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Monday, May 23, 2011

Lies, syringes, cold meds land 1 in jail

A Sweetwater woman was jailed on multiple charges after the vehicle she was in was stopped late last year and she was found to have purchased methamphetamine precursors. She reportedly also tried to lie about her identity and was found with syringes used to inject the deadly drug.

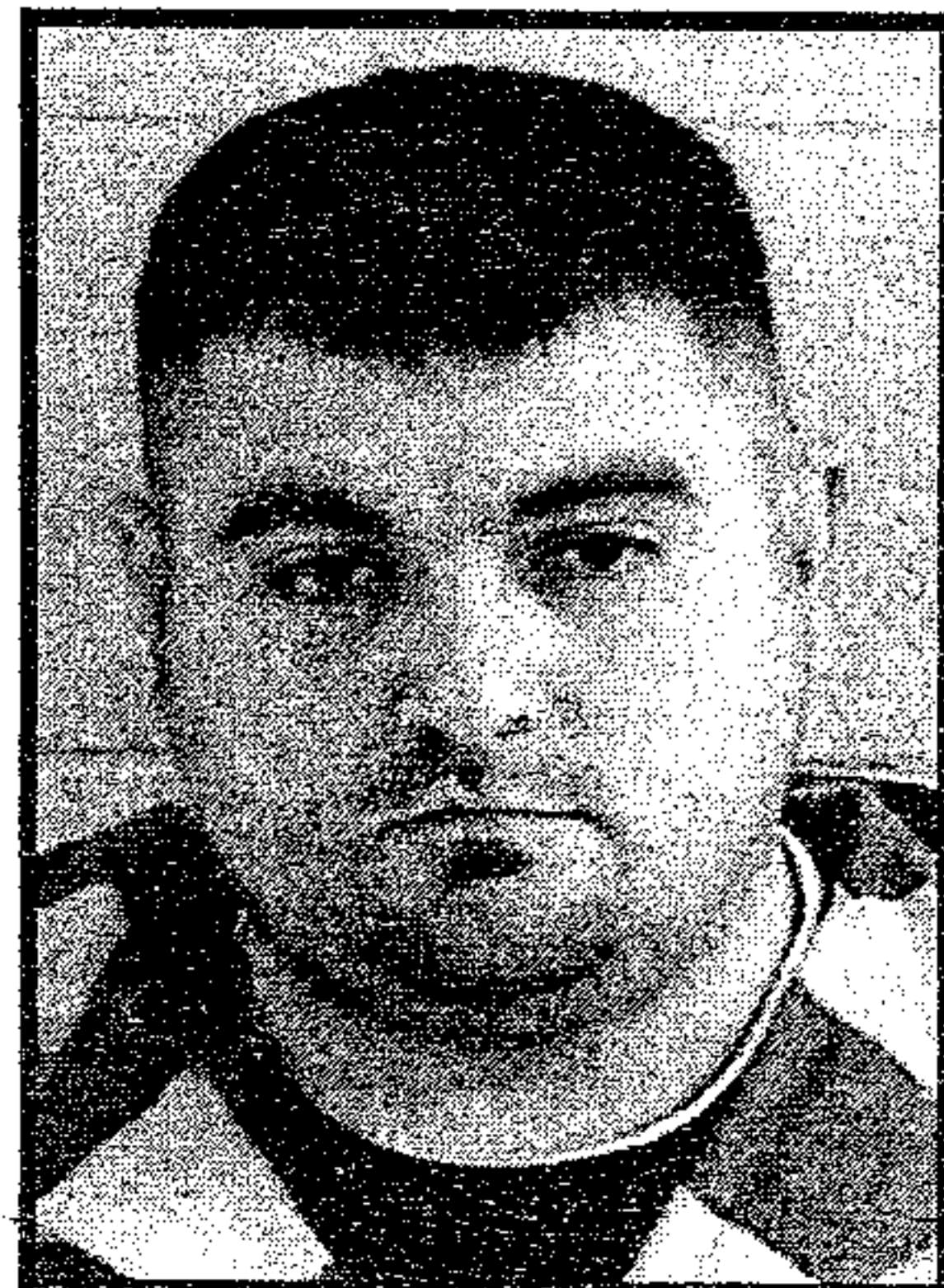
Autumn Miracle Melton

(see Melton pg. 5)



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Man gets 3rd DUI, more



Matthew B. Lockner, Jr.

A Loudon man received his third DUI and related charges after Trooper Eric Miller

(see Lockner pg. 3)

Fern fetish leads to arrest

Police charged a Lenoir City woman with theft after she allegedly stole three fern plants from a local business which caught her on tape. The plants were displayed on the woman's front porch when police arrived to investigate.

Robbie Gail Gambrell, 40, Old Highway 95, Lenoir City

(see Gambrell pg. 7)



Robbie Gail Gambrell

Purse stolen from vehicle

A local woman called police after she discovered someone stole her purse out of her unlocked vehicle while it was parked at a city

(see Purse pg. 4)

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe



As you read today Angie and I

are hiking through black bear and rattlesnake country surviving only on what we can carry on our backs. (Don't tell Blondie about the snake part) We are on a three day journey through the Citico Wilderness Area in the Cherokee National Forest spending some special time together while enjoying

the beautiful scenery that God has blessed East Tennessee with.

Whether you are an outdoor person or a city slicker I'm sure everyone can agree that sometimes it's good to get away from our busy lives and enjoy some private time.

While planning this trip I began to think about Jesus going into the mountains for extended periods of time to talk with our heavenly Father and teach His

(see The Good News pg. 6)

Thieves use roll-back wrecker for heist

Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO was dispatched to Browder Hollow Road in Lenoir City Tuesday concerning the theft of some

property. The complainant, Mr. Jose Para, stated he is in the middle of moving out and last saw his property on Monday, around 6:00 PM. When

(see Theft pg. 3)

Paying last respects under the influence lands couple in the hoosegow

A local man and woman were taken into custody at a Lenoir City funeral home Wednesday

after police were summoned to check on them due to their levels of apparent intoxication.

Richelle Suzanne Whisnant, 29, Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir

(see Charged pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night,

and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided.

Exodus 14:21

Obituaries

Tommy Lynn (Tom) Packett

Avery F. "Buck" Weaver Wendy Michelle (Kyte) King

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to Marie McKinney, hope it was as special as you are!!!

Happy Birthday to a special little guy, Tristen Cook! We love ya!

Weather

Today: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tonight: Lows in the mid

60s.

Tuesday: Partly Cloudy. High: 87; Low: 67.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21

You're being pulled in a new direction by forces

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Lockner

stopped his vehicle for running a traffic control

device on Highway 321 and found he reportedly was under the influence of alcohol.

Matthew B. Lockner, Jr., 31, Wahuhu Lane, Loudon was charged with DUI 3rd offense, driving on suspended 2nd offense, and implied consent.

According to affidavits; on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011, at approximately 11:45 PM,

Trooper Eric Miller, THP witnessed Mr. Lockner's green Ford Explorer run a traffic control device on Highway 321 at Abby Drive. Lockner had an extremely strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person.

A driver's license check was conducted by name and date of birth and revealed Lockner's license were suspended out of Iowa for DUI 1st

offense on July 29th, 2005, and DUI 2nd offense on July 22nd, 2009.

Lockner also had a prior driving on suspended license 1st offense in Loudon County on August 3rd, 2010.

Mr. Lockner could not perform field sobriety tasks as instructed by Trooper Miller. He was placed under arrest and read the implied consent advisement, which he refused.

Theft

he returned Tuesday morning around 8:00 AM, his things were missing.

Witnesses to the theft stated they saw a red roll back wrecker pull into the driveway and load two Honda Civics then drive away with them.

The witnesses further

stated they saw several people walking around the property, acting very suspicious and they were unloading a lawn mower trailer with trash on it. They hooked the trailer to a brown truck and left the residence through a field.

One witness said he knew the suspects and knew where they lived.

The items that were stolen were two Honda Civics, one 6x8 lawn mower trailer, a Craftsman lawn tractor, and the motor and copper from a central heating and air unit.

Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID responded to the scene, took photographs and spoke with witnesses. It was determined the two vehicles were taken to Lankford's Junkyard for scrap. The total value of Mr. Para's loss was estimated at \$7000.

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Melton

cle Melton, 25, Mountain View Road, Sweetwater was charged with promotion of methamphetamine manufacture, possession of drug paraphernalia, and criminal impersonation.

According to affidavits; on December 1st, 2010, Agent Brendon DeBoer, 9th DTF conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for a seat belt violation. The female in the pas-

senger seat identified herself as Juanita Melton and provided him with a drivers license showing the same.

Through further investigation it was found the woman had given a false name when she was positively identified as Autumn Melton.

Melton was found to have just purchased a psuedoephedrine based product from the Rite-Aid in Loudon. The product is a precursor for the production of methamphetamine and Ms. Melton stated she intended to trade the product to a methamphetamine cook for \$30-\$50 dollars in cash or product.

Ms. Melton was also in possession of 2 hypodermic needles used to inject meth.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson,

LCSO served the warrants and made the arrest Wednesday at the Monroe County Jail.

Charged

City was charged with simple possession of schedule II and simple possession of schedule IV.

According to records, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD responded to a call of an intoxicated person at Click Funeral Home Wednesday around 8:01 PM and made contact with Richelle Whisnant. Ms. Whisnant appeared to be under the influence of an intoxicant.

Officer Gentry asked Ms. Whisnant for permission to search her purse and during the search, he found a bottle with several pills identified as klonopin and dolophine. Ms. Whisnant was taken into custody.

Nicholas Todd Boyles, 28, Woodlawn Road, Lenoir City was charged with public in-

toxication.

According to reports, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD also responded to Click Funeral Home and made contact with Nicholas T. Boyles. While speaking with Mr. Boyles, Officer Felts noticed he was very unsteady on his feet, and he also had glassy eyes and slurred speech.

For his safety and the safety of the public, Mr. Boyles was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Joseph Darryl Coursey, 52, Watkins Road, Loudon was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO made the arrest Monday.

Meredith Chase Hicks, 44, Pine Top Street, Lenoir City was charged on a civil show cause attachment for failure to appear.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday.

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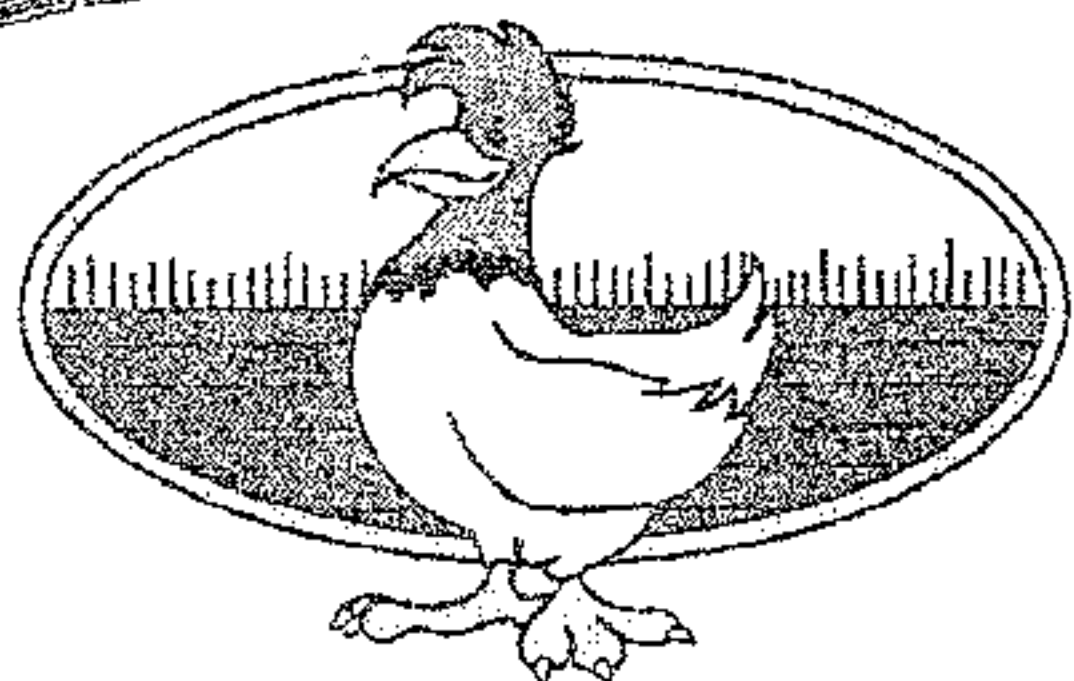
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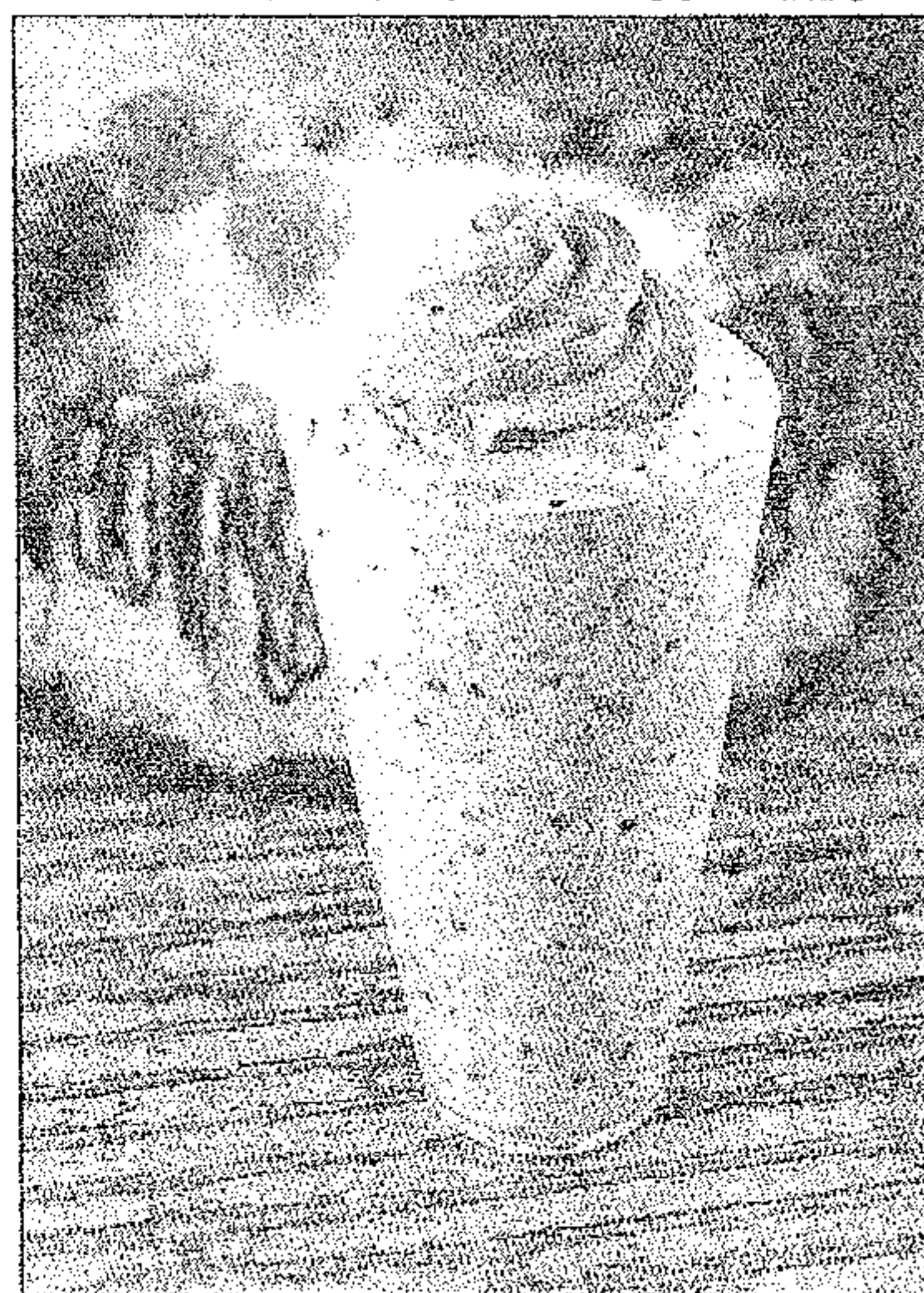
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The Good News

disciples.

Mark 6:46 (NKJV)

And when He had sent them away,(the multitudes) He departed to the mountain to pray.

John 6:3 (NKJV)

And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

Now I'm not trying to say that by going to higher elevations we can get closer to the Almighty God. If that were true I would pitch me a tent on Mt. Everest.

I do believe, however, that Jesus, Moses, the disciples and others knew that by getting away from the busy world and other people we can clear our minds of any distractions and therefore more easily focus on our relationship with our Savior.

Psalms 72:3 (NKJV)

The mountains will bring peace to the people.

I think more than getting away to talk to God is the advantage we have if we can be still and Listen. We sometimes don't give God the chance to talk to us.

Maybe you don't believe that God speaks to His children, maybe you don't think He wants to talk to you. I beg to differ with both.

I believe with my whole heart that our Lord and Savior wants us to have a relationship with Him and wants to be part of every aspect of our thoughts and actions. He may not speak verbally in a loud voice through the clouds or call us by name through the burning bushes but if you will allow Him, He will lead you through His perfect will and show you where you are failing in your Christian walk.

Sometimes it's through

a dream, or a thought that keeps returning to your mind. Sometimes it's the rapid pounding of your heart just before you do something that you know is wrong. Or, just maybe, it could be through a small weekly article written by an ole redneck who was changed by Jesus Christ and wants to share the love of Christ to everyone in Loudon County and beyond.

I'm asking every Christian to find some time to be alone and ask God to search your soul and expose any unforgiven sin in your life. Ask Him to lead your life and trust that He will provide the answers to your problems and restore the joy of your Salvation.

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways ac-

knowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.

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Police Beat

Cody Arlen Kelley, 25, Allison Town Road, Philadelphia was charged with possession of schedule II oxycodone.

According to records, Saturday, April 23rd, at approximately 9:22 PM, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD responded to a call of a suspicious vehicle at the GT Oil gas station on Mulberry Street in Loudon. The complainant on the call gave a vehicle description of the car involved and stated an occupant of the vehicle appeared to either be stealing something from the store or vandalizing the gas pumps.

Officer DeBoer observed a red Ford Ranger matching the description

traveling on Mulberry Street and conducted a traffic stop to identify the occupants.

The driver, Clarence Johnson, advised the officer his passenger Cody Kelley was doing something near the gas pumps but he was unsure what, and Kelley also was in possession of an unknown amount of illegal narcotics. Mr. Johnson, the registered owner of the vehicle, gave verbal consent to a search of the vehicle.

Officer DeBoer asked Mr. Kelley to exit the vehicle and while doing so, a small plastic baggie containing four blue pills believed to be oxycodone fell on the ground where he stood.

Mr. Kelley was advised of his Miranda Warning and gave statements regarding the pills. Cody Kelley was arrested and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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Gambrell
was charged with theft under \$500.

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According to records, Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD took a report Tuesday regarding the theft of three fern plants from the Maxwell Place. The owner of the business, Max Smith,

showed Officer Gentry and Officer Allen Bean a video of a white female, identified as Robbie Gambrell, pull up to the business in a brown Jeep truck.

Gambrell got out, put the plants in the back of the vehicle and drove off without the owner's consent.


The ferns were found at Ms. Gambrell's residence sit-

ting on her front porch. She was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

The estimated value of the ferns was approximately \$45.

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