

**Verse of the Day**

*"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it."*

Revelation 2:17

**Obituaries**

Jimmie Melton Lee

Linda Gail Keaton

Stephen Christopher McFall

**Wazzup**

*Did you know?* It costs about \$25 for a family of four to buy a meal at a typical fast food restaurant. Averaging just two trips per week totals \$50; continuing the pattern each week over the course of a full year comes to \$2600. A daily fast food lunch runs at least \$5; in a typical five day work week, that's \$25. Over the course of a year, \$1300. Just for lunch. Just for one person. At mid-priced restaurants—Appleby's, Ruby Tuesday, etc—\$40 for a couple is pretty standard. Done weekly over the course of a year exceeds \$2000. For a family of four it doubles to \$4000.

**Weather**

Today: Mostly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing later in the day. Humid. High 93. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 40%.  
Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening,

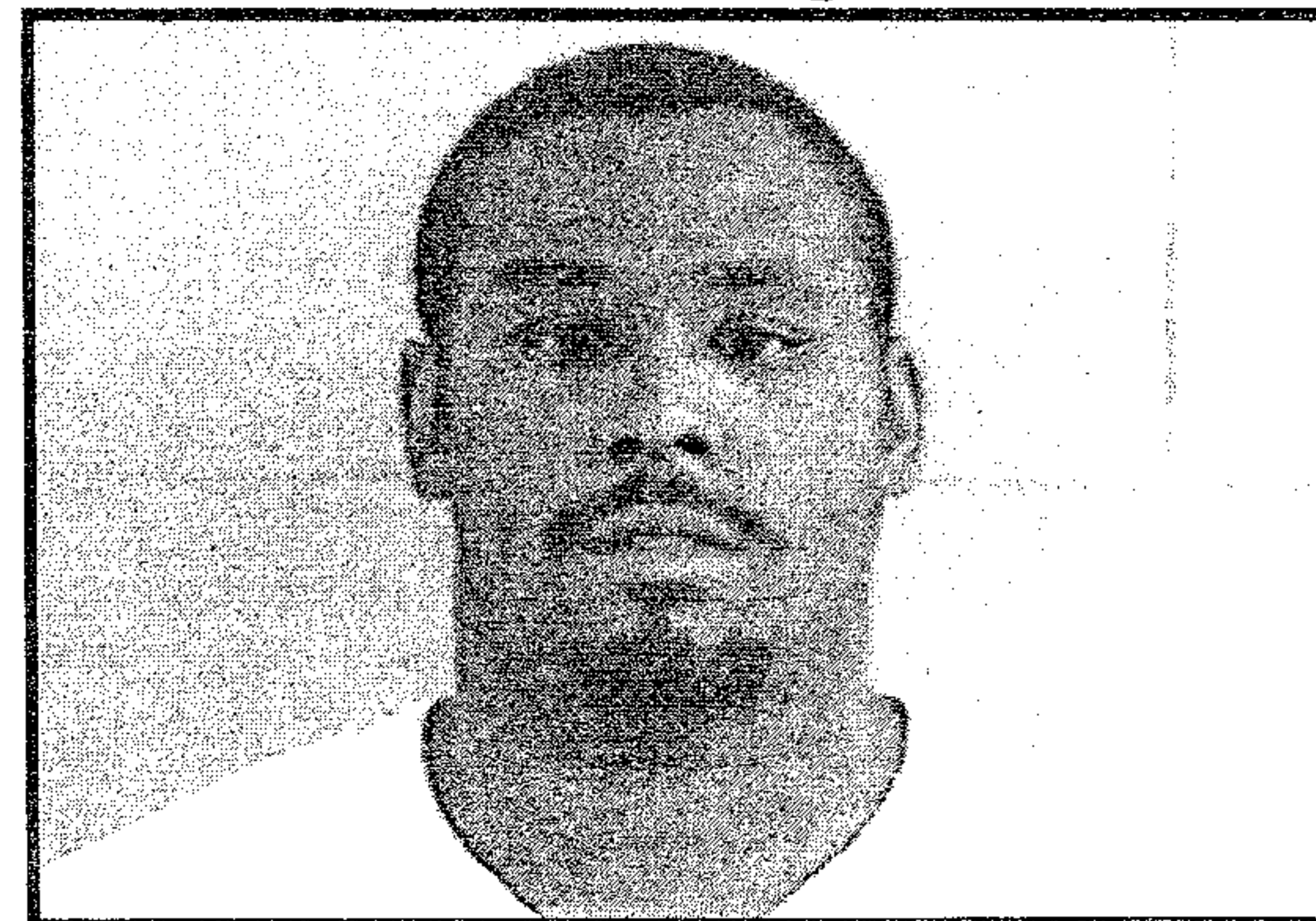
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**Batteries must be the hot new thing in scrap**

Rigney

Multiple reports of battery theft have been filed with local law enforcement officials in recent weeks and on Wednesday, another man

(see Rigney pg. 5)

**Man uses child in theft attempt**

Matlock

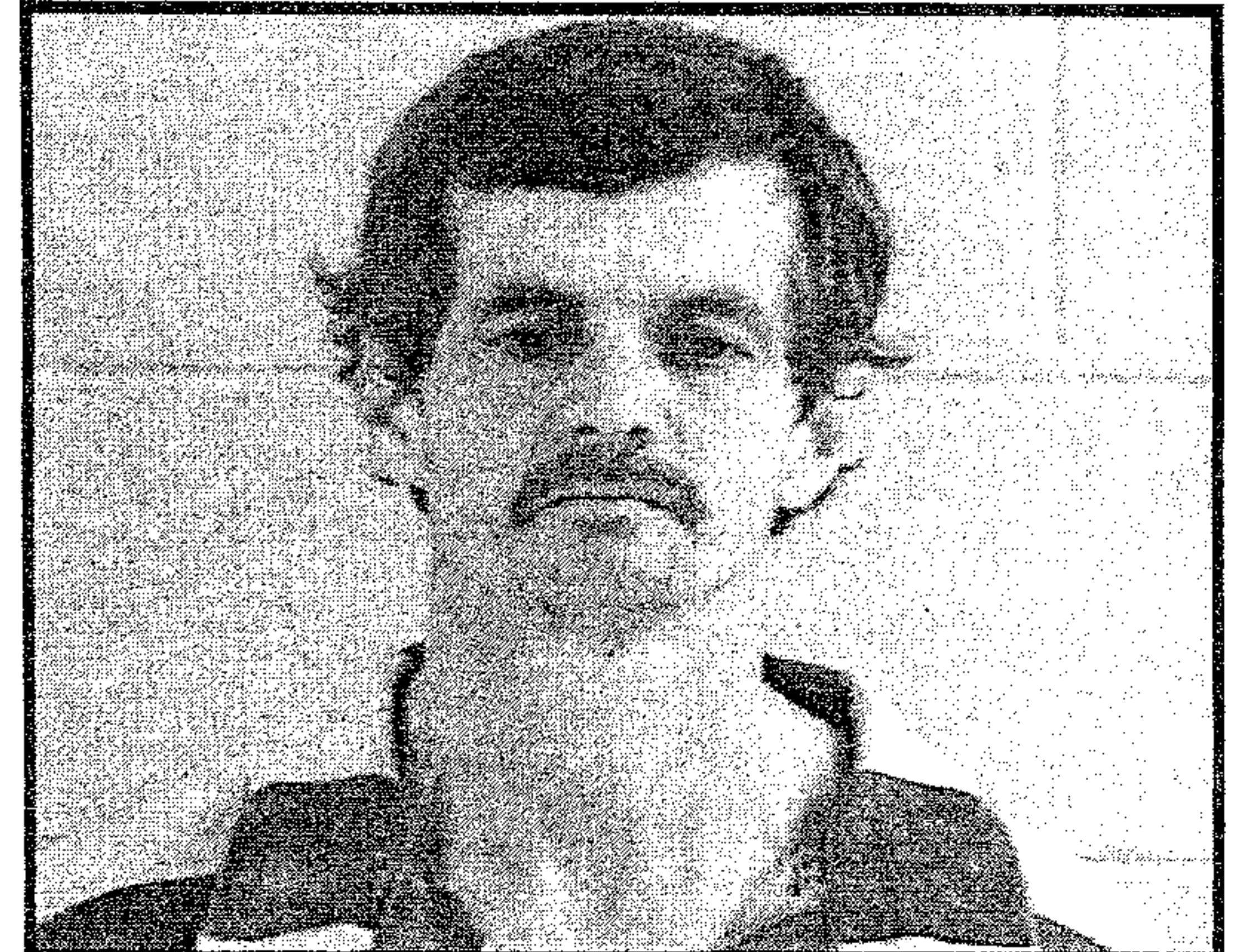
A local man is accused of using a child to steal a pair of shoes along with other items at Walmart Wednesday in spite of having been banned from

(see Matlock pg. 3)

**Probation and Parole Officers' Work Honored This Week**

Nashville, - The Tennessee Board of Probation and Parole (BOPP) is joining with other agencies across the country to honor the Probation and Parole Officers who supervise of-

fenders in the community. July 17-23, 2011 is national Probation and Parole Officers Week. (see Honored pg. 5)

**Helping steal motorcycle doesn't pay off for man**

Thorne

A Madisonville man reportedly told police he was supposed to get paid to help steal a motorcycle when Deputy R. Bowman came

(see Thorne pg. 7)

**\$51.9 million in additional federal funds rescinded from TDOT**

Nashville, - The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) has been notified by the Federal Highway Administration that \$51.9 million in federal funds will be rescinded from the department's federal allocation of funds for fiscal year 2011. A rescission of funds means that federal dollars promised to Tennessee have now been cancelled and will not be received.

The rescission of funds is a separate issue

(see Funds pg. 6)

**But, they're not mine!**

A Madisonville woman found herself in the hoosegow when she reportedly refused to stop screaming and cursing at her boyfriend for not claiming ownership of the illegal substances observed in her purse at the scene of a car fire Wednesday.

(see Keller pg. 4)

**Matlock**

all Walmart properties earlier this year.

Shane Yrahan Matlock, 29, Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday with criminal trespassing and theft of property under \$500.

According to reports, Walmart Asset Protection personnel saw Shane Matlock enter the general merchan-

dise doors and select a plastic Walmart shopping bag from a cash register. He proceeded to the infants department where he selected items and placed them in the empty bag.

Matlock then placed a pair of shoes on a child who was with him and passed all points of sale in an attempt to deprive Walmart.

The total value of the purloined items was

\$65.14, and Walmart is seeking restitution in the amount of \$5.

Records indicate Matlock was previously restricted from Walmart and all Walmart properties. Matlock signed a notification banning him from the properties on February 11th, 2011.

Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD responded to the call and made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

Matthew Bradley Covington, 19, Davis Drive, Lenoir City was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO responded to a residence on Elm Street in Philadelphia Saturday on a possible physical domestic.

The 17 year old complainant stated she and her boyfriend Matthew Covington got into a verbal argument because she wouldn't walk with him while he was walking the dog. The argument got very heated and Mr. Covington got in her face, so she put her hand on his chest to make separation between the two.

The teen advised it was at that time Mr. Covington pushed his hand into her face and they began pushing each other.

Covington had already left the scene prior to the arrival of law enforcement, but was located on Vonore Road. He denied placing his hands on his girlfriend and said she ripped his shirt and punched him in the chest, although the complainant had redness to

her face.

Mr. Covington was taken into custody.

Billy Ray Mason, 42, Monroe Street, Madisonville was charged with violation of community corrections.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO, made the arrest Thursday, at the Monroe County Jail.

Rodney Pernell Hawkins, 42, Church Street, Loudon was charged Thursday, with failure to appear.

Officer Brandon Gentry, LCPD made the arrest at McGhee Square.

**Some Manners Every Kid Should Know By Age 9**

Manner #1: When asking for something, say "Please."

Manner #2: When receiving something, say "Thank you."

Manner #3: Do not interrupt grown-ups who are speaking with each other unless there is an emergency. They will notice you and respond when they are finished talking.

Manner #4: If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.

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**Obituaries**

**Jimmie Melton Lee** - age 77 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, July 18, 2011 at his home. Jimmie was a member of Dixie Lee Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Ruth Justice Lee; parents, Tom and Re-cie Lee, and brother Wayne Lee. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty Hart Lee; son, James Anthony (Tony) Lee of Lenoir City; sisters and brothers-in-law, Martha and Elmer Hat-tley of Lenoir City, Max-ine and Claude Thompson of Loudon; brothers and sisters-in-law, Johnny and Jane Lee of California, Charles and Pam Lee of Ni-ota, Glen and Janice Lee of Lenoir City; several nieces and nephews. Friends may call at their convenience at Click Funeral Home on Tuesday. Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 20th in the Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services with Rev. Eddie Click officiat-

ing. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.  
**Linda Gail Keaton**, age 58 of Lenoir City passed away suddenly on Saturday, July 16, 2011. She was preceded in death by her father, Joshua Fritts and brother, Jef-frey Fritts. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Rob Moore of Lenoir City; sons and daughter-in-law, Samp-son and Meagan Keaton of Virginia, and Isaac Keaton of Lenoir City; mother, Elizabeth Fritts of Lenoir City; brothers and sisters-in-law, Greg and Pamela Fritts, Kyle and Julie Fritts; sister and brother-in-law, Angela and Thomas Blue; grandchildren, Greyson and Elijah Moore; several nieces and nephews; special friend, Janie Strickland. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial ser-vices will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Jeremy Weaver officiating. Click Funeral

Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.  
**Stephen Christopher McFall** - age 47 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, July 15, 2011. He was of the Methodist faith. Steve was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lyda and Burl McFall, Ann Avery and James Bailey. He is sur-vived by his parents, Frank-lin and Margie McFall; sister, Stephanie Merckson; brother, Jason McFall and wife, Amy all of Lenoir City; nieces, Megan, Sarah, Katy and Audrey; nephew, Justin McFall; great neph-ews, Beau and Riley; aunts, Emily Rose Stevenson of Lenoir City, Betsy Hope and husband, Henry of Houston, TX. The family would like to express a special thank you to Loudon Dialysis Clinic. Memorial services will be held at a later date. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrange-ments.

**Keller**

Misty Lynn Keller, 30,

Patterson Street, Madi-sonville was charged with disorderly conduct, simple possession and possession of schedule II oxycodone.

According to records, Deputy Rondel M. Bran-am, LCSO responded to West Lee Highway Wednesday on a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, the deputy observed a green station wagon-type ve-hicle fully engulfed in flames.

While awaiting the Fire Department, a wom-an approached the dep-uty and stated she was a passenger in the vehicle that was burning. The woman was very anxious to leave the scene, and Deputy Branam asked for her driver's license so she could be added to his report on the car fire.

When she opened her purse to get her license out, the deputy saw an

unlabeled pill bottle lay-ing inside with a green leafy plant-like substance believed to be marijuana and three white round pills. The lawman took possession of the pills and identified them as 10 mg. oxycodone and the woman as Misty L. Keller.

Ms. Keller denied ownership of the narcot-ics inside her purse and stated they belonged to her boyfriend. Ms. Keller began yelling at her boy-friend and cursing at him to take ownership of the narcotics, which he did not do.

Ms. Keller was warned numerous times to calm down and stop cursing at the man, but she wouldn't listen and was taken into custody.

Deputy Daniel Fergu-son, LCSO transported her to the Loudon Coun-ty Jail.

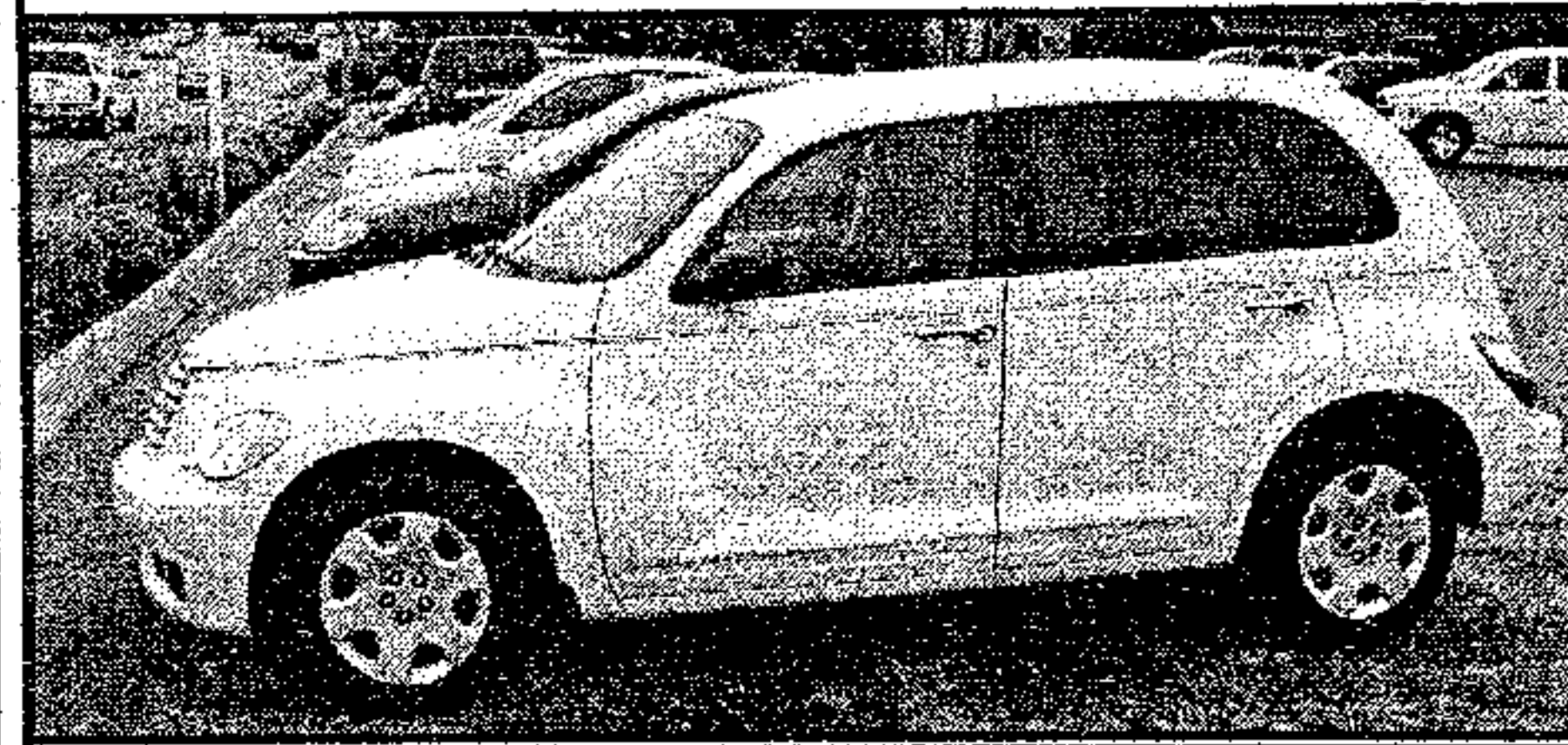
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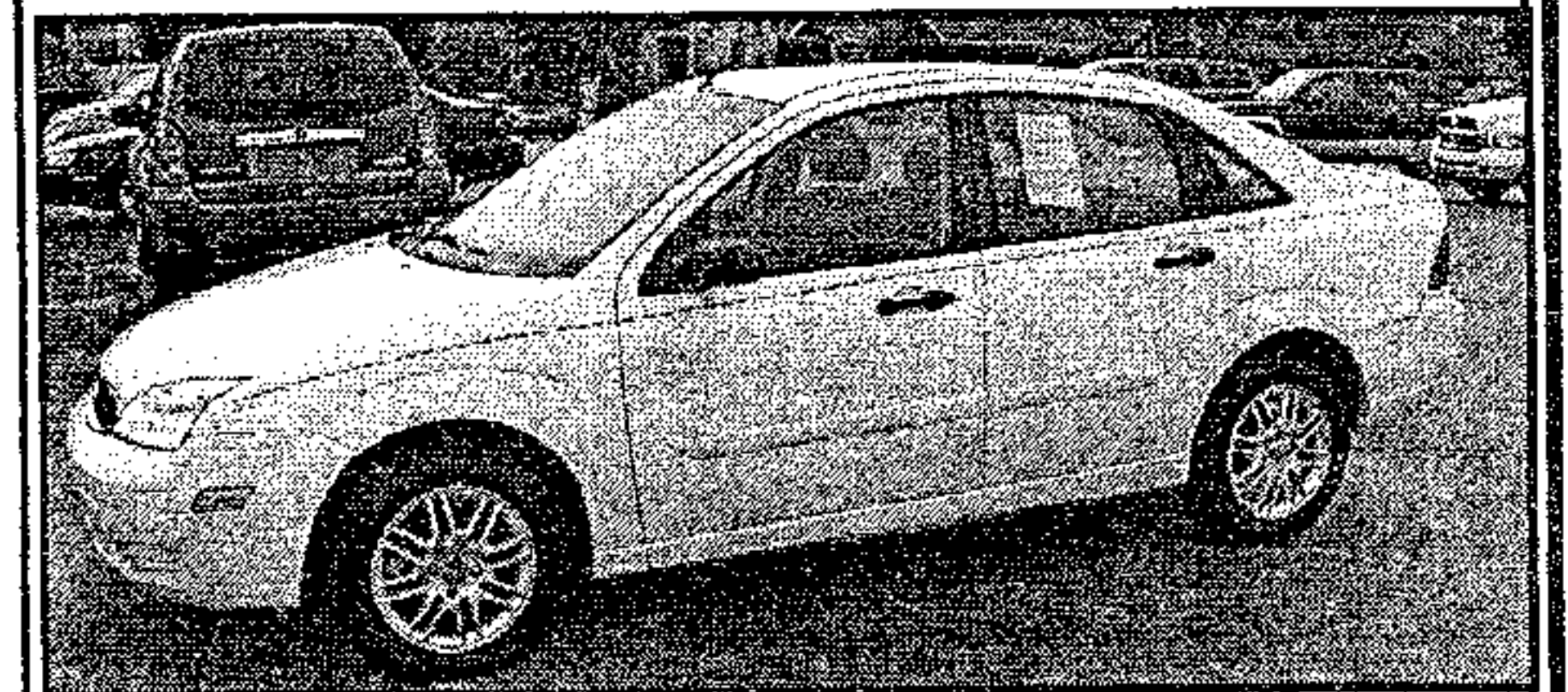


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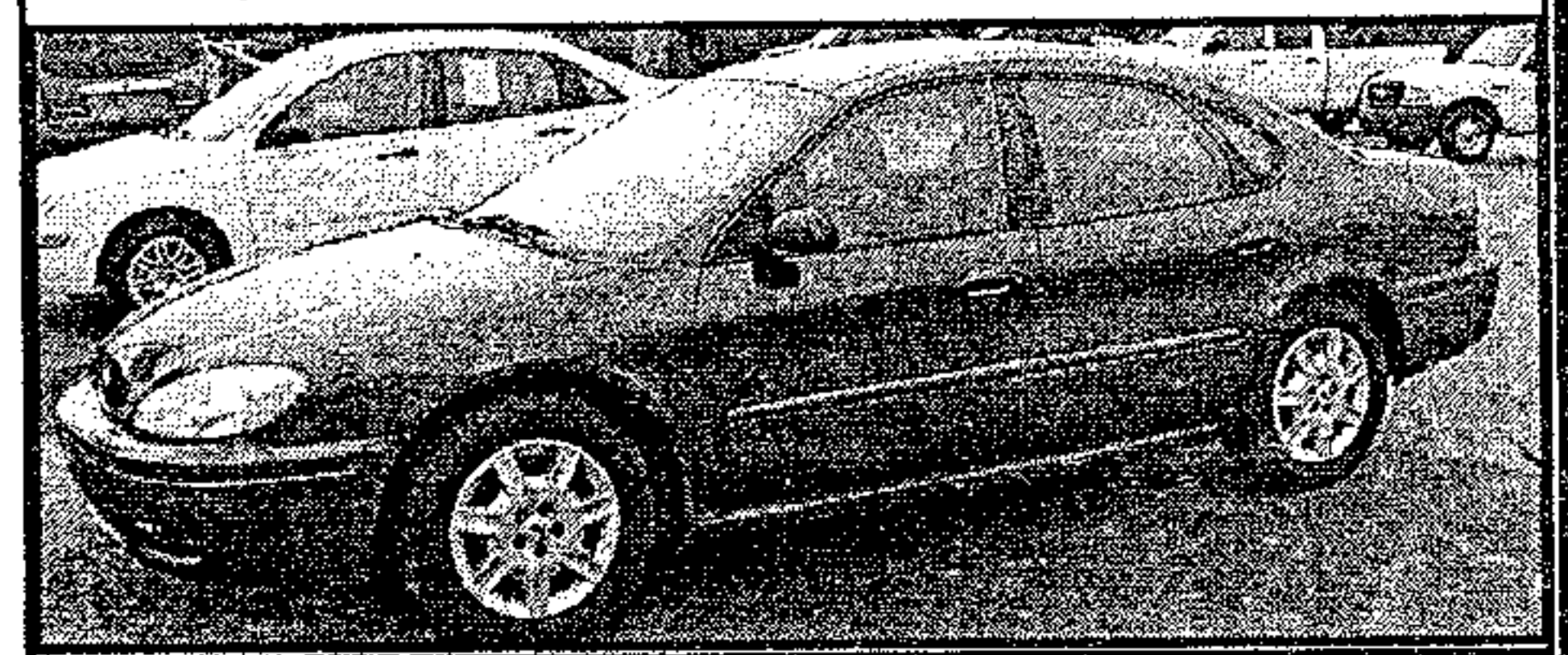


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**Rigney**

was charged in connection with at least two of the crimes following an investigation by Detective Jonathan Sartin into two of the larcenies, which occurred in Lenoir City.

James Lee Rigney, 25, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and theft over \$1000.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about June 9th, 2011, James Rigney went to Adesa Boulevard in Lenoir City where he took four Caterpillar batteries and one 12 volt battery from construction equipment at the location.

The batteries, valued at \$1160, were taken without permission or knowledge of the owner.

On or about June 16th, 2011, Rigney went to Fellowship Baptist Church on Harrison Road in Lenoir City where he took two batteries from two

church buses.

The batteries, valued at \$420, were taken without permission or knowledge of the owner.

Detective Sartin made the arrest Wednesday.

Another man, Jonathan Russell McGee, 24, also was charged with theft of property \$500-\$1000, and attempted theft of property \$500-\$1000 earlier this month after allegedly stealing four truck batteries belonging to Mr. David Thompson, a Loudon County businessman.

McGee reportedly was in the process of attempting to steal more batteries from Thompson's business when he was caught by Thompson on June 27.

There is no indication the two accused thieves have any connection with each other in either of their cases.

**Honored**

tion, Parole and Community Supervision Week. Governor

Bill Haslam has issued a proclamation marking the celebration in Tennessee.

BOPP employs approximately 800 Probation and Parole Officers (PPOs) who supervise 66,358 cases, including 12,320 for parole and 54,038 for probation. Community correction officers in locally run agencies supervise an additional 7,100 cases involving offenders placed on alternative sentences by judges.

Board Chairman Charles Traugher said, "The Board and its Probation and Parole Officers use evidence-based resources to manage offender risk. The officers are dedicated and do a great job in using these techniques to assist offenders. All of the excellent work they do enhances public safety. Success for every offender is our goal, although we realize that no one in the criminal justice profession can ensure that."

BOPP's Probation and Parole Officers enforce conditions of supervision placed on parolees by the Board and on probationers by the courts. Their work includes home visits, drug testing, making sure offenders attend counseling sessions and guiding offenders toward job training and placement programs. PPOs also prepare reports for the courts and work with other criminal justice and social services agencies on safe community initiatives.

The Board of Probation and Parole ( [www.tn.gov/bopp/](http://www.tn.gov/bopp/) ) is

an independent seven-member board whose members are appointed by the Governor. The Board is charged with the responsibility of deciding which eligible felony offenders will be granted parole and released from incarceration to community-based supervision. Along with the supervision of those granted parole, the Board is also responsible for supervising felony offenders who are placed on probation by criminal courts.

**Police Beat**

Steven Calvin Black, 47, Sunrise Motel, or Christian Street, Philadelphia was charged with public intoxication and possession of schedule IV.

According to reports, Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO was on Patrol Thursday on Spring Street, in Philadelphia when he noticed Steven Black walking south on Spring Street. Mr. Black was staggering and seemed to be having trouble walking.

The deputy had a complaint earlier that day of a person walking around Philadelphia, intoxicated.

When Deputy Hamilton stopped Mr. Black, he had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath. He stated he had been drinking beer.

Mr. Black was placed under arrest and when he was searched the deputy found a plastic wrapper with white powder in it. Mr. Black told the deputy it was a crushed up xanax that he got from his brother.

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### Funds

from the debt limit discussions currently underway by federal lawmakers.

"Nearly 50% of the department's budget comes from the federal government, so a reduction in these funds significantly impacts the resources available to TDOT," said TDOT Commissioner John Schroer. "This shortfall requires the department to make difficult decisions in our core highway programs," Schroer continued, "We don't want to make cuts anywhere that would delay the delivery of projects that are ready to go."

TDOT is currently operating under a series of continuing resolutions through "SAF-

ETEA-LU" (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), the federal transportation funding bill, which expired September 30, 2009 and funds are being distributed only months at a time. However, authorized funding levels have been significantly reduced by rescissions annually since 2002, with a cumulative impact of more than \$463 million.

Programs impacted by the latest federal rescission include the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and the Transportation Enhancements Program. TDOT plans to deliver the re-

maining projects now under development in these programs with future federal funds.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, Section 2201 of the Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, contains a \$2.5 billion rescission of unobligated balances of funds apportioned to the States of which Tennessee's share is \$51,950,327.

### Police Beat

Paul E. Hurley, 30, Gore Road, Pennington, Vermont was

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charged with driving on suspended.

According to reports, Sunday, at approximately 12:35 AM, while on routine patrol, Officer Jamie Pistole, LPD observed a passenger in a green Mazda Protege not wearing his seat belt. The officer initiated a traffic stop in the Jiffy parking lot.

Dispatch advised, the driver, Mr. Paul E. Hurley had a suspended license out of Vermont.

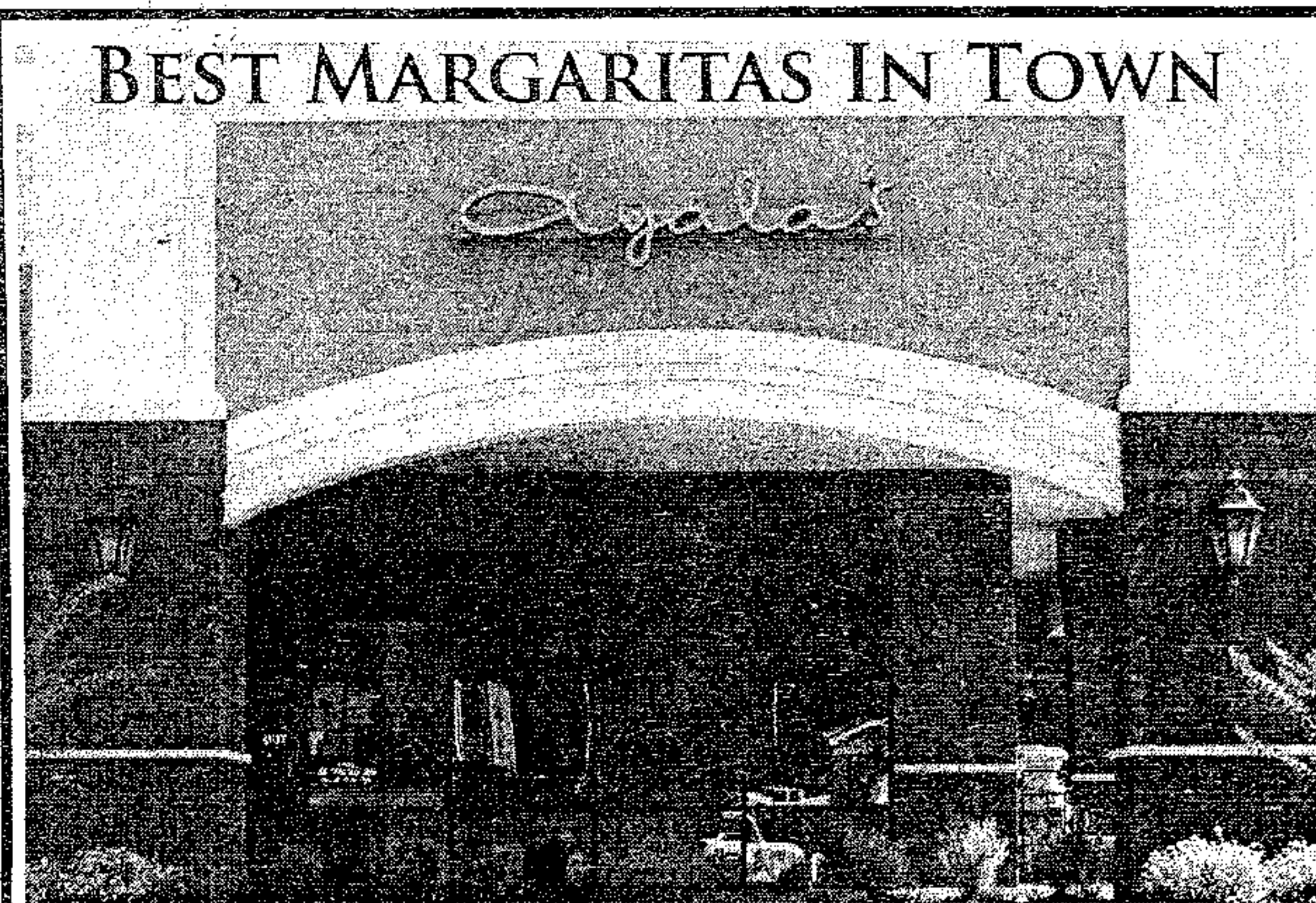
Dispatch also advised Mr. Hurley had a warrant out of Knox County for failure to pay child support.

Carol Leann Shirk, 40, Grimes Road, Loudon was charged Saturday with failure to appear.

Bondsman Buddy Brown brought Ms. Shirk to the jail where Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO took custody of her at 11:25 AM.

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**Thorne**

upon him and an acquaintance in the process of taking it.

Robert Lee Thorne, 38, Old Tellico Parkway, Madisonville was charged with felony theft over \$1000.

According to an affidavit filed by Lt. Patrick Upton, LCSO-CID; on Wednesday, July 13th, 2011, at approximately 3:53 AM,

Deputy R. Bowman, LCSO came upon two persons standing near

the front of a residence on Highway 411 South in Greenback. The pair were standing near two motorcycles.

Deputy Bowman noticed a white CBR 600 valued at \$6000 had been moved from it's

original location where he, the officer, had seen it earlier.

There was another person on a black CR 600, who fled on the motorcycle, leaving Mr. Thorne behind.

The motorcycle found with Thorne had the ignition damaged and upon further investigation, it was learned the motorcycle had been stolen from it's original location and the owner had not given anyone permission to take it.

Mr. Thorne admitted he was stealing the bike and was helping

the person who fled the scene steal it. He further advised he was to have gotten paid for helping steal the motorcycle.

Deputy Bruce Padgett, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest Wednesday at the Loudon County Jail.

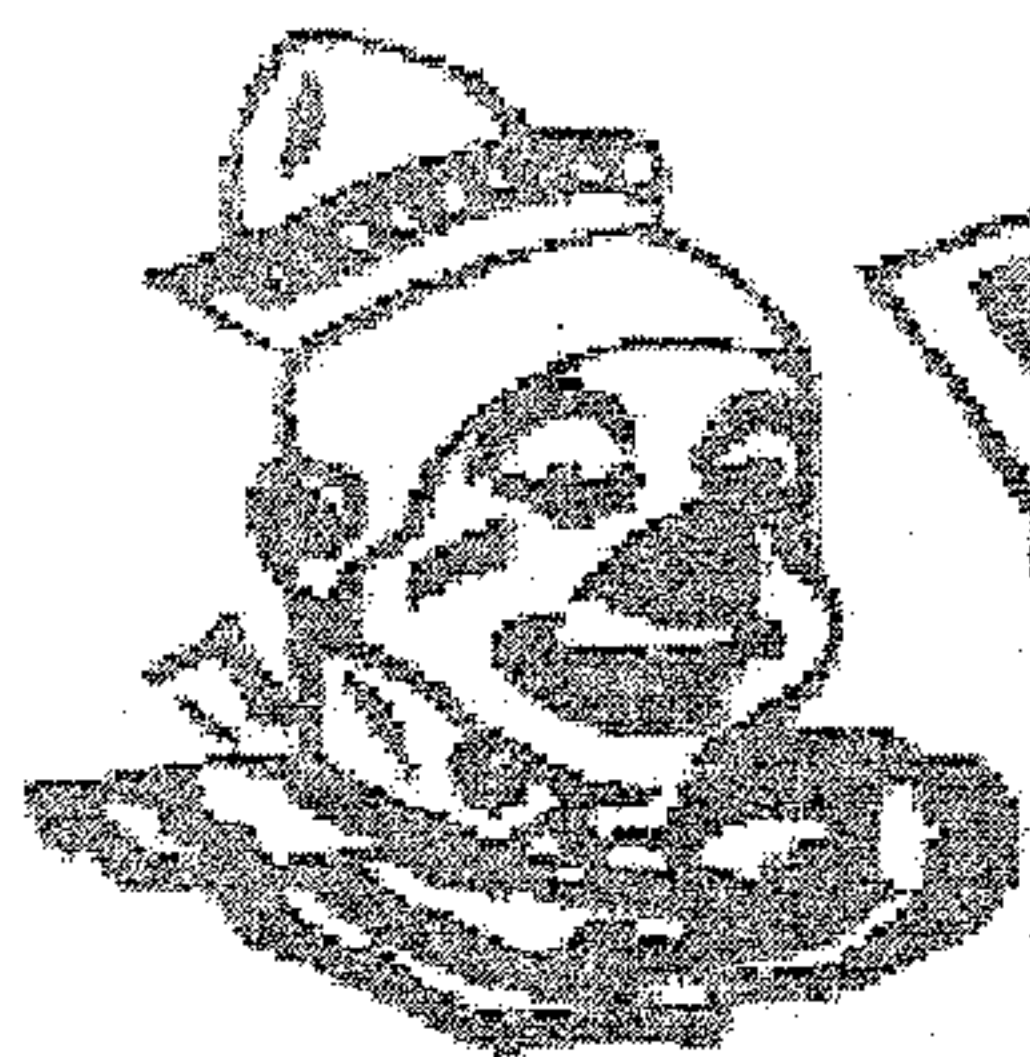
**Police Beat**

William Jackson Bolton, 30, Shaw Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy John Maples, LCSO made the arrest Thursday, at the Knox County Jail.

Dewayne L. Thaxton, 31, McGhee Square, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest Thursday.



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