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Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Man terrorizes elderly couple for car

A Lenoir City man is behind bars after he was reported to have entered the home of an elderly couple and demanded their keys before he taped them up and left in their vehicle.

According to records filed by LCSD Lt. Jeff

(see Dyer pg. 8)



Dyer

Over 1 lb. marijuana seized after vehicle stopped for speeding

Police arrested two Cincinnati men Sunday when they found over a pound of marijuana in their vehicle after stopping them for speeding. Both men denied ownership of the illicit cargo.

Brian Maurice Hare, 37, was charged with

(see Seized pg. 7)



Hare



Godhigh

LCPD Sobriety Checkpoint nets 2+

The Lenoir City Police Department operated a DUI enforcement campaign over the weekend which

resulted in two arrests for driving under the influence.

According to a press release, over the Feb-

ruary 2, 2007 - February 4, 2007 weekend the Lenoir City Police Department conducted fifteen hours of

(see Checkpoint pg. 3)

Six-year-old choked

Police responded to a local residence Sunday to investigate a report of child abuse

when a youngster reportedly was choked by an adult.

According to re-

(see Youngster pg. 8)

Utility trailer stolen

A local man called police Friday when he returned home from work to discover someone had stolen his utility trailer.

According to re-

ports, Bruce Martin, Riley Drive, advised he returned home from work Thursday and noticed his 10X6 utility trailer that he'd had chained to a bas-

(see Trailer pg. 4)

Zippos stolen

Authorities were called to a local business Friday when a customer allegedly stole a case of Zippo lighters.

Deputy Pete McGinley, LCSD, was dispatched to Dixie Lee Shell, Highway 70 East, just after 1:30 p.m. where a worker advised a customer had taken a case of

(see Stolen pg. 4)

Driver vandalizes yard

A Loudon woman called police Friday when she discovered someone had driven through her yard and

damaged her property.

According to records, Evelyn Miller, Watts Cemetery Road,

(see Yard pg. 6)

DAV missing from I-75

A Lenoir City man called police Thursday when he discovered his vehicle was missing from a location

along I-75 where he had left it after it overheated.

Records indicate Robert Marcum,

(see DAV pg. 4)

The World by Gus

I know I am not a scientist or a meteorologist, but I have a problem with this whole global warm-

ing thing. For one; it's colder than a well digger's butt and, two; the record low for February 5th was

(see Gus pg. 6)

Verse of the day

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever

we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. 1 John 5:14-15

Obituaries

Betty Jo Anderson

Weather:

Today: Snow flurries

around in the morning. High 43.

Tonight: Partly cloudy evening skies giving way to cloudy skies overnight. Low 29.

Thursday: Rain & snow showers. Highs:

low 40s; Lows: upper 20s.

Wazzup

Wazzup with people who start out in the left lane of a double turn lane (like at Wal Mart & 321), but then

curve on over into the right lane during the turn???

Horoscopes: Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

An odd duck just (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

needs you to make way for them so they can feel at home. You're just the ambassador who can translate his or her strangeness for the people. Once you introduce them, they'll be off to a great start.

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Pairing up with another person helps alleviate any extra stress that's burdening you right now. Don't relegate it to just one area of your life either. Buddy up at work, at home and at play. You'll have more fun.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You've got a million people to talk to, and you're not sure which one to call first. Take a breath. Then, get a pen and paper and make a list of priorities. Focusing helps you sort out the details.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

Packing more into your already crammed agenda will just push you over the edge. The truth is, saying yes to everyone else's requests won't make them happy, but it will make you extremely stressed out.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

What happens in Vegas stays in Vegas. Maybe you could make that the policy for your fantasy life too. You don't need to

share every thought or impulse that crosses your brain -- some are for private enjoyment only!

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

If you're in the vicinity, a good time is pretty much guaranteed. You're so delightful -- is it any wonder that people just want to be where you are? You're especially good at getting shy types to join in on the fun.

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Surely you haven't forgotten the art of making friends, you social animal? Well -- it's more like you're rediscovering the knack. The basics are simple: Be interested in other people. Be kind. Be yourself.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Evaluate just what you're getting by sticking by this person's side. Yes, loyalty is a virtue, but when it's wedded to blind stubbornness, it could be causing a lot of easily preventable and unnecessary havoc.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

You're almost frighteningly good at being polite while you're really seething underneath. It might actually be better for you to drop the social niceties and just be honest with the person who's getting on your nerves.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Is someone hovering over your shoulder, questioning every statement you make and action you take? Is that someone actually yourself? It's time to push those nagging doubts aside. Trust your instincts.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Let your social instincts off the leash, and talk to all and sundry. You never know when a small social gesture will

open your eyes to a whole new spectrum of people you didn't even realize existed.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Rise to the challenge. A new rival isn't

here to take your shot at the brass ring; if anything, they're here to inspire you to greater heights. Afterward, you might find that you want to work together as partners.



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Betty Jo Anderson, age 58 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday afternoon at Parkwest Hospital. She was of the Baptist faith. Betty Jo was preceded in death by her mother, Nellie Glass White and niece, Faye Whitaker. She is survived by her husband, Johnny Anderson of Lenoir City;

sisters, Elsie Fagg of Lenoir City, Edith White of Loudon, Ruby Singleton of Chattanooga, Margaret Smith of Alabama; brother, Kenneth White of California; several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hawkins Chapel with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Dennis Kirk officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made toward the funeral expenses. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Betty Jo Anderson.

Checkpoint

directed DUI enforcement patrols as well

as Sobriety Checkpoints on US Highway 321.

1082 vehicles passed through the Sobriety Checkpoint and officers checked 225 of them.

During this week-end campaign, two arrests for DUI were made, as well as 64 other citations and arrests.

Reckless Endangerment

A Lenoir City man was taken into custody at his residence after he allegedly threatened to beat and kill another man.

The report stated that on January 25, 2007 a man was driving by Oakwood Apartments with his girlfriend when Brandon Ryan Marotte

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pulled out behind him. The victim stated to LCPD Detective Jack Fine that he turned on a side street and waited to make sure the Marotte was out of the area. But when he went to pull from the side street, he found Marotte to be waiting in his car, blocking all flow of traffic.

The victim went on to tell the detective that he waited and waited for Marotte to move but he didn't so he began to back up in an attempt to get away, but Marotte chased him to his father's place of business where Marotte got out of his car and walked toward the victim, threatening to beat and kill him.

LCSD Deputy Mike Williams arrested Brandon Ryan Marotte, 19, Grayson-Freeman Lane, Lenoir City on a warrant for reckless endangerment.

Police Beat

Donald Ray Williams, 28, Allison Town Road, Philadelphia, was charged with failure to comply with orders of the court (child support) Friday.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD, made the arrest.

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DAV

Wheat Road, told Cpl. Chad Estes, LCSD, he had left his 1989 Pontiac Bonneville along I-75 South at the split Wednesday after it overheated and when he checked on it later in the day it was still there.

Marcum reportedly stated he returned to the vehicle the following day around 5:20 p.m. and discovered it was gone. He checked with THP and officials from that agency had not towed it, nor had the county.

The car was valued at \$1000.

Trailer

ket pole in his yard

was gone.

Deputy Pete McGinley, LCSD, responded to the call and reported Martin described the trailer as ten year old 10X6 utility trailer with a wire mesh bed, 24" wire mesh sides, wire mesh tailgate, white wheels, a spare tire mounted vertically on the side, a ball mounted to lock a mower to and four weed trimmer brackets.

The trailer reportedly is black, but at one time was green, and was built by Rush and Sons. It is valued at \$1500.

Stolen

Zippo lighters from the store around 3:00

p.m. on Thursday.

The customer was described as a white male with short hair who was wearing a trench coat. Workers said they didn't know if he had a car or was with someone.

The suspect and a concurrent transaction were captured

on video tape. The value of the loss was estimated at \$550.

Stupid Criminals

England: A German "tourist," supposedly on a golf holiday, shows up at customs with his golf bag. While making idle chatter about golf, the customs

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Gus

set in 1996, which was 5 degrees. The record high for that same day was set in 1986, which was 73 degrees.

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One more thing, why is America made out to be the culprit? We are the most technologically advanced nation in the world, producing the cleanest pollution of any other nation, and yet everyone else in the world is pointing its dirty fingers at us, like my SUV is at fault.

I think it's all political and an opportunity for some well-connected people to make a ton of money.

Just you wait, the United Nations will try and tax each and everyone of us for our contribution to the problem.

How can we believe these nut cases anyway? I have lived almost forty years and I have yet to see a weatherman accurately predict next week's forecast, let alone what's going to hap-

pen next year. -Gus
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Yard

told Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSD, the driver of a maroon Chevy pickup ran through her yard, hit a tree and ran over a bird bath.

The officer reported there were several slide marks through the yard and Miller advised the driver of the truck appeared to have been uninjured in the mishap.

The lawman looked for the offending vehicle in the area, but reported he was unable to locate it. The

value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

Police Beat

Ted Dustin Hamilton, 28, Church Drive, Lenoir City, was charged Friday with first offense driving on revoked license, violation of financial responsibility, and violation of registration.

Records indicate the arrest came after Hamilton's vehicle was stopped for a registration violation and he was found to be driving on revoked license without insurance.

Officer Eddie Range, LCPD, made the arrest.

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felony possession of marijuana and driving on suspended license.

Stanley Godhigh, 36, was charged with felony possession of marijuana.

According to records, the Ohio men were traveling north along I-75 in a silver Chevy HHR well over the posted speed limit of 65 M.P.H. when

Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD, clocked the vehicle on radar traveling 81 M.P.H. before it exited the interstate at Sugarlimb Road.

The officer stopped the vehicle along the I-75 overpass and identified Hare as the driver. Hare produced an Ohio ID card and check of his license showed his driving status is suspended.

The lawman report-

ed that while checking Hare and Godhigh for weapons he deployed K-9 Officer Draga around the vehicle and Draga alerted in the area of the driver's window as well as at the hatch. When deployed inside the vehicle the K-9 alerted to a black suitcase and a search of the suit case produced a large zip lock bag with a green plant

substance believed to be marijuana in it. The substance weighed approximately 1 to 1 1/2 pounds.

Records indicate both Stanley and Godhigh denied ownership of the marijuana and both were charged with its possession. Lt. Jeff Russell and Deputy Michael Watkins assisted.

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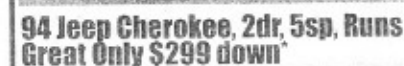
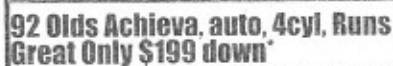
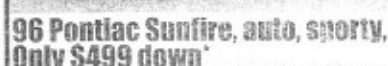
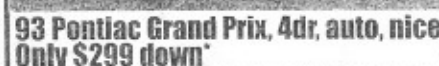
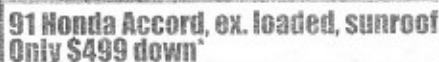
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Dyer

Vittatoo and Deputy Chris Jenkins, 39 year old Jerry Mitchell Dyer entered the Ranchero Drive home of Hugh and Nancy Barnhart under the pretense of visiting a friend.

Mrs. Barnhart reportedly told Lt. Vittatoo Dyer talked to her for a short time before he asked to use the restroom. After returning from the restroom he entered the kitchen where she was sitting and unplugged all the phones in the house.

Mrs. Barnhart told the lieutenant that Dyer then told her, "The fun is over and it's fixing to get ugly," and struck her husband Hugh with his fist in the left eye.

Dyer allegedly also hit Mrs. Barnhart several times demanding their car keys before taping the couple to kitchen chairs using tape he had brought with him.

After all agencies were notified of the vehicle description, Dyer was found a couple of hours later in Scott County driving the Barnhart's vehicle, which was described as a red 2001 Dodge Neon. Dyer was charged with aggravated kidnapping X 2, theft over \$1,000 and assault X 2, and taken to Loudon County Jail.

Dyer is a neighbor to the couple, living

only two houses down from them. At press time Tuesday, he was still awaiting a bond amount.

cords, a Roberson Springs Road man told Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSD, his six-year-old child had visitation with his mother over the weekend of January 28, and while there the mother's boyfriend choked the child over a toy.

The officer reported he also spoke to the youngster who stated his mother's boyfriend had choked him while his mother watched.

The boyfriend is further accused of sending the child's father several text messages.

No other information was available at the time of the report and the allegations are under investigation.

Police Beat

Joshua Paul Wright, 27, Waller Street, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation Friday.

Wright was placed on probation for a term of 11 months 29 days after being convicted of domestic violence assault, possession of drug paraphernalia, aggravated

criminal trespassing, violation of probation and violation of probation 2nd.

Wright is accused of violating the conditions of his probation by failing to report to his probation officer (last visit 9-22-06), failing to pay court costs and fines (owes \$835.50, last payment 9-22-06), failing to pay supervision fees (owes \$225, last payment 9-22-06), and failing to respond to written/verbal notices.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD, made the arrest.

Michael J. Breeden, 22, County Road 344, Sweetwater, was charged with simple possession of marijuana Friday.

According to reports, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD, stopped Breeden's vehicle after he noticed Breeden was not wearing a safety belt and while speaking with him smelled what he believed to be marijuana coming from the vehicle.

K-9 Officer Draga was deployed and alerted in the area of the driver's side window and upper door seam. A search produced a hand-rolled cigarette believed to contain marijuana and

Breeden reportedly advised he had been smoking the drug.

Sgt. Hall made the arrest.

Stupid Criminals Files

In Berks County (Pa.), police arrested a 16-year-old driver and his 19-year-old passenger in July in Exeter Township when the driver coolly pulled up to a sobriety checkpoint and told officers they were on the way to a party, even though both were obviously intoxicated; the car was littered with empty and open beer cans; and the boys looked much younger than 21 (the drinking age). And two other things: The car had been reported stolen, and in the back seat was a leather satchel containing various license plates, car titles and other motor-vehicle papers.

Police say Jack Schreiner, 30, strolled into a Chase Manhattan

Bank branch at 84-01 Jamaica Ave. at 10:30 on Monday and handed a teller a note demanding money. The teller complied and surrendered \$7,791 in cash. On Friday, Schreiner returned to the bank at 11:24 a.m. - this time to open up a savings account. After the manager and teller verified the man was the original bank robber, the police were called and were able to catch their man.

Stevens Point, Wis. - A woman didn't have to look far to figure out who likely broke into her home and took a camera from her purse. Police said the burglar left behind his probation and parole card.

A call to police by a Montgomery County motel manager over a guest's refusal to pay his bill netted them a fully operational drug lab inside the guest's room.

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Tennessee's WildSide Wins Emmy Award

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Tennessee's Wild Side, the outdoor adventure program produced by The Renaissance Center and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, was named Best Magazine Show at the 21st annual Midsouth Regional Emmy Awards presented Saturday night, January 27, in Nashville.

Produced through an educational grant from TWRA, Tennessee's Wild Side is a family oriented outdoor adventure program featuring outdoor sporting and recreation activities,

wildlife conservation, and human interest stories. The program airs on Public Broadcasting Stations across Tennessee, Kentucky Educational Television, and the iLifetv cable channel.

"We're really pleased that Tennessee's Wild Side has been recognized again for its quality and value to the viewers," said Gary Myers, Executive Director of the TWRA. "The TV program has allowed our agency the opportunity to tell important stories relating not only to hunting, fishing, and

wildlife watching, but also the importance of conservation of our wildlife, its habitat, and our land and water."

It marks the second time Tennessee's Wild Side won the award and its third Emmy overall since debuting in September 2000. The program also was named Best Outdoor Television Show in North America by the Association for Conservation Information in July 2005 and won the Communicator of the Year award from the Tennessee Wildlife Federation.

"Tennessee's Wild Side shows us what can be accomplished when the public and private sectors join forces with a common goal," said Doug Jackson, executive director of The Renaissance Center. "With the educational grant and wildlife expertise of the TWRA combined with the talent and produc-

tion capabilities of the center, we can produce a program that is entertaining and educational for everyone who loves the outdoors. We make a great team and it takes tremendous support from both sides."

"Tennessee's Wild Side is an important tool our agency uses to inform and inspire the public," said TWRA's Chief of Information and Education, Don King. "It provides us a great opportunity to showcase the tremendous efforts of our agency's dedicated staff on a weekly basis."

"Tennessee's Wild Side continues to be a shining example of the quality work being produced at The Renaissance Center," said Steve Hall, the center's Multimedia director and managing producer of Tennessee's Wild Side. "From the field to the studio to post production, our team at The Renaissance

Center is a dedicated group of professionals who work extremely hard on every project. We are very happy to once again be recognized by our peers in the television production industry."

The Midsouth Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences (NATAS) includes all television stations in Tennessee, North Carolina (except Asheville) and the Huntsville, Alabama, market. Its 21st annual awards drew nearly 700 entries that were judged by the NATAS Northwest Chapter in Seattle, resulting in 267 nominations representing 54 television stations and production companies. The winners were announced Saturday night in a televised ceremony at the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville.

Since The Renaissance Center opened in 1999, it has received 44 nominations for Midsouth Regional Emmy Awards and has won 12. Tennessee's Wild Side has received eight of those nominations and picked up three awards: Best Magazine Program in 2003 and 2007 and Best Writer/Non-News in 2002.

In April 2006, The Renaissance Center launched Tennessee's Wild Side Weekly Online, an internet-based spin-off of the television program that features video and audio reports on hunting and fishing as well as updated fishing condition reports and more at www.tnwildsideweekly.com

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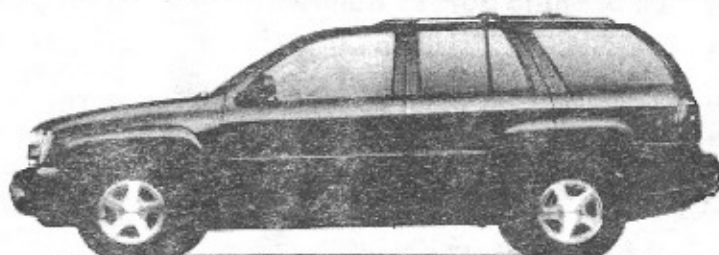
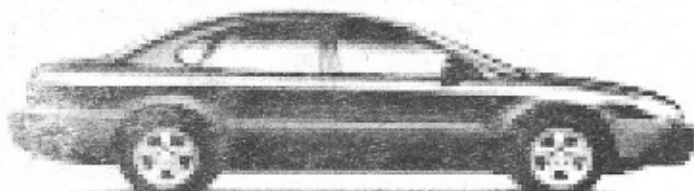
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