

## Knox man charged with gun at the Square

Police arrested a Knoxville man Saturday after finding a gun in the glove box of a woman's car where the man had been sitting.

Justin Troyce Golden, 20, East Springdale Avenue, Knoxville was charged Saturday with carrying or possession of a weapon.

The report states Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD was on foot patrol at McGhee Square

(see Golden pg. 8) Golden



## Drunk driver goes for round 3

Deputy Chuck Butler reported a Knoxville had trouble staying awake during a field interview and almost fell while performing sobriety tasks after he pulled her over for suspicion of DUI and found her inebriated behind the wheel.

Sonya Lynn Whaley, 28, Lincoln Avenue, Knoxville was charged with DUI 3rd offense and driving on revoked 2nd offense.

(see Whaley pg. 7) Whaley



## Trailer stolen

A Knoxville man on property he owns called officials when he discovered someone stolen his utility trailer from his workshop, which is located

and rents out in Loudon County, According to records, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded

(see Trailer pg. 7)

## BUI Arrests Down During Operation Dry Water; Safety Urged for July 4th Holiday

NASHVILLE -- Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officials remind all those who visit the state's waterways for the July

Fourth holiday to be safe for what is annually one of the busiest weekends of the year.

TWRA officials emphasize the use of per-

sonal flotation devices (PFDs) while boating in a safe and responsible manner. The TWRA wants all those who (see Safety pg. 7)

## Thieves pass up expensive items in favor of tools, equipment

Authorities were called to two different locations Saturday when the homeowners discovered thieves had

hit their storage sheds. According to records, two Lenoir City residents reported separate thefts to Dep-

uty Jim Smith, LCSO Saturday. Mr. Jason R. Couk, Brentwood Place, Lenoir City told the deputy three Ryo-

(see Thieves pg. 6)

## Construction Won't Slow July 4th Travelers in Tennessee

TDOT will suspend construction related lane closures for busy July 4th Holiday.

NASHVILLE - Road construction won't slow traffic across Tennessee this July 4th holiday weekend. The Tennessee Department

of Transportation will suspend all construction related lane closures on interstates and state routes beginning at noon on Friday, July

(see Travel pg. 5)

**Verse of the Day**  
*And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.*  
 Luke 8:52  
**Obituaries**  
 Gilbert L. Raby

Sheila Ann Redmond  
 Margaret Jane Coffman  
**Wazzup**  
 Happy Birthday, Wayne Morgan, we love you!!!  
 The light bulb came on when the anger blew out, Angel: you weren't being

yelled at, the sponge who had just broken into the truck was the one being yelled at as he ran away like a little coward. What kind of man robs someone then leaves his girlfriend and her little ones

behind alone to face the people he just ripped off?  
**Weather**  
 Today: Plentiful sunshine. High 92. Winds light and variable.  
 Tonight: Mainly clear skies. Low near 65.

Winds light and variable.  
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the upper 60s.  
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**Safety**

visit the waterways to have an enjoyable time. However, TWRA officers will be on the watch for dangerous boating behavior, such as boating under the influence (BUI) and other reckless operation.

TWRA boating officers are coming off the third annual Operation

Dry Water weekend. Operation Dry Water is a national weekend of BUI education and enforcement directed toward reducing alcohol and drug-related accidents and fatalities. Operation Dry Water is held during the weekend prior to the July 4th holiday to give BUI enforcement high visibility.

After making 27 ar-

rests during the Operation Dry Water weekend in 2010, the TWRA Boating Division reports that BUI arrests were down to 11 this year across the state.

TWRA officers will again be out in force during the July 4th holiday period which runs from Friday, July 1 through midnight on Monday, July 4.

In 2010, a 24-year old Chattanooga man was a drowning victim over the July 4th weekend near the Paradise Cove section of Chickamauga Lake. A total of 17 accidents resulted in 16 injuries and TWRA boating officers made 28 BUI arrests during the 2010 July 4th holiday period. Almost one third (nine) of the arrests came on Old Hickory Lake.

Through the Operation Dry Water weekend, there have been 13 fatalities on the state's waterways in 2011. There have been 24 total injury accidents and 25 other accidents that have resulted in property damage. TWRA officers have made 51 BUI arrests, down from 85 at the same time last year.

Wearing a life jacket is the single most effective way to protect boaters and reduce drowning in boating accidents. Eighty percent of those who drown in boating accidents were not wearing a life jacket.

Operating a boat with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 percent or higher is illegal in Tennessee, the same as operating a motor vehicle. Penalties may include fines, jail, boat impoundment and the loss of boat driving privileges.

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**Travel**

1, 2011 through 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 5 to provide maximum roadway capacity for holiday travelers.

“There will be increased traffic on Tennessee’s interstates and state routes during the July 4th holiday period,” said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. “Suspending lane closures over this busy weekend is one way to ensure that travelers don’t face construction-related delays as they travel across our state.”

Motorists will still encounter some long term lane closures on construction projects. While lane closure activity will be stopped,

workers may be on site in construction zones and reduced speed limits in work zones will still be in effect. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

“If you and your family are traveling during this holiday period, please buckle up and observe the rules of the road so you’ll arrive safely at your destination,” said Governor’s Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole. “During this weekend drivers will notice an increased law enforcement presence on

Tennessee’s roadways in an effort to ensure that everyone has a safe and happy 4th of July holiday.”

According to AAA projections, 39 million Americans will travel 50 miles or more away from home this holiday weekend. AAA estimates 619,502 Tennesseans will hit the roadways, while another 30,856 are expected to fly to their destinations. Auto travel will make up 84% of all holiday travelers across the U.S. this year.

Travelers are reminded to dial 511 from any land-line or cellular phone to access valuable information about travel conditions anytime, or log on to . TDOT is also on Twitter. For statewide traffic

tweets follow TN511 or for regional traffic information follow Nashville511, Chattanooga511, Memphis511 and Knoxville511 . Smart phone users can use the new TDOT SmartWay Mobile website at <http://m.tdot.tn.gov/SmartWay/> to access TDOT’s SmartWay cameras, messages displayed on overhead Dynamic Message Signs.

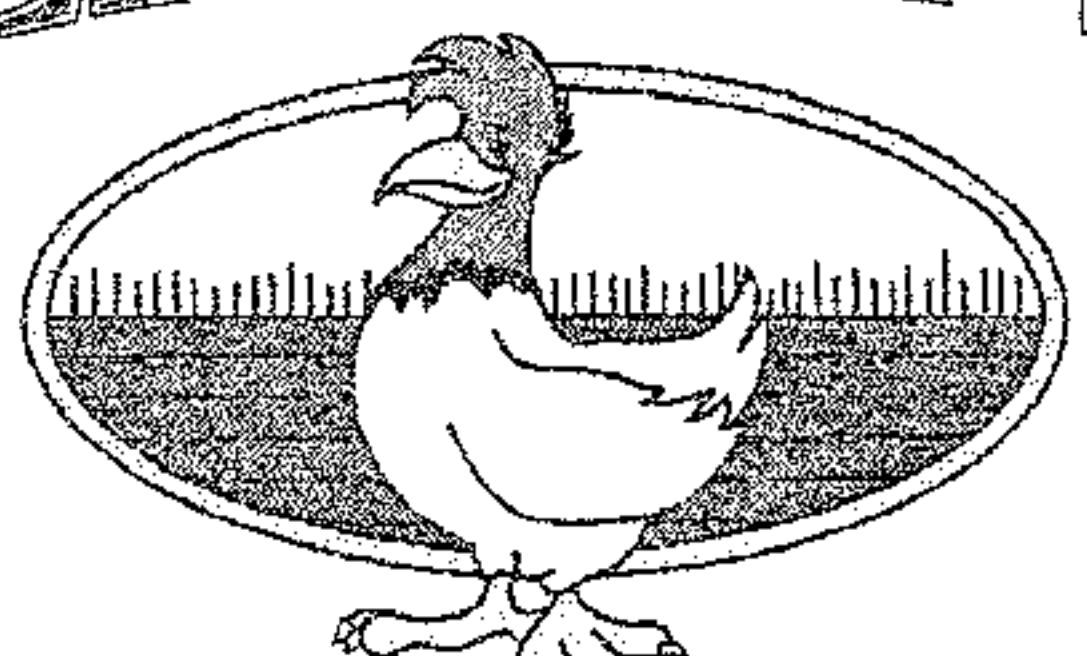
Motorists are reminded to use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. TDOT advises drivers to “Know before you go!” by checking traffic conditions before leaving for their destination.

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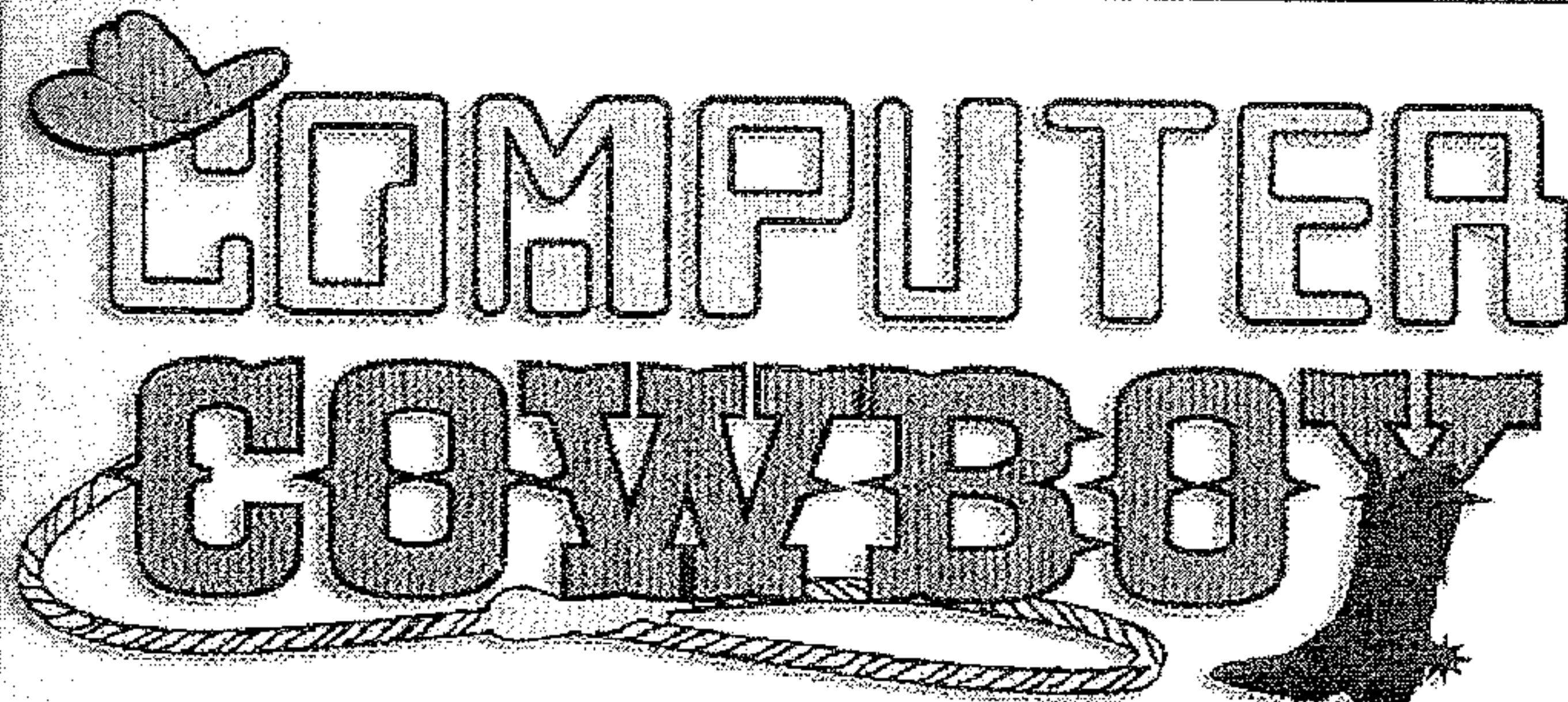
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### Thieves

bi weed eaters, a gas leaf blower, a pressure washer, a child's blue Razor motor board, CD's, some Klien assorted hand tools, and a Craftsman socket set were stolen out of his storage shed.

The theft may have occurred in the early morning hours on Friday or Saturday. The estimated value of the stolen items is \$2050.

Similar items were taken from Mr. Ronald L. Workman, of Simpson Road East, Lenoir City.

Workman stated a Craftsman weed eater, a saw attachment for the weed eater, a Passlode cordless nail gun, a Husky power washer, and a Husgvarna 16" in

chain saw were missing from his garage and he believed the larceny may have occurred during the morning hours on Saturday.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$1276.

According to Deputy Smith's report, more expensive items were left behind in both incidents. Both cases are under investigation.

### Police Beat

Dustin Blake 'Jersey' Russell, 20, Cedar Street, Loudon was charged Monday with contributing to the delinquency of a minor and violation of probation.

According to reports, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was dispatched to a residence on Ce-

dar Street for a juvenile problem. The complainant stated she went to the residence to pick up her children and she smelled what she believed to be marijuana in the home.

Officer Parks spoke to two juveniles in the house who stated they had been smoking marijuana inside a bedroom in the house. Both juveniles went on to say Dustin Russell was in the same bedroom at the time.

Two metal pipes commonly used to inhale marijuana were found inside the residence. It was also discovered Russell had a warrant for his arrest out of Loudon County. Officer Blake Norman, LPD assisted.

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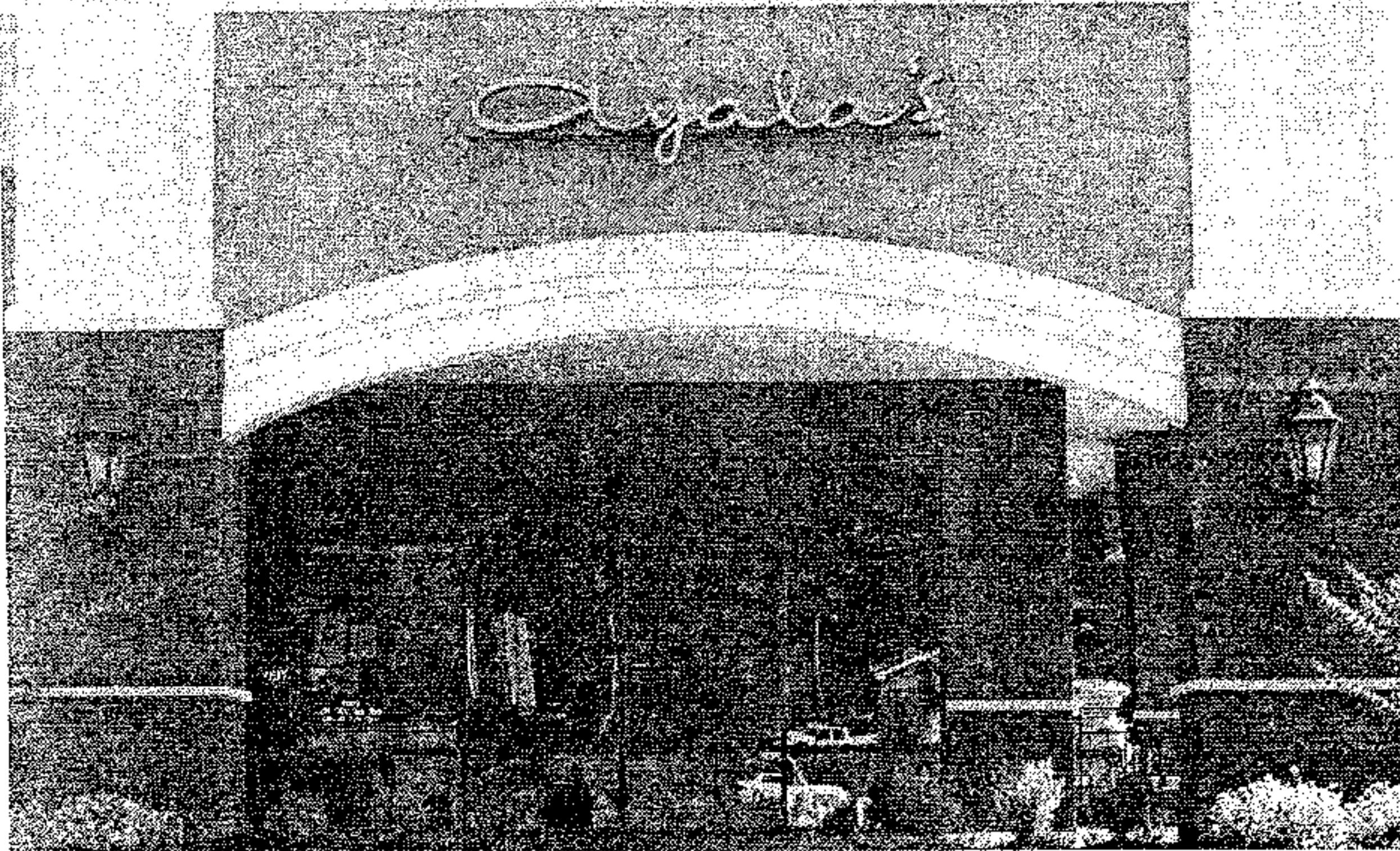
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### Whaley

According to reports, Friday, around 5:30 PM, Deputy Chuck Butler, LCSO responded to Interstate 75 south concerning a possible

drunk driver in a red Ford. The deputy observed the vehicle exit onto Highway 321 in Lenoir City.

While traveling down Highway 321 south, the vehicle

crossed the white line several times before traveling down the shoulder of the road. It then made a hard right turn into the parking lot of Shoneys, striking the curb, before

coming to a stop.

The driver was identified as Sonya Whaley. She was having trouble staying awake, had very slurred speech and was very slow to answer questions. A check of her ID card through TDOS came back revoked for two previous DUI charges.

Ms. Whaley was asked to perform field sobriety tasks, agreed, and performed poorly, almost falling down during the tasks.

Whaley was placed under arrest and was read the implied consent form. Ms. Whaley agreed to a blood test before being transported to jail.

### Trailer

to Grandview Drive in Loudon to take a report of the theft of a trailer. The complainant, Mr. Lyndon V. Bennett, Cody Lane,

Knoxville stated he last saw his trailer about a month ago. It was parked beside his work shop and he rents the property out.

Mr. Bennett said he talked with his renters and they stated they hadn't noticed the trailer was missing.


The trailer was described as a 12000 lb., red, 18' x 102" dove tail Interstate Utility Trailer with double axles, five foot ramps, and a storage box on the front A-Frame. It also had a flat piece of steel that Mr. Bennett added on the rear end where the wooden floor stopped, and a vehicle could drive over the fender wells.

The trailer was estimated to have been worth \$6500. The theft was turned over to an investigator.

### Police Beat

Amanda Sue Stevens, 31, Grimes Road, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest Saturday.



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**Golden**

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During the officers investigation, he received consent to search a silver Mercury Grand Marquis owned by an identified woman.

During his search the

officer found a Keltec .32 automatic in the glove compartment.

Mr. Golden was occupying the front passenger seat prior to Officer Dishner's hand search and was the only occupant of the vehicle with direct access to the glove compartment.

Officer Jason Butler, LCPD was also on the scene.

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