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Shoplifters beware: Walmart's watching you

Monday apparently was a bad day for shoplifters at Walmart. Two persons were arrested in separate incidents after allegedly stealing items ranging from scissors and shoes to movies.

Both were apprehended when loss prevention personnel reportedly witnessed their actions.

Daniel Lee 'Dan' Ernest
(see Shoplifters pg. 4)



Daniel Lee Dan Ernest



Susanne Theresa Jones

Chain stolen from business

Authorities were called to a local business when the owner discovered had entered his property and stolen a chain used for crane work.

According to records, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded to Hickory Creek Road Tuesday to take

(see Chain pg. 7)

Gun taken from vehicle

A local man called police to report the theft of his gun from his vehicle after his son left the doors unlocked with the keys in it.

According to reports, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to Shaw Ferry Lane Tuesday in reference

(see Gun pg. 7)

TWRA seeks public input for 2010-11 hunting regulations

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) is soliciting comments for its 2010-11 hunting seasons' regulations. This is an opportunity for the public to share ideas

(see Input pg. 6)

Bredesen Delivers 2010 State of the State Address

NASHVILLE - Governor Phil Bredesen delivered his eighth State of the State Address to the members of the 106th General Assembly on Monday, speaking to achievements in areas like education, job creation and child welfare and the challenges of maintaining services in the midst of declining revenues and the national economic recession.

In addressing the proposed FY 2010-2011 budget, Bredesen

(see Address pg. 3)



Gov. Bredesen delivers his 2010 State of the State Address.

Verse of the day

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.
Isaiah 40:5

Obituaries

Kenneth Paul (Ken) Justice
Weather:

Today: Mostly cloudy skies early, then partly cloudy in the afternoon. High 47.
Tonight: Partly cloudy skies in the evening, then becoming cloudy overnight. Low

around 30.
Thursday: Cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s and lows in the upper 30s.

Wazzup

Here's a shout out to Shawn at the Grizzly Pig in Philadelphia Whatever happened to your giant killer guard-chicken, anyway???

Horoscopes Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Your urge to travel and explore is heightened to-
(see Horoscopes pg. 2)



Address

said he is building on the four-year budget designed last year to guide Tennessee through the economic recession and influx of one-time stimulus funds. The Governor said he adhered to the principle of the "family budget" in crafting his proposal.

"It's nothing more than the common-sense principle that we're going to adjust our expenses to match our income, and we're going to be very careful about using money from our savings account so we can keep it healthy," Bredesen said. "It's the way sensible families are managing through these tough times, and while the numbers for state government are much larger, the principle is exactly the same."

Bredesen spoke of the importance to him of leaving the state's finances stable for the next Governor and next General

Assembly by matching recurring revenues and recurring expenses while moving forward on the priorities most important to the future of Tennessee, particularly in the areas of education and job creation. He also acknowledged the assistance provided by the Recovery Act, which has enabled a "softer landing" than would have otherwise been possible, making it possible to preserve jobs and plan more carefully for needed reductions.

The Governor emphasized the state's financial position is a strong one despite the economic recession. "As I stand here tonight, we have more than \$900 million in the bank in our reserve funds," Bredesen said. "Given our strong financial position and the fact that we built up these savings to use at a time like this, I'm recommending that we draw down modestly from these reserves to soften the worst of the

cuts that we would otherwise have to make."

The use of reserves will minimize some of the cuts that were proposed for state departments including Education, Health, Mental Health, and Children's Services. Bredesen also proposed using reserve funds to preserve 394 state jobs that would have been eliminated as a result of the tough economy.

The budget proposed by Bredesen fully funds the Basic Education Plan, the state's funding formula for education, and the increased contribution to the state's pension system recommended by actuaries and adopted by the Treasurer. Outside of those areas, the budget reflects reductions of about nine percent in most departments.

The budgets of Higher Education, Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities, and the Division of Intellectual Disabilities have reductions of six percent, Children's Services is at five percent, and the Department of Correction is just one percent.

During his final State of the State Address,

Bredesen also singled out Commissioner of Children's Services Viola Miller and her staff for a recent, significant achievement by the department. On January 22, Tennessee became the seventh state to receive accreditation from the Council on Accreditation for its operation of a state-administered child welfare agency.

"Accreditation is how you assure people that your approach is right," said Bredesen. "When Vi Miller told me she wanted to try and get formal accreditation, I encouraged her, but I have to admit I was skeptical. She persevered, and today all Tennesseans can take pride and comfort in knowing the people responsible for managing the cases of abused and neglected children have met the high standards required for accreditation."

The Governor also expressed his appreciation to the members of the General Assembly for their extraordinary work in the recently completed special session on educa-

tion. "This is the way it is supposed to work. Both individuals and organizations with specific interests found ways to keep those interests in check and come together for a common good," Bredesen said. "There was no splitting along partisan lines. The final vote was genuinely bipartisan and made overwhelmingly clear to everyone that these reforms are not my plan, they're not a Democratic plan or a Republican plan. These reforms are Tennessee's plan, and that is going to make a tremendous difference in both K-12 and higher education in the years ahead."

Bredesen specifically thanked teachers and the Tennessee Education Association. "If anyone ever had any doubt about your dedication first of all to the good of the children of our state, the way in which you handled yourselves during the special session has put them to rest.

"Teaching is a profession that has many more dimensions than can be simply measured by students' performance on a written test," Bredesen said in acknowledging the concerns expressed by teachers regarding the use of student achievement in teacher evaluation. "I understand there are many factors beyond your control. Let's work together to find an approach that is both fair to your teaching profession and that gives our citizens confidence that the money they have invested in our schools is being used well."

Bredesen's 2010 State of the State Address and materials related to the proposed budget can be found at www.TN.gov.

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Obituaries

Kenneth Paul (Ken) Justice, age 68, of West Knoxville passed away Sunday morning, January 31, 2010. Ken was retired from Norfolk Southern Railway. He was preceded in death by his father, Rev. Paul K. Justice. Ken is survived by his wife of 50 years, Joyce F. Justice; sons, Rick Justice and wife, Lynda of Knoxville, Chan Justice of Idaho Falls, ID, and Ty Justice and partner, Steven Jones of Knoxville; grandchildren, LaTisha, Whitney, Ceaira, Kayla and Shanna; mother, Marjorie Justice of Knoxville; brother and sister-in-law, Bob and Janis Justice of Knoxville; sisters-in-law, Barbara Luttrell and

husband Joe of Lenoir City, Betty Daniel and husband, Jimmy of Jefferson City; brothers-in-law, Herschel Rogers and wife, Barbara of Lenoir City, Kenneth Rogers and wife, Debbie of Lenoir City; several nieces, nephews and close friends. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Marietta Church Cemetery in the Hardin Valley Community for graveside services. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Justice family.

Shoplifters

nest, 25, Foute Town Road, Lenoir City was charged early Monday with theft under \$500.

According to reports, Mr. Ernest was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention taking DVD movies from the electronics department to the menswear department where he opened the movies and stuck them in his pants. Then Mr. Ernest threw the DVD movie boxes up under a clothes rack.

Ernest left through lawn and garden, leaving all points of sale.

Restitution is being sought for \$36.95.

Susanne Theresa Jones, 49, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged with theft under \$500.

According to re-

cords, on Monday evening Ms. Jones was seen by Walmart Loss Prevention taking a pair of scissors out of the package and placing them in her purse. Then she went to the shoe department, put on a new pair of shoes and placed her old

shoes in the box.

Jones did pay for a roll of toilet paper, but then passed all other points of sale without paying for the scissors and the shoes.

Restitution is being sought for \$44.97.

Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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Input

and concerns about hunting regulations with TWRA staff.

Public comments will be considered by TWRA's Wildlife Division staff and may be presented as proposals for regulation changes. Comments may be submitted by mail to: 2010-11 Hunting Season Comments, TWRA, Wildlife

Management Division, P.O. 40747, Nashville, TN37204 or emailed to twra.comment@state.tn.us. Please include "Hunting Season Comments" on the subject line of emailed submissions.

The comment period concerning the 2010-11 hunting season regulations will be open until Feb. 22, 2010.

Police Beat

Greg Clay Berry, 27, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of community corrections.

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO made the arrest.

Highland Park Ruritan Club Pancake Breakfast

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Chain

a report of a breaking and entering to a business.

The owner of Hamilton Equipment Company Inc. stated sometime on Monday after 6:30 PM, someone cut the fence

around his business and entered his back lot. The intruder opened one of the trucks on his lot, and pried open a door to one of his buildings and took a chain used for lifting heavy items with their crane.

The total amount of the loss is estimated at \$700. The investigation is ongoing.

Gun

to a burglary of a vehicle.

Mr. Scott Frye advised he saw his firearm in his vehicle on Friday. His son moved the car on Saturday and left the doors unlocked and the keys in the vehicle. Then on Tuesday his son asked to borrow the car to go to the

school so Mr. Frye went to get his firearm out of the vehicle and discovered the firearm, holster and ammo were missing.

The firearm is described as a black KelTec .32 caliber semi automatic with a black holster and 1/2 box of ammo.

The estimated value of the loss is \$325. The case is under investigation.

Police Beat

Anthony E. Moore, 44, Allison Town Road, Philadelphia was charged with driving on suspend-

ed. According to records, on Tuesday Officer Brandon DeBoer, LPD clocked and cited Anthony Moore at 45 mph in a 30 mph zone on Mulbeery Street in Loudon.

Moore was driving on suspended license.

Jerry William Lovin good, 49, Smith Road, Philadelphia was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday.

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