

DAILY EDITION

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Monday, March 24, 2008

Cocaine found after speeding stop



Approximately 6 grams of cocaine were found in a Georgia man's vehicle after police stopped him for speeding (see Sonnenberg pg. 3)

Home vandalized

A Madisonville developer he discovered someone had called police Sunday when vandalized some electrical (see Vandalized pg. 8)

Sales tax holiday changed to April 25-27

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Revenue announced the change of the special spring Sales Tax Holiday date to Friday, April 25 through Sunday, April 27,

Suspected thief nabbed leaving parking lot

5th revoked driving charge

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD was dispatched to the Dollar General Market on Hwy 321 for a shoplifter. The witness stated she observed a woman attempt to steal several items including dryer sheets, 24x54 multi runner, print runner, and a green print rug totaling approximately \$33.50 from the Dollar Gen- (see Ely pg. 7)



Heather Jean Ely

Lightning strike responsible for 2 structure fires

A lightning strike is reportedly responsible for fires at two Tellico Village homes after a tree between the two

structures was hit around noon Friday.

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD, (see Lightning pg. 8)

Tree falls on truck

A local man called authorities Friday morning when a tree reportedly got away from workers who were cutting it down and landed on his '67 pickup truck.

(see Tree pg. 6)

Wheelbarrows stolen

Authorities were called to a local hardware store Monday when workers discovered someone had cut a security cable and taken some wheelbarrows.

(see Wheelbarrows pg. 4)

Theft

Police were called Monday to investigate the theft

(see Theft pg. 9)

Verse of the day

Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

Isaiah 58:6

Obituaries

Helen Juanita Steele Gladys (Geneva) Turner

Weather:

Today: Rain and snow showers. Highs in the mid 40s. Tonight: Lows in the upper 20s.

Tuesday: Sunny. High: 61;

Low: 40.

Wazzup

Look for Fishing with Gus in tomorrow's Edition.

Thank you for going that extra mile, Jeremy at Rent A Center! We love our new rent to own purchase and will be telling all our friends

about ya!

Horoscopes Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

You've got to step in when a friend or coworker needs help -- you can't help yourself! That altruistic, (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Sonnenberg

Investigator Adam J. Yokley LCSD Narcotics Division observed a blue vehicle with a Georgia tag speeding approximately 85mph in a 65mph zone on I-75. The vehicle was also weaving in and out of traffic going down the interstate.

The officer activated his emergency equipment and stopped the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle was Richard A. Sonnenberg Jr.

and while checking his license status and issuing a citation for speeding K-9 Draga



Sonnenberg

was deployed by Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSD ND.

The K-9 alerted

on the vehicle and a search revealed two plastic bags containing a white powder substance believed to be powder cocaine in a black eyeglass case in the glove box of the vehicle.

Sonnenberg advised that Sonnenberg had another bag of the white powder in his wallet. The three bags totaled approximately 6 grams.

Richard A. Sonnenberg, 46, of Crestbrook Lane, Marbleton, GA,

was charged with possession of schedule II (powder cocaine). Investigator Adam J. Yokley LCSD ND made the arrest.

The crime scene was processed by CSI Investigator Charles Cosner, LCSD.

Tree

Deputy Chip Matthews, LCSD, reported he spoke with Randy Ragsdale of Corinth Church Road who advised some workers from Brewster's Turf Management were cutting down some trees on his property when they lost control of one of the trees and it landed on his 1967 Ford Custom pickup truck.

The accident occurred around 9:30 a.m. and the damage to the truck was estimated at around \$200.

Sometimes, medications & food don't mix
If you take medica-

tion in the morning, do you also think about what you're going to eat for breakfast? If you don't, you may want to learn more about how foods and medications interact with one another.

Whether you take over-the-counter or prescription medications, the foods you eat can affect absorption of the drug. Some medications affect how food tastes, your appetite and even your sense of smell. Other medications can change how food is absorbed, either increasing or decreasing the absorption of nutrients in foods.

Certain foods can affect medication absorption, too. Talk to your doctor or dietetics professional to find out all of the facts before starting a new medication. Locate a nutrition professional in your area by visiting the American Dietetic Association at www.eatright.org. (From the American Dietetic Association)

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Wheelbarrows

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD was dispatched to Ace Hardware at Dixie Lee Junction where he spoke with manager Peter Byer who said the store had closed around 6:00 p.m. Sunday and when he came in to work Monday morning he found someone had cut the cable securing merchandise and had taken three wheelbarrows, all valued at approximately \$200.

Police Beat

Luther Christopher Jones II, 31, of Sharp Lane, Knoxville, was

charged with driving on suspended, DUI 2nd and viol. of implied consent.

According to the report, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a gold vehicle traveling at a very slow rate of speed on Hwy 72. The vehicle made a wide turn almost striking the median and was stopped.

Jones was the driver and he had very slurred speech and a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Jones refused a BAC test and performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

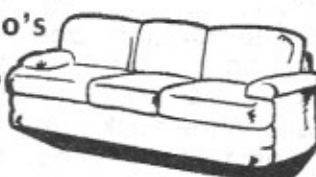
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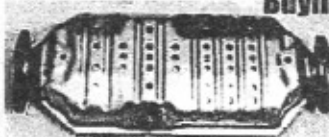
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Lightening

was dispatched to the Yona Way residence of Richard Schmeling where a fire had broken out in the crawl space and attic area. Upon his arrival the lawman learned emergency personnel had discovered the residence next door also was on fire.

Records indicate investigation revealed utility workers on the scene found a tree behind and between the two homes had been struck by lightning that then ran through a yard sprinkler system and into Schmeling's residence, causing damage to an interior wall garage where the sprinkler's controller was located. The jolt burned the wall and went into the attic area.

The charge also went into the electrical wiring of the next door residence and both homes were extensively damaged.

The officer reported Schmeling's residence sustained about \$20,000 worth of damage.

The next door residence, belonging to David McAfee, also sustained about \$20,000 in damages.

Vandalized

items at a local subdivision he is planning.

According to reports, Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSD, responded to Bay Creek Drive where he spoke with Scott Wilson who said he is planning a new subdivision at the

location and someone tore an entry keypad out of the ground and busted four lamps.

The value of the damage was estimated at \$1000.

No License

Daniel D. Kilgore, 20, of West 1st Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license and light law violation. According to the report, Officer Nick Lawson, LCSD stopped a vehicle for driving without taillights. Upon running his license it came as ID only. Officer Nicholas Lawson, LCSD made the arrest.

Jose Luis Zavala, 26, of Coffee Circle, Lenoir City was charged with no license and left turn on red.

According to the report, Officer Mark Maxwell, LCSD observed Zavala make a left hand turn without signaling.

Upon stopping him Zavala presented a Mexican voter card. A check showed him to be unlicensed. Officer Mark Maxwell, LCSD made the arrest.

Police beat

Juan Mauder Ramirez-Perez, 29, of E. 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 2nd and driving on revoked.

According to the report, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD received a call of a reckless driver on Hwy 11. Deputy Watkins ob-

served the vehicle cross into the right hand lane and then stopped the vehicle.

The driver produced a Mexican ID only and a check showed his license to be revoked for DUI. He also received citations for open container, financial responsibility and viol. of implied consent.

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Theft

of power tools from a Loudon County residence.

According to reports, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD, was dispatched to Old Highway 95 where he spoke with Stanley Maddox who stated that sometime back in November he returned home and went to the garage area of the residence and noticed the door open. He

though nothing about it and re-secured the door.

Maddox reported when he re entered the garage he noticed two Passload framing and one Passload finish nail guns missing, along with a DeWalt sawz-all with case and two Poulan chain saws. He also then noticed pry marks on the door leading to the garage.

The loss was valued at \$2100.

Police Beat

Susan Honsa Thomasson, 49, of Riverview Golf Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI.

According to the report, Deputy Bryan Blakney LCSD observed a silver vehicle with a right rear tail-light out and the driver was unable to maintain her vehicle in the proper lane crossing the double yellow line numerous times.

The officer stopped

the vehicle and the driver, Ms. Thomasson had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and when asked if she had anything to drink she stated NO!

When she stepped out of the vehicle, Thomasson was unsteady on her feet and performed poorly on sobriety tasks. She registered .12% on the intoximeter. Deputy

Bryan Blakney, LCSD made the arrest.

Johnny Jennings Bane, 57, of Ash Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, while on bicycle patrol Officer Jason Butler, LCPD observed a male subject sitting on the front steps of Ash Avenue with a small handgun in his hand.

Upon making contact with Johnny Bane the officer observed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and person.

Bane was also extremely unsteady on his feet and was a danger to himself and others. Officer Jason Butler, LCPD made the arrest.

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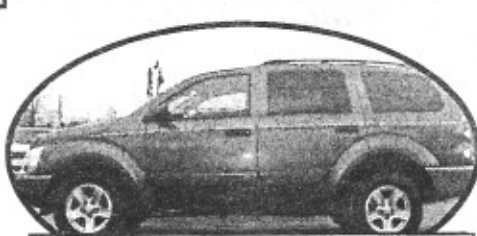
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Holiday

savings to shoppers on clothing, school and art supplies, and computers.

The date, originally set for March 21-23 on Easter weekend, was changed by the General Assembly to April 25-27.

"By moving the date, consumers and retailers will be able to enjoy three full days of tax savings as the legislation originally intended," said Senator Tim Burchett, Senate sponsor of the bill that moved the date to April.

"Now people can take advantage of the tax savings offered by the state, and still be able to honor their other commitments," said Representative Randy

Rinks, the House sponsor.

During the holiday, shoppers may purchase selected clothing with a price of \$100 or less per item, school and school art supplies with a price of \$100 or less per item and computers with a price of \$1,500 or less without paying Tennessee's state and local sales tax on the items. The holiday also includes purchases of qualified items sold via mail, telephone, e-mail or Internet if the customer orders and pays for the item and the retailer accepts the order during the holiday for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period.

"All Tennesseans can benefit from the state's sales tax holi-

days," said Revenue Commissioner Reagan Farr. "The April holiday offers tax-free purchases on clothing for summer, computers and supplies for summer programs or early back-to-school preparations."

Details about the state's special Sales Tax Holiday are available at the state's dedicated Web site, www.tntaxholiday.com. The Tennessee Department of Revenue also offers assistance to consumers via e-mail, Salestax.Holiday@state.tn.us, and through its toll-free statewide telephone hot line, (800) 342-1003. Staff is available to answer questions Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Time. (Out-of-state and Nashville-area callers, please dial (615) 253-

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impartially in an effort to encourage voluntary taxpayer compliance. The department also apportions revenue collections for distribution to the various state funds and local units of government. To learn more about the department, log on to www.Tennessee.gov/revenue.

Police beat

Jeffrey Thomas Shipley, 52, of Overlook Lane, Clinton, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSD made the arrest at the Anderson County Jail.

Ray L. Swain, 46, of Loudon Ridge Road, Loudon, was charged with an attachment out of circuit court.

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSD made the arrest.

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Clothing - \$100 or less

Exempt:	Taxable:		
Clothing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belts Caps Coats Dresses Gloves Hats Hosiery Jackets Jeans Neckties Pants Scarves School uniforms Shirts Shoes Socks Sneakers Underwear 	Clothing Accessories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Belt Buckles (sold separately) Briefcases Cosmetics Hair Notions Handbags Jewelry Patches and Emblems (sold separately) Sewing Equipment and Supplies Sewing Materials, such as Thread, Fabric, Yarns and Zippers Sunglasses Umbrellas Wallets Watches 	Protective Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breathing Masks Face Shields Hard Hats Hearing Protectors Helmets Paint or Dust Respirators Protective Gloves and Welder's Gloves Safety Glasses and Goggles Tool Belts 	Sports or Recreational Equipment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet and Tap Shoes Cleated or Spiked Athletic Shoes Gloves (Baseball, Boxing, Golf) Goggles Hand and Elbow Guards Life Preservers and Vests Mouth Guards Roller and Ice Skates Shin Guards Shoulder Pads Ski Boots Wetsuits and Fins

School and Art Supplies - \$100 or less

Exempt:	Taxable:		
School Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Binders Book Bags/Backpacks Calculators Chalk Crayons Erasers Folders Glue Lunch Boxes Notebooks Paper Pens 	School Supplies, cont. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pencils Rulers Scissors Tape School Art Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clay and Glazes Paints Paintbrushes Sketch and Drawing Pads Watercolors 	School Instructional Material: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Textbooks and workbooks are always exempt from sales tax 	School Computer Supplies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Compact Disks Computer Printers Computer Storage Media Diskettes Handheld Electronic Schedulers Personal Digital Assistants Printer Supplies including Paper and Ink

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