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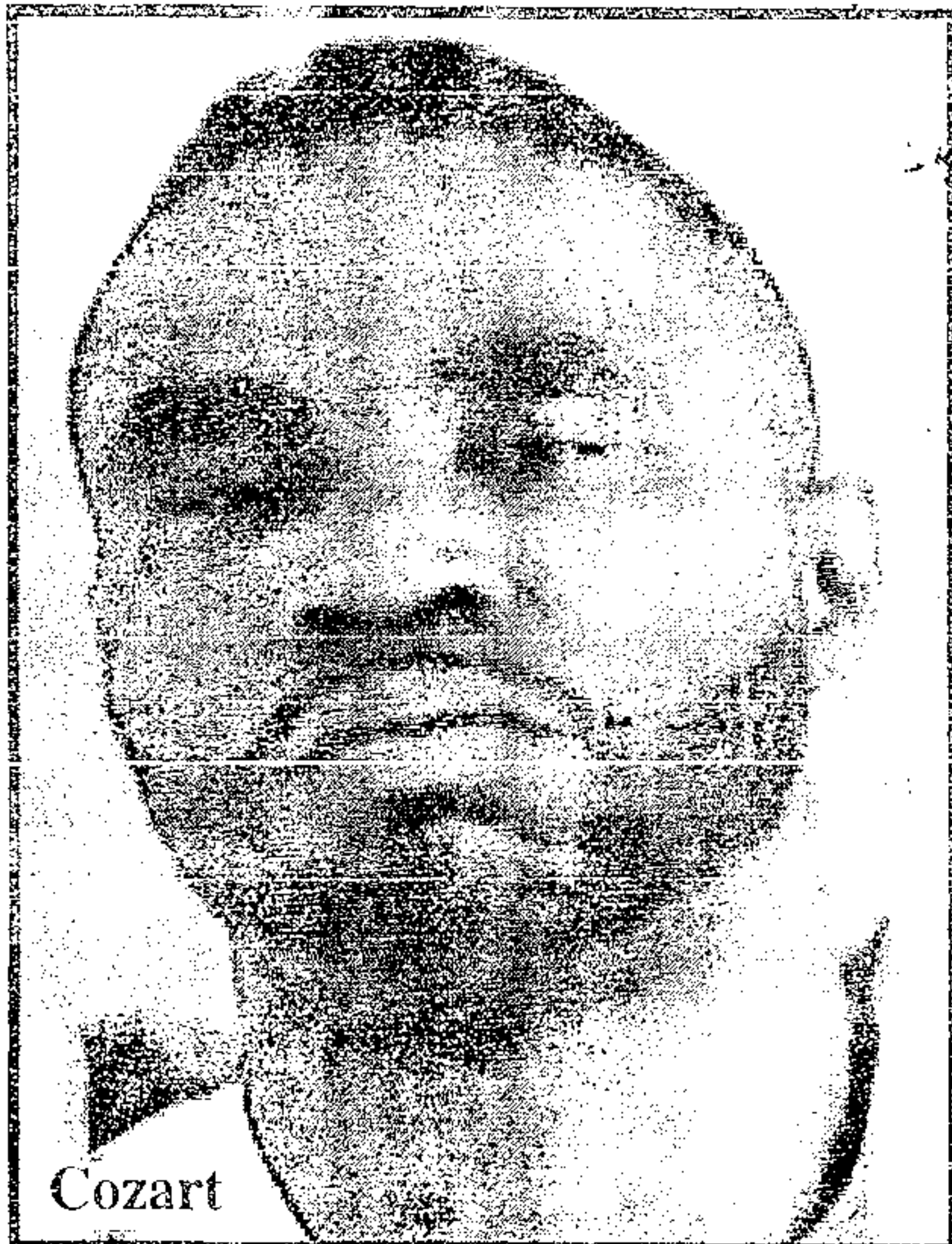
From the backfield to the big house, Cozart fumbles again

A local man who once had the world at his feet has run afoul of the law again after allegedly fleeing from a law enforcement officer he nearly struck with his vehicle when he turned off Highway 11 at a high rate of speed while being chased by THP.

Travis Jerome Cozart, 38, Ferry Street, Loudon was charged with felony evading arrest just before midnight on New Year's Day.

Records indicate Deputy James Stegall, I.CSO was patrolling Industrial Blvd. when

(see Cozart pg. 7)



Cozart

Domestic ends with felony pot possession



Helton

(see Helton pg. 4)

The Good News

by Jeff Vitale



Sowin and Reapin!

Today I watched in sadness as my son Tanner walked out the door of the Military Entrance Processing Station (MEPS) in Knoxville and got into a van that would deliver him to his first day of basic training in the U.S. Army. As I barely held back the tears, my mind quickly raced through his childhood, his teenage years and then back to today. I had to let him go to begin making his own life - without me there to guide him in each decision. I believe he is ready

(see The Good News pg. 3)

Knox man charged in April assault



Sartin

(see Sartin pg. 3)

Sex offender caught in the act of theft



Baker

(see Baker pg. 2)

DVD movies stolen by shoplifter



Tallent

(see Tallent pg. 5)

Unlicensed, DUI, uninsured, more



Figueroa

(see Figueroa pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

Let mine adversaries be clothed with shame; and let them cover themselves with their own confusion, as with a mantle. I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth; yea, I will praise him among the multitude. For he shall stand at the right hand

of the poor, to save him from those that condemn his soul. -Psalms 29-31

Obituaries

Kimberly Leann Cole

Wazzup

There's a big, beautiful black German Shepherd that has been seen running loose on Allison Town Road in

Philadelphia and it's one torn-up trash bag away from being reported to Animal Control. If this dog is a stray, or abandoned, the Animal Shelter is it's best hope for survival. If it belongs to someone, however, the owner is in violation of Tennessee's state-wide leash law and is 100% liable for any & all damage the dog causes.

And that ain't even considerin' what the livestock owners are permitted to do if it were to get up to any doggie business at the cheese farm across the road. Just sayin'...

Weather

Today: Sunny. Highs in the upper 40s to lower 50s. Tonight: Mostly clear.

Lows in the mid 20s. Tuesday: Sunny. Highs in the lower to mid 50s. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-1/19 You feel emotionally centered and ready for

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Baker

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO responded to a theft in progress call on Hwy 70. Upon arrival the corporal spoke with the victim who reported a small white truck was in the field behind the storage buildings on his father's property and it was was

about to leave.

The victim stated whoever was in the truck was taking scrap metal without permission.

The vehicle came out of the field and left on Hwy 70. Corporal McGinley caught up to the vehicle and the only occupant was Roy Baker Jr.

Mr. Baker stated a friend had permission to be on the property collecting scrap and the friend gave Mr. Baker permission.

The victim had control of the property and stated no one is to be on the property or taking anything from it.

Roy Anderson Baker Jr., 48, of Highland Av-

enue, Lenoir City was charged with criminal trespassing and theft under \$500. Corporal

Pete McGinley, LCSO made the arrest. Baker is also a convicted sex offender.

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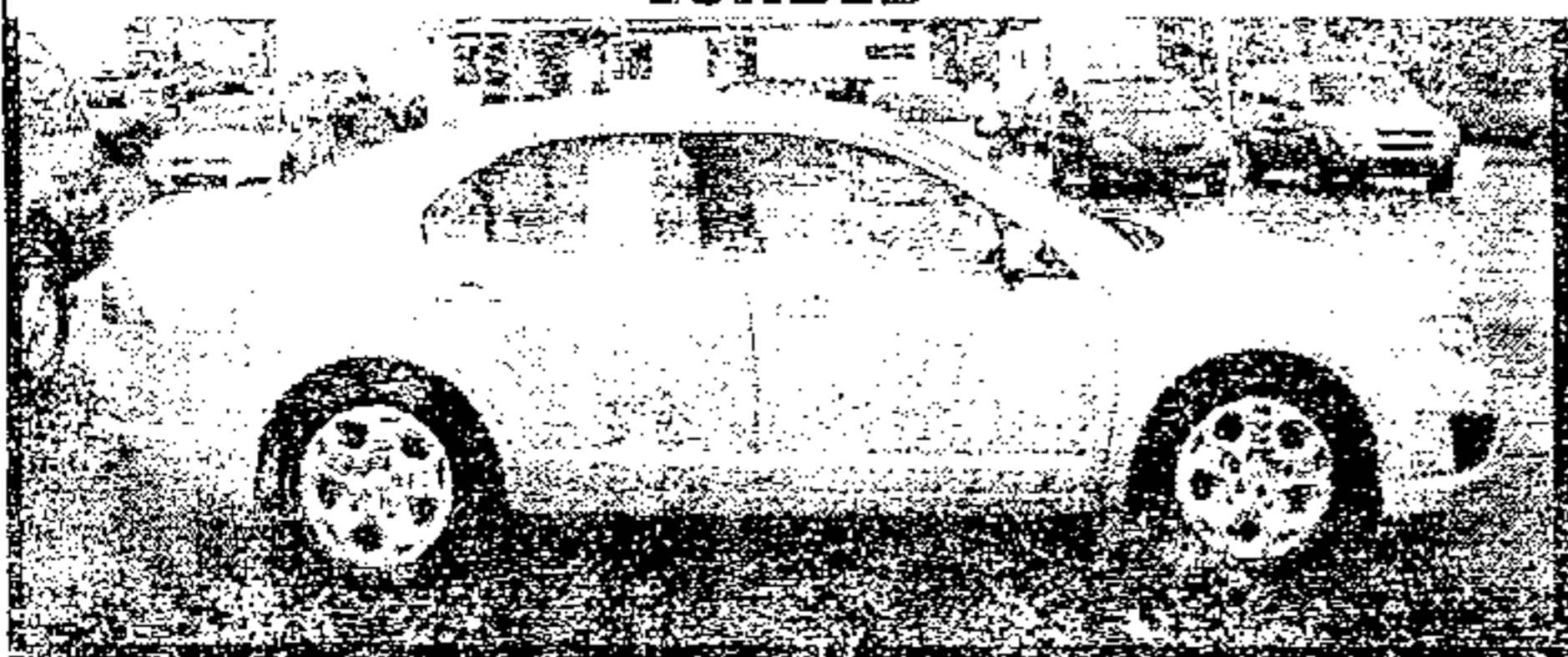
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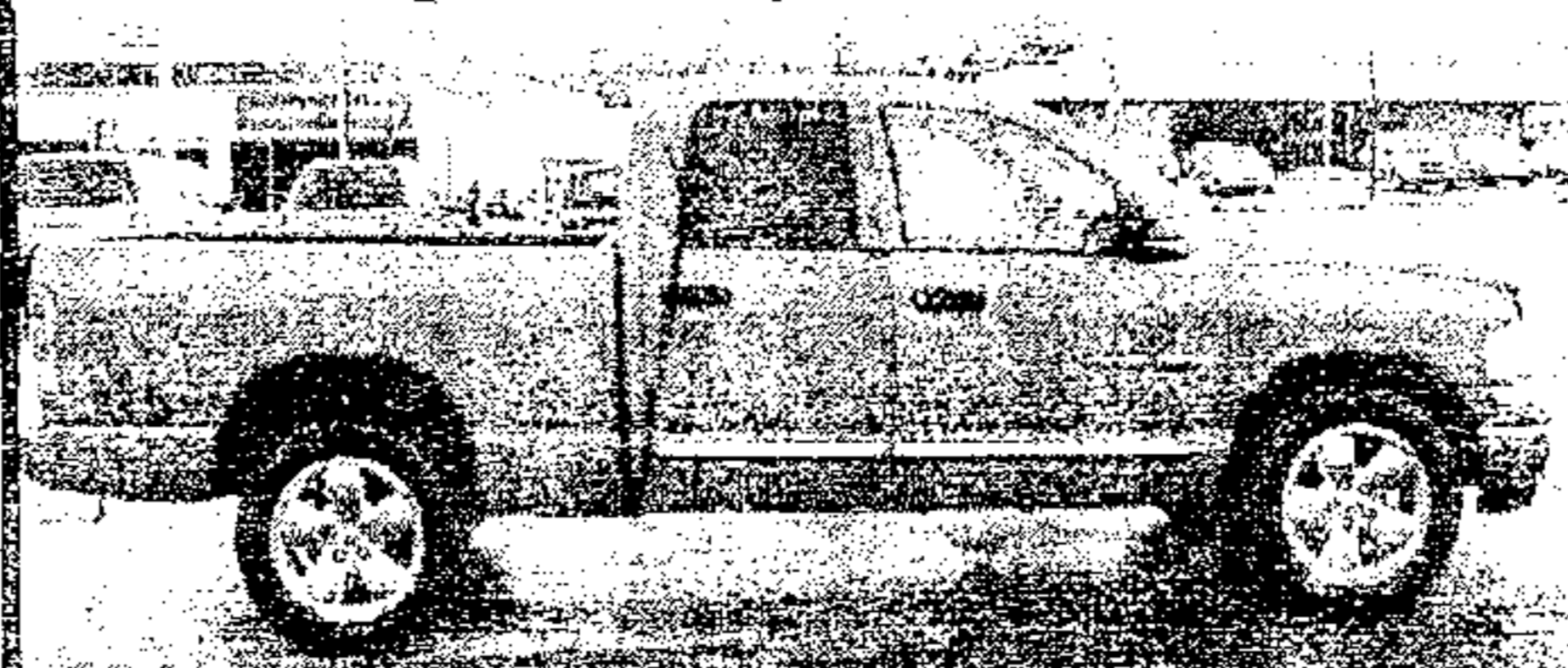
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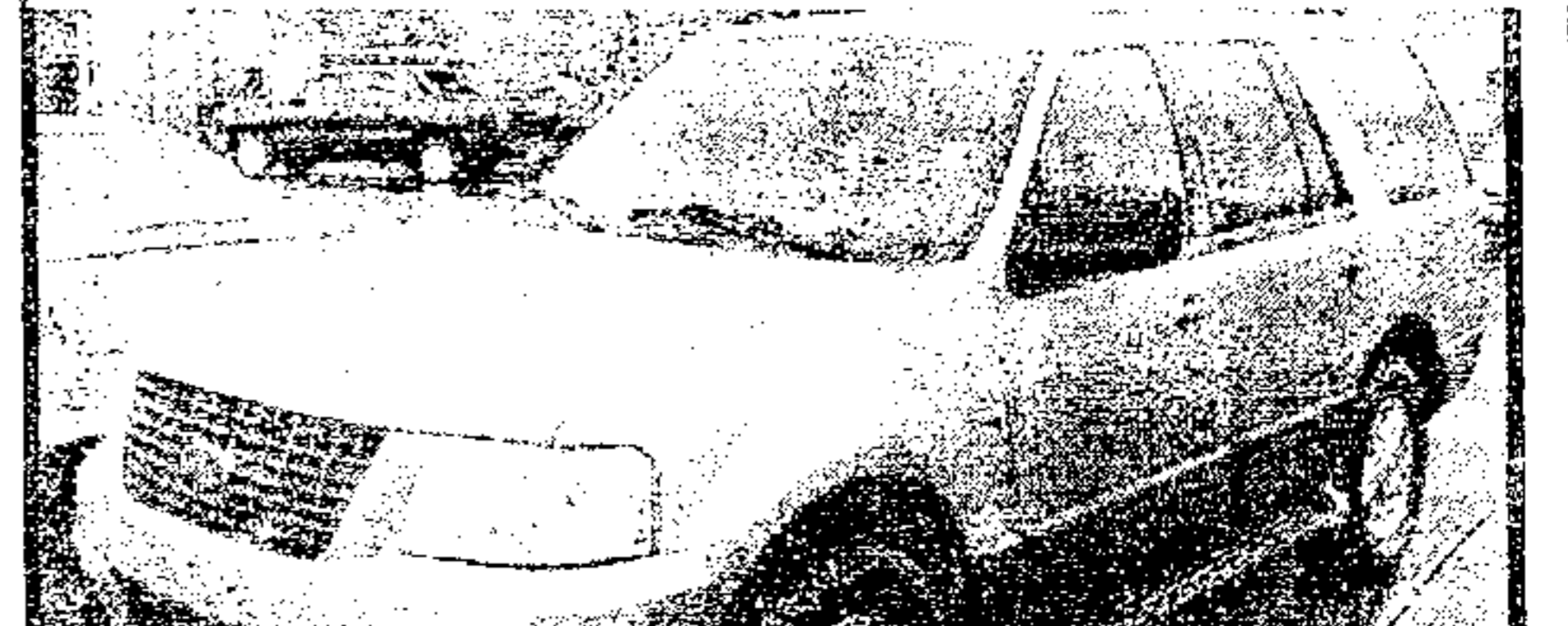
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Sartin

According to warrants filed by Deputy Jason Russell, LCSO; on April 28, 2012, Deputy Russell

was dispatched to Murrys Chapel Road to take a report of domestic violence. Upon arrival the deputy spoke with the victim and a witness. They both

reported Shannon Sartin assaulted the victim while in an argument over a cell phone.

According to both, Mr. Sartin grabbed the victim

by the arm after slapping her in the chest and part of the argument took place in front of the church where Mr. Sartin was supposed to meet the victim and witness to return the phone's SIM card.

As the witness and victim started driving toward the destination, Mr. Sartin reportedly drove into their lane of travel and, at the last minute swerved and struck the victim and witnesses vehicle, causing minor damage.

Corporal Pete McGinley, LCSO spoke to Mr. Sartin over the phone and he stated he couldn't come to the Sheriff's Department to make a statement.

The victim was given a victims rights card and all of her options were explained.

Shannon Austin Sartin, 21, of Whispering Oaks Drive, Knoxville was charged with aggravated assault and aggravated domestic. Deputy N. Wilson, LCSO made the arrest at the Knox County Jail.

The Good News and I thought I was until

the moment he walked away.

As the day went on, I thought of him every five minutes and it hasn't stopped yet. I thought of myself at his age and all of the mistakes I have made throughout the years, and yes, I cried when no one was looking. I will miss him being home, but I could not be more proud of him than I am today.

Then, tonight, Blondie and I were at church and one of our Deacons, J.B. Kollock, announced that he was thankful God allowed him to celebrate his eightieth birthday this week. Mr. Kollock said the following that I believe holds true for all of us. He said, "I am thankful that God has given me eighty years. Most of them have been good ones and the ones that were not are my own fault". What words of wisdom from a true man of God!

How many of us can look back on the hard times in our lives and find that our failures, our most difficult periods have only resulted from our lack of Godliness and selfish sin? Boy I sure can! I am ashamed of many years

(see TGN ctd. pg. 7)

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Holton

Deputy Cody Fritts, LCSO was dispatched to Niles Ferry Road on a verbal domestic. Upon entering the residence the deputy could smell the odor of raw marijuana.

The deputy spoke with Tonya Helton about the marijuana odor and she retrieved approximately 28 grams of marijuana from the living room along with a marijuana pipe, grinder, rolling papers and a paper

roller.

Ms. Helton stated the marijuana and paraphernalia belonged to Roger Helton.

Mr. Roger Helton stated the marijuana and paraphernalia was his and his only.

Roger Oncil Helton, 55, of Niles Ferry Road, Greenback was charged with felony possession of schedule VI (marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Cody Fritts, LCSO made the arrest.

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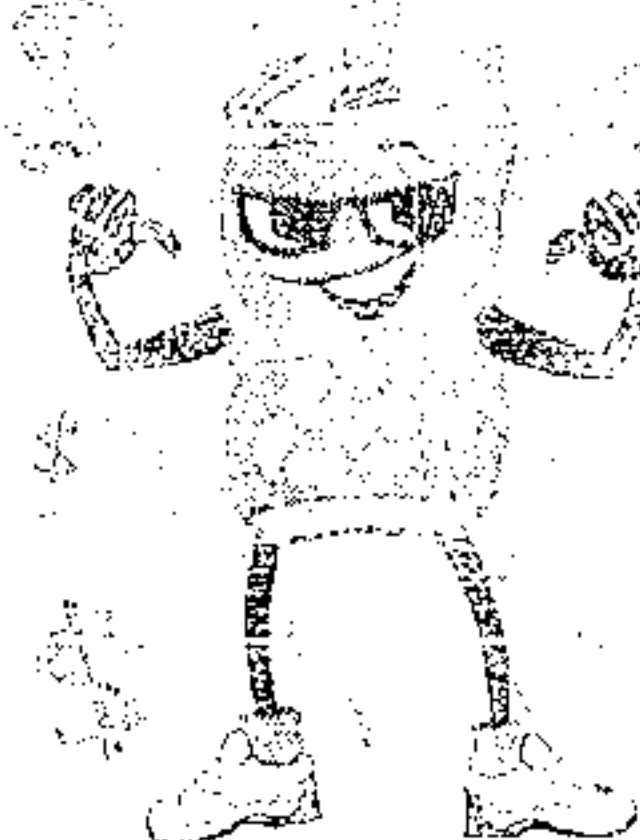
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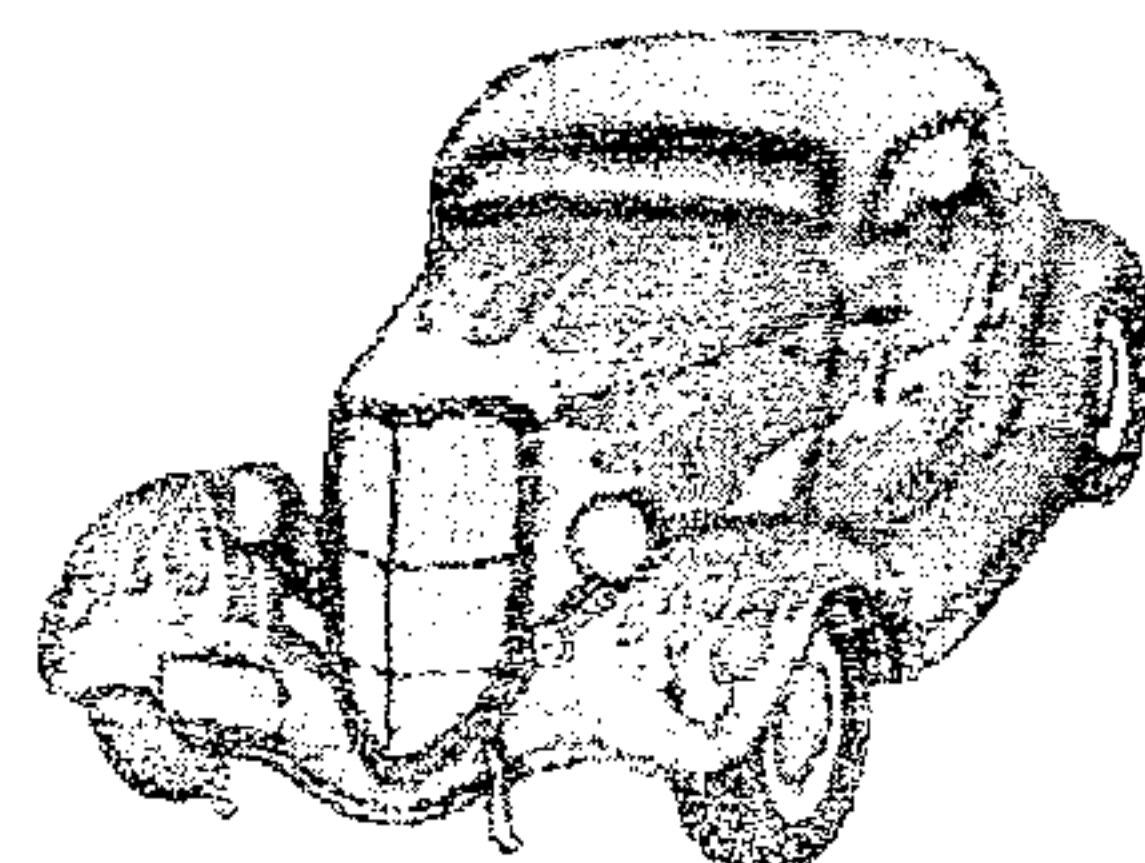
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Tallent

A Sweetwater woman found herself jailed after she allegedly stole over \$150 worth of movie DVDs from a

Lenoir City pharmacy.

According to the report, Officer T. Holloway, LCPD responded to Walmart regarding a shoplifter in the store.

Upon arrival loss prevention pointed out a female who had just exited the store and was in the parking lot.

The officer went and

spoke with the woman, identifying her as Germaine B. Tallent, and asked her if she had any merchandise that she had not paid for.

Tallent advised she did have merchandise in her purse and loss prevention reported they had observed the woman use a razor blade to open movie DVDs and conceal the discs in her purse. The total number of DVDs was 18 and they were

valued at \$157.33.

Germaine B. Tallent, 51, of Creek Road, Sweetwater, was charged with theft under \$500. Officer T. Holloway, LCPD, made the arrest.

Figuerona

Officer B. Brown, LCPD responded to a hit and run which occurred on Kennedy Drive. The complainant advised a small silver car hit his mailbox knocking it over and then drove off down Kennedy Drive. A large

(see Figuerona pg. 7)

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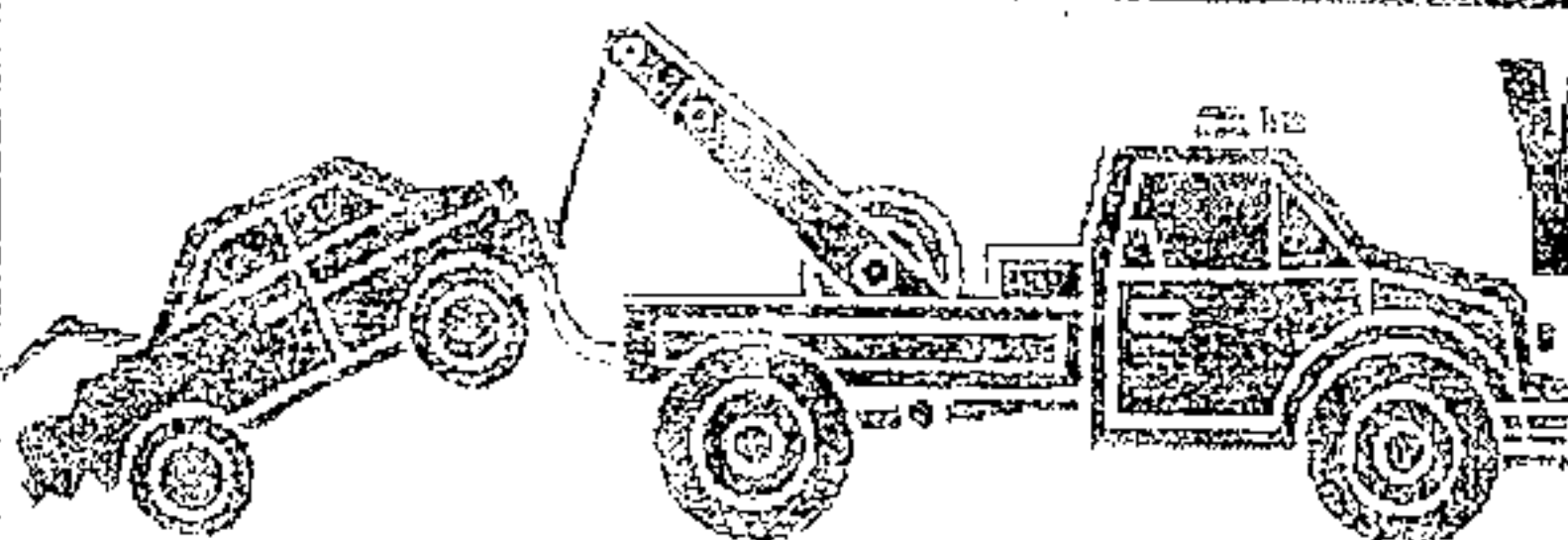
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Cozart

a black four-door vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed on Highway 11 attempted to make a turn onto Industrial. The vehicle slid almost striking the officer's patrol vehicle.

At that time, the deputy noticed a THP trooper was chasing the black vehicle and he turned and attempted to stop it, but the driver fled.

The vehicle was found a short distance later on Highland Avenue with no occupant. In the front seat were medical papers belonging to Travis Jerome Cozart.

Cozart was found walking a few hundred yards away, but before his medical papers were located in the vehicle, he was let go. Cozart has a suspended license.

Cozart was found hiding in an apartment at Riverview and was taken into custody by Deputy Stegall.

Beginning in the early '90s, Cozart was a star running back for the Lenoir City High School Panthers. He also played basketball there and was ranked as the nation's No. 1 free safety prospect and an All-American before

becoming a Vol at UT. According to sources, Cozart played professionally with the Shreveport Pirates of the CFL in 1995. He then signed with the NFL Rams in 1997, but didn't play.

Cozart has since traded in potential fame and fortune for felonies and infamy beginning in the mid-90's with a series of run-ins with the law. Cozart was charged with aggravated child abuse after his 15 months old child apparently overdosed on crack cocaine. Cozart's troubles also include not paying child support, attempted kidnapping and domestic violence, at least two robberies, evading arrest, and violation of probation.

More recently, police found Cozart with a gunshot wound to his leg at a Pilot station in West Knoxville after he was shot at a Walmart on Walbrook Drive in mid-August, 2012.

Figueroa

piece of the bumper was left at the scene. The officer was able to locate the vehicle on Kennedy Drive and spoke with the homeowner about who was driving the silver

vehicle that was in the driveway. The driver was identified as Amilio Cruz Figueroa and there was damage to the silver vehicle. Mr. Figueroa smelled of an alcoholic beverage, had slurred speech and delayed motor skills. A check showed Figueroa to have no license. He also could not provide proof of insurance. A BAC test resulted in 20%.

Amilio Cruz Figueroa, 28, c. W. 5th Avenue, Lenoir City, was charged with driving under the influence, failure to report an accident, driving without a license and financial responsibility.

TGN etd.-

that I spent away from God and trying to do things my way. I am so thankful that even when I was at my worst, God still loved me, still wanted me to turn to Him and is now blessing my life beyond measure.

Someone once wrote, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it". Well today I proclaim to you that the best days of my life are the ones I have spent in a true relationship with Jesus Christ and with eighty years of history in his life,

I am confident that Mr. J.B. Kollock will tell you the same. But what does God's word say?

James 1:12-15 (NKJV) (12) *Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.* (13) *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone.* (14) *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.* (15) *Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full grown, brings forth death.*

Matthew 7:13-14 (NKJV) (13) *Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.* (14) *Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.*

Proverbs 5:21-23 (NKJV) (21) *For the ways of man are before the eyes of The Lord, and He ponders all his paths.* (22) *His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, and he is caught in the cords of his sin.* (23) *He shall die for lack of instruction, and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.*

Galatians 6:7-10 (NKJV) (7) *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.* (8) *For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.* (9) *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose*

heart. (10) *Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.*

Take a moment to read that last verse one more time, it's worth it. God's word says that we reap what we sow; what are you sowing in your life? How are you investing your time, talents and money? Are you living as if God isn't watching?

I like what Pastor Johnny Hunt says; "The moment we die, we will know exactly how we should have lived... But that will be just one moment too late!"

I had to learn a few things the hard way. I lived a miserable, empty life for a long time, hurting many others along the way. Not anymore though! As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord!!

My son knows Jesus as his personal Savior and he knows what God expects from those who claim to be a Christian. He must now reap what he sows as a man... just like you and me. I pray that he makes good choices and I pray that you do as well. If your life is upside down and happiness seems a distant past; could it be a result of sin in your life? 1 John 1:9 tells us, "If we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness."

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