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Theft from Shoe Show leads to a string of thefts and fraud



Stanley Ingram



Abby Varner

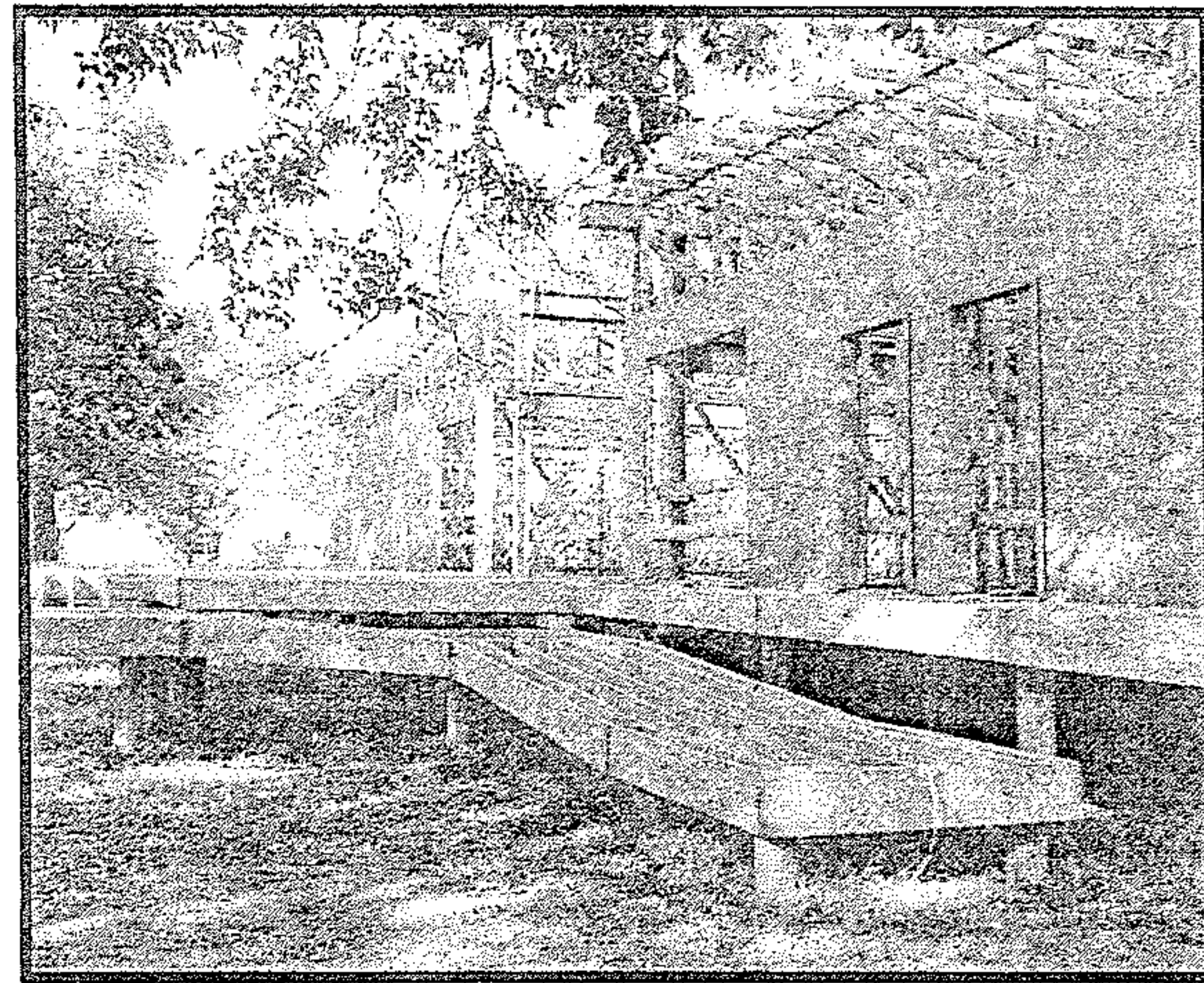
Passed out at the pump with marijuana in his lap



Terrell Johnson

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Investigation Finds Problems with \$1 Million in Reimbursements Received by Mississippi River Corridor – Tennessee, Inc.



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The Good News The Rev Dr Julius McCarter

Scripture: Luke 13:31-35

Why does Herod Antipas want to kill Jesus? Because that's what venal and destructive people who wield power do to prophets who expose their abuses. The resistance to Jesus and the "king-

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Do You Have TAEP Feedback? Share Your Suggestions Now

The Tennessee Department of Agri-

culture (TDA) is requesting input on the Tennessee Agricultural Enhancement Program (TAEP) through an online survey. TAEP has transformed the state's rural economy by helping farmers

make strategic investments to increase their efficiency, safety, and profitability.

With the survey responses, TDA plans to identify opportunities to improve cost share offerings and set

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Verse of the Day

Restore us, O God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved.

—Psalm 80:7

Wazzup

Happy St Patricks Day!!

Wheres your green?

Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 59F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 35F.

Saturday: Sunny. High of 53F.

Saturday night: Clearing.

Low of 31F.

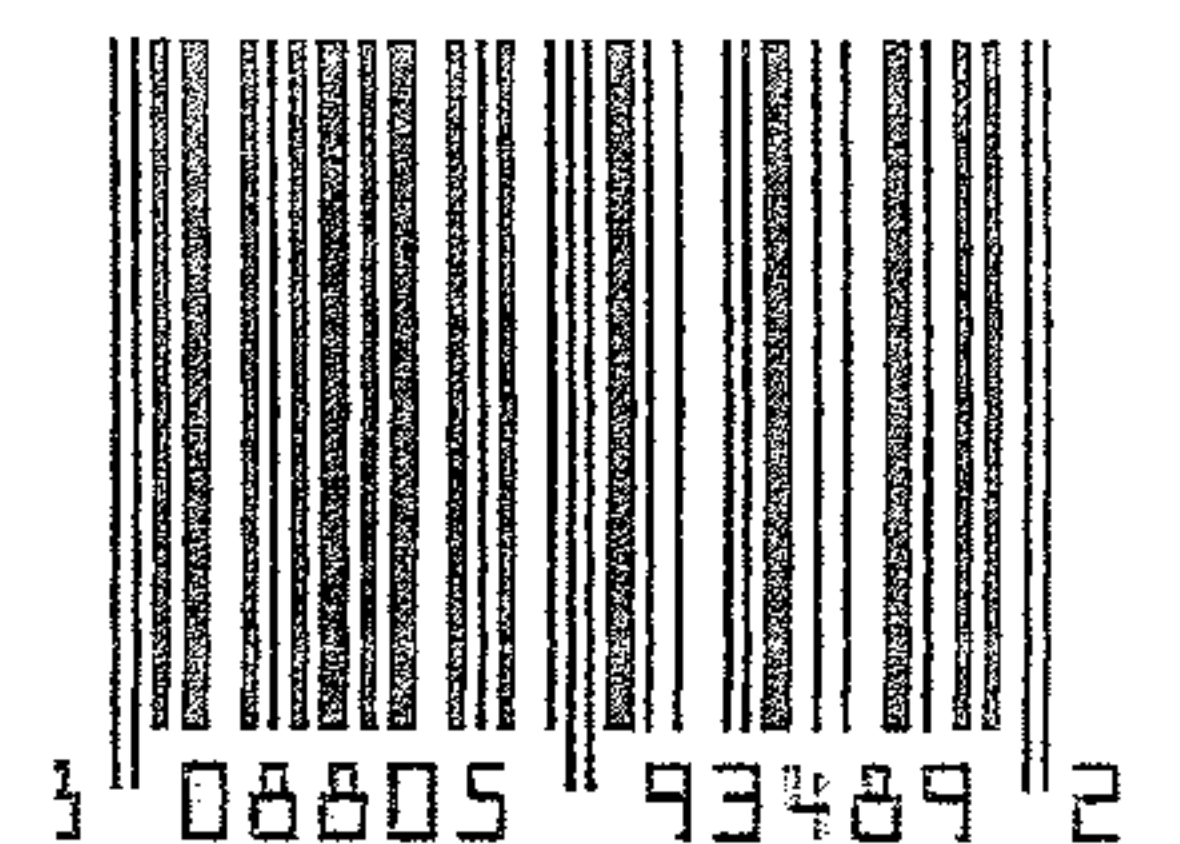
Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Your self-imposed solitary confinement is over. You're more than ready to take center stage and put your best ideas out into the open today. Unfortu-

nately, its all too easy to grow discouraged when you're feeling invisible, but the universe is setting you up for your debut. If you're uncomfortable tooting your own horn,

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Theft

Stanley Ingram, 29, Jan Way Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property x2, and Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of Credit Card.

Abby Varner, 36, Malone Road Lenoir City, was

charged with Failure to show proof of INS, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Theft of Property, and Simple Possession.

Officer Brad Rayfield LCPD, was dispatched to the area of the Shoe Show at Hwy 321 on two

shoplifters that left in a brown Chevy Malibu. The tag given to dispatch was P03-34E coming back to Abby Varner. This officer having prior knowledge of Abby having a suspended license, along with offi-

cer Tyler Silvey, traffic stopped said vehicle at the Verizon store at Hwy 321. Both the driver, Abby Varner, and the passenger, Stanley Trey Ingram, gave officers consent to search

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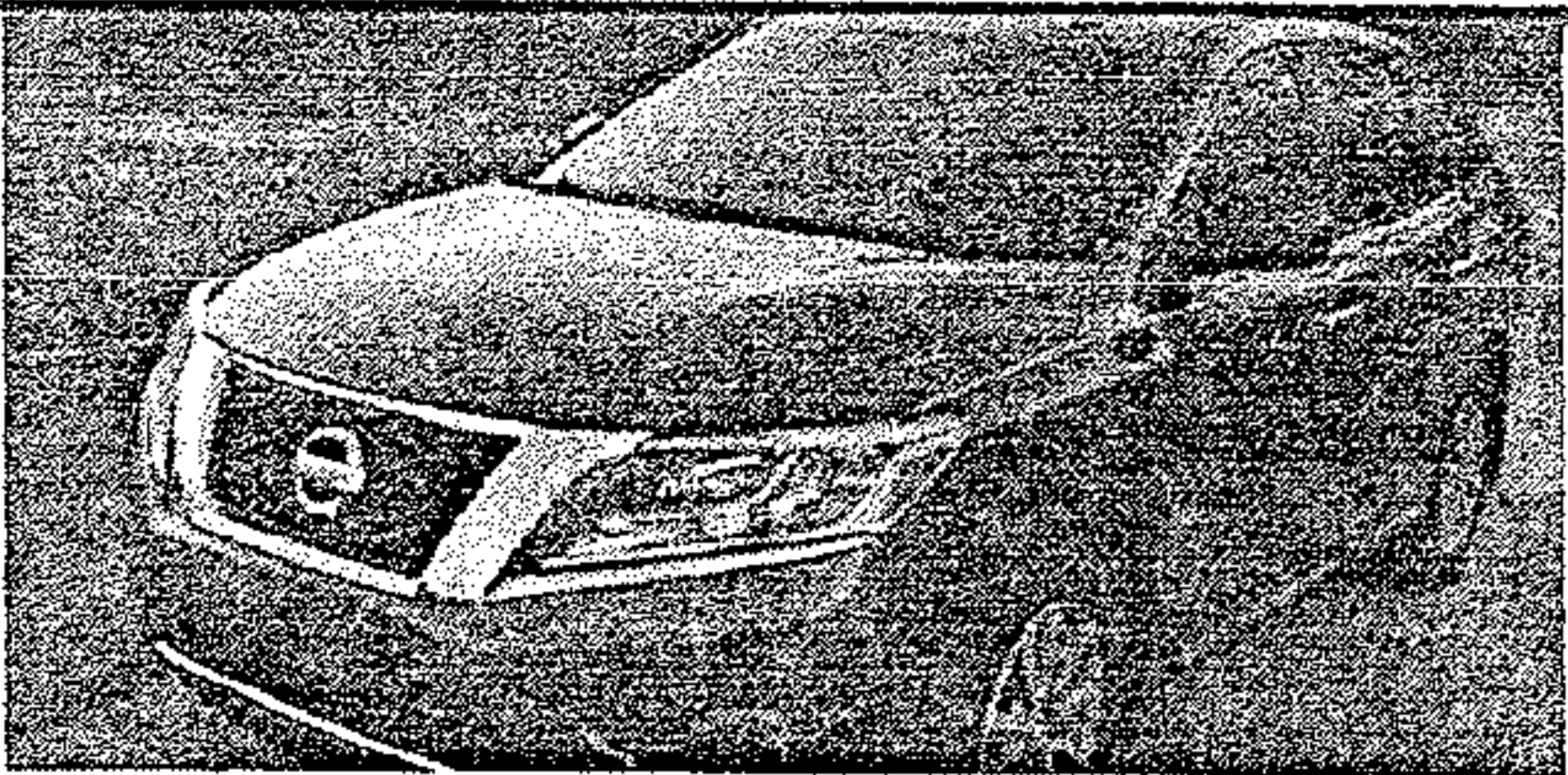
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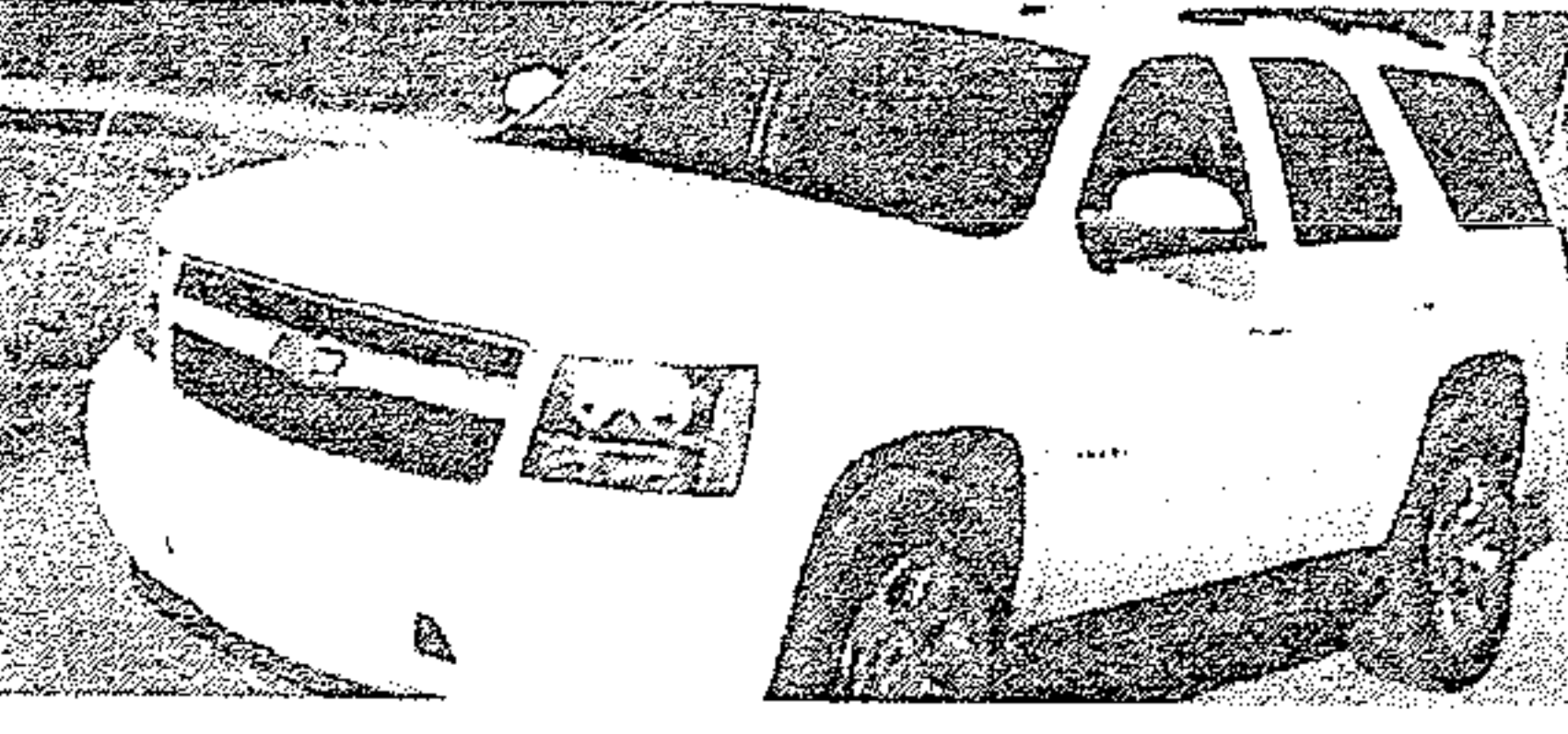
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 the vehicle. While officer was searching, Stanley Ingram did state to him that he did indeed steal/take a red Nike back pack from the Shoe Show that was in the back seat. At that time, a wallet was found in Stanley's possession belonging to victim. Sev-

eral items were found in the wallet like victim TN ID, social security card, insurance card, etc. Victim made a Theft report last night (yesterdays date) to officer Cole Morgan for the Theft of her wallet, credit cards, etc, with Stanley Ingram being the main suspect. Stanley also had a wallet in his right back

pocket with several other credit cards, one with the last four digits which was confirmed to be owned by victim which was used yesterdays date by several other subjects at Walmart in Lenoir City that was caught on camera. Stanley Trey Ingram was arrested for Theft, Fraudulent use of a Credit card, and Theft (shoe Show). Suspect was transported to Loudon County Jail without incident.

dill LPD, was dispatched to Weigles on Hwy 72 for a suspicious vehicle with a male passed out in it at the gas pump. Upon arrival Officer observed the male inside the vehicle slumped over the steering wheel. After several attempts to wake the male up he finally came to. There was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle, and also a green leafy substance was in the male lap. The male was identified as Terrell Johnson. A search of the vehicle Officer located a brown paper by the center console of the vehicle that contained a green leafy substance appearing to be marijuana. Terrell Johnson was placed under arrest.

Drugs

Terrell Johnson, 22, Patton Road Sweetwater, was charged with Man/Sell/Poss. Of Controlled Substance. Officer Cog-

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Tennessee

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, in conjunction with the United States Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General, and the Tennessee Valley Authority Office of Inspector General, has completed a two-year investigation resulting in federal indictments against Diana Threadgill, the former executive director of Mississippi River Corridor - Tennessee, Inc. (MRCT).

MRCT was a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was focused on economic development, land conservation, environment and wildlife preservation in six West Tennessee counties near the Mississippi River. The MRCT Board of Directors voted to dissolve the nonprofit on March 1, 2017. MRCT funded its operations through private donations and grants from federal and state agencies. Investigators reviewed 62 of MRCT's reimbursement requests and payments received from state and federal agencies. 57 of those reimbursements included unallowable costs according to state and federal laws and grant regulations.

In total, Comptroller investigators identified \$1,083,264 of improper reimbursements received by MRCT from March

2011 to March 2017. This included reimbursements for architectural and contracting services that were not properly bid, reimbursements that were supported with missing or falsified documentation, and reimbursements for personal expenses including meals, entertainment, fuel, and baby shower supplies. MRCT also doubled up on reimbursements by receiving payments from multiple grantors for the same expenses. Investigators noted \$176,196 in duplicate expenses submitted on various grants to various agencies that were subsequently paid to MRCT.

Comptroller investigators also determined that Threadgill instructed staff to falsify accounting records. She also continued MRCT operations after the board of directors voted to dissolve the nonprofit in March 2017, and she even requested and received additional funding in May 2017.

MRCT's failure to meet grant requirements has resulted in two abandoned and failed projects in West Tennessee. MRCT received public funding totaling \$856,685 for the Reelfoot Lake interpretive visitor center, which was demolished in October 2018. The Dyersburg River Park and Blueway project

cost \$357,275 and is currently abandoned. In February 2019, Diana Threadgill was indicted by a federal grand jury in the Middle District of Tennessee, Nashville Division, on three counts of mail fraud.

"This investigation points to multiple failures at many levels," said Comptroller Wilson. "The MRCT Board of Directors and Advisory Council members not only had potential conflicts of interest, but they failed to provide adequate oversight. State agencies must also do a better job of monitoring and reviewing how grant funds are reimbursed."

TAEF

the program's future strategic direction. Farmers and producers,

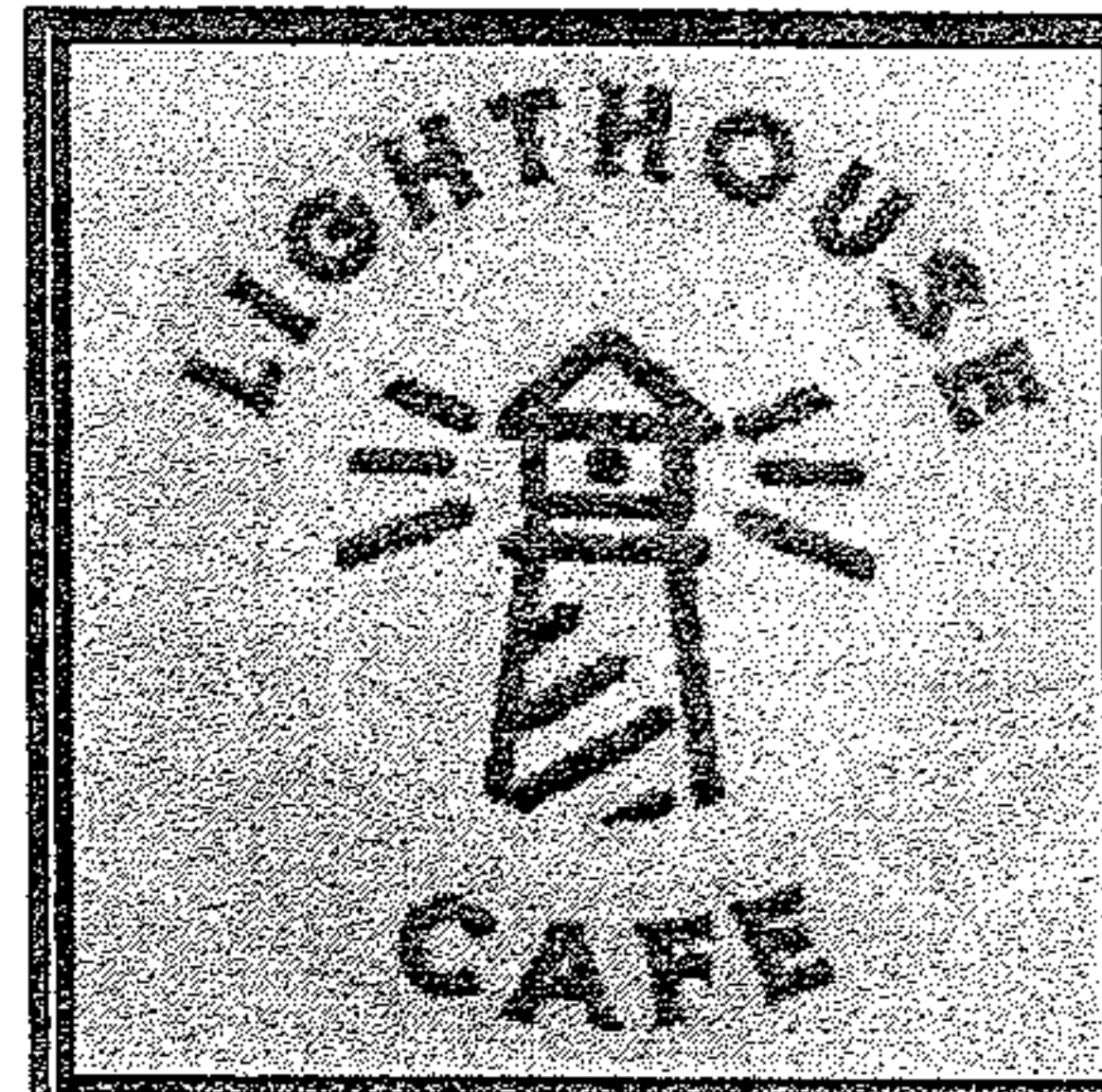
agribusiness affiliates, extension agents, agricultural educators, industry association representatives, and others are invited to participate in the survey.

TAEF provides cost share dollars to agricultural producers for the purpose of making long-term investments in Tennessee farms and communities. Par-

ticipation allows producers to maximize farm profits, adapt to changing market situations, improve operation safety, increase farm efficiency, and make positive economic impact in their communities.

"TAEF has made a real difference and has been a true resource for rural Tennessee,"

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Agriculture Commissioner Charlie Hatcher, D.V.M. said. "We want to ensure that the program continues to serve producers' needs by helping them adapt to the rapidly-changing production environment and marketplace."

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture's Human Dimensions Research Lab, the UT Center for Profitable Agriculture, and TDA collaborated to prepare the TAEP survey. The survey is available online here and will be accessible now

through March 27. It can be completed in less than 15 minutes.

For more information on the evaluation and survey of TAEP, contact Keith Harrison by emailing keith.harrison@tn.gov or by calling 615-837-5336.

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dom" he inaugurates is a familiar story; Jesus appears unsurprised by it and equally unconcerned. His story will end another way, for Herod's power is ultimately no match for what God has in store. This passage nev-

ertheless reiterates that Jesus' gospel creates conflict, for it is about clashing values. No one wants to have their lies exposed, their selfishness thwarted, their power frustrated, and their privileges evaporated. This is especially true for tyrants and their enablers, but it extends to all of us who have conditioned ourselves to resist good news that promises grace without limits, as if such realities were too good to be true or too wild to manage.

Prayer: God of infinite grace, you love us too much to leave us to ourselves, even though we do so much to protect ourselves from you and to find security apart from you. We know our resistance does not scare you off, and we rejoice that you will finish your work with us. Amen.

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