

# DAILY EDITION

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Thursday, August 30, 2007

## Petty revenge results in arrest on the job for Malibu employee

An employee of Malibu Boats was taken into custody at his job after an investigation by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD and was charged with vandalism over \$500. The man is alleged to have poured water in the gas tank of an LCPD cruiser to get back at the department for charging him with DUI and driving on re-

(see Redmond pg. 3)



Michael Leslie Redmond

## Unlicensed, uninsured & on the wrong side of the road

When a local police officer stopped a vehicle that was driving on the wrong side of

the road, a Knoxville man was found behind the wheel and police soon learned not

(see Mondragon pg. 7)

## Governor urges water conservation

Nashville, - As hot, dry conditions continue across Tennessee, Governor Phil Bredesen urges every Tennessean to conserve water.

"We are now entering our traditional dry season in Tennessee and while most parts of the state have adequate water supplies at the moment, there are areas that are experiencing strains on

their water systems and we need to be thinking about the months ahead," said Bredesen. "Maintaining an adequate water supply for Tennesseans' critical needs is an issue of both supply and demand."

The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Environment and Conservation are

(see Conservation pg. 9)

## Man nabbed after dropping victim at ER

Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD filed a warrant against a man that is alleged to have hit a woman over the head with a pipe and when she escaped chased her down and drug her back into her vehicle. The man then dropped the woman off at the Sweetwater ER and took off in her van. The assailant was apprehended at the Monroe County Jail on

(see Yates pg. 8)



Tobey Truman Yates

## Speeding results in DUI & drug charges

A local man was jailed after authorities stopped his vehicle for speeding and discovered he was under the influence of alcohol and in possession of marijuana.

(see McNabb pg. 3)

## Man in middle of road goes to jail

A local man found himself in the hoosegow after police found him staggering down the middle of the road.

Jesus Maria Urquilla, 62, of

(see Urquilla pg. 6)

## James White Parkway will remain closed during Boomsday

Several Alternative Routes Available To Get Downtown

Knoxville, - The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced that James White Parkway (JWP) will remain closed to traffic during the Labor Day weekend including the "Boomsday" fireworks celebration

on Sunday, September 2. The three-day Boomsday festival which begins Friday, August 31 usually attracts more than 325,000 visitors into downtown Knoxville.

There are several alternative routes eastbound and

(see Parkway pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

*If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double. Exodus 22:4*

## Obituaries

Leigh Bettis Decker

## Weather:

Today: Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. High 87.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly before midnight. Low 67.

Friday: A few thunderstorms

possible. Highs: mid 80s; Lows: mid 60s.

## Wazzup

Our thoughts are with the Petty family during their time of loss.

Please think ahead about possible future water shortages!

## Horoscopes Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

You've got to try something a little different today. Your people are just going to bumble along helplessly with or without you, so see

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Redmond

voked. How dare the police do their job, and the state take the man's license away; for shame!

Michael Leslie Redmond, 37, of Hill Crest, Lenoir City, was charged with vandal-

ism over \$500.

According to the warrant, on or about August 25, 2007 Michael Redmond did go out into the street at his residence and pour water into the gas tank of a 1999 Ford Crown Victo-

ria, blue and white, belonging to Lenoir City Police Department.

Redmond did this because he was upset with the police department because he had been arrested for DUI and driving on a revoked license about two months earlier.

The action caused damage to the vehicle in the total amount of \$600. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD made the arrest and filed the charges.

## McNabb

Shawn Houston McNabb, of Church St. Loudon was charged with DUI 2nd and poss. of sch. VI.

According to the report, McNabb was stopped for speeding on Highway 11, 40 m.p.h. in a 30 m.p.h. zone. He had a smell of an alcoholic beverage on his person and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

Upon a search, a green leafy substance

believed to be marijuana was discovered in his pocket. McNabb registered .08% on the intoximeter at the jail.

Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Clifford Thomas Sloan, 27, of Hawkins Road, Sweetwater, was charged with driving on suspended 3rd.

According to the report, Sloan was stopped and a check of his license showed them to be suspended with 2 prior convictions.

Deputy Pete McGinley LCSD made the arrest.

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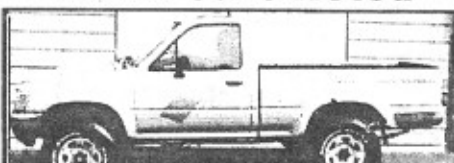
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## Police Beat

Nick Russell Leavell, 46, of Collins St., Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Officer Steven Gutt, LPD observed a vehicle with no tail-lights and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Leavell was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy.

Officer Steven Gutt, LPD made the arrest.

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## Obituaries

**Leigh Bettis Decker**, age 37 of Loudon, passed away suddenly Monday, August 27, 2007. She was a 1988 graduate of Loudon High School and a 1993 graduate of East Tennessee State University. Leigh was a member of Cedar Fork Baptist Church and was a longtime employee of Adult Community Training. She dedicated much of her life toward the betterment of others. She was preceded in death by grandparents, Sam Miller, Ella Mae Miller and Clarence Bettis. She is survived by her husband, Billy John Decker; parents, Linda and Charles Bettis; sister, Amanda Monks and husband, Kim; niece, Logan Monks; nephew, Cameron Monks; grandmother, Edith Bettis; father-in-law, Edwin Decker; mother-in-law, Arleen Decker; special pets, BooBoo and Hazelnut; many aunts, uncles and cousins. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6:45 p.m. Thursday with funeral services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Mark Richesin officiating. Family and friends will

gather at 11 a.m. Friday at Loudon County Memorial Gardens for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.



Pastors Michael Johnson and Butch Russell invite anyone who may be looking for a church to visit **Freedom House of Worship**

**Silver Ridge Baptist Church Clothing Ministry** will be hosting an open house on Saturday, September 8, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will be offering free clothing to anyone who needs them. Located at the church annex at 439 Church Drive. If rain, date will be changed to later date.

**Memories on Mulberry Antique Show & Sale**, Saturday, September 8, 2007, 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Join us on the courthouse lawn for Loudon's Annual "Memories

on Mulberry" Antique Show & Sale. The show is sponsored by the Loudon Merchants and Property Owners Association and features many antique booths, food and music. Take a stroll through the days of old. For more information call 865-458-6433 or 865-458-9020. Memories on Mulberry Antique Show & Sale is held in conjunction with the Annual Smoky Mountain Fiddlers Convention. This event was started by the Loudon Rotary Club as an official event of the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville. The convention has continued to grow and has become the premier bluegrass competition of the area. Bluegrass music is a unique form of music found

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### Urquilla

E. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the

report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed Urquilla staggering in the middle of the road and when stopped the officer detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on Urquilla's person.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

## Public Notice

### Personnel Committee Meeting

Lenoir City Personnel committee will meet at City Hall, in the small meeting room, on Friday, August 31, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. The purpose of the committee meeting will be to discuss retirement benefits. Thank You.

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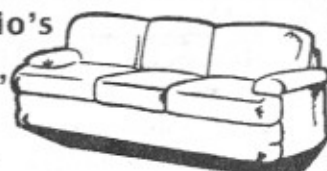
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## Mondragon

only was he DUI, he was also unlicensed and uninsured.

Jose Luis Mondragon, 28, of Blakewood Drive, Knoxville, was charged with DUI, driving without a license and viol. of financial responsibility.

According to the report, Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD observed a vehicle on

the wrong side of the road and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Mondragon had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and an ID only.

An empty quart of beer was found in a bag in the front floorboard. Sgt. Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

## Parkway

westbound motorists can take into downtown

Knoxville. Eastbound motorists on I-40 can take the Exit 386B (Alcoa Highway/Rt.129) to either Cumberland Avenue or Neyland Drive. Eastbound motorists can also take Exit 387B (17th Street) or Exit 388 (Henley Street/Rt.441) to get to campus and downtown. Motorists traveling westbound on I-40 can take Exit 389 (Hall of Fame Drive) into downtown Knoxville.

or any of the other exits previously mentioned.

JWP has been closed since December 2006 for the demolition and reconstruction of several ramps, bridges and roadways as part of the continuing SmartFIX40 project. The parkway is expected to reopen at the end of next month.

SmartFIX40 is an

accelerated construction process, involving completely closing a primary roadway to allow around-the-clock work that is uninterrupted by traffic in order to dramatically shorten construction time, thereby reducing the long-term inconvenience to motorists.

During the SmartFIX40 project, I-40 traffic through Knoxville will be rerouted onto I-640 for 14 months beginning in the spring of 2008. Local traffic will have access to downtown at all times during the closure. This closure of I-40 will avoid more than two years of traffic delays, lane closures and other frustrations by allowing construction crews to work on roadways and bridges without traffic.

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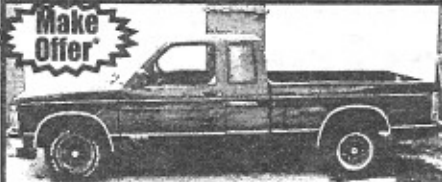
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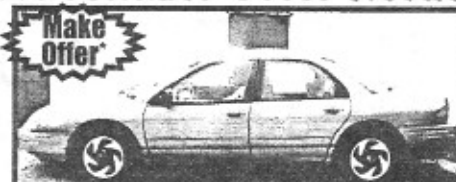
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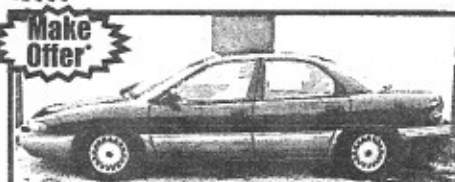
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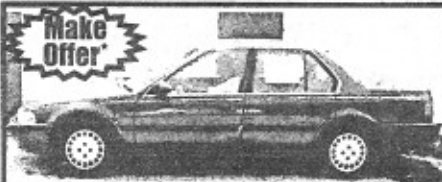
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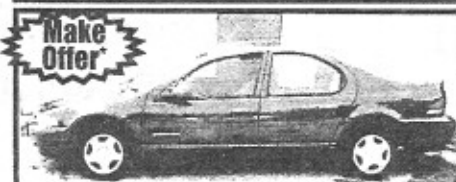
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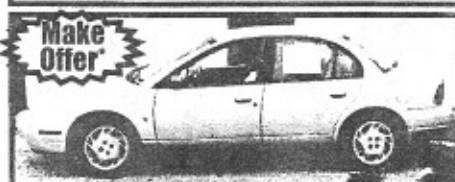
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## Yates

Tuesday morning.

According to the warrant, on June 26, 2007 at 12:28 a.m. Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD arrived at Sweetwater Emergency Room to speak to the victim of an assault. The victim reported that starting on June 25, from about 9 a.m. on, her boyfriend, Tobey Yates, assaulted her several times while traveling in the Blue Springs Road

area. The woman reported Yates would not let her out of a van that he was driving and would not take her home.

Yates became enraged, and hit the woman in the face and head area and choked her with his hands. He also hit her in the head with a pipe.

At one point, the woman jumped from the moving van to escape Yates, but he chased her and

pulled her back into the van.

Yates eventually dropped the woman off at SER and left in her van.

Deputy Keener reported he observed several injuries to the woman including: a bruised and swollen eye and nose, swelling on her head under her hair, bruising around her throat and abrasions to elbows, knees and arms. Tobey Yates did intentionally commit an assault against the woman, the report noted, using a deadly weapon and caused

her serious bodily injury and he is charged with aggravated assault by domestic.

Tobey Truman Yates, 30, of Ponders Road, Ten Mile, was charged.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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"Currently, there are 47 public water systems in Tennessee that have experienced issues ranging from declining water sources to water demand exceeding the capacity of treatment plants, distribution pipes and/

or pump systems," said Environment and Conservation Commissioner Jim Fyke. "When water utilities ask their customers to conserve, we urge people to respond accordingly."

Some water systems have also experienced issues with taste and odor. Taste and odor are generally worse in those areas where stream flow has diminished and source water is collected closer to the bottom of the stream, or where algae is imparting a taste and odor to the water. Taste and odor issues in water from public water systems are aesthetic in nature, and do not pose a safety or health risk.

Some reported water outages are due to private wells running

dry or ponds used to water livestock running dry. The first point of contact for any Tennessean experiencing problems accessing water for critical needs is their local emergency management agency, which then coordinates with TEMA when additional support is required. The contact information for each county's emergency management agency can be found on TEMA's Web site at: <http://www.tnema.org/>.

Some simple things Tennesseans can do to conserve water include:

- \* Refrain from watering lawns, washing cars or other non-critical water uses
- \* Fix all leaky plumbing fixtures, including outdoor hoses

\* Install sink faucets with aerators, motion sensors, or automatic shut-offs

\* Install low-flow shower heads

\* Run washing machines and dishwashers only with full loads

"In times of serious drought such as the one we are currently experiencing, conserving water can be an issue of public health and welfare," said TEMA Director James Bassham. "We need to be sure communities can maintain the water they need to drink, and we also need to make sure there is water available for other critical needs such as fire suppression."

TEMA, the Department of Environment

and Conservation and other state and federal agencies including the Department of Agriculture, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, the National Weather Service, TVA, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts are part of a drought task force that provides a formal mechanism for agencies to discuss issues and solutions related to the drought. Drought Task Force reports are also posted on TEMA's Web site at the link above.

For more information about water conservation options, visit Environment and Conservation's Web site at: [http://www.state.tn.us/environment/ea/eo/eo\\_water.shtml](http://www.state.tn.us/environment/ea/eo/eo_water.shtml).

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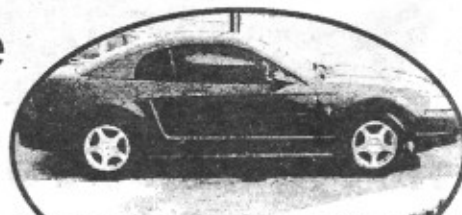
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