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Thursday, December 23, 2010

## Person search in Philly leads to arrests of two for meth, more

When officials went to a Philadelphia residence looking for a wanted person the homeowner gave consent for police to search the home. A safety pat down of all the people on the premises resulted in the arrests of two Madisonville women after meth, pills, needles and other paraphernalia were found on their persons and in a vehicle. One of the women received an additional charge after she allegedly tried to sneak meth into the jail.

Tracy M. Williams, 32, Highway 411, Madisonville was charged with possession of schedule VI marijuana,

(see Busted pg. 3) Williams



Rich

### Sheets land woman in slammer



Smallen

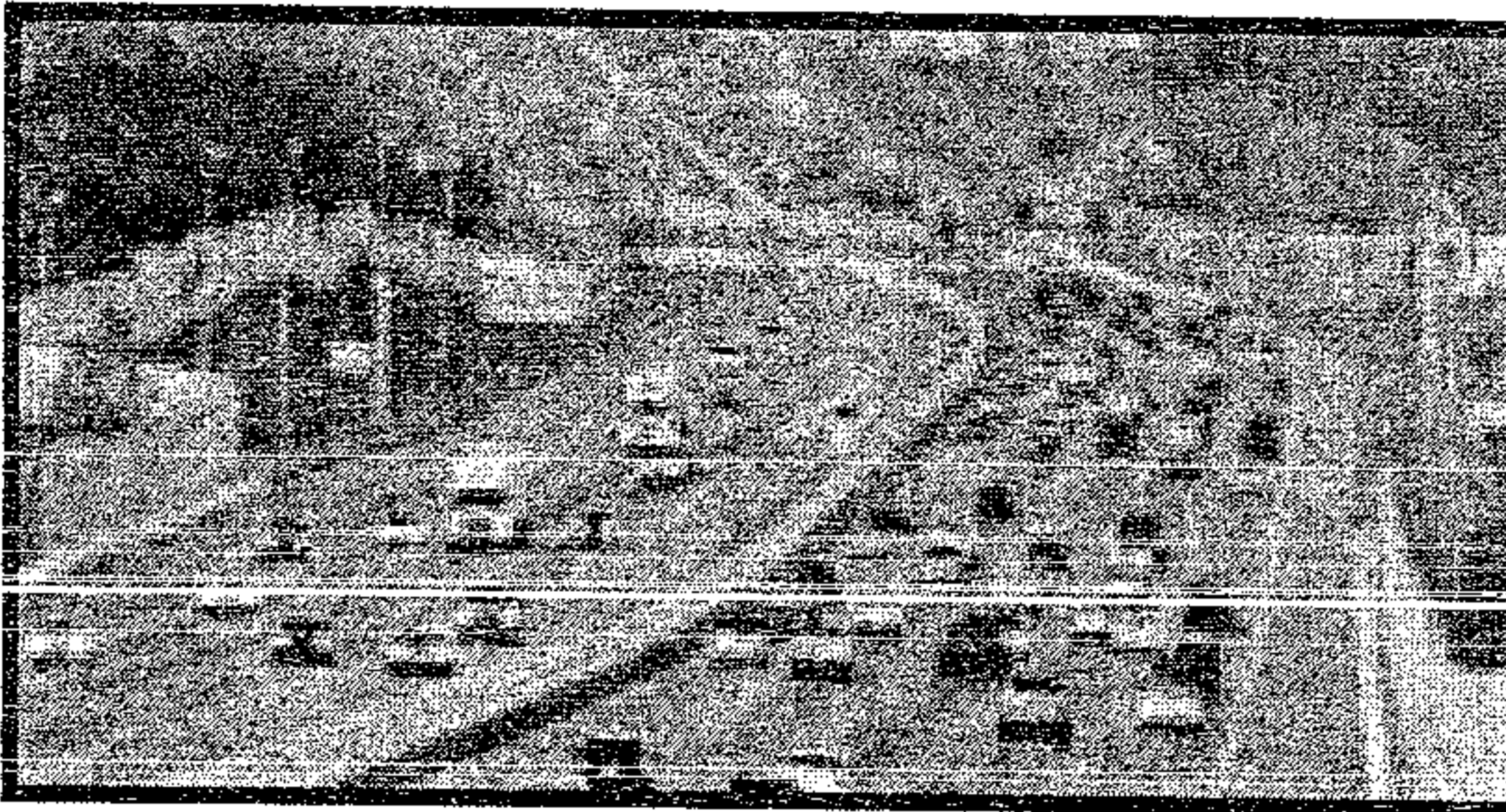
A young Lenoir City woman was jailed Saturday after she allegedly tried to steal sheets (see Smallen pg. 5)

### Workshop burglary reported

A local man called authorities Friday to report the loss of numerous items after his workshop was burglarized. According to reports, Deputy Mike Williams, LCSO took (see Workshop pg. 7)

### TDOT Halts Highway Construction for Busy Holiday Travel Period

NASHVILLE – Holiday travelers should enjoy a smooth drive through Tennessee during the busy Christmas and New Year's travel holidays.



More than 2 million Tennesseans are expected to travel by car during the Christmas and New Year's Holidays. (see Travel pg. 4)

### Fishing With Gus

#### Merry Christmas

'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the lake, Not a creature was stirring, not even a drake.

The poles were out, tightened with care,

In hopes that a catfish would soon be there.

And John in his chair and I on the bow,

Both hoping for a catfish as big as a cow.

When out on the water there arose such a clatter,

We both jumped up to see what was the matter.

(see Gus pg. 6)

### Verse of the Day

"If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you." 1 Peter 4:14

### Obituaries

None

### Wazzup

It was good seeing you Wanda - congrats on the grandbabies!

### Weather

Today: Cloudy. High

around 45. Winds NW at 5 to 10 mph.

Tonight: Considerable cloudiness. Low 26. Winds N at 5 to 10 mph.

Thursday: Plenty of sun. Highs in the low

40s and lows in the mid 20s.

### Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-1/19

You need to avoid the temptation to go ballistic at the smallest insult

-- it's just part of the way you're reacting to social input. If you keep your cool, you should be able to get a lot farther with people.

(see More pg. 2)



**Busted**

possession of schedule II methamphetamine, possession of schedule III alprazolam, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Michele L. Rich, 21, Polly Mountain Road, Madisonville was charged with possession of sched-

ule II methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and introduction or possession of weapons, explosives, intoxicants, or drugs into a penal institution where prisoners are quartered.

According to affidavits; Deputy Chris Jenkins, LCSO went to Sunny

Side Road Friday in an attempt to locate someone on warrants. The owner of the residence gave the deputy consent to search the home for that person.

Once inside, a pat down of everyone present was performed for officer safety and Ms. Tracy M. Williams gave verbal consent to be searched.

Clear plastic bags were found in Williams's front pockets, and a white powder substance believed to be methamphetamine weighing approximately 1 gram, four green oval pills marked with S 902 believed to be alprazolam, and a green plant material

believed to be marijuana weighing approximately 1.5 grams were all discovered in different bags on her person.

A metal pipe commonly used to smoke marijuana and a syringe were also discovered in Williams's pocket. Ms. Williams claimed ownership of the items and was placed under arrest.

Michele L. Rich was also at the residence and a clear plastic bag containing a white powder substance believed to be methamphetamine was in an ashtray in plain view of the officers, and within reach of Ms. Rich. The substance field tested positive for methamphetamine and weighed around 0.5 grams.

Ms. Rich claimed ownership of the substance. Her vehicle was on the property and she gave consent for it to be

searched as well.

Deputy Jenkins deployed K9 Diego for a drug sniff of the vehicle and he alerted before being deployed inside the vehicle where he alerted to the center console. A purple glass pipe commonly used to smoke marijuana and a spoon with burn marks on the bottom of it were discovered.

Ms. Rich was placed under arrest and before being transported to the jail was asked if she had anything on her person and she said no. Once at the jail, Corporal Angie Martin, LCSO performed a search on Ms. Rich and found a clear plastic bag with a white powder residue believed to be methamphetamine and a straw with white powder residue inside of it.

Deputy Bobby Hamilton and Investigator Marty Stanley were also on the scene.

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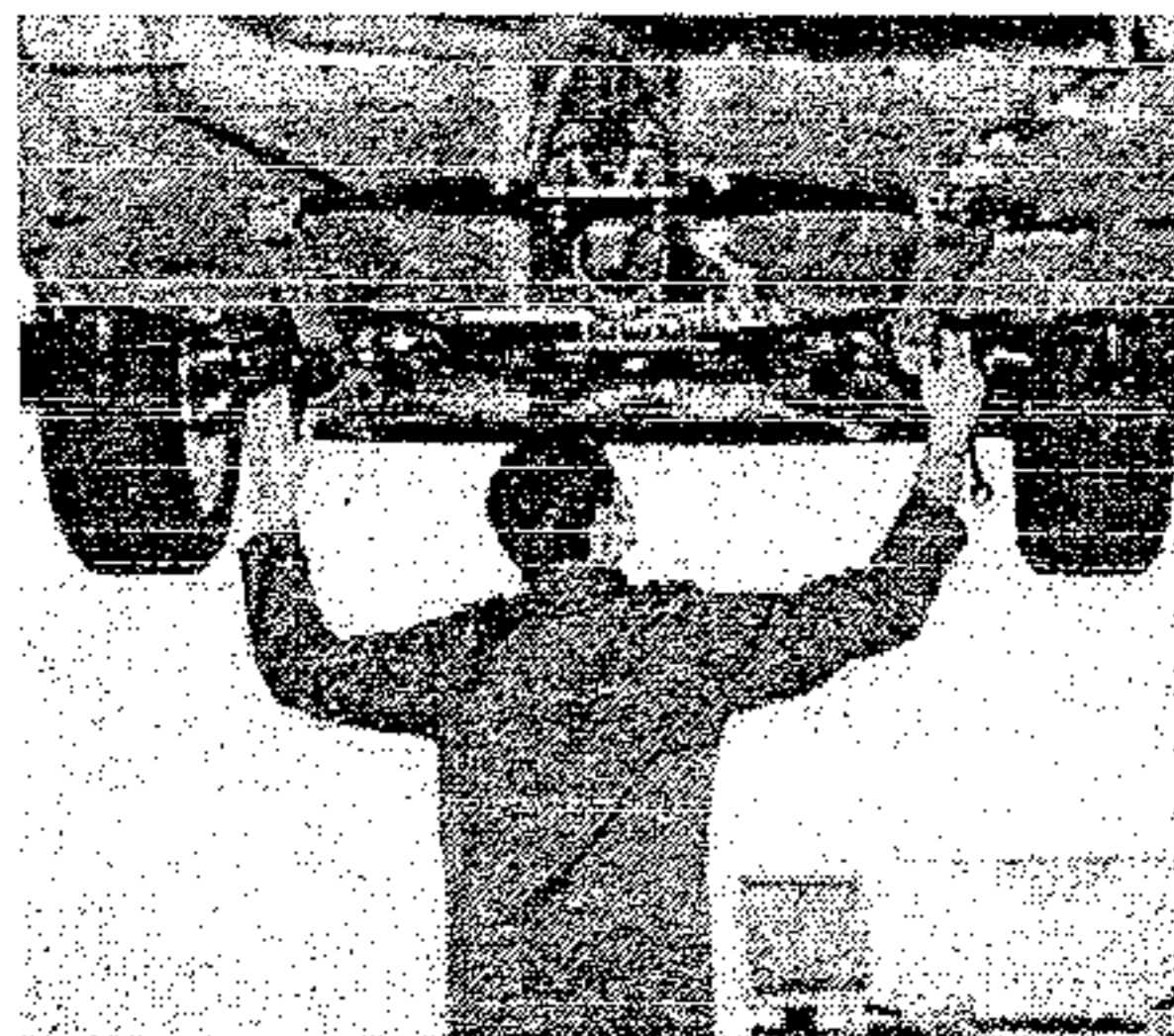
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**Travel**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is once again halting all lane closure activity on interstates and state highways in anticipation of higher traffic volumes across the state.

No temporary lane closures will be allowed for construction on Tennessee roadways from 8:00 a.m. on Friday, December 24 through 8:00 a.m. on Monday, January 3.

"This is one of the busiest travel periods

of the entire year and we know many Tennesseans will be hitting the roads to visit family and friends during the holidays," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "We want to ensure that motorists traveling in Tennessee arrive at their destinations safely and with as little disruption as possible."

Except for a few long-term closures which must remain in place for safety, all construction related closures will be suspended. Workers will also be on

site in some construction zones. Drivers should obey all posted speed limits, particularly in construction areas. Slower speeds are necessary in work zones due to the temporary layout of the roadway and will be enforced. Drivers convicted of speeding through work zones where workers are present face a fine of \$250 to \$500, plus court fees and possible increased insurance premiums.

"Drivers can expect to see increased law enforcement on the roads

throughout the holiday with a particular focus on stopping drivers who are impaired," said Governor's Highway Safety Office Director Kendell Poole. "We want everyone to have a safe holiday so remember to buckle up, drive the speed limit and don't get behind the wheel of a vehicle if you've had anything to drink."

AAA predicts holiday travel will increase nearly 4% in Tennessee this year, with more than 2 million expected to travel by automobile in the volunteer state between the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Across the U.S. 85.7 million people are expected to drive to their year-end holiday destinations.

For up-to-date travel

information, motorists may call 511 from any land line or cellular phone or visit [www.TN511.com](http://www.TN511.com). TDOT is also on Twitter. For statewide travel tweets follow [www.twitter.com/TN511](http://www.twitter.com/TN511). Motorists are reminded to use all motorist information tools responsibly. Drivers should refrain from texting, tweeting or using a mobile phone while operating a vehicle. Drivers should "Know before you go!" and check traffic conditions before leaving for your destination.

**Police Beat**

Ronnie Gene Tudor Jr., 18, County Road 267, Niota was charged Saturday with violation of probation out of McMinn County and driving on revoked.

Sgt. R.S Newman, LPD made the arrest on Mulberry Street.

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**Smallen**

from Walmart.

Shawna Nicole Smallen, 19, North A Street, Lenoir City was charged with theft under \$500.

The report states, Saturday at 4:57 PM, a Walmart loss prevention officer observed Ms. Smallen select-

ing two sets of sheets in the domestics department before she went to the lawn and garden department and left.

**Police Beat**

Wesley D. Nutter, 33, Warren Street, Madisonville was charged with DUI 1st offense.

According to records,

Smallen was apprehended by LCPD Officers Allen Bean and Chris Law. Restitution of \$43.34 was sought.

Sunday, around 12:59 AM, Deputy Billy Hall, LCSO stopped a red Chevy Monte Carlo for speeding on Highway 411. The driver, Wesley D. Nutter, had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on his person, glassy eyes and slurred

speech.

Nutter was asked to perform field sobriety tasks and was unable to complete them. He was arrested and transported to Fort Loudoun ER for a blood test and

then on to the jail. Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO was also on scene.

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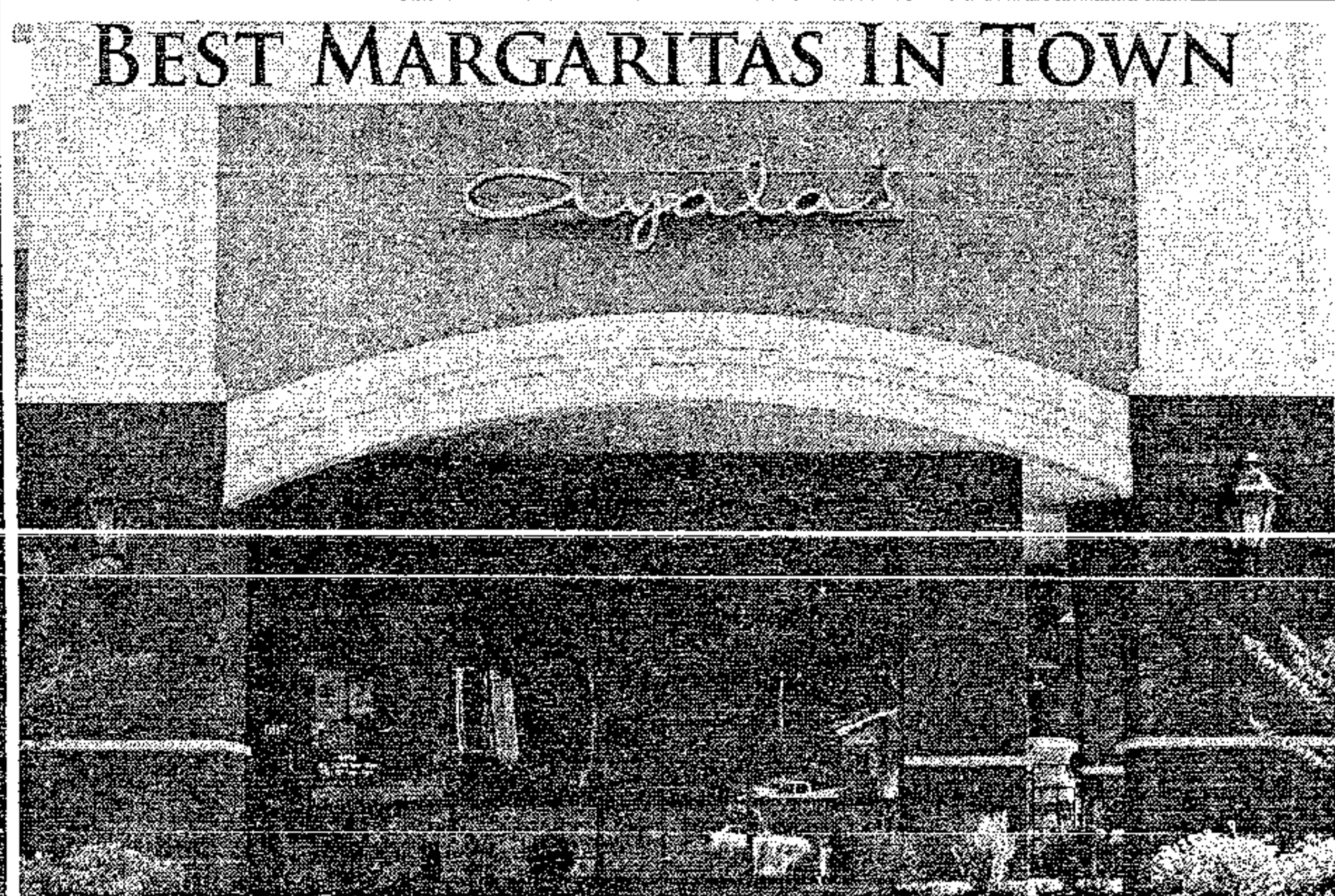
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And I reached for the  
lights on the dash.  
The moon on the wa-  
ter gave a good glow,  
The line started to  
peel, man watch it go.  
John picked up the rod  
and gave a hard jerk,  
The pole bent double  
and I went to work.  
Shinning the light,  
hoping for a glance,  
Then there it was, I  
don't think we had a  
chance.  
It was chubby and  
plump from whisker to  
tail,  
I wasn't sure if it  
was going to fit on our  
scale.  
I thought it could be a  
world record at best,  
Maybe a sponsorship,  
with our name on our

vest.

The flopping and  
splashing of tail and  
fin,  
With one final splash,  
it was off again,  
Then all of the sud-  
den the line went slack,  
Oh my God, John fell  
on his back!  
That's the last we  
saw, as it went out of  
sight,  
I looked at John and

said, "Well there's al-  
ways tomorrow night!"

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a report Friday of a burglary to a man's work-

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shop. The complainant, Mr. Larry Heisig, Elizabeth Way, Lenoir City stated the burglary occurred within the past three weeks.

Heisig told the law-

man the thief got away with a red and silver Huskey tile saw, an airless paint sprayer, and a leather carpenter tool belt with miscellaneous hand tools in it.

The total estimated value of the loss was \$800. The case was turned over to an investigator.

**Police Beat**

Joshua Ray Ricc, 20,

Pine Grove New Providence, Loudon was charged Friday with violation of probation.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSO made the arrest.

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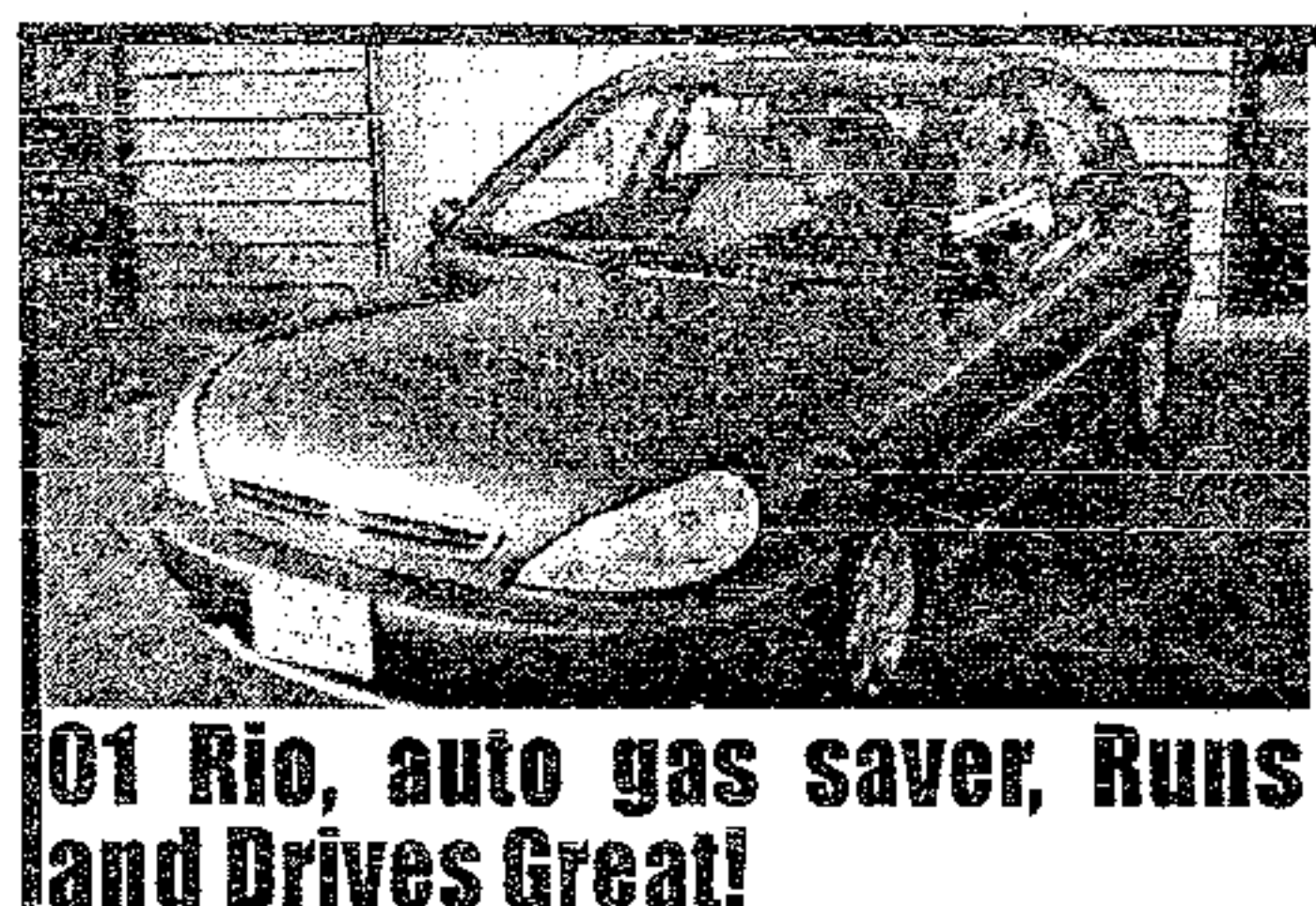


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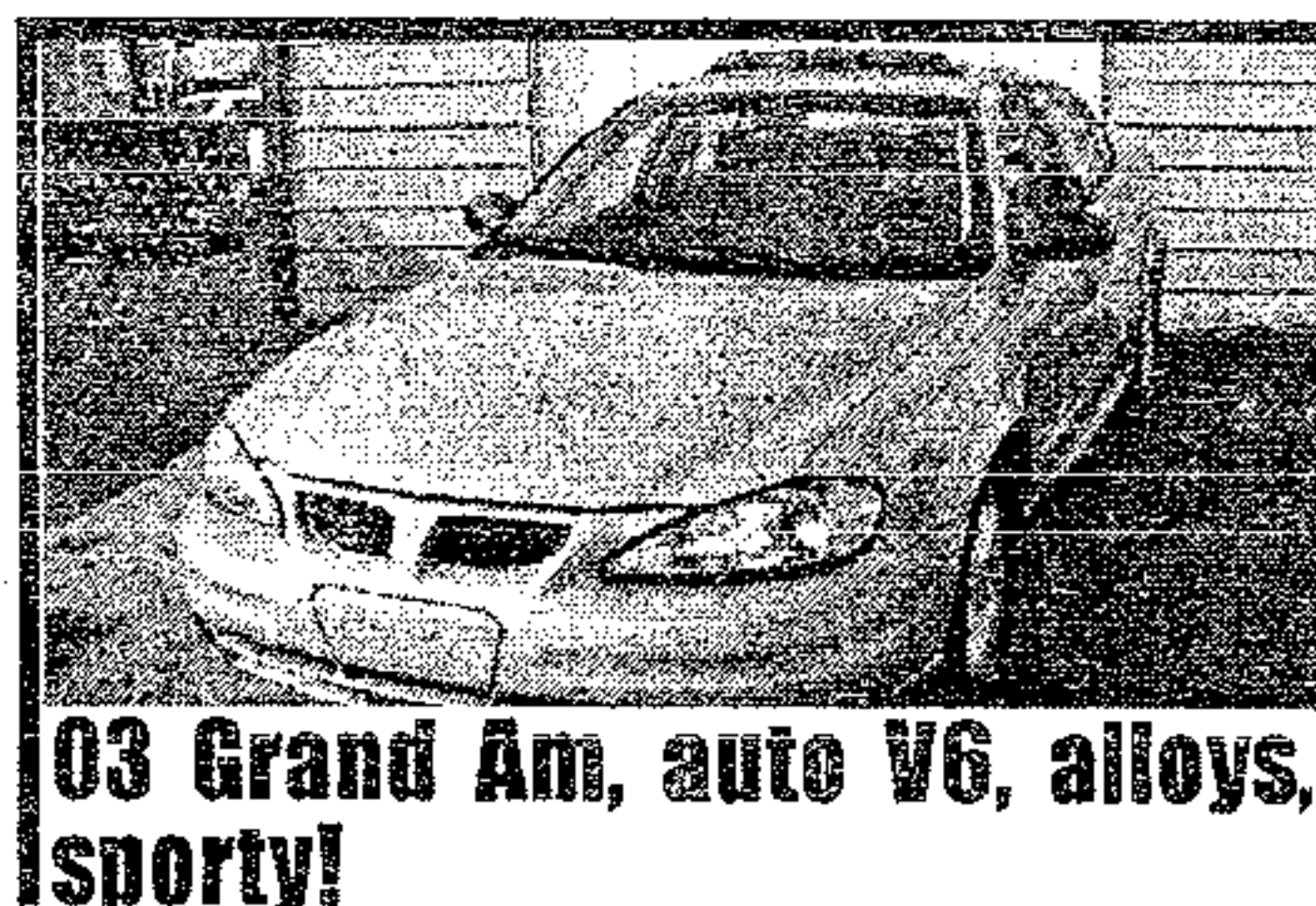


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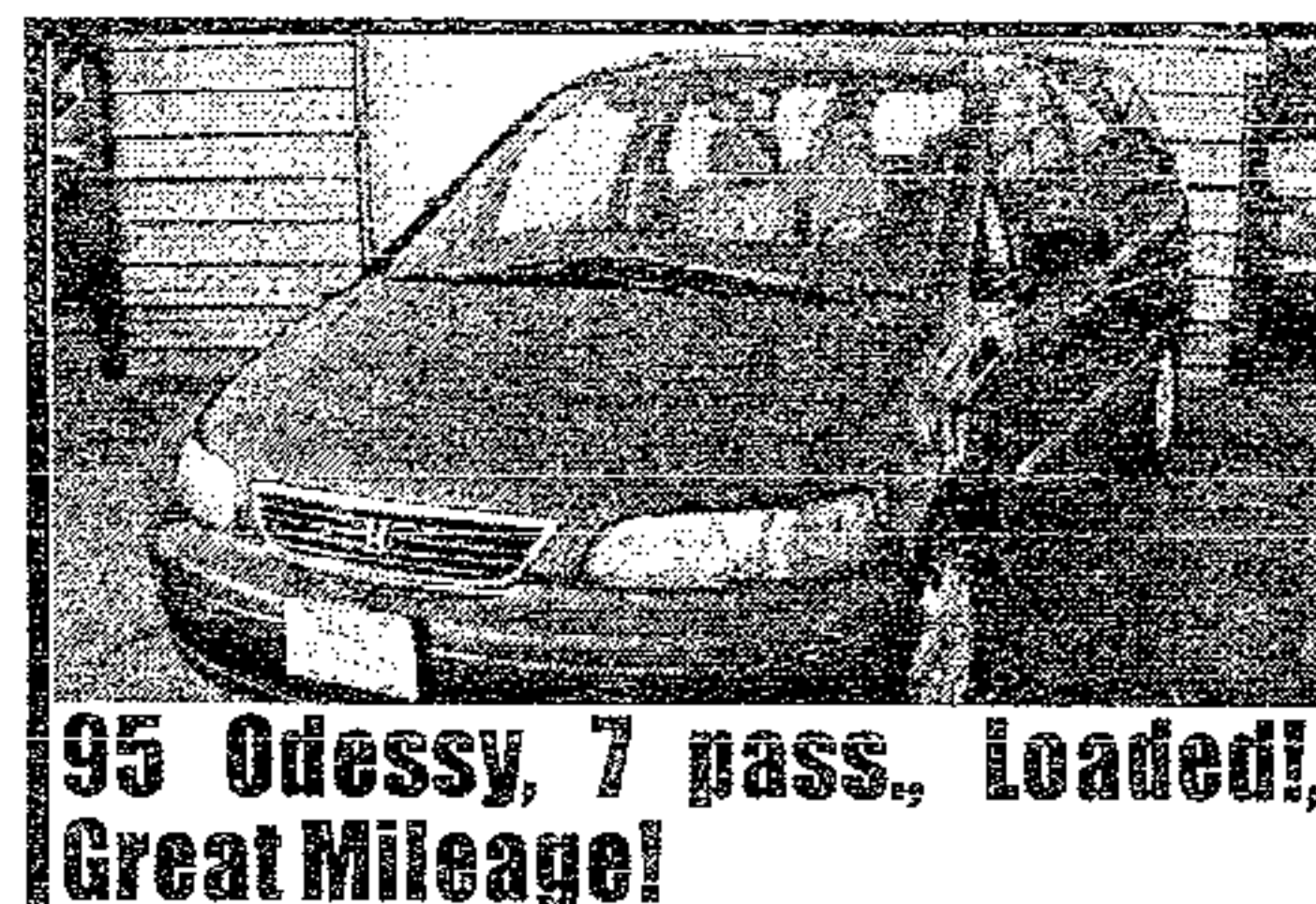
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