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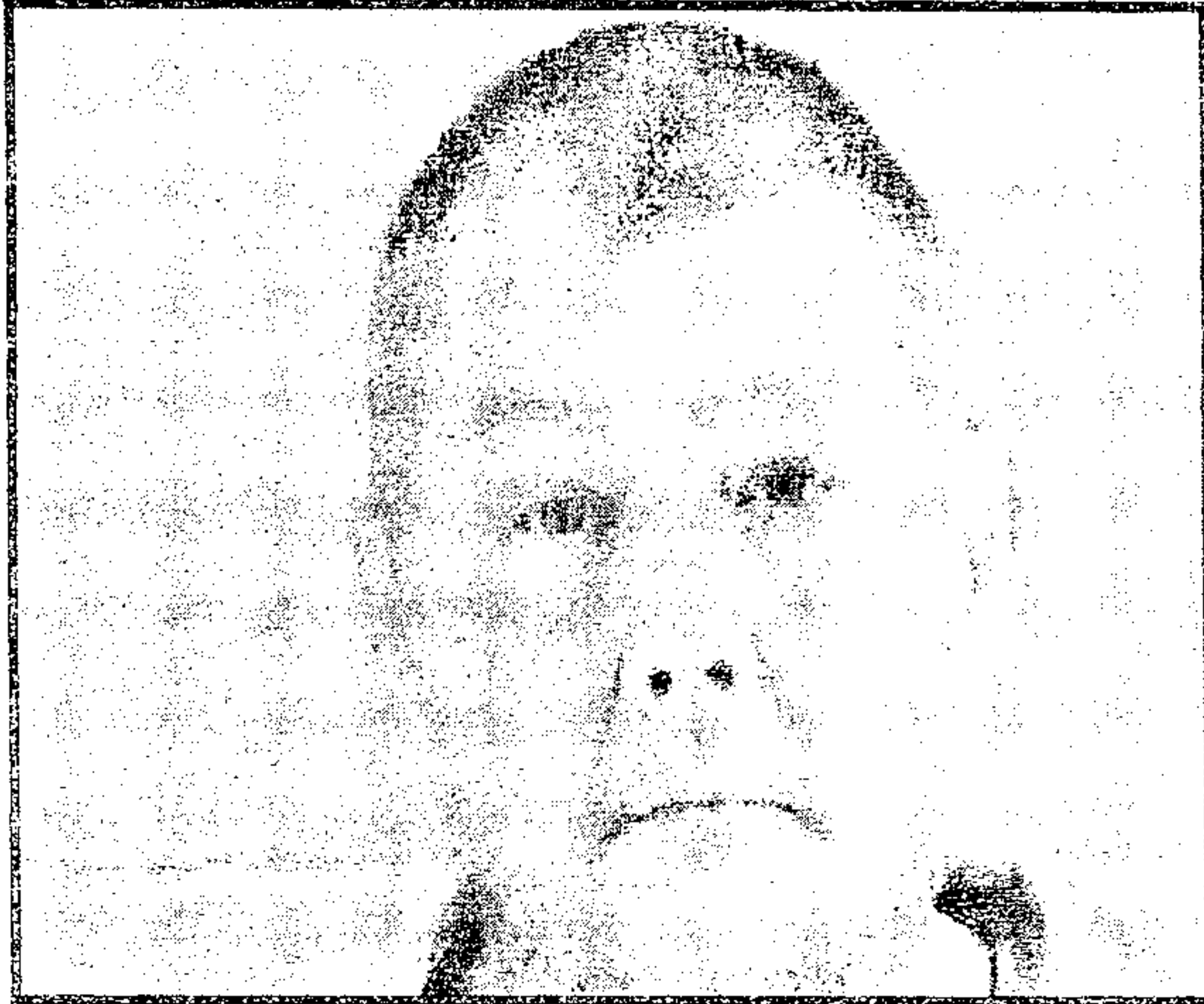
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Monday, May 18, 2015

## Suicide threats end with aggravated assault charge after knife used against officers

James Huff, 51, Collins Street Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault. On 5/7/15 Officers from the LPD responded to Collins St. to a third party call. The occupant James Huff was threatening suicide by gun shot. Officer could not get Huff to exit the residence. Officer was able to establish phone communication with

(see Assault pg. 4)



James Huff

## Double dipping reported

Former Knox County Schools Nutrition Director Double-Dipped

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revealed that former Knox County Schools nutrition director Jon Dickl used a double-dipping scheme to misappropriate at least \$3,677 from the school system. This investigation was completed in conjunction with the Knox County Sheriff's

(see Schools pg. 4)

## Charged after sleeping in someone else's vehicle



Clinton Russell

(see Charged pg. 5)



Christina Collins

## The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoo

### If We Won't, They Will



The State of Montana has graciously sent me to the small tourist town of West Yellowstone this week to attend a leadership course called the FBI Command College. It's a pretty prestigious training course that you must first apply to, and then be invited to attend.

I am proud to have been selected and have received some awesome instruction on numerous topics so far including executive leadership, building a brand, media relations and other useful topics that will be of great benefit to me while working for the

(see TGN pg. 3)

## Two charged in burglary and theft



Fredi Zavala



Justin Johnson

(see Two pg. 2)

### Verse of the Day

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. — Luke 19:10

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

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Paul's Tires).

### Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms. High 89F. Tonight: Variable clouds with thunderstorms, especially during the evening. Low 67F. Tuesday A few showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the

afternoon. High 87F. Tuesday Night Partly cloudy. Low 61F.

### Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20  
You are motivated to accomplish a lot today, yet it might not be easy to sustain your efforts over

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Justin Johnson, 25, Coolidge Road Lafollette, was charged with Burglary and Theft of Property.

Fredi Zavala, 18, Hines Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Burglary and Theft of Property.

Deputies responded to the Quick Mart on a burglary.

Deputy Brandon Dixon LCSO, made contact with the owner. The owner stated he did not get a call from his alarm call from the alarm company, but stated that he did have a working camera system. Deputy notified Inv. Jeff Russell LCSO, about the burglary. The video showed a light colored Isuzu with 2 males go to the front door,

and busted a window out. After viewing the video and taking pictures Inv. Jeff Russell interview two suspects.

On 5/13/15 Inv. Jeff Russell LCSO, charged Justin Johnson, and Fredi Zavala with the burglary.

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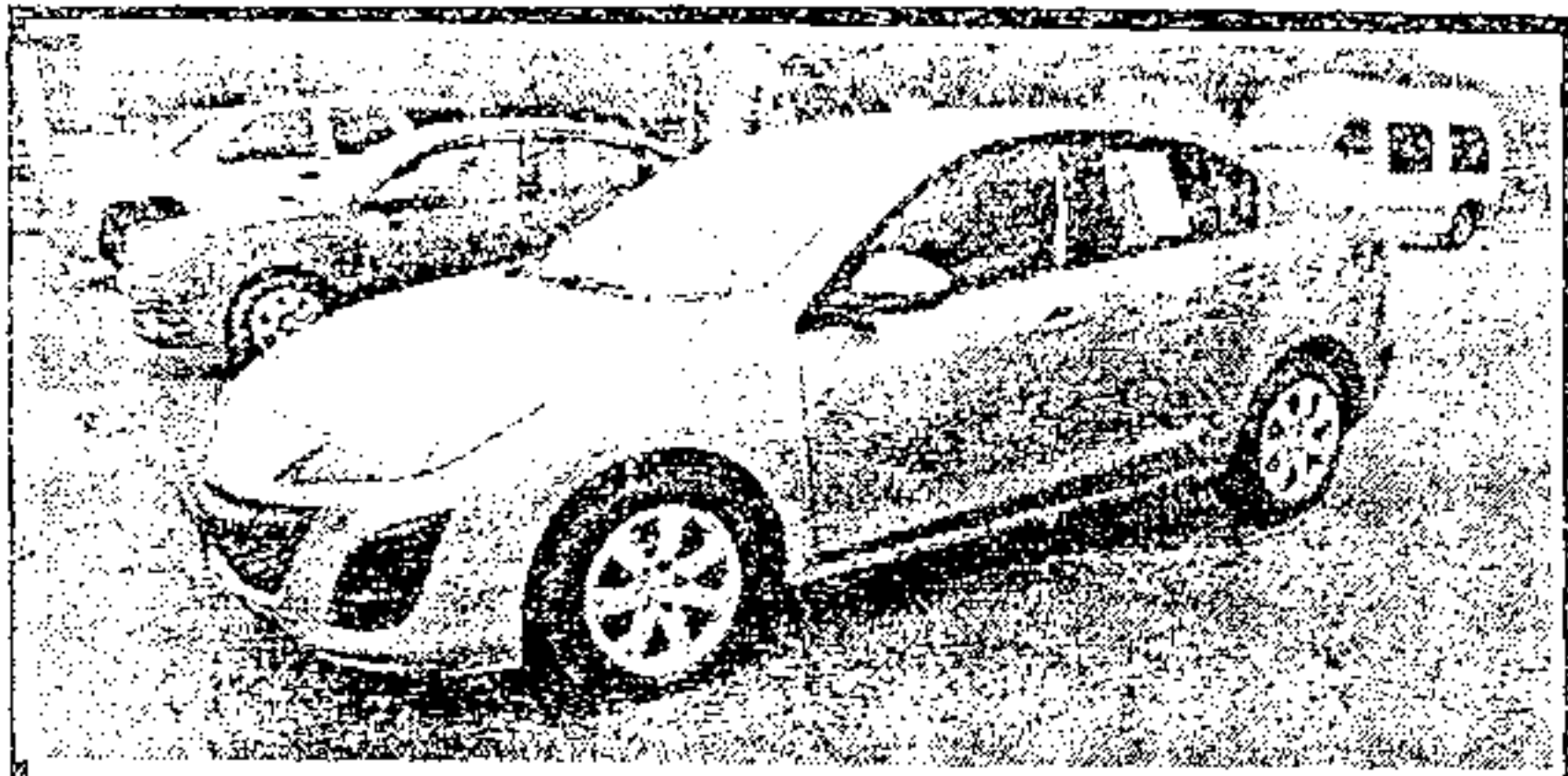
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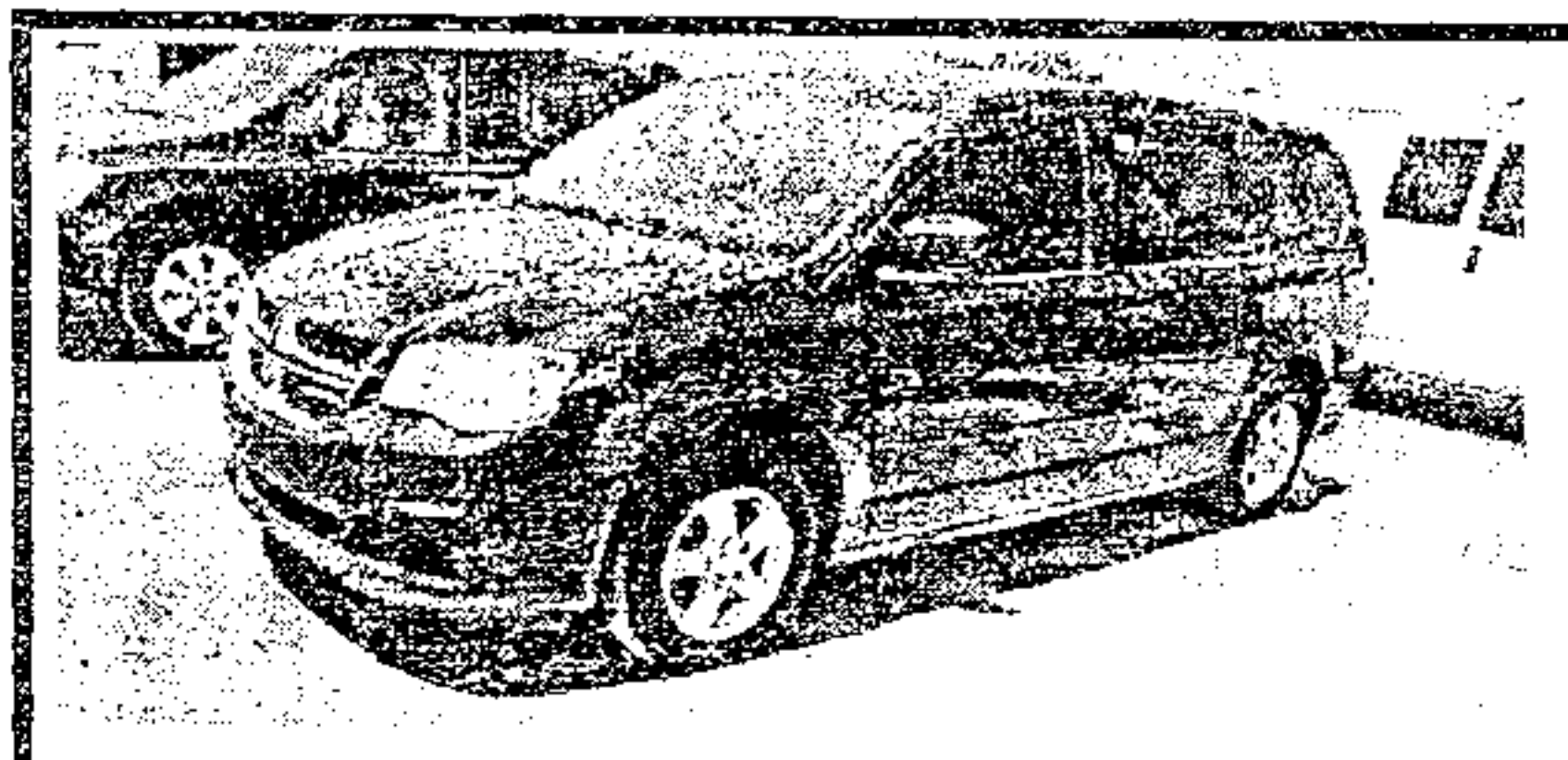
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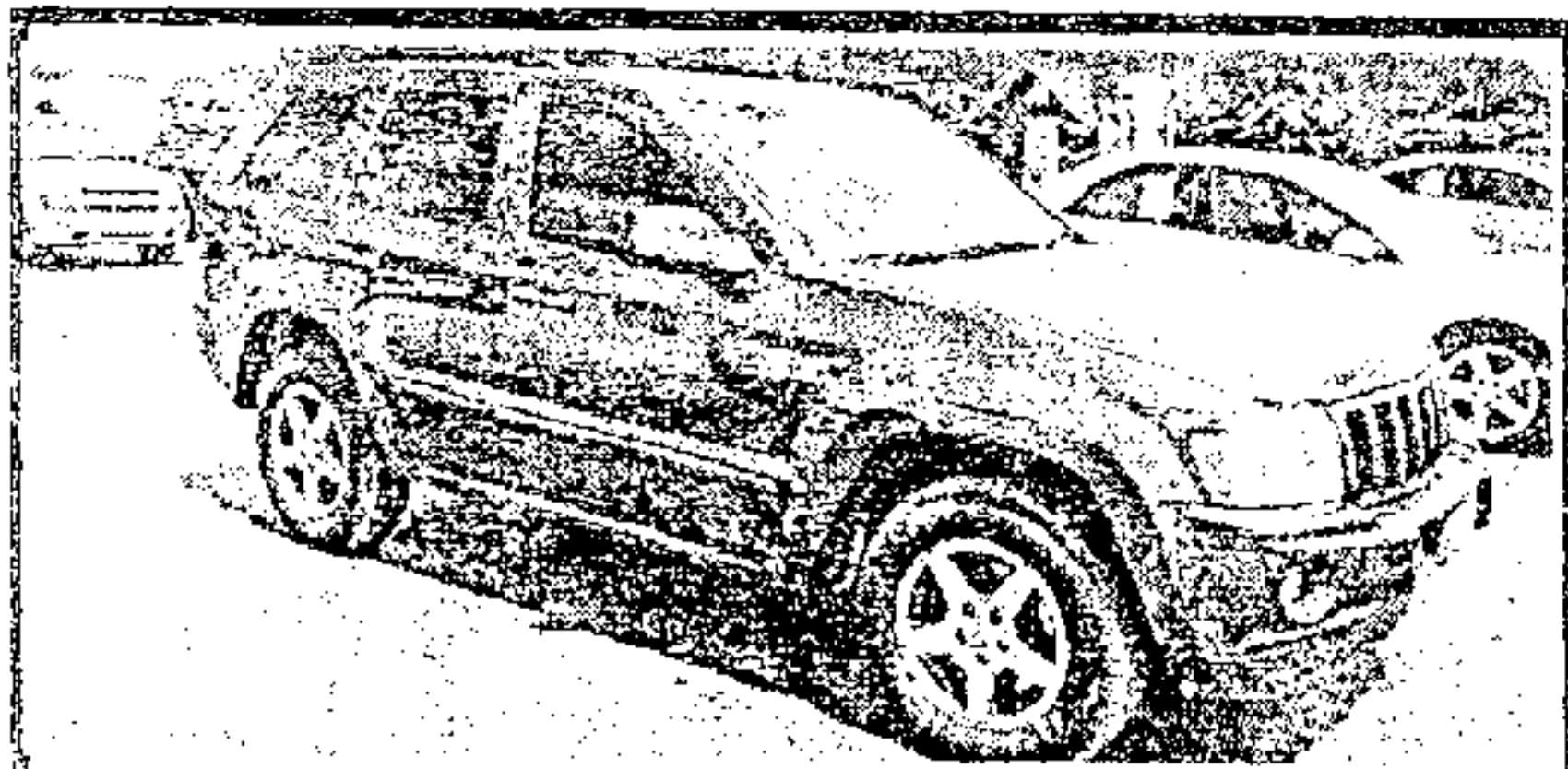
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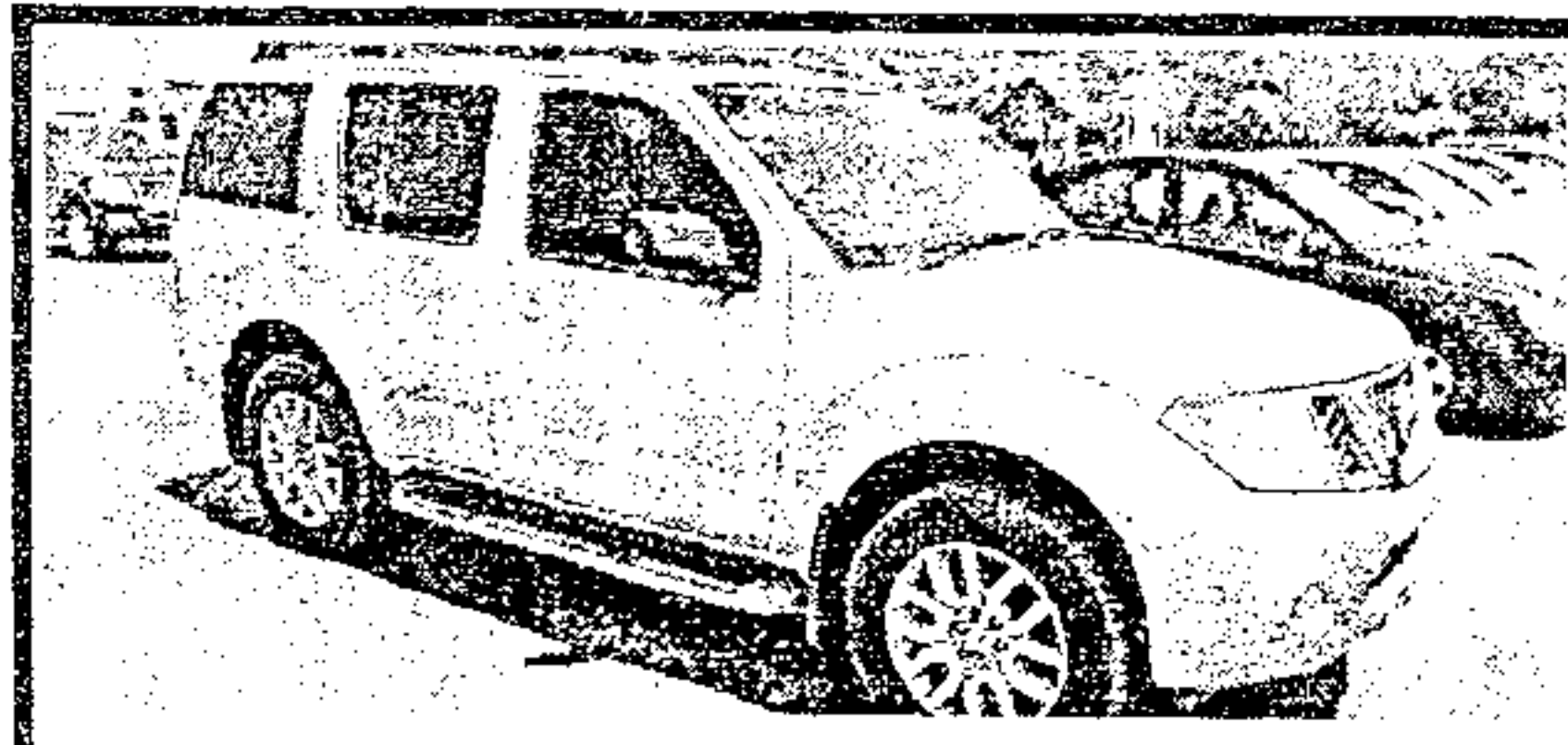
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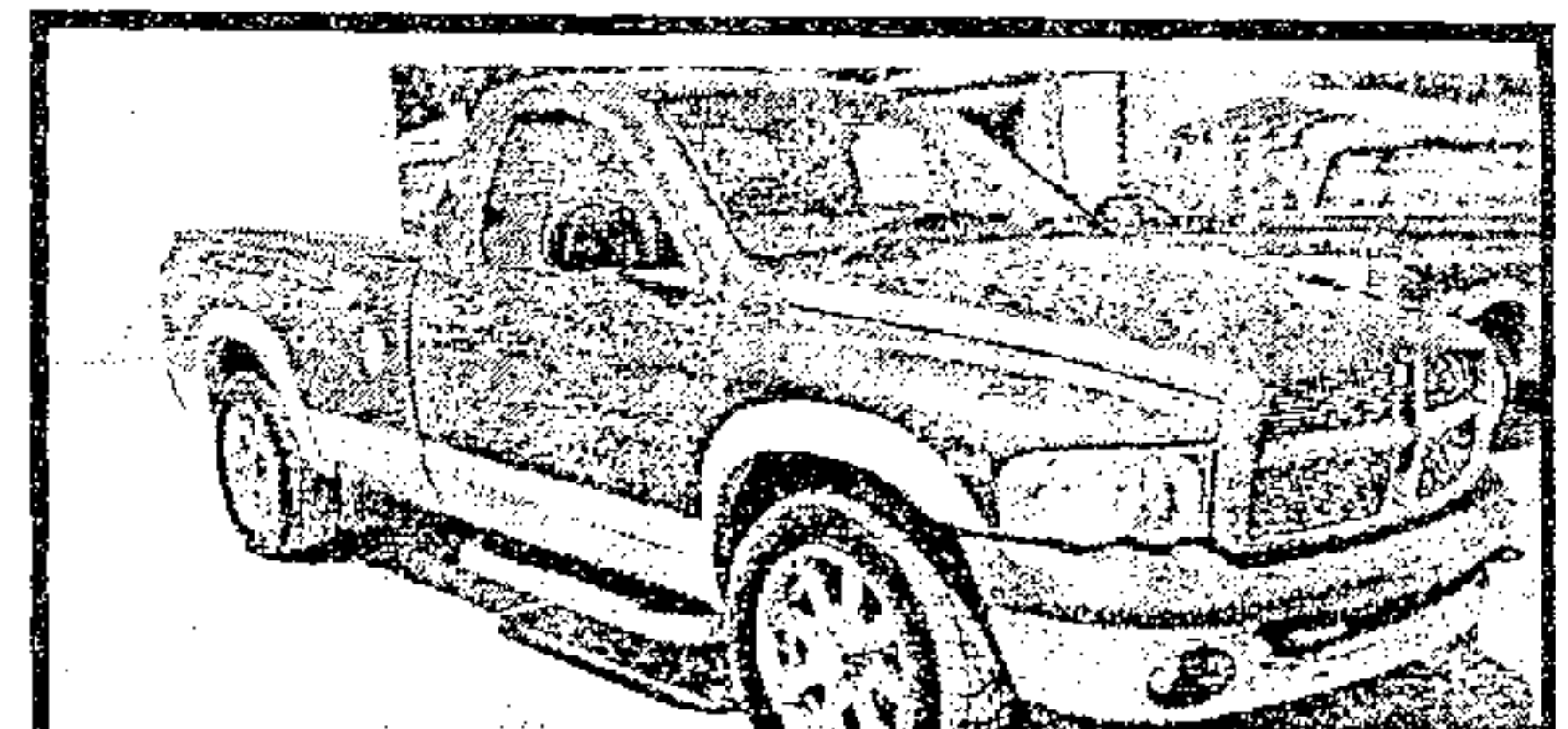
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**TGN**

Department of Justice.

This afternoon we had a four hour block of instruction titled, "Spiritual Leadership", which caused my big ears to perk up and had me anxiously waiting on the edge of my seat. The instructor for this topic, an FBI agent from Quantico VA, stated early in his presentation that he was a religious man and I had already noticed that he had not been cursing (as many do) while teaching previous topics. As we began the afternoon session, I really thought he was about to share the "Not so secret" key to successful leadership being a relationship with our supreme leader, Jesus Christ. I suppose that I should have known better in today's culture but none the less, I was excited about what he would share.

Within the first five minutes I could feel the wind leaving my spiritual sail when the instructor said the following words, "Let me be clear, being spiritual has nothing to do with being religious". What???

Special Agent Fruitlessness then began to explain that some people find spirituality in nature, some by meditation and even others in music. He went on to describe how having a "spiritual" element to our lives will ultimately lead us to having peace within our

family and will better equip us to lead others in a positive way that will benefit our respective agencies.

As I began to ponder his words, I thought to myself, "To be spiritual means the inclusion of the Spirit, and that being the Spirit of God." I was confident that I could counter this nonsense by simply introducing him to the definition of the word "Spiritual". So I looked it up.....


Spiritual - Wikipedia - Spirituality is the praxis and process of personal transformation, either in accordance with traditional religious ideas, or, increasingly, oriented on subjective experience and psychological growth independently of any specific religious context.

I was quickly reminded, as I often am, that we are living in very dark times. I found the whole internet definition disturbing to me but the one word within the definition that spoke volumes to me was the word "Increasingly". This means that with every passing day, more and more people are believing that a spiritual life, including spiritual leadership,

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**Assault**

Huff. Mr. Huff stated to Officer that he had taken several pills in an attempt to end his life. Huff stated to Officer that he did not have a gun but did have a large knife. Huff stated that if anyone tried to come in he would come after them with the knife and force Officers to shoot him. Officer Mike Newman and Brian Jenkins LPD, decided to attempt to breach the door in order to render aid to Huff. There was a glass upper portion to the door that Huff had reinforced with plywood. As Officer was attempting to remove the plywood Huff repeatedly stuck a large knife through the open portion thrusting and swung at both Officers. Huff was subdued with a taser and transported to Ft. Loudon ER. for evaluated. On 5/14/15 Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, arrested James and transported to Loudon Jail.

**Schools**

Department.

Jon Dickl claimed and received travel and expense reimbursement payments totaling at least \$3,677 from Knox County Schools related to expenses for which other organizations either paid or reimbursed him.

In addition to the double-dipping, Mr. Dickl was reimbursed \$587 for a conference in Orlando, Florida, although event organizers say he was not registered for this conference. Inves-

tigators also questioned a \$178 travel mileage reimbursement to accommodate Mr. Dickl's personal engagement in Nashville.

In May 2014, Mr. Dickl used Knox County Schools' employees and a vehicle to transport a school system clothes dryer from Karns Elementary School to his house for his personal benefit.

All of these matters were referred to the local district attorney general.

"This investigation highlights the need for improved monitoring of government reimbursements and travel expenses," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "It is unfortunate a former leader in the Knox County School system took advantage of the

public's trust."

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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in prison for embezzling close to \$1 million from a community center he helped establish to aid the church's struggling neighborhood.

Willard Leonard Jones essentially had an "open checkbook" for the church and community center accounts, said Special Agent Kevin Legleiter, who investigated the case with Forensic Accountant Jannetta Maxwell from the FBI's Oklahoma City Division. The two have partnered on financial fraud investigations for 20 years, and after following the paper trail in this case, there was no doubt of the reverend's criminal activity.

"People trusted him and assumed he was doing the right thing," Legleiter said. Instead, Jones used approximately \$933,000 of community center money

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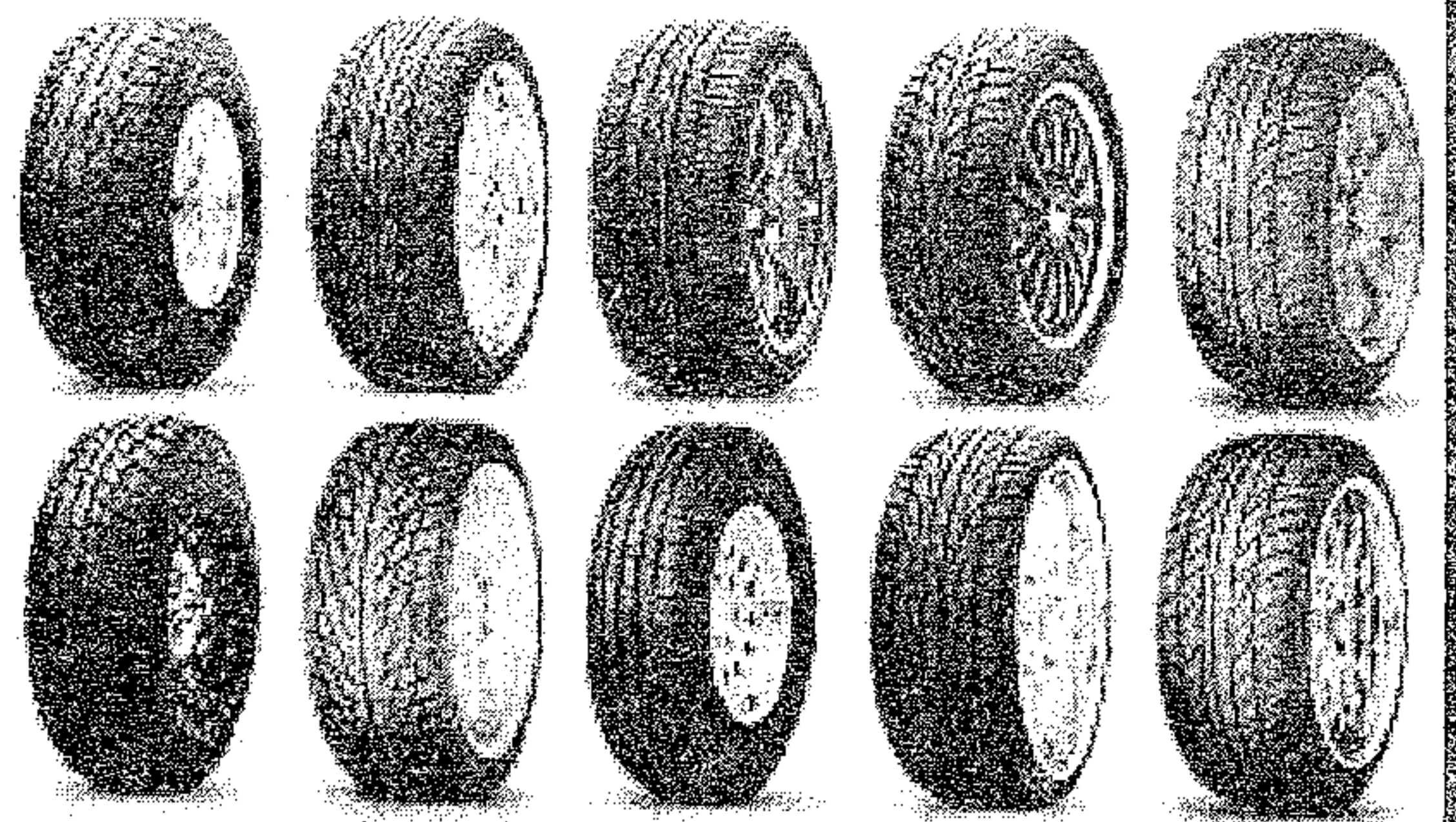
The Lenoir City Utilities Board and Lenoir City Fire Department will be conducting our semi-annual water distribution system wide flushing program per Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation Water Quality Control Requirements. The Flushing Program will occur for LCUB customers on Monday, June 1, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. thru Thursday, June 4, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The program goals are to identify problems in the water system and ultimately have them corrected. When fire hydrants are flowed, iron deposits in the water lines are agitated. This may cause a brown discoloration to the water in the area which is being flushed. This condition is only temporary and will normally correct itself in a number of hours. During this period of flushing, we recommend that you flow your cold water prior to use to determine if there is any discoloration. While the water is still safe to consume, we recommend not washing any white clothes without first testing the water for discoloration. If your water is discolored, it will clear up on its own under normal usage over a period of time. It is also best to limit the use of your hot water until it's clear, as this will keep the iron deposits from going into your water heater. You may also notice a drop in water pressure during these times; however, the water pressure should return to normal within a short period of time. If you continue to experience difficulty with your water pressure or discoloration on Monday, June 8, 2015, please contact LCUB at (865) 986-6591 to report the problem.

**Financial Fraud  
Oklahoma Pastor Embezzled Nearly \$1 Million from Community Center**

The long-time pastor of the Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma was recently sentenced to 37 months

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**Charged**

Christine Collins, 30, Caldwell Road Loudon, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Clinton Russell, 29, Sunnyside Road Philadelphia, was charged with Public Intoxication.

Officer Kent Russell LPD, responded to a complainant about two possible intoxicated people sleeping in a ve-

hicle on Elm St that did not belong with them. Officer stayed on the phone with the complainant until he made contact with the two identified as Christina Collins, and Clinton Russell. Officer observed both to be very unsteady on their feet and had slurred speech. Both had bloodshot eyes and dilated pupils. Officer believed

both to be a danger to them self and others if left in public. Officer Kent Russell LPD, made the arrest.

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for his personal benefit—to pay his mortgage, buy luxury items like a Rolex watch, and to live a lavish lifestyle that included gambling and expensive hotel accommodations. In 2004, Jones had the idea to build a community center not far from his church in a disadvantaged West Tulsa neighborhood

called South Haven. The center would bring health care, a food and clothing bank, and other resources to the community. As the executive director of the Greater Cornerstone Community Development Project, Jones solicited donations from foundations, corporations, churches, and individuals—and raised about \$7 million.

"It was his vision," Maxwell said. "He started the project and raised funds for it." But as the money came in, Jones began transferring funds from

community center bank accounts to church bank accounts—and then transferred funds into his personal accounts.

After the center was completed in 2012, Jones went to the board of directors and said he needed more money. Surprised by the lack of funds, the board sought an audit and learned about center funds being transferred into church accounts. Jones said he did that to get a tax exempt status for some of the contractors. When the board asked to audit the church accounts, Jones refused, and the board filed a police report.

The FBI was asked to assist in the investigation. Legleiter and Maxwell began a painstaking look at the financial transactions involved over a six-year period. In one account alone, Maxwell said, there were 10,000 entries that needed to be analyzed.

In 2013, Jones was charged federally with three counts of wire fraud and one count of filing a false tax return. Federal charges were brought because in the process of transferring funds from the center to the church and then to his own accounts, the funds were routed electronically through another state.

"When there is an interstate wire transfer that involves fraud," Legleiter explained, "the FBI has jurisdiction over that. We also partnered with the IRS because if, in fact, Jones received money that he didn't claim on his taxes, that would be a tax violation."

Ultimately, Jones admitted that from 2007 to 2013, he misappropriated the funds and also failed to report nearly \$400,000 to the IRS. He was sentenced to prison in January.

Legleiter and Maxwell said a lack of internal controls on the part of the church and the community center enabled the embezzlement to go on for so long. Today, the community center—a beautiful facility that sits in the shadow of the Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church—is largely empty because there are no funds to operate it.

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can be achieved without having a personal relationship with Jesus. It is now even being taught in professional venues to others, who are encouraged to take the information back to their own cities and departments where they can teach it to more people.

Isn't this instructor doing what we, as Christians, often call "Making Disciples"? It is apparent to me that our culture is now actively engaged in the business of making ungodly disciples!

Were we not instructed by Jesus to "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the

Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey all things that I have commanded you"? (Mathew 28:18-20)

Here is what the Apostle Paul told Timothy:

2 Timothy 2:2-5 (NKJV) And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. And also if any-

one competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules.

I was both reminded and convicted of something today: As Christians, we are told that it will not be easy. We are told that there are hardships associated with sharing the good news of salvation through Jesus with the people we meet, with our friends, with our family and with our coworkers. They may not want to hear about heaven, hell, or the gift of eternal life through faith in Jesus. They may not receive the gospel and make a decision to follow Christ at the moment

we share with them, and that's ok. We are not tasked with making people believe, that's between them and the Holy Spirit of God. We are simply tasked with telling them, with loving them and with living a life that gives us credibility when we do share. If we don't make an effort to teach those around us what it truly means to be a spiritual leader..... you can be certain that someone else is waiting to share a version that leads to an eternity without God in a place of never ending torment.

In closing, I must share an ironic moment that made me smile while enduring that last session. While teaching over 65 students about spirituality with or without God today,

our instructor wanted to illustrate a business that has become very successful by implementing a strategy of kindness and humility to it's customers. The business he chose to use as an example worth following..... Chick-fil-A!!

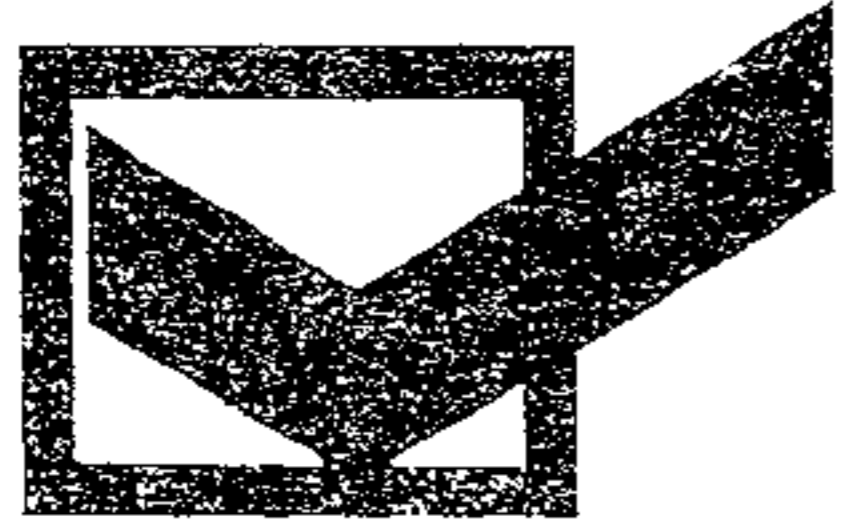
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