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MINDEN CRIME

Agg. battery charge lands one in jail

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A Minden man is accused of hitting his girlfriend after she tried to get her belongings and leave. Jibril Dewayne Palmer,

29, of the 200 block of Shirley Lane, was arrested for aggravated battery (domestic abuse with endangerment).

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police chief Steve Cropsays they were dispatched to Shirley Lane in reference to a fight. Officer First



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cer Mitch Hackett made contact with the victim who appeared to have a bruise around her left eye and a quarter-sized knot on her forehead.

"She, along with witnesses at the scene, said Mr. Palmer, her boyfriend whom she lived with, was responsible for her injuries," he said. "When contact was made with

irate and cussing. At that point in time he was taken into custody."

Cropper says Palmer admitted to causing her injuries by hitting her, but claimed she hit him first.

"Mr. Palmer had no injuries to verify that she'd struck him," the chief said.

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ELECTION 2015

Ryan Gatti. Courtesy Photo

Ryan Gatti running for Louisiana Senate seat

Hosting meet and greet Thursday evening in Minden

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SPECIAL TO THE PRESS-HERALD

Ryan Gatti, candidate for State Senate District 36, will end a month of district wide meet and greets and town hall meetings with an event in Minden on Aug. 27 at Orleans on Main.

The public is invited to the event that starts at 6

Gatti has spent the past few weeks traveling and getting to know people from the smallest towns in the district, areas often forgotten by elected officials in Baton Rouge.

"The needs and concerns of these small towns is so personal and often times, very unique; however, very few people take the time to really get to know these issues and spend time in the towns with the people who live there. I was welcomed in Castor, Sibley, Plain Dealing and Doyline. I've come to know what they really care about and will be able to

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Members of the Minden High School band received a contribution from Cultural Crossroads to purchase muchneeded instruments. The contribution was raised through gate fees at this year's Spring Arts Festival, where band members worked the entrance. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

Minden High band receives donation for instruments

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The Minden High School band received a donation from Cultural Crossroads to help them purchase instruments.

Band director Curtis Mills III says he will go through the current instruments and assess the needs before making purchases.

"This is huge, the contribution they were willing

to make," he said. "I think assistance," she said. "So hopefully it's bright beginnings from here on out.

Chris Broussard, executive director and cofounder of Cultural Crossroads, says the donation came from gate fees at the Spring Arts Festival this year and they have decided to do the same next

"The reason we did that was because I'd gotten word they were struggling and to date no one had stepped up to offer any

we decided to dedicate our entire proceeds to them, and they worked the gate. Our hope is that by us stepping forward and lending a hand – I really do think it's going to outside school resources that actually partner with the schools to fill in those gaps. It's not much, but it's a start."

The band has a booster club of dedicated parents who try to help fill in those gaps. Mills praised the booster club, calling it "dynamic."

"The parents are there," he said. "We have an

amazing set of parents." Mills says he tries to instill a sense of family in his band of roughly 40 members, and the music comes with it.

"The kids do a really great job of creating a family atmosphere here," he said, "and I'm more proud of that than any-

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WEBSTER COURT WATCH

Simple battery charges dismissed for Minden man

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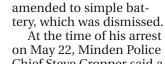
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Battery charges against a man accused of beating his wife have been dismissed, along with the protective order.

John Riley Hollingsworth, 29, was ordered by 26th Judicial District Judge Parker Self to attend anger management classes, and according to a letter from his attorney, Ron Miciotto, he has com-

pleted those courses. He was originally charged with aggravated battery by domestic HOLLINGSWORTH violence. According to court

records, his charge was



on May 22, Minden Police Chief Steve Cropper said a concerned citizen contacted Det. Keith King Jr. about the incident.

Sgt. Tokia Whiting located the victim at her residence, he said. The victim told police that Hollingsworth had come by and they began to argue. He took her cell

at her, hitting her in the right eve area, causing a small cut, the chief said. Other injuries were apparent and the victim told police Hollingsworth picked her up and slammed her body down on the tile floor, causing

phone away and threw it

severe back pain. "At that point in time, apparently Riley left the residence," Cropper said at the time of arrest. "They

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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."

During questioning, following his arrest, Hollingsworth reportedly admitted to the charges.

Hollingsworth is believed to be the first in

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

DWI checkpoint this weekend

The Webster Parish Sheriff's Office will conduct a DWI checkpoint Saturday. The checkpoint will take place from Saturday evening until early Sunday morning at an undisclosed location in the parish. The checkpoint is funded by the Louisiana Highway Safety Commission.

WEATHER

New tropical storm warnings issued for Erika

Tropical storm warnings have been issued for Puerto Rico, the U.S. and British Virgin Islands and the Leeward Islands as Tropical Storm Erika approaches.

The storm's maximum sustained winds increased Wednesday morning to near 45 mph (75 kph) with some slow strengthening forecast over the next two

Erika is centered about 335 miles (540 kilometers) east of Antigua and is moving west near 17 mph (28

The U.S. National Hurricane Center says Erika will move over or near parts of the Leeward Islands on Wednesday night and move near Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands on Thursday.

Meanwhile in the Pacific, Tropical Storm Ignacio has gained a little strength. The storm's maximum sustained winds have increased to near 50 mph (85 kph) and it's expected to strengthen to a hurricane by Thursday.

Ignacio is centered about 1,485 miles (2,385 kilometers) east-southeast of Hilo, Hawaii, and is moving west near 7 mph

FINANCIAL

Encana selling Louisiana assets for \$850 million

NEW YORK — Energy company Encana Corp. is selling its Haynesville natural gas assets in Louisiana in northern Louisiana to GEP Haynesville LLC for \$850 million.

The assets being sold include about 112,000 acres. Encana will use the proceeds from the sale to reduce debt.

GEP Haynesville is a joint venture formed by GeoSouthern Haynesville LP and funds managed by GSO Capital Partners LP.

Canadian-based Encana also said it will reduce its gathering and midstream commitments, which will be substantially complete through 2020, by about \$480 million. It will transport and market GeoSouthern's Haynesville production on a fee for service basis for the next five years.

The sale of the natural gas assets is expected to close in the fourth quarter, Encana said.

Hollingsworth reportedly admitted to original charge

CHARGES

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Minden to be arrested under Gwen's Law, a bill signed into law in 2014.

Authored by Rep. Roy Burrell, of Shreveport, the law 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.

Assistant district attorney Marcus Patillo was contacted regarding the judge's decision, but he could not comment as of press time.



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EDUCATION

Making the Grade

Louisiana moves up in rankings based on ACT test scores

KEVIN MCGILL Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Louisiana still ranks below the national average and near the bottom among all states — in average composite scores for students taking the ACT college readiness test.

However, state officials note that the state did move up in the latest national ACT data. And the state education department said the state's improvement from 19.2 to a 19.4 composite score is the most progress made by any of the 13 states that require all students to take the test.

Alabama, Mississippi

and North Carolina, which had 100 percent participation in ACT testing, and Hawaii, which had 93 percent participation, had lower scores than Louisiana in the figures released early Wednesday.

Louisiana had previously been second from the bottom.

Louisiana began requiring all students to take the ACT in 2013, regardless of whether they planned to enter college. Many states with higher average composite scores had lower participation. State officials said the

ACT provides students with an opportunity to measure educational progress, while helping the state measure schools

effectiveness.

"While we're often talked about as being at the bottom of the barrel in terms of our education outcomes, the progress that we are seeing is vaulting us in front of other states," state Superintendent of Education John White told reporters Tuesday in advance of Wednesday's release of the national data.

In July, the state released data showing that the number of public high school seniors who scored well enough on the ACT to enter college without remedial work continues to grow: 24,619 students earned an ACT score of 18 or higher. That's a boost of 959 students from 2014

and of 6,312 students from 2012, according to data released by the depart-

White said Tuesday that the state made good progress in moving toward college-readiness benchmarks in English and Science.

"Our numbers for mathematics have remained low, especially for African-American students when compared nationally," White said. "And this really argues for continuing to have high standards in math and continuing to have high levels of access to challenging college-track course work as early as possible for our students."

Police say suspect punched victim in face

ARREST

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"Apparently, the victim was just trying to get her belongings and leave the residence, and apparently Mr. Palmer got mad and struck her in the head."

According to the police officers learned Palmer struck the victim with a closed fist as well as a cordless telephone.

"There were three small children present during the altercation," Cropper said. "However, none of them actually saw the battery take place."

Sgt. Ryan Barnette assisted with the case.

Palmer was booked at the Minden Police Department and transported to Bayou Dorcheat Correctional Center.

Gatti is currently a Bossier-based attorney

GATTI

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truly represent them as the State Senator for District 36," Gatti said.

"I look forward to having the same conversation with the people in Minden Thursday night and I will keep visiting this entire district, long after election day, because energetic and present leadership is what we deserve."

ABOUT RYAN

Gatti is running to replace Sen. Robert Adley for the seat that represents constituents in Bossier, Webster, Claiborne and Bienville parishes.

For the last 15 years, Gatti has served northwest

Louisiana as a Bossierbased attorney and small business owner.

He has helped countless families going through their toughest times, including families dealing with situations resulting in traumatic brain injuries. He served as president of the Bossier Bar Association and in 2013, he was selected to receive a Crystal Gavel Award for his commendable efforts in aiding the administration of justice by gathering and reviewing a significant number of cases on behalf of the 26th Judicial District

Ryan also sat as District 1W Judge in Shreveport from 2007 until 2009, presiding over Workers' Compensation trials.

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Ryan is the vice president of the Republican Party of Bossier Parish. An active member of First Baptist Church of Bossier, he is both a deacon and teacher for kids and youth, and has participated in mission trips to impoverished parts of the world such as Haiti, El Salvador and Mexico.

Ryan has also served as a trustee on the Ethics and Religious Liberties Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention since

2012. He also volunteered as a coach of Dixie League softball and Upwards Soc-

Ryan is a graduate of Airline High School, LSU and LSU Law School. He has been married to Susan Gatti, Ph.D. for over 18 years. Together they have created their greatest accomplishments - their four daughters Katherine (15), Elizabeth (12), Rebecca (8) and Charlotte (5).









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The forgotten phrases of yester year

JUANITA AGAN Special to the Press-Herald

From time to time my son hears from Billy Reynolds, a Minden boy (man), who now lives in Thailand with his family. He reads the Minden Press-Herald on the Internet and always seems to enjoy my articles and John's articles. He sends me messages through John. This past week he sent John a list of "forgotten" phrases that we always used, and thought I might like to see them. Most of them I can relate to, but those about cars I

do not know about, such as "fender skirts" and "Continental." However, I have selected about ten or

twelve of the long list and have added about twelve or so of my own observances of changes in my lifetime. If you think of others call

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me and I'll add them to my list to run again.

PENS, JARS AND LARD

We talked of "fountain

pens" that we filled with ink from an ink bottle. How wonderful are the pens of today that do not have to be filled with ink. No more "fountain pens.'

No more "fruit jars" they are just 'jars '- pints, quarts, half pints.

Nor do we say "syrup bucket" and we send someone to pickup the plastic bucket to use.

I still say "sweet milk". No one says that today, they just say "milk" because not many people would drink buttermilk. In the case of meaning buttermilk we still would say "buttermilk."

How about "phonograph", that is obsolete, too. We use DVD players, tape players, and other types of things that music is now recorded on.

Shortening is the word today, but long ago it was "lard". Now we often just say "Crisco."

CAR PARTS

Billy mentioned us talk-ing about "emergency brakes", and he said it is now "parking brakes."

Another change is in the running board of a car. Long ago children climbed on the running board and rode into the garage or the driveway with their Daddy. My experience with the running board is painful. My husband, J. C., came to pick me up for church the spring before we married. I put my foot on the running board so that I could step into his car. My foot slipped off the chrome molding and I fell, and I mean fell, I fell under the car. I was hurt, but not as much as my dignity was demolished. That running board was very narrow by 1948, and is non existent today.

We talked of "store bought clothes" because most all our clothes were homemade. Today we never hear that phrase because most of us buy

"store bought" things . And when a lady was expecting a baby, the proper way to refer to that condition in a nice way was to say she was "in a family

way."

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.

OBITUARIES

Richard Cary Lee

Funeral services for Mr. Richard Cary Lee, 83, will be at the chapel of Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Homer at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2015 with the Rev. Derrell Cardwell, officiating. Interment will follow at Tulip Cemetery. The family will receive



friends from 5 until 8 p.m., Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Mr. Cary was born Feb. 25, 1932 in Claiborne Parish to William Harrison and Grace Harmon Lee. He entered into rest on Monday, Aug. 24, 2015 in Minden following a lengthy illness. Mr. Cary was the youngest of 11 children. Mr. Cary was a self-educated, very successful business man who was a partner in Lee Brother's Dairy and Trucking Company. He also traveled extensively working across the country in places such as Alabama and Oregon spending his last years of retirement raising beef cattle on his Athens

Mr. Cary was preceded in death by his parents; two wives, Gloria Jean Stewart and Annice LaVerne Lee; and 10 siblings.

He is survived by his loving wife, Ola Lee; five children, Cindy Lee Robinson and husband Donnie, Vicki Lee Myers and husband Robert, both of Athens, Wes Pixley and wife Jennifer of Bossier City, Sonja Pixley of Katy, Texas, Beth Carpenter of Minden; six grandchildren, Kimberly Mason and Kenny, Donna Jo Hall and Jimmy, Candice Myers, Christy Scott and Jeremy, Heather Pearson and Jordan, Hannah Alexander and Brannon; 13 greatgrandchildren, Jessi Matter and Nick, Taylre Watson, Whitney Bradley and Adam, Gavin Hall, Garrett Hall, Charleigh Jo Hall, Toni Grace Hall, Lee McWilliams, A. J. McWilliams, Ryleigh Myers, Hailey Scott, Barnes Pearson and Webb Pearson; a great-great-granddaughter Lexi Bradley; along with numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Special thanks from the family of Mr. Cary to Debbie Hudson and Meadowview staff for the compassion and love shown to him as his caregivers.

Pallbearers will be Garrett Hall, Gavin Hall, Rodger Watson, Kenneth Volentine, Billy Cristler and Kenny Boy Volentine.

Honorary pallbearer will be Danny Roy Moore and Travis Stewart.

For friends considering memorials

honoring Mr. Cary, his family suggests the Alzheimer's Association or Arcadia Masonic Lodge.

Peggy 'MeMe' Maddry King

Services to celebrate the life of Peggy "MeMe" Maddry King, 75, will be at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 27, 2015, at Hill Crest Memorial Funeral Home. Dr. Gevan Spinney, pastor of First Baptist Haughton, will officiate. Interment will follow in Gardens of Memory

Cemetery in Minden. Visitation will be from 6 until 8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. Peggy was born on Nov. 6, 1939, in

Athens to parents, Prescott and Lila Bell Maddry. She left this life late Monday evening, Aug. 24, 2015, following a long and valiant fight with cancer. Peggy had been employed with and retired from Steel Forgings after 15 years of faithful service. She had previously retired, after 36 years of employment, from the Louisiana Army Ammunition Plant.

MeMe was a special lady; full of spunk and grounded in her faith. She was a wonderful, loving, mother and grandmother, always outgoing, selfless and giving. Her sweet spirit will be deeply missed.

Peggy is preceded in death by her husband, Glenn King; sisters, O'Neal Maddry Donahey Henry and Gayle Dumas Godbolt; brother, Linwood Maddry; niece, Stephanie Dumas Dowdy; and her parents. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, daughter, Sherri Sharp and husband Max; grandchildren, Levi, Tanner, and Emily Sharp; nieces and nephews, Patty Rackley, Bobby Donahey, Kevin Maddry, and Kim Maddry Smith; numerous great-nieces and nephews; and special friend, Tommy Morris.

Honoring MeMe as pallbearers are Levi and Tanner Sharp, Walt Cambry, Kyle Sawyer, Kevin Maddry, and Hagan Rober-

The family would like to thank Dr. Velevolu and staff for all of their wonderful care. Also, a very special thank you to our wonderful sitters, Natake Eps, Clara McGhee, Bobbie Davis, Shirley Mourning, and Jesse Doyle. "We wouldn't have made it without you!"

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Cultural Crossroads gives festival gate fee back to the community

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thing."

make a donation, they may do so by mailing their contribution to the MHS Band Department, P.O. Box 838, Minden, LA 71058. For main office.

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EDITORIAL ROUND UP

Listen for the echoes when Donald Trump talks

Corpus Christi Caller-Times

"Stimpy, you're one of the good nes." — Ren

For those who don't recognize the names Ren and Stimpy, they are the title characters of the cartoon "Ren & Stimpy." The quote came to mind as we reviewed the immigration policies proposed by Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump.

Trump proposed, among other things, deporting all "criminal aliens" but letting "the good ones" come back. Ren knows how to differentiate "the good ones." That sets him apart from Trump, who had no answer when asked.

Trump's plan is less realistic than a cartoon. In addition to his financially, logistically impossible mass-deportation scheme, there's also his politically impossible plan to do away with birthright citizenship, which has been protected by the Constitution since 1868, and his financially and diplomatically impossible proposal to build a border wall and make Mexico pay for it. Trump's plan didn't address a similar northern wall to be built at Canada's expense. We are left to assume that all immigrants from there, legal and illegal, are good ones.

Our purpose is not to ridicule or dismiss Trump. We have faith that the Republican Party, the electorate or some combination of the two will exercise enough judgment and selfrespect to do that, eventually. Also, other publications already have done a bang-up job of discrediting Trump's premises and notions. The Washington Post noted, for example, that undocumented immigrants are a tenth of California's workforce and that their sudden disappearance would cripple the huge agriculture industry of our nation's most populous state.

We gleaned this from USA Today contributor Raul Reyes: A Mexican presidential spokesman told Bloomberg News that Trump's plan to make Mexico pay for the wall "reflects an enormous ignorance for what Mexico represents, and also the irresponsibility of the candidate who's saying it." (Sugarcoating is part of a presidential spokesperson's job, which makes that the choco-flan version.)

Reyes also cited an estimate by the conservative American Action Forum that deporting all undocumented immigrants, as Trump proposes, would cost \$400 billion to \$600 billion, would take about 20 years and would cause real gross domestic product to shrink by \$1.6 trillion.

Paying this much attention to Trump is not some guilty pleasure of ours. There's a purpose to it, and that purpose is to pay attention to how the other candidates react — to see who agrees or disagrees with any of his ignorance-, hate- and fear-based proposals, so that informed decisions about their suitability as candidates can be made.

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker and Ohio Gov. John Kasich are among the would-be wall-builders. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie would build the wall only in urban areas. None of the three was foolish enough to suggest making Mexico pay for it. But just going along with the wall concept

should be alarming enough to voters.

Never mind the obvious impracticality. Where else in the world does a wall of such magnitude exist, separating nations? The last one of significance that we can recall, other than China's archaic Great Wall, was the one separating the two Berlins, which presumably would put it on a scale with Christie's urban-areas-only idea. Why would we want to be the East Berlin in what is supposed to be a relationship between allies and trading partners?

So far, in the Republican field, the only candidate whose immigration policies show human compassion and pragmatism is former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who not only wouldn't build the wall but also favors a path

to legal status for the undocumented. It's early yet — too early for us to consider endorsements but not too early to consider pruning the field to only the good ones.

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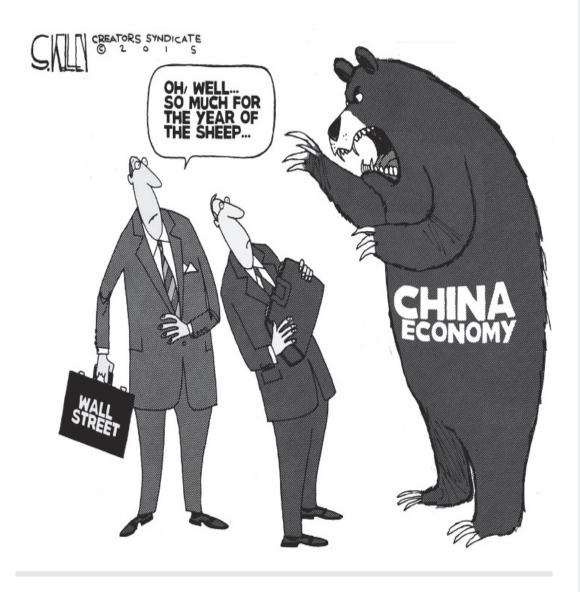
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Pushing for clean air: New federal rules on methane emissions have been a long time coming

Houston Chronicle

A rainbow sheen across Galveston Bay is all the proof you need to see how a mishandled tanker can lead to an oil spill. Black goop spewing from a ruptured pipeline makes for easy B-roll during a news report about oil transportation safety. If you want to see methane escaping from an oil rig, however, then be ready to slap on a pair of infrared goggles. Methane is a key component of natural gas, but it is also invisible, allowing leaks to remain hidden while tons of an important natural resource are lost into the atmosphere. It is time for the oil and gas industry to get these leaks under control.

This waste doesn't just deplete a finite natural resource, but also adds a powerful greenhouse gas to the planet, contributing to the threat of global climate change. More than 7 million tons of methane are lost to leaks every year, the Environmental Defense Fund told the Chronicle editorial board. This has the same 20-year impact on global warming as

160 coal power plants.

Meanwhile, methane leaks are also indicative of other pollutants escaping from oil and gas infrastructure, such as volatile organic compounds, which contribute to smog, and airborne carcinogens like benzene. Stop the methane leaks, and you've put a plug in all sorts of pollutants.

Some companies have already taken voluntary steps to implementing low-leak completions on new oil wells, going beyond the current mandates that only target natural gas wells. After all, that leaked methane gas is basically money lost if the cost of capturing it is less than the price at market. Today's cheap natural gas, however, reduces that profit motive for companies to do that right thing.

States like Colorado, North Dakota, Wyoming and Ohio have passed their own rules to specifically target methane emissions. Yet while these states have moved forward, Texas, the nation's lead oil and gas producer, has lagged at the back and failed to make rules of our own.

Smart environmental policy in a few key companies can't solve an industry-wide challenge, and a patchwork of state regulations can't fix a national problem.

That is why the Obama administration recently released a plan that would require companies to reduce methane leaks at all levels.

The total cost of the program seems daunting at first, but break down that cost over time for the whole industry and the regulations should add a little more than a penny to the cost of natural gas - about one-third of one percent of today's prices. That's an easy price to pay for cleaner air.

The current state of methane leaks in the petroleum industry has us tolerating the equivalent of a massive oil spill in the sky. If we want natural gas to be a clean energy alternative, then we have to make sure that it truly is clean - even if it takes infrared goggles. PERSPECTIVE

The struggle for economic liberty

Here's my taxi question. If a person is law-abiding, has a driver's license, has a car or van that has passed safety inspection, and has adequate liability insurance, is there any consumer-oriented reason he should not be able to become a taxicab owner/operator? Put another way: If you wish to hire the services of such a person, what right does a third party have to prevent that exchange?

way: If you wish to fire the services of such a person, what right does a third party have to prevent that exchange?

Many cities have granted monopoly power to taxi companies — the right to prevent entry by others. Sometimes this monopoly takes the form of exclusive government-granted rights to particular individuals to provide taxi services. In other cases, the number of licenses is fixed, and a prospective taxi owner must purchase a license from an existing owner. In New York City, such a license is called a taxi medallion. Individual medallions have sold for as high as \$700,000 and corporate medallions as high as \$1 million. In other cities — such as Miami, Philadelphia, Chicago and Boston — taxi licenses have sold for anywhere between \$300,000 and \$700,000. These are prices for a license to own and operate a single vehicle as a taxi.

where public utility commissions decide who will have the right to go into the taxi business, a prospective entrant must apply for a "certificate of public convenience and necessity."

Lawyers for the incumbent taxi owners, most often corporate owners or owner



WALTER WILLIAMS

owners of owners associations, appear at the hearing to argue that there is no necessity or public convenience that would be served by permitting a new entrant. Where medallions are sold, the person must have cash or the credit standing to be able to get a loan from a lender, such as the Medallion Financial Corp., that specializes in taxi medallion purchases. Medallion Financial Corp. has held as much as \$520 million in loans for taxi medallions.

So what are the effects of taxi regulation? When a person must make the case for his entry before a public utility commission, who is likelier to win, a single individual with limited resources or incumbent taxi companies with corporate lawyers representing them? I'd put my money on the incumbent taxi companies being able to use the public utility commission to keep the wannabes out.

Who is handicapped in the cases in which one has to purchase a \$700,000 medallion in order to own and operate a taxi? If you answered "a person who doesn't have \$700,000 lying around or doesn't have the credit to get a loan for \$700,000," go to the head of the class.

A natural question is: Who are the people least likely to be able to compete with corporate lawyers or have \$700,000 lying around or have good enough credit to get such a loan? They are low- and moderate-income people and minorities. Many own cars and have the means to get into the taxi business and earn between \$40,000 and \$50,000 annually, but they can't overcome the regulatory

Enter Uber and Lyft, two ride-hailing services. Both companies use freelance contractors who provide rides with their own cars. The companies operate mobile applications that allow customers with smartphones to submit trip requests, which are then routed to Uber or Lyft drivers, who provide taxi-like services with their own cars. The legality of these companies has been challenged by taxi companies and politicians who do the bidding of established taxi companies. They allege that the use of drivers who are not licensed to drive taxicabs is unsafe and illegal.

Uber and Lyft drivers like the idea of working when they want to. Some have full-time jobs. Picking up passengers is an easy way to earn extra money. Everyone is happy about the arrangement except existing taxi companies and government officials who do their bidding. Taxi companies retain much of their monopoly because Uber and Lyft are prohibited from cruising. They are also prohibited from picking up passengers at most train stations and airports. But that monopoly may not last much longer. Let's hope not.

Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason Univer-

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Around Town

Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan

The revisions to the Webster Parish Pupil Progression Plan for the 2015-16 school year will be available for viewing at the front office of the Webster Parish School Board. Revisions will be considered for adoption at the next school board meeting in early September.

Health Fair Event

Valley Springs Baptist Church will host a health fair event from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Dr. Webb of Webb Family Medicine, one of Minden Medical Center's latest hires, will speak to the community about diabetes. Dr. Webb will cover topics such as glucose checks, dietary tips, daily care and facts about diabetes.

David Raines Community Health Clinic, Walmart Vision, Tru Tone Hearing, Shake those Pounds and other guests will also participate in this event, providing various screenings and promoting health and wellness.

The fair will also serve as a back to school bash including a school supply giveaway for students in need. Other activities will include face painting and various games.

Admission is free to the public. For more information con-Geri Jackson at 318-505-3546 jackson273@msn.com

August 27, 2015

The Minden/Webster Parish Branch NAACP monthly meeting will convene at 6:30 p.m at the Northwest 14th District Building. Membership and compaint forms will be made available on site. All members and concerned citizens are encouraged to attend. Come and be a part of this nation's oldest civil rights organization. For more information, contact Minden Branch President Minister Kenneth

August 29, 2015

Northwest 14th District Laymen's present Boys to Men Career Day from 9 until 12 p.m. For more information call 318-990-9463

August 30, 2015

West Lake Baptist Church (2587 Highway 163, Doyline) will have a plate lunchfund raiser at noon. Money raised will go towards paving a parking lot. Lunch includes BBQ chicken, potato salad, and baked beans. Plates are \$8.

The Longspring Church of God in Christ will celebrate their Family & Friends Day at 3 p.m. The guest speaker will be Elder Jeffrey Williams and the Tillman Church of God in Christ Family of Heflin.

Childress - Madden united in marriage



Kathy Payne Childress and Michael Barrett Madden were united in marriage on July 7, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. The double ring ceremony was held in Sedona, Arizona. The Rev. Joel Boyd officiated.

Kathy, of Minden, is the daughter of the late Mr. Christopher D. Payne Sr. and the late Mrs. Nancy Seward.

Mike, of Sibley, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Simon and Dot Madden.

Friends of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Keith and Marybeth Sankus of Flagstaff, Arizona served as matron of honor and best man.

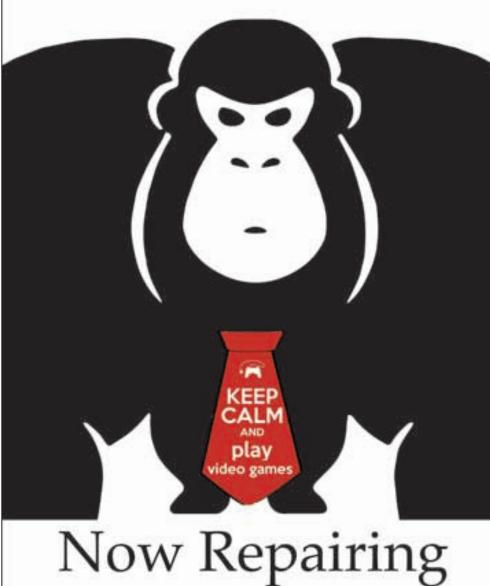
After spending their honeymoon in Sedona, the couple will reside in Sibley.

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MLB

Blue Jays win late against Rangers
ARLINGTON, Texas

(AP) — The Toronto Blue Jays have been winning plenty of games since acquiring Troy Tulowitzki, even while the standout shortstop struggled a bit at the plate.

Now Tulowitzki is starting to heat up, and the Blue Jays are alone atop the American League East standings.

Tulowitzki had three hits, including the gametying RBI single in the ninth inning before the goahead run scored on an error, as the Blue Jays rallied for a 6-5 victory at the card-contending Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

"He's starting to get some hits the last couple of games. He's one of the best players in baseball, has been for a number of years. He had that chance tonight. Right guy, right time," manager John Gibbons said. "He's starting to heat up. He looks good. He's starting to throw some line drives out there."

Toronto is 20-4 since acquiring Tulowitzki from Colorado last month. He was hitting just .207 with the Blue Jays before five hits in 10 at-bats the last two games, and is hitting .287 overall this season.

"We know what kind of a hitter he is," Blue Jays starter Mark Buehrle said. "Obviously, we need him to get to where we want to get to."

NFL

Steelers sign Vick to one year deal

PITTSBURGH (AP) -Michael Vick needed a job. Pittsburgh Steelers needed a backup quarterback.

solid workout One solved both problems.

The Steelers signed the four-time Pro Bowler to a one-year deal on Tuesday night, hopeful there's enough game left in the 35year-old's still dangerous legs to provide the defending AFC North champions some insurance should something happen to Ben Roethlisberger.

'There's not a throw on the field he can't make from an arm strength standpoint," Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said. "He's a very experienced guy at what he does at this point in his career and the mobility is still unique even at 35."

Vick spent 2014 with the New York Jets, engineering an upset over the Steelers on Nov. 9 by throwing for two touchdowns in a 20-13 victory, his lone triumph during an otherwise forgettable season. The Jets made no move to retain him and with backup Bruce Gradkowski on injured reserve after hurting his left (non-throwing) hand in last Sunday's preseason win over Green Bay, Pittsburgh didn't hesitate to reach out to Vick.

Tomlin said the situation isn't unlike what the Steelers went through in 2008 when Charlie Batch was injured during training camp. Pittsburgh brought in Byron Leftwich and Daunte Culpepper.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Ducre finding his way at fullback for LSU



running back.
Wilson LSU Frank coach explained the dichotomy facing true freshman David

"As a tailback you're avoiding people to try to score," Wilson said. "Now score," Wilson said. "Now (as a fullback) you're being told to find them (defenders) and run into them. It's a whole different mentality with a different psyche, and he's learning. He'll be fine."

Throughout his career, Ducre was the focal point in helping a fledgling new program at Lakeshore gain instant credibility, becoming

one of the state's top running backs and leading the Titans to postseason play along the way.

Ducre helped college recruiters find Lakeshore on the map in Mandeville. The 247 Sports four-star recruit became the program's first signature recruit, signing with LSU, where he enrolled for the spring semester.

Eight months later, Ducre has transitioned from the instinctive, elusive running back who amassed 1,586 yards and 21 touchdowns his senior season to LSU's hybrid running back/fullback role with more of an emphasis on the latter heading into his first season with the Tigers.

"Everyone knows the fullback is a very vital part as well as running back,' Ducre said during last week's media day. "You want a fullback that can do multiple things to help out the offense more. If you have a tailback playing fullback, it can open up a lot of fullback flat (passing) routes, wheel routes, as well as handing the ball off to the fullback.

Ducre said he believes he's equipped himself physically (he's now up 8 pounds to 239) for the demands of the position — one that's been prevalent in past years with Houston Texans rookie Kenny Hilliard and current sophomore Darrell Williams. Sophomore John David Moore sits atop the LSU's fullback depth chart, while Ducre, fellow true Bry'Kiethon freshman Mouton and redshirt freshman Tony Upchurch are all in pursuit.

We'll play him at fullback first. And if we need to, we'll get him at tailback,"

Wilson said. "He's doing extremely well. Where to go is easy for him. He's off the chart intellectually. But it's how to do it? Most people think if you're a big tailback you can automatically become a fullback.'

Ducre said he's discovered the nuances of the position almost on a daily basis since the start of preseason camp. One move that put him ahead of the learning curve was his early arrival in January, an opportunity to adapt to several aspects of the college game.

"It's been a big benefit coming in early," he said. "I adjusted to the speed of the game a lot quicker. I learned the playbook and started understanding defenses. I had a long period where I could think and reflect on everything, so I could learn mentally and physically to prepare myself for the sea-

Ducre, rated the nation's No. 1 fullback by 247 Sports, was also cognizant that a switch to fullback would not only be in his best interest, but also for the Tigers with a developing four-back rotation of Leonard Fournette, Williams and incoming freshmen Derrius Guice and

Nicholas Brossette. After proving he could run and catch in high school, Ducre's out to show he can handle the biggest detail in the fullback's job description: block.

"I wasn't asked to block much in high school," he said. "I'm learning how to block and hone my skills. There are different things such as aiming points, where to place my helmet. I want to be the best player that I can be, work my way into a starting role and just be dominant."

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'Jackass' star charged after climbing crane in Hollywood

LOS ANGELES — Jackass" star Steve-O will face five criminal charges after he climbed a crane in Hollywood to protest SeaWorld and drew dozens of emergency responders to a construction site earlier this

The city of Los Angeles will also seek financial restitution for the cost of the police and fire response, said Frank Mateljan, spokesman for the City Attorney's Office.

Steve-O, whose legal name is Stephen Glover, was charged Monday with one count each of creating a false emergency, use of unregistered fireworks, storing fireworks without a permit, possession of fireworks without a permit, and trespassing, Mateljan

The charges stem from the Aug. 9 incident and a subsequent search of Glover's house, he said.

Glover's representative didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

The 41-year-old scrambled up a crane at least 100 feet high on Sunset Boulevard, inflating a large killer whale balloon emblazoned with "SeaWorld Sucks" and lighting fireworks when he reached the top, police

Glover, known for his outlandish stunts in the

"Jackass" TV show and movies, later climbed down and was taken into custody.

Because the first responders were not sure whether he needed to be rescued, five ambulances, than 80 firefighters went to the scene, Fire Department spokeswoman Margaret Stewart said the next day.

a helicopter and more

She said resources were stretched thin because

firefighters were called around the same time to rescue the operator of a harbor crane who was stricken with a medical emergency.

Prosecutors are working with police and fire

department officials to determine how much restitution will be sought, Meteljan said Tuesday.

Glover's arraignment was set for Aug. 31. The performer was cited last year for another

demonstrations are in response to controversy over the 2103 documentary "Blackfish," which criticized SeaWorld's treatment of killer whales.

park. Glover said his

protest against the theme

Review: 'Until Dawn' adds clever twists to teen horror genre

Years of horror movies have taught us the proper response to an invitation to spend a weekend at a cabin in the woods: No thanks.

If anyone followed that advice, we wouldn't have 'Friday the 13th," ''The Evil Dead" or, well, "The Cabin in the Woods." But the kids in "Until Dawn" (Sony, for the PlayStation 4, \$59.95) have even more reason to stay home: The last time they went, two of their friends vanished.

A year later, eight teenagers decide to return to the site to try and get

some closure on the tragedy. Of course, in this genre, "closure" means running around halfnaked while an axe-wielding maniac chases you.

"Until Dawn" steers right into the clichés, so you know that as soon as two of the teens start making out, at least one of them will end up on the wrong end of something pointy.

And yet, the story (cowritten by horror vet Larry Fessenden) introduces some clever twists on those hoary genre tropes, then throws in a bunch more to keep you off balance. There's a creepy psychiatrist. There's an ancient Native American curse. There's an abandoned sanitarium, and a 50-year-old tragedy that may explain all the mayhem. Don't get too comfortable once you think you've pegged the psycho killer, because there are still many hours to go before sun-up.

"Until Dawn" benefits from a game, appealing young cast, led by Hayden Panettiere of "Nashville" and Rami Malek of "Mr. Robot." Peter Stormare from "Fargo" and too

many other movies to list - also shows up to deliver his special brand of sublime creepiness.

The motion-captured performances and animation are solid throughout, and the lighting and sound designers at the British studio Supermassive Games have done a terrific job capturing the ambience of clas-

sic teen horror movies. The gameplay is more reminiscent of "Choose Your Own Adventure" than action-heavy horror games like "Resident Evil" and "Silent Hill." At times,

the game presents a decision — say, between firing off a flare gun or saving it for later — that may seem innocuous but could have fatal consequences hours later. There's much chatter about the "butterfly effect," and there are so many decision points that you'll want to replay some scenarios to see how things might have turned

out differently. There are also occasional sequences where, in order to survive, you need to press buttons in synch with onscreen prompts. There's no room for error:

Mess up and you're dead, and the perspective shifts to one of the other teenagers. Suffice to say that not everyone here gets out alive.

More trigger-happy gamers will find fault with the limited control you have over the characters, and there are scenes where all you can do is yell at the screen while the kids do something dumb. But isn't that the same way you felt watching "Friday the 13th"? Three stars out of four.

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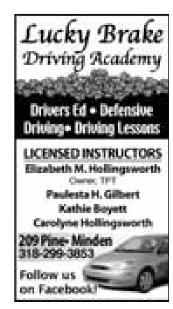
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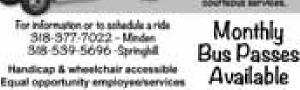




















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