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Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Parking lot drug bust

The Loudon County Narcotics Unit was conducting surveillance in the parking lot of the Tractor Supply in Lenoir City in response to complaints about drug transactions taking place in the parking lot.

While observing the parking lot agents observed a gray Jeep pull into the parking lot and a white male get

(see Cannon pg. 3)



Brian Scott Cannon

Illegal alien nabbed by Newman

Sgt. RS Newman, LPD received a call of a possible drunk driver on Mulberry in Loudon. The officer observed the vehicle nearly drive on the sidewalk and stopped it.

The driver, Octavio Martinez Prieto smelled of alcohol and appeared to be

(see Prieto pg. 4)



Octavio Martinez Prieto

Dad hides runaway son, charged

A local father was taken into custody after he allegedly hid his son who reportedly absconded from state

(see Charged pg. 7)

Using different name doesn't help local

Police arrested a Lenoir City man after stopping his vehicle for driving recklessly and found him operating his

(see Local pg. 9)

The Tennessee Highway Patrol Does Not Solicit Funds

Nashville, - The Tennessee Highway Patrol wants to remind Tennesseans that it does not ask for charitable donations and is warning residents about reports of recent phone solicitations.

This month, several residents in East Tennessee have reported receiving phone calls from a person allegedly representing himself as a State Trooper. In at least one report, the

(see Solicit pg. 6)

UT Lifestar trains crew for medical helicopter service in Mexico



(left to right) Dr. Jaime Rivero, an emergency medicine physician from Mexico, Dr. Oscar Molina, a cardiologist from Mexico, and Salatiel Samora, a paramedic from Mexico, discuss air medical service with UT LIFESTAR flight nurse Sue Toberman. The group from Mexico visited UT LIFESTAR and UT Medical Center for classroom and field training as they prepare to launch that nation's first dedicated EMS aeromedical service.

(see Crew pg. 8)

Verse of the day

And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, there came a viper out of the heat, and fastened on his hand. Acts 28:3

Obituaries

James Mitchell (Mitch) Dodson

Stuart B. Thorn
Virginia Jewell Knox Jones

Weather:

Today: Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developing during the afternoon.

Hot. High near 95.

Tonight: Isolated thunder-

storms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 72.

Wednesday: Isolated thunderstorms. Highs: upper 90s; Lows: low 70s.

Wazzup

Thanks for the great sand-

wich, Annie & crew at Subway (across from Gerald's Smokehouse)!

Horoscopes Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

It would be lovely if you and

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Cannon

into the back seat. While watching the event the agents ob-

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served a black male in the front seat exchange something with the white male in the rear.

When agents approached the vehicle the black male started concealing something and reached behind his back as if possibly

to retrieve a weapon. At that point Sgt. Billy Hall removed the black male from the vehicle and while agents were talking to the subjects K9 Draga was deployed and she alerted on the vehicle.

The K9 also alerted

in the area of several pieces of plastic the black male had dropped when he exited.

A search of the vehicle produced a marijuana pipe, a small amount of a substance believed to be cocaine base and a small amount of marijuana. A search of the plastic produced more cocaine base.

The total weight of the cocaine base produce was 13 grams.

Brian Scott Cannon, 29, of Ashland Avenue, Knoxville, was charged with poss. of cocaine base for resale, simple poss. of marijuana and poss. of drug paraphernalia. Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD made the arrest.

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Prieto

intoxicated and had an open beer at his side.

Prieto could not produce a license and a check showed him to be unlicensed. He also had no social, as he is an illegal alien the report noted.

Octavio Martinez Prieto, 26, of Cedar Street, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st, driving without a license and viol. of implied consent. Sgt. RS Newman, LPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Luis Carlos Ayala, 20, of Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Sgt. Brian Jenkins LPD stopped Ayala after receiving a reckless driver call. The officer observed Ayala following too close and he had a brake light that did not work.

Ayala could not produce a license and NCIC confirmed that was because he didn't have one. Sgt. Brian Jenkins, LPD made the arrest.

Benny Hugh Goley, 49, of Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City was

charged with a mitimus out of Lenoir City.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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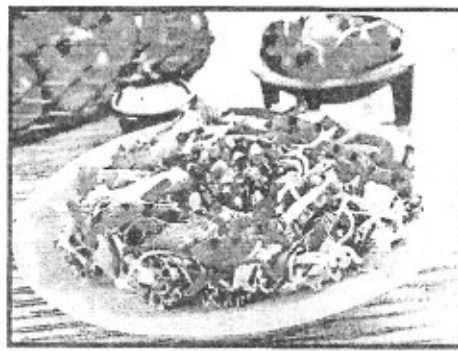
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Obituaries

James Mitchell (Mitch) Dodson, age 21 of Madisonville passed away suddenly Thursday evening, August 16, 2007. Mitch was preceded in death by his grandfather, Jim Dodson; great grandparents, Bill and Lela West, J. L. and Grace Moody, Betty Dodson and Fred and Frances Chandler. Survivors: mother, Kim West and partner, Debbie Headrick of Knoxville; father and step mother, Rich and Mary Dodson and their daughter, Claire Dodson of Madisonville; grandparents, Sandra Dodson of Knoxville, Bert and Marian West of Powell; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Our son was full of life and full of love and passion. He touched lots of people's hearts through his music. He will be greatly missed. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Monday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel with Dr. Lon Shoopman and Pastor Chad Sparks officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Concord Masonic Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Baptist Church Madisonville Youth Ministry, 139 College Street, Madisonville, TN 37354, Providence Church Youth Ministry, 1432 Lovell Road, Knoxville, TN 37932 or to Keith Avenue Church of God Youth Ministry, 3428 Keith Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37921. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the family of Mitch Dodson.

Stuart B. Thorn, age 84 of the Tellico Village Community, Loudon, formerly of Carolina Shores, NC passed away Thursday, August 16, 2007. He was born in Carbondale,

PA. Stuart served as an Army Medic during World War II. He worked as a financial analyst for Sun Oil Company for 34 years and then began a nursing career which lasted for 15 years. He was a member and Stephen Minister at Tellico Village Community Church. He was a longtime CPR instructor for the Red Cross and was active with the Good Samaritan Center in Lenoir City. Stuart was past president of the Brunswick Animal League, past commissioner for Calabash, NC and a former member of the Lions Club. His many sports interest included track, bowling, skiing and dancing. He was preceded in death by his infant son and his parents. Survived by his wife of 44 years, Kathleen LeVan Thorn and his aunt, Beatrice Burdick of Johnson City, NY. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. on Saturday, August 25, 2007 at the Tellico Village Community Church with Rev. Tim Meadows officiating. A reception will follow in the Christian Life Center. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tellico Village Community Church. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Thorn family.

Virginia Jewell Knox Jones, 79, of Philadelphia, died Sunday, August 29, 2007 at Sweetwater Hospital. She was a member of Cedar Valley Baptist Church. Preceded in death by husband, Earl Jones; parents, Ed and Ruby Rhynes Knox; brothers, Edward, Glenn, Sam and George Knox; granddaughter, Debbie McKinley. Survivors: daughters and sons-in-law, Sue and Edward Bright, Philadelphia, Earlene and Raymond McKinley, Lisa and Mike Watson, Sweetwater, Kay and Rick Purdy, Loudon;

sons and daughters-in-law, Bob and Robin Jones, Tim and Leslie Jones, Philadelphia, Doug and Pam Jones, Madisonville, Danny and Vickie Jones, North Carolina, Tommy and Beth Jones, Sweetwater; 25 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; brothers and sisters-in-law, Earl and Jean Knox, Fayetteville, TN; special brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Linda Knox, Dalton, GA, Steve and Angie Knox, Philadelphia, Pearl Knox, Philadelphia; sisters and brothers-in-law, Lucille and Jim Cooper, Soddy Daisy, TN, Ann and Bob Brookshire, Frostproof, FL. Funeral services 7:30 p.m. Monday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Clinton Riddle, Rev. Buddy Hauk, Rev. Chad Schaffer officiating. Graveside services 11 a.m. Tuesday Cedar Valley Cemetery. Family will receive friends 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday, Loudon Funeral Home.

Solicit

caller claimed to be raising money to buy bullet resistant vests for members of the Highway Patrol.

"We want residents to know that we are a state agency and do not solicit charitable donations," stated THP Colonel Mike

Walker. "Every State Trooper has been issued a bullet resistant vest purchased through funds provided by the State Legislature."

There is a legitimate fundraiser currently being conducted by the Tennessee State Lodge Fraternal Order of Police. The organization recently hired a company to help it solicit funds for a program that would buy new bullet resistant vests to replace worn or outdated ones. Those vests, however, will be distributed to city and county law enforcement officials, and not members of the Tennessee Highway Patrol.

The Tennessee Division of Consumer Affairs is investigating the situation and says before consumers make any charitable contribution they should:

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cal Better Business Bureau and with Consumer Affairs.

Be wary of appeals that are long on emotion but short on what the charity will do to address the needs of recipients.

Ask how much of your gift or contribution would be used for the purpose mentioned in the appeal.

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Mr. Oody did allow his son to live in his residence while was on the run from the state.

Sgt. RS. Newman, LPD made the arrest.

Edmundo Jeremias Garcia, 24, of Woodland Pike, Knoxville, was charged with no driver license, speed-

ing, financial resp. and
viol. of registration.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Garcia for speeding and while gathering information found Garcia to have no license, no insurance and a registration violation. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Tonya Gail Abbott, 38, of Paint Rock Ferry Road, Kingston, was charged with driving on suspended and financial resp.

According to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD was dispatched to a one car accident on Hwy 72. Upon arrival Abbott was found to have a suspended license and no insurance. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

George Lawrence Errington, 43, of E. Lee Hwy, Lenoir City, was charged with a mittimus out of Lenoir City.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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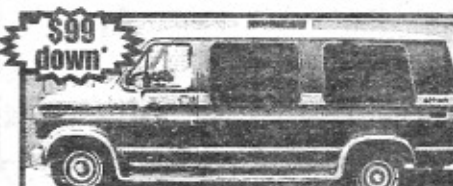
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Crew

A group of medical specialists from Mexico spent a week in Knoxville receiving valuable training from the staff of UT LIFESTAR at The University of Tennessee Medical Center. The visitors will utilize the information they learned from the UT LIFESTAR staff to establish that nation's first dedicated Emergency Medical Services (EMS) aeromedical services operation.

"This group of individuals from Mexico is here with the same goal that we have at UT LIFESTAR, and that's to save lives and improve patient outcomes," said Jeff Gregory, director of aeromedical services for UT LIFESTAR. "While we may be separated by geographic boundaries, the reality is that procedures, training and patient care standards are similar whether you're in East Tennessee or in Mexico. We all recognize that, and I believe that understanding has resulted in a successful week of training."

"We're extremely honored that we're able to provide instruction and education to this distinguished group of emergency medical services providers from Mexico," said Andrew Slemple, regional operations manager for UT LIFESTAR. "Our visitors were very grateful and

paid close attention to every detail during our full week of classroom and field training. In this country we've had aeromedical services for a long time. But this group is charged with the task of starting an aeromedical services operation from the ground up with the eyes of an entire nation watching them. Fortunately, they're a very capable and talented group."

Eight crewmembers from Mexico, including three pilots, two

physicians, a paramedic, an engineer and an administrator, trained with the staff of UT LIFESTAR as they prepared to start up the Skylife aeromedical service along Mexico's Gulf Coast, based in Ciudad del Carmen. The service is expected to launch at the end of September, and Skylife officials believe they'll need to prove the effectiveness of aeromedical services to the people of their nation.

"We're very thankful to have the opportunity to draw

from the experiences and knowledge of UT LIFESTAR," said Ricardo Lebrija Orvañanos, Skylife CEO. "Possibly our biggest challenge is just getting to change the culture in Mexico. We're not inventing something. These services are in use all over the world. But I think by the end of this year people will begin to notice and understand the benefits of our service. This is a very exciting time."

During their visit, the crewmembers from Mexico received two full days of in-

structional classroom learning and gained a wealth of experience as observers onboard the UT LIFESTAR helicopters during several medical calls.

Once in operation, the Skylife aeromedical service is expected to provide service for many American companies with employees who work on off-shore oil drilling platforms in the Gulf of Mexico. The medical helicopter service is expected to significantly shorten the amount of time it takes to get injured workers or other individuals to hospitals.

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Local

vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The young man reportedly claimed to have had one drink and tried to give officers someone else's name prior to being arrested.

Rony Recinos Ramirez, 19, of W. 5th Avenue, Lenoir City

was charged with underage DUI and criminal impersonation.

According to the report, Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD observed the vehicle driving in a reckless manner and stopped it. The driver, Mr. Ramirez had no license, no insurance and was incoherent,

very unsteady on his feet and stated he had one alcoholic beverage at the banquet hall.

Ramirez tried to give officers a different name to avoid prosecution. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Billy Joe Wheat,

43, of Grimes Road, Loudon, was charged with driving on revoked.

According to the report, Sgt. Kent Russell, LPD observed a red vehicle that failed to use a turn signal when turning and stopped it.

The driver Mr. Wheat was found to have a revoked license for DUI. Sgt. Kent Russell, LPD made the arrest.

Great Dawn Seay, 28, of Thurman Watson Road, Rutledge, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy Guy Wells, LCSD received a call of a possible drunk driver on I-75. The deputy made contact with the vehicle and observed it cross

the line three times.

The officer stopped the vehicle and Seay had a suspended license. Deputy Guy Wells, LCSD made the arrest.

Cristobal Hernandez, 57, of McGee Road, Greenback, was charged with DUI, implied consent and address change.

According to the report, Trooper Kevin Smith THP was conducting a DUI roadblock on Hwy 411 and upon Hernandez pulling up he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

He performed poorly on sobriety tasks and refused a BAC test. Trooper Kevin Smith THP made the arrest.

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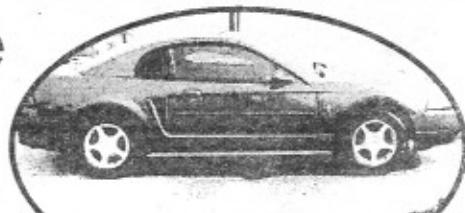
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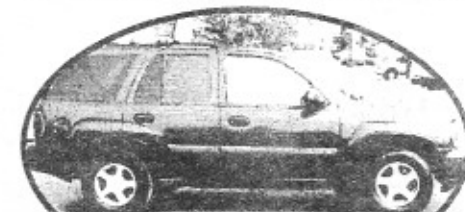
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