

## Update: father & son accused of thievery

(see Thievery pg. 3)

A local father and son have been charged with theft in connection with the larceny of at least two vehicles and other items from a man who was in the process of changing residences when the pair brought a roll back record and used it to haul off the goods.

John Mitchell Cook, 46, and Jonathan Michael Cook, 22, both of Stevens Lane, Lenoir City were charged with theft



John Mitchell Cook



Jonathan Michael Cook

## Man charged with theft of woman's meds

Police arrested a Lenoir City man after he allegedly stole a woman's prescription medication and the lock box it was stored in late last month.

Travis B. Langley, 26, Coffey Circle, Lenoir City was charged with theft of property under \$500.



Travis B. Langley

(see Langley pg. 6)

## Self overdosing driver nabbed

When authorities stopped to check on the driver of a vehicle found sitting in the middle of the road Saturday, the man behind the wheel reportedly told Deputy Jerramie Bowen he hadn't been drinking, but had taken at least six xanax pills prior to driving his vehicle on public roadways.

(see Brown pg. 6)

## Firearms taken

Deputy Petty, LCSO was called out to the Brookview Road, Lenoir City, home of on a theft of firearms call.

According to reports, Mr. North stated he had five firearms taken from his residence without his knowledge or consent.

The missing firearms included three .38 caliber Smith & Wesson revolvers, one .22

(see Firearms pg. 7)

## Leaf blower stolen

Deputy D.H. Smith, LCSO took a report of a stolen backpack type leaf blower Sunday.

According to records, Mr. Barry Blanton, Mimosa Street, Lenoir City told the deputy his Echo brand leaf blower was last seen in his basement the previous Monday and he noticed it missing just before he

(see Solen pg. 8)

## TWRC Establishes 2011-12 Hunting Seasons

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission has approved the 2011-12 hunting seasons during its May meeting which concluded Friday (May 20) at the Ray

Bell Region II Office Building.

The commission had received a preview of the hunting seasons' proposals from Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officials

during its April meeting. Chief Daryl Ratajczak and other members of the Wildlife and Forestry Division staff made presentations at the May meeting as well.

A major change includes

a continuous deer gun hunting season which will run from the traditional starting date of the Saturday before Thanksgiving through Jan. 1. The second deer young sportsman hunt will be held

(see Hunting Seasons pg. 5)

the Saturday-Sunday following the Jan. 1 season-ending date.

Another major change is wild hogs are no longer considered a big game animal. Wild hogs are now classi-

### Verse of the Day

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise." Psalm 51:17

### Obituaries

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Nancy Louise (Gormley) Rubano  
Mary Lee Peak Edgmon

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### Weather

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Near record

high temperatures. High 88. Winds WSW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. A few storms

may be severe. Low 66. Winds S at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 30%.  
Wednesday: Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.

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### Thievery

over \$1000.

According to affidavits

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filed by Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID; on or about May 17th, 2011, Mr. Jose A. Para, Browder Hollow Road reported he came home and noticed several items belonging to him had been stolen, including two Honda vehicles, a lawn mower trailer, copper from a heating unit and a lawn tractor, all with a total value of approximately \$7000.

Upon further inves-

tigation it was learned from witnesses that Mr. Mitchell Cook and his son Jonathan Michael Cook was on Mr. Para's property. Witnesses saw the two running around the property and also going to the air unit and taking items out of it.

It was also learned from a man that he did take his wrecker on the property with the directions of Mr. Mitchell Cook and took the two vehicles.

Further investigation also revealed that Mr. Mitchell Cook went to Lankford's in Sweetwater and sold the vehicles for scrap. This was all done without the consent of the owner.

Deputy Kevin Parks, LCSO served the warrants and made the arrests Wednesday at the family's home.

#### Police Beat

Patrice Denean Medina, 46, Lanier Road, Maryville was charged with DUI.

According to records, around 5:34 AM Saturday, Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO was dispatched to JB's Country Store on Highway 321 for a disabled Ford Mustang GT. While en-route, dispatch advised the woman driving the vehicle seemed to be under

the influence. She reportedly told them she was on Alcoa Highway.

When the deputy arrived on scene he made contact with the driver, Mrs. Patrice Medina, who was sitting in the driver's seat with the keys in the ignition. When she got out of her car she was very unsteady on her feet. She had red watery eyes and slurred speech.

Mrs. Medina performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. She was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Advisement and was asked to give a blood sample and she agreed. While at the hospital, Mrs. Medina had trouble keeping her eyes open. After the blood was drawn she was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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## Hunting Seasons

fied in the nonprotected wildlife proclamation.

Landowners would be given the ability to kill wild hogs by means not previously allowed. This includes all legal weapons and live trapping with bait outside of big game seasons. Wild hogs can only be taken at select Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) during other scheduled hunts.

Quail and rabbit season will now start the first Saturday of November which in 2011 is Nov. 5. Quail sea-

son will now end on Jan. 31 in an effort to conserve the quail population.

Rabbit season will have its traditional season-ending date with most other small game the last day in February, which in 2012 is Feb. 29.

The TWRA had proposed to keep the hunting regulations intact for the next two years. However, the commission during its committee meeting elected to make the regulations valid for the coming seasons only and will re-evaluate the proposals next spring.

WMA quota permits will be reduced from a \$20 refundable fee to a \$10 non-refundable fee.

The fall turkey season has been moved from December to October and the number of days has been increased from 12 to 14. A young sportsman bear hunt has been established for the bear counties. It will

be held the same weekend as the young sportsman deer hunt in the fall. The hunt will allow a young sportsman to harvest one bear.

A summary of the major proclamations for 2011-12:

••Proclamation 11-03 Proclaims Enterprise South Park WMA Changes the name of Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant to Enterprise South Park.

••Proclamation 11-04 Statewide Big Game Hunting Seasons

Deer - Create continuous gun season running from the first Saturday before Thanksgiving to Jan. 1

Deer - Increase antlerless opportunities in Benton, Hamilton, Hardin, Monroe, Marion, Perry, Sevier, and Union counties.

Deer - Create a Red Deer season in a section of Claiborne County (Jan 14-22, 2012)

Wild Hog - Remove wild hogs from as a big game animal and allow wild hogs to be taken at select WMAs during deer hunts (will be listed in new Nonprotected Wildlife proclamation)

Black bear - Add 1 bear to the Young Sportsman hunts bag limit (TWRC Recommendation)

Turkey - Move fall turkey season from December to October and increase the number of days from 12 to 14 (Oct. 15 - 28)

Turkey - no changes to spring seasons

••Proclamation 11-05 Importation of Cervid Carcasses and Parts

Add Allegheny County, Md. and Hardy County, W. Va. to the list of CWD containment areas

••Proclamation 11-06 Statewide Small Game Seasons

Open quail and rabbit season the first Saturday in November

Close quail season on last day of January to protect the resource

Remove unprotected animals (placed in new Nonprotected Wildlife proclamation)

Small game hunters will get almost two straight months (Jan.-Feb.) with no big game seasons

••Proclamation 11-07 Statewide Furbearer Hunting and Trapping

Remove nutria (placed in new Nonprotected Wildlife proclamation)

••Proclamation 11-08 Statewide Nonprotected Wildlife - New

(see Seasons cont. pg. 6)

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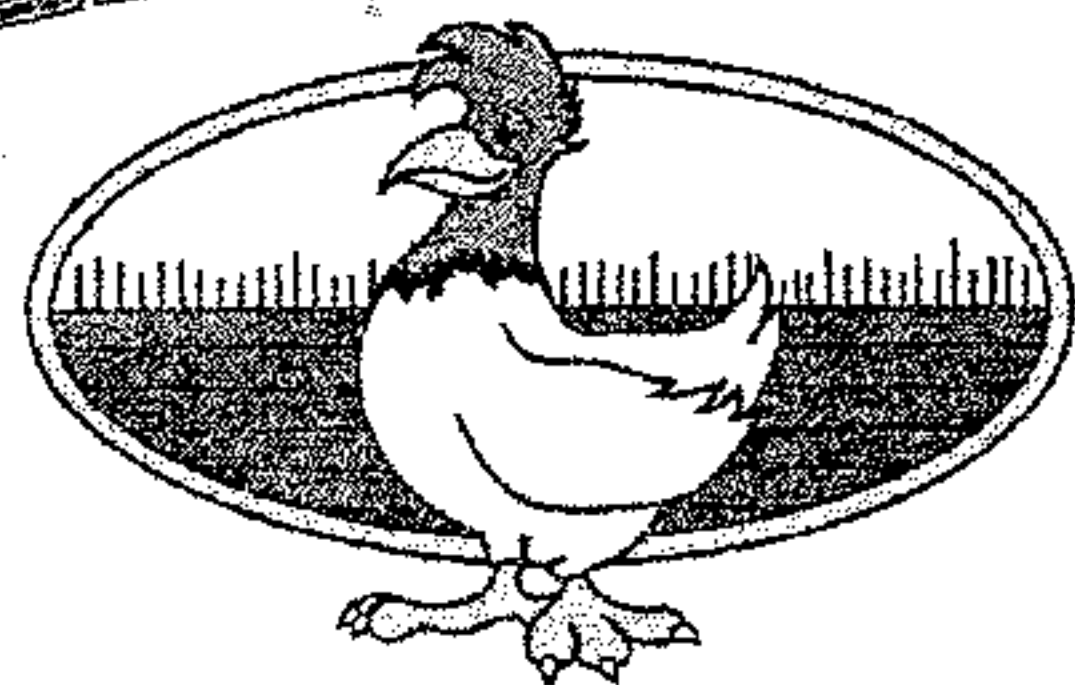
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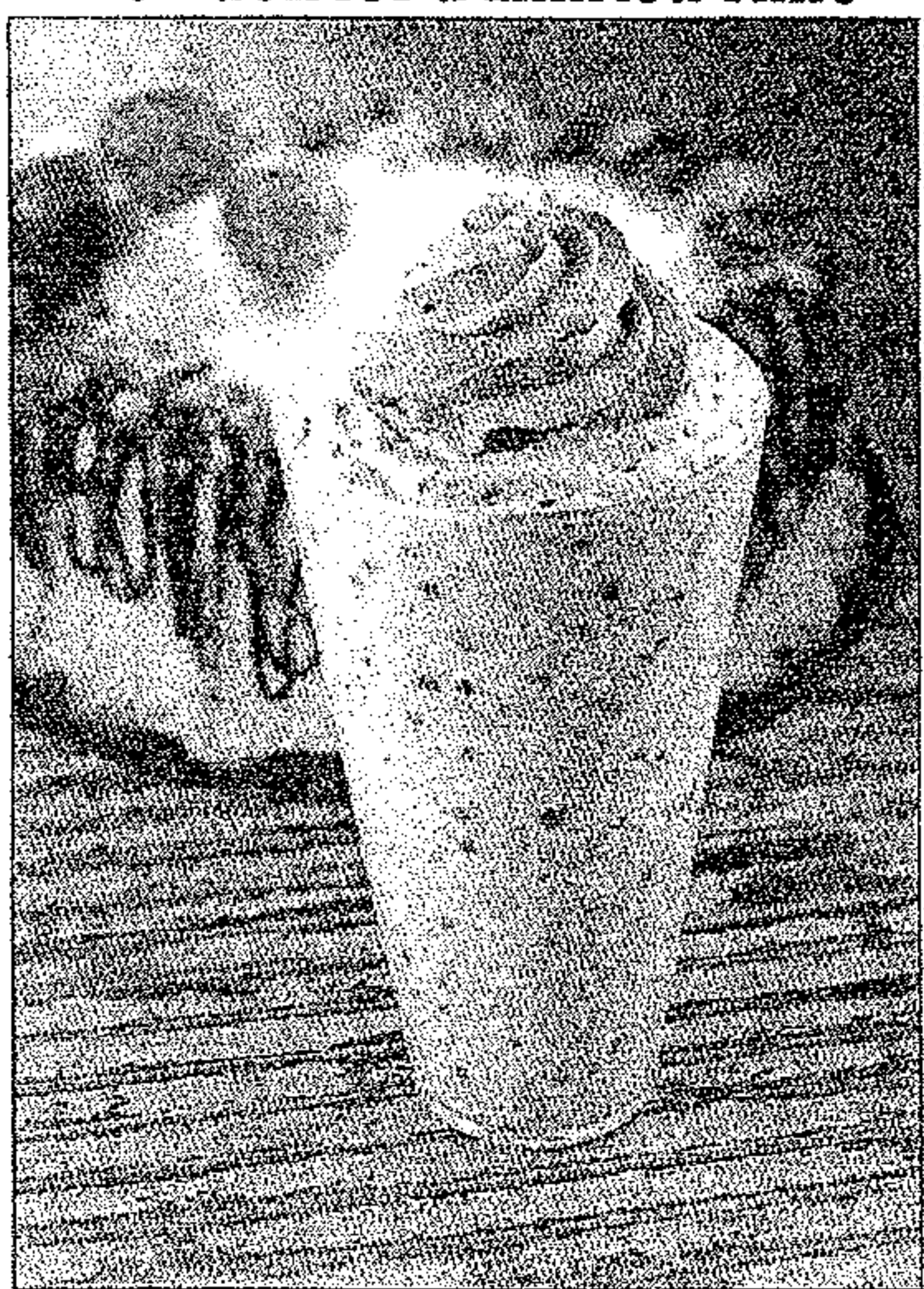
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**Seasons cont.**

Add House Sparrow, European Starling, Rock Pigeon, Nutria, and Wild Hog to the list of nonprotected and destructive species

Create manner and means for landowners to handle nonprotected wildlife

Includes all legal weapons, live traps with bait (outside of big game seasons), and a process to obtain exemptions which may allow the use of dogs in select areas (Overton, Fentress, Cumberland, Pickett counties), night-time shooting, and other methods as approved by TWRA

••Proclamation 11-09 Wildlife Management Area Hunting Seasons

Wild hog hunting closed on all WMAs unless otherwise indicated

WMA quota permits will be reduced from a \$20 refundable fee to a \$10 non-refundable fee

Season adjustments on a few select WMAs

Region I – opens Dry Creek WMA (4,121 acres) to big game, small game

Region II – add hunts at Williamsport WMA

Region III – Allow hogs to be taken on South Cherokee, Bridgestone, and Cataoosa during deer hunts and increase raccoon seasons in S. Cherokee (includes Tellico/Ocoee bear reserves). Increase opportunity on Chickamauga waterfowl draw hunts.

Region IV – allow hogs to be taken on hunts in North Cherokee, North Cumberland, Foothills, and Kyker Bottoms

••Proclamation 11-10 National Wildlife Refuge Hunting seasons

Adjust season dates accordingly

Remove armadillo and wild hog

Add hunts to Hatchie, Tennessee National and Big

South Fork NRRA

••Proclamation 11-11 Manner and Means of Hunting, Taking, and Trapping

Remove gauge restrictions for turkey hunting (legalizes .410)

Change caliber restrictions for muzzleloaders from .40 to .36 for big game

Remove requirement that broadheads need to be of barbless design

Add chasing of rabbits during night-time hours to a legal training activity

••Proclamation 11-12 Taking of Raptors for the Purpose of Falconry

Add process of drawing a permit to take peregrines according to Federal guidelines.

In other business at the meeting, the commission heard a presentation from Lyle Mason, manager of the Normandy Fish Hatchery. The commission also saw a recently completed music video "The Fishin'

Hole" and public service announcements that were presented by Information and Education Division Chief Don King

The TWRC will hold its next meeting on Friday, June 17 in Nashville at Ray Bell Office Building. The June meeting will have the committee meetings and formal session on the same day, a change from the regular two-day format.

**Brown**

Thomas Ray Brown, 20, Vonore Road, Loudon was charged Saturday with DUI 1st offense, possession of schedule II oxycodone, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violation of implied consent.

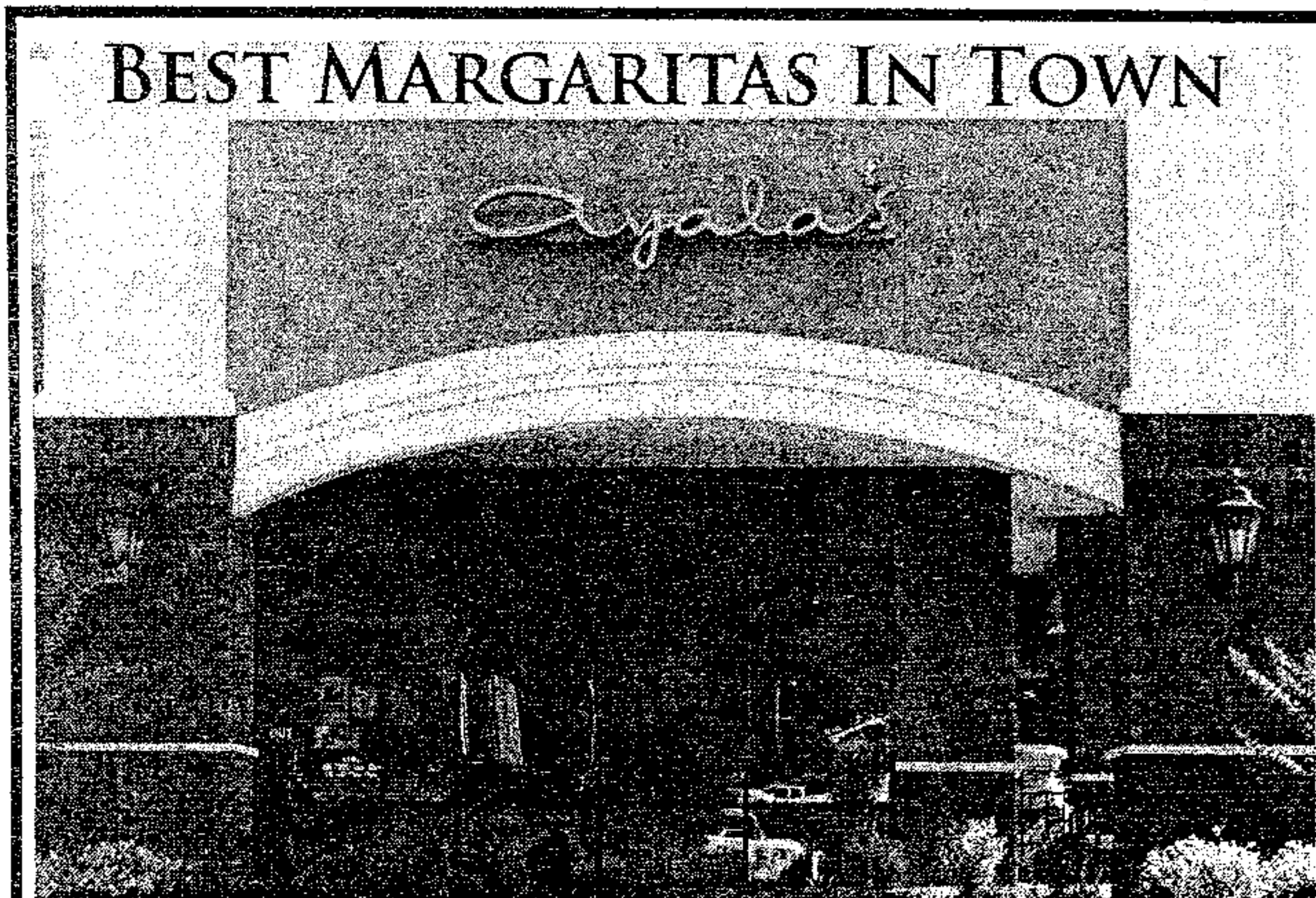
According to records, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO observed a green Saturn SL2 sitting in the middle of Highway 321 at Highway

11. Sgt. Bowen pulled up behind the vehicle to see if it was broke down and when he approached the driver and asked what was wrong, the man's speech was slurred. He was identified as Thomas Ray Brown.

The deputy asked Brown to move his vehicle out of the middle of the road and then asked him if he had been drinking and Brown said no. He asked if he was on any medication and Mr. Brown stated he was taking xanax and he had taken a total of six that day.

When he performed poorly on field sobriety tasks, Brown told Sgt. Bowen he had also smoked marijuana earlier that day.

The sgt. found a (see Brown cont. pg. 7)



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Mr. North advised he didn't know the value of the firearms or when

they were taken.

The theft was turned over to an investigator.

**Brown cont.**

bottle of medicine with Mr. Brown's name on it in the passenger side floor board. The bottle

was filled on the 13th of May with 90 xanax pills, but there were nine pills left in the bottle.

There was also a white pill with the letter M and 30 on the back,

identified as oxycodone in the vehicle.


There were two water bottles in the passenger seat, in plain view, with foil on the top and residue on the inside of the bottles, and it was de-

termined they had been used to smoke marijuana.

Thomas Brown was placed under arrest and read implied consent, but he refused to be tested.

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### Stolen

called police.

Mr. Blanton stated there was no forced entry. The blower's estimated value was \$350.

The case is under investigation.

### Police Beat

William Marshall 'Wee' Young, 45, East 3rd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving on revoked license, violation of the registration law, and violation of financial responsibility.

According to records, Sunday, at approximately 9:00 PM, Mr. Young was observed driving a 1997 Infiniti Q46 on Simpson Road

in Lenoir City. He crossed the center line into the oncoming lane of traffic four separate times.

Officer Keith Sennett, LCPD stopped Young at Highway 321 and a check of his license through NCIC revealed Young's license were revoked.

Mr. Young's car also was unregistered and he could not show valid proof of insurance.

Officer Keith Sennett, LCPD made the arrest.

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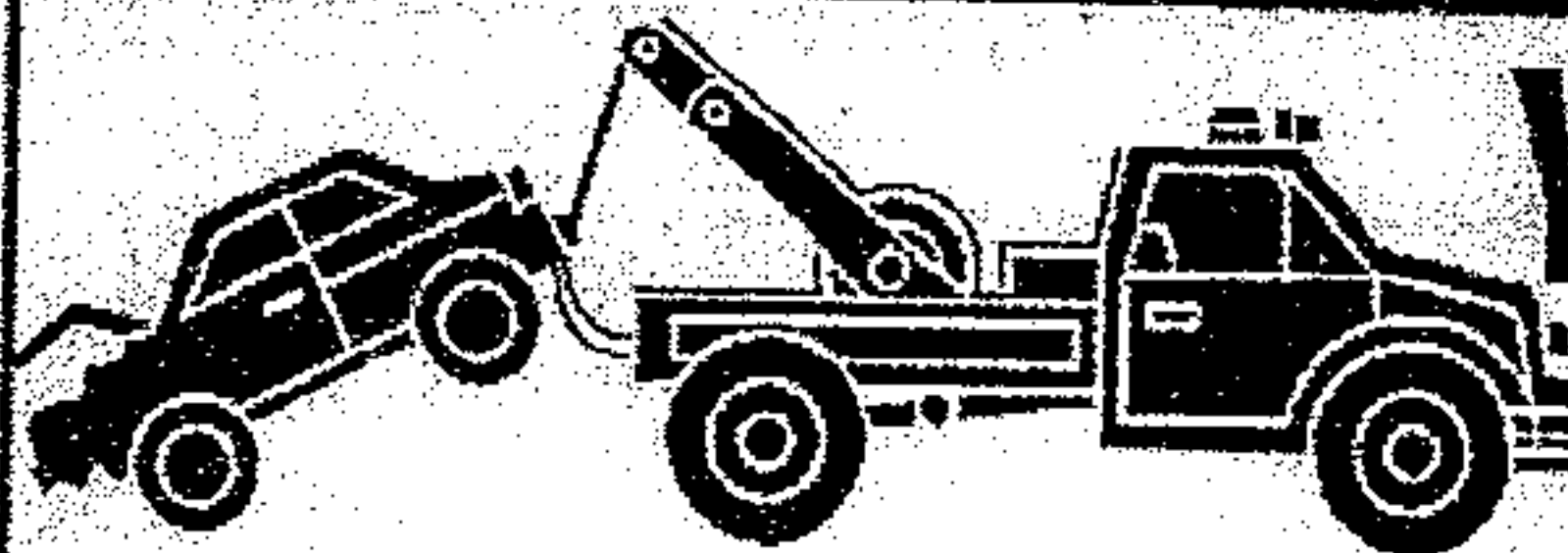


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