

Search for missing teen ends with tragic find

What began as a typical family disagreement ended in tragedy for a local family when the body of a 15-year-old boy was found not far from his home Saturday.

Reports indicate Colt Allyn Jones left home Friday evening after a fight with his parents. Officials were notified of the youth's disappearance and authorities responded to the area of Highway 11 near Muddy Creek Road where a command center was set up.

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Colt Allyn Jones

McMinn County woman sells prescription antihistamine for meth making, charged

NASHVILLE, — A McMinn County woman is charged with TennCare fraud for using her allergy medication, which was paid for by TennCare, as a precursor in the manufacturing of methamphetamine.

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced the arrest of Nicole Jack, 27, of Athens, after a joint investigation with the 10th Judicial Drug Task Force.

Jack was charged with one (see Jack pg. 3)



Jack

Greg Berry charged with stealing truck



Berry

(see Berry pg. 7)

Man charged with stealing less than \$20



Taylor

(see Taylor pg. 5)

Number of homeless students growing

The number of homeless students attending public schools in Tennessee has increased substantially since a national economic downturn that began in late 2007, according to a report recently released by the Comptroller's Offices of Research and Education Accountability.

Nationwide, the number of homeless students grew from 679,724 to 939,903 from the 2006-2007 academic year to the 2009-2010 academic year

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Annual Crime in the U.S. Report

FBI - According to our just-released Crime in the United States 2011 report, the estimated number of violent crimes reported to law enforcement (1,203,564) decreased for the fifth year in a row, while the estimated number of property crimes reported to law enforcement (9,063,173) decreased for the ninth year in a row.

You can access the full report on our website, but here are a few highlights:

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Verse of the Day

How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the

Spirit of grace?
— Hebrews 10:29

Obituaries

Frances Mitchell Strader Buchanan
Colt Allyn Jones

Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers or snow showers in the morning - then a chance of rain showers in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

Chance of precipitation 40%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy. A chance of rain showers in the evening. Lows in the mid 30s. Chance of rain 30%.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Lows in the lower 30s.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Conflict arises time and again throughout the day -- but you should do what you can to avoid direct involvement. Your energy is

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Students

— an increase of about 38 percent. In Tennessee, the percentage increase was much higher over the same time span. The number of homeless students in Tennessee grew from 6,565 to 11,458 — a jump of about 74 percent.

There's also evidence to suggest that not all of Tennessee's homeless students were counted. Several surrounding states (including Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Louisiana) have identified significantly higher numbers of homeless students. And some school districts in areas of Tennessee with high unemployment and/or high foreclosure rates have identified no homeless students at all.

The increase in homeless students may be attributable to job losses and other difficulties related to

the economy that have affected families, but they may also be the result of some school districts' improved efforts to identify homeless students.

The federal McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act requires that each school district appoints a local homeless education coordinator, whose responsibilities include ensuring that school personnel identify homeless children and provide access to the same public educational services available to other children. The federal law addresses some of the problems that homeless children have confronted in enrolling, attending and succeeding in school. The law defines homeless children as those who lack fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residences.

The effects of home-

lessness on children's educational progress are significant. According to research cited by the National Center on Family Homelessness, compared to their housed counterparts, children who are homeless:

- are four times more likely to show delayed development;
- are twice as likely to have learning disabilities; and
- have three times the rate of emotional and behavioral problems.

Because their families move frequently, homeless children tend to change schools and miss classes more often. Homeless students are more likely to repeat grades, be placed in special education or fail academically, all of which can lead to dropping out. Nationally, fewer than 25 percent of homeless students gradu-

ate from high school.

For more information, view the full report online, at: <http://www.comptroller1.state.tn.us/OREA/PublicationDetails.aspx?ReportKey=e930ad6c-6591-4d34-8d56-4ff21da2f928>

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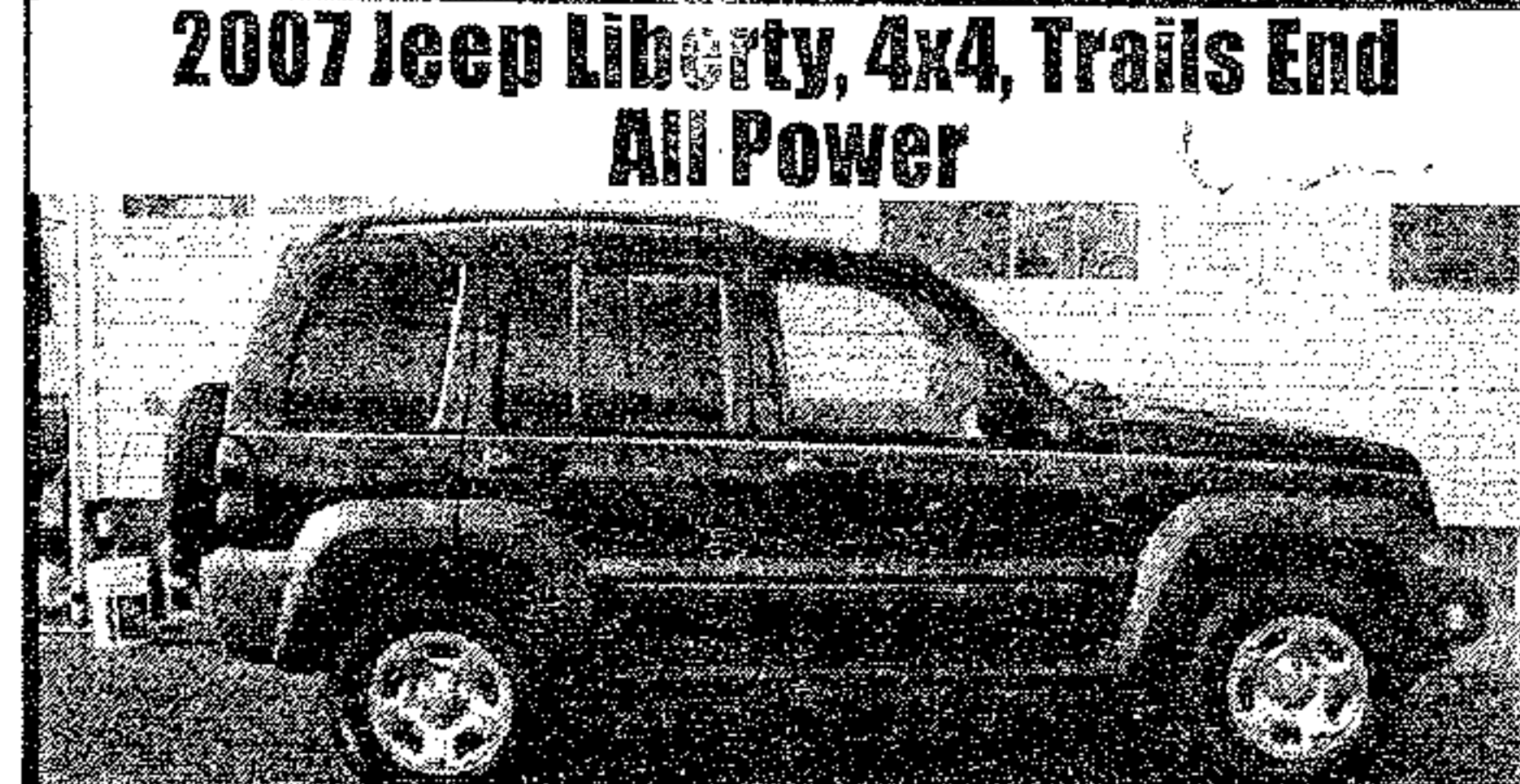
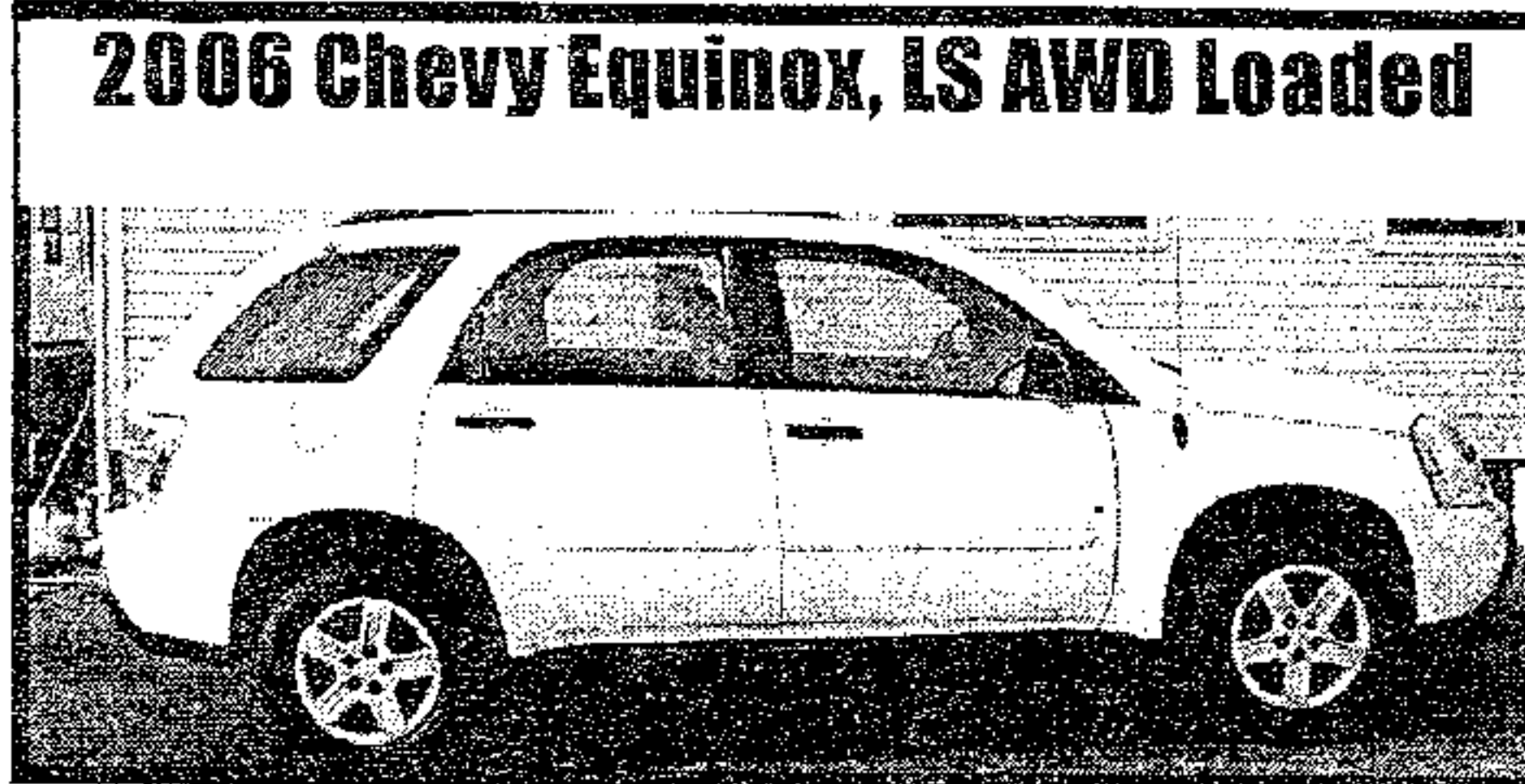
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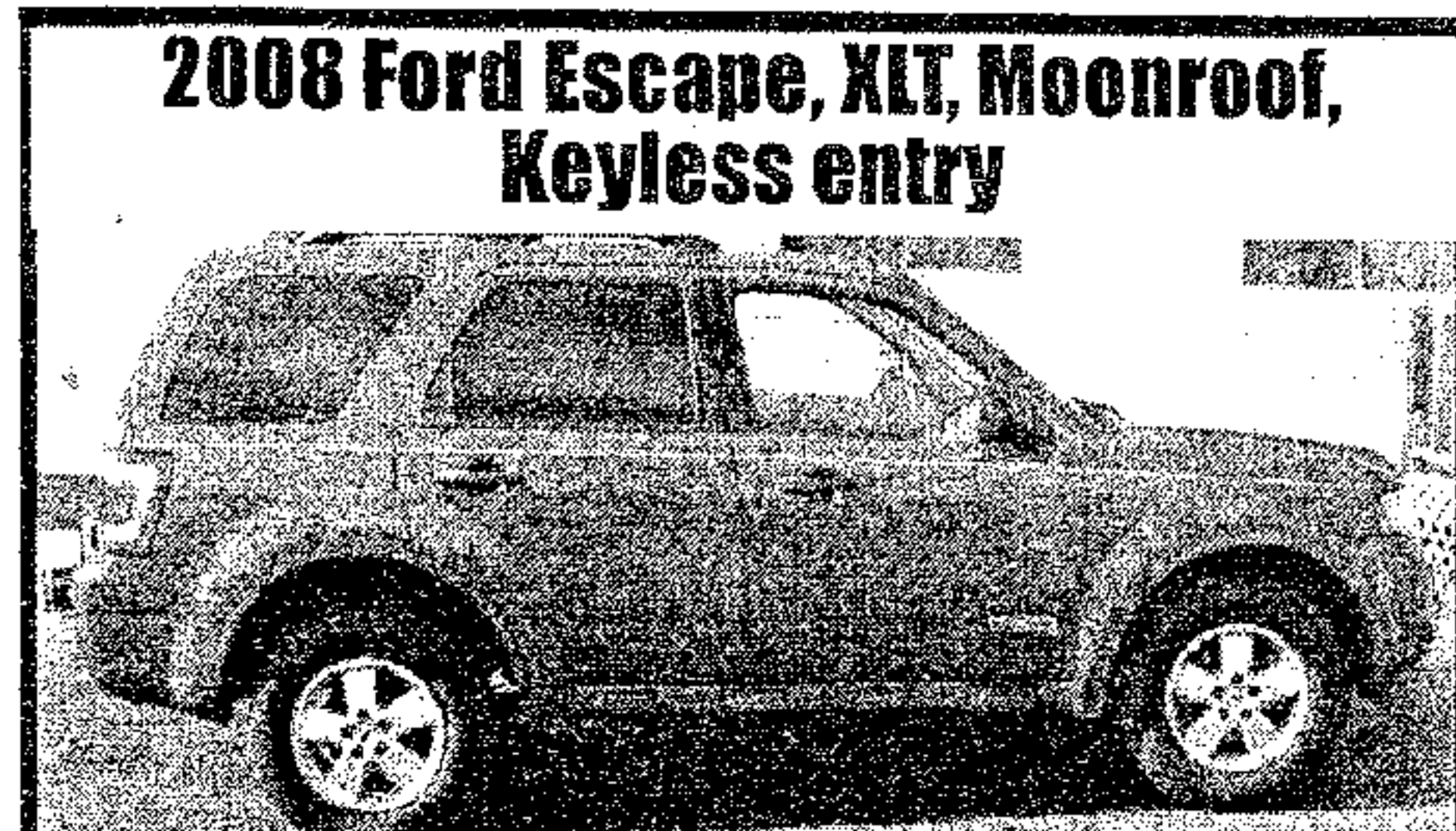
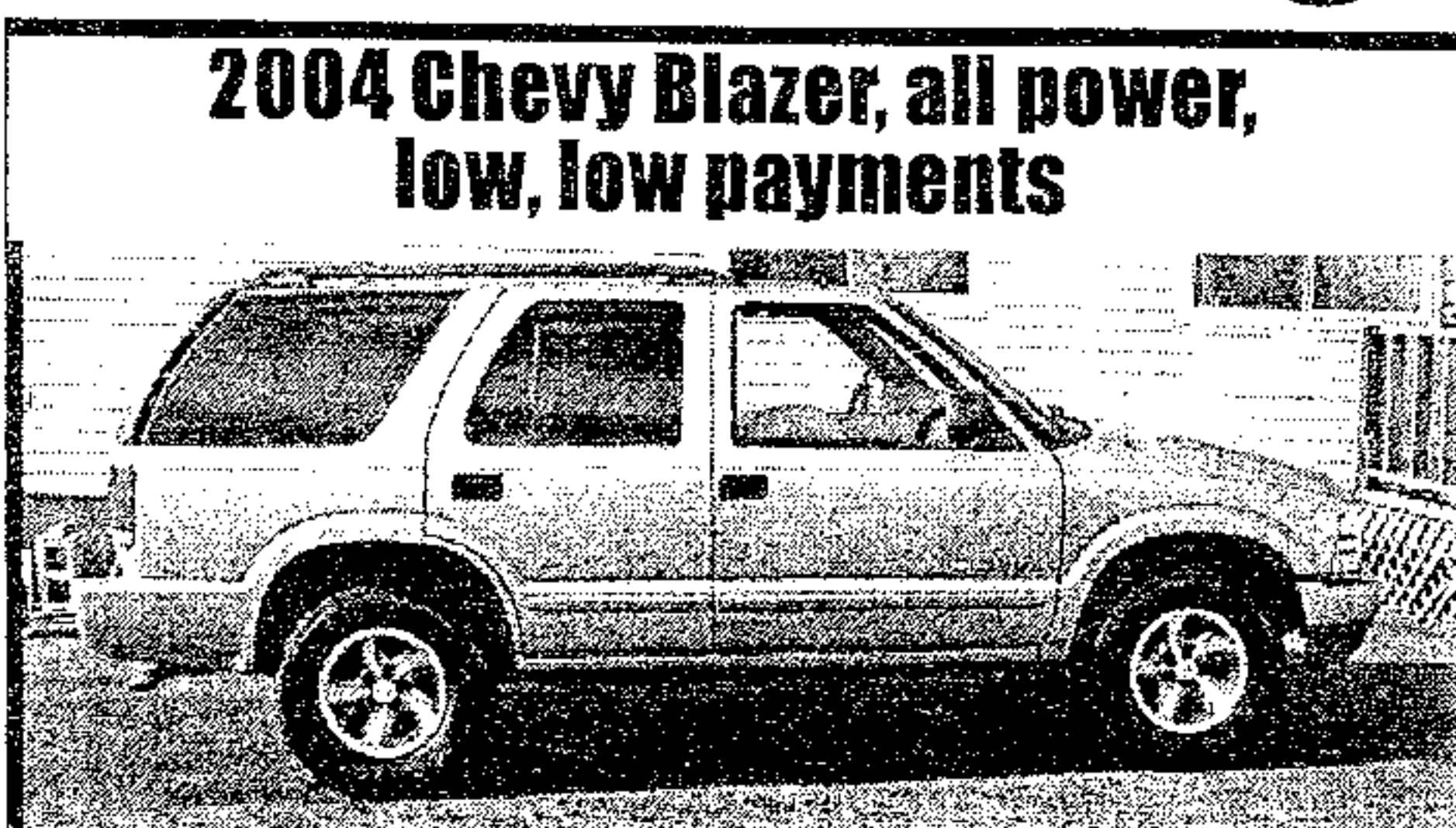
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Jack
 count of TennCare fraud for using her TennCare benefits to obtain Loratidine, an antihistamine, while planning to sell a portion for the

manufacturing of meth. The unauthorized use and abuse of legitimate prescription drugs is a threat we take seriously," Inspector General Deborah Faulkner

said. "The state has targeted meth production with laws aimed at stopping this crime, and we won't allow TennCare benefits to finance this activity."

TennCare fraud is a Class E felony, carrying a sentence of up to two years in prison. District Attorney General R. Steven Bibb is prosecuting.

for TennCare fraud tips that lead to convictions. Anyone can report suspected TennCare fraud by calling 1-800-433-3982 toll-free from anywhere in Tennessee, or log on to www.in.gov/oinig and follow the prompts that read "Report TennCare Fraud."

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TALKING POINTS

- FINANCES:** I have over thirty years experience in Administrative Assistant and Executive and Financial Secretarial positions. I have studied the City Budgets and Annual Audits of the past few years. We CANNOT CONTINUE to borrow and overspend taxpayers' money under the assumption that our economy is going to improve!
- HIRING:** I think it is time we tell City Council that THE CITY AND LCUB JOBS ARE NOT THEIR JOBS TO GIVE AWAY! The Lenoir City government is not a family business and should not be run as if it were. We need a hiring policy that would insure equal opportunity for anyone to apply and be considered according to merit for every open position in the future. (This would not affect current employees.)
- CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** I would like to see us return to the original intent of the City Charter that made the City Council and the LCUB Board two separate groups of individuals. As it is now, it is not uncommon for the Council/LCUB Board to pass a motion serving as one entity, and vote to pass the motion on to THEMSELVES for their own additional approval, serving as the other entity. (To sit in a meeting and see this take place is unbelievable.)
- ACCOUNTABILITY:** I believe we need an appointed Ethics or Oversight Committee that would consist of at least ten city residents who are not related to (or business affiliates of) the Mayor or any member of City Council. (Presently, the City Attorney oversees ethics in our City government. The City Attorney is hired by the City Council.)

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~Micah 6:8 (KJV)~

Obituaries

Frances Mitchell Strader Buchanan - age 94 of Lenoir City passed away Sunday, October 28, 2012. She was a member of First Baptist Church for over 75 years where she held several positions in the church. Frances was a member of the order of Eastern Star and was an avid football fan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Jack Buchanan; parents, William and Mamie Hines Strader, and brother, Cecil Strader. Survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Jack and Linda Buchanan of Summerville, SC; grandson, Jack Buchanan Jr. and wife, Gretchen of Mt. Pleasant, SC; great grandchildren, Ashton and Bryce Buchanan of South Carolina; nephew, William Douglas Strader, and nieces, Debra Strader, Dee Anderson and Jimmie Catherine Bayless. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. with Dr. Dick DeMerchant and Rev. Keith Wilkerson. Burial will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Serving as hon-

orary pallbearers: Leo Diggs, Harry Wampler, Bob Rogers, Bruce Self, Herb Linginfelter, Johnny Coffey and Jimmy Springer. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of the arrangements.
Colt Aliyn Jones - age 15 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, October 26, 2012. He was a member of Knoxville Baptist Tabernacle. Colt was a sophomore at Lenoir City High school where he was in the Interact Club and was formerly active with AYSO. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert Simpson; great grandmother, Madolyn Brown and uncle, Chris Simpson. Survived by his parents, Thom and Lisa Simpson Jones; sister, Chelsey Jones; grandparents, Larry and Barbara Jones, and Marie Simpson; along with aunts, uncles and cousins. We are devastated at the loss of our son. We will miss his wit, energy, and good nature. We would prefer donations in lieu of flowers to Childhood Suicide Prevention Services and/or to the plethora of local agencies that assisted in the search Loudon Fire Department, Rescue

Squad, Loudon Police Department, Greenback Rescue Squad, Lenoir City Police Department, etc. etc. We would also like to thank the countless volunteers that gave up their time to help find our boy. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Mr. Gary Fox, Rev. Micah Nicolaus and Rev. Tony Green officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Thursday morning and proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services.

Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Teen
 About 40 people joined in the search for Jones until his body was discovered near his home on Saturday. The boy's death was self-inflicted.

The teen was a sophomore at Lenoir City

High School. His parents are devastated by his loss and are asking those wishing to send their condolences with a flower gift to instead use the money to make a donation to Childhood Suicide Prevention Services or one of the agencies who answered their call for help.

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Taylor

Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD was dispatched to Walmart regarding a shoplifter. Upon arrival the officer was in-

formed by loss prevention they had observed Mickey Bryan Taylor select lithium batteries and conceal them in his back left shorts pocket.

Taylor then selected a pair of sunglasses, removed the tag and concealed the sunglasses in his front shirt pocket.

According to the re-

port, Mr. Taylor then made a small purchase and exited the store, passing all points of sale without attempting to pay for the concealed merchandise, which totaled \$19.83.

Mickey Bryan Taylor, 40, of Church Road, Sweetwater was charged with theft under \$500. Officer Don Lorenz, LCPD made the arrest.

Police Beat

Deborah Ruth Hawkins, 55, of homeless was charged with public intoxication.

According to the report, Officer Brandon Nix, LPD was dispatched to Cedar Street in reference to meeting a female about moving back into her residence. Upon arrival the officer found

Hawkins in the roadway, yelling and cursing.

The officer reported he could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage on Hawkins' person and she was unstable on her feet. Officer Brandon Nix, LPD made the arrest.

Shawn N. Smallen, 22, of Kelly Lane, Lenoir City was charged with VOP on failure to appear x3.

Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD made the arrest.

Kenneth Dewayne Ledford, 36, of Dark Hollow Road, Newport was charged with a criminal court capias for failure to appear.

Deputy Charles Huskin, LCSO made the arrest.

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Berry

Authorities charged a Lenoir City man with the theft of a vehicle after he and a woman allegedly took it from the owner without the owner's knowledge or permission earlier this month.

According to a warrant filed by Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD; on or about October 16, 2012 Gregory C. Berry and a co-defendant, Virginia Powers, took possession and control of a 1990 Chevy truck which belonged to the victim. The vehicle was taken from the victim's residence in Loudon without his permission or knowledge.

The vehicle was taken with the intent to deprive the owner of its

use and the value is estimated at \$1600.

Gregory Clay Berry, 30, of West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$1000.

Corporal Michael Wilson, LCSO made the arrest.

Crime Report

Violent Crime

The South, the most populous region in the country, accounted for 41.3 percent of all violent crimes (lesser volumes of 22.9 percent were attributed in the West, 19.5 percent in the Midwest, and 16.2 percent in the Northeast).

Aggravated assaults accounted for the highest number of estimated violent crimes reported to law enforcement at 62.4 percent.

Firearms were used in 67.8 percent of the nation's murders, 41.3 percent of robberies, and 21.2 percent of aggravated assaults (data on weapons used during forcible rapes is not collected).

In 2011, 64.8 percent of murder offenses, 41.2 percent of forcible rape offenses, 28.7 percent of robbery offenses, and 56.9 percent of aggravated assault offenses were "cleared"—either by the arrest of the subject or because law enforcement encountered a circumstance beyond its control that prohibited an arrest after the subject was identified (i.e., death of the subject).

Property Crime

43.2 percent of the estimated property crimes occurred in the South (followed by the West with 22.8 percent, the Midwest with 21.1 percent, and the Northeast with 13 percent).

Larceny-theft accounted for 68 percent of all property crimes in 2011.

Property crimes resulted in estimated losses of \$156.6 billion.

Also cleared were 21.5 percent of larceny-theft offenses, 12.7 percent of burglary offenses, 11.9 percent of motor vehicle theft offenses, and 18.8 percent of arson offenses.

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program is one of two statistical programs administered by the Department of Justice that measures the magnitude, nature, and impact of crime—the other is the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), conducted by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Both were designed to complement each other, providing valuable information about aspects of the nation's crime problem, but users should not compare crime trends between the two programs because of methodology and crime coverage differences. The UCR Program provides a reliable set of criminal justice statistics for law enforcement

administration, operation, and management, as well as to indicate fluctuations in the level of crime, while the NCVS provides previously unavailable information about victims, offenders, and crime...including crimes not reported to police. Additional information about the differences between the two programs can be found in the Nation's Two Crime Measures section of Crime in the United States.

Looking ahead to 2013 and beyond, the UCR Program is working to complete the automation of its data collection system, which will result in improved data collection efforts with new offense categories and revised offense definitions...as well as a faster turnaround time to analyze and publish the data. And beginning with the 2013 data, the new definition for rape will take effect, and the FBI is developing options for law enforcement agencies to meet this requirement, which will be built into the new data collection system.

Katy



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