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Tuesday, November 8, 2011

9th DTF still busting the pillbillies

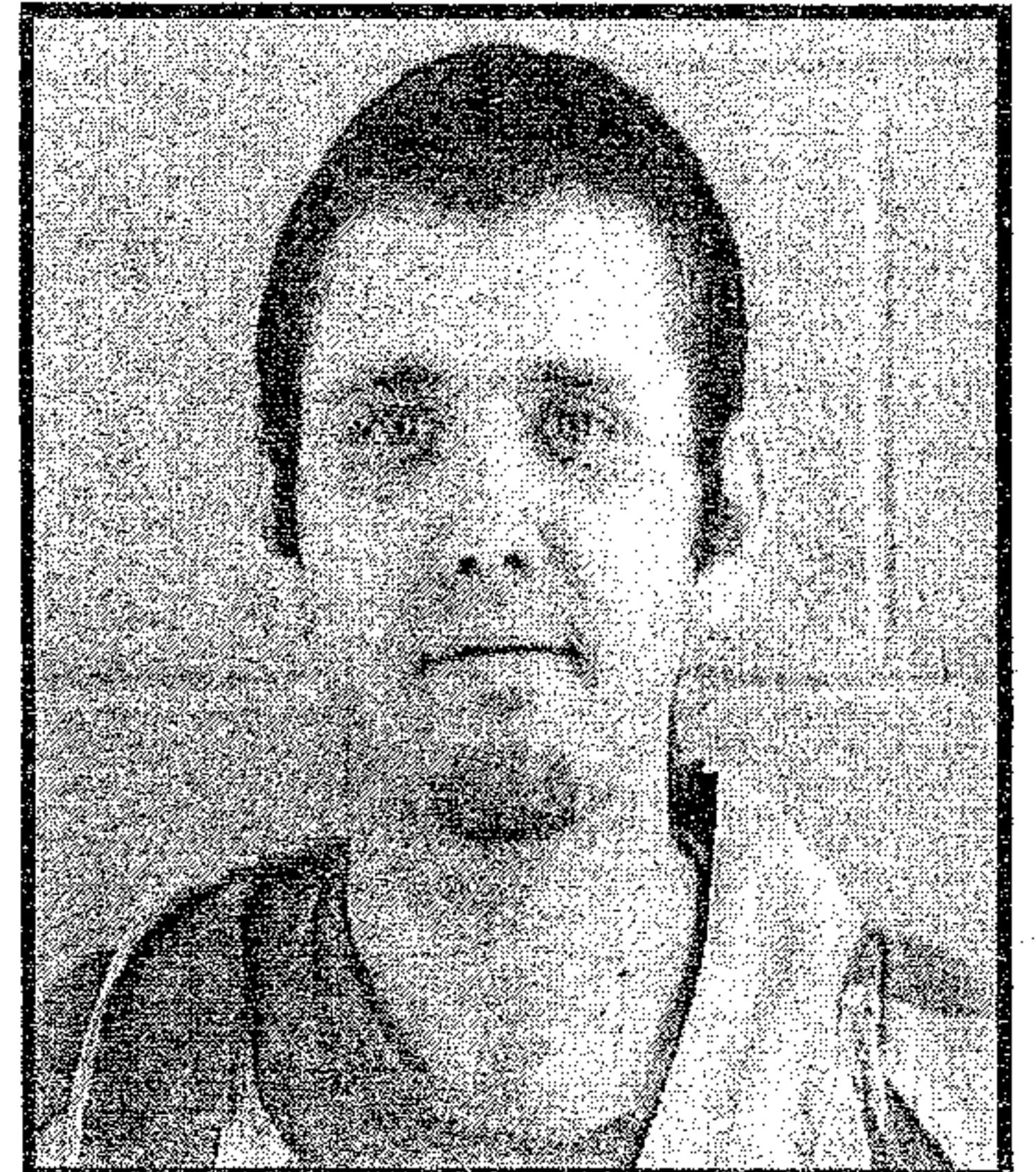
Officer Brendan Deboer, 9th DTF observed a gray PT Cruiser in Philadelphia fail to stop for a stop sign and stopped it. A passenger was identified as Joel Lynn. In plain view on Mr. Lynn's lap was an open prescription bottle and small plastic baggie. Mr. Lynn was asked to step out of the vehicle and if he had anything on his person. Several pills



(see Pillbillies pg. 3) J. Pliske



S. Pliske

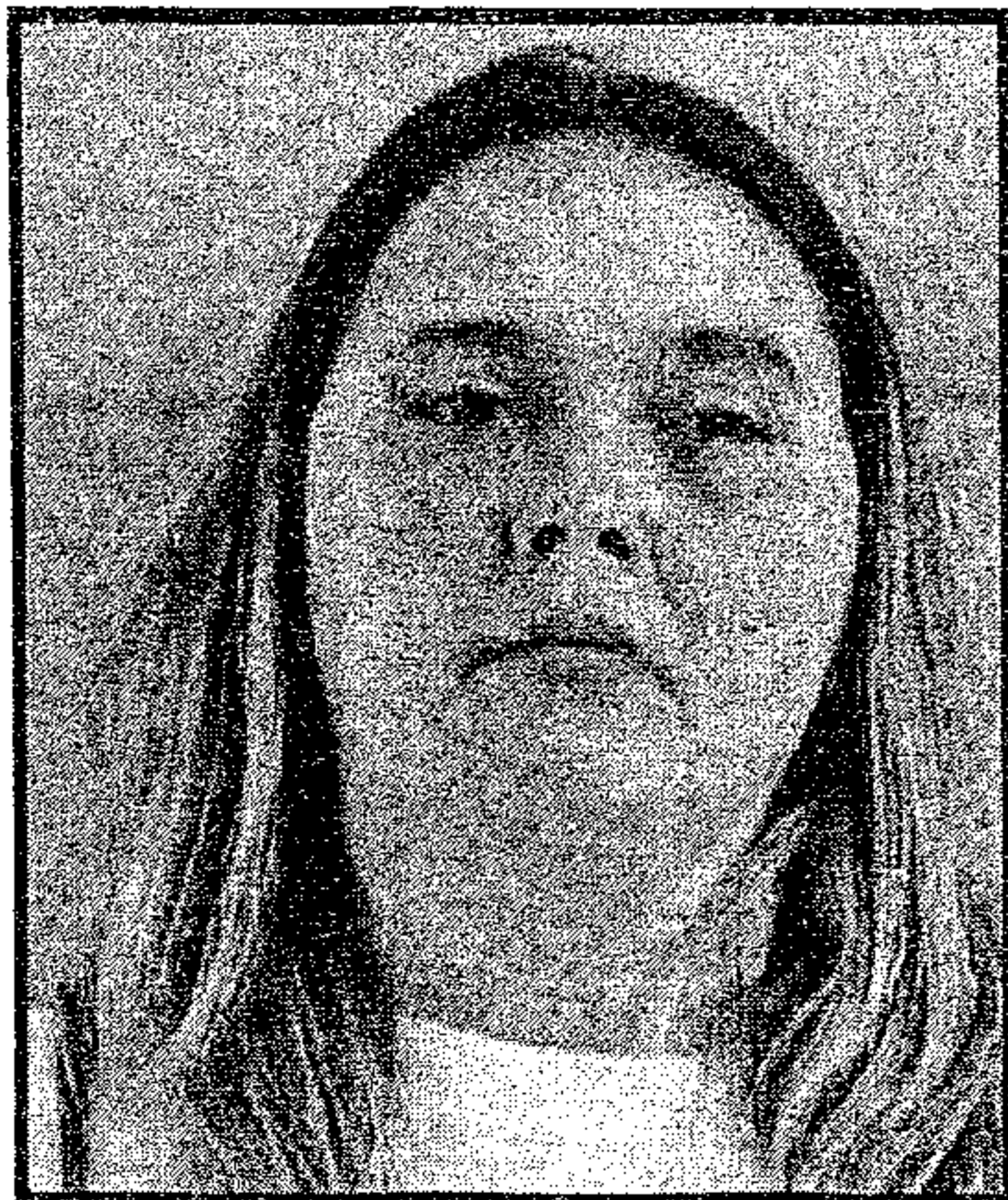


Lynn

Couple charged after assault in Philly



Billy Whisehunt



Christy Whisehunt
(see Assault pg. 7)

Fugitive Nabbed in GB

Virginia Susan Howk, 35, of Waubasca Road, Battle Creek, MI, was charged with being a fugitive from justice. According to the report, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO was traveling on Hwy 411 and noticed a vehicle in the driveway of Hwy 411

(see Fugitive pg. 3)



Virginia Howk

Haslam, Hagerty Announce Statewide Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Economic and Community Development Commissioner

Bill Hagerty announced nine Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators will be established (see Accelerators pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me.
Ruth 1:17

Obituaries

Floyd McKinney

Wazzup

LC 34 Columbia 30. The Only Thing To Be Said is GO PANTHERS! WOW what a victory Friday night over last years state champions. Keep up the hard work and determi-

nation.

Weather

Today: Areas of patchy fog early. Mostly sunny skies. High 73F. Winds light and variable.
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 46F. Winds light and variable.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy early followed by increasing clouds

with showers developing later in the day. High 68F. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 40%.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Your energy is almost fully invested in your subconscious

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Rates
 were found and he was placed into custody.

The officer identified the driver as Joseph Pliske and he advised the officer he had sev-

eral prescription bottles in his wife's purse in the back of the car. Sonya Pliske produced her purse and a search resulted in located several pill bottles filled at a pharmacy the same day and 22 missing out of one and 20 missing out of the other.

In speaking with Joseph he reported he had given Joel Lynn pills for money he owed him. A search of the couples cell phones produces several messages about the sale of pills. Both Mr. and Mrs. Pliske are obtaining prescription narcotics from a doctor and selling these pills on the streets of Loudon and Monroe County. During this encounter a 4 year old child belonging to the Pliske's was in the vehicle.

Joseph Jason Pliske, 30, of Park St., Madisonville, was charged with possession of schedule II with intent to deliver and sell and child neglect.

Joel Hamilton Lynn, 25, of Spring Street, Philadelphia, was charged with possession of schedule II.

Sonya Ann Pliske, 28, of Park St., Madisonville, was charged with possession of schedule II with intent to deliver or sell, child neglect, possession of schedule II methadone, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Agent Brendan DeBoer, 9th DTF made the arrests.

Fugitive

Crushed Stone. The deputy turned around to check the vehicle and as he pulled into the lot met the vehicle head on. The driver, Virginia Susan Howk stated she was lost and was trying to get to Alcoa and pulled in to use her GPS on her phone. The deputy asked for identification and a

check revealed she was wanted in Michigan for dangerous drugs. Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSO made the arrest.

Police beat

Matthew Chad Berry, 28, of Loudon Ridge Road, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Chuck Butler, LCSO made the arrest.

Dennis Samuel Smith, 25, of West 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to the report, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin LCPD; on or about October 26, 2011 Dennis Smith was found at Silver Hills Apartments and knew he had been barred from the property of the Lenoir City Housing Authority in October 2008. Smith stated he thought that just meant Oakwood.

Shawn Lee Scott, 28, of Cemetery Road, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation. Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest.

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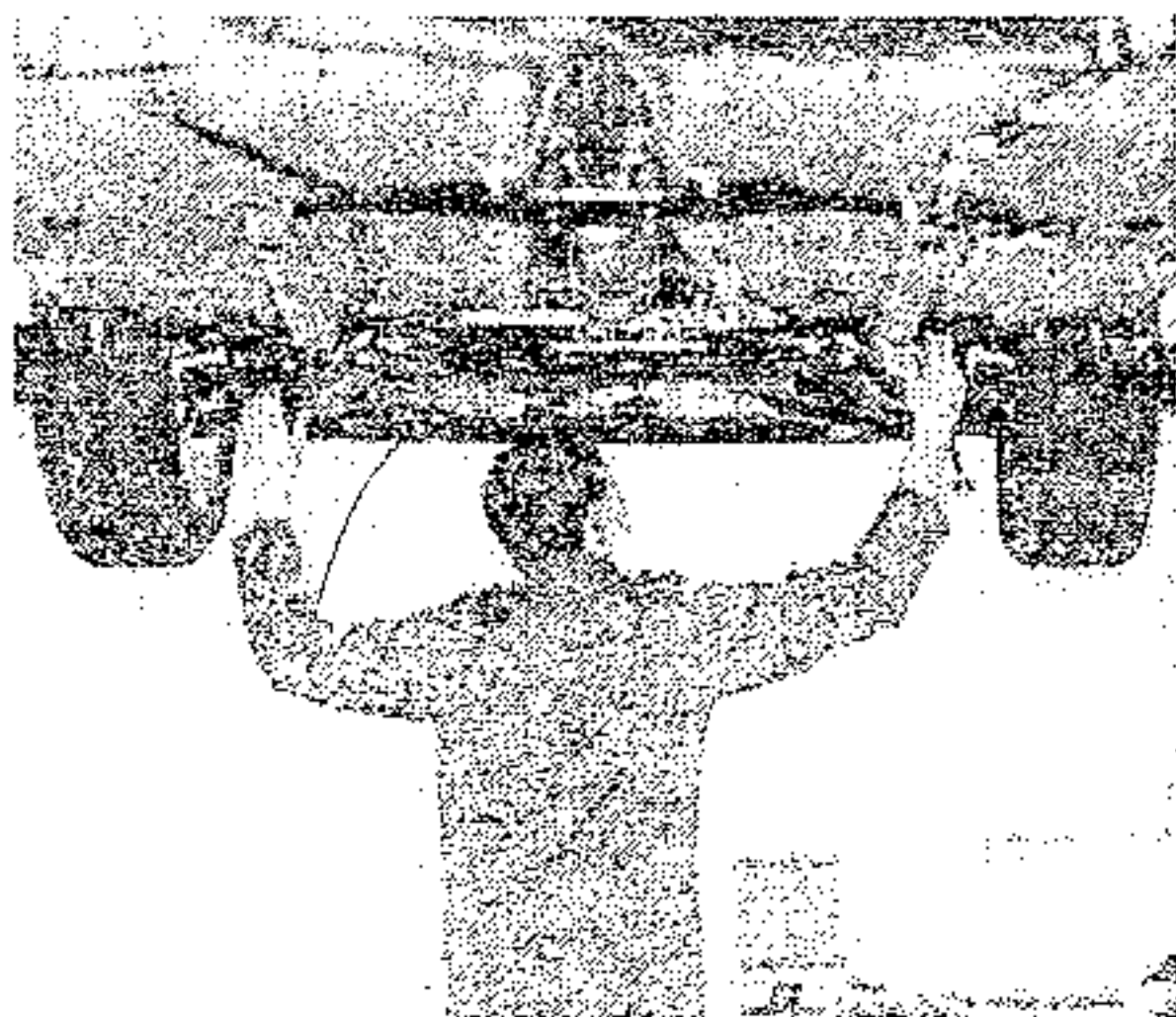
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Obituaries

Floyd McKinney of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the age of 85. Floyd was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda McKinney in 1980 and daughter, Nancy in 1956, sister, Martha, and three brothers, Glenn, Ike, and Chuck. Father of eight children, he is survived by daughters, Beverly Brown and husband, Buddy, of Cleveland, OH; Daisy Weatherly and husband, Ray, of Lenoir City, TN; Kathy Naida and husband, Ron, of Cleveland, OH; sons, James McKinney and wife, Beth, of Proctor, W. VA; Larry McKinney of Lenoir City, TN, Donald McKinney of Lenoir City, TN, and Ronald McKinney and Kim, of Philadelphia, TN; 13 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchil-

dren. Floyd will be laid to rest in Pine Grove, West Virginia on Tuesday, November 8, 2011. **Miranda Jomika Avila** - age 24 of Lenoir City passed away suddenly Thursday, November 3, 2011 at her home. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Willie and Bobby Jones. Survived by her husband, Louis Avila; step sons, Kaleb Kelley, Kaden Avila and Kasen Avila; parents, Michael and Nancy Jones of Middlesboro, KY; sister, Julie Jones; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Samuel and Elizabeth Lamb of Middlesboro, KY; uncle, Robin Helton and cousin, Scott Grubb. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday at Click Funeral Home. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Jim Hyde officiating. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Police beat

Christy Lynnette Taylor, 32, of Scenic View Drive, Madisonville, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to the report, Officer Brad Parks, LPD was advised by Officer Jason Brown, LPD of a domestic dispute on Poplar Street in Loudon.

Upon arrival the officer spoke with both parties who stated they had been in an argument over the defendant getting text messages from another man. The victim states Taylor did become angry and started to break things in the house.

The officer observed a broken glass in the bedroom of the house. The victim also stated Taylor did scratch him and kicks him in the

face. The officer observed the victim had a red swollen area just below his left eye. Officer Brad Parks, LPD made the arrest.

Martha Ayala Sanchez, 40, of Reed Springs Road, Philadelphia, was charged with no driver license.

According to the report, Deputy James Bowman, LCSO stopped the vehicle Sanchez was driving for a seat belt violation. A check showed Ms. Sanchez to have no license. Deputy James Bowman, LCSO made the arrest.

Philip McKenzie Thaxton, 30, of Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir city was charged with domestic violence.

According to the report, Deputy Chuck

Butler, LCSO was dispatched to shouting on an open 911 call.

Upon arrival the deputy spoke to the victim and she reported she and Philip had been arguing over a relatives child they had been babysitting that day.

The victim reported Philip backed her into the corner of a bedroom and started shouting at her telling to call the child's mother.

The victim reported she called the other to pick her up and Philip became irate and picked up a shoe and threw it at her striking her in the chest.

The victim stated these actions placed her in fear of further injury. The victim did have visible signs of injury.

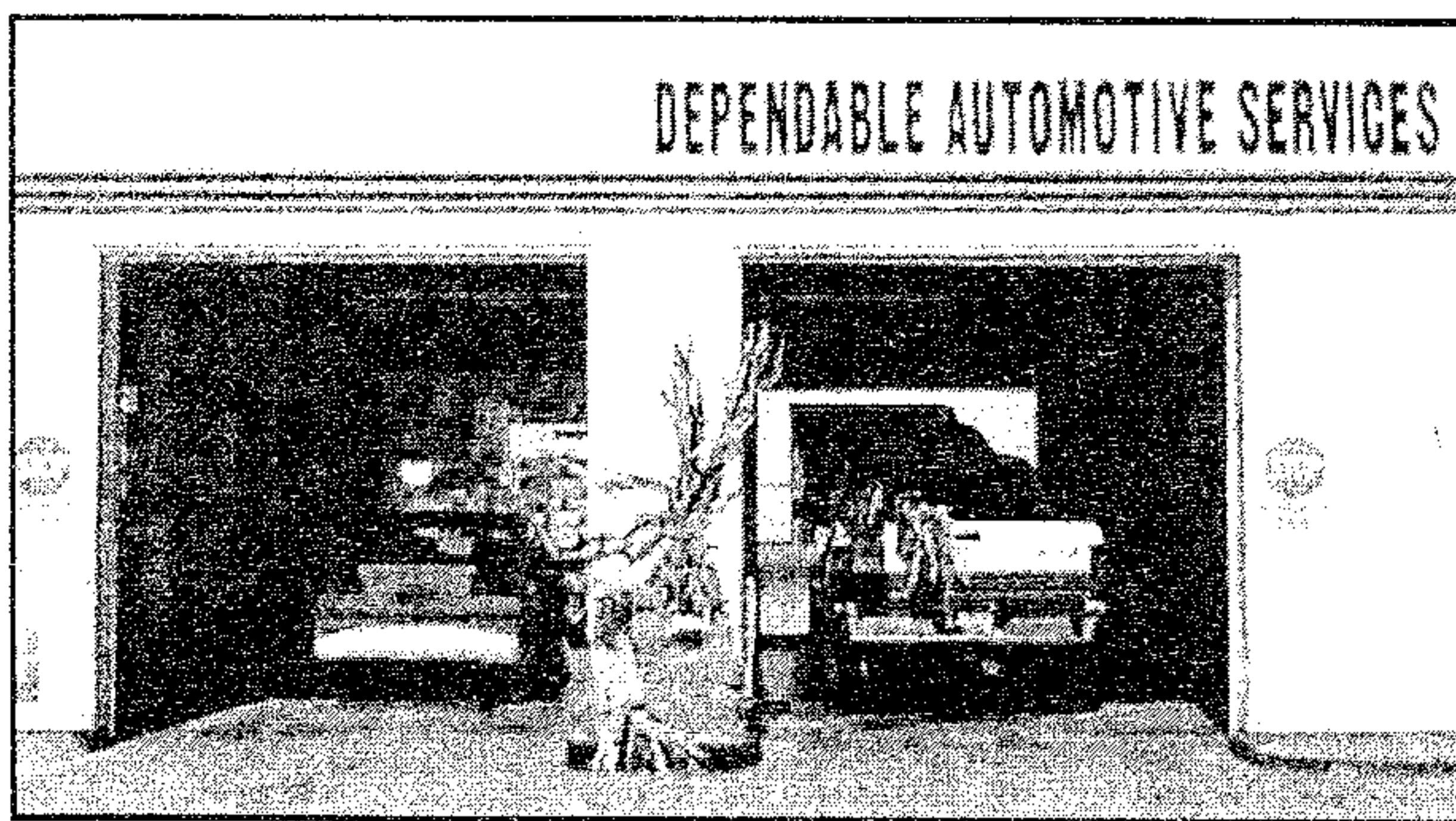
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throughout the state to assist Tennessee entrepreneurs. The accelerators will provide mentoring, education and

training, strategic and technical support, and assistance identifying sources of capital.

“The Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators

will be an incredible asset throughout Tennessee to help aspiring entrepreneurs launch and grow their businesses with expert mentoring

and support,” Haslam said. “Startup companies have the potential to be a significant source of job creation, and we want to give local entrepreneurs their best chances for success as we work to make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs.”

“Despite the economic challenges our state and country continue to face, the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Tennessee,” Hagerty said. “The Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators will help promising entrepreneurs with the resources necessary to propel their companies along the spectrum of business growth and job creation.”

Accelerators will be located in each of the nine Jobs4TN Jobs Base Camp regions to assist area entrepreneurs as they develop business plans and launch companies that have the potential to create new jobs. Each accelerator will become a foundational component of the region’s economic development strategy while creating a network of partnerships and mentors within the local business community, the statewide investor base, higher education, non-profits and government.

A \$250,000 grant will be awarded to each of the nine Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators as a result of a competitive grant application process. Each application was judged by multiple reviewers and assigned a composite score based on how effectively it responded

to the program criteria. The grant funding is a combination of state and federal dollars and contingent upon each accelerator providing at minimum an additional \$250,000 in local matching support.

The Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerators and partnering organizations for the East Region include: University of Tennessee, Anderson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Knoxville

Partners: Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Knoxville-Oak Ridge Innovation Valley, Tech 20/20, UT Research Foundation, Knoxville Chamber of Commerce, Oak Ridge Economic Partnership, 3 Degrees LLC, Pellissippi State Community College, Roane State Community College, UT Extension, UT Center for Industrial Services, Claris Networks, Development Corporation of Knox County, Entrepreneurs’ Organization - East Tennessee Chapter, Entrepreneurs of Knoxville, Tennessee Veterans Business Association, Entrepreneurial Transitions, Sensible HR Solutions, SociallyU, Tennessee Small Business Development Centers and multiple private capital firms.

The Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerator Program is part of the INCITE initiative Gov. Haslam announced in May that is designed to support innovation across the state and drive growth in the creation of knowledge-based jobs. INCITE is

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named for its focus on innovation, commercialization, investment, technology and entrepreneurship.

The INCITE initiative includes two distinct entrepreneurial components: the regional accelerators and the previously announced Startup Tennessee. The Startup Tennessee program is a statewide public-private partnership that will connect and provide consulting support to the accelerators, while leveraging best practices and the national network of the Startup America Partnership. For more information on Startup Tennessee, please visit <http://tennessee.startu->

americapartnership.org/.

ECD will be working closely with each Regional Entrepreneurial Accelerator over the coming weeks to launch their program activities locally. Entrepreneurs or startup businesses seeking additional information about the Regional Accelerator Program or Startup Tennessee can contact the department directly at ecd.innovation@tn.gov or visit <http://www.tn.gov/ecd/Innovation.html>.

About the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development

The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission

is to develop strategies which help make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs. The department seeks to attract new corporate investment in Tennessee and works with Tennessee companies to facilitate expansion and economic growth. To find out more, go to www.tn.gov/ecd.

Police beat

Timothy Robert Crowder, 36, of County Road 655, Athens, was charged with violation of probation. Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO made the arrest.

Nicholas Chandler Christian, 50, of East Hwy 11, Lenoir City, was charged with driv-

ing on revoked.

According to the report, Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD responded to an accident and upon arrival found Nicholas Christian on a motorbike/scooter. Christian has been charged numerous times for driving on revoked for DUI. Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD

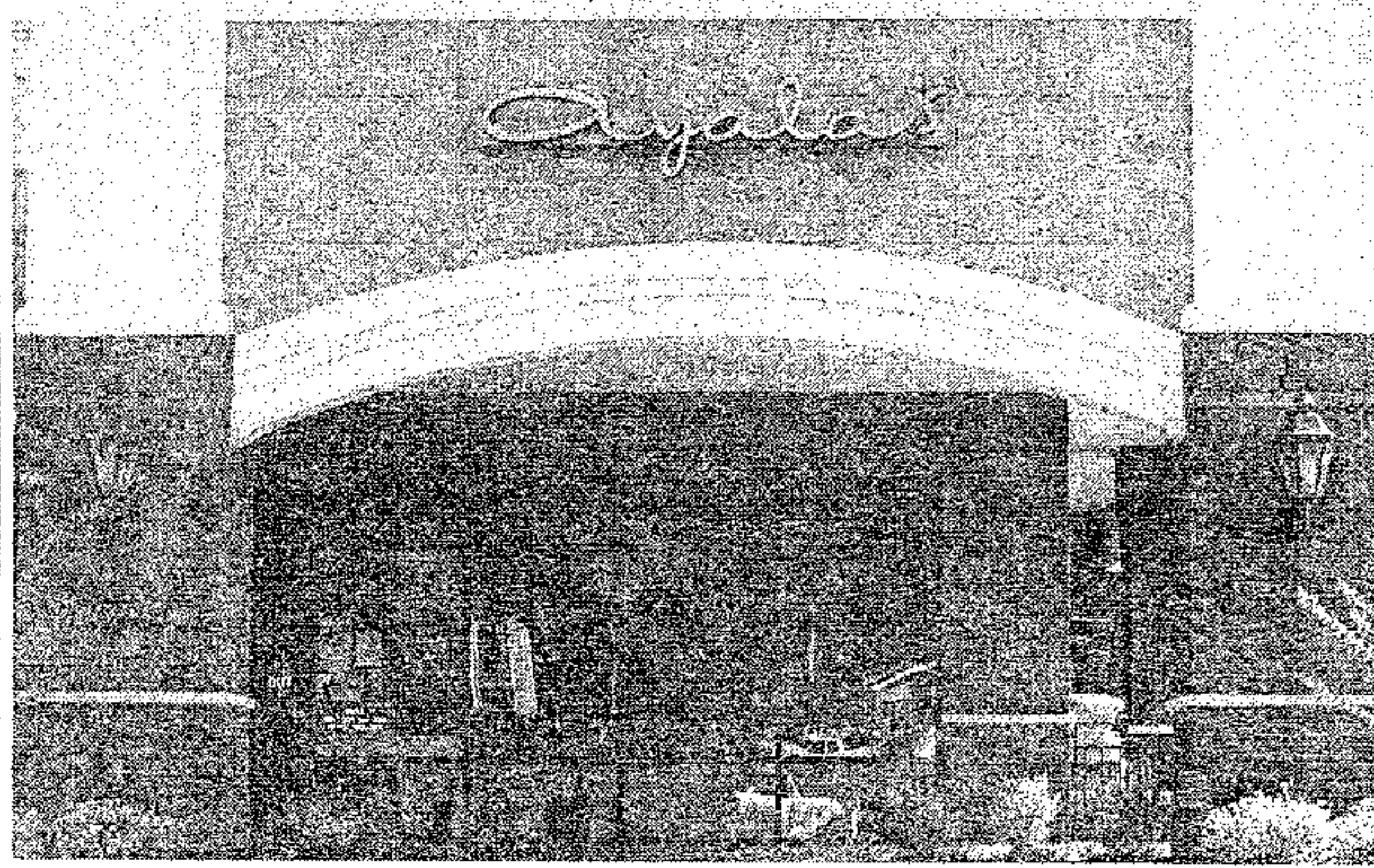
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Assault

According to the warrants, filed by the victim, she reported she was coming out of the Grizzly Pig in Philadelphia and a car pulled

up beside her. Christy Whisenhunt got out of the vehicle cussing and saying stuff to the victim.

The victim reported she asked Ms. Whisen-

hunt "what did you say?" Mrs. Whisenhunt reportedly started cussing the victim and calling the victim names. The victim reported she slapped at Mrs. Whisenhunt.

Both the victim and Mrs. Whisenhunt began fighting. Billy Todd Whisenhunt, Christy's husband got out of the

vehicle and punched the victim in the face and slung her to the ground.

After the argument and fight the victim left. Law enforcement was not notified. The victim filed reports with the Sheriff's Department the following day.

Billy Todd Whisenhunt, 40, and Christy Ann Whisenhunt, 30, both of Sunnyside Road, Philadelphia, were charged with assault.

Lt. Teresa Smith and Corporal M. Wilson LCSO made the arrests.

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DUI and more

Lenona Mable Turner, 31, of Crown Colony Drive, Cleveland, was charged with DUI 2nd offense, implied consent and simple possession of schedule IV. According to the report, Officer Chris Law, LCPD was dispatched to Lenoir City High School in reference to a hit and run. Upon contact with Turner she had slurred speech and a thick tongue. Turner stated she hadn't had any medicine or alcoholic beverages. Turner performed poorly on sobriety tasks and couldn't remember her story and stated she may have taken some of her medicine. While doing inventory there was pill bottle labeled Ibuprofen and inside were 9 small orange pills believed to be Xanax. Turner refused a BAC test. Officer Chris Law, LCPD made the arrest.



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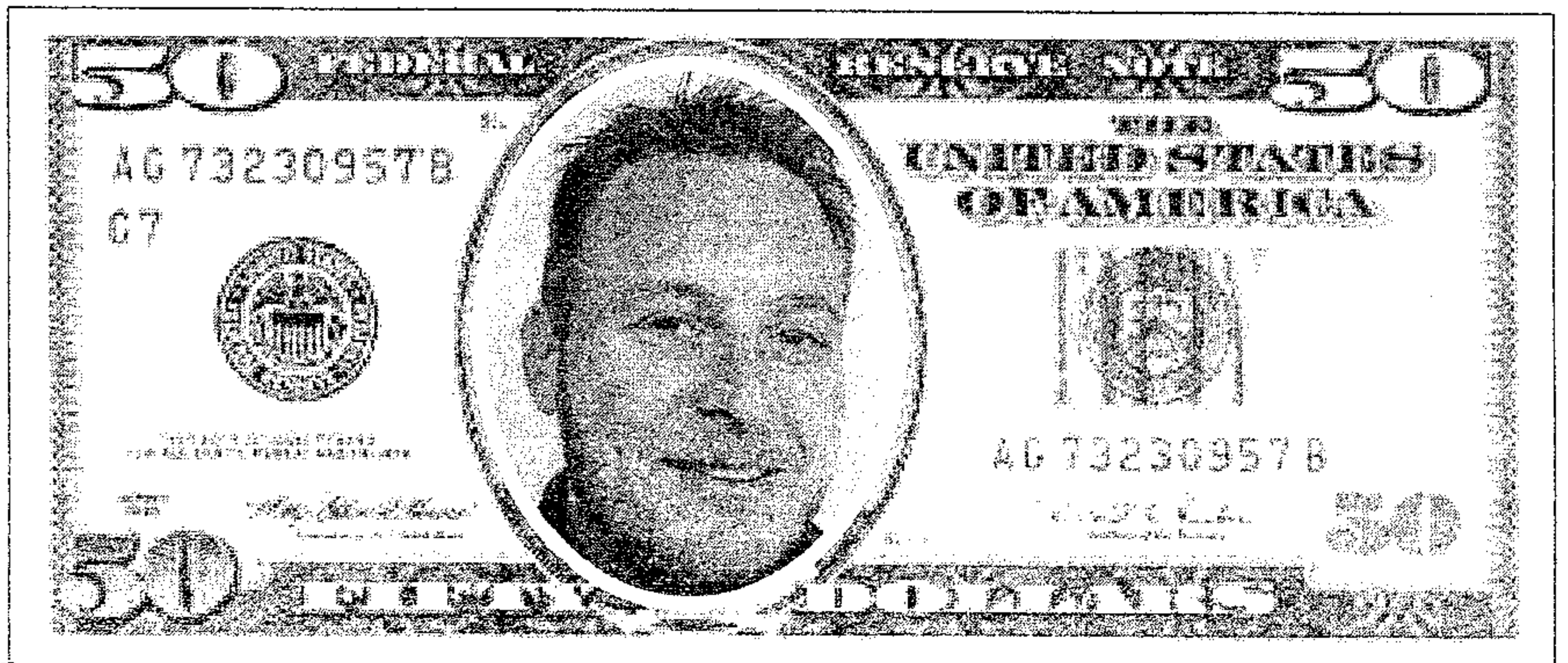
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