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Tuesday, November 6, 2007

### Trooper nabs man with numerous, Unlicensed DUI driver flees scene drugs in traffic stop

Trooper Carey Hixson, THP stopped a white vehicle for failing to maintain lane control and after receiving multiple motorist complaints that had been called in. When stopped the driver was soaked in sweat. fumbled excessively, was very talkative and his eyes were erratic in travel.

The man was identified as Michael L. Devault and he (see Devault pg. 6)





(see Perez pg. 3)

Authorities were called to a local golf center Wednesday when four golf carts were discovered missing.

Cpl. Pete McGinley, LCSD, reported he spoke with Jeff Gagley of Tanasi Golf Center, Tanasi Point, who advised someone took four Club Car gas powered gold carts from the business sometime overnight.

(see Stolen pg. 4)

### Golf carts stolen BMW loses exhaust system at Greenback auto shop

A Maryville man called po- his vehicle was at a Greenlice Wednesday to repot his back auto repair shop. exhaust system stolen while

According to records, Wil-

(see BMW pg. 8)

### Tail-gater gets DUI after phone call

tailgated another motorist, driver later blew .17% on an

Police arrested a Jacks- prompting a call to police boro man after he reportedly that led to a traffic stop. The

(see Geddings pg. 7)

### Door vandalized

A local woman called police Wednesday when someone broke her sliding glass door during the wee hours of the morning.

According to reports, Lori Wiles, Wade Road West, told Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSD, she and her family heard a loud noise around 1:00 a.m. and on checking found the rear sliding glass

(see Door pg. 4)

### TN Dept. of Health leads national E. coli outbreak investigation Totino's and Jeno's Brand Frozen Pizzas Recalled Across the U.S.

The Tennessee Depart- appears to be associated topping. A total of 21 labo- linked with this outbreak, ment of Health is leading a with consumption of Totino's ratory-confirmed cases of national outbreak investiga- and Jeno's brand frozen piz-

E. coli O157:H7 have been tion of E. coli O157:H7 that zas containing pepperoni identified and are potentially

with illness onsets ranging from mid-July through early October. Of the eight cases (see Investigation pg. 9)

#### Verse of the day

Thus speaketh LORD of hosts, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew mercy and compassions every man to his brother:

Zechariah 7:9

#### Obituaries

Richard Lee Halcomb

#### Weather:

Today: Sun and a few passing clouds. Cooler. High 53.

Tonight: Mostly clear skies.

Cold. Low 28. Wednesday: More sun

than clouds. Highs: mid 50s; Lows: upper 20s.

### Wazzup

Have ya noticed how ya can't even find a parking spot at places like A.J.'s anymore now that the new smoking ban is in effect???

### Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

It's a great day for brainstorming, as long as you're part of a group. The social energy should drive your brain to come up with all

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

#### Perez

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Officer Nathan Wilson LCPD was dispatched to Pike Street on a report of a hit and run. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the victim who reported a gray Ford Thunderbird had ran through her fence.

Upon searching the area the officer found the vehicle on Maple Street. The officer also found Claudio Perez at the residence and



Claudio Perez

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he admitted to driving the car and hitting the fence.

Mr. Perez had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unable to perform sobriety tasks and was unsteady on his feet. Perez reaistered .27% on the intoximeter and admitted to drinking 12 beers. Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD made the arrest.

Claudio Perez, 23, of Maple Street, Lenoir City was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, driving without a license and driving under the influence.

#### Police Beat

Pilar Chavez, 45, of Kingston Pike, Knoxville, was charged

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with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD stopped Chavez for speeding 54 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone and upon checking his information found Chavez to be unlicensed. Officer Nathan Wilson, LCPD made the arrest.

Whitney Lynn Presley, 21, of Grove Street, Loudon, was charged with driving on a suspended license.

According to the report, Officer Scott Wallace, LPD observed a blue vehicle run a stop sign and stopped it. The driver Ms. Presley was found to have a suspended license

for failure to satisfy a citation. Officer Scott Wallace, LPD made the arrest.

Salamon Fernandez Cortex, 40, of Hwy 2105, Bonnlevel, NC, was charged with DUI 1st. According to the report, Mr. Cortex was walking through the Pilot parking lot and was unsteady on his feet. Mr. Cortex then drove through the alley behind the store and didn't stop for a stop sign.

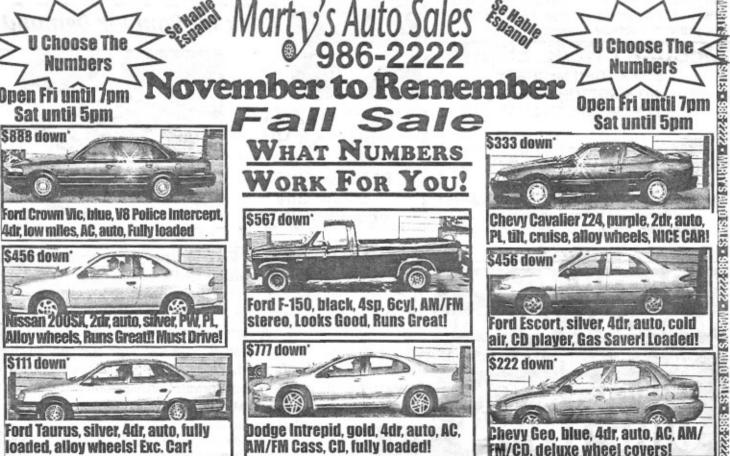
Mr. Cortex had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unable to perform sobriety tasks.

Sgt. Joe Foster. LCPD made the arrest.

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#### Stolen

Gagley advised the carts the were locked up together with wire cable and it was noted the cable had been cut to remove the carts.

The loss was valued at \$1200.

#### Door

had been shattered by a rock.

The officer reported Wiles advised they saw no one and no other evidence was found. The value of the damage was estimated at \$350.

#### Police Beat

James Lellen Oody, 61, of Head of the Creek Road, Sweetwater, was charged with driving on revoked and VOP.

According to the report, Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD observed Oody driving a vehicle

and had prior knowledge his license was revoked and Oody was not wearing a seat belt.

Upon stopping Oody he was found to have a revoked license and an outstanding warrant for VOP. According to the affidavit, Oody was convicted of SP, DOSL, speeding, DORL, and DUI 1st and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$2910; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$90; was arrested on new charge 4-11-07; failed to respond to notices; failed to complete A/D assessment and failed to attend DUI school.

Officer Jonathan Yates, LPD made the arrest.

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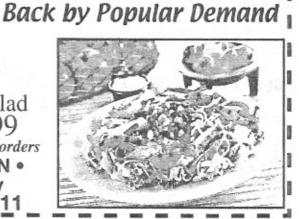
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**Obituaries** 

Richard Lee Halcomb. 70, of West Knoxville, died Sunday evening. November 4, 2007 at Parkwest Hospital. Richard was a member and Deacon of Ball Camp Baptist Church, retired employee of Tennessee Associated Electrical Co, Member of IBEW Local 760, and veteran if U.S. Navv. Preceded in death by parents, Charles and Marie Schroerluke Halcomb: brother, Charles D, Halcomb. Survivors: wife, Joyce weaver Halcomb; sons, Allen Halcomb, Knoxville, and Mark Halcomb. Loudon; daughter, Pam Halcomb, Oak Ridge: brother, Ted Halcomb, Paint Rock; grandson, Jamie Halcomb, Walland; nieces and nephews. Funeral services 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Ball Camp Baptist Church, Dr. Ed Sunday-Winters, Rev. Steve Foster, Rev. Ron Schumann and Bro. Ted Halcomb

officiating. In lieu of flowers family requests donations to Ball camp Baptist Church Building fund or Church in the Wildwood. Family and friends will meet at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in the Wildwood Cemetery, Paint Rock, for graveside services. Family will receive friends 5:30 - 7: 30 p.m. Wednesday at ball Camp Baptist Church prior to funeral services. Loudon Funeral Home in charge.

#### Devault

performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

During a search of the vehicle the trooper found oxycontin, oxycodone, seriquin and crack cocaine. Paraphernalia was also discovered which included a glass pipe with residue, brass scouring pads, burnt scouring pads, ink pen insert with residue, pill grinder, and crack was hidden under the window con-

trol of the passenger door.

Michael L. Devault, 45, of W. 3rd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with DUI, poss. of sch. II 3 counts, viol. of implied consent, and suspended license. Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest.

#### Police Beat

Jean Riley Whitaker, 49, of Old Sinking Creek Road, Greenback, was charged with DUI 1st.

According to the report, Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD observed a red vehicle make an illegal turn onto Grove St and stopped it.

The driver, Ms Whitaker had slurred speech and stated she was lost and coming from downtown Knoxville.

Ms. Whitaker performed poorly on sobriety tasks and registered .12% on the intoximeter at the jail. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

F.Y.I

Cross Connection will be singing at the Bell Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, November 11, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is invited.

American Legion Post 70 of Lenoir City is sponsoring the annual Veterans Day ceremony on Friday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. at the American Legion Memorial Building at 103 B Street in Lenoir City. Everyone is invited to the free presentation in honor of all the men and women who have served and continue to serve in the armed forces, with a special remembrance of those who died in preserving our freedom.

Beginning Monday, October 8, 2007, LCSD Toys for Tots applications are available at the Sheriff's Department and at the Department of Human Services in Lenoir City. All Applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by November 21, 2007.

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#### Geddings

intox test after going to jail for DUI.

Calvin Jimmy Geddings Jr., 39, of Eagle Bluff Road, Jacksboro, was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD received a call in reference to a reckless driver coming into the city from Roane County

that was tailgating the complainant, almost running him off the road several times.

The officer observed the vehicle stop at the Citgo and asked Geddings to speak with him.

Geddings had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his feet. Geddings registered .17% on the

intoximeter at the jail. Sgt. Brian Jenkins. LPD made the arrest.

#### Deadbeat Dads

Gary Neal Norman. 35, of Crock Road, Loudon, was charged with an attachment for child support in the amount of \$238.

Corporal Teresa Smith, LCSD made the arrest at the courthouse in Loudon.

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Christopher Thomas Davis, 29, of Riverview Drive, Clinton. was charged with an attachment for child support in the amount of \$191 and a mittimus out of juvenile court.

Deputy John Maples, LCSD made the arrest at the old courthouse in Loudon.

Joseph Daniel Cagley, 32, of Pike Street, Lenoir City was charged with an attachment out of juvenile court for child support in the amount of \$335.

Corporal Teresa Smith ,LCSD made the arrest at the old courthouse in Loudon.

#### Police Beat

Jay Travis Lyles, 20, of Lawhon Farm Road, was charged with underage consumption.

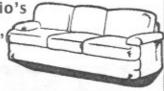
According to the report, Lyles was found to be under the influence and is only 20 years of age.

Officer April Farmer, LPD made the arrest.

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#### BIMW

liam Fox told Deputy Freddie Gene Walker. LCSD, he dropped off his 1989 BMW at Greenback Auto Center to have the transmission removed in April 9 and they later agreed upon a price to make repairs. While the vehicle was at the Highway 411 South business, someone took the catalytic converter and muffler from

Fox reportedly stated workers at Greenback Auto Center kept telling him the car would be ready on Friday and this was several Fridays ago. On Wednesday. he was told to come and get the vehicle. they no longer wanted it on their property.

Fox reported the muffler had been replaced

with another one and there was some problems with the torque converter. He also spoke with the owner of the business.

The officer noted he explained the repairs were a civil matter and

Fox would have to visit the Clerk's office.

#### Police Beat

Hunberto Gutierrez Ramirez, 25, of W. Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Ramirez was stopped for failing to stop at a stop sign. He was found to be unlicensed. Sat. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.



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#### Investigation

reported in Tennessee, five people were hospitalized, however all eight patients have now recovered.

Cases of illness have been reported in a total of 10 states, which are as follows: Illinois-1, Kentucky-3, Missouri- 2, New York-2, Ohio- 1, Pennsylvania- 1, South Dakota- 1, Tennessee- 8. Virginia- 1, and Wisconsin- 1.

As a result of the possible contamination, General Mills, the parent company of Totino's and Jeno's brand products, has issued a voluntary recall of 414,000 cases of pizza products. The company is working closely with federal officials and state health departments to identify any potential problem. Totino's and Jeno's pizzas are sold in the freezer section at grocery stores and other outlets throughout Tennessee and nationwide. The Department advises consumers not to eat any Totino's or Jeno's brand frozen pizzas containing pepperoni topping.

An ongoing investigation by Tennessee and other state and federal public health officials has shown a strong association between several cases of recent illness and consumption of Totino's and Jeno's pizzas that contain pepperoni." said Tennessee Deputy State Epidemiologist Tim F. Jones, M.D. "The Department is working closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to identify additional information about the extent of the outbreak.'

Consumers with questions about the recall should contact the company at 1-800-949-9055. Representatives also can

provide information about receiving a full refund for Totino's or Jeno's pizza products. More information can also be obtained on the General Mills Web site at http://www. generalmills.com/corporate/media\_center/

index.aspx. Consumers who have any of these Totino's pizzas in their freezers should not eat them," said Jones. "Anyone who has eaten the product but did not become ill need not take any special action. People who have severe diarrhea should seek medical care, and let their doctors know if they have consumed frozen pizza within the week before they became sick.

Escherichia coli O157:H7 is a common cause of foodborne illness. An estimated 73,000 cases of infection and 61 deaths occur in the United States each year. People generally become

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ill from E. coli O157: H7 two to eight days after being exposed to the bacteria, with an average onset of illness of three to four days after exposure. E. coli O157:H7 infection often causes severe bloody diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most people recover completely within five to 10 days, but some people, particularly young children and the elderly, are at increased risk for serious illness. Antibiotic therapy is not necessary for most patients, and may increase the risk of complications.

Cattle are the principal source of E. coli O157 infection; they carry E. coli O157 in their intestines. Though most illness caused by E. coli O157 has been associated with eating undercooked, contaminated ground beef, people have also become ill from eating contaminated bean

sprouts, fresh leafy vegetables such as lettuce and spinach. and other foods. E. coli in food can be killed by thorough cooking. but the bacteria can survive undercooking or uneven cooking, as may happen in some microwave ovens. Consumers are reminded to thoroughly cook all products that are not ready-to-eat, such as frozen pizzas, according to package instructions.

For more information on the product recall, visit the Department of Health Web site at http://health. state.tn.us/or the U.S. Department of Agriculture Web site at http://www.fsis.usda. gov/News\_&\_Events/ Recall\_049\_2007\_ Release/index.asp. To learn more about E. coli infection and how to prevent it, vis-it http://health.state. tn.us/FactSheets/ ecoli.htm.



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