

# DAILY EDITION

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Wednesday, May 26, 2010

## Robbery, kidnapping charges filed against Philly man after pharmacy held up for drugs

A Philadelphia man is accused of holding a pharmacist and two others at knife point while he stole oxycontin and needles and injected the drug.

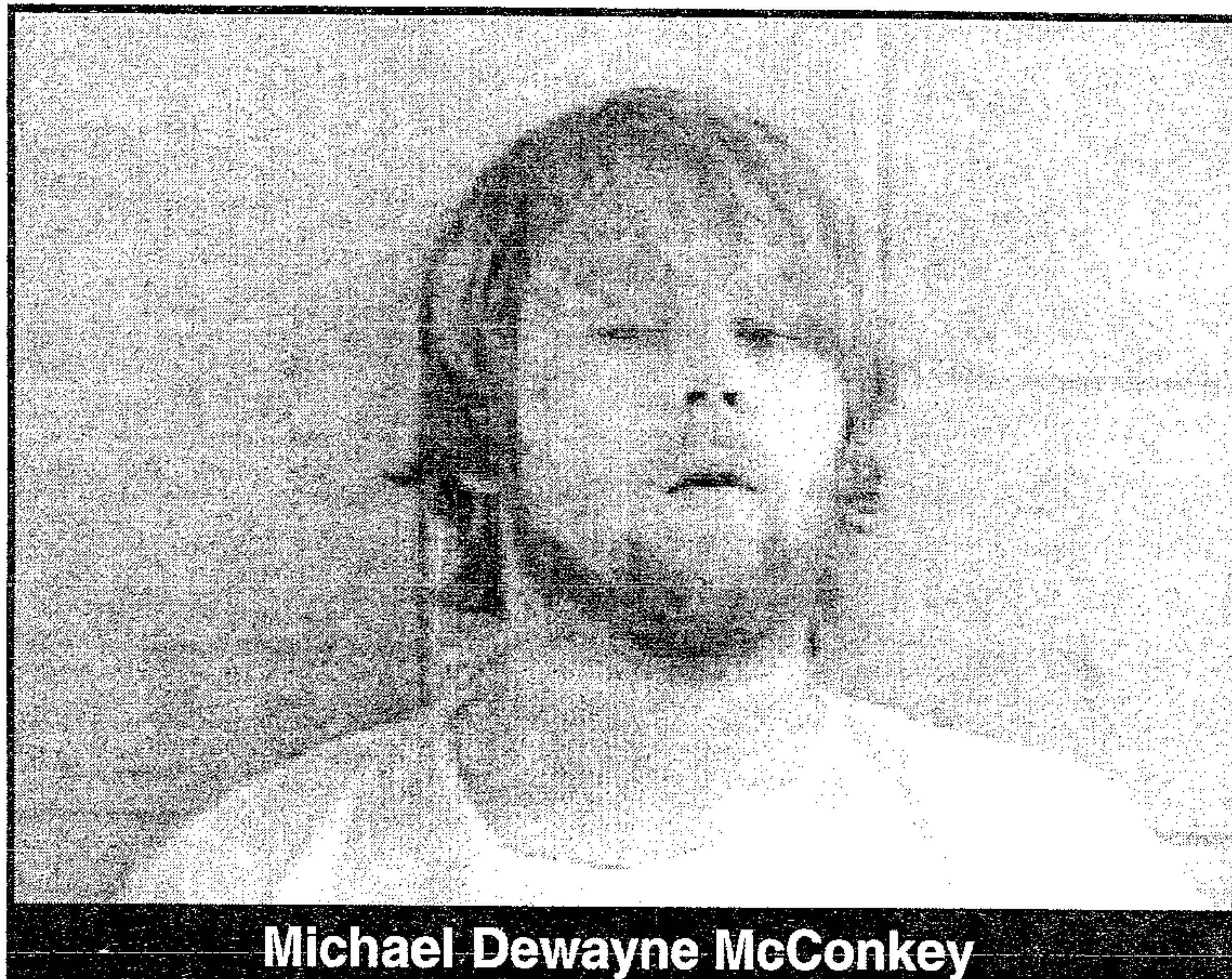
Michael Dewayne McConkey, 26, County Road 235, Philadelphia was charged with aggravated robbery and 3 counts of aggravated kidnapping.

According to affidavits filed by Sgt. Lynette

Ladd, LCPD; on or about May 22nd, 2010, at approximately 2:23 PM, Michael D. McConkey entered Walgreens Pharmacy at 350 Highway 321 North in Lenoir City and forced his way into the secured area of the pharmacy while brandishing a knife at two employees.

McConkey then forced a pharmacist to give him oxycontin pills and syringes and demanded that no one exit the pharmacy or make any phone calls.

(see McConkey pg. 3)



Michael Dewayne McConkey

### Verse of the day

For the Lord shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.

Deuteronomy 32:36

### Obituaries

Louise Phelps McNabb Way

### Wazzup

Thanks for all your work on the awesome privacy fence, Master Carpenter Wayne Morgan!

### Weather:

Today: A mix of clouds and sun with the chance of an isolated thunderstorm in the afternoon.

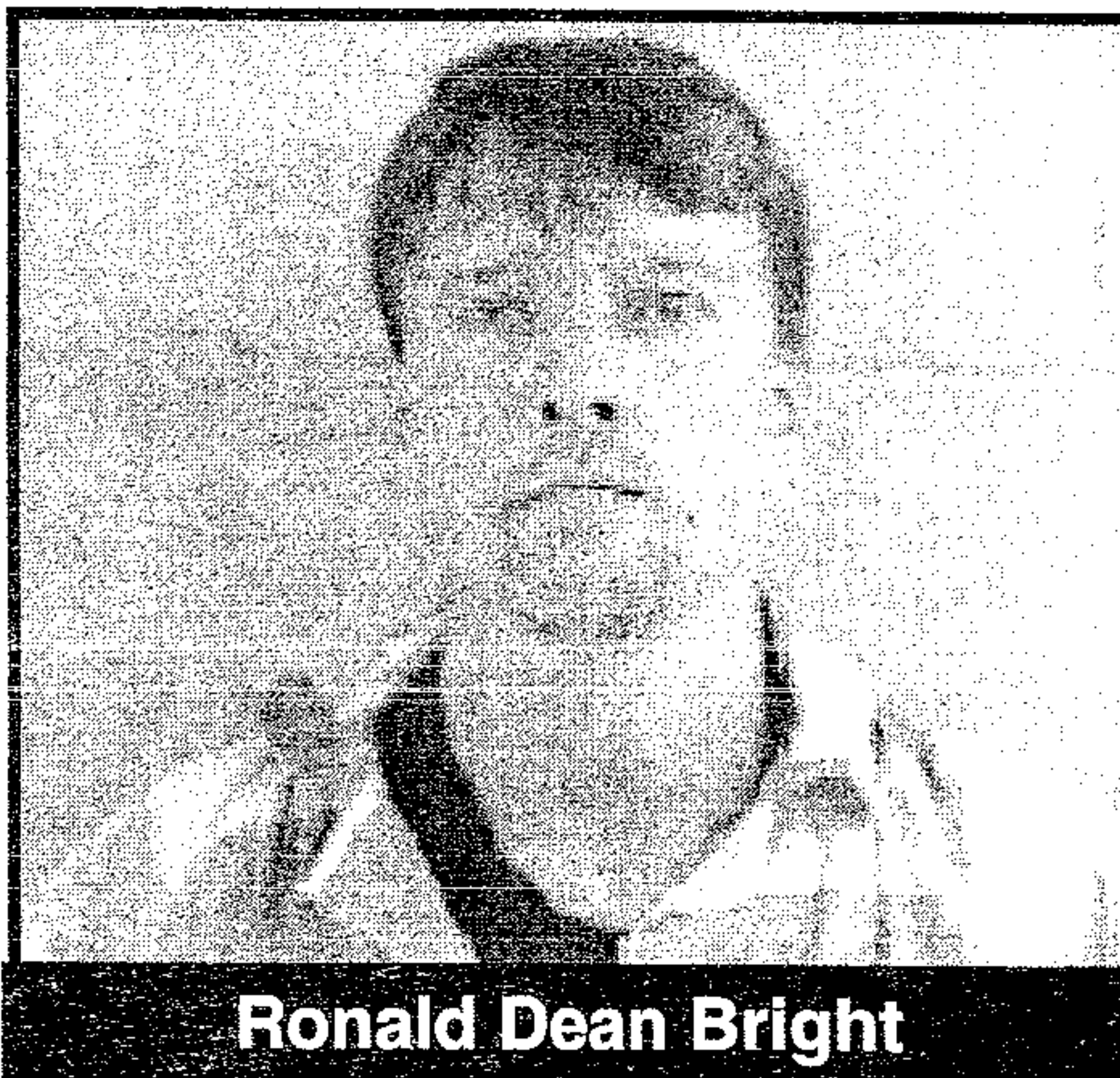
(see More pg. 2)



## Update: Additional fraud, theft charges filed against man

A Maryville man was charged with using his mother's debit card without permission to obtain money just weeks after being jailed for using another debit card without permission in Loudon.

Ronald Dean Bright, 37, Ce- (see Bright pg. 3)



Ronald Dean Bright

## April Unemployment Rate 10.5 Percent

NASHVILLE – Tennessee Commissioner of Labor & Workforce Development James Neeley announced Tennessee's unemployment

(see Rate pg. 6)

## Retiring Unserviceable American Flags

The American Legion Post 256 will be "properly destroying unserviceable" American Flags on Flag Day, June 14th. The cer-

(see Flags pg. 7)

## Fishing with Gus

Wow, have you seen all the interesting stuff in the news about the Rarity Projects and the Oil leak in the Gulf?

Now, you may wonder what those two have in common and there would be only one correct answer; Toad.

(see Gus pg. 3)

## 2010-11 Hunting Seasons Established During TWRC May Meeting

NASHVILLE --- The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission approved the statewide 2010-11 hunting seasons during its May meeting. The upcoming hunting seasons will have a few slight changes as

(see Meeting pg. 8)



**McConkey**

While brandishing the knife, McConkey forced the pharmacist to sit in the rear corner with him while he injected the drugs, which he had taken by force.

Sgt. Ladd and Loudon County Deputies Darrel Smith and Gary Hall made contact with the victims and McConkey. After a struggle, McConkey was sub-

dued and taken into custody.

**Gus**

See, him and Sven were talking about how this could lower the value of the mobile homes and the whole Toad Project. Toad was planning on this as an underwater reef and he was going to have the barge converted into a floating motel and dive center after all the mobile homes were in place. He done ordered the scuba gear,

dive platform, picked out the curtains for the motel rooms, and bought the rheumaty medicine for the mini bars.

See, Toad was worried about the property value, plus the destruction of the reef by the oil that may reach here from the gulf. He called Coonfoot down at the garage and asked about products that would help take the oil out of the water.

Coonfoot had some

strong stuff that would do the trick so he took it to the barge. Toad was skeptical and decided to read the label.

There in the fine print: do not use in lakes with Large Mouth Bass - may stunt growth to thirteen and a half inches." He scratched his head and said "Welp, least we know what happened to Fort Loudon".

**-Gus Bright**

dar Church Lane, Maryville was charged with theft under \$500 and fraudulent use of a debit card.

According to affidavits filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD; on or about May 5th, 2010, Ronald D. Bright took his

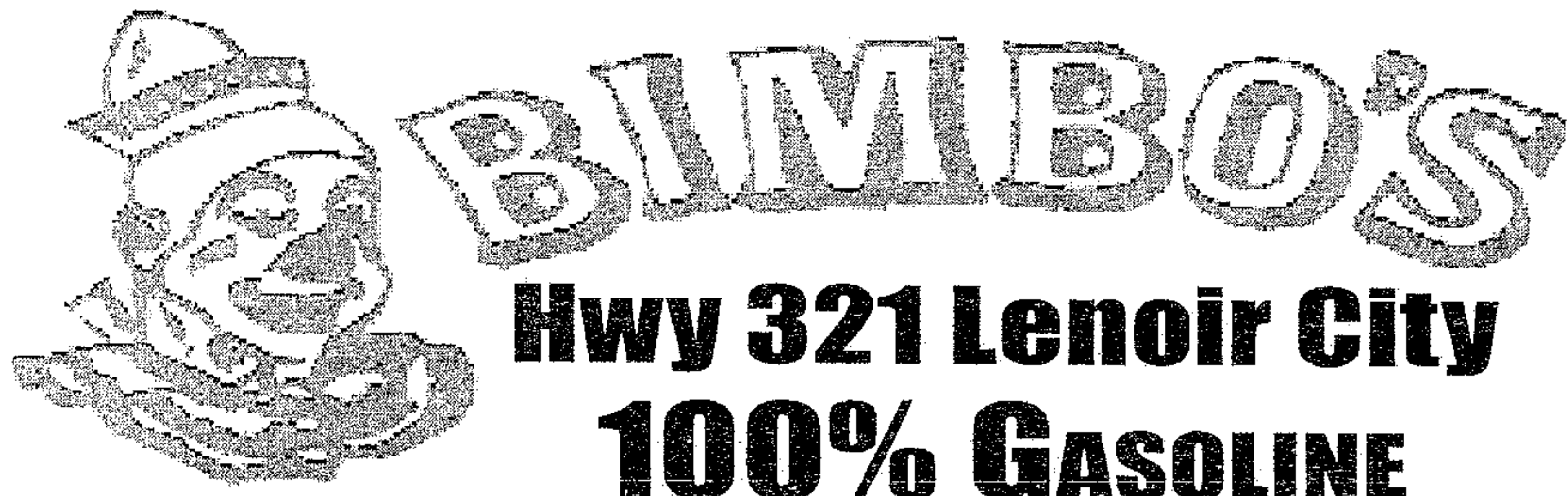
mother's credit/debit card to Weigels on Highway 321 in Lenoir City and used it in the ATM machine to take out \$370.50.

Bright took the card without his mother's permission or knowledge.

Detective Sartin made the arrest Wednesday.

Bright was charged with fraudulent use of credit/debit card May 14, 2010 following an investigation by LPD officials in which he reportedly was found to have made a \$326 charge at a Loudon store on a debit card he did not have permission to use.

*ed's note: see Fraud charges filed after debit card used in the Tuesday, May 18, 2010 edition of The Daily Edition.*



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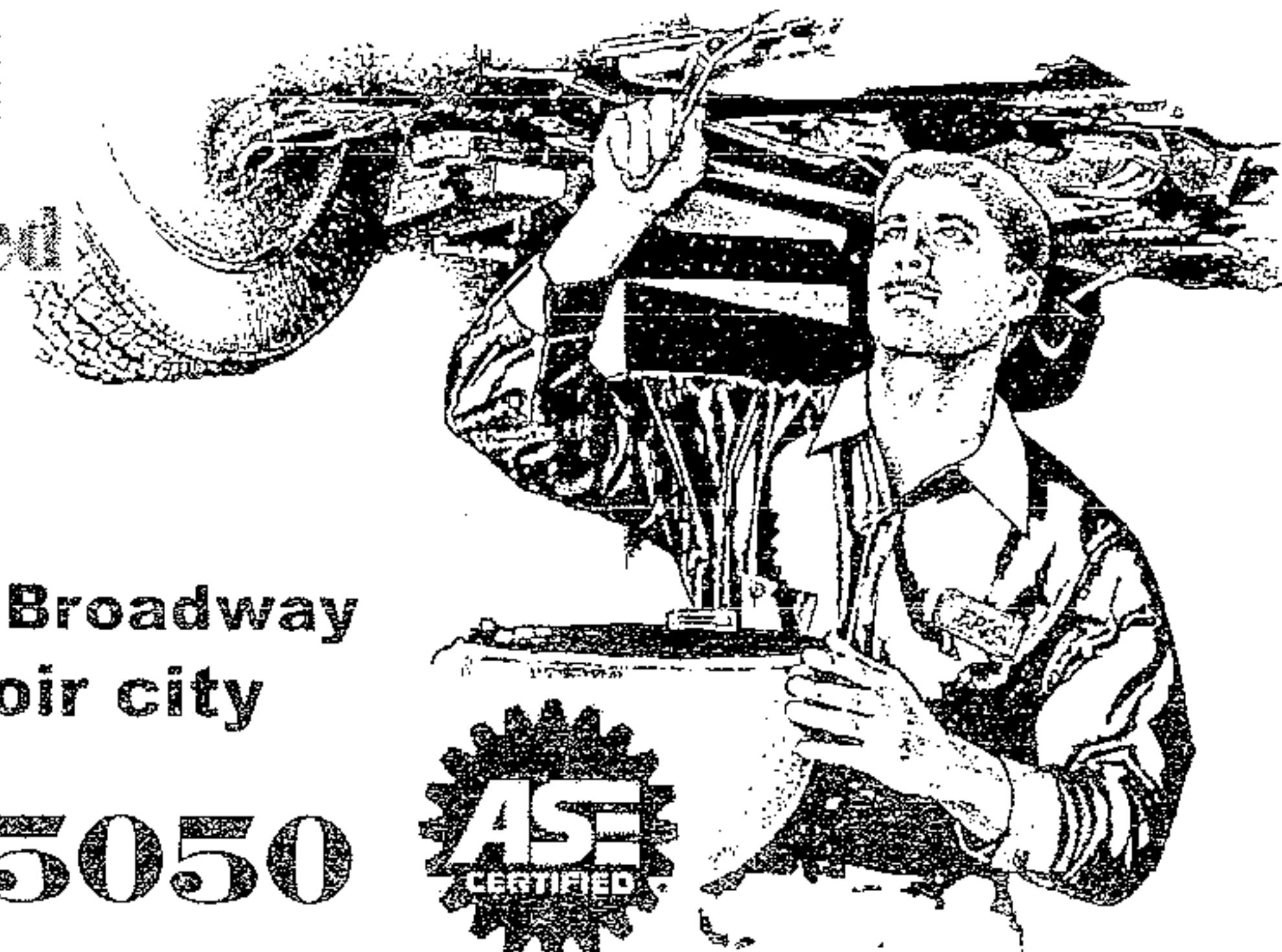
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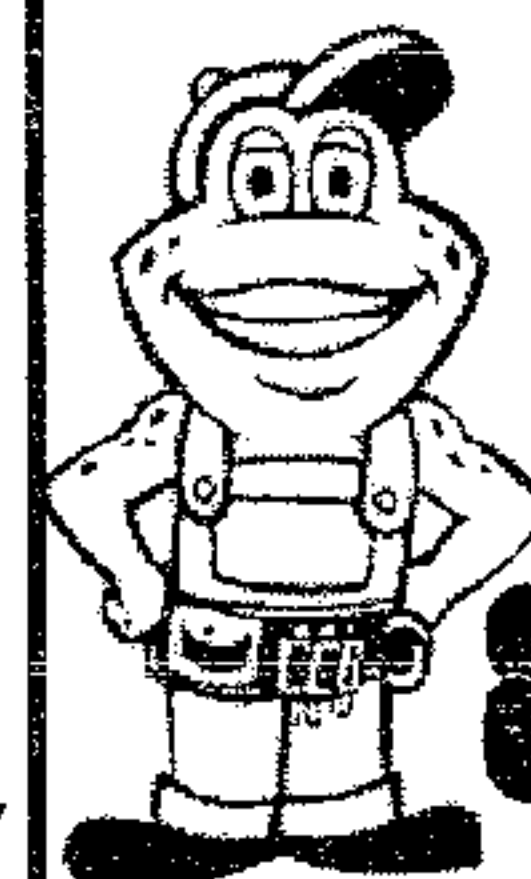


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### Rate

Rate for April was 10.5 percent, down one-tenth of a percentage point from the March rate of 10.6 percent. The April rate last year was 10.5 percent. The national unemployment rate for April 2010 was 9.9 percent, up from the March rate of 9.7 percent.

"The unemployment rate fell a tenth of a percentage point from last month and is the same as a year ago," reported Labor Commissioner James Neeley. "The good news in this monthly report is that employment growth was very strong. The unemployment rate stayed about the same because of a substantial increase in the number of people reentering the labor force."

According to the monthly Household Survey, the Tennessee labor force (3,028,500) is the highest since May 2009. The number of unemployed persons (318,300) is the lowest since March 2009.

Major Changes in Estimated Nonagricultural Employment March 2010 to April 2010:

According to the Business Survey, 9,000 job gains oc-

curred in leisure and hospitality; 5,100 in administrative, support, and waste services; and 3,000 in trade, transportation and utilities. Major employment decreases occurred in health care and social assistance, down by 1,100; general merchandise stores declined by 800 jobs; and professional, scientific, and technical services decreased by 800.

Major Changes in Estimated Nonagricultural Employment April 2009 to April 2010:

Year-over-year increases occurred in administrative, support and waste services, up by 9,100; educational and health services gained 8,300; and retail trade was up by 5,900.

Year-over-year decreases occurred in durable goods manufacturing, down by 10,800; mining and construction lost 8,700; and transportation and warehousing decreased by 8,300.

### Police Beat

William Jackson Bolten, 29, Doyle Street, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500.

According to the affidavit filed by Investigator Jack Fine, LCPD; according to the victim/witness statement, on May 7th, 2010 at approximately 1:06 AM, witnesses saw William J. Bolton take a silver and black Sears push mower from the victim's property and put it in the trunk of a small green 4 door car.

Bolton then get into the passenger seat and the car drove away.

Mr. Bolton did not



Bolton

have permission to take the lawn mower.

The value of the loss was estimated at \$300.

Deputy Brad

Rayfield, LCSO, made the arrest Tuesday.

Charles Eric Qualmann II, 23, Chukar Road, Knoxville was charged with driving on suspended license and DUI 1st offense.

The report states, Friday, around 12:58 AM, Mr. Qualmann was seen driving a red Honda Civic on Highway 321 North at Abbie Drive. Sgt. Joe Foster, LCPD, received a call on Mr. Qualmann possibly driving under the influence.

Sgt. Foster followed the vehicle and witnessed it swerving and crossing into

the median several times. After stopping the Honda, the officer noticed Mr. Qualmann had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his breath and person. He had slurred speech and was unsteady on his feet.

Mr. Qualmann could not perform field sobriety tasks and had slow motor skills. His license were also suspended for failure to satisfy a citation.

Qualmann was arrested and transported to Fort Loudoun ER for blood to be taken and sent to TBI. Officer David Flynn, LCPD, was also present.

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## Flags

emony will be conducted 10:00 am at the Tellico Village Fire Department. For more information contact Legionnaire Vice Commander Rich Gruber at 865-271-8610. The last day for collection of un-serviceable flags will be June 13th. Participating in this event is the Tellico Village

Fire Department and several Boy Scout Troops. The Public is invited. Collection points for "unserviceable flags":

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Thomas Simcox in Rarity Bay, 423-884-2060

Vic Vickery in Rarity Bay, 423-884-6476

### Police Beat

Edward 'Bryan' Stiltner, 36, Coley Lane, Lenoir City was charged with an attachment for failure to appear out of Bradley County.

Officer Emily Lawson, LCPD made the arrest Friday.

Curtis D. Costner, 22, Daylilly Drive, Knoxville, was charged with two counts of failure to appear in Knox County General Sessions Court.

Officer Jeremy

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Dishner, LCPD made the arrest at McGhee Square Sunday.

Casey Tyler Thompson, 44, Lagrange, Georgia was charged Friday with driving on revoked license.

The report states, Officer Blake Norman, LPD observed a red Dodge Durango traveling west on Highway 72 at a high rate of speed going 61 mph in a 45 mph zone.

Officer Norman stopped the vehicle at Roberson Springs Road and identified the driver as Casey T.

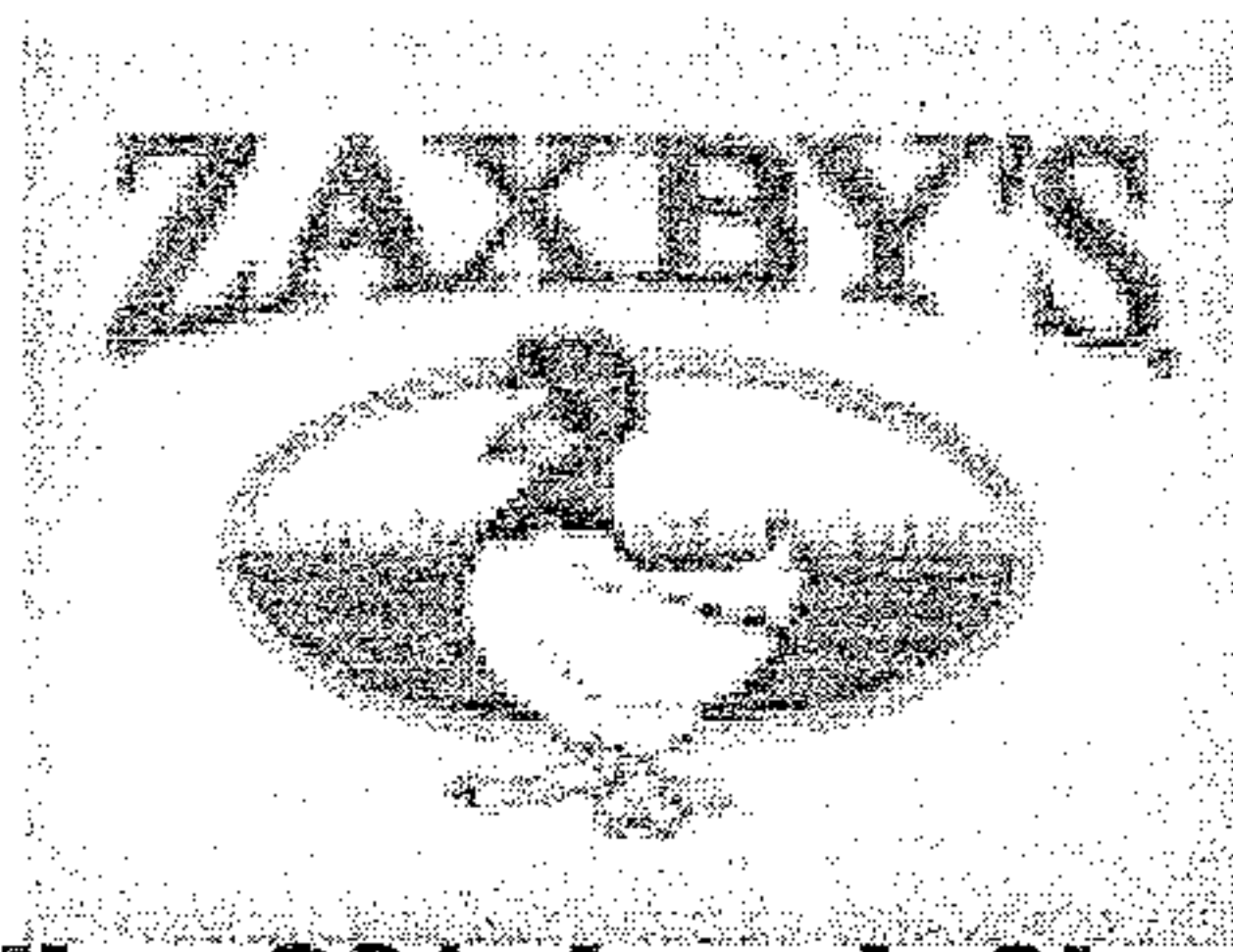
Thompson. A check of the status of Thompson's drivers license, it came back revoked.

Michael Thomas Abron, 25, Donelson Road, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO made the arrest Tuesday.

John Lawrence Barber, 46, Little Valley Road, Loudon, was charged with failure to pay costs and fines (public intoxication).

Sgt. Eddie Range, LCPD, made the arrest Monday.



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**Meeting**

approved by the commission.

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency personnel previewed the recommendations at last month's TWRC meeting and again during the committee meetings at the May meeting. Most of the state's hunting seasons' dates and standard bag limits will remain similar for 2010-11.

No changes were made concerning deer season dates or to standard antlered and antlerless bag limits. Six Unit B counties will have more antlerless muzzleloader opportunities as a result of

a move from the 5-day to the 14-day antlerless hunt. The counties in which the changes apply to are Anderson, Claiborne, Grainger, Greene, Hancock, and Johnson.

Hunters are required to check-in animals on the calendar day in which they are harvested also to aid in the agency's law enforcement efforts. Internet check-in for bears has been eliminated to allow better data collection and to improve enforcement.

The TWRC amended the agency's proposals and created four new hog hunts on the Cumberland Plateau. Cumberland, Fen-

dress, Overton, and Pickett counties will now allow the hunting of wild hogs with dogs during the time frames of Oct. 2-10, Nov. 1-4, Dec. 2-15, and Dec. 31-Jan. 3. A new wild hog hunt (with dogs) has been created in Monroe and Polk counties Dec. 31-Jan. 3. Also, in the same two counties is the establishment of a bear dog training session that will run from Sept. 9-14. A no bag limit on wild hogs has been set for the South Cherokee National Forest.

The commission reduced the bear archery season to three weeks from the agency's recommendation of a five week

season. The bear archery season will now begin Sept. 25 and continue through Oct. 15 in Blount, Carter, Cocke, Greene, Jefferson, Johnson, Monroe, Polk, Sevier, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties.

A computerized drawing system for blind sites for Bogota and the new Thorny Cypress Wildlife Management Area in Dyer County and the four units on the Chickamauga WMA (Candies Creek, Johnson Bottoms, Rogers Creek, and Yellow Creek) will be implemented for next season. More information on the application process will be announced at a later date.

The special season fall turkey hunts and county deer quota hunts have been changed to non-quota hunts in many counties across the state. This change will eliminate the need for hunters to obtain a quota permit prior to the hunt. Hunters will be able to participate in any non-quota hunt in a county where the hunt is established. A Type 94 non-quota permit will be required except for sportsmen license holders and individuals eligible for the landowner exemption.

The next meeting of the TWRC will be June 16-17 and again be held at the TWRA Region II Ray Bell Building in Nashville.


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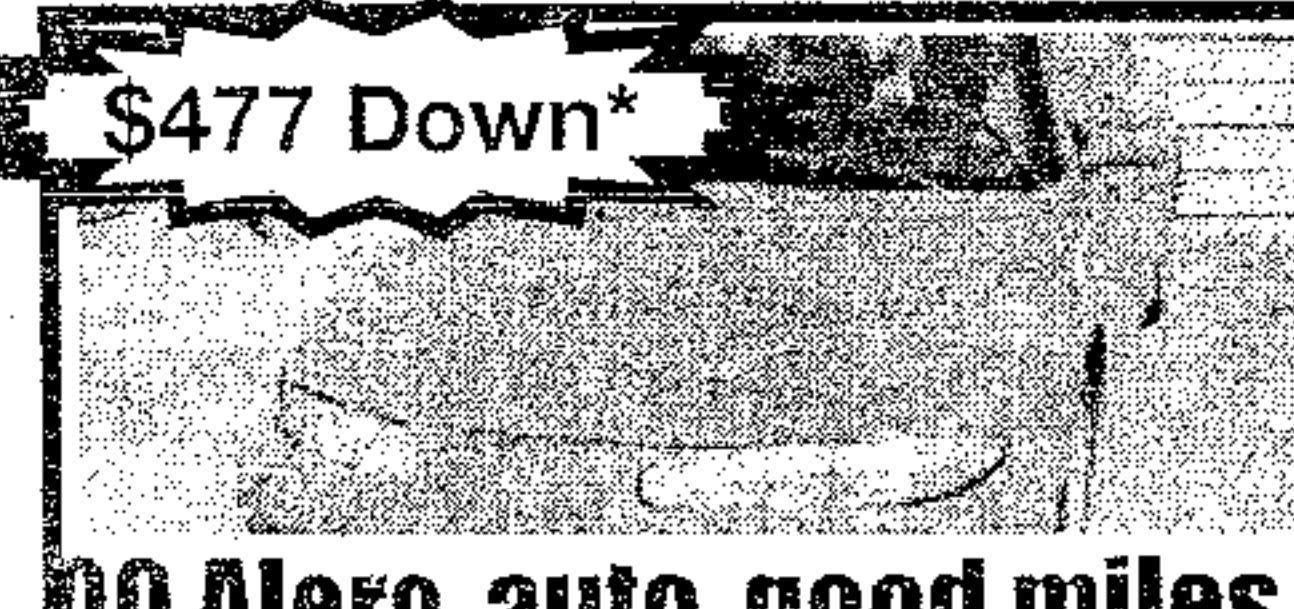
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