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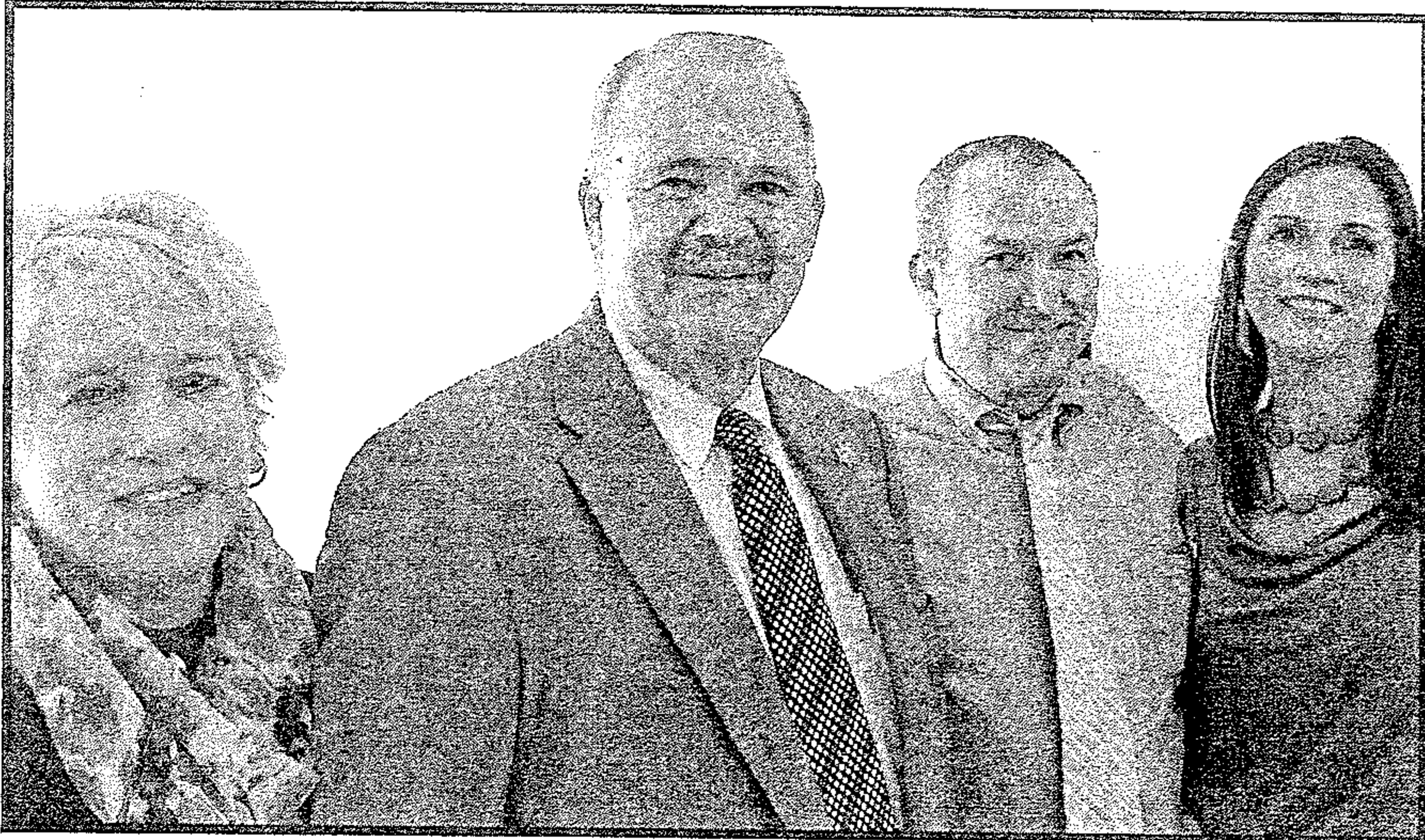
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Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Aikens seeks TN State Rep seat

Argument over Suboxone leads to drug charges x4



From left Assistant DA Lee Ledbetter, Mayor Tony Aikens, Trustee Chip Miller and wife, Joy

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ROTARY CLUB OF TELLICO LAKE PLANTS 105 TREES AT TELLICO VILLAGE WELLNESS CENTER



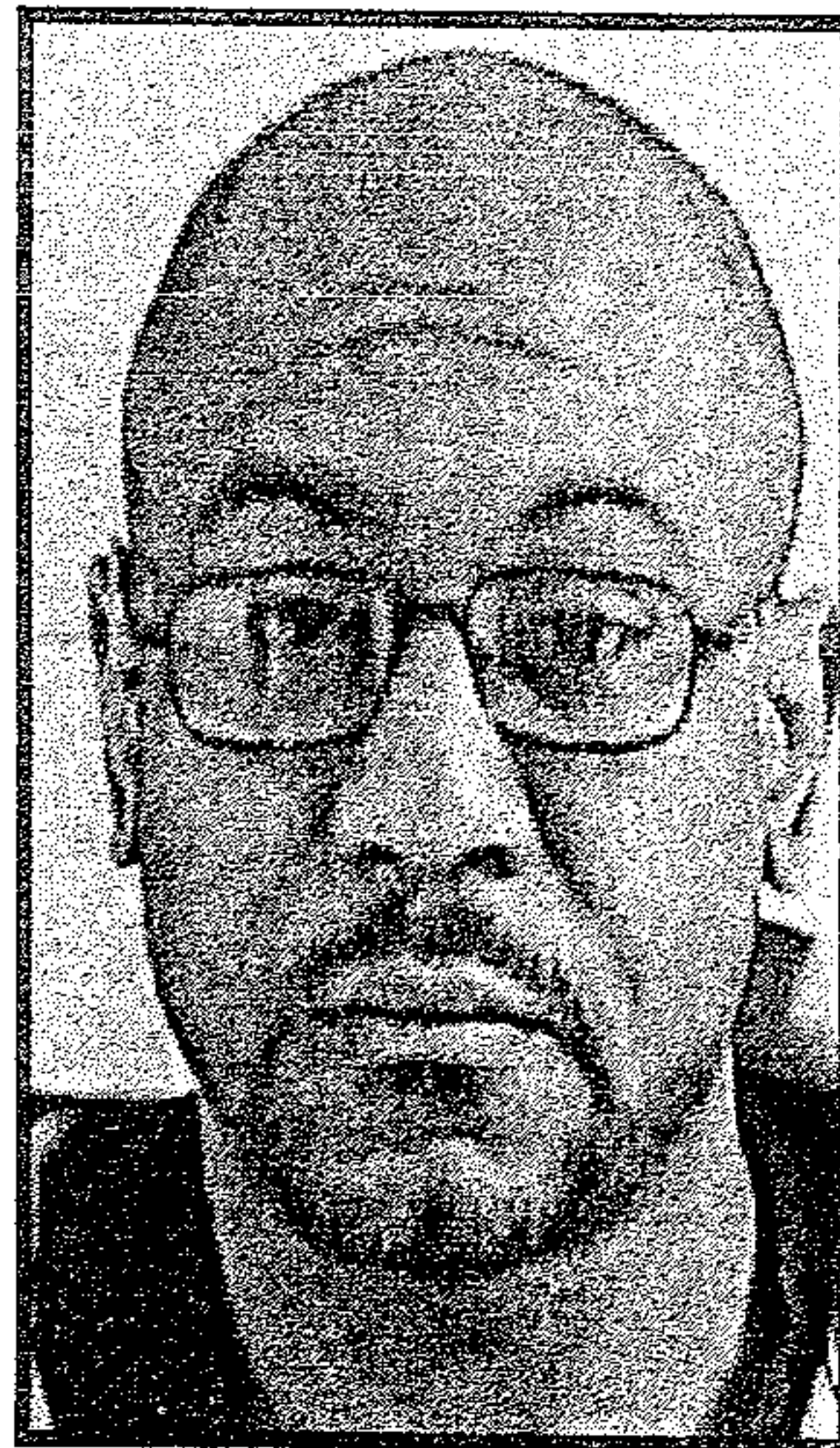
Tellico Lake Rotary Club members and spouses

The President of Rotary International asked each Rotarian to plant one tree in their commu-

nity. So the Rotary Club of Tellico Lake focused their efforts on the new walking trails behind the

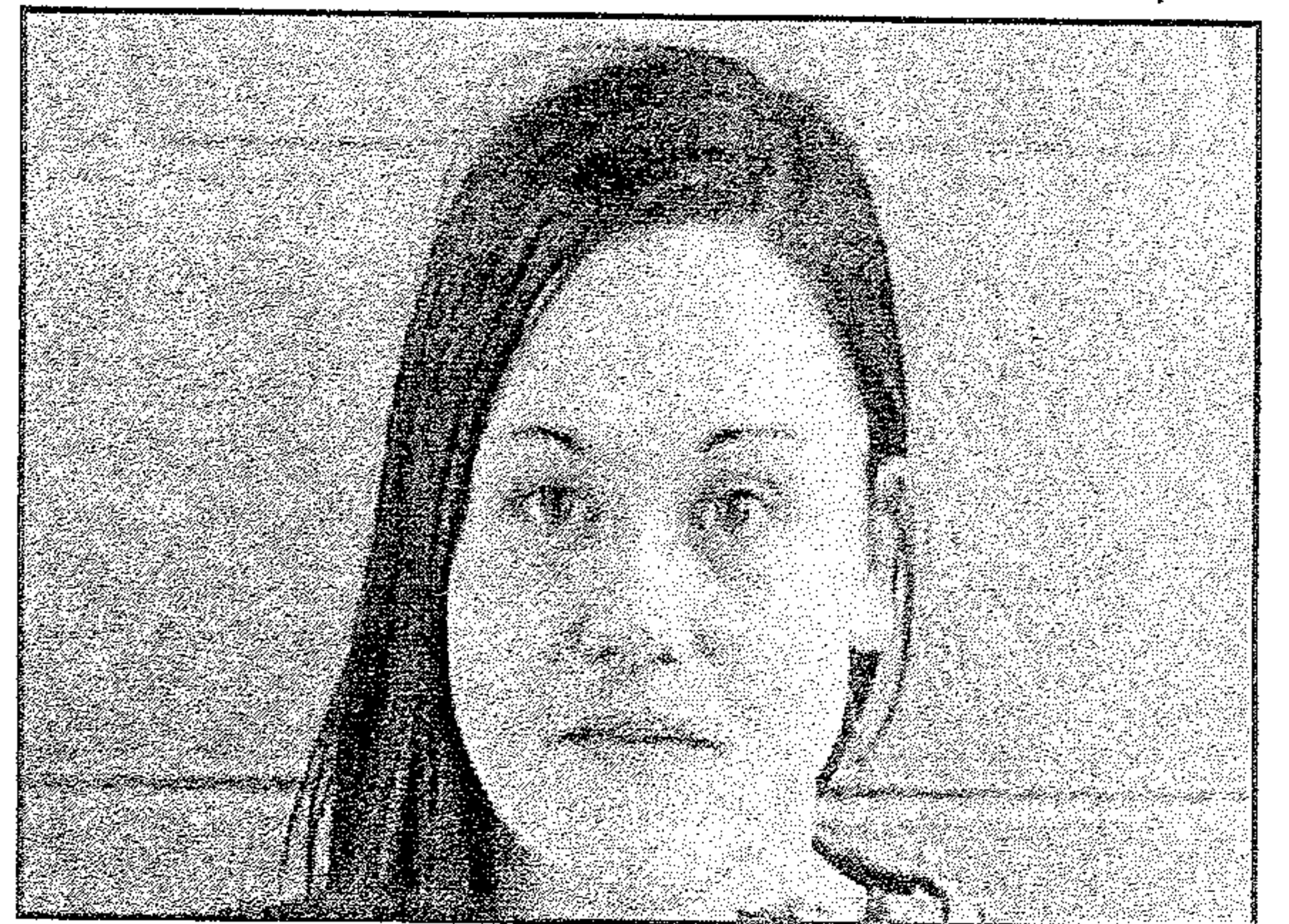
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'King Cobra' claims another victim



Brian Perry

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Michelle Sigmon

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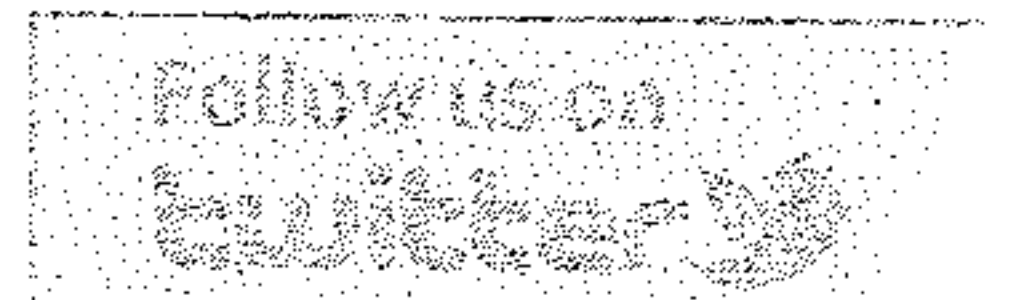
US attorneys office for eastern district of Tennessee supports justice department initiative to protect elders from fraud and abuse

Attorney General Jeff Sessions and law enforcement partners announced today the largest coordinated sweep of elder fraud cases in history. The cases involve more than 250 defendants from around the globe who victimized more than a million Americans, most of whom were elderly. The cases include criminal, civil, and forfeiture actions across more than 50 federal districts. Of the defendants, 200 were charged criminally. In each case, offenders engaged in financial schemes that targeted or largely affected seniors. In total, the charged elder fraud schemes caused losses

of more than half a billion dollars. The Department coordinated its announcement with the FTC and state Attorneys General, who independently filed numerous cases targeting elder frauds within the sweep period.

"The Justice Department and its partners are taking unprecedented, coordinated action to protect elderly Americans from financial threats, both foreign and domestic," said Attorney General Sessions. "Today's actions send a clear message: we will hold perpetrators of elder fraud schemes accountable wherever they

(see Abuse pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. — John 13:34-35

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Congrats Cathy and Gary Sparks on the sale of your house.

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of

56F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 51F.

Thursday: Rain. High of 57F.

Thursday night: Cloudy. Low of 36F.

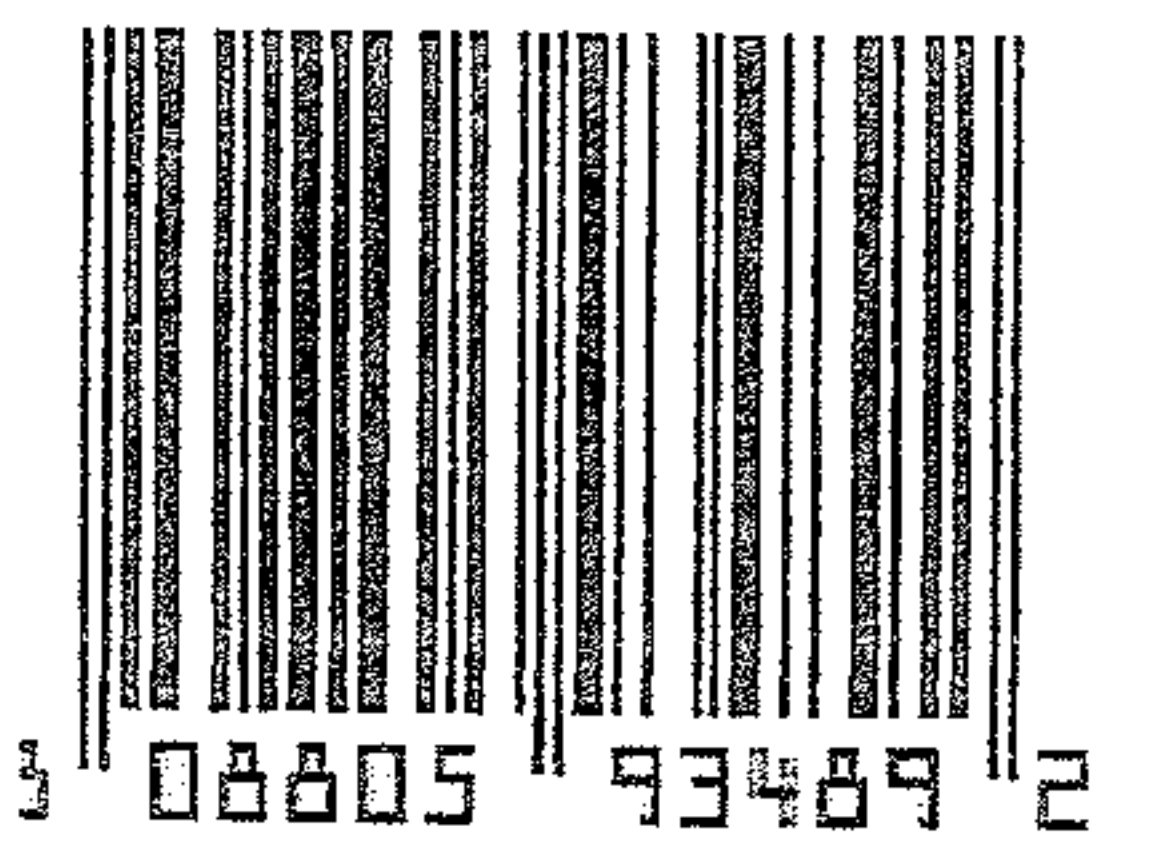
Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/19

Someone appears to be

putting on a performance to impress you, but this type of rehearsed demonstration has the opposite effect on you. People have a better chance of receiving your approval if they show up with enthusiasm, act with intelligence.

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Aikens

Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens has officially begun his campaign to seek the State Representative seat vacated by Jimmy Matlock, who is running for US Congress.

Aikens is a life long resident of Lenoir City and served for 25+ years with the Loudon

County Sheriff's Department where he retired and is the current Mayor of Lenoir City. Those in Lenoir City have watched major progress occur over the years Tony has been Mayor. Tony took over from the previous mayor who nearly bankrupted the city and has since taken those seeds and grown them to fruition.

City Hall is a new building along with the Lenoir City Events Center, both of which have saved the taxpayers thousands by eliminating numerous leases, and offices located around the area and now is in a one stop location. The venue is a money machine for the City

and with the expert leadership of Ms. Allison Sousa, Lenoir City has seen it's coffers grow.

Numerous tax producing businesses have opened since Aikens became mayor as well and there are a lot more coming. Aikens wants to take this

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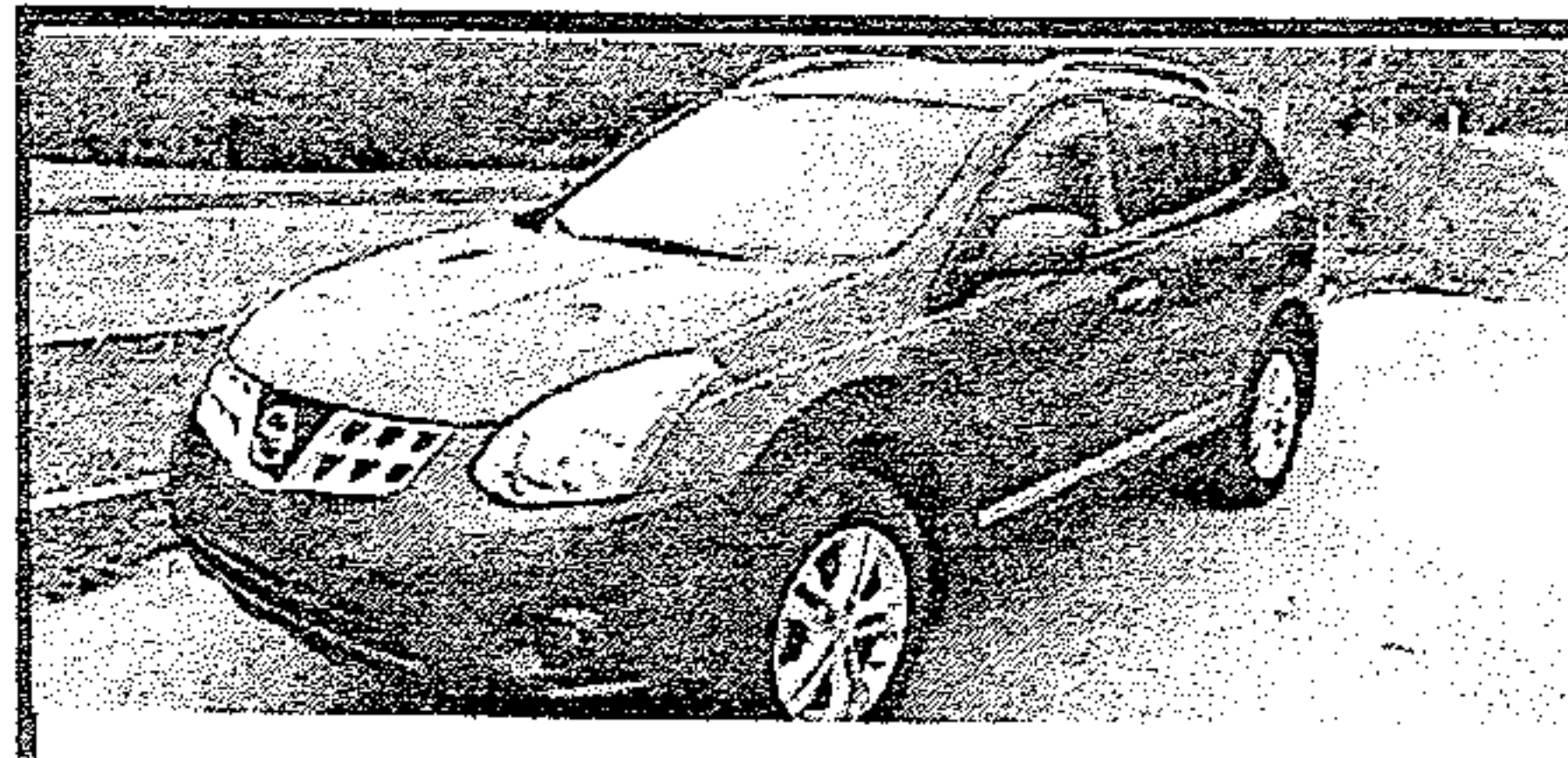
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Suboxone

Lauren Sigmon, 32, West Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Chance Gray LCSO, was dispatched to West Lane in reference to a possible physical fight in the street. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Ms. Lauren Michelle Sigmon who stated that a male had just come to her home without her consent and an argument began due to her wanting to leave the home. Deputy Kevin Dailey stated he made contact with male who stated that the argument was over his Suboxone that she had in her possession. Ms. Sigmon was then asked if she had the Suboxone, she then stated yes that it was

in her purse. Ms. Sigmon was then asked if anything else was in her purse, to which she stated there was a meth pipe and a piece of meth. Upon looking in Ms. Sigmon's purse the .18 grams of a clear crystal like substance that field tested positive for methamphetamine in a black and white pouch. Also in the pouch was a meth pipe, syringe, cut straw with a white powder residue, cut hose clamp, 3 pieces of white round pills that Ms. Sigmon stated was Subutex, and an orange Ms. Sigmon stated was Suboxone. Both parties stated it was only an argument. The Male was given back his Suboxone pill due to them being in his prescription bottle. Ms. Sigmon was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.



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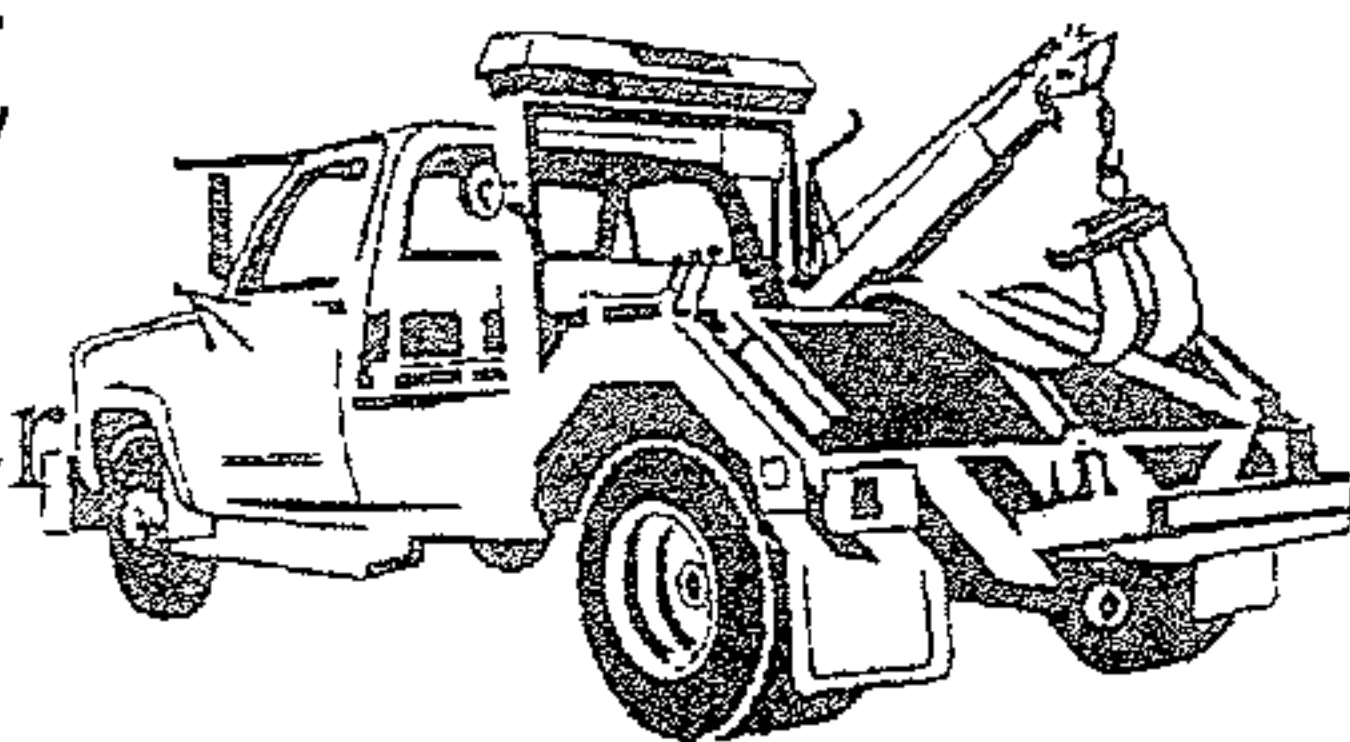
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Drugs

Brian Perry, 46, Buena Vista Pike Nashville, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Open Container, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Deputy Spradlin LCSO, was notified by dispatch of a possible intoxicated driver I-75 South. The vehicle and driver had been to the Krystal on Hwy 321 in Lenoir City. They stated the vehicle went the wrong way down Hwy 321. He then stopped and got out of the vehicle and flagged someone down. He then got on I-75 South. Officer Morgan with the Lenoir City Police Department did make contact with the vehicle and it was all over the road. He did make a traffic stop on the vehicle at the 72 mile marker South Bound. Deputy Spradlin then made contact with the driver later identified as Brian Perry. Mr. Perry had a strong odor of alcohol on this person. Deputy then asked if would perform field sobriety. He did consent and performed poorly. Mr. Perry did have in plain view a 40oz King Cobra malt liquor in the passenger seat. Deputy did run his TN ID through NCIC and they came back revoked for DUI out of Davidson County 02-14-15. Deputy then read Mr. Perry a copy of Implied Consent and he did refuse. Deputy then placed Mr. Perry under arrest

for Dui 2nd Offense, Driving on a Revoked License and Violation of Implied Consent and transported him to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County.

Abuse

are. When criminals steal the hard-earned life savings of older Americans, we will respond with all the tools at the Department's disposal – criminal prosecutions to punish offenders, civil injunctions to shut the schemes down, and asset forfeiture to take back ill-gotten gains. Today is only the beginning. I have directed Department prosecutors to coordinate with both domestic law enforcement partners and foreign counterparts to stop these criminals from exploiting our seniors."

The actions charged a variety of fraud schemes, ranging from mass mailing, telemarketing and investment frauds to individual incidences of identity theft and theft by guardians. A number of cases involved transnational criminal organizations that defrauded hundreds of thousands of elderly victims, while others involved a single relative or fiduciary who took advantage of an individual victim. The schemes charged in these cases caused losses to more than a million victims.

"Although not directly involved in today's national sweep, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee fully supports this initiative," said U.S. Attorney J. Douglas Overbey. "Protecting our seniors has been, and will continue to be, a top priority of our office. Working with our local, state and federal law enforcement partners, we will

investigate and build cases for successful prosecution of these individuals who choose to victimize some of our most vulnerable citizens. I encourage everyone to speak out and tell someone if he or she has been a victim of elder abuse or financial fraud. Please do not remain silent," added U.S. Attorney Overbey.

In the Eastern District of Tennessee, two individuals were recently sentenced for their roles in a conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud against elderly victims. In July 2017, Christy A. Greider, 40, and Jason A. Greider, 42, both of Huber Heights, Ohio, were sentenced in U.S. District Court in Knoxville to serve 33 and 27 months respectively in federal prison.

Christy Greider worked as the bookkeeper for M-3 Construction, Inc., located in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. She also helped the company's elderly owners keep track of their personal finances. Christy and Jason Greider made unauthorized purchases totaling more than \$350,000 using the company's and its elderly owners' personal credit cards. Some of these unauthorized purchases included a boat, pool, furniture, and a trip to Hawaii. These charges and subsequent guilty plea and sentencing were the results of a cooperative investigation by the Oak Ridge Police Department and FBI. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kelly A. Norris represented the United States in the court proceedings.

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Obituaries

Patricia Ann Smith Safriet age 73 of Kingston, formerly of Cleveland and Oak Ridge, passed away

Saturday, February 24, 2018. Pat was a member of New Midway Baptist Church. She formerly owned and operated Cactus Flower Boutique in Oak Ridge. She was a talented artist and an avid golfer. Pat was preceded in death by her husband, James Clyde "Sonny" Safriet; parents, William Relford Smith and Beatrice Christian Smith. Survived by her sisters, Teresa D. Garza and husband, Manuel of Kingston, Jerline "Jerry" Harvey

of Clinton; brother, Cleo W. Smith and wife, Lien of Kingston; many nieces and nephews she thought the world of and loved as her own. The family will receive friends from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at New Midway Baptist Church in Kingston. A celebration of her life will follow at 3 p.m. Interment will follow the service in the church cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

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Trees

Tellico Village Wellness Center. Members of the Club, plus some of their spouses, planted 105 trees in a specified area. At a later date, the trees will be relocated along the walking trails. Species of trees included Red-buds, Eastern Pine, Red Oak, and Tulip Poplars. Club member Ron Randle (who is also a Tellico Village resident) coordinated the event and worked with Wellness Center staff and the Tennessee Environmental Council, who provided the trees.

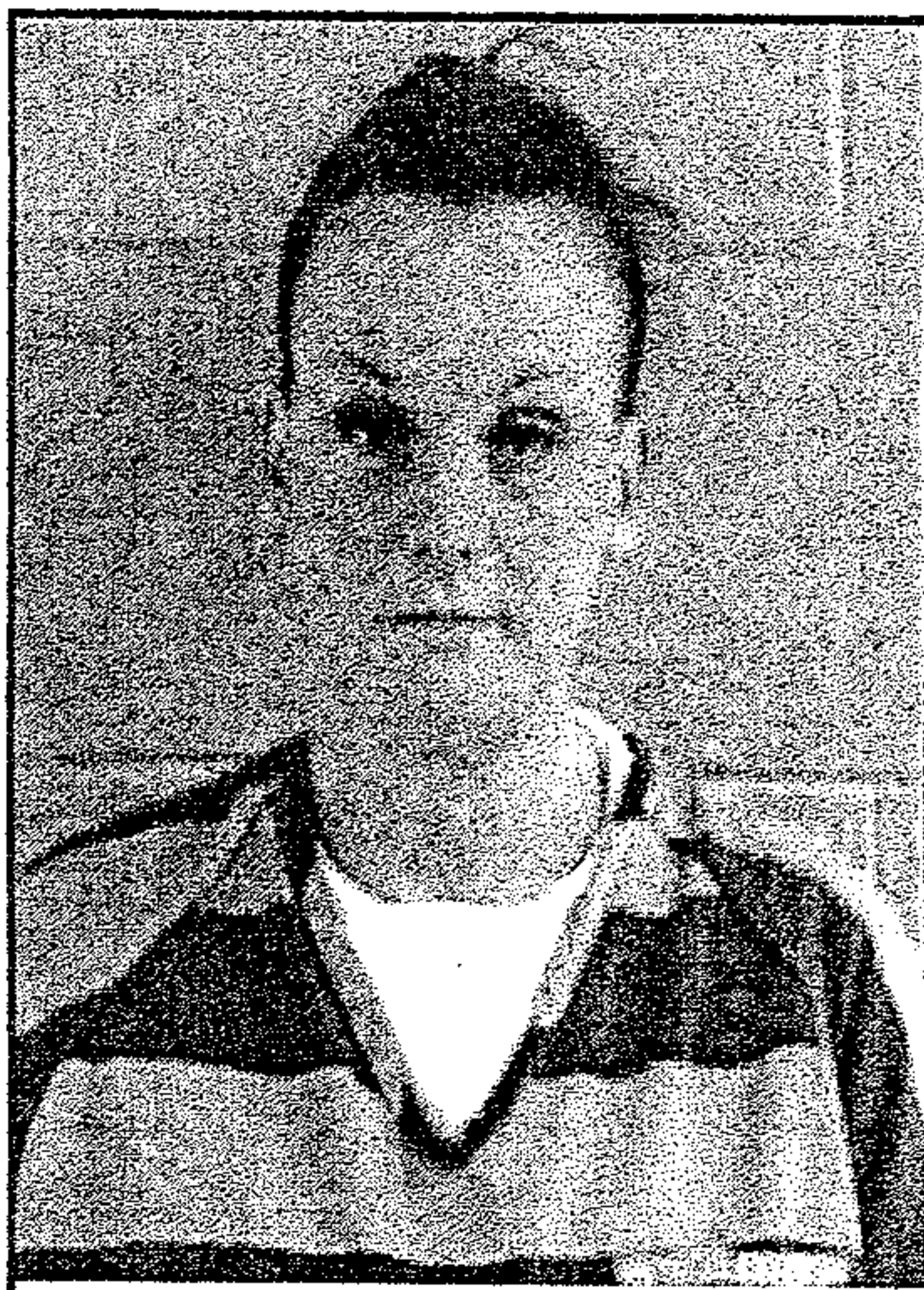
A major effort of Rotary International is to eradicate the spread of Polio worldwide. To date, there has been only one case reported.

The Rotary Club of Tellico Lake meets every Thursday at noon at the First Baptist Church in Tellico Village. The public is invited to attend.

Meth charge for Ldn woman

Kimberly Raper, 35, Clyde Street, Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Deputy S. Bevins LCSO, did transport inmate Kimberly Louise Raper from Blount County Jail to Loudon County Jail in Lenoir City, Tn. on Criminal Court Capias warrants meth - manufacturing, delivery, possession with intent to distribute, This transport did happen without incident.



Kimberly Raper

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success to the next level and bring great things to us from the state level and to make Tennessee an even greater state to live in with new businesses, new jobs, and new opportunities.

Aikens is a successful businessman, politician, law enforcement officer, servant to the people and friend to the community and this is seen

through his actions over decades of success.

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Come Out and See What Everyone Is Talking About

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In another case in U.S. District Court in Chattanooga, John Allen Morris, Jr., 51, of Knoxville, Tennessee, was sentenced to serve 36 months in federal prison and ordered to pay over \$1.2 million in restitution to identified victims of his offenses, for wire fraud, mail fraud, bank fraud, and wrongful use of a government seal.

Morris was employed as an insurance and annuities broker with a legitimate insurance company. His scheme to sell fraudulent annuities to elderly clients began in late 2006 when he established two fictitious companies and convinced elderly clients to cash out legitimate annuities and invest their money with those companies, promising a higher rate of return. He created and provided his clients with imaginary elaborate and personalized financial statements reflecting the supposed status of their ac-

counts. Establishing multiple accounts at various banks, Morris would deposit investment checks from his clients, and later use these funds to pay off initial investors in a Ponzi-like scheme, as well as pay personal bills, buy material items for himself and his family and invest himself in his own ventures. These schemes included a Lamborghini car kit selling enterprise and "Football Tech," a company created to train high school football players by attempting to attract prominent former NFL players and coaches into contributing to camps for kids based on Morris's claims of his own football coaching

expertise.

A cooperative investigation by the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance lead to the indictment, guilty plea and subsequent sentencing of Morris. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Neff represented the United States in court proceedings.

Although not as recent as the other two referenced cases, Mark Kevin Tudor, 42, of Knoxville, Tennessee was sentenced in 2014 to serve 36 months in federal prison and pay \$266,227.80 in restitution for federal wire fraud charges.

An investigation by the Knoxville Police Department


and U.S. Postal Inspection Service determined that Tudor abused a position of trust after having been granted a power-of-attorney by his 93-year-old great aunt, who suffered from a visual disability and needed assistance with her financial affairs. Without his great aunt's permission or authority, Tudor systematically depleted her bank and credit union ac-

count and life insurance policy. In total, Tudor stole over \$267,000 before the fraud was discovered, which nearly depleted her life savings. According to a written statement read by his great aunt in court, when she discovered the fraud only \$347 remained in her credit union account, which held over \$200,000 before the theft.


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