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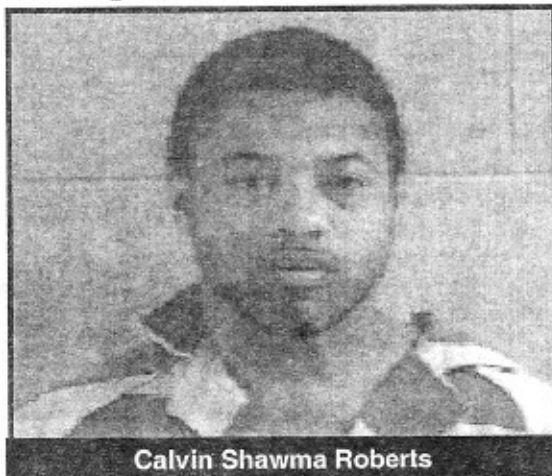
Thursday, February 28, 2008

Sweetwater couple nabbed with crack for resale

Officer Dewayne Williams, and Sgt. Brian Jenkins LPD noticed a green Pontiac Grand Am traveling north on Mulberry with an expired tag.

Upon checking the tag through NCIC it came back stolen out of Monroe County.

Upon doing a stop on the vehicle, the driver was identified as Rhonda Michelle Garrett and Calvin Shawma (see Roberts pg. 7)



Calvin Shawma Roberts



Rhonda Michelle Garrett

ATV & utility trailer stolen

A local man called police Monday when he discovered someone had come onto his property and taken his four-

wheeler, a utility trailer and several other items.

Mike Howard of Highway 72 North told Deputy (see Stolen pg. 3)

Church vandalized

Police were called to a Tellico Village house of worship Tuesday morning when the church custodian found

rocks from the landscaping had been used to smash floodlights at the church.

According to reports, (see Church pg. 3)

Wazzup with leap year?

The Gregorian calendar, which now serves as the standard calendar for civil

use throughout the world, has both common years and leap years. A common year

Underage, under arrest

Several persons were charged with contributing after police responded to an underage drinking party and found a juvenile's fa- (see Contributing pg. 9)

Roosters stolen

Police were called to a Loudon County residence Monday morning when a man discovered someone had stolen five of his roost- (see Roosters pg. 4)

Woman's here for a purpose

A local woman was spared death Monday when she reportedly fired a .22 caliber pistol into her stomach and survived the shot.

(see Purpose pg. 8)

Shoplifter nabbed

Police arrested a local woman when she allegedly tried to steal dog food and cigarettes from a Lenoir City grocery store.

(see Ward pg. 6)

Verse of the day

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Romans 13:1

Obituaries

Debbie Yates Starritt

William Morton Griffith

Weather:

Today: A few showers early, becoming a steady light rain later in the day. High 54. Chance of rain 70%.

Tonight: Rain ending early. Then remaining mainly cloudy. Low 36. Chance of rain 70%.

Saturday: Mix of sun & clouds. Highs: upper 50s; Lows: low 30s.

Sunday: Mix of sun & clouds. Highs: mid 60s; Lows: mid 40s.

Wazzup

To Susan at the Mr. Gas Texaco at Watt Rd. We all

as February 29. A leap year occurs every four years to help synchronize the calen- (see Leap Year pg. 8)

hope that the "curling iron" burn on your neck heals as quickly as possible.

Horoscopes Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

You may feel a bit in over your head, but you can fake (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Stolen

Chris Jenkins, LCSD, someone came to his residence sometime during the day and took the items and advised the four-wheeler had two tree stands on it and the trailer had a toolbox on it.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$900.

Church

Deputy M. Williams, LCSD, was dispatched to Tellico Village Community Church, Chota Center, where he spoke with church custodian Roy Stiles who said someone had intentionally broken three flood lights at the church and ad-

vised two of the lights were located on the north side of the main sanctuary and the third was on the west side of the building.

All three lights were broken by rivers rocks used for landscaping around the building.

Stiles reported the incident occurred on Friday, but he waited to report it because

he had been trying to get in touch with the detective in charge of investigating other reports of vandalism at the church in the past.

The value of the damage was estimated at \$150.

Police Beat

Daniel Keith Carver, 27, of Circle Drive,

Loudon, was charged with possession of schedule IV and public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD was dispatched to the Inn of Lenoir for a disturbance. Upon arrival Carver was seen running from the scene and was located approximately 100 yards away.

Carver had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was unsteady on his feet.

The officer observed approximately 16 Klonopin in Mr. Carver's front pocket. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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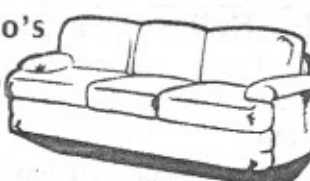
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Roosters

ers.

According to reports, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD, responded to Steekee Road where he spoke with Chester Watts who said someone took five of his roosters sometime during the night and described the birds, valued at \$500, as one gray, three reds and white with a blind eye.

Police Beat

James Wilburn Melton, Jr., 52, of Sweetwater Vonore Road, Sweetwater,

was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Melton was convicted of simple poss. and VOP 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 \$1040.50; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$190; and failed to respond to notices. This is his 2nd VOP.

Deputy Adam Bryant, LCSD made the arrest.

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Obituaries

Debbie Yates Starritt, 48, of Loudon, passed away suddenly Tuesday, February 26, 2008, at her home to be with her heavenly father. Member of Assembly of God, Loudon. Preceded in death by grandparents, W.E. and Myrtle Yates and Joe and Jessie Robinson; mother-in-law, Margaret Starritt. Survivors: loving and caring husband of 30 years, Kenny Starritt; devoted daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Tony Costner; expected grandson, Talen Gray Costner; special pet, "Trixie;" daddy and mother, Ray and Joretta Yates, all of Loudon; brother and wife, Mike and Susie Yates, Nashville; sister and husband, Judy and Tim Dixon; father-in-law, Kermit "Bull" Starritt; brothers-in-law, Ronnie and Brenda Starritt, Donnie and Freddie Starritt; sisters-in-law, Betty Gail and Jim Richards, Missy and Mark Sampson and Joye Starritt; several nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles. Funeral services 7 p.m. Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Bryant Padgett officiating. Interment 11 a.m. Friday, Loudon County Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends 5 - 7 p.m. Thursday, Loudon funeral Home.

William Morton Griffith, age 88, of Tellico Village, passed away peacefully in his sleep from health complications on Saturday, February 23, 2008, at Ft. Loudoun Medical Center in Lenoir City, TN. Mr. Griffith "Griff" was born January 14, 1920 in Wartrace, TN. He graduated from Wartrace High School

where he was a member of the football team and student council. He graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan College, where he also played football. There he met and fell in love with Clureta "Kretie" Ray of Jacksboro, TN. They were married on October 20, 1941. Griff entered the Air Force in 1940 and completed a distinguished career of proud military service, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1960. He flew numerous combat missions from the Fiji Islands and Guadalcanal, piloting a variety of aircraft including the B18, B26 and the P38. He and Kretie had two tours in Germany. Mr. Griffith flew P51s, P47s and numerous fighter jets. He later became a test pilot at Egland Air Force Base in Florida. After retiring from the service, Griff worked as a stock broker for AG Edwards and Sons, Inc. in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Prior to moving to Tellico Village in 1991, they resided in Melbourne, FL. Above all else, he was a loving husband, dad and grandfather, known for his strength of character, and deep commitment and love for his country. His memory will be forever cherished by his family. Preceded in death by his parents, William M. Griffith and Mary Moore Fields Griffith; and his brother, J. L. Griffith. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Clureta "Kretie"; daughter, Linda Griffith Koshel and husband, Steve Koshel; granddaughters, Dr. Melissa Koshel and Stephanie Koshel; sister, Martha Lynn Hale and husband, Sam Hale; and

numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 1st, at 2 p.m. at the Tellico Village Community Church with Rev. Martin Singley officiating. Mr. Griffith's ashes will be laid to rest at the family cemetery in Wartrace, TN. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tellico Village Community Church, 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Griffith family.

Ward

Donita Renea Ward, 33, of Martel Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft



What: Loudon County's Household Hazardous Waste Day
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Times: 8:00 am until 1:00 pm

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under \$500.

According to the report, Ms. Ward was observed in Food City concealing three cans of dog food and was starting to put a carton of cigarettes in her purse when she was asked to come to the office.

The total amount concealed was valued at \$1.93.

Officer Dennis Guider, LCPD made the arrest.

Herminio Pina-Acosta, 35, of Hufland Drive, Loudon, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Acosta was stopped for a driver side brake light not working.

Officer April Farmer, LPD found Acosta to be driving and had a suspended license for financial responsibility.

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Roberts

Roberts was a passenger in the car. Neither party was able to produce any type of ID.

Upon performing a search of the vehicle a plastic bag containing 4 grams of what appeared to be crack

cocaine was found in the center between the seats inside a cigarette case. Also on his person was a piece of paper containing a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana.

Garrett was determined to be the own-

er of the vehicle and had reported the vehicle stolen but had not had it removed from NCIC. After being advised of their rights neither party would claim ownership of the substance and while at the jail Sgt Jenkins found in

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Garrett's purse one round white pill identified as Percocet.

Rhonda Michelle Garrett, 38, of Billingsley Road, Sweetwater, was charged with possession of schedule II crack cocaine for resale and possession of schedule II percocet.

Calvin Shawma Roberts, 26, of Billingsley Road, Sweetwater, was charged with possession of schedule II for resale and possession of schedule VI.

Sgt. Brian Jenkins and Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD made the arrests.

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Leap Year

dar year with the solar year, or the length of time it takes the earth to complete its orbit about the sun, which is about 365 1/4 days.

The length of the solar year, however, is slightly less than 365 1/4 days — by about 11 minutes. To compensate for this discrepancy, the leap year is omitted three times every four hundred years.

In other words, a century year cannot be a leap year unless it is divisible by 400. Thus 1700, 1800, and 1900 were not leap years, but 1600, 2000, and 2400 are leap years. *What are your chances of being born on leap day?*

About 1 in 1500. *How many people were born on leap day?*

There are about 187,000 people in the US and 4 million people in the world who were born on Leap Day.

The rules for determining a leap year:

Most years that can be divided evenly by 4 are leap years.

Exception: Century

years are NOT leap years UNLESS they can be evenly divided by 400.

When did leap year originate?

The Gregorian calendar is closely based on the Julian calendar, which was introduced by Julius Caesar in 45 BC. The Julian calendar featured a 12-month, 365-day year, with an intercalary day inserted every fourth year at the end of February to make an average year of 365.25 days. But because the length of the solar year is actually 365.242216 days, the Julian year was too long by .0078 days (11 minutes 14 seconds).

This may not seem like a lot, but over the course of centuries it added up, until in the 16th century, the vernal equinox was falling around March 11 instead of March 21. In 1582, Pope Gregory XIII adjusted the calendar by moving the date ahead by 11 days and by instituting the exception to the rule for

leap years. This new rule, whereby a century year is a leap year only if divisible by 400, is the sole feature that distinguishes the Gregorian calendar from the Julian calendar.

Following the Gregorian reform, the average length of the year was 365.2425 days, an even closer approximation to the solar year. At this rate, it will take more than 3,000 years for the Gregorian calendar to gain one extra day in error.

Purpose

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD, was dispatched to a Loudon County residence just after 2:00 p.m. where a 54-year-old female had shot herself in the lower right abdomen. The woman was sitting on a bed and upon further examination it was found the bullet had exited the woman on the right side of her body just below the shoulder blade.

The weapon was located in a dresser drawer and the woman advised it was the one she had used.

She was transported to an area hospital for treatment.

Police further reported finding note requesting funeral arrangements in the same proximity of the shooting.

Police Beat

Elbert Greg Russell, 43, of Axley's Chapel Road, Greenback, was charged with VOP.

According to the affidavit, Russell was convicted of driving without a license and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since then he has failed to report to probation officer, never reported; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$323, no payment made; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$270, no payment made and failed to respond to notices.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSD made the arrest.

On this day

1960 1st Playboy Club, featuring bunnies, opens in Chicago

1960 JFK makes "missile gap" the presidential campaign issue
1964 LBJ reveals US secretly developed the A-11 jet fighter
1968 US end regular flights with nuclear bombs

1972 Hank Aaron becomes 1st baseball player to sign for \$200,000 a year

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Contributing

ther who had come to climb his daughter and a slew of people of all ages drinking beer and liquor.

Editha Artates Garner, 39, of Simpson Road, Loudon, was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

According to the report, Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD ar-

rived at a complaint of an underage drinking party on Simpson Road. The officer spoke with a juvenile who had been in the residence drinking with the occupants. The juvenile's father was on scene and stated she walked out of the house and admitted to him she had been drinking in the house.

There were several cars on the property and it took over 20 minutes to get anyone to open the door.

After entering the residence the officer observed several subjects throughout the house. In the basement of the residence was several open containers including beer and liquor. Some subjects did admit to drinking

and they did witness others drinking. A 13 year old resident of the house admitted to drinking with the adults. Editha Garner was on the scene and participated in the party.

Also charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor at the party was Scarlett Ashley Bell, 18, of Lynnlake Blvd., Knoxville. Daryl Alex-

ander Chaponot, 19, of Simpson Road, Loudon. Robert Lane Fickey, 18, of River Road, Loudon and James Tyler Roberts, 19, of Elm Street, Philadelphia.

Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD made the arrests. Also participating in the operation were Sgt. Scottie Newman, LPD and Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD.



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