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Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Governor Lee Wants to Release Sex Offender under New 'Safety Valve'

Bud Light Cans Found When Man Takes McSnooze in Drive Thru



Courtney Bingham



Nicholas Lloyd

The Old Not Working Taillight is Reason for Traffic Stop

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Jhonny Mejia

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Former Whitesburg Elementary School Secretary Indicted for Theft

School is located in Hamblen County

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Karen Whittaker, the former secretary at Whitesburg Elementary School in Hamblen County.

The investigation was initiated after the school's external auditor reported numerous accounting irregularities in the financial records. Whittaker performed

the duties of a school bookkeeper.

Investigators determined that from August 2021 through June 2022 Whittaker stole at least \$1,104.50 using a check for cash swap scheme. Whittaker exchanged unreceipted checks received by the school for receipted cash collections.

For example, in May 2022 Whittaker received and deposited

two checks totaling \$804.50; however, she did not receipt the checks or record them in the school accounting system. Instead, she exchanged the checks for cash from other school collections, effectively "cashing" the checks through the collection drawer and keeping the cash for her per-

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Verse of the Day

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

—Psalm 28:9

Wazzup

Fair food at the Tennessee Valley Fairgrounds

is coming up June 17th.

Get you some cotton candy and carmel apples early!!!

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 77F.

Tonight: Showers. Low of 55F.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 78F.

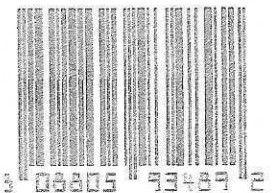
Thursday night: Overcast. Low of 52F.

Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20

If you're currently romantically involved, Gemini, you can expect

your relationship to move to the next level of commitment. You and your partner could agree to be monogamous, get engaged, or set a wedding date. If you're married, you might decide to have a child. If you



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Parole

A former youth group leader at Bethany Baptist Church is serving 12 years in jail after accepting a plea deal. Courtney Bingham, 36, pleaded guilty to four counts of statutory rape and sexual exploitation of a minor. In 2018, Bingham had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old member of the youth group.

"We are glad to get this resolved with the defendant admitting her wrongdoing," 9th Judicial District Attorney General Russell Johnson said.

Bingham was sentenced to four years for each charge. The sexual exploitation of a minor charge and one of the statutory rape charges were to run concurrently with the three other charges running consecutively. She has to serve at least 35% of the sentence

before being eligible for parole. She will be on the sex offender registry for life and is subject to monitoring, including monitoring of her internet activities.

Captain Jeff Russell also lost his job as a result of his inappropriate contact with Bingham while she was in custody and former Sheriff Tim Guider allowed Russell to retire instead of termination.

The Daily Edition has learned Bingham is scheduled for a parole hearing on June 20, 2023 and if successful could be back out in the community.

After speaking with District Attorney General Russell Johnson, he acknowledged that Bingham is indented up for parole under a 'safety valve' provision that Governor Lee's Administration uses to provide early release, especially with females, in order to

keep down the female prison population. Johnson stated that his office, working with the victims family

and others with an interest in the case, plan to oppose Bingham's early release on parole.

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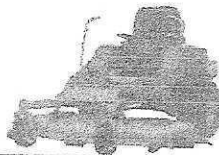
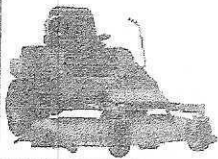
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Light

Jhonny Mejia, 31, Shaw Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer Law LCPD, was on routine patrol when he observed a black Ford Explorer (TN Tag 237-BHKY) with its back right taillight hanging off the vehicle causing it to have only one working taillight. Upon conducting a traffic stop at Shaw Ferry Road, while speaking to the driver who Officer later identified as Jhonny Mejia the officer observed him to have blood shot watery eyes, and the odor of alcohol emitting from his persons. During his investigation Mr. Mejia stated he had drunk around four beers prior to our encounter earlier in the evening. Mr. Mejia then consented to SFST, during HGN the officer observed lack of smooth pursuit, distinct and sustained nystagmus at maximum deviation, and an onset

of nystagmus prior to 45 degrees in both of Mejia's eyes. After placing Mr. Mejia under arrest, he was read the Tennessee Blood and/or Breath Consent Advisement. After reading the consequences, Mr. Mejia refused to submit a blood sample to determine his blood alcohol content. Mr. Mejia was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All the above occurred in Lenoir City, TN.

Theft

sonal use. The cash should have been deposited into the school's bank account.

Whitaker acknowledged to investigators that she had taken school collections and used the cash due to personal financial problems.

Additionally, Whitaker created receipts and signed the initials of another school employee without their knowledge or permission.

Investigators were not able to confirm the legitimacy of the information on the receipts.

Karen Whittaker's employment was terminated on September 1, 2022. Based upon this investigation, in May 2023, the Hamblen County Grand Jury indicted her on one count of theft over \$1,000, one count of identity theft, and one count of forgery over \$1,000.

"School leaders must ensure they are separating the financial responsibilities within their buildings," said Comptroller Mumpower. "Whittaker was responsible for receipting collections, preparing bank deposits, and reconciling receipts with bank deposits. Separating those duties and increasing oversight helps prevent fraudulent activity."




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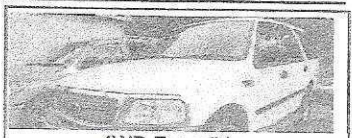
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Public Notice

The City of Philadelphia, Tennessee, hereby provides certain financial information for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget in accordance with the requirements of TCA§ 6-56-206. There will be a public hearing concerning the budget at the Philadelphia Public Library, on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 6:45 PM. All citizens are welcome to participate. The budget and all supporting data are a public record and are available for public inspection by anyone at the office of the City Recorder/Treasurer.

<i>General Fund</i>	FY 2022 Estimated	FY 2023 Estimated	FY 2024 Proposed
Revenues:			
Local Taxes	\$71,027	\$72,000	\$72,000
State of Tennessee	\$117,075	\$95,750	\$96,530
Federal Government	\$6,302	\$7,200	\$7,200
Other Sources	\$71,579	\$42,350	\$95,700
Total Revenues	\$265,983	\$217,300	\$271,430
Expenditures:			
Salaries	\$30,200	\$30,200	\$30,200
Other Sources	\$195,083	\$141,650	\$213,350
Total Expenditures	\$225,283	\$171,850	\$243,550
Beginning Fund Bal	\$281,642	\$322,342	\$367,792
Ending Fund Bal	\$332,342	\$367,792	\$395,672
# of FTE Employees	1	1	1

Horoscopes

aren't involved, expect to attract someone soon.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

An invitation to an important social event could come today, Cancer. This could represent a chance to meet important people who could advance your career or who might be involved in a field that interests you.

Leo 7/23-8/22

A previously untapped talent could emerge today, Leo. You may decide to train this talent and foster a skill that can help you with any type of work you will do. This is definitely the day for it, as you should be full of energy and enthusiasm, capable of assuming any task, however formidable.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Romantic passion might motivate you to work on improving your appearance, Virgo. You might decide to exercise, change your diet, and experiment with new clothing styles. You're likely to produce the results you want.

Libra 9/23-10/22

You'll wake up ready to take on the world, Libra. Excitement,

enthusiasm, and purpose will fill your soul, yet you might wonder where it comes from, as nothing has changed since yesterday. Don't waste time mulling over it - harness it! Tackle a class or exercise program. Start a project.

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Information gleaned from friends could have you focusing on a new goal, Scorpio. You may have a lot of ideas about projects you want to take care of, and today you might realize which one has top priority. Start moving!

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

The Universe is inviting you magnify your vision, Sagittarius. It's time to see the bigger, better, more advanced side of things. Remember that life is a mirror. You're highly unlikely to receive more than you hope for.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

You should feel especially emotional today, Capricorn, reacting strongly to nearly everything you see, whether a photo of a natural disaster, a group of children, or a kitten sitting on a doorstep. Spiritually, you're highly motivated and longing to know more about worlds beyond this one. You

might long to make a pilgrimage, perhaps to a holy shrine or other sacred place. If you're serious, make plans.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Dreams and visions might come and go today, Aquarius, as unconscious drives and images surface. Some of these impressions could represent old traumas or phobias that need to be released.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Social events or group activities could put you in touch with a lot of people, Pisces, both close friends and casual acquaintances. A new person may come into your life who makes a difference for you. Issues may come up that you feel strongly about, and you aren't likely to hesitate about expressing your opinions.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Aries, you should feel physically strong and energetic today and ready to take on just about anything that comes your way. This is good, as you may be presented with some powerful challenges that bring new purpose to your life. Excitement and enthusiasm permeate your entire being right now. Anything that comes your way you're likely to face with determination, undeterred by the enormity of the task.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

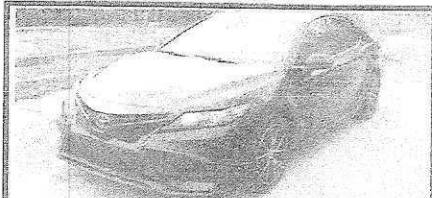
Spiritual passion is tempered by romantic desire today, Taurus, and you're likely to want to pursue both. Perhaps your romantic partner is as spiritually inclined as you, and you both aspire to the same ends. Much of the passion you feel wells up from deep within.

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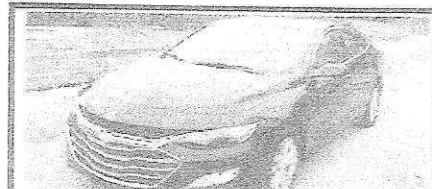
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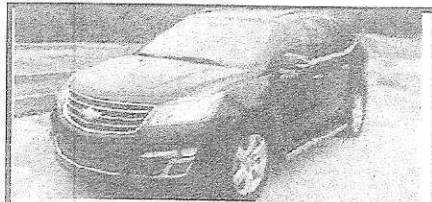
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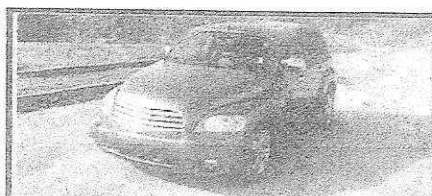
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(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 880 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6867 RICHARD HOWARD HODSON, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 6TH DAY OF JUNE 2023 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of RICHARD HOWARD HODSON, who died on the 27TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

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(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 6TH DAY OF JUNE 2023

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK BY: Penny Glasgow, Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative(s) DOUGLAS HODSON

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices, statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12688 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771 (As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939

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(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 827 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6866 EDWARD HARRISON PURDY, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH DAY OF JUNE 2023 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of EDWARD HARRISON PURDY, who died on the 23RD DAY OF APRIL 2023, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above-named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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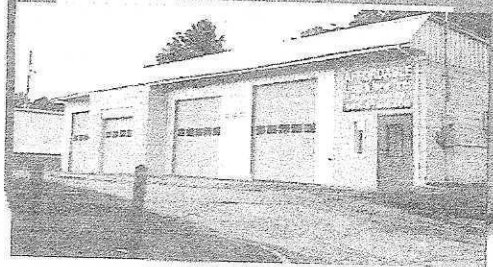
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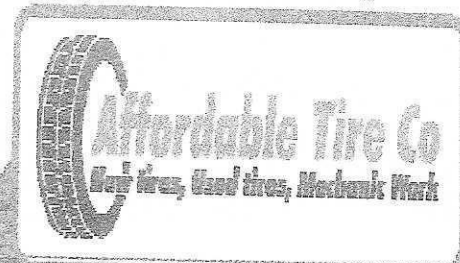
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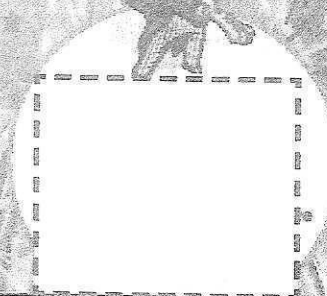
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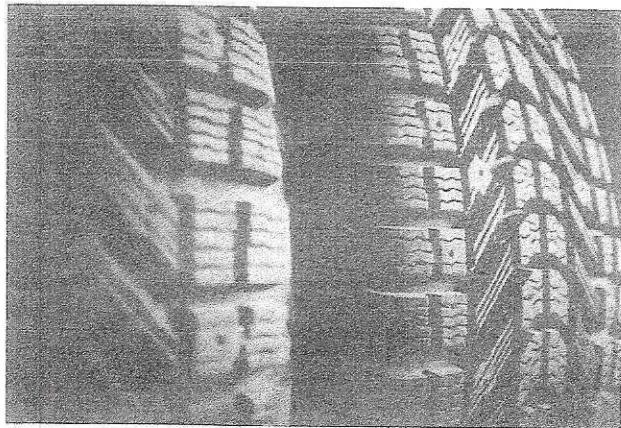
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