

# DAILY EDITION

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Tuesday, December 18, 2007

## It's just a matter of time before they kill somebody

It's happened in Hamblen County and other areas and will soon happen here if something isn't done now. Each and every single day another unlicensed, uninsured driver is nabbed on our roadways. Those same people are now becoming bolder and drinking and then when stopped now

they don't wanna go to jail. It's just a matter of time before these illegal drivers kill someone whose only sentence is a fine. This time an unlicensed, uninsured driver hit a pedestrian and took off. What can be done? Let us know what you think.

Martin Gonzalas Martinez, 31, of Cox Road, Loudon, (see Martinez pg. 3)



Martin Gonzalas Martinez

## Unlicensed driver gets DUI

An unlicensed Lenoir City man was jailed when police saw him nearly collide with a telephone pole and upon stopping his vehicle found he was under the influence of alcohol with no legal privilege to drive.

Roberto Rafael Perez, 28, of Highland Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 1st, driving without a license and implied consent.

(see Perez pg. 7)

## Hey soldier, the fight is over there

An active military member was apprehended after baring his privates at the Waffle House and then knifing a patrol car.

According to the report, at approximately 2:30am Justin Giancarlo Viola was found at the Waffle House flattening the tires of Lt. Da-

(see Viola pg. 3)



Justin Giancarlo Viola

## Booze, pills bad combo for GA man

A Georgia man who reportedly is no stranger to driving under the influence was taken into custody after his vehicle was stopped for

speeding and he was found to be under the influence of alcohol in possession of narcotics.

Dustin L. Starkey, 28, of (see Starkey pg. 4)

## Tennessee's November paycheck

Nashville, — November 2007 collections of the Tennessee Department of Revenue were \$819,741,644, an increase of \$66,395,439 or 8.8 percent over November 2006 collections.

Sales and use tax collections totaled \$559,374,112, an increase of \$23,622,205

or 4.4 percent over the November 2006 collections.

Collections from the retail trade group increased 2.3 percent. Items with significant changes include:

\*Motor vehicle dealers and service stations: up 6.3 percent (with a 3.3 percent increase in the new, used

(see Collections pg. 8)

## Beating the holiday blues

Nashville, — For many individuals, the holiday season is a time for visiting friends, exchanging gifts and simply enjoying the hustle and bustle of shopping malls and seasonal festivities. For

others, the season is not so blissful. In fact, it is not uncommon for people to feel down, even depressed during this time, suffering from a condition labeled as the "holiday blues."

(see Blues pg. 9)

## Verse of the day

And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. Luke 1:14

## Obituaries

Ruth Bozeman Clanton  
Harrison DuVaughn Jenkins  
Boyd Raymond Littleton

Brian Kevin Phillips  
Joel Leslie Price  
Gleneva Cagley Chambers

## Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. High 53.

Tonight: Mainly cloudy. Low

34.

Wednesday: Considerable cloudiness. Highs: low 50s; Lows: low 40s.

## Wazzup

Thank you for the wonderful evening, Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins. Good job, Sharon & David, the food was great!

## Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your good energy is helping you have fun with pretty much everything you've got to do today, from taking out

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Martinez

was charged with evading arrest, no driver license, resisting arrest and financial resp.

According to the report, LCPD officers received a call of a hit and run of a pedestrian on Cox Road in Loudon. Dispatch advised the vehicle was headed toward Lenoir City.

Sgt. Eddie Range, attempted to stop the vehicle, which the driver was operating and refused to stop, and made a left turn onto G Street and then made a turn into the back alley and stopped the car behind 609 W. Broadway and jumped out of the car and ran inside the home.

Sgt. Range and Of-

ficer Dennis Guider made entry into the residence and Martinez started resisting arrest. Martinez has no license and no insurance. There were no further charges found at press time from the hit and run of a pedestrian in Loudon. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Debra Lee

McHaffee, 26, of Wilmouth Run, Knoxville, was charged with suspended license, failure to exercise due care and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range stopped Debra for running a red light. A check of her license showed them to be suspended and she has no insurance.

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Brian Anthony Addeo, 32, of E. 3rd Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with a mittimus.

Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD made the arrest.

Darryl L. Foust, 45, of Foust Dr., Knoxville, was charged with a warrant out of Knox County for bad checks.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

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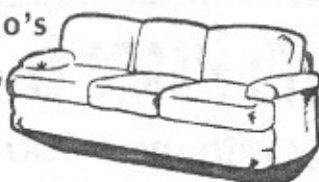
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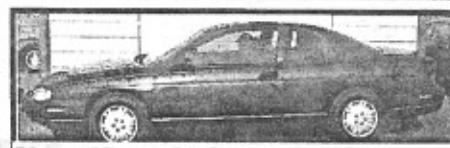
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## Starkey

Beavers Road, Summerville, was charged with DUI 2nd, poss. of sch. III and suspended 2nd.

According to the report, Trooper Kevin Smith, THP observed a vehicle speeding 75mph in a 65mph zone and stopped it. The driver, Mr. Starkey had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the

vehicle and seemed to be preoccupied with other items in the vehicle.

The trooper later found a bottle of Cooks wine that had approximately 1/4 left in it, along with an empty beer can.

Starkey performed poorly on sobriety tasks and the officer found a blue pill later determined to be Lortab.

Starkey was also

found to have a suspended license with one prior conviction and a prior DUI. Trooper Kevin Smith, THP made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Nolvia Pineda Torres, 31, of Pine Ridge Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license.

According to the report, Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD stopped Torres for failing to stop for a school bus

and found him to have no license. Lt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD made the arrest.

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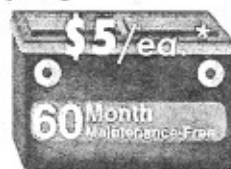
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Upon making contact, Perez had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was extremely unsteady on his feet. A check of his information showed Perez to be unlicensed as well.

a BAC test. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

vid Flynn's patrol car. Viola used a pocket-knife to flatten the tire of the vehicle.

Upon approaching Viola he tried to run and was apprehended before he could get too far.

Upon apprehending Viola it was noticed he had a strong odor of an alcoholic

beverage about his breath and body. He had slurred speech and bloodshot eyes.

It was determined by witnesses that Viola had been dropping his pants and exposing his buttocks against the window of the Waffle House while patrons were trying to eat.

Viola was a danger to himself and others and was an an-

noyance as well. The estimated damage to the vehicle was approximately \$300.

Justin Giancarlo Viola, 21, of Northern Pine Loop, Aliso Viejo, CA, was charged with public intoxication, vandalism to a vehicle and indecent exposure.

Viola was listed as active military as well. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrest.

Curtis Paul Sorrells, 41, of Catawba Ave., Clinton, was charged with a criminal court *capias* for theft of property over \$10,000 but less than \$60,000.

Agent TJ Battle, TBI made the arrest.

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## Collections

motor vehicle sub-category item)

\*Food stores: up 7.3 percent

\*Miscellaneous retail: up 3.2 percent

\*Eating and drinking places: 2 percent

\*General merchandise stores: 1.5 percent

\*Building materials: down 9.4 percent

Collections from the service group increased 7 percent led by gains in business services (up 13.4 percent).

Collections from the non-retail, non-services group increased 7.3 percent led by gains in communications (up 13.2 percent), electric, gas and sanitation services (up 10.3 percent), and manufacturing (up 6.4 percent).

Consumer use collections were \$283,142, a decline of \$131,093 (31.6 percent) from November 2006.

Franchise and excise tax collections were \$81,954,113, an increase of \$33,312,540 or 68.5 percent when compared to November 2006. Separately, franchise tax collections were \$40,596,047, an increase of \$14,951,018 or 58.3 percent over last November. The excise tax collection was \$41,358,067, an increase of \$18,361,522 or 79.8

percent from November 2006.

Tobacco tax collections were \$26,589,708, an increase of \$15,886,661 or 148.4 percent over the collection of November 2006.

Gasoline tax collections were \$50,778,131, an increase of \$3,133,823 or 6.6 percent over November last year.

Motor vehicle registration tax collections amounted to \$18,111,716, an increase of \$1,110,376 or 6.5 percent over

last November.

Inheritance and estate tax collections were \$5,174,290, a decrease of \$8,944,711 or 63.4 percent from November last year.

Privilege tax collections were \$21,544,263, a decrease of \$3,423,404 or 13.7 percent compared to November of last year.

The Department of Revenue is responsible for the administration of state tax laws and motor vehicle title and registration laws established by the legislature and the collection of taxes and fees

associated with those laws. The Department of Revenue collects approximately 92 percent of total state tax revenue. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, the department collected \$11.0 billion in

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## Blues

Unlike other forms of depression, the "holiday blues" last only a brief period of time, usually surfacing around Thanksgiving and continuing to New Year's Day. Three main factors contribute to the onset of holiday depression:

**Relationships.** Individuals often feel alone or isolated during the holidays for different reasons including separation from loved ones or the loss of a family member or friend. Family issues can often intensify during the holiday

season, often times bringing on unwanted conflict. These relationship triggers can also be accompanied by unresolved grief or anger. Also, as people age, they may start feeling more alone as they look back and remember past holidays that were shared with family and friends who may no longer be living close by.

**Finances.** Purchasing gifts, traveling to different locations and attending several holiday parties may put a large dent in the pocket book that normally would not occur at other times of the year.

During the holiday season these increased financial expectations may cause individuals to feel unwanted stress. This

years issues with the economy, especially the real estate market and gas prices, are added concerns.

**Physical Demands.** Physical stress may be increased by events such as shopping at overcrowded malls, preparing large dinners and attending several holiday events. Individuals often ignore their healthy lifestyle habits this time of year by indulging in high-calorie holiday foods, slowing down on normal exercise routines, and not attending to personal needs for rest and sleep.

Here are some useful tips to help cope with the holiday as the season begins to unfold:

- Eat a healthy diet and if drinking al-

cohol, do so only in moderation.

- Exercise and get plenty of rest.

- Implement a budget that is reasonable and preplanned.

- Ask for support of friends and family as well as seek community and volunteer opportunities.

- Relax and let others share some responsibilities for holiday tasks.

"One key thing to remember is that, if feelings of the blues, sadness, or anxiety persist past the holiday season, please consider contacting a mental health expert or agency as soon as possible as you may possibly be dealing with a more serious condition that should be addressed early."

stated Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Commissioner Virginia Trotter Betts. "One resource that may benefit many individuals is their Employee Assistance Program. EAP is a counseling service for employees and their eligible dependents who are experiencing personal or work place problems including, but not limited to, stress, substance abuse, and emotional issues."

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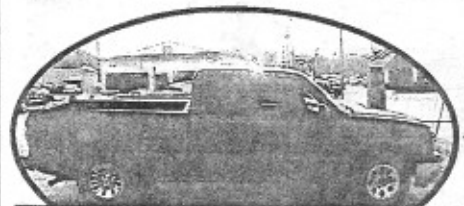
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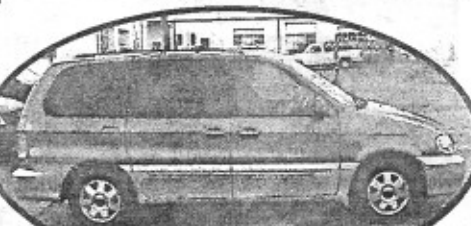
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