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Wednesday, March 26, 2008

## Man tries to fight after stealing from store

A young Sweetwater man is accused of assaulting a store employee after he allegedly stole items from Wal Mart and was stopped by loss prevention.

Jameson Thomas Cull, 19, of N. Point Road, Sweetwater, was charged with theft under \$500, simple possession schedule VI

(see Cull pg. 3)



Jameson Thomas Cull

## Man jumps off bridge to avoid THP

A Sweetwater man reportedly jumped off a bridge to avoid the presence of a state trooper who stopped

to check on him when he saw his vehicle sitting on the side of the road.

Michael Ray Smith, 29, of

(see Smith pg. 4)

## The World by Gus

Well boys and girls, another crooked politician bites the dust with yet another sex scandal and it's another Democrat to boot.

DETROIT (AP) - Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a one-time Democratic rising star and Detroit's youngest elected leader, was charged

(see Gus pg. 7)

## New web site, toll-free number to help with open records issues

Nashville — Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury John G. Morgan announced two new resources for providing open records infor-

mation and assistance to Tennessee citizens. Citizens may call toll free (866) 831-3750 or visit [www.comptroller.state.tn.us/openrecords/](http://www.comptroller.state.tn.us/openrecords/)

index.htm.

The website includes background on the new Comptroller's Office of Open Records; posting of informal

advisory opinions produced by the office; and contact information for citizens to submit inquiries, concerns and questions regarding access

(see Records pg. 6)

## Verse of the day

*And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.*

Romans 5:5

## Obituaries

William W. Overton (Junior)

Samuel Henderson Jones  
Juanita Catherine Lawson  
Josephine Lekarczyk  
Jankowski  
Addie Lou Hart Gunnels  
Julia Marie Kerr Massengill

## Weather:

Today: Intervals of clouds and sunshine. High 67.

Tonight: A few clouds. Low 48.

Thursday: Mix of sun and clouds. High: low 70s; Lows: mid 50s.

## Wazzup

How 'bout those Vols - making the Sweet Sixteen for the second time in a row!

## Horoscopes Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

You and your big heart are going through some craziness right now and while it might not be the most fun you've ever had,

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Revoked driver nabbed after fleeing into shower

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD attempted to stop a vehicle for a seat belt violation and upon activating his emergency equipment the vehicle accelerated to 40mph in a 30mph zone and attempted to elude the officer.

The driver, Crystal Tenile Shubert, proceeded through a stop sign without any re-

(see Shubert pg. 9)



Crystal Tenile Shubert

## No license

Wilber Alfredo Rodriguez, 25, of Henry Lane, Knoxville, was charged with driving

without a driver license.

According to the report, Officer F. Donth, LCPD

(see No License pg. 3)

## Woman goes to car, finds intoxicated hood ornament

When a local woman went to her vehicle to go to work, she found an intoxicated stranger sleeping on the hood of her car and called

police.

Travis Dewayne Selvidge, 23, of Cress Lane, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

(see Selvidge pg. 3)

## Selvidge

According to the report, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD responded to Oakwood Estates that a man was passed out and laying on the hood of a vehicle. When the deputy arrived he found Travis Selvidge laying on the hood of a vehicle and he was asleep.

When the deputy awoke Selvidge he was very confused, didn't know where he

was and didn't know how he got there.

Selvidge was unsteady on his feet and had a hard time holding his eyes open and stated he had just taken Xanax to try to help him sleep.

The owner of the residence didn't know Selvidge and said she had come out to go to work and found him on the hood of her car. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSD made the arrest.

## Cull

and simple assault.

According to the report, Jameson Thomas Cull was observed by Wal Mart loss prevention personnel in the electronics department picking up a Belkin wireless notebook card and walking around trying to open the box. Jameson was observed opening the box and concealed the card in his hoodie pocket and passed

all points of sale. The value of the card was \$49.96.

When Cull was confronted by Wal Mart personnel he started fighting and did assault the complainant.

On patting down Mr. Jameson for weapons Officer Darrell Butler, LCPD found a clear plastic bag in his front pocket with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Officer Butler made the arrest.

## No License

stopped Rodriguez for having no brake lights.

After the stop and during the officer's investigation it was discovered that Rodriguez has no license.

Federico Ramirez Vazquez, 34, of Houston St., Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer F. Donth, LCPD observed a vehicle with an expired tag and stopped it.

Mr. Vazquez stated he did not have a US driver license and also had an open title on his vehicle and it was in someone else's name. He also could not provide proof of insurance.

Fabian Reyes Medina, 21, of West Athens Street, Englewood, TN, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Jason Butler, LCPD stopped Medina for speeding and found him to have no license.

Mario Solis Galicia, 32, of W. 5th Ave., Lenoir City was charged with no driver license, speeding and financial resp.

According to the report, Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD stopped Galicia for speeding and found he has no license and no insurance.

Marcelino Alfonso Herrera, 35, of Foster Drive, Lenoir city was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer F. Donth, LCPD observed a vehicle that had a rear brake light not functioning and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Herrera was found to have no license.

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## Smith

Cedar Valley Road, Sweetwater, was charged with DUI and implied consent.

According to the report, Trooper John Carr, THP was on patrol and observed a vehicle sitting on the side of the road. The trooper pulled up to the vehicle and the suspect got out of his car, ran and jumped off the side of the Tennessee River Bridge.

After locating Smith he smelled of an alcoholic beverage and appeared

to be intoxicated. Upon arrival at the jail Smith refused any type of tests. Trooper John Carr, THP made the arrest.

## Police Beat

Adam Clint Baker, 26, of Salem Valley Road, Philadelphia, was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy B. Dixon, LCSD stopped Baker for a headlight out and found him to have a suspended license. Deputy B. Dixon, LCSD made the arrest.

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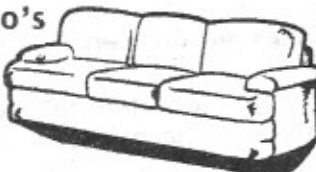
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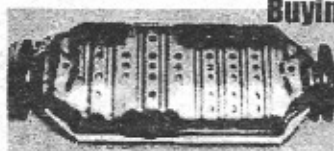
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## Records

to local government public records.

Director Ann Butterworth and Open Records Specialist Elisha Hodge jointly staff the new office, funded by the General Assembly in 2007. They will assist citizens in obtaining open records from local governments, both in guiding citizens to correct offices/officials and in working to resolve disputes regarding access. The effort is addressed both to citizens and to local governments. "The office will answer questions and provide information regarding open records to any person, including

local government officials," said Ms. Butterworth.

The office also will informally mediate and assist with the resolution of issues concerning open records laws when a citizen is not satisfied with the response by a local government to his or her records request. Currently, the General Assembly is considering legislation that would provide express statutory authority for the office. "Whether we are called ombudsmen or ombudspersons, our focus is the same," Ms. Butterworth explained.

The mission of the Comptroller's Office of Open Records is

to improve the quality of life for all Tennesseans by making government work better. "Having a government that is open and accessible fosters an atmosphere of trust and accountability," stated Ms. Hodge. "My work in the office over the past couple of months opened my eyes to the fact that Tennessee citizens truly feel that government accountability can be ensured through use of the Tennessee Public Records Act and the Sunshine Laws."

The website and toll-free phone number are being announced in coordination with Sunshine Week March 16-22, a national initiative to open a dialogue about the

importance of open government and freedom of information. Ms. Butterworth and Ms. Hodge also plan to conduct public outreach programs to create awareness and educate citizens about Tennessee's open records laws. Learn more about Sunshine Week at [www.sunshineweek.org](http://www.sunshineweek.org).

Citizens may e-mail the Office of Open Records at [open.records@state.tn.us](mailto:records@state.tn.us).

## Police Beat

Jessica Yvette Daniels, 30, of Tulip Drive, Crossville, was charged with a Lenoir City mittimus.

Deputy John Wilson LCSD made the arrest at the Cumberland County Jail.



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## Gus

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So why does this stuff keep happening? Well, I really think that this is not anything new; just with all today's media gadgets, cell phone, e-mails, cameras on every corner, it's just easier to catch them lying. See, they don't get in trouble for the sex, it's the lying that sends them packing.

-Gus

## Police Beat

Justin Allen McKee,

20, of Burdett Road, Sweetwater, was charged with poss. of sch. VI and driving on revoked.

According to the report, Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD stopped a vehicle on Hwy 72 for a tail-light violation and the driver had an odor of what appeared to be marijuana coming from his person.

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Upon asking, McKee handed over a small bag with a green leafy substance in it.

A check of his license showed them to be revoked.

The passenger, Michael Ray Harmon, 22, of Creek Road, Sweetwater, was charged with poss. of sch. VI.

According to the re-

port, Michael handed over a small bag with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana in it.

Officer Dewayne Williams, LPD made the arrests.

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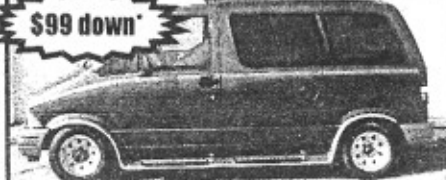
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## Shubert

guard for other drivers and the vehicle came to rest in a driveway located on Rogers Drive where Ms. Shubert lives.

Ms. Shubert ran on foot into the residence and upon making entry the officer found the woman hiding in

a shower. A check of her license showed them to be revoked.

Crystal Tenile Shubert, 28, of Rogers Drive, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked 1st and felony evading arrest.

### Deciphering Organic Labeling

Organic foods continue to grow in popu-

larity and variety. The term "organic" now has a legal label definition so you know what you're buying if you choose organic foods. You may notice some foods with the "USDA Organic" seal. Here's what the term "organic" means on food labels:

"100 percent or-

ganic": The product must contain only organically produced ingredients (except for water and salt).

"Organic": The product must contain at least 95 percent organically produced ingredients (except for water and salt). The other 5 percent are ingredients that aren't available in organic form or that appear on an approved list.

"Made with organic ingredients": Processed foods may bear this label if they contain at least 70 percent organic ingredients — for example, soup made with organic peas, potatoes and carrots.

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