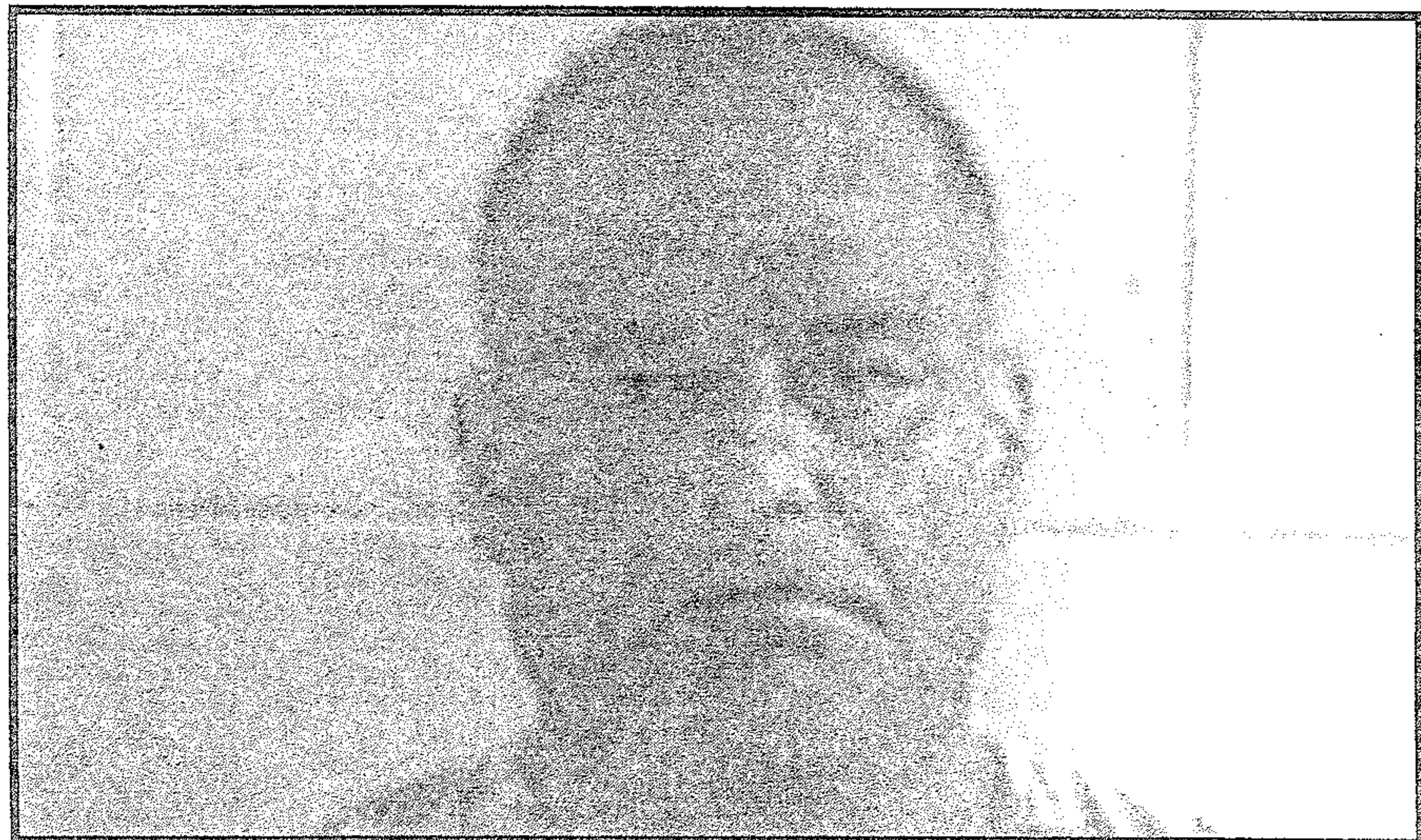


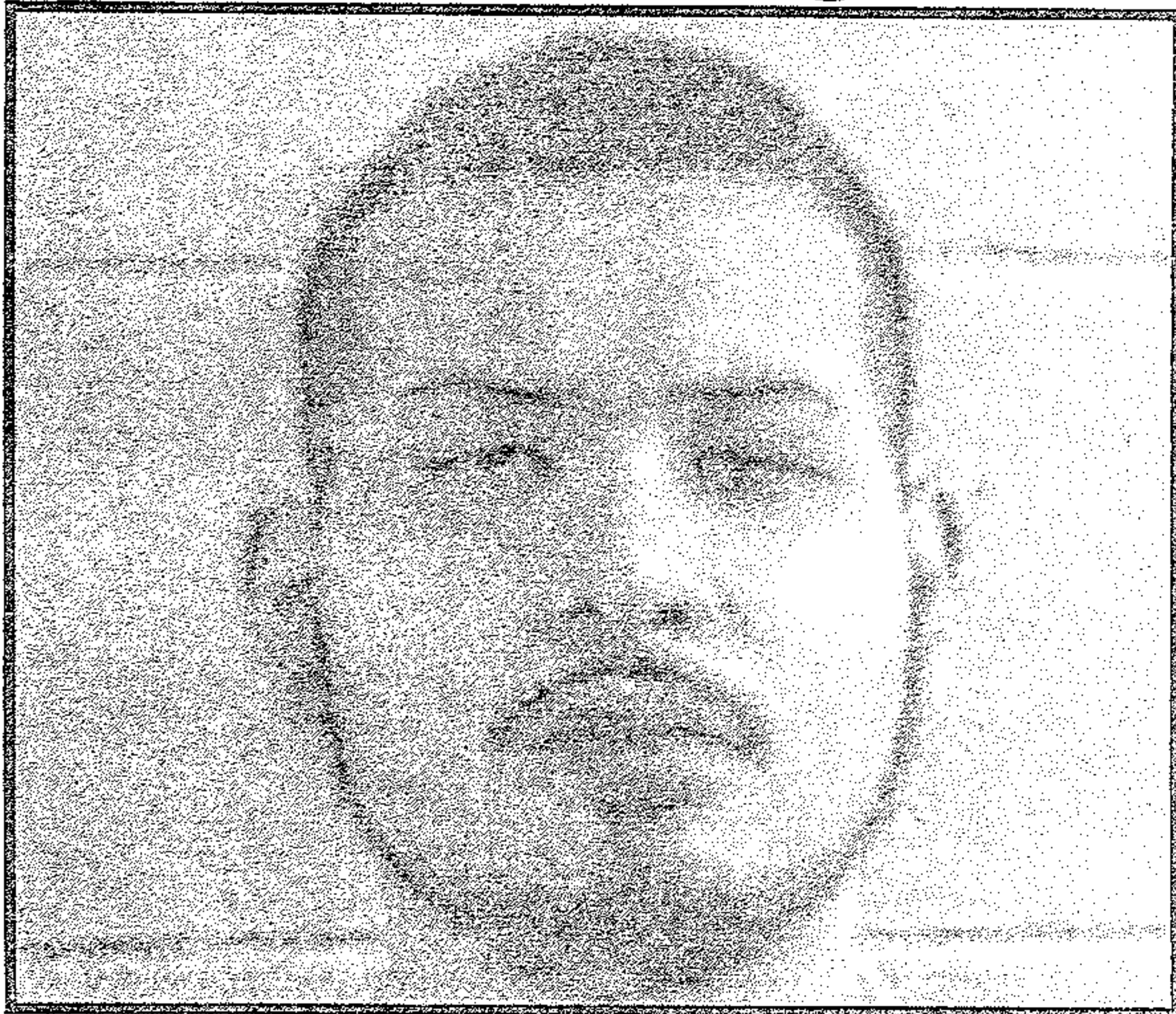
Man breaks into multiple cars in LC



James Sanchez

see Theft pg. 2

Man travels with drugs and no proof of license or registration



Gerson Espinoza

see Travel pg. 3

Maryville woman charged with DUI after 4x shots



Brittany Parker

see DUI pg. 5

Graduation Celebration



Kendra Brewster

see Grad. pg. 5

Military Fraudster Sentenced Man Lied About Military Record to Swindle Donors to His Purported Charity

The charity sounded like a worthy and patriotic cause—an organization that would send military families on Disney vacations and pay travel costs for families to see their loved ones graduate from boot camp in

South Carolina and California. But the charity, known as “Marines and Mickey” was simply a front that fraudster John Shannon Simpson used to enrich himself. Thanks to an FBI and Naval

See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

—Psalm 68:9

Wazzup

Please remember

Johnnie Redfearns family this week, they lost their mother. RIP Johnnie Redfearn we will miss you.

Weather

Today: Partly Cloudy. High of 88F.

Tonight: Clear and cool. Low of 68F

Tuesday: Cloudy. High of 89F

Tuesday night: Rain. Low of 69F.

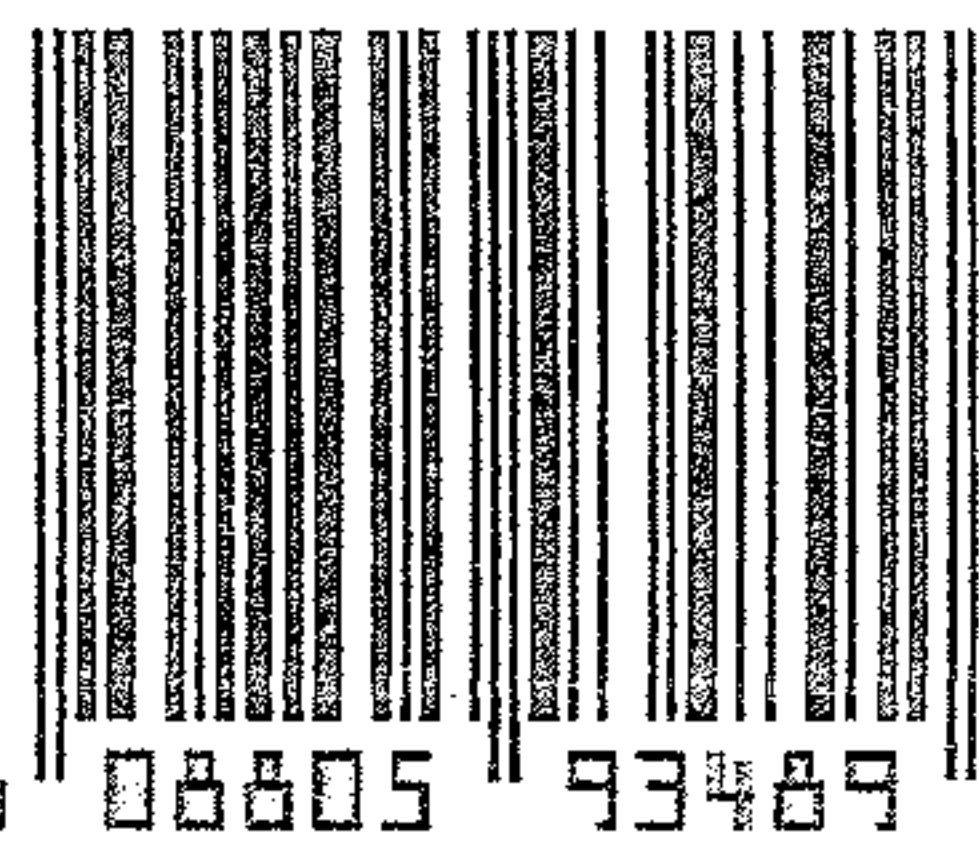
Horoscopes

Leo 7/23–8/22

Let your highest intentions

unite to shine the ego out of sight. You are here to represent a new possibility of freedom from fear. Demonstrate your positive mind by being generous in your assumptions and giv-

(Continued on page 6)



Theft

James Sanchez, 44, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Burglary of a Motor Vehicle x3, and Theft of Property x2. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart in reference to a vehicle burglary and

theft. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the victim who advised he returned to his vehicle he noticed he was missing approx.. \$5.00 dollars in change from his center console. Prior to this call the Police Dept. received a call of a vehicle

burglary at Chili's. Sgt. Hamilton LCPD, located a male that matched the description from the call of a male running from Walmart towards Tractor Supply. Sgt. Hamil-

ton identified the male as James Sanchez. Officer located Sanchez at the Inn of Lenoir. Sanchez admitted to the burglaries, and was placed under arrest.

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Travel

Gerson Espinoza, 20, West Loscusc Street Johnson City, was charged with Simple Possession and Poss. Of Drug Para. X2. Officer Benny Houser LPD, observed a vehicle run a stop sign I75 at the 72 exit. After stopping the vehicle Officer made contact with the driver and passenger identified as Gerson Es-

pinoza. Officer advised them why he had stopped them and ask for license, registration, and proof of insurance. Gerson stated it was a friends vehicle and there was no paper work in the vehicle. Gerson stated he had taken a friend to Kentucky and was headed back to Johnson City. Officer then ask Gerson to exit the vehicle and ask him why they were in Loudon, he

stated they got off the exit to head back North and his grandfather was not a good driver. Officer ask for permission to search the vehicle and was given permission. Located in the vehicle was a black bag with a marijuana pipe and a black container with 6.56 grams of marijuana. A marijuana pipe was located in the center console, and a loaded Glock 30 with 2 extra magazines. Gerson Espinoza was placed under arrest.

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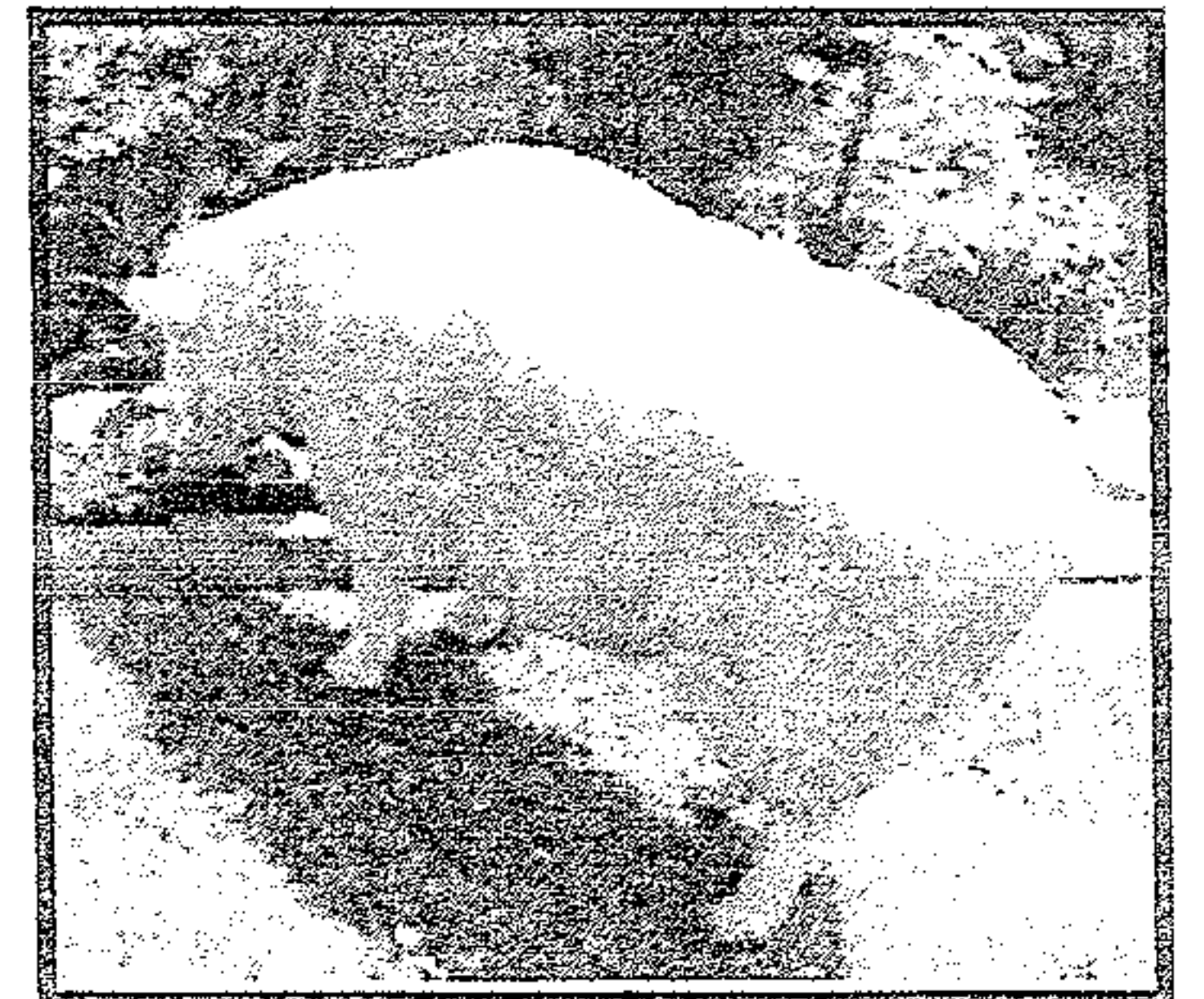
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enjoy it very long. I just want people to know if they see my Sheep or know who stole my Sheep..... That I would like her back and am willing to give a reward to someone if they will help.



Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the boardroom at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, 101 Mulberry St., Loudon, TN, to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone approximately 20.18 acres, Parcel 004.00, Tax Map 078, 10616 East Coast Tellico Parkway, in the 3rd Legislative District, from R-1, Suburban Residential District to R-1, Suburban Residential District with Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay, 2.5 units per acre.

FBI

Criminal Investigative Service investigation, Simpson is now serving a prison sentence.

"Simpson presented himself as a retired master sergeant in the Marines, and people believed him. They had no reason to question a U.S. Marine," said Special Agent Tiffany Baker, who investigated the case out of the FBI's Bluffton Resident Agency, which is part of the Columbia Field Office.

In fact, Simpson was actually a lower-level rank than he claimed, and he was court-martialed for going AWOL.

But claiming to be associated with the Marine Corps gave Simpson credibility, and donors gave nearly half a million dollars to his charity from its founding in 2014 until 2016.

Simpson befriended

a Gold Star mother who had lost her son in a shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee in 2015. Simpson and the Gold Star mother collaborated on fundraisers for Marines and Mickey.

People who knew the mother became suspicious of Marines and Mickey and dug into Simpson's military record. A friend of hers contacted the FBI, who began looking into the charity.

While the purported charity claimed that 100 percent of funds were directed to help military families, investigators found that less than 20 percent of the donations were actually used for that purpose. Most of the money was simply pocketed for Simpson's daily living expenses.

"Simpson even hosted a fundraiser that was to send a Marine's child who was sick with cancer to Disney," Baker said.

"In fact, he did not direct any money toward that family."

But Simpson was a good salesman. He knew enough about the military to ingratiate himself with Marines and their families. And for a long time, no one, including his volunteers, had any reason to question his military record or how he was spending the money he raised.

"It's such an affront to the Marine Corps values that someone had the audacity to take advantage of their service members for financial gain—while pretending to have those same military values himself when he did not," Baker said. "It's just a really egregious case."

In April, Simpson pleaded guilty to wire fraud in April

2019 and was sentenced to four years in prison in July 2019.

Baker emphasized the importance of donors investigating charities before they contribute. Legitimate organizations are transparent about how much they take in, what their operating costs are, and who benefits from their work. The Federal Trade Commission also offers tips on giving wisely.

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DUI

Brittany Parker, 24, Oakdale Street Maryville, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent. Officer J. Dishner LCPD, observed a maroon vehicle, fail to come to a complete stop while turning onto Kelly Lane from the Ingles access road. Officer stopped the vehicle and made contact with the driver Brittany Parker. Officer ask Parker to step out of the vehicle, as her passenger was intoxicated and Officer believed he smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from her person. Officer confirmed the odor was coming from Parker and she admitted drinking 4 mixed shots, about an hour ago. Parker

performed poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Grad

Kendra Brewster McCarter and her family are celebrating her graduation from Bethel University's College of Professional Studies with the Master of Science in Criminal Justice degree this August 3rd. Kendra received a Bachelor of Science in emergency services management degree, graduating with honors, in 2017. She is also an active member of both Epsilon Pi Phi and Alpha Phi Sigma honor societies and is a member of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences as well as the Internal Association of Women Police. Kendra plans to attend California University of Pennsylvania as a doctoral student in criminal justice for the next three years, with a concentration in forensic behavioral analysis. Kendra and her husband Julius make their home in Loudon.

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Public Notice

The Loudon Regional Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at the Loudon City Hall, 2480 Hwy. 72 N., Loudon, TN, to receive public comments regarding amending the Subdivision Regulations, Article III, C., Lots, subsection 2. Arrangement for lot frontage requirements for subdivision of property within the municipal boundaries of the City of Loudon only.

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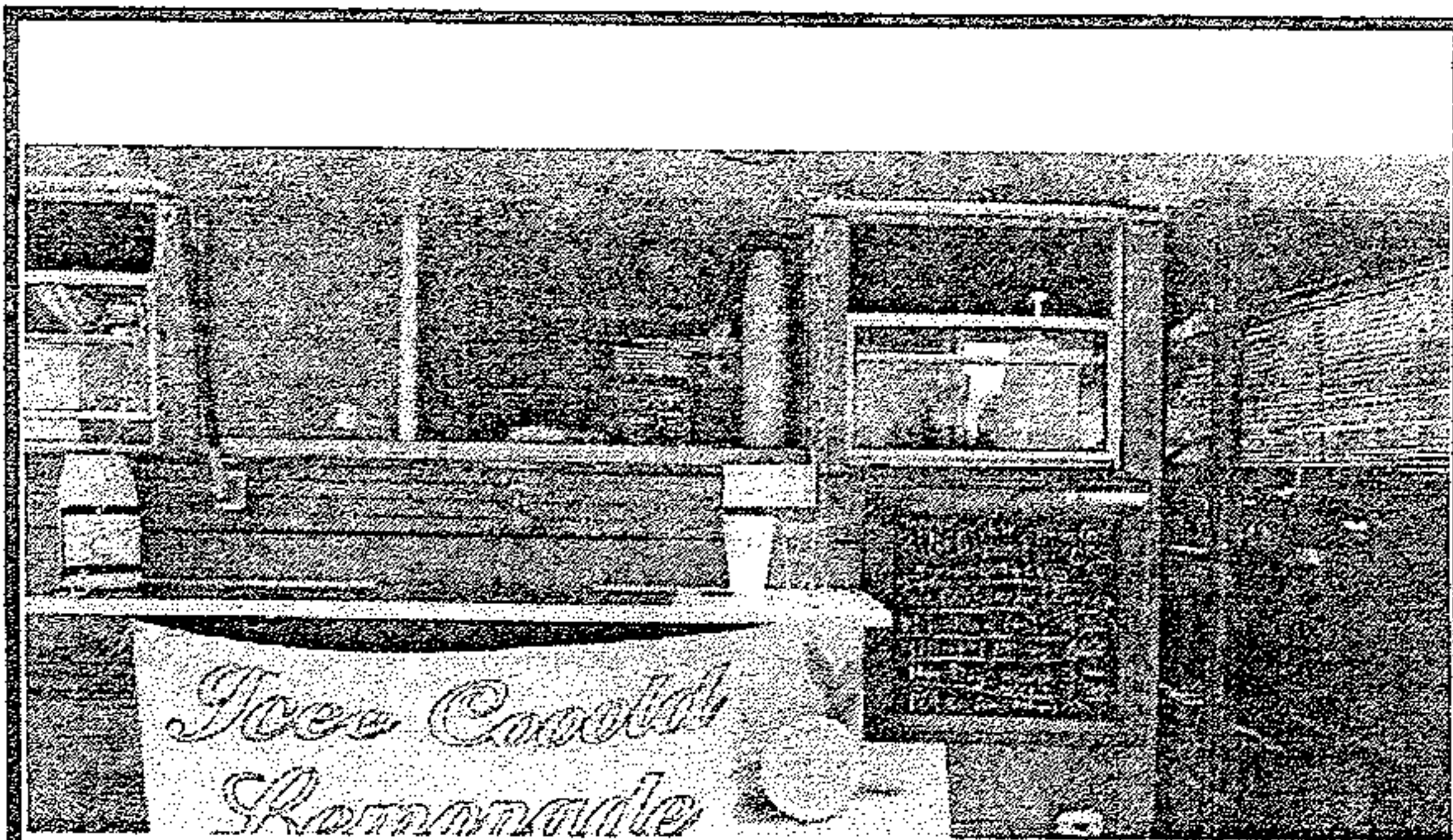
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