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Wednesday, August 18, 2010

9th DTF charge local "Joker" in search

Jason Jennings Melton, 'aka' "Yankey" "Joker", 31, River Road, Loudon, was charged with felon in possession of a firearm x 2 and possession of burglary tools.

According to records, agents with the 9th Judicial Drug Task Force executed a search warrant Thursday, at the residence of Jason J. Melton, for the offense of armed robbery and burglary. Melton is a convicted felon and currently on

(see Joker pg. 6)



Jason Jennings Melton

Special Called Meeting

The county commission will be meeting in a special called session this Thursday to declare the 6th District School Board seat vacant. This means that anyone wanting to pick up a petition to run for the seat will have to wait till this Friday 8/20/10.

(see Meeting pg. 6)

I-75 Stop by Sgt. Hall lands locals in jail for pills

Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO stopped a vehicle on I-75 and found pills on both occupants.

Richard Darren Queen, 38, Tinnel Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with simple

possession of schedule II (methadone).

According to reports, Wednesday, at approximately 12:44 pm, Sgt. Billy Hall, LCSO, stopped a 1998 Ford

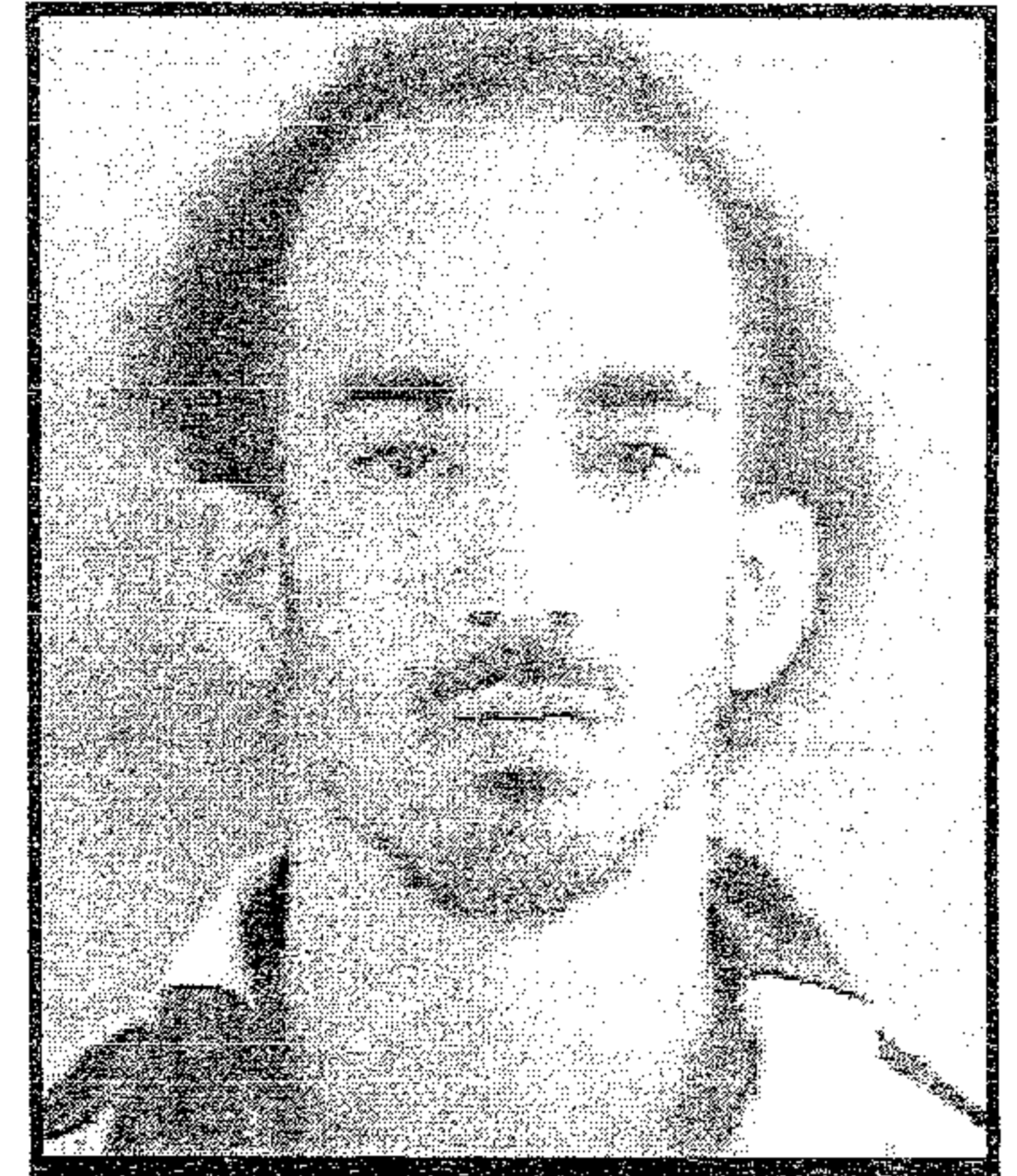
(see Pills pg. 3)

Tell me you didn't run from Scott Newman in Loudon!

Nathan Brandon Underwood, 22, Vale Street, Loudon, was charged Wednesday and again on Thursday, with domestic violence assault x 2 and resisting stop, halt, frisk, and arrest x 2.

The report states, Loudon Police Department received a call Wednesday, in reference to a physical domestic on Vale Street. Accord-

(see No You Didn't pg. 7)



Nathan Brandon Underwood

Bloody fight leads to charge

Charles Lynn Roberts, 33, Pinetop Street, Lenoir City, was charged with assault by domestic violence.

According to records, Wednesday, around 8:39 pm, Deputy Brad Rayfield,

LCSO, was dispatched to Pinetop Street in reference to a physical domestic call. Upon arrival, the victim was on the front porch with severe facial trauma and

(see Fight pg. 7)

Fishing with Gus

Government and Religion

Well I know these two items are not suppose to coincide with each other and its sort of funny watching all the wishy washy politicians tip toe around the issue of the mosque at ground

zero and this goes all the way up the food chain to the Presbo himself. The last poll I saw said 70% of Americans are against it. Well what about this, there is

(see Gus pg. 4)

Verse of the day

But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and

pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;

Matthew 5:44

Obituaries

Benny S. Stinnett
Juanita Hodge Banks

Wazzup

Awesome job LCHS Panther Freshmen You All Gave Alcoa all they could handle. You got more yards and they didn't score on you. Had you gotten to play the whole thing.....Go Panthers!!!

Weather:

Today: Variable clouds with thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. Humid. High 84F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 50%.
Tonight: Variably cloudy
(see More pg. 2)

Gasparello

Taurus, for speeding, on Interstate 75 northbound at the 84 mm. The driver was identified as Richard Queen. When he was asked to exit the vehicle, Sgt. Hall saw him toss something back into the car. The Sgt., detained Mr. Queen and asked the owner of the vehicle, who was the passenger for consent to search the car.

Cheryl Spangler, the front seat passenger and owner of the car granted permission to search. While searching, Sgt. Hall found 1 white round pill identified as methadone next to the driver's seat. Hall also discovered 1 blue round pill identified as clonazepam in Ms. Spangler's contact case. Also found in a small pouch belonging to Ms. Spangler were 2

round pills identified as codeine.

Cheryl Powell Spangler, 51, Tinnel Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with simple possession of schedule III (codeine) and simple possession of schedule IV (clonazepam). Richard Queen advised the methadone was his and Cheryl Spangler claimed ownership of the codeine and clonazepam.

Police beat

Lonnie Farmer, 25, Edgewood Drive, Sweetwater, was charged Wednesday, with violation of pro-

bation x 2.

Deputy John Wilson, LCSO, made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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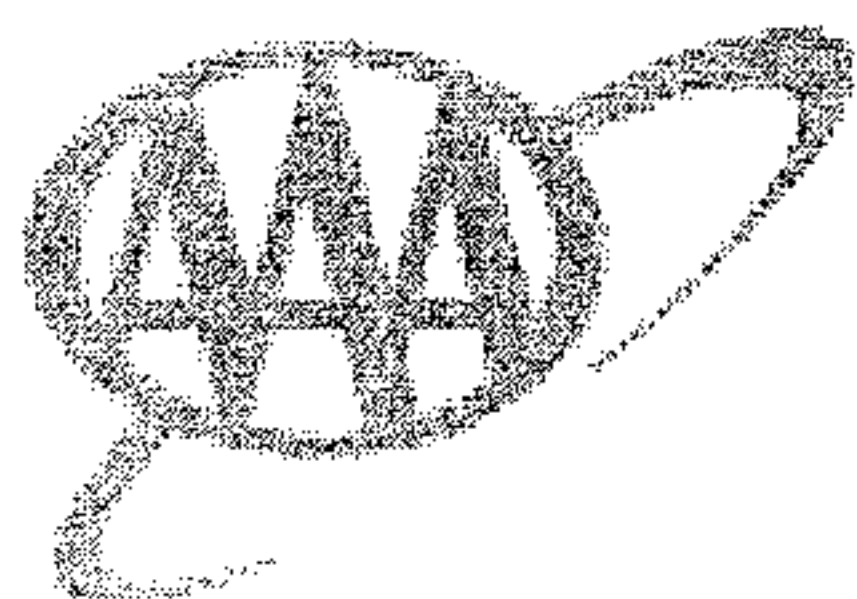
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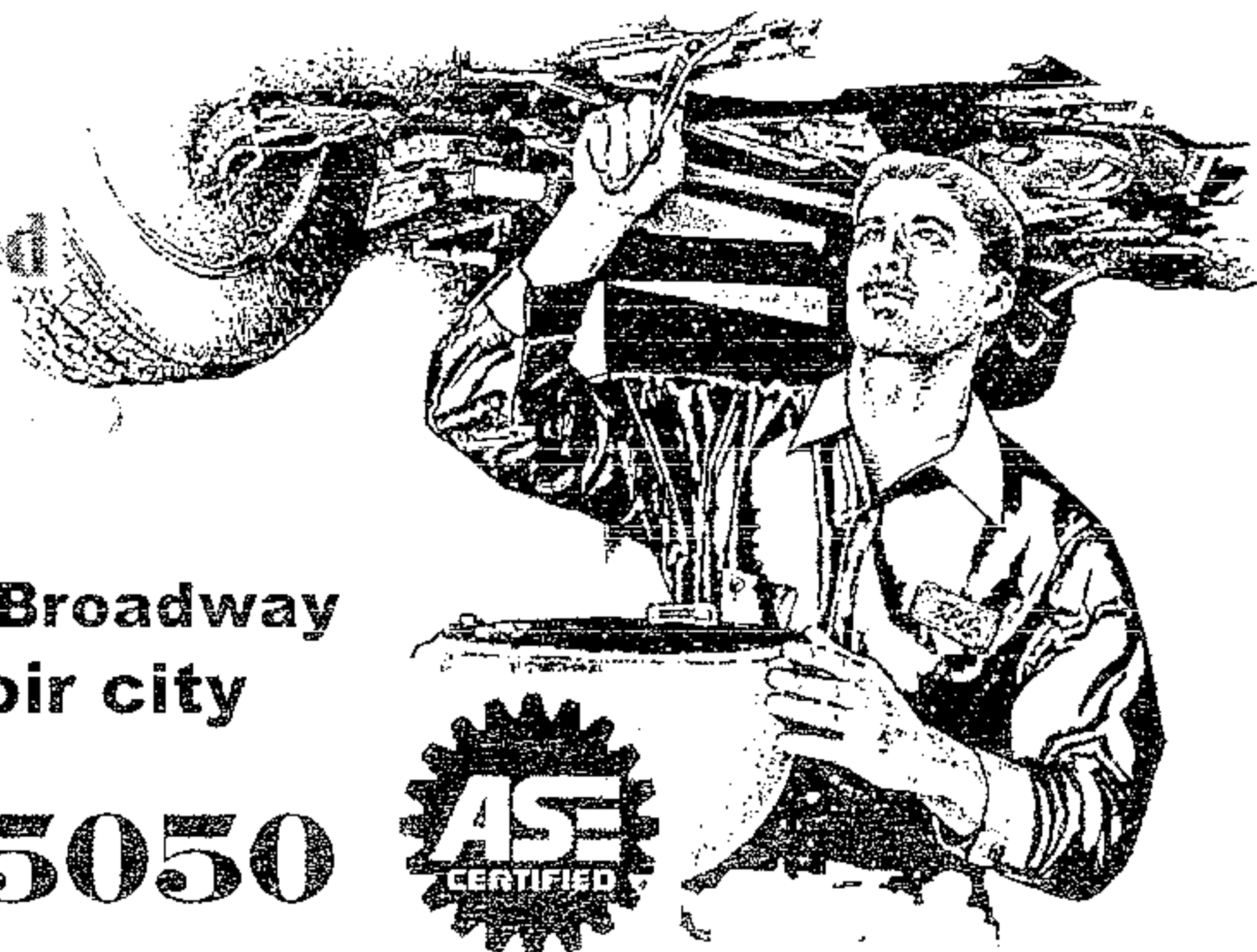
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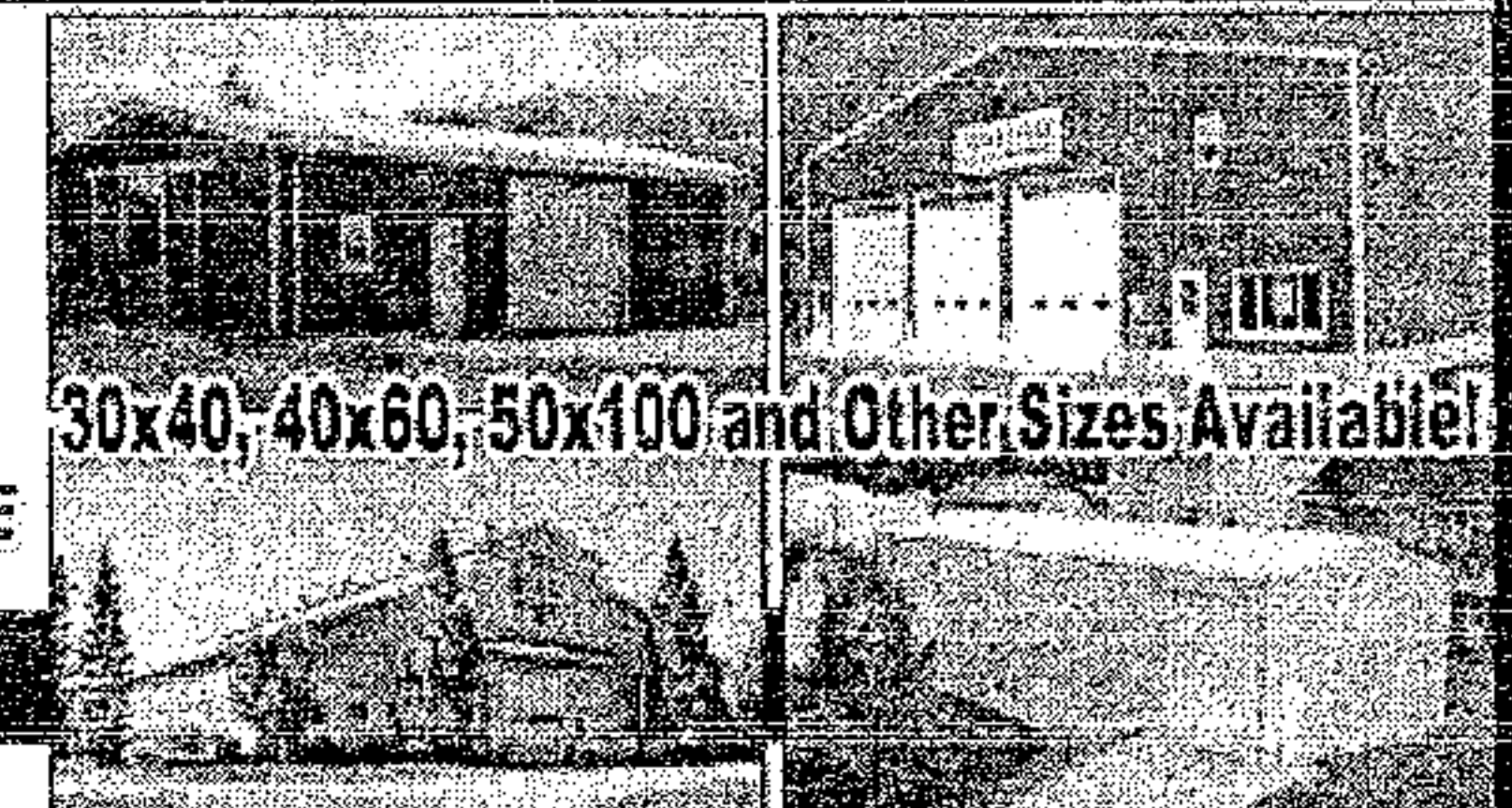
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Obituaries

Benny S. Stinnett - age 60 of Loudon passed away Friday, August 13, 2010 at Park West Hospital. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Loretta Stinnett; children, Charles Stinnett, Benny S. Stinnett Jr. and wife, Joy, Gwen Broyles and husband, David all of Loudon; grandchildren, Charles Stinnett, Daniel Stinnett, Leslie Stinnett, Sydney Stinnett, Chris Russell, Jackie Broyles, Benny S. Stinnett III and Cole Stinnett; 2 great grandchildren; and mother, Alice Morgan of Loudon. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Click Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. A. J. Crawford officiating. Family and friends will gather at 10 a.m. Thursday in the

Lenoir City Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Juanita Hodge Banks - age 87 of Lenoir City passed away Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at the Baptist Health Care Center. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther Edgar and Iva Hodge; husband, William Calloway Banks; and step-son, James William Banks.

Survived by her step daughter-in-law, Janice Garren Banks; step grandchildren and spouses, Le Anne Banks Grigsby (Phil), Lisa Banks Barber (Carl); step great grandchildren, Joshua Grigsby (Brittany), Wyatt Grigsby, and Nathanael Barber; niece, Annie Evans, and special friend,

Kathy Wilham. Friends may call at their convenience at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. with Rev. Johnny Garren officiating.

Gus

310,008,000 folks that live here in the good old USA and 70% of that is 217,005,600. If the 70% donated one dollar, why couldn't we just buy the darn building, after all, isn't that the American way. I just can't see letting this thing be built and if it is, a word of advice to the builders, you better use the 30% of the Americans who are in favor of the masque to build it, if you don't, I would bet you will have some serious problems with the building. For one, your bathroom light switches will probably flush your toilets; you

may have stairs that lead to nowhere; your hot and cold water will be reversed; you turn on the A/C and the furnace will kick on. In other words,

go ahead and build, the American people dare you to. I hear them, you politicians will hear them soon enough.

Gus

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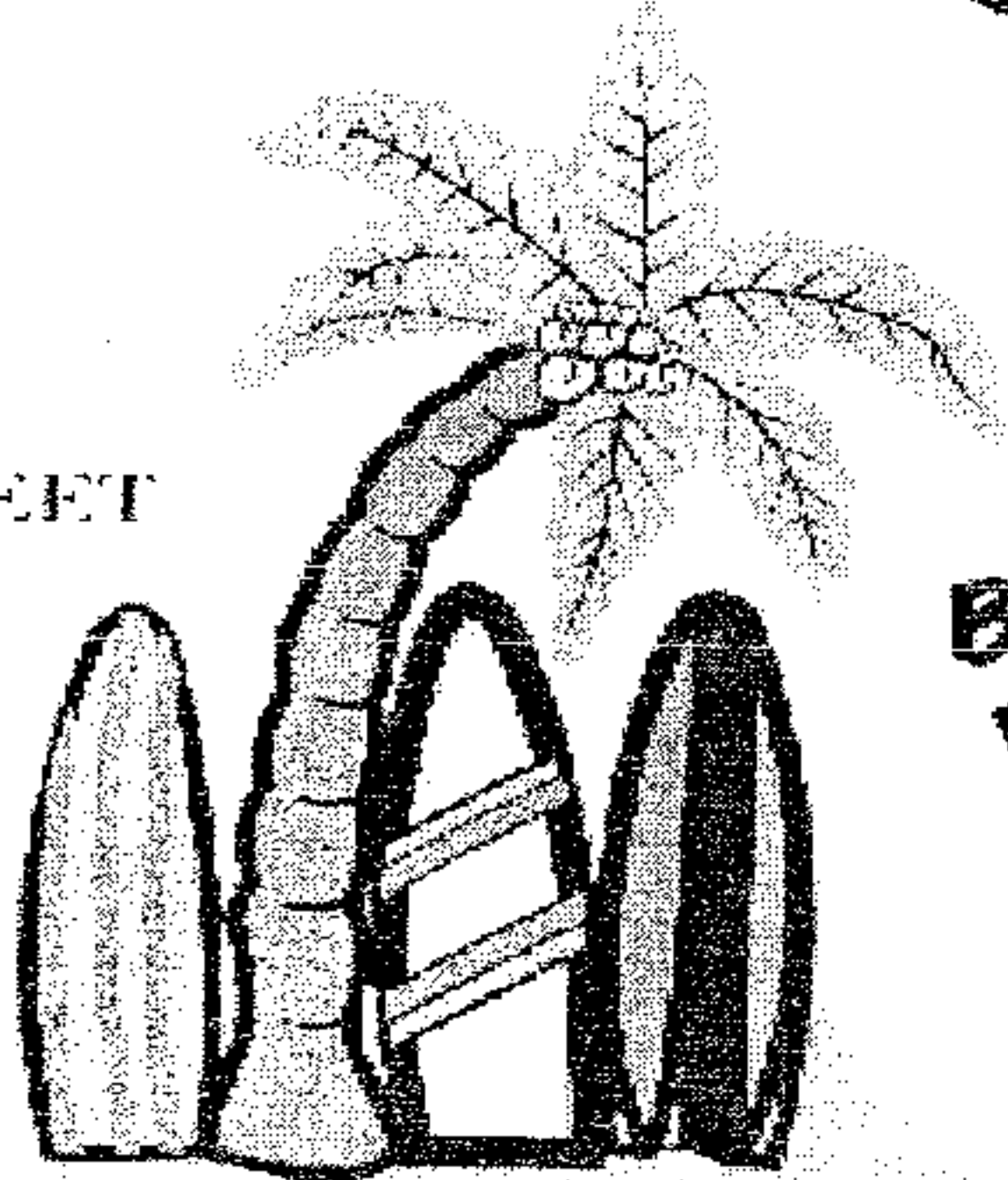
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Joker

parole. Subsequent to the search of his residence on River Road, agents seized one .380 caliber pistol and one Mossberg shotgun. Both of the firearms were within the area where Melton resides and were readily accessible to him. Mr. Melton advised the agents he has handled both firearms and has fired the .380 caliber pistol. Agents seized ammunition of the same caliber of the pistol and shotgun. Agents also seized several items believed to be used to facilitate burglaries. The items include; one duffel bag containing a window punch, black ski masks, one latex glove, a long sleeve tee shirt and a bandana. The burglary tools were seized from Melton's closet.

Investigator Jason Butler, 9th DTF, made the arrest. Investigator Brendan DeBoer, 9th DTF, was also on scene.

Meeting

CALLED MEETING
Loudon County Commission

Thursday, August 19 6:00 PM at the Courthouse Annex

Item to be considered - To declare vacant school board seat in 6th District as of September 1, 2010.

This will permit the Election Commission to add this to the November election ballot.

Police beat

John Michael Bartolin III, 25, Coulter Street, Loudon, was charged with DUI 1st offense, driving without a license, and violation implied consent.

According to records, Monday, around 1:34 am, while on routine patrol, a vehicle approached Officer Bennie Houser, LPD, behind McEachern's Photography.

The driver, Mr. Bartolin stated he was going to Coulter Street. The man had

a strong odor of an intoxicant about his person and was unsteady on his feet. He told Officer Houser he drank one 24oz. ABD and a half of another one and there was an unopened 24oz. Natural Ice in the vehicle.

Mr. Bartolin performed poorly on field sobriety tasks. He had a white plastic bag stuffed down his shorts and advised, he had the bag because he was supposed to keep his girlfriend's medication in it. Mr.

Bartolin was read the implied consent and agreed and while enroute to the ER for blood he stated he didn't want to give blood because his parole officer tested

him last month and it showed up with xanax in his system and he didn't know how it got there.

A check of his driving status came back unlicensed.

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bruises. She advised, she wasn't going to tell Deputy Rayfield anything. An ambulance was called to the scene to check her face. At that time, the deputy made contact with the woman's boyfriend, Charles L. Roberts who had a swollen lip and was sweating profusely. Mr. Roberts advised, he and his girlfriend had been in a physical fight and she locked him "in" the house. Deputy Rayfield asked her who hit who first and she stated she didn't remember. The deputy asked Charles the same question and he said he slammed her head down on the floor first. The deputy noted, there was blood splattered in at least three rooms in the residence. The victim also advised the deputy, Charles

busted the bedroom door open where she was trying to get away from him. According to Deputy Rayfield's report, he saw the busted door and blood on the floor all through the house. EMS checked the woman's face and she refused to be transported to the ER. She was told she would need some stitches in her bottom lip and she also had a laceration to the right cheek and forehead, as well as red marks to both sides of her neck. Her 5 year old and 22 month old son's were home also. Roberts was transported to jail.

No You Didn't

ing to the call, the female victim had been assaulted by her ex-boyfriend, Nathan Underwood. The caller stated, she ran up the street to get

away from him. Sgt. R.S. Newman, LPD, located the couple in front of another residence on Summer Street. As the officer arrived, Nathan fled on foot toward the back yard. Sgt. Newman yelled for him to stop running and come back. Nathan refused to comply and continued to run, in an attempt to elude arrest for assaulting the woman. She had a swollen left eye and appeared to have been punched in the face. She stated, Nathan struck her at his residence. Officers searched the area but were unable to locate him. Sgt. Newman spoke with Mr. Underwood on the phone and he refused to come back to the scene.

At 2:41 am, Thursday, Loudon Police department received a 911 call from the

same area of Summer Street. Dispatch advised, a female was telling a male to leave. When officers arrived, they found Nathan Underwood and his ex-girlfriend in the street. Nathan again ran on foot, toward Vale Street. Officers observed him running into a residence and back out again and were able to capture him. The victim stated, Nathan jerked her out of the residence on Summer Street and threatened to beat her head in. During that struggle, Nathan bit her on the neck leaving a raised area and broken skin. Due to the fact there were two separate incidents, Nathan Underwood was arrested and charged with 2 counts on each charge. LPD Officers, Sam Harrison and Bennie Houser were also on the scene.

Police beat

Gary Washington Spellers Jr., 43, Bennett Street, Sweetwater, was charged with DUI.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 4:01 am, Deputy James R. Bowman, LCSO, stopped a white Ford on Highway 321 at Bimbos. The driver, Gary W. Spellers Jr. was not wearing a seat belt. Mr. Spellers Jr. had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and person. He had red bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and was very un-

steady on his feet. He performed poorly on field sobriety tasks and was transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a chemical test, before going to jail.

William Andrew Cummings, 35, Homeless, was charged with criminal trespassing.

According to the report, Mr. Cummings was at a residence in Silver Hills Apartments in Lenoir City Monday. He had been barred from Lenoir City Housing Authority property because of a theft he committed. He was told not to be back on the property and acknowledged that he was not to be back. Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD, made the arrest Tuesday.

Gumerindo Alva Cano, 32, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with driving without a license.

According to records, Tuesday, around 4:30 am, Deputy James R. Bowman, LCSO, stopped a blue Toyota on Old Highway 95 at Hotchkiss Valley Road. The driver, Mr. Cano was not wearing his seat belt. NCIC revealed Mr. Cano was unlicensed.

Richard Scott Griffin, 33, Clark Road, Lenoir City, was charged with contempt of court. Deputy John Maples, LCSO, made the arrest Tuesday.

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