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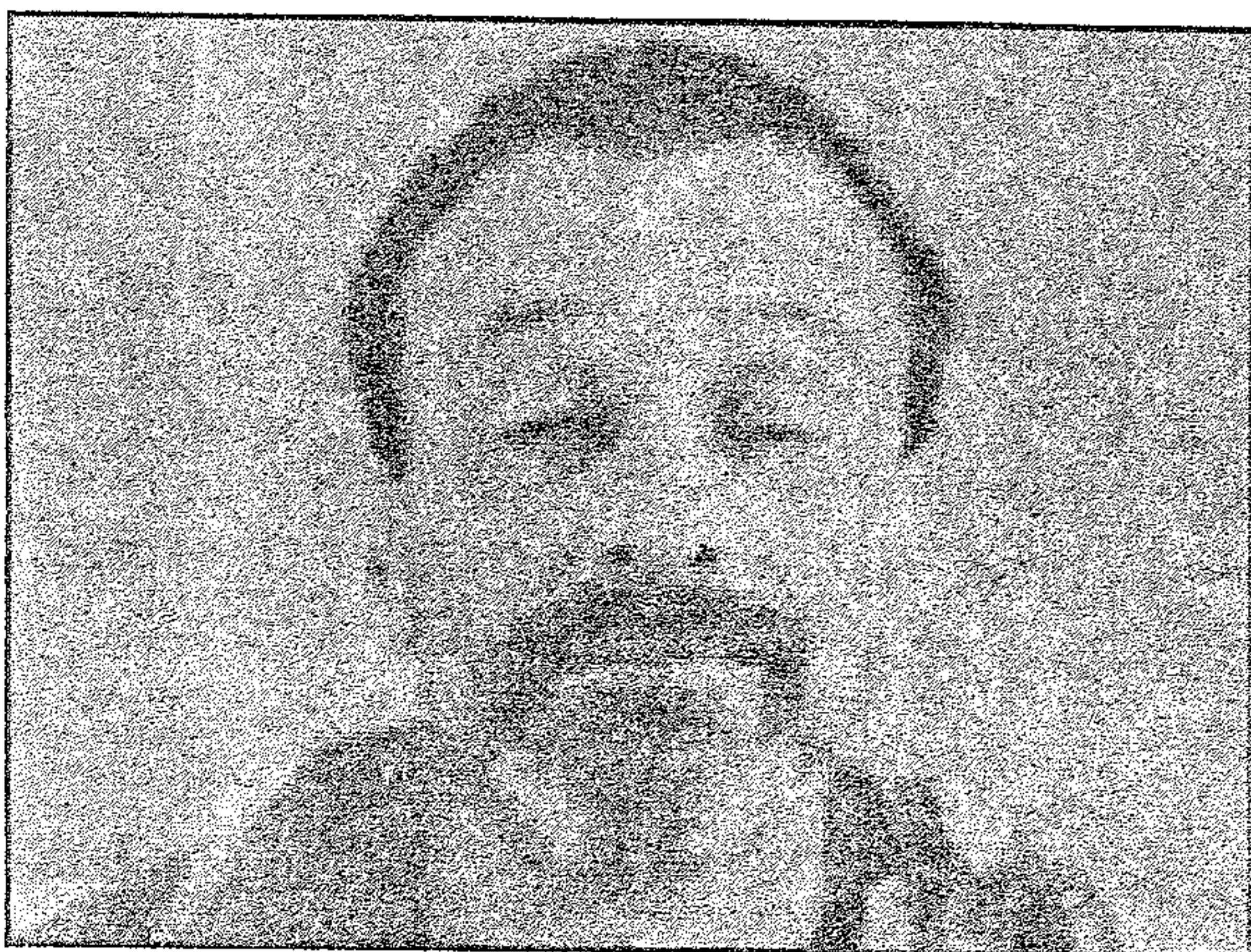
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Friday, August 7, 2020

## Driving Under The Influence Charge Follows Traffic Stop for Crossing Line

A Lenoir City Man was charged with DUI and more after being stopped for crossing the line.

Joseph Duggan, 43, Parkway Drive Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Poss. Of Drug Para., Violation of Implied Consent, and Driving on Roadways



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Joseph Duggan

## Local Woman Charged After Refusing To Calm Down

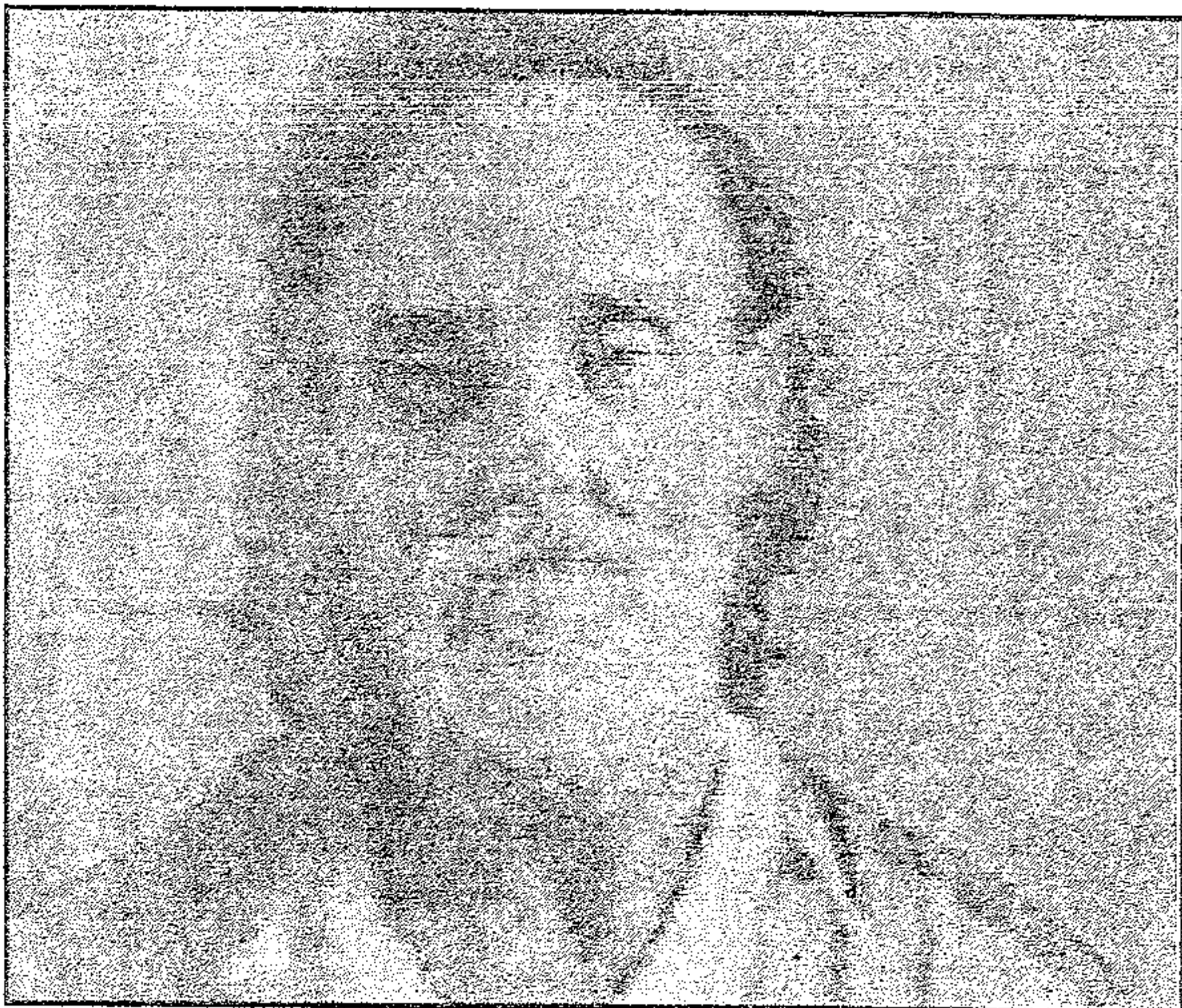


Mary Mincey

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## Handicapped Victim Stabs Assailant in Self Defense

Jacob Hicks, 51, Grubb Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer C. Espinoza LCPD, was conducting a follow-up at East 9th the residence of Jacob Hicks. The follow up was in regards to a aggravated assault that occurred behind the Sno Biz



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Jacob Hicks

## Former Grainger High School Bookkeeper Indicted for Theft

Investigators determine more than \$35,000 was stolen

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Valerie Combs, the former bookkeeper at Grainger High School (GHS) in Rutledge, Tennessee. Investigators determined she stole at least \$35,397 from the school.

Combs served as the GHS bookkeeper for more than 6 1/2 years before she resigned on February 28, 2018. She was responsible for receiving and depositing money, preparing and signing checks, recording transactions in the school's records, and reviewing and reconciling school bank statements.

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### Verse of the Day

But the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs [Those who served as priests in Old Testament times.] as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, and it is founded on better promises. —Hebrews 8:6

### Wazzup

If you want to grab some deals this weekend go to Highway 127 from Gadsden, Alabama to Addison, Michigan gonna be crazy!

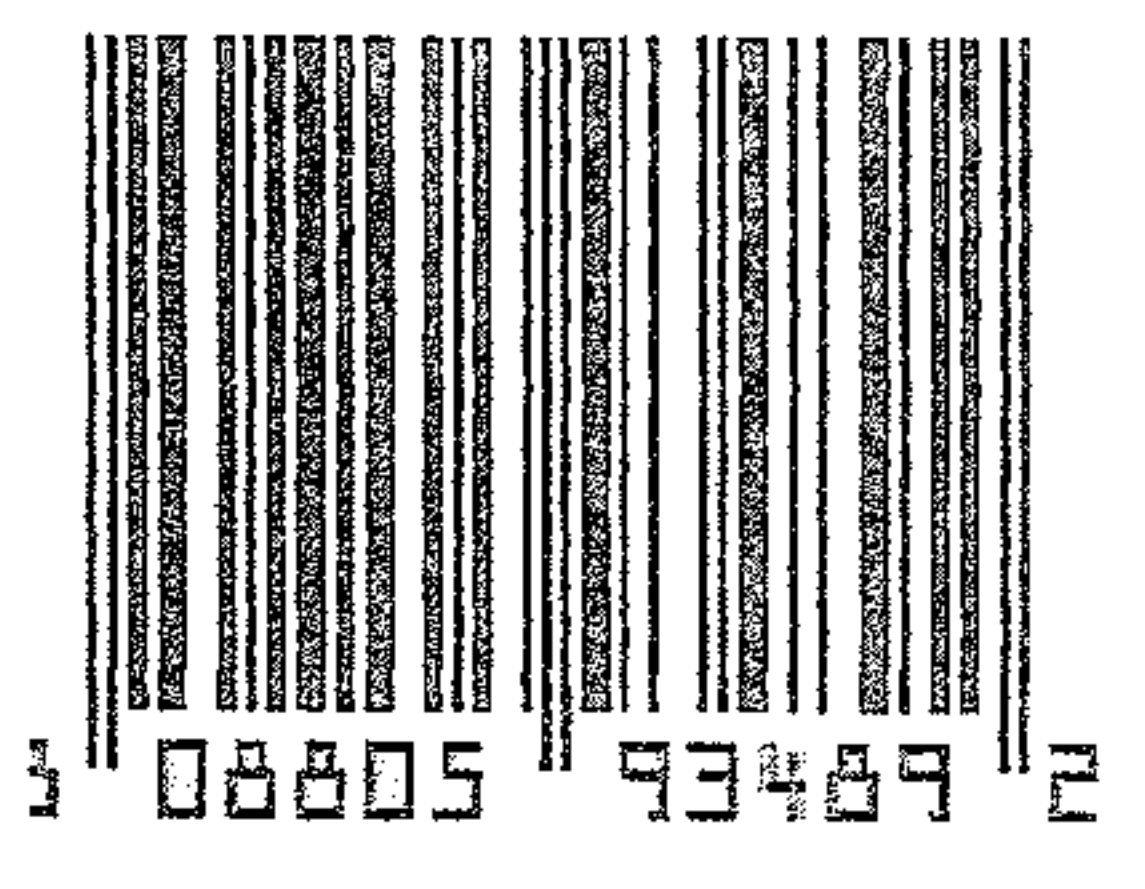
### Weather

Today: Clear. High of 89F.  
Tonight: Clear. Low of 65F  
Saturday: Great Day. High of 91F.  
Saturday night: Clear. Low of 66F.  
Sunday: Clear. High of 92F.  
Sunday Night: Clear. Low

of 71F.

### Horoscope

Leo 7/23-8/22  
Prepare for a surprise today, Leo. Perhaps it will come from someone else or perhaps it will come from you. Either way, by eve-



### DUI

Laned for Traffic. Deputy Rogers LCSO observed a van pass by his vehicle traveling on Hwy 11. The driver ducked making an attempt to hid his face as he passed. While following the vehicle Deputy observed it cross the center line several times while traveling on Ford Rd. Deputy initiated a traffic stop on Ford Rd in the area of Dewitt Rd.

Upon contact with the driver, he was very nervous and agitated. The driver displayed very rigid moments, chewing/grinding his teeth, and had sores consistent with narcotic use. Deputy identified the driver as Joseph Duggan who stated he was leaving a friend's house on Pardue Ln and was heading home. Mr. Duggan did state there was a marijuana bowl in the back seat and did not believe there was any other narcotics or paraphernalia within the vehicle.

While searching the vehicle Deputy did locate a backpack behind the driver's seat that had a syringe, a spoon with burnt residue, a lighter, and a razor blade all together within another zippered container as well

as the marijuana bowl.

After running Mr. Duggan's information through Dispatch it was confirmed that he had an active Criminal Court Failure to Appear warrant on a Violation of Probation out of Roane County. Mr. Duggan stated he was on Probation for meth charges and Deputy detained him at that time until the vehicle search was completed.

Deputy then read the offender his rights and he did consent to S.F.S.T and A.R.I.D.E testing. Mr. Duggan did display signs of narcotic impairment and did not perform satisfactorily on the tests. Deputy then placed Mr. Duggan under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and his Roane Co. warrant. Deputy then read Tennessee Implied Consent to the offender who stated he did understand the advisement but refused a blood draw.

Deputy also cited Mr. Duggan with Violation of Implied Consent, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and Driving on Roadways Laned for Traffic. Said did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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Regarding the Estate of: **Margaret Ann Clark**, deceased DKT# 6137

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809 As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012 )

Notice is hereby given that on the 23rd DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Margaret Ann Clark who died on the 7th day of JULY 2020 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

**THIS THE 23rd DAY OF JULY 2020**

Steve Harrelson, Clerk  
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)  
Amy Carter Garnjost

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$11.00 to Loudon County Probate Court 12680 Highway 11 West Ste. 3 Lenoir City, TN 37971

publication dates July 31 and August 7, 2020

**Charged**

Mary Mincey, 19, Steekee Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Vandalism.

Deputy Anderson LCSO, responded to Steekee Rd in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy heard a female's voice yelling inside the residence. Deputy made contact with Mary Mincey, the offender, exiting the residence. Mary was agitated, aggressive, and crying. As Deputy was trying to talk with Mary she started yelling across the driveway to a neighbors house. Deputy advised Mary several times to calm down and explain to me what had happened. Mary stated she got into an argument with her mom about going to the store and her food stamp card. Deputy was unable get Mary to calm down and speak further with him. Mary continued to yell and stated she wanted to kill herself. For her safety Mary was detained and placed in the secure area of his vehicle. Deputy then made contact with Mary's mom the victim. Victim stated Mary had a meth use problem recently and she started speaking with her over it and the not going to the store when she became aggressive. Victim stated Mary vandalized the residence and started busting out windows. Victim stated Mary has had similar issues in the past. Deputy observed a broken side window of the residence and floor damage in the laundry room from a liquid. Victim stated Mary broke the window with a drive shaft. Deputy did observed a vehicle's drive shaft near the rear door. Victim also stated that during Mary's incident she was making verbal thefts to harm her but the threats never turned physical. Based on the totality of circumstances and

the history of violence from Mary it was determined Mary to be the primary aggressor. Mary was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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**Theft**

The investigation found that Combs used several schemes to misappropriate school money and conceal her activities.

Investigators discovered that Combs used a check-swap scheme to steal cash. For example, she received a \$600 check from a business for a promotional banner to be displayed at athletic events. She did not issue a receipt for the check or record it in the school accounting system. Instead, Combs exchanged the check for cash from other school collections – effectively “cashing” the check through the collection drawer for her own personal use.

Combs also altered school records and manipulated receipts for school cash collections to conceal her misappropriation of cash. In all, investigators found that Combs stole \$34,754 in cash.

Additionally, Combs used

the school purchasing card for personal purchases totaling \$643. These purchases included wine, a kitchen blender, and various food items. Investigators are also questioning more than \$7,000 in other purchases of mostly food and other grocery items that can't be definitively tied to Combs.

In July 2020, the Grainger County Grand Jury indicted Valerie Anne Combs on one count of theft over \$10,000.

“There were several weaknesses within the school's financial processes that allowed this theft to go undetected for several years,” said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. “The former bookkeeper was largely responsible for nearly all the financial activities of the school, and school officials failed to ensure deposits were made intact or review charge card statements and invoices prior to payment.”

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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**CDC Expects 2020 Outbreak of Life-Threatening Acute Flaccid Myelitis**

Doctors urged to quickly recognize symptoms and to hospitalize patients immediately

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) anticipates that 2020 will be another peak year for cases of acute flaccid myelitis (AFM), an uncommon but serious neurologic condition that affects mostly children. The disease has peaked every two years between August and November in the

United States since 2014. Enteroviruses, particularly enterovirus-D68 (EV-D68), are likely responsible for these peaks in cases.

CDC released a new CDC Vital Signs report to alert health care providers to a possible outbreak this year. This Vital Signs report reveals a delay in care for some patients in 2018: 35% of patients were not hospitalized until two or more days after limb weakness. AFM can progress rapidly over the course of hours or days, leading to permanent paralysis and/or the life-threat-

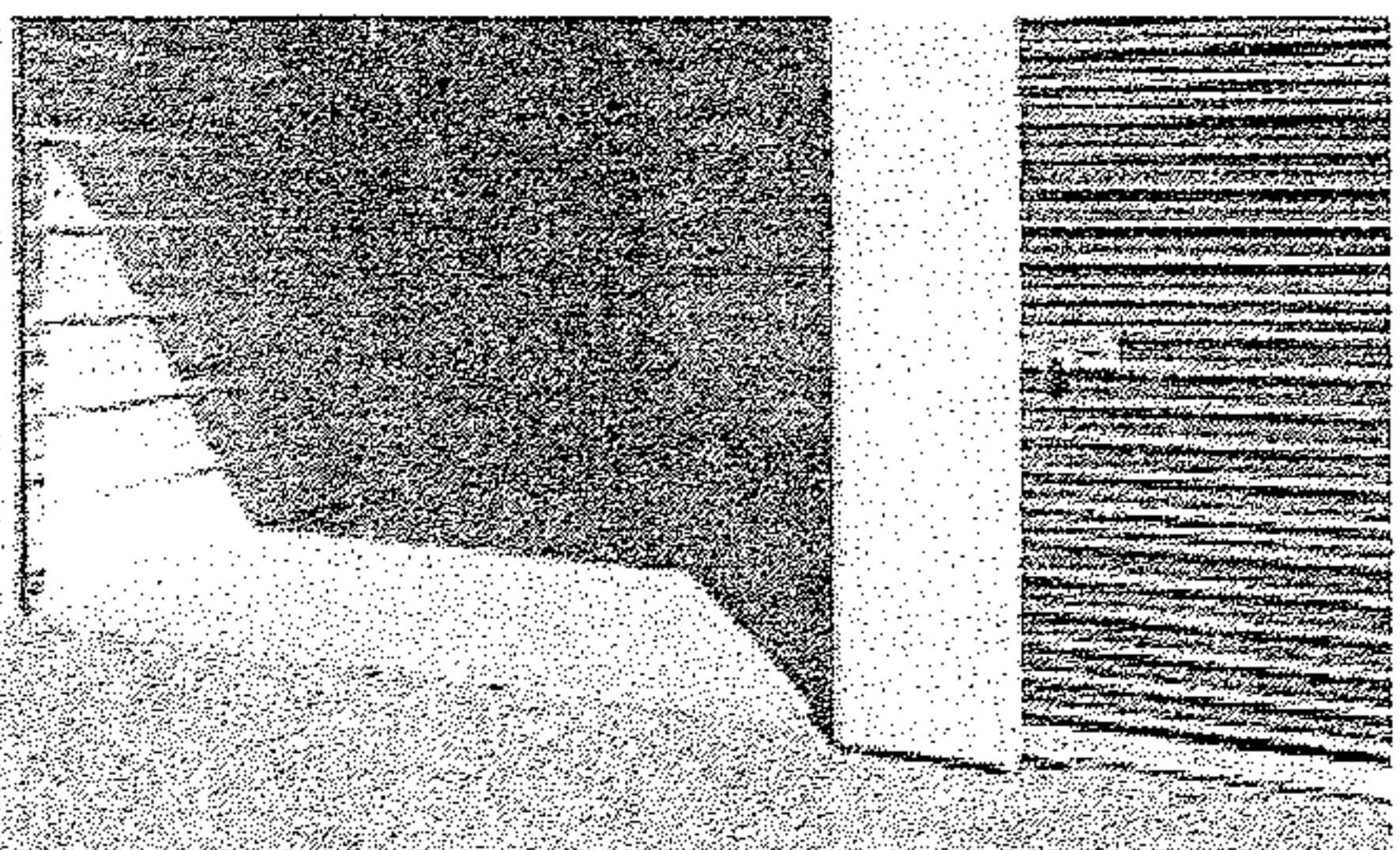
ening complication of respiratory failure in previously healthy patients, so delays in care can be serious.

This Vital Signs report is intended to provide an anticipatory alert as we prepare for a possible outbreak this year.

Parents and doctors should suspect AFM in patients with sudden limb weakness, especially during August through November. Recent respiratory illness or fever and the presence of neck or back pain or any neurologic

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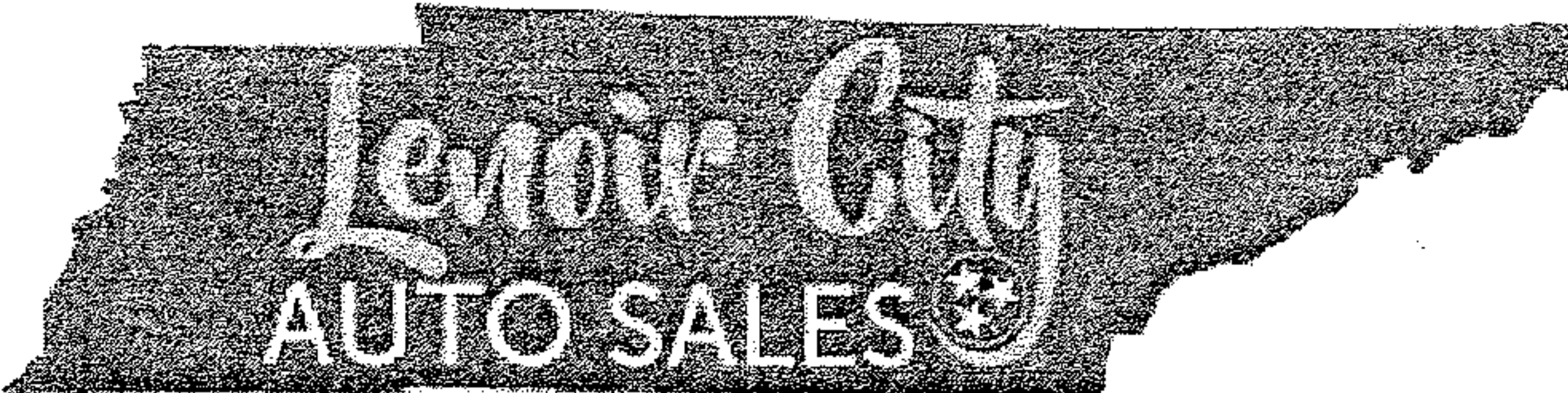


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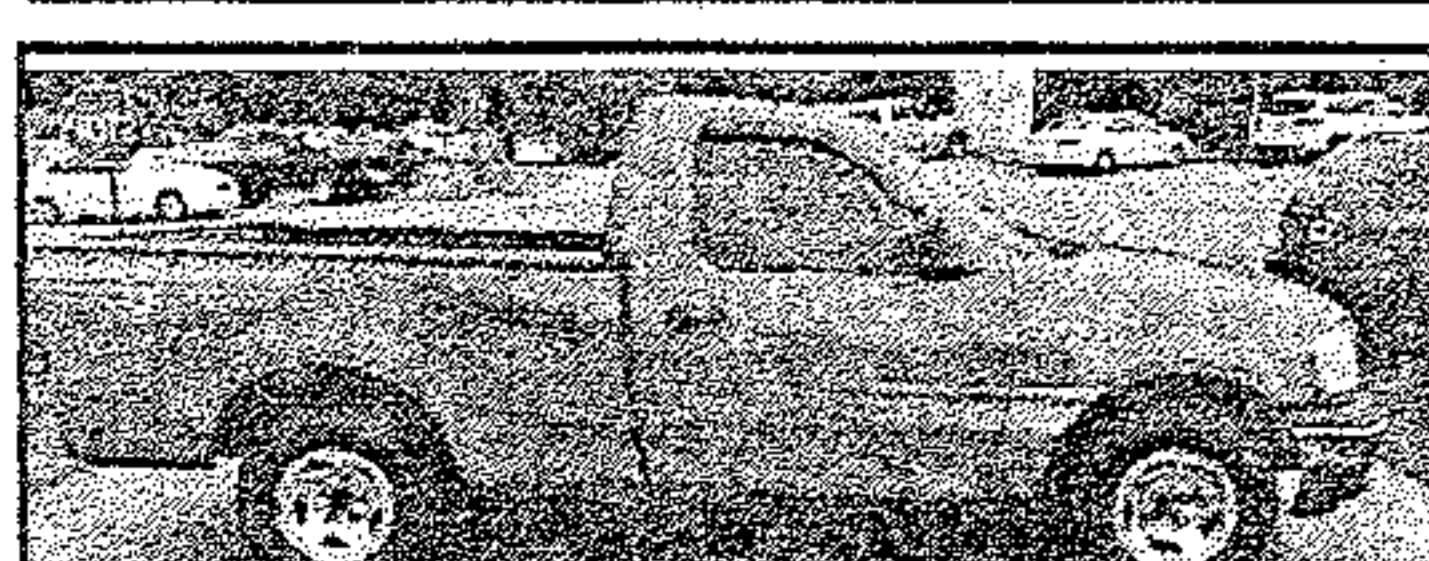
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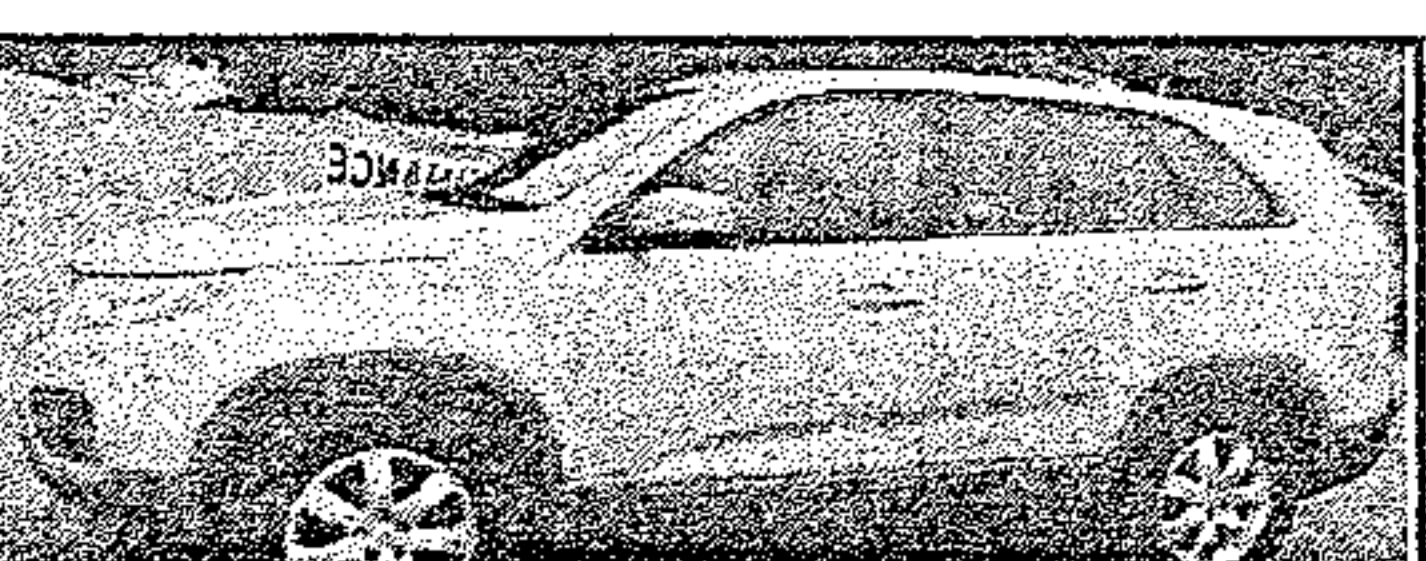
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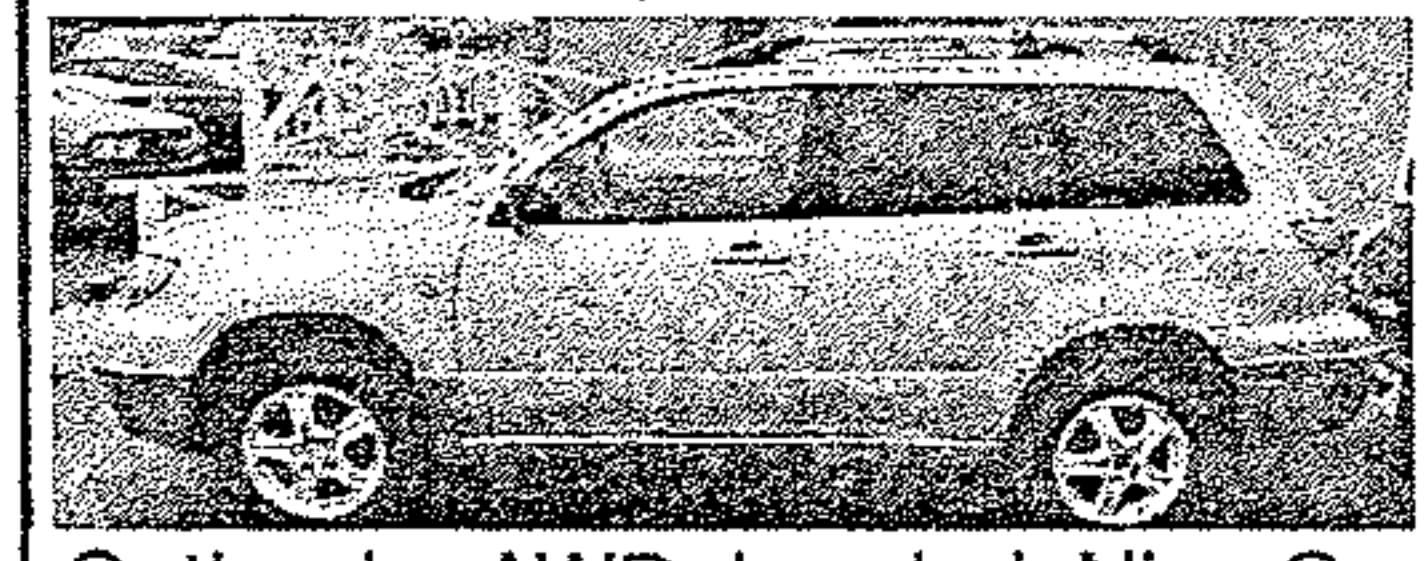
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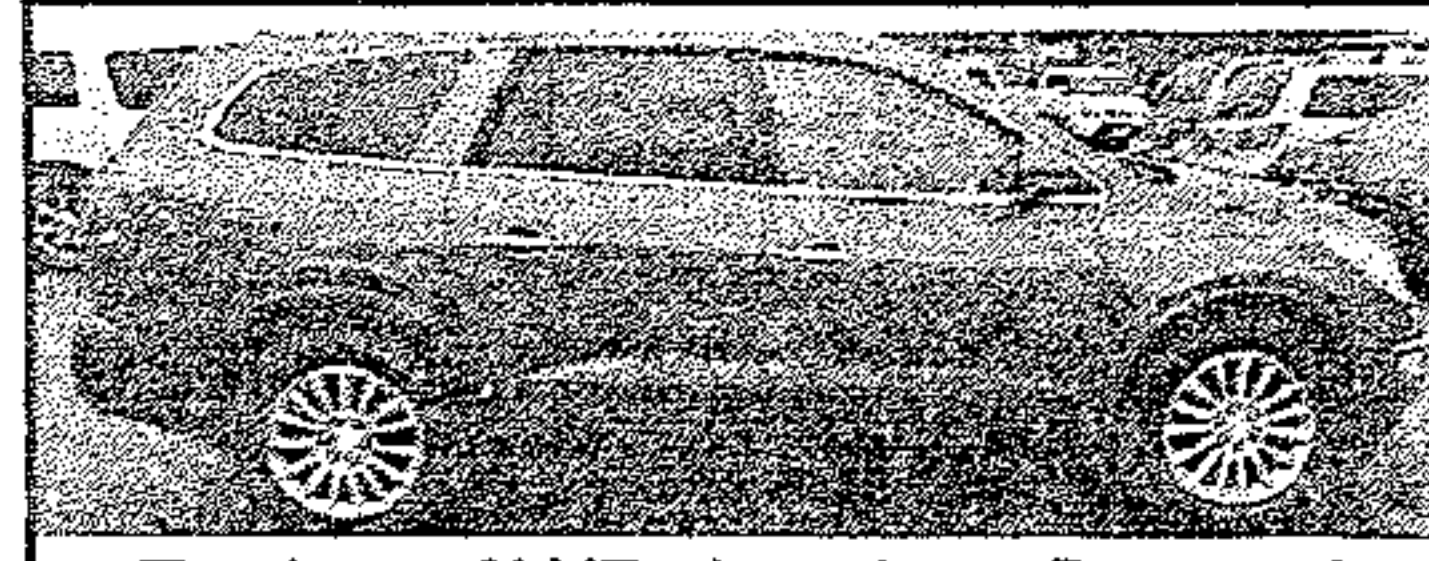
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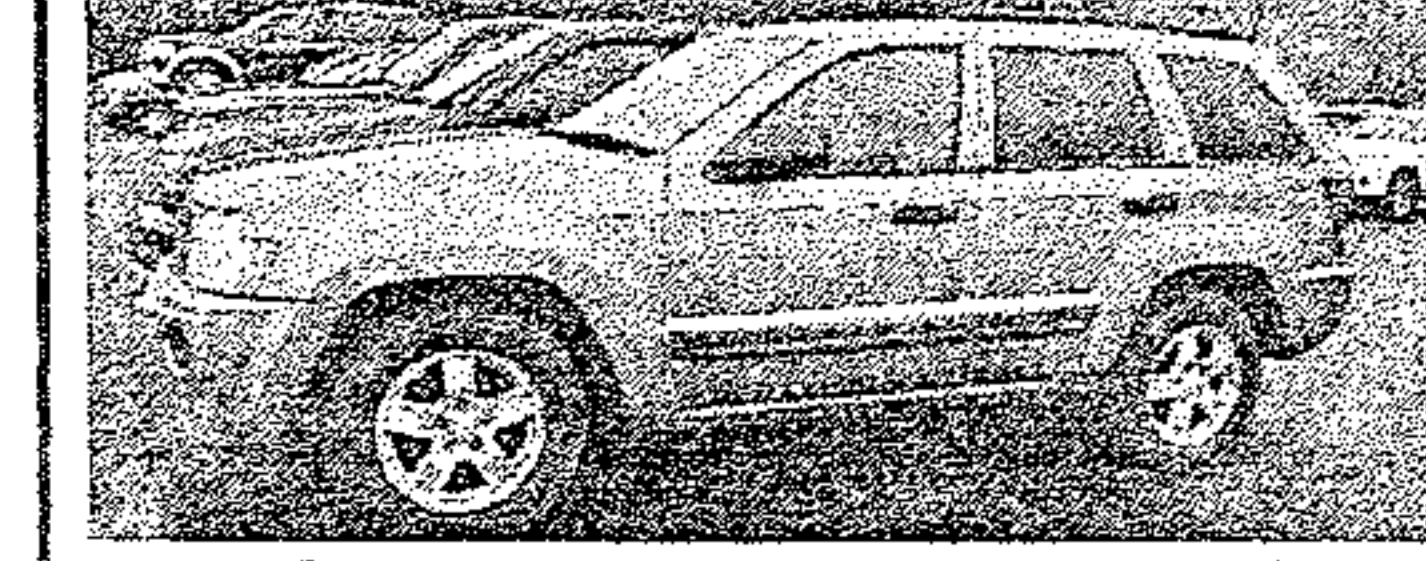
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**Assault**

involving Hicks. While investigating the aggravated assault Officer discovered that Hicks was not assaulted, but was actually involved in a domestic with his girlfriend, at his residence. The victim stated that Hicks was upset because he could not find his smoke pipe nor his klonopin. While pacing in their bedroom Hicks began to hit the victim blaming her for the lost items. During the altercation victim stated she grabbed a knife and stabbed Hicks in the thigh. The victim is severely handicapped, and advised she had been physically abused numerous times in the past by Hicks. Officer observed several marks on the victim. Jacob Hicks was the primary aggressor and placed under arrest.

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symptom should heighten their concern.

Pediatricians and front-line providers in emergency departments and urgent care centers should be prepared to quickly recognize symptoms of AFM and immediately hospitalize patients. Timing is critical at each step—prompt AFM recognition leads to optimal medical management and early specimen collection. When health care providers recognize symptoms as soon as possible, there is a better chance of detecting the cause of AFM, which might help predict the outcome. Other laboratory tests and an MRI of the brain and spinal cord can distinguish AFM from other conditions with limb weakness.

To read more about the Nationwide Outbreak of Acute Flaccid Myelitis—United States, 2018 and the

entire Vital Signs report, visit [www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns](http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns).

For more information about AFM, visit: [www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/](http://www.cdc.gov/acute-flaccid-myelitis/)

**About Vital Signs**

Vital Signs is a report that appears as part of the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. Vital Signs provides the latest data and information on key health threats. Previous topics have included cancer, HIV/AIDS, prescription drug overdoses,

antibiotic resistance, suicides, asthma, and global health.

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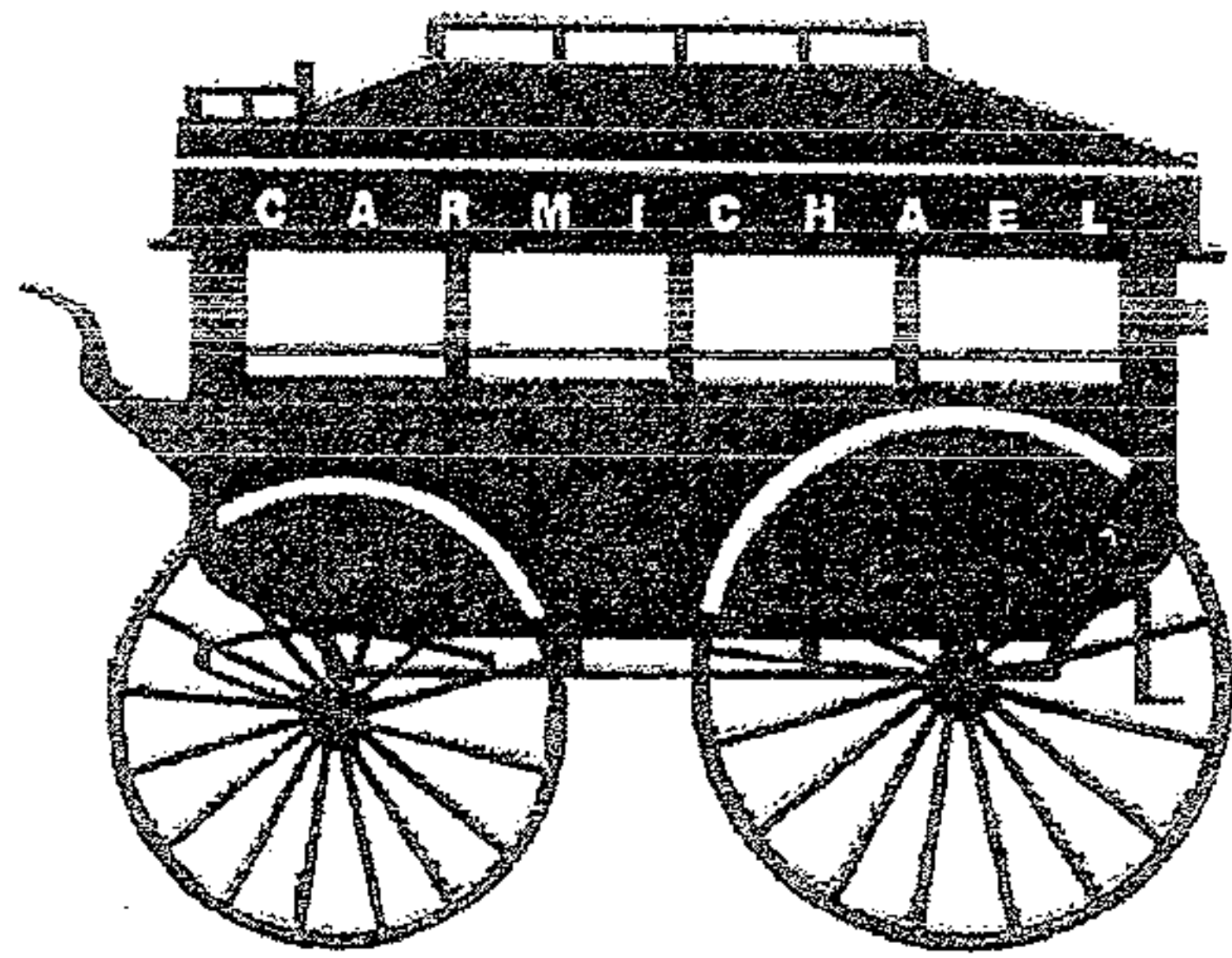
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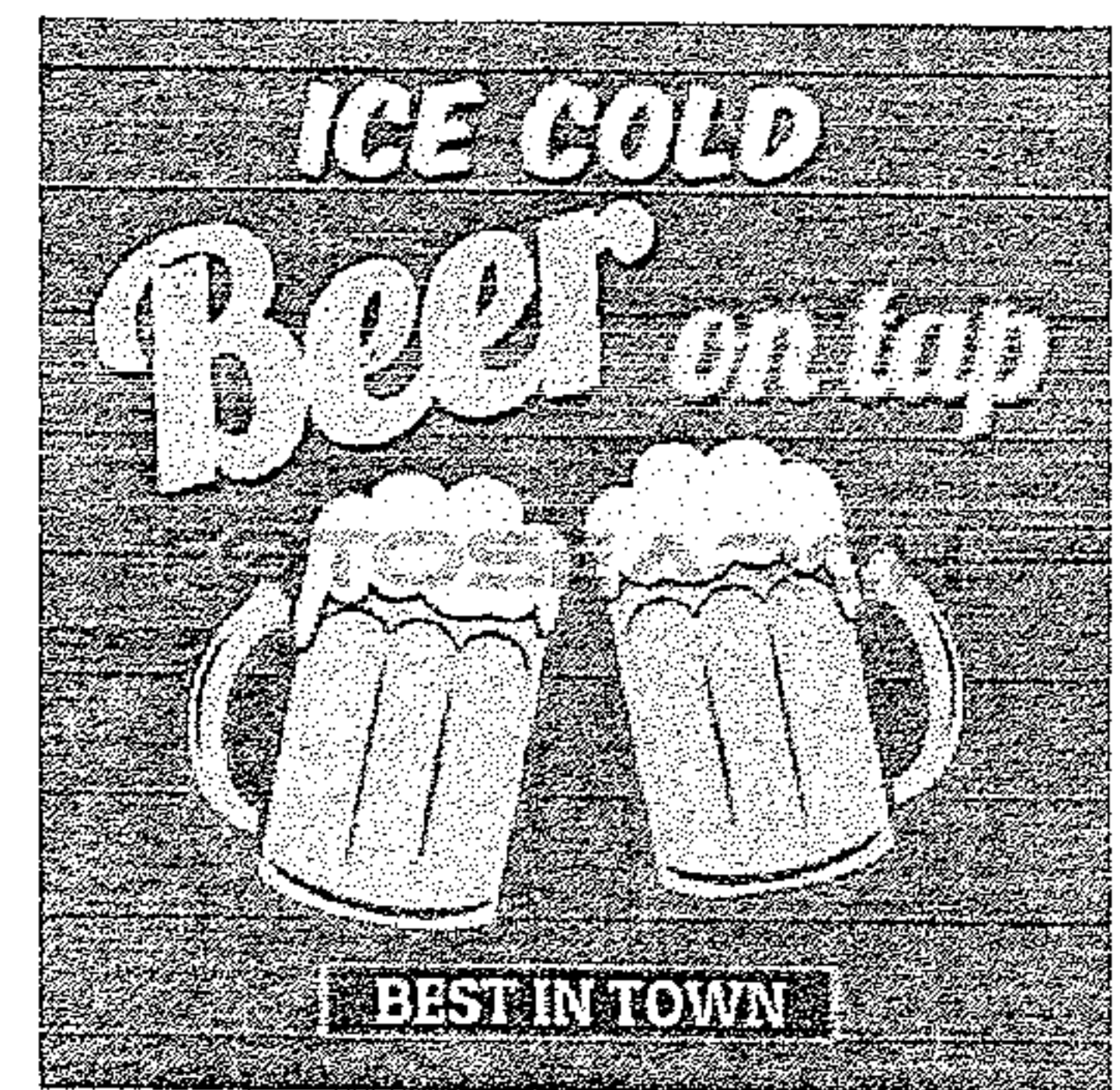
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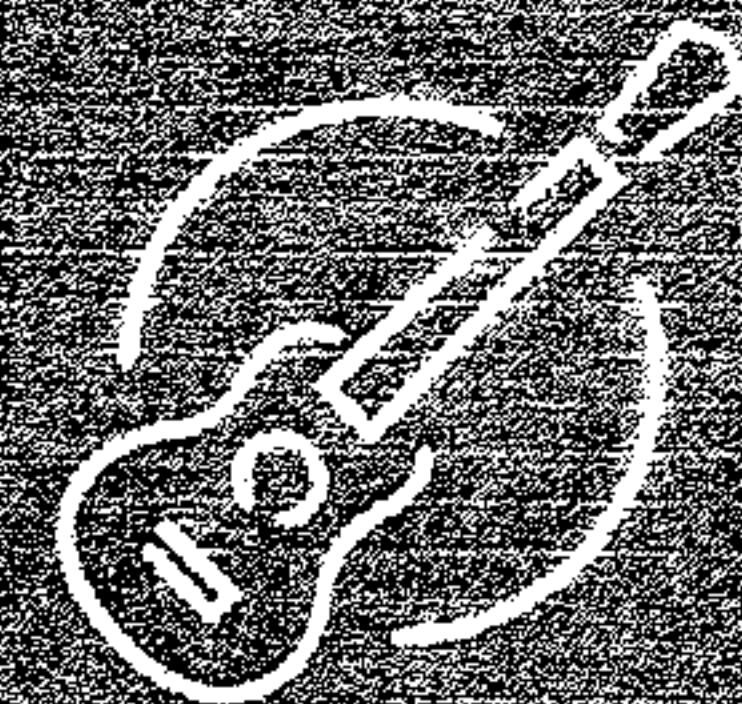
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