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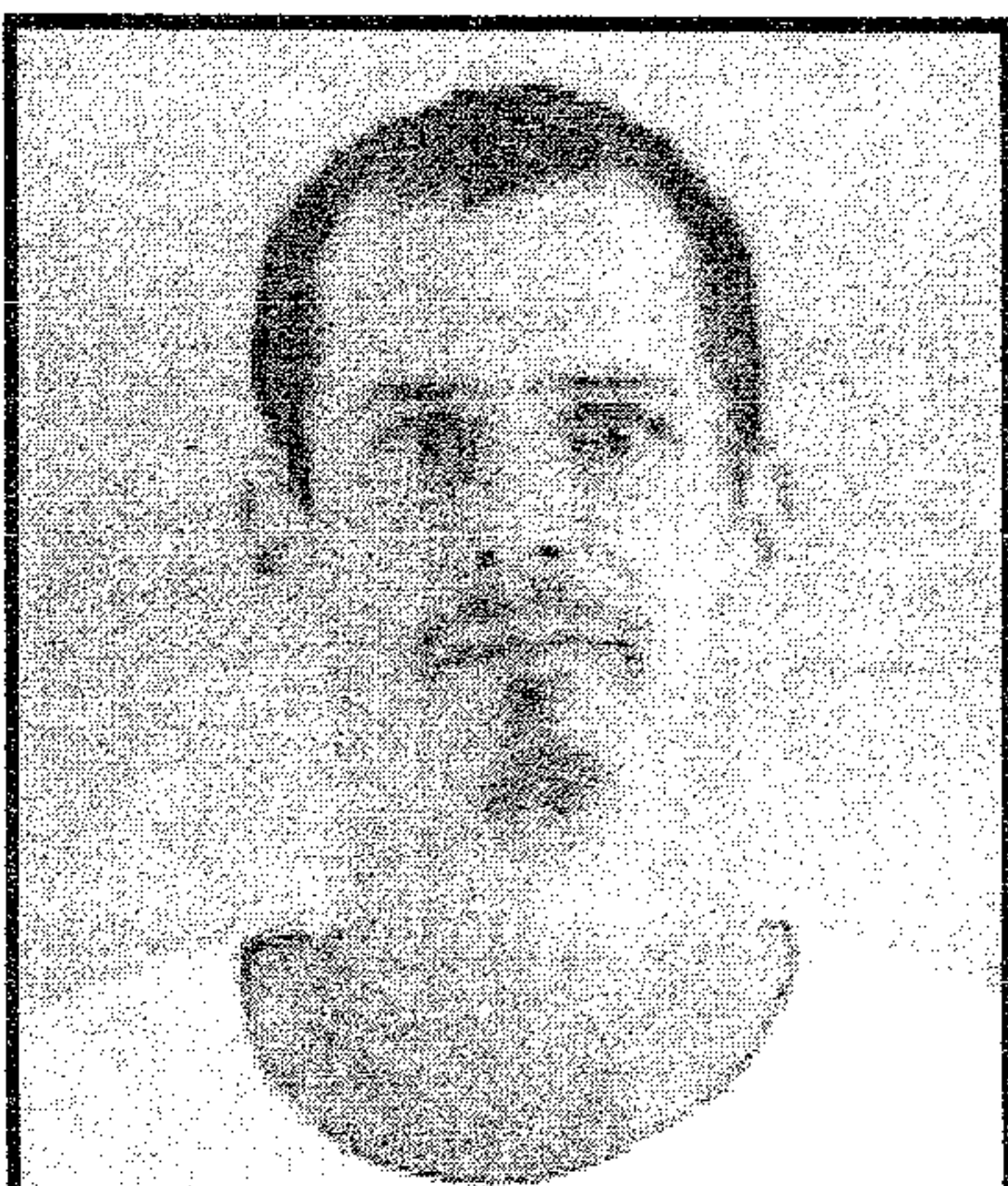
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Thursday, May 27, 2010

Burglary foiled by alert neighbor | **Sister of clerk charged with stealing \$17,000+ from truck stop**

A Knoxville man was apprehended after attempting to break into a Loudon County home. An alert neighbor is being credited by Sheriff Tim Guider with foiling the crime after deputies stopped the man.

(see Burglary foiled pg. 3)



Edwin Christopher Eaker

The Tennessee Highway Patrol (THP) is holding a sobriety checkpoint this Friday night 11pm Northshore Drive

Jateal Lashayla Pendergrass, 24, Brown Avenue, Harriman was charged with theft over \$10,000.

According to an affidavit filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO-CID; on November 22nd, 2009, deputies from the Loudon County Sheriff's Office responded to TA Truck Stop on Watt

(see Theft pg. 3)



Jateal Lashayla Pendergrass

He married her while still married to her!

SARTIN CHARGES LOCAL MAN WITH BIGAMY

John Western Standridge III, 36, Abbott Crossing, Lenoir City was charged with bigamy.

According to an affidavit filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about January 1st, 2010, John Standridge III and his bride were united in marriage at the Old Time Gospel Church on Browder Hollow

(see Bigamy pg. 6)



John Western Standridge III

Woman charged with obstruction after aiding wanted mans escape

A local woman was charged with obstruction of justice after lying to a deputy who had an arrest warrant for the man at the residence that was able to escape with the womans

(see Obstruction pg. 7)

Yes this really happened! 2 intoxicated women fighting walking down the interstate

Jessica Nicole Branam, 22, Black Burn Road, Cleveland, Tennessee, was charged Sunday, with do-

(see PI pg. 8)

TDOT Suspends All Lane Closure Activity for Busy Holiday Weekend; Urges Safety in Work Zones

NASHVILLE - Road construction won't slow motorists down as they travel Tennessee's highways this Memorial Day weekend. The Tennessee Department of Transportation will suspend all construction-related lane closures on interstates and state routes beginning at 12:00 noon on Friday, May 28 through 6:00 a.m. on

(see TDOT pg. 6)

Verse of the day

Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all

them that have pleasure therein. Psalm 111:1-2

Obituaries

- Adam Jacob Abijah Bish
- Dr. Richard Frederick Brailey
- James F. Feezell
- Carolyn J. Gable
- Clarence Boyd Goodwin

Muriel Alice Lamb Koepf
Hester McCollister Jones
Wazzup

Hope your leg heals up soon Kim! Maybe that hospital will give you the right stuff this time.

Sure do appreciate all your help Ricki and Kim - couldn't do it without ya!

(see More pg. 2)



Burglary foiled

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider credited an alert neighbor for notifying Loudon County Sheriff's Deputies of a burglary in progress, which led to the arrest of Edwin Christopher Eaker, age 34, of Byington-Solway Road in Knoxville.

The Hines Valley Road neighbor surprised Eaker during

the burglary, but Eaker evaded the neighbor, who had already contacted 9-1-1, then attempted to evade deputies, which resulted in several officers pursuing him. When he was apprehended by Loudon County Sheriff's Deputy Mickey Patterson, the victim's stolen items were located in Eaker's vehicle.

Charges including

Aggravated Burglary and Theft over \$1000 are pending. Eaker is currently being held without bail at the Loudon County Justice Center.

Theft

Road in reference to a panic alarm. The clerk advised he discovered the store's safe had been opened by removal of the pad lock and the contents

had been removed. The safe contained \$17,045.11.

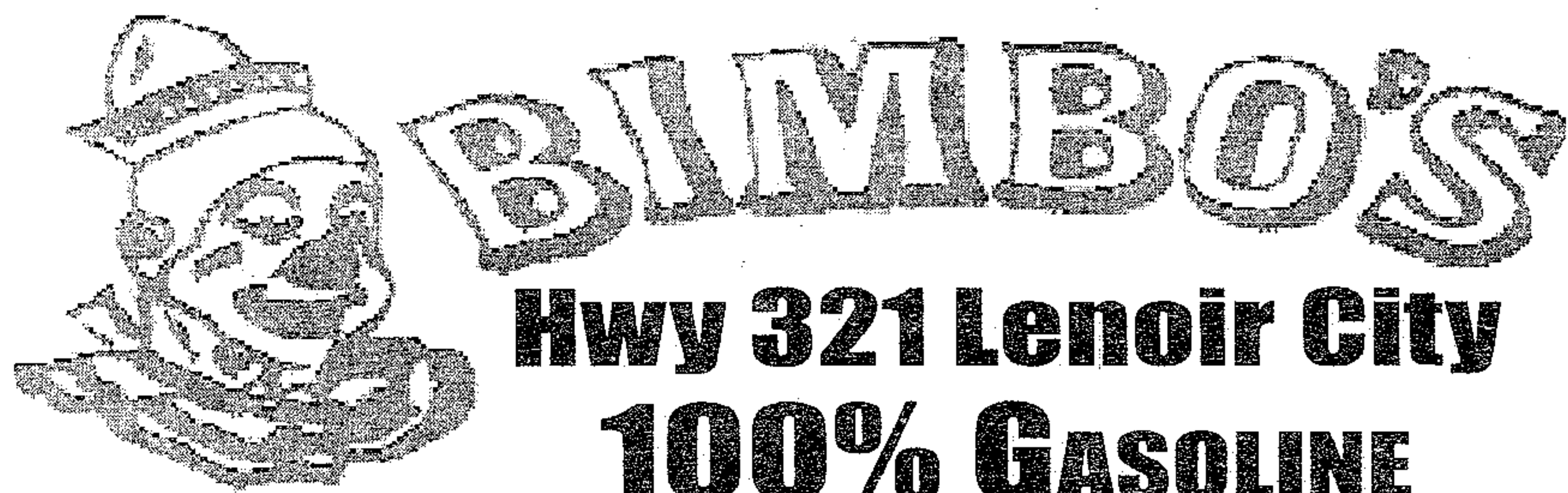
Upon reviewing the surveillance tape, a subject was seen exiting the female restroom and going to the safe.

A cashier stated Jamiah Jordan, who works at the store, and his sister, whom he knows as Tia Pendergrass, had been at the store around the time of the theft and Ms. Pendergrass left in a Cadillac. Roane County Sheriff's Office located the vehicle on Morris Street where Deputy Guy McGuckin, RCSO reported he saw a

pair of bolt cutters in the rear floor board, behind the driver's seat.

Ms. Pendergrass gave consent to search the vehicle and Investigator Smith observed metal shavings on the bolt cutters. They were collected and sent to the TBI Crime Lab. An analysis of the bolt cutters indicated that the tool marks on the shackle of the safe's padlock were produced by the bolt cutters.

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



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Bigamy

Road in Lenoir City. Mr. Standridge did unite in marriage to the woman, knowing that he was still legally married to his wife Mrs. Standridge and a complaint for divorce was filed on December 11th, 2009.

Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO made the arrest Sunday.

TDOT

Tuesday, June 1. This will provide maximum roadway capacity for motorists expected to travel in the state this Memorial Day weekend.

"Motorists traveling on our roadways this holiday weekend will have no construction-related lane closures impeding their travels," said Commissioner Nicely. "We want to keep traffic flowing so everyone can have a safe and enjoyable trip through Tennessee."

Motorists will still encounter some long term lane closures on construction projects and for emergency repairs due to recent flooding and rock-slides in the state. Reduced speed limits will be in effect. Slower speeds are necessary in work zones

due to the temporary layout of the roadway and will be enforced. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of up to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

"Memorial Day weekend is the unofficial kickoff to summer and we want everyone to arrive at their destination safely," said Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole. "If you're traveling this Memorial Day weekend, be sure to buckle up and obey all the traffic laws."

AAA estimates 32.1 million people will travel more than 50 miles this Memorial Day holiday, reflecting a nationwide increase of 5.4% from 30.5 million in 2009. Of this number, AAA predicts that 28 million Americans will travel by car. In Tennessee, AAA projects 617,329 will travel by automobile and 37,601 by air, which is a 5.4% increase over Tennessee's 2009 travel numbers.

For up to date travel

information, visit the TDOT SmartWay web site at www.tn.gov/tdot/tdotsmartway/ or call 5-1-1 from any land-line or cell phone. TDOT is also on Twitter. For statewide travel information follow @TN511 (www.twitter.com/TN511). TDOT has multiple Twitter accounts including interstate specific accounts.

Motorists are reminded to use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. TDOT advises drivers to "Know before you go!" by checking traffic conditions before leaving for your destination.

Domestic Violence

Randall Gilbert Houser, 45, East Coast Tellico Parkway, Greenback, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to re-

cords, Monday, May 24th, 2010, at 6:32 pm, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO, was dispatched to a physical domestic at a residence on East Coast Tellico Parkway in Greenback. Between a 79 year old mother and her 45 year old son. Mrs. Houser stated, her son Randall Houser, had been arguing yesterday and all day today. Earlier in the day he threw a beer toward her chair she was sitting in. About 30 minutes prior to the arrival of Deputy Helm, Mrs. Houser was sitting in a chair

in the living room and Randall was sitting in another chair eating supper. He started arguing again and threw a glass of milk in the floor. Mrs. Houser picked up the phone to call 911 and he grabbed her arm, took the phone away and hit her in the forehead, causing a cut on her left eyebrow from her glasses. According to Mrs. Houser, she had to wait until her son went outside, to plug the phone back in in order to call the police. Randall Houser reportedly admitted to unplugging the phone.



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Obstruction

assistance.

Eugenia Dawn Taylor, 27, Old Spears Road, Lenoir City, was charged Monday, with prevention or obstruction of legal process.

The report states, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO, was dispatched to a residence on Beals Chapel Road, to serve a

warrant on Kenneth Collins. Upon arrival, the deputy talked with Ms. Taylor who had just tried to run from him as he pulled into the driveway. When asked if she knew Kenneth Collins she said no. Then she said she knew of him but didn't know him. The deputy asked her if Mr. Collins was at the residence and she

said no. About that time, the owner of the residence came out and told Deputy Hamilton she had just seen a man with a little girl at the residence. The deputy asked for permission to search the residence and she told him that he could. During the search, the owner said, the man he was looking for just ran out the back door and he was wearing a yellow shirt. When Deputy Hamilton went back outside, Ms. Taylor told him Kenneth had just ran out and through the yard. The deputy asked Ms. Taylor's mother if she knew Kenneth Collins. She advised she knew him. He's the father

of Eugenia Taylor's child. She told her daughter to stop lying for Kenneth. Deputy Hamilton never found Kenneth Collins during his search of the residence because he escaped with the help of Eugenia Dawn Taylor.

Police beat

Savi Yi, 22, Douglas Court, Norcross, Georgia, was charged Tuesday, with driving on suspended license 1st offense.

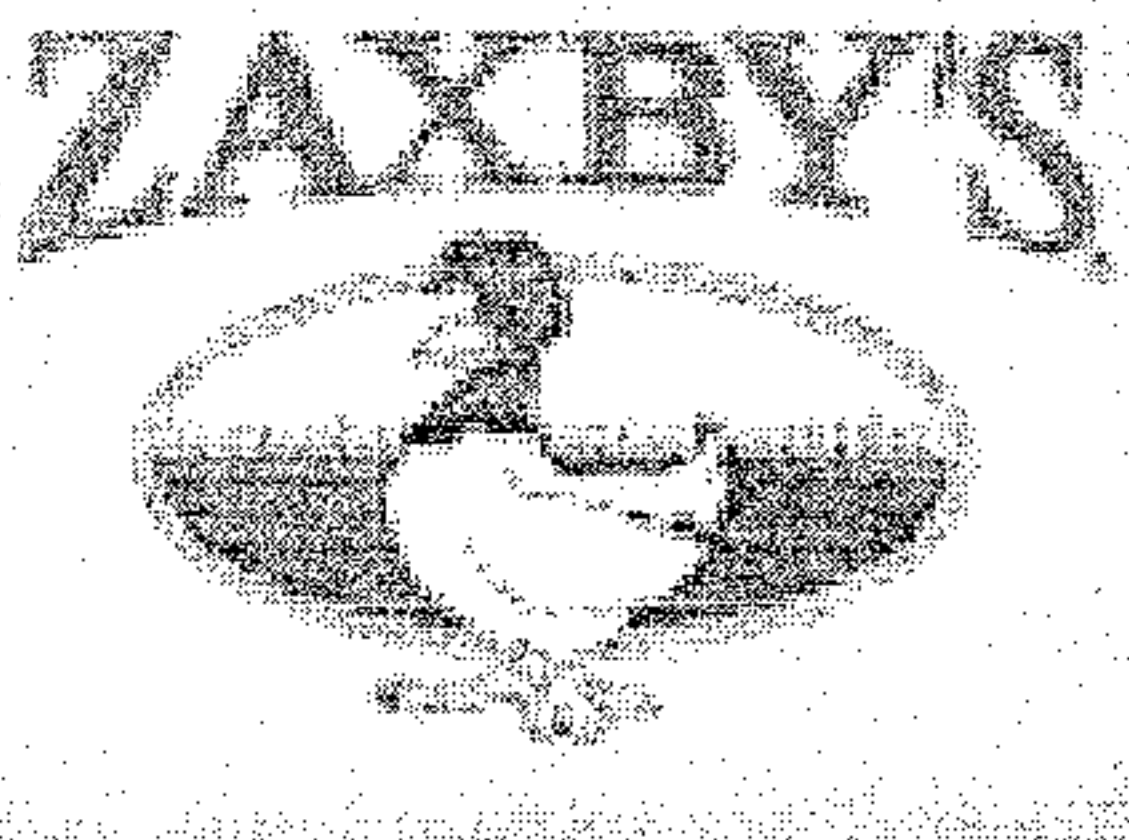
According to reports, Mr. Yi was stopped for speeding, 80 mph in a 65

mph zone, on Interstate 75 at the 75 mile marker.

A drivers license check by name and date of birth revealed Mr. Yi was suspended for failure to appear out of Georgia.

An NCIC check revealed Yi had a warrant out of Georgia for failure to appear but no extradition. Mr. Yi also received citations for speeding, not wearing a seat belt, no registration and no insurance.

Trooper E. Miller, THP, made the arrest.



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domestic violence and public intoxication.

Her cousin, Shelby Lynn Ivey, 19, Tunnel Hill Road, also of Cleveland, Tennessee, was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Deputy B. Dixon, LCSO, responded to a possible wreck near the 81 mile marker on Interstate 75, then received another call regarding two females walking down the interstate intoxicated.

Upon arrival, a witness advised, Ms. Jessica Branam and her cousin Ms. Shelby Ivey got into a physical altercation.

Evidently, Ms. Ivey was driving and Ms. Branam started

punching her in the face and chest. Ms. Ivey, reportedly had a busted lip and a knot on her chest.

Ms. Branam started chasing her cousin down the interstate, then Ms. Branam ran into the median to hide from law enforcement. Deputy Nick Lawson, LCSO, and Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD, made contact with Ms. Branam. She was very intoxicated and unsteady on her feet.

Ms. Ivey had bloodshot eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person.

Deputy Dixon arrested the contrary cousins and transported them to the Loudon County Jail.

TWRA says be safe this weekend

NASHVILLE --- The 2010 Memorial Day holiday weekend is regarded as the unofficial start to the summer boating season and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency wants to emphasize the use of life jackets while boating in a safe and responsible manner.

Memorial Day is annually one of the year's busiest boating weekends. There were seven total boating accidents reported over the 2009 Memorial Day holiday period across the state with three injuries recorded as a result of separate accidents. TWRA officers made 24 boating under the influence (BUI) arrests over the holiday weekend.

The TWRA was

pleased to report no boating-related fatalities over Memorial holiday weekend in 2009. In 2008, there were 13 reported accidents with one fatality and four injuries over the holiday period.

Thus far in 2010, there have been 11 total accidents. There have been four fatalities, all related to cold water drowning.




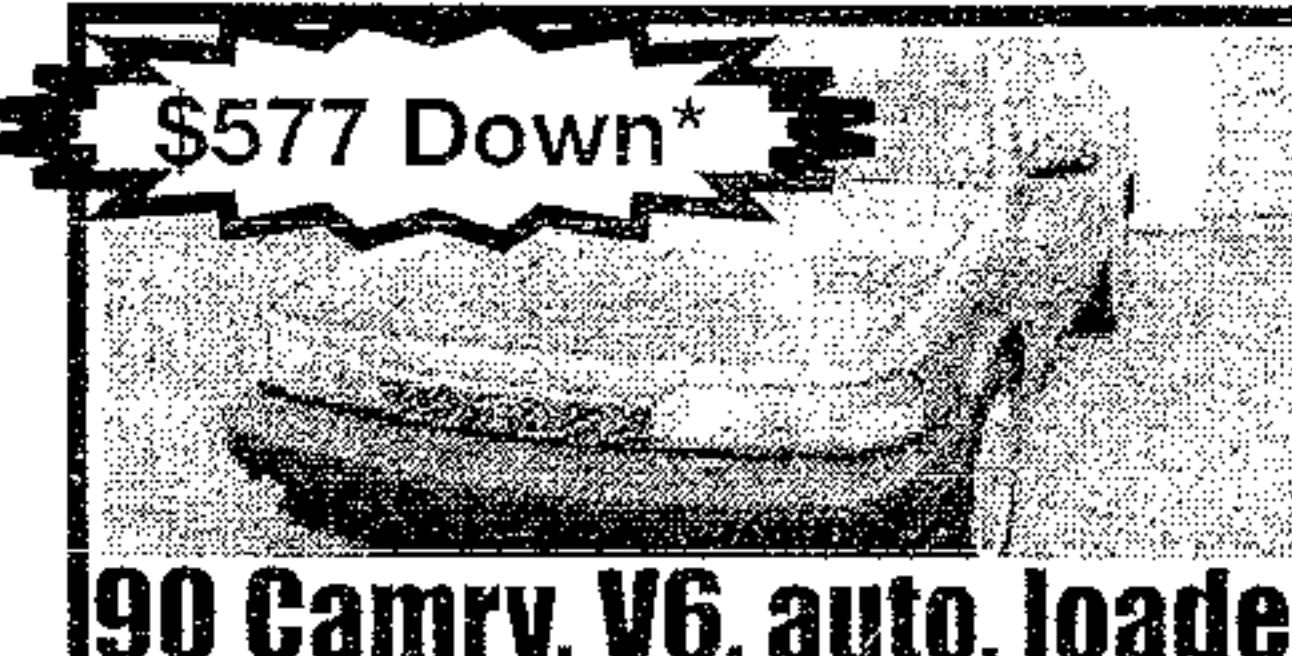




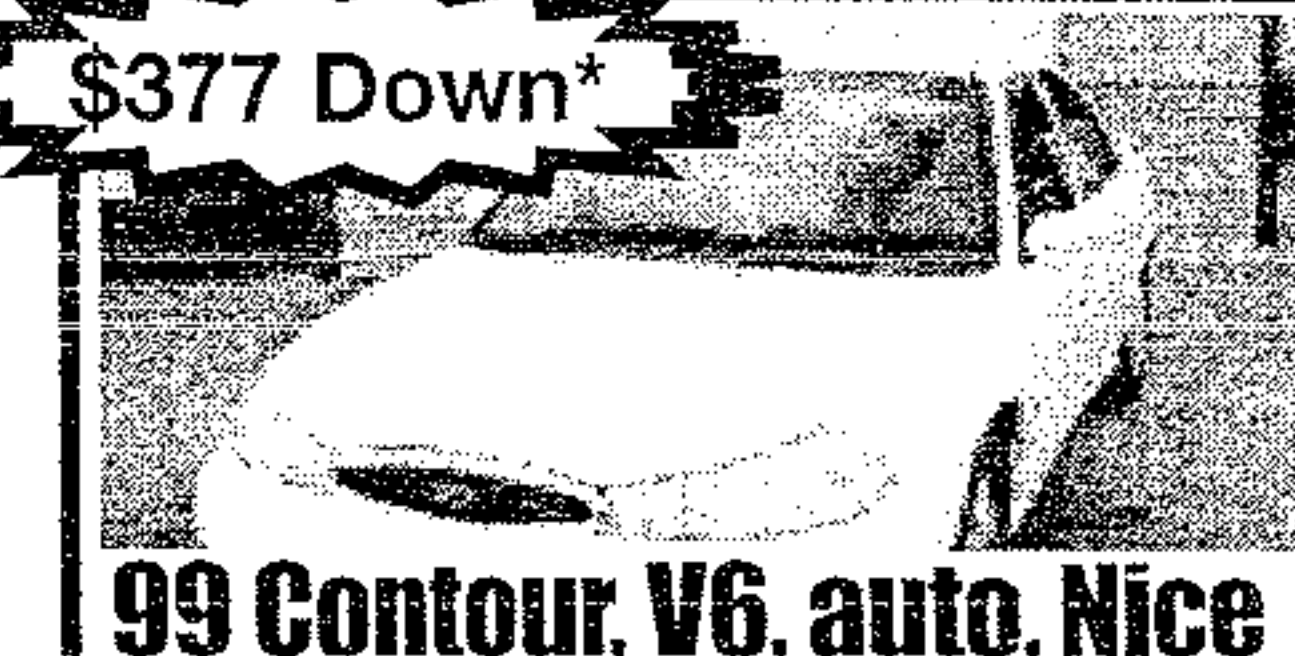
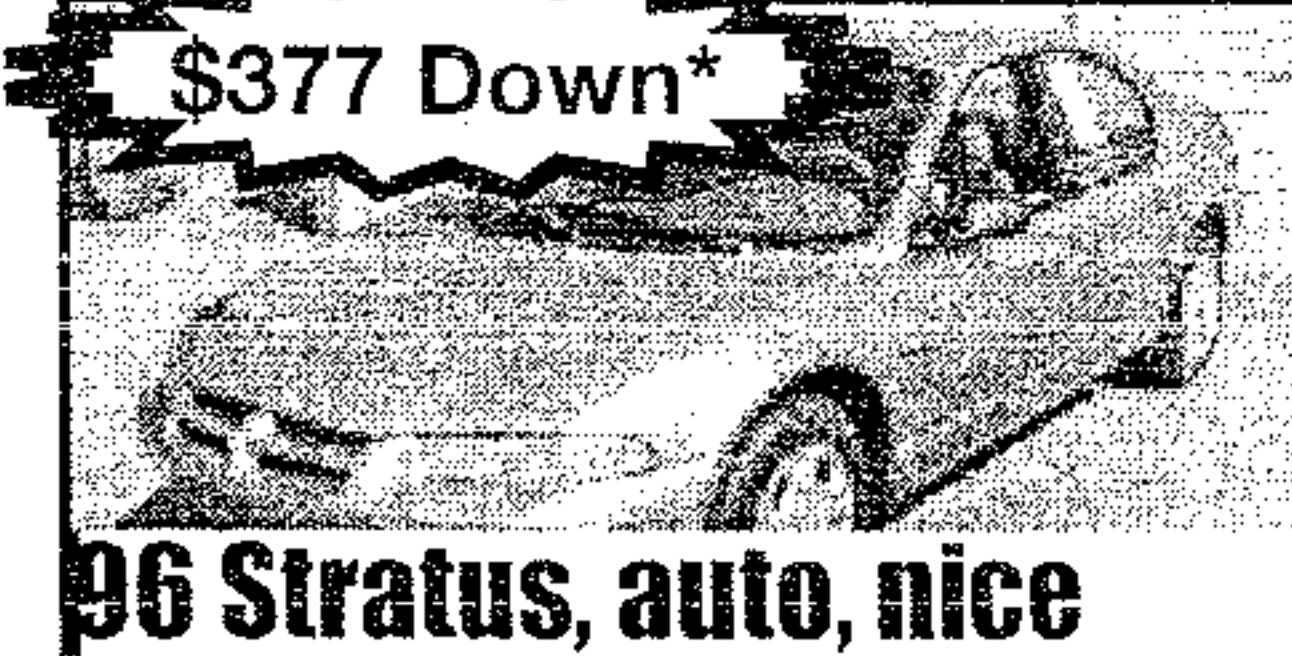
Along with the use of life jackets, TWRA wants to stress the responsible use of alcohol while boating. It is important to consider the effects of drinking and driving whether on water or land. In a boat on the water, the effects of alcohol increase because of external stressors such as engine vibration, wave motion and glare

from the sun. Operating a boat with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 or higher is illegal in Tennessee, the same as operating a motor vehicle.

For many Tennesseans, the Memorial Day weekend will be the first time to have the boat on the water this year.

TWRA officials say taking a few minutes to check some of the boat components may be the key to having a nice, safe day. Merely performing a simple maintenance check before getting on the water may prevent problems. Check hoses to make sure they are in good shape. Check spark plugs and be sure to use UL marine grade plugs. Make sure the lights work and carry extra fuses and bulbs.

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