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Monday June 4, 2012

Baseball bat lands man in trouble

Officer Brandon Burley arrested a Lenoir City man Sunday following an investigation into an alleged assault that revealed the man had busted another man in the knee with a baseball bat before using the bat on the victim's vehicle as well.

(see Story & Photo pg. 5)

Woman takes illicit pills on shoplifting trip

When a local woman was taken into custody on theft charges Sunday, corrections officers reported finding she had more than a dozen illicit pills in her possession. She reportedly also tried to lie about her true identity during booking.

(see Story & Photo pg. 6)



LCSO Assistant Chief Jimmy Davis (L) and LCSO Sergeant Jerramie Bowen (R) as they prepare to begin their ride in E. Hanover NJ.

The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoo

Here and Now



About a year and a half ago, Angie and I were blessed with the opportunity to begin The Good News Ministry, which included this article, a correspond-

ing website and a decision to share The Good News of Jesus Christ to those who didn't know Him and didn't hear about Jesus any other way. We also hoped to inspire Christians who have lost focus in their own relationship with our Lord and Savior as we had for many years prior.

Today, with over seventy weeks of articles archived, hundreds of web postings, awesome

responses to "Blondie's Blog", one international mission trip and numerous journeys across the country sharing what Christ is doing in our lives, we are still amazed that God has given us such a wonderful way to reach out to folks and even more so for the ones who have reached out to us.

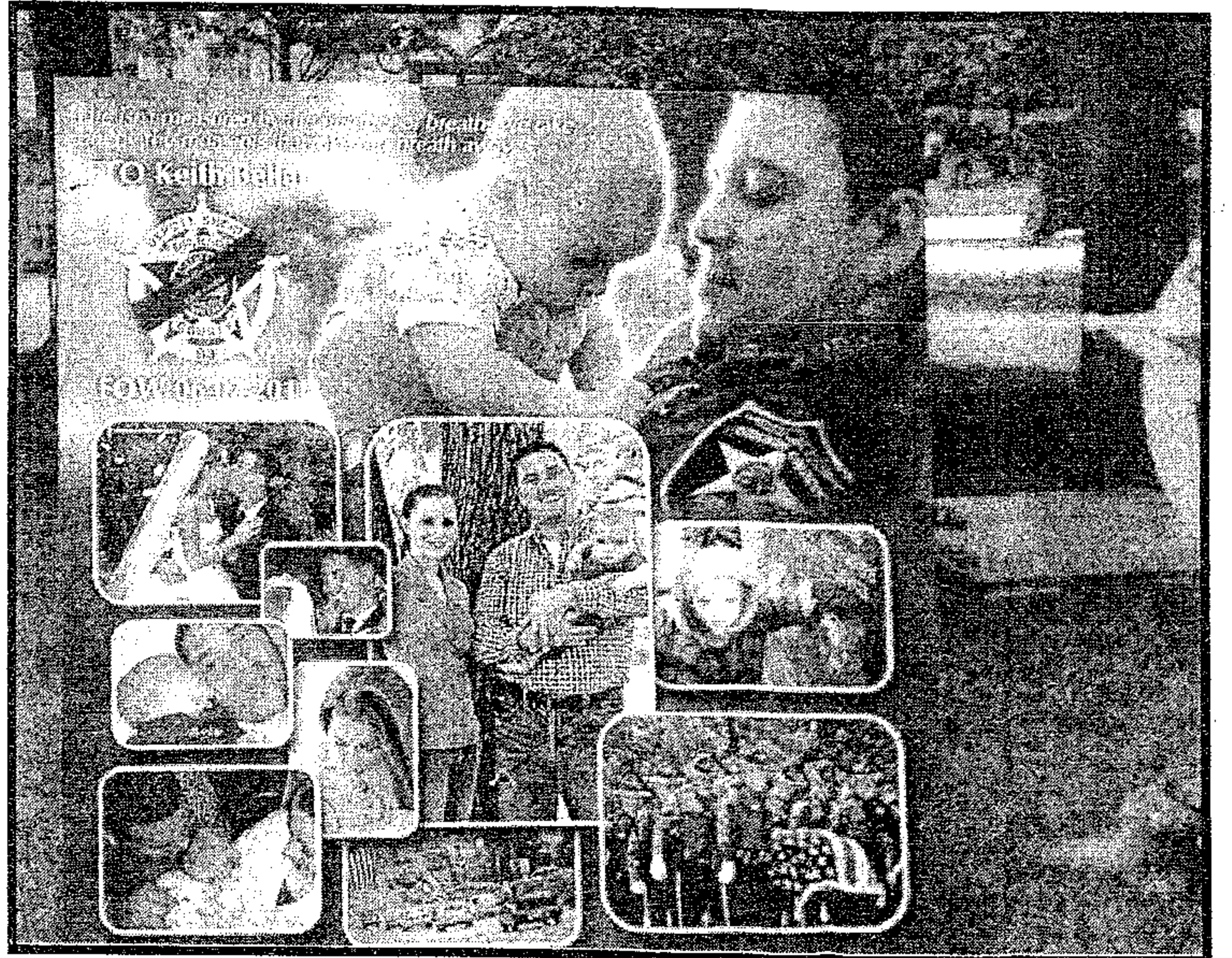
I am not a "Face Booker," so my lovely wife keeps our page updated and keeps me informed of all the kind postings and encouraging words from our

(see The Good News pg. 3)

Loudon County Sheriff's Deputies Participate in Police Unity Tour

Two Loudon County Sheriff's Office Deputies, Assistant Chief Jimmy Davis and Sergeant Jerramie Bowen, par-

(see Tour pg. 7)



Sergeant Bowen rode in memory of Officer Keith Bellar, who was killed during a domestic violence traffic stop in Dickson County.

Verse of the Day

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." - Luke 5:31-32

Obituaries

Dr. Alan G. Follows

Mary Frances Range
Juanita Jarvis Madson
William T. Goodwin, Jr.
Freddie Michael Langley

Wazzup

Well, we ain't tryin' to dig up any bones, but we wanted to let you know the K9 pictured in Friday's paper as Denero should

have been identified as Deacon. (Sorry bout the mix-up, fellers...)

Weather

Today: Partly sunny with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Tuesday: Partly sunny with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Lows in the lower 60s.

Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/21

Your desires make you stand out today ~ but that's okay. Just

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The Good News

friends, family and other Christians from around the world. We often meet people in local stores, eateries or community events who share how they enjoy reading what God is doing in our lives and each time we are re-

mindful that God has His hand on this ministry.

While The Good News was designed to encourage others, so often WE are the ones who are encouraged and motivated by those who pour out their hearts to us when a certain article is found to correspond with their own life. Please allow me to share an example or two that brought tears to my face and joy to my heart this past week.

Some of you know that Angie and I have been struggling with some decisions about how and where God is leading us to serve in the future. We pray each day for God to show us how and where we can be most effective for Him and that we remain obedient to His will

for our lives.

I had been praying hard about an opportunity that I felt God was possibly calling me to and when it fell through I became very discouraged. I wondered if my hopes were based on selfishness the whole time and not a calling. I was confused, and still am somewhat, about the whole thing. I began questioning my faith and wondering if God really had big plans for me at all.

Angie and I had been on a hiking trip with some friends and been without cell service for several days on the Appalachian Trail. When we returned I was able to check my messages and discovered that I was apparently wrong about what God

wanted for me. My mood immediately deteriorated as I continued to the next voicemail. At that moment, as I questioned my faith and God's plan, He reminded me that He is still in control of all things. (In which I had just written about last week)

The next message was from an old friend from school. I only see him from time to time in passing but his message spoke to me. He said, "I read your article and I sort of look up to you. I would like to talk to you and ask your advice about some things going on in my life."

Now, I can assure you that no one should ever look up to Jeff Vittatoe, but I knew what he meant. He was really saying that he sees what God is doing in my life through the article and he would like

to have an honest, Christian-based opinion on something going on in his life. Praise the Lord and thank you for having confidence in the answer you may receive. I have left this friend a message in response and I am waiting, and hoping, that he calls me back. This is discipleship!

The message that followed that one brought me to tears. The caller told me that he has been wanting to call for a while. He said he reads the article and appreciates what God is doing in my life. This man then told me that The Good News is probably the only spiritual blessing that he receives right now and that outside of talking to God he has no one else to really talk to

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He was employed for over 40 years with Loudon County Ambulance Services and Rural Metro. He was preceded in death by first wife, Janice Ann

Langley; parents, Fred Ernest and Ruby Lee Harmon Langley. Survivors: wife, Gloria Stamey Hitson Langley; sons, Freddie Michael Langley, Jr., Dustin Langley, Loudon, Brad Allen Langley, Lenoir

City; grandchildren, Michael David Langley, Christopher Andrew Langley, Chelsey Moore, Brittany and Addison Langley; sister, Cathy and husband, Rev. Bobby Melton, Kentucky; brothers, Kerry

and Darlene Langley, Florida and Jimmy and Debbie Langley, Blaine, TN; beloved pets, Gracie and Dooley. Family will receive friends 1:30-4:00 p.m. Saturday prior to funeral services at 4:00 p.m. Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Bobby Melton and Rev. Scott Wells officiating. Interment Loudon County Memorial Gardens. Loudon Funeral Home in charge. www.loudonfuneralhome.net.

Baseball bat lands man in trouble



Sammy Lynn Clabough, 39, North D

Street, Lenoir City was charged with aggravated assault and felony vandalism.

According to affidavits; Officer B. Burley, LCPD investigated a fight in the area of 407 West Broadway at around 6:54 PM, Sunday.

During the course of the investigation, it was determined Sam Clabough struck the victim in the left knee with a deadly weapon, namely an aluminum bat, which was recovered at or near the scene.

Clabough also struck the victim's 2001 Ford Taurus on the passenger side rear door with the bat, causing severe damage to the door of the vehicle. The damage was estimated to be in excess of \$500.

Police Beat

Steven Broyles, 43, Nelson Street, Philadelphia, was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Stegall, LCSO made the arrest.

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Woman takes illicit pills on shoplifting trip



Amanda Jean Edwards, 'aka' Erica Suzanne Crask, 27, Jack-

son Bend Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft over \$500, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a legend drug without a prescription and criminal impersonation.

According to affidavits filed by Officer Jamie Whitt, LCPD; Sunday, at approximately 1:42 PM, Ms. Edwards was exiting the Walmart in Lenoir City where she had been observed by loss prevention concealing items in her purse.

Edwards reportedly was observed cutting the tags off of a beach

bag, then and stuffing clothing, makeup and shoes totaling \$526.10 in the bag and exiting the store on the lawn and garden side without paying for the merchandise.

Officer Whitt conducted a pat down

search of Ms. Edwards and found a syringe and 13 round white pills believed to be bupropion, an anti depressant, for which Edwards did not have a prescription.

While booking Ms. Edwards, she initially identified herself as Er-

ica Suzanne Crask with a birth date of July 20, 1988, but later admitted to Corrections Officer Pam Snow her correct name was Amanda Edwards.

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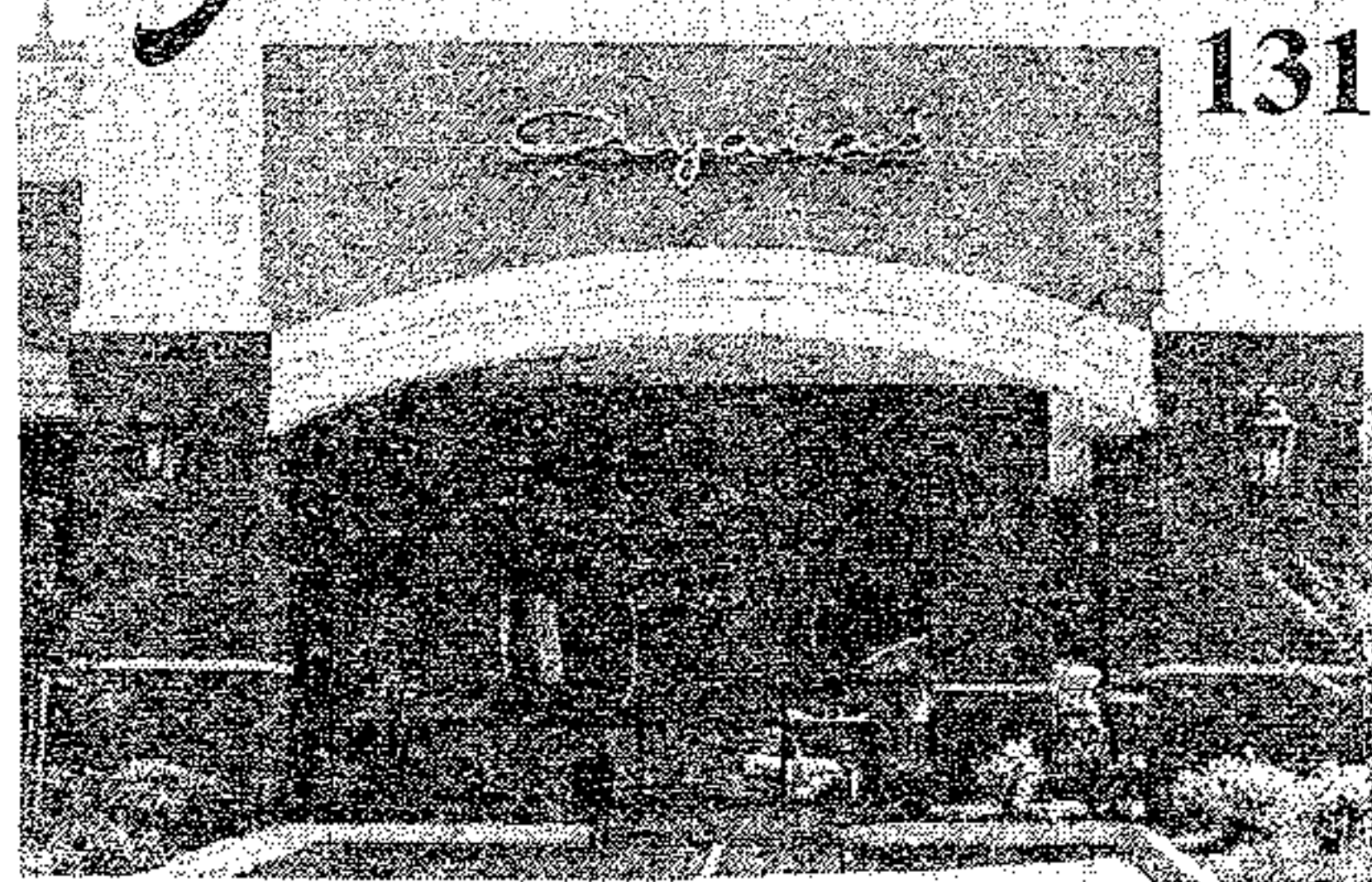
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about issues in his life. He then said the following words that are etched in my mind, "If you ever get discouraged, and you wonder if anyone is even reading your article.... I want you to know that I am!"

Again I am sobbing like a school girl as I type these words! This man had no idea what was going on in my life. He had no idea that just two minutes earlier I had my hopes crushed and wondered if I could really be of use to God..... but God did!

If this kind man would have left me the same message a week before I would have appreciated it, but on this day I NEEDED IT. Thank you, my brother, for being obedient to God, who knows exactly what each

of us need and exactly when we need it. Thank you for reminding ME that God is in control and that He is already using me to help others. I hope that you will call again. I hope that we can be friends and lift each other up as Christ intended us to. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

The message I share today is one I'm just learning myself; we don't have to get to a certain place in life or geographical location to be effective for Jesus, we only have to be willing right where we are!

I can easily be reached at 865-680-0344 or shoot me an email to share your thoughts at jeffvittatoe@yahoo.com. Visit our website at www.thegoodnews-dailyedition.com. My goal is to be closer to Jesus today than I was yesterday. If yours is the same, let's

grow together. I received a blessing from a guy whose name I don't even know and it doesn't even matter. God knows both of us!

Tour

participated in the Police Unity Tour bicycle ride May 9, 2012 – May 12, 2012. More than 1,400 police officers biked hundreds of miles from points in East Hanover (NJ), Franklin Township, (NJ), Howell (NJ) Portsmouth (VA), Richmond (VA) and King of Prussia (PA) to Washington, DC.

The Police Unity Tour's motto is "We Ride for Those Who Died" and is one that each rider seriously embraces. Participants not only trained hard for the 300 mile average ride, each rider raised more than \$1,700 to raise awareness and

financial support for the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

The Tour's six spokes converged in Washington DC on May 12th when they rode into the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial at approximately 2:00 p.m. to the cheers of thousands of family, friends, colleagues and supporters.

About the Police Unity Tour

Founded in 1997 with 18 riders, the Police Unity Tour now boasts more than 1,400 riders and support personnel dedicated to raising awareness of law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The Police Unity Tour raises funds to support the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and National Law Enforcement Museum.

About the National Law Enforcement Offi-

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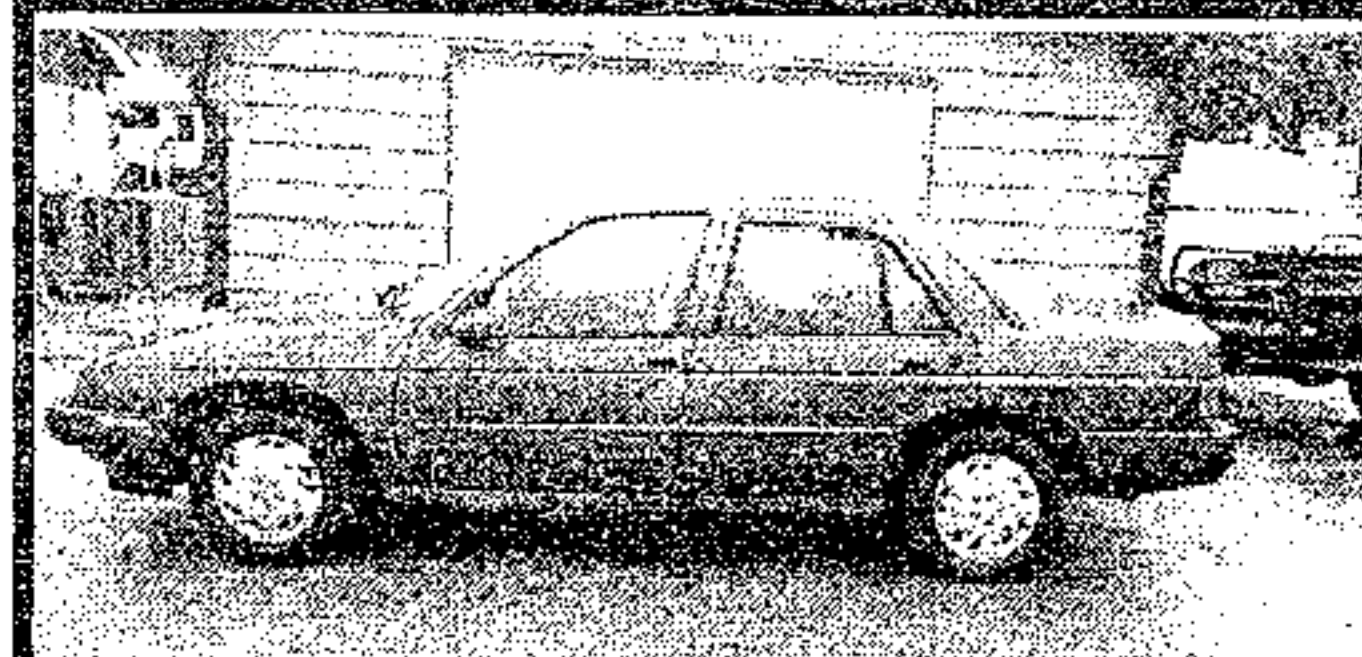

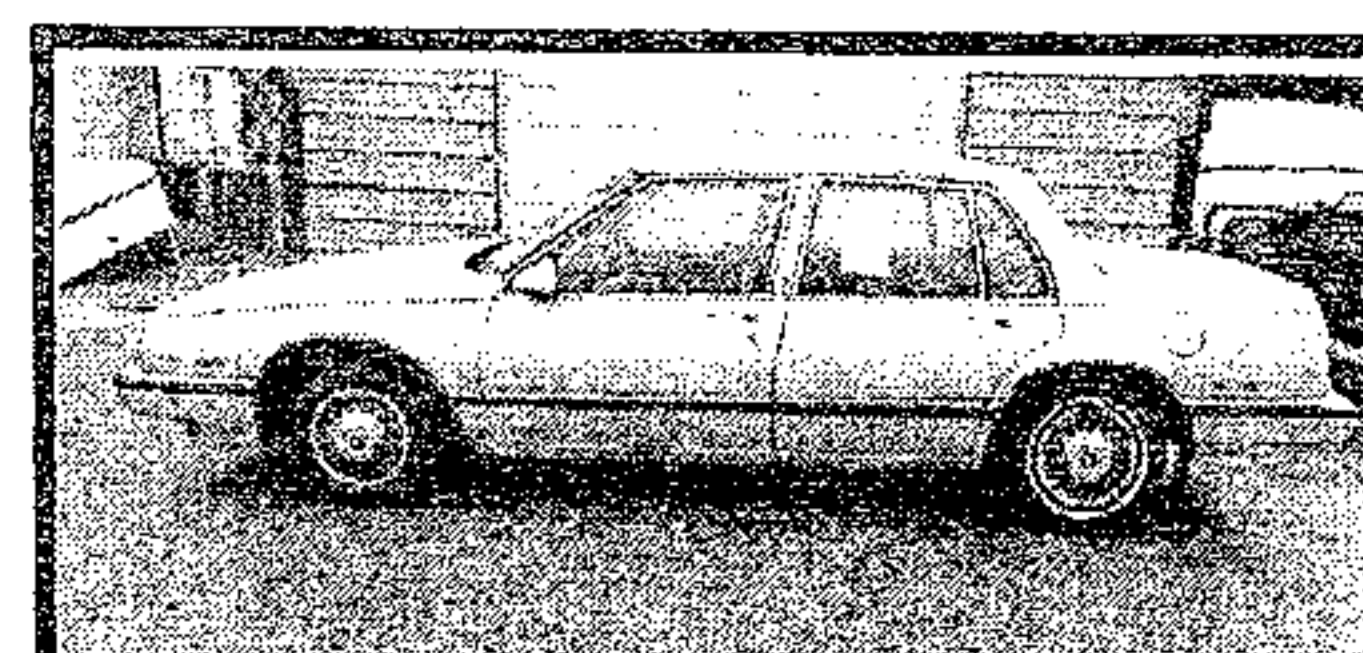
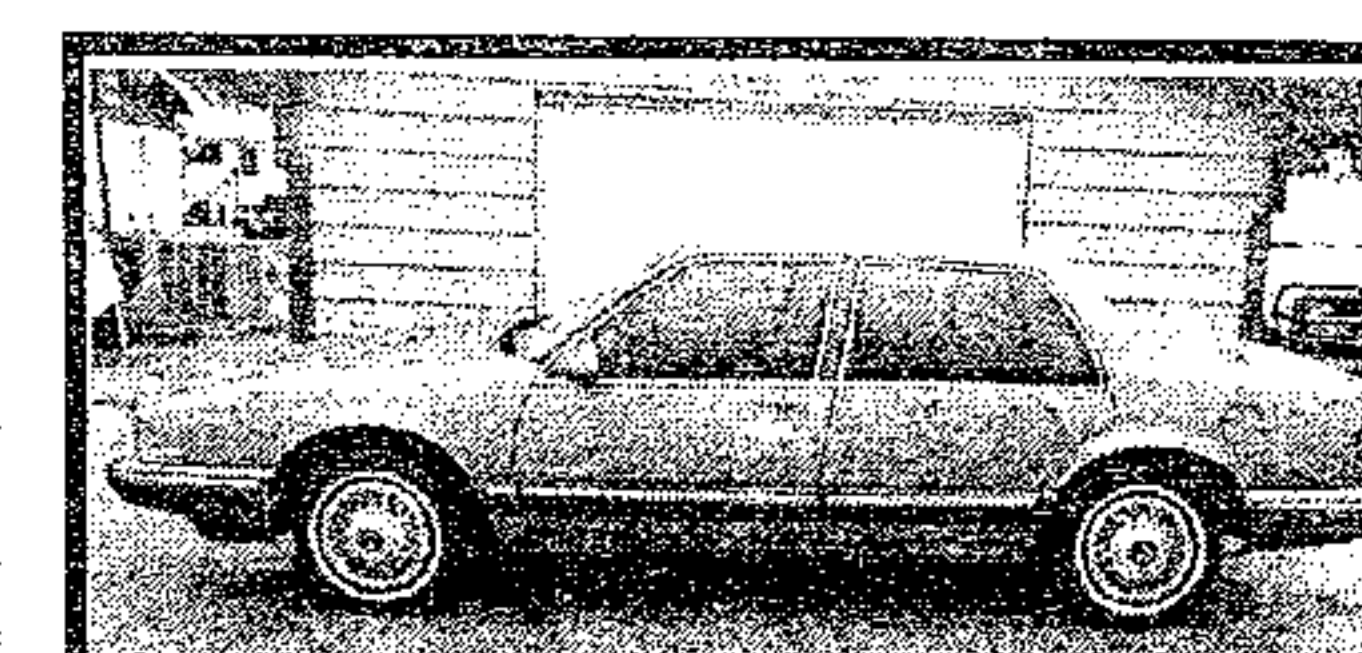
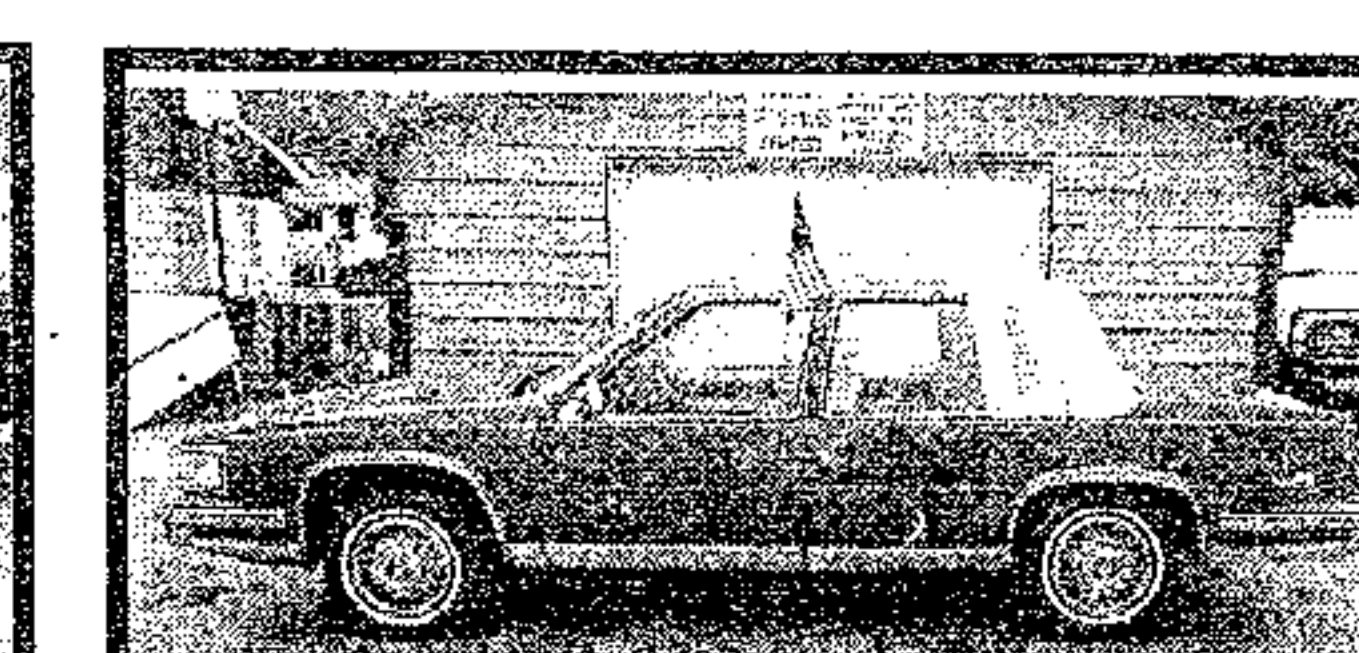
Established in 1984, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund is a private non-profit organization dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of America's law enforcement officers and to promoting officer safety. The Memorial Fund maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, DC, which contains the names of 19,660 officers who have died in the line of duty throughout U.S. history. The Memorial Fund is now working to create the National Law Enforcement Museum, which will tell the story of law enforcement through high-tech, interactive exhibitions, historical artifacts and extensive educational programming. For more information, visit www.LawMemorial.org.

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