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Monday, January 28, 2019

Man Threatens Victim With Pipe And Tells Officer To Take Him Or The Ambulance Will



Mark Carroll

see Assault pg. 2

Loudon Man Arrested For Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Capias



Tyler Montgomery

see Capias pg. 3

DUI Called In And Found Nodding Off In Creekwood Cove Apartments



Allen Johnson

(see DUI pg. 4)

The Good News The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Luke 4:14-21

I remember my first sermon while in seminary, preached in my hometown, in the congregation that raised me and watched me grow up. Truth is, they knew me. It was actually a traumatic experience! I was so nervous, I

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Direct Support Professionals Receive Higher Wages After General Assembly Action

DSPs provide support, training, supervision, and assistance to adults with disabilities

Survey results from the Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability show that increased

funding intended to boost the pay of direct support professionals (DSPs) working with adults with disabilities has had a positive effect on employee wages.

In 2018, the General Assembly appropriated

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Verse of the Day

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

—Romans 8:26

Wazzup

Happy 8th Birthday Miss Christina Davis hope that you had a blast at your party!!!

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 54F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 38F.

Tuesday: Rain. High of 41F.

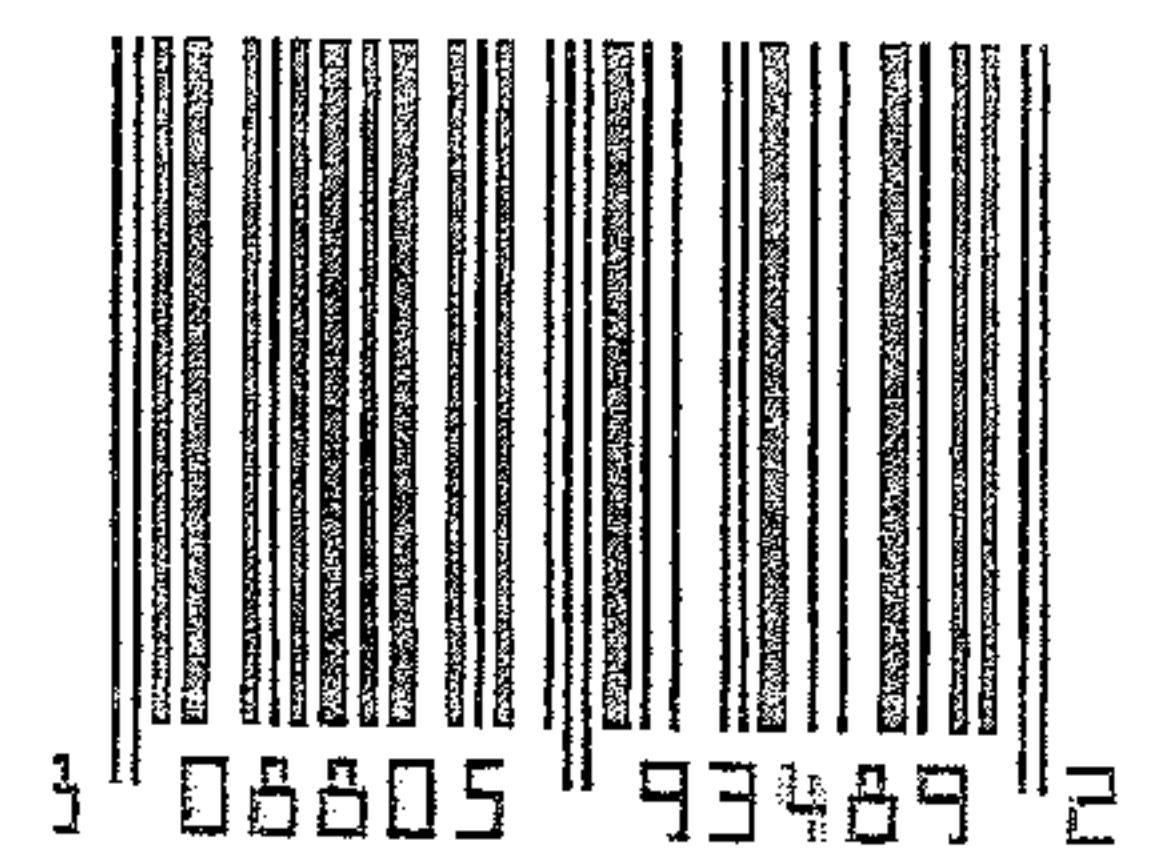
Tuesday Night: Snow. Low of 6F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18
Chatter that flies fast

and far between friends and colleagues is genuinely invigorating today. Its enlivening to participate in a wide-ranging and free-wheeling circle of ideas and opinions. You may attend

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Assault

Mark Carroll, 55, Stevens Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy Craig Brewer LCSO, responded to Stevens Lane to a report of a argument. While in route to the residence the complainant

stated to dispatch he gotten a pipe and the victim was leaving one way or another. The victim has been living at the residence since before Christmas. When Deputy arrived he found that victim was in the kitchen and woke Mark Car-

roll the complainant up talking loudly. According to everyone on scene Carroll then went into his room and came out with a medal pole and followed victim to his room. Carroll then hit the door in a

stabbing motion and put a hole in the doorway. Carroll had stated if they didn't get the victim out he would be leaving in an ambulance. Mark Carroll was placed under arrest.

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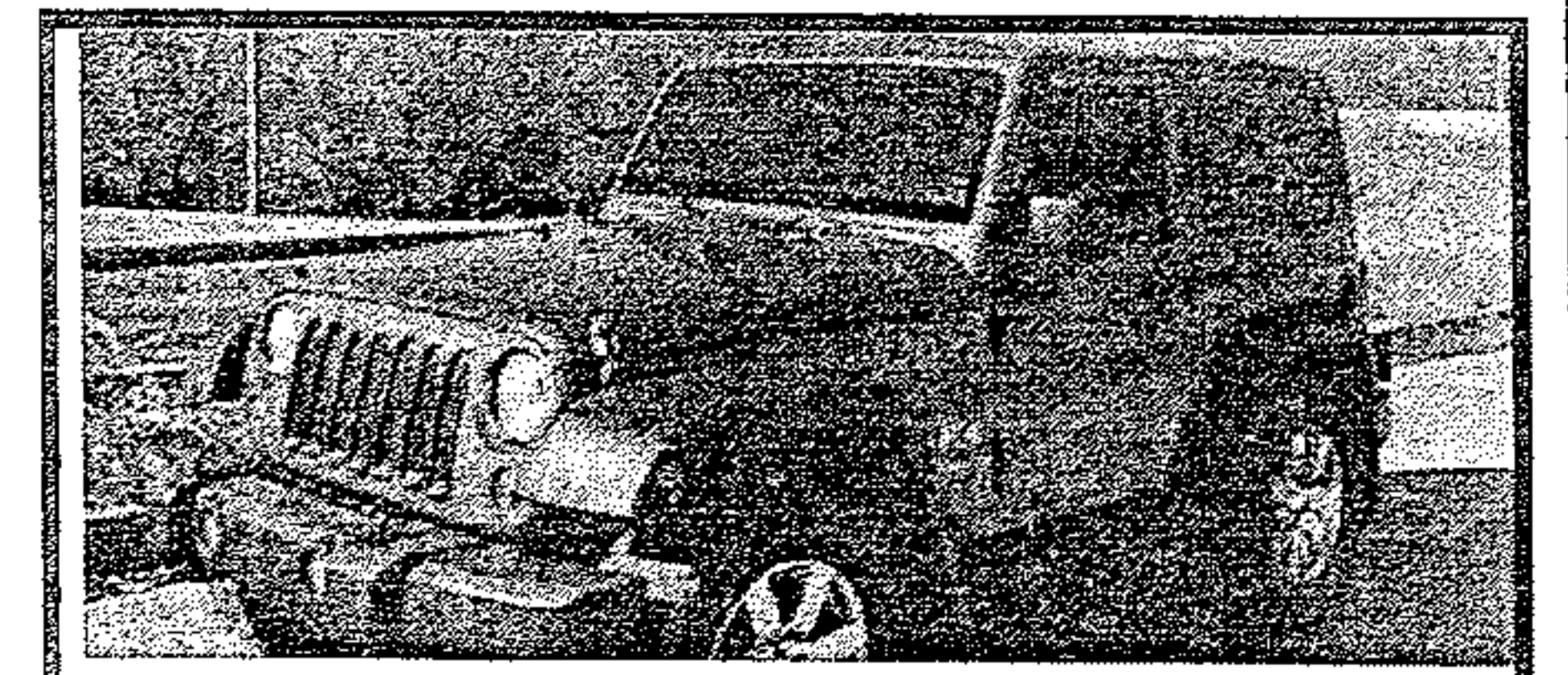
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Capias

Tyler Montgomery, 19, Blair Street Loudon, was charged with Child Abuse or Neglect, Resisting Arrest, General Session Capias x2, and Domestic Assault. Officer Trey Clemmer LPD, received a call to

Rayder Ave for a Tyler Montgomery who has outstanding warrants out of the county. Officer arrived on scene and noticed the subjects vehicle was in the parking lot and Montgomery wasn't inside of it. Officer went in the building and saw Montgomery in the lob-

by and informed him why he was there and told him to turn around and placed his hands behind his back. Tyler tried to resist arrest by fleeing out the side door but backing Officer quickly got Tyler detained. Tyler Montgomery was transported to the Loudon Jail.

opmental Disabilities. The appropriation was calculated to raise the average hourly wage of DSPs to \$10. The appropriations act also directed the Comptroller's Office to survey private provider agencies to determine how they used the increased funding.

Wages

\$49 million in state and federal matching funds to increase the hourly wages of DSPs working under the home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers program administered by the Department of Intellectual and Devel-

The Comptroller's Office sent a survey to 171 agencies and 157 (92 percent) responded. Analysts then checked documentation for a sample of the survey responses. 16,365 DSPs were employed by the 157 agencies that responded to the survey.

The Survey results Wages ctd. to pg. 4



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Loudon Regional Planning Commission
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 12:30
Loudon City Hall

Loudon County Regional Planning Commission
Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 5:30
County Courthouse Annex

Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular scheduled monthly meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. located at the United Methodist Church of Philadelphia.

DUI

Allen Johnson, 44, Creekwood Cove Lane Lenoir City, was charged with DUI. Officer Caleb Green LCPD, was dispatched to the area of Hwy 70 near LCUB in reference to a reckless driver. The complainant advised there was a black truck all over the roadway. The complainant advised the vehicle pulled into a apt. complex just pass the LCUB building. Officer Green located the vehicle parked in the parking lot of Creekwood Cove Apt. Complex with a male that appeared to be nodding off in the driver seat of the vehicle. Officer made contact with the driver Allen Johnson, and observed he had bloodshot eyes and appeared to be confused. Johnson was in possession of the keys in the vehicle. Officer could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Johnson. Officer had Johnson perform sobriety test, which he did poorly on. Johnson was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon Jail, where he did submit to breath test and blew .108.

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indicate the 2018-2019 appropriation has effectively increased the hourly wages of DSPs working under Tennessee's HCBS waivers program. Average hourly wages increased from approximately \$9.77 to \$10.36. The Comptroller's Office found no indication that agencies spent the increased funds on executive level salaries.

96 percent of the survey respondents spent the increase only toward DSP compensation. Of the remaining agencies, nine used the funds to increase DSP compensation, but also spent the increase on other items. One agency did not use the increase to raise DSP compensation, but it already paid DSP hourly wages above \$20.

A portion of the 2018-2019 increase (\$34.3 of \$49 million) was passed on a non-recurring basis, meaning it was only passed for the 2019 fiscal year. Private provider agencies anticipate that the nonrecur-

ring funding may become permanent if the wage increase is carried out according to the legislative intent.

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ended it before it was over because I had dry mouth. Jesus' first sermon in Luke's gospel is kind of an inaugural address, in which he lays out his whole mission. By the end of his sermon, he'll face some resistance. In fact, by the time he's done preaching, they'll try to throw him off a cliff!

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| February 4th at 4:00 | May 6th at 4:00 |
| February 19th at 2:00 | May 20th at 2:00 |
| March 4th at 4:00 | June 3rd at 4:00 |
| March 18th at 2:00 | June 17th at 2:00 |
| April 1st at 4:00 | July 1st at 4:00 |
| April 15th at 2:00 | July 15th at 2:00 |