

# The Daily Edition 50¢

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Thursday August 30, 2012

## Verse of the Day

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." Mark 8:29

## Obituaries

Diane Hensley  
Captain Phillip Ray Skeen  
James Ross Lane, Jr.

## Wazzup

The 2012 Labor Day weekend starts tomorrow, Friday, August 31 and runs through Monday, September 3. Part near everything government will be closed and nigh on to everybody will be off! As always, please don't drink & drive and have a safe & happy holiday!

## Weather

Today: Partly sunny with a 30% chance of showers & thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of showers & thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers & thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows around 70.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers & thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows in the lower 70s.

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers & thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Lows around 70.

## Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22  
How's your love life? Make it better today with a little application of your

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## Monroe County Woman Charged with TennCare Fraud in Loudon County

NASHVILLE — A Monroe County woman is charged with TennCare fraud in Loudon County, for selling prescription drugs paid for by TennCare.

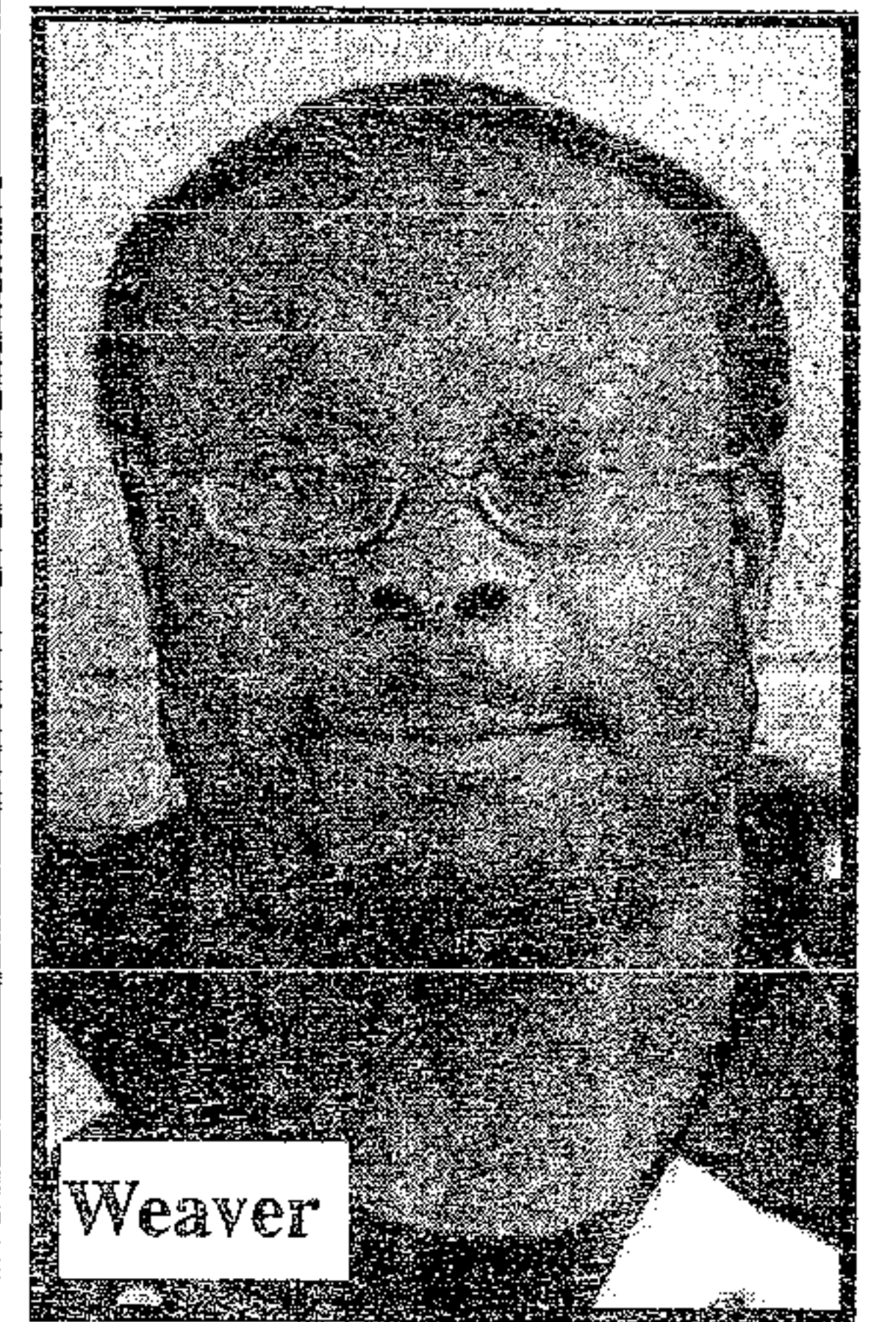
The Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced the arrest of Amanda Lynn Brown, 36, of Vonore, after a joint investigation with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. She is charged with TennCare fraud and sale and delivery of a Schedule II controlled substance. Charges say Brown filled a prescription for the painkiller Oxycodone, which was paid for

(see Brown pg. 5)



Brown

## Big rig driver gets DUI



Weaver

A Georgia man was taken into custody when officials received numerous complaints of

(see Weaver pg. 7)

## Softball tourney to help fight breast cancer

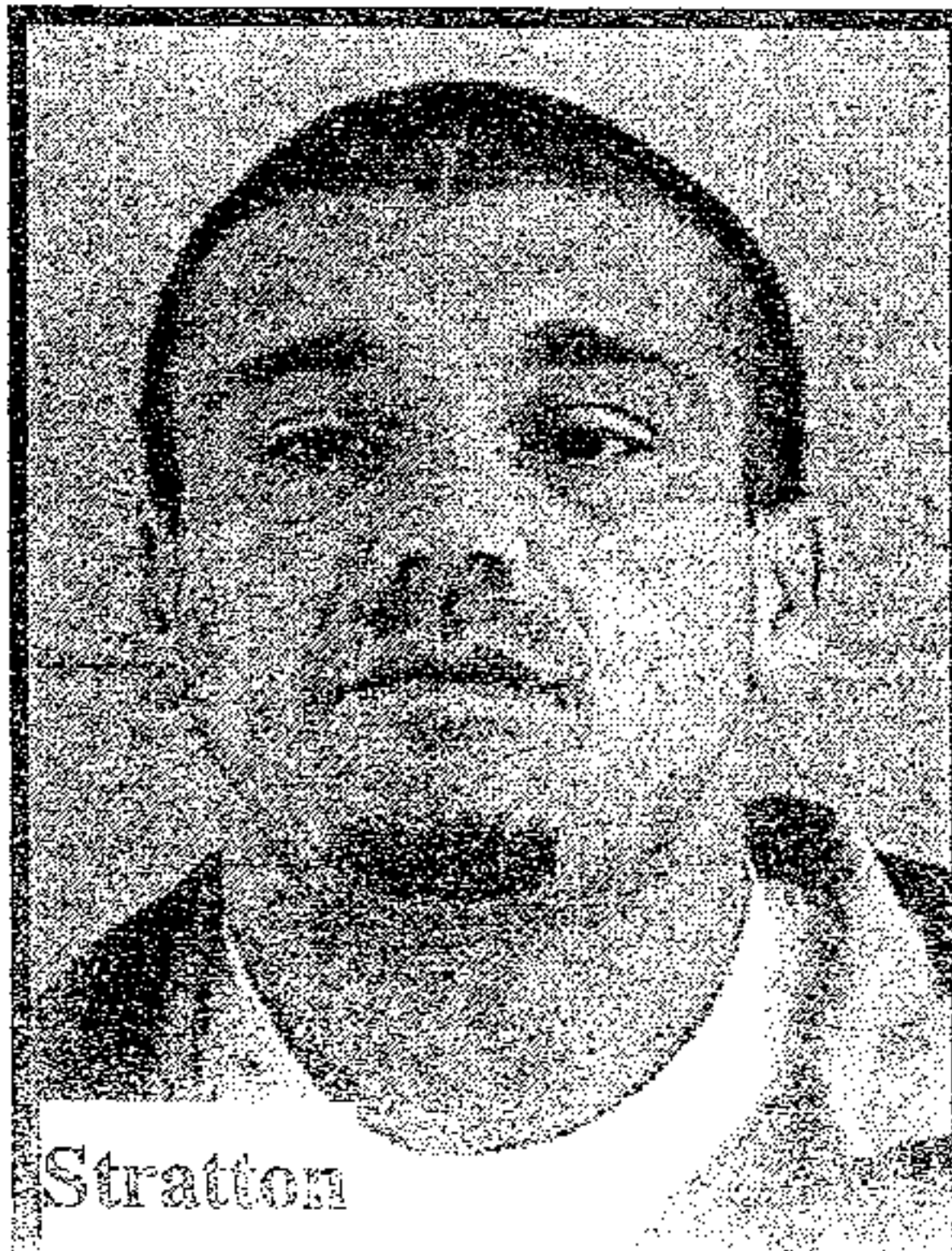
Loudon County is the site of a fund raiser event to raise funds for "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer," an American Cancer Society nationwide event to raise funds and awareness to end breast cancer. As part of this effort, on Satur-

(see Benefit pg. 3)

## Threatened violence doesn't stop shoplifter's arrest

When a local man was caught allegedly shoplifting, he gave up the goods and told the loss prevention officer he would hit him if he had to. The man was let go, but soon found himself in handcuffs when Officer Buckner responded to the call and took him into cus-

(see Stratton pg. 6)

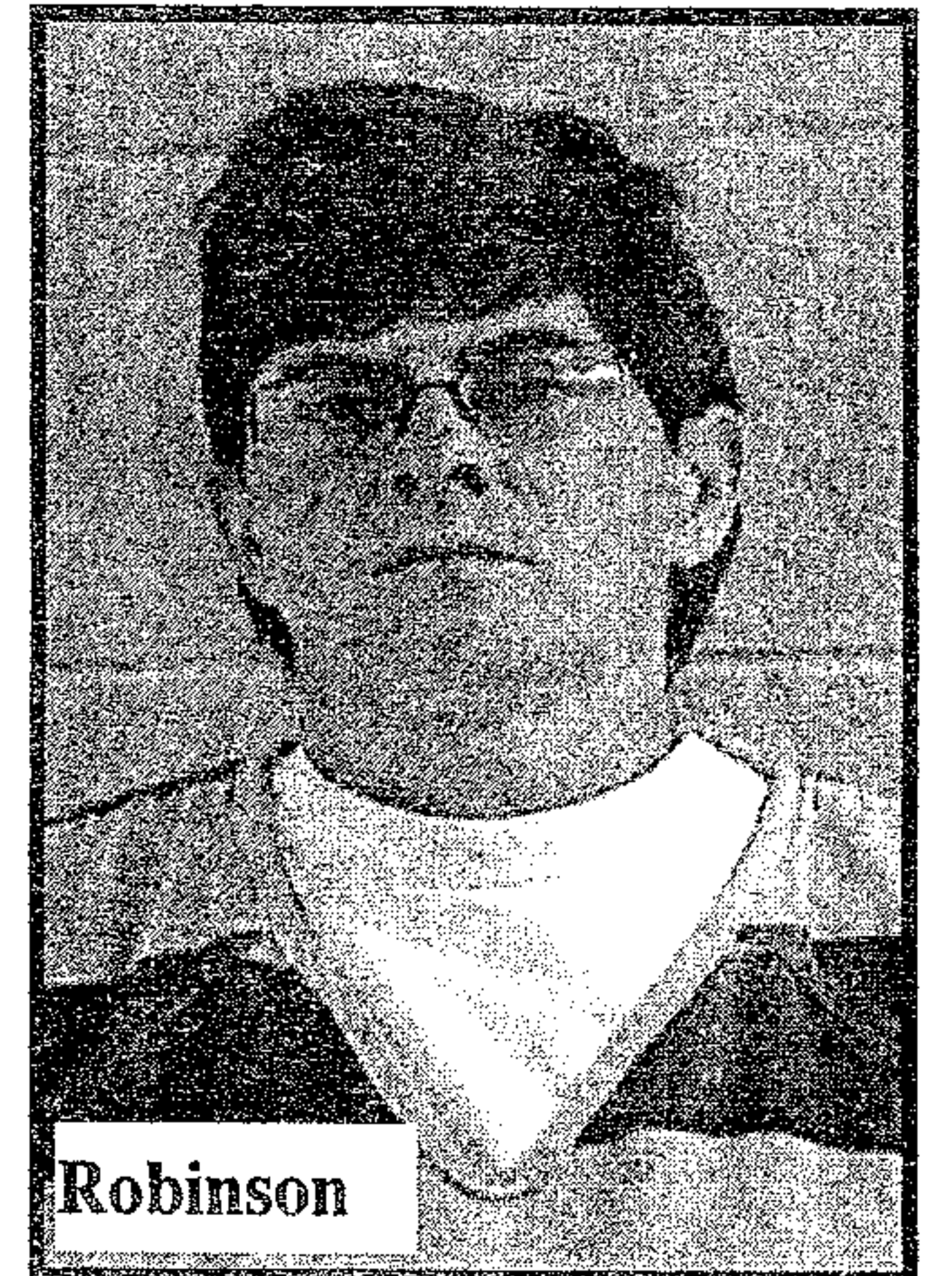


Stratton

## Woman commits hundreds to the system for \$11 in merchandise

A Lenoir City woman committed herself to paying possibly hundreds of dollars to the justice system for jail bond, court costs, fines and all the other monetary fees that go with being arrested when she allegedly stole around \$11 worth of merchandise from

(see Robinson pg. 3)



Robinson

## Local woman gets 2nd DUI, nearly falls onto patrol car

(see Wrather pg. 6)

A local woman was taken to jail on her second DUI charge she was involved in a wreck after reportedly having

a mixed drink and taking prescribed medication. It was reported she nearly fell onto the hood of a patrol car while per-

**Robinson**

Walmart earlier this month.

Tracy Lee Robinson, 37, of C Street, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Walmart Asset Protection personnel observed Robinson inside the store and saw her select several items such as bread, a note-

book and a bag of charcoal.

Robinson then carried the merchandise out the door without attempting to pay. The items totaled \$11.07.

Officer Randy Pierce, LCPD made the arrest.

**Benefit**

day September 8, 2012 at the Loudon Municipal Park fields 2 and 3, Astec Underground Inc. (a Loudon County employer) is sponsoring a softball tournament. All proceeds from the event will go to the American Cancer Society.

Games start at 8:00am, co-ed teams are welcome, and concessions will be available for food and beverages.

For team sign-up and information, contact Janine Bateson 865-408-2100, j Bateson@a

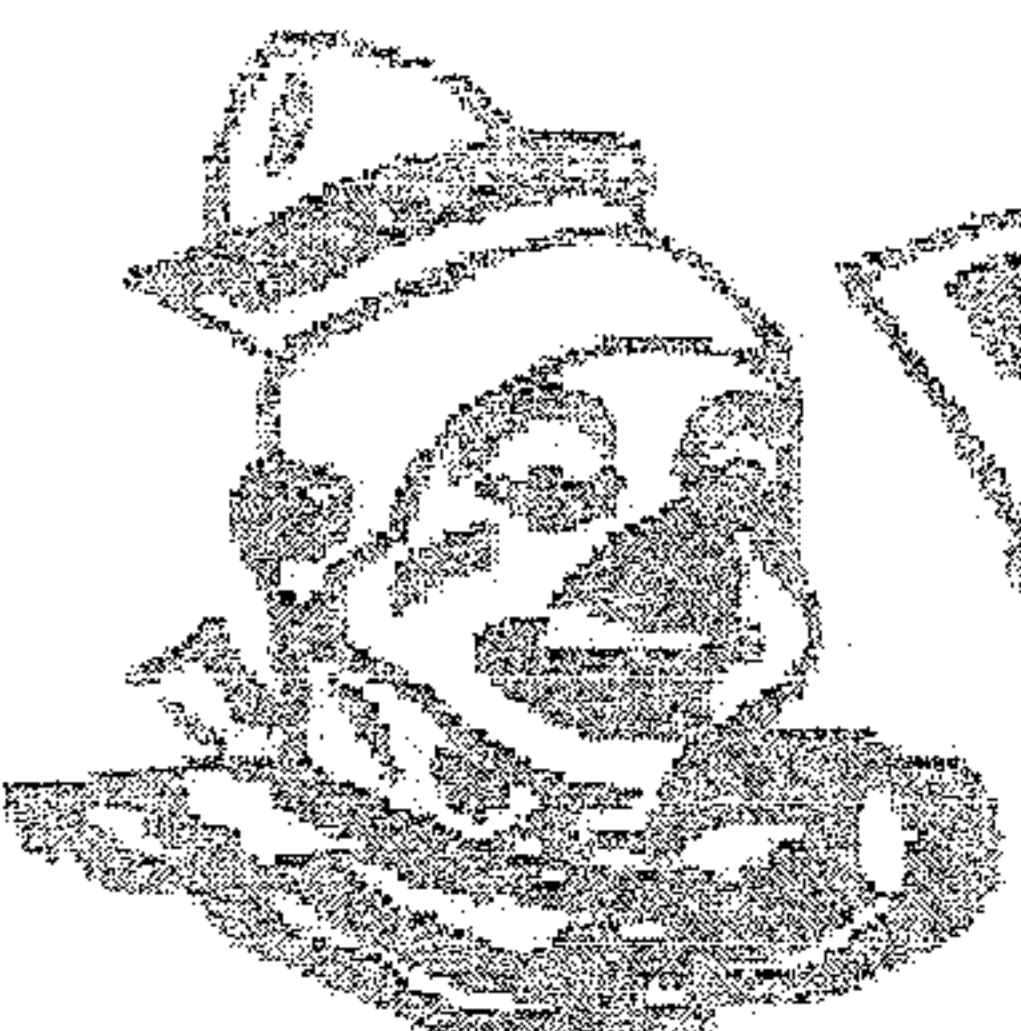
stecunderground.com.

**Police Beat**

Mark Lewis Chandler, 45, Wade Lane, Oliver Springs was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO responded to 10769 Highway 11 West for a call of a suspicious person. Upon arrival the deputy observed a blue Ford Explorer turn into the address from Highway 11 and made contact with the driver Mark L. Chandler.

Mr. Chandler's license was found suspended and he was placed under arrest.



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**Brown**  
by TennCare, then sold a portion of the pills.

"We have zero tolerance for people who use TennCare to buy drugs

and then sell them to people in our communities," Inspector General Deborah Y. Faulkner said. "These drugs can be dangerous in the

wrong hands."

The TennCare fraud charge against Brown could result in a two year sentence, if convicted. District Attorney Gen-

eral Lawrence Russell Johnson is prosecuting.

Brown was arrested and charged with sale and delivery of schedule II oxycodone and possession of drug paraphernalia earlier this year when she and a Vonore man were stopped for speeding and officials found several prescription pill bottles and paraphernalia in the vehicle and in the pair's possession. None of the bottles contained the number of pills they were supposed to. (See the Tuesday, March 13, 2012, edition of The daily Edition for the story.)

The OIG, which is separate from TennCare, began full operation in February 2005 and has investigated cases leading to over \$3.5 million paid in restitution and recoupment to TennCare, with a total estimated cost avoidance of over \$173 million for the TennCare program, according to latest figures. To date, over 1,700 people have been charged with TennCare fraud.

Through the OIG Cash for Tips Program established by the Leg-

islature, Tennesseans can get cash rewards 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.tn.gov/tnoig](http://www.tn.gov/tnoig) and follow the prompts that read "Report TennCare Fraud."

**Police Beat**

Tasha Malone Malone, 22, Ronnie Avenue, Memphis was charged with failure to appear.

Officer B. Brown, LCPD made the arrest.

Shawna Nicole Smallen, 20, Church Street, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear on violation of probation.

Officer K. Condee, LCPD made the arrest.

Jasmine Nicole Ford, 24, Sawmill Road, Tellico Plains was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO made the arrest.

Eric Leigh Abney, 26, Oakwood Drive, Lenoir City was charged with failure to appear.

Deputy Chris Hutchens, LCSO made the arrest.

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**Stratton**

today.

Timothy Robert Stratton, 32, of Sweeten Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and simple assault.

According to the report, Officer Tim Buckner, LCPD was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a shop-lifter. Upon arrival the officer found Stratton was observed concealing unpaid merchandise in his pants.

Loss prevention made contact with Stratton walking out the grocery exit door. The loss prevention person asked for the merchandise back and Mr. Stratton gave the merchandise back and told the loss prevention person he would punch him if need be.

Stratton was then allowed to leave and dispatch was contacted. Officer Tim Buckner, LCPD made the arrest.

**Wrather**

forming sobriety tasks.

Kelly Mae Wrather, 53, Valleyview Drive, Lenoir City was charged with DUI 2nd offense and violation of

implied consent.

According to reports, Investigator Marty Stanley, LCSO was dispatched to a wreck involving a possible drunk driver around 9:30 PM, on Eblen Road. When he arrived on the scene, the female driver was outside of a Jeep Cherokee in the roadway. She was identified as Kelly Wrather.

Ms. Wrather had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her person and was very unsteady on her feet. She stated she'd had one margarita and had taken her regularly prescribed medication approximately one hour before the crash.

Wrather performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and nearly fell onto the hood of Corporal Pete McGinley's patrol car. Ms. Wrather was placed under arrest and a check of her driving history found she was convicted of DUI

on April 12, 2006 in Loudon County.

Wrather was read the implied consent advisement and refused. Deputy Guy Wells, LCSO was also on the scene.

**Police Beat**

Michael E. Walker, 28, East Inskip Drive, Knoxville was charged with alcoholic beverage violation.

Preston M. Fisher, 20, Rain Forest Drive, Knoxville was charged with underage consumption.

Whitley A. Hall, 20, Salem Church Road, Knoxville was charged with underage consumption.

According to reports, Mr. Fisher and Ms. Hall were passengers in a green Ford Mustang stopped on Rose Street by Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD for a seatbelt violation on Mr. Walker. Fisher and Hall had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on their persons and admitted consum-

ing one beer.

Mr. Fisher and Ms. Hall are only 20 years old and were in violation of the state law concerning alcohol consumption.

After receiving consent to search from the owner of the vehicle, Whitley Hall, the officer found an 18 pack and a 16 pack of Bud Light. Mr. Walker was the only person old enough to purchase the alcohol and knowingly allowed underage adults to consume the alcohol he'd purchased.

James Roland King, 38, Samples Road, Louisville was charged with driving on revoked.

According to records, at approximately, 6:30 AM, Deputy Jamie Pistole, LCSO noticed Mr. King driving a green Dodge Neon and not wearing a seat belt. The deputy performed a traffic stop on Highway 321 at Jackson Bend Road and asked

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for Mr. King's license.

Mr. King stated he didn't have a license and a check through dispatch confirmed his license were revoked for failure to file insurance after an accident out of Knox County on August 4, 1992.

Mr. King was placed under arrest and his vehicle was towed.

Donald Douglas Jenkins, 46, Crowder Road, Madisonville was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

Michael Lee Goff, 34, Donaldson Road, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation.

Corporal Angi M. Martin, LCSO, served the warrant in the Loudon County Jail.

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**Weaver**

him driving his Freightliner all over the road on I-75 and when THP located him found he reportedly was under the influence of several different prescription medications.

Jonathan Allen Weaver, 36, Kingsland, Georgia was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, at approximately 2:48 PM, Trooper Eric Miller, THP received a BOLO for reckless and unsafe operation of a white Freightliner commercial vehicle traveling on Interstate 75 North at the 65 mile marker. Knoxville dispatch received approximately 6 phone calls from different complainants stating the truck was all over the roadway, driving on the shoulder and they

were afraid to pass it.

Trooper Miller made contact with the semi at the 76 mile marker and witnessed it cross the center line then drift over the fog line onto the right shoulder of the road. The truck traveled on the right shoulder for approximately 10 feet before the trooper initiated his emergency equipment.

The driver slowed to around 50 mph and went about 1.5 miles before coming to a stop. The driver, identified as Jonathan A. Weaver, was very uncoordinated, disoriented and unsteady on his feet.

During field sobriety tasks Mr. Weaver was very unsteady and uncoordinated on his feet to the point where he almost fell numerous times and couldn't perform as instructed. He

was placed under arrest. The implied consent advisement was read and he consented to a legal blood draw.

Mr. Weaver gave verbal consent to search his vehicle and during the search numerous prescription medications were found. The prescriptions were for methocarbamol 750 mg, tramadol 50 mg a schedule IV, and diclofenac 75 mg. The medications stated on the bottles "may cause drowsiness, use care when operating machines, alcohol may intensify this effect." Mr. Weaver was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER for the blood draw and then to the Loudon County Jail.

**Police Beat**

Christine Marie Shope, 36, Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky was

charged with DUI 2nd offense and simple possession of schedule VI.

According to reports, Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, LCSO noticed a white Honda Accord with a brake light out leaving the Shell Mart on Highway 72 and conducted a traffic stop on Queener Road at the Cabin. He identified the driver as Christine Shope, who had slurred speech, red watery eyes and performed poorly on field sobriety tasks.

After giving verbal consent to search her vehicle, Sgt. Bowen found a suitcase in the back seat containing a glass container with approximately 8 grams of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Mrs. Shope was placed under arrest and read the implied consent advisement which she refused.

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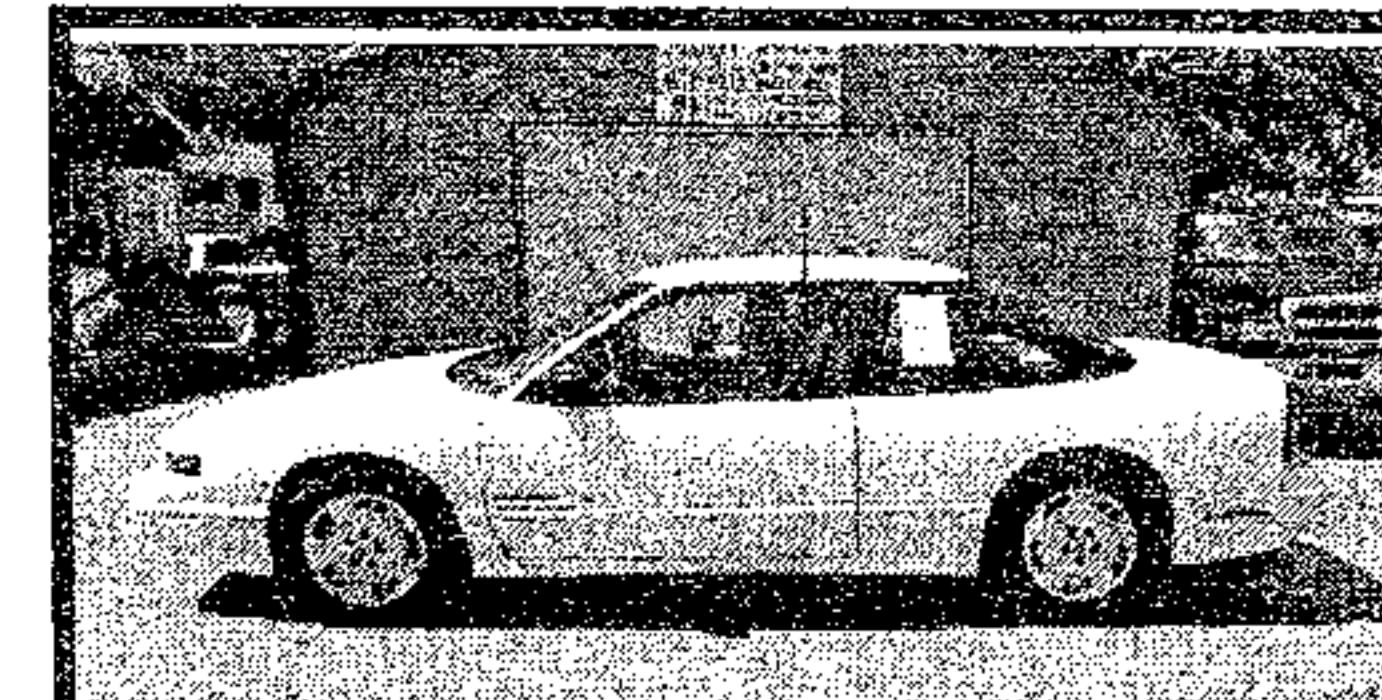
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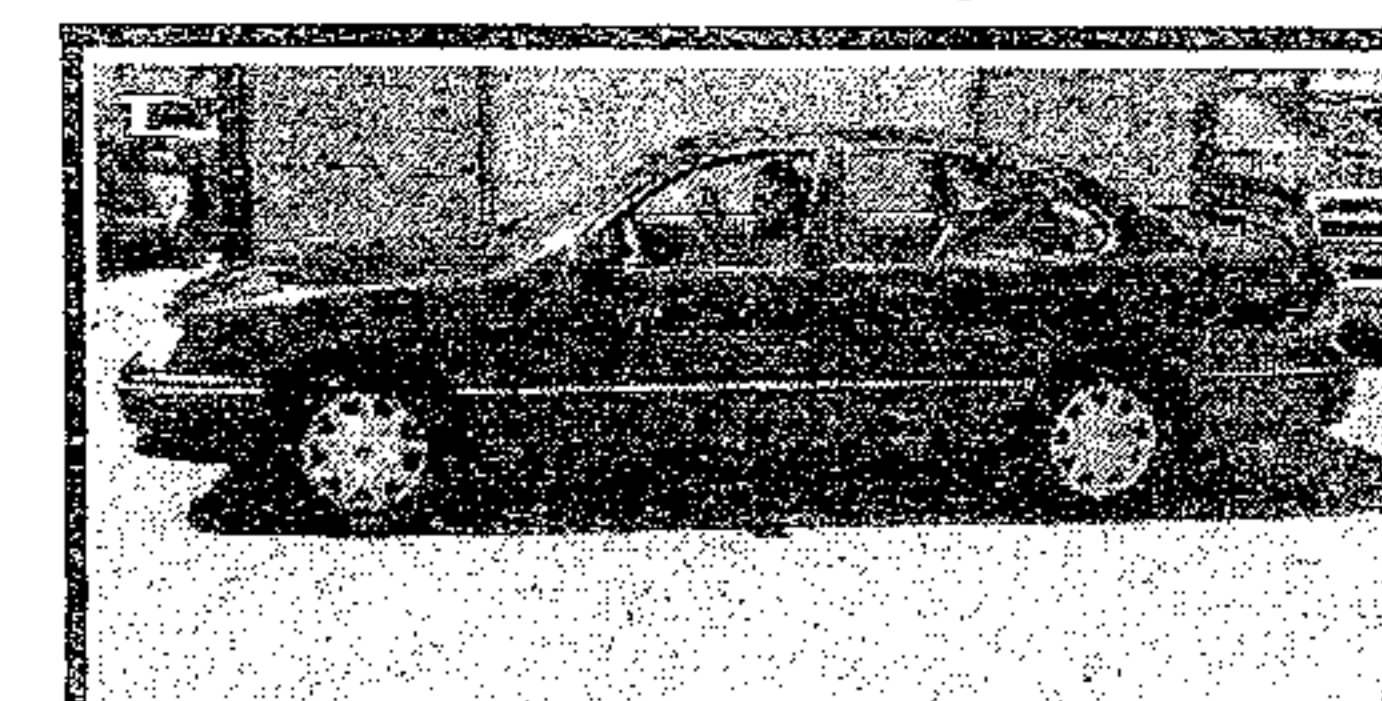
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