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Election 2016

The most important election in history!

by Dan Bell

It has officially begun today with early voting. Voting 2016 is underway and record numbers of voters are expected as this election is marked to make history nationwide with turnout numbers never before seen.

This election is the most important of our lifetime nationally as we have to choose our President.

The contest has

come down to basically 2 candidates, A - Donald Trump and B - Hillary Clinton, C, D and E and so on really don't stand a chance if you wanna be honest. The choice has created turmoil throughout our nation. It has pitted friends against friends, family against family, men against women, color against color. It's totally gotten out of hand.

The simple decision is this, if you like things the way they are, you enjoy your Obamacare and you believe things should continue as they are then you need to vote for B, Hillary Clinton. Nothing will change, as she has stated on numerous occasions and Obamacare will continue. Bill Clinton, who was impeached and actually has done

the horrible acts he was accused of and still to this day laughs about lying to the American people will be in the first man position (no pun intended) if she's elected. She was also responsible for the four deaths of American Soldiers as Secretary of State. The Clintons have made a life in Washington and if she loses we still have to pay them.

The other option is A - Donald Trump, the only candidate in the race who has actually

held a job, provided a job and built businesses throughout his career. Yes some of those businesses have bankrupted and instead of quitting he built more which continue to be successful. He has said some hurtful, awful things during his run for office. But this fact still remains, he is the ONLY candidate who will at least attempt to change the mess we are in now. Whether it actually gets done or not is to be seen but at

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Better watch who you let use your vehicle next time!



Ashley Buckner

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Report from Thailand

Part 4: Strengthening Investigations Through Collaboration

As evening falls in Chiang Mai, the street market in the historic district teems with tourists shopping for bargains. Nearby, at one of the city's ancient gates, an open-air park begins to fill with young people. This is where a different kind of commerce occurs.

"Here is where the predator blends into the environment looking for boys and girls for prostitution," said a Royal Thai Police detective who specializes in human trafficking cases and crimes against children. The veteran investigator, who has seen victims as young as

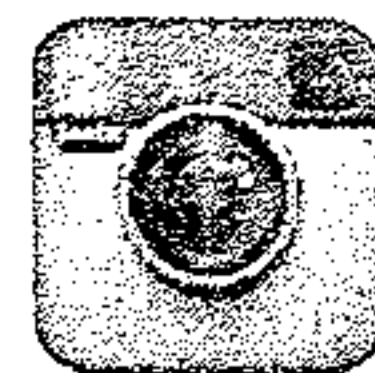
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LC woman charged in Ldn forgery



Chrystal Durga

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Verse of the Day

He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

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Obituaries

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Wazzup

The wait is over. Today is the day to begin Early Voting! In LC remember to vote on election day also at the Career Center on Broadway due to the

Memorial Building being renovated.

Weather

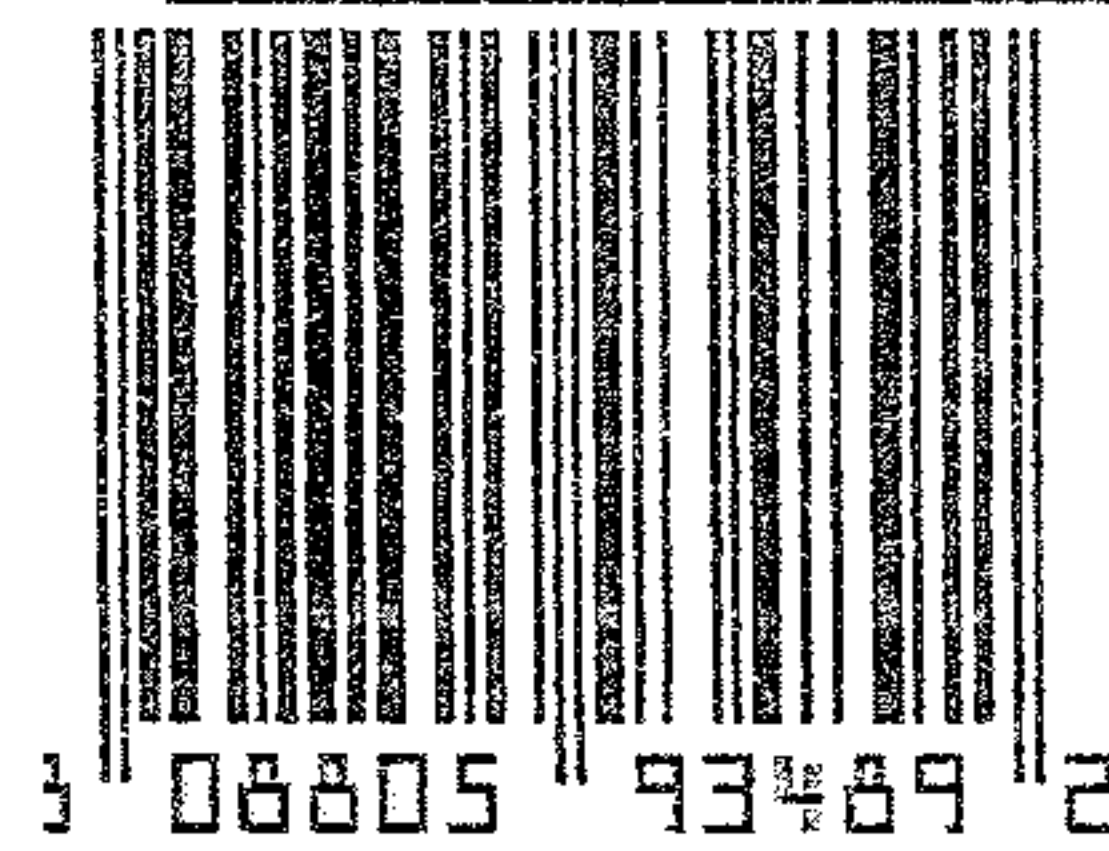
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least there will be an attempt at a Greater America. The cost of the forced insurance has increased to the point that people are having a nearly impossible time paying the mandatory premiums.

All the violence that has taken place is crazy, bombings of campaign centers, fights at rallies simply nuts.

It has to stop and hopefully will after November 8th!

I disagree with our Governor Bill Haslam as well as several major newspapers across the country who have not endorsed Donald Trump for President. Mr. Trump is the only person who can change what Obama has done

to us and is just that simple!

A disgruntled former LCUB employee takes another stab at LC Council Seat

Ex New Yorker seeks to unseat Congressman Jimmy Duncan
by Dan Bell

In the Lenoir City race for

Council there are two fresh names on the ballot. Steve Shoemaker and Monty Ross. Both these individuals are seeking to replace one of the current three Lenoir City Council Members, Harry

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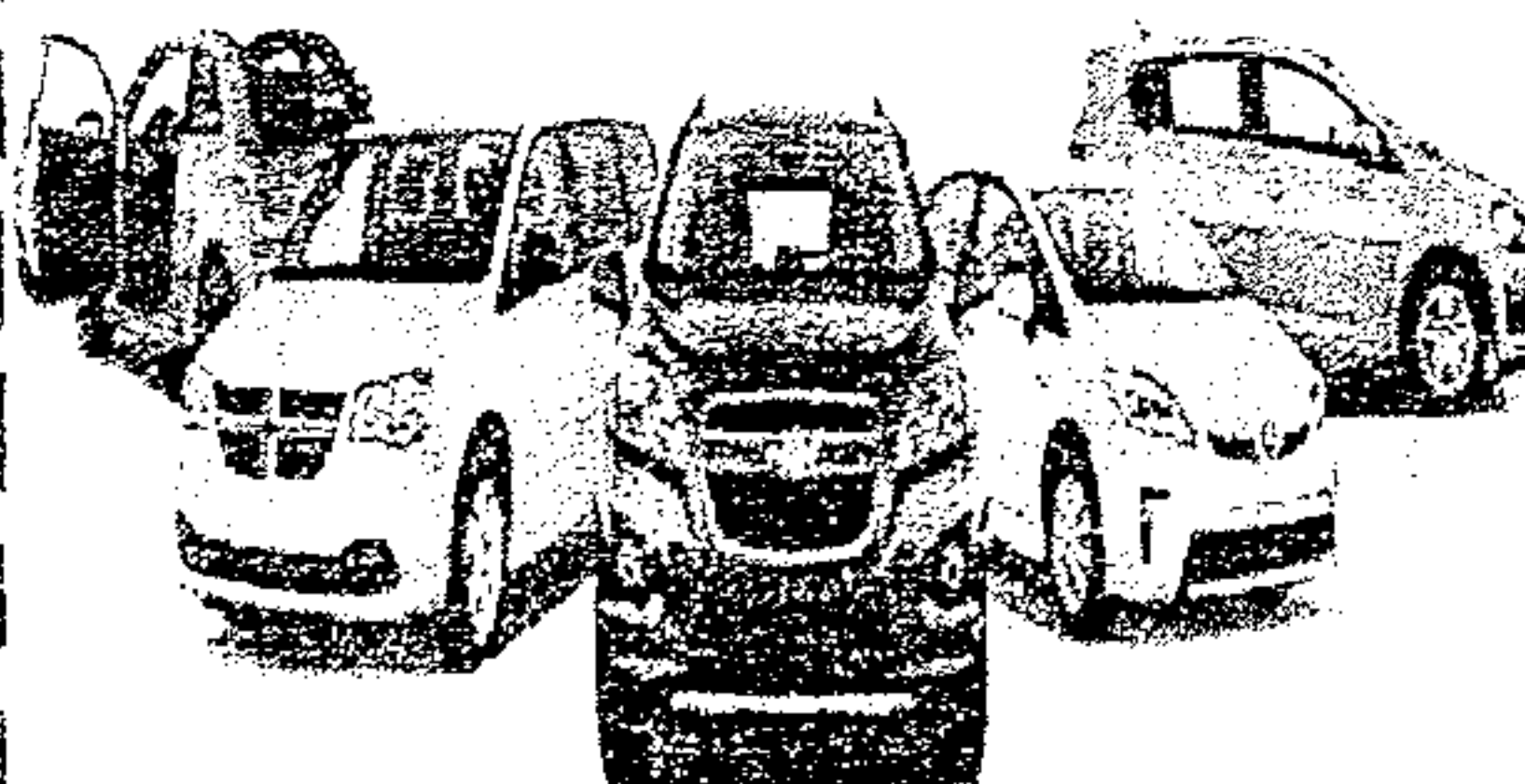
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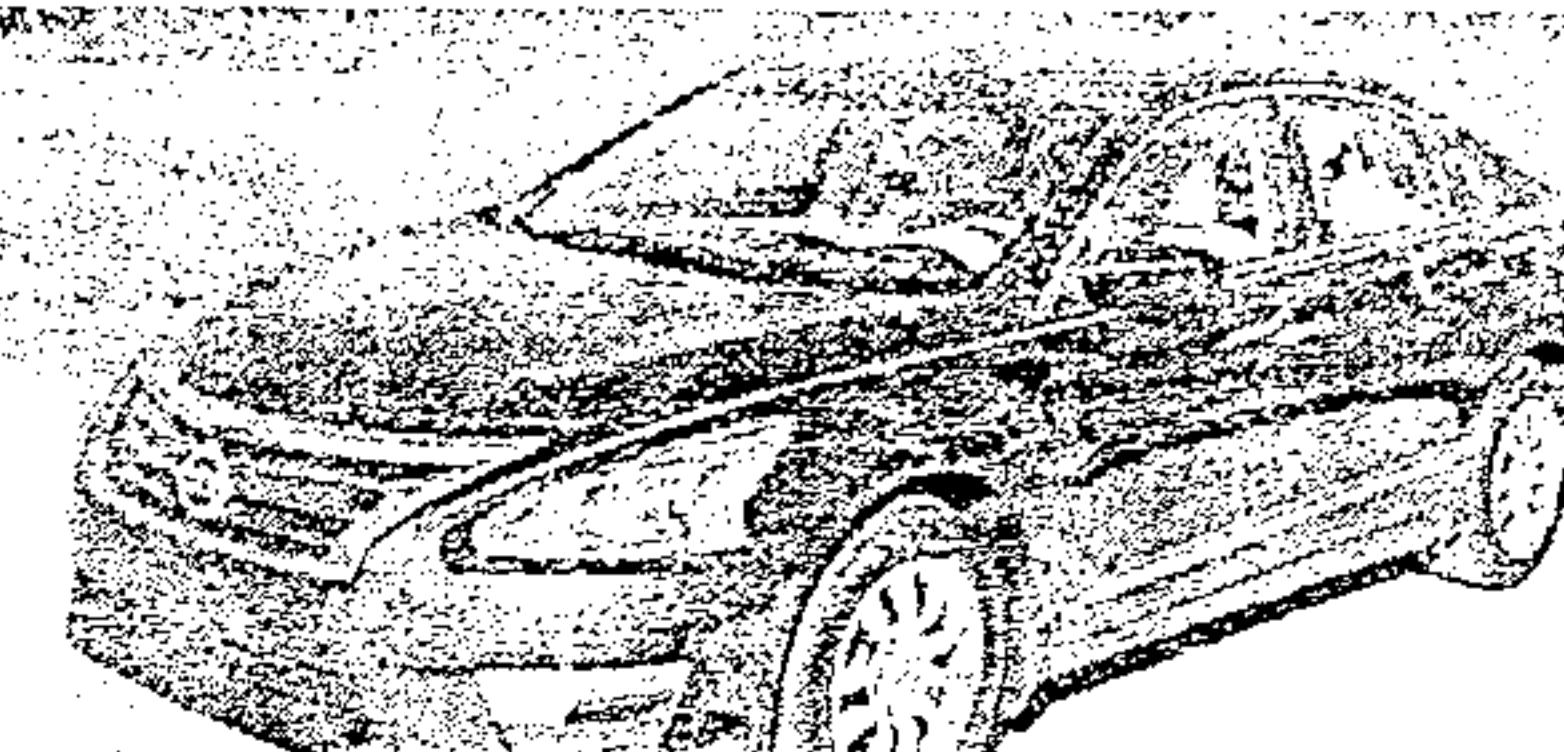
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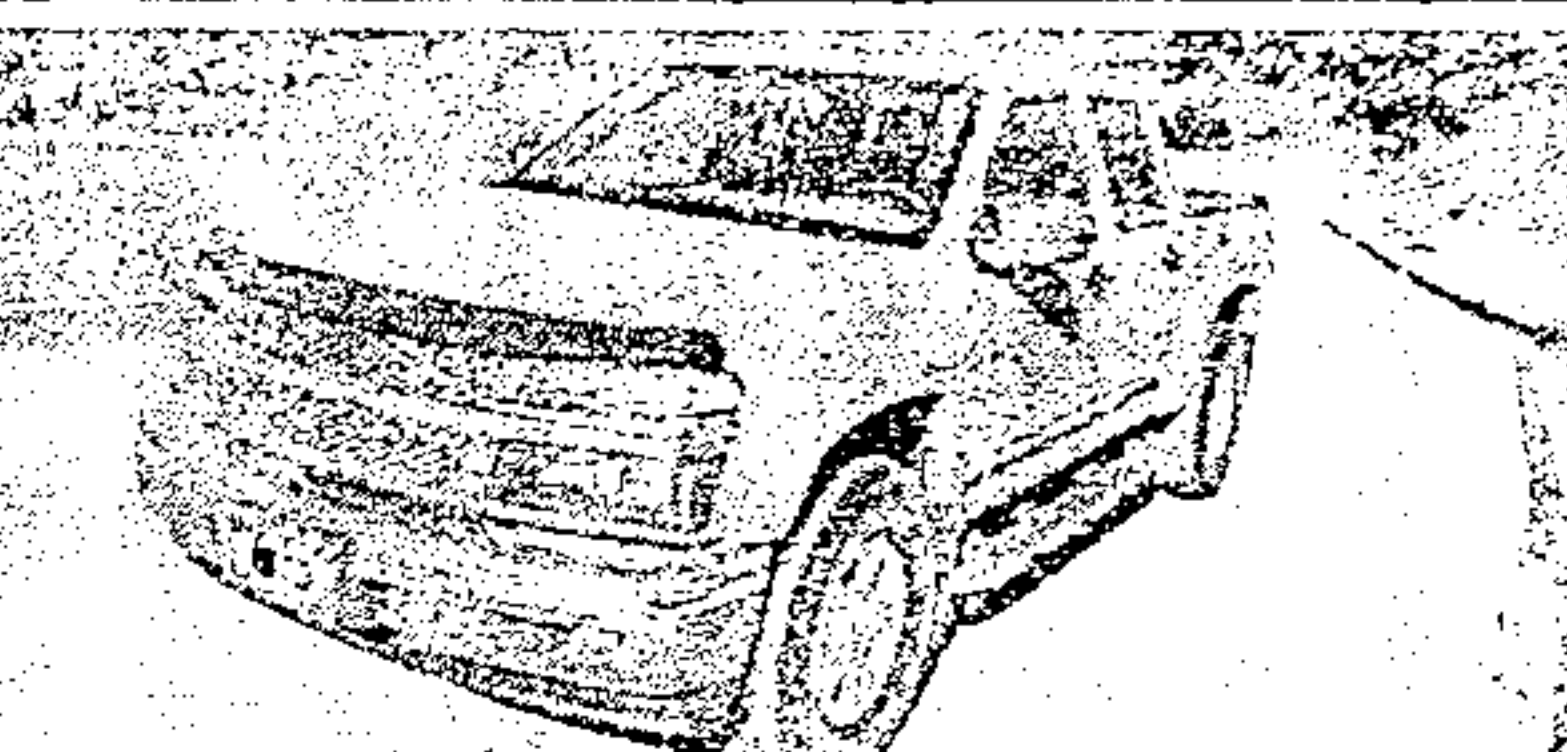
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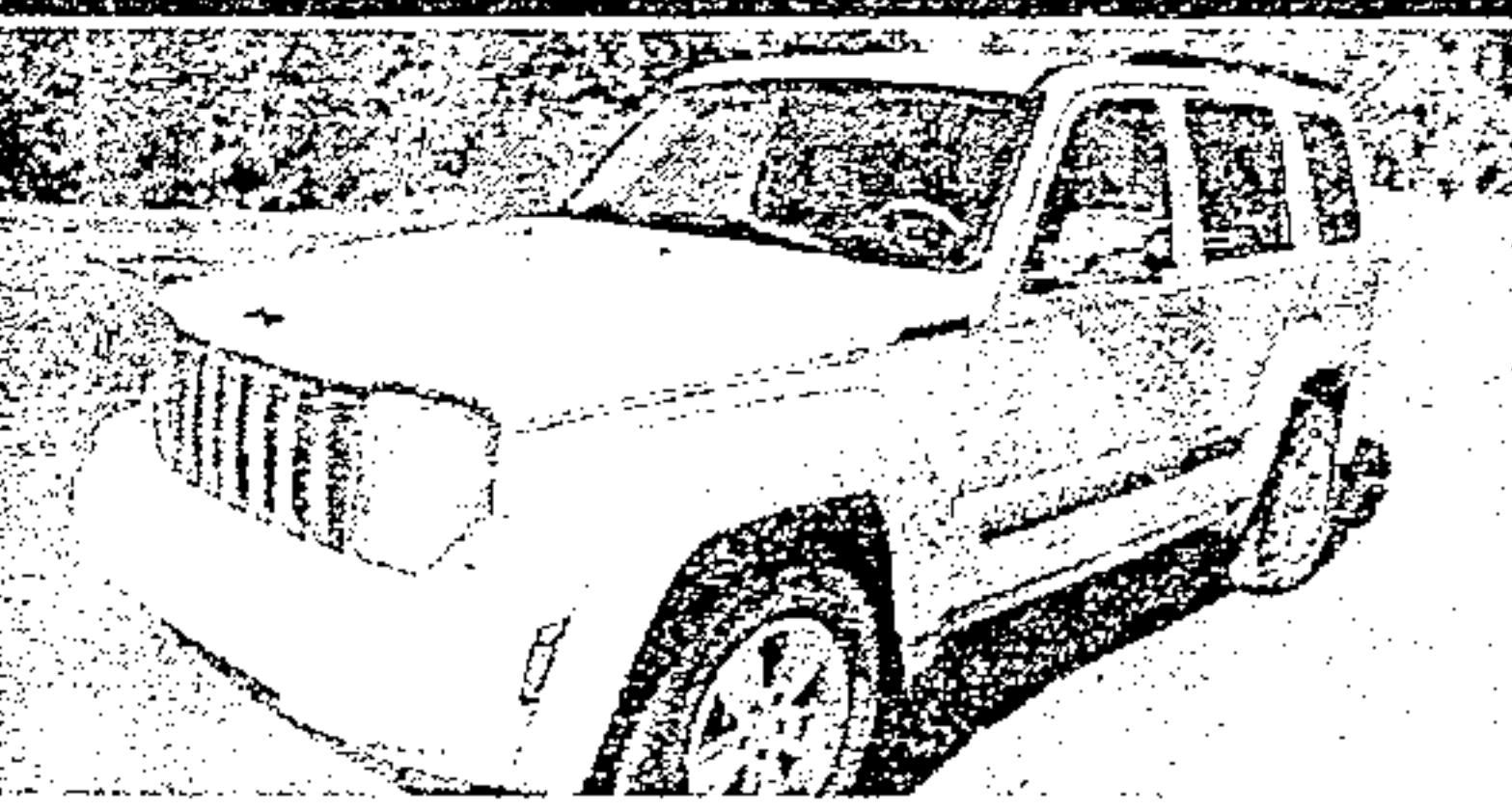
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Wampler, Bobby Johnson, Jr. and Eddie Simpson.

In the House of Representatives 2nd Congressional District former New Yorker and now Lenoir City resident Democrat Stuart Starr is seeking to unseat the Honorable John J. Duncan Jr the Republican in the race.

It appears Mr. Shoemaker forgot to mention a few things from the last election that he stated in the flyer he circulated in 2014. Mr. Shoemaker states he is a wounded disabled veteran with 20

years at LCUB. Mr. Shoemaker also stated in his mailer from 2014 Trust, Honesty, Equality, Accountability are just some of what he (Steve) stands for. If this is the case why did he not tell us about being fired for doing unau-
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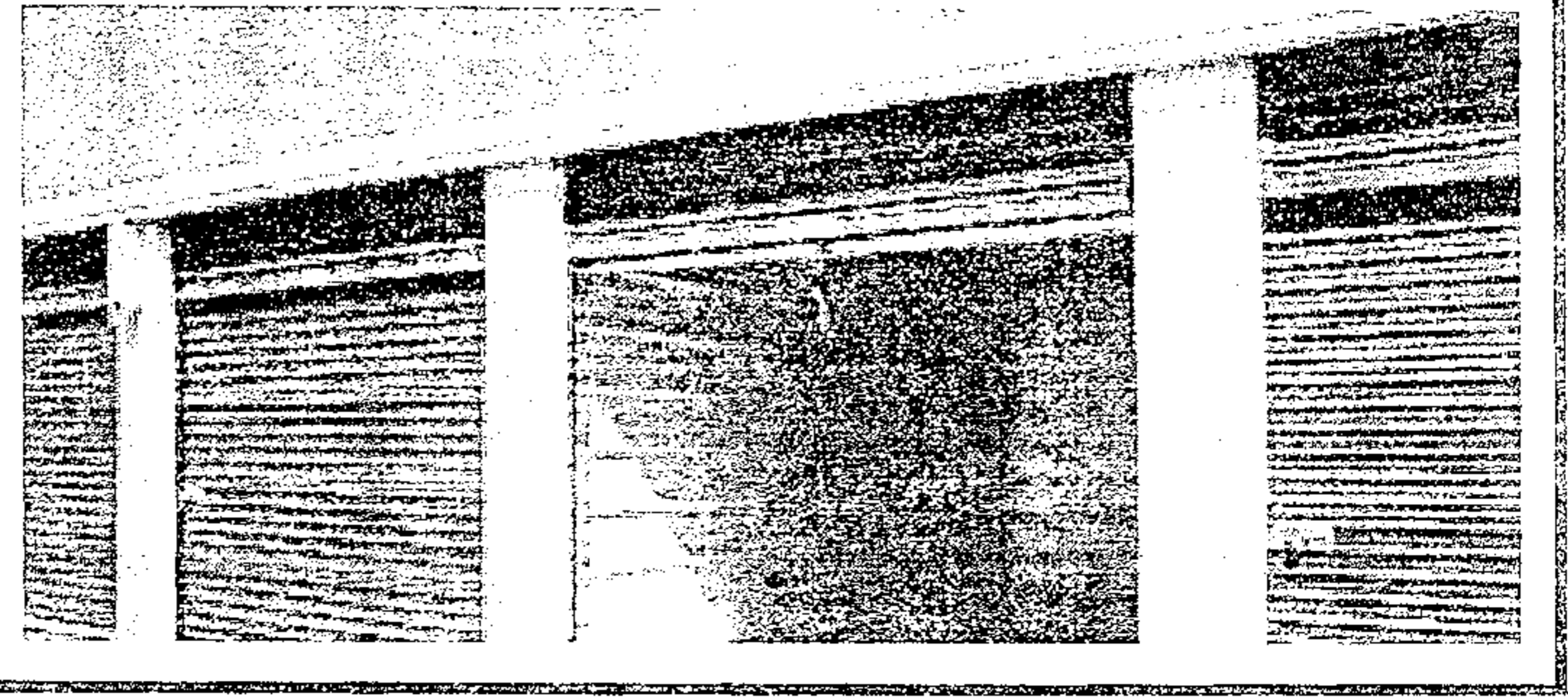
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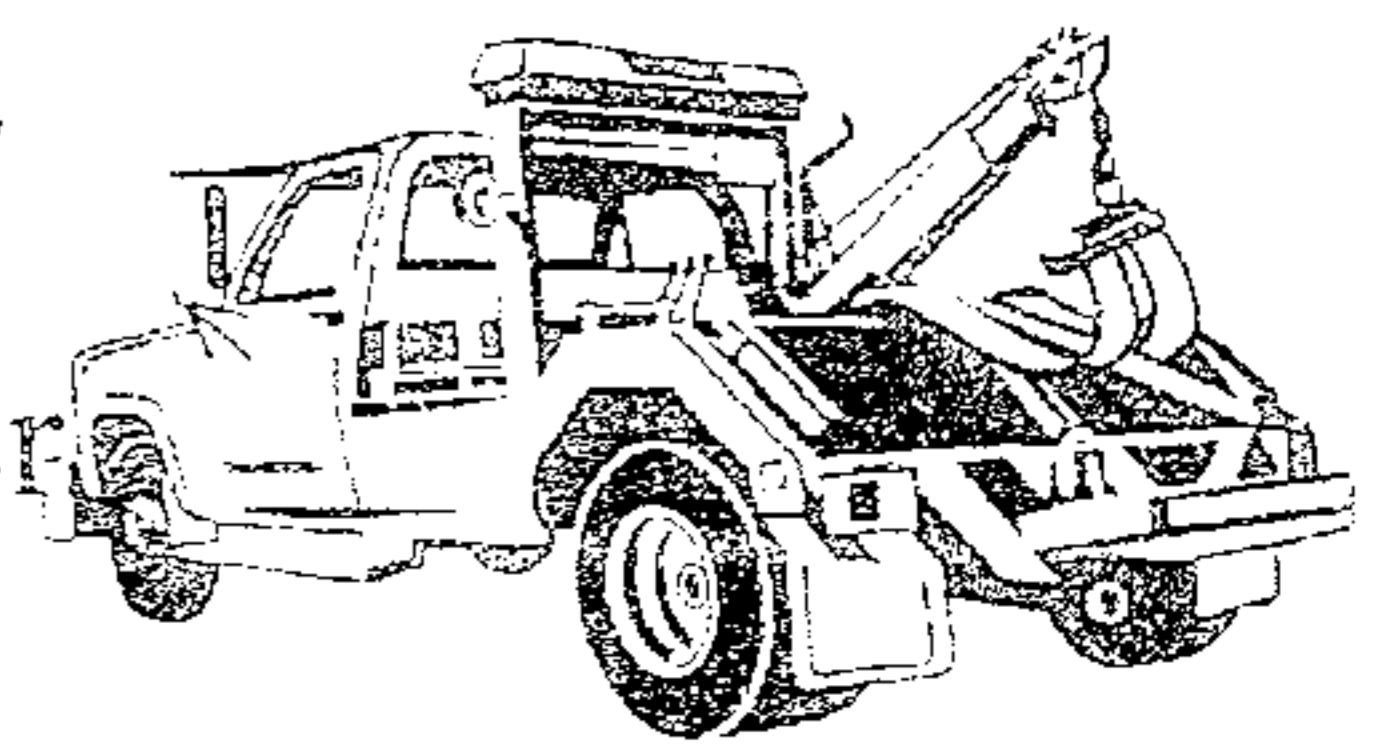


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8 years old, explained that while most sex offenders in the West carry out their illicit activity sitting behind a computer, "this is where they come for real. They are hunting children here for real. This is where demand and supply meet."

In Thailand's recent past, it was often difficult to prosecute these offenders because Thai law requires a victim to come forward. Where no victim could be identified or was willing to make a complaint, charges were dropped or never filed. "No victim, no case," the detective said. Investigations Through Collaboration

But the passage of a law that took effect in late 2015 criminalizing the possession of child pornography "closed a pretty important loophole," said Rob Abrams, deputy attaché for Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)—an investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security—at the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok. HSI and FBI investigators work closely together and with Thai law enforcement on human trafficking and child exploitation cases involving U.S. subjects and welcome the new law.

"It's a tool that makes it easier to arrest the bad guy," the Chiang Mai detective said, explaining that many sex tourists have child pornography in their possession, either on a smartphone, laptop, or some other device.

Rather than having the child victim suffer the trauma of the legal process, he added, "the new law allows the digital evidence to speak for the kids."

The anti-pornography law also benefits the Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (TICAC). Newly established with assistance from the FBI and HSI, the TICAC combats sexual exploitation through shared intelligence.

"What the TICAC has been able to do," Abrams said, "is to leverage this newfound legislative law enforcement authority to go after those who produce child pornography and who commit domestic and international sex trafficking."

Modeled on the American Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the TICAC is administered by the Royal Thai Police and includes personnel from other Thai law enforcement such as the Department of Special Investigations, an arm of the Ministry of Justice. A multidisciplinary group of prosecutors and social service organizations are also part of the team.

"The task force acts as a clearinghouse of information related to Internet-facilitated crimes against children," Abrams said, noting that the FBI and HSI have arranged for task force leaders to visit the U.S. to learn American investigative methods and view operations firsthand. "We are very proud,

both at HSI and the FBI, of being able to collaborate with our Thai partners on this," he added. "The enthusiasm from our Thai counterparts has been extraordinary."

Royal Thai Police Col. Thakoon Nimsomboon, who runs the task force's daily operations, said the FBI and HSI have helped pave the way for the task force to receive real-time cyber tips related to Thailand directly from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, a U.S. or-

ganization that works closely with American law enforcement agencies. "We are putting a lot more effort into protecting children than in the past," the colonel said. "We are working really hard to save children from exploitation."

Royal Thai Police Col. Thakoon Nimsomboon, who runs daily operations of the Thailand Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, or TICAC.

"The Thais are developing methods and protocols and defin-

ing their technique on how they deal with child exploitation and sex tourism," said Ernie Weyand, the FBI's assistant legal attaché in Bangkok. "They are really trying to take

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was at a friends house and was blocked in, and stopped answering calls and text. Ashley hung up on Sgt. Jeremy Dishner when he tried to call. Ashley has intentionally and knowingly deprive victim of their property and has exercised control of the vehicle without the owners consent. Sgt. Lynette Ladd LCPD, issued the warrant.

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international best practice and implement it in their investigations.”

The Chiang Mai detective who has been investigating crimes against children for more than a decade believes the Thai police partnership with American law enforcement has been “a remarkable success. We can run a parallel investigation and not only get the bad guy arrested and prose-

cuted here, we can also potentially prosecute him in America. That is a great benefit,” he said. “It brings justice to the victims.”

The end result of the strong collaboration between Thai and American law enforcement means more successful investigations.

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force

The Thailand Internet Crimes Against

Children Task Force (TICAC) is modeled on U.S. task forces that have proven highly effective.

An April 2016 report to Congress by the Department of Justice notes a few of the accomplishments of the FBI-led Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program:

It has facilitated the training of more than 500,000 law enforcement professionals since its inception, providing valuable techniques related to investigating, prosecuting, and preventing technology-enabled crimes against children.

In 2015, 61 coordinated task forces representing more than 3,500 federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement and

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Chrystal Durga, 36, West 10th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Forgery. Chrystal Durga did go to the Food City Store on Hwy 72, and passed a check for \$15.97 at the Gas-n-Go. This check appeared to be written on the Bank of America account of a business in Knoxville, called Advancing Machinery Solution. This business does not exist. The address on the check is the address of a homeless shelter. When Durga passed the check she gave a driver

license of someone other than herself. This incident was captured on video. Det. Brian Jenkins LPD, made the arrest.

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prosecutorial agencies conducted more than 54,000 investigations that resulted in the arrest of more than 8,500 individuals.

The report, The National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction, contains an introduction by Attorney General Loretta Lynch that states, in part: "No matter what form child exploitation takes—from the creation and circulation of child pornography to the trafficking of children for sex—it demands the full attention of law enforcement, policymakers, community leaders, and service providers, each of whom plays an essential role in com-

bating this unconscionable crime."

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thorized work on the clock? Or why over 10 of his 20 years at LCUB he filed workers comp cases?

Mr. Shoemaker failed to mention he was FIRED in July 2013 along with several others after several instances where unauthorized work was being performed at the expense of the ratepayers of LCUB. Mr. Shoemaker also failed to mention his five workers comp cases from November 2000 thru January 2010 that again cost the ratepayers of LCUB this time the total cost of the cases was \$137,399.

Mr. Stuart Starr, a newcomer to our community hailing from the New York area has decided to settle down in our fine town. Mr. Starr ran an unsuccessful campaign for Lenoir City Council in 2014. He vowed to "save us all" from the officials running Lenoir City. He even went so far as to take his tirade to Facebook and even attacked me personally. Good thing those of us that have enjoyed our life here still don't need you "saving" us.

Ms. Monty Ross has been on the political scene before here locally but not for some time. She was a member of the School Board for four years and serves on the Lenoir City and Loudon County Planning Commissions.

The current three members of Council along with the Mayor and other members

have worked to repair, yes repair, the damage the last mayor (Matt "the Brat" Brookshire) did to our city. Just look at downtown where the vacant lot is to see that impact. We now have more businesses than ever before with more coming, more jobs than ever before with more coming, the tax rate is pretty much the same and the services that Lenoir City provides are unmatched in my opinion by any other city in any other state! The reason is because the leadership in place is interested in progress and moving this city forward.

This election will be unlike any other we have ever seen or will


in some time to come. The turnout will be record numbers so make sure you cast your ballot.

Early Voting

Early Voting will be held from Wednesday, October 19, 2016 through Thursday, November 3, 2016 in Loudon (Loudon County Office Building) and Lenoir City (Roane State Community College), and from Monday, October 24, 2016 through Friday, October 28, 2016 in Tellico Village (Tellico Community Playhouse).

Early voting hours are 10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. (Monday through Friday) or 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. (Saturday).

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