

# DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, October 23, 2007

## Trio charged at Wal Mart

Three persons were taken into custody on various charges at Wal Mart after police noticed one of the men appeared to be overstuffing and stopped him. He reportedly was in possession of stolen merchandise.

David Earl Ball, 43, of Davidson (see Trio pg. 6)

## Couple caught with crack in traffic stop

When a Powell man was evasive and illogical with police during a traffic stop, officers became suspicious and soon discovered crack cocaine and drug paraphernalia was on his person and in the vehicle.

James Edward Roberts, 43, of Moose Trail Lane, Powell, and Tammy Lynn Moody, 43, of Moose Trail Lane, Powell were charged with poss. of sch. II and

(see Couple pg. 3)

## Sweater theft ends in arrest

Authorities arrested a young Loudon woman when she reportedly tried to steal two sweaters from a local department store.

Jessica Anne Flanary, 18, of Rosedale Avenue, Loudon, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, (see Sweaters pg. 8)

## September unemployment rate 4.7 percent

Labor force shows significant increase

Nashville, - Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development James Neeley announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for September was 4.7 percent, up 0.7 percentage point from August, attributable to a rise in the state's labor force. The national unemployment rate for September 2007 was also 4.7

(see Rate pg. 9)

## Better mind your manners, ya never know who's watching...

A Loudon man found himself jailed after he reportedly assaulted a woman holding a child at a local business while police observed from inside where they were eating a meal.

Jason Ray Hopping, 34 of (see Watching pg. 3)

## DVD theft lands local in hoosegow

A young Loudon man was jailed when he allegedly tried to steal two DVDs from a local department store.

Terry Dustin King, 19, of Loudon Ridge Road, Lenoir (see DVDs pg. 8)

## Driver crashes after drinking

A Knoxville man was charged with DUI after he crashed his vehicle along I-40 and upon being interviewed at the hospital reportedly told police he had been drinking prior to the wreck.

(see Driver pg. 4)

## Wreck results in DUI charge

A local man was taken to jail following an accident with injury where he was found to have been driving under the influence of alcohol.

Edward D. Gilman, 52, of Inskip Road, Philadelphia, (see DUI pg. 8)

## Federal Monitor Updates U.S. District Court on continuing improvements at DCS

Department 'Has Much To Show For Its Effort,' Progress Report Notes

Nashville - A federal monitor's report, filed last week in U.S. District Court, confirms that the Tennessee Department of Children's Services continues to make sweeping changes that are already leading to significant improvements in families' lives.

While DCS still has work to do before it can exit federal court oversight, the department has greatly reduced (see DCS pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

*When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.*

*Ecclesiastes 5:4*

## Obituaries

Donna Kay Jenkins Ragan

## Weather:

Today: Showers & thunder-showers in the morning, then cloudy with rain likely in the afternoon. High 73.

Tonight: Cloudy with show-

ers. Low 57.

Wednesday: Chance of showers. Highs: low 60s; Lows: low 50s.

## Wazzup

Happy 8th Birthday, Bryce Ritter - we love you "Bweedal!"

## Horoscopes

### Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Today is much more about life's small pleasures than about huge successes or long-term planning. In fact, you're much better (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Couple

poss. of drug paraphernalia.

According to the reports, Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD was assisting Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD on a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle was James Roberts.

When Roberts was asked about his trip the answers he gave

did not seem logical and he was evasive with his answers.

Roberts had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and when asked for consent Roberts said no.

K9 Bear was brought the scene and deployed and he alerted on the vehicle. A search produced a small amount of a

white rock like substance believed to be crack cocaine.

During a search of Roberts shoes a glass tube with steel wool was pushed into one end and it had burn marks on the same end. Also found in the vehicle was more steel wool substance. Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD made the arrests.

## Watching

Grove St., Loudon, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy Jerramie Bowen and Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD were eating at Buddy's BBQ. While there a subject and his girlfriend were arguing in

the parking lot over money at that time. Mr. Hopping then tried to take the child out of his girlfriend's arms and pushed her and swung at her.

Deputies went outside and took Hopping into custody.

The victim stated the argument was over money and he would not give her anymore. Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

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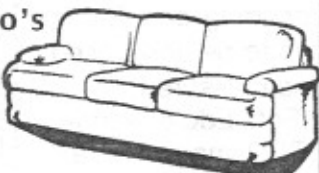
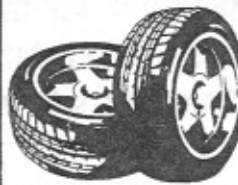
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## Driver

Stefan Earl Thompson, 23, of Victoria Drive, Knoxville, was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Thompson was involved in a crash on I-40 and had already been transported to UT Hospital. Trooper Rodney Redmon went to the hospital and observed Thompson with slurred speech and an odor consistent with that of an alcoholic beverage about his person.

Mr. Thompson stated he had been

drinking prior the crash. Trooper Rodney Redmon, THP made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Lauriano Almanza Espinoza, 31, of Seed Tick Road, Philadelphia, was charged with no driver license, financial resp. and speeding.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Espinoza for speeding and found him to be unlicensed and uninsured.

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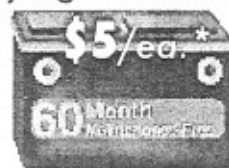
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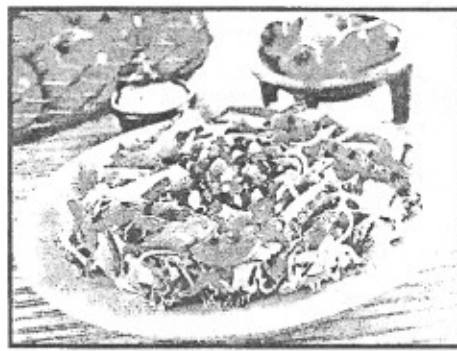
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## Obituaries

**Donna Kay Jenkins Ragan**, age 54 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday morning, October 21, 2007. Donna was a member of North-shore Church of God. She had attended Lee University in Cleveland. Donna operated Aunt Donnas Preschool in Lenoir City for many years. She was a loving, Christian mother and grandmother. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Ragan and her father, Rev. Haskel Jenkins. Donna is survived by her sons, Travis Ragan and wife, Cassandra of Kingston and Matthew Ragan of Houston, TX; grandson, Brady Ragan; mother, Virginia Jenkins of Lenoir City; brother, Terry Jenkins of Knoxville; sister, Pam Patty of Lenoir City; nieces, Courtney At-nip of Nashville and Katy Hannah of Lenoir City; nephews, Nathan Ostrander of Nashville and Daniel Jenkins of Knoxville along with great niece, Addison Hannah. The family will

receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. at Sixth Avenue Church of God with Rev. James Bandy officiating. Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and proceed to Lakeview cemetery for 4 p.m. graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Ragan family.

### Trio

vis Lane, Jellico, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD found merchandise totaling \$37.08 stuffed into Ball's pants in the parking lot of Wal Mart. An employee of the store identified the merchandise as property of the store. Lt. John M. Tinnel, LCPD made the arrest.

Charles Cecil King, 36, of Hoot Owl Hollow Road, Jellico, was

charged with poss. of drug paraphernalia. King was found to be in possession of a syringe used to inject narcotics. Lt. John M. Tinnel, LCPD made the arrest.

Linda Engle, 45, of Aster Lane, Gray, KY, was charged with poss. of drug paraphernalia. According to the report, Engle was a passenger in a vehicle where the driver was charged with shoplifting. Upon making contact Engle was seated in the vehicle and stated there were crack pipes in the center console and the officer found two metal pipes com-

monly used to smoke crack cocaine. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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"We are very pleased. We know where we stand. We've been hard at work, and we're still hard at work," said Dr. Viola P. Miller, the DCS commissioner.

"There were absolutely no surprises in the latest monitor's report - which is exactly how you want it to be."

Under the Brian A. consent decree, DCS pledged to improve the functioning of the department and to

embrace the best-practice standards for every aspect of child-welfare policy and practice.

"In the six years since the entry of the Brian A. Settlement agreement," the monitoring report states, "the department has much to show for its effort."

The most recent monitor's report points out "areas in which the Department's hard work has achieved demonstrably better results for children and families."

Among them:

- Only 10 percent of children entering care are now placed in congregate care settings, half the rate of such placements six years ago. Congregate care placements are in non-

family settings, including group homes.

- Eighty-five percent of children who came into care in 2006 as part of a sibling group were placed together, a substantially higher rate than many systems achieve.

- There are fewer children in foster care now than at any time since the entry of the Settlement Agreement, and the department has accomplished this reduction while maintaining a stable rate of re-entry into foster care.

- DCS has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for impressive increases in the number of children for whom it has successfully found adoptive homes.

- The department now routinely seeks a permanent family for every child in its care.

Meantime, DCS remains committed to improving its performance even more, specifically focusing on higher quality casework. DCS also recognizes that it needs to attract even more relative caregivers and to support better all of its resource parents.

The Brian A. lawsuit was filed by New York-based Children's Rights Inc. on behalf of Tennessee's foster children.

A group of noted public-child-welfare experts from around the country - the Technical Assistance Committee - serves as the

federal court monitor, while also advising and assisting DCS in its ongoing reform efforts.

The consent decree is in the court of U.S. District Judge Todd J. Campbell in Nashville.

The department currently has 8,313 children in state custody. Of those, 6,462 are in foster care, the population that is covered by the Brian A. settlement agreement.

The remaining youth have been adjudicated delinquent by the state's juvenile court judges and placed into DCS custody.

The report is available at [www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/TA-CReport9.12.07.pdf](http://www.tn.gov/youth/dcsguide/TA-CReport9.12.07.pdf)

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## Sweaters

Ms. Flanary did take 2 sweaters from Wal Mart and take the tags off inside the store and put them in her pocketbook. She then attempted to leave the store without paying.

The total of the items was \$25.76. Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made the arrest.

## DVDs

City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report King was stopped by Wal Mart loss prevention concealing 2 DVDs worth \$42.29 without paying for them.

Lt. David Flynn, LCPD made the arrest.

## DUI

was charged with DUI 1st, failure to exercise

due care and financial resp.

According to the report, Gilman was involved in a crash with injury on Hotchkiss Valley Road. During the investigation Trooper Russell Smith, THP discovered Gilman stated he had drunk 2 1/2 beers around 9:00 p.m. prior to driving.

Gilman had slurred speech and seemed confused at the scene. He also has no insurance. Trooper Russell Smith, THP made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Jody Conley Skipper, 23, of Hwy 11, Philadelphia, was charged with driving on revoked, simple poss. of marijuana and poss. of drug par-

aphernalia.

According to the report, Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD observed Jody Skipper driving a white vehicle on Commerce St. and had prior knowledge his license was not valid

and stopped Skipper.

A check showed Skipper to have a revoked license.

A search of the vehicle produced a marijuana roach in the ashtray and a pack of rolling papers in the

seat. Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrest.

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## Rate

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"The unemployment rate for September was 4.7 percent, up from the August rate

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of 4.0, the result of 18,100 new job seekers entering the labor force last month," said Commissioner Neely. "We have seen Tennessee's jobless rate decline over the past year from when it was 5.1 percent in September 2006."

August-to-September gains were seasonal, with government increasing 13,600; administrative, support, and waste services

(which are primarily temporary workers) increased 2,500; and educational services increased 2,400. Month-to-month declines included leisure and hospitality, down 4,900, and slight decreases industry wide in manufacturing, down 1,100; retail trade was down 900.

The leisure and hospitality sector led those areas doing well over the year, with gains

of 8,300. Construction was the single, strongest category of employment growth, increasing by 7,300 and indicating non-residential, government, and hospital-ity construction more than offset declines in residential housing construction. Major employment declines over the year were in manufacturing, down

10,700, and in clothing and accessories stores, down 1,600.

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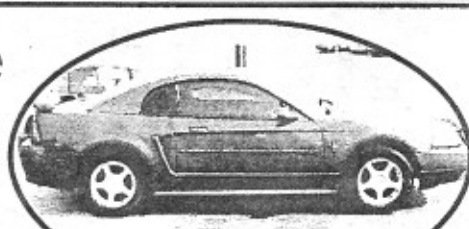
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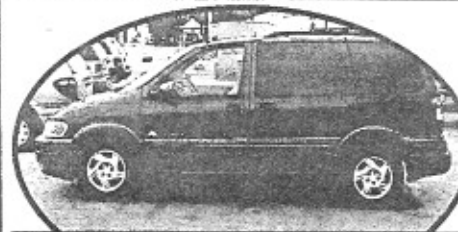
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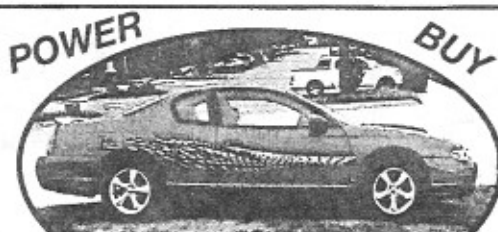
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