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MINDEN CRIME

Report: Woman spit on, punched deputy in neck

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A "combative" woman was arrested after Webster Parish Sheriff's deputies say she spit on and punched a deputy in the neck.

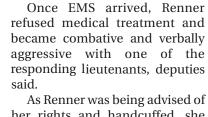
Kristen L. Renner, 50, of the 500 block of E. Dakson Street in Des Plaines, Illinois was arrested Tuesday, July 14, and charged with disturbing the peace by intoxication, battery on a police officer and resisting by flight from an officer.

According to reports, Webster Sheriff deputies were called to the

Quick Draw Truck Stop & Casino in reference to an unrelated incident involving Renner. Deputies say

that during questioning, Renner admitted to being intoxicated and

had been drinking Vodka and coke and requested medical attention.



her rights and handcuffed, she tried to run away and spit on and punched one deputy in the neck, according to the report.



Board members of the United Christian Home, a faith-based program to give a hand up to men and women who need shelter, turned over the keys of a home to Derek Melancon, executive director of the Fuller Center for Housing of Webster Parish. The home was donated to the Fuller Center to help families in need. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

EACH OTHER

United Christian Home donates house to Fuller Center for Housing

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The paperwork was signed Saturday on a home as an act of donation from the United Christian Home to the Fuller Center for Housing of Webster Parish.

Charlotte Jones, UCH board member, says the home, located at 102 Fuller St., was to be used to house women with children and families but due to financial constraints, they could not afford to make the necessary repairs to bring the home up to

"It was donated to us," Jones said. "It was a foreclosure in the 1980s, and Minden Building and Loan donated it to the United Christian Home. We can't keep it because we don't have the funds to bring it up to fire code and meet the fire marshal's requirements. We wanted to give it to somebody that could use it, and we thought the Fuller Center could use it.' The Fuller Center for Housing is a

501(c)3 and provides housing, Jones said.

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LOUISIANA OUTDOORS



The emerald ash borer kills ash trees by digging tunnels below the

Emerald ash borer found in Webster Parish

Efforts are under way in north Louisiana to slow the spread of an invasive species threatening native ash trees.

LSU AgCenter entomologist Rodrigo Diaz says the emerald ash borer was found in the area in February. The beetle kills ash trees by digging tunnels below the bark. As quickly as six to seven years after the initial infestation the tree will

The trees play an important part in bottomland ecosystems and also have an economic value to the timber industry. U.S. Forest Service entomolo-

gist Wood Johnson says emerald ash borer adults have been collected in Claiborne, Bossier and Webster parishes. It has only been found in trees with-

in Webster Parish. The LSU AgCenter, the U.S. Forest Service, the state Department of Agriculture and Forestry and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Plant Health Inspection Service

have collaborated to devise a biocontrol effort to help slow the bee-

DIAZ

tle's spread. Diaz said they've obtained a release permit from the USDA for a wasp species native to Asia that are parasites of the borer and will use them as a tool to manage the emerald ash borer.

'We are releasing an egg parasitoid that targets the emerald ash borer at two different sites in Webster Parish, near Shongaloo and near Minden," Johnson said in a news release. "While it will not stop the spread, it should aid in slowing down the beetle."

The entomologists released three species of wasps at the two sites. One attacks the eggs, and two attack the larvae of the borer.

'In a few weeks we will collect bark samples and remove the emerald ash borer larvae to see if the parasitoids are within the larvae and if we are having any impact on the emerald ash borer

population," Diaz said.

A second approach is to bring bolts of ash infested with emerald ash borer and leave them at the site for two weeks, with hopes that the parasitoids will attack the larvae in the bolts.

"Three to four weeks later, we will take the bolts back to the lab to see if we see emergence of the parasitoids we are releasing today," Diaz said.



CONDFRONT

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Zander Rowell and Hudson Brown hold up signs Saturday at the intersection of Main Street and Homer Road to raise money for the team. The fundraiser brought in more than \$1,200 to help with travel expenses. Courtesy Photo

AA MINDEN CONTINENTALS

All-Star state champs continue to raise funds

Fundraising continues for the AA Minden Continentals trip to the AA Dixie World Series in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina next month.

The pitching machine All-Stars traveled to Vidalia for the state tournament earlier in July, bringing home the city of Minden's first ever Dixie state championship.

Over the weekend, the team took to the streets collecting more than

\$1,200 at the intersection of Main Street and Homer Road to help cover travel expenses.

A rummage and bake sale to raise money is scheduled to kick off at 8 a.m. and last until noon, Saturday, July 25 at The Farm.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the cause can by visiting the Go Fund Me page at

www.gofundme.com/zha2gdw.

AROUND THE STATE

NW La port's biggest shipment on road to Texas at 1 mph

SHREVEPORT — The biggest shipment ever received at the Port of Caddo-Bossier is crawling from Shreveport to Longview, Texas, at about 1 mile an hour. The 303-ton "cold box"

left Shreveport about 9 a.m. Friday and needs a week to reach Eastman Chemical Co., port spokeswoman Kathy French told The Times. It's traveling only by day and has been parking for the night about 3:30 or 4 p.m.

As it moved through Shreveport's streets on Friday, cranes raised the long arms holding traffic lights enough for the tall load to

pass below.

The unit made in Asia will store gases and liquids at extremely low temperatures, and is part of plant improvements, said Kristen Parker, a spokeswoman for Eastman, which is based in Kingsport, Tennessee. She wouldn't comment about the cold box's cost or the cost of moving it.

The plant makes specialty chemicals used in many every-day items such as car coatings, home interior paints and plastics used in toys.

French said one truck is pulling the 611,000-pound load, and another is push-

ing. The convoy was expected to reach the state line Sunday afternoon, taking four more days to complete the trip.

It was hauled by barge from the Port of New Orleans to Shreveport — a 327-mile trip by highway and an even longer route up the twisty Mississippi and Red rivers. That part of the journey took 10 days, said port spokesman Daniel Strickland.

"If navigability hadn't been possible they would have to drive it up from the Gulf Coast to Longview," Strickland said. "It would've been a very long trip considering how long it's taking to simply



The biggest shipment ever received at the Port of Caddo-Bossier is crawling from Shreveport to Longview, Texas, at about 1 mile an hour. Courtesy Photo/LADOTD move it from the Port.'

Strickland said the trip required cooperation from

SWEPCO, Comcast and other companies to raise power lines.

And another piece of equipment, just as huge, is on the way.

AROUND THE STATE

Jindal wants to arm National Guard to protect military sites

BATON ROUGE— Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal is directing the state National Guard to arm soldiers as needed to protect local military installations. Jindal announced the

decision in a news release Friday. He took action in response to Thursday's shootings at military sites in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Homer Police Department

> seeking reserve officers

The Homer Police Department is seeking individuals interested in

applying to be a reserve officer. For more information

and to obtain an

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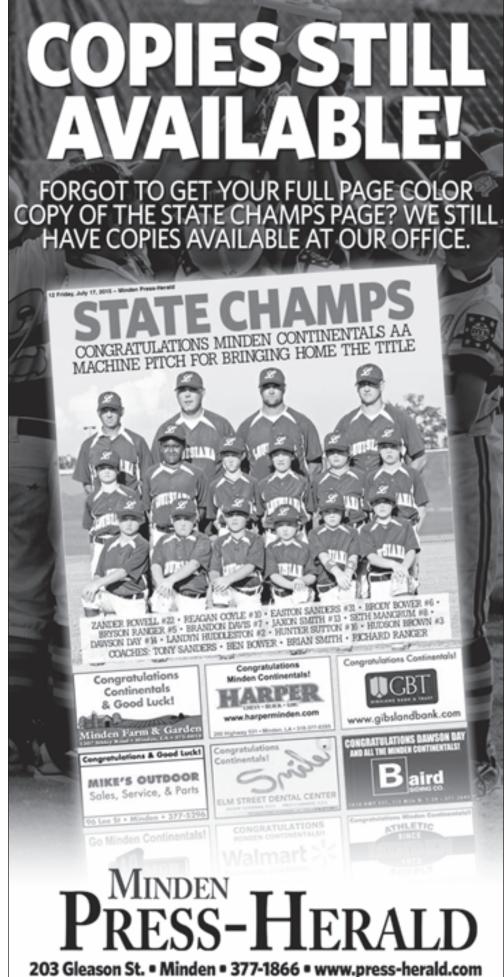
In his proclamation, Jindal says the adjutant general should "identify and arm certain Guard personnel currently on



state active duty ... as reasonably necessary to preserve the lives, property, and security of themselves and other persons subject to threat of an attack as occurred this week in Chattanooga, Tennessee."

Jindal also ordered that flags at the Capitol and all public buildings fly at halfstaff until July 24 in remembrance of the victims of the Chattanooga attack.





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OUT OF THIS WORLD

Saturday evening, a waxing crescent moon and the planet Venus could be seen just after dusk in the western sky. Just above the horizon, astronomers said you could see the planets Venus and Jupiter – the second-brightest and thirdbrightest celestial objects in the night sky, after the moon. The moon, Venus and Jupiter shine by reflecting the light of the sun. Johnny Johnson/Courtesy Photo

HOUSE

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The United Christian Home has two houses, located at 104 Fuller St., which provides housing for men, and another which houses the women.

Derek Melancon, executive director of the Fuller Center for Housing for Webster Parish, says they will discuss exactly what will be done with the duplex at their next meeting on August 4. "Fuller Center takes

property like that and we either try to refurbish it or try to utilize it for funding for our other projects," he said. "They have fixed the outside of the house very, very nicely."

The exterior of the home has been redone with a new roof, storm windows and storm doors. The inside of the house is another story. Jones says the house needs work inside on the floors and other projects.

"Once we get a hold of

it, we'll have to assess it and see what we need to do," Melancon said.

One option, he says, is to sell the house and the money would go back into the Fuller Center for ongoing projects. Another option would be to fix it up, "just as long as it comes back to help somebody else," he said. "That's the name of the game."

A part of the Fuller Center's program is the Greater Blessings Project, where volunteers go in and help current homeowners fix issues they cannot afford to fix, like plumbing problems, or roof and floor repairs. It is a ministry they are looking into beginning again, Melancon says.

That project is getting underway but is not yet ready to accept applications for repairs.

"What I see this as is two Christian agencies coming together to help (for) the better," he said. "They have something they can't use, but they felt like we could use it to help somebody else. It's about agencies helping each other.'



The United Way of Northwest Louisiana provided a grant for \$5,155 to the United Christian Home Saturday. The money will go towards operations of the United Christian Home, a homeless shelter which gives a hand up to men and women who need shelter. Lynn Stevens, chief operating officer for United Way, told the UCH board all the money donated Saturday was raised in Webster Parish. Pictured are, from left, Margaret Evans, Judy Rayner, Lee Estabrook, Patrice Brittian, Archie Robinson, Raymond Abraham, Stevens and Charlotte Jones. Michelle Bates/Press-Herald

OBITUARY

Camille Dison Bazer

A celebration of life for Camille Dison Bazer was at 2 p.m., Sunday, July 19, 2015 at First Baptist Church West Chapel in Minden with the Rev. Leland Crawford officiating. Interment followed at Forest Park West in Shreveport under the direction of Rose-Neath Funeral Home



in Minden. The family received friends from 5 until 7 p.m., Saturday, July 18, 2015 at Rose-Neath Funeral Home in Minden.

Camille was born July 26, 1934 in Saline and entered into rest July 15, 2015 in Minden. She was a member of First Baptist

Church in Minden, Sunday school teacher for many years, and a retired executive legal secretary. Camille loved the Lord and her family and cherished the 62 years with

her husband Jed. Her husband Weston I. Bazer preceded

her in death. She is survived by her son, Anthony Troy "Tony" Bazer and wife Lynn of Rockvale, Tennessee; daughter, Karen Bazer Buckner and husband Richard of Minden; sister, Fayrene Miller of Shreveport; brothers, Lavon Dison of Baton Rouge and Tracy Dison of Baton Rouge; grandchildren, Brittany Buckner, Garrett Robinson, Logan Anthony Bazer, Elizabeth Van Meter, Jordan Van Meter; and great-grandchildren McKinna and Landon.

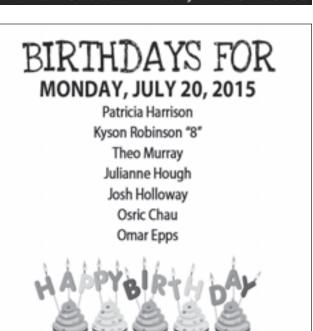
That's the percentage of Louisiana adults that say their local newspaper provides them the most information on events and activities in their community.

BACK TO SCHOOL

Students entering a Webster Parish public school for the 2015-2016 school year in grades 1st through 12th from homeschool and 5th or 9th grades from a non-public school, need to be tested prior to the start of school. For more information, contact Mary Copeland, Webster Parish Test Coordinator at 377-7052.







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PRESIDENTIAL **ADDRESS**

A longterm deal with Iran

the United States and our inter-national partners finally achieved something that decades of animosi-ty has not – a deal that will prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear

This deal will make America and the world safer and more secure. Still, you're going to hear a lot of overheated and often dishonest arguments about it in the weeks ahead. So today, I want to take a moment to take those on one by one, and explain what this deal does and what it means.

First, you'll hear some critics argue that this deal somehow makes it easier for Iran to obtain a nuclear weapon. Now, if you think it sounds strange that the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, China, and some of the world's best nuclear scientists would agree to something like that, you're right. This deal actually closes off Iran's pathway to a nuclear weapon. Today, Iran has enough nuclear material to produce up to 10 nuclear weapons. With this deal, they'll have to ship 98% of that material out of the country – leaving them with a fraction of what it takes to make even one weapon. With this deal, they'll have to repurpose two key. they'll have to repurpose two key nuclear facilities so they can't produce materials that could be used for a nuclear weapon. So this deal actually pushes Iran further away from a bomb. And there's a permanent prohibition on Iran ever having a nuclear weapon.

Second, you might hear from critics that Iran could just ignore what's required and do wĥatever they're inevitably going to cheat. Well, that's wrong, too. With this deal, we will have unprecedented, 24/7 monitoring of Iran's key nuclear facilities.

With this deal, international inspectors will have chain. The verification process set up by this deal is comprehensive and it is intrusive – precisely so we can make sure Iran keeps its com-

Third, you might hear from critics that Iran faces no consequences if it violates this deal. That's also patently false. If Iran violates this deal, the sanctions we imposed that have helped cripple tĥe Iranian economy the sanctions that helped make this deal possible – would snap back into place promptly.

There's a reason this deal took so long to negotiate. Because we refused to accept a bad deal. We held out for a deal that met every one of our bottom lines. And we got

Does this deal resolve all of the threats Iran poses to its neighbors and the world? No. Does it do more than anyone has done before to make sure Iran does not obtain a nuclear weapon? Yes. And that was our top priority from the start. That's why it's in everyone's best interest to make sure this deal holds. Because without this deal, there would be no limits on Iran's nuclear program. There would be no monitoring, no inspections. The sanctions we rallied the world to impose would unravel. Iran could move

closer to a nuclear weapon. Other countries in the region might race to do the same. And we'd risk another war in the most volatile region in the world. That's what would happen without this deal. On questions of war and peace,

we should have tough, honest, serious debates. We've seen what happens when we don't. That's why this deal is online for the whole world to see. I welcome all scrutiny. I fear no questions. As Commander-in-Chief, I make no apology for keeping this country safe and secure through the hard work of diplomacy over the easy rush to war. And on Tuesday, I'll continue to press this case when I address the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Because nobody understands the true cost of war better than those

who've actually served in this country's uniform. We have before us an historic opportunity to pursue a safer, more secure world for our children. It might not come around again in our lifetimes. That's why we're going to seize it today – and keep America a beacon of hope, liberty, and leader-

ship for generations to come. President Barack Obama's weekly address is published Mondays in the Minden Press-Herald.

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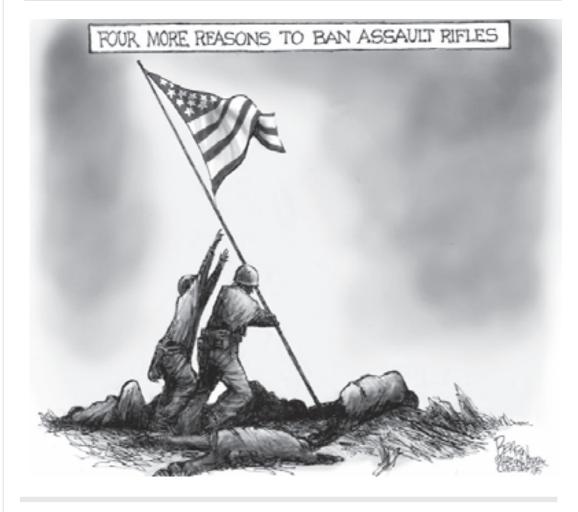
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AP NEWS ANALYSIS

Deal for LSU Shreveport hospital falling apart

The privatization deal for LSU's Shreveport and Monroe hospitals seems to be imploding. Maybe that was inevitable when university leaders agreed to a contract filled with blank pages or when they chose a manager with no experience running a patient care facility.

The hospital manager — the Biomedical Research Foundation of Northwest Louisiana has one more week to devise a plan for correcting LSU's complaints about its oversight of the facilities or the university system will seek to remove the manager, claiming breach of contract.

"BRF has consistently engaged in actions and activities that are contrary, and in fact antagonistic, to the best interests of LSU and the state," LSU System President F. King



MELINDA DESLATTE

Alexander wrote in a July 10 letter that outlined 11 pages of complaints about hospital manage-

LSU clearly wants a new hospital operator. Gov. Bobby Jindal agrees. So do several of the candidates running for governor in this fall's election. But the research foundation is fighting efforts for its ouster.

It's difficult for Jindal, LSU and others involved in striking the privatization deal to suggest they shouldn't have been able to see this coming.

The research foundation, known as BRF, took control of the two north Louisiana hospitals in October 2013 through a no-bid contract, part of Jindal's push to privatize most of the

university-run public hospital

Privatization of the hospitals in Shreveport and Monroe was in contrast to the approach the Jindal administration took in south Louisiana, where LSU's facilities are being overseen by companies that run other private hospitals in the area.

BRF, created in 1986 to boost regional economic development, had more limited resources and no background in hospital management. That raised concerns about whether the foundation had the experience and financing to oversee one of the largest LSU hospitals, which provides much of the region's uninsured care and is used to train medical students.

The research foundation's president and CEO, John George, was a Jindal campaign donor and, at the time the deal was struck, one of Jindal's appointees to the LSU Board of Supervisors.

George has since resigned from the university system governing board, and relationships have apparently become so frayed that Alexander's letter calls for George to resign from BRF and be banned from any association with LSU.

Tensions emerged nearly as soon as the management takeover took effect.

Financial documents took nearly a year to complete. LSU sent a collection letter demanding millions in payments during the dispute. The foundation accused LSU of mismanaging its clinics. The hospitals' CEO abruptly resigned in March.

In his letter, Alexander said BRF hasn't established a sustainable financial model for the hospitals, has damaged the LSU Shreveport medical school's reputation and threatened the stability of both the medical school and the hospi-

"These issues arose even prior to the commencement of the partnership on Oct. 1, 2013, and continue to be issues nearly two years later," Alexander wrote.

He described unpaid debts owed by BRF and shortages of needed hospital supplies.

In response to the criticism, BRF leaders are accusing LSU of working with a competing health care provider in the region, Willis-Knighton Health System, to try to undermine the entire privatization deal.

The research foundation filed a federal antitrust lawsuit against Willis-Knighton, accusing it of trying to poach LSUaffiliated doctors and paying patients. The lawsuit claims Willis-Knighton is seeking to pressure LSU to oust the research foundation as hospital manager, "so that Willis-Knighton can take it over." Willis-Knighton wouldn't

comment on the lawsuit, but the health system reached out to Jindal and others about possibly assuming management of LSU's Shreveport hospital earlier this year, despite two years ago pulling itself from consideration as a possible partner.

Steve Skrivanos, chairman of the BRF board, wouldn't comment directly about LSU's breach of contract claims, but said: "We remain committed to the partnership."

It's hard to see how it could work well with Alexander writing this: "LSU's lack of confidence and trust in BRF to achieve the public purpose, based on almost two years' worth of experience, will be difficult to overcome."

Melinda Deslatte covers the Louisiana Capitol for The Associated Press.

PERSPECTIVE

Jeb and his vassals lose sight of the serfs

"In the feudal system," The Oxford English Dictionary says, a vassal is "one holding lands from a superior on conditions of homage and allegiance.

The system lives on in modern American politics, forsooth in changed form. No longer is it local lords providing military support to a king in return for grants of land. Nowadays, the vassals show their loyalty in the form of large campaign checks. In return, they are promised various economic privileges, among them protection from

The ritual in all its pageantry has been on display at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine. There former President George Herbert Walker Bush, his wife, Barbara, and other members of the Bush dynasty hold court to advance Jeb Bush's quest for the presidency. The object is to make Jeb the second son of H.W.'s, after George W., to capture the White House.

Picture the Bush clan treating CEOs, sports team owners and other modern-day vassals to lobster rolls and consenting to pose in the courtiers' selfies. Imagine the splendor: the many houses, including a new one for Jeb, perched on the rocks of Walker's Point, the Atlantic crashing at their feet.

Such invites are "the prize for members of the vaunted Bush fundraising operation," writes political reporter Nicholas

Confessore. They are why Jeb has raised as much money for his campaign as the other Republican presidential candidates and their super PACs com-

bined. Spending so much time in this closed society may also help explain Jeb's politically awkward remark that Americans

FROMA

"need to work longer hours." In olden times, the serfs were regarded as beasts of burden, to be

whipped into higher productivity. Conditions are much-improved, but one can assume the conversations at the Bush compound do not linger long on the common folk's eco-

A big reason Donald Trump is matching or passing Jeb in the polls is that he is talking to the serfs.

He may be saying stupid things, but at least he recognizes their exis-

Bush complained that his views are being taken out of context and elaborated. He really said that sustained growth requires that "people work 40 hours rather than 30 hours." That way, they have more money and can "decide how they want to spend it rather than getting in line and being dependent on government.'

Another way of stimulating growth would be to have Americans work the same hours but get paid more. That, too, would put more money in their pockets, prompting more spending and saving. This solution might require employers to share more of the profits with their laborers as they used to do. Such scenarios don't cross the royal mindset, the key to growth always being to crank up the serfs' stress

The reality is that lots of Americans would love a 40-hour job but are instead stuck working two 30hour jobs, neither offering such lux uries as health coverage and vacation time. That's the sad reality of today's job market and one reason the Affordable Care Act was so necessary. It subsidizes health coverage for workers who can't get it through their employment.

But economic security in some eyes is dependency in others'. One conservative argument goes that repealing Obamacare would force workers into the 40-hour jobs they're alleged to be turning up their noses at. It's the lash, always

Over at Walker's Point, donors are meeting a new set of Bushes, known as "P's crowd." That would be George P. Bush, a son of Jeb's apparently looking to claim the family political inheritance. Some of P's followers have parents who back

Methinks the show goes on. Follow Froma Harrop on Twitter @FromaHarrop. She can be reached

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ENGAGEMENT



Aiello - Stahl engaged to marry

Ms. Sherry Sue Frazier College of Law. Allie is a of Haynesville and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Michael Aiello of Benton are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming nuptials of their daughter Alexandra Sue Aiello to Christopher Michael Stahl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wayne Stahl of Minden.

Allie is a 2005 graduate of Loyola College Prep, a 2009 graduate of the University of Mississippi, and a 2012 graduate of Loyola University New Orleans

licensed attorney and currently employed as an Assistant District Attorney at the Bossier-Webster District Attorney's office.

Chris is a 2004 graduate of Cedar Creek High School, a 2008 graduate of Millsaps College, and a 2012 graduate of Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. Chris is a licensed attorney with law offices in Minden and Bossier City.

The bride-elect is the

granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ralph Aiello of Benton, Ms. Celia Bryan Frazier of Benton, and the late Mr. Charles Howard Frazier.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Doyce Stahl of Minden, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Cahill Halford of Minden, and the late Mr. James Marshall Scheffer.

The couple will marry on Sept. 26, 2015 at St. Mark's Cathedral Shreveport.

IN THE KITCHEN

Onion rings with a spicy twist

Onion rings are a popular side dish. Though many people reserve their consumption of onion rings for nights out at the diner, onion ring afficionados need not wait until their next night out on the town to enjoy their favorite side dish, as onion rings can easily be made right at

Those who want to add a little extra kick to their onion rings can do just that thanks to the following recipe for "Rings of Fire" courtesy of Bob Blumer's "Surreal Gourmet Bites" (Chronicle Books).

Rings of Fire

2 Vidalia onions or other sweet onion

1 1/2 cups flour

2 serrano chiles, minced

2 teaspoons salt 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon Tabasco (ideally chipotle)

3 cups peanut oil for frying

Slice onions in 14-inch slices and separate into rings. Select the 12 largest, most aesthetically pleasing rings.

In a medium bowl, add 1 cup of the flour, the serranos, 2 teaspoons salt, the cayenne, and the pepper. Slowly whisk in beer and add the hot sauce. The batter should be the consistency of thin



pancake batter.

In a medium, tall pot, heat oil to 350 degrees F.

In a medium bowl, add remaining 12 cup flour. Toss onion rings in flour to coat. Shake off excess flour.

Dip one onion ring in batter until thoroughly coated, then fry for approximately 2 minutes, or until golden. Turn once during frying. Remove and drain on paper towels. Let cool, then season with salt and taste. Count to 30, then assess the heat level. Add more of everything hot according to your pain threshold (and that of your guests). Continue frying rings in small batches and serve

Around Town

July 26, 2015

Mount Comfort Baptist Church will have its annual Women's Day at 11 a.m. with Sister Barbara Doss as the speaker.

Galilee Missionary Baptist

Church will have its Women's Day Program at 3 p.m. The speaker will be Minister Vanessa Braggs Reed.



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NBA

Lawson happy with trade to Rockets

Ty Lawson is "excited" about being traded by the Denver Nuggets to the Houston Rockets, his agent told KRIV-TV in Houston.

"He's close with James [Harden], tight with Corey [Brewer], knows Trevor [Ariza] and Dwight [Howard] and is real excited," the point guard's agent, Happy Walters, told KRIV-TV.

"It's an opportunity for him. He's been deep in the playoffs before. but this is something he feels really good about."

Sources told ESPN.com's Marc Stein that the Rockets and Nuggets have agreed to a trade that will land Lawson for a package of non-guaranteed contracts and a 2016 protected first-round pick. The trade is expected to be finalized Monday.

"It's an opportunity for him. He's been deep in the playoffs before, but this is something he feels really good about,' Walters told KRIV-TV.

Lawson is currently in rehab in Los Angeles after his second DUI arrest in 2015. A judge ruled last week that he won't face DUI charges California and Colorado until completing the 30-day residential treatment program.

Lawson entered treatment Saturday at Cliffside Malibu, a celebrity rehabilitation center in California that treats patients with addiction and psychiatric issues.

MLB

Greinke extends streak in win

WASHINGTON (AP) Zack Greinke extended his scoreless streak to 43 2-3 innings, striking a season-high 11 through the eighth and leading the Los Angeles Dodgers over the Washington Nationals 5-0 Sunday.

Greinke's string is the longest in the majors since Orel Hershiser set the major league record of 59 shutout innings in 1988 with the Dodgers.

Greinke (9-2) leads the big leagues with a 1.30 ERA. He scattered three singles, walked one and threw 119 pitches in eight innings. This was his sixth straight scoreless start, all of them lasting at least six innings.

Last Tuesday night, Greinke started the All-Star Game and gave up a leadoff homer to Mike Trout, but that run doesn't count in the regularstatistics. season Greinke's next start is scheduled for the coming weekend at the New York Mets.

Max Scherzer (10-8) gave up one run in six innings. He left with the loss, and a 2.09 ERA, after the Dodgers won the matchup of NL division leaders.

Scherzer's wild pitch

in the fourth gave the Dodgers their first run. Andre Ethier led off with a double, moved up

on Yasmani Grandal's sacrifice and scored with two outs on Scherzer's wild pitch.

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There were more Minden All-Stars in action over the week-

end as state tournaments continued. Some scores were not available at press time. Here's

results from the Minden Angels, Darlings and AAA Nationals.

> Minden Angels 13 Jonesville 3

Playing their state tournament Rayville, the Angels got off to a hot start against Jonesville.

Emma Pitman and Maci Tanner had two hits each to lead the way for Minden, followed by Emma Earnhardt, Piper Stephens, Spigener and Lauren Still with base hits. Gabby Salas, Emma Earnhardt and Piper Stephens all pitched well in the win.

Minden Angels 2 Rayville 1

In a defensive battle, Maci Tanner, Lauren Still and Allee Spigener had hits to lead Minden, while Piper Stephens struck out five batters to lead the way in the cir-

Minden Angels 7 Haughton 4

Sydney Robinson had a triple and single to pace the offense, folby Emma Earnhardt with a double and a single and Piper Stephens with a base

Stephens also tossed three strong innings, striking out six.

The Angels will play Union today at 6 p.m. in Rayville at the Tim Sims, Bryce Powell McGraw Sports and Chase Tolbert Complex for a berth in added base hits. the state championship



The Minden Angels All-Star team throws their arms up in celebration of their victory over the Jonesville All-Stars on Saturday. Courtesy Photo/Melanie Earnhardt

West Monroe 7

C.J. Watts led the team with a home run and single in a close win over West Monroe. He was followed by Maddox Mandino, Dayton Sims, Bryce Powell, Cooper Chase, Tolbert and Chase Kendall Flournoy with base hits.

Minden Nationals 10 East Ouachita 11

Cooper Chase exploded for a home run and three singles to lead the Nationals' offense, followed by Landry Powell with a double and single. C.J. Watts had two singles, Kendall Flournoy, Maddox Mandino, Dayton

Minden Nationals 12 Franklin 0

C.J. Watts had a Minden Nationals 8 home run and a dou-

ble, followed by Bryce Powell who blasted a homer of his own. Maddox Mandino had a double and two sin-Winston had a double and Dayton Sims and Landry Powell each had two base hits.

Cason Clemons added a base hit. The Nationals will be back on the diamond today Winnsboro at 7 p.m.

Darlings Minden Darlings 10

East Ouachita 8 In Pineville, the Minden Darlings started state with a win. Riley Robinson, Jacey Adams and Audrie Teutsch each had a triple to pace the offense, followed by Addison Monk and Rebecca Mosley with doubles. Colby Hollis, Vivian Still and Mackenzie

added base hits for the Darlings.

Minden Darlings 19 Buckeye 1

Addison Monk had Brandon a big day for Minden Ryan with base hits.
a double going off for three
Sims and triples, while Jacey
3 Adams doubled and tripled. Vivian Still tripled and added a single, Kylie Ryan doubled and singled, Colby Hollis crushed triple as did Mackenzie McCoy, Riley Robinson and Lainey Mercer doubled and Rebecca Mosley, Audrie Teutsch and Paiton Levesque each added a base hit.

Minden Nationals 9 Madisonville 6

In their third game, Addison Monk led the way with a double and for updates on all of single. She was followed by Riley Robinson, McCoy Ryan, Colby Hollis,

Vivian Still, Rebecca Mosley, Audrie Teutsch, Jacey Adams, Lainey Mercer and Lindsey

Minden Nationals

Sabine 2

The Darlings made it a perfect 4-0 so far with a close win over Sabine. Jacey Adams led the offense with a double and single, followed by Kylie Ryan with a double and Addison Monk with a pair of base hits. Audrie Teutsch, Lainey Mercer and Vivian Still rounded out the offense for the Darlings by adding base hits.

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL Nola ready for major league debut

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE Former LSU A11-American Aaron Nola, the Philadelphia Phillies' top pitching prospect, will make his Major League debut Tuesday when the right-hander starts against the Tampa Bay Rays at Citizens Bank Park in Bank Philadelphia.

Nola, a Baton Rouge

native, selected of LSU by e Phillies the first r o u n d(seventh overall) the



2014 MLB Draft, and he will be the first Phillies player to make his MLB debut the year after he was drafted since Pat Combs, who first Combs, who appeared in an MLB game in 1989.

Nola is considered by MLB.com's Prospect Watch to be the team's No. 2 overall prospect and No. 28 overall prospect in baseball.

Between Double-A Reading (Pa.) and Triple-Lehigh Valley (Pa.) this season, Nola has combined to go 10-4 with a 2.39 ERA in 18 starts.

Nola, the 2014 College Baseball Foundation National Pitcher of the Year and a Golden Spikes Award finalist, enjoyed a three-year brilliant (2012-14) career at LSU, compiling a 30-6 mark and a 2.09 ERA in 332 innings with 42 walks and 345 strikeouts. He is No. 3 on the LSU career list for strikeouts, No. 4 for ERA and No. 5 for pitching wins.

Nola was a two-time first-team All-American, and he is the only twotime winner of the Southeastern Conference Pitcher of the Year award, receiving the honor in both 2013 and

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

SPIETH

Spieth still in the hunt

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — For a place dripping with centuries of history, St. Andrews got more than it could have wanted

Jordan Spieth punched his golf bag in frustration after a careless bogey, perhaps sensing the British Open was slipping away. Just like that, and because this is what Spieth does in big moments, he salvaged his bid for a Grand Slam. He made three straight birdies. He took 10 putts on the inward nine. And

when he walked off the 18th green, he had a 6under 66 and was one shot behind with one round left.

"I'm going to play to win," Spieth said. "I'm not playing for a place. I don't want to place third tomorrow. I want to win." But if there is history

in the making at the home of golf, it no longer has to come from just Spieth.

Fans who filled the two-story grandstand and watched from the tops of buildings on Golf Place witnessed a moment not seen at St. Andrews in 88 years — an amateur in the lead going into the final round of the British

Paul Dunne, the 22-year-old from Ireland, rolled in putts like this was the prestigious St. Andrews Links Trophy for amateurs instead of the oldest championship in golf. He played bogey-free for a 66 and shared the lead with former Open champion Louis Oosthuizen and Jason Day.

Bobby Jones is the last amateur to win the British Open in 1930 when he came from one shot behind in the final round. He was the last amateur to lead after 54 holes three years earlier at St. Andrews, and he won the claret jug that year, too.

Can it happen again?

"It's surreal I'm leading the Open, but I can easily believe that I shot the three scores that I shot," Dunne said. "If we were playing an amateur event here, I wouldn't be too surprised by the scores I shot. It's just lucky that it happens to be in the biggest event in the

"Hopefully, I can do it again tomorrow," he said. "But whether I do or not, I'll survive either way.'

The way the weather-delayed Open ended on Sunday, expect just about anything.

Oosthuizen, the last player to lift the claret jug at St. Andrews in 2010 and a runner-up at the U.S. Open last month, birdied three of his last five holes for a 67. Day is just as big of a threat. He shot 67 and shared the lead for the second straight major, and he has challenged

in four of them since 2011.

They were at 12-under 214, one shot ahead of Spieth with plenty of others that cannot be dismissed Fourteen players were separated by three shots. Half of them were major champions, and there was yet another amateur among them — 21-year-old Jordan

Niebrugge of Öklahoma State. And so it was Spieth, a 21-year-old Texan with an uncanny sense of occasion, who brought the gray, old town to life in a mixture of sunshine and rain. He rolled in birdie putts on the 10th, 11th and 12th holes to share the lead. He saved par from the high grass on the 13th, stuffed his approach to 4 feet for birdie on the 15th and made another tough par save on the Road Hole at the 17th.

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MTV causes stir with film on white people

NEW YORK — One of the challenges for makers of the MTV documentary "White People" was getting folks to talk about race when they didn't feel the issue concerned them — like those quoted as saying they consider white the "default race" or "normal."

So filmmaker Jose Antonio Vargas recorded white Americans in situations where they were forced to confront racial identity issues. He found to a white man who attends a traditionally black college, teachers on a South Dakota reservation where resentment toward whites is palpable, a young Brooklyn man bewildered by the Asian immigrants on his block, a white man who teaches a college course on white privilege.

The documentary's trailer alone created a stir. The full film debuts Wednesday at 8 p.m. ET/PT, offered simultaneously online.

"The only thing I fear is not having these conversations," Vargas said. "What I fear is the silence, the indifference, the ignorance. We can no longer have a conversation about race and diversity without having white people in it."

Racial issues are timely, topping the news during the past several months with the "black lives matter" campaign in response to police shootings and the debate over the Confederate flag. MTV President Stephen Friedman said he's wanted to look at how whites perceive themselves for several years, but it wasn't until he met Vargas that he felt he'd found the right person to do it.

Vargas is best known for "Documented," a film where the Philippines-born journalist talks about his status as an undocumented U.S. resident. (His status hasn't changed since then).

Race was a difficult topic, not simply because it's uncomfortable to talk about. Shuns, slights and stereotypes aren't a regular part of life for most whites. More than four-fifths of MTV viewers polled said their families had taught them that everyone should be treated the same, regardless of differences.

A colorblind upbringing is admirable, an attitude that no doubt leads to young people being more accepting of gay



In this image released by MTV, filmmaker Jose Antonio Vargas, right, listens to a group of young people during the filming of his documentary "White People." The full film debuts Wednesday, July 22, at 8 p.m. ET/PT, offered simultaneously online. Courtesy Photo

marriage, for example, than older Americans, Friedman said. But many also look past the lessons of history to question the need for affirmative action. Vargas talks to a white student with a 3.8 grade point average in high school who now goes to a community college; she and her mother are convinced that racial minorities get the edge in college scholarships and admissions. "I feel like I'm being dis-

criminated against," she said.
Attitudes hidden beneath the surface are revealed when Vargas talks to the white student who goes to a black college and some of his friends. A white Italian-American from Brooklyn's Bensonhurst neighborhood is angered by many of the Asians

who moved into his neighborhood not wanting to help with a block party until it was pointed out that how his ancestors were looked down upon generations earlier

Vargas is a facilitator who poses questions throughout the film. His eyebrow is a character of its own, each exaggerated lift conveying skepticism or surprise. "Part of our job with this special is to really create the space to have an honest dialogue," he said, "and I think we achieved that."

Some critics have pounced on MTV before seeing the documentary. Rush Limbaugh's website proclaims, "MTV Documentary Shames White Youth." The conservative Breitbart news service headlined a story, "Dear Morons: You are Paying for an Illegal Alien's MTV White-Shaming Film." The "paying for" reference alludes to cable subscribers being required to pay for MTV as part of their service even if they don't neces-

sarily want the network.

"So this is a documentary produced by an illegal immigrant that's going to run starting July 22nd on MTV on the problems white people have caused in America," Limbaugh said on his show last week. "Everybody's shaking their head in there, 'Oh, this is horrible, this is terrible.' Yeah, it is, but nobody is going to do anything about it."

Friedman said he believed the film doesn't shame white

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people. Quite the opposite, he

"If you see the young people in that film, I think every one of them, because it was done in a respectful way, feels like they came away with a deeper understanding of their community and different people," he said.
"It enabled them to walk in their

Given the attention on racial issues now, it's not surprising that the idea of the film itself will grate on some nerves, he said.

"What I would hope is that people would watch the documentary, because there is nothing about it that is provocative when you sit through it," he said.

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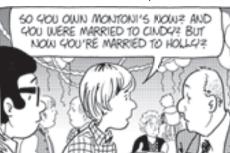




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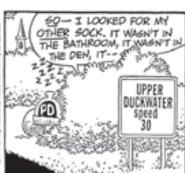




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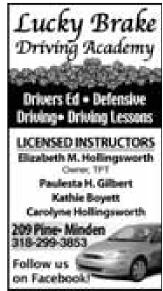
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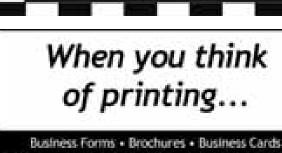
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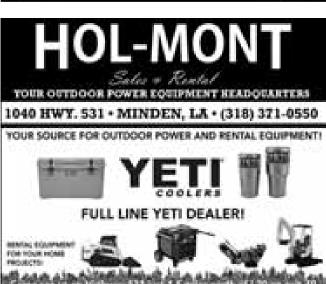
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