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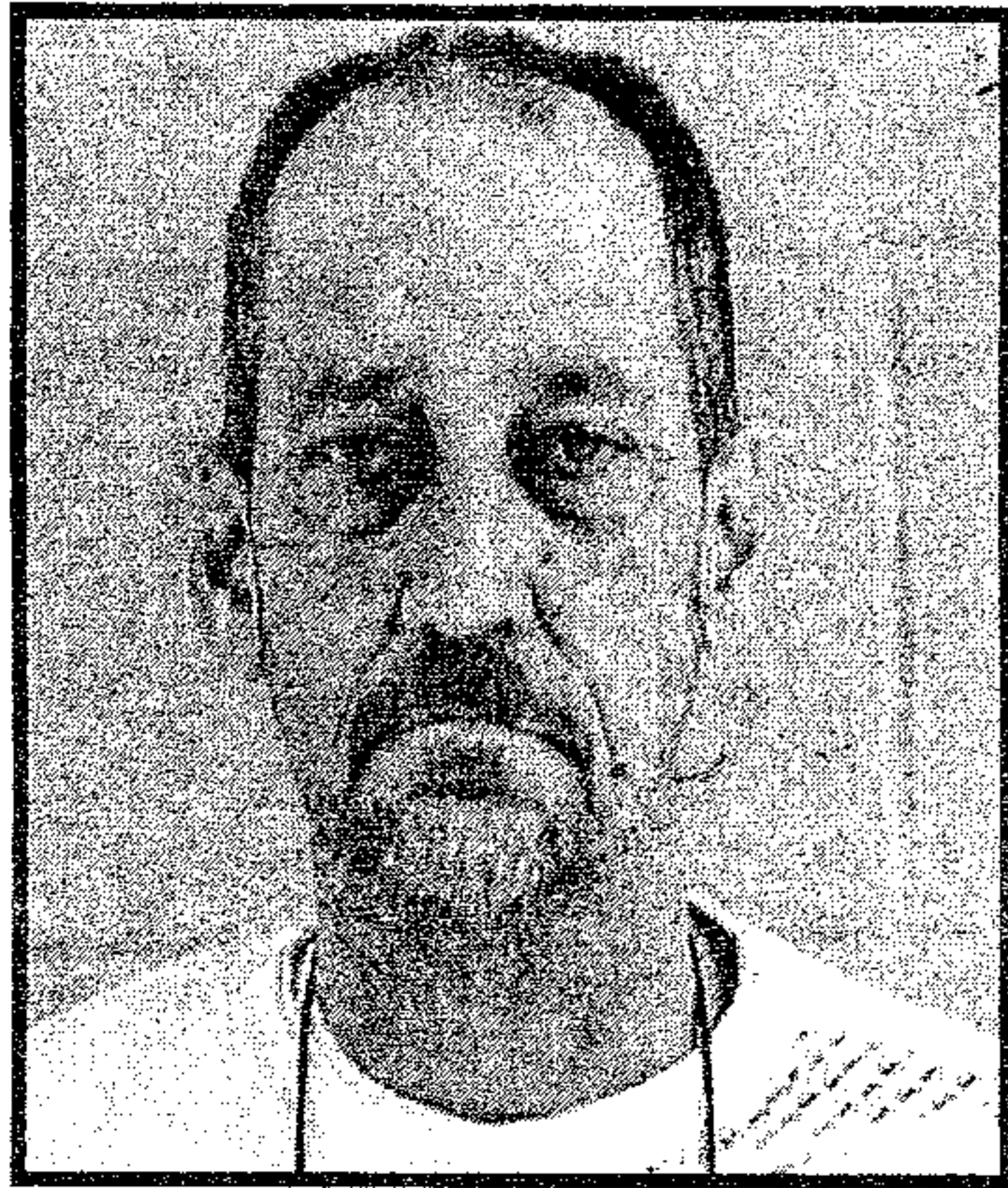
Tuesday, November 15, 2011

## Maryville couple goes to jail after harboring runaway teen

Authorities arrested a Maryville couple after learning they had hidden a runaway juvenile at their home in spite of knowing there was a petition out for the delinquent's detainment.

James Scott Tucker, 53, and Kristina Michelle Tucker, 45, Auburn Drive, Maryville were charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

(see Should'a Known Better pg. 7)



J. Tucker



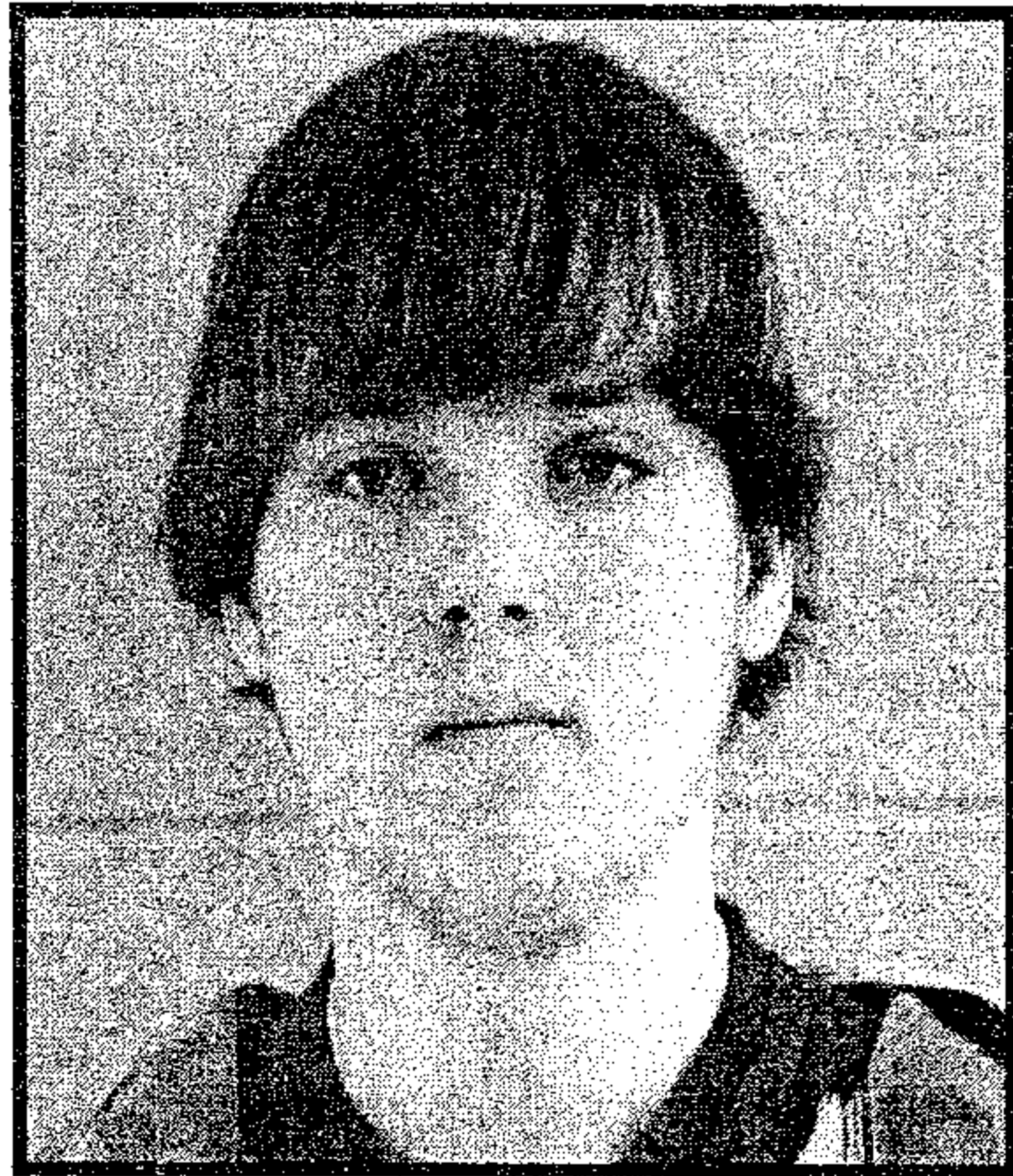
K. Tucker

## Man just takes what he wants, charged

Local detectives charged a Lenoir City man with various offenses after he allegedly stole, then sold a game, and assailed a woman in her vehicle at Walmart where he took money from her while in the presence of her infant child.

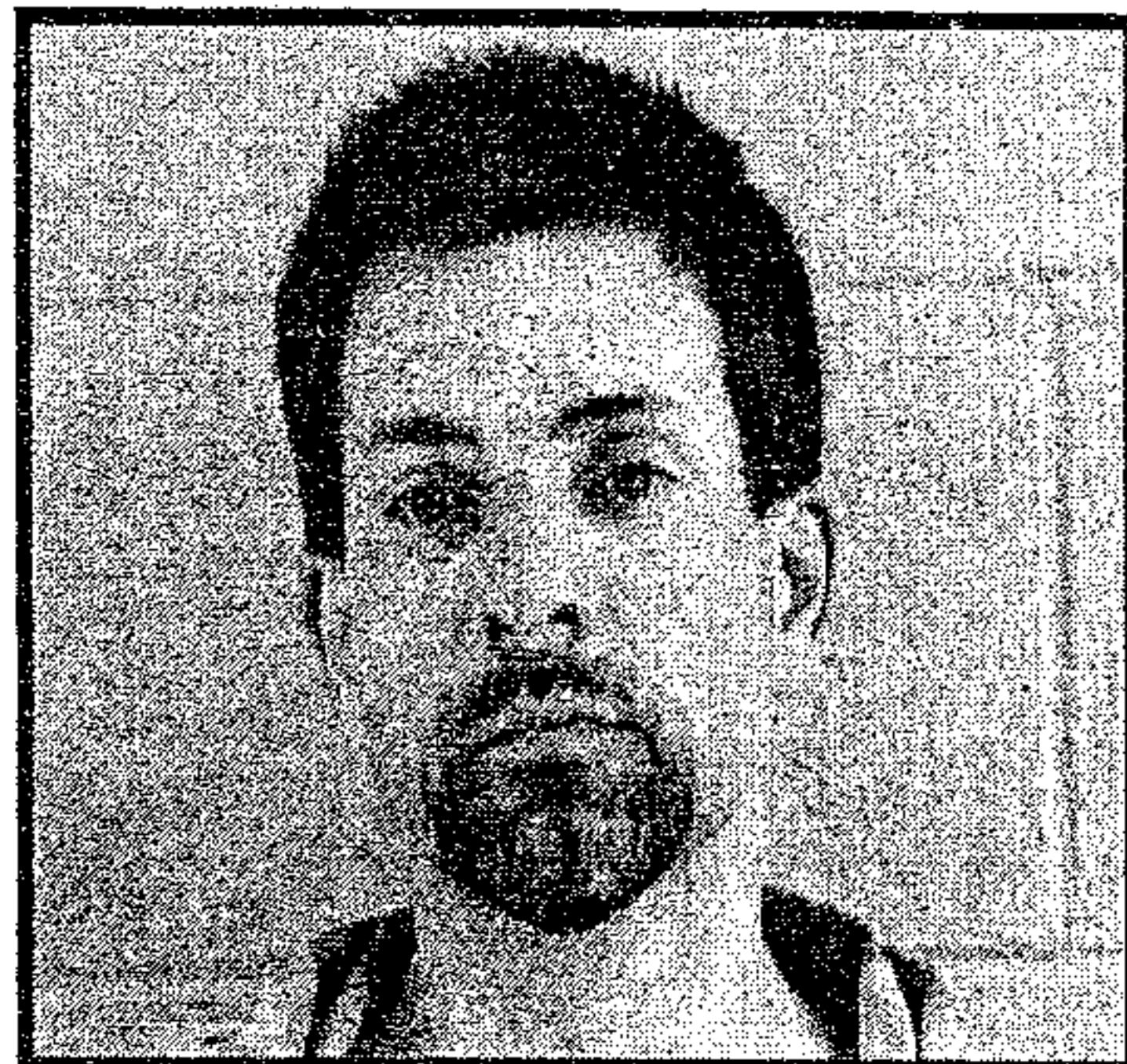
Ronald Nicholas Bunch, 20, Jones Road, Lenoir City, was charged with assault, theft under \$500, and theft of property.

(see Jailed pg. 6)



Bunch

## Beef & chicken lands 1 in jail



Edwards

A local man was jailed Friday when he reportedly decided to steal a stick of beef jerky while munching on a box of

(see Beef & Chicken pg. 8)

## Beer rolls out of van in DUI stop

When Deputy Billy Hall stopped an Indiana man's box van for driving recklessly with its flashers on, the driver opened the passenger side door and a bottle of beer reportedly rolled out and began spilling onto the ground at

(see Oops! pg. 3)

## October Revenues

NASHVILLE — Revenue collections in Tennessee for October continue to indicate consumer confidence in the state's economy. Finance and Administration commissioner Mark Emkes reported today that state revenue collections for October were \$791.5 mil-

(see Revenues pg. 3)

## Unlicensed drivers

Reina Adelaida Alva Cano, 25, of West First Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

(see Unlicensed pg. 7)

## Hate Crimes Remain Steady

### 2010 FBI Report Released

Intimidation...vandalism... assault...rape...murder. These are crimes by anyone's definition. But add an element of bias against the victims—because of their race or religion, for example—and these tradi-

(see Report pg. 5)

### Verse of the Day

*Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by wrong; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work;*  
Jeremiah 22:13

### Obituaries

Larry Gene Britt  
Angela Lee Parton  
Vera Mae Hudson Griffiths  
Edgar Roscoe Pendleton Jr.

### Wazzup

It's Panthers vs. Panthers this Friday in Powell when our own Lenoir City Panthers face

off with the Powell Panthers on the football field. Everybody be sure to support our home team!

### Weather

Today: Showers early becoming less numerous later in the day. High 69. Winds SSW at 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 50%.

Tonight: Rain showers early, becoming a steady, soaking rain later at night with a few rumbles of thunder possible. Low 58F. Winds SW at 5 to 10 mph. Chance of rain 80%. 1 to 2 inches of rain expected.

Wednesday: Rain and thunder.

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**Revenues**

lion, which is 8.01% above October 2010.

"We're satisfied with

the positive growth rates experienced in our overall tax collections, especially in the sales tax, which is the best indicator

of economic recovery in Tennessee," Emkes said. "The sales tax recorded a first quarter growth of 6.5%, which is the best first quarter growth since 2006.

"However, we continue to watch national leading economic indicators, which show that very slow recovery is in progress, and in light of that and the uncertainty surrounding resolution of the federal budget, we must continue to be diligent in monitoring our spending patterns."

On an accrual basis, October is the third month in the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

October collections were \$36.4 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by \$34.0 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$2.4 million.

Sales tax collections were \$15.9 million more than the estimate for October. The October growth rate was 6.17%. Year-to-date the growth rate is 6.50%.

Franchise and excise combined collections for October were \$35.1 million, and they were \$24.9 million above the budgeted estimate of \$10.2 million.

Gasoline and motor fuel collections increased by 1.93% and they were \$1.2 million below the budgeted estimate of \$72.8 million.

Tobacco tax collections for the month were under collected by \$1.6 million.

Privilege tax collections were \$600,000 less than the budgeted estimate of \$21.2 million.

Inheritance and Estate taxes were under collected by \$1.9 million for the month.

All other taxes were over collected by a net of \$0.9 million.

Year-to-date collections for three months were \$59.9 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund was over collected by

\$56.8 million and the four other funds were over collected by \$3.1 million. The budgeted revenue estimates for 2011-2012 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation of April 15, 2011 and adopted by the first session of the 107th General Assembly in May. They are available on the state's website at <http://www.tn.gov/finance/bud/budget.html>.

**Oops!**

the lawman's feet.

Scott A. Niswonger, 41, West Maple Street, Chandler, Indiana was charged with DUI 1st offense, violation of implied consent and violation of open container.

The report states, Friday, at approximately 1:05 AM, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO received a call from E-911 in reference to a white box van with yellow flashing lights that was swerving all over the road and driving reckless.

The van was on Interstate 75 Northbound approaching the 81 mile marker. E-911 advised Hall they had received (see Oops! cont. pg. 6)

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**Report**

tional crimes become hate crimes.

And based on data from the FBI's Hate Crime Statistics report

for 2010, the 6,628 hate crime incidents reported to us by our law enforcement partners stayed consistent with the 6,604 incidents re-

ported in 2009.

The FBI released the full 2010 report on its website Monday and it contains information about the types of bi-

ases that motivate hate crimes, the nature of the offenses, and some information about the victims and offenders. It also breaks down hate crimes by jurisdiction and includes data by state and by agency.

The hate crimes report is fairly reflective of the country—agencies that participated in the Uniform Crime Reporting Hate Crime Statistics Program effort in 2010 represented more than 285 million people, or 92.3 percent of the nation's population, and their jurisdictions covered 49 states and the District of Columbia. Of the 14,977 agencies that submitted data, 1,949 reported that hate crime incidents had occurred in their jurisdictions.

Here are some of the report's highlights:

- Law enforcement reported 8,208 victims of hate crimes—a "victim" can be an individual, a business, an institution, or society as a whole.

- Of the 6,628 hate crime incidents reported to us for 2010, nearly all (6,624) involved a single bias—47.3 percent of the single-bias incidents were motivated by race; 20 percent by religion; 19.3 by sexual orientation; 12.8 percent by an ethnicity/national origin bias; and 0.6 by physical or mental disability.

- As a result of the 2009 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr., Hate Crime Prevention Act, the FBI is implementing changes to collect additional data for crimes motivated by a bias against a particular gender or gender identity, as well as for hate

crimes committed by or directed against juveniles.

- A reported 4,824 offenses were crimes against persons—intimidation accounted for 46.2 percent of these offenses; simple assault for 34.8 percent; and aggravated assault for 18.4 percent.

- There were 2,861 reported offenses of crimes against property—the majority (81.1 percent) were acts of destruction/damage/vandalism.

- Of the 6,008 known offenders, 58.6 were white and 18.4 percent were black.

- 31.4 percent of reported hate crime incidents took place in or near homes.

The FBI takes its role in investigating hate crimes very seriously—it's the number one priority of our civil rights program. "Almost a fourth of our 2010 civil rights caseload involved crimes motivated by a particular bias against the victim," said Eric Thomas, our civil rights chief in Washington, D.C., "and we frequently worked these cases with state and local law enforcement to ensure that justice was done—whether at the state level or at the federal level."

This report, and the FBI's hate crime data collection effort as a whole, would not have been possible without the support of national and state criminal justice organizations and the thousands of law enforcement agencies nationwide whose officers investigate, identify, and report hate crimes to us.

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**Jailed**

According to affidavits filed by Detectives Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID, and Jack Fine, LCPD; on or about July 21st, 2011, the victim reported a known acquaintance he identified as Ronald Nicholas Bunch was at his house on Mountain View Road in Lenoir City playing his xBox Game console. After Mr. Bunch left the residence, the victim found the empty case of a game he had recently purchased and the disc was missing.

At approximately 6:00 PM that day, a witness identified Mr. Bunch as selling the same game without the case at the Game Stop on Highway 321.

According to another victim, on October 2nd, 2011, she was in the

Walmart parking lot, 911 Highway 321, Lenoir City, and saw Ronald Bunch. She stated she went to school with Bunch and spoke to him.

Bunch approached the woman's vehicle and got into the passenger side. After a few minutes of conversation, Bunch struck the woman in the forehead and took \$30 from a cup holder in her vehicle then fled the area.

The victim reported her 8 months old son was in his car seat in the vehicle when the attack occurred. She had a knot on the right side of her forehead from the assault.

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Deputy Langley, LCSO transported Ronald Bunch from the Loudon County General Sessions Courtroom to the Loudon County Jail where Corporal Angi Martin, LCSO served the warrants and made the arrest.

**Oops! cont.**

several complaints on the vehicle.

The lawman reported he observed the vehicle

exit I-75 at the 81 mile marker and then cross over 321 and get back on I-75 North. He stopped it just above the 81 mile marker and approached it on the passenger side.

When the driver opened the passenger door, a beer bottle fell from the vehicle and spilled.

The driver, identified as Scott Niswonger, had very watery eyes and

slurred speech. Mr. Niswonger stated he'd consumed two beers. He was unsteady on his feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person.

The deputy attempted to give him several field sobriety tasks and Niswonger couldn't perform any of them.

Niswonger had trouble (see Oops! cont. pg. 8)

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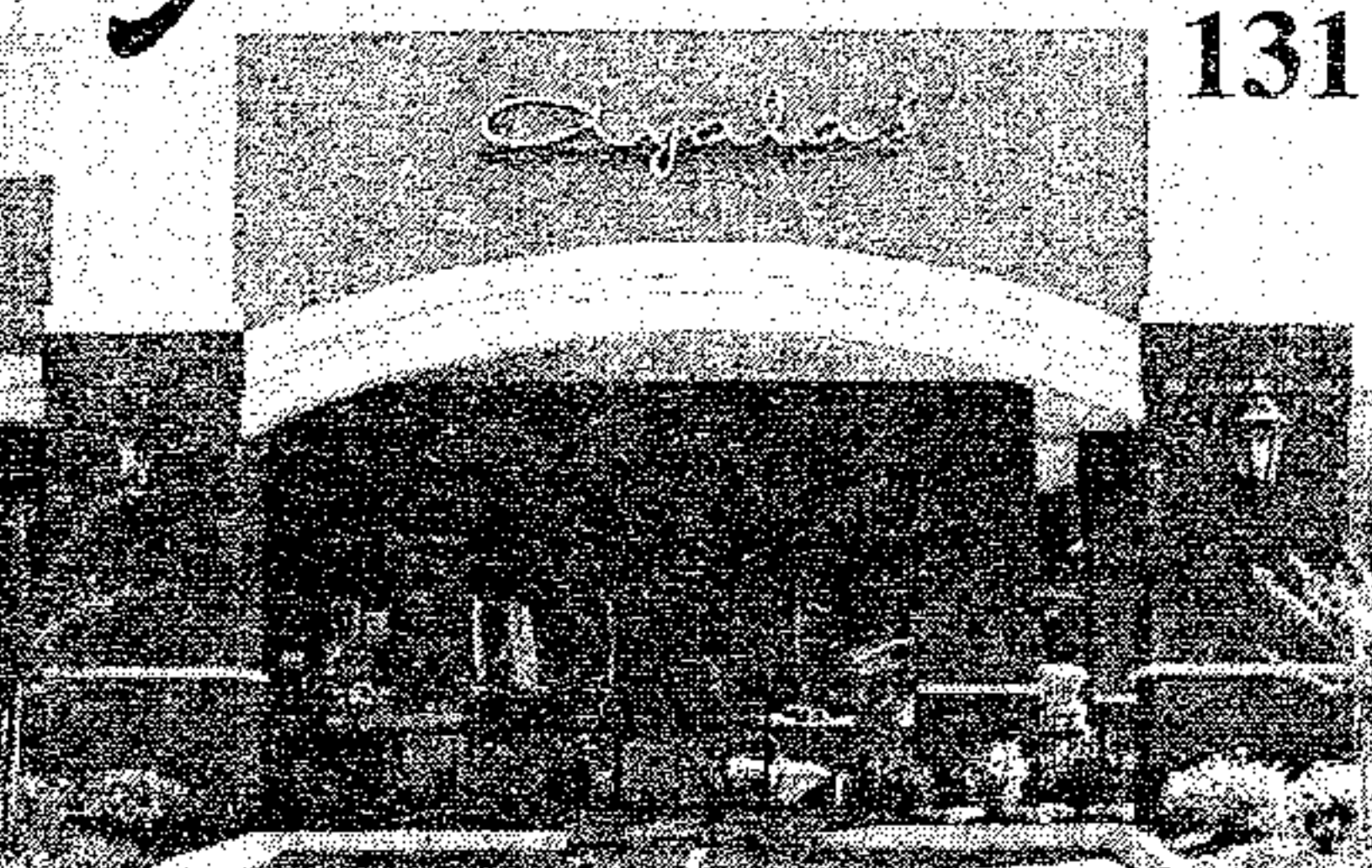
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According to affidavits filed by Deputy James Stegall, LCSO; on November 10th, 2011, James and Kristina Tucker were aware there was a runaway petition on a 14 year old female juvenile and still allowed her to hide at their residence and did not notify authorities. Maryville officers

found the runaway at Mr. and Mrs. Tucker's residence.

Deputy James Stegall, LCSO served the warrant on Mrs. Tucker and arrested her Friday at the Blount County Jail. Deputy Pamela Snow, LCSO served the warrant on Mr. Tucker and arrested him Saturday at the Loudon County Jail.

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### Unlicensed

According to the report, Officer Allen Bean made a traffic stop on a vehicle on Rock Springs Road for a registration violation. Upon making contact with Ms. Cano she stated she does not have a license and a check showed her to be unlicensed as well.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest.

John Carter Bucklew, 54, of Cory Drive, Lenoir City was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Officer Allen

Bean, LCPD made a traffic stop in the parking lot of the Gas n Go in Lenoir City. Officer Bean could see Mr. Bucklew operating the vehicle and had prior knowledge he has no license and stopped him.

A check confirmed Bucklew to have no license.

Officer Allen Bean, LCPD made the arrest.

### Police Beat

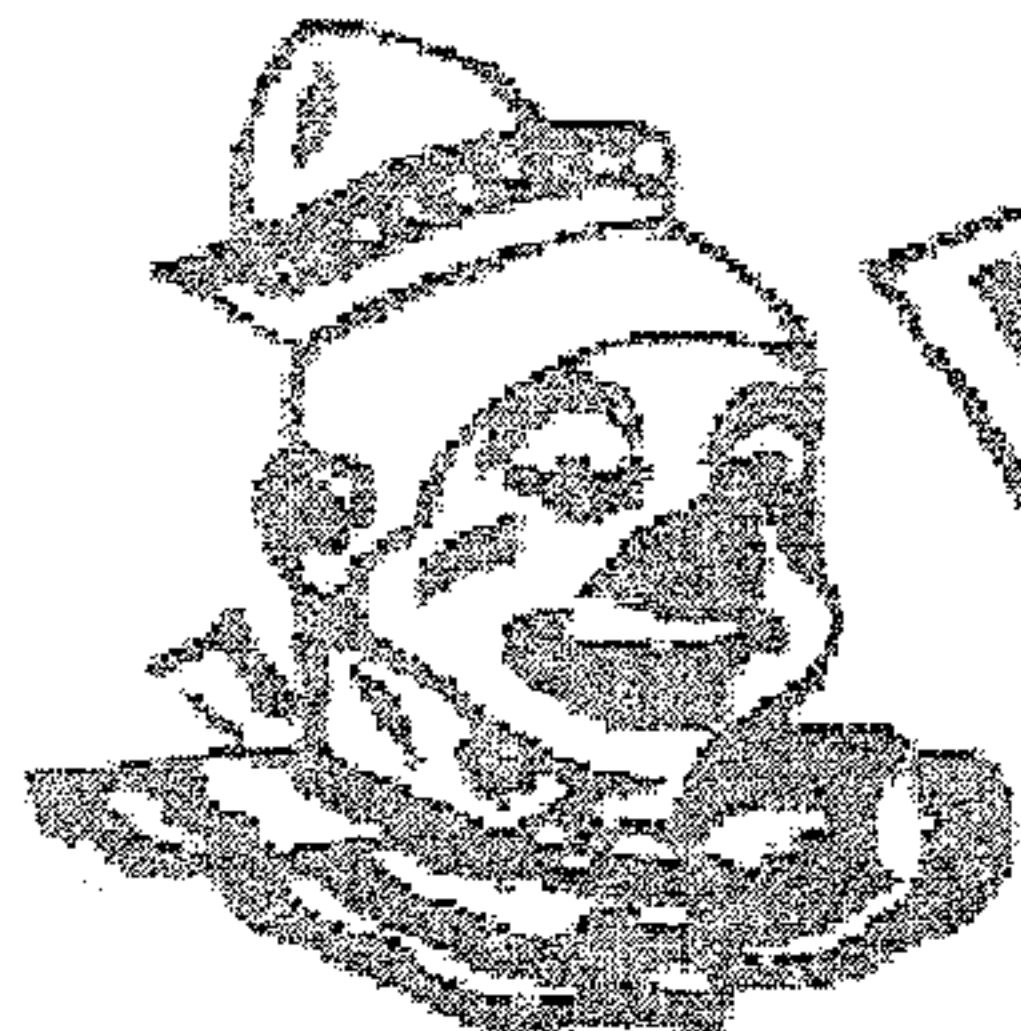
Michael Leon Smalton, 29, Ash Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy James R. Bowman, LCSO, made the arrest Thursday.

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### Beef & Chicken

chicken he hadn't paid for at Walmart.

Todd Aaron Edwards, 39, East 2nd Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500 and simple assault.

According to reports, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD responded to Walmart Friday in reference to an assault and theft of items call.

Asset Protection per-

sonnel advised he witnessed Mr. Edwards conceal beef jerky on his person while eating out of a box of chicken he had not paid for. When store security questioned him, Edwards pushed the security officer and threw the beef jerky to the ground.

The total amount of restitution was \$14.46.

### Oops! cont.

ble following directions and was argumentative.

When Mr. Niswonger was placed under arrest for DUI he became belligerent.

Deputy Hall reported he attempted to read Niswonger the Tennessee Implied Consent Advice and he once again became belligerent.

Niswonger was deemed a danger to himself and the motoring public and was transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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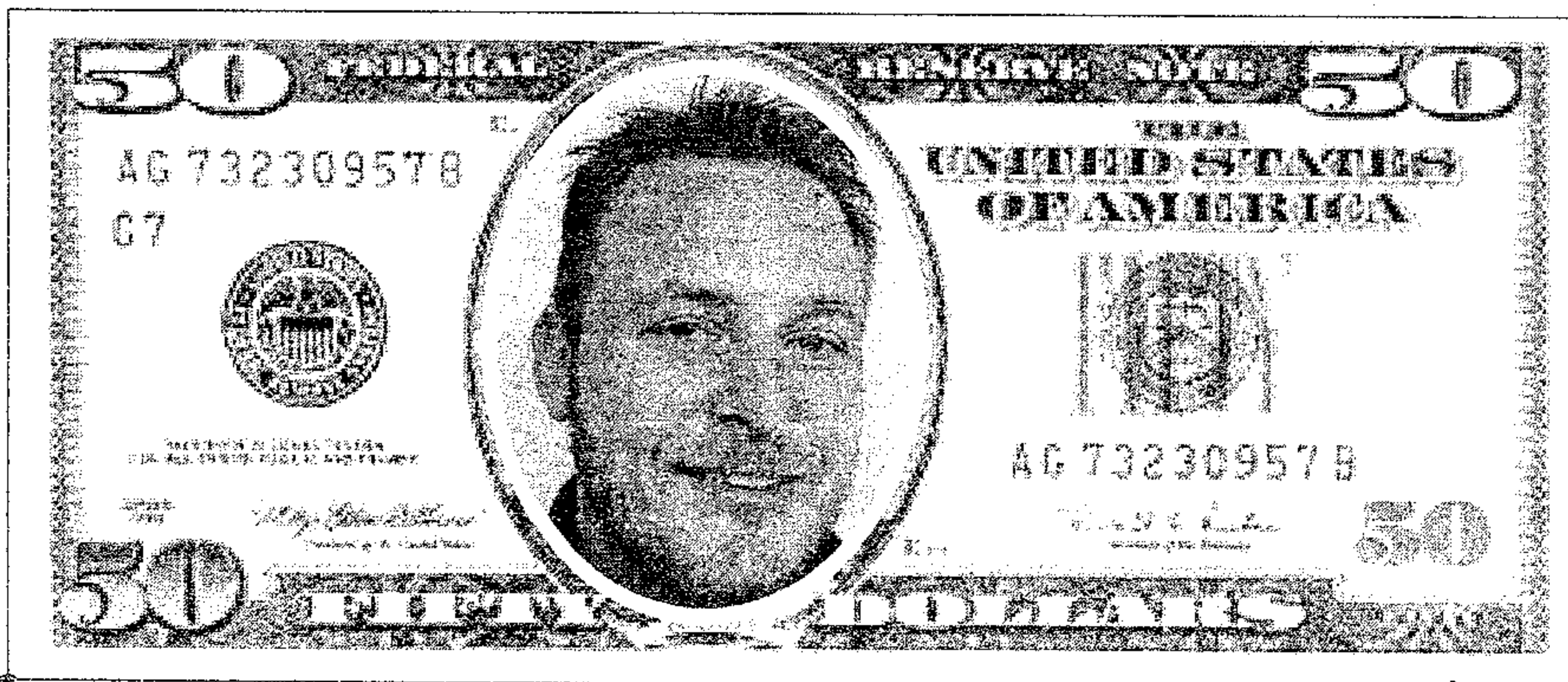
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