

DAILY EDITION

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Monday, May 10, 2010

Teacher confiscates keys from convicted drunk driver in school line

Teaches confiscated the car keys of a woman who allegedly drove to school while under the influence of alcohol. She caught the attention of educators with her erratically driving in the school line itself.

Angela Akins Gilreath, 47, River Bend Drive, Loudon was (see Gilreath pg. 3)



Angela Akins Gilreath

LPD-DTF nabs alleged pill pusher

Members of the Loudon Police Department serving with 9th DTF arrested a local woman Tuesday after executing a search warrant at her residence during an ongoing investigation into the selling of prescription pills from he residence.

Becky Juanita Viars, 40, Grove (see Viars pg. 8)



Becky Juanita Viars

Verse of the day

Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

Matthew 9:37-38

Obituaries

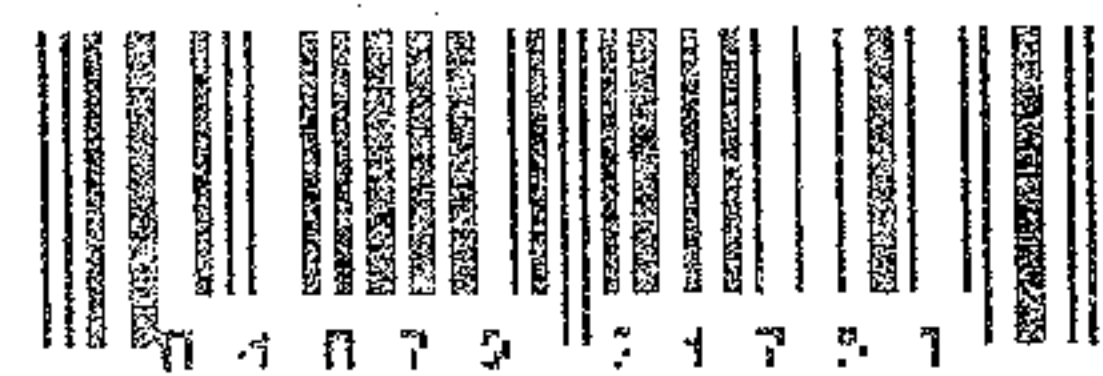
None

Wazzup

For all you Gus fans, get your "Fishin' Fix" on page 4 with an oldie, but goodie. The new one will be out tomorrow.

Congratulations Isaac and Jessica Burress on the new addition to your family! Love You!

(see More pg. 2)



Window entered, orders violated, 1 charged

A Lenoir City man was jailed after he reportedly violated two orders of protection when he allegedly entered a woman's window and got a knife to threaten himself with, which placed her fear of her life.

Agustin Avalos-Neria, 22, West Hills (see Neria pg. 8)



Agustin Avalos-Neria

Last Spring's Turkey Harvest Passed; Season Continues Through May 16

NASHVILLE --- The 2010 spring turkey harvest has already surpassed the total number for the 2009 season, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency reports.

The 2010 statewide spring turkey season continues through May 16.

Heading into the first of the two final weekends of the statewide season,

(see Turkey Harvest pg. 4)

From Sheriff Guider: Avoid Summer Scams

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider would like to remind area citizens to be aware of the summertime scams and cons that appear every year. While most businesses are legitimate, there are many criminals that prey on honest citizens.

(see Scams pg. 7)

Shotgun stolen

Authorities were called to a Loudon County residence Sunday when a woman discovered a shotgun was missing from her parents residence.

(see Shotgun pg. 6)

Money missing

A local woman called authorities when she returned home Sunday to find over \$300 missing and her game system in play.

(see Missing pg. 3)

Gilreath

charged Wednesday afternoon with driving under the influence 2nd offense.

According to records, Deputy Craig Brewer, LCSO responded to Philadelphia School on Spring Street in Philadelphia where he met with a teacher who advised a red Chrysler Sebring came through the line driving erratically. School person-

nel stopped the driver, Angela Akins Gilreath, and had her park in a parking space and turn her keys over to the teacher.

Mrs. Gilreath was unsteady about her balance, had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. She performed poorly on field sobriety tasks or could not complete them at all.

Mrs. Gilreath was read the implied con-

sent law and agreed to have blood drawn for BAC. A check of her drivers license revealed she had a conviction for DUI on February 26th, 2009.

Missing

According to reports, Deputy Smith, LCSO responded to a Rudd Road residence in Greenback Sunday in reference to a burglary.

Ms. Alicea Crowder stated she left her house at 11:00 AM and re-

turned at 7:00 PM were she found her front door unlocked and open.

Ms. Crowder advised the kitchen cabinets were open and the dresser drawers were also open. Her jewelry box was on the bed and it was open. The only thing Ms. Crowder could find missing at the time of the report, however, was \$350 in cash.

There was no sign of forced entry on the front or the back doors. Ms. Crowder also advised her xBox 360 was off when she left, but it was on with a game in it when she returned home.

The case is being investigated.

Boat gas stolen

A local man called authorities to report the larceny of his boat gas when he discovered over \$300 worth had been taken out of his boat.

According to records, Deputy Deland, LCSO was dispatched Saturday to a residence on Kiyuga Way in Loudon to make a report on a theft. The complainant, an 81 year old man, stated sometime over the winter months, someone stole all the fuel from his boat. The

boat was parked in his dock, hoisted up and was covered up, all winter long.

The man advised someone stole gas from his neighbor's boat last winter, but his neighbor never reported it.

The total loss was about 65 gallons of gasoline valued at \$315.


Roof damaged after pole struck

A local man's roof reportedly was damaged when the driver of a vehicle struck a utility pole and when the lines sagged, they pulled the weather head away from his roof.

According to reports, Monday, Deputy Rondel Branam, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on Stevens Lane in Lenoir City to take a report of a past hit and run where the complainant, Mr. Virgil Reynolds, told him he owns his home and on Saturday at approximately 2:15 AM, a silver Corvette came down Stevens Lane at a high rate of speed, lost control and struck a utility pole across the street from his residence, then drove away. Then on Monday, he found his roof was damaged where the power lines were pulled tight and pulled the weather head away from the roof.

There was minor damage to the roof and shingles as well as the weather main and the pole leading to the meter were all bent. The total estimated value of the roof and shingles was estimated at \$100.

The case is under investigation.



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Fishin' with Gus Walnuts in the Cemetery

On the outskirts of Toads farm, there is a very old Cemetery. Most everyone around here knows somebody who has a story about that old creepy place. The county only mows it once a year, so for the most part it stays overgrown. Three years ago, there was a homeless man found to be living there and apparently, he had been for a few years, so it was decided to put up a fence up to keep out the riff raff and urban outdoorsman.

Right in the middle of that cemetery on the hill there is a big old Walnut tree. One day, two of the Sharp boys decided to get those Walnuts, so they filled up a bucketful

of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

'One for you, one for me One for you, one for me,' said Bill. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence. Sven Petersons boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend, he met an old Harold, the Do-It Yourself Abattoir, he had his

cane and was hobbling along.

'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls.'

Harold said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, Harold hobbled slowly to the cemetery. Standing by the fence they heard 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.' Harold whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord.' Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. Harold and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done.'

They say that Harold made it back to town a full 5 minutes ahead of the kid on the bike.

-Gus

Turkey Harvest

33,764 birds have been harvested. The 2009 spring season total was 32,081.

Maury County has the top county harvest thus far with 919. Montgomery has the second highest county total with 862 followed by Greene (794), Henry (791), Dickson (775), Sumner (767), Giles (719), Hawkins (690), Rutherford (680), Marshall (648), Harde- man (611), Robertson

(609), and Cheatham (603).

Tennessee sports- men are on trek to pass the highest mark since 2007 when the total har- vest was 34,256. The record harvest was the previous season in 2006 when more than 38,000 birds were harvested.

All Tennessee counties are open to wild turkey hunt- ing including Wildlife Management Areas and refuges unless specifically listed. For specifics on 2010 spring turkey hunting, sportsmen should check the 2009 Ten- nessee Hunting and Trapping Guide which is available at any TWRA Regional Of- fice, license agent or online at www.tnwild- life.org.

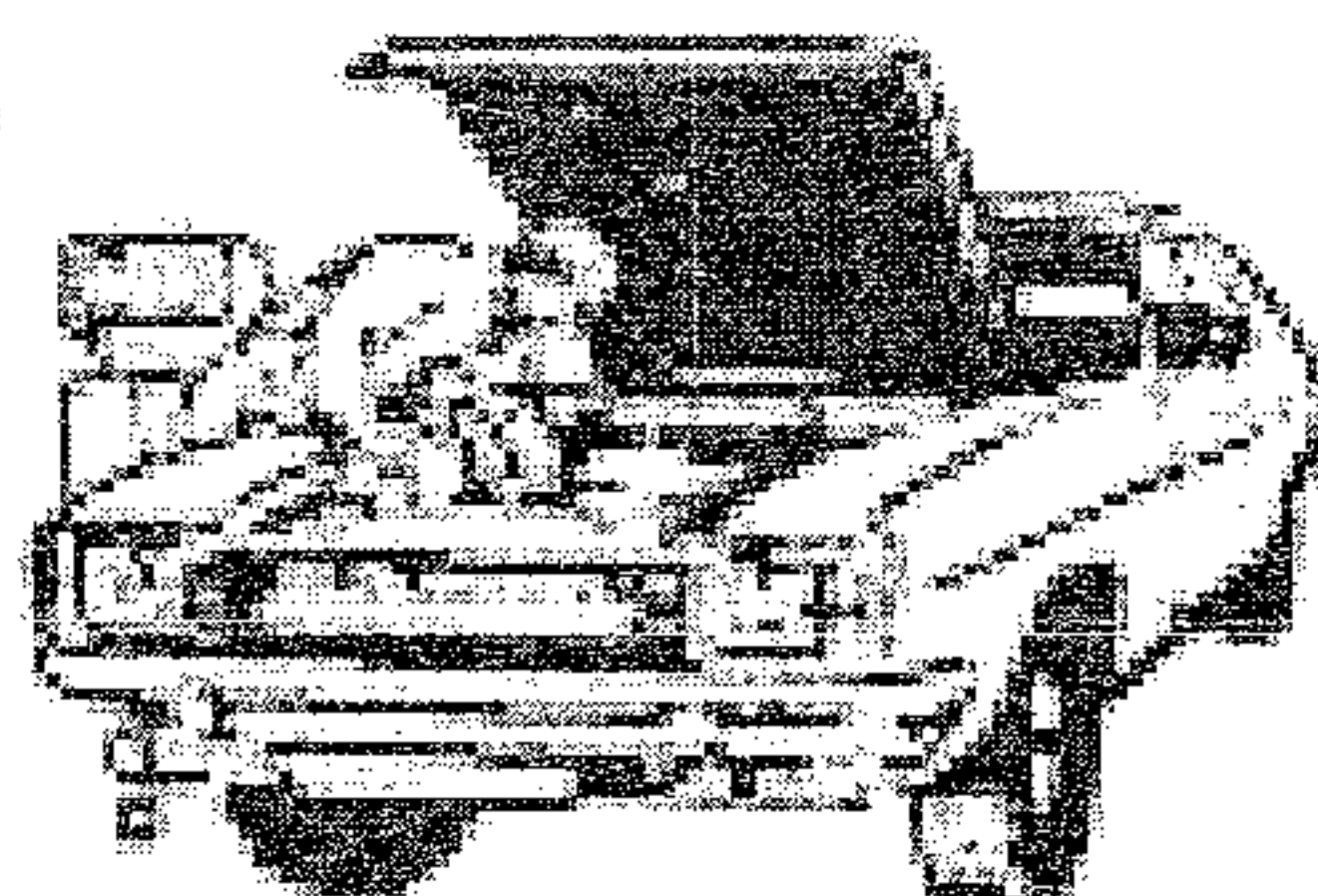
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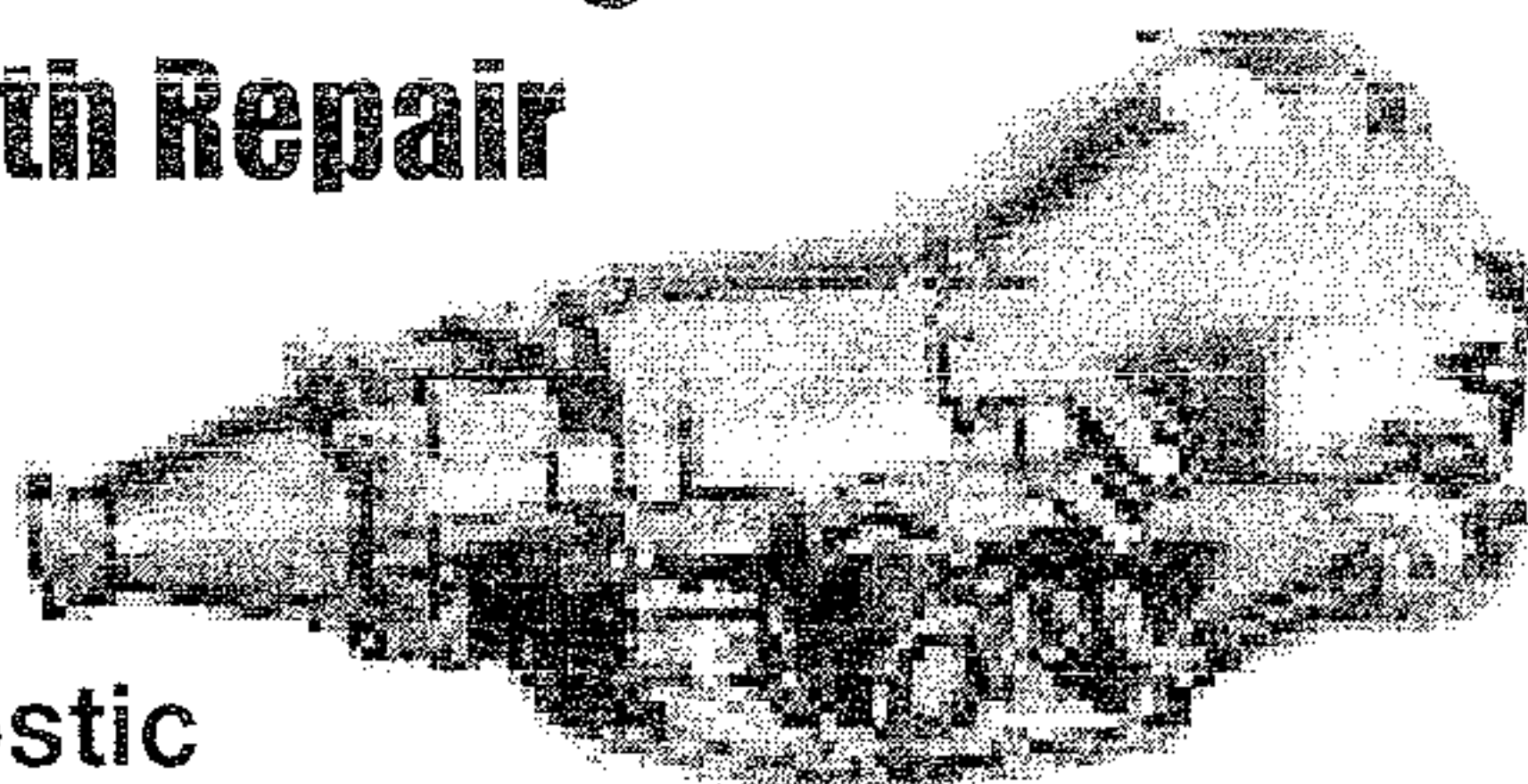
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Shotgun

According to records, Sunday, at 7:00 PM, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on Thurmer Circle in Lenoir City in reference to a theft.

The complainant, Catherine Stevens advised a Browning 12 gauge semi-auto shotgun was missing from her parents residence on Thurmer Circle. The weapon was last seen approximately a week ago.

A suspect was identified to police.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$400. The case is under investigation.

Police Beat

Marcus Christopher Johnson, 26, West 10th Avenue, Lenoir City, as charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records, Wednesday around 5:08 PM, Officer Brad Parks, LPD observed a wreck with no injury at the intersection of Highway 11 and Highway 72 inside the city of Loudon. Mr.

Johnson advised he was the driver of the Jeep SUV and he was at fault.

Mr. Johnson had an odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person, bloodshot eyes, constricted pupils and appeared to be unsteady on his feet. He admitted to drinking beer about one hour prior to contact with law enforcement.

Johnson performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and according to the officer's report, Mr. Johnson was very talkative during the arrest but seemed to be confused and had trouble carrying on basic conversation.

Christine E. White-

head, 25, Peterson Road, was charged Wednesday with failure to appear.

Deputy Travis Estes, LCSO made the arrest.

According to records, Mr. Ray B. Graves, 68, Stockton Valley Road, Loudon reported to Deputy Mickey Patterson, LCSO Sunday, around 9:30 PM, he checked his fence and it was up, but on Monday, about 9:00 AM, he discovered someone ran off the roadway and knocked down three fence posts and about 80 feet of fence wire.

Glass, possibly from the windshield and a passenger side mirror were found at the scene. No vehicle was around when

Mr. Graves found his property damaged.

The estimated value of the barb-wire fence and metal posts was \$500. The case has been turned over to a investigator.

William Van Seivers, 37, West 7th Avenue, Lenoir City was charged Monday with driving without a license.

According to reports, Patrolman Jason Felts, LCPD

observed a black Oldsmobile Bravada traveling on Browder Hollow Road with the music very loud. Officer Felts made a traffic stop and identified the driver as William Seivers. A check of his license came back suspended.

Deputy Vance Wright, LCSO served William Seivers who is currently incarcerated at the Loudon County Jail a warrant for violation of probation.

Public Sale

Pursuant to default Provision Chapter 717, 1980 Public Acts of Tennessee, the contents of the following leased spaces will be sold to satisfy the owner's liens. The entire contents will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash. The sale is to be held on unit site, CARDING MACHINE MINI-WAREHOUSE & STORAGE, 1241 Carding Machine Road, Loudon, TN on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at 10:00am.

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entire amount before doing any work or purchasing any materials. Many contractors attempt to get money up front then never show back up to do the work, which is considered theft; others give the story that they have materials left over from the last job and can make you a quick deal.

Some helpful hints

include:

Having a written contract;

Discussion of terms of payment up front;

Get at least three quotes from different contractors;

Ask contractors for references, copies of their business license, and proof of insurance.

Do not make any quick decisions no matter how great the deal sounds or what kind of pressure is being used to try to make you decide.

Any door-to-door solicitors in the county are required to be registered daily with the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. Solicitor registration can be verified, as can any contractor you may be suspicious of, by calling the Sheriff's Office at 986-4823 to check registration or on-going investigations.

Police Beat

Tonya Michelle Amburn, 33, Highway 72 South, Loudon was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Tuesday around 7:20 PM, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSO was dispatched to a 2nd domestic incident at a residence on Highway 72 South where a physical assault reportedly occurred and upon arrival, the victim and witness's advised a verbal altercation/argument between him and Tonya Amburn began and escalated into a physical assault.

Ms. Amburn allegedly hit and scratched the man about his face, head

and neck.

Records indicate a prior call was answered at about 6:34 PM where officers were called to the residence due to a domestic argument between the man and Ms. Amburn. There were no marks on the victim during the first call, but witness's stated Tonya Amburn hit the man in that argument. The man, however, he denied being hit.

It was noted there was probable cause to believe during the second call that, by the victim and witness's statements, Tonya Amburn did assault the man and she was arrested by probable cause for assault by domestic violence.

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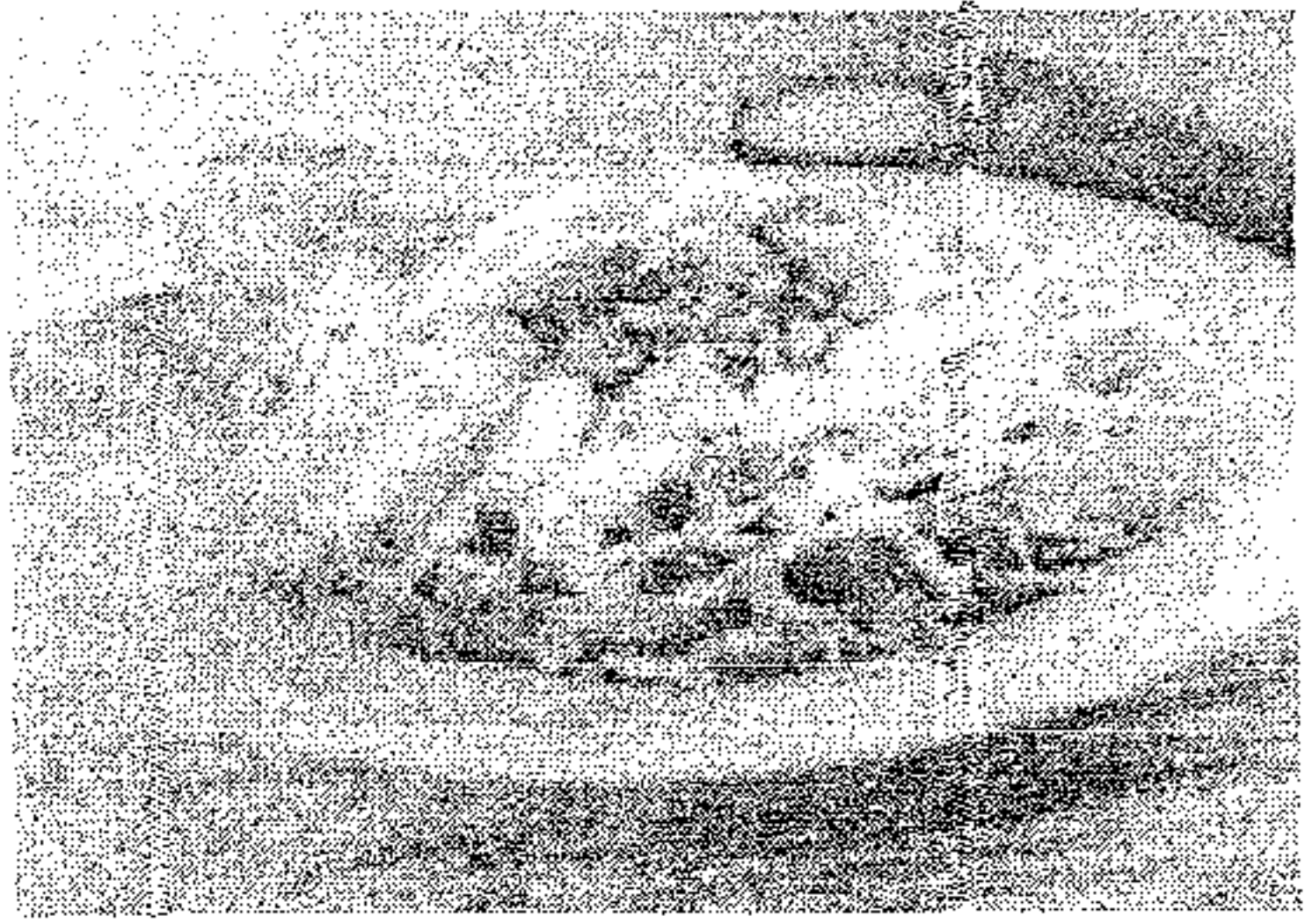


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Viars

Street, Loudon was charged Tuesday with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of schedule V (xanax) for resale, possession of schedule II (oxycodone) for resale and simple possession schedule VI (marijuana).

According to an affidavit, Officer Brendan DeBoer, LPD-9th DTF conducted a search warrant at a residence on Grove Street in Loudon. The target of the search warrant was Becky Viars.

During the execution of the warrant numerous oxycodone pills (2 different types of milligrams), numer-

ous alprazolam pills (xanax) and a small amount of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana was located specifically in the bedroom of Becky Viars.

As a result of the evidence recovery at the time of the search warrant, as well as the investigation leading up to these actions, it is believed that Becky Viars is a drug dealer who sells oxycodone and xanax from her residence.

Officer Jonathan Yates DTF/LPD and April Farmer, LPD, were also on scene.

Becky Viars was also served warrants on Tuesday for violation check law x 4.

Neria

Drive, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of order of protection x 2 and aggravated domestic violence assault.

According to reports, Thursday, at approximately 1:11 AM, LCPD Officers Shane Tilley and David Flynn were dispatched to a residence on Church Drive on a physical domestic. Avalos-Neria committed aggravated assault by knowingly placing the victim in imminent fear of serious bodily injury.

Avalos-Neria entered the residence through an open window while the female victim was asleep. He obtained a knife from the kitchen and threatened to kill

himself. There was a two month old baby in the residence at the time.

When law enforcement arrived, Avalos-Neria was seen trying to exit the home out a side window. He had a no contact order of protection on him and violated the order by coming around the victim placing her in imminent fear.

Avalos-Neria also violated a previous

order of protection. He and the victim have a two month old child in common.

Officer Tilley made the arrest. LCPD Officer Mark Maxwell was also on the scene.

Police Beat

Daniel Casmir Vasquez, 41, A Street, Lenoir City, was charged with failure to appear.


Deputy Jerramie Bowen, LCSO made the arrest Monday.


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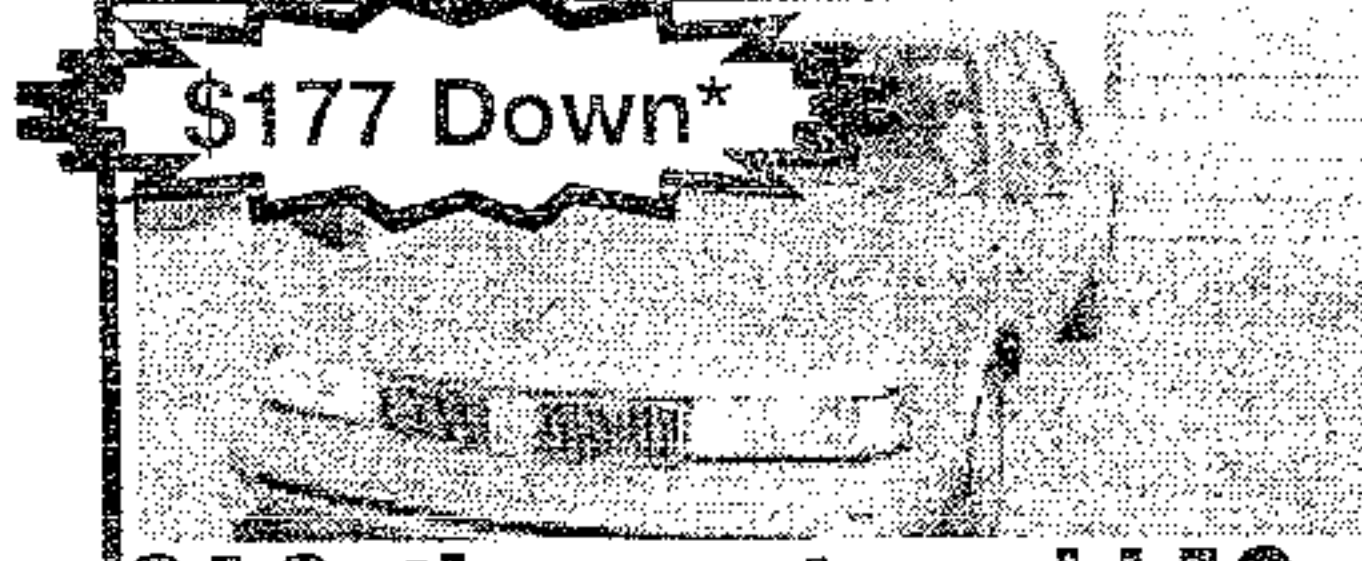
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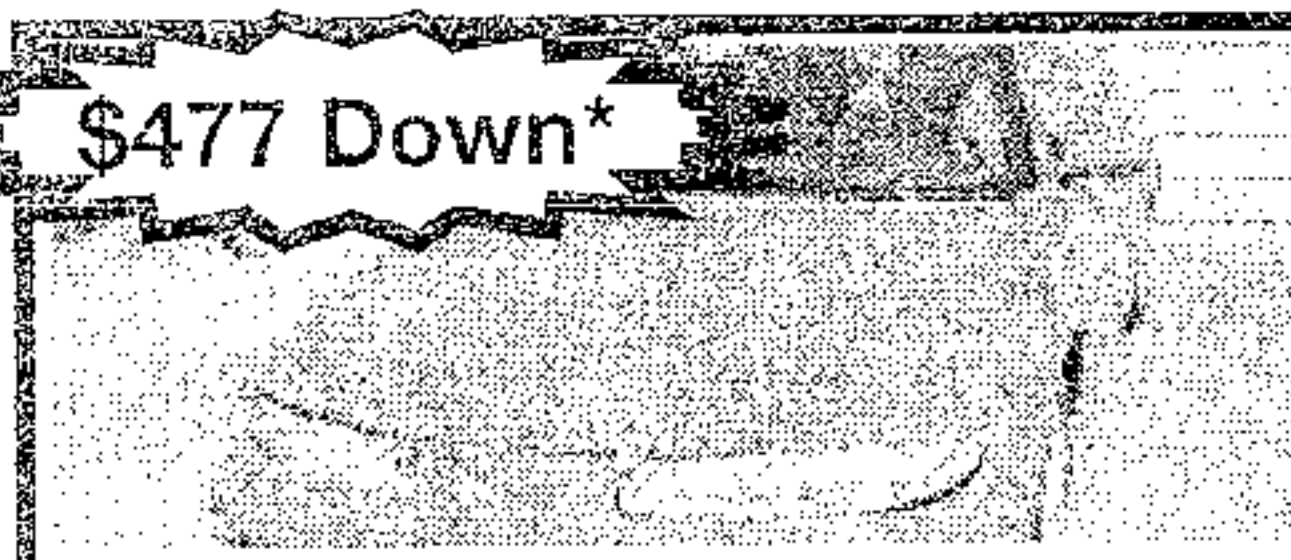
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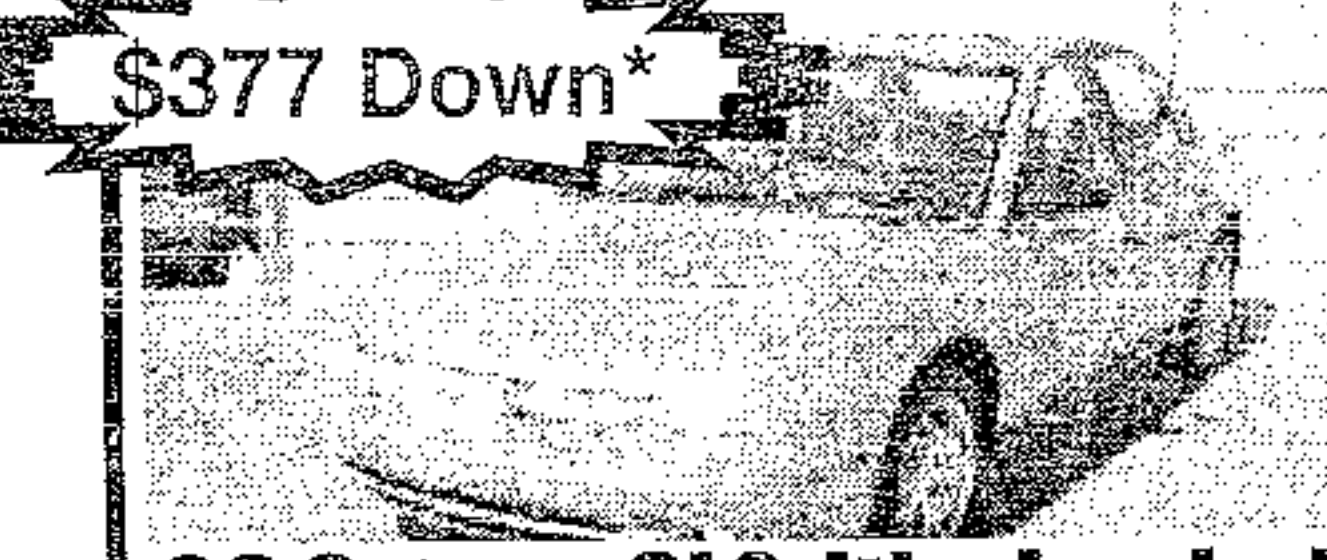
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