

Verse of the Day

"For whosoever exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

Luke 14:11

Obituaries

Jan McNabb Henry

Wazzup

The Special 2011 Tennessee Elk License sold on eBay for \$9200 with 31 Bids! The proceeds from the sale of special tag will go to benefit the elk restoration program.

How 'bout the McMinn County sheriff's department and how they tackled their meth problem possibly becoming part of a reality TV show? Maybe all counties should tackle their meth problems in the same way; after all, sending a problem elsewhere seemed to work out pretty good for Cuba with the Mariel boatlift in 1980....

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 93. Winds NNE at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear to partly cloudy. Low 68. Winds light and variable.

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 90s and lows in the low 70s.

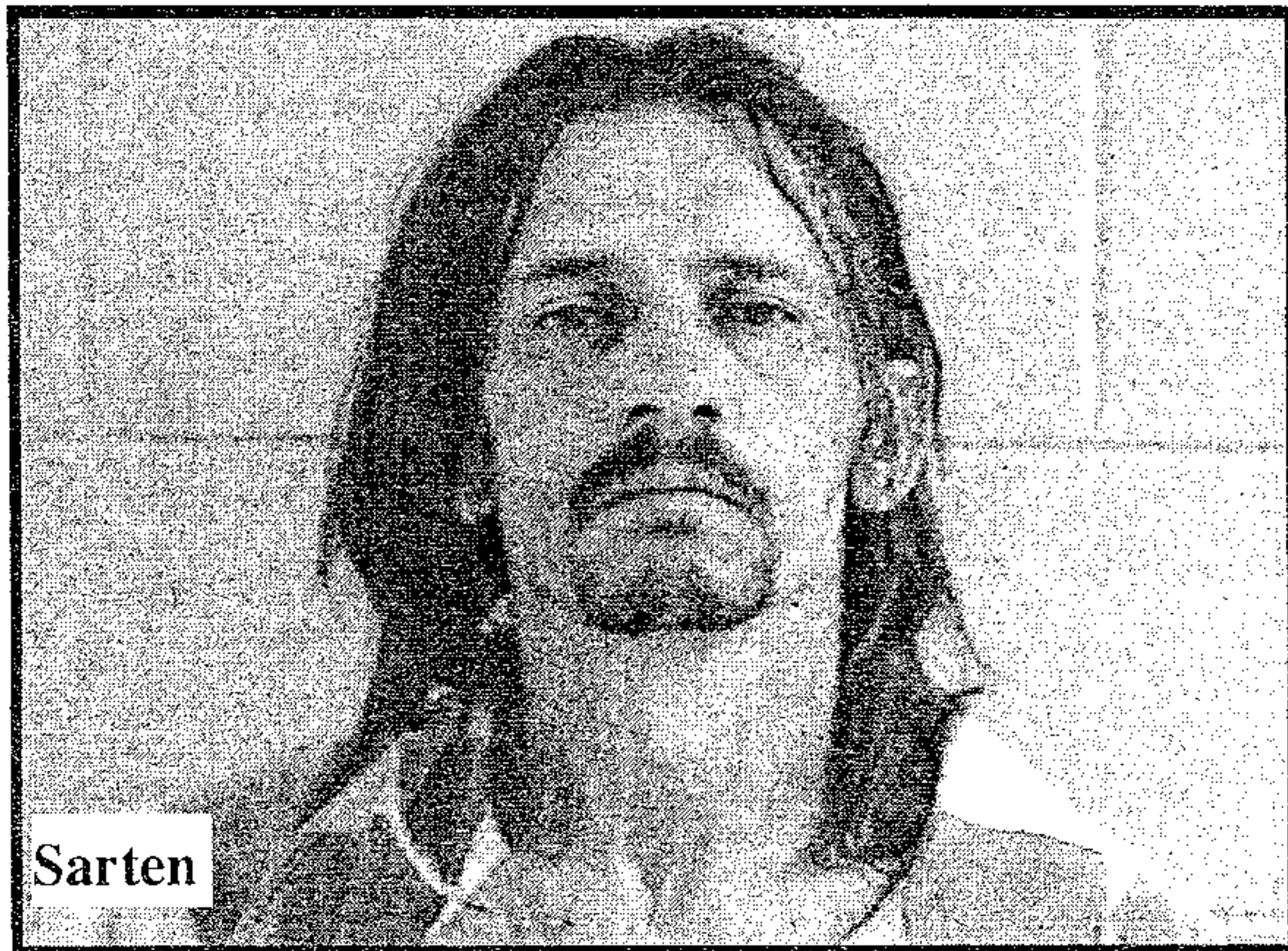
Horoscopes

Leo 7/23-8/22

You are bristling un-

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Man charged with arson after trying to burn home



Sarten

A local man is accused of trying to set the house on fire while his wife and mother-in-law were inside it during a

(see Sarten pg. 3)

Rental property destroyed, owner advised of rights

A Powell man was told he could seek warrants to recover damages when a renter moved out of his Niles Ferry Road rental house leaving behind a trail of damage that was estimated at over \$2000.

According to reports, Mr. Jeffery L. Aikens of Powell reported the vandalism to his rental property to Dep-

(see Damaged pg. 6)

June Unemployment Rate 9.8 Percent

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development Karla Davis announced Tennessee's unemployment rate for June was 9.8 percent, up slightly from the May revised rate of 9.7. The national unemployment rate for June 2011 was

9.2 percent, up from the May revised rate of 9.1 percent.

"The decline in employment combined with a slight expansion in the labor force explains the higher unemployment rate," Commissioner Davis said. "This is the third month

(see Rate pg. 4)

Filing report backfires on deadbeat dad



Vincil

When a local man he had been hit by his called police to report wife, officers found

(see Vincil pg. 7)

Shoplifter nabbed

A Kingston woman who was restricted from going to any Walmart store or Walmart properties nearly two years ago was taken into custody when she reportedly was caught shoplifting at the Lenoir City location Thursday.

(see Pickard pg. 3)



Pickard

Foreclosure Fraud: Victims Lose Their Shirts...and Their Homes

He was their last hope—about 250 Southern California homeowners facing foreclosure and eviction believed him when he said he said could save their homes.

But in reality, he was their worst nightmare—he ended up fleecing the homeowners for ap-

(see Fraud pg. 5)



The new American dream

Pickard

Candace M. Pickard, 27, Kingston Avenue, Kingston was charged Thursday with theft under \$500 and criminal trespassing.

According to records, Walmart Asset Protection observed Ms. Pickard selecting and concealing multiple items in the store. She selected a diaper bag then used the bag to

conceal various clothing items.

The concealed items totaled \$95.

Walmart did not seek restitution. Ms. Pickard had previously been restricted from Walmart and all Walmart properties and signed a notification of restriction on September 8th, 2009.

Officer Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

Sarten
domestic disturbance

Friday.

Avery Eugene Sarten, 47, Pardue Lane, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of aggravated arson.

According to reports, Officers of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to Pardue Lane Friday on a possible domestic disturbance where Avery Sarten was threatening to burn down the residence.

Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO arrived and found Avery Sarten at the residence. Mr. Sarten had active arrest warrants and was placed into custody at that time.

When Investigator Jeff Russell, LCSO-CID arrived on scene a few minutes after responding deputies, he found a bedroom in the residence had smoke in it and smelled like something was burn-

ing.

Upon further investigation, Investigator Russell learned that Avery Sartin set the mattress on fire while his wife and her mother were inside the residence. The flames were put out by another family member who had stopped by.

The family member was the one who had to go next door to call 911, because Sarten turned the phone off before he started the fire.

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Obituaries

Jan McNabb Henry - age 60 of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday, July 23, 2011 at her home. She attended Loudon Freewill Baptist Church. Jan was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister and mamaw, and she will be missed by all who knew her. Preceded in death by her father, Beryl M. McNabb; sisters, Betty Royal and Donnita Boling; grandparents, Clay and Lizzy Seals, Cain and Lisa McNabb. Jan is survived by her husband, Bill Henry; daughter, Rachel Harness and husband, Bill; sons and daughters-in-law, Toby Townson, Jody Townson and wife, Cindy, Chris Townson and wife, Stephanie; step children, Billy Bluford, Misty Lowery and husband, David, Regina Adkins and husband, Chris; grandchildren: Caleb Townson, Katie Johnson, Chelsea Townson, Blake Townson, Brytanie Townson, Cody Townson, Kaydin Townson, Jesse Smullen, Kali Smullen, Tia Bluford, Aaron Lowery

and Emma Lowery; mother, Nora Bushnell; brothers: Beryl (Bud) McNabb and wife, Ethel, Bill McNabb and wife, Sarah, George McNabb and wife, Lillie Mae, Sid McNabb and wife, Sharon, Freddie McNabb and wife, Jean Anne, Roger (Blue) McNabb and wife, Donna; sisters, Jo Ann Russell and husband, Dean, Peggy Thompson (sister by birth and best friend by choice) and husband, Danny along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5-7:30 p.m. Monday at Hawkins Chapel in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7:30 p.m. with Rev. Gary Cook officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Tuesday and proceed to the Dogwood Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services. Pallbearers will be: Kenny McNabb, Jeff McNabb, Robby Thompson, Clay Thompson, Trey Hawkins and Marty Galyon. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

TWRC Meeting Schedule Resumes in August

NASHVILLE --- After taking the month of July off from its meeting schedule, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission will next meet Aug. 24-25 (Wednesday-Thursday) in Kingsport at the Meadowview Conference Resort and Con-

vention Center. The TWRC will return to the Kingsport location for first time since it met there in October 2009. Committee meetings will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday while the formal session starts at 9 a.m. on Thursday. The TWRC

serves as the governing body of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

Among the early items on the agenda will be the establishment of the 2011-12 waterfowl hunting seasons. The public is invited to attend.

Rate

in a row in which the unemployment rate has slightly increased."

According to the household survey conducted by the Labor and Workforce Development department, the number of employed Tennesseans decreased by 3,200 from May to June 2011. The civilian labor force increased by 1,800, and at 3,143,900 is the highest on re-

cord.

"The increase in employment levels over the last 12 months is still positive with more than 74 thousand jobs gained," added Davis. "This growth rate of 2.7 percent is much higher than the national employment picture which only grew 0.2 percent from June 2010 to June 2011."

Month-to-month increases occurred in

leisure and hospitality, up 4,700 jobs; min-

(see Rate cont. pg. 5)

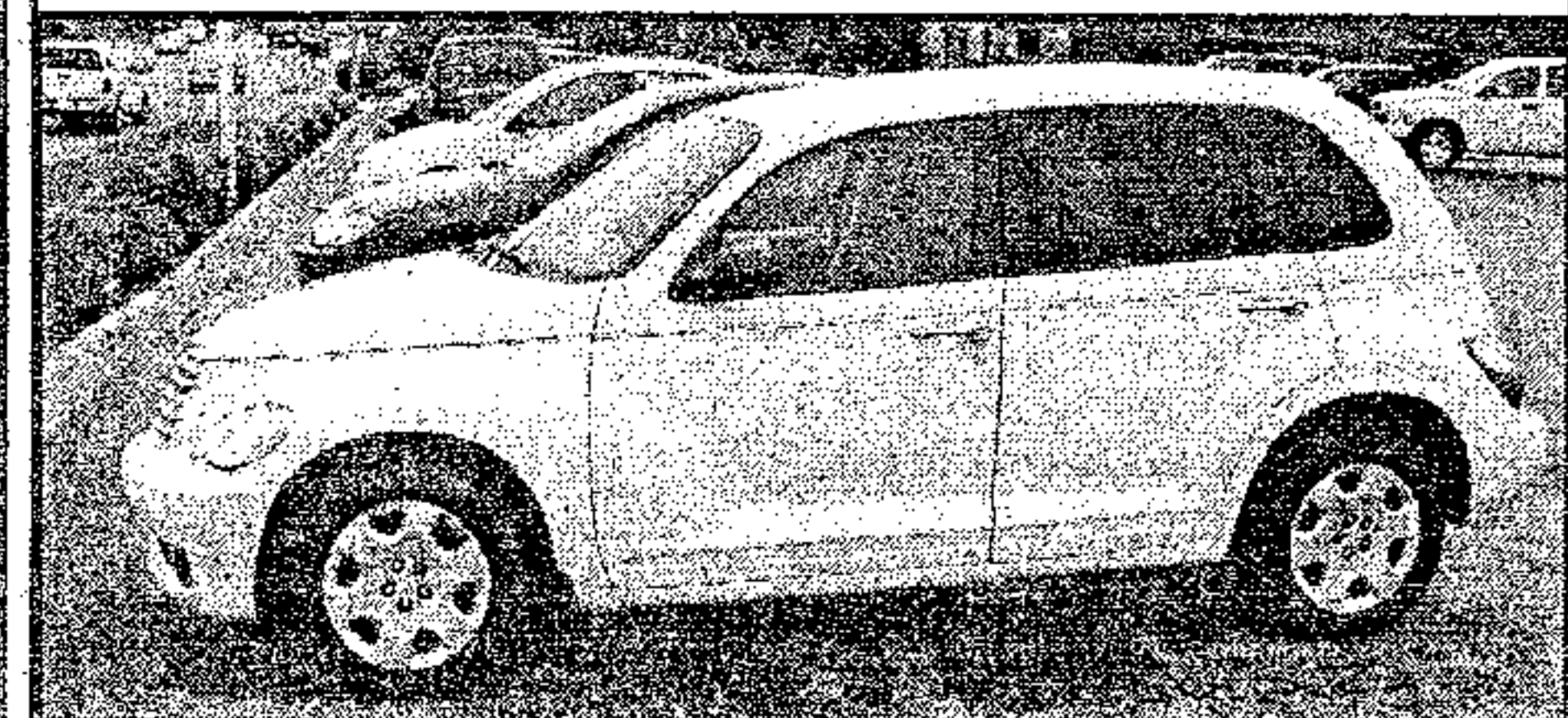
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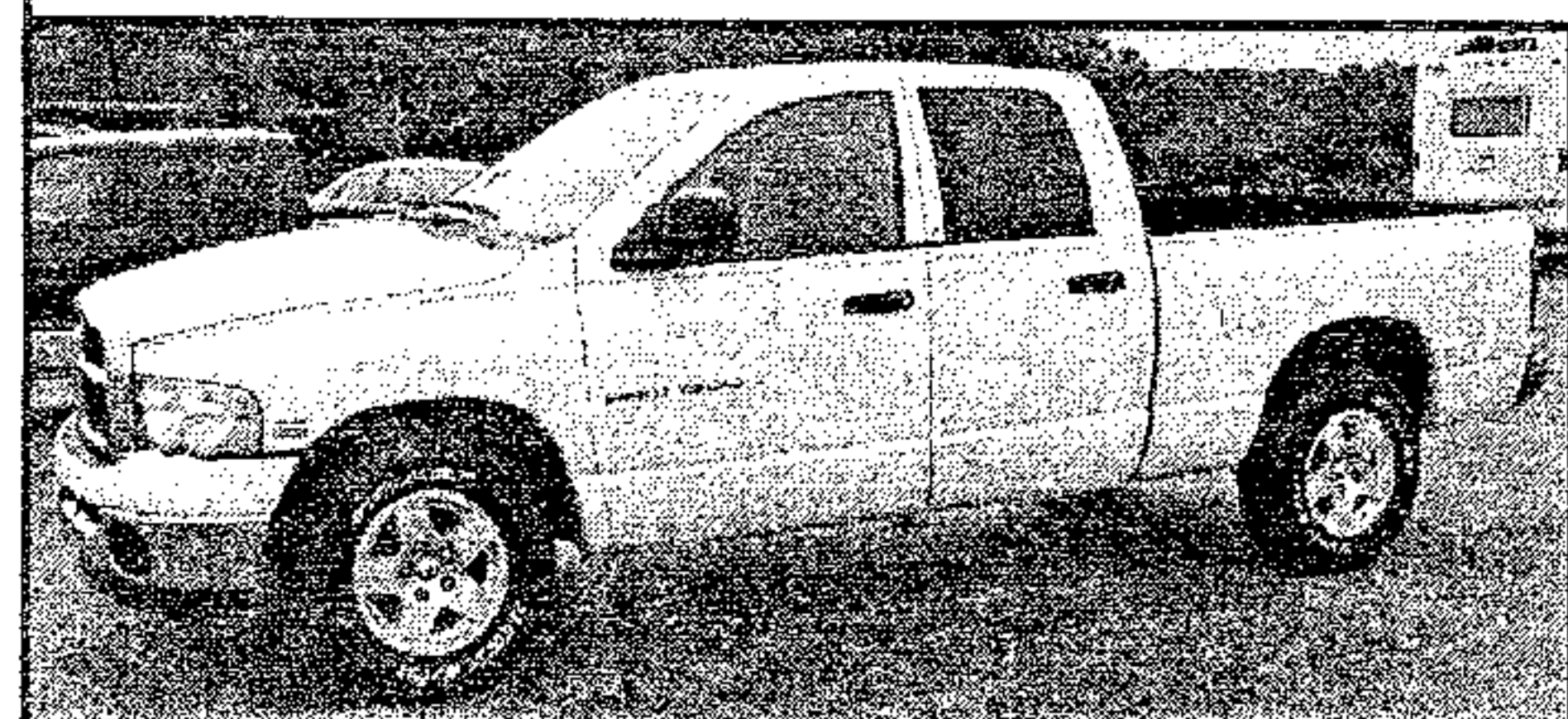
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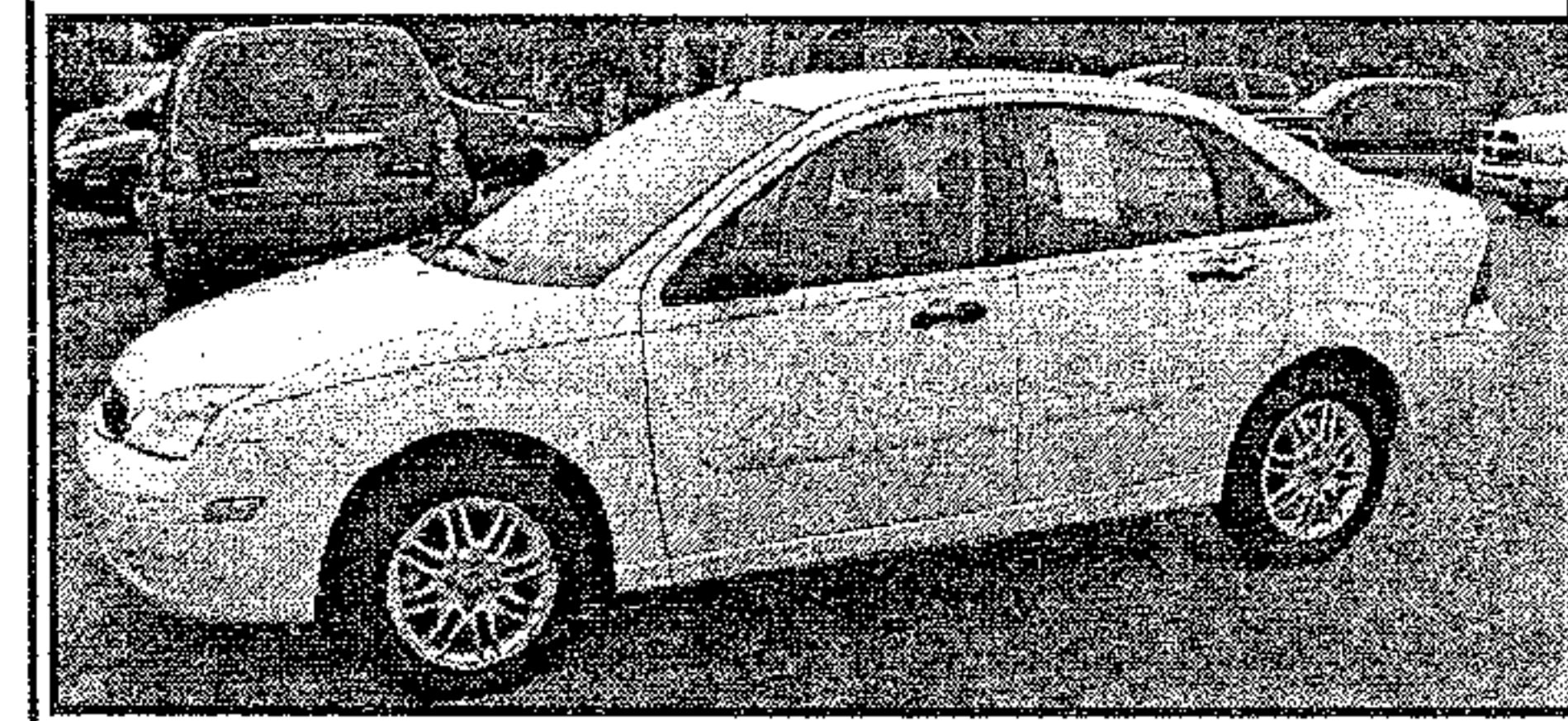
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Fraud

proximately \$1 million...and not a single home was saved in the process.

Last week, Jeff McGrue, owner of a Los Angeles-area foreclosure relief business, was sentenced to 25 years in prison for defrauding people who were at the end of their rope. Even the federal judge who sentenced him called him "heartless."

It all started in late 2007, when McGrue—and several other conspirators who have pled guilty—orchestrated the scheme primarily through his company Gateway International. He paid unwitting real estate agents and others to serve as "consultants" to recruit customers who were facing foreclosure or were "upside-down" on their mort-

gages—meaning they owed more than their homes were worth. Many of the customers didn't understand English or the contracts they were signing.

How the scam worked. McGrue and associates told the homeowners that "bonded promissory notes" drawn on a U.S. Treasury Department account would be sent to lenders to pay off mortgage loans and stop foreclosure proceedings; that lenders were required by law to accept the notes; and that homeowners could buy their homes back from Gateway and receive \$25,000, regardless of whether they decided to re-purchase.

The payback for McGrue? The homeowners had to fork over an upfront fee ranging from \$1,500 to \$2,000...sign over the titles of their homes

to Gateway...and pay Gateway half of their previous mortgage amount as rent for as long as they lived in the house.

Of course, nothing that McGrue told his victims was true: he didn't own any bonds or have a U.S. Treasury account, plus the Treasury doesn't even maintain accounts that can be used to make third-party payments. Lenders weren't legally obligated to accept bonded promissory notes, which were worthless anyway. And Gateway International had no intention of selling back the properties to the homeowners. Evidence shown at McGrue's trial revealed that it was his intent to re-sell the homes, once they were titled in Gateway's name, to unsuspecting buyers.

The FBI began its investigation in 2008, after receiving a complaint from one of the victims.

During these uncertain economic times, there are many unscrupulous people looking to line their pockets at the expense of others' misfortunes. One of the most effective ways to defend yourself against foreclosure fraud is awareness. According to the Federal Trade Commission, if you or someone you know is looking for a loan modification or other help to save a home, avoid any business that:

Offers a guarantee to get you a loan modification or stop the

foreclosure process;
Tells you not to contact your lender, lawyer, or a housing counselor;

Requests upfront fees before providing you with any services;

Encourages you to transfer your property deed to title to them;

Accepts payment only by cashier's check or wire transfer; or

Pressures you to sign papers you haven't had the chance to read thoroughly or that you don't understand.

Contact your local authorities or your state's attorney general if you think you've been a victim of foreclosure fraud.

Rate cont.

ing, logging, and construction was up 1,900; and manufacturing increased by 1,600. Government jobs decreased by 30,800 (mostly due to local government educational service declines); educational services were down by 3,000; and administrative, support and waste services declined by 1,700.

Year-over-year increases took place in private educational and health services, up 7,100 jobs; transportation and warehousing, up 5,500; and food services and drinking places increased by 5,300.

Employment decreases took place in government, down 11,000; retail trade, down 2,600; and accommodation, down 2,200.

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Damaged

uty Mickey Patterson, LCSO Wednesday. Mr. Aikens stated sometime between July 7th and July 20th, 2011, he was having problems getting a renter to move from his rental house and he called the Justice Center on July 20th, for a deputy to meet him at the house located on Niles Ferry Road because the renter finally moved out.

When Deputy Patterson arrived on the scene, the owner of the property, Jeffery Aikens had to climb through a window in order to get in the house because keys were broken off in the locks of all three doors.

Records indicate there was damage throughout the inside of the residence.

Mr. Aikens took pictures of all the damage and was advised he could seek a warrant.

The damage included keys broken off in three doors, four broken smoke detectors, markings on all the walls, all the storage shelves were ripped down, and there was damage to the refrigerator.

The total damage was estimated at \$2150. The case was turned over to an investigator.

3 charged after Rumors

A Loudon man and two eighteen years old Knoxville women were jailed after the vehicle they were in was stopped for speeding and they were found to have been under the influence of alcohol and in possession of marijuana.

Avery Scott Fet-

ner, 21, Poplar Springs Road, Loudon, was charged with DUI, simple possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Haley Brianna Allnut and Courtney Mackenzie Allnut, 18, Cottage Creek Lane, Knoxville were charged with underage consumption.

According to reports, Deputy Robbie Lane, LCSO stopped a black Volkswagon Jetta for speeding Friday. The deputy clocked the vehicle at 71 mph in a 50 mph zone. When he turned around, the vehicle took off at a high rate of speed.

Upon stopping the vehicle on Highway 444 at Poplar Ridge Road, the driver, Avery Scott Fetner, was found to have had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person.

He reportedly stated he had been drinking.

Fetner had slurred speech, red watery eyes and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. Deputy Lane asked him if he had anything in the car that he needed to know about and Mr. Fetner advised he had marijuana in the driver's door. There was also a glass pipe and grinder with a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana.

After arresting Mr. Fetner, Deputy Lane spoke to Ms. Haley Allnut and Ms. Courtney Allnut. They both stated they were 18 years old. He then asked if they had been drinking and they advised they'd had one beer at Rumors.

Both young ladies performed poorly on

all field sobriety tasks and were placed under arrest. Sgt. Jerammie Bowen, LCSO was also on the scene.

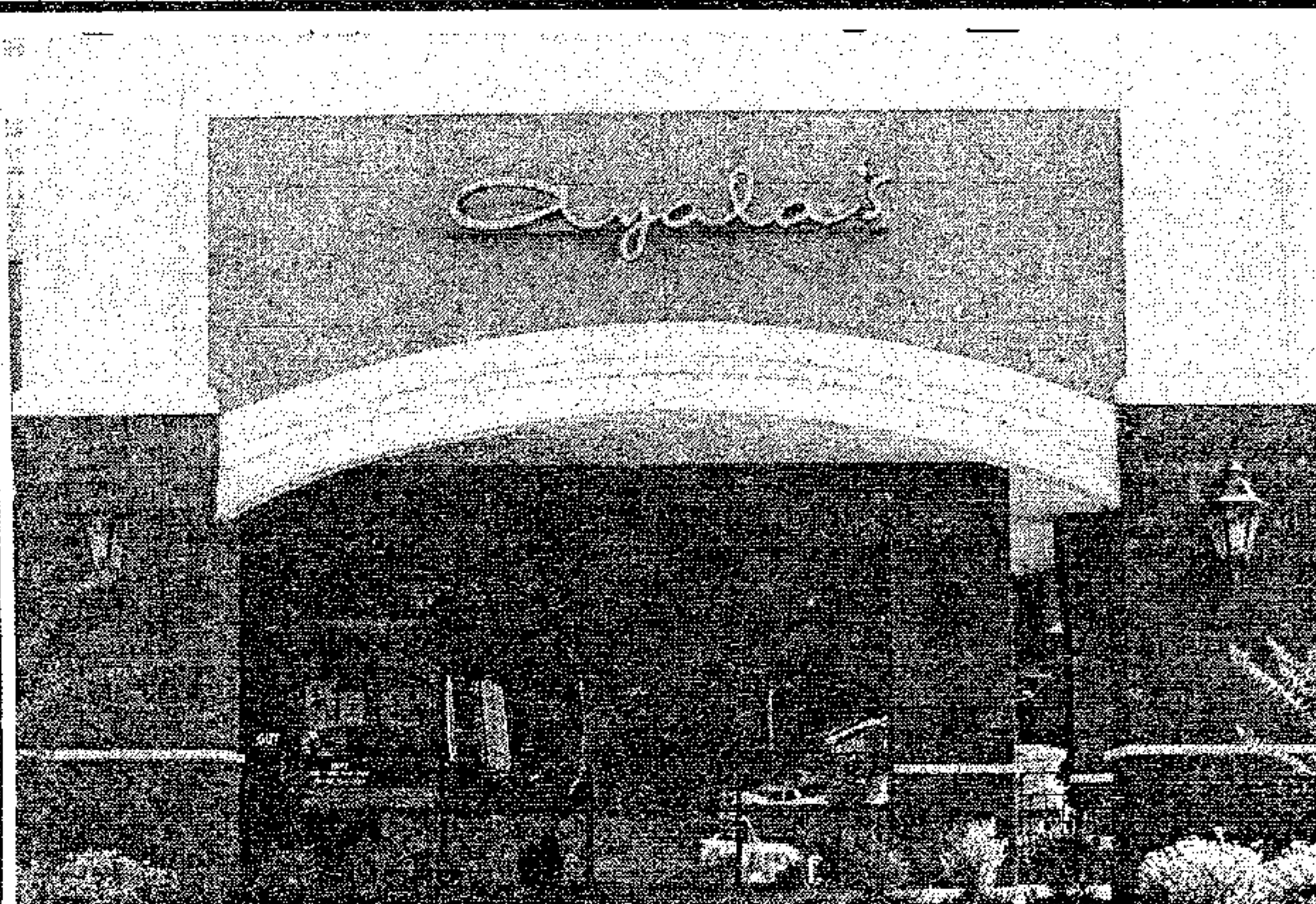
Manners Every Kid Should Know By Age 9

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Vincil
 he was wanted for the larceny of his stepmother's jewelry and a pat-down produced illicit pills for which he had no prescription. He also was wanted for failure to pay child

support.
 Jason Hamilton Vincil, 43, Upper Street, Loudon was charged with theft over \$500, possession of schedule IV and possession of schedule II.

According to reports,

Friday, at approximately 10:51 AM, Mr. Vincil wanted to report he had been struck in the face by his wife. When Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD made contact with Mr. Vincil, she discovered he was wanted

on an outstanding warrant for theft over \$500 by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD.

According to Detective Sartin's affidavit, on or about July 15th, 2011, Jason H. Vincil took a 14 K gold bracelet to Executive Jewelry and Pawn on Highway 321 in Lenoir City and sold it. The bracelet belonged to his stepmother and he took it from her house without her permission and sold it for \$180. The value of the brace-

let was approximately \$900.

Upon initial pat down of Mr. Vincil's left front pocket, Officer Jamie Whitt discovered in his personal prescription bottle for opana there was an orange wafer type pill he stated was methadone and he didn't have a prescription for it.

Also found, was an envelope from Alcoa Tennessee Federal Credit Union containing 28 blue, oblong shaped pills, marked with G-3721 believed to be alprazolam.

Mr. Vincil was taken into custody and duly charged.

Deputy Bruce Padgett served a child support attachment on Vincil at the jail Friday.

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Police Beat

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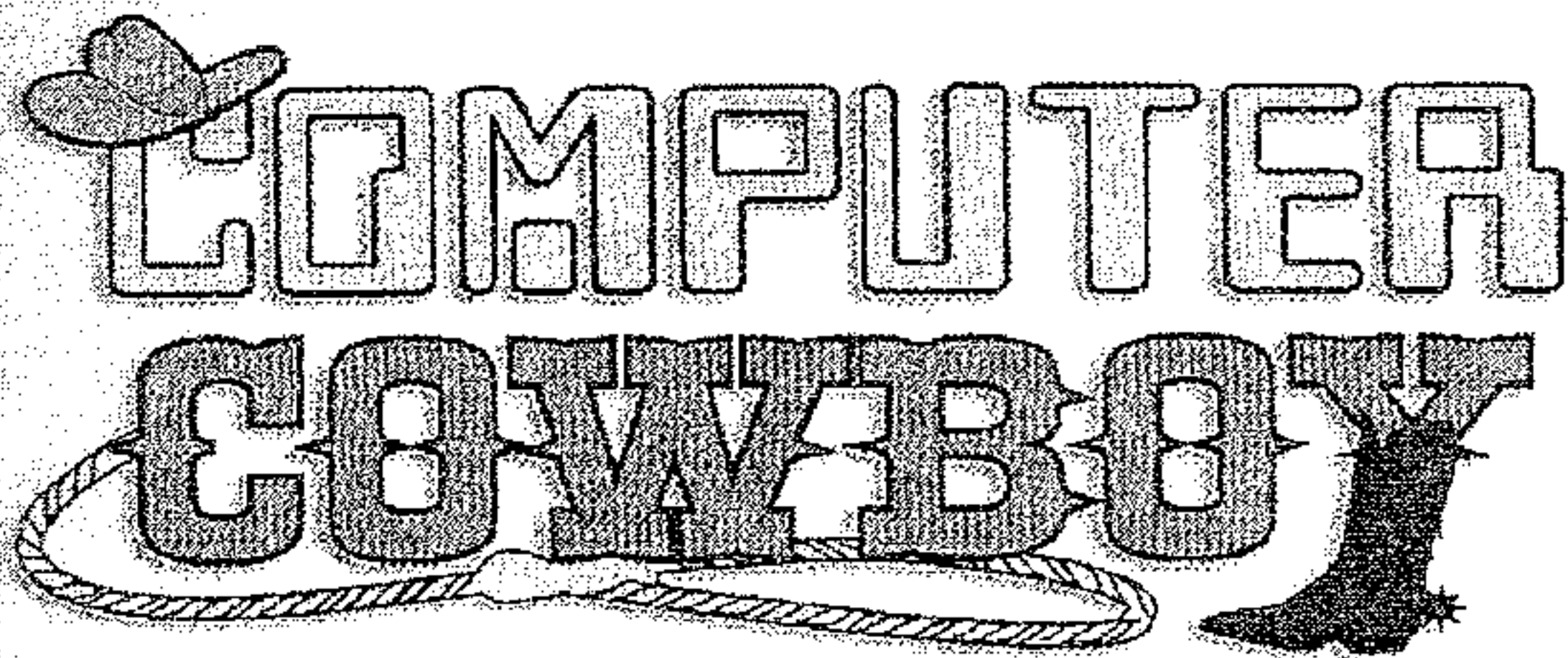
According to records, Friday, around 1:00 AM, Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD responded to Fort Loudoun ER con-

cerning an unruly person. Upon arrival and while talking to Shawn Shiflett, it was obvious he was intoxicated and had cursed the doctors and slung blood all over the room.

Shiflett was also uncooperative and was placed under arrest.

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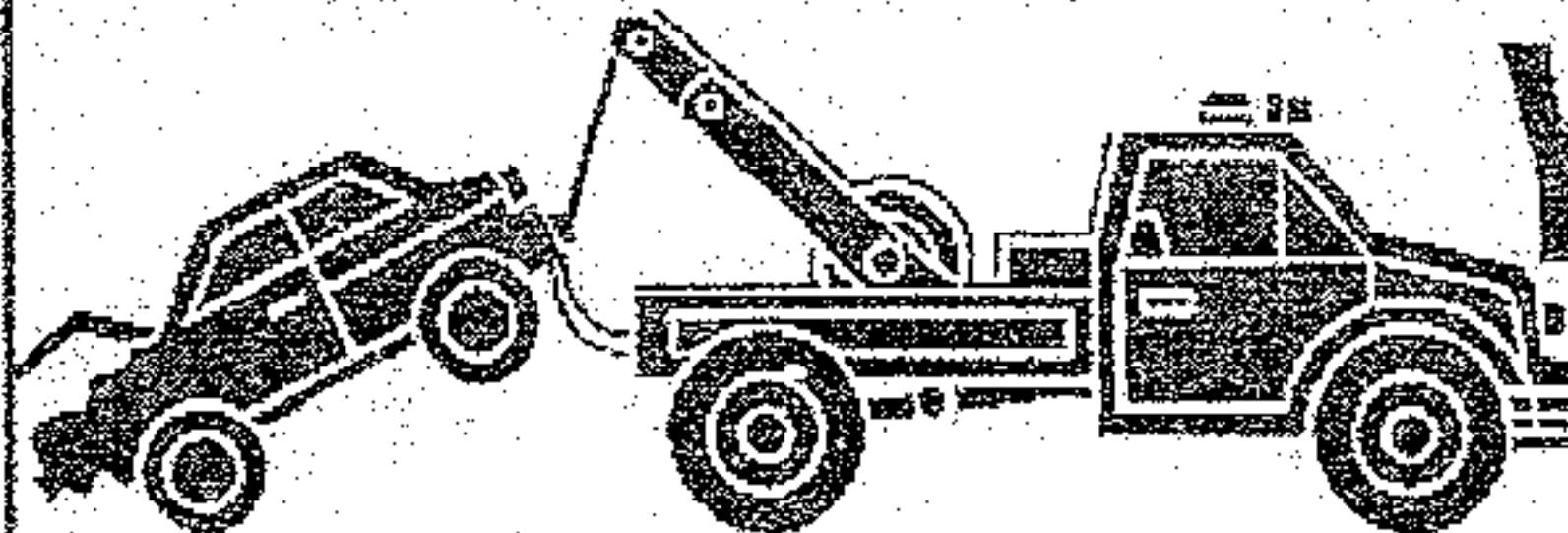
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