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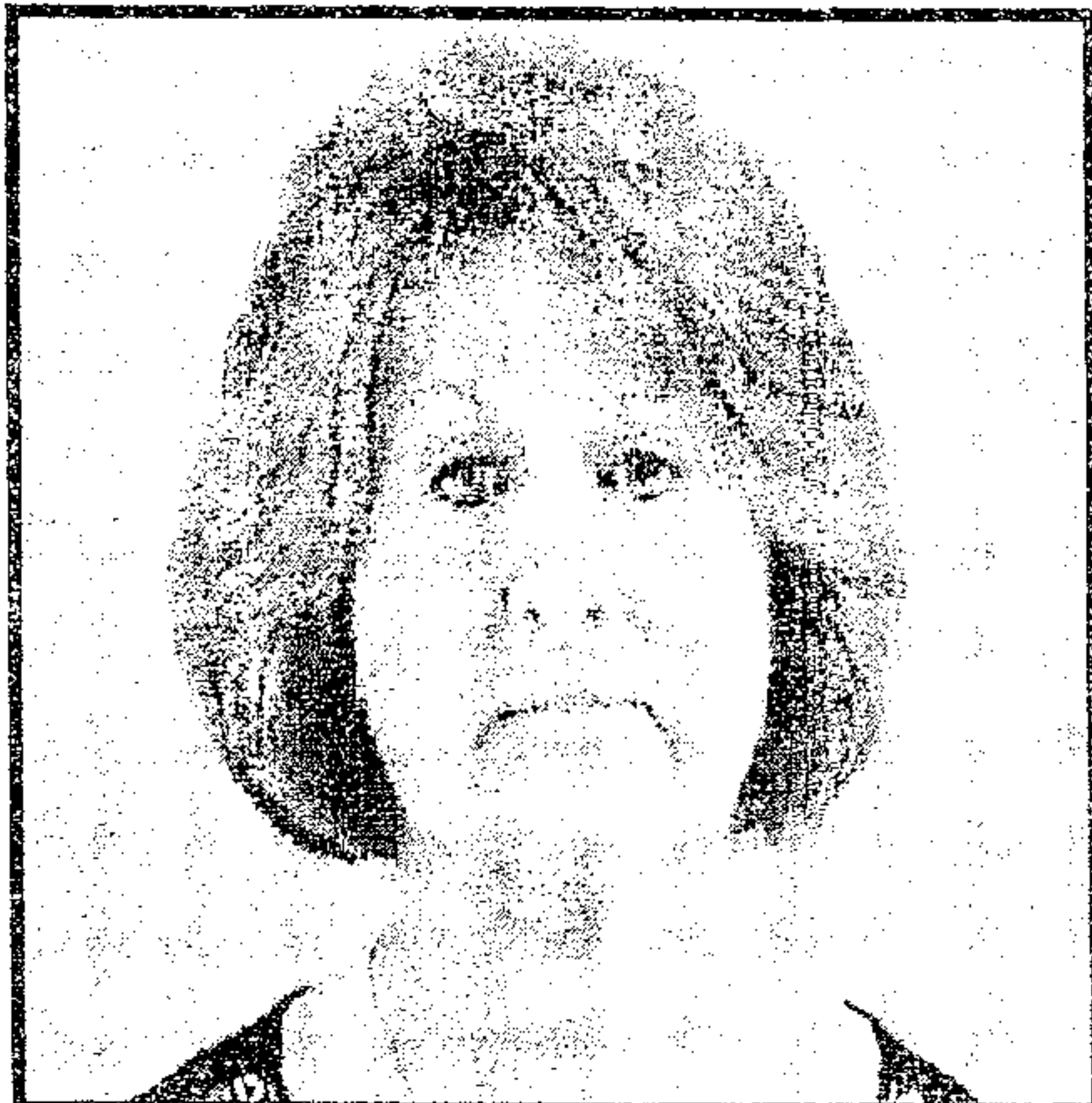
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Thursday, March 12, 2015

## Baptist Health Center Officials Charged by TBI



Freda Jo Morton



Anita Wilmoth (see TBI pg. 4)

### Vehicle returned; assault charge filed



Wayne McMillian (see Assault pg. 5)

### Fake ID gets hispanic man charged



Pedro Juarez (see ID pg. 5)

## Pill Mill raided has local ties

Federal court records unsealed Tuesday afternoon lay out the makings of a multimillion-dollar pill-mill operation that apparently spanned East Tennessee.

Records identify the main suspect in the case as Sylvia Hofstetter, who is being arraigned in U.S. District Court on charges she operated a \$17.5 million pill-mill operation in Knox County and at least one

other county.

Hofstetter is represented by attorney David Eldridge. A federal indictment returned in secret last week alleges Hofstetter set up at least two pain clinics that hauled in millions in a cash-for-pills scheme. The clinics have not yet been identified in court records.

A separate indictment alleges employees (see Mill pg. 3)

## Adopt-A-School Program

*'I Promise to be a Good Citizen'*

The nearly 30 sixth-graders at Bucknell Elementary School in Alexandria, Virginia stood at their desks, raised their right hands, and recited in unison a pledge they knew well: "I accept the position of junior special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I promise to be a good citizen. I will obey all the laws of my coun-

try and do my best in school. I will make the right choices by remaining drug free, staying in school, and practicing non-violent behavior in handling difficult situations."

That pledge begins every session of the FBI's Junior Special Agent Program, which aims to give fifth- and sixth-graders in disad-

(see FBI pg. 2)

### Verse of the Day

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy. In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me. — Psalm 86:6-7

### Obituaries

see inside  
**Wazzup**  
TTJC has a big Martial Arts Expo coming this month. Be sure to sign up now! Hope to see ya there.

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon. Slight chance of a rain shower. High around 70F. Tonight: Cloudy. Low 52F. Friday Showers early, becoming a steady rain later in the day. High 62F.

Friday Night Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Low 52F.

### Horoscopes

*Pisces 2/19-3/20*  
You have a significant decision to make today; you can either take preemptive action or wait for chang-

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**FBI**

vantaged neighborhoods the skills and discipline they need to steer clear of gangs, drugs, and crime.

Located just outside the District of Columbia, Bucknell was one of the first schools to embrace the FBI's Adopt-A-School outreach program 20 years ago. Now, the Washington Field Office administers the program to six schools in and around the nation's capital, dispatching agents and other Bureau employees throughout the school year to be tutors and mentors to more than 300 young people annually.

"During the past two decades we have reached thousands of kids," said Special Agent William Woodson. "Our goal is to provide opportunities for these young people who might not have had them otherwise."

The Junior Special Agent Program at Bucknell consists of core blocks of instruction that integrate with classroom curriculum. For example, when the students learn about the Civil War and the Emancipation Proclamation, they take field trips to battlefield sites and the U.S. Capitol to reinforce what they learn. Funds for the trips are provided by the local Citizens Academy Alumni Association, a non-profit organization that supports the Adopt-A-School Program and uses no taxpayer money. The students also meet a variety of FBI agents who talk to them about gangs and drugs, as well as core values such as integrity, respect, and honesty. And the program requires students to exercise on a regular basis.

"We are helping to make sure that the kids don't do drugs and stay in school,"

Woodson said. "Our agents have a positive influence on them."

"The FBI is teaching our students to do the right thing and believe in themselves," said Paul Adams, who participated with the Junior Special

Agent Program for nine years as a Bucknell teacher and now serves as a liaison between the school and the Washington Field Office. "This program shows our young people that no matter where you come

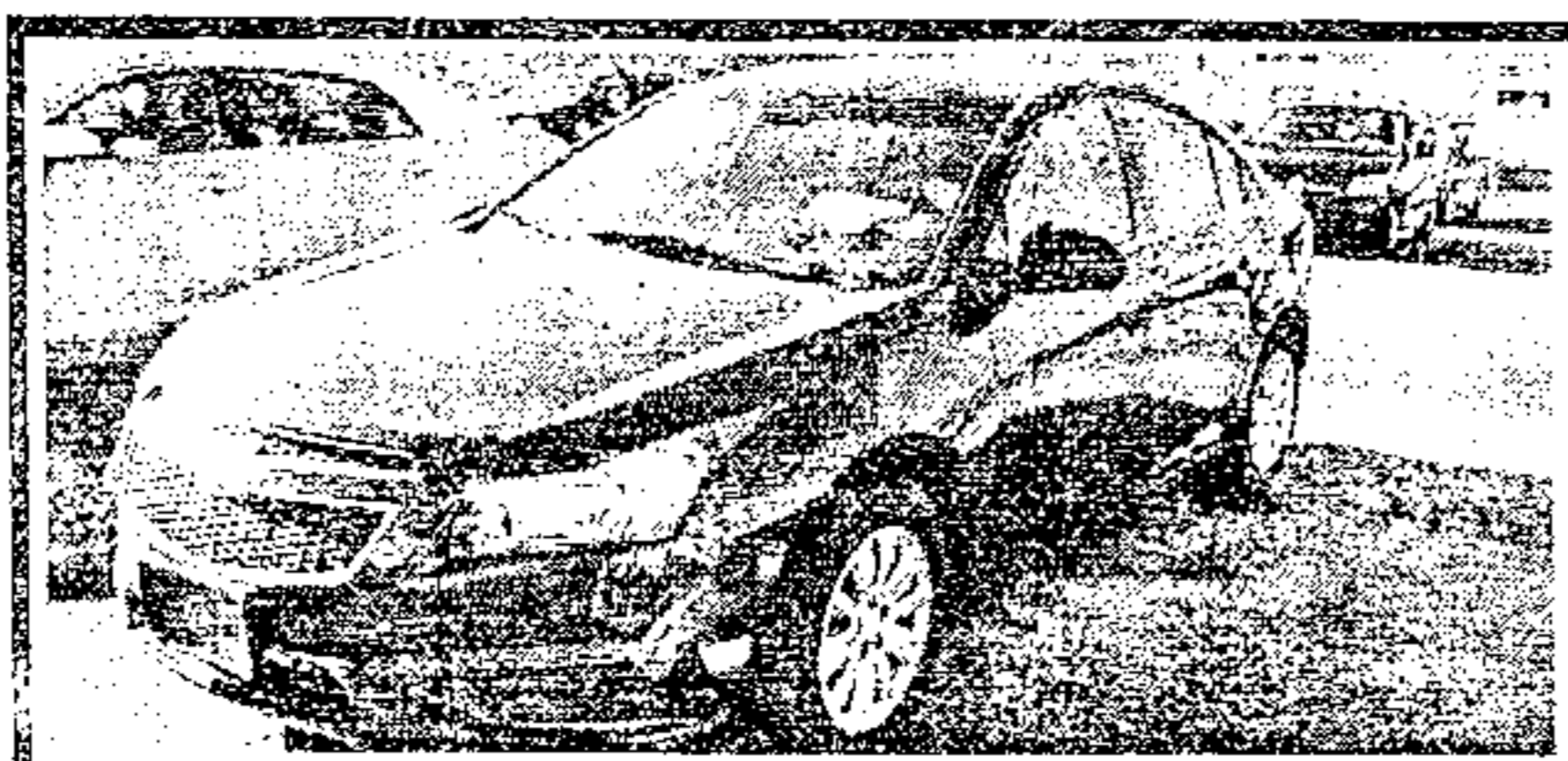
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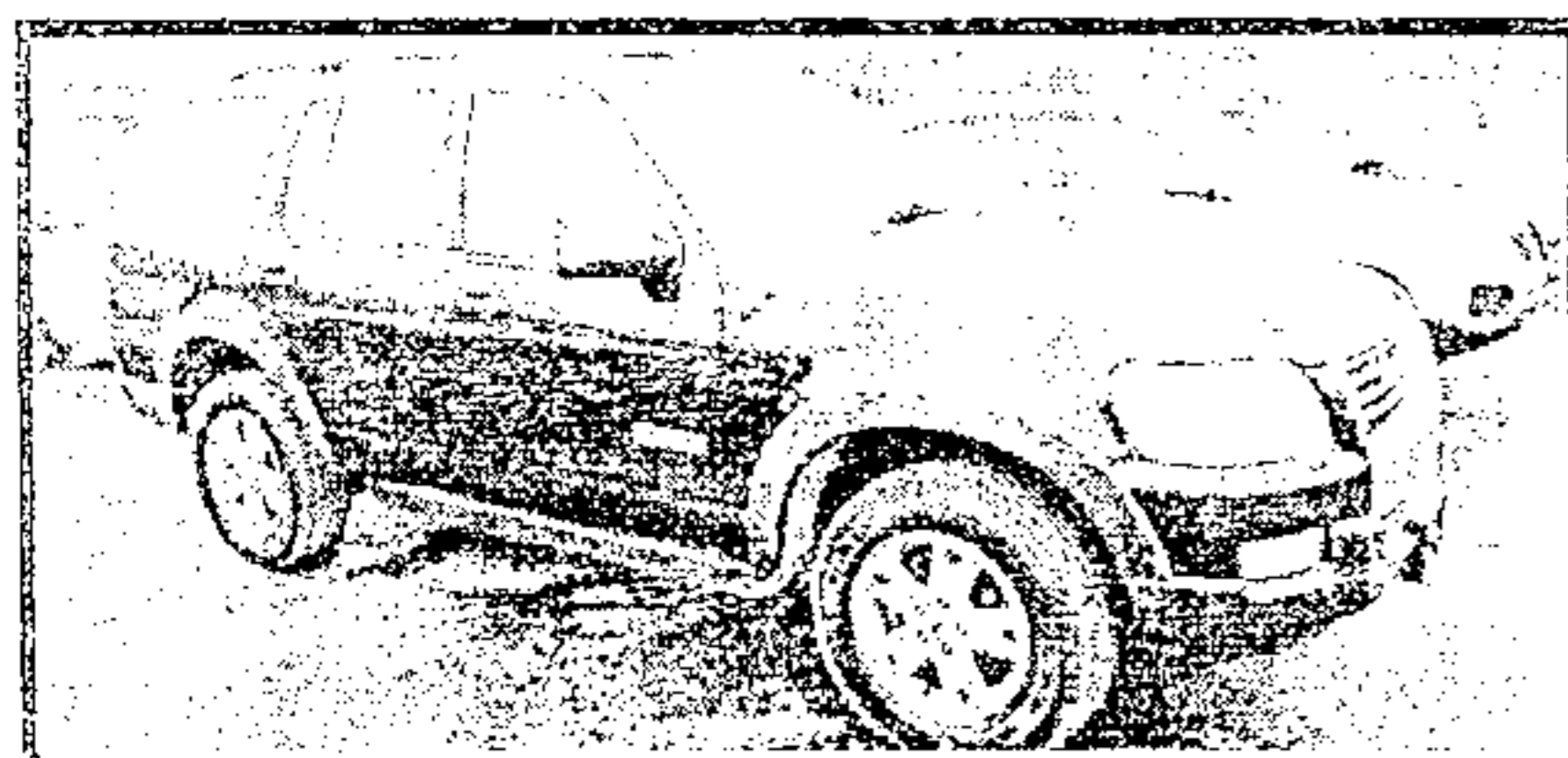
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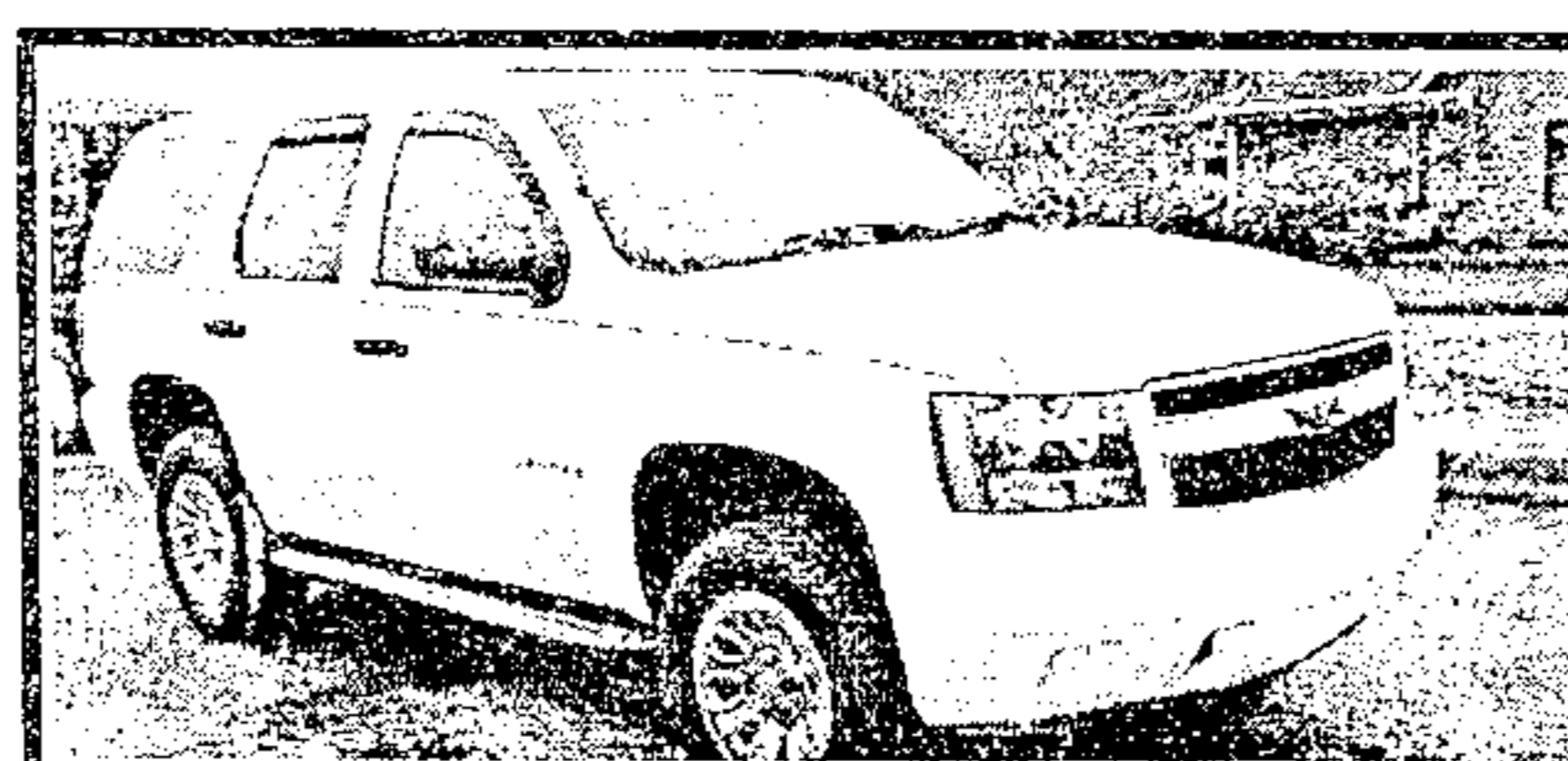
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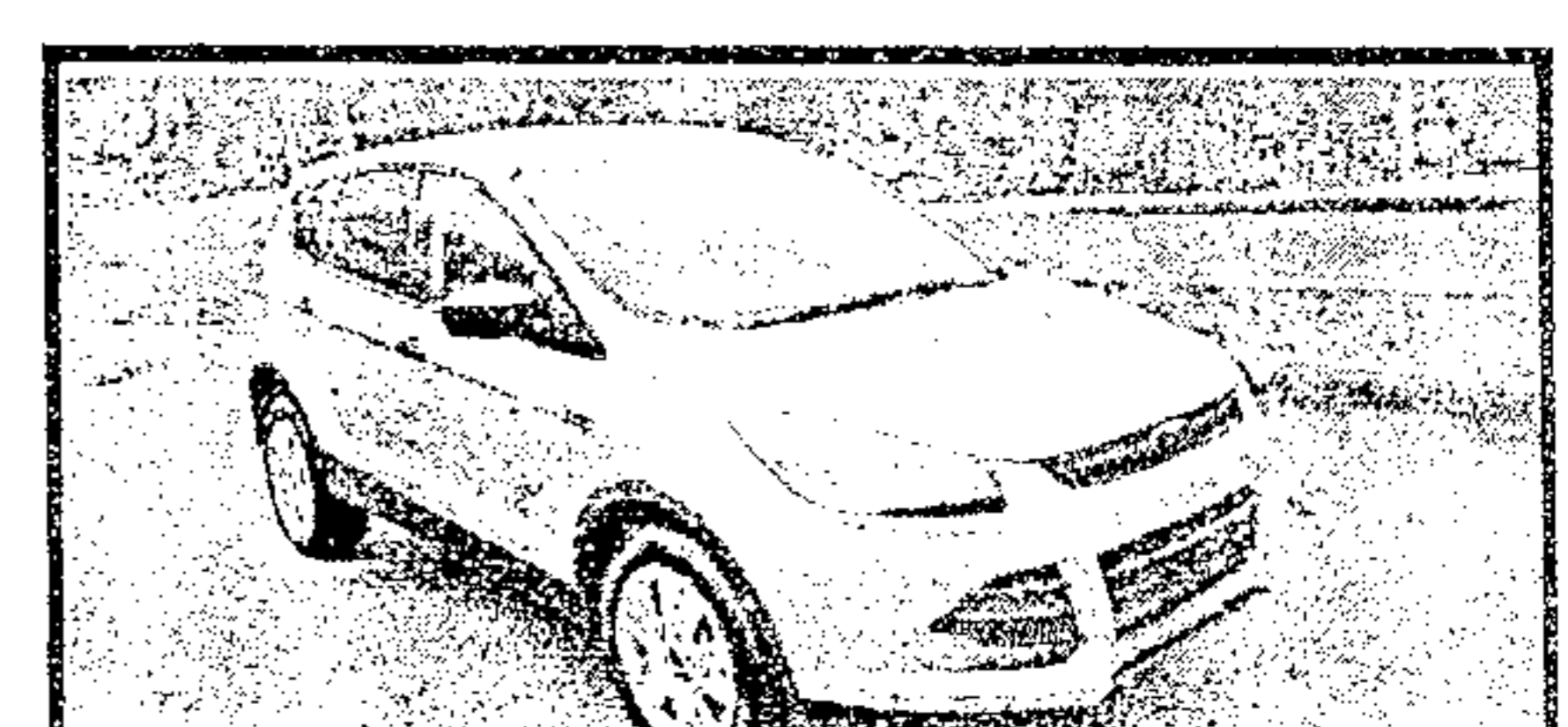
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**Mill**

of one of Hofstetter's clinics branched out on their own and opened another Knoxville clinic.

A series of indictments remains under seal. Those indictments are believed to involve people accused of sponsoring trips from out of state and from outside Knox County to Hofstetter's clinic in return for a cut from the pills received.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tracy Stone told U.S. Magistrate Bruce Guyton there are 32 related indictments expected to be filed by the end of the week.

The roundup apparently began Tuesday morning as federal agents and local law enforcement officers raided two West Knoxville pain clinics and the West Knox County home of a clinic operator, seiz-

ing records and saying little.

The raids began about 8 a.m. with officers from the Knoxville Police Department and the Knox County Sheriff's Office joining agents with the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as they swarmed into East Knoxville Healthcare Services LLC, 509 Lovell Road.

That pain clinic is in the former Prince Deli and Sports Bar just off the Lovell Road interchange for Interstate 40/75. On one side of the targeted pain clinic is an adult video store. On the other side, a Waffle House.

A man who said he was a regular customer of East Knoxville Healthcare Services said he had been obtaining pain pills from the clinic housed in the building. He arrived about 9 a.m. at the business for his appointment


and was questioned by federal agents. He was allowed to leave, but without his anti-

pated dose of pain pills.

No one Tuesday morn- (see Mill ctd. pg. 4)

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**TBI**

The administrator and director of nursing at a Lenoir City health care facility have been charged with tampering with records.

Anita Wilmoth, 55, who has since left the administrator's job at Baptist Health Care Center, and Freda Jo Morton, 52, turned themselves in on the charges Tuesday, according to the TBI. They were released from jail on their own recognizance.

According to the TBI, agents with the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in April 2014 investigated a report of abuse at Baptist Health Care Center, 700 Williams Ferry Road in Lenoir City. The state Department of Human Services' Adult Protective Services unit had asked the TBI to step in. "During the course of the investigation, agents developed information that on March 11, 2014, (Wilmoth) and (Morton) instructed the staff at the facility to mislead the state investigators looking into the allegations of abuse."

The formal charges against them are tampering with govern-

ment records and failure to make a report.

The investigation stemmed from a complaint that a certified nursing assistant had "inserted the fingers of a partially inflated latex glove into the mouth of the resident while making sexually suggestive comments about the resident in the presence of four other staff members," according to records posted at <http://medicare.gov/>. The resident was "severely cognitively impaired" and needed extensive assistance for daily activities. Investigators found the center had not reported the alleged occurrence

to the resident's family or to the state.

According to records, the administrator in an interview April 21, 2014, indicated they thought the incident was "horseplay" and so did not report it to the state.

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ing answered the telephone listed for East Knoxville Healthcare Services. Hofstetter could not be reached at several phone numbers listed for her on business records.

According to Tennessee Secretary of State records, East Knoxville Healthcare Services is operated by Hofstetter. The company

was formed in January 2013, according to records, and was first located at 301 S. Gallaher View Road.

The business' mailing address was updated in November 2013 from South Gallaher View Road to the Lovell Road location raided Tuesday.

Knox County property records show the last listed owners as a family in Lenoir City, but state law does not require new owners to document a sale with county officials. Property records show the location is valued at \$400,000. Property taxes are current, records show.

Federal agents were joined by officers with

the Roane County Sheriff's Office to raid Hofstetter's home at 1842 Falcon Pointe Drive in the Falcon Pointe subdivision in deep W. Knox County off S. Northshore Drive. Officials were seen removing boxes of documents from the home as the raid continued at the Lovell Road clinic.

Records show Hofstetter bought the home in April 2013. The house built in 2012 and the property are appraised at \$365,000, according to records.

As that raid progressed, a mix of federal, city and county law enforcement officers were sweeping through the offices of

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**ID**  
 Pedro Juarez, 22, West Hills Rd. Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Simulation. Officer Jeremy Garland LCPD, initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding. Upon contact Officer noticed the driver shoving an object down the front side of his pants. At that time Officer did not know if it was a weapon or narcotic. Of-

ficer told the driver to step out of the vehicle and a search was conducted on the driver. The driver wallet was shoved down the front of his pants, and when ask for identification, he provided one that appeared to lack realistic qualities of Tennessee state issued ID, it was blurry and did not have the holographic symbols or state seal.

Officer identified the male as Pedro Juarez who stated he bought the ID for 50.00 dollars. Pedro was placed under arrest. Officer Jeremy Garland LCPD, made the arrest.

**Assault**

Wayne McMillian, 65, North A Street Lenoir City, was charged with Assault. According to the

victim she stated that Wayne McMillian had called her and told her he wanted his car back. After the victim picked Wayne up and driving to Ingles parking lot where victim was going to leave the vehicle with Wayne and walk home. Victim states that her and Wayne began to argue and when she got out of the vehicle to walk away victim

states that Wayne threw a bottle at her and hit her in the back. Victim stated that Wayne then grabbed her by the neck and choked her, leaving bruises and a cut on her chin. Investigator Jack Fine LCPD, issued Warrant and arrested Wayne.

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Knoxville Pain Care PLLC, 9303 Park West Boulevard. Officers removed documents from suite 300 in the building as other law enforcement officers greeted and detained people arriving at the clinic expecting to obtain pain medications. Officers took some of the detained customers away in police cars, but it was unclear if they were arrested on new or old charges or later released.

Records show Knoxville Pain Care PLLC first started at 9123 Cross Park Drive before relocating to the Park West Boulevard office. The company was launched in August 2014, records show, and relocated in November 2014. The listed contact in state records for the business is Kevin J. Faulkner in Hixson, Tenn.

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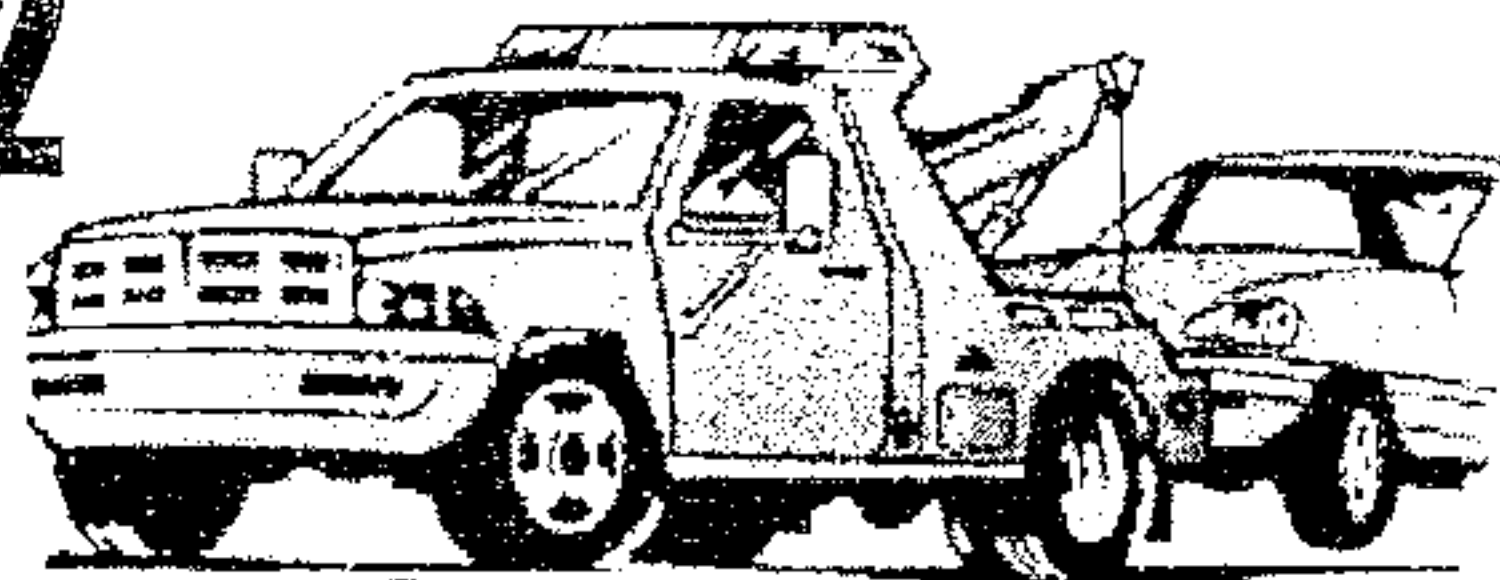
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from or what your background is, you can succeed."

Sixth-grade teachers Nisreen Daoud and Amanda Frank are getting their first exposure to the Junior Special Agent Program this year at Bucknell. "A lot of our students go home to empty houses," Daoud explained. "Their parents are working all the time. This is their safe zone. They feel at home when they are at school." And because the Junior Special Agent Program

has been a fixture at Bucknell for so long, the students look forward to it. "They can't wait until they get to sixth grade," Daoud said. "The first day of school the kids were like, 'When is the FBI program starting?'"

"One of our goals is to give these elementary students their first taste of the FBI," said Woodson. "We want

to groom young leaders." He added, "This program teaches them core values that we hope they will carry into adulthood so they can become great community ambassadors in whatever they choose to do."

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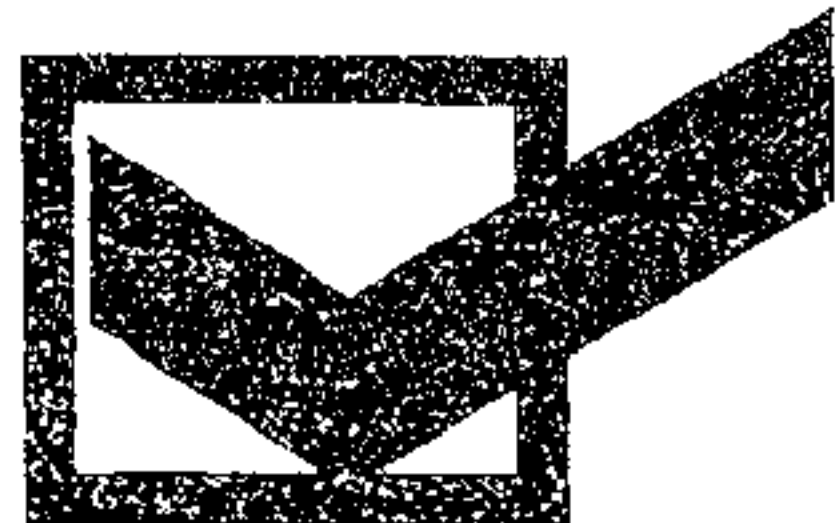
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