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## Felony Guilty Plea Results in Quarterback Club Recouping \$17,000

A guilty plea in Loudon County Criminal Court to a theft charge by Loudon County resident April Bowen will result in an immediate payment of \$17,000 in restitution to the Loudon Quarterback Club. Bowen, who

served as the treasurer of the youth football organization for approximately three years, was presented to the Loudon County Grand Jury in December 2006 by the District Attorney General for indictment on a felony theft

charge of approximately \$25,000. District Attorney General Russell Johnson explained that at that time the Quarterback Club was "unsure of exactly how much money they believed Ms. Bowen had misappropriated

(see Plea pg. 9)

## GB man charged in aggravated assault



Dustin Lei Pfeifer

(see Pfeifer pg. 4)

## Vittatoe charges 2 after stabbing

Lt. Investigator Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD CID has charged 2 men following an investigation into the stabbing of a Loudon County man where a throwing star was used.

According to the warrants, on or about August 10, 2007 Jimmy Rolon and Jerry Rolon were on Newton Road when an altercation occurred with Timothy Ryan Thaxton. After investigating the incident, collecting evidence and speaking with

(see Stabbing pg. 8)



Jerry Lewis Rolon



Jimmy Leon Rolon

## Unlicensed & DUI

An unlicensed Knoxville man and his friend were jailed after police stopped the vehicle they were for suspicion of DUI and found the pair extremely intoxicated.

Vicente Casarrubias Gallegos, 38, of Gossamer

(see Charged pg. 7)

## The World by Gus

What caused the computers to crash this past weekend? According to the L.A. Times, more than 20,000 international passengers were stranded for hours at

Los Angeles International Airport on Saturday, waiting on airplanes and in packed customs halls while a malfunctioning computer system prevented U.S. officials

(see Gus pg. 3)

## Crying man gets 2nd DUI, more

A Lenoir City man who reportedly told police he had been drinking and smoking pot at the golf course was taken to the hoosegow in spite of crying and begging

for a ride home.

Timothy Brian Reid II, 23, of Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City, was charged with DUI 2nd, simple poss. of marijuana, poss. of a sch. IV

(see Crying pg. 4)

## Verse of the day

*And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*

Genesis 2:7

## Obituaries

Don P. "Pete" Campbell  
Hilda Jenkins

## Weather:

Today: Mainly sunny. Very hot. High around 100.

Tonight: Clear skies. Low 71.

Thursday: Mainly sunny. Highs 100 to 104 and lows in the

low 70s.

## Wazzup

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The Grand Jury is in session, so look for our upcoming \$1 Special Edition featuring the Grand Jury Report.

## Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You may need to slow down a little bit and let other folks take center stage. Your energy is better spent on

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Gus

from processing the travelers' entry into the country.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection system went down around 2 p.m., the computers are used to process trav-

elers entering and leaving the country and identifies those on a "no-fly" terrorist watch list. This was a pain in the ying-yang for the twenty thousand people caught in this glitch, but I am glad to see Customs didn't let any of

the people in before the computers were fixed.

This could have been another test run for the terrorists. After the system was up and running again, they found eight people on the no fly list that were trying to board planes.

People, this terrorist stuff is real, its just a matter of time before they get lucky again. -Gus

## Crying

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According to the report, Sgt. Kent Russell, LPD received a call of a possible intoxicated person driving on Hwy. 72. The vehicle was observed crossing the centerline two times and the fog line once before being stopped.

While stopping the vehicle the officer observed the driver toss an object from the vehicle. The officer recovered the item thrown and it was a green leafy plant like material believed to be marijuana. When asked what he threw Mr. Reid stated marijuana.

Upon approaching Mr. Reid he began crying and begging

to be taken home. The officer smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Reids' person and he was very unsteady on his feet.

Reid admitted to consuming 6 beers and smoking marijuana at the golf course. During a search Sgt. Russell discovered a cellophane wrapper containing 4 pills believed to be xanax.

Reid refused a BAC test at the jail. Sgt. Kent Russell, LPD made the arrest.

## On this day

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## Pfeifer

According to the report, Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD and Deputy Marty Stanley, LCSD were dispatched to Niles Ferry Road on a complaint of a physical domestic. Upon arrival the officers made contact with the victim at a neighbors house and she stated to the officer she had been beaten about her face and head with lacerations on her face, her eyes swelled shut, red marks on her head and neck and complaining of extreme pain to her head and neck. After briefly speaking with the victim the depu-

ties went to the residence and made contact with the suspect, Dustin Lei Pfeifer.

Mr. Pfeifer opened the door and stated he had been hit by his wife but had no physical marks on him other than scratch marks on his arms and a bite mark on his finger. Dustin Pfeifer was taken into custody and charged with aggravated assault by domestic violence.

After the suspect was taken into custody Deputy Stanley gathered some clothes for the couples 2-year-old son and 4-year-old daughter. The daughter told the

deputy she had seen her dad hit her mom and red stuff came from her head. Deputies called for Lt. Jeff Vittatoo to process the crime scene and both deputies went to UT Hospital to speak to the victim.

At the hospital the victim stated the whole argument started when she asked Dustin to wake up and take care of their 2 children who were present in the house. She stated she took his pillow and when she did he knocked her to the ground and began to punch and kick her in the face and choked her while punching her in the face as well. While she was being beaten the victim stated she was beg-

ging Dustin not to kill her the whole time. When she regained her senses she stated she ran to the neighbors house where she called 911.

Dustin Lei Pfeifer, 26, of Niles Ferry Road, Greenback, was charged with aggravated domestic

assault. Deputy TJ Scarbrough, LCSD made the arrest.

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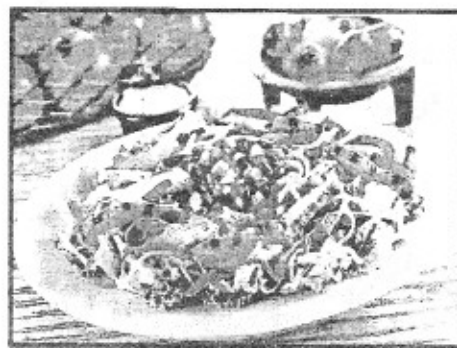
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## Stabbing

eyewitnesses, Lt. Vittatoe found probable cause that Jerry Rolon did attempt to run over Ryan Thaxton while driving a truck owned by his brother, Jimmy Rolon on Newton Road.

During a consensual search of the vehicle after the incident there were brownish red stains believed to be blood from Ryan Thaxton recovered from the front bumper area of the vehicle, which was consistent with Thaxton stating he was running from the vehicle after being stabbed.

Ryan Thaxton received a single stab wound to the left hand during the altercation in which Jimmy Rolon was charged for stabbing him. Jerry Rolon stated he was chasing Thaxton while driving the vehicle.

In another warrant it states there is probable cause to believe that Jimmy Rolon stabbed Ryan

Thaxton with a silver throwing star that was recovered from Rolon's vehicle during a consensual search after the incident.

Jerry Lewis Rolon, 27 and Jimmy Leon Rolon, 26, of W. 5th Avenue, Lenoir City were charged with aggravated assault. Lt. Investigator Jeff Vittatoe, LCSD CID made the arrest, conducted the investigation and filed the charges.

## Police Beat

Hector Martinez Jr., 31, of Maremont Parkway, Loudon, was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Hector came into the visitation room

to turn himself in to do relog time and smelled of an alcoholic beverage and was unsteady on his feet.

Deputy Chad Petty, LCSD made the arrest.

Michael William Hale, 20, of Hughes Hale Lane, Harriman, was charged with driving on suspended and no insurance.

According to the report, Hale was involved in an accident with injury and stated he had no insurance. A check of his license showed them to be suspended for failure to satisfy.

Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

Salvador Castro Gonzalez, 18, of E. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license and viol. of financial responsibility.

According to the report, Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD observed

Salvador nearly run a red light and had to slam his brakes to avoid hitting another vehicle.

Upon stopping him, Gonzalez was found to have no license and no insurance. Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.



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## Plea

for her personal use, so we submitted an indictment within the appropriate range.

"Ms. Bowen had the sole authority as treasurer to use the Club's credit card. General Johnson explained that the allegations were that Bowen would purchase items for the Club, say from Wal-Mart, both legitimately for the Club's use and for her personal use on the Club's checking account. It would have been difficult for me and the Club, such as soft drinks or sport drinks, and which items Bowen used personally. Instead we had the defendants attorney, T. Scott Jones, and the Club's attorney, Brian Nichols, trade

information and review their respective records to come up with a dollar amount that Nichols and the officers of the Quarterback Club felt they could attribute to Bowen's personal use."

A negotiated plea agreement was then struck with the defendant to pay immediate restitution of the agreed upon \$17,000 in return for a felony guilty plea. Our office denied the defendant's request for pre-trial diversion, but she was granted a judicial diversion by Criminal Court Judge E. Eugene Eblen after he listened to argument from the defendant's attorney about Bowen's remorse for her conduct and her lack of any criminal

history. She will have to pay court costs associated with the charge and will undergo a two year sentence to be served on probation before the diversion can be effected.

"Our office worked with the Club from the beginning," stated General Johnson, "and I understand the anger and frustration that their members felt having placed this person in a position of trust then having her abuse that trust, especially when we are talking about an organization whose sole purpose is to help kids." Johnson added, "Brian Nichols and the Club's officers were particularly helpful in getting us to this point. Our mutual goal from the outset was to get the admis-

sion of guilt and conviction on the felony charge with restitution. The immediate return of \$17,000 is something that would never have happened if we were to have gone through a difficult trial arguing the hundreds of items in numerous purchases. Furthermore, if we had tried the case restitution payments in whatever amount we could have proven would have trickled in over a period of three or more years, if at all."

Johnson offered this advice for similar clubs and small non-profit organizations, "This is one of several cases I have seen since being elected last summer involving youth sports clubs,

scout or church supported organizations where one person is in charge of the purse strings without any or sufficient oversight. I encourage all such groups to have at least two or three people required in order to make or monitor purchases. Always have someone else review purchases and payments on a monthly basis or an even more frequent basis. Have an accountant or independent bookkeeper review bank statements on a quarterly basis to question suspicious expenditures. Not only is this good policy for the organization, but honest treasurers should welcome it for their own protection."

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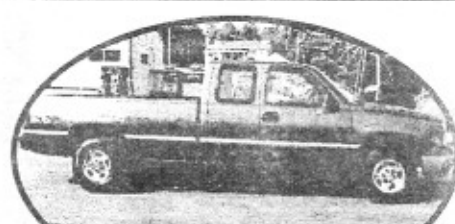
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