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Wednesday, January 20, 2010

## Mother hits son with bat, both charged

A Loudon mother and son were taken into custody after the pair was involved in an argument a the mother hit the son with a bat. The victim was charged after reportedly fighting with police.

Shirley June Garner, 66, Smokey Drive, Loudon was charged with aggravated assault by domestic violence.

(see Garner pg. 7)



Shirley June Garner

## Passenger tries to swallow evidence, fights officers when unlicensed driver stopped for speeding

A Loudon man was taken into custody when he reportedly tried to hied drugs from LCSO officers and resisted arrest after the unlicensed driver hew as with was stopped for speeding.

Jesus Almanza Gonzales, 36, Maremont Parkway, Loudon was charged with driving without a license.

(see Gonzalez pg. 3)



Jorge Lopez Gonzalez

## Drinking, driving & fighting land couple in jail after wreck

A Harriman couple was arrested after they reportedly were involved in an argument while driving along the interstate and one jerked

the wheel while the other was driving and caused an accident. The pair allegedly were intoxicated.

Angela Denise Sells, 31,

Tidwell Circle, Harriman was charged with DUI 1st offense, insurance and lane control.

Brian Patrick Wilson, 33,

Tidwell Circle, Harriman was charged with reckless endangerment, domestic assault and public intoxication.

(see Charged pg. 7)

## December Revenues

NASHVILLE – The state's fiscal year continues its trend of negative tax revenue growth, with tax collections falling below budgeted estimates again in December. Finance and Administration Commissioner Dave Goetz announced state revenue collections for

December – reflecting November retail sales activity – were \$766.7 million, which is \$54.2 million less than the state budgeted.

"December tax collections represent the 19th consecutive month of negative sales tax growth," Goetz said. "At the end of the fiscal year,

(see Revenues pg. 6)

## TDOT Receives Emergency Relief Assistance for US 64 Rockslide Clean-up

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Transportation will receive \$3.8 million in federal assistance to pay for the clean-up of the massive US 64 rockslide. The Fed-

eral Highway Administration notified TDOT on Thursday, January 14, 2010 that the rockslide cleanup effort does qualify for 100% federal reimbursement as long as work is completed within

(see Relief pg. 3)

## Verse of the day Obituaries

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.*  
Galatians 5:22-23

**Pearl Davis Garner**  
**Stephen G. Tatum**

### Weather:

Today: Rain showers in the morning will evolve into a more steady rain in the afternoon. High around 55. Chance of rain 70%. Rainfall

around a half an inch. Tonight: Cloudy with periods of rain. Low 46. Chance of rain 90%.

Thursday: Rain and thunder. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

### Wazzup

How bout Scooby,

"Shaggy" (JB) and Danielle ("Daphne") helping represent Loudon County at Monday Night Raw in Knoxville???

### Horoscopes Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

You make just the

right impression on just the right person -- and it shows! Your amazing interpersonal energy should help you overcome barriers and break through to almost anyone you want.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

**Relief**

180 days of incident. On November 10, 2009 a portion of Little Frog Mountain slid onto US 64 completely blocking the major east/west corridor in southeastern Tennessee. TDOT will have the roadway reopened to traffic by March 31, 2010, well ahead of the 180-day provision.

The November 10, 2009 rockslide resulted in the complete closure of US 64 at mile marker 17.6 at TVA Ocoee

Dam No. 2. TDOT immediately awarded an emergency contract to contractor Charles Blalock & Sons from Sevierville, Tennessee, and clean-up work began at the site on November 16, 2009.

To date, crews have removed around 5,500 tons of debris from the site. Workers have stabilized the western side of the slope and are now beginning the difficult task of addressing the eastern side where a large,

unstable diagonal rock shelf about 22 feet thick must be split using small controlled blasts. Crews will also drive large 40 ft. long rock anchors into the rock to secure it in place.

Installation of rock anchors on the west side of the slide area is scheduled to begin this week.

Once all the rock is stabilized, workers will remove the remaining debris at the foot of the mountain. The contractor will then repair the damaged roadbed and TDOT crews will repave U.S. 64 and reopen it to traffic.

Motorists traveling to the area from Chattanooga or Cleveland should take I-75 North to Exit 60 (SR-68, Sweetwater) and follow SR-68 South through Monroe County and into Ducktown in Polk County. Those traveling from North Carolina are advised to take US 74 to SR-68 North at Ducktown through Polk County then onto I-75 at Sweetwater in Monroe County.

Motorists may also

utilize a route through northern Georgia to travel around the rockslide area. From Copperhill/McCaysville at the Georgia State Line take Georgia Route 5 to U.S. Highway 76 to U.S. Highway 411 north to the Tennessee state line and on into Cleveland.

TDOT is providing a live look at the work underway to clear the rockslide via a time-lapse camera accessible by logging onto TDOT's US 64 Rockslide web page (<http://bit.ly/1Tlc8m>) where you can also sign up to receive the weekly US 64 Rockslide newsletter.

**Gonzalez**

According to reports, on Thursday, at 5:37 PM, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO-ND, stopped a silver Oldsmobile for speeding 52 mph in a 45 mph zone on Highway 11 and Sugarlimb Road. After an altercation with the passenger, the driver, Mr. Jesus Gonzales,

was found not to have a license.

Mr. Gonzales stated he didn't have a license in any state. The passenger in the vehicle, Jorge Lopez Gonzalez, 20, Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with simple possession of marijuana and tampering with evidence.

According to the report, when Sgt. Hall activated his blue lights to stop the oldsmobile for speeding, Mr. Gonzalez, the passenger, bent over as if he was reaching or placing something under the seat. Once the vehicle stopped, the Sgt. approached the passenger side and opened the door. He asked Mr. Gonzalez what he was doing reaching under the seat.

When Jorge Gonzalez tried to talk, Sgt. Hall noticed he was attempting to swallow what appeared to be a bag of marijuana. He advised Jorge Gonzalez to spit the substance out, but he refused. The officer attempted to stop him from swallowing the evidence. A struggle ensued and Jorge Gonzalez was removed from the vehicle and taken to the ground where the marijuana shot out of his mouth.

The lawman was able to recover a small amount of the marijuana, approximately 2 grams.

Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO-ND, was on the scene as well.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
 Lenoir City Transportation Committee will meet at City hall in the small conference room on Monday, January 25, 2010 at 5:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting will be continued discussion/consideration regarding the recently awarded ARRA contracts.  
 Thank you

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## Obituaries

**Pearl Davis Garner**, age 88, of West Knoxville went to be with the Lord on Tuesday morning, January 19, 2010 at her home. Pearl was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul L. Garner; parents, B. R. Davis and Ethel Let-singer Davis; brothers, Ned Davis; sisters, Mary Hayes, Martha Decker, Frances Simerly, Eliza Ward, and Lillian Petty . She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, John and Valerie Garner, Leo and Ann Garner all of Lenoir City; daughter and son-in-law, Judy and Rev. Ron Jones of Knoxville; grandchildren, Gina Lane, Rev. Mitchell Garner, Todd Garner and

wife, Missy and Jennifer Jones; great grandchildren, James Paul Lane, Drew Edward Garner, Ashley Garner; brothers, Leon, William, Amos and Gene Davis; Willie Ruth Breazeale, Iva Maddox, Nellie Gentry, Aileen Beeler, Margaret Sizemore and Anna Norman several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services 2 p.m. Thursday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ron Jones officiating. Interment will follow at the Marietta Church Cemetery with Rev. Mitchell Garner officiating. Serving as pall bearers: Johnny Williams, Joe Hawkins,

Larry Davis, Ralph Davis, Barton Glass and David Magee. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Cave Creek Baptist Church, c/o First National Bank, 16239 Hwy 70 East, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Special thanks to Dr. Gary Thomas and Staff, and a big thanks to Covenant Hospice Care. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Garner family.

**Stephen G. Tatum**, age 57, of Cleveland, formerly of Lenoir City passed away Sunday, January 17, 2010 at his home. Stephen was retired from Jackson Chair Manufacturing. He was of the Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by his father, W. G. Tatum and mother, Nora Lee Miller Tatum; grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Tatum. Stephen is survived by his step mother, Marilyn Tatum

of Lenoir City. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home with Dr. Dick DeMerchant. Private interment will be in Lakeview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request that memorials be made to First Baptist Church, 2085 Simpson Road East, Lenoir City, TN 37772. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Tatum family.

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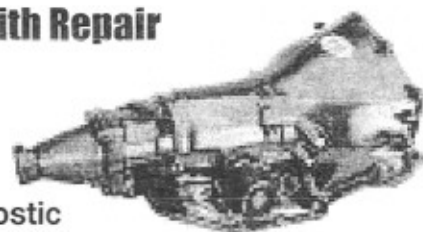
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## Revenues

on June 30, we'll have to adjust for any under collection in the current fiscal year, and make sure our budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 reflects the revenue base available moving forward."

On an accrual basis, December is the fifth month in the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The general fund was under collected by \$50.8 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$3.4 million.

Sales tax collections were \$16.6 million less than the estimate for December. The December growth rate was negative 2.88%. For five months revenues are under collected by \$138.6 million,

and the growth rate is negative 6.65%.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$29.5 million below the budgeted estimate of \$143.8 million. For five months revenues are under collected by \$5.4 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections for December decreased by 2.70% and they were \$4.3 million below the budgeted estimate of \$66.7 million. For five months revenues are under collected by \$9.9 million.

Tobacco tax collections were \$5.6 million below the budgeted estimate of \$25.7 million, and for five months they are \$3.8 million above the budgeted estimate.

Inheritance and estate taxes were over

collected by \$2.6 million for the month.

All other taxes were under collected by a net of \$800,000.

Year-to-date collections for five months were \$169 million less than the budgeted esti-

mate. The general fund was under collected by \$147.1 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$21.9 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2009-2010 are based

on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation adopted by the second session of the 106th General Assembly in May of 2009, and are available on the state's Web site at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/bud/budget.html>.

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## Garner

According to the affidavit, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was dispatched to a residence on Smokey Drive on Friday at 7:26 PM and upon arrival spoke to Paul Eddie Garner who advised he and his mom had been involved in an argument about her drinking. He further stated his

mother became violent toward him and hit him in the left knee with a bat.

Mr. Garner showed Officer Parks his left knee. It had a large welt just below the knee cap.

The officer also spoke to Shirley Garner. She stated she and her son had been in an argument, but denied ever hitting her son.

Based upon the statements, as well as physical evidence at the scene, there was probable cause to believe the offense of aggravated domestic violence did occur. Shirley Garner was taken into custody.

Paul Eddie Garner, 36, also of Smokey Drive, was charged with interfering with services.

According to the affidavit, Officer Parks was attempting to arrest Shirley Garner for aggravated assault on her son as Officer Parks was leaving the

residence, Mr. Garner, fought officers in an attempt to get his mother away from them.

Mr. Garner resisted officers and was also taken to the Loudon County Jail.

Officer Blake Norman, LPD was also on the scene.

### Charged

According to reports, at approximately 1:30 AM, Ms. Sells was driving a black Dodge Ram westbound on Interstate 40 and was

involved in an on-going domestic dispute. The steering wheel was jerked from her causing her to crash. She had a noticeable odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath, swayed while standing and had urinated on herself.

Ms. Sells did poorly on field sobriety tasks. She consented to a breath test and registered .15%.

Wilson, the passenger was involved in the domestic dispute with Ms. Sells and jerked the steering wheel from her causing the accident.

Mr. Wilson was intoxicated, left the scene and started walking down the interstate.

Both Ms. Sells and Mr. Wilson admitted to drinking and arguing. A clump of Ms. Sells hair was found on her purse's carry strap. Trooper Carey Hixson, THP was the arresting officer.

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