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Monday, November 2, 2009

## Davidson Gets Death

The third of five people charged in the rape/torture/murders of Channon Christian and Chris Newsom in January, 2007 has been tried and found guilty. On October 30, 2009, Lemaricus Devall "Slim" Davidson was sentenced to death of four counts of felony murder and premeditated murder of the young couple, after being found guilty of all 46 charges against him, three of which were not guilty on the



Davidson

indicted charges of aggravated



Channon Christian

Chris Newsom

rape of Christopher Newsom, but guilty on the lesser included charges of facilitation of rape on October 28, 2009. Davidson waived his right to a sentencing hearing within 45 days and after the Appellate process the Supreme Court will determine date of his execution. Appeals are expected to be filed.

## Pills result in DUI, more for 2

Two persons were taken into custody after police stopped to check on their vehicle when they were seen in a Loudon parking lot with their emergency flashers on and officers discovered they were under (see Charged pg. 3)

## I-40 Closure Alternate Routes Advisory

Motorists Advised to Take Alternate Routes for Weeks

The Tennessee Department of Transportation and Tennessee Highway Patrol are working together to keep motorists informed about the closure of Interstate 40 near the North Carolina state line. In Tennessee, I-40 is closed in both directions at mile marker 451 (Waterville) due to a massive rock slide that (see Routes pg. 7)

## Third graders get visit from K-9 officer in D.A.R.E. class



Loudon County Sheriff Department's Deputy Michael Watkins and K-9 partner Denero pays a visit to third graders at Lenoir City Elementary School to give students a first hand look at a K-9 officer during their D.A.R.E. class

## Driving with no license, no insurance, no seat belt

Salvador Cisneros, 23, West 1st Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license and financial responsibility. According to records, at approximately 7:35am, Mr. Cisneros was involved in a (see No License pg. 6)

## Lenoir City awarded 1 of 72 Community Development Block Grants

NASHVILLE—Governor Phil Bredesen and Economic and Community Development Commissioner Matthew Kisber recently approved more than \$28 million in Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) to (see Grants pg. 4)

## Verse of the day

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust. Psalm 91:1-2

## Obituaries

Frances Louise Synan

## Weather:

Today: Sunshine. Highs in the low 60s. Tonight: Lows in the low 40s.

Tuesday: Sunny. High: 60. Low: 39.

## Wazzup

Did you remember to fall backward and set back your clocks Saturday for daylight saving time? Tennessee State Fire Marshal Leslie A. Newman also

reminds us this is a good time to change our smoke alarms' batteries when we set our clocks back, so be sure you and your family are ready for the dangers of the winter heating season by changing those batteries.

## Horoscopes Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Get started in a new direction today -- you know what you want to do, so you've just got to get moving!

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Charged

the influence of pills. The passenger told lawmen at least three times she was trying to get to Tennessee.

Michael Patrick Marshall, 24, Grant, Ala-

bama, was charged with DUI 2nd offense and violation of implied consent.

According to reports, around 12:11am, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD noticed a red Jeep Cherokee in the Shell parking lot with the emergency flashers on. The officer stopped to talk to Mr. Marshall and he told Officer Houser he was driving from Alabama to Knoxville and the vehicle overheated.

Mr. Marshall reportedly appeared to be disoriented and very unsteady on his feet.

He stated he was prescribed darvocet and had taken four that day.

Mr. Marshall performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and told the lawman he had also taken two 2 mg xanax that belonged to his girlfriend.

Upon arrival at the jail, Mr. Marshall was read the implied consent and refused the test because he had darvocet and xanax in his system.

Marshall had a prescription bottle with darvocet in it and the quantity stated there

should have been ten pills, but there were eleven. Mr. Marshall advised he went by the pharmacy and bought more. The passenger in the Jeep Cherokee, Hollie Ann Minton, 23, of Duff, Tennessee was charged with public intoxication.

Miss Minton was very unsteady on her feet and appeared confused. She told Officer Houser she had taken one and a half xanax. Minton said she is prescribed one, 2 mg xanax a day.

Miss Minton told the officer three times she was trying to get to Tennessee.

## Police Beat

Charles Donovan 'Donnie' Eldridge, 47, Sugarlimb Road, Loudon was charged with driving on revoked 2nd offense.

According to records, Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO observed a red Saturn turning off Broadway onto Martel Road. The operator of the vehicle was in violation of the seat belt law.

Deputy Petty stopped the vehicle and Eldridge stated, he didn't have a driver's license.

A check through NCIC showed Eldridge's driving privileges are revoked for DUI out of South Carolina.

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## Grants

assist with infrastructure improvements in Tennessee.

"The grants awarded through this program provide funding needed to maintain and update community resources and improve the overall economic and environmental health of Tennessee," said Bredesen. "I'm proud the state of

Tennessee can provide funding to communities to help spur economic growth and create jobs."

The funds were allocated under a procedure authorized by the Tennessee General Assembly.

"These grants are evidence of the state's commitment to helping our communities prosper," said Kisber. "CDBG grants help increase

our state's economic edge and provide opportunities for our communities to improve their overall economic development strategies."

Allocation of CDBG funds is based on

priorities set at local levels where community needs are best known. The CDBG program is administered in Tennessee by the Department of Economic and Community Development.

For sewer systems local communities who were awarded grants include: Lenoir City: \$500,000, Madisonville: \$459,228, and Vonore: \$125,000.

## Obituaries

**Frances Louise Synan**, age 73, passed away Thursday, October 29, 2009 at the Loudon Healthcare Center in Loudon. She was of the Baptist faith. Frances was born in Hickory, NC and moved with her parents to Oak Ridge, TN when she was a child. She lived with her husband, Roy Synan, in both Tennessee and North Carolina before his death. After her husband's death, she resided in Lenoir City and Loudon where she remained close to her parents, siblings and extended family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Synan; father, Charlie Rowell; and her sisters, Doris Tatham and Teresa Rowell. Survivors include: her mother, Ada Rowell of Lenoir City; brother and sister-in-law, David and Catherine Rowell of Knoxville; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Kenneth Rather

of Loudon, Ruby and Dave Ross of Loudon, and Vickie Darlene and Don McGuire of Clinton; brother-in-law, David Tatham of Loudon; and many nieces, nephews extended family members, and special friends. The family would like to express a special thanks to the employees of Loudon Healthcare Center for their kindness and special care. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday October 30th with Funeral Services to follow at 7 p.m. in the Hawkins Chapel with Rev. Rick Harrell officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Saturday at Oak Ridge Memorial Park for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Second Baptist Church, 406 West 3rd Avenue, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is serving the Synan family.

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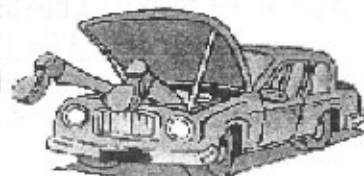


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## No License

traffic accident involving another vehicle on Old 95 at Town Creek. He advised Patrolman Matt Harvey, LCPD he was driving the green Chevy Astro.

When Mr. Cisneros was asked to show his drivers license he said he didn't have one. He also could not provide proof of insurance.

Jose Hernandez, 25, unknown address, was charged with drivers license violation, financial responsibility and seat belt law.

The report states, at approximately 4:00pm, Officer Park, LCPD observed Jose Hernandez driving a 1997 Chevy Blazer owned by Martin Compos. Mr. Hernandez crossed the

traffic lane causing another vehicle to skid to a stop to avoid hitting Mr. Hernandez.

Hernandez was also not wearing a seat belt.

After stopping him on Broadway, Hernandez could not show proof of insurance and stated he did not have a drivers license nor any form of identification.

## Police Beat

Jeffrey Scott Rosenau, 42, Mason lane, Loudon was charged with public intoxication.

The report states, at approximately 1:25am, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to Summer Street for an individual who was trying to get in a residence.

Upon arrival, the officer came in contact with Mr. Rosenau who reportedly had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and was very unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Rosenau thought

he was at a residence on Vale Street.

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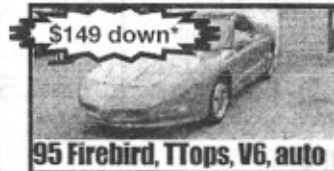
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## Routes

buried the interstate at mile marker 2.6 in North Carolina just after 2 a.m. on Sunday, October 25, 2009. The North Carolina Department of Transportation has made an emergency declaration and is working aggressively to remove the rock from the roadway however it will be several months before the interstate is reopened.

As a result, motorists are being detoured to I-81 and I-26.

The Tennessee Highway Patrol is beefing up patrols along I-81 and I-26 due to the increase in traffic along the corridor in an effort to reduce crashes and keep motorists safe. The THP is also working to prevent large commercial truck traffic from utilizing U.S. Highway 25/70 due to load limitations on a bridge between New-

port, Tennessee and Hot Springs, North Carolina. All commercial traffic MUST use the I-81/I-26 detour. However, non-commercial traffic traveling to or from North Carolina may use Highway 25/70 or Highway 441 to travel around the closure.

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is working to inform motorists of the closure through a va-

riety of mechanisms. Motorists can find a variety of information on the closure, including a detour map, on the TDOT web site [www.tn.gov/tdot](http://www.tn.gov/tdot). Overhead message signs in Knoxville, Jefferson and Sullivan Counties as well as numerous portable message signs are being used to advise motorists of the closure. Travelers can also utilize highway advisory radio on AM frequency 1620 in selected areas along I-40 and I-81 to get the latest closure information. A statewide 511 message is alerting travelers of the closure and alternate route information and TDOT has been tweeting the closure information to followers via the TN511 and other Twitter sites.

In addition, TDOT is partnering with the Department of Tourist Development to provide information to motorists at the state's various Welcome Centers and Rest Areas. The Department of Tourist Development is also displaying detour information on their travel web sites and sending out information to their followers via Twitter.

The THP encourages motorists to call \*THP (847) from any cellular phone should they experience mechanical or other difficulties while traveling. Motorists should always follow the posted speed limit, wear a safety belt and avoid distracted driving when traveling. Motorists should also remember that texting while driving is against the law in Tennessee.

TDOT reminds motorists that they should use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. TDOT advises drivers to "Know before you go!" by checking traffic conditions before leaving for your destination.

**Official Detour Route – Eastbound:** Interstate 81 North to I-26 East to Asheville, North Carolina where motorists will take I-240 back to I-40.

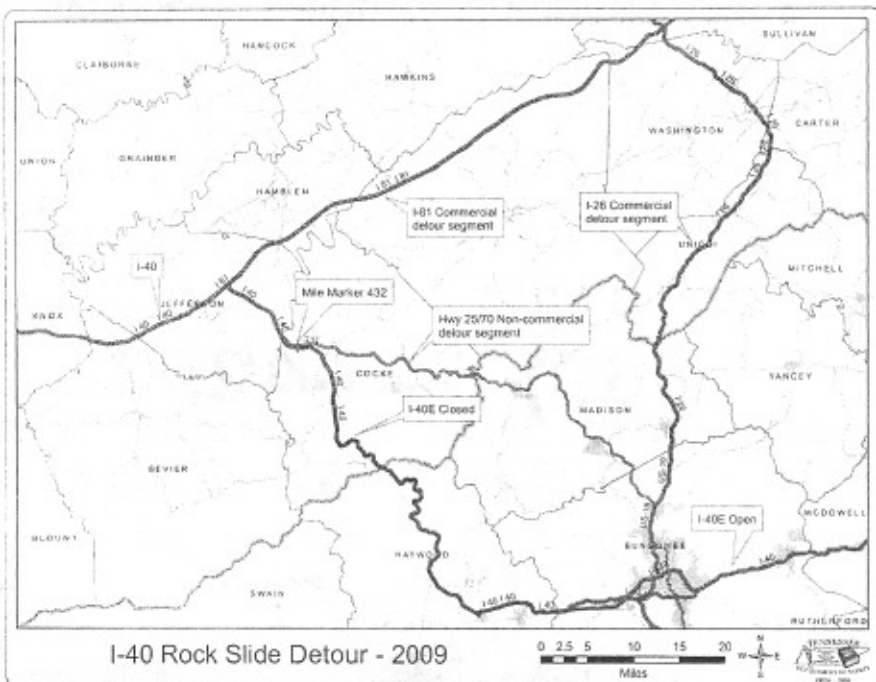
**ALL Commercial Vehicles** must take the official detour to I-81. Commercial Vehicles will NOT be allowed to take U.S. 25/70.

Non-Commercial Vehicles of normal weight are encouraged to follow the official detour, but may also use Highway 25/70 into Asheville, North Carolina.

**Official Detour Route – Westbound:** In Asheville, take I-240 to I-26 then take I-81 to I-40. ALL Commercial Vehicles must use this route.

Non-Commercial Vehicles of normal weight are encouraged to follow the official detour, but may also use Highway 25/70 from Asheville, North Carolina into Tennessee and get back onto I-40 at exit 432.

Non-Commercial Vehicles of normal weight traveling to Gatlinburg from North Carolina may also choose to take the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway to Highway 441 into Gatlinburg.



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### White

Kyle Robert McCurdy, 19, Thompson Circle, Loudon, was charged with underage consumption of alcohol.

According to records, Patrolman Chris Lamons, LPD was on

routine patrol when he noticed a white male walking down Church Street. The officer stopped to check the young man out.

According to the officer's report, while he was speaking to Mr. McCurdy he noticed a

strong smell of an alcoholic beverage about his person.

Officer Lamons asked Mr. McCurdy if he had been drinking and he replied he'd drank a pint of liquor.

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## RIDDLE

*What year in this century is the same when its number is turned upside down?*

Look for answer in next Monday's Edition

## LAST WEEKS RIDDLE

*A woman had two sons who were born on the same hour of the same day of the same year. But they were not twins. How could this be so?*

*They were two of a set of triplets (or quadruplets etc.)*

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