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9th DTF Nabs Doctor's employee after prescription fraud in LC

Gina Morgan, 37, Covenant Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Forgery, and Fraud.

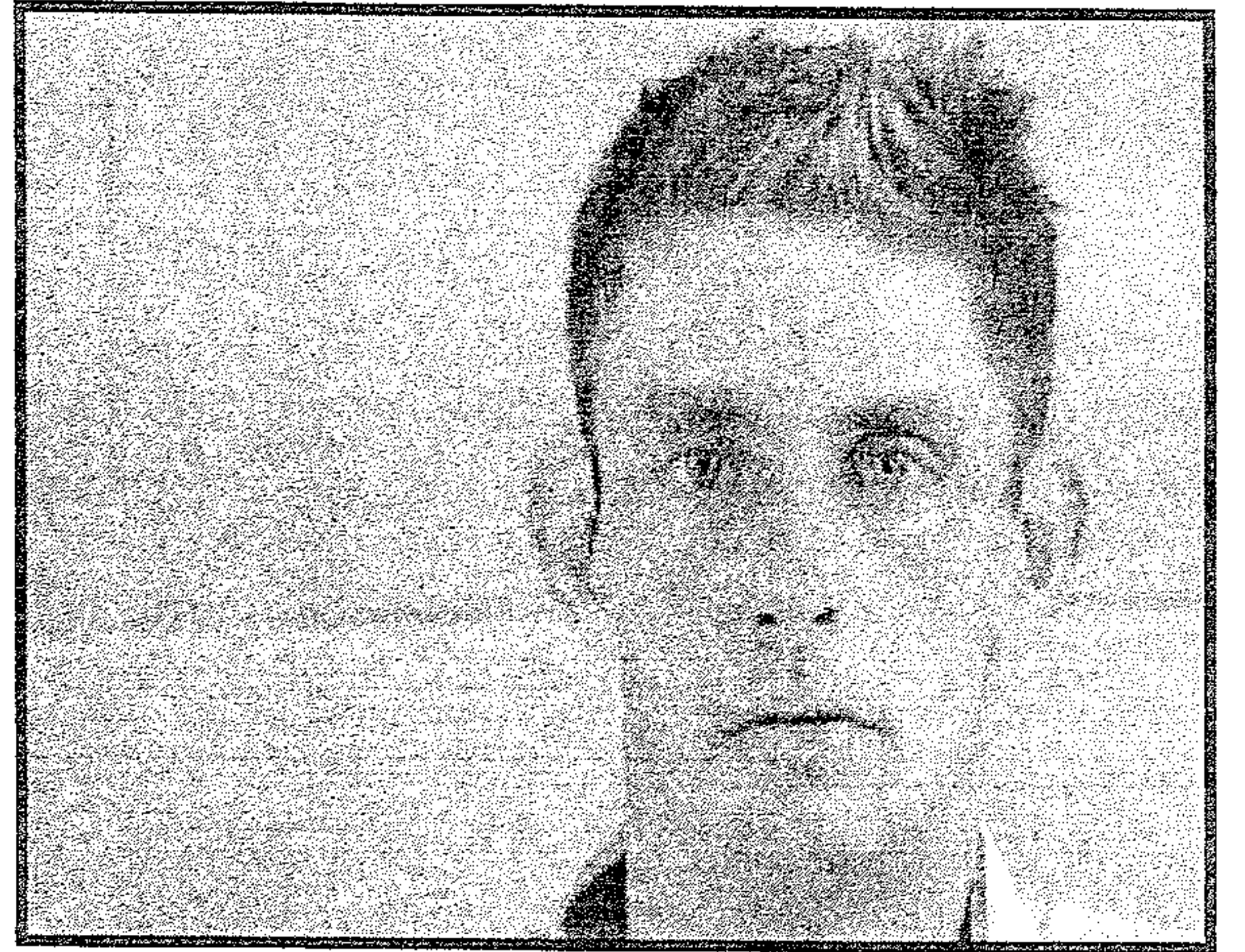
Agents with the 9th JDTF were notified of several fraudulent prescriptions that were being passed at local area pharmacies in Loudon County. Agent spoke with representatives of the clinic whom advised that Gina Morgan, an em-

(see fraud pg. 2)



Gina Morgan

Resistance is futile! Man charged with DUI



James Ward

(see DUI pg. 4)

Rutherford County Sheriff Broke Numerous Laws and Policies

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has completed its review of numerous problems within the Rutherford County's Sheriff's Office. Many of the issues involve Rutherford County Sheriff Robert Arnold and Chief Deputy of Administration Joe Russell, who are currently facing a 14-count federal indictment.

Investigators determined that Sheriff Arnold and Chief Deputy Russell violated multiple state and

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Charged with exploitation of an adult



Lena Garren

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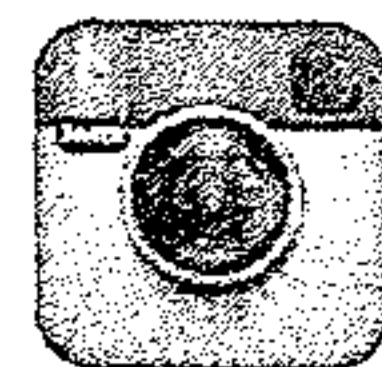
Knox County Public Library to screen Mira Nair's Monsoon Wedding, discussion following

Event is free and open to the public on Sunday, December 4, at 2:00 at Lawson McGhee Library

Bollywood returns to Knoxville. Knox County Public Library is pleased to present the third film in its series celebrating movies from India. The pub-

lic is invited to watch Mira Nair's Monsoon Wedding on Sunday, December 4 at 2:00 PM, at Lawson McGhee Library, 500 W. Church Ave. The 2001 film and recipient of the Golden Lion award, is a comedy-drama set in New Delhi and focuses on a father's

(see Library pg. 7)



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Verse of the Day

Teach them [God's commandments] to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. — Deuteronomy 11:19

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

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bite off a hot dog and putting it back or sipping a coke and putting it back. Theft is theft so just pay cause this is how we earn our living and feed our families. Thanks.

Weather

Today: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm in the morning, then some lingering showers still possible in the afternoon. High 64F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy (Continued on page 6)

fraud
 employee at there clinic is suspected of stealing prescriptions and forging them at local pharmacies for Schedule II Narcotics.

Agents made contact with CVS Pharmacy at US 321 in Lenoir City and spoke with the Pharmacy manager. Agents discovered that Gina

Morgan dropped off a fraudulent prescription for Oxycodone 15 mg tablets, 60 count, on 11/21/16 and picked up this prescription on 11/22/16.

Agents were provided surveillance video of both exchanges by CVS and confirmed that it was in fact Gina Morgan and Gina Morgan signed her name accepting the prescription. This pre-

scription was found to be from Morgan's place of employment and that the prescription was not ordered or signed by any of the doctors or nurse practioners.

Ms. Morgan is believed to have forged this prescription

and obtained these Schedule II drugs by fraud.

This incident occurred in Loudon County. She was arrested at Weigels at 4567 Hwy 321 N in Lenoir City without incident.

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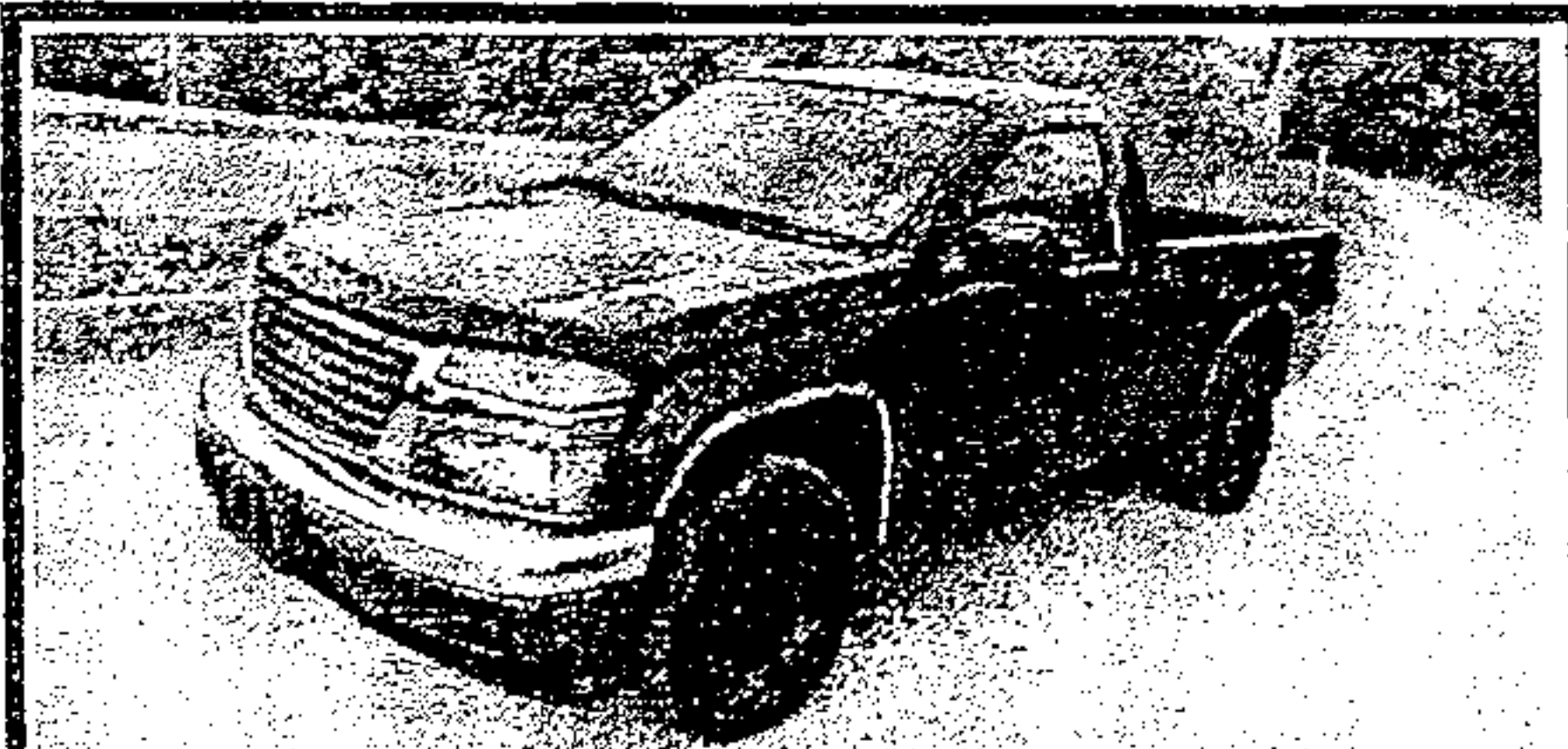
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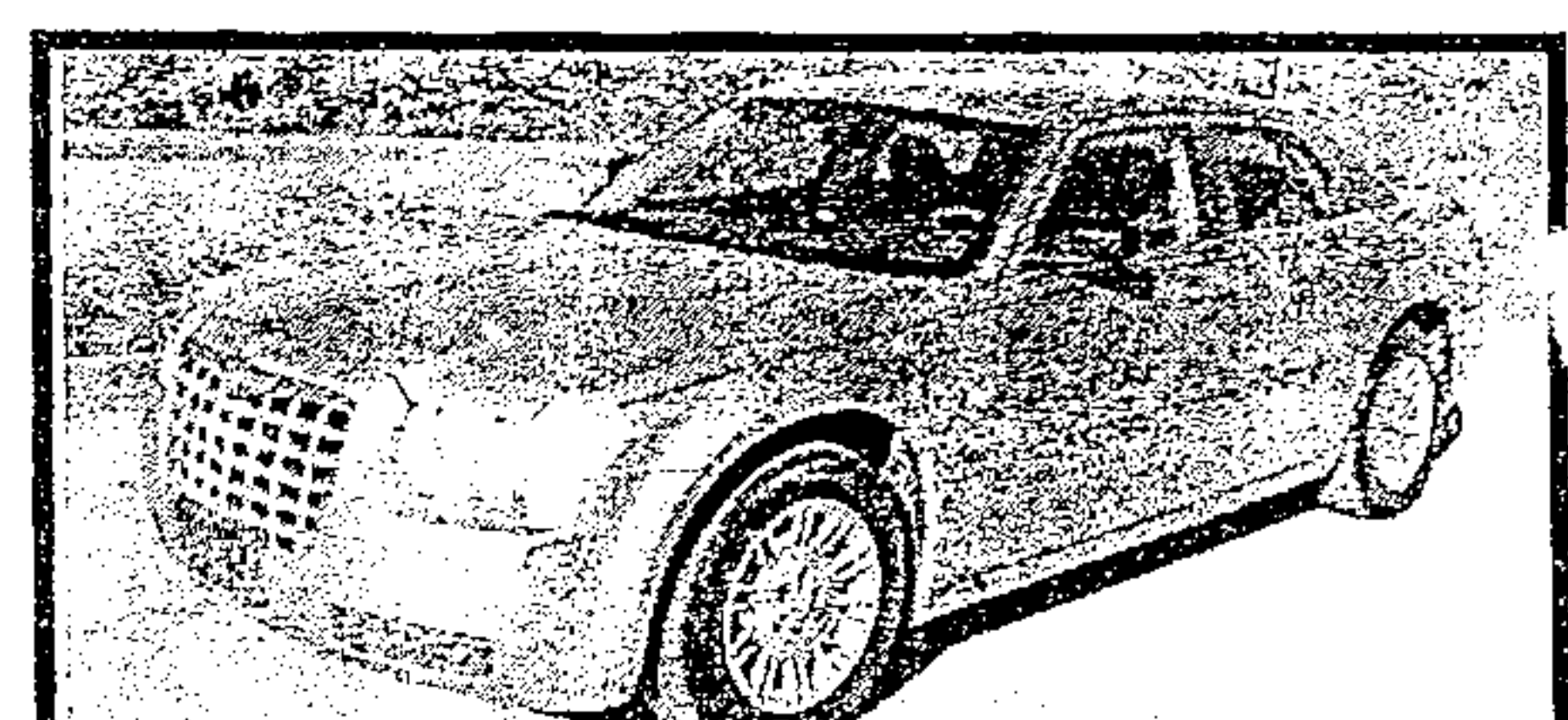
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DUI

James Ward, 35, Hwy 360 Vonore, was charged with DUI, Resisting Arrest, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy Kevin Dailley LCSO, observed a 2003 silver Pontiac Grand Prix without registration nor registration lights, however upon further observation the vehicle continued to drive on and inside the turn lane on Highway 411 at Highway 95. Traffic stop was initiated at Highway 411 S where Deputy came in contact with the driver James Ward.

Upon initial contact Deputy observed

blood shot watery eyes, slurred speech, and an odor of alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Mr. Ward agreed to exit the vehicle where he had water all about his waist, he responded by saying he poured water on himself to stay awake.

Due to the subjects driving, personal conduct, odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, and admittance that he had been drinking he was asked to do Field Sobriety which he complied but performed poorly. As Mr. Ward was being taken into custody he did in fact pull away as Deputy attempted

to place handcuffs on him, after a brief talk he was handcuffed and complied. Once to the back of the vehicle he sat down in the backseat however decided that he needed to speak to a supervisor and standing back up refusing to have a seat in the patrol vehicle. Several verbal commands were given with Mr. Ward not complying, a brief struggle ensued where he was placed in the backseat against his will.

Mr. Ward refused Implied Consent and was transported to the jail without further incident. The vehicle was towed by Malone's Wrecker Service, this all did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

Sheriff

local laws, policies and procedures by concealing their relationship with JailCigs. JailCigs is a Marietta, Georgia-based company that sells e-cigarettes to inmates, including inmates within the Rutherford County Jail.

Sheriff Arnold failed to disclose his conflict of interest with JailCigs even though he and his wife received a combined \$66,790 from the company from December 2013 through April 2015. Chief Deputy Russell received \$52,234.41 from JailCigs over that same period. Arnold and Russell also violated county purchasing policies by circumventing the process and failing to solicit bids.

When Comptroller investigators interviewed Sheriff Arnold regarding his conflict of interest, he stated, "The Sheriff is exempt from all policies and procedures." He could not provide documen-

tation to support his statement.

Investigators also revealed that a Rutherford County deputy made false statements on federal and state forms when he indicated he was a United States citizen. The deputy also claimed he was a U.S. citizen when he applied for Tennessee Peace Officer Stan-

(see Sheriff ctd. pg. 5)

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Sheriff ctd. from pg. 4

dards and Training certification in 2010. State law requires officers to be citizens of the United States, or permanent legal residents who have been honorably discharged from the U.S. military. The deputy became a U.S. citizen on February 24, 2016 after investigators started asking questions about the

false statements.

The Comptroller's investigation was completed in conjunction with the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The findings and recommendations presented in the investigative report have been reviewed with the

district attorney general for the Sixteenth Judicial District, and the Office of the United States Attorney for the Middle District of Tennessee.

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"State law is clear about the need for public officials to disclose and avoid conflicts of interest," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "It's vitally important that elected officials and government leaders commit to honesty, integrity and ethical behavior."

To view the investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptrol->

[ler.tn.gov/ia/](http://www.loudoncounty.tn.gov/ia/)

Burn ban in effect for East TN

From the Loudon County Government, Office of the Mayor

Currently, East Tennessee weather has produced dry conditions with little or no rain fall, temperatures in the 80's, wind and low humidity for several weeks. Counties in our area have varying levels of drought conditions and these factors have created an increased brush and forest fire risk.

Because of this increased risk, Loudon County Mayor, Roland "Buddy" Bradshaw, in consultation with the state forestry office and TEMA has requested a "Ban on Open Burning" in Loudon County from the state Commissioner of Agriculture. As approved, this ban is effective immediately and will remain in place until further notice.

Until our region receives appreciable rain fall, this increased fire risk will continue and the ban will remain in effect.

For the safety of all persons, livestock and property, we are asking our citizens to voluntarily comply with this ban.

A violation of this ban is classified by the Tennessee Code Annotated 39-14-306 as "reckless burning" and is a class A misdemeanor with up to a \$2,500 fine.

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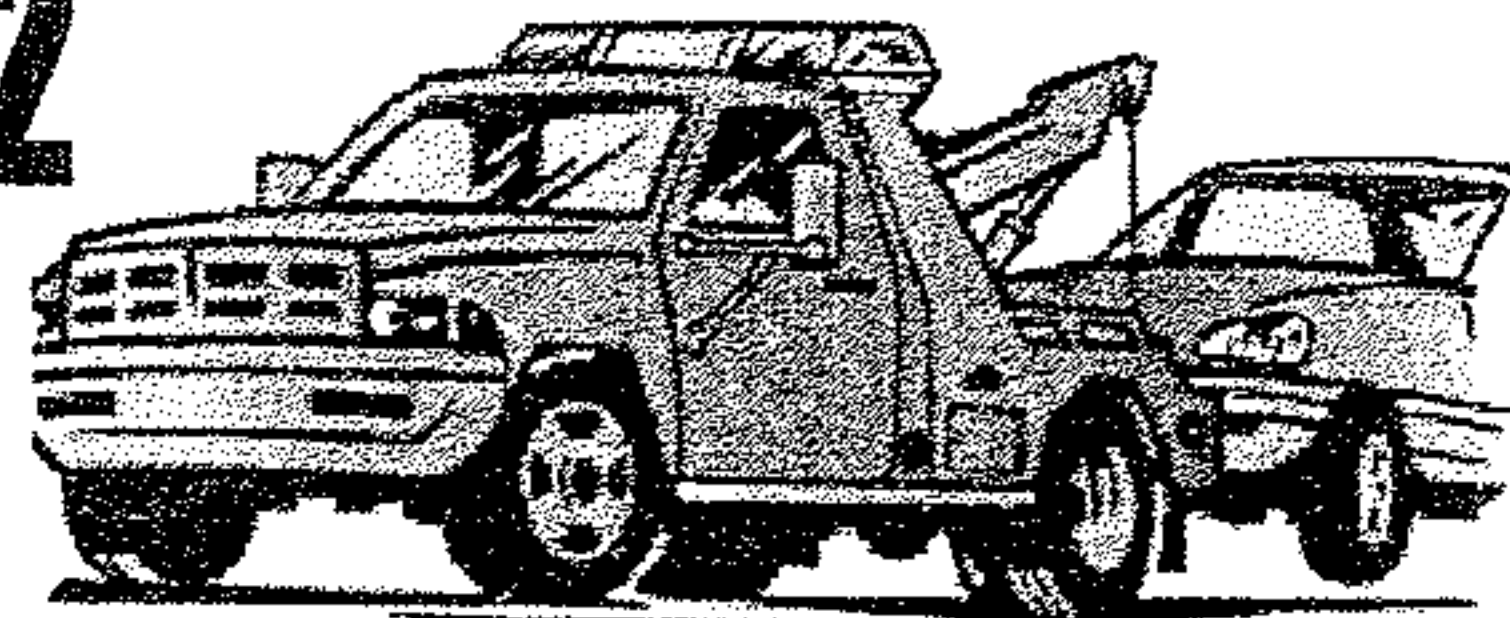
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Library

expensive preparation for his daughter's wedding and the chaos that ensues. This film will have an introduction by Viren Lalka of Namaste, Welcome to India. Note that the film is rated R and minors will need to be accompanied by an adult. The screening, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a brief discussion.

Previous films shown in the series include Mira Nair's: Salaam Bombay! (1988) and Gandhi (1982) direct-

ed by Richard Attenborough.

For more information, contact Mary Pom Claiborne at mclaiborne@knoxlib.org.

Capias

Lena Garren, 36, Sweetwater Road Philadelphia, was charged with Criminal Court Capias (Theft of Property, Exploitation of an Adult). Deputy Cameron Myers LCSO, served Lena Garren with a Capias warrant at the Loudon County Jail.

Police Beat

Dylan Ferguson, 23, Mealer Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property, Vandalism, Failure to Appear x2, and Violation of Probation x2. On 11/11/16 Deputy Charles Watson LCSO, served Dylan Ferguson with active warrants out of General Session Court.

Christmas Parades 2016

Greenback Christmas Parade

Saturday, December 3, 2016 1:00

Line-up at 1 p.m.; Parade at 2 p.m., downtown Greenback.

Kick off the holiday season with the Lenoir City Christmas Parade! Each year, thousands of families come together on a magical December night to watch the excitement of a parade and catch the first glimpses of Santa as the holiday season begins. Historic downtown Lenoir City provides beautiful lights and sounds that will please parade fans everywhere! Get your float and parade entry ideas ready and help us bring the magic of Christmas to Broadway!

This year's theme is "That's Christmas To Me"

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Parade starts at 6:30pm

Line-up at R&L (use to be Yale) parking lot beginning at 5:00pm

All parade participants must pre-register.

Lunch With Santa
December 10

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Lunch with Santa will be held at the Loudon Parks & Recreation Office. Limited seating, advance registration required. Ages up to 3rd grade. Parents must be present. Register Now!!

Loudon Christmas Parade

December 10

6:00pm (Line up at 5pm on Carter St. near L.H.S.)

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Holiday Beers Dating Back to Antiquity

With the craft beer market growing an astounding 20 percent each year, brewers are looking for more ways to stand out from the crowd. While the recent crop of "Holiday" beer popping up in the aisle might elicit eye rolls, the category has grown a whopping 200 percent over the last four years.

Maybe the reason for holiday beer's recent surge in popularity is a deep-seated love for the first holiday brews enjoyed by our ancient ancestors. What exactly makes a holiday beer? Generally, it's a higher-alcohol beer made for the late autumn and winter months that often has notes of seasonal spices, herbs, chocolate or fruit.

Dating as far back as 650 AD, before hops were used as a preservative, Viking brewers often resorted to mixes of herbs, spices, seeds, peppers, and even tree bark to help stabilize their brews. These proto-beers were strong, malty and most often enjoyed during the Viking holiday of Jul — or Yule.

The other piece of the puzzle comes from a tradition started in fifth-century Britain during festival season when bowls of ale were passed around the tables for people to drink. Centuries later, slices of Yule cake

were placed in the bottom of the bowls and the ale poured over it, flavoring it with seasonal spices.

On this side of the Atlantic, holiday beers were widespread by the early 20th century, with Stella Artois being introduced in 1926 as a Christmas beer (ergo, Artois or "star") and beers creating packaging that reflected the season, such as Miller Brewing Co.'s 1930s "Christmas Special Beer," replete with a Norman Rockwell-esque painting of a family surrounding a fire.

The 1980s saw a rise of brewers incorporating "warming" spices into beers, and more recently, brewers have looked to richer, heavier beer styles — stouts and porters — that are packed with flavors that evoke thoughts of sitting inside by a warm fire.

This brings us to today's holiday beers. While heavier beers still rule the season, one new offering in the lineup is the Traveler Beer Company's Jolly Traveler Winter Shandy. Like holiday beers, shandys originated in Europe, where brewers mixed ale with citrus for low-alcohol refreshment. Although traditionally seen as a warm-weather beverage, Jolly uses seasonal spices and fruit, including orange and pomegranate, to create a new kind of holiday beer that's both warming and seasonable.

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