

**Verse of the Day**

*"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."*

*Ephesians 5:19-20*

**Obituaries**

Danielle Nicole Frye  
 Dr. Carl F. Burke  
 Dr. James D. Cochran  
 Rev. James Avery (Jimmy) Munsey  
 Ruby Scott Daniel

**Wazzup**

A great big Happy Birthday to Sharon Morgan - we hope it's great!!!

We're sure going to miss you, Danielle "The Citico Cliffhanger" Frye....

**Weather**

Today: Plentiful sunshine. High 91. Winds light and variable.

Tonight: Generally fair. Low 66. Winds light and variable.

Saturday: Scattered thunderstorms possible. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.

Sunday: A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.

**Horoscopes**

Leo 7/23-8/22

You get an unusual request today -- one that you likely want to turn down. Check in with  
*(Continued on page 2)*

## Woman pays mortgage with employer's money, charged

A Loudon woman was with theft and forgery after she allegedly used a check from her former employer's business account to make her \$1200 mortgage payment without the permission or knowledge of her boss.

Marjorie Lynn Woods, 44, Legacy Park Boulevard, Loudon was

(see Woods pg. 8)



Woods

## Knox man charged with bank card crime

Detective Jack Fine charged a Knoxville man in connection with the theft and fraudulent use of a woman's bank card after he allegedly took it and used it to gain several hundred dollars in mid-April.

Matthew Lynn Wilburn, 35, Piney Grove Church Road, Knox-

(see Wilburn pg. 6)



Wilburn

### "Sorry, I guess I'm too drunk to be driving"

A Loudon man reportedly apologized to police during field sobriety tasks after he

(see Smith pg. 3)

### Laverne man gets BUI+

A Laverne man was charged with BUI Sunday after he reportedly zoomed through a no wake zone, endangering other boaters, and when

(see Searls pg. 6)

## Tennessee's New Wild Hog Management Now in Effect

NASHVILLE --- New regulations regarding wild hog management in Tennessee are now

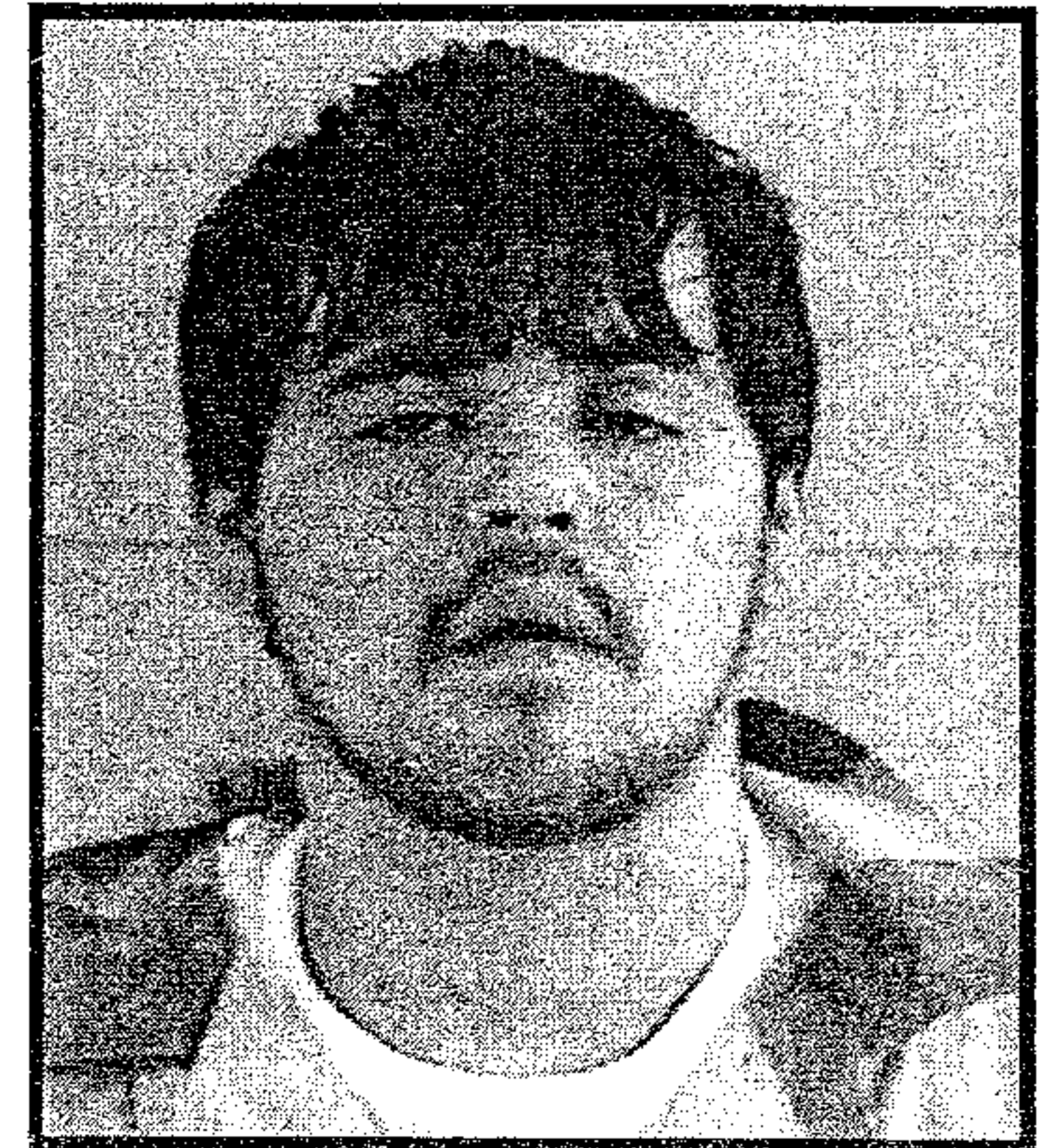
in effect. Changes to wild hog management in Tennessee came as a response to concerns

from landowners, the Tennessee Legislature, the Farm Bureau, and Tennessee Wildlife Re-

sources Agency biologists.

Wild hogs have been removed from big game  
 (see Management pg. 5)

## Man flees from crash, nabbed



Zapata

A local man was jailed Friday when he allegedly crashed his vehicle, then fled the scene, while driving under the influ-

(see Zapata pg. 7)

## Woman gets 3rd DUI, more



Brannon

A Sweetwater woman received her third DUI and other charges after she was stopped

(see Brannon pg. 6)

**Smith**

was called in for drunk driving and stopped by Deputy Brian Smith.

John Christopher Thomas Smith, 37, Get Good Hollow Road, Loudon was charged with DUI and violation of implied consent.

According to records, while traveling on Steekee Road Saturday, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO received a call concern-

ing a dark colored Ford Explorer with a possible drunk driver who had hit a guardrail on Steekee Road and was heading toward Loudon City. The deputy spotted the Explorer at the red light at Steekee Road and Highway 72 and noted the vehicle didn't have any working tail lights and was swerving in its lane of travel.

Deputy Smith activat-

ed his emergency equipment and stopped the Explorer at Steekee and Carter Street. The driver was identified as John Smith. Mr. Smith had a strong odor of alcohol on his person.

While exiting the vehicle, Mr. Smith was very unsteady while standing and walking. During the field sobriety tasks, Mr. Smith stopped and stated, "Sorry, I guess I'm

too drunk to be driving." He performed poorly on field sobriety and was placed under arrest.

Mr. Smith was read the implied consent law and refused to be tested.

**Police Beat**

Ricky Wayne Mills, 25, Vale Street, Loudon was charged with public intoxication.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 12:25 AM, Sgt. Mike Newman, LPD received a call concerning an in-

toxicated person at the Shell Station on Highway 72 in Loudon. Upon arrival, the sgt. witnessed Ricky W. Mills going through a white vehicle parked in front of the business.

Mr. Mills had an odor of alcohol on his breath and he was very unsteady on his feet. He was clearly a danger to himself and others and placed under arrest. Officer Sam Harrison, LPD was also on the scene.



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## Obituaries cont.

Jim never met a stranger and was willing to help anyone, no matter what their needs. He looked for the goodness in everyone and always had a kind word, a Bible verse, and sound advice when you needed it. Jim loved his family and especially delighted in the achievements of his granddaughter and his nieces. His wonderful sense of humor, wit, and humble charm will be missed by all who knew him. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7:30 p.m. with Reverend Michael Weesner officiating. Family and friends will gather at Click Funeral Home by 10:45 a.m. Monday, August 15th and proceed to the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville for graveside services at 11:30 a.m. with military honors conducted by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Ruby Scott Daniel passed away peacefully at Baptist Healthcare Center on Friday evening August 5, 2011. She was 95 years old. She is survived by her daughter, Donna Brown of Sacramento, California and her son and daughter-in-law, Dale and Regina Daniel of Lenoir City. Ruby was born in Crowder, Oklahoma in 1915. She married Green Berry Daniel also of Crowder. In 1935, she and Green fled the Great Southwest Dust Bowl along with hundreds of other "Okies" to California where they found work in the citrus industry. When World War II broke out, Ruby joined Douglas Aircraft in Long Beach, California. As "Rosie the Riveter", she made wings for war planes. In 1944, she left Lockheed to join the US Navy as a "WAVE" for the balance of the war. Ruby was very proud of her Navy service. While raising her children, she owned and operated Ruby's Children's Shop in Tustin California. She was Girl Scout leader and President of the PTA. After a move to Whittier, California she worked for local school district and became Food

Service Manager. She attended UCLA to obtain credential to teach Food Handling and Catering and she completed a cake decorating course at Cerritos Community College. Her pies and peanut brittle were legendary in her church and community of friends. Ruby was very active in the life of Mount Olive Presbyterian Church, becoming an ordained deacon. She was also active with the local food bank. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her. Graveside services and interment will be held on Friday, August 12, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. at the Tennessee State Veterans' Cemetery with military honors by the Loudon County Veteran Honor Guard. Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City is serving the family of Ruby Daniel.

## Management

status to a non-protected nuisance animal marked for eradication. Wild hogs cause extensive damage to farm crops, wildlife habitat, contribute to extreme erosion and stream pollution, and carry diseases harmful to livestock or other animals as well as humans.

A primary reason for wild hogs' rapid spread is illegal movement by those who wish to establish hog populations for hunting in areas that may have little or no wild hog populations. Therefore, in consultation with other states facing similar problems, the regulations have been changed to allow landowners great leeway to control hogs on their property while removing incentives to transport wild hogs to establish new or increased hunting opportunities, specifically for wild hogs.

The TWRA recognizes two important factors in implementing these changes: (1) hunting is an inefficient way to control wild hogs and does not offset

the high survival and reproductive rate of wild hogs (2) illegal transport and release is the leading contributing factor in the spread of wild hogs. In cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture, measures have been implemented which make it illegal to transport or own an undocumented wild appearing hog.

The TWRA is implementing a 5-pronged approach to wild hog eradication in Tennessee:

### Eliminate Status

Wild hogs have been removed from big game status and placed in a nuisance category.

### Eliminate Hog Hunting

Special provisions have been implemented for landowners and their designees to control wild hogs on their lands. However, sport hunting of wild hogs is legal on only specific wildlife management areas as a part of an overall eradication program for those WMAs. While the TWRA obviously supports hunting, data indicates that sport hunting for wild hogs only adds to the incentive to create new and expanding populations. Similar to the provisions used by many landowners, the TWRA will begin intensive eradication measures on WMAs by trapping, which has been shown to be a much more efficient reduction method.

### Increase Landowner Control Opportunities

As a non-protected species, private landowners and their family members or tenants that are exempt from purchasing a license for that property may freely take wild hogs with methods legal for taking big game or small game without license or permission from the TWRA. Landowners may now trap wild hogs without permit but no live hog may be removed from the traps.

Landowners wishing to get a method exemption (e.g., shooting at night, shooting over bait) may contact their local TWRA office and they will immediately be issued an exemption once they provide their name and location of property. Landowners may have up to 10 designees on the exemption form to assist with the wild hog eradication on their property. There is a special eradication program in

Cumberland, Overton, Fentress and Pickett counties that allows landowners to use dogs under the methods exemption.

### Increase Enforcement

Illegal transport of wild hogs was nearly impossible for the TWRA to enforce under the previous regulations. The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) has jurisdiction over confined swine while the TWRA has jurisdiction over unconfined swine. In conjunction with the TDA and other state and federal agencies, the TWRA is working diligently to tighten enforcement abilities related to illegal transportation and release of wild hogs.

### Increase Public Awareness

Current efforts to eradicate hogs, rather than manage wild hogs, will understandably be met with some misunderstanding and resistance. However, the problems related to wild hogs have risen to a critical level and will only get worse without intervention by government agencies, private organizations and the public in general.

The TWRA will work with a variety of organizations to ensure landowners know the consequences of having wild hogs on or near their property. The \$1.5 billion lost annually because of wild hog damage, plus the potential crippling effects that disease transmission could have on the livestock industry, and the severe habitat destruction caused by wild hogs are evidence of a need to act as quickly and decisively as possible.

A guiding management plan created with multi-agency input with multi-level approaches is required to attain sufficient pressure on wild hog populations in Tennessee. Complete eradication of wild hogs is the ultimate goal for the TWRA and others, but the agency understands the scale of the hog problem in Tennessee and realizes this is an unlikely goal. However, the TWRA will identify areas where hogs can be eradicated and work diligently to remove hogs from those areas. The TWRA will also work in cooperation with state and federal agencies, and other partners to assist landowners in alleviating problems wherever possible.

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### Wilburn

ville was charged with fraudulent use of a credit card and theft over \$500.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on April 17th, 2011, at approximately 8:00 AM, Mr. Wilburn took a credit/debit card from the victim's home and went to the FSG Bank ATM at 705 East Broadway in Lenoir City where he withdrew \$600 from the victim's account.

The Knoxville Post Office Credit Union is the financial institution where the victim has an account and Mr. Wilburn committed the offense without the express permission of the victim.

Wilburn was transported from the Knox

County Jail to the Loudon County Jail Wednesday where Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO served the warrants and placed him under arrest.

### Searls

approached by TWRA officials was found to have been under the influence of alcohol.

Michael James Searls, 40, Bill Stewart Boulevard, Lavergne, Tennessee was charged with boating under the influence and violation of implied consent - BUI.

The report states, Officer Anthony Chitwood, TWRA observed Mr. Searls operating a boat on Tellico Lake around 10:45 PM Sunday. Searls entered the "no wake zone" at the canal boat ramp too quickly and threw a

wake into the ramp while other boats were loading and launching.

Officer Chitwood walked out to the dock and noticed the odor of alcohol on Mr. Searls. Searls also had slurred speech, was very unsteady on his feet and had problems tying his boat to the dock.

During the interview, Mr. Searls stated he'd drank about 10 beers. They walked to the ramp and performed a series of field sobriety tasks, in which he performed poorly. Mr. Searls was placed under arrest and read the implied consent form. He refused to be tested.

### Smith

by officials and found to have reportedly been under the influence of alcohol.

Mary Ann Bran-

non, 37, County Road 355, Sweetwater was charged with driving on revoked license, DUI 3rd offense and violation of implied consent.

According to records, Tuesday, around 10:16 PM, Lt. Adam J. Yokley, LCSO responded to Interstate 40 eastbound in reference to a possible drunk driver. When he arrived at the Melton Hill on-ramp to I-40 eastbound, a white Ford Ranger passed him in the right hand lane. It crossed the white line of the interstate onto the shoulder.

Lt. Yokley activated his emergency equipment and the vehicle pulled onto the shoulder and almost struck the guardrail. The driver was identified as Mary Ann Brannon.

When asked for her

driver's license, registration and insurance, Brannon stated she didn't have her driver's license with her.

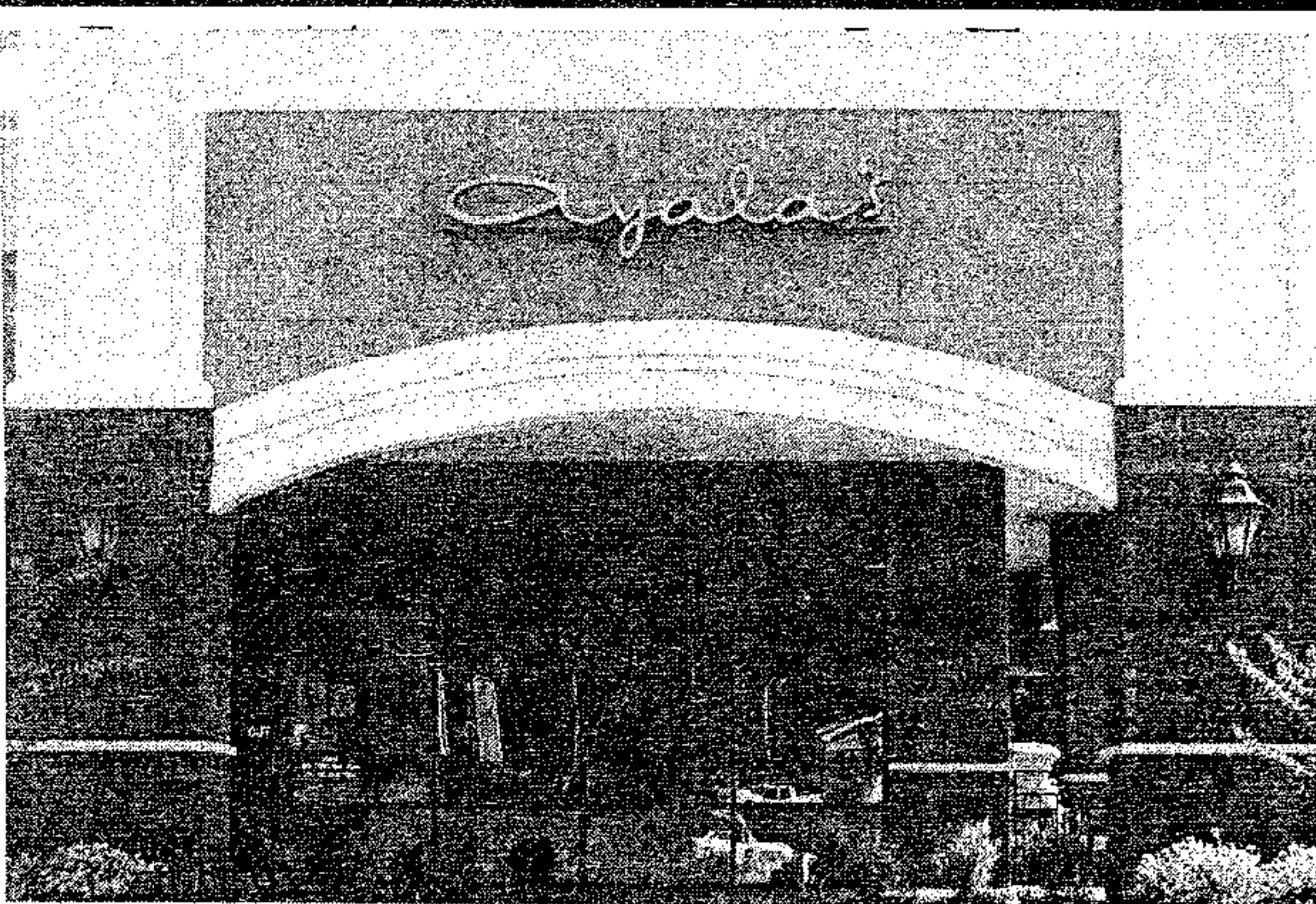
Lt. Yokley noted in his report he noticed a smell of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle and Ms. Brannon. A check of her name and date of birth came back as revoked for DUI 2nd offense.

Ms. Brannon did poorly on field sobriety tasks and was placed under arrest. She was read the implied consent law and refused to submit to a test.

### Police Beat

James Richard Grubb, 23, County Road 102, Athens was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal John Wilson, LCSO made the arrest Wednesday at the McMinn County Jail.



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**Zapata**

ence of prescription pills he had no prescription for.

Zachary L. Zapata, 26, Waller Ferry Road, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 1st offense,

driving on suspended license 1st offense, violation of implied consent, and leaving the scene of an accident with property damage.

According to records, Friday, at approximately 7:55 AM, Trooper Eric

Miller, THP assisted Loudon County Sheriff and Lenoir City Police units in attempting to locate a white 2000 Buick Lesabre that had been involved in a crash and left the scene.

Mr. Zapata was in-


involved in the accident on Highway 321 at Cut Through Road. He left the scene and was located at Weigels on Highway 321 at Highway 70.

Mr. Zapata was very lethargic, had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet when he exited his car. Zapata stated he takes 30 mg. oxycodone and 5 mg. ambien and they're not

prescribed.

Zapata was asked to perform field sobriety tasks and could not perform as instructed. Mr. Zapata was placed under arrest, read implied consent and refused.

A drivers license check was conducted and revealed Mr. Zapata was suspended for failure to provide proof of financial responsibility.



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**Woods**

charged with forgery and theft over \$1000.

The report states, on Monday, August 8th, 2011, Mr. Stephen Clark reported someone took several checks from his business and wrote them to RHB Developer for the amount of \$1200.

The checks were written on the account of Grapevine Solutions, which is owned by Stephen Clark and located at 1395 Kevin Lane in Lenoir City.

Further investigation into the incident revealed a previous employee, Marjorie Woods, had just purchased a house from RHB Developer and the payment amount on her account was \$1200.

Ms. Woods was interviewed by Investigator Jeff Russell and Deputy Suzanne Guider, LCSO-CID, and confessed to writing and forging the check for the amount of \$1200 to RHB Developer.

Mr. Clark did not give anyone permission

to write the check.

**Police Beat**

John R. Comerford, 29, Chickamagua Avenue, Knoxville was charged with driving on suspended license 1st offense.

According to reports, Tuesday, at approximately 9:16 AM, Trooper Eric Miller, THP stopped Mr. Comerford's 2011 silver Kia Rio for speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone on Interstate 75 north at the 75 mile marker. Mr. Comerford was asked for his driver's license and he stated he didn't have them in his possession.

A drivers license check was conducted and revealed Mr. Comerford's license was suspended for failure to satisfy citations out of Alabama. He also had five prior failure to satisfy citations and one prior suspension for failure to satisfy citation, all out of Knox County.

Mr. Comerford was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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