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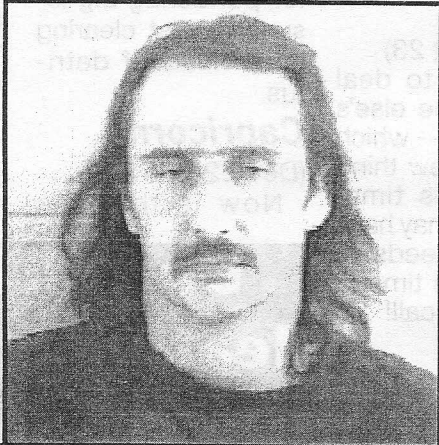
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Friday, March 5, 2010

Armed, under the influence and out in public; 2 charged

When police responded to a Loudon convenience store Tuesday, officers found two men under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol. One of the men reportedly was armed with a fully loaded handgun at the time of his arrest.

Albert Barry Bayless IV, 38, (see Bayless pg. 3)



Albert Barry Bayless IV

Loudon man charged with resisting, more

Police charged a Loudon man after he reportedly refused to stop for officers who had responded to a domestic call at his residence when he allegedly crashed in the door to gain entry.

(see Thaxton pg. 6)

LCPD charges local man with assault

Lenoir City Police Detective Jack Fine charged a local man after he reportedly assaulted a woman in late February then fled the area. He was found at a neighboring county jail.

(see Hicks pg. 3)

Sweetwater 1 of 10 Communities Chosen for New Downtown Revitalization Program

NASHVILLE – Commissioner Matt Kisber of the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development announced that 10 communities have

been selected to participate in Tennessee Downtowns, a community improvement program for cities and counties seeking to revitalize traditional commercial districts.

The selected communities are: Celina, Erwin, Jefferson City, Martin, Milan, Mt. Pleasant, Monterey, Paris, Selmer and Sweetwater.

“Tennessee Downtowns

represents a valuable opportunity for communities to receive meaningful assistance for revitalizing their central business districts, which serve as a foundation for (see Program pg. 7)

Verse of the day

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
John 17:3

Obituaries

Sheila Jane Wheat
Anna Belle (Purdy) Thomas

Weather:

Today: Sunny skies. High 47.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 26.
Saturday: Sunshine. Highs in the low 50s and lows in

the upper 20s.

Sunday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

Wazzup

Hurry up & get well, Dan Bell: Citico awaits...
Happy Birthday, Randy Harrell - hope it's a

good'un!!!

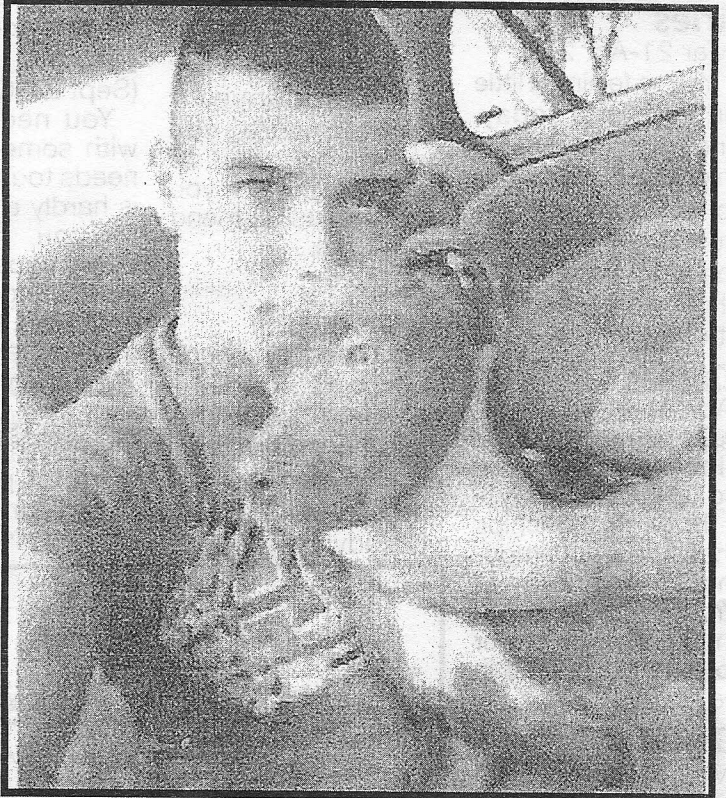
**Horoscopes
Pisces**

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Business and legal ar- (see Horoscopes pg. 2)



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Bayless

Sweetwater Vonore Road, Sweetwater was charged Tuesday with public intoxication and possession of a weapon while intoxicated.

According to the report, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was dispatched to Weigels on Highway 72 in reference to a possible drunk person. Upon arrival, Officer Parks made contact with Mr. Bayless.

Bayless was very unsteady on his feet and had very slurred speech. Mr. Bayless reportedly admitted to taking several medications prior to coming into contact with law enforcement.

Mr. Bayless was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in public in his condition. Also, Mr. Bayless was in possession of a fully loaded .22 caliber pistol at the time of

his arrest.

Tony Allen Mead, 31, Sweetwater Vonore Road, Sweetwater also was charged with public intoxication.

Records indicate when Officer Parks made contact with Mr. Mead, Mead had a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage about his person, bloodshot eyes and he was very unsteady on his feet.

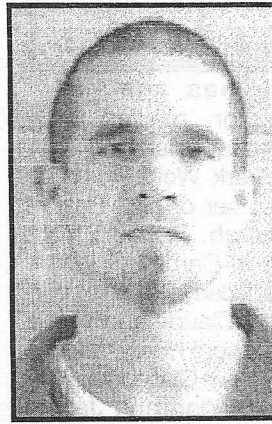
Mr. Mead reportedly admitted to drinking about 6 beers prior to contact with officers. Mr. Mead was deemed a danger to himself and others if left in public in his condition.

Officer Bill Evans, LPD was also on scene.

Hicks

Kendall Clay Hicks, 26, Ivy Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with an assault.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the victim's statement, on



Hicks

February 21st, 2010, at approximately 8:00 PM, Kendall C. Hicks grabbed the victim, slung her to the ground, and his elbow struck her left ear and facial area.

The victim states Hicks then fled the scene.

Deputy Dustin Langley, LCSO made the arrest at the Blount County Jail Thursday.

Police Beat

Bounma Phanthvong, 22, East 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to reports, while on patrol Friday, Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO noticed a black Audi parked with the trunk open off Jackson Bend Road near a barn. There were three occupants in the car and one male was walking up the road.

Upon turning around

to check the vehicle, the vehicle passed Deputy Parks. Deputy Parks made a U turn and got in behind the Audi.

According to the officer's report, the area has had several break-ins to vehicles and residences and is a high traffic drug area. The lawman stopped the vehicle.

A check of Ms. Phanthvong's license came back suspended. Due to the high drug traffic area, Deputy Chris Jenkins and his K9 partner Diego were called to the scene.

Diego was deployed and alerted to the driver's side and passenger's side front doors.

Found in the driver's side door pocket was a small aluminum item rolled up and bent up on one end in the form of a pipe used to consume narcotics. It contained a partially burnt green leafy substance believed to be marijuana in the end of it.

A small plastic baggie with a leafy green residue substance believed to be marijuana, and a pill cutting and crushing instrument with a white powder residue in it was found in the front passenger compartment.

These items were found in the vehicle belonging to the registered owner, Ms. Phanthvong. Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO was also on scene.

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Thaxton

Christopher Franklin Thaxton, 43, Summer Street, Loudon, was charged with domestic assault and resisting stop, halt and frisk.

According to records,



Thaxton

at approximately 8:50 PM, Sunday, Loudon Police Department received a call in reference to a break-in in progress at a residence

on Summer Street. The complainant stated her boyfriend Christopher Thaxton forced his way into the home and she was hiding in the bathroom.

Upon arrival, officers saw a black male inside the front door of the residence and advised Mr. Thaxton to stop where he was and show his hands.

Thaxton refused to listen to the officers and continued into the rear of the residence. He was again ordered to stop by officers and he still refused, however he was soon taken into custody. Patrolwoman April Farmer, LPD, spoke to the complainant, who stated she and Thaxton had gotten into an argument earlier and she told him she put his things in his

car and she didn't want him back at the house. She told police when Mr. Thaxton came back she saw him through the front door and got scared and ran to the bathroom.

According to her, Mr. Thaxton kicked in the front door, which was locked, and entered

the residence.

Officer Farmer stated in her report she observed the door frame on the front door was damaged and there were signs forced entry had been made to the residence.

The complainant advised Chris Thaxton put her in fear for her safety.

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Program

sustainable economic development," Commissioner Kisber said. "We applaud the selected communities for their initiative and look forward to partnering with them through this unique improvement process."

The 10 selected communities are each home to downtown commercial districts established at least 50 years ago and have demonstrated their readiness to organize efforts for downtown revitalization based on the successful "Main Street Four-Point Approach to Downtown Revitalization" program. The highly competitive selection process was based on five core criteria: historic resources, need (economic and physical),

demonstrated local effort, overall presentation and probability of success.

Tennessee Downtowns is part of ECD's Tennessee Main Street Program and will award reimbursable innovation project grants of up to \$15,000 to participating communities. The successful applicants will also receive an 18-month program of technical assistance, which includes training on downtown revitalization and historic preservation, an introductory site visit and attendance at a two-day downtown revitalization workshop. Program directors in Tennessee Main Street communities will also mentor and assist Tennessee Downtowns in their revitalization

efforts.

"Investing in a vibrant central business district is not only smart for communities, it's imperative in a successful long-term growth strategy," said Rick Meredith, assistant commissioner of Community Development at ECD. "Tennessee Downtowns will give the participating communities a roadmap and I congratulate them on reaching this significant milestone in their development."

"We at the Tennessee Main Street Program are so excited to be sharing the resources of the Main Street Four Point Approach with a greater number of our historic communities," said Kimberly Nyberg, director of the Tennessee Main Street Program. "I am confident that each of our Tennessee Downtowns will see a strong return on their investment of time and resources, and we look forward to being a part of that investment."

Main Street revitalization is a comprehensive, incremental, self-help economic strategy that also focuses on developing

public-private partnerships to enhance community livability and job creation, while maintaining the historic character of the district. For information about the Main Street Program and the Main Street Four Point Approach, visit <http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/about-main-street/>.

Tennessee's Main Street program provides communities with technical assistance and guidance in developing long-term strategies that promote economic growth and development. The program provides information and assistance in forging public networking and training opportunities for downtown commercial districts.

For more information about Tennessee Downtowns, visit www.tennesseemainstreet.org.

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development
The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission is to create higher skilled, better paying jobs for all Tennesseans. The department seeks to attract new corporate investment in Tennessee and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. To find out more, go to www.tn.gov/eecd.

Police Beat

John Raymond

Prince, 42, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of order of protection.

According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about February 1st, 2010, Judge William H. Russell of General Sessions Court of Loudon County, signed off on an order of protection. Mr. Prince was the respondent on that order of protection.

Both Mr. Prince and the victim signed that they understood there was an order in place and there was to be no contact. On February 6th, 2010, John Prince sent the victim an e-mail about speed dating, knowing he was not to contact her.

Patrolman J. Felts, LCPD made the arrest.

Kiesha Summer Harold, 28, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged on a criminal court capias warrant for schedule II, manufacture, delivery, sell and possession.

Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Donald Clayton Ruff, 27, Watt Road, Sweetwater was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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