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Monday, October 24, 2016

Harry Wampler passes away; community mourns loss of leader and friend

Long time Lenoir City businessman and current city councilman, Harry Wampler has passed away.

From his son, Chris Wampler:

I just want to say thank you to everyone who prayed for my Dad. Unfortunately he passed away today. He was my hero and a friend to many of you. I will miss him great-

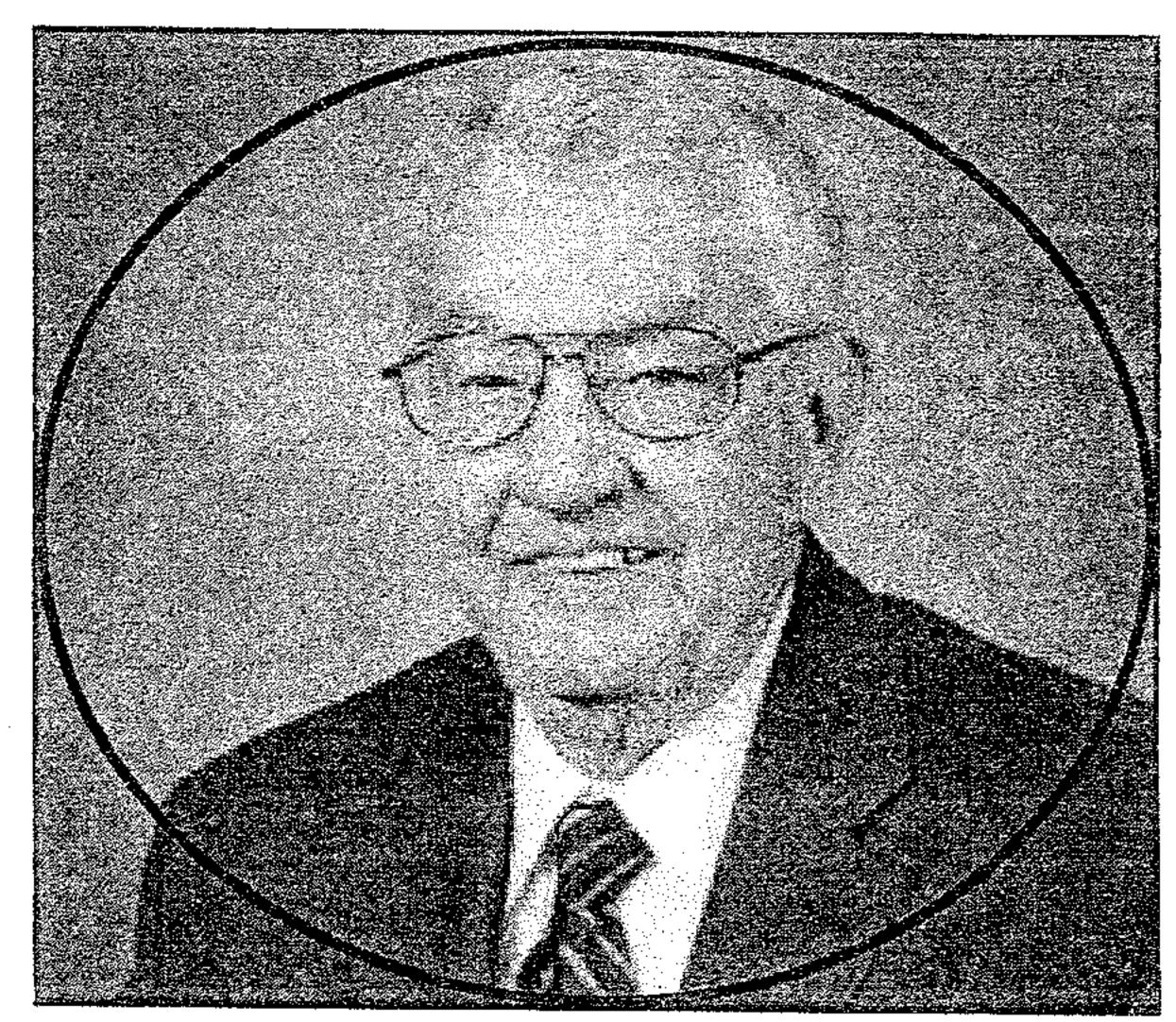
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Governor Haslam, Commissioner Operation Boyd Announce HTS International Corporation to Locate Global Head- COUNTY X quarters, Manufacturing Operations in Knox County

Manufacturer to create 200 jobs with first U.S. manu cturing, R&D tacility

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, Eco-l nomic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd and HTS International Corporation officials today announced the advanced manufacturer will invest \$21.4 million to establish its global headquarters and new U.S. manufacturing facility in Knox County. HTS International plans to create 200 jobs during the next four years.

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Harry Wampler

Recovering Underage Victims of Sex Trafficking and Prostitution

Operation Cross Country, the FBI's annual law enforcement action focused on recovering underage victims of prostitution and drawing the public's attention to the problem of sex trafficking at home and abroad, has concluded with the recovery of 82 sexually exploited juveniles and the arrests of 239 pimps and other individu-

Now in its 10th iteration, Operation Cross Country has expanded to become an international en-

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Verse of the Day Sow for yourselves righteousness, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your upfruit of unfailing love, and break up your unplowed ground; for it is time to seek the LORD, until he comes

and showers righteousness on you. — Hosea be missed dearly my Today: Sunny skies. High

Wazzup

Harry Wampler was a true leader and very

dear friend. You will Weather friend. Your family are in our thoughts and Tonight: Clear skies. Low prayers. The community has suffered a great loss as well. Rest High 74F. in Peace Harry.

The Good News

by: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

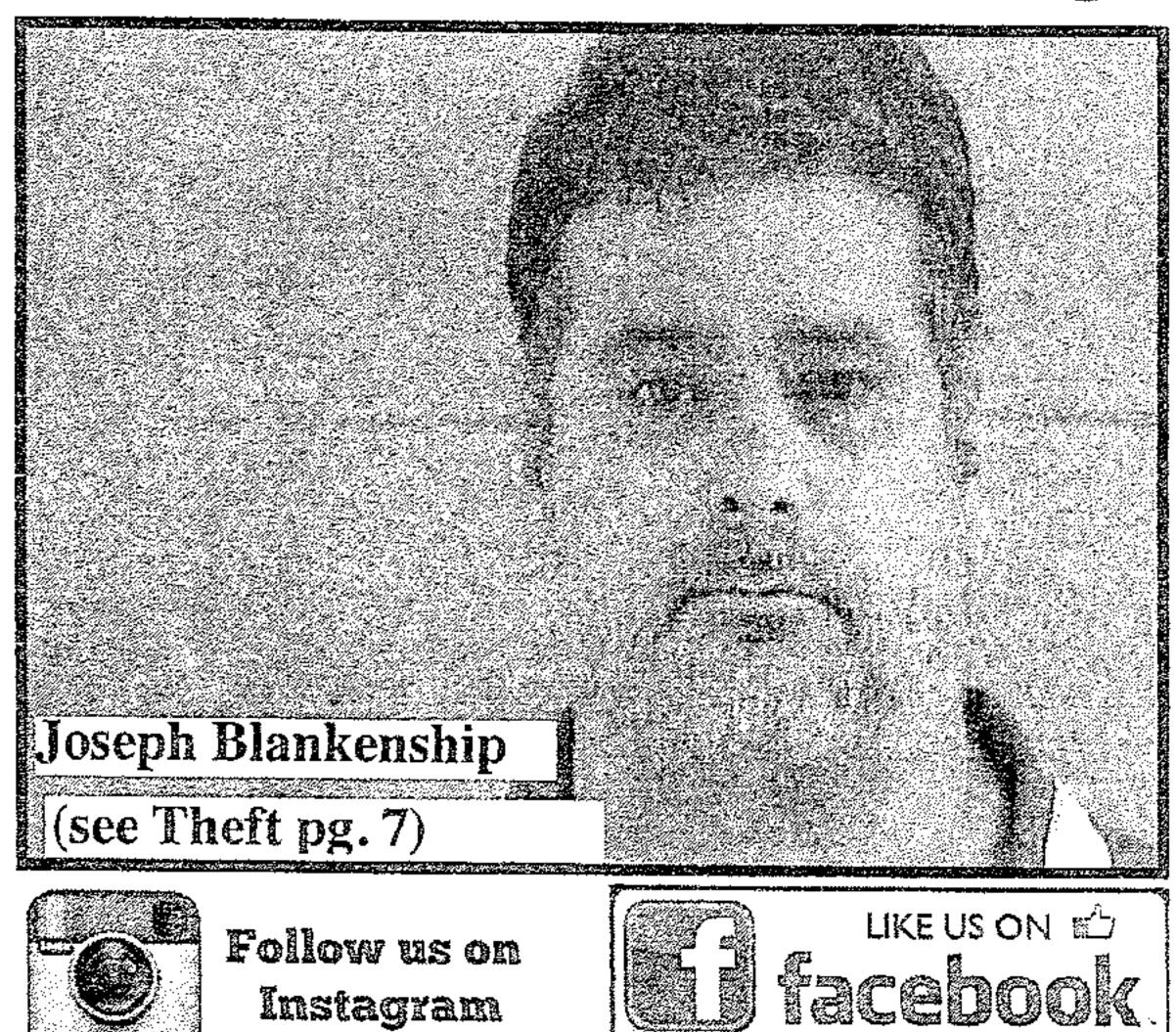
Scripture: Jeremiah turn and wonder why 14:7-10, 19-22 God is not giving us

in our life that can dis- we fail to realize is that tract us. There are even God is there giving us more things that cause all that we need. Every is speaking the truth ourselves that God is things that we want to when we falter, God still do, but we do not stop upholds the promise out to think what God is of love. Keep turning to calling us to do. When God in your struggles things go wrong, we and in your joys.

There are many things all that we want. What us frustration. Jeremiah day we need to remind when he says that the our hope, our trust and people love to wander. the giver of a promise We often go and do that does not end. Even

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Driving on wrong side of Cross road ends with DUI charge



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46F.

Tuesday Sunny

Tuesday Night Mostly (Continued on page 6)



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Wampler

More details on arrangements when available.

Harry has been a very good friend to us here at the Daily Edtion over the last 20 years. His support and community leadership is the reason our city has continued to prosper. We will miss you dear friend.

KNOXVILLE RESI-DENT SENTENCED SERVE MONTHS FOR TAX AND FRAUD MONEY LAUNDERING

Mayra Edith Blair, 41, of Knoxville, Tenn., was sentenced on Oct. 12, 2016, by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, Chief U.S. Dis-

37 months in federal prison. Blair was also ordered to for-United States.

ed guilty to conspiracy to

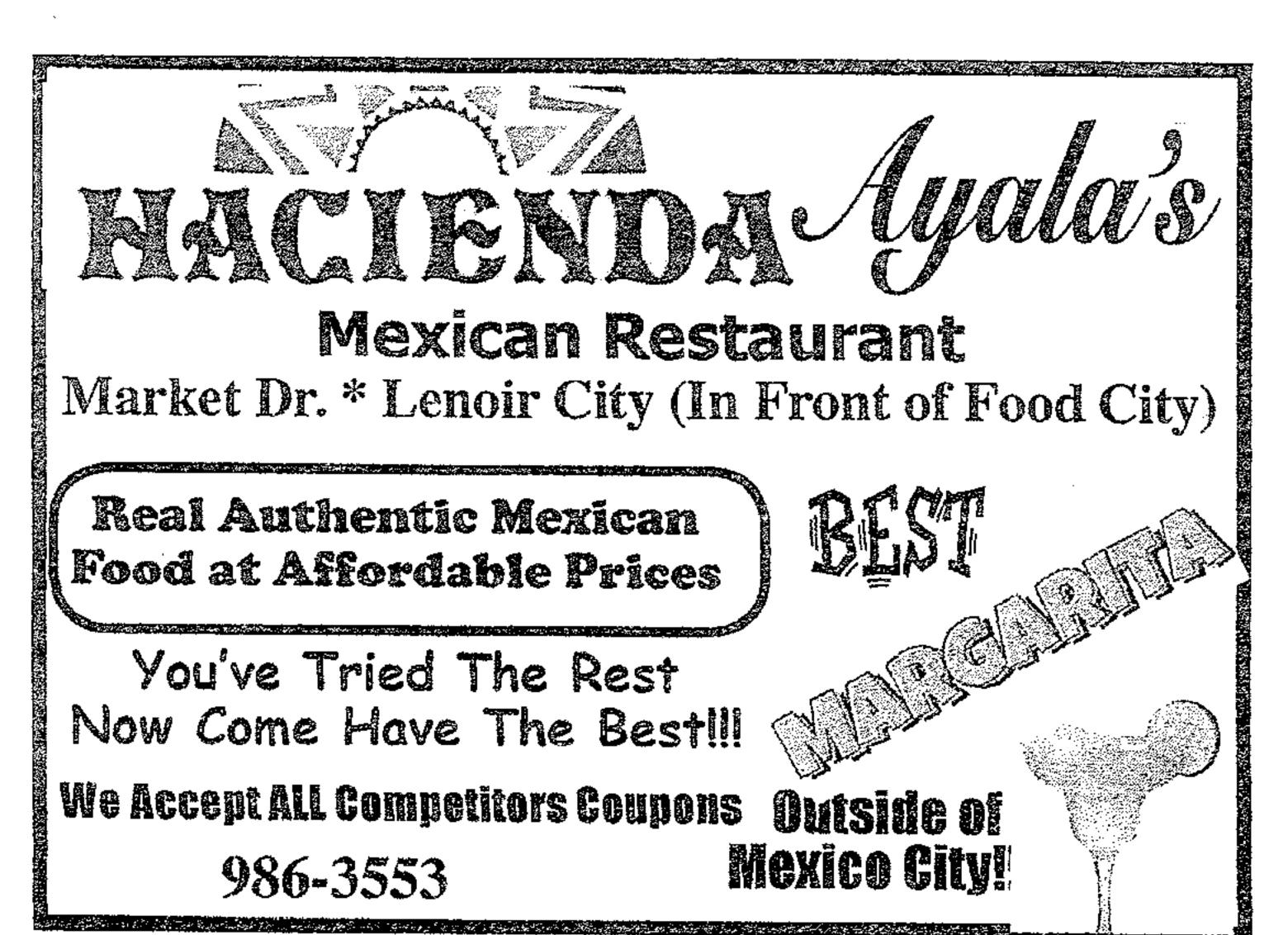
trict Court Judge, to serve defraud the United States through the submission of fraudulent federal income feit a money judgment in the tax returns and conspiracy to amount of \$2.5 million to the commit money laundering. Blair's offenses were part of a In May 2016, Blair plead-scheme that involved the use see prison pg. 7

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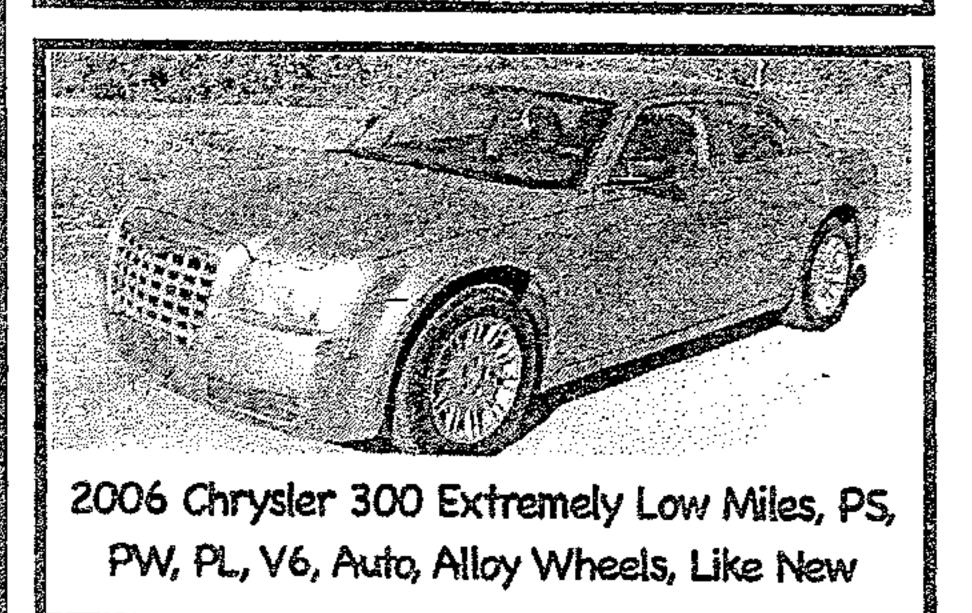
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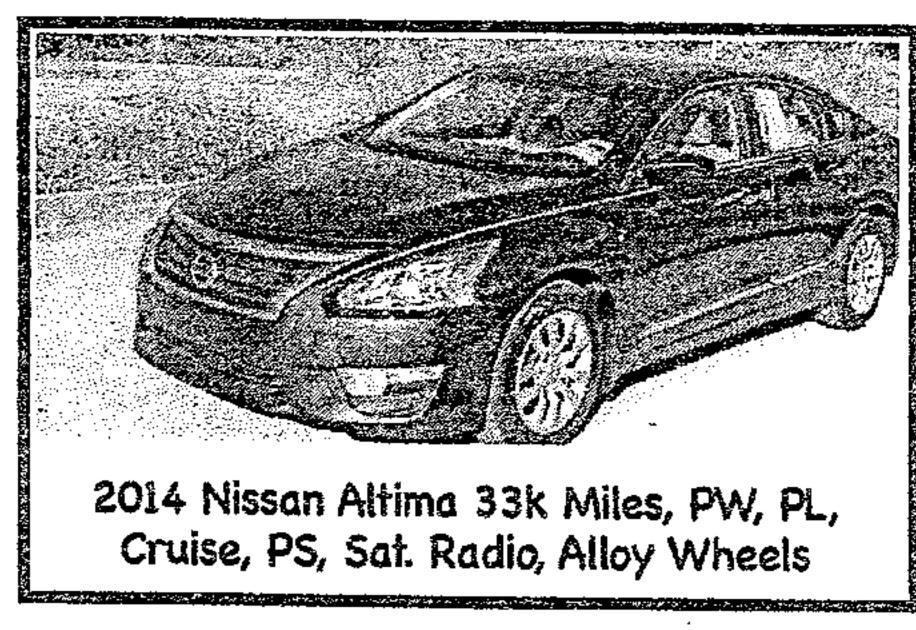
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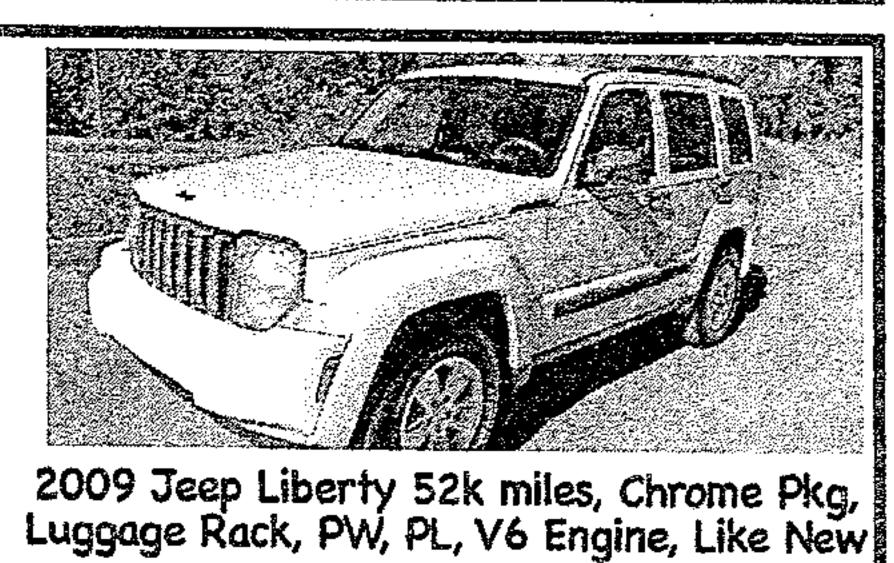
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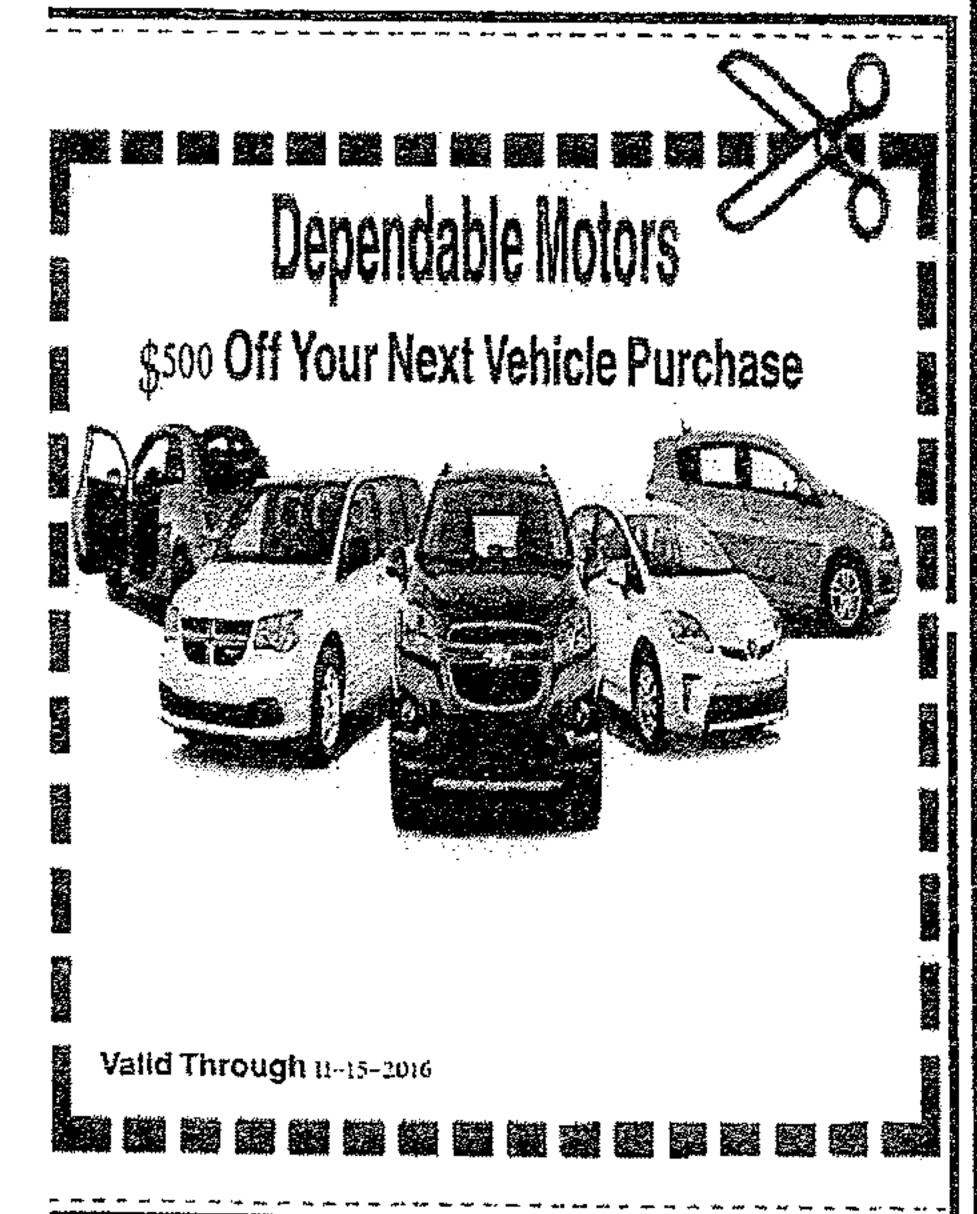












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Police officers in ering underage victims tention.

a press conference to- tered sex offender. day in San Diego at the Working with the International Associa- FBI's legal

tion of Chiefs of Police annual gathering. "We are not only looking to root out those who engage in the trafficking of minors, but through Assistance, we offer a lifeline to minors to help them escape from a virtual prison no person ever deserves."

This year's Operation Cross Country forcement action, with the largest to date—in-Canada, Cambodia, the volved 55 FBI field land joining the FBI Child Exploitation federal law enforce- out the country comment partners—along posed of more than 400 with the National Cen- law enforcement agenter for Missing & Ex- cies. Hundreds of law ploited Children (NC- enforcement officials MEC)—during the took part in sting opcoordinated three-day erations in hotels, caoperation that ended sinos, truck stops, and October 16. other areas frequented FBI Director James by pimps, prostitutes, Comey, along with law and their customers. enforcement partners, The youngest recovannounces the results ered U.S. victim was

Country X at press All of the recovered conference in San Di- U.S. minors were ofego, California on Oc- fered services by victober 17, 2016. tim specialists who are A suspected pimp is part of the FBI's Office taken into custody in for Victim Assistance. Detroit during Opera- More than 100 victim specialists provided on-scene services that Thailand participate in included crisis inter-Operation Cross Coun-vention as well as retry X, the FBI's annual sources for basic needs law enforcement ac- such as food, clothing, tion focused on recov- shelter, and medical at-

of prostitution. Among the 82 juve-"Operation Cross niles recovered in the Country aims to shine a U.S. were two sisters spotlight into the dark- in Milwaukee, ages est corners of our soci- 16 and 17, who told ety that seeks to prey authorities that their on the most vulnerable mother was their pimp. of our population," said The girls said their FBI Director Comey, mother also rented out announcing the results their brother's room to of the operation during a man who was a regis-

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law enforcement partonline paid for access formed to fight child

offices, international to livestreamed child sexual exploitation. sexual abuse, as well NCMEC's president

a web-streaming ser- of the international sources to bear to fight vice where individuals partnerships that have

ners conducted their as access to the chil- and CEO, John Clark, own operations. In dren for the purposes noted that the exploi-Thailand, authorities of illegal sexual acts. tation of children is a arrested an American The Thai case was serious problem in the citizen—a registered initiated through a cy- U.S as well as abroad. sex offender—after he ber tip to the Royal "This is something coerced five Filipino Thai Police from NC- that's happening in girls, ages 14 to 16, to MEC, the U.S. non-communities all across take sexually explicit profit organization that the country," he said. photos of themselves serves as a resource "We need moms and and send them to him center and information dads and teachers and online. In the Philip- clearinghouse to help neighbors and everypines, two boys, ages missing and exploited body working hand in 11 and 5, and a 2-year-children. NCMEC's hand to try to identify Philippines, and Thai- offices and 74 FBI-led old girl were recovered work with overseas law where this situation is when five adults were enforcement agencies happening so that we and its local, state, and Task Forces through- arrested for operating illustrates one example can bring the right re-

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for high quality jobs."

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bringing us another nies and the breadth of step closer to making expertise found in our Tennessee the No. 1 lo-workforce, helps our cation in the Southeast state recruit new advanced manufacturing in companies. It's a virtuous cycle that is critimanufacturing sector cal in attracting global has grown more than companies such as HTS 33 percent since 2010, International. I'd like to four times higher than welcome HTS Internathe nation's growth tional to Team Tennesaverage for these high-see and look forward to skilled jobs," Boyd the positive impact the said. "Thanks to HTS said." That type of suc-company's new headcess, fueled by innova- quarters and plant will tive existing compa- have on Knox County

and its residents."

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Operation Cross Country is part of the FBI's Innocence Lost National Initiative, which began in 2003. Since its creation, the program has resulted in the identification and recovery of more than 6,000 children from child sex trafficking, and prosecutors have obtained 30 life sentences in cases against traffickers and their associates.

The fight against underage trafficking is largely coordinated through the Child Exploitation Task Forces, which are staffed by state, local, tribal, and federal law enforcement personnel who work to identify and prosecute individuals and criminal enterprises who sexually exploit children. That work is ongoing.

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DUI

Blakenship, Joseph 50, Calloway Road Loudon, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer Anthony Akins LPD, while on patrol, noticed a Silver vehicle traveling East on Hwy 72. Officer witnessed the vehicle cross the double solid yellow line twice, and continued in the wrong lane. Officer initiated his emergency equipment in attempt to stop the vehicle at the Dollar General Store. The vehicle continued on the opposite side of the road until it reached Maremont Parkway. The vehicle came to a complete stop at Hwy 72 and Hwy 11. Officer made contact with the driver "later identified" as (Joseph Blakenship). Officer identified him-

of who he was, and reason for stop. Mr. Blakenship advised, reason for being on the opposite side of the road, he was messing with his phone. While speaking with Mr. Blakenship, Officer noticed Mr. Blakenship disoriented. seemed Officer asked to see his driver license, registration and proof of insurance. Mr. Blakenship handed his insurance card and looked through his wallet and advised that he could not find his license and never gave proof of registration. Also while speaking with Mr. Blakenship, Officer noticed that he had blood shot, watery eyes and slurred speech. Officer noticed a smell, what he believed to be, an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. Officer asked self, to Mr. Blakenship him to exit his vehicle

to speak with him further. Mr. Blakenship had trouble exiting his vehicle and walking to his patrol car. Officer asked him if he has had anything to drink and he said yes. Asked him how much and he said a couple "two or three" could not remember. Officer asked Mr. Blakenship if he had any injuries that would prevent him from doing Sobriety test and he said no. Mr. Blakenship performed Standerdized Field Sobriety Test and performed poorly.

Test could not be completed, due to him having trouble standing. Officer felt like Mr. Blankenship was under the influence of alcohol and placed him under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail, where he refuesed to the Implied Consent. The above incident did occur in the City Of Loudon.

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of phony identification documents for the submission of fraudulent federal income tax returns in order to obtain refundable tax credits. The scheme resulted in the theft of more than \$10.8 million from the U.S. taxpayers.

Agencies involved in this investigation included the Internal Revenue Service. Homeland Security Investigations, and U.S. Postal Inspection Service. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Frank M. Dale, Jr., and Jennifer Kolman represented the United States.

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of Operation Cross Country is to raise public awareness about the seriousness of child sexual exploitation and how it takes strong partnerships to protect young people from being trafficked, which Comey called a "scourge that spans all our borders."

This is a depressing day in law enforcement," Comey said, announcing the number of juveniles who had been rescued, "because this is the world we live in and the work we have to do." But it is also a proud day for law enforcement, he added, "because there are people who spend every day worrying

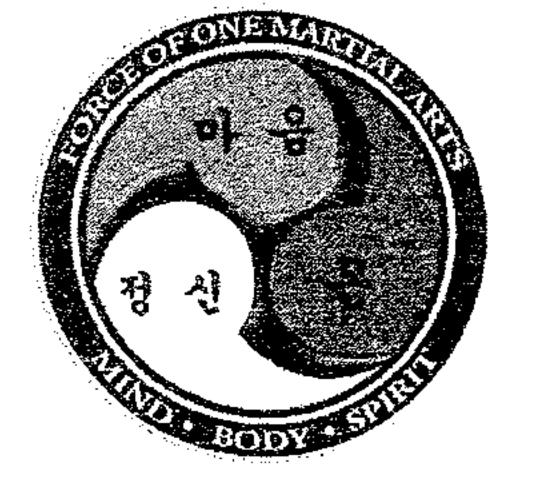
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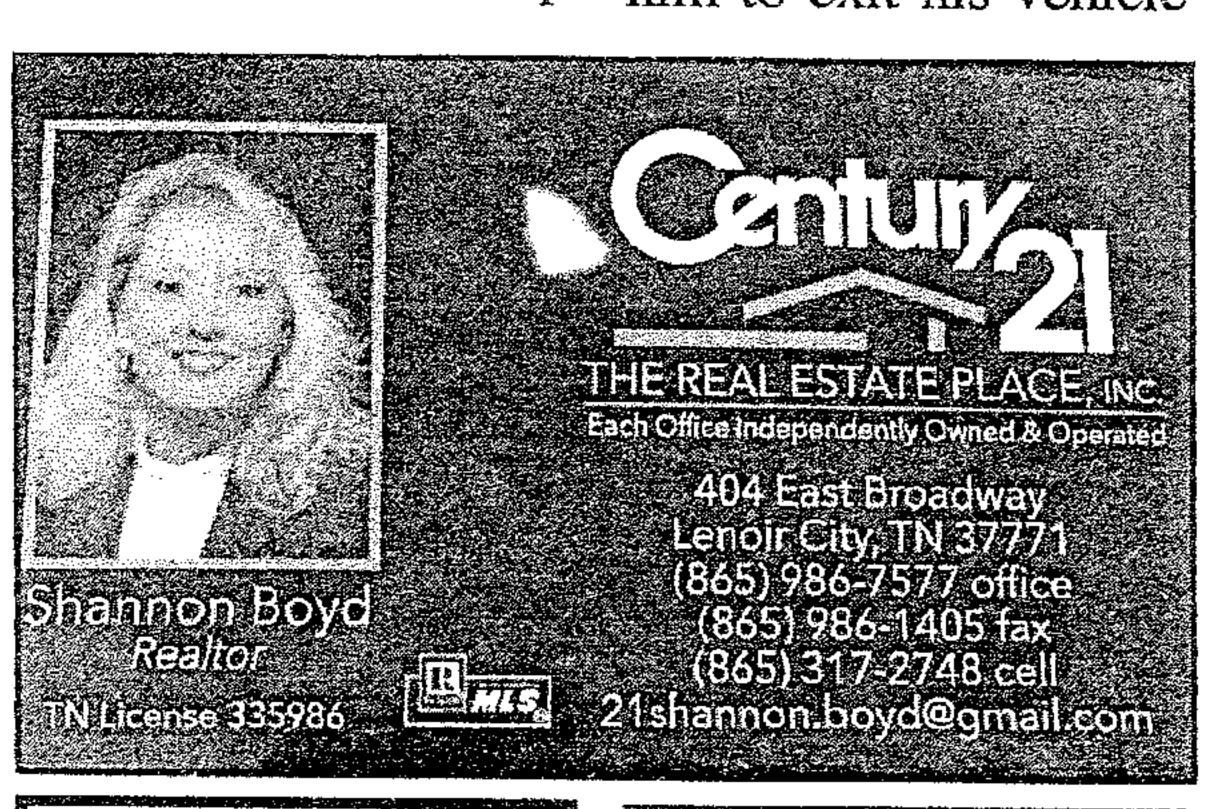
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