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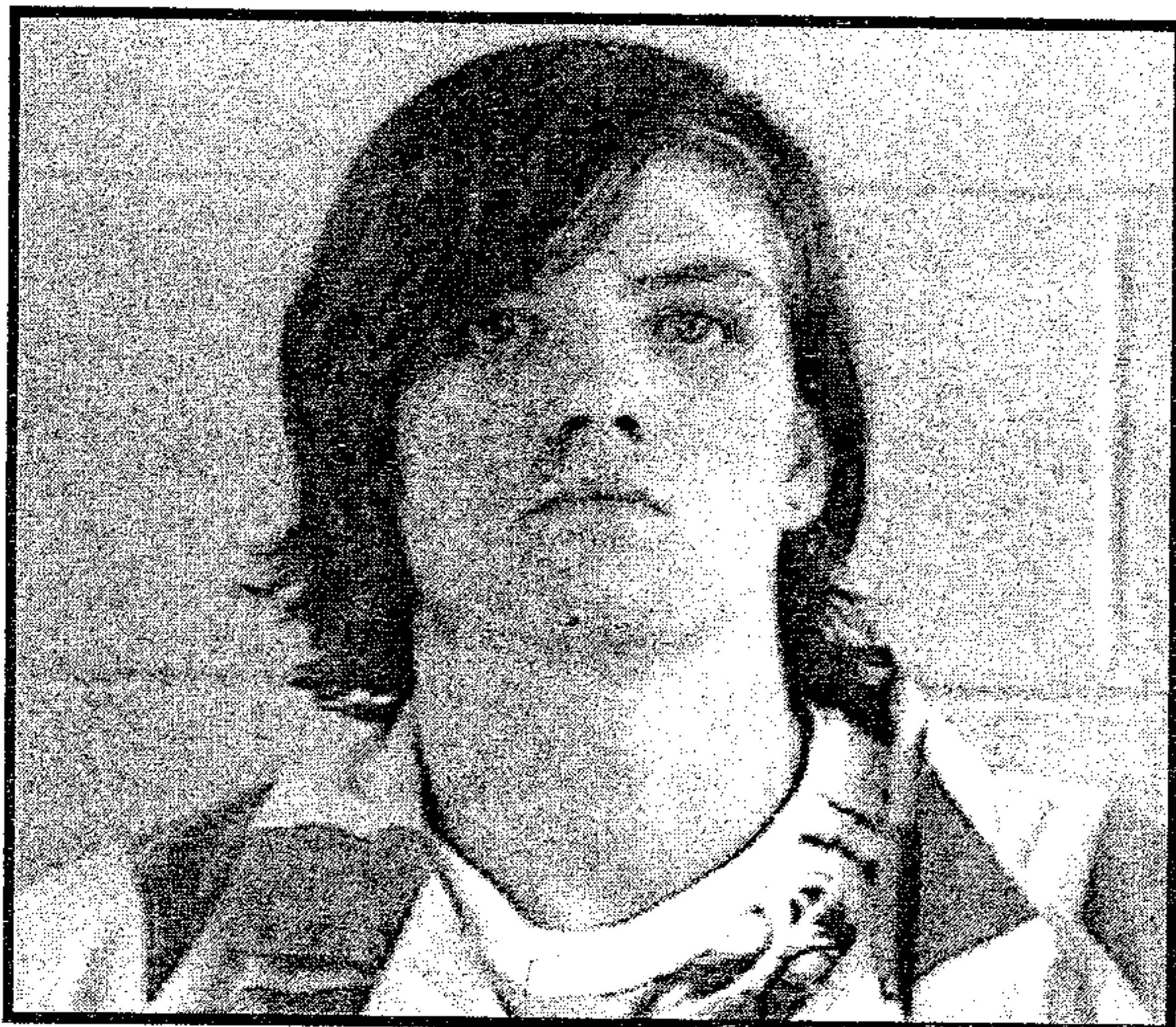
Teen causes serious injury to hospital security guard

A Loudon teen is accused of seriously injuring a security guard at Fort Loudoun Medical Center when he shoved him into a window at the facility during a scuffle late last month.

Thomas 'Cody' Tatham, 18, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged with aggravated assault, vandalism over \$500, and disorderly conduct.

According to affidavits filed by Detec-

(see Tatham pg. 6)



Thomas 'Cody' Tatham

Syringes found on shoplifter

A Loudon woman was jailed Saturday after she reportedly as caught shoplifting merchandise and police reported finding syringes in her purse that she said were used to shoot up pain pills.

Fiona Ann Edwards, 39, Misty Ridge Drive, Loudon was charged with theft under \$500 and drug parapherna-

(see Edwards pg. 5)



Fiona Ann Edwards

Police badge returned

According to reports, Deputy Rondel M. Brannam, LCSO met with an employee of JB's Country Store Saturday in reference to a law enforcement badge.

The clerk said a customer approached him

(see Badge pg. 8)

Busy day of shoplifting ends in jail

A local woman was arrested after she allegedly went to Walmart and stole various items including food, a hat, a bottle of ketchup and more.

Amy Rachell Finchum, 29, Abbott Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and a capias out of Monroe County.

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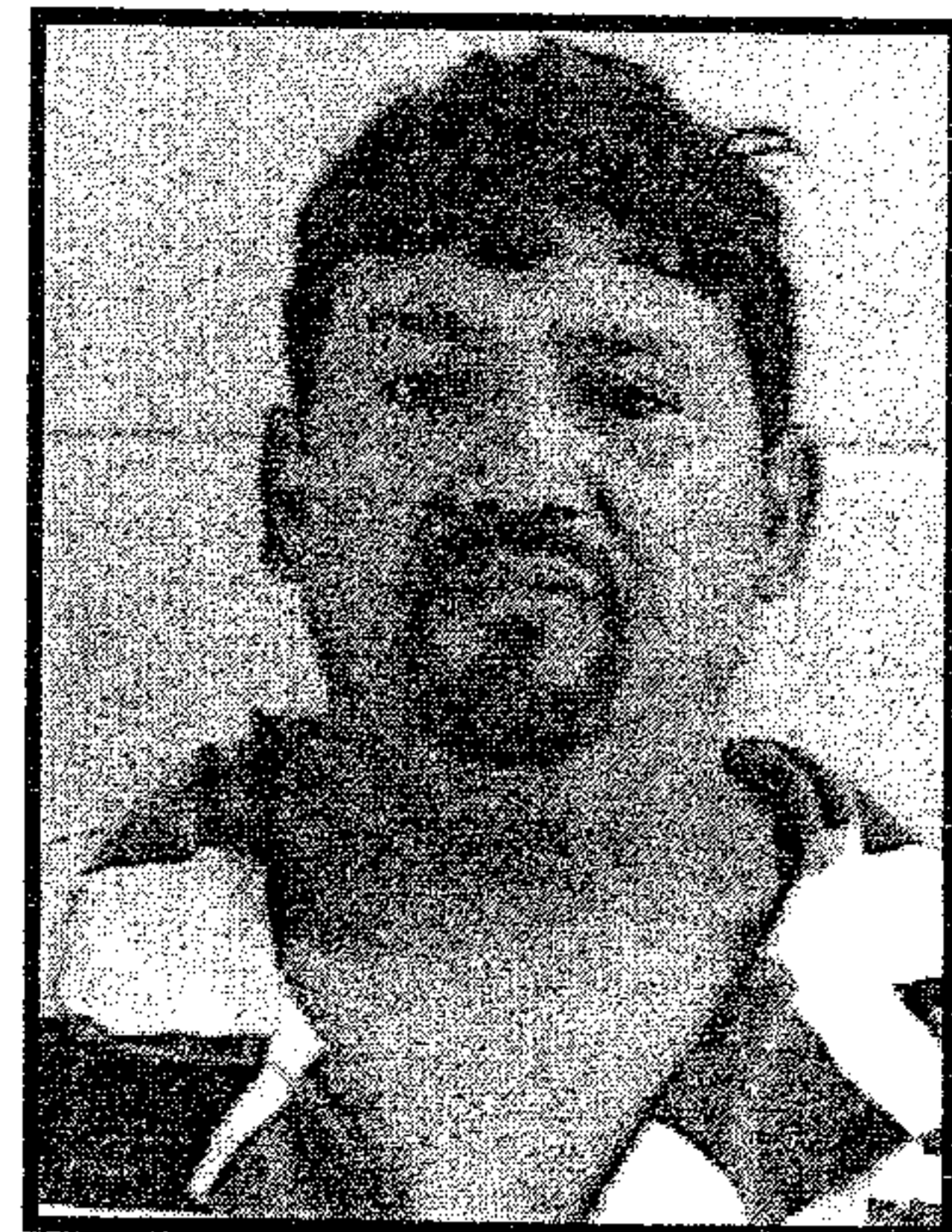
Amy Rachell Finchum

3rd DUI, more after wreck

Moises Mora Gallardo, 44, Cedar Street, Loudon was charged Sunday with driving on revoked license 2nd offense, DUI 3rd offense and violation of implied consent.

According to records, Loudon City Police Department responded to an automobile accident on

(see Gallardo pg. 3)



Moises Mora Gallardo

Chilhowee Reservoir Public Access Areas Temporarily Closed Due to Storm Damages

ALCOA, Tenn. --- Recent severe weather

in the vicinity of Blount and Monroe counties

damaged transmission structures and lines

(see Closed pg. 7)

Verse of the Day

And if thy brother be waxen poor, and fallen in decay with thee; then thou shalt relieve him: yea, though he be a stranger, or

a sojourner; that he may live with thee. Leviticus 25:35

Obituaries

Linda Sue Boone
Kyle Newton Ripley
Wallin W. "Woody" King
A.T. Williams

Lillian (Wilson) Lovelace
Wazzup

Those sure were some good sausage gravy & biscuits Wednesday Morning, Don's Red Top - Very yummy!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies. A stray afternoon thunderstorm is possible. High near 90. Winds SSW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly to

mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms mainly before midnight. Low 63. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.

(see More pg. 2)

Gallardo

Steekee Street behind Loudon High School. Officer Blake Norman, LPD arrived on the scene and saw a red Ford Explorer off the right side of the road in the bushes.

The driver, Mr. Gallardo, was very unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person. Officer

Norman ran Gallardo's information through the Loudon County 911 Center and his license came back revoked for driving under the influence.

Mr. Gallardo did poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest and transported to the jail. Once at the jail, he was given the Spanish version of the implied

consent form and had it explained to him. Gallardo advised he would not sign the paper.

Finchum

According to reports, Friday, at 6:13 PM, Amy R. Finchum was at the Walmart in Lenoir City and went to the deli counter where she selected chicken tenders and onion rings.

Later, Asset Protection Officers saw Fin-

chum concealing a small bottle of ketchup in her purse. Then she went to automotive and put a hat in her pants, and went out the tire lube and express door without paying for the ketchup, hat, and food.

Once detained in the office, Finchum had a flashlight, Mello Yello and a camping parka she could not provide a receipt for. The total amount of the merchandise was \$75.15. No restitution was sought.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD answered the call and made the arrest.

Police Beat

Joshua Andrew Tunkel, 22, Adams Road, Sweetwater was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Monday, at approximately 12:02 AM, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched to a residence on Riverbend Drive in reference to a 17 year old female being held against her will. When Officer Houser arrived on the scene he made contact with Joshua A. Tunkel.

Mr. Tunkel was sitting on the porch and had a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person. He stated he'd drank 2 beers.

Mr. Tunkel didn't live at that residence so Officer Houser felt it was unsafe for him to be left in the public and placed him under arrest. Officer Marty Ward, LPD was also on the scene.

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Edwards

lia. According to records, Saturday, at 4:45 PM, Walmart Asset Protection Officers saw Edwards putting on a pair of shoes in the shoe department and in the infant department Ms. Edwards was observed putting a phone case on her jeans.

Edwards was stopped at

the general merchandise door and taken into the AP Office. There were other items in her purse including clothing, hair dye and an 8 mill file. The total amount was \$41.90. No restitution was sought.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD responded to the scene and took Edwards into custody. After receiving consent to look through her purse he discov-

ered three syringes. Edwards advised they were used for injecting roxicet pain pills.

Police Beat

Aaron Matthew McCown, 22, Martel Road, Lenoir City, was charged with mittimus x 5 - for theft under \$500, criminal trespassing, and simple assault x 3.

Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD served the warrants

Monday at the Loudon County Jail.

Stacy Joe Seagle, 46, Hazen Street, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSO made the arrest Monday at the Loudon County Criminal Courthouse.

Troy Andrew Johnson, 36, Randolph Fridley Road, Sweetwater was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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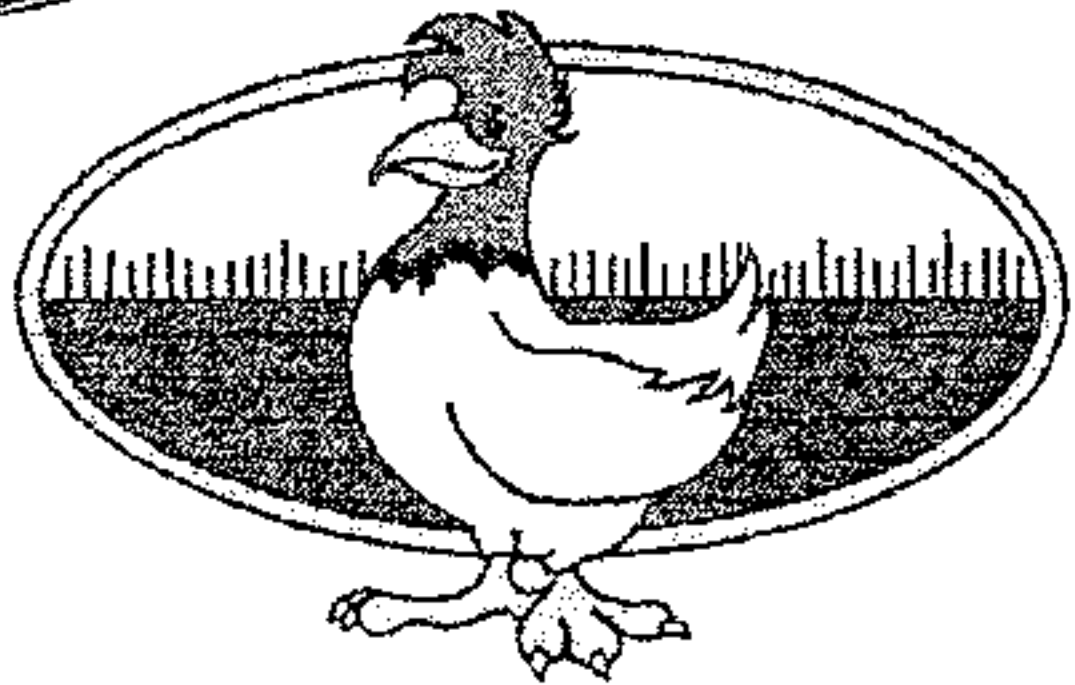
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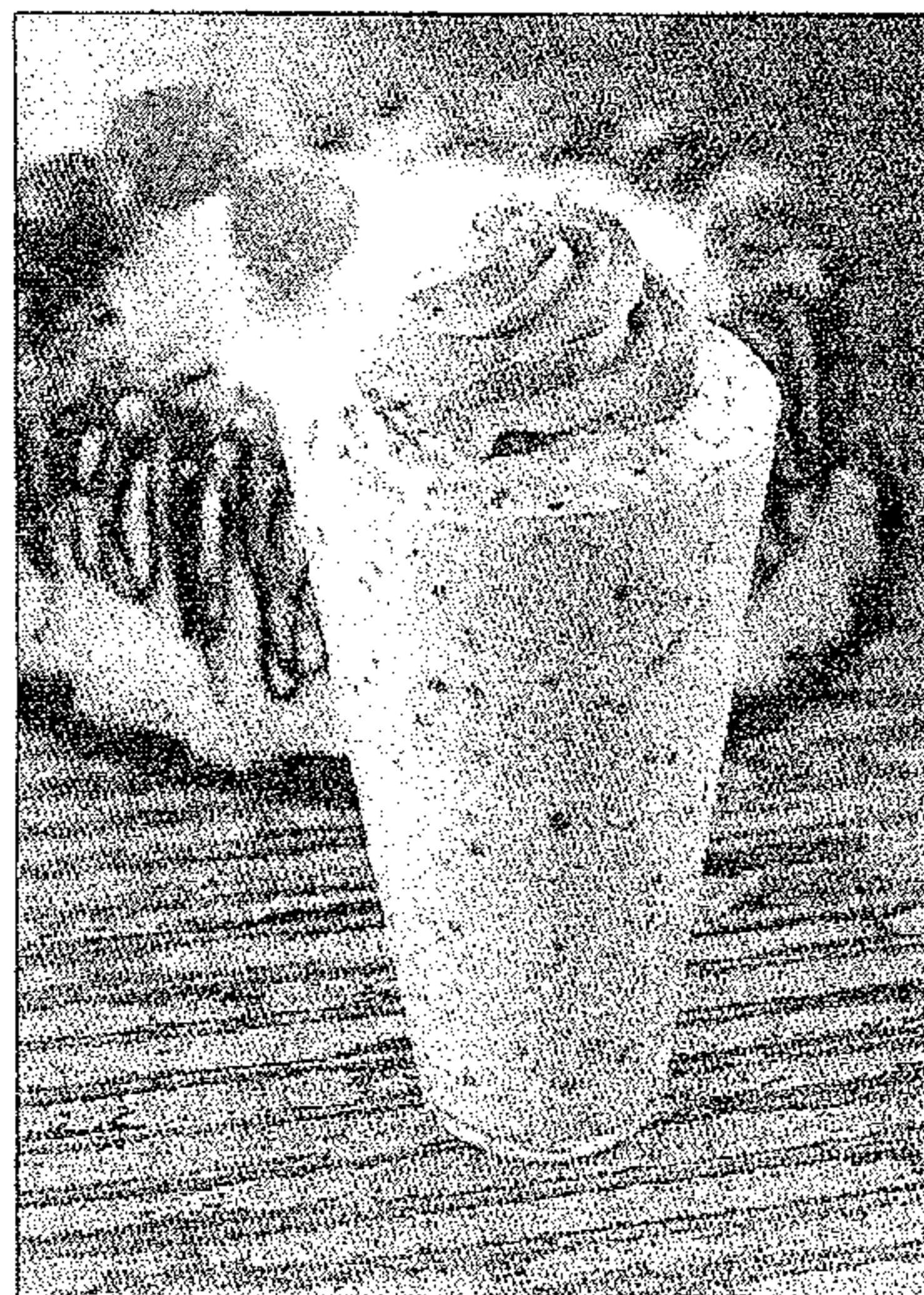


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Tatham

tive Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about Friday, April 29th, 2011, Cody Tatham was at Fort Loudoun Medical Center on Highway 321 in Lenoir City. While there, Mr. Tatham was evaluated and was going to be sent to Lake Shore for further evaluation.

Tatham started yelling and screaming, and when a security officer

went to stop him Tatham started fighting. Then Mr. Tatham went to leave, and the security officer tried to stop him again.

Tatham started scuffling with the security officer and shoved him into a glass window, breaking the glass and cutting a large laceration into the security officer's arm causing serious bodily injury.

Loudon County Sher-

iff's Deputies Robbie Lane and Jason Goddard served the warrants and arrested Tatham at his home Friday.

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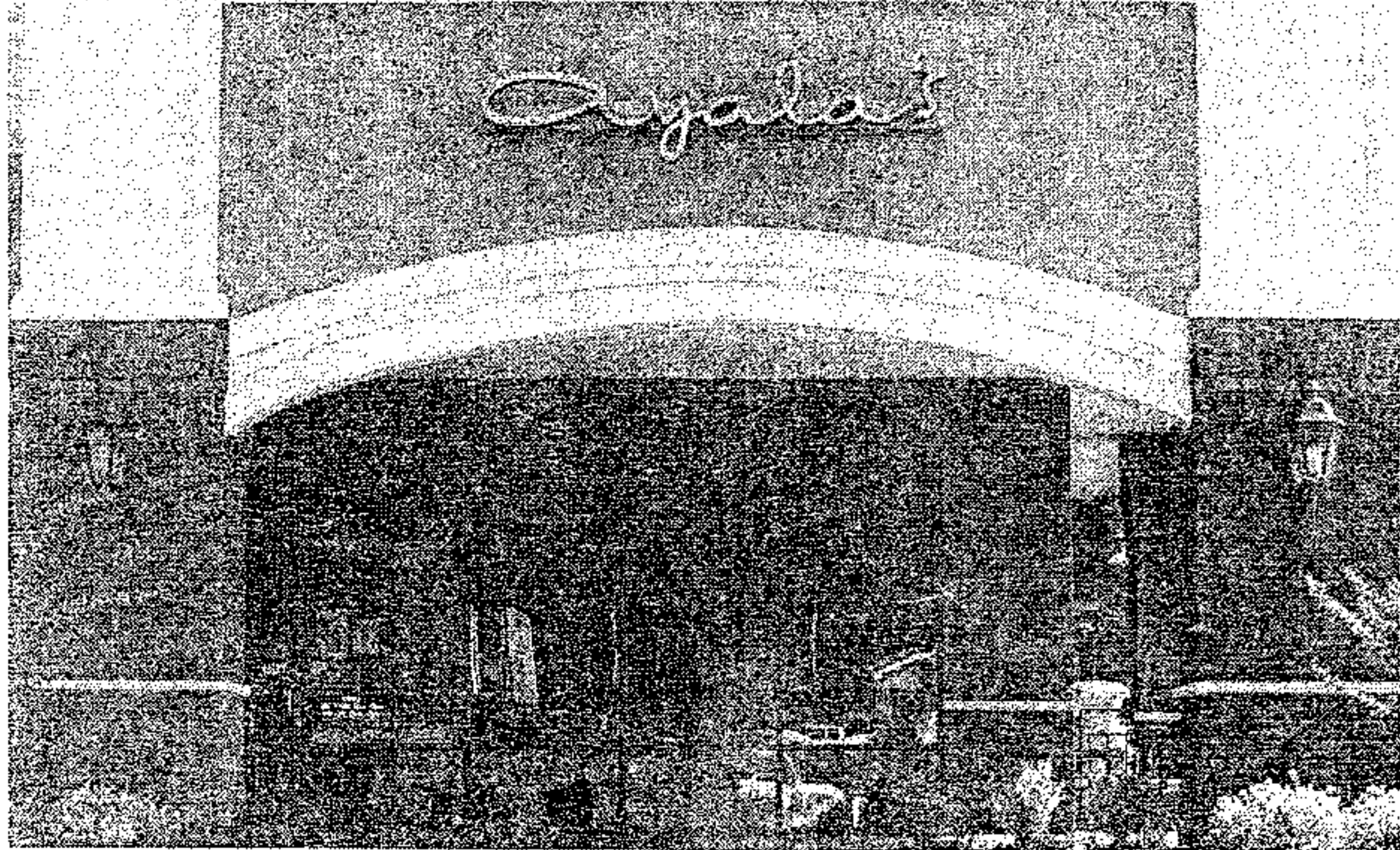
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The public access areas closed include Calderwood Village, Tab Cat, Gravel Pile, Happy Valley, Pear Tree and the canoe portage put-in and take-out.

Each of the access areas have been posted with an appropriate warning (i.e. no boating, swimming, and/or fishing) and boat ramps will be barricaded.

These areas will remain closed while damages are fully assessed and repaired.

Police Beat

Ronnie L. 'Shorty' Howell, 42, Emily Creek, Pligrim, Kentucky was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Thursday, at ap-

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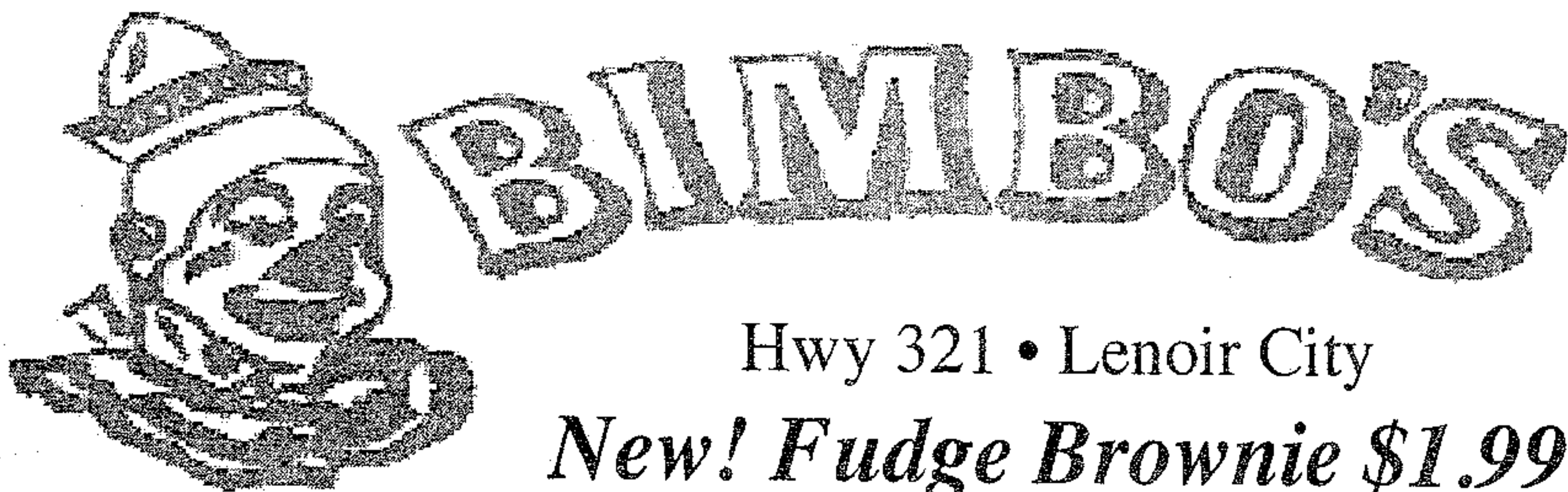
proximately 7:14 PM, Officer Allen Bean, LCPD responded to the Marathon Gas Station on Highway 321 in Lenoir City in reference to a intoxicated person. When the officer ar-

rived on scene, he saw Mr. Howell walking in the parking lot.

Howell was very unsteady on his feet, his speech was slurred and he seemed very confused. Mr. Howell

admitted to taking four oxycodone and four xanax before Officer Bean arrived.

Ronnie Howell was deemed a danger to himself and others and was taken into custody.



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Badge

that morning knowing he often talked with local police and asked if he would be willing to turn in a police badge he had taken off a 15 year old male.

The badge was described as a Lenoir City Police Department Sergeant's badge. Corporal Chad Estes, LCSO returned the badge to Sgt. Ladd, LCPD.

Police Beat

Jorge Luis Abrego, 18, Steekee Street, Loudon was charged with underage consumption.

According to records, around 9:00 PM, Tuesday, Officer Brad Parks, LPD responded to West Side Terrace Apartments for an unruly juvenile. The complainant stated his

juvenile son left without his permission in a black and blue Ford Explorer.

Officer Parks located the Explorer at an abandoned house on Sum-

mer Street. Jorge L. Abrego was standing outside the vehicle.

Mr. Abrego had a faint odor of an intoxicating beverage about his person and admit-

ted to drinking beer earlier in the night. Mr. Abrego is only 18 years old.

Officer April Farmer, LPD was also in attendance.

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Loudon County Humane Society spay/neuter voucher pickup days

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- June 4 – Greenback Community Center
- July 9 – Loudon City Hall/Loudon Utilities
- August 6 – Lenoir City Library/Roane State Building
- September 10 – Philadelphia School
- October 1 – Loudon City Hall/Loudon Utilities
- November 5 – Lenoir City Library/Roane State Building
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