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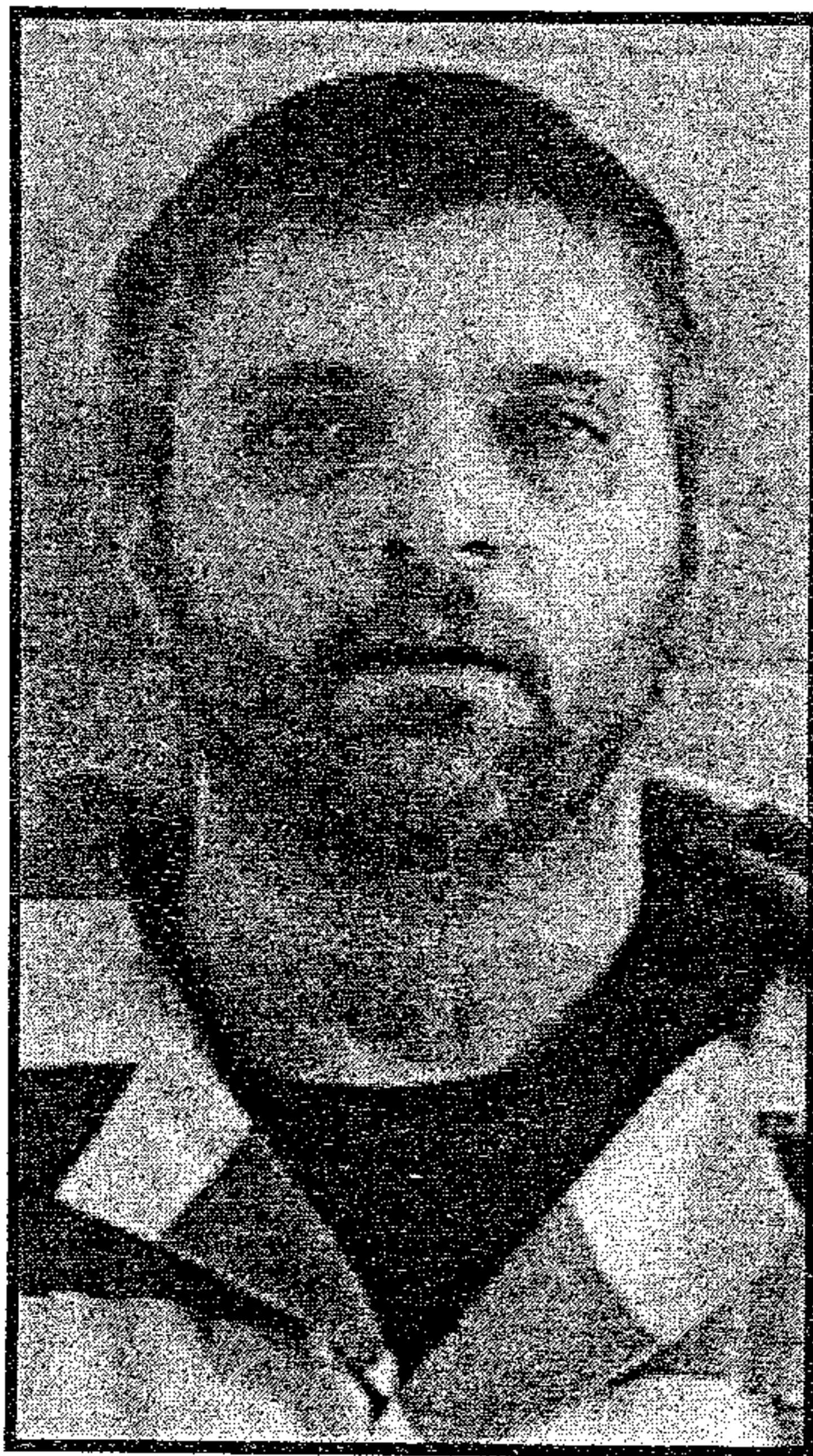
Loudon couple charged with aggravated burglary, theft

Lt. Patrick Upton charged a local couple with theft and burglary after they allegedly forced open a door to a Loudon residence and went inside where they stole cash and electronics earlier this month.

Mark Dewayne Neeley, 42, and Megan Range Neeley, 33, Corinth Church Road, Loudon were charged with aggravated burglary and theft over \$1000.

According to affidavits filed by Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID; on or about April 16th, 2011, Loudon County deputies received a 911 call to go to Corinth Church Road to investigate a burglary at the residence of Chad Ridings.

(see Couple pg. 5)



Mark Dewayne Neely



Megan Range Neely

Shoplifter long way from home



Marjorie Lynn Woods

A Michigan woman is accused of shoplifting several items including bathing suits and underclothes, from Lenoir City's Walmart Super Center Friday.

(see Woods pg. 3)

Update: OIG releases statement on Buchanan TennCare Drug Fraud

NASHVILLE – A Loudon County woman is charged with TennCare fraud for using TennCare to pay for a fraudulent prescription for a painkiller.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), with assistance from the Loudon County Sheriff, announced the arrest of Debra Charleda Buchanan, 55, of Lenoir City.

(see Buchanan pg. 7) Buchanan



Dog breeder reports theft of Pom pair

A local dog breeder called two women leaving her home authorities Wednesday when she returned home to find pooches missing.

(see Poms pg. 8)

Rockslide Repair Work Begins on U.S. 321 in Blount County

(see Rockslide pg. 4)

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. – The Tennessee Department of Transportation will begin work this week on a project to stabilize the slope, remove debris and repair damage caused

Verse of the Day

“Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain

righteousness upon you.” Hosea 10:12

Obituaries

Mary Nell McAnally Webb

Wazzup

A great big Thank You to Jason at Walmart for lugging 160 pounds of

top soil for me Sunday, for your kind words about my uncle, and for your service to our country! And kudos to your brother for his service as well. Semper Fi...

Weather

Today: Chance of a

shower or two during the morning, followed by partly cloudy skies in the afternoon. Very warm. High 86. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: A few clouds

from time to time. Low 63. Winds S at 10 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: Scattered thunderstorms. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the mid 50s.

(see More pg. 2)

Woods

Marjorie Lynn Woods, 44, Clarkston City, Michigan was charged with theft under \$500.

According to reports, at approximately 2:30 PM, Friday, an Asset Protection Officer for Walmart witnessed Ms. Woods conceal a swimsuit and two pairs of underwear in her purse. She went to checkout and paid for one item and proceeded out the general merchandise door without paying for the rest of the merchandise in her possession.

Once she was

stopped, Woods removed shaving cream, razors, and another bathing suit from her purse.

Woods couldn't provide a receipt for the merchandise, which was in the amount of \$46.08. No restitution was sought.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest.

Immunize Your Infant

NASHVILLE – The Tennessee Department of Health is observing National Infant Immunization Week April 24-May 1 by educating

parents about the great health and financial benefits of timely vaccination. Children born in Tennessee today will be protected from 14 different diseases through routine vaccinations by the time they reach their second birthday. Additionally, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has just reported the returns on our investment in childhood vaccines, stating that for every \$1 spent to immunize infants, society saves more than \$10 that would have been spent on the consequences of illness and death from

these preventable diseases.


Tennessee is among the top-rated states for its immunization rates of young children, and immunization coverage is at record high levels among American children. To help ensure that our youngest children stay safe and healthy, in 2010 Tennessee expanded childhood immunization requirements to better protect children from serious diseases, especially those that can spread easily in a school or pre-school setting. Information for parents about immunization requirements for child care and school is available online at <http://health.state.tn.us/CEDS/required.htm>.

Vaccines required by the state to attend school and child care facilities are already among those routinely recommended for all children by the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics, so most young children have already received them. Parents should talk with their child's health care provider to be sure they have had

everything they need.

While insurance covers the costs of vaccination for many children, those younger than age 19 who have TennCare as well as children who do not have health insurance can receive free vaccines through the federal Vaccines for Children Program in participating private medical offices and county health departments. Parents should ask their child's health care provider if they participate in VFC. If a child has insurance that does not pay for vaccines or if parents are unable to afford them, local health departments and community health centers may provide the immunizations. Health departments and VFC providers give vaccines for a small fee that can be adjusted based on the parent's income.

For general information about vaccines, visit www.cdc.gov/vaccines. For more information on the new requirements, call your county health department or go to the Web at <http://health.state.tn.us/CEDS/required.htm>.



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Obituaries

Mary Nell McAnally Webb - age 83 of Lenoir City passed away Sunday, April 17, 2011 after a brief illness. She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, Order of the Eastern Star and a former employee of the Lenoir City School System. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Melvin Webb; daughter, Paula Jean Webb; parents, Elmer and Ruth McAnally; brother, Joe Paul McAnally and sister, Joyce Moore. Survived by her children, Michael Gary Webb and wife, Jane of Atlanta, AL, Beth Webb Hartford and husband, Paul of Chattanooga, Karen Webb Curtis of Loudon; 3 grandchildren, Joshua Paul Webb of Ringgold, GA, Grant Alan Hartford of Murfreesboro and Jacob Scott Curtis of Loudon; brother, Jack McAnally and wife, Bonnie of Acworth, GA; several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Click officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Wednesday morn-

ing and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Rockslide

by a recent rockslide on U.S. 321 (State Route 73) in Blount County.

On March 31, 2011 a rockslide occurred on U.S. 321 near log mile 23 between Townsend and Maryville. Bids were opened for the repair project on April 8, 2011 and a contract in the amount of \$592,722.75 was awarded to Charles Blalock and Sons, Inc. of Sevierville, TN.

As part of the repair project, the contractor will be scaling loose material from the slope and installing rock bolts and wire mesh netting. The completion date is May 15, 2011 with a \$1,000 per day penalty if the work is not completed in its entirety on or before that date.

For the safety of both the workers and the public, it will be necessary to reduce the roadway to one lane for the duration of the project. Traffic will be controlled by a temporary signal, which will be in-

stalled today. The signal will flash yellow until Tuesday, April 19, at which time the roadway will be reduced to one lane and the work will begin on the repair project.

Updated project information can be found on the TDOT SmartWay website at www.tn.gov/tdot/tdotsmartway or you may call 5-1-1. You can also receive traffic alerts via TDOT's multiple Twitter feeds, including statewide traffic tweets @TN511 or Knoxville area alerts @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, and information on construction related lane closures and incidents on interstates and state routes.

As always, drivers are reminded to use all motorist information tools wisely and Know Before You Go! by checking travel conditions before leaving for their destination. Drivers should never tweet, text or talk on a cell phone while behind the wheel.

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Couple

Upon preliminary investigation, law enforcement officials learned the residence was entered by prying the front door open.

The victim advised \$1000 in cash and a camera were taken in the burglary. It was also learned through witnesses a man and a woman believed to be Mark Neeley and Megan Neeley entered the residence

and it was discovered they were at the home the night before. The couple was picked up and were interviewed by Lt. Upton and Detective Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Neeley admitted to the burglary and theft and advised they entered by Mr. Neeley prying the door open. Most of the cash was retrieved from Mrs. Neeley's residence after she advised where it could be located.

Deputy Robert Gray and

Deputy McKinzie Williams, LCSO made the arrests at the Loudon County Jail Saturday.

On this day

1770 Capt James Cook 1st sees Australia

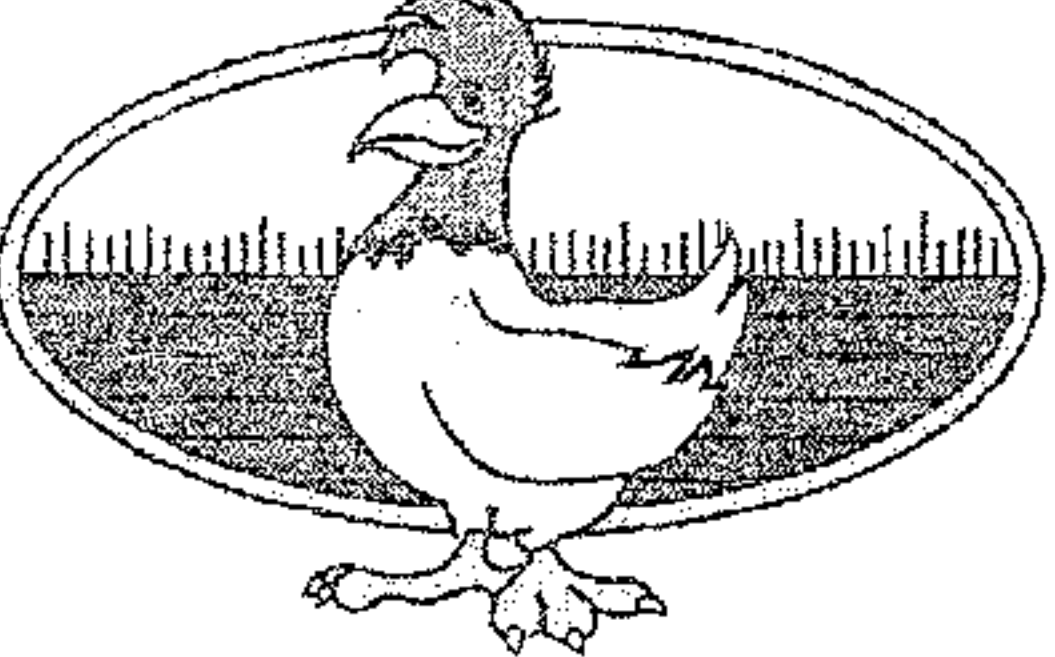
1909 Joan of Arc declared a saint

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1932 President Herbert Hoover suggests 5 day work week

1933 FDR announces U.S. will leave gold standard

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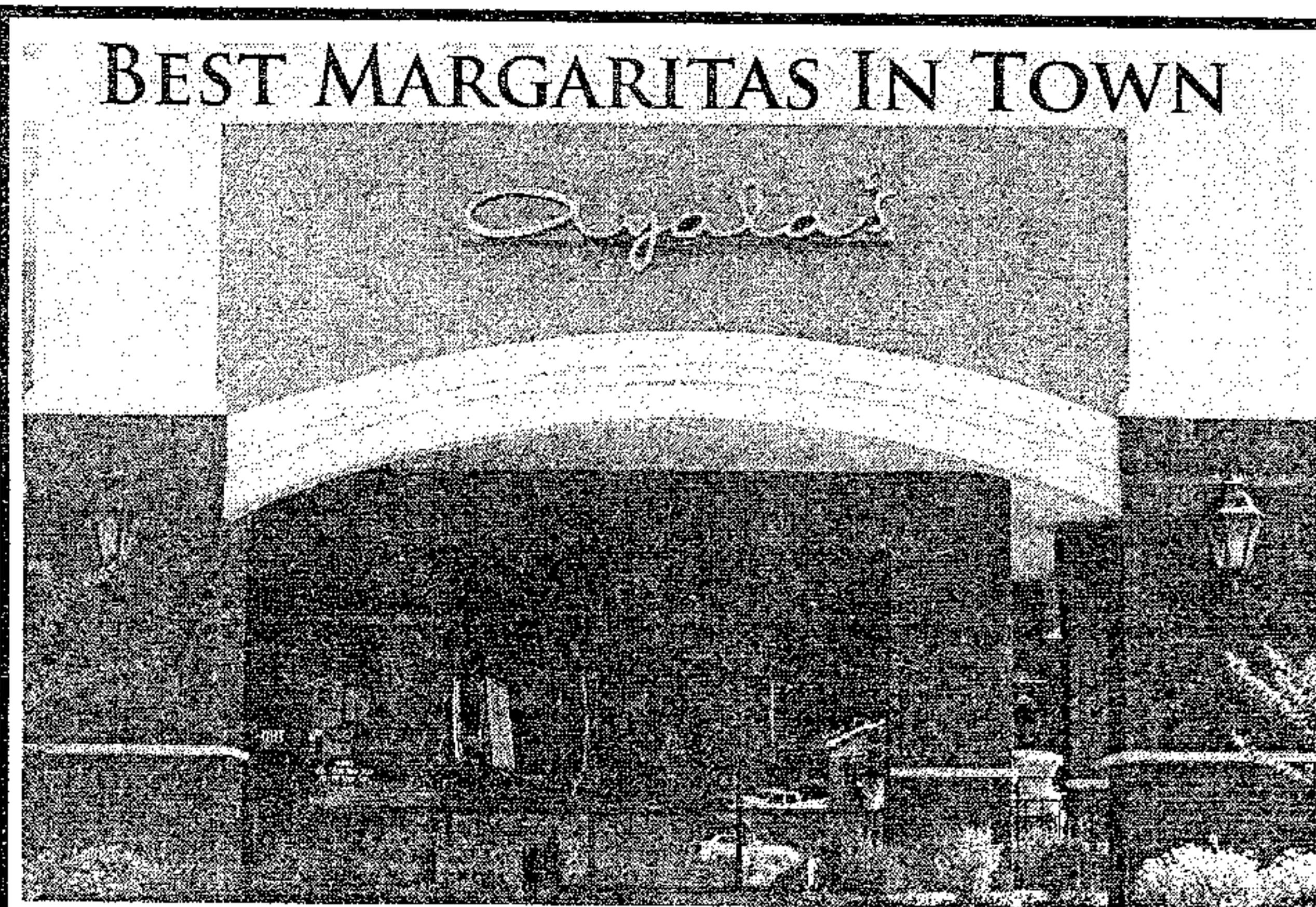


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Police Beat

Kristi M. Wright, 37, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Saturday, at approximately 7:23 PM, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD responded to a verbal domestic at the Smoke and Ale Store on Highway 321. Upon arrival of law enforcement, both parties had already left the scene.

The man allegedly involved in the inci-

dent was located at the corner of Highway 321 and Simpson Road. While the officer was speaking with him, Ms. Wright returned driving a blue Ford Focus.

A check through NCIC revealed Wright's license were suspended.

Ms. Wright was taken into custody and transported to the jail.

Christopher Michael Bertram, 23, Warren Lane, Kingston was charged with DUI 1st

offense and driving on suspended license.

Ryan Kindred Norton, 23, Portland Drive, Lenoir City was charged with public intoxication.

According to affidavits; Wednesday, around 3:25 AM, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to Church Street on a possible fight call. Upon arrival the officer made contact with Christopher Bertram.

Mr. Bertram stated they were there then left

and had to come back to get his cell phone.

Bertram had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was very unsteady on his feet. He further stated he drove the vehicle and it was still running.

Mr. Bertram performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and said he couldn't do them. He said he'd drank Captain Morgan's and six Miller Lites.

There was a empty case of Miller Lite in the back seat of his red Acura ILS.

Mr. Bertram was read the implied consent law and agreed. His BAC was .14%. A check of his name and date of birth came back suspended for failure to provide evidence of financial responsibility.

After arresting Christopher Bertram for DUI, Officer Housley made contact with his passenger, Ryan Norton.

Mr. Norton also had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person and was very unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Norton told the officer he'd drank way too much.

The officer reported he felt it was unsafe for Mr. Norton to be left in the public and he placed him under arrest too.

Sgt. RS Newman, LPD, was also on scene.

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Buchanan

Buchanan is charged with one count of TennCare fraud and one count of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud. Charges say she obtained a prescription from a local pharmacy for the pain-killer Hydrocodone by fraudulent means, using TennCare to pay for the prescription.

"We are working with local police and providers to help us get this kind of activ-

ity out of the TennCare program," Inspector General Deborah Y. Faulkner said. "We're committed to eliminating the incidence of people fraudulently obtaining drugs and letting TennCare pick up the tab."

TennCare fraud is a Class E felony carrying a sentence of up to two years in prison, and obtaining a controlled substance by fraud is a Class D felony, pun-

ishable by two to four years in prison. District Attorney General Russell Johnson is prosecuting.

The OIG, which is separate from TennCare, began full operation in February 2005 and has investigated cases leading to over \$3.5 million paid in restitution and recoupment to TennCare, with a total estimated cost avoidance of over \$173 million for the TennCare

program, according to latest figures. To date, over 1,400 people have been charged with TennCare fraud.

Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Legislature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards for TennCare fraud tips

that lead to convictions. Anyone can report suspected TennCare fraud by calling 1-800-433-3982 toll-free from anywhere in Tennessee, or log on to www.tn.gov/tnoig and follow the prompts that read "Report TennCare Fraud."



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Poms

According to reports, Deputy Mike Williams, LCSO took a theft report Wednesday from the complainant, Ms. Linda Edson, of Buttermilk Road, Lenoir City, who said she returned home at approximately 12:00 noon, and found a black Toyota Sanoma pickup with two young blonde females coming out of her driveway. The vehicle went west on Buttermilk.

Ms. Edson said she wondered who they were, but because her house had a for sale sign posted she thought maybe they were looking for a house to buy.

Ms. Edson then went to check on her dogs and discovered two were missing. The deputy noted in his report Ms. Edson is a dog breeder and has several dogs housed in kennels in her yard.

Suspecting the women in the black truck

may have been involved in the theft of her two dogs, Ms. Edson advised she drove west on Buttermilk in search of the truck. During the search she phoned her boyfriend and he in turn called 911.

No contact had been made with the black pickup at the time of the report, however.

Continued investigation at the residence, by Deputy Williams revealed the chain link dog kennel had been cut, creating a large hole that allowed access to the dogs.

A neighbor also gave a similar description of the vehicle and it's occupants.

The stolen purebred dogs were described as a solid white 8 year old male Pomeranian, and

a black and tan 1 year old female Pomeranian, both with an estimated value of \$1150. The case was turned over to an investigator.

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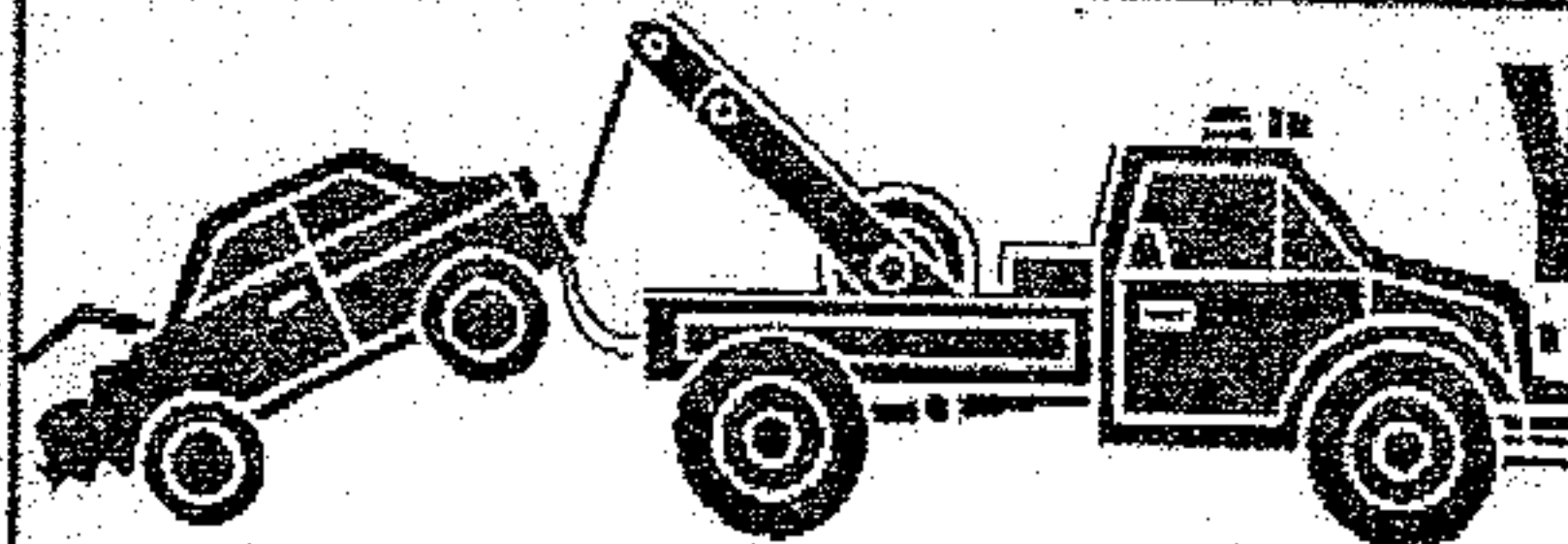


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