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Thursday July 14, 2011

### Verse of the Day

There is a generation not washed from their filthiness.

#### Proverbs 30:12 **Obituaries**

Elsie Marie Fagg Maudie Mae Turner Greene Donna L. Kerr Turner Otis Young

### Wazzup

A great big Happy Birthday to Kenny Morgan out in Eerie, Pennsylvania- love you, bro; how does it feel to be gettin' so old???

If you haven't heard, the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive insect that destroys ash trees, was recently found in Grainger County. Please don't transport firewood and keep your eyes peeled for these heinous pests so we can maybe do away with them before they do away with all our ash trees!

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy with afternoon showers or thunderstorms. Humid. High 92. Winds ENE at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms, especially before midnight. Humid. Low 74. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

Friday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the low 70s.

### Horoscopes

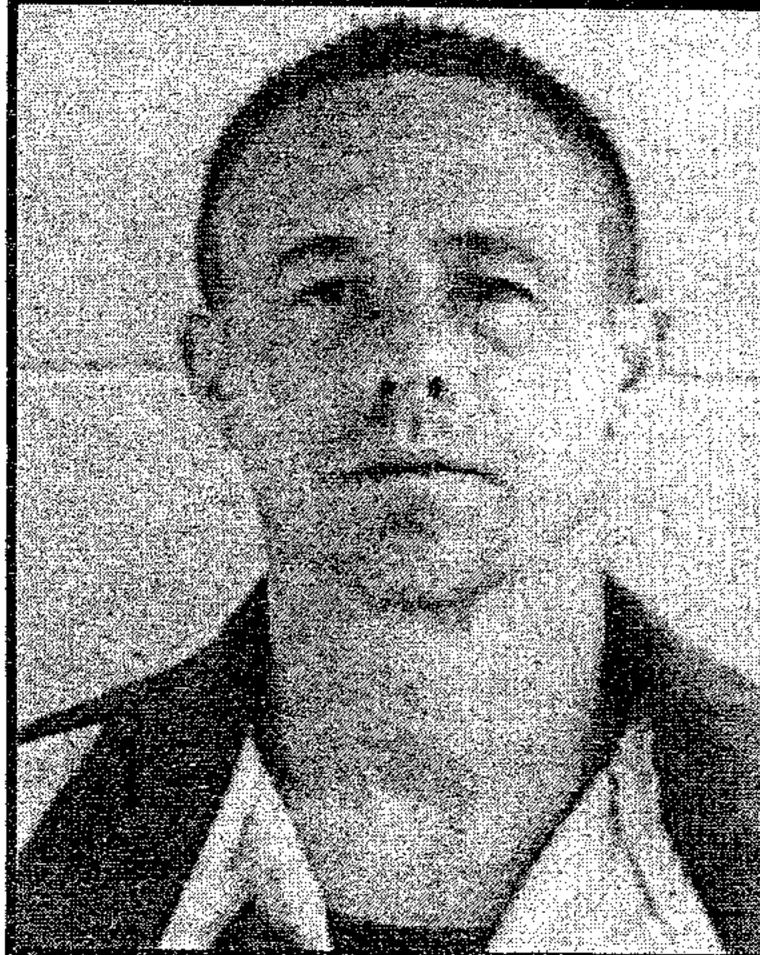
Cancer  $6/\bar{2}2-7/22$ 

Avoid the temptation to dive into new activities today --even though you feel fairly positive. If you are less than absolutely certain, you need to make sure that you're tak-

(Continued on page 2)

### Drunk driver makes bad situation worse in I-75 construction zone

A Sweetwater man is accused of endangering workers on the I-75 river bridge construction project as well as other motorists at large when he reportedly was driving so drunk he hit the barrier between the road and the workers, then nearly struck the bridge itself at least twice before running off the left side of the roadway into the grass. He received his fourth DUI charge and his fifth DORL for his efforts.



(see Harrison pg. 3) Harrison

### Tweakers busted at pharmacy Police keep picking 'em off like flies



Crabtree

Two women were taken into reportedly bought boxes of for methamphetamine. cold medicine at a Lenoir City



Anderson

pharmacy then told police they custody Monday after they had purchased them to trade

Wanda Sue Crabtree, 38,

(see Tweakers pg. 7)

### Stolengunfound at domestic call



Heaston

Sgt. Joe Foster arrested an Ohio man after responding to a local motel on a disturbance and finding he had a stolen handgun in his possession.

(see Heaston pg. 8)

### It's not "Cop," drop & roll!

When Officer Blake Norman asked a Loudon woman to perform field sobriety tasks, she reportedly started yelling, dropped to the ground, and began rolling away from the traffic stop.

(see Overton pg. 3)

### Fire truck fills with smoke at fire scene Melted wires found in cab

Rescuers reported finding the cab of a Philadelphia fire truck filled with smoke at the scene of a barn fire Sunday and upon checking, several melted wires were found in the cab of the truck.

(see Fire truck pg. 6)

### Haslam Requests Presidential Disaster for Seven Counties Requests Assistance for Anderson, Claiborne, Grainger, Henderson, Knox, Loudon & Marion Counties

Gov. Bill Haslam has asked disaster areas as a result of ing, hail and tornadoes on June President Obama to declare severe storms, straight-line

NASHVILLE - Tennessee seven counties as federal winds, flash flooding, flood-(see Assistance pg. 5)

### Harrison

William 'Blake' Harrison, 36, Monroe Street, Sweetwater was charged Friday with DUI 4th offense and driving on revoked 5th offense.

According to reports, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to a call concerning a reckless driver on Interstate 75 northbound. Upon arrival, deputy

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located a red Chevy Blazer traveling south on the interstate and followed it onto the river bridge where it swerved to the left and almost struck the barrier where construction workers were present. It then swerved to the right and almost struck the bridge twice before running off to the left and into the grass.

The driver was identified as William Har-

Mr. Harrison rison. had an odor of an intoxicating beverage on his breath and person, bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

Harrison stated he'd drank 3 or 4 beers. A check of his license through NCIC revealed, prior convictions for DUI on 2/24/10, 11/16/07 and 10/12/04.

Mr. Harrison also has

a revoked license for DUI and 4 prior convictions for driving on revoked on 11/16/09, 11/16/07, 8/12/088/31/06 and 12/12/07.

### Overton

Sharon Dean Overton, 61, Clyde Street, Loudon was charged Saturday with DUI 2nd offense.

According to records, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a black Chevy Impala pulling out of the Jiffy parking lot onto Grove Street and turning into the opposing lane of traffic. It proceeded on Grove Street and crossed the center line several times.

Officer Norman conducted a traffic stop at Clyde Street and identified the driver as Sharon Overton.

Ms. Overton had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person, bloodshot watery eyes and slurred speech. She advised she had been drinking.

When Officer Nor- Deputy Patterson man asked her to do a series of field sobriety tasks, Ms. Overton started yelling, laid down in the roadway and started rolling down the road. She then advised she

had medical problems.

Loudon County Rural Metro transported Ms. Overton to Fort Loudoun Medical Center where Officer Norman read her the implied consent form and she agreed to a blood test. She was then placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

#### **Police Beat**

Benjamin Elwayne 'Ben' Smith, 31, Blue Springs Road, Sweetwater was charged with domestic violence assault.

The report states, Sunday, around 3:07 PM, Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO responded to a domestic on Blue Springs Road and upon a arriving on scene and talking with the victim and neighbors, two neighbors stated they witnessed Benjamin Smith have the female victim pushed up against the barn by the throat and they called 911.

noted in his report he saw bruising about the victim's throat and back. Smith was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.



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#### Assistance

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Should this request for assistance be granted, Anderson, Claiborne, Grainger, Henderson, Knox, Loudon and Marion counties would have access to varying levels of federal assistance programs.

"This year, a series of natural disasters, including several historic floods and unprec-

several Tennessee families, businesses and communities," Haslam said. "Federal assistance would help people restore their lives and help local governments rebuild their infrastructure."

The severe impacts to the affected counties included: bridge washouts, mudslides, widespread debris and downed power lines blocking critical emergency routes. A lightning strike caused a edented storms have impacted complete failure of a sewer

treatment facility and an area airport was closed due to taxiway erosion and mud submersion.

Approximately 464,000 people in Claiborne and Knox Counties were impacted by the storms; there was one fatality and multiple individuals were transported for medical treatment of injuries. Two shelters were opened. In all, more than 300 homes were found to have suffered major damage making them uninhabitable.

In the request, Haslam seeks Individual Assistance for Knox and Claiborne counties, to include the Individuals and Households Program (IHP), Disaster Unemployment Assistance, Crisis Counseling, Disaster Food Stamp Program, American Bar Association Young Lawyers Legal Aid, and Small Businesses Administration disaster loans. The request also seeks assistance through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Haslam also seeks Public Assistance for all the counties in the request for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and rebuilding and repairing roads, bridges, water control facilities, buildings, utilities and recreational facilities.

Additional information about state and federal assistance for affected counties will be released as details become available.

More information on Tennessee's four previous federal disaster declarations in 2011 can be found on FEMA's website here: DR-1965, DR-1974, DR-1978 and DR-1979.

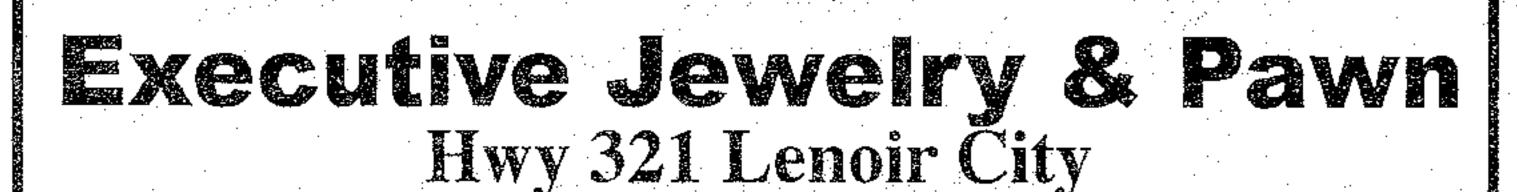
### Police Beat

Travis Brian Williams, 31, Pine Top Street, Loudon was charged Wednesday with violation of probatiion.

Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO made the arrest at the Justice Center.

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### Fire Truck

According to reports, B. Smith, Deputy LCSO responded to Branch Road Clear Sunday for a call of a barn fire. Philadelphia Volunteer Fire Department also responded for Mutual Aid for Loudon County Fire and Rescue.

While on the scene, the cab of a Philadelphia Fire truck filled with smoke. After the battery was disconnected the smoke stopped coming from the cab.

Deputy Smith noticed several wires appeared to be melted in the cab of the truck. No other information was available at the time of the report. The investigation is ongoing.

#### **Police Beat**

Jermey Nathan Dotson, 35, Coulter Street,

Loudon was charged with driving on revoked license.

According to reports, Monday, at approximately 1:00 AM, Officer Cody Fritts, LPD noticed a green Hyundai with only one headlight traveling south on Highway 11. He stopped the vehicle at GT Oil on Mulberry Street and identified the driver as Jermey Dotson.

A check of Dotson's

information revealed he has a revoked drivers license. He was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Jonathan Lee Winkler, 24, North Fork Road, Madisonville was charged with fail-

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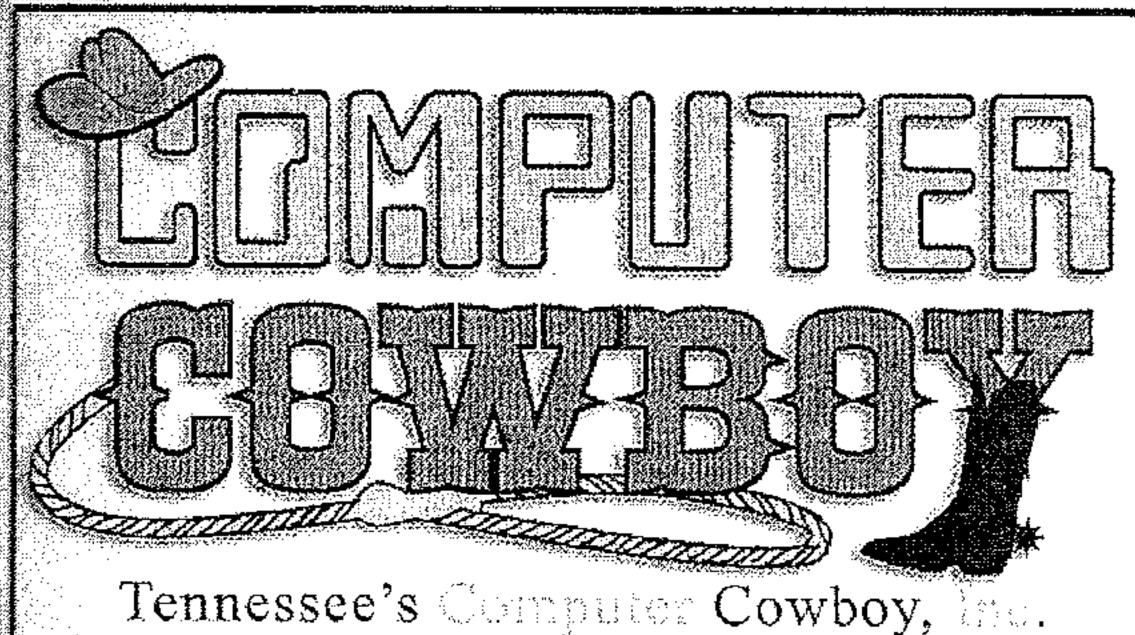
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Deputy Nathan Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Thursday at the Polk County Jail.

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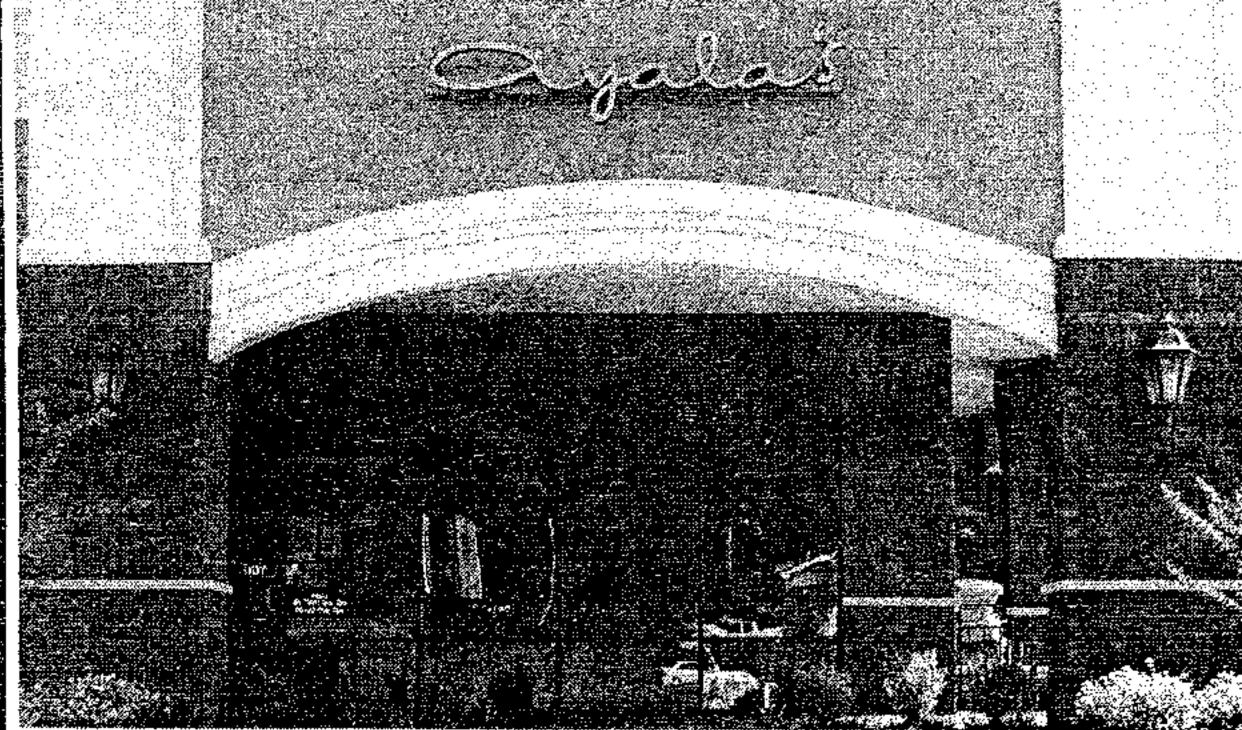
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#### Tweakers

County Road, 2, Calhoun was charged with promoting methamphetamine manufacture.

Detra Anne Anderson, 36, Woodward Park, Athens was also charged

with promotion of methamphetamine manufacture.

According to records, Monday, at approximately 7:06 PM, Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD was dispatched to the Walgreens for suspicious females in

the store purchasing pseudoephedrine. On arrival, Officer Whitt observed Wanda S. Crabtree standing outside the store with another female.

Ms. Crabtree stated she bought the cold medicine with the intent to trade it

for the finished product of methamphetamine.

Crabtree was out of jail on bond at the time of the purchase after being arrested on June 3, 2011 for intent to manufacture methamphetamine McMinn County:

Detra Anne Anderson reportedly also purchased one box of cold medication containing approximately 240 mg. of pseudoephedrine, a known methamphetamine precursor.

During a consensual search of the vehicle, Ms. Anderson had several needles in her possession, several of which had already been used. There was also a spoon found in the console that appeared to have methamphetamine residue on it.

During Officer K. Sennett's investigation of Ms. Anderson, Anderson admitted to using methamphetamine, and advised she trades boxes of cold medicine for methamphetamine.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD was also on the scene.

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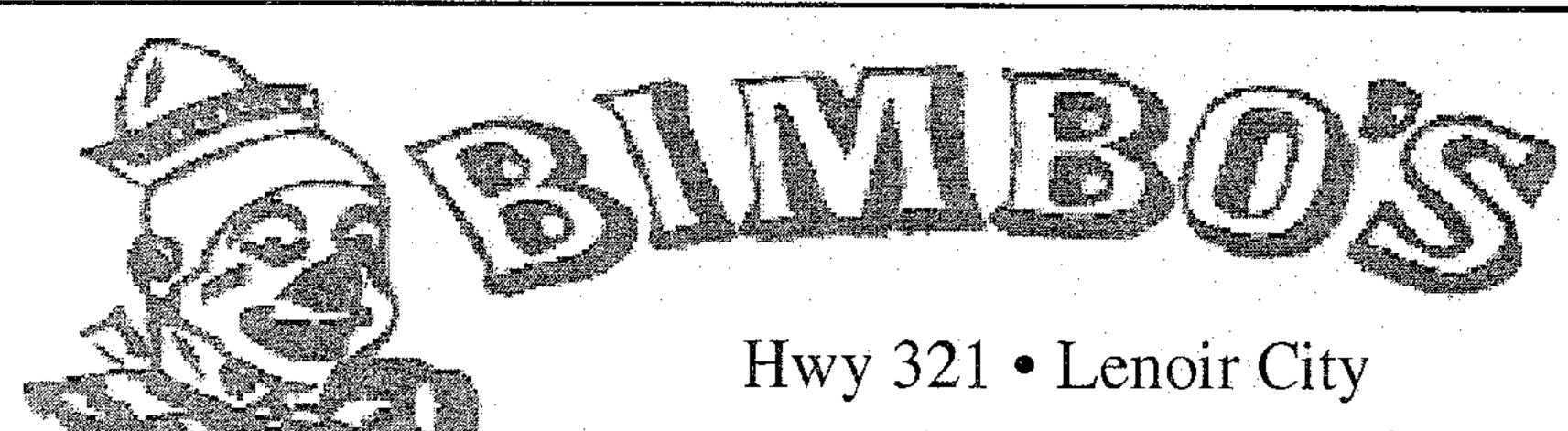
Patrick Deon Rapking, 38, Misty Springs Road, Knoxville was charged with DUI.

According to records, around 1:24 AM, Sunday, Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO noticed a green Chevy pickup traveling south on Interstate 75. The truck was traveling on the shoulder of the road, then crossed over the center line several times.

Deputy Lane conducted a traffic stop at the 76 exit and identified the driver as Patrick D. Rapking. Mr. Rapking had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, red watery eyes, slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

When asked if he had been drinking, Rapking stated he'd had some drinks at the Lenoir City Park. He performed poorly on all field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest.

Deputy Lane read him the implied consent advisement and he agreed to give a breath sample. Mr. Rapking was transported to the Loudon County Jail where he performed a breath test on the Intox EC/IR-II. His results were 0.20%.



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#### Heaston

Daniel J. Heaston, 51, Denny Lane, Riverside, Ohio was charged with possession of stolen property.

According to reports, Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD lice, Daniel Heaston was dispatched to the advised he had weap-Hampton Inn, 585 Fort Loudon Medical Park Drive, on a domestic dispute.

Upon arrival of po- ber automatic ons in his vehicle.

weapons through NCIC and a Beretta .25 cali-

came back stolen.

Mr. Heaston was taken into custody Sgt. Foster ran the and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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