

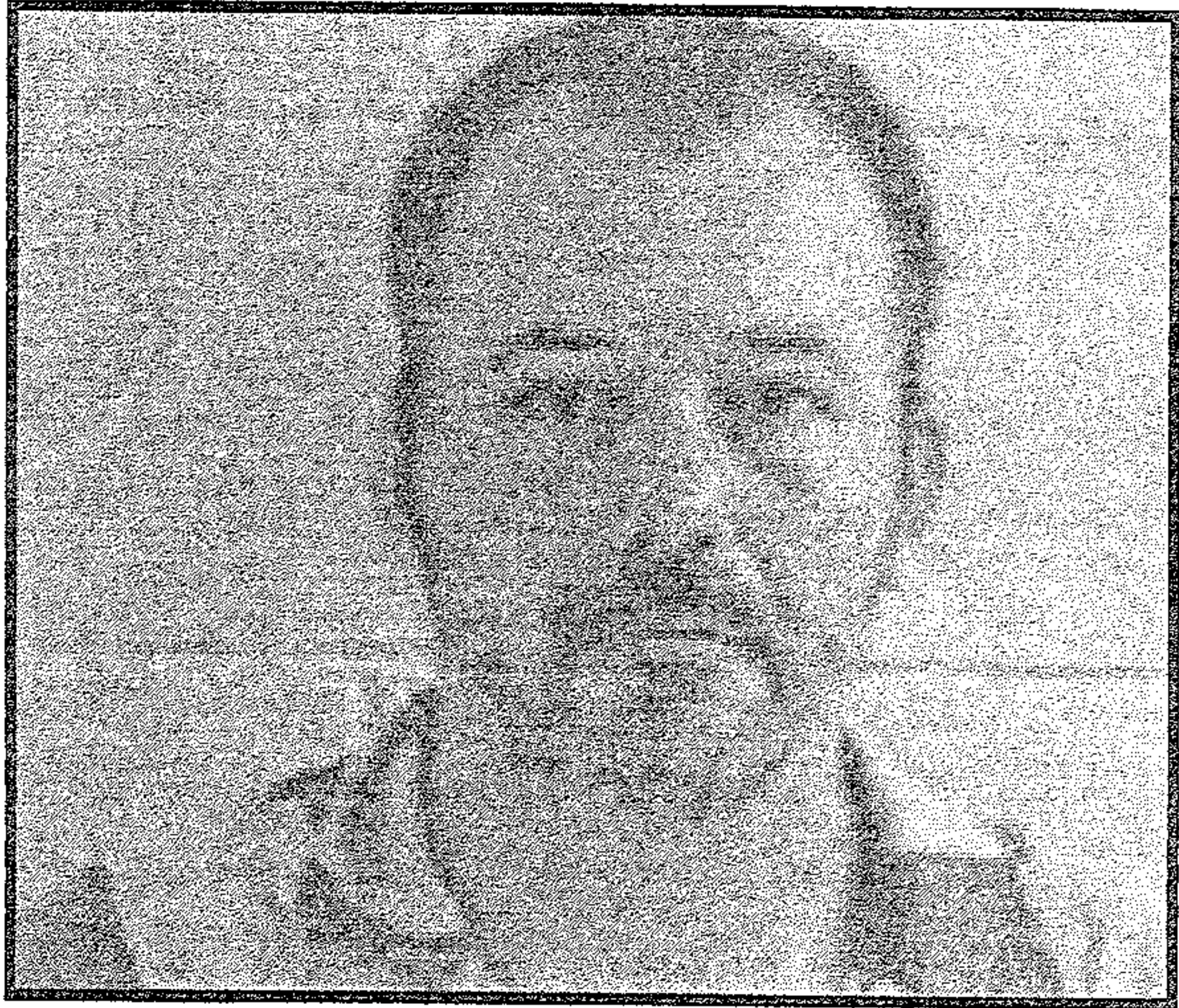
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Friday, March 27, 2020

## Meth found on LC driver without seatbelt



John Barber

John Barber, 39, Mealer Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mgf/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., Simple Possession, Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Criminal Court & Lenoir City Capias. Deputy K. Palmer LCSO, observed a white ve-

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## U.S. coronavirus death toll tops 1,000 as unemployment widens

By Doina Chiacu and Maria Caspani

The U.S. coronavirus death toll topped the 1,000 milestone as the pandemic's mounting economic burden was illustrated by government data on Thursday showing a record number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits and hospitals struggled to treat a surge

of infected patients. Roughly half the United States was under "stay at home" orders to try to curb the spread of the virus, with the side effects of strangling the economy and unleashing a wave of layoffs. Help may be on the way as the U.S. Congress neared approval

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## FBI Sees Rise In Fraud Schemes Related to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic

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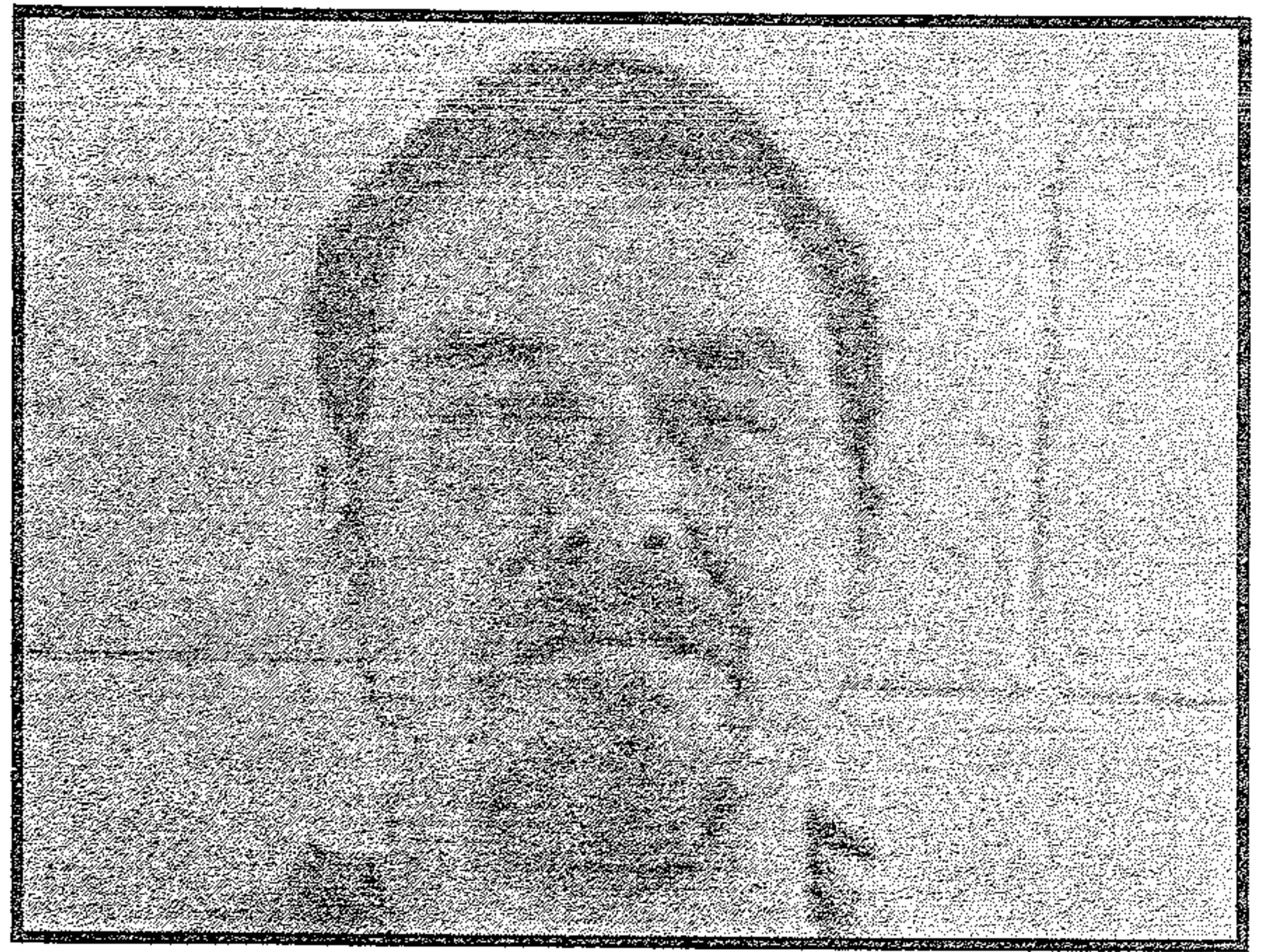
to a charity online or through social media; contributing to a crowdfunding campaign; purchasing products online; or giving up your personal information in order to receive money or other benefits. The FBI advises you to be on

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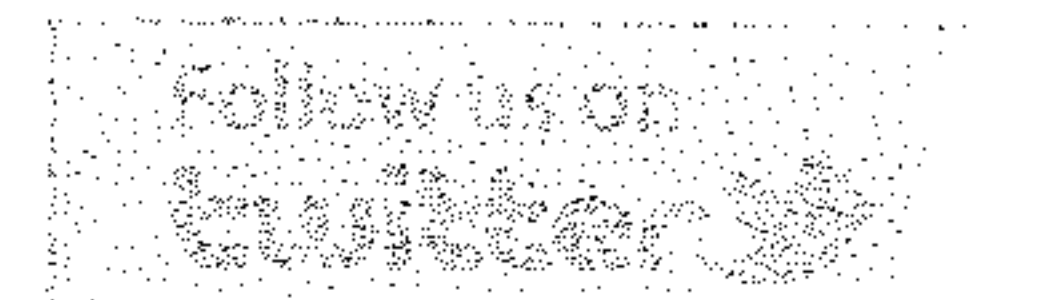
## Stabbing after poker game

Michael Simon, 40, Francis Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Officer J. Yates LCPD, was dispatched to Francis Drive to a stabbing. The victim and assailant identified as Michael Aaron were drinking and

See stabbing P.5



Michael Simon



### Verse of the Day

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. —Galatians 3:26-27

### Wazzup

Be sure to get that grub to go from local restaurants during this time.

### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 82F.  
Tonight: Clear. Low of 60F

Saturday: Sunny. High of 78F.

Saturday night: Clear. Low of 64F.

Sunday: Overcast. High of 72F.

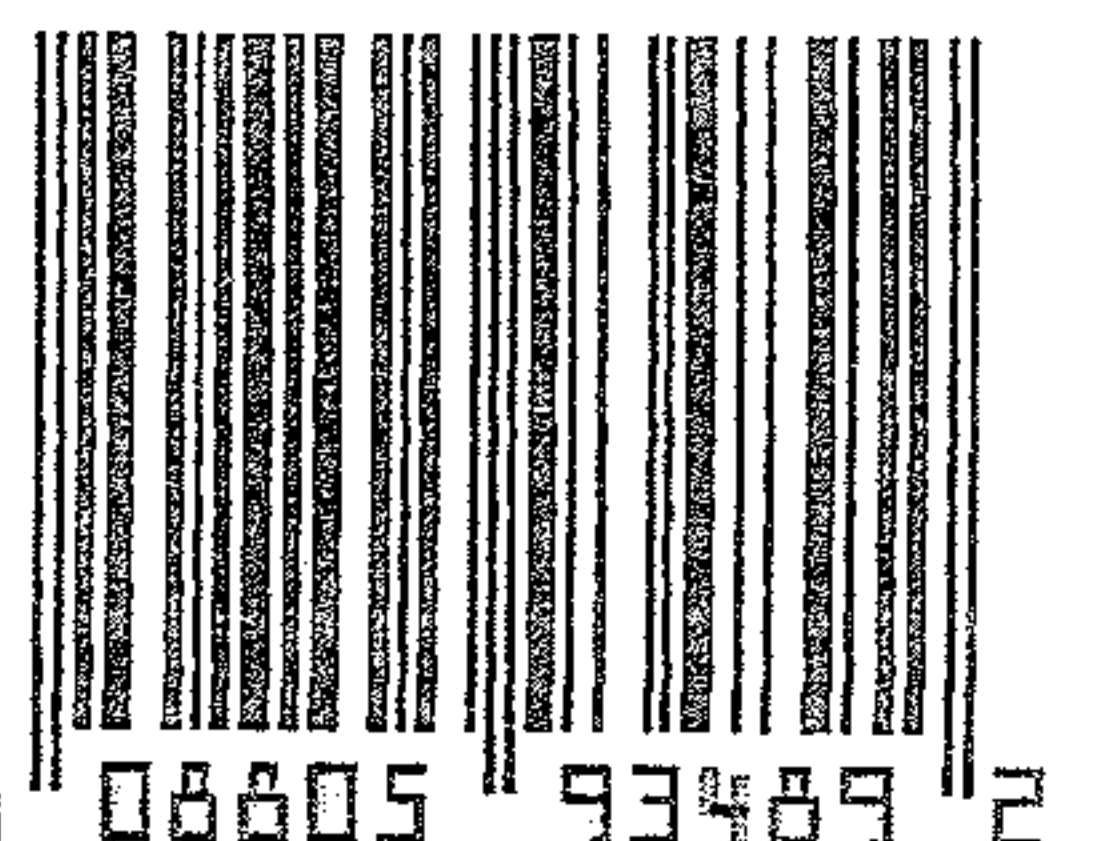
Sunday night: Nice. Low of 58F.

### Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Money matters grab your attention once the Moon enters your financial 2nd house today. Your values are up for review and you may have to make a

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**Meth**

hicle turning onto Hwy 70 from Hines Valley Road. Deputy observed the driver of the vehicle John Barber was not wearing a seatbelt and was on his cell phone. Deputy stopped the vehicle at the Weigles off Hwy 321, and made contact with Barber. Deputy ask for Barber license, registration and Ins. Barber stated he did not have any of the informa-

tion, and his license were suspended. Deputy walked back to his patrol vehicle and observed Barber stuffing something under the seat. Deputy walked back to the vehicle and had Barber exit the vehicle, and ask if there was anything illegal on his person he stated no. Deputy ask for permission to search his person and Deputy located a pipe in Barber front pocket, and a meth pipe in

his back pocket. Deputy ask if there was anything illegal in the vehicle he stated no. Deputy ask Barber what he put under the seat he stated he was looking for a cig-

arette. During a search of the vehicle located was a blue container with about 2 grams f a crystal substance believed to be meth and 1.1 grams of marijuana.

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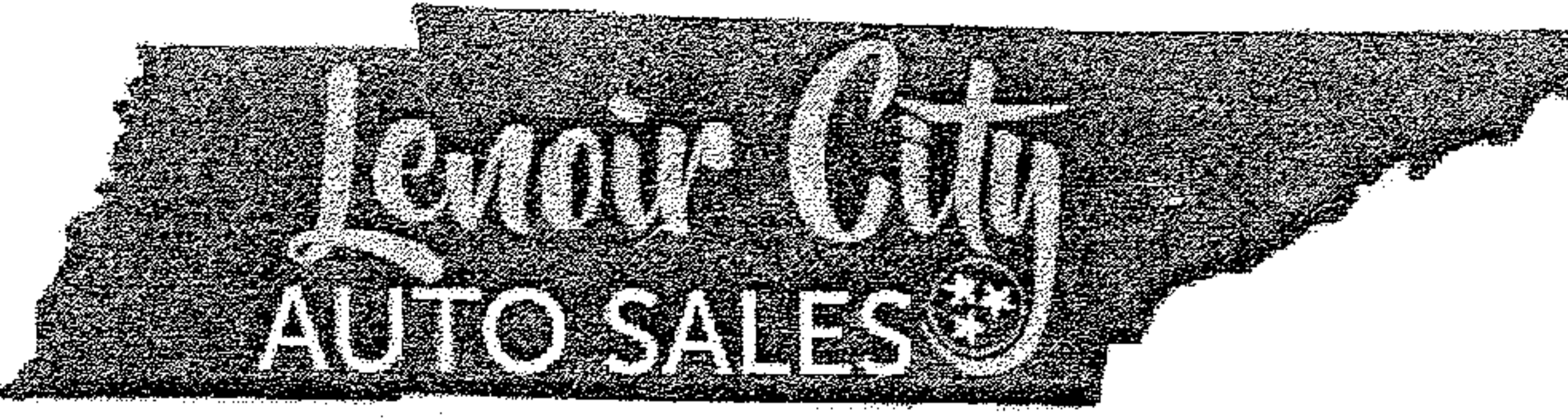
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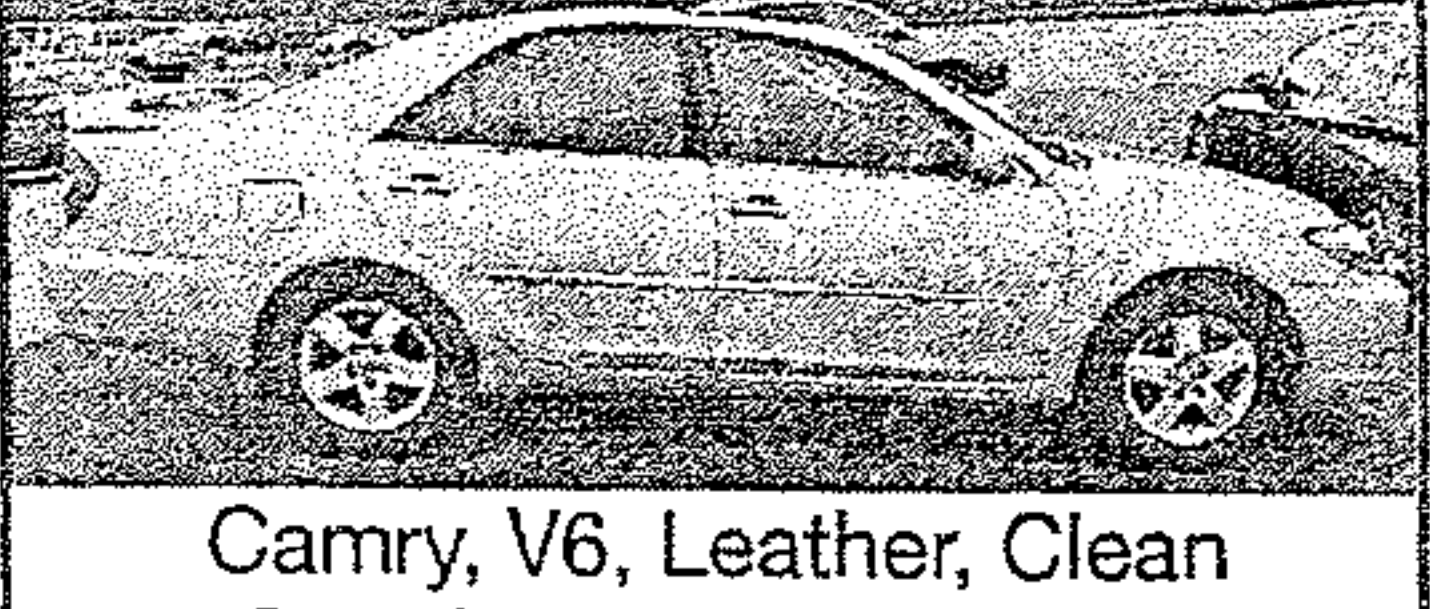
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Dispatched advised Barber's license were suspended, and had 2 active warrants. John Barber was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

**FBI**

the lookout for the following:

**Fake CDC Emails.** Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or other organizations claiming to offer information on the virus. Do not click links or open attachments you do not recognize. Fraudsters can use links in emails to deliver malware to your computer to steal personal information or to lock your computer and demand payment. Be wary of websites and apps claiming to track COVID-19 cases worldwide. Criminals are using malicious websites to infect and lock devices until payment is received.

**Phishing Emails.** Look out for phishing emails asking you to verify your personal information in order to receive an economic stimulus check from the government. While

talk of economic stimulus checks has been in the news cycle, government agencies are not sending unsolicited emails seeking your private information in order to send you money. Phishing emails may also claim to be related to:

- Charitable contributions
- General financial relief
- Airline carrier refunds
- Fake cures and vaccines
- Fake testing kits

**Counterfeit Treatments or Equipment.** Be cautious of anyone selling products that claim to prevent, treat, diagnose, or cure COVID-19. Be alert to counterfeit products such as sanitizing products and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 respirator masks, goggles, full face shields, protective gowns, and gloves. More information on unapproved or counterfeit PPE can be found at [www.cdc.gov/niosh](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh). You can also find information on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration website, [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), and the Environmental Protection Agency website, [www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov). Report

counterfeit products at [www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov) and to the National Intellectual Property Rights Coordination Center at [iprcenter.gov](http://iprcenter.gov).

If you are looking for accurate and up-to-date information on COVID-19, the CDC has posted extensive guidance and information that is updated frequently. The best sources for authoritative information on COVID-19 are [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and [www.coronavirus.gov](http://www.coronavirus.gov). You may also consult your primary care physician for guidance.

The FBI is reminding you to always use good cyber hygiene and security measures. By remembering the following tips, you can protect yourself and help stop criminal activity:


Do not open attachments or click links within emails from senders you don't recognize.

Do not provide your username, password, date of birth, social security number, financial data, or other personal information in response to an email or robocall.

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## Pandemic

al of a \$2 trillion economic stimulus package.

The number of Americans filing claims for unemployment benefits surged to a record of nearly 3.28 million last week, the Labor Department reported, nearly five times the previous weekly record of 695,000 from the recession of 1982.

And the Labor Department report may understate the problem as the official statistics typically have not included the self-employed or independent contractors. The economy is already in recession, according to some economists.

Louis DeAngelis, 26, worked as a bar tender in Plymouth, New Hampshire, until early last week, when the state's governor closed all bars and restaurants because of the virus threat. After applying without any problems, he found out he will receive \$159 a week, or slightly less than half of his weekly income.

"I'm fortunate to have some family who are willing to help," said DeAngelis, who also worked as a

substitute teacher. "I've got options, but a lot of folks don't."

A running tally kept by Johns Hopkins University showed that at least 1,046 people had died from COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the virus. COVID-19 has been particularly dangerous to the elderly and people with pre-existing medical conditions. New York state leads the nation in both deaths and infections.

Hospitals, laid-off workers and struggling companies will receive badly needed economic aid under the record-setting economic stimu-

lus legislation approved by the Senate late on Wednesday in a 96-0 vote. House of Representatives leaders said they hoped to pass the bill on Friday, and President Donald Trump has said he would sign it into law.

"Every day matters so we want to get this done quickly," House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy said in an interview with Fox News.

The weekly jobless claims report offered the clearest evidence yet of the pandemic's impact on the economy, putting an end to nearly 9-1/2 years of job growth.

"The number has sent chills through the markets. If these numbers continue for three or four weeks, there will be demand for more fiscal support," said Quicky Krosby, chief market strategist for Prudential Financial in Newark, New Jersey.

Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell said the United States "may well be in recession."

Powell said reactivating the economy would have to wait until the virus is under control, despite Trump's stated desire to resume economic activity by Easter, April 12.

"The first order of business will be to get the spread of the virus under control and then resume economic activity," Powell told NBC's Today Show.

"We know that economic activity will decline probably substantially in the second quarter, but I think many expect, and I would expect, economic activity to resume and move back up in the second half of the year," Powell said.

Powell also said he would defer to experts such as Anthony Fauci, head of U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, for guidance on when to lift restrictions.

Fauci told WNYC public radio in New York on Thursday that the changing weather could help combat the virus because generally warm and moist weather provides better conditions than a cold and dry winter.

But he also warned the virus could return for the next northern winter  
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stabbing

playing cards at a friends house on Francis Drive. They began arguing and went outside. The victim was following Michael and instigating a fight he was unarmed. They made their way to Michael's residence on Francis Drive, and Michael pulled a Kershaw brand knife. The victim was stabbed once in the lower left abdomen. The victim sustained a large gash approx.. 8 inch long and very deep. The victim was transported to UT Medical. When Michael Simon was located he had the knife in his pocket. After an investigation Michael Simon was placed under arrest, and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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and that experts could not predict this novel coronavirus because it was "unique."

"We hope we get a respite as we get into April, May and June. It is likely to come around next season because it's a very vigorous virus," Fauci said.

"We're already seeing more infected people in the southern hemisphere now as we head into their winter. So I hope and I think we might get a respite with the weather, which will hopefully give us more time to then prepare for what might be a second round or a seasonal cycling," Fauci said.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has been sounding the alarm about an expected shortage of hospital beds and ventilators. In Italy, the country with the highest number of coronavirus deaths, overwhelmed hospitals have become vehicles of contamination with up to one-fifth of personnel testing positive for the virus at one Milan hospital.

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