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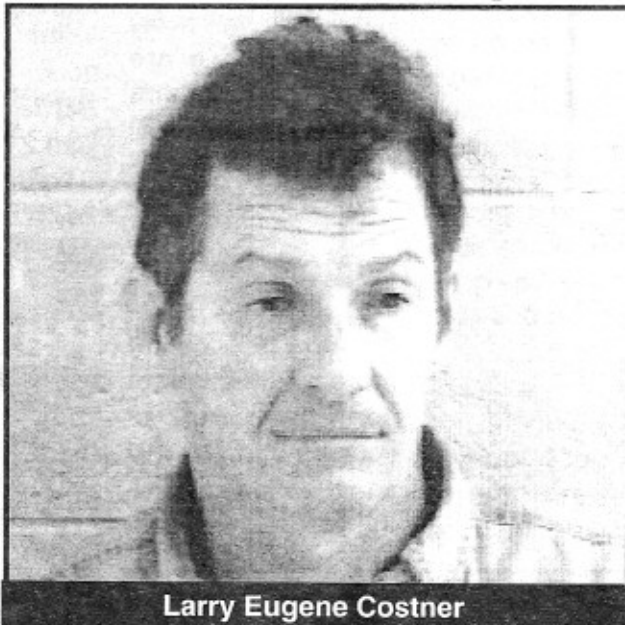
Vonore man tries to run, nearly hits several vehicles, goes to jail

Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD received a call from dispatch of a reckless driver that nearly hit numerous other vehicle traveling on Hwy 72. The officer observed a vehicle that matched the description on Hwy 72 around Grove St.

While behind the vehicle it was traveling in the westbound lane going eastbound. The officer initiated his emergency equipment and the vehicle began to accelerate reaching speeds of 95 m.p.h. in a 55 m.p.h. zone.

A short time later the officer advised dispatch he was in pursuit and while still behind the vehicle it nearly hit a tractor-trailer head-on near Hwy

(see Costner pg. 4)



Larry Eugene Costner

Oxycontin stolen

Authorities were called to investigate the theft of a local woman's bottle of Oxycontin after roofers were at her residence Tuesday.

According to records, on Tuesday at 12:44 p.m. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO

(see Oxycontin pg. 3)

Burglary

Authorities were called to a Gigi Lane, Loudon residence when it was discovered someone had burglarized the home and let the dog out.

According to reports, on (see Burglary pg. 6)

Woman charged with theft

A local woman was charged with theft after she allegedly kept mail belonging to another person.

Amber N. Weaver, 21, Dry Valley Road, Loudon was

(see Weaver pg. 6)

No license

Jose L. Mora-Espinoza, Acres Lane, Madisonville was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, on Sunday at 4:37 p.m. Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO observed

(see No License pg. 7)

Citizens Beware: phone call is probably scam

A local woman called police Tuesday when she received a phone call informing her she had hit the jackpot, but she needed to

send money to claim her prize. According to reports, on Tuesday at 3:05 p.m. Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO was dis-

(see Scam pg. 4)

Comptroller's Office Receives Recognition from AGA for Publishing Reports

Nashville, - The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury's Office of Management Services has been recognized

by the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) for publishing reports that demonstrate accountability

and transparency to citizens.

The AGA awarded the Office with a Certificate of

Achievement in Citizen-Centric Reporting for its 2007 and 2008 reports to citizens.

(see Reports pg. 3)

Verse of the day

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have fin-

ished the work which thou gavest me to do. John 17:3-4

Obituaries

Bruce Carlton Lawson

Weather:

Today: Partly cloudy

skies. High 63. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 47.

Friday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

Wazzup

Happy Birthday,

Randy Harrell, hope you have a great one!!!

Horoscopes

Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

You are almost certainly having a tough

time communicating with a loved one, but you can probably get them to see things your way if you loosen up and share your feeling more poetically.

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

Obituaries

Bruce Carlton Lawson, passed away Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in Loudon. Arrange-

ments are incomplete. McGill-Karnes Funeral Home, Loudon.

Oxycontin

responded to Ford Road to take a report of theft of medication.

A sixty-two year old woman stated, two males she identified were in her home that day to work on a leak in her roof. She advised she was talking on the phone and had just gotten her medication out of her safe to take when she spilled a drink.

The woman said after she cleaned up the spilled drink she noticed the men were gone along with her medication.

The missing medication was described as 80 mg. Oxycontin and the bottle had about 87 pills in it.

The case is under investigation.

Reports

The AGA Citizen-Centric Government Reporting Initiative encourages governments to publish short reports that inform citizens of fiscal priorities, performance results and future challenges. The reports aim to provide citizens with a better understanding of their government by communicating financial and community information in visually appealing and understandable four-page documents.

According to Charles Harrison, assistant to the comptroller for management services and past national president of AGA, the Comptroller's Office was the first Tennessee state department to issue reports in AGA's citizen-centric format. "We are pleased to

have been in the forefront for issuing these reports. I encourage other state and local government agencies in Tennessee to consider using the citizen-centric format for their reports," he says.

Easily adoptable reporting options for all governments, including guidelines and design templates, are available on AGA's website at <http://www.agacgfm.org/citizen/>. The Association of Government Accountants is a 15,000-member professional Association that serves government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability.

"Good governance requires good information. The Citizen-Centric Report is a good government tool that is designed to communicate government financial data in non-complex, non-technical language and provide meaningful and understandable information to citizens," says Melinda Parton, director of the Comptroller's Office of Management Services.

The duties of the Comptroller of the Treasury include the audit of state and local governmental entities and participation in the general financial and administrative management and oversight of state government.

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Costner

72 and Vonore Road causing the tractor-trailer to run off the roadway.

The vehicle also nearly struck a guard-rail numerous times. The vehicle continued on for a short time finally coming to a stop just before Steekee School Road.

The officer approached the vehicle and ordered the driver to exit.

In speaking with the driver, identified as Larry Eugene Costner, the officer could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Costner performed poorly on sobriety tasks.

A motorist near the Food City stopped at the scene of the traffic stop to make a statement, advising his vehicle, which contained himself and his child, was nearly struck by Costner.

Costner gave a BAC test just after midnight at the Loudon ER.

Larry Eugene Costner, 44, of Old Citico

Road, Vonore, was charged with DUI 1st, felony-evading arrest, reckless driving, and reckless endangerment. Officer Brendan Deboer, LPD made the arrest.

Scam

patched to the Grandview Drive residence of Mrs. Chelene Womac concerning an attempted fraud.

Womac stated she received three phone calls from a gentleman at International Sweepstakes Company owned by Donald Trump. The man advised Mrs. Womac won 4-5 million dollars, but she needed to send a Western Union wire transfer in the amount of \$1400 to International Sweepstakes Company and they would do the rest.

Mrs. Womac said she advised the man she was going to call the Better Business Bureau to check the validity of the company and not to call her back.

No more calls were made to the residence after 3:00 p.m.



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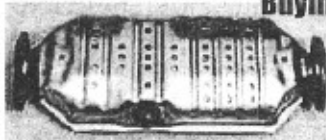
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Burglary

Wednesday at 8:02 p.m. Deputy Chad Petty, LCSO responded to a burglary of residence call. Upon arrival he spoke with the complainant, Mr. Richard Egli, Tigitsi Circle, Loudon, who stated he came to the residence on Gigi Lane around 2:00 p.m. to walk the dog. When finished he put the dog back in the residence and went to play golf at Toqua Golf Course.

Egli advised when he came back to the home, the door inside the garage leading into the residence was open.

Deputy Petty notified Corporal Chad Estes and Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSO, who responded to the residence.

Mr. Egli stated when he came inside the living room he noticed the dog outside. He advised when he left, the dog was inside. Mr. Egli said he called the victim, Ms. Helen Egli, and they met at Ruby Tuesdays to eat. She didn't know about the burglary.

Ms. Egli stated when they came home she noticed a jewelry box, a gun safe containing firearms and jewelry that was in the gun safe, were gone.

Upon further investigation Sgt. Russell and Corporal Estes noticed pry marks at the front door. There were also markings where the walls and door trim were hit by the safe.

The value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

Weaver

charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Deputies B. Blakney and M. Brannum, LCSO made con-

tact with Amber Weaver in the Dollar General Market parking lot. Her identity was verified by her Tennessee drivers license.

The Loudon County Jail confirmed there

was an active warrant in hand for her arrest for theft under \$500.

Weaver reportedly kept important mail, belonging to a roommate that had moved out of her house.

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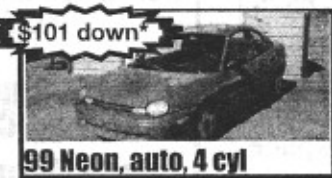
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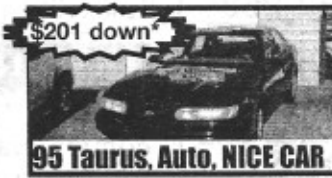
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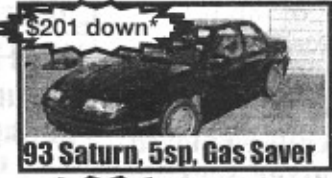
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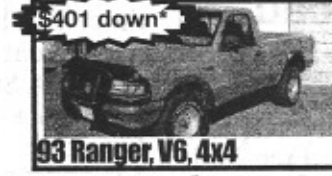
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No License

a blue Dodge Intrepid traveling on Highway 11 doing 60 m.p.h. in a 45 m.p.h. zone. Upon running the vehicle's registration, it came back to a Ford Taurus.

The vehicle was stopped on Highway 11 at the Sunoco Gas Station.

The driver gave the officer a voter registration card from Mexico that identified him as

Jose L. Mora-Espinoza. He did not have a valid driver's license.

Carlos E. Cano Herrera, 22, Poplar Street, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, on Sunday at 9:08 p.m. Officer B. Gentry, LCPD stopped a white 2000 Dodge Caravan on D Street because it was suspected the occupants

were involved in an attempted burglary.

The driver was identified as Carlos Cano Herrera, and he did not have a driver's license.

Jairo T. Velasquez, 27, D Street, Lenoir City, was a passenger in the Herrera vehicle and was charged with public intoxication and violation of probation.

When Officer Gentry made contact with Velasquez he allegedly smelled heavily of an alcoholic beverage and was intoxicated.

Velasquez reportedly exited the vehicle and urinated on the ground.

It was found Mr. Velasquez had an active warrant for violation of probation.

Eduardo Lopez 28, West 5th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license, financial responsibility, and violation registration/ tag cover.

According to the report, on Saturday at approximately

8:52 a.m., Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD observed a maroon 1999 Lincoln on Old Highway 95 with a cover over the tag.

The officer stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Eduardo Lopez.

Lopez reportedly stated he did not have a license, it expired on October 5, 2006.

Lopez was cited for tag cover/violation registration and financial responsibility.

Enereida Gallardo, 24, Waller Street, Lenoir City was charged with no drivers license, speeding, and financial responsibility.

According to records, Thursday at approximately 7:59 a.m. Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD observed a white 1996 Pontiac Firebird speeding on West Broadway. Upon stopping it, the driver was identified Gallardo. She stated she did not have a drivers license.

A check thru NCIC showed she is unlicensed. She was also cited for financial responsibility.

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