one of the least active seasons since the mid-20th century, based on the chance of an El Nino of at least moderate strength this summer and fall. Their early prediction

was for seven named storms, three of them hurricanes, and one of those hurricanes major.

In an email Tuesday, Klotzbach said the El Nino has strengthened considerably since March.

"At this point, it is best to characterize it as a moderate-strength event, and we anticipate the event to likely be strong by the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season," he

wrote. "A strong El Nino will likely significantly reduce storm formation in the Atlantic basin."

El Nino is a warming in one part of the central Pacific. It changes weather patterns worldwide. In addition to fewer Atlantic hurricanes, El Ninos are associated with flooding in some places, droughts elsewhere and generally warmer global temperatures.



he fence at the entrance of The Farm depicts some of the fruits and vegetables that will be sold by local farmers at this year's Farmer's Market. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

FARM

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very knowledgeable about the chickens and he helps us with ours on the weekends."

Young entrepreneurs who wish to sell their wares may do so for a yearly membership of \$10. The young entrepreneur program is open to any school student under the age of 18.

For the adult vendors, booth space is available for \$30, and it is an annual membership fee that allows vendors to set up at any event hosted at The Farm throughout the year.

Senior citizens who wish to set up a booth of their hand-made, home-spun or homegrown items may do so at a discount, also at \$10.

"We're expecting a big year," Deshotel said. "We pushed the market back a whole month to allow more growing season for the farmers."

"We expect to have a lot more vegetables this year since we pushed it back," said Tina McKissack, chairman of the Farmer's Market.

Cloth bags to keep all customers' purchases in will be for sale for \$5, as well. The proceeds from vendor booths and the sale of the bags will go towards

the vegetable garden at The Farm as well as art programs and events there. It also covers mandatory insurance premiums which allows the events at The Farm to take place, Chris Broussard, chairman of the Cultural Crossroads board, says.

Along with all the vegetables that will be for sale, other items will be available as well, including soaps, sugar scrubs, unique plants, fresh herbs, herbal teas, honey, hand-crafted jewelry and wood-work art.

One of the bigger attractions to the Farmer's Market is Mahaffey's Farm, which comes each year selling local fresh meats

and vegetables. The Mahaffey's have a 100-acre farm, and is one of the few organic farms in the area, Broussard says.

More vendors and farmers are being sought for this year's Farmer's Market.

"The Farmer's Market is an experience in itself," Broussard said, attributing much of that experience to the atmosphere. "This Farmer's Market is an experience times two."

The Farmer's Market will run each Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. until July 25. For more information, booth availability or information, or questions, call Deshotel at 318-268-2122 or McKissack at 318-268-4555.

VITTER

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were saying ok, we think we're ready to get this thing started. Then they came out with this administrative oversight."

He says the first dollar amount put out was \$10 million, but they got them to come down to the \$8 million.

Vitter and Curtis both say they don't know what the administrative oversight is or any details. The EPA says the \$8 million is for independent monitoring and review.

"Our goal here is to get on with the cleanup because time is a factor," Vitter said, "and figure out those details later. Certainly, my approach would be we need something more specific than some vague term 'administrative oversight.' To even talk about \$8 million is a significant amount of money."

Last week the EPA went on the defensive when U.S. Congressman John Fleming and Vitter came out with strong words regarding the EPA's supposed holdup with the money to fund the cleanup.

The EPA's initial statement in response appeared to be vague, but when asked by the Press-Herald specifically about the \$8 million, the following was their response:

"We have provided an estimate of the cost for independent monitoring and review for the project as requested and believe it should be included in the overall project cost that is being negotiated," said David Gray, external affairs for EPA Region 6.

Regional administrator Ron Curry issued the following statement:

"As promised, EPA is working every day to remove barriers to dispose of abandoned M6 and CBI at Camp Minden," he said. "Throughout the process of finding an alternative

method, EPA has delivered on that promise time after time. Our commitment hasn't changed and our work to help the state ensure the disposal is protective is unwavering."

"We fully support the dialogue attributes and believe independent monitoring and review are important to a successful program," he continued. "For the benefit of people who make their homes or businesses in the area, we continue to encourage the Army (to) fund the state's request so they can award the contract."

The EPA has sponsored a dialogue committee, which worked feverishly for a month to recommend an alternative method of disposal other than the open tray burn. The EPA has followed up with sponsorship of a Citizens Advisory Group, which will oversee the project from beginning to end and keep the public informed of activities and any issues that might arise during the cleanup process.

A public meeting has been set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 28, at First Baptist Church in Doyline.

Briefs from the Legislature's regular session

BATON ROUGE — A proposal to give victims of domestic violence additional housing protections is in limbo after a House committee refused to advance the bill Tuesday while changes are discussed.

Sen. Sharon Weston Broome, D-Baton Rouge, said her Senate-approved bill (Senate Bill 174) would give "bare minimum" protections to domestic violence victims.

Among other provisions, it would bar landlords from evicting tenants for frequently calling the police due to the actions of an abuser. It also would allow landlords to evict abusers if there is "reasonable documentation" of abuse.

One major provision of the bill would allow domestic violence victims to break a lease without penalty if they have a court protection order or are recognized as a victim by a state-recognized social worker.

Several lawmakers worried the bill could saddle landlords with unfair legal liability. Others felt the bill was written sloppily and could lead to unintended consequences if it moved forward in its current form.

"There are a lot of people who are maybe deserving of this," said Rep. Nancy Landry, R-Lafayette. "But I also think it opens the door to some opportunists abusing

this."

Broome said she has worked with business groups to add in additional protections for landlords.

The House civil law committee deferred the bill with 7-6 vote. But Rep. Neil Abramson, D-New Orleans, chairman of the committee, said he will bring the bill back for another vote next week if his concerns are addressed.

"I'm an optimist. We have another shot," Broome said.

LICENSE PLATES

A pilot program that would allow law enforcement in a handful of parishes to use technology that can automatically scan a driver's license plate would be created under a bill nearing final passage.


Sen. Ronnie Johns, R-Lake Charles, touted his bill as a way to crack down on uninsured motorists and car thieves by making it easier to compare the license plates against databases.

The House transportation committee agreed Tuesday to the Senate-backed bill (Senate Bill 250). The proposal heads next to the full House.

Johns said the program would be piloted in nine parishes: Allen, Ascension, Avoyelles, Bossier, Calcasieu, Iberville, Plaquemines, Terrebonne and Webster parishes.

Homer Police Department seeking reserve officers

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Remembering summers of revivals

JUANITA AGAN
Special to the Press-Herald

Those damp, and cold days of February started me remembering the long hot summers of my childhood. In fact, I almost wished for them once again.

Back in the 30s there were no little league games, nor any other planned activities by the city for our young people. Of course, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hunter provided ball games, swimming lessons and other activities on their own for the young people. The one thing that you could count on would be the revival meetings that each church had. We went to the other churches' revivals as well as our own.

There was no Emmanuel Baptist Church, no Parkway Church, no North Acres

Baptist Church back then, only the First Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church. Of course we had the First United Methodist Church and the Minden Presbyterian Church, the Episcopal Church, the Catholic Church and the Pentecostal Church. I believe the Nazarene and the Assembly of God churches were here then, too. Some of these churches held summer revivals that often went for two weeks. At least at First Baptist Church some of ours went that long.

We visited the other churches during their revivals and listened to some great preaching. It was hot, and we often stuck to the pews since our church was not air conditioned until about 1948.

The Baptist revival was held at night in the Tabernacle. Often hoboes would slip in the back and listen to the preaching. To the audience's right of the choir were seats placed at a right angle to the congregation. Often members

of the black community would come to the meetings and sit there. The morning services were in the auditorium of the church.

Food and Fellowship

For weeks ahead plans were made for ladies to feed the visiting evangelistic team. Ladies who were good cooks were lined up first, and then others were contacted. I don't suppose it ever occurred to take them to a cafe for a meal.

The choir was full each night, and all those old hymns were sung and had the congregation ready for the message. In preparation for the revival, prayer meetings were arranged all over town. I can remember when we would have dozens of prayer meeting each night all over town.

If you had a prayer meeting at your home, you were responsible for notifying the neighbors and anyone else you wanted to invite. Those prayer meetings were the main reason for the success of the revivals.

Our hearts were ready

to hear God's message and we were willing to go out and witness.

I remember that during the week the men came to the church about five or six o'clock and picked up the name of a prospect, and then they went out by twos and visited the families and came back in time for the night revival services.

The revivals always interfered with the ladies' canning. It might be during the time the peaches were ready to be canned, or the figs, and certainly peas. But if they could not make every morning service they were there at night.

Wiggles in the Sawdust

I have written about the sawdust on the floor of the tabernacle. Things wiggled in that sawdust. By the time I was 13 I sang in the adult choir and the choir platform was about four or five feet above the regular floor, and it had a wooden floor. (thank goodness!)

When I had to sit down in the congregation I always put my feet up on the cross brace of the pew

in front of me. I didn't want to take any chances about what that was wiggling in the sawdust.

I think that there were over 200 saved one summer. Not all were from our church but some were from towns outside Minden. Our pastor baptized on Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night for several weeks getting them all baptized. We were uplifted but we were also worn out from the long meetings.

Vacation Bible School

Back then our Vacation Bible Schools lasted two weeks. If we were too old for the classes we worked with the younger children. It was a long, hard two weeks for the ladies, as well as the children were tired when it was over. The last night (we called it "graduation") the parents came and watched the children as they performed either reciting scriptures or singing. They also had their handwork on display.

And then there were the Friday night band concerts in the park down-

town. All ages turned out to hear the music that they played. In fact all ages formed the band, from young people in the high school band to older business men like Leland Mims, Joe Miller, Mrs Inabnett, Leon Adkins, Cat Parker and others. It was the love of music that was the common denominator of all those who attended. Little children played on the swings, or on the grass, while the older folks brought lawn chairs or even sat on the grass to listen to the music.

There was no planned music they just drifted from one song into another. Of course if the revival was in progress I was required to go there instead of the band concert.

Juanita Agan submitted a weekly column to the Press-Herald for more than 15 years until her death in 2008. She was a resident of Minden since 1935. The Press-Herald is republishing select articles from Mrs. Agan's Cameos column every Wednesday.

OBITUARY

Kenneth Rogers Alley

Funeral services for Kenneth Rogers Alley will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015, at Rose-Neath Funeral Home Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Bill Crider officiating. Interment will follow at Gardens of Memory in Minden. The family will receive friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015,

at Rose-Neath Funeral Home.

Ken was born Sept. 22, 1953, in Minden and entered into death May 24, 2015, at his home in Haughton. He graduated from Minden High School and Louisiana Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in Science/Physical Education. Ken taught and coached at Coushatta High School, Plain Dealing Academy and Trinity Heights Academy

where they won several state championships. After retiring, he was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed his gardening.

He is survived by his companion, Melinda Roberts of Haughton; mother, Maxine Alley of Minden; father, Dr. Tom Alley of Minden; son, Zachary Alley and wife Renn of Minden; daughter, Sari Miller of Willis, Texas;

sister, Marsha Christie and husband Dennis of Davidsville, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Alley Mandino, Colton Miller, Cameron Meshell, Kylie Moreno and Carmen Moreno.

Pallbearers will be Teddy Brown, John Campbell, Rand Killgore, George Byron, Ric Moreno and Cholla Ardoin.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Buck Creek Hunting Club.



ALLEY

ARREST

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were apparent, and the victim told police Hollingsworth picked her up and slammed her body down on the tile floor of the residence, causing severe back pain.

"At that point in time, apparently Riley left the residence," the chief said. "They got the victim up here to file a report and file charges. A warrant was obtained for Mr.

Hollingsworth for aggravated battery by domestic violence."

Cropper says he turned himself in to police Friday, May 22. During questioning, Hollingsworth admitted to the charges, "but also admitted that she'd been guilty of beating him in the past also," he said.

Hollingsworth went before 26th Judicial District Judge Parker Self Tuesday for the bail hearing. Bond was set at \$25,000 and no contact is allowed between the victim and Hollingsworth

except by phone or text, and only by dealing with the custody of the children, court records show.

He must also submit to drug screens within eight hours of request. If he fails to comply, bond will be revoked. He must take all legal prescriptions in the proper manner. If he fails to comply, bond will be revoked.

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PERSPECTIVE

Oops can happen

I had another OOPS moment in the kitchen today.

Those moments have been fairly rare, but it seems as if they are becoming quite common.

The one today reminded me of a little boy I taught in first grade many years ago. We were making a recipe book of children's cooking ideas. I asked each one to write down how he or she would make a simple item, or how they thought their mother made it.

This little fellow took the show. He was cooking bacon and his directions were: "Put the bacon in the pan. Put it on the fire and go in the living room and sit down."

Well, I more or less followed his directions today as I was making scones.

I had a desire for scones, which I like for breakfast spread with strawberry jam. So after getting things squared away I checked to see if I had all the ingredients I needed. Just enough flour for the recipe and to roll them out on

I got the dough ready, added my cranberries, then rolled it out and cut them out with a biscuit cutter. I placed them evenly on the prepared baking sheet and placed them in a preheated oven.

I joined Hubby on the porch for a break, then decided to call my Sunday School people who were absent and to check on those who had sick family members. By the time I talked to three or four, I went back in the kitchen and immediately smelled the baking scones.

When I opened the oven door, I was sick. They were almost chocolate-colored.

As badly as I wanted scones and then I nearly burned them up, I could not help but laugh as I thought of my first-grader who put the bacon on and went and sat in the living room. Hubby and I laughed about it, but, luckily were able to salvage some of them.

The recipe is called Buttery Scones, and they are really good. A bit of sugar makes them sort of sweet, and a handful of cranberries makes them have a little tartness. They are great with coffee.

I suppose from now on when I make scones, I will remember these instructions. Stay in the kitchen.

This little mishap came on top of one a few days earlier. The only thing is, I've not figured out the reason for the earlier "flop".

I was making a coconut pound cake for lunch and when I took it out of the oven, it had not risen as much as it should have. The only reason I can come up with is that I might not have added enough baking powder. With five eggs in it, you would think it would be light and fluffy. It was everything but. It was what I call "packy". No one else might not understand the term, but a baker who is accustomed to making light, fluffy cakes knows exactly what I'm talking about. Nevertheless, it tasted okay so most of it was eventually eaten.

Now, here's the dilemma. Next Sunday evening, we're having a dessert fellowship after church and everyone is to bring a favorite dessert.

What do I do? I'm almost afraid to try.

I suppose to be on the safe side, I can make it early and if it doesn't turn out right I'll still have time to try again.

But, with the luck I've been having recently, it might be safer to just buy one.

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PERSPECTIVE

Liberals respect me

During the early years of the Reagan administration, a Washington news conference was held for me for my first book, "The State Against Blacks." Before making summary statements about the book, I offered the reporters assembled that they could treat me like a white person. They could ask me hard, pressing questions. They could demand proof of the arguments that I was making.

People such as former NAACP President Kweisi Mfume and former Chairman Julian Bond and the Rev. Al Sharpton can make ludicrous statements. An intimidated news media just swallow the nonsense. They are probably afraid to challenge, lest they suffer guilt feelings of racism or be seen as racists for demanding that a black person back up his comments with facts.

You say, "Give us some examples of ludicrous statements." Sharpton, commenting on black history, said, "White folks was in caves while we was building empires." Mfume said of George W. Bush, "We have a president that's prepared to take us back to the days of Jim Crow segregation and dominance." Bond said, "The Republican Party would have the American flag and the swastika flying side by side." When those statements were

made — and after other utterances of nonsense — I did not hear of any reporters demanding evidence. Racial etiquette or politeness requires that no pressing questions be asked of liberal blacks.

A number of people have made angry responses to statements made in my column a fortnight ago, titled "Some Odds and Ends." I pointed out that liberal Democrats claim that conservative Republicans have launched a war on women as a part of their overall mean-spirited agenda. Assault, rape and murder are the worst things that can be done to a woman. I said: "I would be willing to bet a lot of money that most of the assaults, rapes and murders of women are done by people who identify as liberals or Democrats, particularly in the cases of murderers."

Most crime, except perhaps white-collar crime, is committed by people who vote Democratic." People have demanded to know what my evidence is. There are bits and pieces of evidence that show that most murderers are people who politically identify as liberals or Democrats. Whether these people also vote their preferences is not so evident.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice report "Homicide Trends in the United States, 1980-2008," blacks accounted for 52.5 percent of homicide offenders from 1980 to 2008 (<http://tinyurl.com/mb29bfa>). It appears to be a fact that most murders are committed by blacks. The next fact appears obvious: Most blacks

identify politically as liberals or Democrats. In fact, the 2008 and 2012 elections showed that at least 95 percent of blacks were Democrats. If one adds whites and Hispanics who also identify politically as liberals or Democrats, I think there is no question that liberals and Democratic Party sympathizers commit most of the murders in the U.S. None of this is to say that whites are crime-free. Whites are a greater percentage of our population and commit most of every type of crime except homicide and burglary (<http://tinyurl.com/bzyzpk6>).

I'm pleased that readers have demanded proof from me about my comments. Similar proof is not demanded from liberals who accuse Republicans of warring against women. I would ask several questions. Do Republicans include in this attack their mothers, wives and female children? What are the weapons Republicans use? Are failing to believe in late-term abortion and wanting to require parental knowledge and permission prior to a minor's receiving birth control medication or an abortion tantamount to warring against women? Finally, are Republican women involved in the war against women?

Far more important for me in all of this is that liberals unintentionally treat me like a white person. Unlike their response to other blacks, they demand that I back up my statements. For that, I thank them.

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WALTER WILLIAMS

EDITORIAL
ROUND UP

Galveston County Daily News on fracking

A newly signed state law will prevent local governments from banning hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as fracking. House Bill 40 prohibits cities from enacting any ordinance "that bans, limits, or otherwise regulates an oil and gas operation within its boundaries or extrajurisdictional jurisdiction."

What hypocrisy from a party that touts its commitment to local control and cries foul when the federal government infringes on the state's authority.

With the stroke of a pen, Abbott stripped local governing bodies of home rule authority, which gives those entities the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety, moral and welfare, among other things.

That's just what Denton voters thought they did in November when the city became the first in Texas to place an outright ban on fracking inside the city limits.

According to a news release from Gov. Abbott, this legislation was necessary to protect the oil and gas industry from "the heavy hand of local regulation and to ensure that Texas avoids a patchwork quilt of regulations that differ from region to region, differ from county to county or city to city."

The governor and the state's former Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, who is now the president of the Texas Oil and Gas Association, claim Denton's move stepped on the property rights of the oil and gas industry, by essentially taking their property's value without compensation.

According to the Texas Municipal League, 60 cities and towns in the Lone Star State have some sort of local laws regulating various aspects of the oil and gas industry. What other ordinances will the state decide to render null and void?

Our objection to this law has little to do with fracking. We know having a domestic supply of oil and natural gas is good for the state's economy. We firmly believe, however, that the people who call this great state home should have the ability to decide what is best for their communities. And until now, we thought the state's Republicans strongly held the same beliefs.

Stripping voters of their ability to limit oil and gas activities in their own backyards is disappointing in a state where local government and local control have long been held as king.

Give us your two cents!

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Around Town

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Thursday, May 28

First Impressions Child Care and Pre-School will have its graduation ceremony at the Minden Community House at 7 p.m.

The Minden/Webster Parish Branch of the NAACP will have its monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the 14th District Building. For more information, contact President Minister Kenneth Wallace at 371-4436.

Friday, May 29

Y-Line's 3rd Annual Reunion will be at 6 p.m. at Dorcheat Seafood Frill (Bayou Inn) in Dixie Inn. For more information call Fannie Ashley at 318-564-6688 or Bettye Herring at 318-578-4757.

Sunday, May 31

Mt. Nebo Missionary Baptist Church of Dubberly will have its Pastor's Aid Program at 3 p.m. Featured guest will be Sister Angela Wills and Sister Therah Newman.

St. Rest Baptist Church will host its 150th Great Family Gathering with special guest Psalmist Geoffrey Golden at 10:45 a.m.

King Solomon MBS will have its Pastor Aid "Helping the Help" program at 3 p.m. Featured guest will be Min. Jay Williamson of Showers of Blessing Ministries.

Mt. Zion CME Temple will honor Elder Arnold B. Caesar and first lady Daisy Caesar at 3 p.m.

The Pastor Aide Auxiliary of Union Grove Baptist Church cordially invite you to come worship and get your praise on at the Minister Solo Singing Program (featuring Pastors / Ministers/ Evangelists from the surrounding area) at 6 p.m. Special guest will be Inter-faith Voices of Deliverance from Arcadia.

Antioch Baptist Church located on Hwy 79 in Minden will host its Fellowship Program at 2:20 p.m. with guest speaker Pastor Ray D. Jiles of Valley Springs Baptist Church.

Tillman Church of God in Christ located at 972 Tillman Church Road in Heflin will have a free hot dog give away from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. or until all gone. For information call Roy at 377-3205.

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MLB

Bryant's big blast
highlights Cubs' win

CHICAGO -- No one was quite sure where the ball landed after seeing Chicago Cubs rookie Kris Bryant hit a game-tying mammoth home run in the bottom of the eighth inning of his team's eventual 3-2 win over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday.

It actually hit the new video scoreboard in left-center at Wrigley Field and then dropped into the recently opened bleachers. According to ESPN Stats & Information, the home run ball would have landed 463 feet from home plate.

"Everyone just stood up to see how far it would go," teammate Addison Russell said after the game. "When he hits balls he hits them far. We're used to seeing it. It's cool the world gets to see what he has to offer."

Russell won the game with a ninth-inning double that drove in a run, but it'll be Bryant's blast that will generate the most buzz from the evening. The at-bat started out 0-2 before Bryant worked it full and then blasted a slider for his seventh home run of the season.

"That was a good one for me," Bryant said nonchalantly. "And there was a little wind blowing out here, too."

NHL

Rangers explode to
force game seven

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Henrik Lundqvist had lots of help in another season-saving performance for the New York Rangers.

The star goalie stopped 36 shots and Derick Brassard had a hat trick for the Presidents' Trophy winners, who forced Game 7 in the Eastern Conference finals with a 7-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Lightning on Tuesday night.

The Rangers, who overcame a 3-1 series deficit to oust the Washington Capitals in the second round, improved to 4-0 in elimination games this postseason.

"We capitalized early on our chances, and after that our goaltender was asked to make some big saves, which he did," Rangers coach Alain Vigneault said. "But in the third period, with our season on the line, we probably played our best period of this series so far. We wanted a chance and we got a chance."

Brassard also had two assists for the Rangers, who evened the series 3-3 after being shut out in Game 5 at home. Keith Yandle, James Sheppard and J.T. Miller also scored on Ben Bishop, who was pulled with New York leading 5-1 with just under 13 minutes remaining. Rick Nash added a power-play goal against Andrei Vasilevskiy and Brassard had an empty-netter with 1:41 to go to complete his hat trick.

"Every time we're in an elimination game, that's the way we play," Brassard said. "We're just going to go out there at home and try to play our best game."

FROM THE SPORTS DESK

Hockey is giving us its best, don't miss it

I make no attempt to hide the fact I'm a football junky.

Everything about the game triggers something inside of me that no other sport can, whether it be the brutal collisions, the intricate X's and O's of playcalling or a fourth and inches where you find out who wants it more.

With the lack of football activity, outside of what has been a wild NFL offseason, I've been searching for something to fill the void left by football.

Mission accomplished.

The National Hockey League probably doesn't have much of a following here in Louisiana, due to the fact that not much is played on the bayou, but it's time for more southerners to take notice.

Hockey is a game requir-

ing superior skill, strength, speed and hand/eye coordination.

The NHL playoffs began five weeks ago, and ever since I've been drawn to the television like a mosquito to a bug-zapper.

Sure, I'm a little fuzzy on all the rules and some finer points of the game, but I know I like bone-jarring hits and slapshots finding the back of the net at over 100 miles per hour.

I was a hockey skeptic for several years, failing to really give the game a chance.

I'm usually glued to the

NBA playoffs this time of year, but with the barrage of injuries to star players and overall lack of competition in this year's edition, the NHL has filled in nicely with action packed overtime games galore.

To catch you up with where things stand, the Anaheim Ducks lead the Chicago Blackhawks in their best of seven Western Conference Finals series, 3-2, while the Tampa Bay Lightning and New York Rangers are heading for a crucial game seven in New York with a trip to the Stanley Cup finals on the line.

Both series have been highly competitive, with four of the combined 10 games in the two series going to overtime, where instead of playing out the time no matter what, the game ends as soon as someone scores,

sudden death as it's called.

The team I was originally rooting for, the Pittsburgh Penguins (that's right, the Penguins) was eliminated in the first round.

At this stage of the game, I'm a bandwagon Ducks fan for three reasons.

1) The Ducks play outstanding defense and hit harder and more often than any team left in the playoffs. They send their opponents crashing into the boards at an astonishing rate.

2) They are taking on the Chicago Blackhawks, a team that has won multiple Stanley Cup titles in recent years (2010, 2013) and I always root for the underdog. Who doesn't right?

3) They are the Ducks, which makes me think of the movie "The Mighty Ducks"

and every 90's kid roots for the Mighty Ducks.

Without a doubt, I owe hockey one for stepping in for the lack of football and the mediocrity of the NBA playoffs, so what better way than to try and pass on a few more viewers as the sport approaches its biggest stage, the Stanley Cup Finals.

I think you'll find the objectivity refreshing, as most games are more fun to watch when the outcome doesn't make you want to hurl a chair through a window (LSU football, I'm looking at you).

So if you're like me and need a sports fix for the next couple weeks, it's not too late to tune in.

Blake Branch is the Sports Editor at the Minden Press-Herald

USSSA BASEBALL

Boom to compete at Disney



The LA Boom USSSA baseball team recently won the Cajun Classic tournament, earning a berth in the Elite 32 tournament held at Disney's Wide World of Sports July 25 through August 2. Maddox Mandino (bottom left) and C.J. Watts (Top, third from left) of Minden were key parts of this championship team. To fund the trip, the Boom will hold a shooting clays competition Sunday, June 14, at Los Paloma in Benton. The tournament features teams of four and the price is \$100 per shooter. You can also help the team fund their trip by donating online at gofundme.com/boombaseball. Courtesy Photo/Wesley Mandino

SEC FOOTBALL

New rules proposed

DESTIN, Fla. -- The Southeastern Conference wants a level playing field.

Yep, the league that boasts seven consecutive football national championships, resides in some of the country's most fertile recruiting grounds and has loads of history and fan support is complaining about being at a competitive disadvantage.

SEC coaches and administrators gathered in a lush, beachside resort hotel for their annual spring meetings and the agenda included discussion about evening things out by potentially tweaking rules regarding satellite camps and graduate transfers.

"If we're going to compete for the championship, and everybody's going to play in the playoff system and everybody's going to compete for that, then we need to get our rules in alignment so we're all on a level playing field," Alabama coach Nick Saban said.

The league acted quickly on it, too.

The SEC announced Tuesday that it will propose

national legislation that would limit "institutional staff members to participating in camps and clinics on their own campus."

The SEC also passed regulation to monitor the safety of its student-athletes even more on the football field.

The regulation requires an independent medical observer to be on hand for all SEC and nonconference games, outgoing commissioner Mike Slive said. The "trained medical person," who Slive said will be stationed in the replay booth, will be selected by the conference, not the individual institutions.

The satellite-camps proposal comes a year after Penn State coach James Franklin and his staff appeared at a Georgia State football camp in Atlanta.

Michigan's Jim Harbaugh is going on a nine-day, nine-city tour starting June 4 in Indianapolis and ending June 12 in Detroit. The one-day camps across the country include stops in Florida, Texas, California and Alabama.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

James, Cavs clinch NBA Finals appearance

CLEVELAND (AP) — Escorted by family members and friends, LeBron James walked out of Quicken Loans Arena cradling his sleepy youngest son with his left arm while clutching an expensive bottle of champagne in his right hand.

It was time for one James to go to bed, the other to have a late-night drink and get some much-needed rest.

The NBA Finals lie ahead.

Taking his magnificent game to a higher level, James sent the Cavaliers into the finals for the second time in franchise history on Tuesday night with a 118-88 romp over the Atlanta Hawks, who couldn't stop the four-time league MVP and were swept in four straight.

Driven by the chance to end the city's half-century-old championship drought, James was brilliant from start to finish. He averaged 30.3 points, 11 rebounds and 9.3 assists, the first player in postseason history to put up that statistical line. He's never been better in the

playoffs.

The Cavs don't have a finals opponent yet as Golden State and Houston still have to settle things out West. But in the East, one team stands above all the others — the one with James, who will appear in his fifth consecutive finals after going four times in a row with Miami.

He came back to Ohio to win a title for his home region, where second place has been as good as it gets since the Browns ruled the NFL in 1964. There has been heartbreak in the years since as the Indians lost two World Series, the Browns were denied in three AFC championship games by Denver's John Elway and the Cavs were swept by San Antonio in 2007.

With four wins, James

can change that.

"We all know how long it's been since a champion has been in this city," he said. "We will give our best shot."

In the delirious moments after Game 4, James stood at mid-court as adoring Cleveland fans chanted: "N-B-A Finals (clap, clap, clap, clap, clap)." He pulled a conference championship T-shirt over his head and put on a cap before turning to teammate J.R. Smith with a simple message.

"Four more," he said.

Long Layoff

The Finals don't start until June 4, giving the Cavaliers nearly eight full days to get healthy — or as close to healthy as possible.

James has been battling an assortment of injuries and Kyrie Irving returned to the lineup after missing Games 2 and 3 with knee tendinitis. The break will also give the Cavs a chance to recharge mentally for their toughest challenge yet.

Irving's Issues

Irving has battled knee soreness and a sprained

right foot throughout the playoffs. The All-Star scored 16 and had five assists in 22 minutes in Game 4. There's a good chance Irving won't be fully healed until after the season, so he might be more a role player in the finals.

Sitting again wasn't an option.

"I knew that I wasn't gonna sit on the bench and watch our guys go through a close-out game," he said. "I just wanted to be out there so bad. These last four days have been kind of hell for me. Just icing, icing, icing."

Backup Matthew Dellavedova stepped up against Atlanta, pestering the Hawks with his belly-to-belly defense and knocking down big shots.

Cast of Characters

The Cavs don't rely on James to do everything. Besides Dellavedova, the Cavs have gotten major contributions from several role players. Tristan Thompson has grabbed 10 or more rebounds in seven of his nine starts; J.R. Smith made eight 3-pointers in Game 1 and four in Game 4

with 10 rebounds; Timofey Mozgov had 14 points; and Iman Shumpert is the team's best perimeter defender.

The Cavs have become selfless.

"That's what trying to accomplish a dream is all about," James said.

Dominating Defense

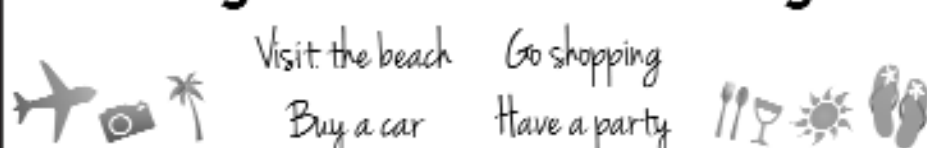
The Cavaliers are allowing just 92.6 points per game, tied with Chicago for best among any teams in this postseason, and limiting opponents to 41.2 percent shooting. Atlanta shot just 23.4 percent from 3-point range (5 of 32 in Game 4), lowering opponents' shooting percentage against the Cavs behind the arc to 27.8 percent.

"Cleveland's defense was good the entire series," Hawks coach Mike Budenholzer said.

Hot in Cleveland

The Cavs will host Games 3 and 4, and if necessary Game 6, at Quicken Loans Arena, one of the league's noisiest buildings. They have won 26 of their last 28 at the Q, including 18 by double digits.

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Lawyer says allegations B.B. King was poisoned ‘ridiculous’

Two B.B. King heirs who've been most outspoken about the blues legend's care in his final days have accused King's two closest aides of poisoning him, but the attorney for King's estate called the claims ridiculous and police said there was no active homicide investigation.

Three doctors determined that King was appropriately cared-for, and King received 24-hour care and monitoring by medical professionals "up until the time that he peacefully passed away in his sleep," attorney Brent Bryson told the AP on Monday.

Daughters Karen Williams and Patty King allege that family members were prevented from visiting while King's business manager, LaVerne Toney, and his personal assistant, Myron Johnson, hastened their father's death.

Toney is named in King's will as executor of an estate that, according to court documents filed by lawyers for some of King's heirs, could total tens of millions of dollars.

Johnson was at B.B. King's bedside when he died May 14 in hospice care at home in Las Vegas at age 89. No family members were present.

"I believe my father was poisoned and that he was administered foreign substances," Patty King and Williams say in identically worded sections of affidavits provided to The Associated Press by their lawyer, Larissa Drohobyczer.

"I believe my father was murdered," they say.

An autopsy was performed Sunday. Test



results will take up to eight weeks to obtain and shouldn't be affected by the fact that King's body had been embalmed, Clark County Coroner John Fudenberg said.

Fudenberg issued a statement Monday saying there was no immediate evidence supporting the murder allegations, and Las Vegas police Lt. Ray Steiber told the AP that there was no active homicide investigation.

Toney and Johnson each declined to comment on the accusations.

"They've been making allegations all along. What's new?" said Toney, who worked for King for 39 years and had power-of-attorney over his affairs.

A week before King's death, a judge in Las Vegas dismissed a request from Williams to take over as King's guardian.

An April 29 petition alleged that Toney had blocked King's friends from visiting him and had put her family members on King's payroll. It also alleged that large sums of money had disappeared from King's bank accounts.

But Clark County Family Court Hearing Master Jon Norheim said on May 7 that police and social services investigations in October and April uncovered no reason to take power-of-attorney from Toney.

Williams, Patty King and another daughter — Rita

Washington — vowed to keep fighting.

"We lost the battle, but we haven't lost the war," Williams said then.

This week's allegations come days after a public viewing in Las Vegas drew more than 1,000 fans and mourners and a weekend family-and-friends memorial drew 350. A Beale Street procession and memorial are scheduled Wednesday in Memphis, Tennessee, followed by a Friday viewing and Saturday burial in King's hometown of Indianola, Mississippi.

Fudenberg said Monday that his office's investigation shouldn't delay those services.

Bryson said the allega-

tions were "extremely disrespectful" to King.

"He did not want invasive medical procedures," he said. "He made the decision to return home for hospice care instead of staying in a hospital. These unfounded allegations have caused Mr. King to undergo an autopsy, which is exactly what he didn't want."

Drohobyczer said she represents Williams, Patty King and most of King's nine other adult children and heirs.

"The family is sticking together ... to oust Ms. Toney based on her illegal conduct, conflicts of interest and self-dealing," she said. She alleged that Toney hastened King's

death by "misconduct, or by failing to properly attend to his medical needs."

An affidavit from Patty King, who used to live at King's home, says she saw Johnson administer to King two drops of an unknown substance on his tongue during evenings for several months before his death, and that Toney never told her what the substance was.

Bryson called Drohobyczer's claims ridiculous.

"I hope they have a factual basis that they can demonstrate for their defamatory and libelous allegations," he said.

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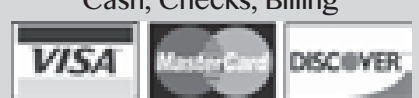
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gas stations, urban
stormwater runoff,
and septic systems.
Radioactive contaminants-
which can be
naturally-occurring
or be the result of oil
and gas production
and mining activities.
A Source Water
Assessment Plan
(SWAP) is now
available from our
office. This plan is
an assessment of
a delineated area
around our listed
sources through
which contaminants,
if present, could
migrate and reach our
source water. It also
includes an inventory
of potential sources
of contamination
within the delineated
area, and a determina-
tion of the water supply's
susceptibility to
contamination by the
identified potential
sources. According
to the Source Water
Assessment Plan,
our water system
had a susceptibility
rating of MEDIUM.
If you would like to
review the Source
Water Assessment
Plan, please feel free
to contact our office.
In order to ensure that
tap water is safe to
drink, EPA prescribes
regulations which
limit the amount of
certain contaminants
in water provided
by public water
systems. Food and
Drug Administration
regulations establish
limits for contaminants
in bottled water which
must provide the same
protection for public
health. We want our
valued customers to
be informed about
their water utility.
If you have any
questions about this
report, want to
attend any scheduled
meetings, or simply
want to learn more
about your drinking
water, please contact
Charlotte Martin at
318-377-6133. If
present, elevated
levels of lead can
cause serious health
problems, especially
for pregnant women
and young children.
Lead in drinking
water is primarily
from materials
and components
associated with
service lines and home
plumbing. LETON
WATER SYSTEM
is responsible for
providing high quality
drinking water, but
cannot control the
variety of materials
used in plumbing
components. When

your water has been
sitting for several
hours, you can
minimize the potential
for lead exposure by
flushing your tap for 30
seconds to 2 minutes
before using water for
drinking or cooking.
If you are concerned
about lead in your
water, you may wish
to have your water
tested. Information on
lead in drinking water,
testing methods, and
steps you can take
to minimize exposure
is available from the
Safe Drinking Water
Hotline or at
<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.
The Louisiana
Department of Health
and Hospitals - Office
of Public Health
routinely monitors
for constituents in
your drinking water
according to Federal
and State laws. The
tables that follow
show the results of
our monitoring during
the period of January
1st to December
31st, 2014. Drinking
water, including
bottled water, may
reasonably be
expected to contain at
least small amounts
of some contaminants.
The presence of
contaminants does
not necessarily in-
dicate that water
poses a health risk.
In tables B-G on
page(s) 9, you will
find many terms and
abbreviations you
might not be familiar
with. To help you
better understand
these terms, we've
provided the follow-
ing definitions:
Parts per million (ppm)
or **Milligrams per liter**
(mg/L) - one part per
million corresponds
to one minute in two
years or a single
penny in \$10,000.
Parts per billion (ppb)
or **Micrograms per liter**
(ug/L) - one part per
billion corresponds to
one minute in 2,000
years, or a single
penny in \$10,000,000.
Picocuries per liter
(pCi/L) - picocuries per
liter is a measure of the
radioactivity in water.
Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)
- nephelometric
turbidity unit is a
measure of the clarity
of water. Turbidity
in excess of 5 NTU
is just noticeable to
the average person.
Action level (AL) -
the concentration
of a contaminant
that, if exceeded,
triggers treatment or
other requirements
that a water
system must follow.
Maximum contaminant level
(MCL) - the Maximum
Allowed MCL is the
highest level of a
contaminant that is
allowed in drinking
water. MCLs are set
as close to the MCLG
as feasible using the
best available
treatment technology.
Maximum residual disinfectant level
(MRDL) - The
highest level of a
disinfectant allowed
in drinking water.
There is convincing
evidence that addition
of a disinfectant is
necessary for control
of microbial con-
taminants. **Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG)** - The
level of a drinking
water disinfectant
below which there
is no known or
expected risk to
health. MRDLGs
do not reflect the
benefits of the use
of disinfectants to
control microbial
contaminants. During
the period covered
by this report we had
noted violations of
drinking water regu-
lations in tables B-G.
Our water system

tested a minimum of
1 samples per month
monthly sample(s) in
accordance with the
Total Coliform Rule
for microbiological
contaminants. During
the monitoring period
covered by this
report, we had the
following noted (In
table B) detections
for microbiological
contaminants. In
tables D-G we have
shown the regulated
contaminants that
were detected.
Chemical Sampling
of our drinking water
may not be required
on an annual basis;
therefore, information
provided in this table
refers back to the
latest year of chemical
sampling results.
+++Environmental
Protection Agency
Required Health
Effects Language+++
Some people may
be more vulnerable
to contaminants in
drinking water than
the general
population. Immuno-
compromised persons
such as persons with
cancer undergoing
chemotherapy, people
with HIV/AIDS or
other immune system
disorders, some
elderly, and infants
can be particularly at
risk from infections.
These people should
seek advice about
drinking water from
their health care
providers. EPA/
CDC guidelines on
appropriate means
to lessen the risk of
infection by
Cryptosporidium
and other microbial
contaminants are
available from the
Safe Drinking Water
Hotline (800-426-4791).
Additional Required
Health Effects Language:
Coliforms are bacteria
that are naturally
present in the
environment and are
used as an indicator
that other, potentially-
harmful, bacteria may
be present. Coliforms
were found in more
samples than allowed
and this was a warning
of potential problems.
There are no
additional required
health effects
violation notices.
+++++Thank you for
allowing us to
continue providing
your family with clean,
quality water this year.
In order to maintain a
safe and dependable
water supply we
sometimes need to
make improvements
that will benefit all
of our customers.
We at the LETON
WATER SYSTEM
work around the
clock to provide top
quality drinking water
to every tap. We ask
that all our customers
help us protect and
conserve our water
sources, which are
the heart of our
community, our way
of life, and our children's
future. Please call
318-377-6133 if
you have questions.

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AND CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC.
The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and Clayton Williams Energy, Inc., Agency Interest Number 96545, 152363, 155655, 155749, 157283, 165047, 165048, 165049, 165051, 165052, 166101, 170776, 167491, 167492, 167493, and 169376, have entered into a proposed settlement

agreement, Settlement Tracking No. SA-AE-14-0065, concerning the State's allegations of environmental violations by Respondent at its facility in Webster Parish, Louisiana, which allegations are set forth in Notice of Potential Penalty, Enforcement No. AE-PP-04-0258, and other violations the Respondent requested the Department of Environmental Quality to include in the settlement and which are not in the Notice of Potential Penalty. The Department of Environmental Quality will accept comments on the proposed settlement for the next forty-five (45) days. The public is invited and encouraged to submit written comments to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Post Office Box 4302, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4302. Attention: Jay L. Glorioso, Attorney. All comments will be considered by the Department of Environmental Quality in reaching a decision on whether to make the settlement final. Terms and conditions of the proposed settlement agreement may be reviewed on the Department of Environmental Quality's website at www.deq.louisiana.gov, by selecting Divisions, Enforcement, and Settlement Agreements. The document may also be viewed at, and copies obtained from, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Public Records Center, Room 127, Galvez Building, 602 North Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. To request a copy of the proposed settlement, submit a completed Public Record Request Form (DEQ Form FSD-0005-01). The form and instructions for completion may be found on the DEQ Website at the following address: <http://www.deq.state.la.us/pubRecords/default.htm>, or by calling the Customer Service Center at 1-866-896-5337. Pursuant to La. R.S. 30:2050.7(D), the Department of Environmental Quality may hold a public hearing regarding this proposed settlement when either of the following conditions are met: 1) a written request for public hearing has been filed by twenty-five (25) persons, by a governmental subdivision or agency, or by an association having not less than twenty-five (25) members who reside in the parish in which the facility is located; or 2) the secretary finds a significant degree of public interest in this settlement. For further information, you may call the Legal Division of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at (225) 219-3985.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP
Koran Compressor Station
REQUEST FOR COVERAGE UNDER A PART 70 GENERAL AIR PERMIT
SUBMITTED TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ) Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP, Koran Compressor Station, 9 Greenway Plaza,

Suite 2800, Houston, TX 77046 proposes to apply for authorization to operate under an Air General Operating Permit. The application has been submitted to LDEQ on May 1, 2015. The facility is located at 4135 Camp Joy Road, Houghton, LA 71037, Webster Parish. Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP proposes to renew its Title V air permit. The public may submit questions and comments to the department, regarding whether the application indicates that the facility technically qualifies for coverage under the General Air permit. The General Air permit was published in The Louisiana Register, on May 20, 2007, and in all major newspapers on May 7, 2007. The General Air permit was issued on December 17, 2007. Written comments and/or written requests for a public hearing must be received by 12:30 p.m. FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2015. Written comments, written requests for a public hearing or written requests for notification of the final decision regarding this permit action may be submitted to LDEQ Public Participation Group, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313. Written comments will be considered prior to a final permit decision. Information forwarded by email should follow the Statewide email policies. Attachments included with emails may be blocked due to restrictions on file size or type. For details, check the following link: http://doe.louisiana.gov/ocs_email/policies.htm. Copies of the final signed permit can be obtained by request from the LDEQ Public Records Center, 602 North Fifth Street, Room 127, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday - Friday (except holidays) or call (225) 219-3168. Your request will be processed pursuant to LDEQ procedures for public records requests, LAC 33:12301, et seq., and a copy fee will be charged. General information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2198/Default.aspx. Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-3168. Alternatively, individuals may elect to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ public notice List Server at http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email_Notifications_DEQ_PNL. All correspondence should specify Air Permit Number 31656, Permit Number 2351-V6. All correspondence should specify Gulf South Pipeline Company, LP/Koran Compressor Station.

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