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Wednesday, December 19, 2007

## Woman jumps from car to avoid further injury or death

Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD responded to Buttermilk Road, Lenoir City to a call of a female that had been in a domestic argument with her husband, Christopher Wallis. Upon arriving the officer found the female victim with abrasions on her arms, back and legs. She stated she and Christopher had been arguing in

(see Wallis pg. 3)



Christopher David Wallis

## The World by Gus

Well last week I touched on the Knox County Commissioners and I know that we don't live there, but I cant

help but watch those meetings. They just keep getting better and better, or should I say worse and worse?

(see Gus pg. 4)

## FBI and KPD Search for Man Who Robbed Citizens National Bank

The Knoxville Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Chief of Police Sterling P. Owen, IV of the Knoxville Police Department (KPD) are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the man who robbed a Knoxville bank early Monday.

(see Robber pg. 8)



## Verse of the day

And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred. Numbers 2:28

## Obituaries

Barchie Mae Goines Johnson  
Lucille "Sissy" Callahan

Ruth Bozeman Clanton  
Harrison DuVaughn Jenkins  
Boyd Raymond Littleton

## Weather:

Today: Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 52.

Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening with more clouds

## Suspected thief claims host of misfortune

A local man called police to report the theft of money when he bought a boat top from a local woman

who cashed his check, then failed to deliver the goods. She reportedly suffers from Eboli and a car wreck.

(see Misfortune pg. 7)

## Vehicles moved, keys stolen

A local man called police Monday when he discovered someone moved his vehicles during the night

and stole the keys to them, as well as the keys to two other vehicles parked off premises.

(see Vehicles pg. 8)

## Theft and vandalism

A local man told police he was on his way home when he passed his ex-wife's

vehicle and saw his hound dogs inside it. He said he went on home and found his

(see Theft & Vandalism pg. 7)

## Second segment of Unit B gun deer season open

The second segment of the gun/muzzleloader/archery deer hunting season in Unit B (East Tennessee) will

run from December 15, 2007 through January 2, 2008, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency

(see Season pg. 8)

## TDOT Halts Construction for Busy Holiday Travel Period

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) will halt all interstate and major road

construction work that requires lane closures during the busy Christmas and New Year's holiday travel period.

(see TDOT pg. 9)

for later at night. Low 36. Thursday: Occasional showers possible. Highs: upper 50s; Lows: low 40s.

## Wazzup

Today is the last full day of classes for local students so be sure to be on the lookout for little ones during the next

few days as you prepare for the big day next week!

## Horoscopes Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

See if you can look at life a little differently today

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Wallis

Knoxville and drove to Buttermilk Road in Loudon County. The argument was in reference to Mr. Wallis accusing the victim of having an affair. She stated that Mr. Wallis was driving at a high rate of speed and threatening to hit a tree with the vehicle, killing both of them

or that maybe they would get the kids and die as a family.

At a point on Buttermilk Road the victim stated she had repeatedly requested for Christopher to stop the car and let her out but he refused and drove more recklessly. He reportedly tried to remove her seatbelt and stated she was going to

die.

The woman jumped from the moving vehicle and ran to a nearby house to call 911. She did have several abrasions from road burns and was transported to Parkwest Hospital by Rural Metro EMS.

Christopher David Wallis, 27, of Harris Road, Philadelphia, was charged with aggravated assault by

domestic violence. Sgt. Jimmey Wiggins, LCSD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Nathan Ryan Sellers, 18, of Bethel Drive, Lenoir City was charged with underage consumption.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed two male

subjects running across the Home Depot parking lot. The subjects then entered into a vehicle when they were stopped.

Upon making contact with the two subjects, Nathan Sellers had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and is only 18. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Corey Eugene Millsaps, 30, of Pond Creek Road, Philadelphia, was charged with a criminal court capias for 2 counts of sale and delivery of cocaine.

Deputy Rob Lane, LCPD made the arrest.

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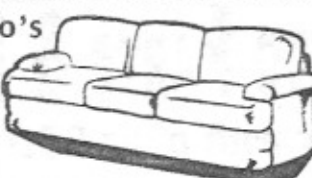
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# Gus

I keep waiting to see a cage and a referee and an announcer selling up and coming fights on pay per view. Those meetings should be videotaped and played in every government school in America.

Just watching them try and answer questions, or should I say divert from answering the questions, reminds

me of a squirming worm on a hook. The one thing that I do know is that Knox County government has been hijacked at all levels.

Now Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale's office is calling for County Commission to turn its investigative powers on the sheriff's office if commissioners continue to pursue an inquiry into travel pay

in the mayor's office. The acting sheriff said that if this happens he might need to reopen the Tylor Harbor case.

Sounded like a threat to me, but take it for what it's worth. If they start selling tickets, I will be first in line. -Gus

## Police Beat

Orlando Antonio Musto Testpan, 31, of Old Hwy 95, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license.

According to the report, Testpan was seen operating a vehicle and backed it into the gas pumps.

A check showed Testpan to be unlicensed. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrest.

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Deputy Freddie Gene Walker, LCSD, reported he spoke with George Britton of Tanasi Lane who said he wrote a check on November 2, 2007, to Encore Canvas of 2965 Bishop Road, Loudon, and it was cashed by the person

Britton advised he has since called Clifton several times in reference to the \$365 check and has spoken to a woman who said she was Clifton's mother. On one occasion, Clifton's "mother" told Brit-

Britton reported he tried to call the suspect again on December 14 and learned the phone had been disconnected.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, reported he he was dispatched to a residence along Fox Hunters Road where he spoke with Kenneth Shelton who advised he was on his way home when he saw his ex-wife, whom he identified, drive off Fox Hunters Road with what looked like his two hound dogs in the back of her vehicle.

Johnathan Wade Smallen, 20, of Ash Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with poss. of sch. III. According to the report,

Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrests.

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## Season

(TWRA).

The bag limit for both segments combined of gun/muzzle-loader/archery season is two antlered deer.

If a hunter has already harvested two antlered deer in Unit B he/she may not hunt during this segment. No more than two antlered deer may be taken in Unit B for all seasons combined.

A hunter, who has taken his bag limit of 2 antlered bucks in Unit B, may go to another unit (A or L) and harvest one more antlered deer.

The statewide buck bag limit is three antlered deer. An antlered deer is a buck with antlers at least 3 inches long.

## Robber

At approximately 11:57 Monday morning, a man entered the Citizens National Bank located inside the Food City store located at 284 Morrell Road in Knoxville. He presented a note demanding money to a teller and then placed a dark-colored semi-automatic handgun on the counter.

Witnesses describe the robber as a white male, 20-30 years old, 5'9" tall, medium build, wearing a tan ball cap, sunglasses, and a blue button-down shirt. The robber is believed to be the same man who

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robbed this bank on December 10th of this year, as well as a nearby BB&T on Northshore Drive on November 9th.

A reward is being offered for information which leads to the arrest of this individual. Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI at 865/544-0751 or the KPD at 865/215-7212. The public is reminded not to approach the individual, but to contact law enforcement.

## Vehicles

According to re-

cords, Roy Munsey, Eleven Estates Drive, told Deputy Blakney, LCSD, someone had moved his van and his Mercedes sometime during the night and a neighbor told him she had looked out her window between 5:00 and 5:30 a.m. and saw the vehicles had been moved.

The officer reported Munsey's gold Mercedes had been backed out of a parking spot and into the middle of the road and his blue van had been backed out into the grass and left partially in the parking lot.

Munsey advised he leaves the key in the van and the van unlocked and it was the only one he had. The key for the Mercedes is a laser cut key and the replacement value is about \$150.

The other two keys

stolen reportedly belong to two other Mercedes parked at East Tennessee Scaleworks on Martel Road.

The total value of the loss was estimated at \$300.

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## TDOT

TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely has instructed all of the department's crews and contractors to stop all construction related lane closures by Saturday, December 22, 2007. Construction will resume early Wednesday, January 2, 2008.

"The Christmas and New Year's holiday is one of the busiest travel times on Tennessee roadways," said Nicely. "We want to make sure travelers have a safe holiday season without construction activities

delaying their trips."

According to AAA, travel during this Christmas-New Year's holiday is expected to set a new national holiday travel record. AAA projects that 64.7 million Americans will travel this holiday, with the highest percentage (24.2%) expected to travel in the southeast including an estimated one million motorists who will travel through Tennessee.

Even though no construction lane closures are planned, motorists are reminded to use caution when traveling through the numerous construction zones in the state. Reduced speed limits will be in place and enforced by the Tennessee Highway

Patrol and local law enforcement. Drivers are urged to follow all work zone instructions for their own safety. Motorists are also reminded that Tennessee law requires drivers to move over or slow down for stopped emergency and maintenance vehicles, such as TDOT HELP trucks.

If inclement weather is encountered while driving on Tennessee roads, the following winter weather driving tips are offered by TDOT:

- \* Slow down—your car needs three times more space to stop on slick roads.

- \* Eliminate distractions. Leave your cell phone turned off, but have it ready if you need it.

- \* If it is snowing, raining or foggy to

the point where your vision is obscured, turn your radio off so that you can listen for the traffic you cannot see.

- \* Turn on your lights so others will see you coming.

- \* Maintain a distance of six to eight seconds between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you.

- \* Be deliberate in maneuvering your vehicle. Most skidding is caused by sudden stops and turns.

- \* If your vehicle skids, do not hit the brakes. Ease off the accelerator and steer into the direction of the skid.

- \* Never stop on the highway unless absolutely necessary. Pull

off the road as far as possible to the right if you need to stop.

- \* Never drive while fatigued. Stop frequently to take breaks.

- \* Be prepared. Have tire treads, brakes and wipers checked before you leave on your trip.

Travelers are reminded to dial 511 from any land-line or cellular phone to access valuable information about travel conditions anytime, or log on to [www.TN511.com](http://www.TN511.com).

## Police Beat

Glenn David Choate, 32, of Yount Road, was charged with an attachment.

Deputy Brian Smith, LCSD made the arrest.

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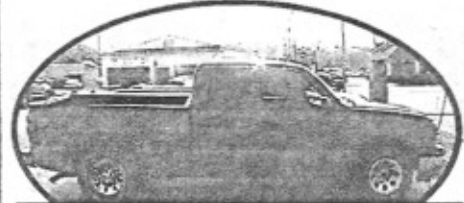
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