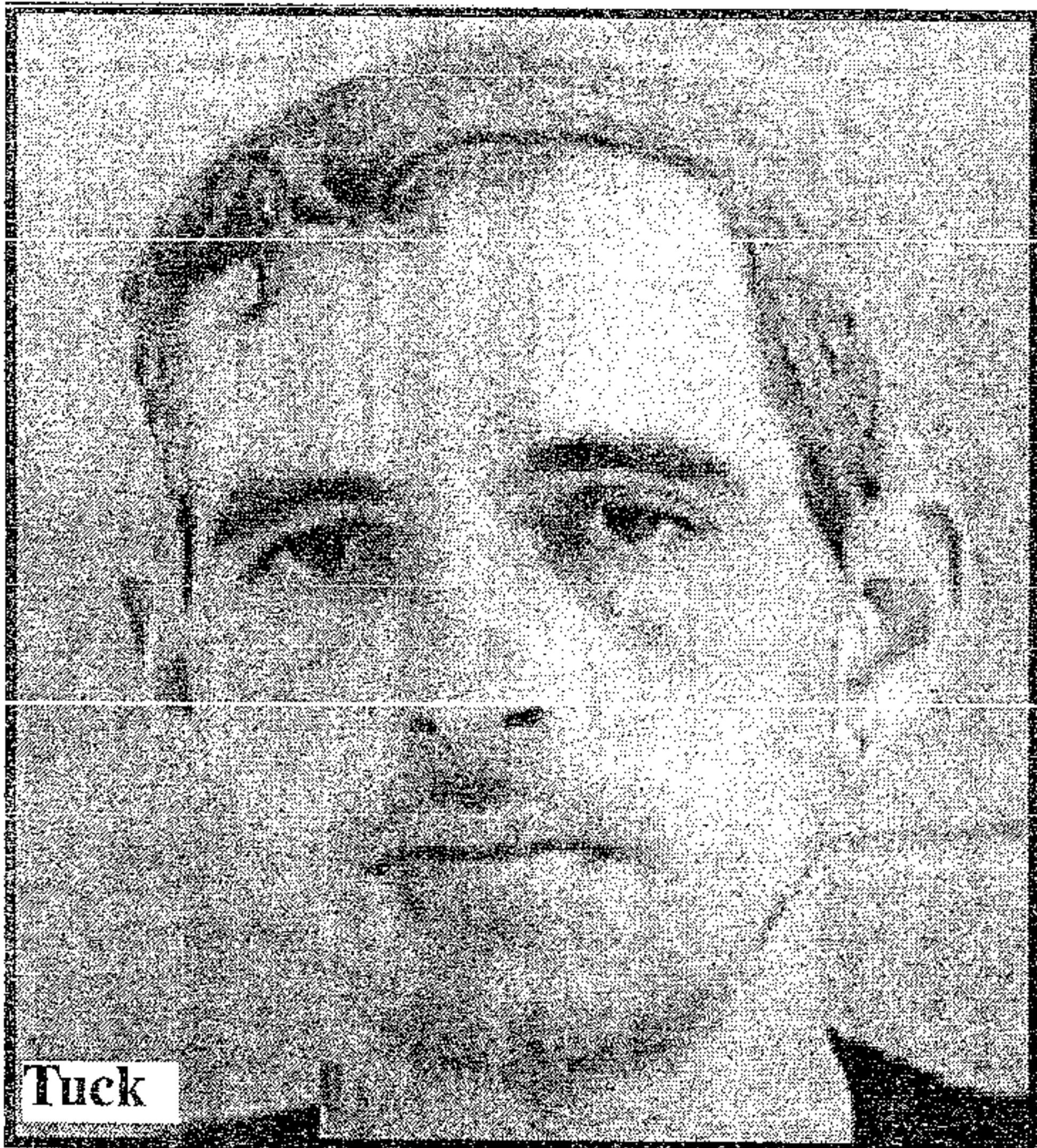


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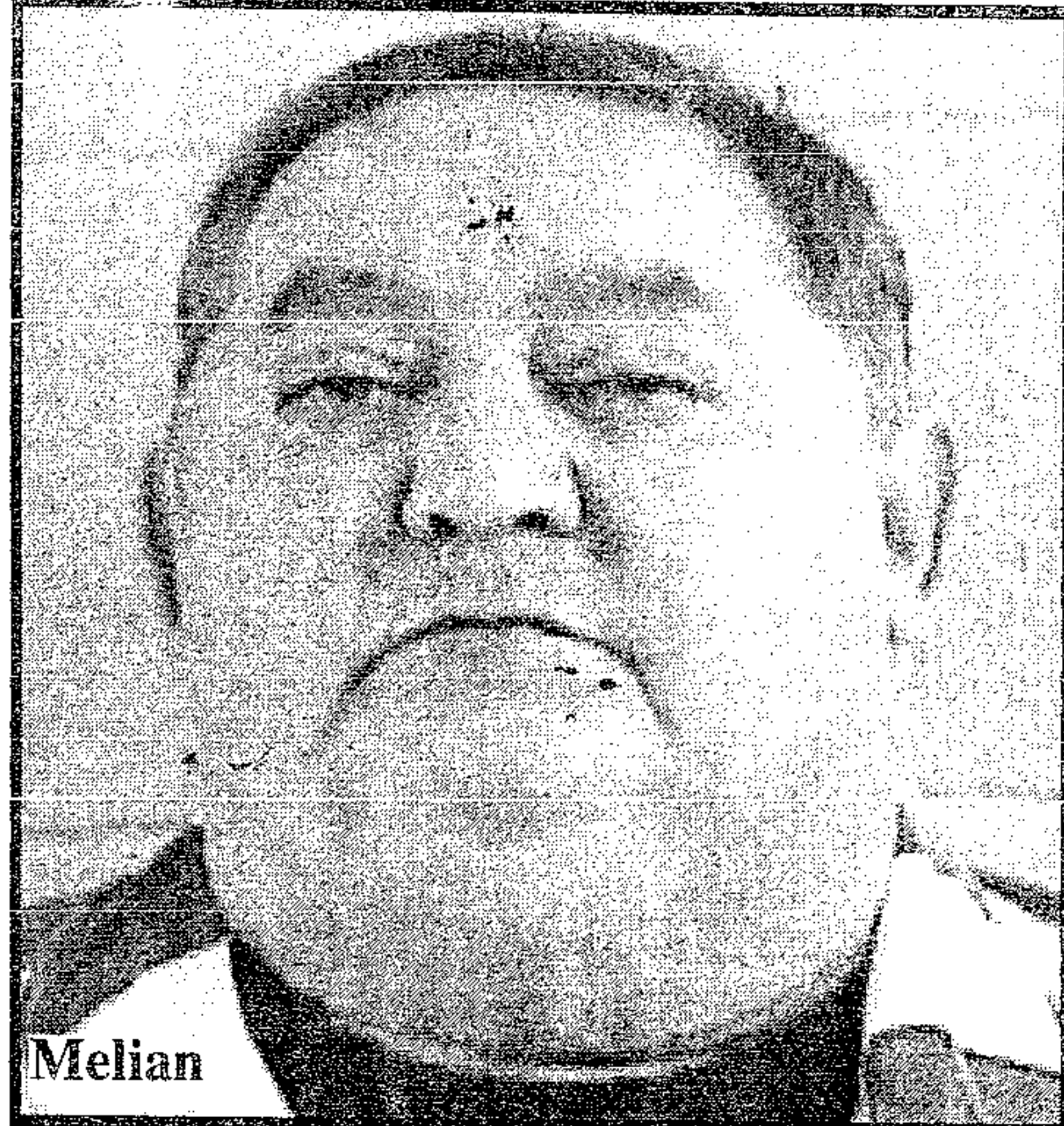
## Tuck charged with forgery, theft



Tuck

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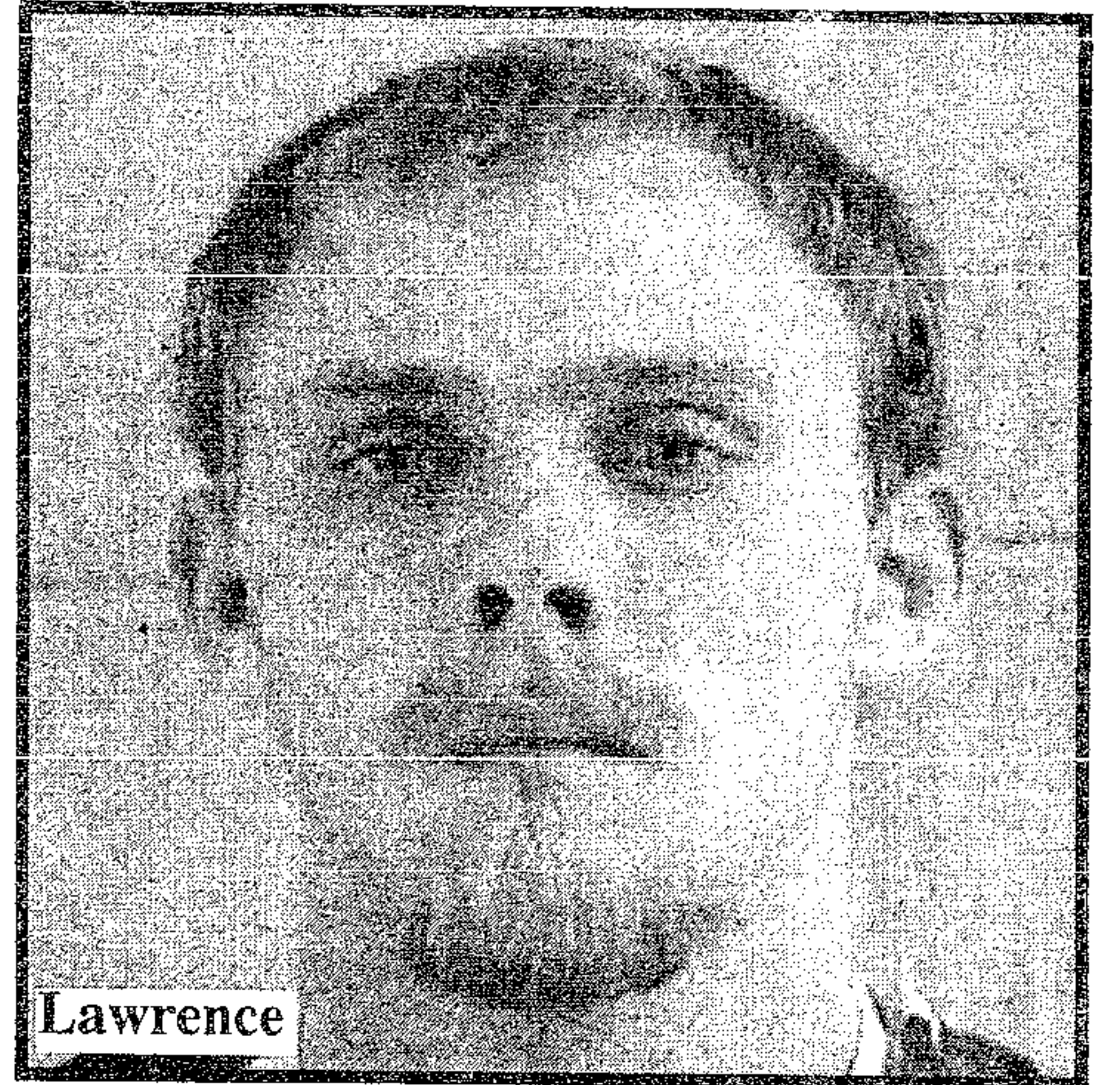
## Permission to dump denied, man charged with assault



Melian

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## "Lil C" involved in hit & run at Food City



Lawrence

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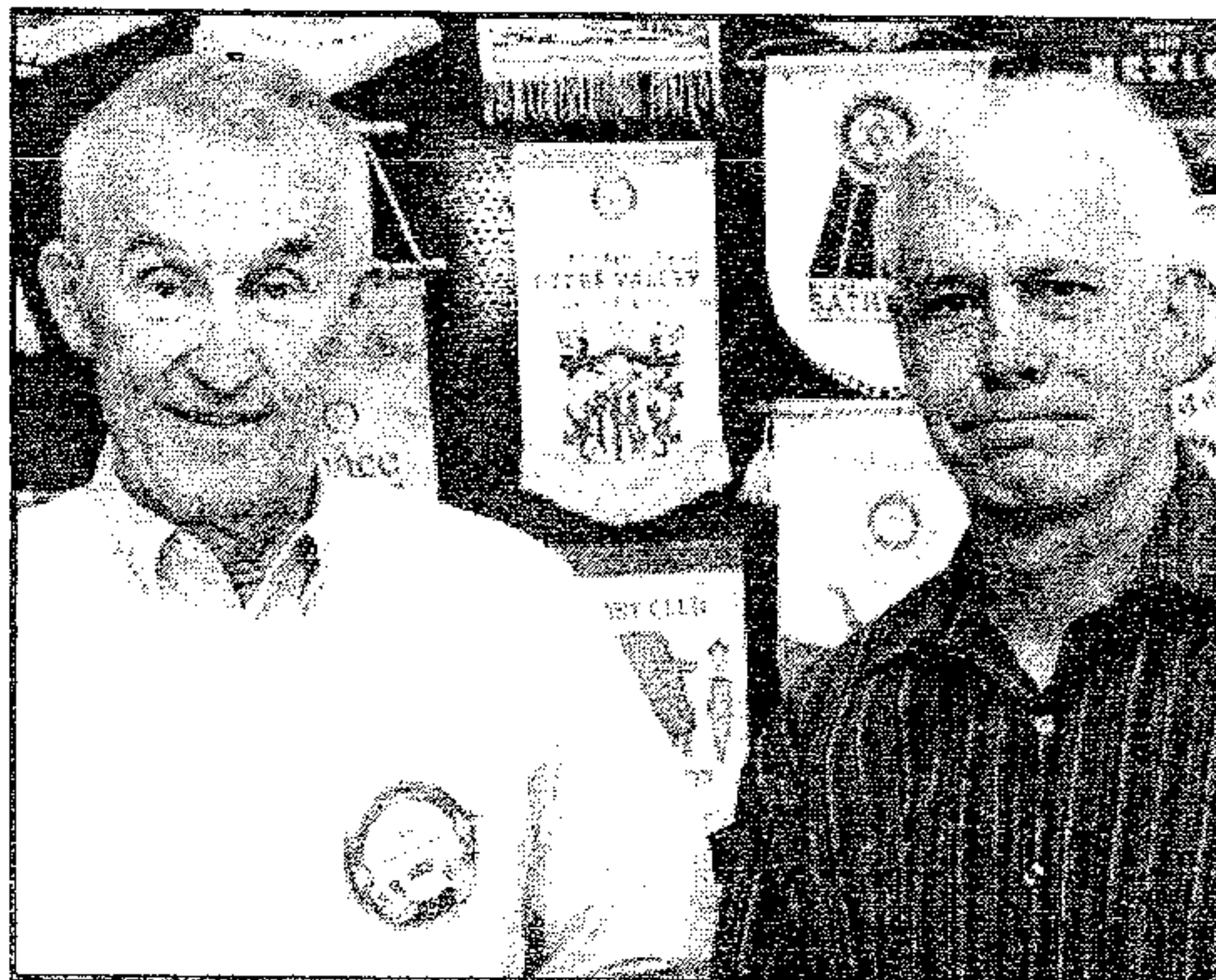
## Shoplifter



Archer

(see Archer pg. 7)

## Jim Wiese New Rotary Member



Jim Getchonis, Past President of the Rotary Club of Tellico Lake, sponsored Jim Wiese (right) for membership in the Club. He was inducted as a member at the February 8 meeting

## January Revenues

Tennessee tax collections continued an overall upward trend in January, even though sales tax collections were worse than the previous year. January sales tax collections represent retail activity that occurred during December. Finance and Administration Commissioner Mark Emkes announced that overall January

(see Revenues pg. 7)

## Turkey Season Preview, Asian Carp Presentation Among Topics at February Commission Meeting

The Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission will be given a preview of the upcoming spring turkey hunting season and presentation on Asian Carp at its February meeting.

(see Meeting pg. 3)

## Verse of the Day

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

— Romans 5:8

## Obituaries

Bernice E. Kelso

Raymond R. Galloway

## Henrietta Alice Farrington Wazzup

Tomorrow is Valentine's day, so be sure to support your local businesses when you're on the lookout for that special something to give the special someone in your life.

How 'bout all the THP presence on I-75 these days?!? There sure ain't no quicker way to get a driver to check the speedometer than to have a show of blue lights, be they on the black & tans or otherwise. Whoo-boy!!!

## Weather

Today: Cloudy with rain likely. Highs in the upper 40s. Chance of rain 70%.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of rain in the evening - then partly cloudy after midnight. Lows in the lower

30s.

Thursday: Mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Overnight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

## Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Your energy is terrific, (Continued on page 6)

**Tuck**

A Loudon man found himself behind bars following an investigation into allegations he passed at least two checks that another man had reported stolen. The checks reportedly were used to pay a debt to another person, leaving both that person and the check owner out the money they owned or

were due.

According to warrants filed by Detective Brian Jenkins, LPD; on January 19, 2013, Tobias "Toby" Tuck did commit the offense of theft by passing a check in the amount of \$125 for partial payment owed to the victim. The check was written on another man's account.

The check was reported stolen and the man

stated he did not endorse it and had no knowledge of it.

Tobias Tuck passed the check with the intent to defraud both victims for the amount of \$125.

In another warrant, Tobias Tuck passed a stolen check in the amount of \$100 to the same victim as before. This was done to deprive both victims of \$100.

Tobias Tuck, aka Toby, 35, of Riverview Street, Loudon was charged with two counts

of forgery and one count of theft under \$500. Officer M. Ward, LPD made the arrest.

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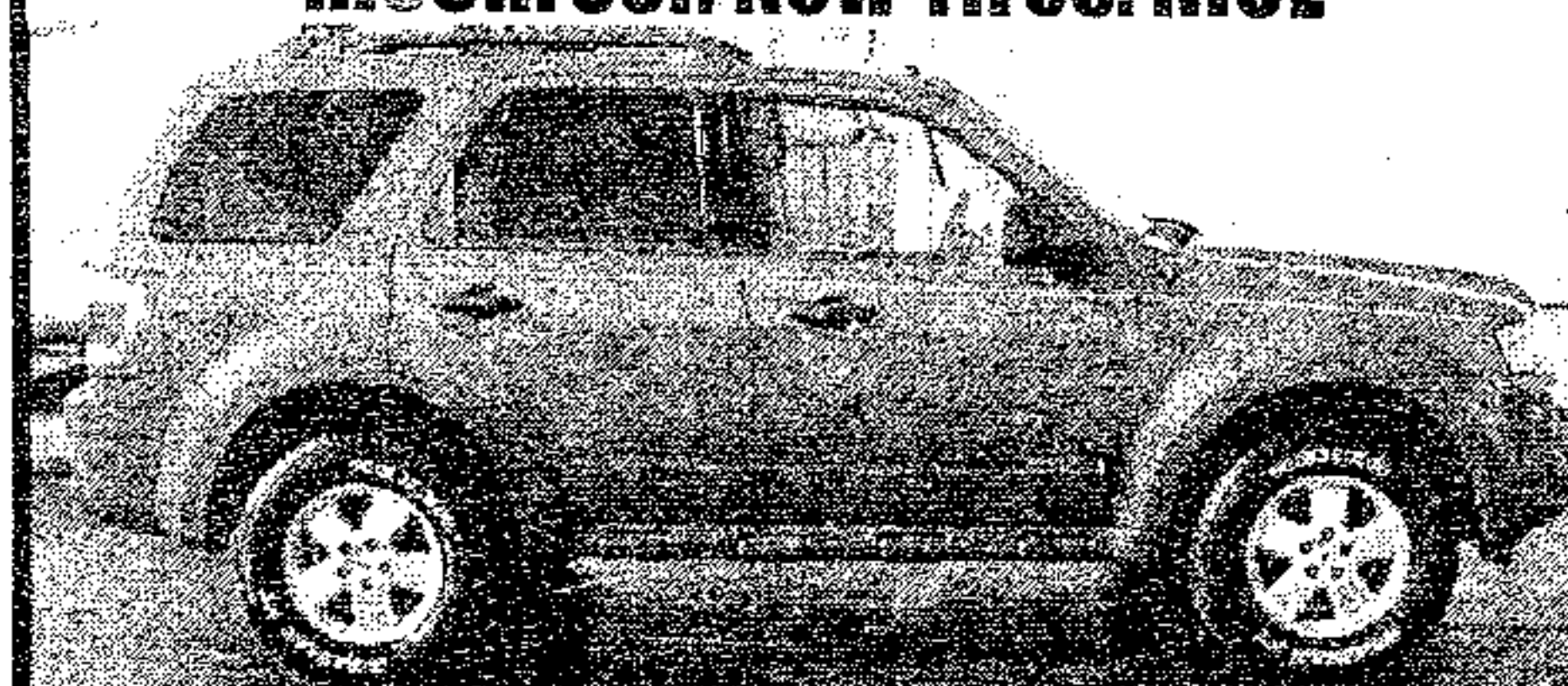
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**Lawrence**

Officer B. Brown LCPD was dispatched to a hit and run at the Food City in Lenoir City. Dispatch advised a silver F150 struck a pewter Tahoe, then fled the scene.

The officer was able to make contact with the vehicle and with information from two witnesses and the victim was able to identify and locate the driver and passenger of the silver F150 in Food

City.

Corey Lee Lawrence aka "Lil C" did admit to having driven the vehicle and admitted to having been involved in the accident.

Lawrence stated he fled the scene because he was scared.

"Lil C" fled the scene without giving any information or attempting

to check on the status of any driver or two other passengers of the victim's vehicle. A check showed Lawrence to have a suspended license.

Corey C. Lawrence, aka "Lil C," 21, of Industrial Park Drive, Lenoir City was charged with duty to give information and render aid, immediate notice of an accident and driving on suspended. Officer B. Brown LCPD made the arrest.

see Wildlife Resources Agency's Region II Ray Bell Building.

Tennessee turkey hunters have posted stable harvest numbers over the last 10 years with more than 30,000 birds harvested on annual basis. Last year's total neared 34,000. Gray Anderson, Assistant Chief for the Forestry and Wildlife Division, will make the preview.

TWRA Fisheries Division Chief Bobby Wilson will make the presentation on Asian carp. He will discuss how they arrived in Tennessee, their location, and the concerns of their presence.

In addition, the Agency will discuss and rec-

(see Meeting ctd. pg. 4)

**Meeting**

The TFWC will hold its committee meetings on Thursday, Feb. 14 while the commission meeting begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 15. The meeting will be held at the Tennes-

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### Melian

A Lenoir City man was arrested after he allegedly threatened and tried to assail a local recycler who refused to let him dump construction materials at his business.

Henry Enrique Melian, 66, of Industrial Park Drive, Lenoir City was charged with simple assault.

According to the report, Officer B. Brown, LCPD was dispatched to Halls Ferry Road to a disturbance. On the scene the officer spoke with the victim, who reported a large male became very aggressive toward him when he told Melian he could not dump construction materials or tile there. Melian, a much larger man, came at the victim and told him he was "Gonna whoop his a\$\$," and an unidentified male got between them and was holding Melian back in an attempt to keep him from attacking the victim.

Mr. Melian had left the scene prior to the officer's arrival and was located a few minutes later. Mr. Melian admitted to being at the recycling center, and

having been in contact with the victim, who was in fear of serious bodily injury and was still shaken up from the incident at the time of the report. Officer B. Brown, LCPD made the arrest.

### Meeting ctd.

commend changes that were submitted by the Commercial Fishing Advisory Committee regarding Asian Carp in the Commercial Fishing Proclamation.

At the TFWC January meeting, the commission approved a change in a proclamation in regard to future big game tagging and check-in procedures. The change calls for all big game animals to be checked in at an approved TWRA checking station, on the TWRA website, or by the TWRA mobile application by the end of calendar day of harvest.

Michael May, TWRA Information Technology Division Chief, will

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give details about the Agency adding the new mobile application for check-ins which will be ready for the 2013 spring turkey season. TWRA is changing its big game tagging system from utilizing temporary and permanent harvest tags to a harvest log.

The public is invited to attend both committee meeting and formal commission meeting.

### Police Beat

Charles Dale Howard Kennedy, 29, of County Road 280, Niota, was

charged with failure to appear in Monroe County and child support attachment in

Monroe County.

Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO made the arrest.

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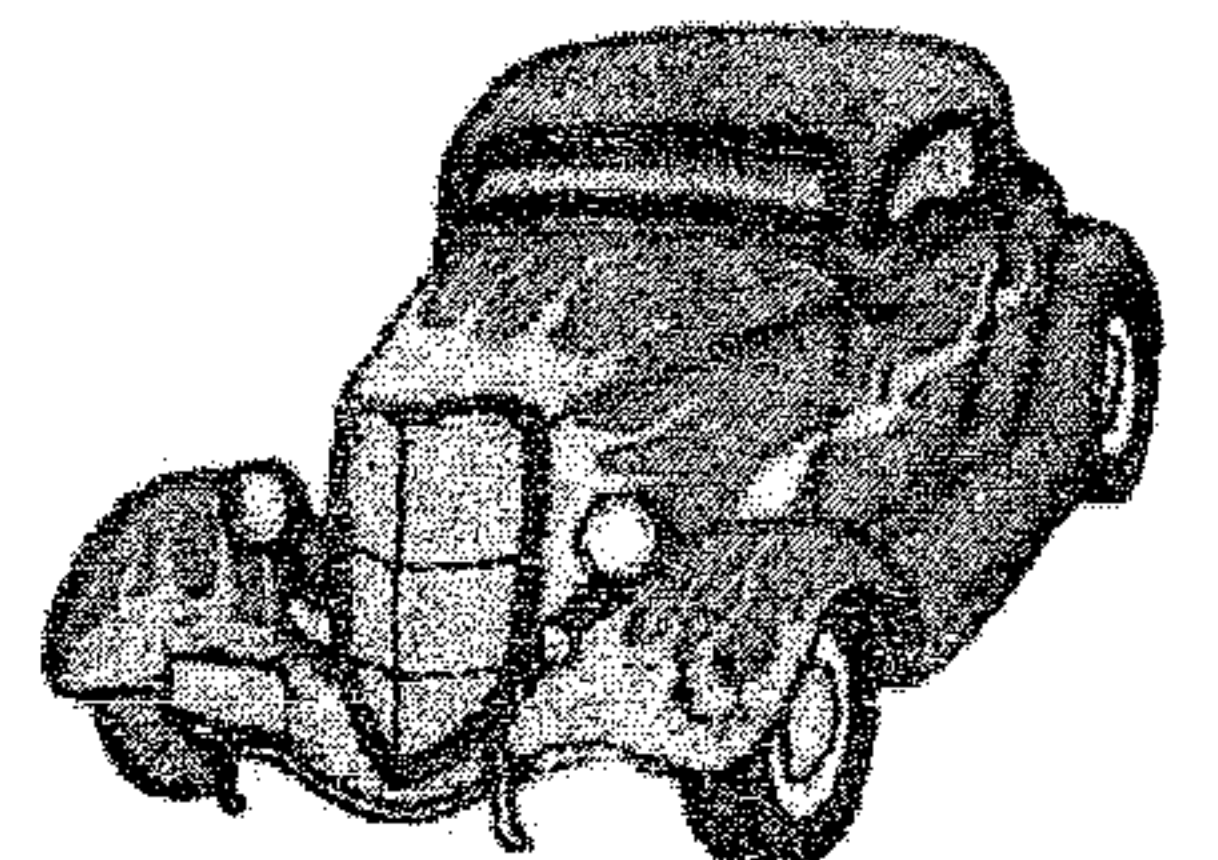
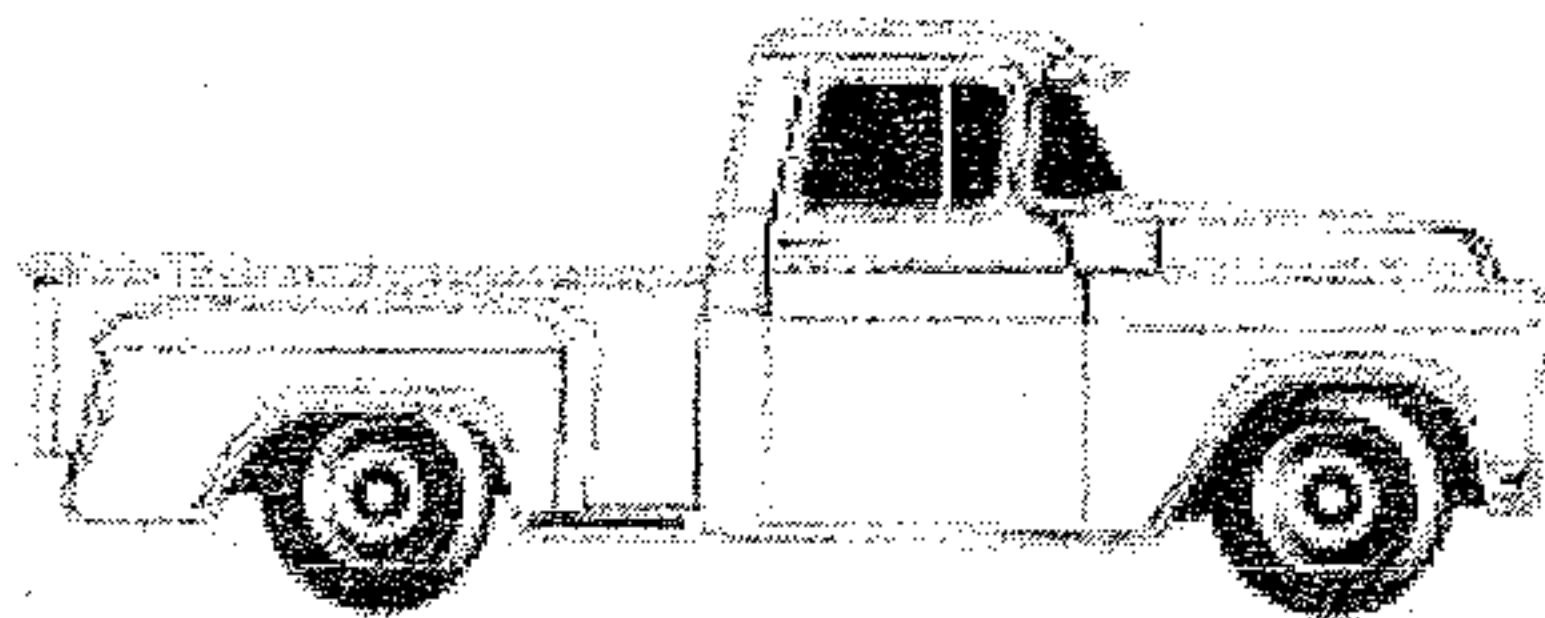
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### Archer

Megan Elizabeth Archer, 19, of Loudon Ridge Road, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the report, Ms. Archer was at Walmart on Hwy 321 in Lenoir city and selected items from the cosmetics section. Ms. Archer stopped in the aisle and concealed the items in her purse.

Ms. Archer then went to the shoes and took a pair of black tread face tennis shoes, put the old ones in the box and purchased some food product, then left the store with the other items. Ms. Archer passed all points of sale and the total amount of the items was \$85.

Detective Jonathan Sartin LCPD made the arrest.

### Revenues

revenues were \$1.1 billion, which is \$15.4 million more than the state budgeted. It's the sixth consecutive month of overall positive growth this fiscal year, with corporate tax collections, once again, contributing heavily to the upward trend.

"This marks the first month this year that we've recorded negative growth in sales tax collections," Emkes said. "We believe it's the result of an aggressive November holiday retail marketing strategy, and two additional days of after 'Black Friday' shopping, compared to

November of 2011.

"Total collections in January seem to indicate that Tennessee continues to slowly recover from the recession, which is the national trend as well. It means we must continue to closely monitor spending and revenues, working with the General Assembly to end the fiscal year with a balanced budget."

On an accrual basis, January is the sixth month in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

The general fund was over collected by \$10.1 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$5.3 million.

Sales tax collections were \$15.1 million less than the estimate for January. The January growth rate was negative 0.30%. For six months revenues are under collected by \$33.4 million. The year-to-date growth

rate for six months was positive 1.94%.

Franchise and excise taxes combined were \$22.1 million above the budgeted estimate of \$172.1 million. For six months revenues are over collected by \$113.5 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections for January increased by 0.18% and were \$2.5 million above the budgeted estimate of \$70.2 million. For six months revenues are under collected by \$9.3 million.

Tobacco tax collections were \$1.8 million below the budgeted estimate of \$20.1 million, and for six months they are \$8.5 million under the budgeted estimate.

Inheritance and estate taxes were over collected by \$2.7 million for the month. Year to date collections for six months are \$7.1 million more than the budgeted estimate.

Privilege tax collections were \$2.8 million more than the January estimate, and on a year to date basis, August through January, collections are \$13.6 million above the estimate.

All other taxes were over collected by a net of \$2.2 million.

Year-to-date collections for six months were \$89.0 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$94.2 million and the four other funds were under collected by \$5.2 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2012-2013 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation of December 19th, 2011 and adopted by the second session of the 107th General Assembly in April 2012. They are available on the state's website at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/bud/budget.html>.

The State Funding Board met on December 14, 2012 to hear updated revenue projections from the state's various economists. The board met again on December 19th and adopted revised revenue ranges for 2012-2013. The revised ranges assume an over collection from the July 2012 budgeted estimate in the amount of \$203.0 million to \$287.3 million in total taxes and in the amount of \$224.2 million to \$305.9 million in general fund taxes for the current fiscal year.

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