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Thursday, November 1, 2012

Multi-agency drug operation results in the arrests of 2

Officials from Loudon County and surrounding agencies executed a search warrant at a local couple's home Tuesday night and reported finding pills, drug ledgers and other evidence indicating the couple was involved in using and selling prescription pills.

According to the report, on October 30, 2012, investigators with the Loudon County Sheriffs Office Narcotics Unit assisted by the patrol division of the Clinton Police Department and the Knox County

(see Operation pg. 5)



Mark L. Nix



Laura J. Nix

Man charged with stealing, pawning others' property



Herman

3rd DUI for LC woman

A Lenoir City woman received her DUI charge after her vehicle was stopped for a light law violation and she was found to have been reportedly driving under the influence of alcohol.

According to the report, Officer B. Burley, LCPD conducted a traffic stop on a 1989 red Volvo on North A Street for a non operational brake light. Upon speaking with the driver,

(see Rajkowski pg. 2)



Rajkowski

DUI of pills

A Rockwood woman stopped for suspicion of DUI received

(see Pratt pg. 3)

A Lenoir City man has been charged with theft after allegedly stealing property belonging to

(see Herman pg. 6)

Berry charged with evading arrest

Investigator Shane Ezell, LCSO ND reported he observed Gregory Clay Berry

exit a vehicle on Broadway in Lenoir City. The investigator contacted dispatch and

(see Berry pg. 5)

Cyber Security: Focusing on Hackers and Intrusions

(see Cyber Security pg. 7)

Early last year, hackers were discovered embedding malicious software in two million computers, opening a

virtual door for criminals to rifle through users' valuable personal and financial information. Last fall, an overseas

Verse of the Day
But some troublemakers said, "How can this fellow [Saul] save us?" They despised him and brought him no gifts. But Saul kept silent.
— 1 Samuel 10:27

Obituaries

- Beulah (Lindsey) Hensley
- Carl C. Frank
- John Ellis Leech
- Bonnie Cook Miller
- Frances Mitchell Strader Buchanan
- Colt Allyn Jones

WAZZUP

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Weather

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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.
Friday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 60s. Lows in the upper 30s to

lower 40s.
Saturday: Sunny. Highs in the mid to upper 60s. Lows in the mid to upper 40s with a 30% chance of showers.
Sunday: Partly sunny with a 30% chance of showers. Highs in the mid

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Rajkowski

Jessika Jane Mahealani Rajkowski, she advised a name and date of birth that after being checked, revealed she has a revoked license for driving under the influence from the state of Hawaii.

Ms. Rajkowski had an odor of an alcoholic beverage upon her person as well as slurred speech and blood shot eyes.

Ms. Rajkowski performed poorly on sobriety tasks and registered .09% on the intoximeter.

Jessika J. Rajkowski, 25, of North A Street, Lenoir City was charged with driving under the influence 3rd offense and driving on revoked license.

Police Beat

Sean Lamar Mcardle, 24, of Branson

Avenue, Knoxville was charged with violation of probation.

According to the affidavit, Mcardle was convicted of theft in Lenoir City and sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days. Since then he has failed to report to probation officer, failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$74.50, failed to pay

supervision fees, owes \$135 and failed to respond to notices.

Officer Jason Felts, LCPD made the arrest.

James Kevin Melton, 26, of Hines Creek Road, Haskell was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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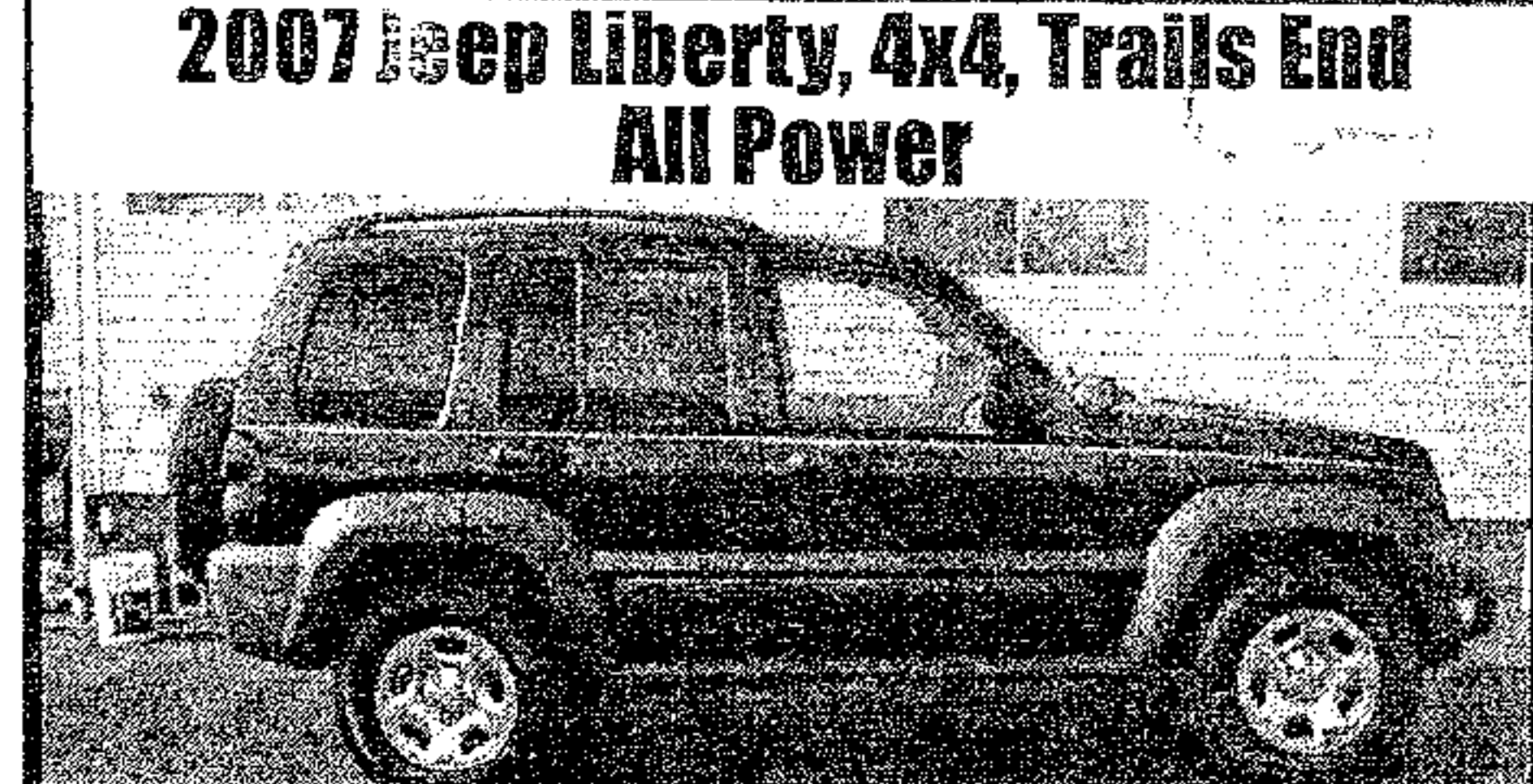
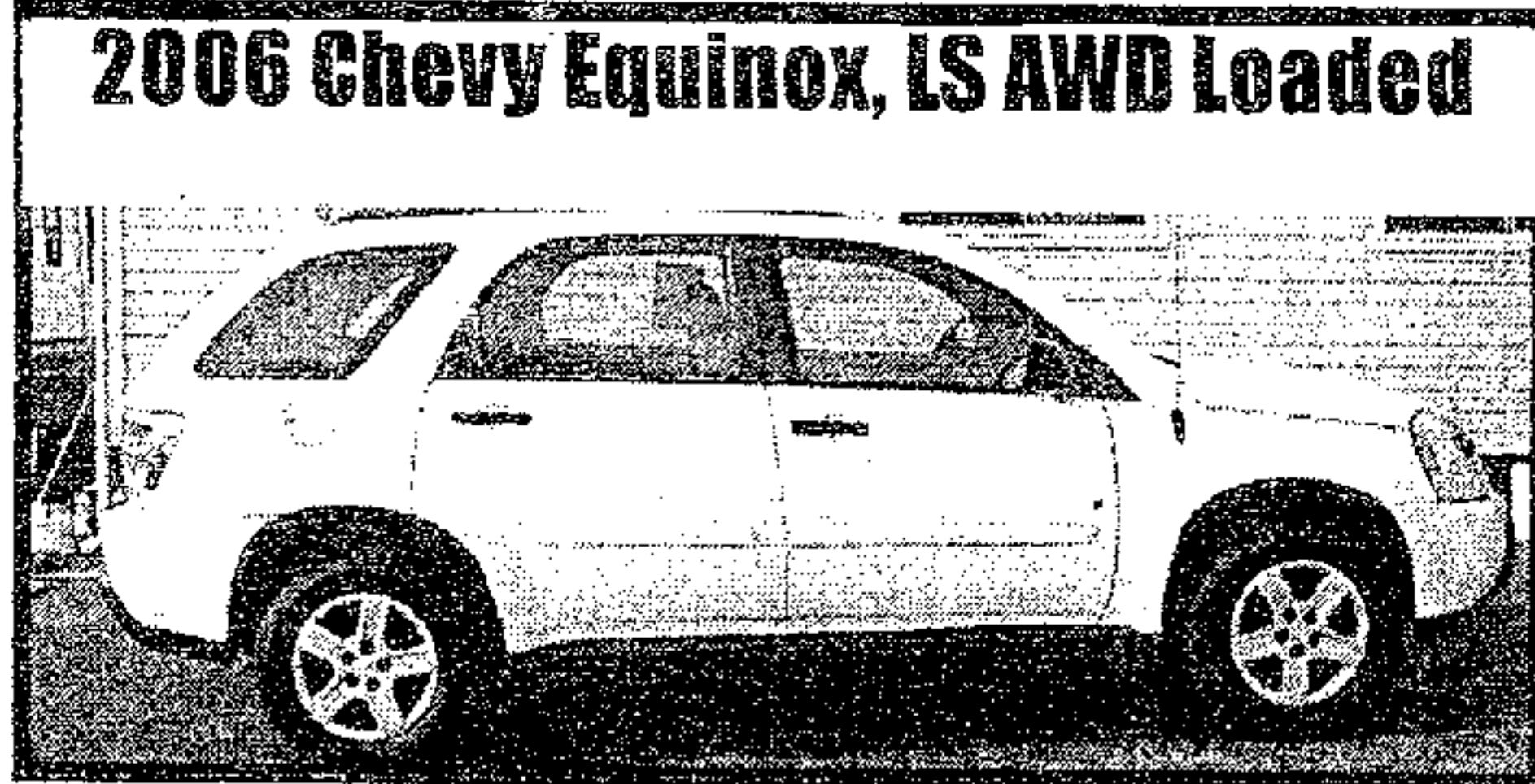
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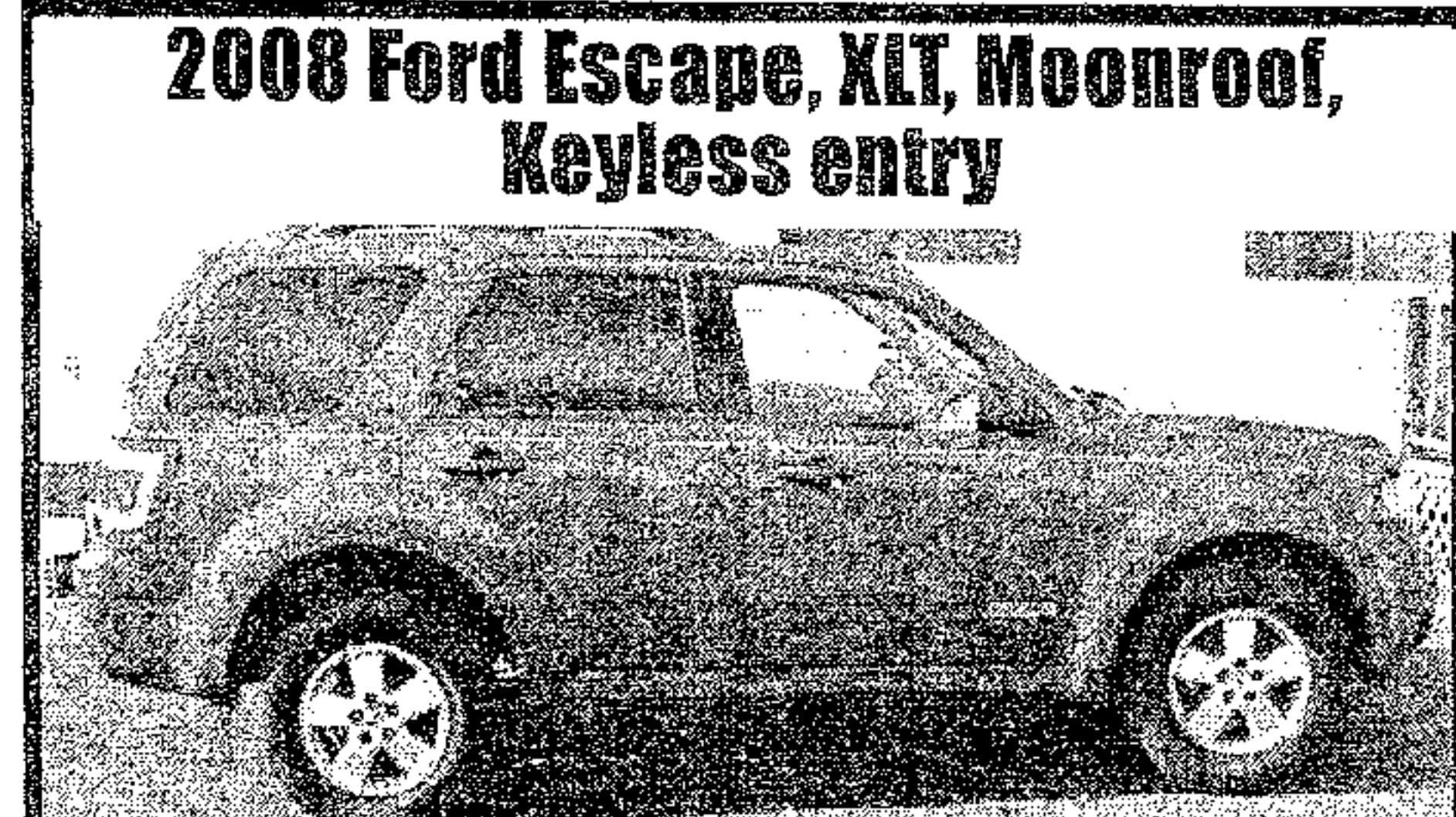
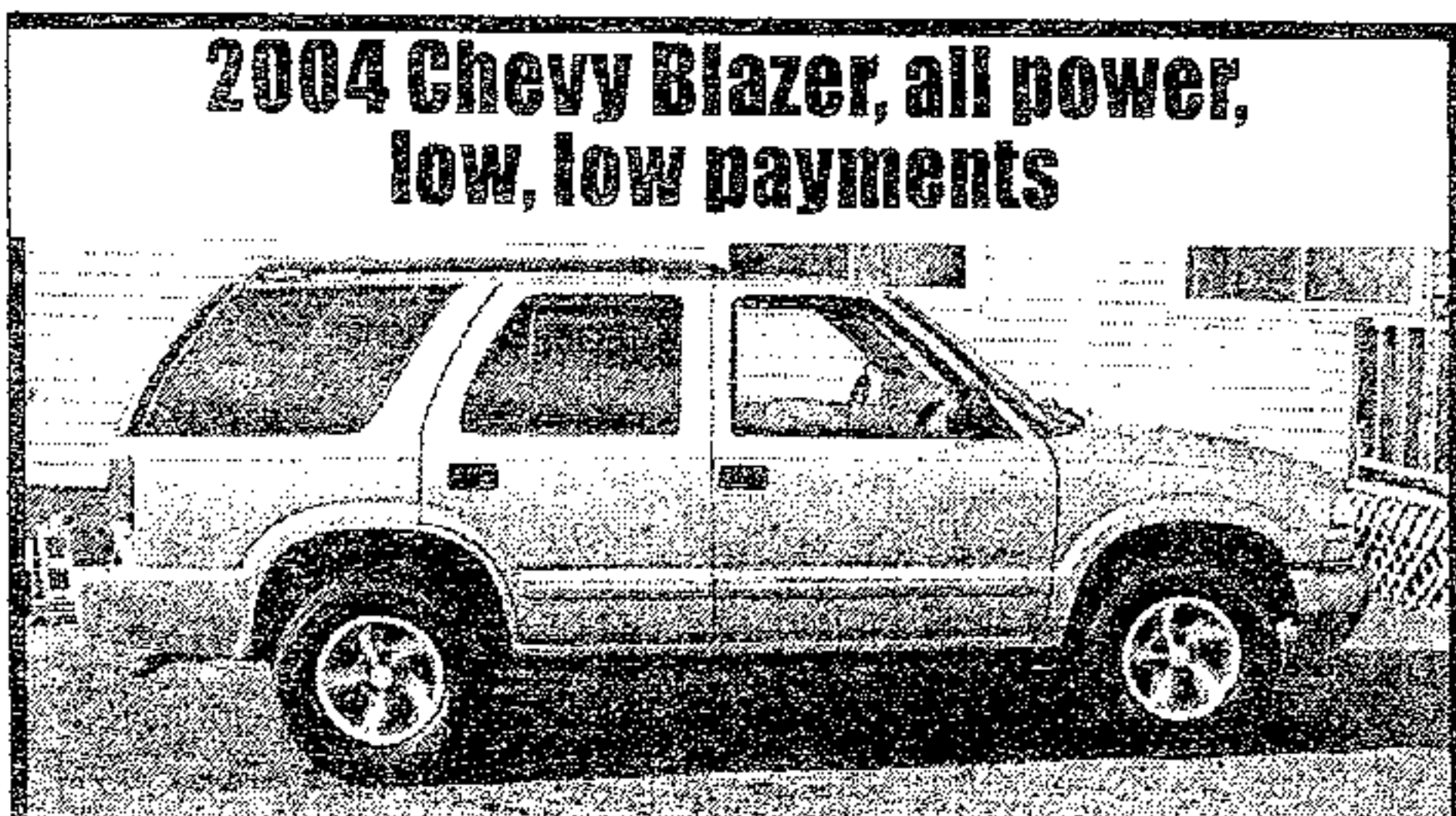
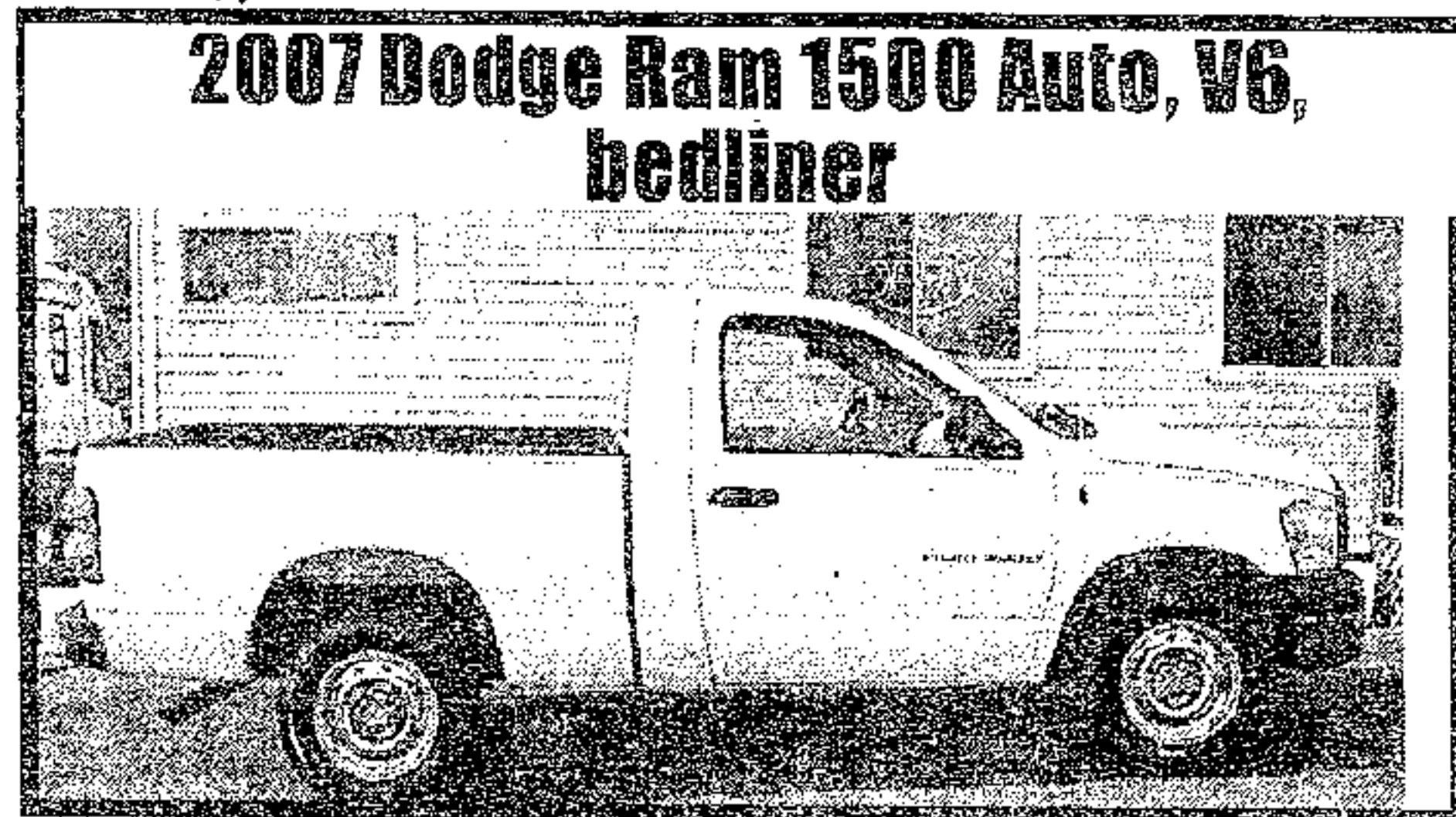
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Pratt
multiple charges when authorities learned she had suspended driver's license and was in possession of illicit pills.
Tracey E. Pratt, 25,

Roane State Highway, Rockwood was charged with DUI, driving on suspended and possession of schedule IV without a prescription.
According to reports,

Trooper Rodney Best, THP observed a white Ford F-150 traveling on Highway 321 in the right lane. The vehicle then merged into the left lane, crossing

the yellow line, then weaved back into the right lane.

Trooper Best stopped the vehicle on Highway 321 and identified the driver as Tracey E. Pratt.

Ms. Pratt had an Alabama ID card and after checking, it was discovered she was suspended in Tennessee.

Ms. Pratt had slowed slurred speech and did poorly on field sobriety tasks.

A search of Pratt's

vehicle produced 10 round pills in a cigarette pack identified as escitaloparm.

Ms. Pratt agreed to a blood test and was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER and then to the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Rommel V. Hightower, 24, of Forayth, Georgia was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Daniel Ferguson, LCSO made the arrest.

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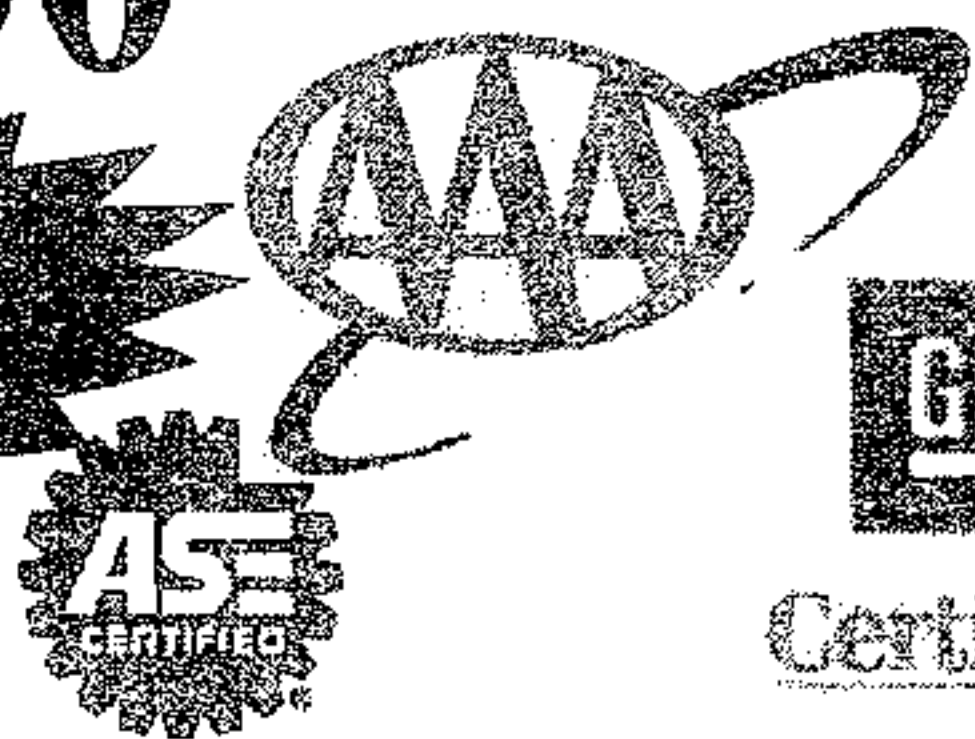
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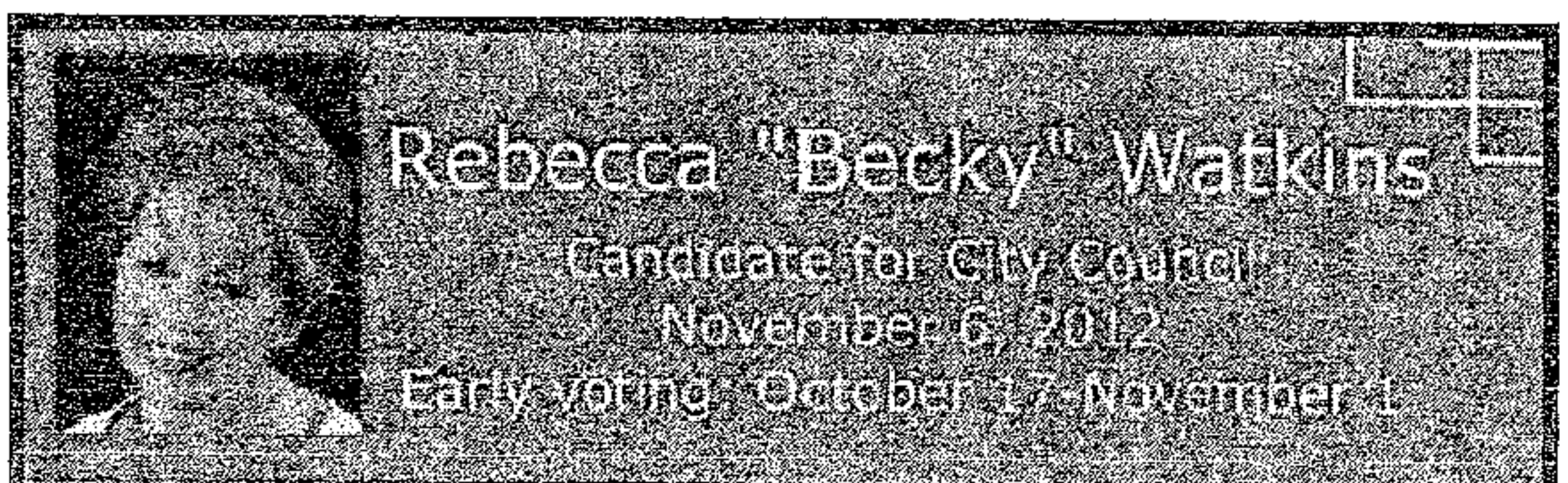
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TALKING POINTS

- 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)~

Operation

Sheriff's Department, conducted a search warrant at the home of Mark Lindsey Nix, located at 5645 Hotch-

kiss Valley Road West, Loudon.

During the search, a blue metal lock box in Mark and Laura Nix's bedroom was found,

which contained a prescription bottle for 30 mg. oxycodone with Carol Nix's name on it and 15 round blue pills were found inside

that were different than what was supposed to be in the bottle.

A bottle with Mark Nix's name on it that should have contained 100 Opana only contained five of the pills.

All of the pills were found in a lock box underneath a computer table within Mark and Laura Nix's bedroom.

Drug ledgers, which document the sale of Oxycodone and Opana, were found throughout the house and in the couple's bedroom.

Also found in the bedroom of Mark and Laura Nix was an empty pen body, cut straws, and three metal clamp pieces that had been straightened and had white residue in them.

A closed circuit video system was also found. Both Mark and Laura Nix were maintaining the residence as their home.

Mark Lindsey Nix, 47, and Laura Jean Nix, 43 both of Hotchkiss Valley Road West, Loudon were charged with possession of schedule II for resale (oxycodone), posses-

sion of schedule II for resale (opana), maintaining a dwelling where narcotics are possessed or sold and possession of drug paraphernalia.

At the jail, Mr. Nix was charged with violation of probation. Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO made the arrest. **Berry**

checked for warrants and was advised Berry was wanted for theft over \$1000.

Ezell made contact with Berry and advised him he had warrants and was under arrest.

To avoid lawful arrest, Berry turned and ran on foot behind the store towards 1st avenue.

Approximately 3 hours later Investigator Ezell received a call from Greg Berry advising he wanted to turn himself in.

Ezell met Greg Berry on West Broadway and transported him to jail.

Gregory Clay Berry, 30, of West Broadway, Lenoir City was charged with evading arrest.

Police Beat

James Erickson, 28, of Lee Drive, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy C. Huskin, LCSO made the arrest.

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Herman

local citizens then pawning the ill-gotten loot at various pawn shops for money.

Christopher Ryan Herman, 27, of Beals Chapel Road, Lenoir City was charged with two counts of theft over \$1000. According to one warrant, filed by Investigator Jason Smith, LCSO CID; on September 27, 2012 the victim discovered several firearms had been taken from his residence without his permission. The victim reported that a total of seven guns were taken.

Three of the guns totaling over \$1000 were found at a local pawn shop. The guns had been pawned by Christopher Herman.

The first gun pawned September 25, 2012 was a Mossberg 12 gauge shotgun; the second gun pawned September 26, 2012 was a Nagant 7.62 rifle; the third gun pawned on September 27, 2012 was a Henry .22 caliber rifle.

Herman did admit to taking the guns and stated he could get the other guns back that had not been pawned.

In another warrant, filed by Detective Jack Fine, LCPD; on September 26-27, 2012 Christopher Herman did have possession of stolen property from a residence in Lenoir City. The property belonged to the victims and was a sport tattoo gun and power supply, Delta miter saw and Delta drill press.

Also taken was a Navy Colt pistol 38 caliber. Herman took the tattoo gun to one pawn shop and the saw and drill press to another pawn shop.

The total cost of the items was \$4459.

Horoscopes

60s. Lows in the mid 40s.

Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21

Today's big brouhaha all boils down to you and your efforts. If you push yourself you can make yourself a star -- but if you choose to lie low, things are almost certain to go against you. Act now!

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

This is not the time to get involved with big-deal opportunities or dramatic engagements - you've got to take care of chores like garbage and housecleaning. There's nothing wrong with that, of course!

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

Your life is a big ball of fun today -- almost no matter what. Even a boring staff meeting or line at a government office can turn into a spontaneous party if you're involved. Make the most of it!

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Listen up! Someone is trying to tell you something, and while you may not be super-interested in their past, some angle from their story is sure to prompt a spark of inspiration in you!

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your easy way of speaking makes your people that much more willing to follow along with your plans -- even if they were skeptical just yesterday! Make the most of this terrific social energy!

Aries 3/21-4/19

Something's in the way -- so climb over it, move around it or tunnel under it if you must. Obstacles don't mean it's time to quit; they symbolize your efforts to do what you need to do.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

Everyone knows you're practical -- even when you're being silly, you still make sure that all goes according to plan. That energy comes in handy today, when your skills are sorely needed.

Gemini 5/21-6/21

You've got strengths nobody knows about, and you should find a way to make the most of them. Things are looking up, but it may take some more time before they swing back your way.

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Get started on something new today -- you know you want to, and there's at least one person out there who is just waiting for you to say the word. Things are looking up, but only if you act now!

Leo 7/23-8/22

You know what you want -- but it may be hard to stop yourself when you've had enough! Keep away from giant, tempting bowls of candy, and try not to overdo it if you're at a party.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your mental energy is great today -- and so is your social energy! It's a good time for you to express your wildest ideas and see who takes to them. It may be a good time for you to start something new.

Libra 9/23-10/22

Something gets pretty heavy today -- and you may have to deal with the consequences. It's a good idea for you to really listen when your people are talking, and make sure you're there for them.

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Cyber Security
 crime ring was shut down after infecting four million computers, including half a million in the U.S. In recent months, some of the biggest companies and organizations in the

U.S. have been working overtime to fend off continuous intrusion attacks aimed at their networks.

The scope and enormity of the threat, not just to private industry but also to the country's heavily networked

critical infrastructure, was spelled out last month in Director Robert S. Mueller's testimony to a Senate homeland security panel: "Computer intrusions and network attacks are the greatest cyber threat to our national security."

To that end, the FBI over

the past year has put in place an initiative to uncover and investigate web-based intrusion attacks and develop a cadre of specially trained computer scientists able to extract hackers' digital signatures from mountains of malicious code. Agents are cultivating cyber-oriented relationships with the technical leads at financial, business, transportation, and other critical infrastructures on their beats.

Today, investigators in the field can send their findings to specialists in the FBI Cyber Division's Cyber Watch command at Headquarters, who can look for patterns or similarities in cases. The 24/7 post also shares the information with partner intelligence and law enforcement agencies like the Departments of Defense and Homeland Security and the National Security Agency, on the FBI-led National Cyber Investigative Joint Task Force.

A key aim of the Next Generation Cyber Initiative has been to expand our ability to quickly define "the attribution piece" of a cyber attack to help determine an appropriate response, said Richard McFeely, executive assistant director of the Bureau's Criminal,

Cyber, Response, and Services Branch. "The attribution piece is: who is conducting the attack or the exploitation and what is their motive," McFeely explained. "In order to get to that, we've got to do all the necessary analysis to determine who is at the other end of the keyboard perpetrating these actions."

The Cyber Division's main focus now is on cyber intrusions, working closely with the Bureau's Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence Divisions.

"We are obviously concerned with terrorists using the Internet to conduct these types of attacks," McFeely said. "As the lead domestic intelligence agency within the United States, it's our job to make sure that businesses' and the nation's secrets don't fall into the hands of adversaries."

In the Coreflood case in early 2011, hackers enlisted a botnet, a network of infected computers, to do their dirty work. McFeely urged everyone connected to the Internet to be vigilant against computer viruses and malicious code, lest they become victims or unwitting pawns in a hacker or web-savvy terrorist's malevolent scheme.

"It's important that everybody understands that if you have a computer that is outward-facing, that it's connected to the web, that your computer is at some point going to be under attack," he said. "You need to be aware of the threat and you need to take it seriously."

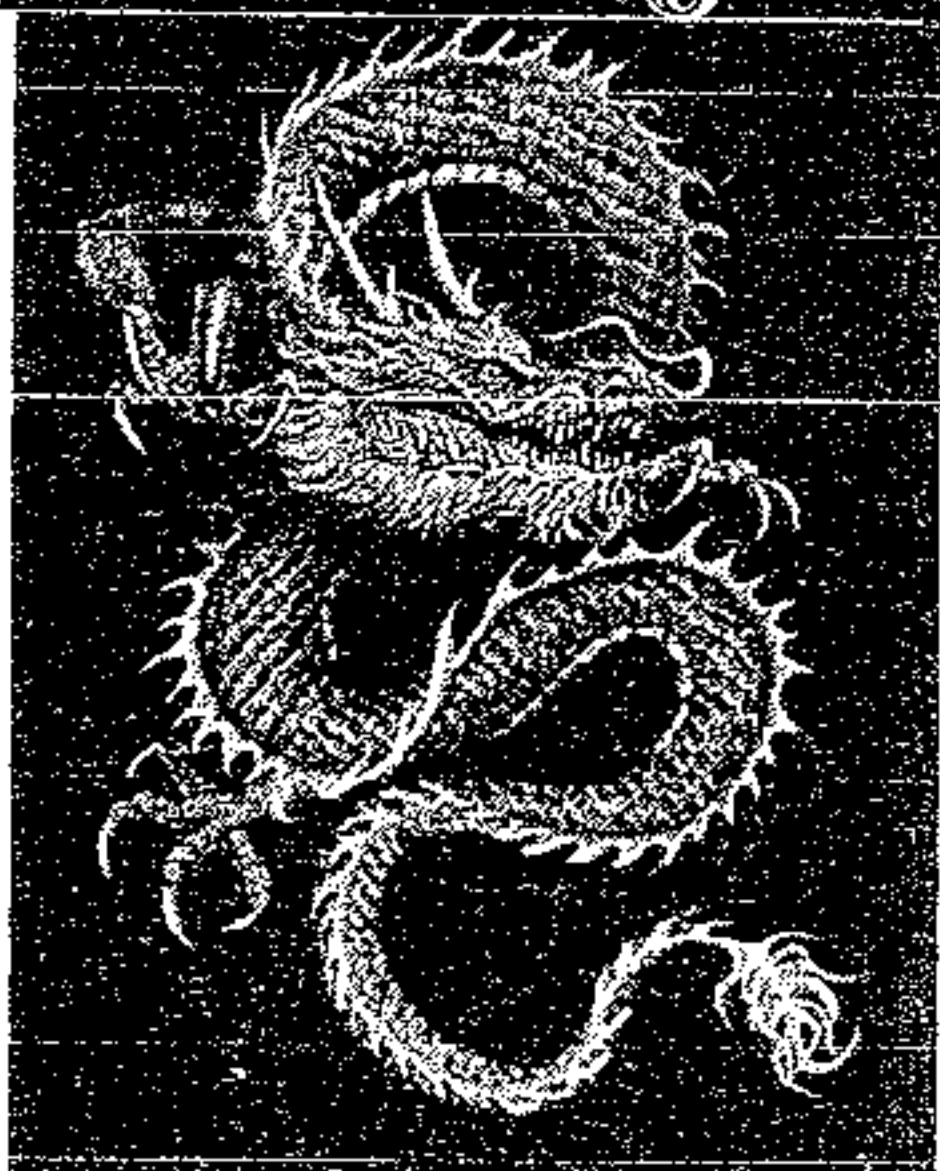
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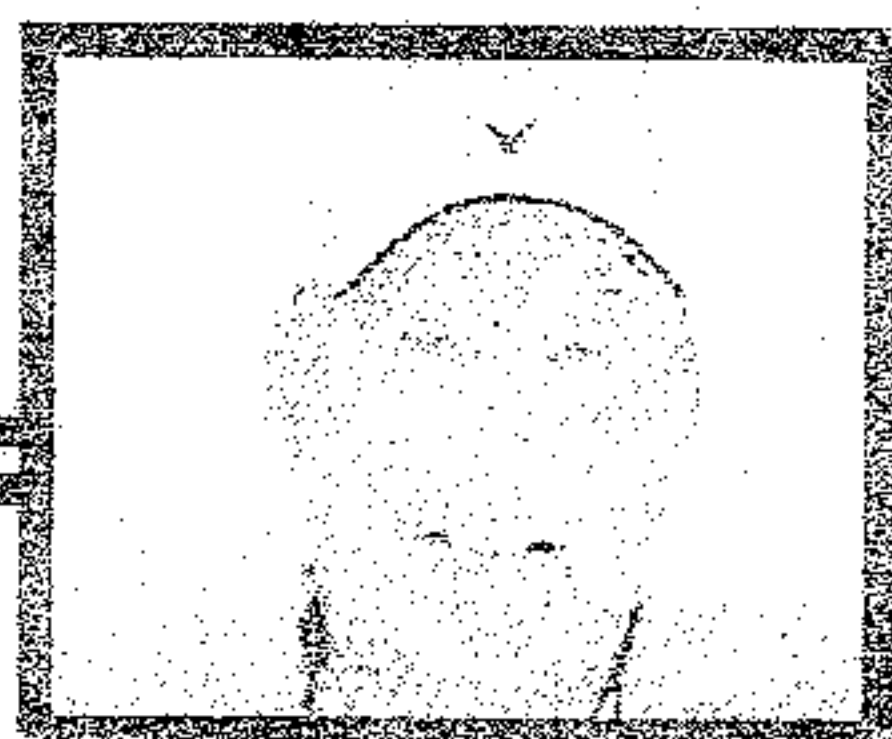


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