

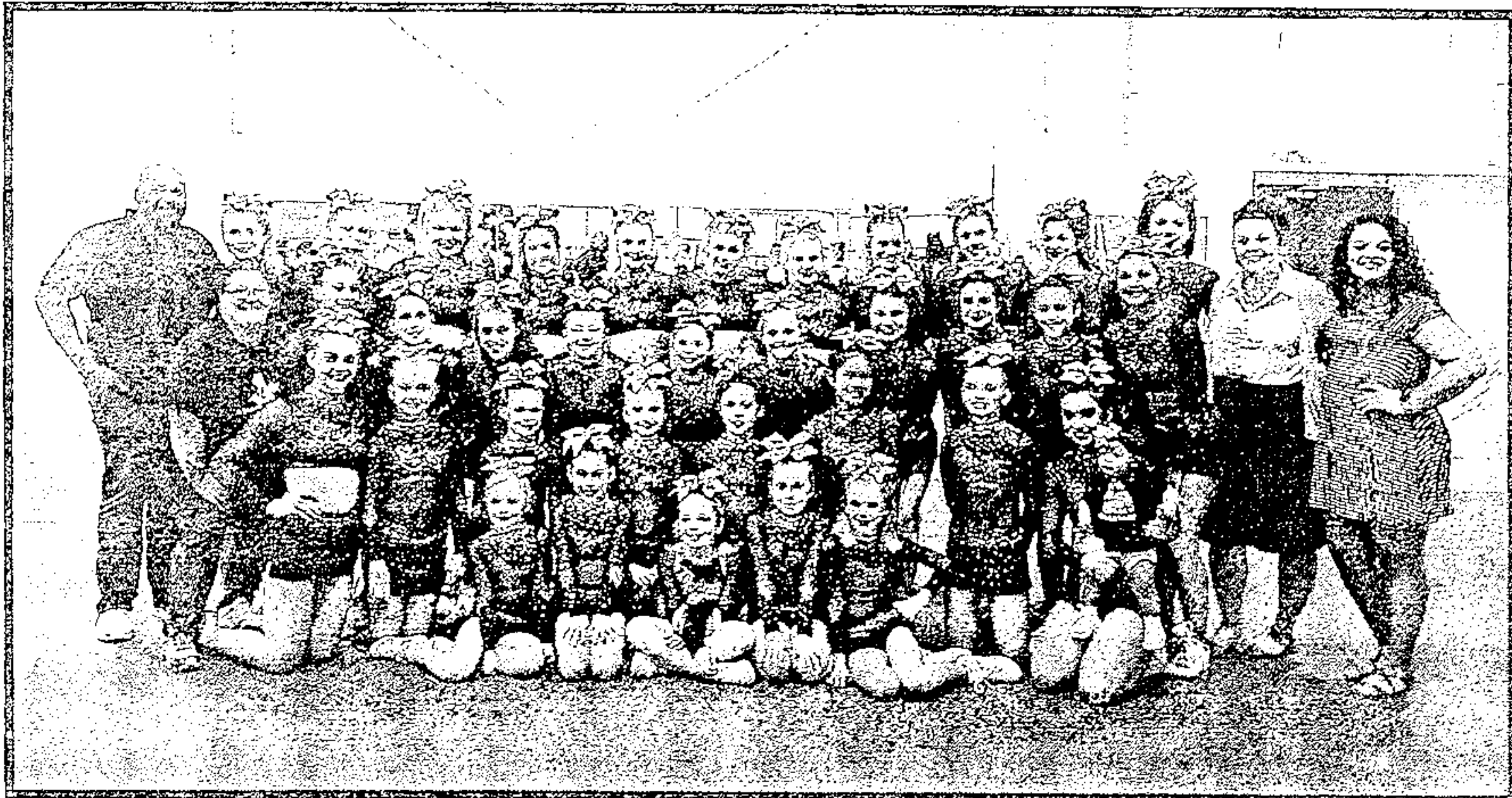
# The Loudon County Election Results Inside!!! 50¢

# Daily Edition

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Wednesday, May 2, 2018

## Legacy Cheer Team goes to Summit Conference



Coach Courtney Cline, Legacy Cheer Team, Chantel Schrimpscher, Starla Russell and Misty Black  
story by M. Harris

## Paddington Bear, Ferdinand the Bull and a host of famous characters will rock the Children's Festival of Reading

Paddington Bear will be there! And so will Ferdinand the Bull. Join Knox County Public Library for its 14th annual Children's Festival of Reading as it kicks off its Summer Library Clubs. On Saturday, May 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., World's Fair Park will transform into a fairytale kingdom with

cool cats, bespectacled bears, kindly bulls, and a ladybug girl ready to give out hugs and pose for selfies. The Festival is known for its rock star authors and illustrators, musicians, storytellers, puppets and much more. This year promises to blow it out of the park with its theme: Libraries Rock! The event is free

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## The Good News

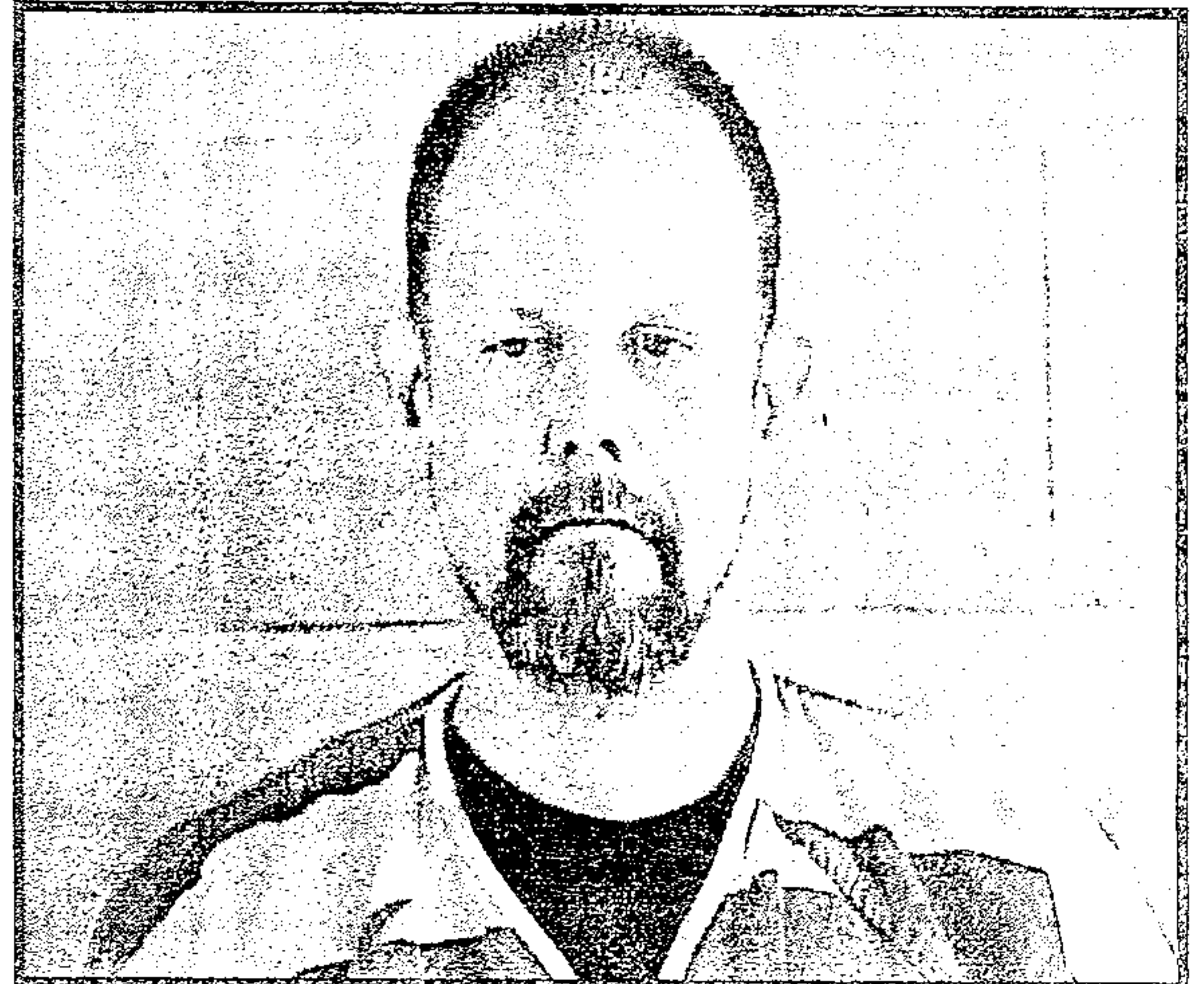
The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: John 15:1-8

I used to serve a congregation that handed each new member a scrappy little ivy houseplant with the base of the pot simply wrapped in some tinfoil. Some longtime members reported that their

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## Active warrants lead to meth bust



John Sentell

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## Sexual Assault Aboard Aircraft Raising Awareness About a Serious Federal Crime

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, and the FBI is taking that opportunity to alert the public about a serious federal crime that is on the rise: sexual assault aboard aircraft.

Compared to the tens of millions of U.S. citizens who fly each year, the number of in-flight sexual assault victims is relatively

small, "but even one victim is unacceptable," said FBI Special Agent David Gates, who is based at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and regularly investigates these cases. "We are seeing more reports of in-flight sexual assault than ever before," he said.

Sexual assault aboard aircraft—which usual-

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### Verse of the Day

Jesus is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. — Hebrews 7:25

### Obituaries

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### Wazzup

If you didn't vote you can't gripe.

### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 82F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 57F.

Thursday: Sunny. High of 84F.

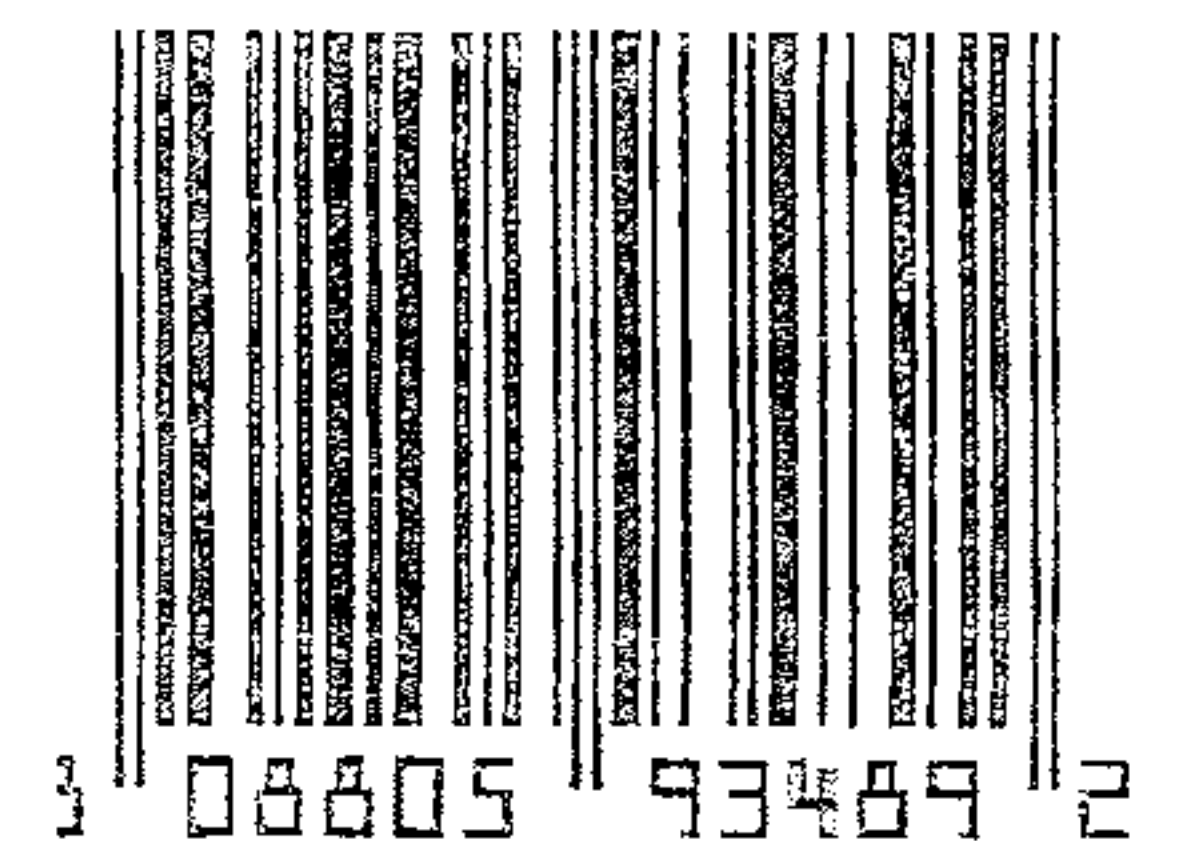
Thursday Night: Clear. Low of 60F.

### Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

You're willing to give others the benefit of the doubt today, but you might end up being dis-

appointed if you can't acknowledge the facts. Be wary of people who promise you the Moon on anything that's not theirs to give. Thankfully, you're not likely to be misled if you trust your intuition. But don't walk away from  
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**Cheer**

On Sunday April, 29 the Legacy Cheer team held a send off party for their team and families. Coach Courtney Cline, assistant coaches and the team have been working on their routine since December and have already secured a spot in the Summit

Cheer Conference for 2018 in Orlando Florida. These girls have worked very hard and have shown outstanding teamwork skills. It was amazing to watch these girls in action. The coaches were awesome and very supportive of the girls.

Lenoir City Mayor Tony Aikens awarded Legacy Cheer team with a proclamation of

achievement on behalf of the Mayor and Lenoir City. The conference will take place on May 4th - May 6th in Orlando Florida. The girls age from 8-18.

Coach Courtney Cline is a former University of Ten-

nessee cheerleader and has a wide spectrum of techniques that will enhance their athletic careers. The overwhelming support of the family and the community was also well represented. Good Luck Girls!!  
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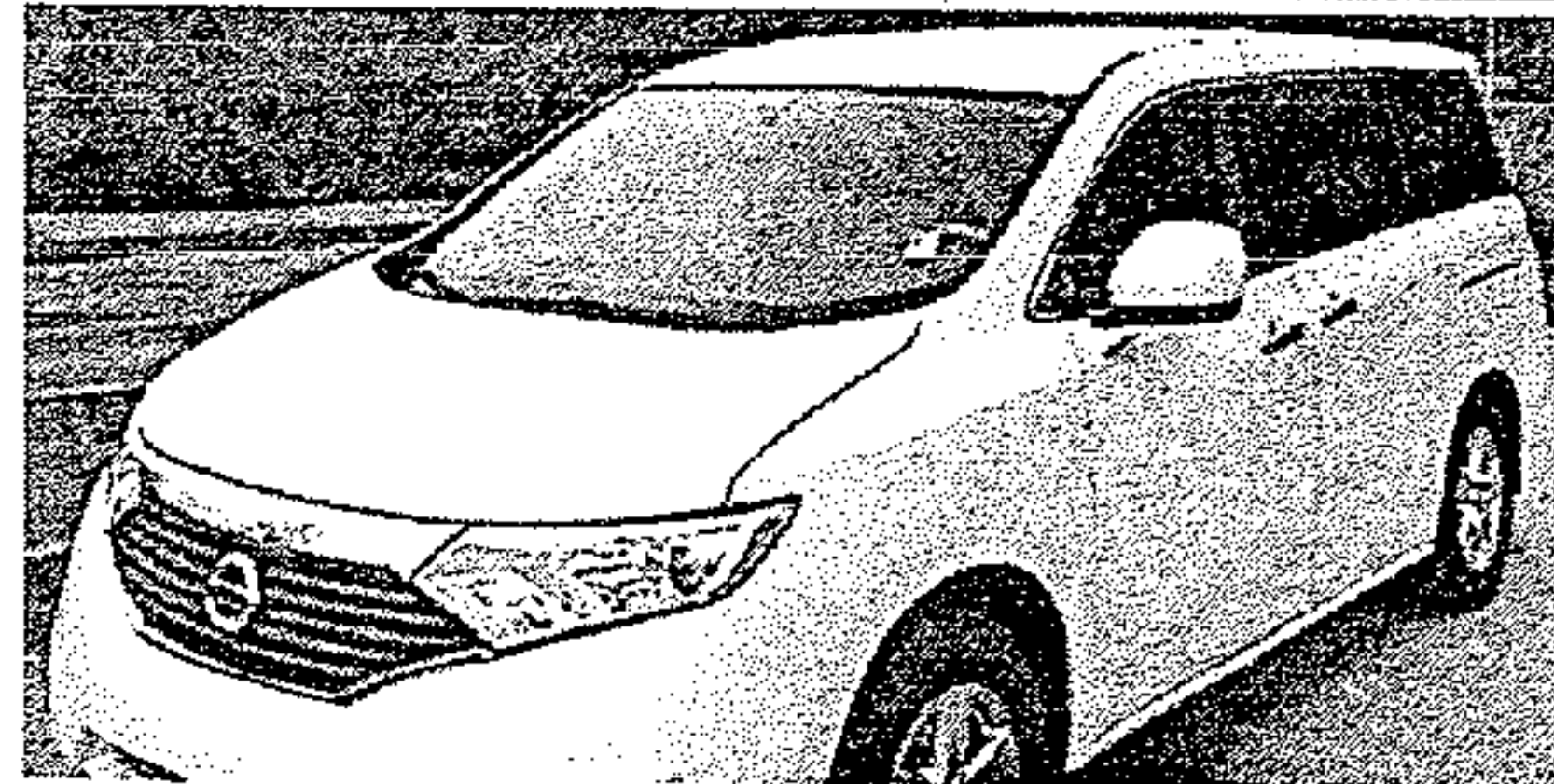
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## Meth

John Sentell, 40, W Simpson Road Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Contraband in a Penal Institution, and Failure to Appear.

Deputy Craig Brewer, observed a gold Buick driving on Sugarlimb Road Lenoir City Tennessee. On it passing Deputy he observed John Sentel to be the driver of the vehicle. Deputy knew he has suspended license in Tennessee from prior contacts with the subject and that he has an outstanding warrant out of Lenoir City Court. On taking him into custody at the jail while he was being searched they found Methamphetamine, weighing .6 grams, in his left front shirt pocket. On Cpl. Jenkins field tested crystal like substance it was possative for methamphetamine. Checking his

license through NCIC confirmed that his license was suspended in Tennessee. This did happen in Loudon County Tennessee.

## Endangered Mountain Zebra Arrive at Zoo Knoxville

Three endangered Hartmann's mountain zebra arrived at Zoo Knoxville on Friday, April 20, 2018. The zoo plans to establish a breeding program as part of a collaborative effort of accredited zoos to save them from extinction.

The zoo's herd is made up a stallion and two mares, all under the age of 3 years old. The zebra have some maturing to do before they are ready to breed, but the zoo anticipates having foals on the way in 2019. The gestation period for zebra is 12 months.

Mountain zebra are classified as "threatened", and only 8,300 wild zebra remain in Africa. Their num-

bers are declining due to livestock production and farming activities such as fencing that prevent access to water. In their native Namibia, there is commercial trade in Hartmann's mountain zebra skins. Mountain zebra are reportedly being harvested at a rate of about 2,000-3,000 per year, which may exceed their rate of popu-

lation growth.

Zoo Knoxville is one of only 14 zoos working with this species as part of the Hartmann's Mountain Zebra Species Survival Plan, a collaboration of zoos accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). There are approximately 60 mountain zebra in the care of U.S. zoos.



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The City of Lenoir City is now accepting sealed and competitive bids for Residential Waste Collection. The successful bidder must contractually commit to hauling the solid waste to Matlock Bend Landfill for disposal as per interlocal governmental agreement. Interested bidders are strongly encouraged to contact Mr. J.J. Cox, Superintendent of Street Department, in order to obtain appropriate bid specifications (City routes, number of stops, etc.) at City Hall at 865-986-2715. Bids will be accepted until 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 10, 2018, to be opened and publically read at the next scheduled Purchasing Committee Meeting. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope and clearly labeled "Bids for Residential Waste Collection" and mailed or forwarded to the following:

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The City of Lenoir City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.



**TGN**

plants were still alive several decades later, the ivy snaked around the molding in their living room. Others watched their plants shrivel up and die before they found a proper pot and window sill.

The green thumbs urged less experienced gardeners not to become discouraged or to read too much into the metaphor. The community would always be much heartier than any single aloe or philodendron! And they were right. That little parish has a way of folding people from the margins into the very center of life so that everyone is changed and the whole church body bears fruit. The branches grow strong because of their connection to the vine. They invite and welcome so well because they do so with the gratitude and joy that they feel about their own invitation and welcome in Christ.

Prayer: God of life, we gather because you have extended an invitation to life abundant. Send us into the world inspired by your welcome so that all of our words and deeds bear good fruit that is

**Library**

and open to the public.

Kicking off the day, Dollywood's Penguin Players will put one of Imagination Library's most beloved books, Pretend by Jennifer Plecas, to song and dance on the main stage. Multi-talented

Eric Litwin, the original creator of Pete the Cat as well as author of The Nuts and Groovy Joe will rock the stage with his music. Newbery Award Medalist Linda Sue Park, author of A Long Walk to Water and A Single Shard will be on hand to tell stories of her own and to sign books. Lori Nichols, author of an Imagination Library favorite Maple, will be joined by fellow author/illustrators Brooks Benjamin, Jessica Young and Corabel Shofner.

Families can also make arts and crafts with Miss Libby, learn to juggle with One World Circus and run experiments in the Science Village with Dr. Al Hazari and The Muse. Back this year, Bookitecture will challenge budding engineers to build a tower of books. And what's a reading festival without puppets? Cattywampus Puppet Council will bring The Story of Ferdinand to life.

"The Children's Festival of Reading brings a fantastic end to the school year and kicks off the library's summer programs," said Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett. "We are always excited to bring kids and authors together. This is a great chance to encourage kids and families to read over the summer."

Summer reading programs help students retain their academic skills over the summer. Research shows that struggling students can lose as much as 1.5 years of academ-

ic progress between grades 1 and 6 if they don't read on summer break. Furthermore, summer reading offers children and youth a chance to explore books that are of personal interest. Studies show that when readers are encouraged to choose their own books, they become stronger and more engaged readers.

**Obituaries**

*Alice Caldwell Hill*, age 75 of Powell, formerly of Lenoir City, passed away Saturday, April 28, 2018. Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Dan and Johnnie (Wilson) Caldwell; sister, Lois Caldwell Klauder. She is survived by her daughter, Jane Ann Hill Steffey and husband, Brian; grandchildren, Jakob, Eli and Ashlyn Steffey; brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Linda Caldwell; aunt, Sally Caldwell and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 3rd at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Chris Caldwell officiating. Family and friends will gather at 11 a.m. Friday at Corinth Cemetery in Loudon for graveside services and interment. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

*Gregory Ray Ritchey*, age 53 of Loudon, passed away Thursday, April 26, 2018 at UT Medical Center. Greg

was a 1982 graduate of Loudon High School. A self-employed contractor, Greg operated excavation and heavy equipment during his working career, and a member New Life Family Worship Center. Preceded in death by his father, Raymond Anderson Ritchey. Survived by his wife, Barbara Ritchey; mother Charlene (Murr) Ritchey; beloved pet "Little Bear"; sister

and brother in-law, Teresa and Michael Coffey; niece and nephew, Brooke and Alex Coffey, all of Loudon; step-granddaughter, Josie Hand; numerous cousins and friends.

Services remembering Greg will be held 5:00 PM Sunday, April 29th in the McGill Click Chapel. The family will receive friends 3:00 – 5:00 PM Sunday prior to the service at McGill Click Funerals & Creations, 1366 Hwy 72 N. Loudon, TN.

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## Airplanes

ly takes the form of unwanted touching—is a felony that can land offenders in prison. Typically, men are the perpetrators, and women and unaccompanied minors are the victims. “But at LAX,” Gates said, “we have seen every combination of victim and perpetrator.”

In fiscal year 2014, 38 cases of in-flight sexual assault were reported to the FBI. In the last fiscal year, that number increased to 63 reported cases. “It’s safe to say that many incidents occur that are not reported,” said Gates, one of the FBI’s many airport liaison agents assigned to the nearly 450 U.S. aviation facilities that have passenger screening operations regulated by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). In larger airports such as LAX, multi-agency task forces are on location to investigate a variety of criminal and national security matters, from sexual assaults

to terrorism and espionage. One victim, a mother of two who was attacked in 2016 on a flight from the West Coast to Africa via Europe, recounted her ordeal. “I fly overseas often,” she said. “The flights usually leave around 6 p.m. I have dinner, watch a movie, and go to sleep. I was dozing off toward the end of the movie, and all of a sudden I felt a hand in my crotch.”

The woman instinctively said, “No!” and pushed the man’s hand away, but he came at her two more times before she was able to remove her seatbelt and get away, even as her attacker used the full weight of his body trying to detain her. As the assault was happening, she recalled, “it didn’t make sense to me. It was all so disorienting and confusing.” She ran toward the bathroom. Seeing her condition, passengers thought she was experiencing a medical emergency. Barely able to breathe, the woman explained what had happened and that she

needed a flight attendant. After the crew responded, while she was waiting to be reseated away from her attacker, she was told by members of the crew that sexual assaults in the air were fairly common. One sympathetic flight attendant said that she, too, had been groped in the past.

“I was horrified,” the veteran flyer remembered thinking. “How can this be and I have never heard about it?”

“Unfortunately, people don’t think things like this happen on airplanes,” said Caryn Highley, a special agent in the FBI’s Seattle Division who investigates crimes aboard aircraft. “There is a perception on an airplane that you’re in a bubble of safety,” Highley said. But particularly on overnight flights, where people may consume alcohol or take sleeping pills, and a dark cabin and close-quarter seating can give the perception of privacy and intimacy, offenders are tempted by op-

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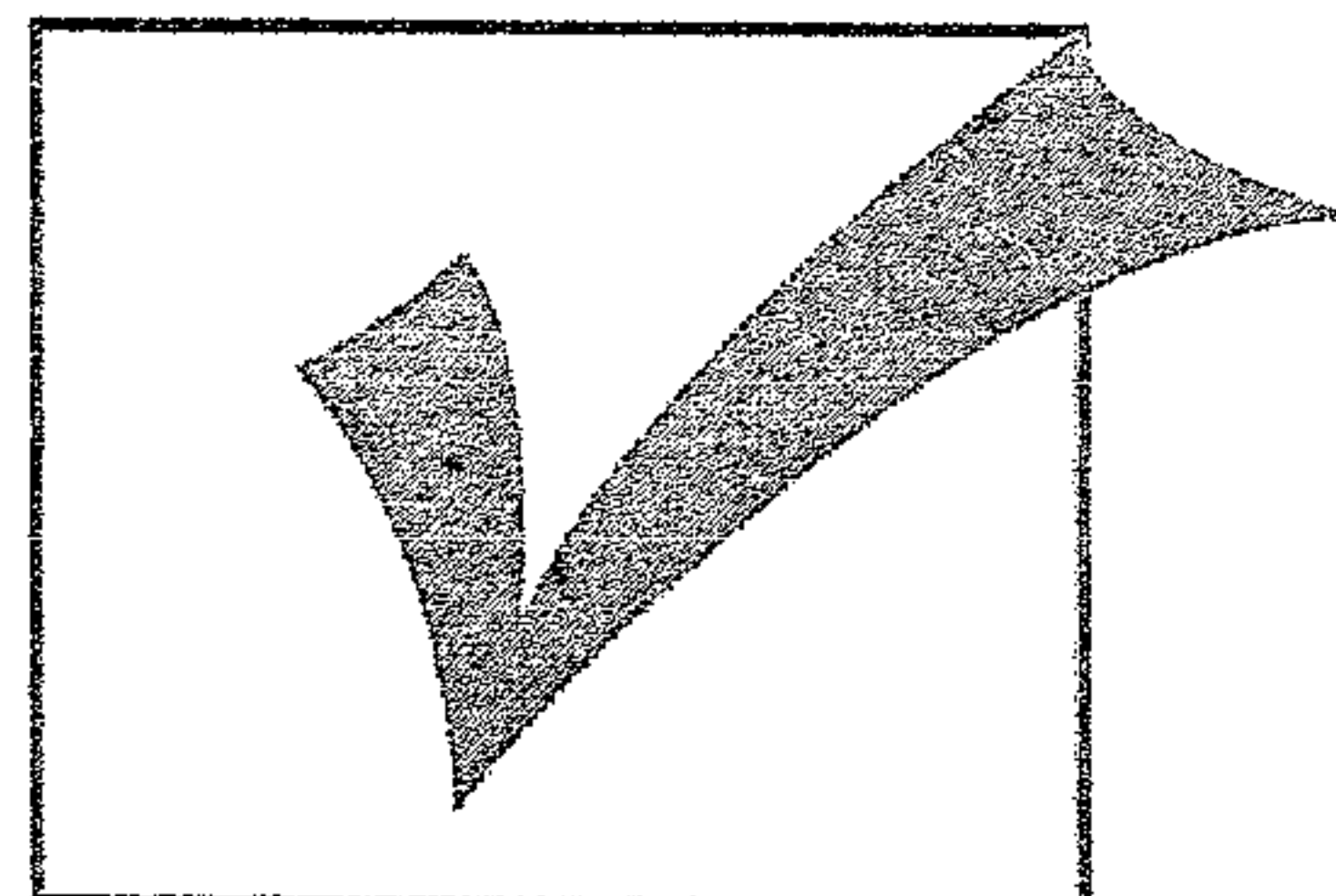
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portunity.

That is one of the reasons why the FBI is trying to raise awareness about this issue—so people can protect themselves and report incidents immediately if they do occur. “There are all sorts of people in the air, just like on the ground,” Gates said. “Flyers need to be aware of their surroundings and take a few simple precautions to stay safe.” Among suggested precautions: Trust your gut. Offenders will often test their victims, sometimes pretending to brush against them to see how they react or if they wake up. “Don’t give them the benefit of the doubt,” Gates said. If such behavior occurs, reprimand the person immediately, and consider

asking to be moved to another seat.

If an incident happens, report it immediately to the flight crew and ask that they record the attacker’s identity and report the incident. “Flight attendants and captains represent authority on the plane,” Gates said. “We don’t want them to be police officers, but they can alert law enforcement, and they can sometimes deal with the problem in the air.” The flight crew can also put the offender on notice, which might prevent further problems.

If alerted in advance, FBI agents can be on hand when the plane lands to conduct interviews and take subjects into custody. FBI victim specialists can respond as well, because victims of

federal crimes are entitled by law to a variety of services.

“It doesn’t matter when you report an in-flight sexual assault—we take it seriously, and we will pursue it,” Gates said. “But after the fact, these cases are much more difficult to prove.”

In most cases, when assaults are immediately reported to the flight crew, law enforcement on the ground will be notified and will be waiting to respond when the plane lands. If law enforcement is not able to respond on the ground, victims are encouraged after landing to contact the nearest FBI office.

Investigators point out that offenders take advantage of the fact that some victims might not report an incident because they are embarrassed, don’t want to cause a scene, or try to convince themselves the assault was

accidental. “These are not accidents,” Gates said. “We see the same pattern of behavior over and over again.”

The victim of the 2016 attack—whose case remains open—has used social media to raise awareness about in-flight sexual assaults and has heard the stories of many victims. She agreed that assaults should be reported immediately.

“A lot of women don’t

come forward because they are embarrassed,” she said. “It is embarrassing in the moment. It’s awkward when the flight crew starts asking you all these questions and passengers are staring at you. The burden has been placed on you instead of the person who just inflicted this on you,” she explained. “Recognize and understand that. People should not be able to get away with these crimes.”

**Public Meeting Notice**  
The Loudon County Capital Projects Committee will have a Special Called Meeting on May 2, May 8, and May 9, 2018 @ 4:00 P.M. at the Loudon County Office Building, 100 River Road, Loudon

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