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Inaccurate numbers plague school report

by Mike L.

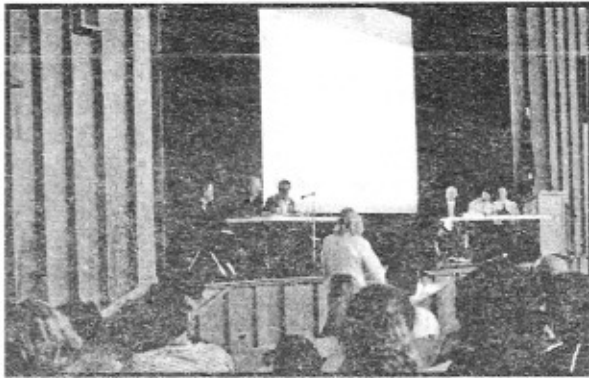
O.K. friends, I know what you have read in other publications and I was at the "Question and Answer" meeting on Thursday night for more than a few minutes so here is my take on the whole MPC/PBA report to the Loudon County



Total Number of Students: 926

School system.

(see Survey pg. 6)



Cost of inaccurate survey: \$58,000



Cost of Tally Counter from Hibbett's Sports: \$9.98

Common Sense: Priceless

Woman gets in husband's fight, stabs man in back

A local woman was jailed after she allegedly stabbed a man during a fight between the man and her husband.

According to records, Investigator Jonathan Sartin,

(see Morris pg. 4)



Morris

Vehicles vandalized

Police were called to a local residence Thursday morning when a man discov-

ered someone had broken a window out of his vehicle.

According to re-
(see Vehicles pg. 4)

Fight call nets 4 on various charges

Police arrested two sisters Saturday after responding to a Loudon residence in reference to a fight call and upon arrival one of the woman continued to try to attack the other while she spoke with po-

(see Fight pg. 6)



Jones



Adcock

Creepy caller harasses women

A local woman summoned police early Thursday when an unknown caller began harassing her

just after midnight. The calls continued until just after 1:00 a.m. when the woman realized the caller was

within watching distance of her home and knew he had too much personal infor-

(see Caller pg. 6)

Verse of the day

Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the

breasts.

Isaiah 28:9

Obituaries

Mary Harold

Ruby K. Medlock
Staples

Weather:

Today: Cloudy with

a few showers. High near 65.

Tonight: Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Low 53.

Wednesday: Morning showers. Highs: 70s;

Lows: mid 50s.

Wazzup

Thanks, Hibbett Sporting Goods!

Horoscopes:

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

A complicated friend

might excel at making matters more convoluted than they actually are. Lately you think of this person as more of a liability than a pleasure.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Horoscopes

Remind them where your boundaries are.

Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Go for something intellectually enriching. Why don't you check out some art, a foreign film or otherwise encounter a culture different than the one you see every day? It'll be refreshing, both mentally and spiritually.

Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

You excel at going the distance, but figuring out what to do next can sometimes be a little confusing. Now, however, the stars give you enough initiative for a million fresh starts. Go with this feeling.

Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Some pearls of wisdom are about to tumble from a friend's lips, so make sure you're listening. It may happen during casual conversation or as an aside. This information could change your view on a certain someone.

Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Obstacles won't throw you off track permanently -- or even for very long -- if you stay flexible. Take the view that surprises are opportunities for learning. Then your day will be more enriching than you thought!

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Your new initiatives are thriving. Why not take the same energy you use for them and go looking for other activities that make your heart flutter? Try to keep a close eye on your spending -- impulse buys could lead to regret.

Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Cash flow issues that

seem out of control will get better if you make a good-faith effort to deal with them. Just remember that common sense is worth its weight in gold. Be honest and unmerciful with your budget.

Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Casual competition? There's no such thing as far as you're concerned. This is a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate your considerable range of skills. You're so focused that a victory is pretty much guaranteed.

Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your active social life might be a pretty big drain on your funds. You might even consider turning down invitations for some extravagant nights out. Not to worry -- romance could be anywhere, even right at the local video store.

Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Stop procrastinating and zero in on all the details. Once you do, your quick wit will see solutions that will get this irritating task out of your way in no time at all. In fact, you might enjoy putting things in order.

Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

When expressing your feelings, you might want to tone it down a notch. It's especially important to cut the fat on any verbal communication. Lean and mean is the way to go if you want to get your point across effectively.

Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Honesty and fidelity are important to you. It's useless (and silly) to pretend otherwise. Yes, you do have high standards. Just because others have different thresholds of tolerance doesn't mean you should change yours.

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Mary Harold, age 64 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Sweetwater Hospital. Mary was a member of Signed, Sealed and Delivered Outreach Ministry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vaughn

Harold; father, John H. Bowers; mother, Irene Davis Bowers and sister, Dorothy Peeler. Mary is survived by her children, Donald William Harold and wife Lisa, Mary Jane (Janie) Pettiford and husband Glenn, David J. Harold and wife Tracy, Joyce A. Smith and husband

Jeff, Billy Wayne (Bill) Harold and wife Linda, Steve Harold and wife, Farah; 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews including Dickie, Gary, Doug and Keith Harold, Teresa Newburn, Tony Maze, Tanya Lovett, Junior Stephens, Tam-

my Stevens, Lea Stevens and Lou Stevens; special friends, Janet McMahan, Larry and Helen Aikens, many other church family and friends, including: Connie and James Snowden, Stephanie and Rick Sutton, John Todd. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. C. J. Spears officiating.

Interment will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Mary Harold.

Ruby K. Medlock Staples, age 91 passed away Saturday, March 17 2007 at the Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City formerly of The Neighborhood of Tellico Village. Ruby was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence Staples; parents, John and Florence Medlock. She is survived by son, Clarence Staples, Jr. of San Antonio, TX; daughter, Frances Braden and husband, Joe of Tellico Village Community; 4 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren. McMikle Funeral Home in Charleston, Missouri is in charge of arrangements.



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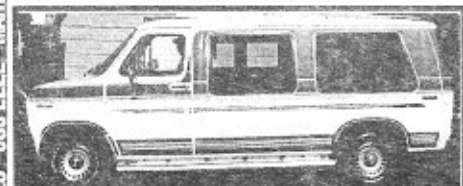
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Morris

LCPD charged Kimberly Le-rae Morris, a.k.a. Kimberly Phillips, 30, West Eighth Avenue, Lenoir City, with aggravated assault and arrested her just after 10:00 p.m. at Ashe Trailer Park.

The lawman reported Morris was at the trailer park with her husband when he became involved in a fight with a man identified as Jose Salazar after Salazar reportedly struck his truck with his, Salazar's, vehicle.

Morris is accused of getting a knife and stabbing Salazar in the back three times while the two men fought.

Salazar was transported to an area hospital for treatment of the stab wounds.

Vehicles

ports, Freddie Harrison,

Spring Street, Philadelphia, told Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSD, he had parked his 1998 Oldsmobile inside his fenced-in driveway and sometime overnight someone busted the back window out of it.

The value of the damage was estimated at \$500.

The deputy filed another report of vandalism later in the afternoon when James Brown of Donaldson Road, Philadelphia discovered the back window busted out of his van.

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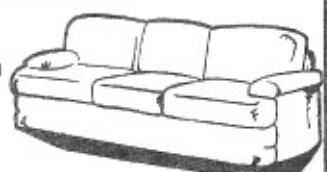
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Fight

lice. The elder sister racked up additional charges when she reportedly resisted arrest and struggled with officers.

Raquel Delores Jones, 32, Carding Machine Road, was charged with disorderly conduct, assault, and resisting stop, frisk and halt by Officer Bennie Houser, LPD.

Rachel Koster, 26, Ferry Street, was charged with disorderly conduct by Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD.

According to records, police were dispatched to Ferry Street for a possible fight and upon arrival spoke with Jones who said she and her sister had been in a fight before police arrived. Officers then were outside speaking with Koster when Jones came running out the door and tried to hit Koster.

Jones reportedly was screaming and yelling and when told she was under arrest continued to resist. Jones was physically restrained and after getting her handcuffed, and while escorting her off the front porch she tried to kick her sister in the head. She jerked away from police and fell to the ground, skinning her knees and face.

Records indicate Koster admitted she had been at a night club and had been driven home where a physical dispute erupted between her and her sister, as well as a dispute between involving herself and man at the residence.

The women were arrested at approximately 3:00 a.m.

Two others were charged after police saw them driving away from the residence in a white van and were notified the pair were possibly intoxicated and had been fighting.

Kristin Ann Adcock, 21, Ferry Street, was charged with simple possession of marijuana, driving on suspended license and criminal impersonation.

Jason Daniel Burney, 22, also of the Ferry Street residence, was charged with simple possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD, charged the pair just before 3:30 a.m. and reported he stopped the van at Valley Mart on Highway 72 where the driver, Adcock, identified herself as Kristen Messenger and gave a date of birth and social security number that came back as not on file for either Illinois or Tennessee.

The officer reported Adcock changed her social security number a couple of times in a further attempt to hide her identity. It was learned her license are suspended in the State of Illinois.

After placing Adcock

under arrest for criminal impersonation he approached the passenger and asked him to exit the vehicle. When Burney got out of the vehicle, police saw a small baggie containing what was believed to be marijuana that had been lying under Burney's leg. He also had in his possession a pack of rolling papers.

Records indicate a further search of the vehicle produced another small bag of marijuana in a pull-out compartment.

Assisting officers included Buddy Bradshaw, Steve Gutt, and Jon Yates, LPD.

Caller

mation about her.

Cpl. Ernie Brown, LCSD, reported he was dispatched to a Highway 321 North location where he spoke with a 29 year old woman who advised her phone rang around 12:30 a.m. and her Caller ID showed her it was a blocked number. A male was on the line and told the woman he was a friend of her ex-husband's, however the woman told police her ex-husband is in the armed services and originates from the West Coast, so he knew no one in the area that she was aware of.

The caller would not identify himself further, but said he was going to kidnap her and her roommate's child, whom he called by name. The man reportedly made sexually explicit threats towards the woman and she hung up on him.

The officer reported the woman further advised the man kept calling back for a total of six calls and during the calls her told her the make and color of her car, described her house and knew her address and knew her roommate's work schedule.

The woman said the last call originated about 1:12 a.m. when the man told her someone was pulling into her driveway. Her roommate was pulling into the driveway at that time, so the caller had to be close enough to see her, and that is what prompted the call to police.

The officer spoke with both women and reported the roommate advised there was a black pickup parked in the pull-off at the I-40 eastbound

off ramp of Exit 364 and it had cab lights. She said the truck was large like an F-250, but she didn't know if it was a Ford or a Dodge. The truck was gone, however, when the lawman checked the area.

Records indicate the women planned on speaking with Bell-South about the caller and extra patrol requests have been put in for their residence.

Survey

First, it was obvious that the PBA was, and I use this grudgingly, "on your side", AND didn't disagree with any of the points and concerns that the various PTO organizations had for the respective committee's reports. However, the MPC/PBA couldn't account for the fact that, without fail, apparently all of the initial data that had been supplied to them was either incomplete or erroneous. Also, without exception, the approximately \$58,000 survey did not include charging anyone from either committee with the responsibility of

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actually COUNTING the number of students at the respective schools. In my opinion one of the first priorities should have been the verification of actual numbers of students attending classes. The MPC and the PBA failed to take on that task and skillfully passed the buck to the Loudon County School Board. According to their data they were correct with their numbers.

The report from the MPC/PBA state that Loudon County will need only 1 additional school in the next 10 years based on current growth projections and several additions to existing schools. However, the board did not justify bringing current schools up to

the state mandated per student square footage which is defined as 150 sq. ft per child at elementary level, 170 sq. ft per child at middle school level and 190 sq. ft. at high school level. Currently, Loudon County schools fall under those mandates. Even with the boards proposed improvements they would still fall under the state mandate.

My question is this, if you didn't have correct information isn't it reasonable to conclude that YOUR (MPC/PBA) conclusions were completely invalid? It was suggested that the creation of "districts" within the school system, and the elimination of 'out of county' students would help alleviate the over-

crowding problem within the county. I pose this question, according to your report their isn't A: an overcrowding problem, and B: If there isn't an overcrowding problem why would this county need to eliminate the 'out of county students' that aren't causing the problem? Even if the county eliminated the existing 'out of county' students, that would mean the Loudon Co. School district would have to accept back the students that are from here, that are currently sent to school in Anderson Co. and Blount County, a fact that was not addressed at all during the meeting.

Even with the elimination of the roughly 600 students from the system, and

that's if they, (current students), were removed today and not allowed to finish their academic careers, along with the proposed 'districts' that the MPC/PBA recommended, would put Loudon High School carrying the burden of Lenoir City High School's 'county students' from the present on into the future. In effect it would mean that Loudon would have to take on roughly 500 additional students almost immediately. That would eliminate almost 500 students from Lenoir City High School, however they, (LCHS), would be near, if not exceeding capacity within the next four(4) years due to the two middle schools that

directly feed their children into LCHS, North Middle School and Lenoir City Middle School.

The problem in essence is this: the proposal is in my opinion inadequate. The MPC/PBA neither took into consideration the current, correct attendance, the existing schools' needed upgrades, (including current renovations that are needed to the majority of Loudon Co. Schools especially Greenback) nor the opinions of the faculty, the parents, or administrators of the areas affected.

In the words of one PTO member, "If you use the wrong tool to try and fix something you generally mess it up more than it was before you started."

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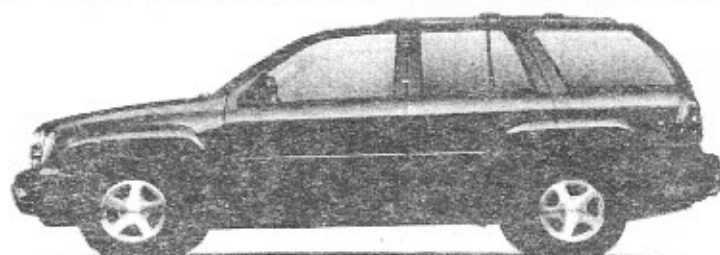
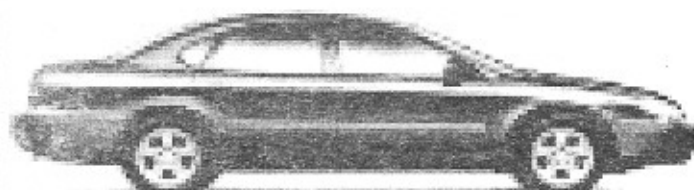
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