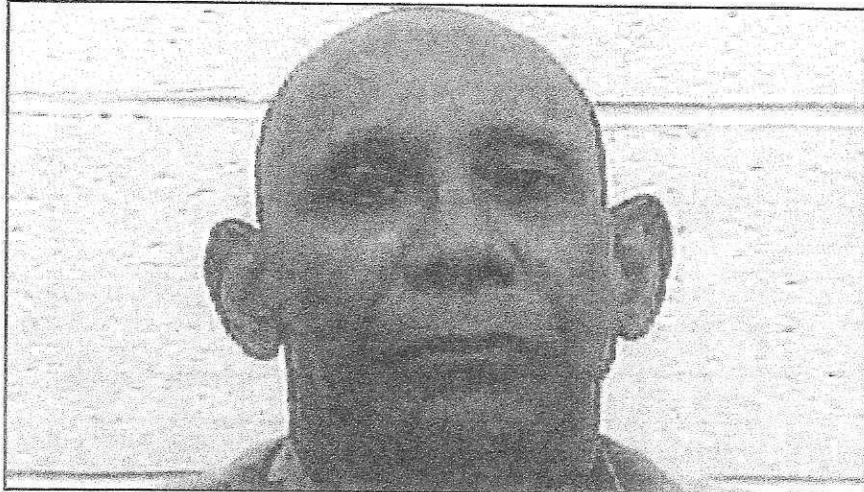


## Aggravated Assault Charge For Loudon Man; Victim Pushed Over Wall



Ronald Simmons

see Aggravated pg. 2

## DUI and Possession Follow Stop For Passed Out Driver



Robin Hopkins

see DUI+ pg. 5

## Stolen Gun Found After Speeding Stop by LPD



Dominique Rowden

see Stop pg. 3

## Medical Doctor Sentenced For Drug Trafficking And Health Care Fraud Offenses

On May 27, 2021, Michael LaPaglia, 49, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment by the Honorable Katherine A. Crytzer in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee at Knoxville. LaPaglia was also ordered to pay restitution to the health care providers

who were victims in this case.

According to documents filed with the court, LaPaglia, a medical doctor, who previously lost his authorization to write prescriptions for controlled substances, had pleaded guilty to an information charging him with one count of conspiring to dis-

tribute controlled substances and one count of making a material false statement in connection with the delivery of health care benefits. The charges stem from LaPaglia's involvement in a mobile Suboxone clinic through which LaPaglia issued prescriptions for Suboxone, see Sentenced pg. 4

### Verse of the Day

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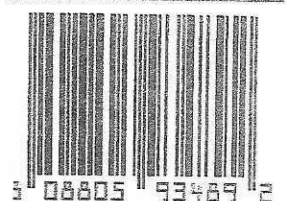
### Weather

Today: Partly. High of 83F. Tonight: Overcast. Low of 60F. Saturday: Mostly sunny. High of 86F. Saturday night: Overcast. Low of 63F.

Sunday: Partly Cloudy. High of 86F. Sunday night: Overcast. Low of 67F.

### Horoscope

Gemini 5/21-6/20 Gemini, today's your chance to stand up to



### Aggravated

Ronald Simmons, 71, Saloli Lane Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Interfere with Emergency Call.

Officers responded to Fort Loudon Medical Center in regards to an assault that occurred at Saloli Lane. Upon arrival, victim stated that she was arguing with her husband Ron Simmons when he began physically assaulting her. Ron grabbed victim by the arms and pushed her over a half wall causing her to land on her back and hit the back of her head. Vic-

tim then attempted to get to her phone at which time Ron knocked the phone out of her hand, grabbed her by the throat, and told her he was going to kill her. Victim then got to her vehicle however Ron would not let her leave therefore she laid on the horn hoping to get a neighbor's attention. Ron then let go of victim and she drove herself to the hospital to be checked out for her injuries. Officers then went to Saloli Lane to speak with Ron. As officers were speaking with Ron, he was not very clear with his story

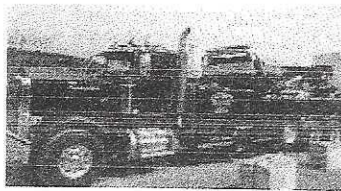
and when asked what happened with victim he kept on deflecting the question and was not making sense with his story. Due to victims injuries along with other evidence provided, Deputy determined Ron to be the primary aggressor and was placed in custody. This occurred in Loudon County, TN.

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**Stop**

Dominique Rowden, 22, Joe Lewis Road Knoxville, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Simple Possession, and Possession of Stolen Property.

Officer B. Houser LPD, observed a vehicle traveling East on Hwy 72 at a high rate of speed, after catching up to the vehicle it was traveling 68 MPH in a 45 MPH zone. The vehicle

slowed down to 41 MPH and kept swaying back and forth from the center line to the white line and the vehicle had no license tag. After stopping the vehicle Officer made contact with the driver Dominique A Rowden,

Officer advised Mr. Rowden why he had stopped him. Mr. Rowden stated when it rained the tag washed off and they were suppose to get a new tag tomorrow. There was a

strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and Mr. Rowden stated they had smoked a blunt and gave Officer the remaining blunt. Officer asked Mr. Rowden if there were any weapons in the vehicle and he stated no, Officer asked Mr. Rowden to step out of the vehicle and when he opened the door there was a handgun in the compartment of

the door. After running the serial number the weapon came back stole out of Dandridge Tn.

After running Mr. Rowden's name and date of birth through the E911 center the status came back suspended. Mr. Rowden also has a warrant in Blount County and they placed a hold on him. The above incident happened in the City of Loudon.

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**Sentenced**

Clonazepam, diazepam, and Pregabalin in the name of another doctor.

In the spring of 2018, in the Eastern District of Tennessee, investigators with Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") and Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") responded to a complaint that LaPaglia was issuing prescriptions for Suboxone without the authority to do so. Investigators learned that LaPaglia would meet patients at his home and in parking lots where, without any meaningful examination, LaPaglia would give the drug customers prescriptions (signed by another doctor) for controlled substances. Customers were charged \$300 cash per monthly visit. The customers would then take their prescriptions to be filled at pharmacies, where a number of them used their health insurance to pay for

the controlled substances.

"The public places great trust in our medical professionals, and our office is committed to safeguarding that trust through the vigorous enforcement of federal laws," said Acting United States Attorney Francis M. Hamilton III. "Doctors are supposed to help people, not hurt them, and those who abuse their position by illegally prescribing opioids will be prosecuted."

"Tennessee remains at the epicenter of the opioid crisis. Opioid abuse destroys lives, and it devastates families. It is extremely disappointing when caregivers allow greed and selfishness to violate their oath to help those in need. The FBI along with our federal, state, and local partners will continue to investigate and hold those accountable to face the consequences of their actions," said Joseph E. Carrico, Special Agent-in-Charge of the

Knoxville office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"Protecting the health and safety of Medicare and Medicaid patients is our number one priority," said Derrick L. Jackson, Special Agent in Charge at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General in Atlanta. "This provider's reckless actions not only eluded his prescribing restrictions but endangered the health and safety of these patients."

The charges were the result of an investigation by FBI,

HHS, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). This case was brought as part of the Opioid Fraud and Abuse initiative, a comprehensive national strategy that focuses on investigations and prosecutions of medical providers who prescribe opioids outside of the course of professional medical practice and for no legitimate purpose.

Assistant United States Attorneys Anne-Marie Svolto and David Lewen represented the United States.

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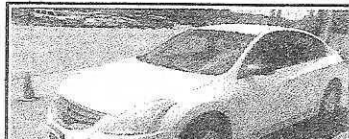
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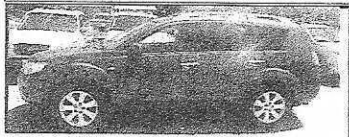
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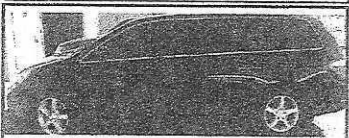
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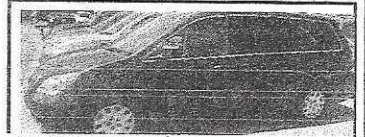


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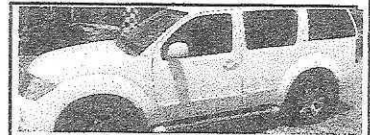


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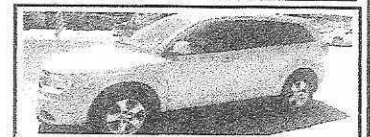
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**DUI+**

Robin Hopkins, 34, Scenic Hill Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Simple Possession.

Deputy D. Harrison LCSO, was dispatched to Hotchkiss Valley Rd East in reference to a possible impaired driver passed out behind the wheel. Once Deputy arrived on scene, he made contact with the vehicle at the intersection of Oak Grove and Hotchkiss Valley. As Deputy approached the vehicle, the offender later identified as Robin Nicole Hopkins was passed out behind the wheel of the vehicle while it was running. Once Dep-

uty woke the offender up she exhibited slurred and lethargic speech, pin point pupils and shaking. The offender stated she takes multiple types of bi-polar medication such as Trazadone, but could not tell him what time she had taken them. Deputy had the offender exit the vehicle and while doing so Deputy observed a small bag with a crystal like substance believed to be methamphetamine located in the drivers floor board. Deputy asked her if she would preform SFSTs to which she consented. The offender performed poorly on all tests given. EMS arrived on scene to transport

the offender to Ft. Loudon Medical Center for an evaluation at her request. Deputy then went to Ft. Loudon ER where he read the offender Implied Consent to which she agreed to a blood draw. Once the

offender was cleared from the hospital Deputy took her in custody for Driving Under the Influence and Simple Possession/Casual Exchange. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

**Public Notice**

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a workshop meeting on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Public Library.

Items to be discussed:

- Playground Equipment
- Items for the Fire Department

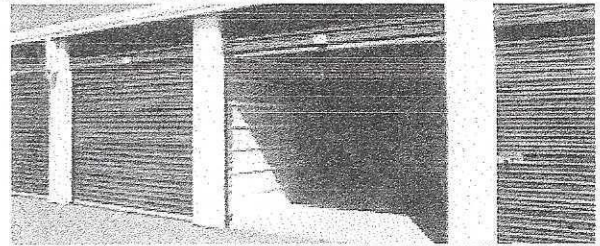
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Notice of Meetings**

The City of Philadelphia Mayor and Board of Aldermen will meet in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 14, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Philadelphia Public Library.

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- First Reading of the FY 2021-2022 Budget

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## Horoscopes

family members who want to exert too much control over your love life. It's time to bang your fist on the table and say, "Enough's enough, I'll love who I want to." When you insist that well-meaning relatives respect your choices, you'll tap into a new well of self-respect.

**Cancer 6/21-7/22**

It's up to you to strut your stuff, Cancer. As long as you're bashful about showcasing your innate gifts, it will be difficult to find meaning in your life. Today's planetary alignment gives you the challenge to take your talents more seriously. You could easily profit from them, provided you look deep inside to discover how.

**Leo 7/23-8/22**

You don't have to answer to society's cultural values, Leo. If most of your work is organized around an activity that's considered fashionable, you will never succeed in feeling good about yourself or your creations. You're too motivated by meaningful activities to spend your time with frivolous ones. Today's aspects will push you to cut yourself off from all that doesn't resonate deeply.

**Virgo 8/23-9/22**

You may have noticed for some time now to what an extent your ambitions wear you out and to what point they have become outdated. If you aspire to live an ambitious life, but also one that is calmer and more balanced, the celestial energy is indi-

cating the moment has come to make some important decisions, Virgo.

**Libra 9/23-10/22**

Are you hesitating, Libra? Do you feel caught between the desire to participate fully in the world and the equally strong desire to remain in your dream world, even at the risk of feeling a little out of it? Who says that these two worlds are incompatible? If you look closely, you will see that you don't need to choose one or the other.

**Scorpio 10/23-11/21**

You can expect to have to make a choice today related to your intimate relationships. You may have become aware that something is missing, either in your partner or yourself. Today you will act on that awareness, but it may not be easy. The root of the problem could be an issue of independence and self-sufficiency. Try to figure out the source of the problem before acting on it, Scorpio.

**Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**

You're being called upon to make a commitment or promise, most likely relating to your love life. Will you take that decisive step? That's the question today. Over the next few days you will doubtless have to prove what you're made of. The challenge most likely emanates from your romantic relationships. There is no running away this time, Sagittarius. It's time to take a stand.

**Capricorn 12/22-01/19**

There are times in your love life when you may

feel somewhat inhibited, as though something is holding you back from total fulfillment. Perhaps the emotions overwhelm you or the idea of commitment frightens you. In any case, Capricorn, you're well aware that your reluctance to take the plunge is detrimental to your relationship. The day will call on you to take a few more risks.

**Aquarius 1/20-2/18**

The forecast today is stormy. You may have sensed that there was some tension clouding the conversation at home. Resentments were left unsaid and subtle power games were played without resolution. Today, Aquarius, it all becomes too unbearable for you. Regardless of the risks involved, you will take measures to clear things up.

**Pisces 2/19-3/20**

The day is likely to be somewhat challenging, and it contains some disappointments. You're liable to feel dejected if you receive a lackluster response from the world. Apparently, Pisces, your per-

formance has lost some of its ability to captivate an audience. Whether you accept this or try to shine up your act is the question of the day!

**Aries 3/21-4/19**

Aries, you can expect the day to be a bit bumpy. If you were an Olympic athlete, today you'd be standing at the starting line, wondering if you had trained enough for a topnotch performance. Have you had enough practice? Will you make the grade? Issues related to your material resources will certainly be on the agenda.

**Taurus 4/20-5/20**

A planetary configuration like today's often makes people afraid to start anything that challenges the status quo. This is true for you in your professional life. You should dare to take on more responsibility. The aspects speak of fear only, not of being incapable of succeeding. The saying about fear being the only thing to fear is something you should take to heart right now, Taurus.

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**Obituaries**

**Betty Faye Richardson**, age 73 of Loudon passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, surrounded by her family and her beloved dog, Pugs. Betty was born September 25, 1947. Preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, John Richardson; mother and father, Louise and Fred Walker, sister and brother-in-law, Martha and Bob Johnson and brother and sister-in-law, Freddie Gene and Patrina Walker. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-laws, Steve and Julie Richardson, Mike and Kelly Richardson; granddaughter, Sydnee Richardson; brother and sister-in-law, Johnny and Naomi Walker, sister and brother-in-law, Bonnie and Eddie Parris; sister-in-law, Linda Gaston; special nieces, Sandra Fritts and Leanne Estes, and niece-in-law, Paulette Tyler, and many more nieces, nephews and cousins, and in-laws than there's room to mention. She loved and cherished them all. Betty retired from Yale Lock after over 30 years of service. After retirement, she spent most of her time doing what she loved most...spending time with her granddaughter. She and John became "Mamaw and Papaw" in February of 2003, and other than the titles of mom and dad, nothing made them beam with more pride. As a family, we now know that they are together again, bickering like they always did, only to love each other like only they could. And soon to be cheering on the Vols as only those two could Always do! \*\*We must all cherish one another...that we may all sit down

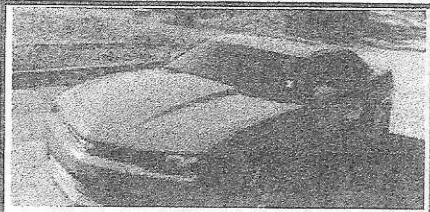
in Heaven together.\*\* The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, June 4th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Saturday morning and proceed to Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 11 a.m. Rev. Johnny Walker will officiate. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Penny Ann Narmore Miller**, age 60 of Philadelphia passed away June 1, 2021 at Turkey Creek Medical Center. She had a heart of gold and would help anyone in need. Penny was preceded in death by her parents, Edward C. Lee and Patricia Ann Lee; father, Horace Narmore; sisters, Johnny Kate Lee and Patricia "Patsy Ruth" Lee; infant brother, Ronnie Wayne Lee. Survived by her son, Gordon Narmore; grandchildren, Taylor, Jasmine, Trenton and Isabella Narmore; sisters, Debbie Abbott, Sandy Justice (Odell) and Edna Manis; brothers, Donnie Lee (Pam), Edward C. Lee II (Tonya), Clinton Narmore (Teresa) and Tony Narmore; stepmother, Virgie Narmore; several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, June 4th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. with Bo Hughes officiating. Burial will follow in the Lenoir City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**Public Notice Meeting Notice**

Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at 10 AM on Friday, June 4, 2021 at the County Office Building.

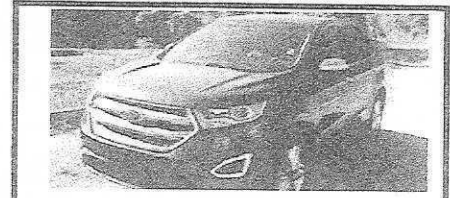
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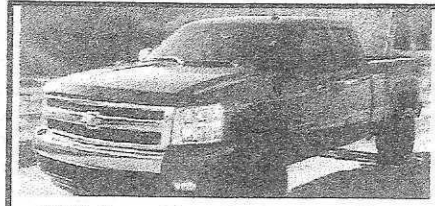
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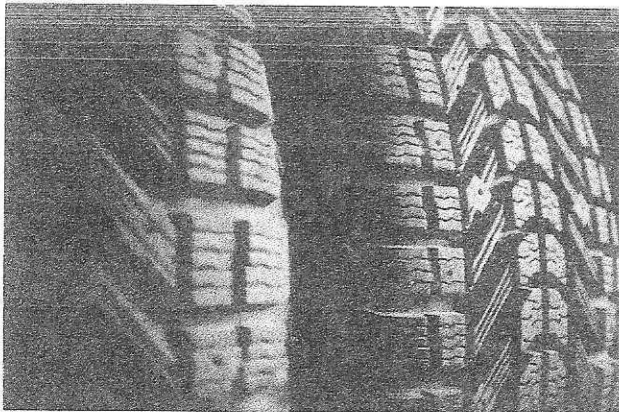
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