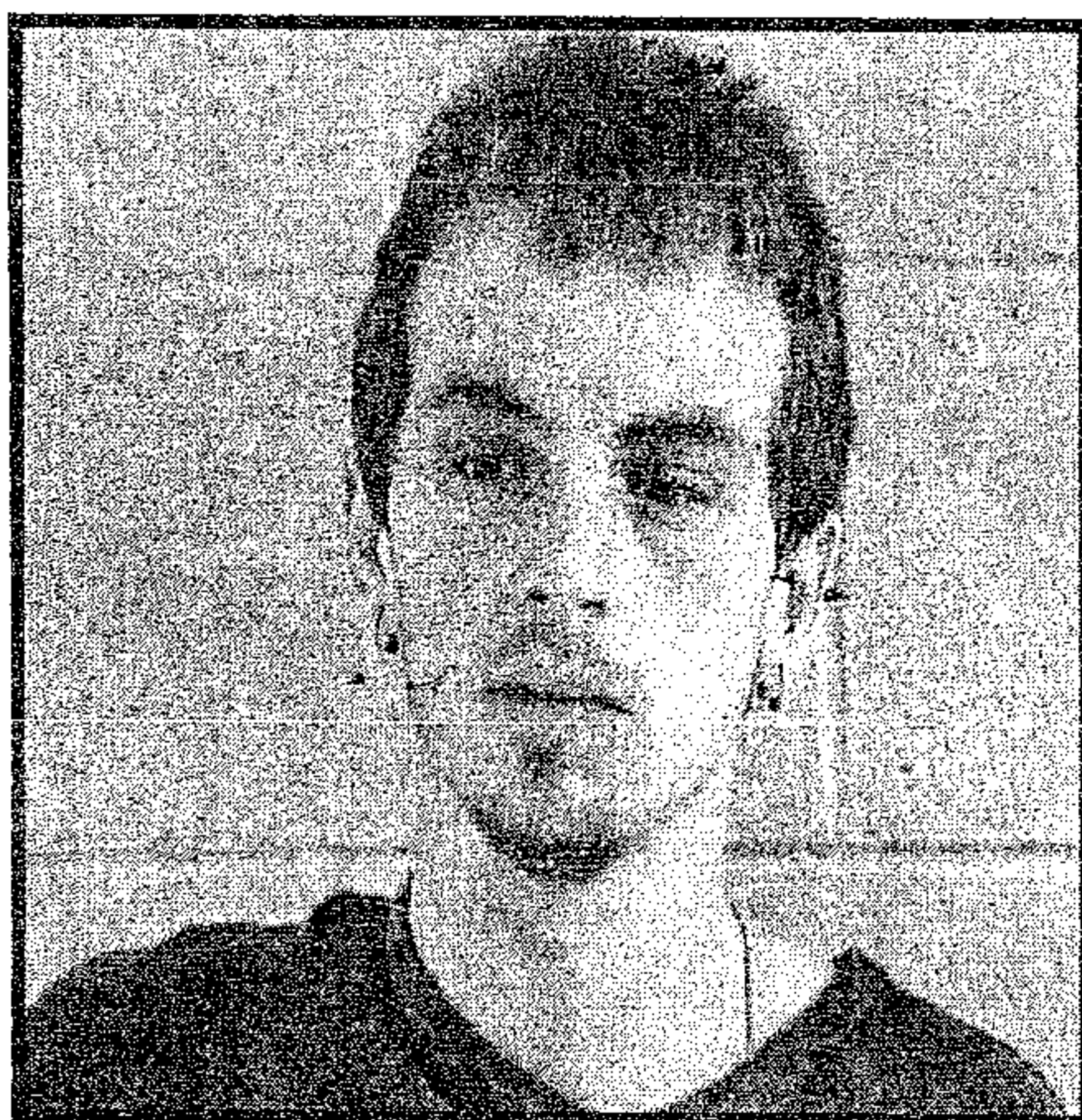


## Convicted thief charged with harassment

A local man convicted of stealing from children and their families has reportedly resorted to making threats to burn a mother's home down while she and her children were inside because he thought they had stolen his cell phone. Some of the threats reportedly were heard when he called the victim multiple times and was put on speaker phone during one of the calls so responding officials could hear him speak.

Josef Keith Smith, 26, Meadow Drive, Lenoir City was charged with  
(see Harassment pg. 4)



Josef Smith

## The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoc



### "Ain't God Good"

Today's message is simply a reminder that God IS in control and He IS good. There will be someone reading today that will smirk at those words and comment to themselves, if not to others, about how God hasn't done anything for them lately. There will be those who wonder how God can be so good if they are struggling so much with their finances, with their marriage, with an

addiction, with their job or their children.

I considered unpacking those rejections one by one and describing how our sin and our lack of faith is generally the root of each of them but today I will not; today I just want to say that God loves us! Above our sin and failure, above our gripes and complaints, through our deepest valleys and times of trial, God loves each of us and He knows exactly

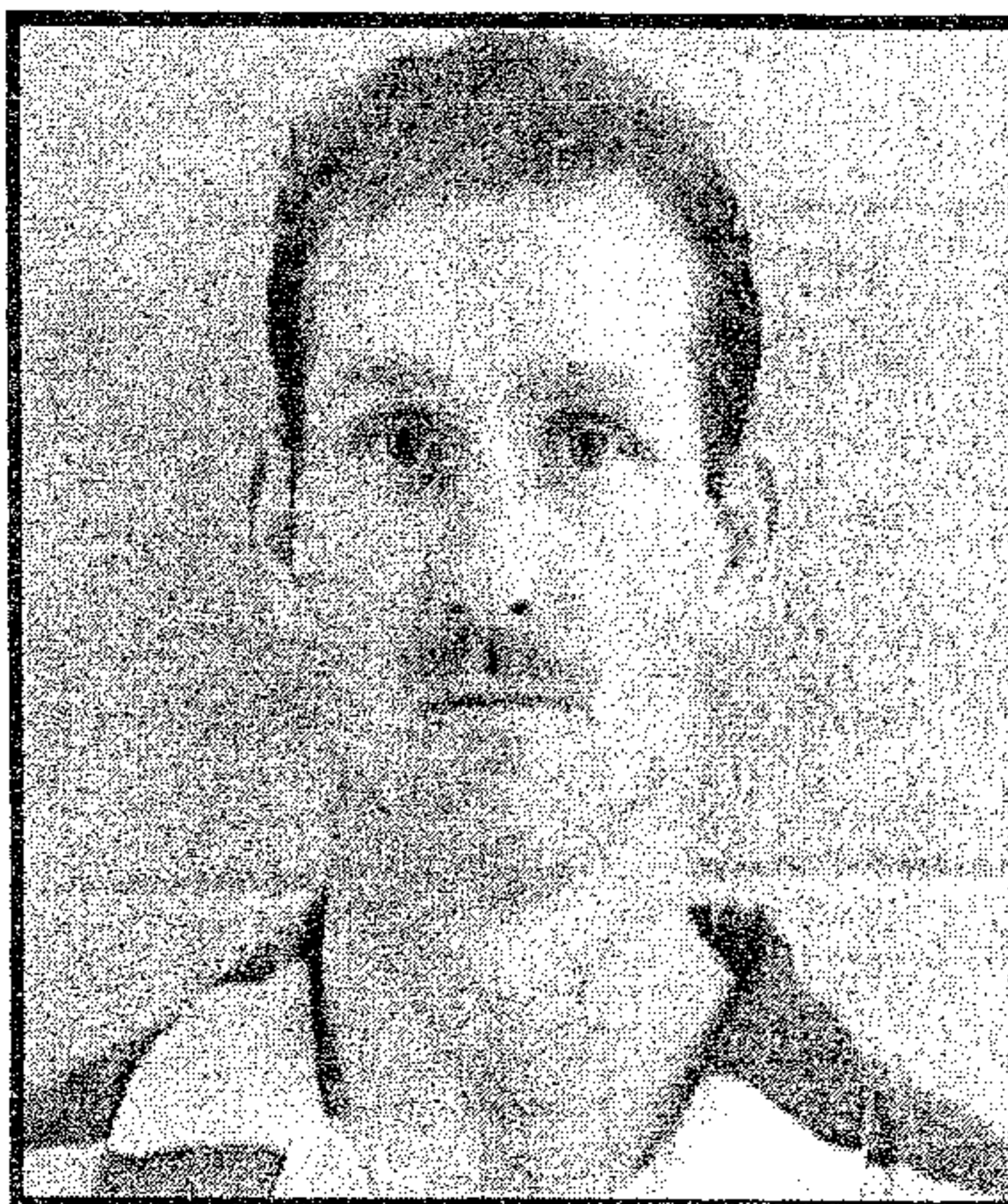
(see TGN pg. 6)

## GB man charged with reckless endangerment x3

Matthew Paul Bingham, 33, Coytee Road, Greenback, was charged with three counts of reckless endangerment.

According to affidavits, filed by Sgt. Detective Charles Cosner, LCSO-CID, on July 7th, 2012, at approximately 3:38 pm, Mrs. Bingham was traveling on Axley Chapel Road in Greenback, along with her passengers, a man and her three year old son. As Mrs. Bingham approached Kenny Dotson Lane she observed her estranged husband, Matthew Paul Bingham, driving an older model Jeep Cherokee in a reckless manner by following her more

(see Endangerment pg. 3)



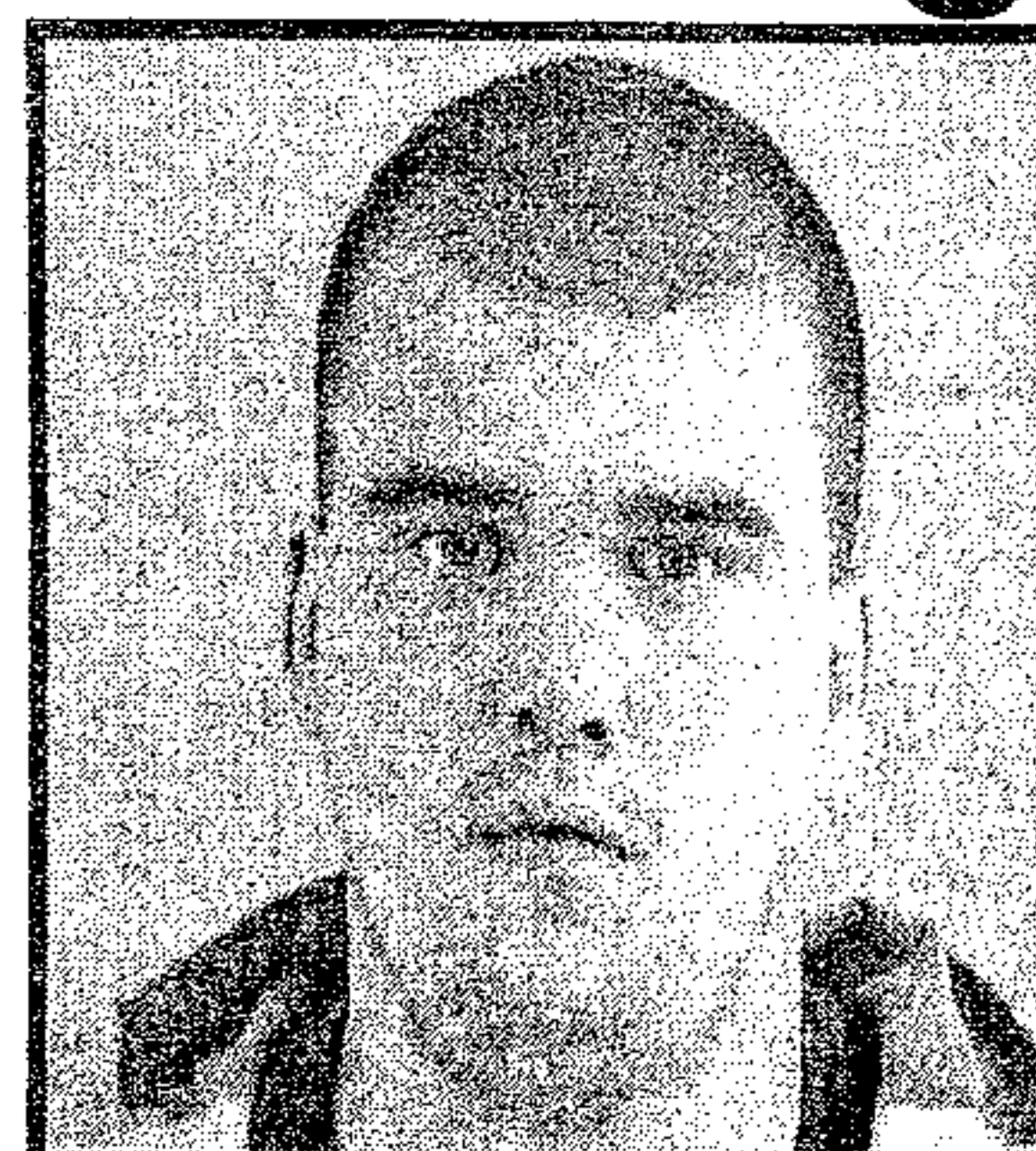
Matthew Bingham

## Man charged in Walmart stalking

Joshua Daniel Micha Furman, 22, Williams Road, Philadelphia, was charged with stalking.

According to the affidavit, filed by Detective Jonathan Sartin, LCPD, on or about July 2nd, 2012, Mr. Furman was

(see Stalker pg. 5)



### Verse of the Day

[Jesus said] "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it." - Matthew 7:13-14

### Obituaries

Grover Guy West II

### Wazzup

Happy Birthday Taylor Pro-vost hope you're having a great one in Michigan!

It's official the Burn Ban for Loudon County has been rescinded. We can now have our

campfires back. Ain't nothing like cooking over a fire!

### Weather

Today: Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90.

Tonight: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 70.

Tuesday Partly sunny with a 30 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 90. Lows around 70.

### Horoscopes

Cancer 6/22-7/22

Don't just copy what others have done, no matter how safe it feels -- you need to make sure that you're as original as can be, and taking

(Continued on page 2)



## Obituaries

**Grover Guy West II** - age 71 of Lenoir City passed away Friday, July 13, 2012. He was a retired farmer. Grover and his brother operated G T Sign Masters in Lenoir City. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Ann West; father, Grover Guy West; mother, Charlene Hay and sister, Sandy Barnes. He is survived by his brother, Theodore H. West; nieces and nephews, Ted, Virginia, Steve, Jeff, Tina and Jason. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, July 15th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

## Harassment

According to reports, Officer Kevin Condee, LCPD met with the victim regard-

ing threats made to her by Josef Keith Smith. Smith telephoned the victim at least ten times in an hour and during the calls Smith threatened to harm her and her children. The victim advised Smith apparently thought either she or her children had stolen his cell phone.

While Officer Condee was speaking with the victim, Smith called her phone again. She answered the call and put her phone on speaker so the officer could hear the conversation. Smith was belligerent and cursing and told the victim if he didn't get his phone back, she and her kids were "F\*\*\*\*d". He also said he was going to burn her trailer and her vehicle down with her and her kids inside.

Officer Condee es-

corted the victim to her residence to retrieve some belongings, as she was scared to stay there due to Smith's threats.

Josef Smith was located a short distance away from the victim's residence, at another trailer inside the same trailer park where he was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

## Police beat

Ryan Kevin St. Pierre, 38, Old Hollow Road, Loudon, was charged with two counts of aggravated domestic violence.

According to reports, Saturday, around 8:23 pm, Deputy Brian Smith, LCSO, was flagged down on Davis Ferry Road by Ryan St. Pierre's girlfriend and advised of a domestic situation at 1211 and

583 Old Hollow Road. Upon arrival at 1211 Old Hollow Road, the deputy made contact with Mr. St. Pierre's father and mother. Mrs. St. Pierre stated while Ryan and his father were arguing Ryan pushed his father who was standing at the top of the stairs causing him to fall down the stairs. The elder Mr. St. Pierre was transported to the Fort Loudoun ER for injuries to his back and stomach. After speaking to Ryan's girlfriend she stated to Corporal Michael Watkins, LCSO, she and Ryan were in an argument at 583 Old Hollow Road when Ryan threw a tool box full of tools and struck her in the leg and stated he would kill her. She further stated she left the house in fear if she stayed she

would be hurt further, she then flagged down Deputy Smith on Davis Ferry Road.

Michael Trevor Hill, 28, McCloud Road, Knoxville, was charged with driving on suspended license.

According to records, Deputy Brandon Dixon, LCSO, was patrolling Highway 72 Friday, and noticed a gray Buick with a tag that expired in 2007. The deputy performed a traffic stop at Stafford Road and identified the driver as Mr. Michael Hill. Mr. Hill stated his license was suspended and a check through NCIC revealed his license was indeed suspended.

Mr. Hill was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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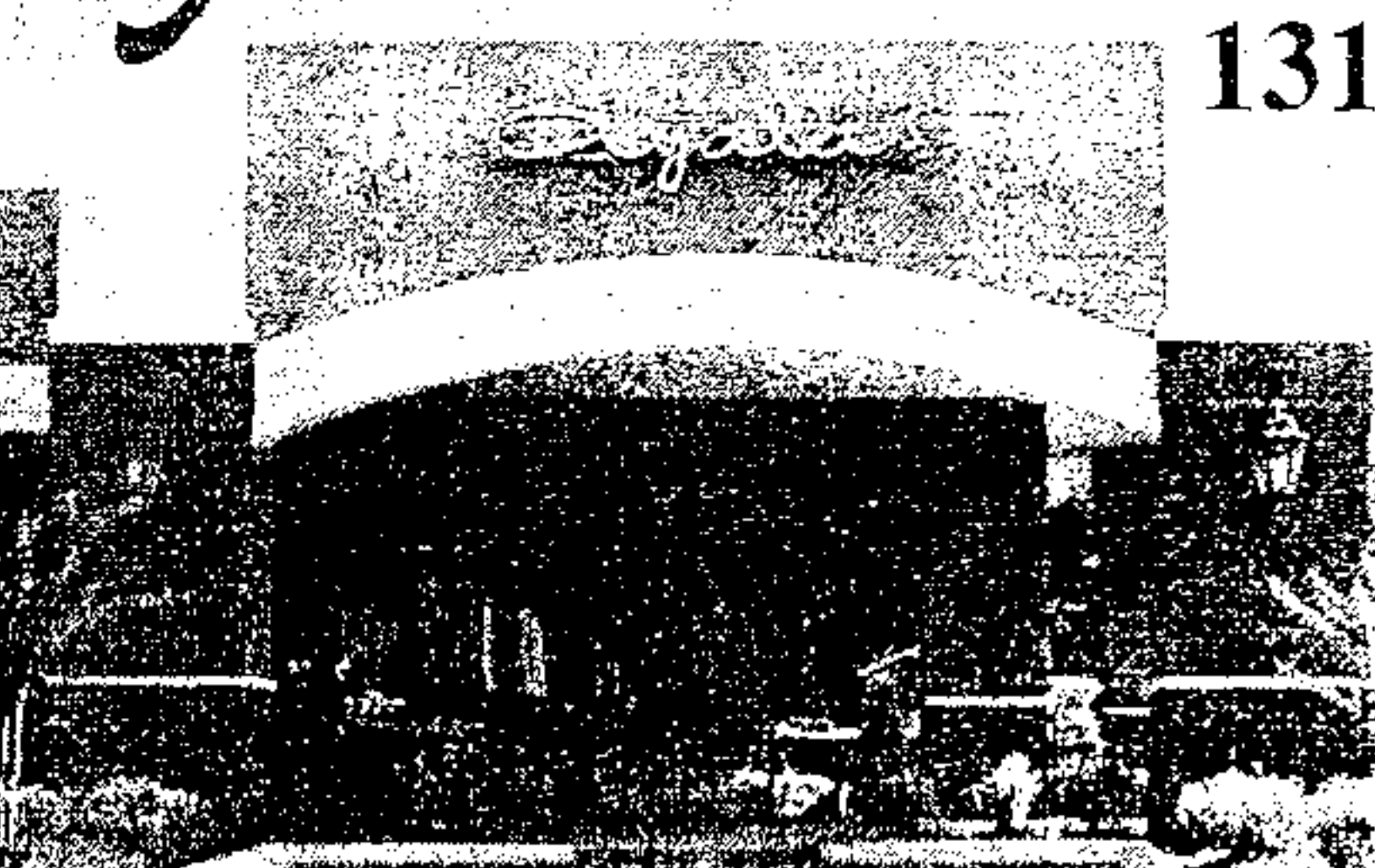
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**Stalker**

at Walmart on Highway 321 in Lenoir City. While there, Mr. Furman walked around the store. When he would

see young women he would turn and follow them through the store. He followed a female through the store for a while then approached

her. This made her feel uncomfortable. He asked her to use her phone to call his wife and told her he left his phone at home. She

let him use it. Thirty to forty five seconds went by and he never put it up to his ear. She got her phone back and he was going through her pictures. Detective Sartin made the arrest Friday, at the Loudon County Jail.

gressor and was placed under arrest.

Casey Alan Bridges, 28, Stepping Rock Drive, Apison, TN, was charged Wednesday, with violation of probation. Deputy Robert Gray, LCSO, made the arrest at the Hamilton County Jail.

**Police beat**

Joshua Eric Allen, 21, Lake Drive, Loudon, was charged with domestic assault.

According to reports, Wednesday, around 6:45 pm, the Loudon Police Department received a call of a male and female involved in an altercation on Ferry Street across from the park. Officer April Farmer, LPD, responded and made contact with the pair matching the description and identified them as Joshua Allen and his girlfriend. Both stated they got into an argument, it became physical and Mr. Allen smacked a cigarette out of his girlfriend's hand and they started fighting. The girlfriend had red marks and a scratch on her neck that was bleeding, which according to her, came from Joshua Allen. Mr. Allen was determined to be the primary ag-

Anthony Parks, 32, Kelly Lane, Lenoir City, was charged with domestic assault.

According to reports, Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD, was dispatched to a Kelly Lane apartment Thursday, on a domestic disturbance. The victim advised, she had been assaulted by her boyfriend, Anthony Parks. A verbal argument began while they were laying in bed and Mr. Parks began antagonizing her by pulling the blankets off of her. He became aggressive, grabbed her by the arms pinning her down, and assaulted her. The daughter of the victim, heard her mother yelling and came to her aid but was struck in the face while trying to help her mother. Anthony Parks was determined to be the primary aggressor and was taken into custody.

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TGN ctd. from pg. 6  
 my life for so long gave evidence that I rejected God's will and His plan. Although I strayed for many years, God continued to bless me. He provided me with food, shelter, some awesome jobs, great health, and a family that loves me. God loved me in spite of me. God is patient!  
 When I think about the children starving to

death in Africa, I know God loves me. When I consider the Christians being beaten for worshipping Jesus in India, I know I have been blessed. When I think about the young boys carrying AK-47's to survive in Somalia, I am so thankful for the safety my family has enjoyed. When I think about the homeless people living under our

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When you consider how God has blessed you (in spite of you) is there any basis to deny His love for you? You and I were born in a country founded

on faith, blessed by God and we have the resources to be a light unto the whole world. When you consider all of this, ain't God good?

In closing today, you may be wondering why there is hunger in Africa, persecution in India, why there is always violence in Somalia and why there are so many homeless people in Knoxville if God loves us all so much.

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me to get involved with His plan. Maybe God wants me to go there and spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to them. Maybe God wants me to share some of my resources with Christian relief efforts or Missionary ministries within these places. Maybe God intended for me to be "Christ-like".

Maybe God expects the same from you!

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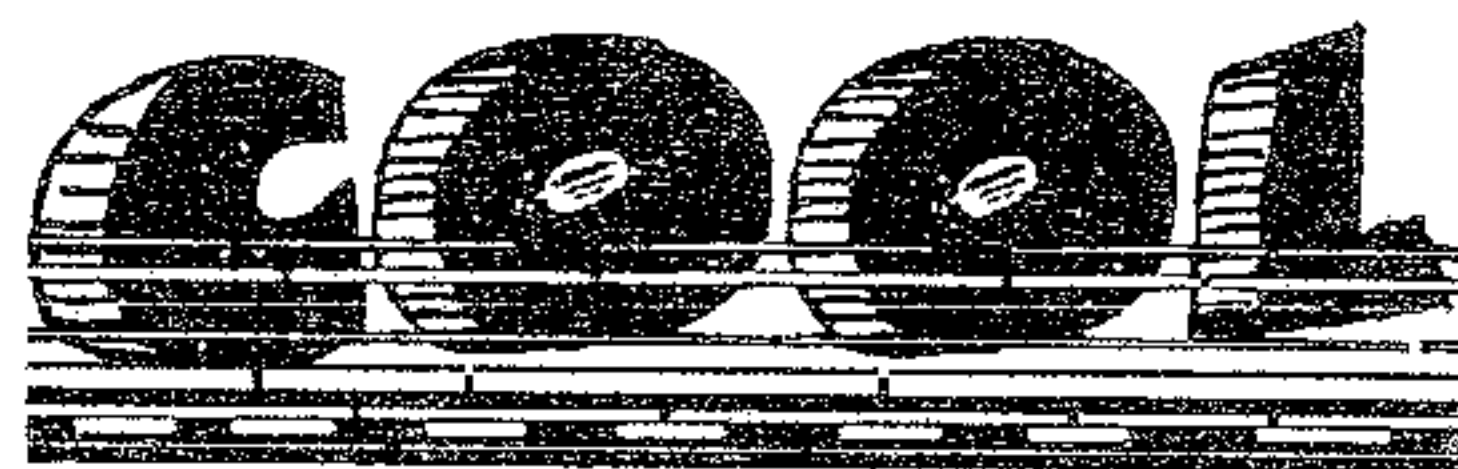
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