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Wednesday, February 16, 2011

FORMER DA 'FINED' FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

Scott McCluen Ordered to Pay Cost of Jury

by Dan Bell

The courtroom in Loudon last Wednesday morning was full of people. There were three dozen potential jurors, a dozen witnesses for the state, the District Attorney General and an assistant DA, clerks, court officers,



Scott McCluen

other attorneys and the judge. But where were the defendant and his attorney? The case was State of Tennessee v. Leone, a highly publicized criminal case involving an alleged assault with Tellico Vil-

(see McCluen pg. 5)

Lenoir City Records Investigation Almost Wrapped Up

by Dan Bell

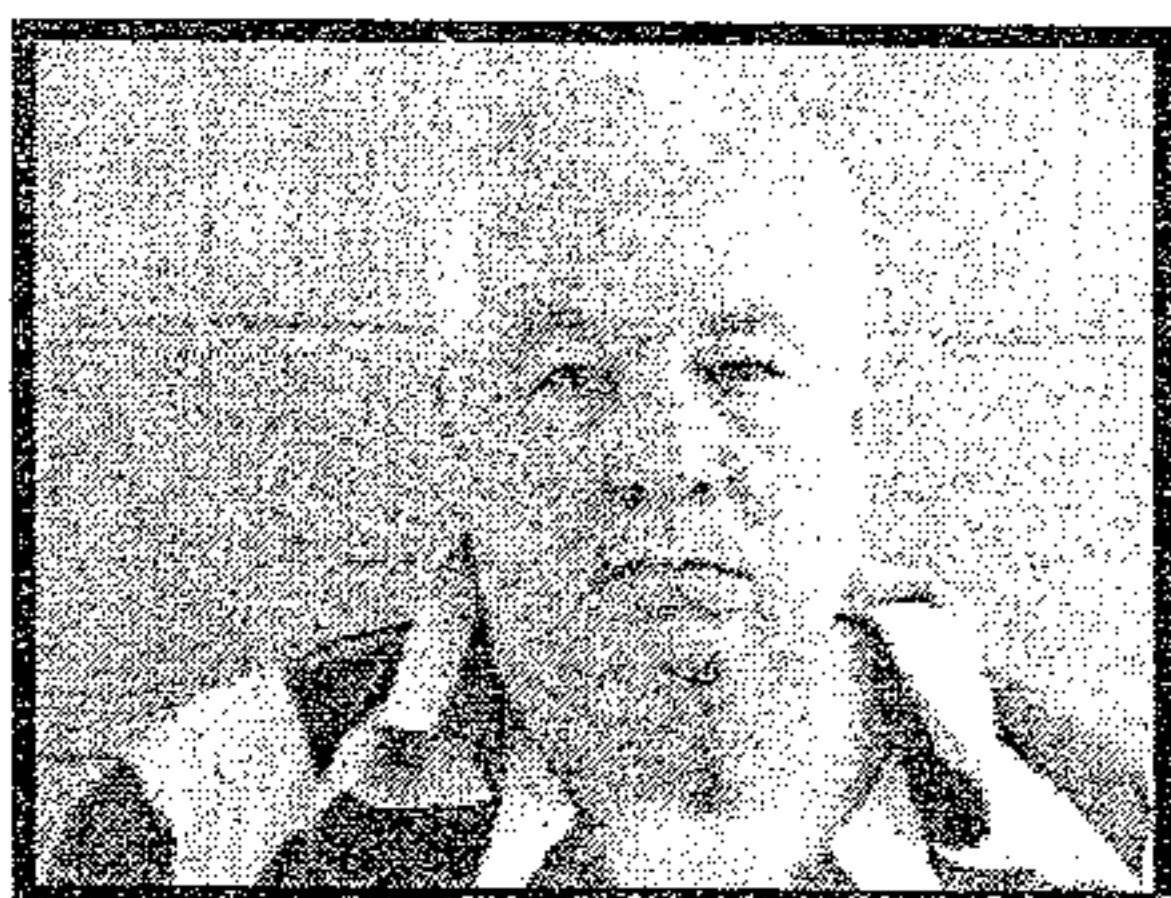
Several weeks ago the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation began an investigation into city personnel records that had evidently been missing from the City Recorder's Office in Lenoir City and somehow ended up in the

hands of a Knoxville News Sentinel reporter. According to reports and information gained by this reporter the TBI Special Agent assigned to the case has completed interviews of a number of city employees (see LC Recorder pg. 4)

Updates on Tellico Village Murder Cases

by Dan Bell

The Sheriff's Department knows that Tellico Village resident Ron Kronholm (age 79) was killed in his home on August 23, 2010 at point blank range from multiple blasts from a shotgun. They now know what killed Kronholm's alleged killer and former business partner, John Nevans, when he died ON December 9, 2010 after being incarcerated at the Loudon



John Nevans

County Jail.

Nevans was arrested by the Loudon County Sheriff's Department and charged with the first degree murder of Kronholm on September

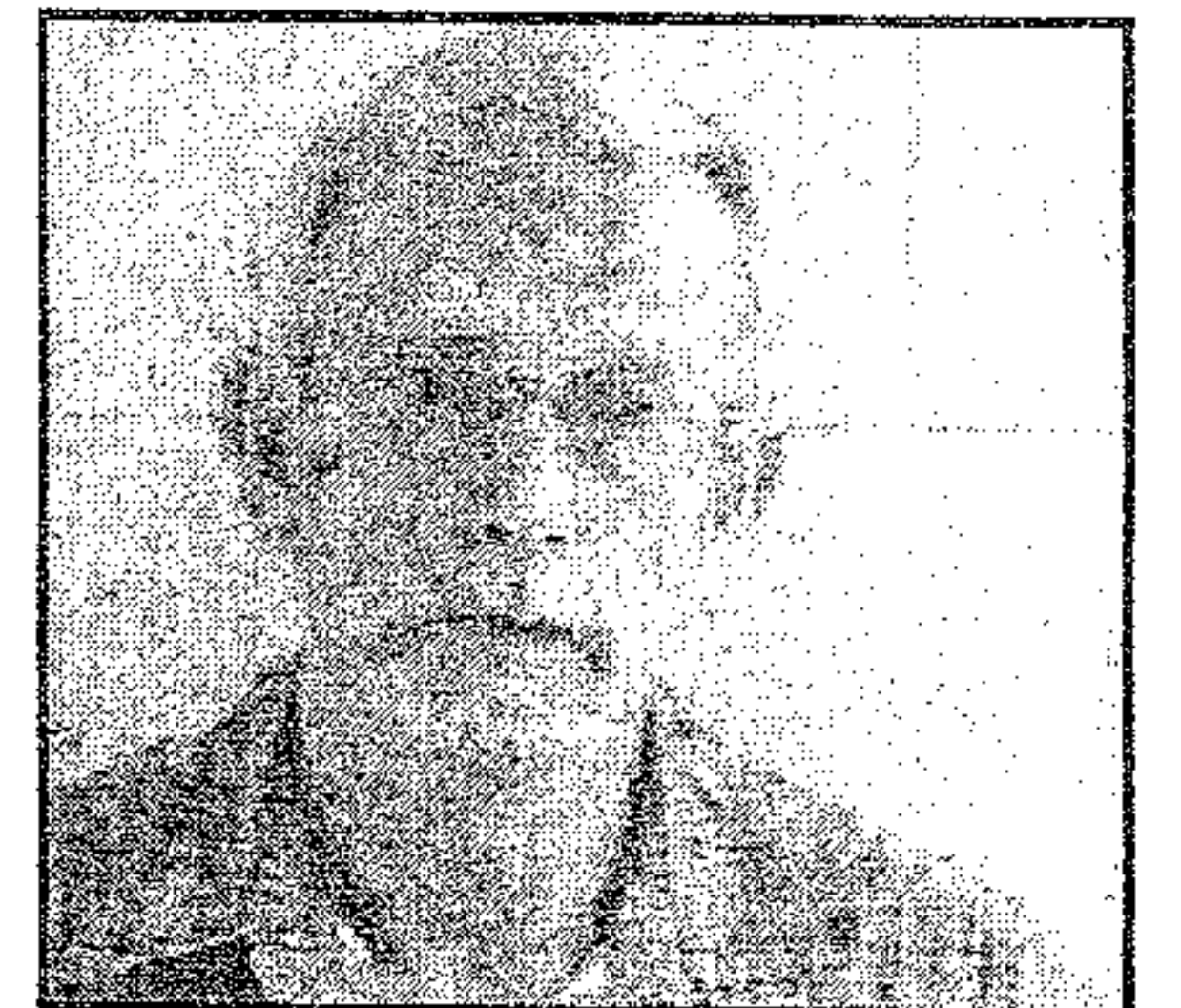
29th of last year. Investigators surmised that Nevans, who had been involved more or less as the financial partner on several residential construction projects in the Village with Kronholm as the contractor, shot and killed his former partner over Nevans' mounting frustration with their loss of money when the houses did not sell quickly enough in the depressed real es-

(see Updates pg. 6)

Update on McGhee Square Forger

A member of the staff of McGhee Square, Mr Larry Caldwell was convicted after pleading guilty to Forgery charges on September 14, 2010 in Circuit Court of Loudon County.

(see Forger pg. 3)



Larry Caldwell

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe



This week I'd like to share a story sent to me by my friend David Choate. David

has just announced his call to preach and I'm confident that God will use him to lead many souls to Christ. Great story, please read it.

(see Good News pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

Proverbs 17:9

Love prospers when a fault is forgiven, but dwelling on it separates close friends.

Obituaries

None reported

Wazzup

A big Thank You to Jason at Big Lots for being funny and friendly you made our shopping trip a great one!

Weather

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy. High 62F. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 44F. Winds SSE at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the low 50s.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You need to avoid distractions as much as you can today -- hard

as that may be. You've got at least one serious issue that isn't going away, and it requires some intense focus to take care of.

(see More pg. 2)

Forger

He was scheduled to be sentenced last week but had the sentencing delayed until May 17, 2011 due a request for a judicial diversion.

Good News

"A CHRISTMAS EVE TO REMEMBER 2010"

Today, (Christmas Eve) I received a special Christmas gift at an unexpected place. Coleen had sent me to Food

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City for a few items and the store was packed. I truly believe that I do not remember ever seeing that many people in the store before. As I waded through the crowd, I heard a women ask someone if she could give them a refrigerator magnet. A few minutes and a few aisles later I crossed paths with the lady again. This time she address me and said, "Sir may I give you a refrigerator magnet?" I thanked her and we both went our opposite directions. I looked down into my hand and saw a beautiful magnet attached to a card,

slightly larger than a business card. The magnet had the words "God Sent His Son" printed next to the picture of an infant in a crib. Below the magnet was the ABC's of salvation, Admit, Believe, and Confess. On the back was Acts 4:12 There is none other name under Heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Below that was the picture of a man, head bowed with a caption that said, "Lord Jesus, Come into my heart and save me from my sins."

Immediately I noticed a few things. The card did not have the name of a church or a denomination. There was no invitation to visit a church. The only invitation given was to know Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. There was no introduction of self by the lady as she offered the card, for she knew that her name did not matter. The name that she wanted me to know was the name of Jesus.

As I drove home I thought about this lady and wondered how many cards she had given out today, how many was she hoping to give out. For one brief moment in time this lady, her name known only to God, was on the mission field and the mission field where

she was placed was Food City in Loudon.

How's that for some GOOD NEWS!

Let's imagine ourselves on Christmas Eve, last minute shopping, spending time with family or cooking for Christmas dinner. Who in the world would have time to go to the grocery store and tell strangers about Christ? An unknown, obedient and spirit filled Christian lady had time. What if we all tried that hard to share the love of Jesus every day? What if we all just shared with one person a day?

Do you have a GOOD NEWS story that you would like to share? Send it to me at jeffvittatoc@yahoo.com and please take time to visit the-goodnews-dailyedition.com.

The lady in David's story had no idea that her actions would be told to you and hundreds of others right now, almost two months later. We serve a HUGE God and He has a plan for you and I if we will listen and be obedient to His perfect will.

Please remember that THE GOOD NEWS articles, while true, are to be read as the opinion of the author, not the Daily Edition. Thanks, Jeff Vittatoc.

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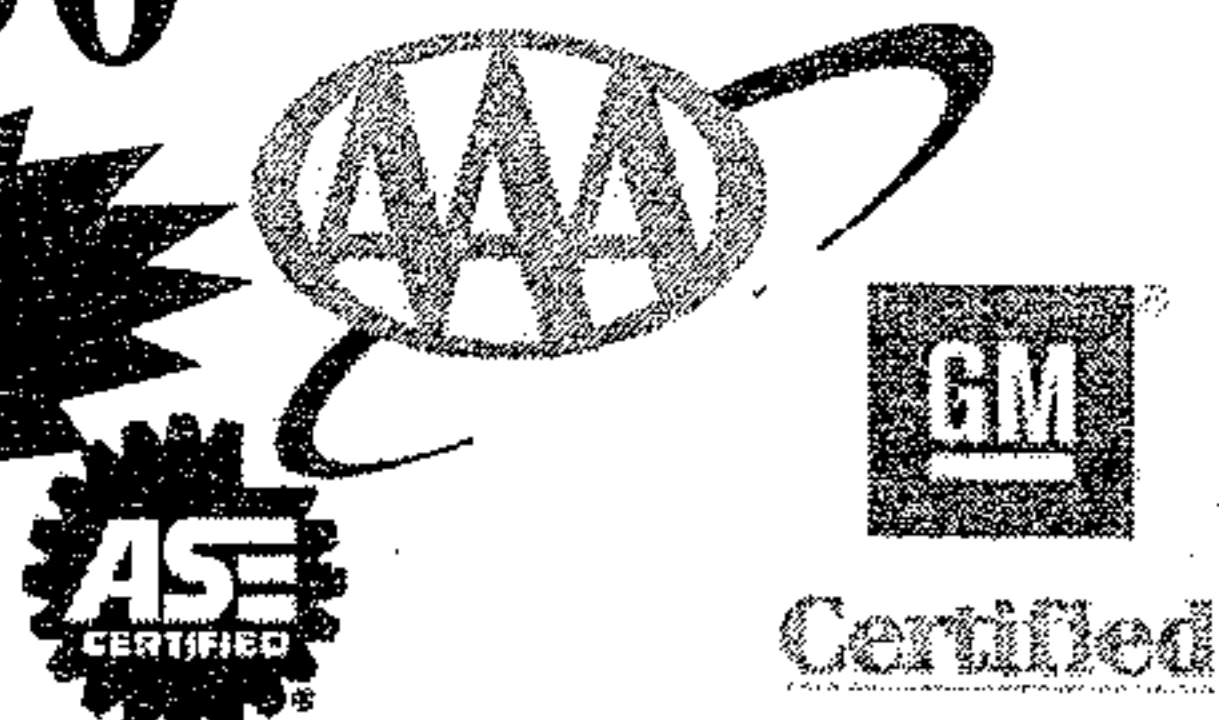
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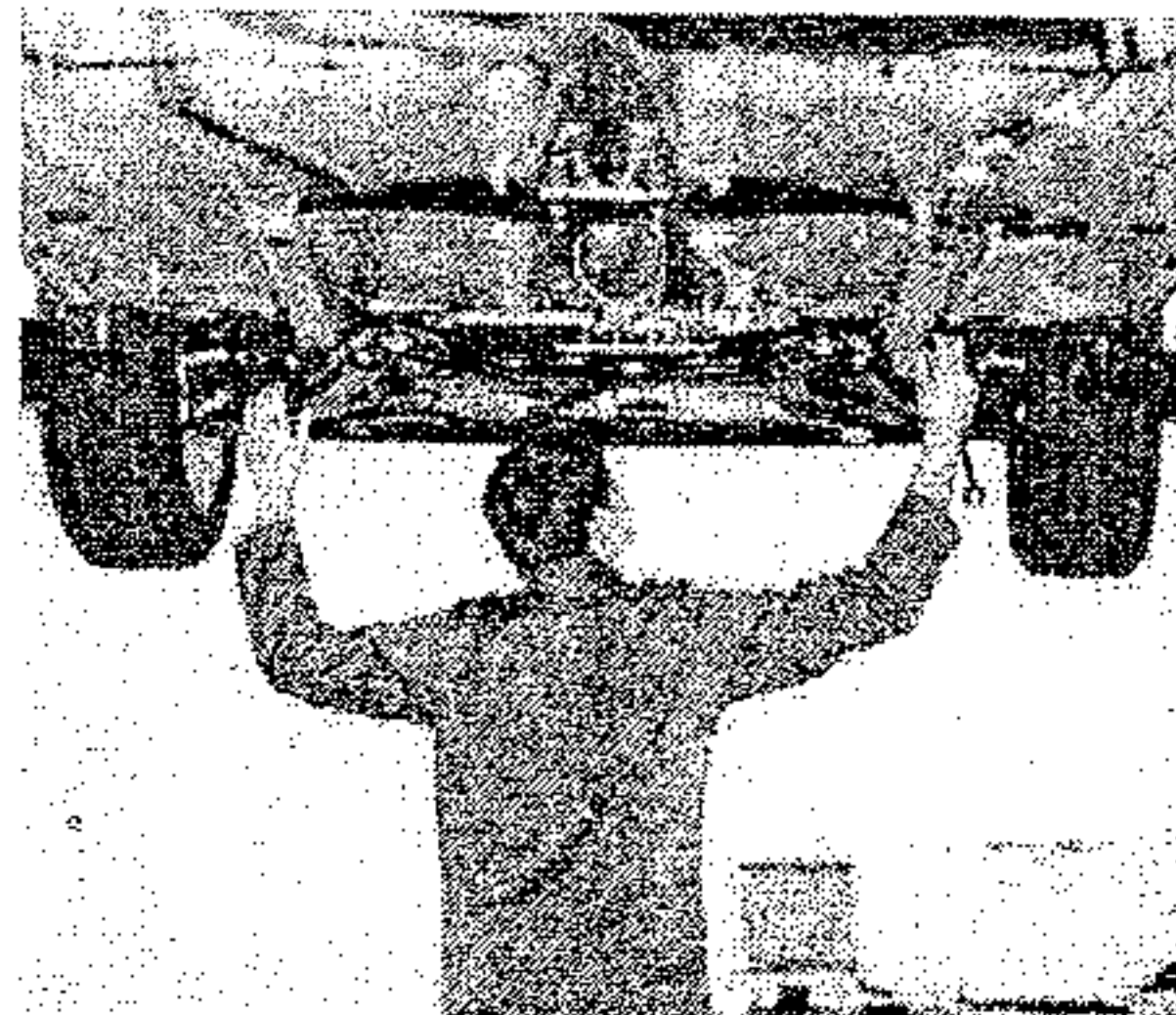
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LC Recorder

and present, as well as former officials, including former city recorders Debbie Cook and Bobby Johnson. The missing records were reprimands and reports of possible employee misconduct involving time card violations, a small cash shortage in the operations drawer and a failure to record a credit card payment for a traffic citation that resulted in the unnecessary arrest of the individual that paid their citation.

When contacted by this reporter District Attorney General Russell Johnson acknowledged that the investigation was

'mostly complete', but that he was in the process of contacting the Knoxville News Sentinel about how they obtained the missing information since it was 'not merely a situation of the paper receiving copies of records, but the actual records themselves'. Johnson stated, "This is not merely a 'whistle blower' situation in the sense that someone made copies of records that they feel should be made public, but it appears someone removed the records that belonged in personnel files from the Recorder's Office...possibly illegally, making it a theft depending on what authorization they had to access those records."

Johnson refused to speculate as to whether he felt the News Sentinel would volunteer the information as to who gave them the records or whether his office would have to pursue a court order to try to obtain that information. "Right now," Johnson stated, "the investigation is at a standstill until we have their information." He did emphasize that the records dealt with situations that occurred under a prior mayoral administration and that the employee conduct that was addressed in the reprimands had been dealt with by the prior recorder and administration and would probably not result in criminal charges since they were administrative in nature.

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lage POA Executive Director Winston Blazer as the victim and a Tellico Village resident who was charged with the assault, and supposedly, ready to stand trial.

At approximately 9:30 am a solemn, red-faced and obviously upset Loudon County Criminal Court Judge Eugene Eblen emerged from his chambers after a rather heated telephone conversation. Judge Eblen announced to the packed courtroom that - even though everyone else was present and prepared to give the defendant a jury trial, including the many potential jurors who had arrived well before 9:00 am to

perform their civic duty - the defense attorney had decided not to appear and, therefore, there could be no jury trial.

Judge Eblen stated that he had just talked on the phone with the defendant's attorney (former district attorney general Scott McCluen). The Judge explained that he had chastised the defense attorney for his failure to appear. The Judge also assured those in the courtroom that this situation would not be tolerated again and that McCluen would be paying the cost of calling the jury. A shocked courtroom was soon abuzz with discussion and speculation at the unexpected legal bombshell.

Scott McCluen also

currently represents a 'watchdog group' in Tellico Village in an ongoing civil lawsuit against the TV POA over access to certain POA records. Some members of the bar who were present at Wednesday's unusual outcome commented that in the eight years McCluen served as the DA he never personally tried a case and only came to court when summoned by a judge.

When contacted with the question, Loudon County Criminal Court Clerk Lisa Niles stated that she had called in three twelve person jury panels for the Leone trial and that the county pays them \$11 per day for their service which should make McCluen's bill for his failure to appear almost \$400 dollars! Since

Mr. Leone also was not present in court, it was not immediately clear whether McCluen's client was aware of his legal counsel's failure to abide by the court's docket on his behalf.

Police beat

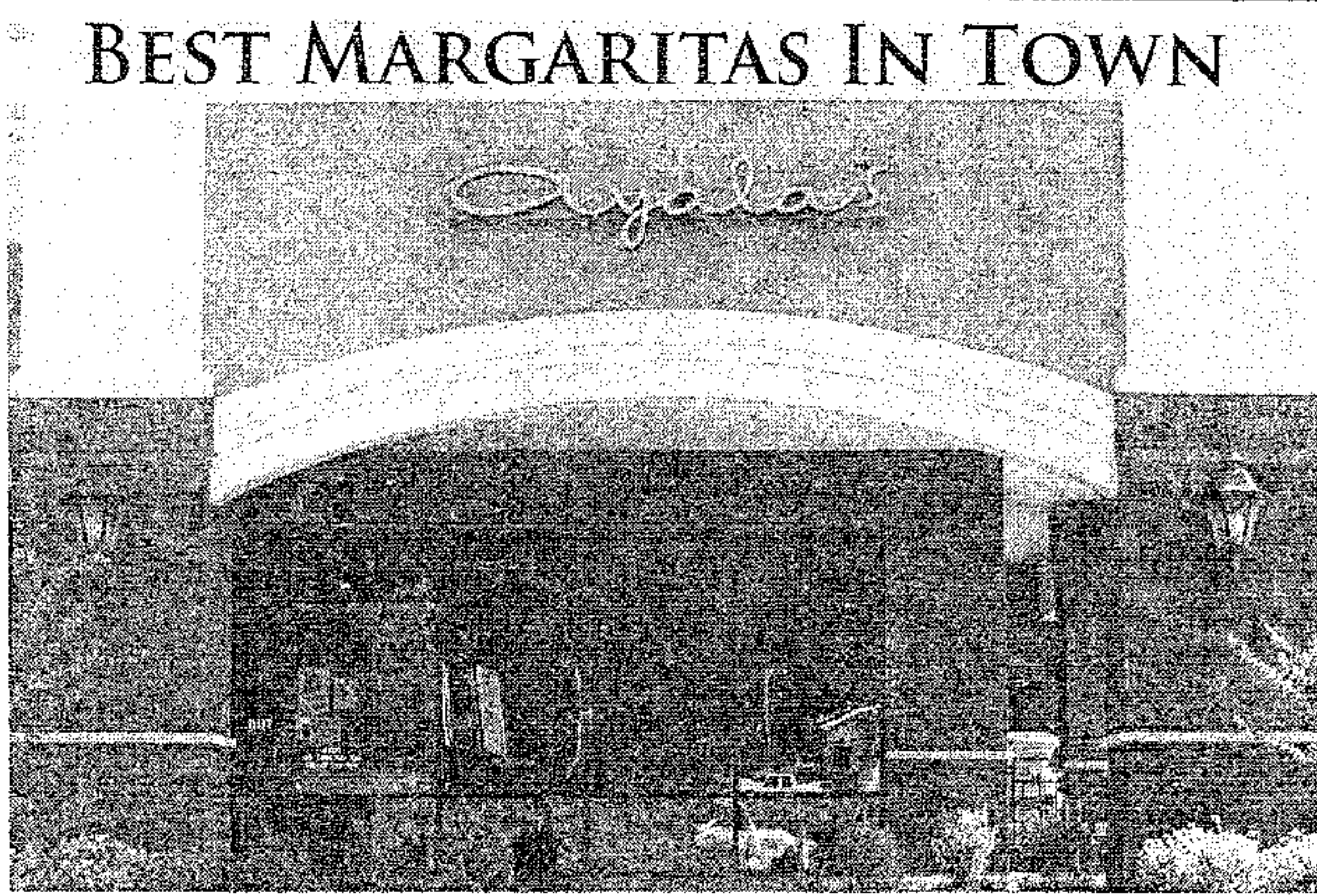
Brian David Floyd, 51, of Lovely Heights Road, was charged with suspended license, financial responsibility, speeding and improper passing. According to the report, Deputy James Smith, LCSO

observed a speeding vehicle on I75 and stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Floyd was found to have a suspended license and no insurance. Deputy James Smith LCSO made the arrest.

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Updates

tate market. Nevans (age 67) was reportedly in bad health and the LCSO jailers had him housed in a separate cell where they were keeping a round the clock watch on him. In fact, the preliminary autopsy report details that the Jail had Nevans 'placed on fifteen minute checks'. The report

states that Nevans' past medical history is 'significant for hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and coronary artery bypass grafting' and that the autopsy revealed that 'a large bleed (hemorrhagic stroke) developed within the brain due to long standing high blood pressure'.

The case involving the other to the two

pending homicides from Tellico Village is now set to be heard in Loudon County Criminal Court in early June. In that case Tellico Village resident Norman Whitten is accused of shooting to death another Village resident, Larry Butcher, after confronting Butcher who driving a golf cart at the intersection of Toqua Road and Chees-

tana Way on April 15th of last year. The preliminary hearing on the case was held last year at the Loudon County Justice Center where the case was bound over to the grand jury by then Judge William H. Russell after proof from the state's witnesses that including a showing of the video from the in car camera of the first respond-

ing deputy to arrive on the scene that showed Butcher's body lying in the road next to the rear of Whitten's car. The

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Loudon County Grand Jury returned an indictment for Second Degree Homicide. Whitten is being represented by Attorney Brian Nichols of the firm of Ford and Nichols in Loudon. Although neither the District Attorney General or Attorney Nichols would speak on the record about the pending case, it is widely speculated that Whitten may use a self-defense

argument at trial based upon the statement alluded to by the investigator who testified at the preliminary hearing who took the statement from Whitten after the shooting.

According to Whitten's Attorney Brian Nichols "Mr. Whitten has claimed self-defense since the beginning. The golf cart pulled in front of him, the man came up to Mr. Whitten's truck and grabbed Mr. Whitten by the neck and Mr. Whitten shot to protect himself and only intended to move the man back away from him. Mr.

Whitten is anxious to get to trial and have this over with and while he is sad and sorrowful for the loss he was just put in a position that he had to defend his life."

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Police beat


Rhonda L. Price, 40, of Monroe Street, Sweetwater, was charged with theft under \$500. according to the report, on February 6, 2011 at approximately 5pm Rhonda Price, did, while at the Walmart

Pharmacy counter, take from the counter top a wallet belonging to Gail Washo of Loudon and did put the wallet in her coat pocket while the victim had her back turned away. Detective Jack Fine, LCPD made the arrest.

Chase Arden Brinson, 22, of Railroad Avenue, Athens, was charged with driving on suspended. According to the report, Deputy James Bowman ,LCSO was dispatched to I75 on a wreck call. On arrival Chase Brinson

was discovered to have run off the road and wrecked his vehicle. A check showed Brinson

to have a suspended license. Deputy James Bowman, LCSO made the arrest.



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