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Tuesday, February 5, 2008

licensed drivers plaguing LC

by: M. Lynch

(see Unlicensed pg. 6)



Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD (right) takes Jose Victor Lopez of Knoxville into custody after stopping his vehicle for a traffic violation. Lopez is unlicensed and uninsured.

Man reports assault

opened his door to take his but an unknown assailant. dog and was struck across

A local man told police he the chest with a blunt object

According to reports, Ron-

(see Assault pg. 9)

Reckless driver nabbed after spinning out of parking lot

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSD observed a red vehicle in the Texaco parking lot in Tellico Village. The vehicle was parked on the west side of the building. The vehicle quickly backed from its parking space and the officer could hear the vehicle engine rev up. The vehicle then spun its tires in the parking lot as it headed

(see Turner pg. 3)



Prowlers GOA after shots fired

Police were summoned don Dixon and K-9 offi-

to a local residence Friday cer Deputy Chris Jenkins, night when two prowlers LCSD, responded to Carter were spotted near a vehicle Chapel Road in a response on a family's property. The to a prowler call and spoke pair reportedly fled when with Barbara Early who said shots were fired into the two males wearing camouflage were in her drive-According to records Cpl. way around 10:30 p.m. and Chad Estes, Deputy Bran- one of them was near her (see Prowlers pg. 8)

Police were called to investigate the vandalism of a local woman's vehicle Wednesday.

Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSD, reported he spoke with Amber George of

(see Vehicle pg. 4)

Tennesseans reminded of need for flu vaccine Vehicle vandalized

First flu cases confirmed for 2008

ported from several Ten- tions throughout Tennessee,

Nashville, -The Depart- nessee counties. Tennessee ment of Health has con- residents still have time to firmed the first cases of protect themselves from the with positive cultures re- is widely available at loca-

including county health department clinics.

"The flu season can peak seasonal influenza for 2008, flu this season. Flu vaccine in February or even March, so there is still time for those who haven't been immu-

(see Vaccine pg. 7)

Verse of the day

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The LORD hath not appeared unto thee.

Exodus 4:1

Obituaries

Mary Alice Brown Paul Steele Holloway

Weather:

Today: Considerable cloudiness. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 69.

Tonight: Windy with thunderstorms after midnight. Low

57. Chance of rain 60%.

Wednesday: Windy with rain diminishing to a few showers. High 58. Chance of rain 80%.

Wazzup

The primary election is today; make sure your voice counts and get out there and vote!

Horoscopes Aguarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

If you maintain a certain level of discipline today, you can avoid the worst of the distractions and other (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Turner

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to the south exit of the parking lot. At that time the officer observed there were customers in the parking lot. The vehicle then went south on Hwy 444.

As the vehicle left the deputy stopped it and the driver was identified as Robert Joseph Turner and he was charged with reckless driving and reckless endangerment and taken into custody. While doing inventory of his vehicle the officer found a 16 inch survival knife and

Police Beat

arrest.

Michael B. Lawson, 18, of Bella Vista

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sheath under the pas-

er, 22, of Nova Way.

Loudon, was charged

with reckless endan-

germent and reckless

driving and poss. of

a prohibited weapon.

Corporal Pete McGin-

lev LCSD made the

Robert Joseph Turn-

senger seat.

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Drive, Goodlettsville, was charged with underage DUI.

According to the report, Lawson was involved in a single vehicle crash on I-40 where he failed to negotiate a curve and struck a guard rail. Lawson continued through the grass and came to rest on the

shoulder.

Lawson stated he was on 5 different types of medication and had smoked marijuana the night before. Trooper Carey Hixson, THP made the arrest

Calvin Young, 22, of Rausin Hollow, Loudon, was charged with failure to appear. Deputy R. Grubb, LCSD made the arrest.

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Vehicle

Meadow Walk Lane who said someone scratched her 2007 Toyota from the front to the back along the passenger side and she believed her ex-boyfriend was responsible.

George reported the incident occurred at Lake Side Plaza. The value of the damage was estimated at \$500.

Obituaries

Mary Alice Brown, age 84 of Lenoir City. passed away Saturday, January 2, 2008. Mary Alice was a member of Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses. She was retired from Union Carbide. Mary Alice was preceded in death by her parents, David Crockett Stinnett and Callie Mae Proaps Stinnett; brothers: Calvin, Lloyd, Haskell and Robert Stinnett: sister, Willie Smith. She is survived by her sons. Randall Wayne Brown and wife, Deborah of Lenoir City, James David Keller and wife,

Debbie of Jasper, AL: grandchildren, Craig Keller and Kellie Ray of Knoxville; sister, Margaret Burns of Roane County. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday followed by funeral services at 7 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel, Private graveside services will be in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Loudon County Humane Society, 480 Rock Quarry Road, Loudon, TN 37774. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Brown family.

Paul Steele Holloway, age 77 of Lenoir City, passed away quietly February 2, 2008 at his home. Paul was a member of Martel United Methodist Church where he was active with the choir. Paul owned and operated Holloway's Garage from 1963-1993. He was preceded in death by his wife, Doris A. Voiles Holloway; son, Samuel S. Holloway; still born daughter, Sandra Carole Holloway; parents, Samuel A. and

Edith Steele Holloway: brothers. Charlie, Roy and Gene Holloway: sisters, Jesse Kelly and Johnnie Janice Holloway. Paul is survived by daughter and sonin-law, Paulette and Jim Bivens: daughters, Susan Robinett and Debra Jane Holloway; son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Debbie Holloway: grandchildren, David. Jeff and Jimmy Bivens, Jerry Paul Holloway, Matthew Coleman. Natalie Robinett and Shawn Holloway; great -grandchildren, Matthew, Alex, Elijah

and Brandi Bivens. Cameron Vance Holloway, Makenzie and Brynn Coleman, Jared and Trish Bivens: sister Ruth Holloway and special family friend, Anne Rodgers; sisters-in-law. Patti Voiles Smith of Muskogee OK, Jackie Voiles Woolery of Converse, TX, Bob Voiles of Chattanooga and Jean Zeilmaler of Lenoir City as well as several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 Monday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday

at 11 a.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Lenoir City Cemetery. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Martel United Methodist Church, 4561 Muddy Creek Road, Lenoir City, TN 37772 or to Adventa Hospice Services, 1420 Dutch Valley Road, Suite C, Knoxville, TN 37918. Click Funeral Home. 109 Walnut Street. Lenoir City is serving the Holloway family.

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Unlicensed

Unlicensed, uninsured and roaming our streets. That is the scenario that is currently being faced by our local law enforcement community. Arrests for unlicensed and uninsured motorists have been steadily on the increase in the last few years and show no signs of abating anytime soon. Of course, a by-product of those arrests is the overcrowding of our court systems.

It seems that a day does not go by in our fair city in which an arrest is not made for this offense. I'm not going to blame any specific demographic for this particular problem; in my mind the people who are driving without a valid license, whatever nationality they may be, are putting all of us at risk.

In most cases these people are generally caught by routine traffic stops or for some other minor violations, but I pose this question to all of you: what happens when these people are discovered because of a wreck or, God forbid, a fatal accident? Where does the responsibility lie at that point? What happens to the victims or their families when that scenario occurs?

For the most part the people of our city play inside the rules and the law. They have valid licenses

and insurance, which is a responsibility that comes with the privilege of driving. That is right, driving is a privilege, not a right. In order to have that privilege you must comply with several criteria, age, evesight. a written test and a road test. You must also provide proof of residency by producing a birth certificate, visa or government issued alien identification. Those who do not, or can not, are playing with all of our lives when they choose to get behind the wheel of a vehicle. It belittles what all the rest of the law abiding citizens of the community have gone through to exercise their privilege.

It seems to me that most of these individuals feel that it is no big thing to get caught under these circumstances because I see repeat offenders time and time again. Kudos to the local law enforcement community to continue to be viailant when it comes to these drivers. But even then, it would seen to me that it

would be frustrating to put the same people in jail over and over for the same thing while the wheels of the legal system turn in their slow tracks.

One final question, what right do these offenders have to jeopardize my life, my safety or the safety of my family because they apparently feel that the laws of this city, state and country do not apply to them?

ed's note: This problem has yet to see an end and law enforcement can only do what the law says and that is simply to make an arrest. It will take legislation being passed to somehow combat this growing problem across the state. The main problem with repeat offenders is there is no 2nd or 3rd or 4th offenses for driving without a license like there is for suspended or revoked license. Another problem is that the main core of these drivers are here illegally and cannot obtain a license due to the fact they have no social security number. We would like to know what you think about

this issue and how it should be resolved. Let us know, address on page 2.

Jose Victor Lopez, 37, of Delaware Ave., Knoxville, was charged with no driver license, improper display of tag and financial resp. According to the report. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Lopez for improperly displaying the tag on his vehicle and while gathering information found Lopez has no license and no insurance. Sqt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Here are more people charged with no license:

Aris Torres Pineda, 28, of C Street, Lenoir City, was charged with no driver license and speeding. According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Pineda for speeding and she did not have a license. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Jamie Cortes Zavala, 24, of Kirk Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license and financial resp. ac-

cording to the report, Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD responded to a motor vehicle accident on Old Hwy 95 with no injury. There were two vehicles involved and Zavala was driving one of them. He was found to have no license and no insurance. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSD made the arrest.

Felipe Menchaca Garcia, of Industrial Park Blvd, Lenoir City was charged with no driver license. According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Garcia and found him to be unlicensed. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

Roderico Velasque-Cano, 28, of W. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license. According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed a vehicle on Kingston St and the driver and passenger was not wearing a seatbelt and stopped it. Cano was found to have no license. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the ar-

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nized to get a flu vaccination and have it protect them this winter," said Tim F. Jones, MD, State Epidemiologist. "We urge anyone who has not yet received a flu vaccination to get one."

Most people who get the flu recover fully within one to two weeks. However, some people develop serious, life-threatening complications such as pneumonia. Each year about 114,000 people in the United States are hospitalized and about 36,000 people die because of the flu.

A flu immunization protects not only the person vaccinated, but his or her family, friends and coworkers as well. Protecting yourself from the flu also helps protect

those who may not be able to get a vaccine, such as young infants or people with certain medical conditions. It is especially important for people at high risk for contracting the flu, or anyone who comes into contact with a high-risk person, to get vaccinated. Those considered at high risk include:

Pregnant women Persons more than 50 years of age

All children age 6 months to 5 years of age

Anyone with a chronic medical condition such as diabetes or heart disease

Residents of longterm care facilities and nursing homes

Anyone living with or caring for young infants or anyone in the above mentioned groups, especially healthcare

providers

It is also important to practice good hygiene and proper respiratory etiquette during flu season to protect yourself from the virus, and to help prevent spreading illness if you are sick. Common sense precautions include frequent hand washing with warm soapy water, keeping hands away from your face, and covering coughs and sneezes with a sleeve or tissue. These precautions can also help prevent the spread of other illnesses including the common cold.

"People should also stay home if at all possible when they are sick so they don't spread illness to coworkers or social contacts," said Kelly Moore, MD, MPH, medical director of the State Immunization Program. "Flu is highly contagious. Staying home can help reduce cases of flu and will help the person recover more quickly."

Flu vaccines are 70 to 90 percent effective in preventing flu among healthy adults. Flu vaccine protection takes about two weeks to become effective. The vaccine is available in

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two forms, a shot and a nasal spray.

For more information on the flu vaccine. visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site at www.cdc.gov/flu. To inquire about vaccine availability, contact your health care provider or your county health department. A complete list of county health department locations is available online at http://health. state.tn.us/localdepartments.htm.

Friends of the Library host Annual Used Book Sale March 3-9

Knoxville, - Friends of the Knox County Public Library Library are pleased to announce their annual Used Book Sale on March 3-9 in the Knoxville Convention and Exposition Center, lower level of the Holiday Inn at the World's Fair Site. Over 14,000 square feet of books, cds, and movies will be available -- most for \$2 or less. A section for rare books and first editions is also being featured. A special Members Only Preview will be held on Sunday, March 2; membership to the Friends will be available at the door.

This year's sale will

be bigger and better than ever. While the joy of rummaging through endless stacks of books makes for a fun scavenger hunt, book lovers won't have to work as hard to find their treasures. Volunteers have organized the books in a more detailed manner. New this year are tables for biographies and the grouping of popular mysteries by author. The sorting of literary works and areas of non-fiction is also more specialized.

Another new feature of this year's book sale is Educator Discount Days. On March 4&5, educators and care providers will receive a discount: buy five, get one free. On March 6&7 all patrons will receive half off of their purchase, and Saturday, March 8 is "Bag Day."

Proceeds from the sale benefit programs at the Knox County Public Library.

The schedule is as follows:

Members Only Preview: Sunday, March 2, 1 – 5 pm

Book Sale: Monday - Friday, March 3-7 11 am - 7 pm

Bag Sale: Saturday, March 8, 9 am – 1 pm For more information, please call 215-8775.



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Prowlers

husband's truck while the other stood in the driveway down from the house.

Early reported her father was also at home and fired two shots into the air to scare the men away.

Cpl. Estes reported he and fellow officers did not find the suspects and nothing was found missing or broken into.

Police Beat

Nicky Wayne Dixon. 22, Grayson-Freedman Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation Wednesday.

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According to an affidavit, Dixon was convicted of theft under \$500, stalking and first offense DUI on July 11, 2007 and was placed on probation for a term of 11 months. 29 days.

Since that time, Dixon reportedly has failed to report to his probation officer (last visit 12-13-07), failed to pay court costs and

fines (owes \$1515.50 made), failed to pay made August, 2007), failed to respond to written/verbal notices (numerous verbal notices-no address) and has been convicted on new charges: stalk-2007 and second offense DUI on January 9, 2008.

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Deputy John Wilson, at the Loudon County LCSD, made the arrest

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Assault

nie H. Smith, Bill Smith Road, told Deputy Bryan Blakney, LCSD, he went outside to take his dog for a walk and when he opened his door he was struck across the chest with a blunt object and he did not see who did it. Smith reported he was taken by surprise by the blow and fired a shot from a 4.10 pistol into the deck and noticed a baseball bat he keeps on his porch had been thrown into the yard. He thought he may have been struck with the bat.

The officer reported

Smith refused medical treatment at the scene but advised he would with his son-inlaw to the hospital.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

Police Beat

John Allan Kirby Jr., 19, of Russcornett Road, Boone, NC and DAILY EDITION February 5, 2008 • Page 9

Michael Mark Bishop II, 19, of Homespun Hills, Boone, NC were charged with poss. of drug paraphernalia.

According to the report, Agent John Sanchez, 9th DTF observed a vehicle at a high rate of speed 79mph in a 65mph zone and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Bishop did not have his license with him and when the officer returned to the vehicle he detected the odor of marijuana.

While conducting a search of the vehicle a bag containing a pipe, pill crusher, two packs of rolling papers and 2 smoke machines was found on the front passenger floorboard.

Agent John Sanchez, 9th DTF made the arrests.

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