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Friday, July 27, 2007

Shoney's collision kills elderly LC man



This accident may not appear very serious, but the severity of the injuries sustained in it claimed the life of 82 yr. old Ernest J. Conrad Jr.

(see Collision pg. 8)

Former employee uses five-finger discount

A warrant was issued by Detective Jonathan Sartin LCPD charging a Lenoir City woman with theft over \$1000 while she was employed at Wal Mart.

According to the warrant, on or about June 1, 2007 Lorrie Ellen Bray was employed at Wal Mart on

(see Bray pg. 7)



Lorrie Ellen Bray

Inside Stories...

Maremont employee found to be fugitive
Check thief nabbed

Viars charged again with theft and forgery
Shoplifters busted

Verse of the day

And a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needlework; as the Lord commanded Moses.

Exodus 39:29

Obituaries

William Thomas Frye
Billy Gene Coffman

Weather:

Today: A mix of clouds & sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon. High 91.

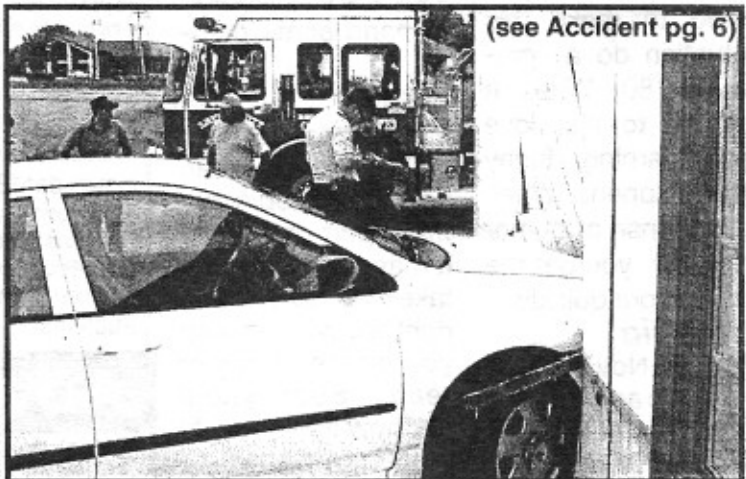
It's not easy being cheesy



(see Cheese pg. 8)

Evidence seized in the drug bust by Narcotics LCSD

The Fish ain't THAT bad



(see Accident pg. 6)

The driver of this vehicle told police she accidentally hit the gas instead of the brake when she went to Long John Silvers Thursday.

Teen charged after buying, selling stolen goods

Police arrested a local teen and sold items he knew after he reportedly bought were stolen from a neigh-

(see Wolfe pg. 7)

Wazzup

Hope you heal up soon, Corey Carter.

Horoscopes

Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Have things been snappish between you and a

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Viars charged again with theft and forgery

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A woman who is no stranger to the Sugarlimb Sheraton has again graced the corrections facility with her presence after being charged by Detective Mike Newman, LPD.

According to the warrants, on May 3, 2007 at around 1:20pm Becky J. Viars did pass a check at Food City in Loudon without the owner's permission or consent. The check



Becky Juanita Viars

was in the amount of \$200.97.

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a check on the same victim at Food City for \$109.87.

Becky Juanita Viars, 37, of Hwy 72, Loudon, was charged with theft under \$500 x2 and forgery x2.

Deputy Ben Munro, LCSD made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

Police Beat

Jared Chase Lambert, 31, of Davis Ferry, Loudon, was charged with VOP x4.

According to the af-

fidavit, Lambert was convicted of theft x2, forgery x2 and VOP x4 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 \$2483.50; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$535; failed to respond to notices and failed to provide current address/phone number.

Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest.

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Shoplifters busted

Two woman were taken into custody after they partnered up to try to steal bacon and shrimp.

Sonia Michelle Hughett, 34, of Rams Park Road, Harri-man and Dolly Louise Hughett, 53, of Rams Park Road, Harriman, were charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Hughett was observed with another female, Sonia Hughett in the food section of Wal Mart placing items into her purse. Loss prevention observed her and the other female placing shrimp and bacon in the purse. The total amount of the items was \$71.68.

Both females

started to walk out the doors and when asked to stop they came back inside and the 2 females started a disturbance. Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Jason David Gentry, 22, of Tomotley Road, Maryville, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Gentry was convicted of dui by consent and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$834; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$191.25; and failed to respond to

notices.

Deputy John Wil-son, LCSD made the arrest.

Johnny Mack Gil-lum Jr., 28, of Lynn Road, Loudon, was charged with fugitive from justice.

According to the report, Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD was given a tip that a wanted person from Indiana was at a resi-dence on Lynn Road in Loudon. Upon checking further, the deputy found John-ny Gillum Jr. was in fact staying at on Lynn Road. He was in fact wanted from

the Wabash Circuit Court out of Wabash, Indiana.

Gillum was taken into custody and the Wabash county Sheriff's Department stated they will ex-tradite. Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD made the arrest.

Stupid Criminals

Newark: A woman was reporting her car as stolen, and mentioned that there was a car phone in it. The policeman taking the report called the phone, and told the guy that answered that he had read the

ad in the newspaper and wanted to buy the car. They arranged to meet, and the thief was arrested.

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Obituaries

William Thomas Frye, age 53 of Lenoir City, passed away suddenly Monday, July 23, 2007. He was preceded in death by mother, Barbara Jean Frye. Survived by fiancée, Diana Malone of Lenoir City; son, Nick Frye of Philadelphia, TN; father, W. T. Frye of Lenoir City; sister, Rhonda Cagle and husband, Chris of Brownstown, MI; brother, Randy Frye and wife, Julie; granddaughter, Brittany Frye; grandson, Landon Hollis all of Lenoir City; nephew, Brandon Frye of Lenoir City; nieces, Kelly Dodson and Jamie King both of Michigan. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. with Rev. Danny Kelley officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Friday at Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Frye family.

Billy Gene Coffman, age 72 of Knoxville, passed way Wednesday morning, July 25, 2007 at the Parkwest Medical Center. Bill was a member of the Highland Park Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon, a member of the Worship Choir, Paul Dawson's Sunday School Class and the Homebound Ministry. He was retired from Levi Strauss after 43 years, 27 years as a truck driver. The family

will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday with funeral services to follow at 8 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Eddie Click and Rev. Bob Gamble officiating. Family and friends will gather by 10:30 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home and proceed to the Loudon County Memorial Gardens for grave side services at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Accident

On Thursday, July 26th rescue workers responded to a call of a vehicle that had struck and entered the wall of the Long John Silvers Restaurant on Hwy. 321 in Lenoir City. Upon arriving at the scene the driver of the vehicle, Francis Conner, 88, was uninjured however the building wasn't as lucky.

After inspection by both DeAnn Bogus from the Lenoir City Codes Enforcement office and the Lenoir City Fire Dept. it was determined that although the structural damage was minimal in the area the vehicle struck, the restaurant would have to be closed due to the safety issues that arose due to the location of the damage at the stores entrance/exit. Fortunately no one was injured in the incident.



Francis Conner (left) is comforted by Sgt. Gillis Morgan, LCPD, following an accident that sent her vehicle in the building at Long John Silvers Thursday



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Bray

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Lorrie Ellen Bray, 38, of Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$1000. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Wolfe

bor's residence.

Tony R. Carl Wolfe, 18, of Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Tony

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Wolfe did have in his possession a PS2 and a DVD player that had been stolen from a neighboring residence.

Wolfe had prior knowledge the items were stolen. He took

the items and sold them to a subject on Coffee Circle. This was done to deprive the owner true ownership.

The total amount of the property is \$300. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest and filed the charges.

Police Beat

Robert Brabson, 27 of Riverview Apartments, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear on VOP.

Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest.

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Cheese

Sgt. Billy Hall, and Investigator Adam J. Yokley, LCSD ND went to the Inn of Lenoir to investigate possible sale of crack cocaine.

Upon making contact with the occupants, verbal consent was given to search the room by both occupants. During a search of the room, the bag of Darryl Anthony Cheese was found to have small plastic bags used to package drugs, a digital scale, and other items.



Also found hidden in the plastic bags was approximately one gram of a rock

like substance believed to be crack cocaine. Cheese was charged.

Darryl Anthony Cheese, 36, of Hammett Drive, Decatur, GA, was charged with poss. of sch. II for resale and poss. of drug paraphernalia. Investigator Adam Yokley, LCSD ND made the arrest.

Collision

On Monday, July 23 rescue workers responded to a call of a vehicle that had struck the Shoney's on Hwy. 321 in Lenoir City. Rescue workers from LCFD, LCPD, and Rural Metro Ambulance service arrived on the scene to discover that 82 yr. old Ernest J. Conrad Jr. of Lenoir City had apparently struck the building, destroying a newspaper box and gutter, and causing minimal structural damage.

According to the evidence on the scene Mr. Conrad, in an attempt to extricate his vehicle from the building, lost control of his

car and hit two parked cars that belonged to two Shoney's employees who were working inside.

Mr. Conrad reportedly had a diabetic medical condition and it was reported that his blood sugar was extremely high at the time of the accident. Mr. Conrad sustained injuries in the collision and was transported, via ambulance, to Ft. Loudon Medical Center and then to the University of Tennessee Medical Center for further medical treatment.

On Thursday, July 26th it was reported to Lenoir City Police Dept. that Mr. Conrad had succumbed to the injuries he sustained on Monday and died at approximately 1:55 a.m. at UT Medical Center.

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David M. Stanley

This was done without the permission or knowledge of the owner.

David McKinley Stanley, 28, of Hwy 321, Lenoir City, was charged with forgery and theft under \$500. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Edward A. Mashburn, 36, of Donaldson Light Lane, Greenback, was

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charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the warrant filed by Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD on June 2, 2007 at approximately 7am Deputy Scarbrough went to the Mashburn residence on a domestic disturbance. Upon arrival the officer spoke with the victim and she reported the suspect Edward Mashburn left walking.

Deputies attempted to make contact with Mr. Mashburn to no avail. The victim stated Edward was intox-

icated and slapped her several times in the face with an open hand. The victim had a read handprint on her face and she stated Edward grabbed her by the hair of the head and beat her head on the wall several times.

The victim had cuts on her hands where she had tried to cover her head while Edward was hitting her head into the wall.

Edward also disabled the victim's vehicle by pulling out the fuel pump fuse. Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest in Blount County.

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Maremont employee found to be fugitive

A Lenoir City man employed at Maremont was stopped for a traffic offense and told the officer he and his girlfriend were going to the methadone clinic. A check showed the man was wanted in Alabama for VOP and they would extradite.

Michael Allen Bilek, 39, of Manning Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with driving on suspended and fugitive from justice.

According to the report, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD observed a vehicle run the stop sign from I-75 at Hwy 72. After stopping the vehicle the officer made con-

tact with the driver, Mr. Bilek.

The officer asked for his license and Bilek stated it was in his girlfriends vehicle and she was at work because they were going to the methadone clinic in Chattanooga and he had to be at work at Maremont.

After running his license through NCIC it came back as being suspended for failure to satisfy. The 911 Center also advised they got a hit from Alabama that had a hold put on Bilek and they would extradite. The warrant from Alabama is for Violation of Probation. Officer

Bennie Houser, LPD made the arrest.

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Committee Created to Review State Laws on Jury Service

Improving conditions for thousands of Tennesseans who receive notices every year to render verdicts in civil and criminal trials and encouraging participation on juries are among the missions of a new committee created by the Tennessee Judicial Council.

The panel will review state laws dealing with jury service and recommend any changes that may be needed. Its creation was prompted by Rep. Rob Briley's introduction of a bill this year to revise various provisions of state law with regard to jury service.

The committee's first meeting is at 1 p.m. Wednesday in the conference room of the

Administrative Office of the Courts. Members are Chairman Jeff Henry, Deborah R. Alexander-Davis, District Attorney General Dan Alsobrooks, Representative Briley, Sen. Dewayne Bunch, Judge Lee V. Coffee and Tom Hatcher.

"Jurors are the linchpins of our system," said Justice Cornelia Clark, who served on the American Bar Association's Blue Ribbon Commission on the American Jury. "They perform a difficult public service and deserve to be treated with respect. We need to ensure that their service is as convenient and stress-free as possible."

Clark said a goal of

the new Judicial Council committee is to promote appreciation of the jury system and improve the response rate to summonses.

While most potential jurors show up when they are called for service, some ignore their summonses and others try to get excused once they arrive at the courthouse. The excuses range from the serious to the absurd.

"I had a juror tell me he could not be sequestered because he had no one to feed his parrot while he was gone," Criminal Court Judge Chris Craft of Memphis said. "I asked if he could bring his parrot with him, and he responded that his parrot was stressed out by crowds."

On the flip side, most

who are called for jury service are willing to serve, including Supreme Court Justice Janice Holder, who recently completed jury service. She was not seated on a jury, but had hoped she would have the "privilege" of serving.

"Unfortunately, I was not among those who were seated on juries," she said. "As a former attorney, trial court judge and a member of the Supreme Court, I know the value of the jury system and how remarkably well it works. I wanted to be part of that process."

Former Chief Justice E. Riley Anderson, now retired, trekked to the courthouse 21 times hoping to be a juror during 14

months as part of a jury pool. At the end of his service, the chief justice returned \$294 he received from the county for coming to court, saying he — like Holder — considered it a privilege.

While the new committee will be looking at state laws concerning jury service, the Supreme Court already conducted a study and adopted rule changes to improve jury service. The changes, implemented in 2003, included allowing jurors to take notes and to submit questions for witnesses. They resulted from recommendations by the Tennessee Bar Association Jury Reform Commission.

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