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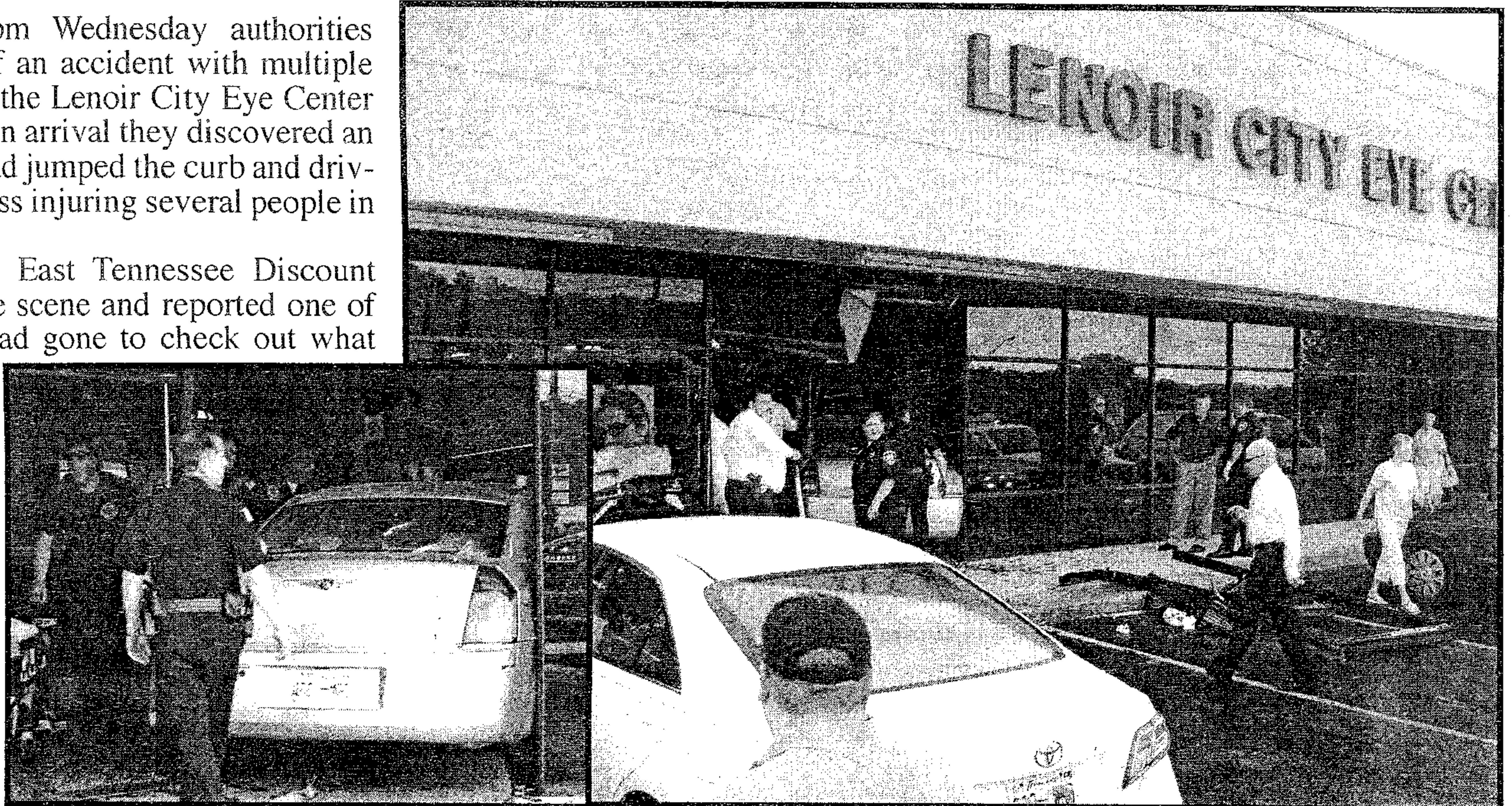
Local woman drives into LC Eye Center

Just before 3pm Wednesday authorities received a call of an accident with multiple people injured at the Lenoir City Eye Center on Hwy 321. Upon arrival they discovered an elderly woman had jumped the curb and driven into the business injuring several people in the process.

Joe Nowell of East Tennessee Discount Drugs was on the scene and reported one of his technicians had gone to check out what

(see Wreck pg. 3)

Photos: Area rescuers responded to Lenoir City Eye Center Wednesday afternoon after a local woman crashed into the building, injuring at least three persons



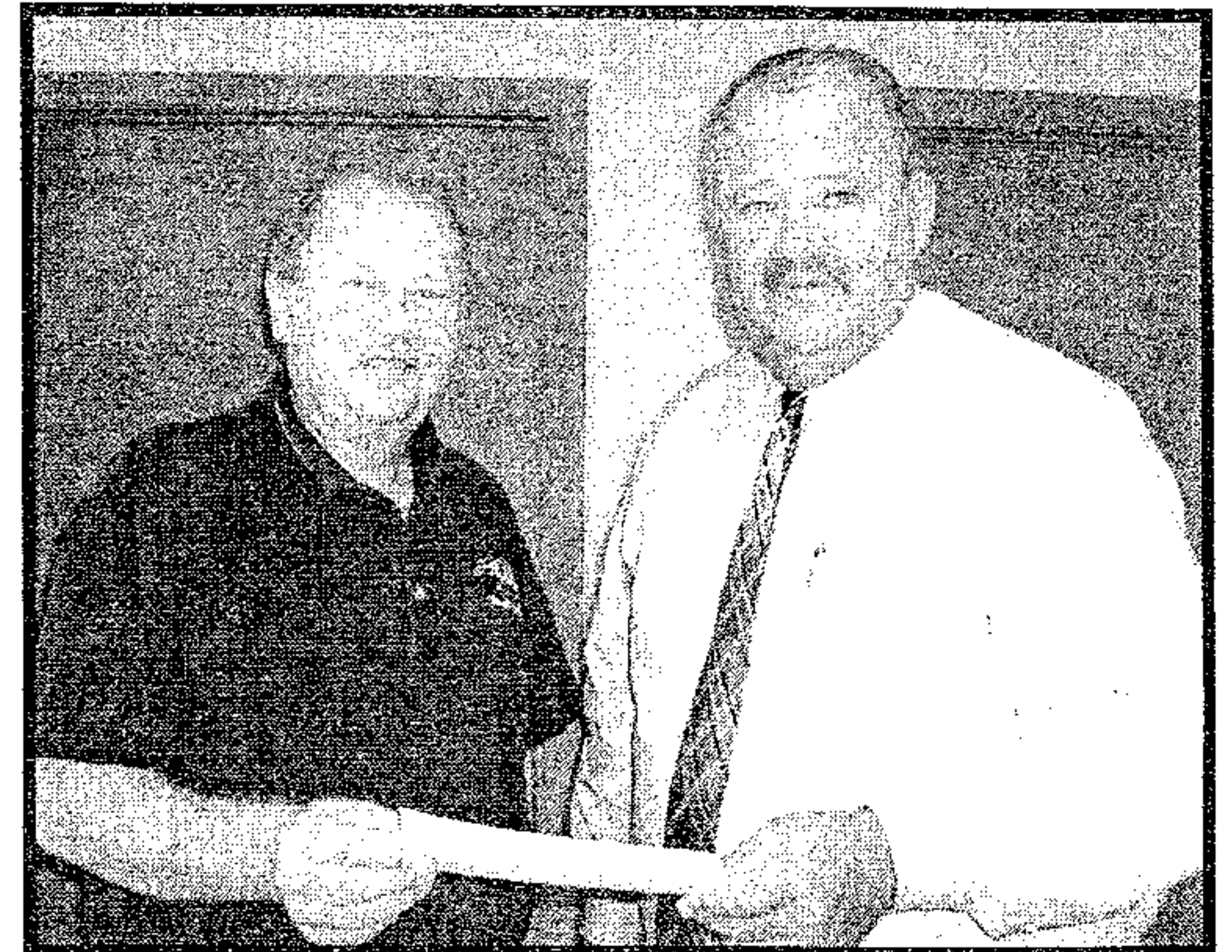
Operation Dry Water this weekend



Operating a boat with a Blood Alcohol Content of .08 percent or higher is illegal in Tennessee, the same as operating a motor vehicle. (see ODW pg. 7)

Downtown VIP Grants Awarded

The City of Lenoir City is again proudly sponsoring the Downtown VIP (Visual Improvements Program) Grant. The program assists downtown business owners with façade improvements to their buildings up to



LC Mayor Tony Aikens presents a check to Mr. Jerry Roberts of Hi-Tech Auto Body (see VIP pg. 6)

Verse of the Day

"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are

and were created."

Revelation 4:11

Obituaries

- Timothy Brian Reid II
- Robby L. Laudermik
- Sue D. Harvey
- Mary Louise Craig

Helen Elizabeth Graves

Wazzup

If you're a cat lover, or could just use a good laugh, got to comedy.video.yahoo.com and check out "Cat barks like dog

until someone notices." It's hilarious!

Weather

Today: Showers in the morning with isolated thunderstorms in the afternoon. High around 85. Winds WSW at 10 to

20 mph. Chance of rain 30%.

Tonight: Isolated thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy overnight. Low 63. Winds W at 5 to 10 (Continued on page 2)

Wreck

the racket was that had just occurred and discovered his mother and grandmother, who were in the business at the time of the crash, were very shaken after the mishap.

Authorities from Lenoir City, Loudon County, Lenoir City Fire and Rural Metro were on the scene assisting with cleanup

and investigation of the accident.

The driver of the vehicle was clearly shaken up at the scene and did not appear to have been injured. She left in a private vehicle.

At least three persons were injured, however none of their injuries were believed to have been life threatening at the scene.

LCPD is handing the investigation.

Police Beat

Melissa Dawn Francis, 35, Circle Drive, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st offense and driving on suspended license.

According to reports, around 12:58 AM, Friday, Officer Bennie Houser, LPD was dispatched for a possible drunk driver on Mulberry Street at the Redskin Cafe. Upon arrival, the officer made

contact with Melissa D. Francis.

Ms. Francis had a strong odor of an intoxicant on her person and was very unsteady on her feet. She stated she was trying to find her son.

Ms. Francis further stated she drove to Knoxville, then back to Loudon. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and a check of her license status came back suspended.

Officer Houser read Ms. Francis the implied consent form and she agreed. Her BAC results were .19%.

\$4K+ worth of batteries stolen

On Monday, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO responded to a theft of batteries on Unita Road where the new bridge is under construction. Upon arrival, the complainant, David L. Foster, Foreman for Charles Blalock and Son, told Deputy Hamilton sometime over the weekend someone took thirteen batteries off equipment at the construction site.

Four batteries were taken from a flat bed truck, three from a dump truck, two batteries were taken from a link belt truck crane, two from another link belt truck crane, and two more batteries were removed from a third link belt truck crane.

The total cost of the batteries was \$4100. The theft is under investigation.

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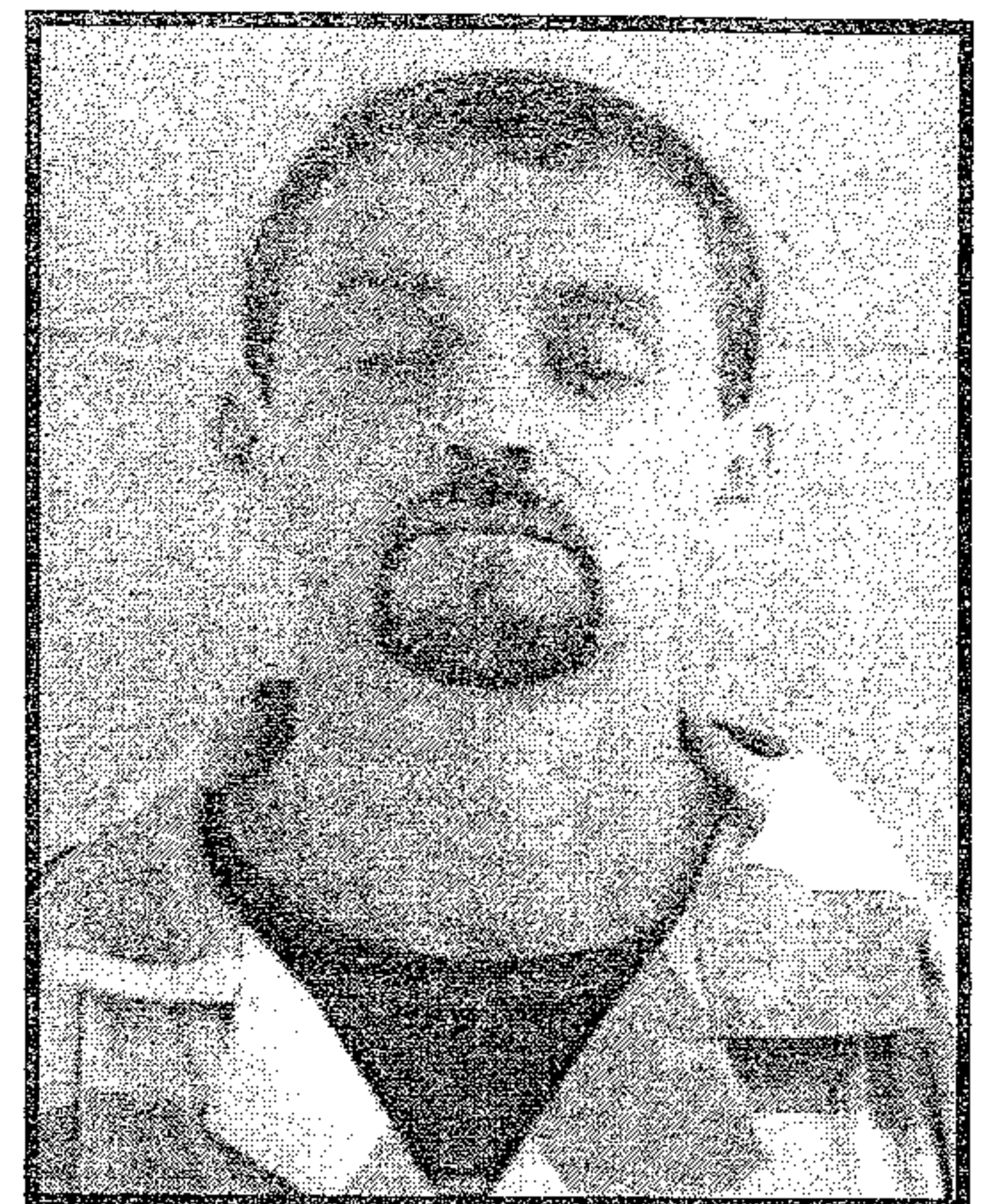
Obituaries cont.

Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Arie Key; husband, William (Bill) Craig; son, Arvel Craig; sisters, Ruby Green, Nellie June Mills, and Barbara Johnson; brothers, Roe, R. V. and Claude Key. Survived by daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Raymond Clark; granddaughter, JoAnn Selvidge and husband, David; great grandson, David Michael Selvidge; sister, Phyllis Williams; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Hugh and Sharon Clark, Martha Chambers, Shelia Selvidge and Leon Stokes. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City. Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Friday in the Hawkins Chapel with

Rev. Tony Curtis officiating. Burial will follow in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Hawkins Chapel, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Helen Elizabeth Graves - age 89 passed away peacefully in Hospice Care at her home in Lenoir City, TN., June 18th., 2011. Born Helen Elizabeth May of Ashland City, TN., June 20, 1921. Preceded in death by, parents Edwin May, Sr. and Edith Hatfield May, husband of seventy years, Thomas Graves, son John Thomas Graves, brother Edwin May, Jr., sisters Evelyn Cantrell, Orlean Noe and Mitchie Wilson. She is survived by Kenneth Graves, grandson of Nashville, Jimmy Wilson, nephew, Pleasantview, TN, Judy Carson, Ashland City, Tn, Lee Ann Bliss, Pleasantview, TN, Jimmy Graves, Joel-

ton, TN, Judy Graves, Nashville and Mary Ann Dudley, Bowling Green, Ky, Janice Graves, daughter-in-law, Knoxville, TN Helen retired from Metro Government, Nashville, Tn. Helen and Tom enjoyed their retirement of fifty years that included, church, gardening, traveling, friends and neighbors. Helen was happiest and enjoyed anything that involved her husband Tom, her son John and her grandson Kenneth. The family would like to thank Caris, hospice, for the professional care and Stay At Home, caregivers, the friends and neighbors for their love and devotion. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Central United Methodist Church, 301 Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City, TN 37771. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, June 24th., at Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City, Tn. Rev. Gary Fox will officiate. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1-2 p.m. Friday before the service.



Jamerson

was charged with theft over \$1000 and burglary.

According to an affidavit, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about June 15th, 2011, Jamerson was at Tilley Lane Chrysler Dodge Jeep on East Broadway in Lenoir City. While there, Mr. Jamerson entered a storage building on the lot and took 4 pairs of step rails without permission or knowledge of the owner.

The total value of the step rails was \$1500. Detective Sartin made the arrest Friday.

Step rails stolen

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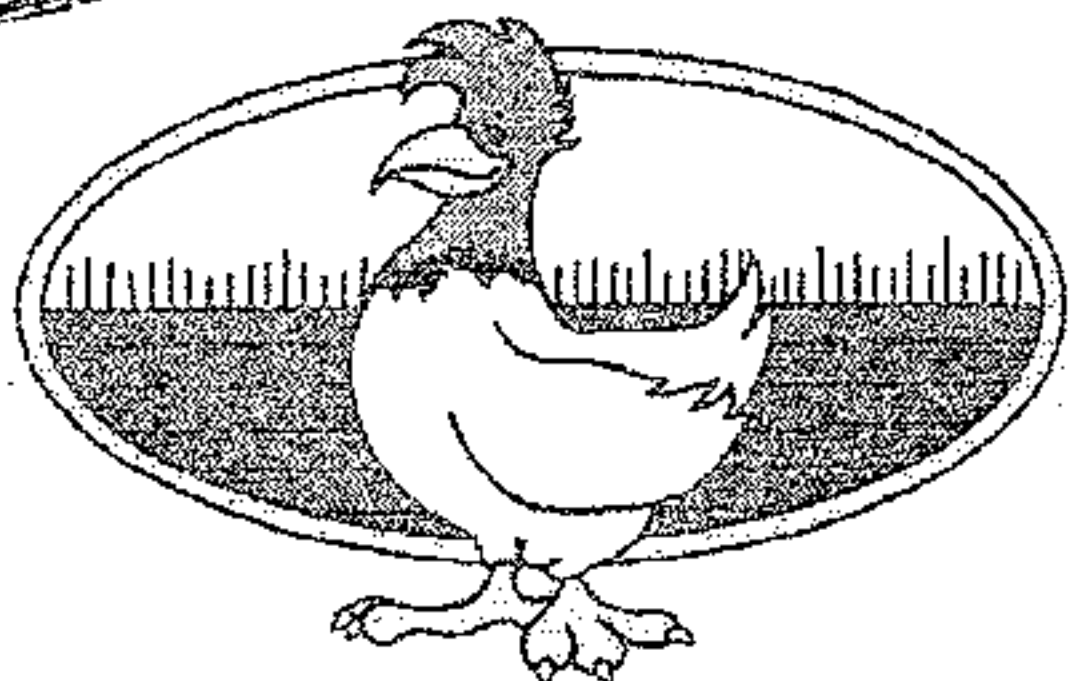
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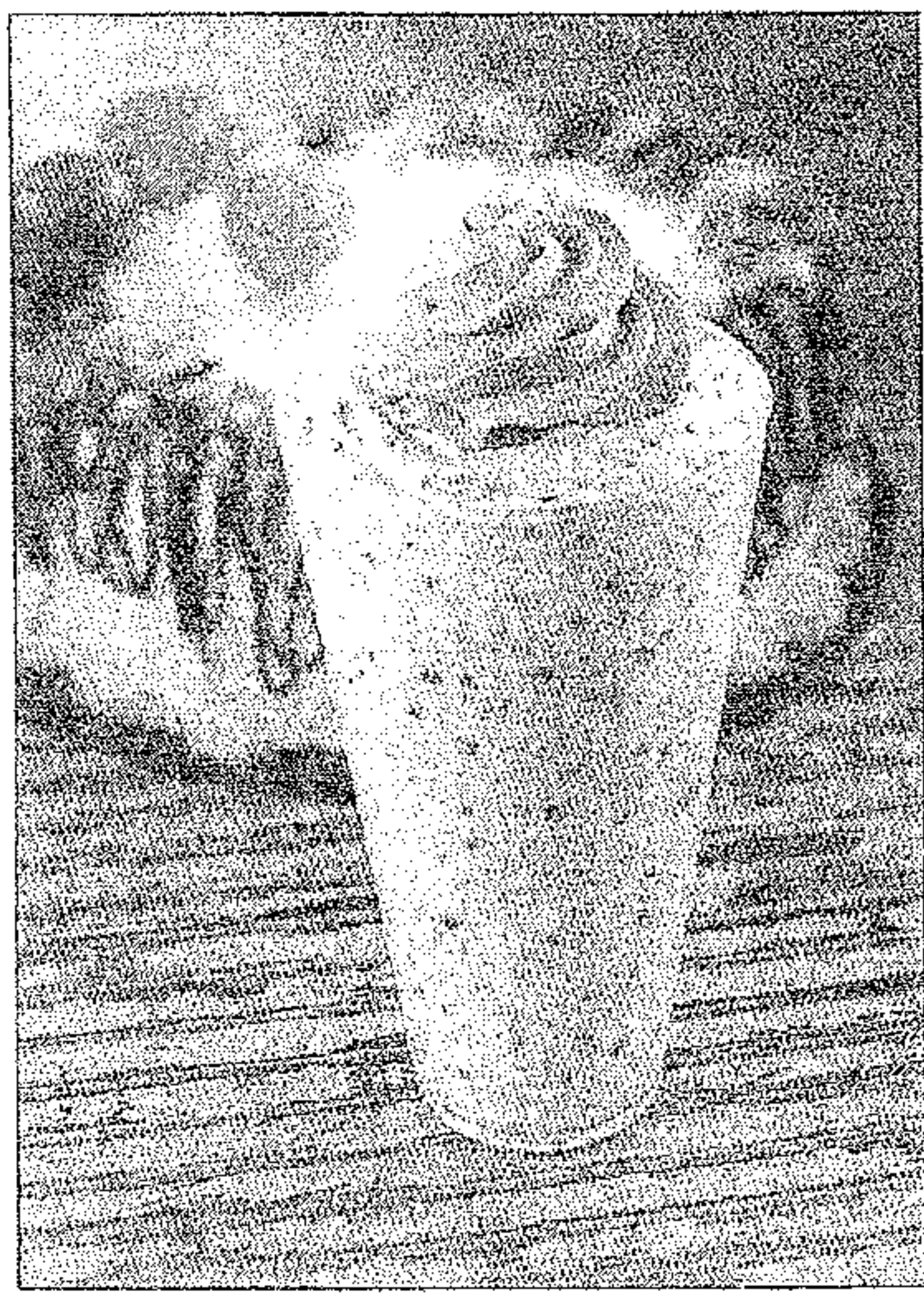
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VIP

\$7,500.00. The City received \$20,000.00 in R.I.D.A. (Rural Industrial Development Agency) Funds. The funds are funneled from the Tennessee Valley Authority to be used for Economic Development, and what better way to engage in economic development than promoting local businesses.

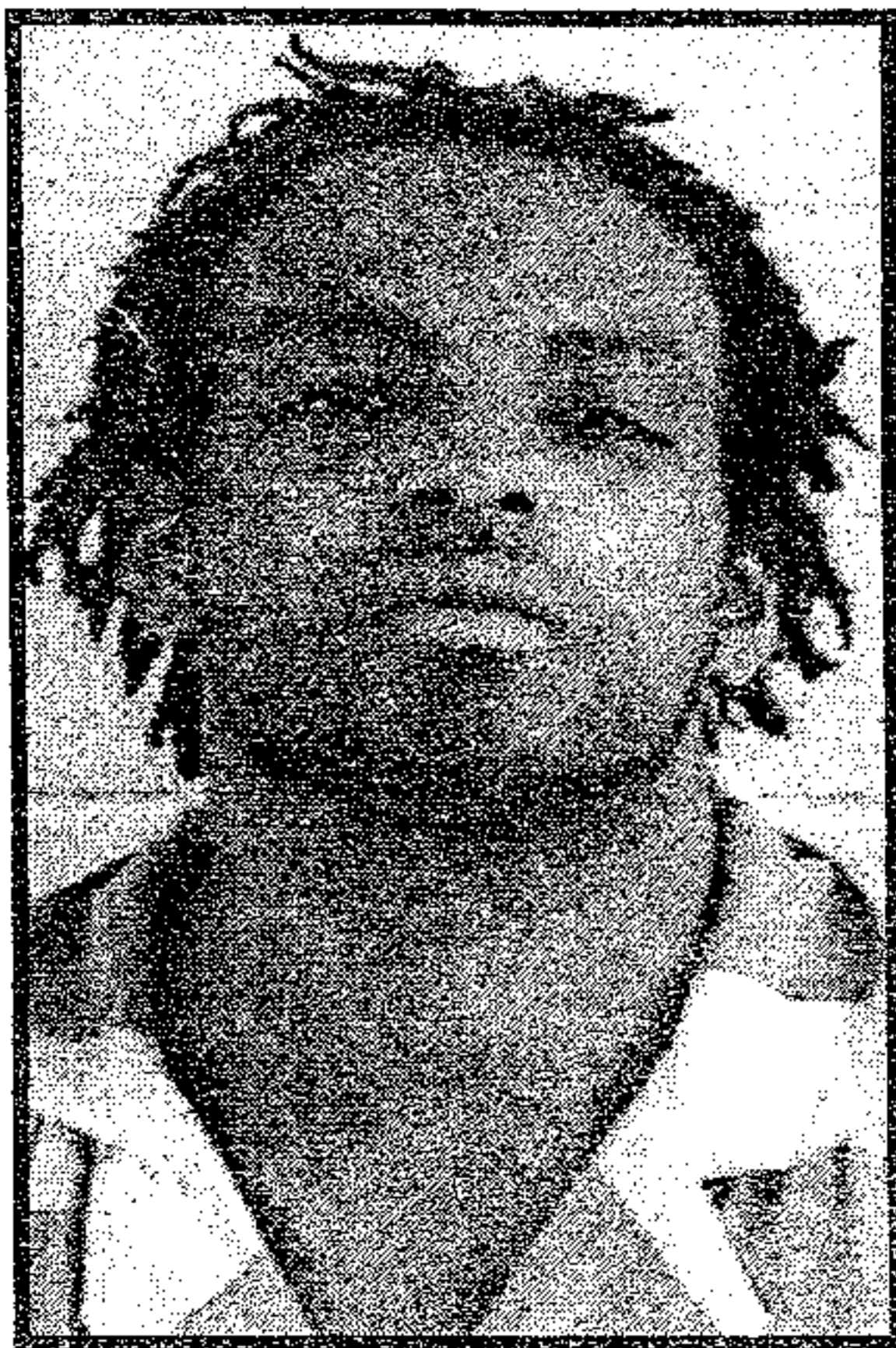
Since the Downtown VIP Grant funds were replenished, there have been two recipients. Mr. Jerry Roberts (pictured), owner of Hi-Tech Auto Body, located at 208 West Broadway received \$6500 for improvements to his place of business. His improvements included new brick reface, new overhead door, and new sig-

nage. Mr. John Paxton and Mr. Richard Paxton, owners of Southern Auto Dealers, Inc., located at 414 West Broadway received \$7500 for improvements to their business. Their improvements included installation of brick and stone on the front and sides of building, new windows, canvas awning with light over the entry way, and additional signage on the front of the building. The City of Lenoir City is very proud of these wonderful improvements!

Assault, trespass

Johnny Dewayne Dortch, 28, Allison Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with assault and aggravated criminal trespass.

According to affidavits Filed by Detective Jonsthsn Sartin, LCPD;



Dortch

on or about June 13th, 2011, Mr. Dortch was at Allison Lane in Lenoir City where he got into an argument with the victim. During the argument, Dortch grabbed her by her throat and slammed her on the ground.

On the same date, June 13th, 2011, Mr. Dortch went to McGhee Square in Lenoir City. Upon arrival, Dortch

entered a woman's apartment. He knew he did not have permis- sion to enter her home and knowingly entered anyway.

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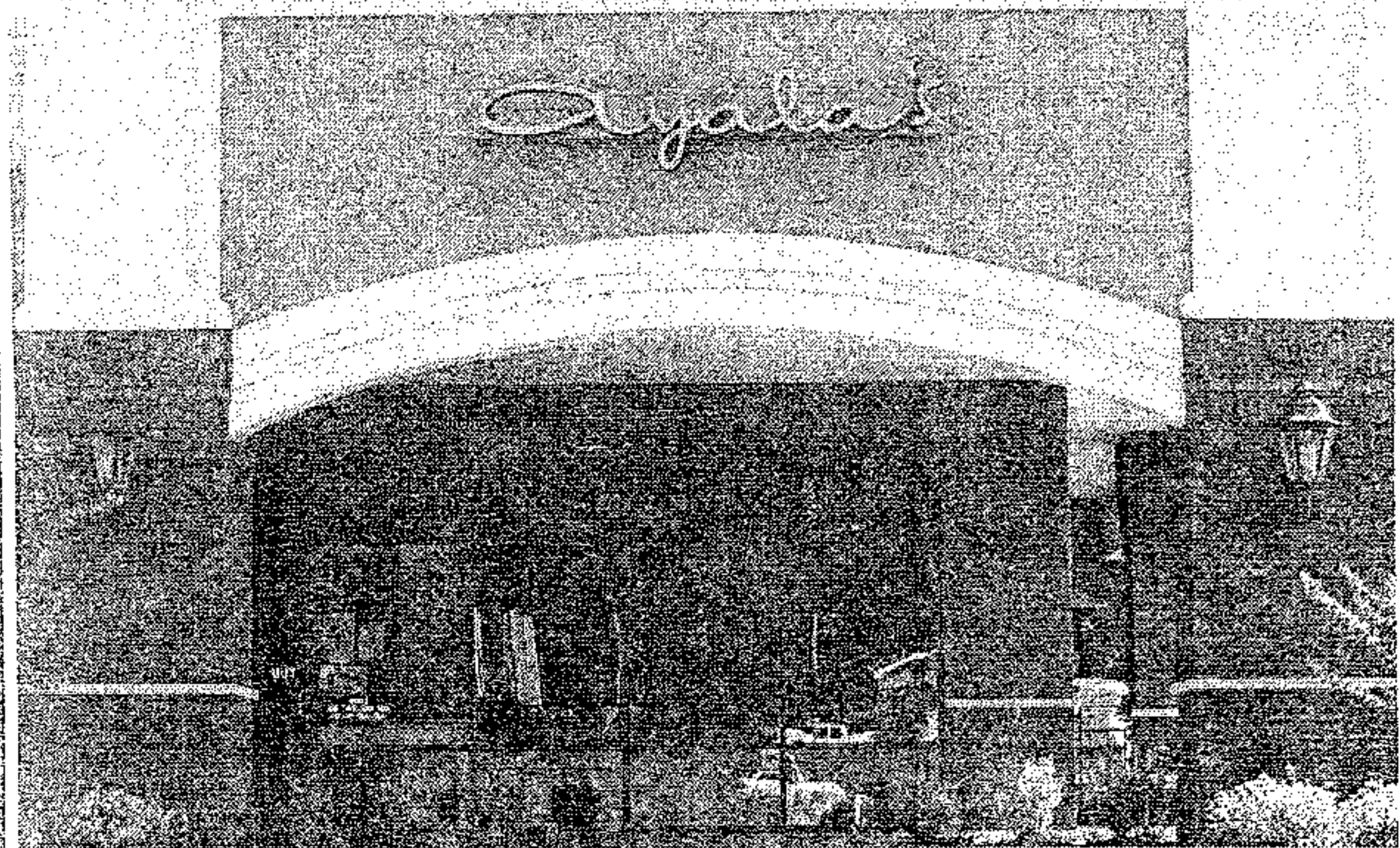
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