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Monday, December 22, 2014

## Inmates get charges after books discovered with contraband



William Shubert



(see Inmates pg. 4)

Jason Mealer

## 911 Misuse lands man back in jail



(see 911 pg. 7)

Bobby Brown

## Verse of the Day

God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The angel went to her and

said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

-- Luke 1:26-28

## Obituaries

see inside

## Wazzup

This week remember to be

## Trespasser charged with another theft



Crystal Shubert

(See Theft pg. 2)

## LC man charged with theft



Christopher Porstner

(See LCPD pg. 5)

## Weather

Today: Overcast with showers at times. High 53F.

safe on the roadways. Law enforcement will be on full alert to ensure a safe holiday weekend for the next two weeks. DON'T DRINK and DRIVE!

Tonight Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Low 47F.

Tuesday Rain showers in the morning will evolve into a more steady rain in the afternoon. High 59F.

Tuesday Night Rain. Low 39F.

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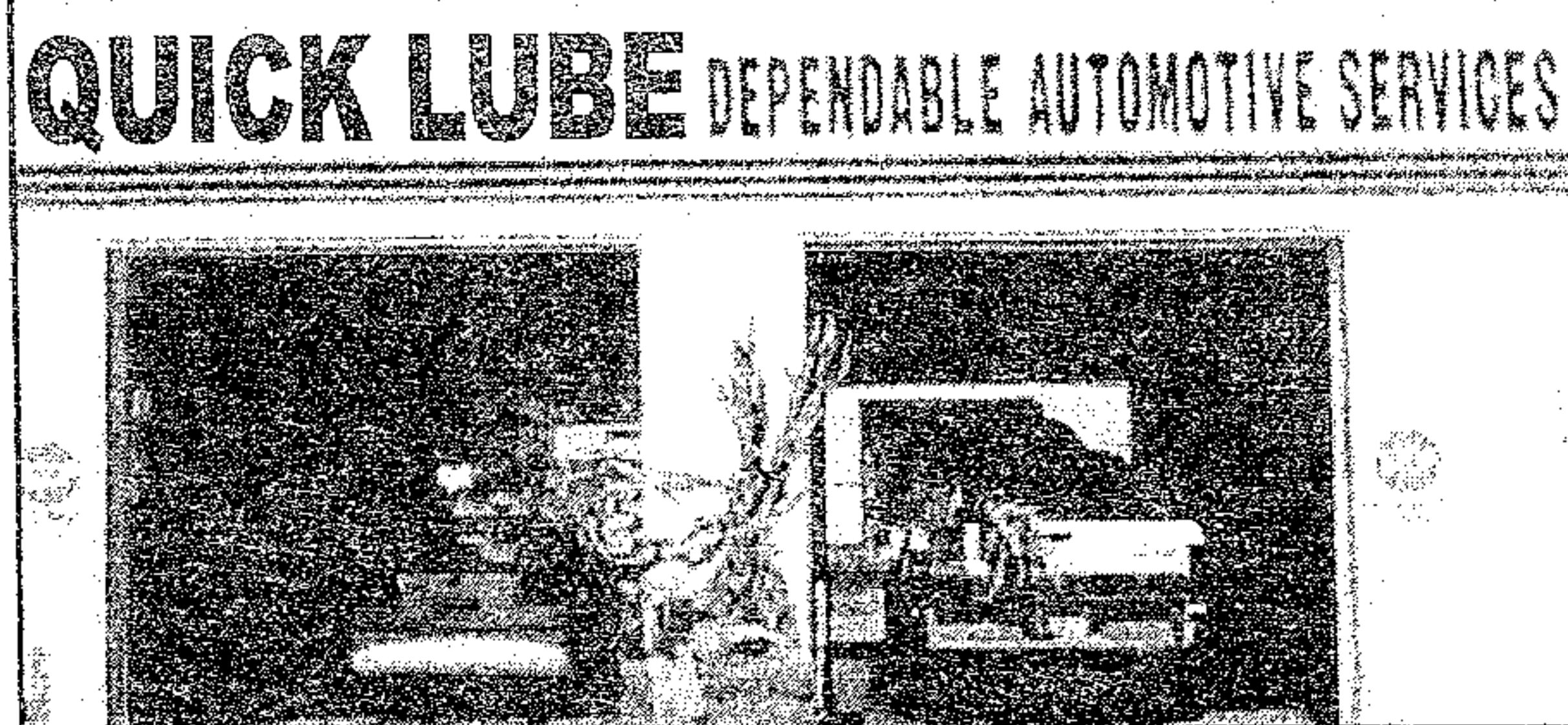
### Theft

Crystal Shubert, 35, Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Trespass, and Theft of Property. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD, was dispatched to Walmart to a shoplifter leaving in a grey vehicle. Officer made contact with the vehicle and made a traffic stop, identified

the driver as Crystal Shubert. Crystal stated to Officer that she had just left Walmart and left everything behind. Crystal did push a shopping cart full of items totaling \$432.83. Crystal has been banned from Walmart after previous theft from Walmart. Crystal was placed under arrest. Officer Tim Holloway LCPD made the arrest.

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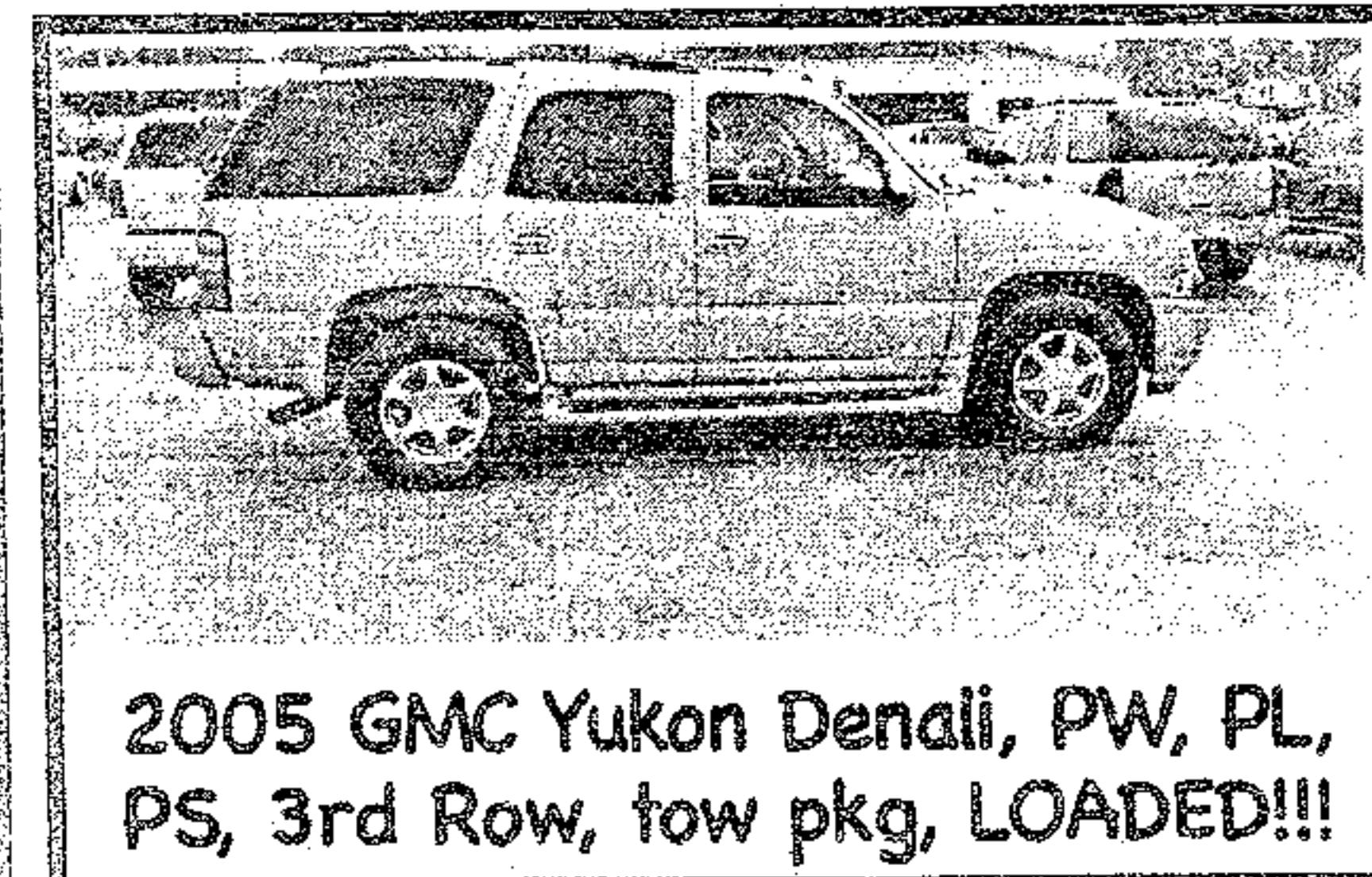
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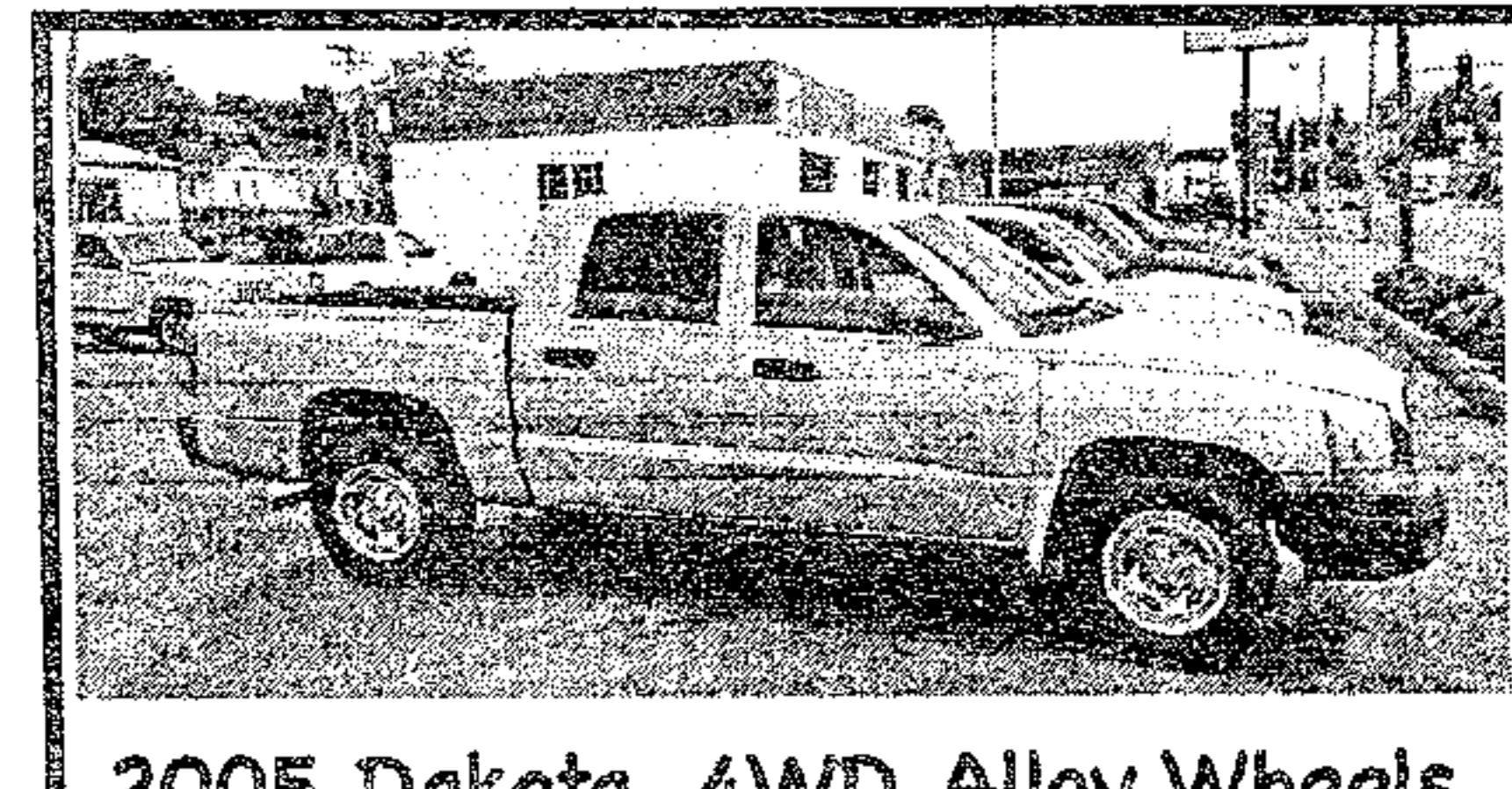
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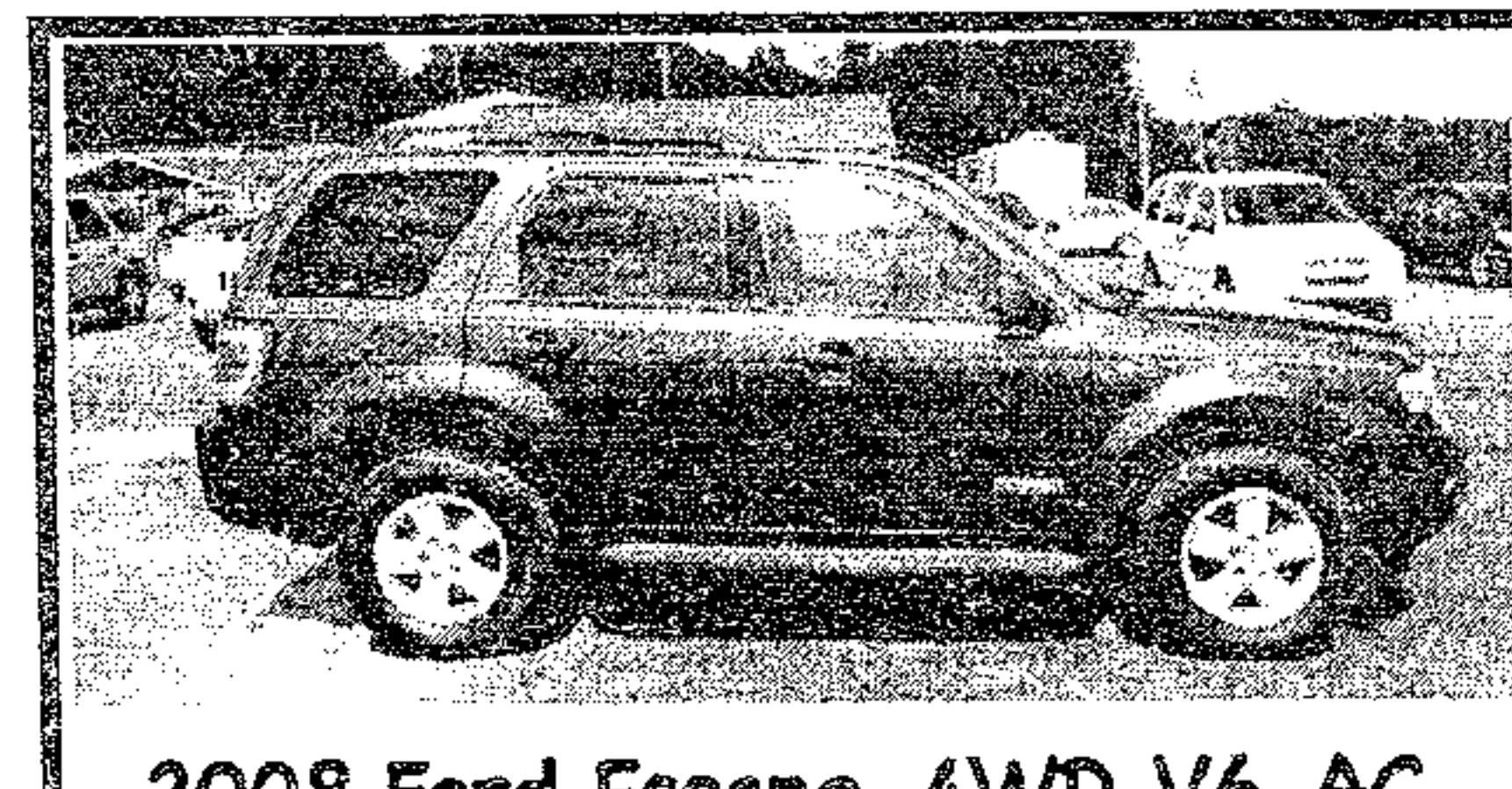
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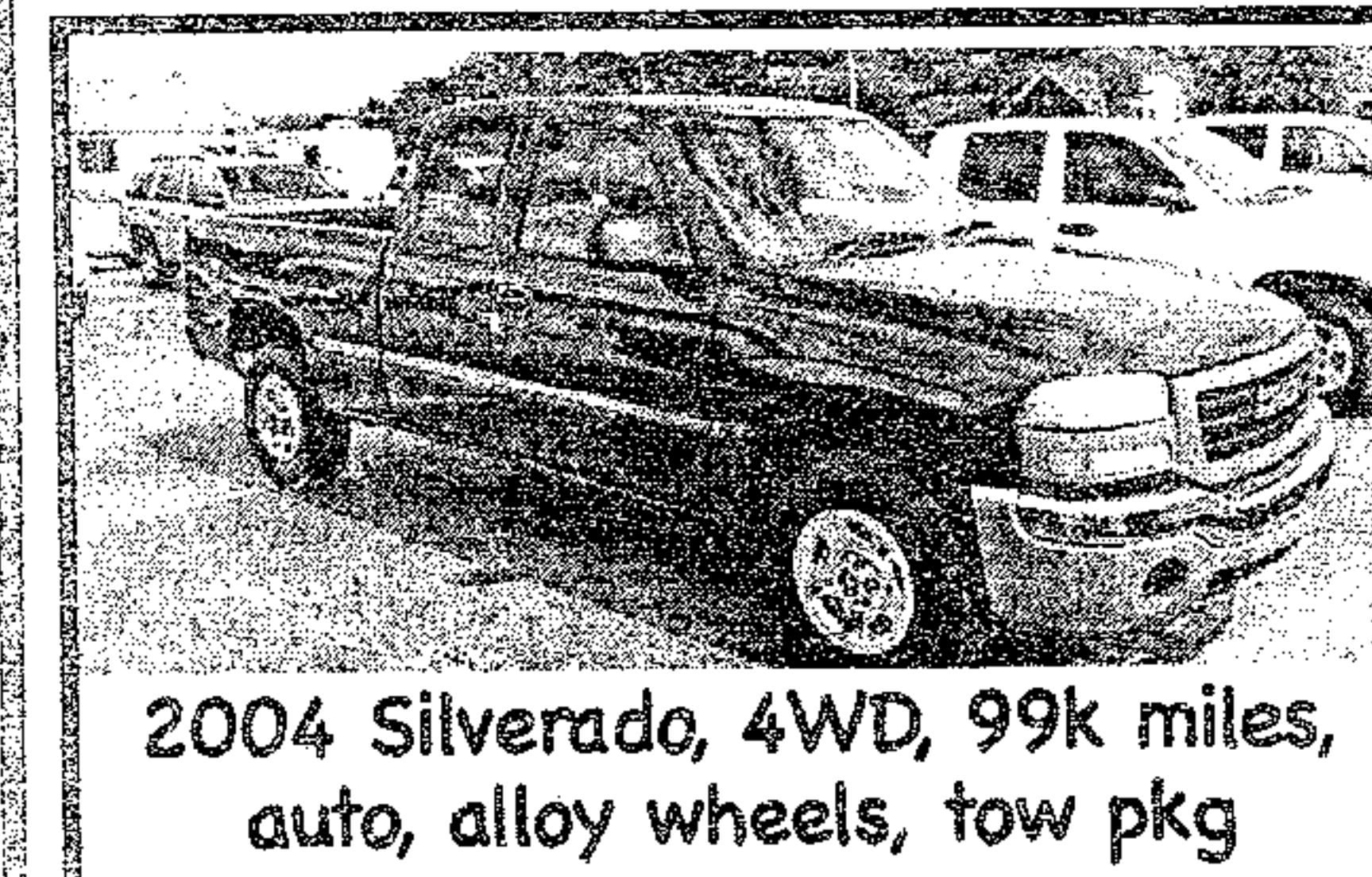
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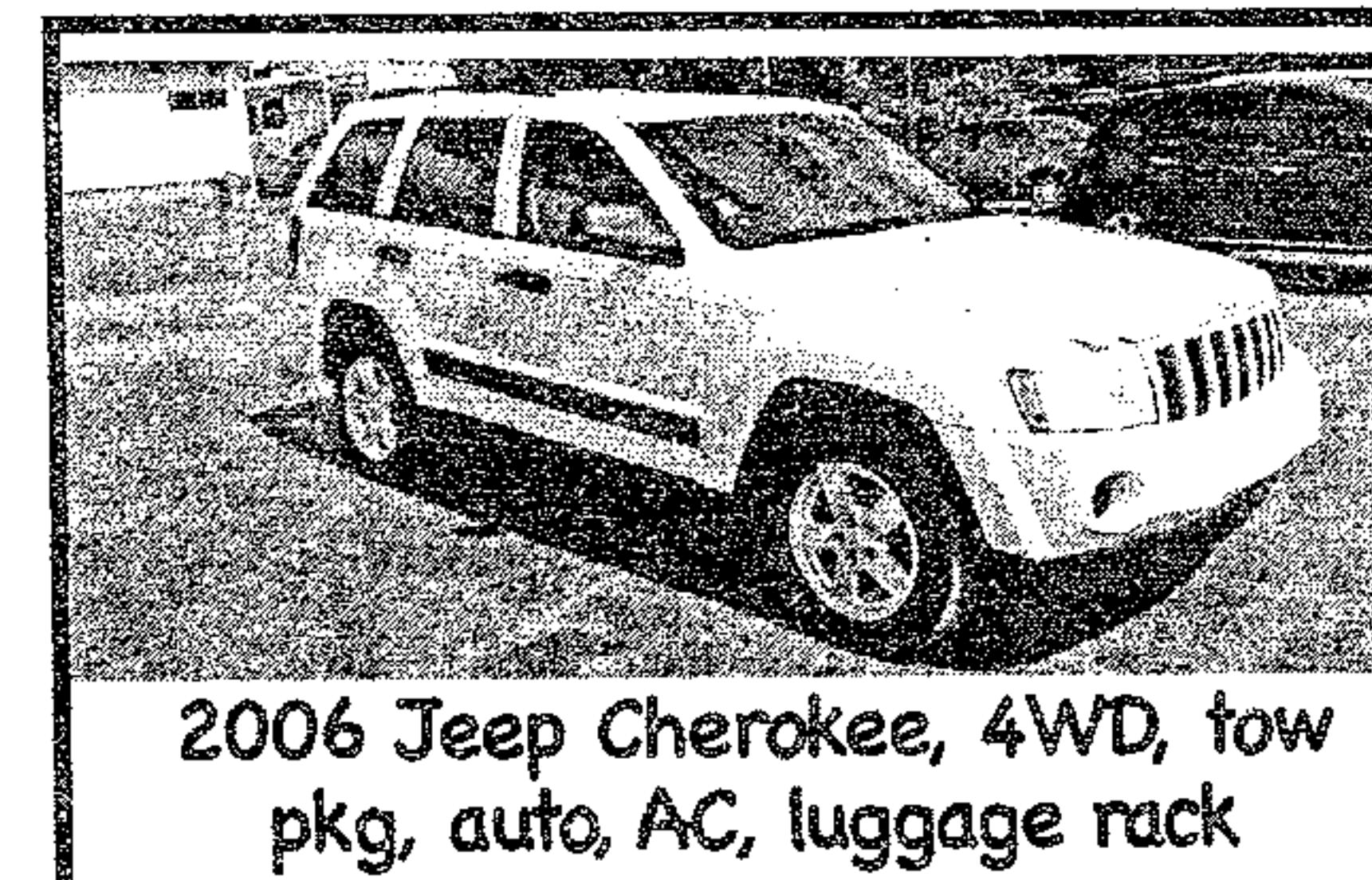
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The deaf now could hear and with praises did shout

Those He healed would believe but others would doubt

The Jews sought to trick Him by day and by night

Their goal was to kill Him

but He gave them no fight

His own friend betrayed Him for thirty pieces of gold

For a small bag of money our Savior was sold

Jesus was captured and brought before trial

Called the King of the Jews, Jesus made no denial

He was beaten, and scourged, a crown of thorns pierced His head

He was nailed to a tree and remained there till dead

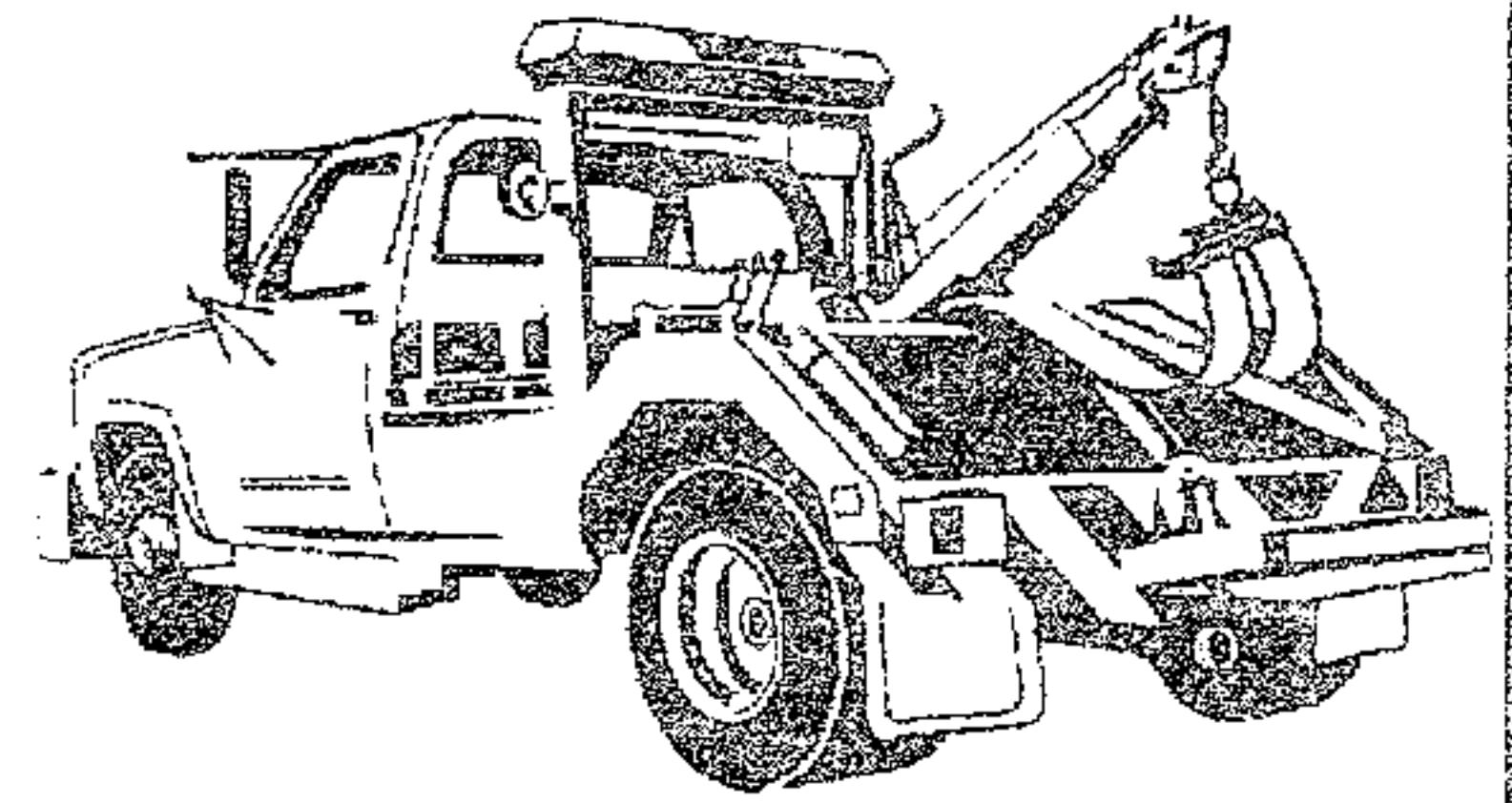
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As Jesus was raised the morning of the third day  
(see TGN ctd. pg. 7)

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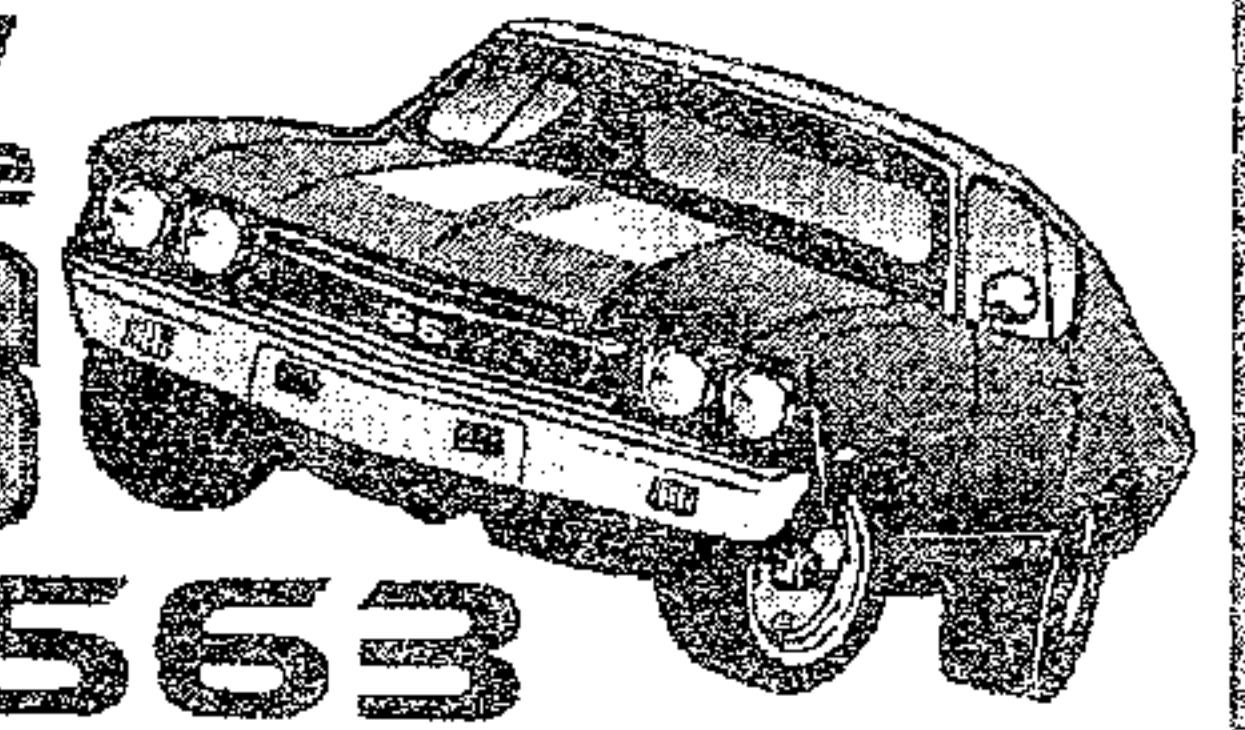
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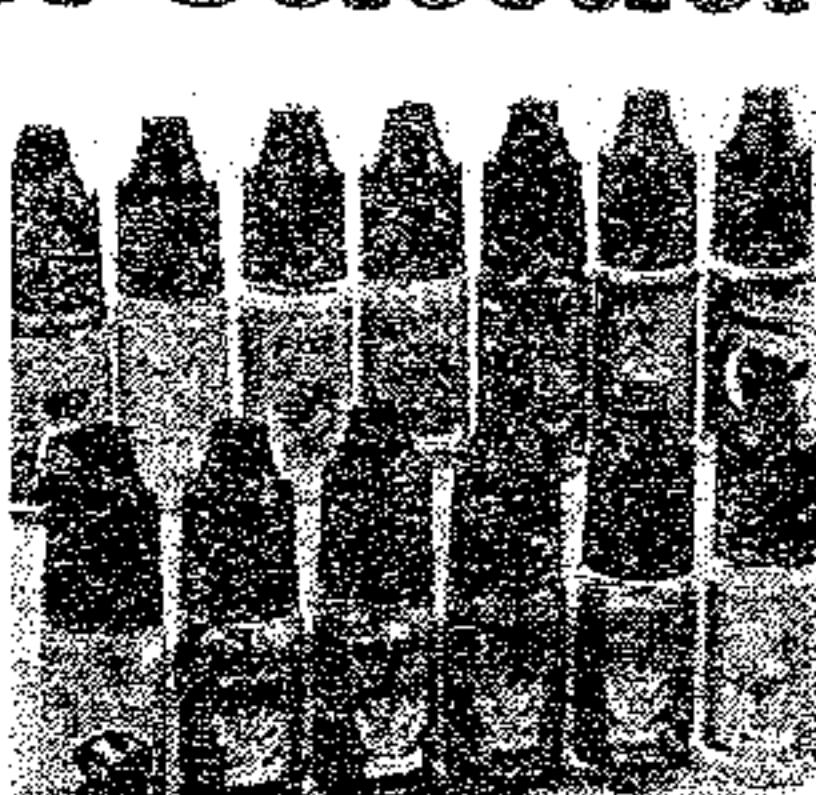
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**Inmates**

Kristi Mealer, 38, Dutton Road Lenoir City, was charged with Contraband in Penal Institution.



Kristi Mealer

Jason Mealer, was charged with contraband in a penal institution.

William Shubert, 24, Taylor Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Contraband in Penal Institution. On 12/15/14 Investigator Marty Stanley LCSO, was called to the jail in reference to contraband found in books to be delivered to an inmate. Deputy Chance Gray & Brandon Dishner LCSO, had received three books from William Shubert to be given to another inmate. William was identified by Deputy having only

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gotten out of jail one day prior. After looking through the books, Deputies found 3 suboxone strips on a page in the book. Inv. Stanley took possession of the books. Upon investigation it was learned that inmate Jason Mealer and Kristi Mealer was discussing books being dropped off. Jason told Kristi to make sure to get rid of the suboxone wrappers. Investigator Marty Stanley LCSO, made the arrest

#### The Fraudster Who Faked His Own Death Inside the Aubrey Lee Price Case

When a federal judge recently sentenced Aubrey Lee Price to 30 years in prison for bank fraud, embezzlement, and other crimes, it closed a chapter on the once successful businessman's sensational criminal saga.

Price went from a devout Christian minister and trusted financial adviser to a schemer who wiped out many of his clients' life savings and then faked his own death to avoid taking responsibility for what he had done. When a routine traffic stop in Georgia resulted in his arrest on New Year's Eve in 2013—nearly 18 months after his disappearance—Price

acknowledged that he had become a drug dealer.

His well-publicized rise and fall makes for a fascinating tale, but our agents who investigated the case and who specialize in white-collar crime are quick to point out that the real focus of this story should not be on Price but rather on his victims.

"It's unbelievably sad," said Special Agent Ed Sutcliff in our Atlanta Field Office. "Most of Price's victims had worked 30 or 40 years to save for retirement. They were living off those funds," said Sutcliff, who interviewed many of the victims while investigating the case. "They had to learn from us that Price—their friend and adviser—was missing, and all their money was gone."

Price told investigators he got involved in the investment business to help fund his mission efforts overseas. He worked for two well-known investment firms and later started his own company, PFG. Many of his clients were personal friends from Georgia, where Price lived. Some knew him from church—he gave seminars on how to be a wise Christian investor. Others had been on mission trips with him. Eventually, he consolidated PFG to about 100 "significant investors," Sutcliff said.

In 2009, unbeknownst

to his clients, Price began gambling with their money, making risky investments. He would later falsify documents to hide those transactions. The following year, he convinced 40 of his clients to invest in a troubled Geor-

(see Fraud ctd. pg. 5)

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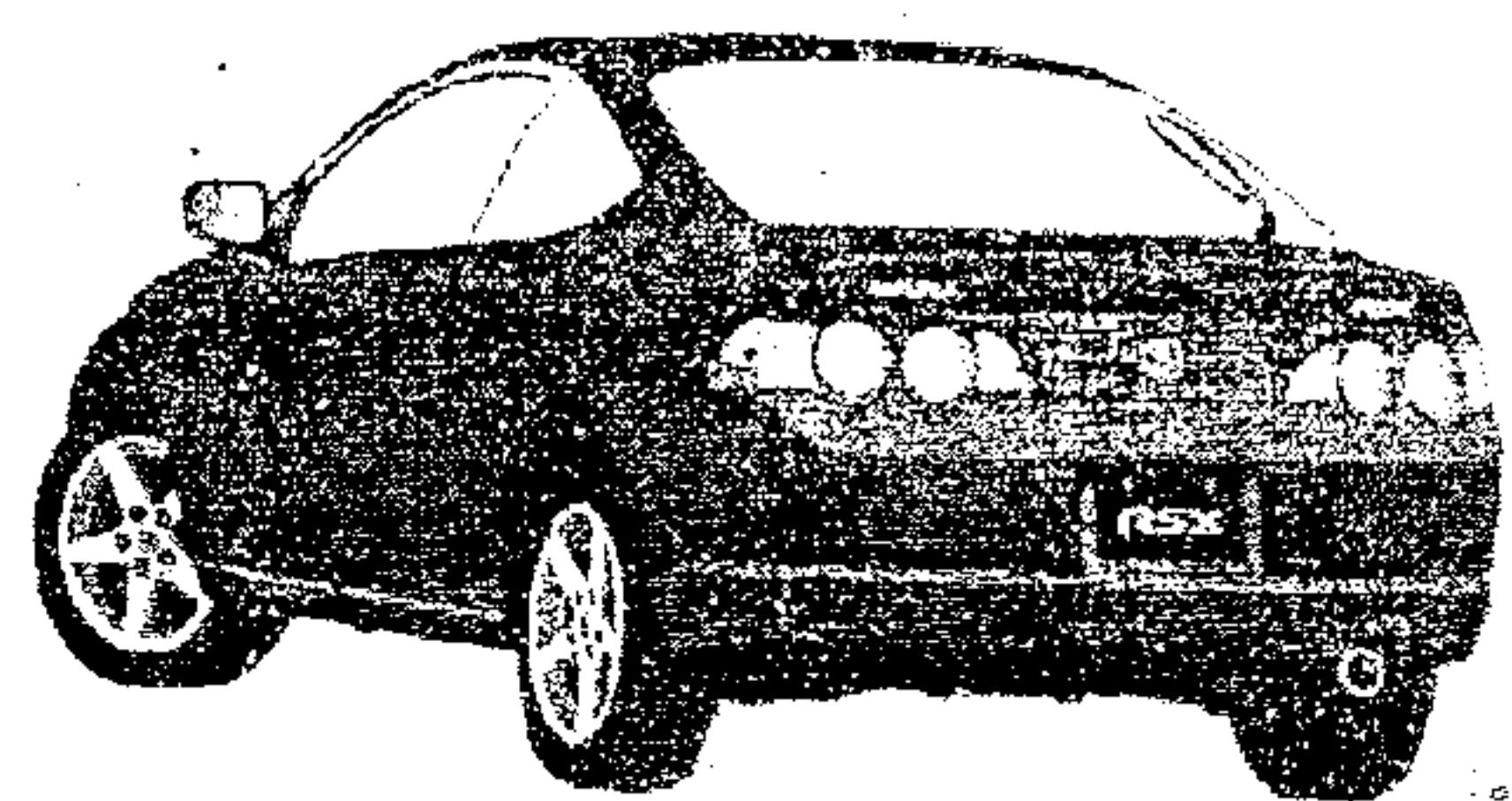
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Christopher Porstner, 23, Breazale Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Nick Halsey LCPD, responded to Walmart on a shoplifter.

Officer made contact with Loss Prevention who observed Christopher take items without paying. Officer Nick Halsey LCPD, placed

Christopher under arrest.

**Fraud ctd. from pg. 4**

gia bank—near where he had grown up—and profit by turning the bank around.

Price raised \$10 million from his PFG clients, and bank employees and area residents put in \$4 million. Price—who by this point was on the bank's board of directors—was seen as a hero for helping to keep the community bank afloat.

But in 2011, Sutcliff said, Price realized the bank could not be turned around and that his investors stood to lose “a lot of money.” He convinced bank officials to use some of the institution’s funds to invest in U.S. securities and was given permission to wire out \$5 million to an account he said he created with a well-known global investment firm.

“Everyone believed Price was on the up and up,” Sutcliff said. “He had investors, a solid

track record, and there was no reason to doubt his ability or his honesty. And keep in mind that his PFG investors were getting bogus statements saying they were making money—and when they needed funds, he would provide them. It was the classic Ponzi scheme.”

There never was an account with the global investment firm, and that initial \$5 million was just the beginning of Price’s thefts from the bank. He eventually gained access to more than \$21 mil-

lion and lost more than \$16 million through risky investments—all the while telling the bank the money was being used to purchase securities. In the end, Price’s deception resulted in the bank’s failure and losses of more than \$70 million.

In 2012, when he knew his house of financial cards was about to crumble, Price faked his suicide on a boat in Key West, Florida (see sidebar) and fled first to Mexico and later to Florida, where he grew and sold marijuana and other drugs, and sometimes served as a bodyguard for prostitutes.

“He went from clean-cut preacher and investment adviser to weed grower and prostitute escort,” said Sutcliff, who spent many hours interviewing Price. “He will tell you he made all those risky investments trying to earn back his clients’ money,” Sutcliff said. “He will tell you he still considers himself a religious person who prays for his victims—by name—every day.”

“Like any good con man,” Sutcliff added, “you want to believe what he is saying is true. But in the end, the words don’t match the actions. And then you think about the victims, who were left with nothing.”

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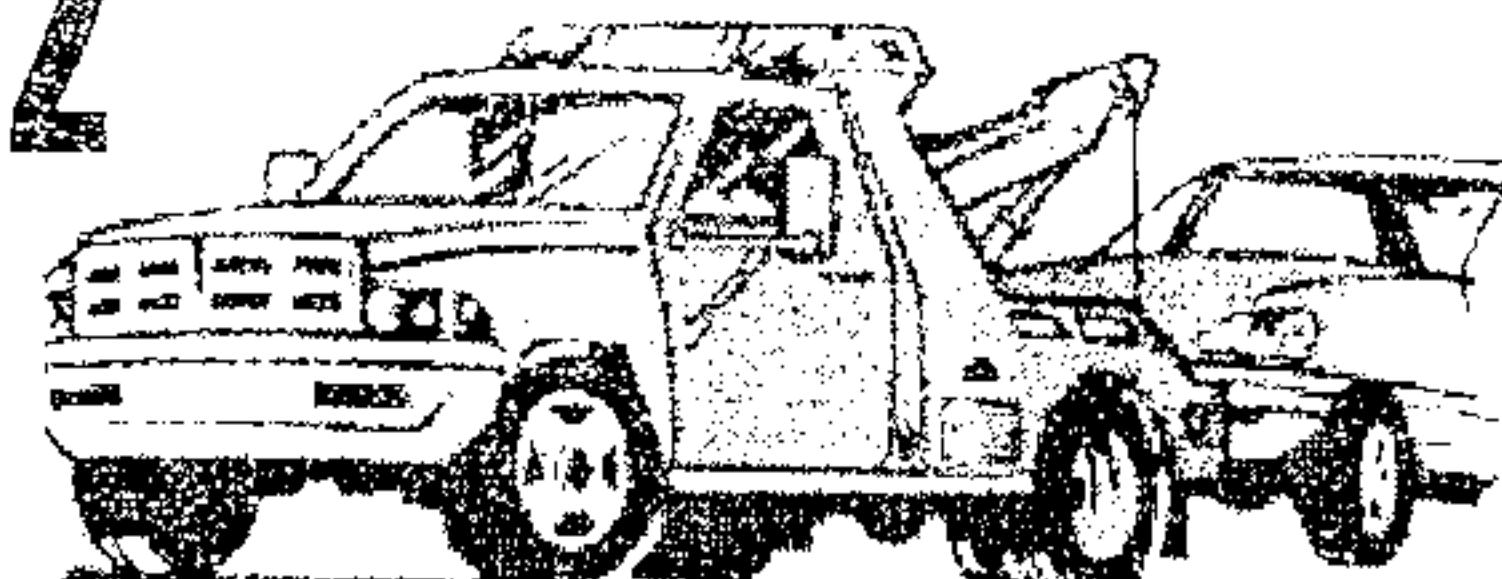
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Our Savior now lives and will never be dead

God's plan was fulfilled, our sin debt was

Chattanooga man sentenced to 200 months for possession of a firearm by a felon

Terrell Buford, 27, of Chattanooga, Tenn., was sentenced to serve 200 months in prison by the Honorable Harry S. Mattice, Jr., U.S. District Judge. Upon his release from prison Buford will be subject to supervised release by the U.S. Probation Office for three years. There is no parole in the federal system.

In March 2014, law enforcement found Buford in possession of a firearm while executing a narcotics search warrant at his place of business. In May 2014, he pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Buford's prior felony charges included multiple counts

of aggravated robbery and aggravated burglary, as well as aggravated assault and possession of cocaine for resale.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation included the Rhea County Sheriff's Department and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Special

Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith J. Edwards represented the United States.

This case was brought

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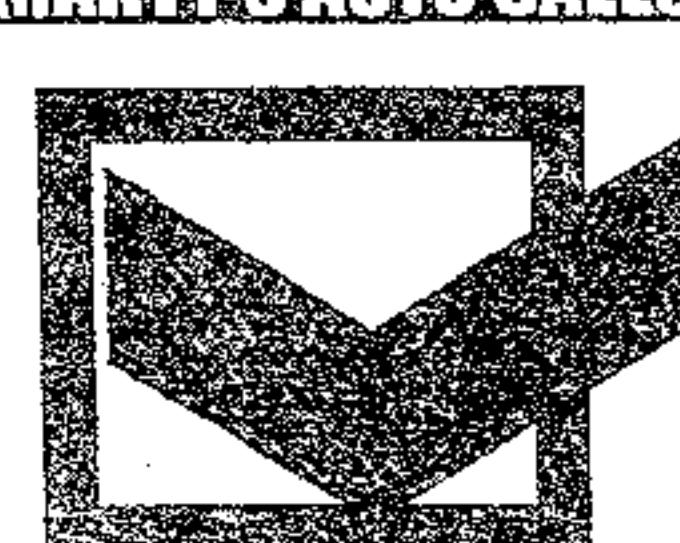
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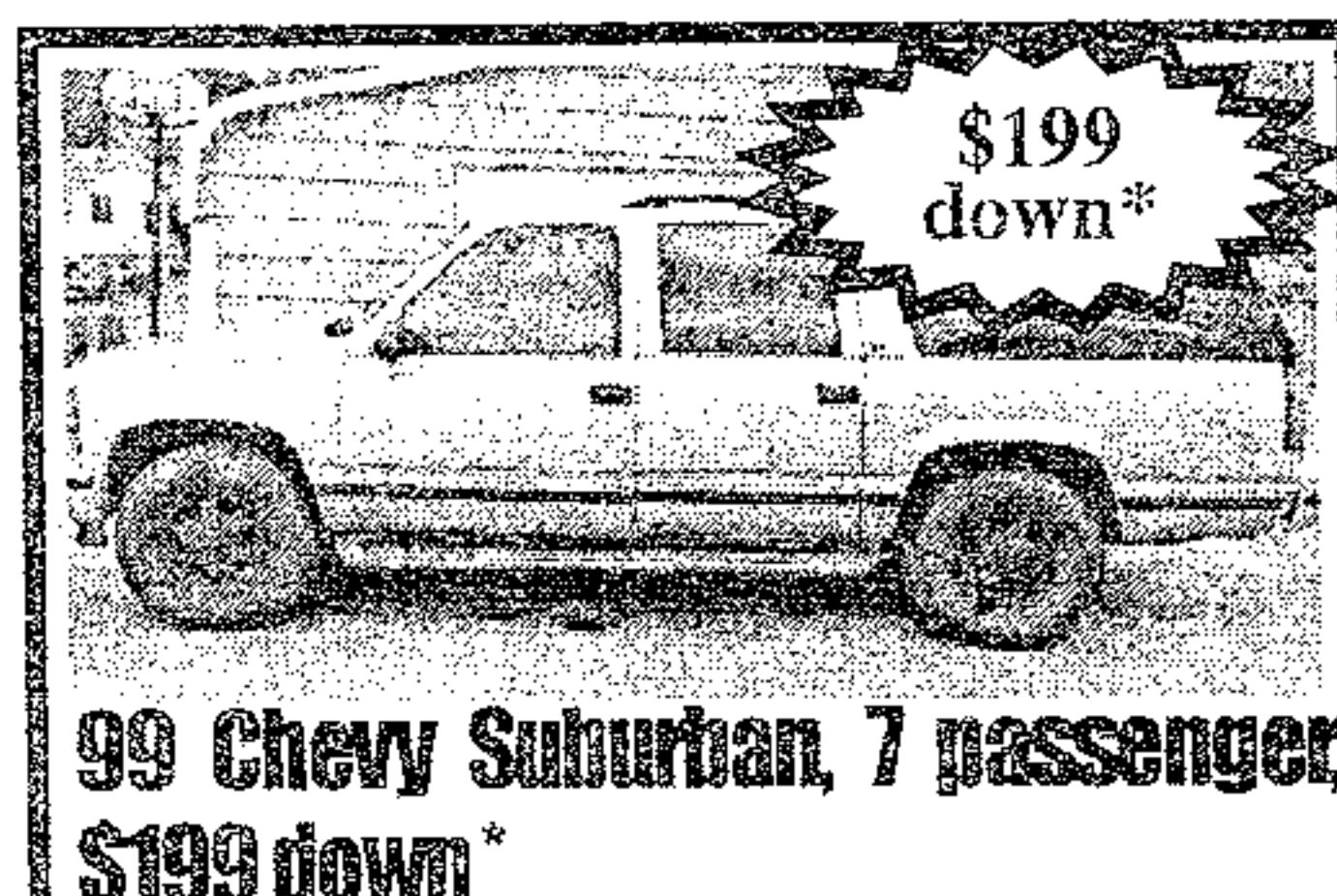
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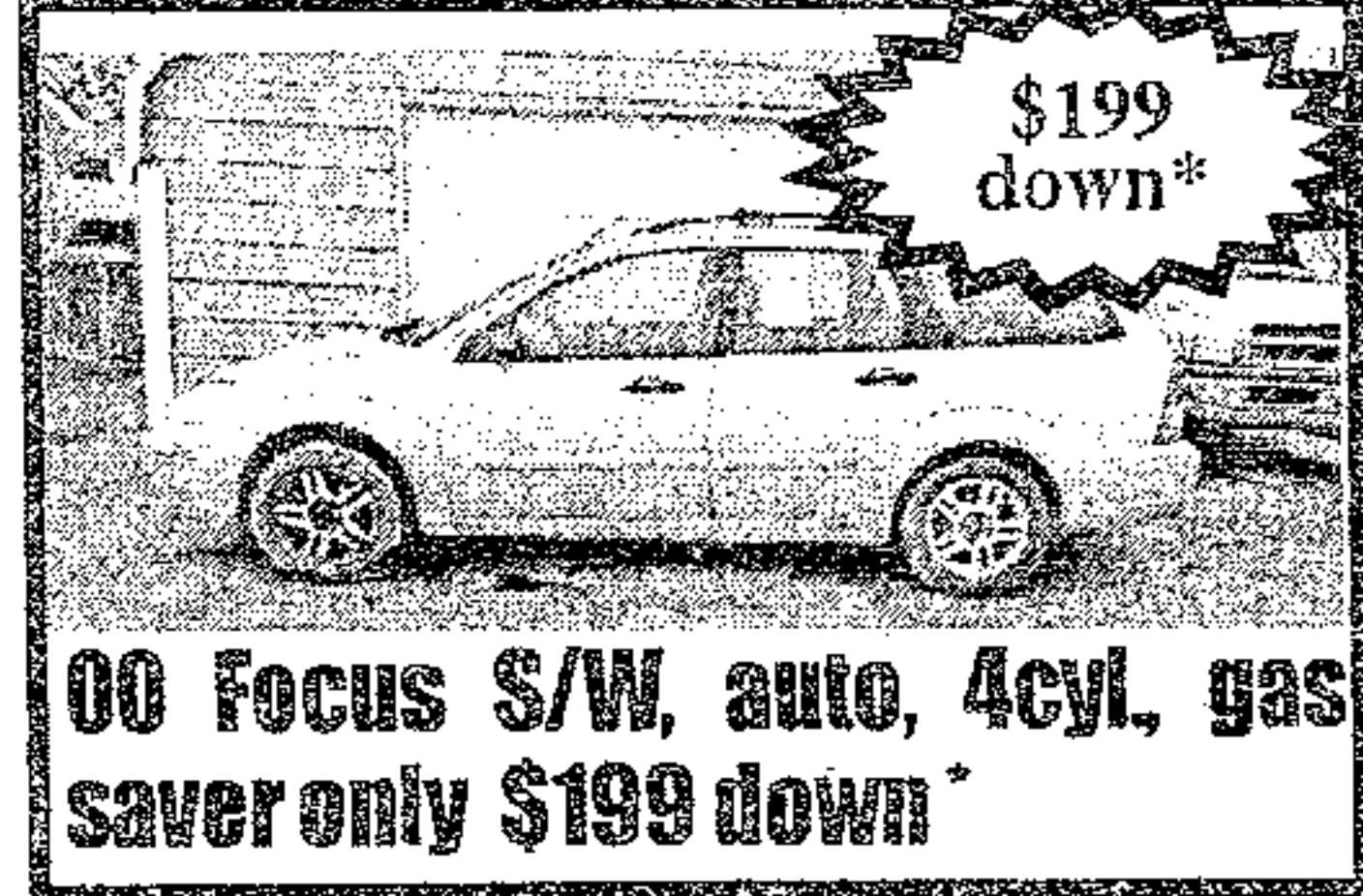
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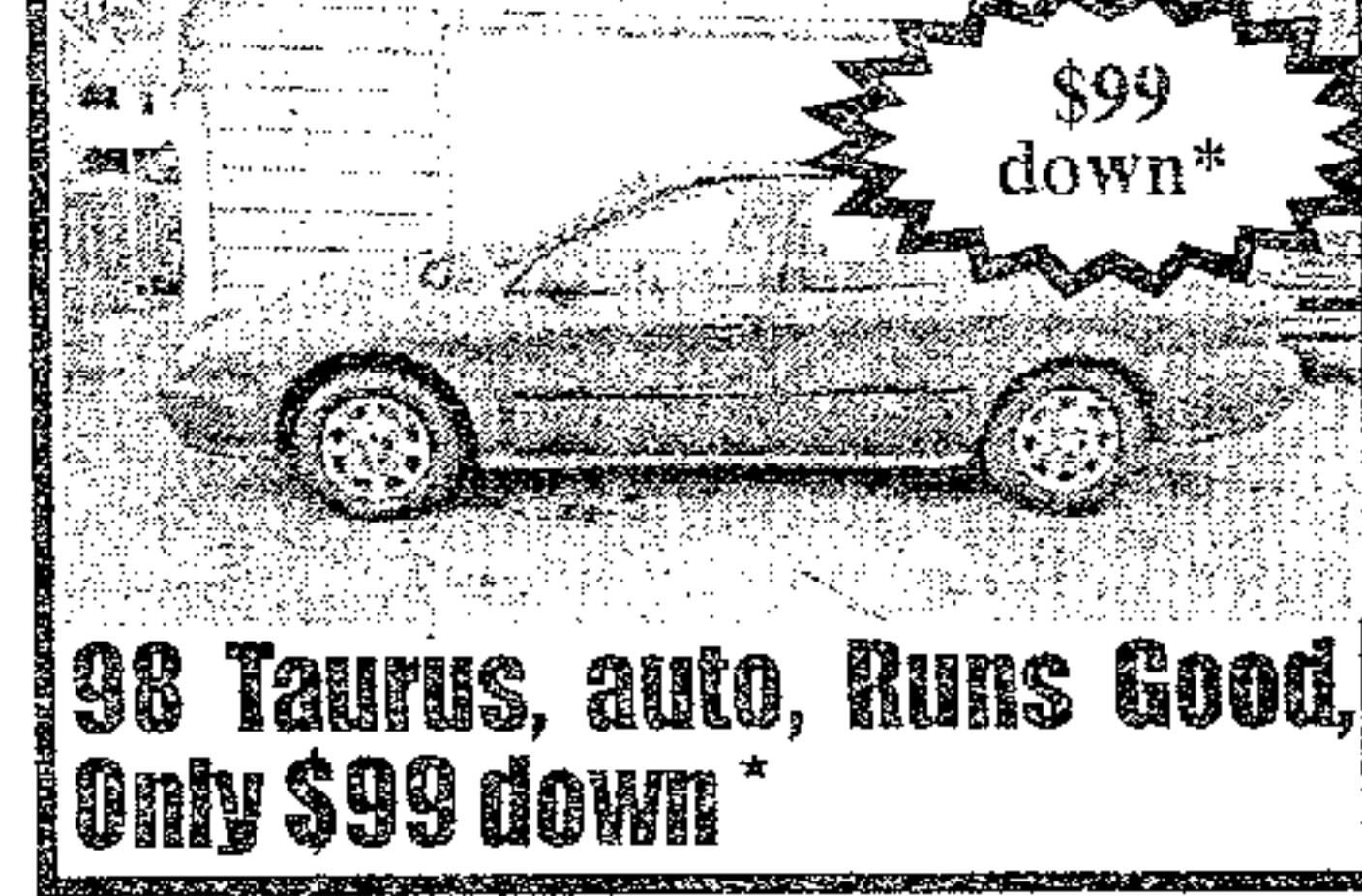
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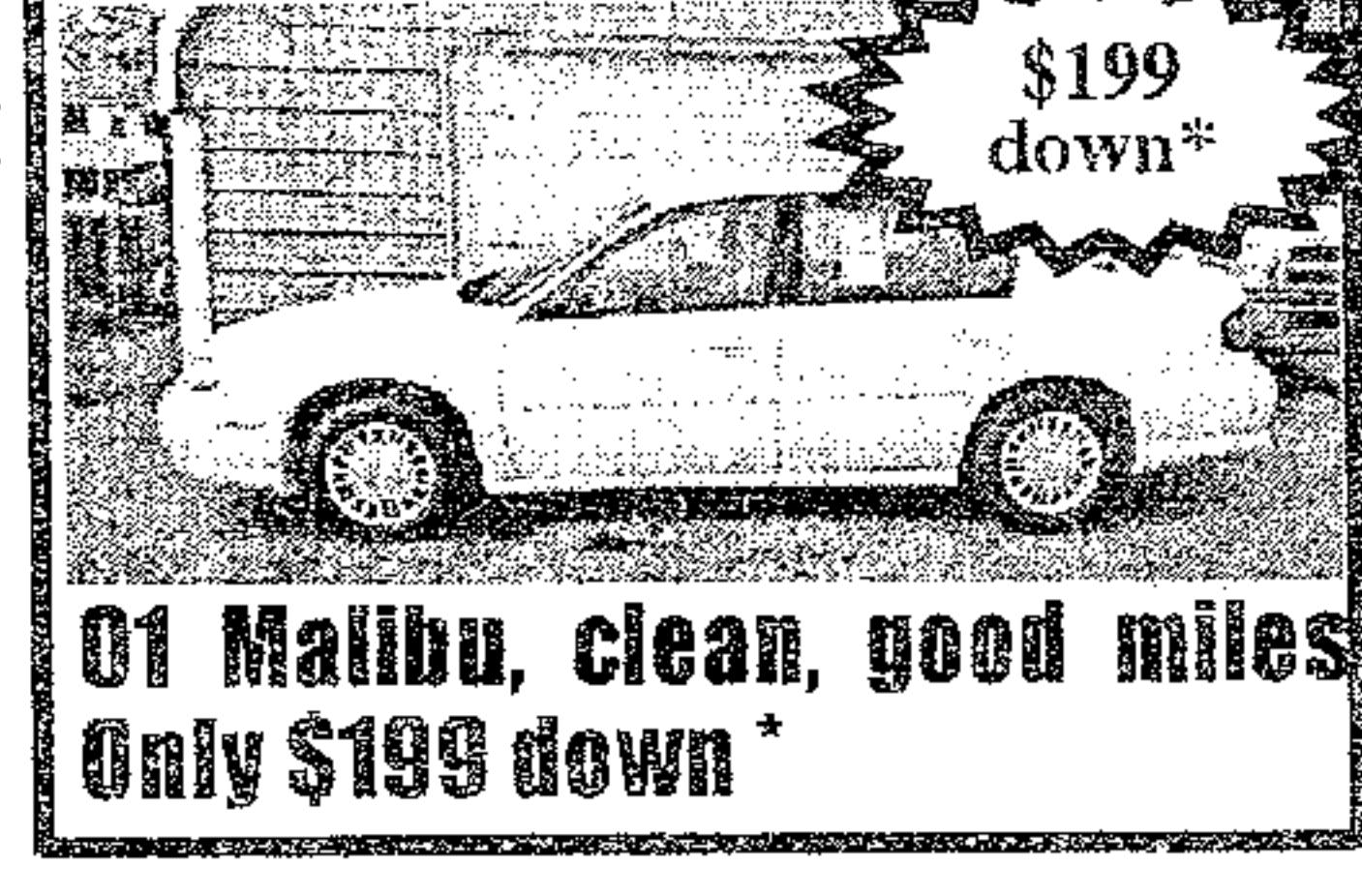
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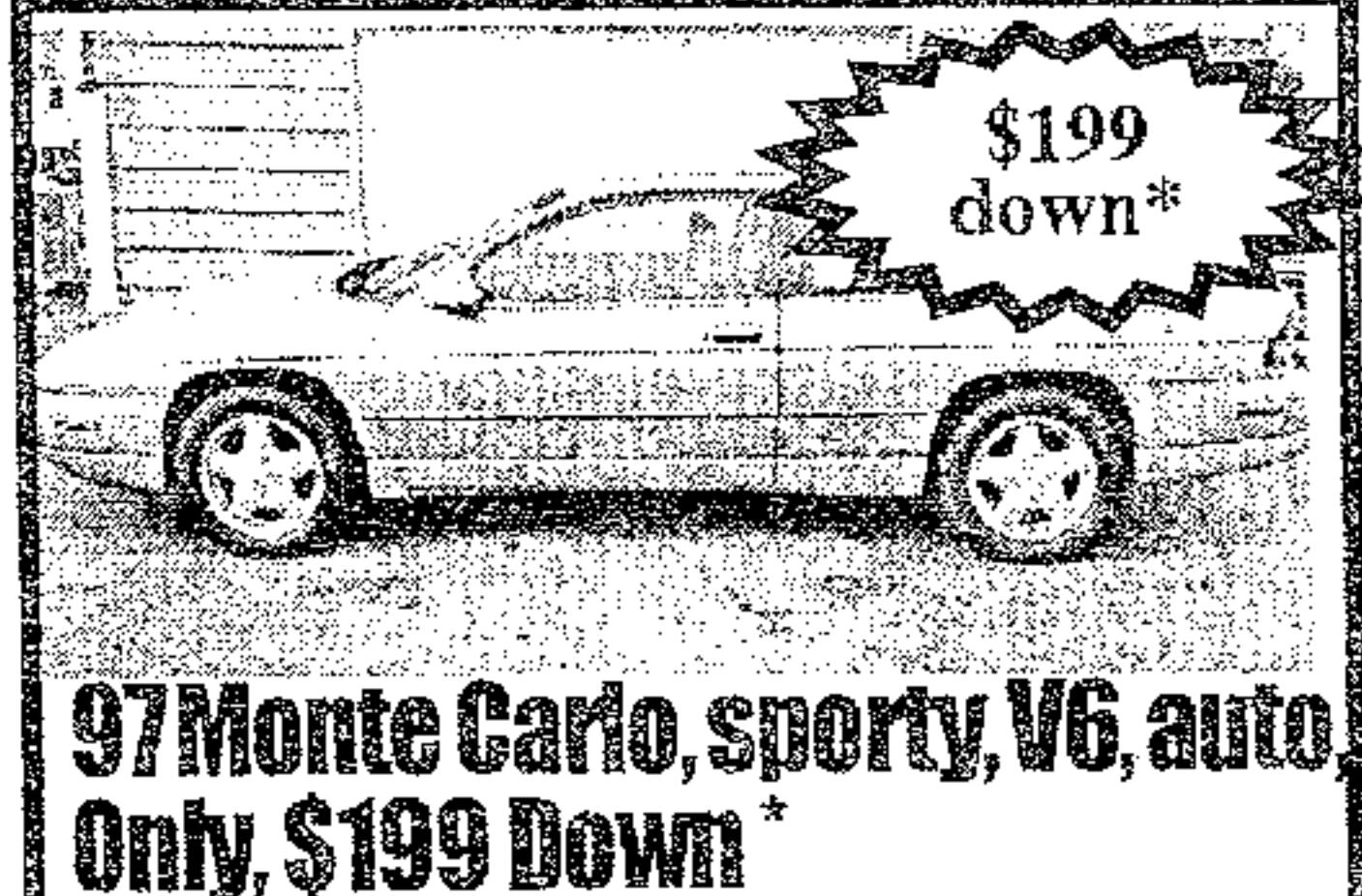
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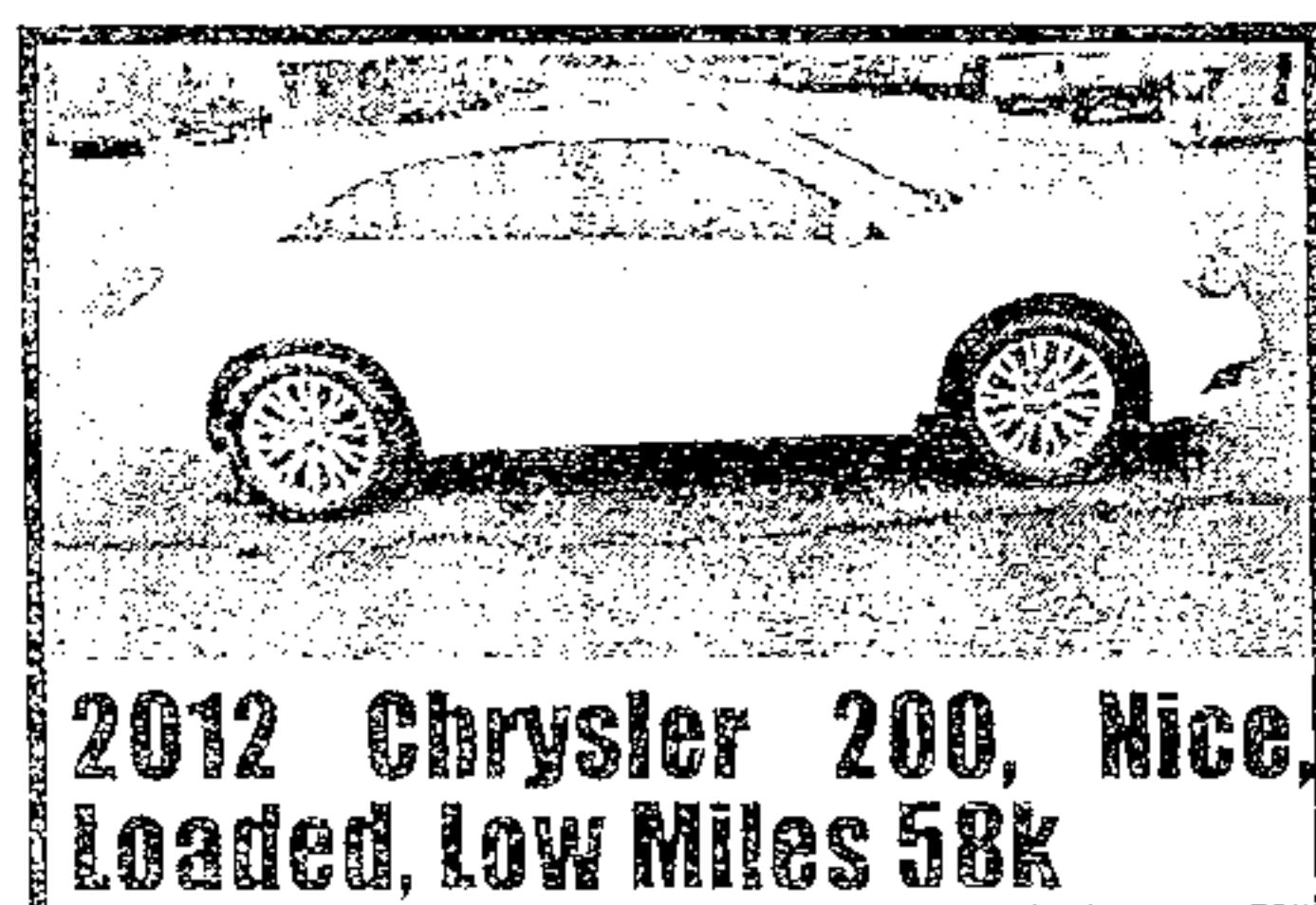
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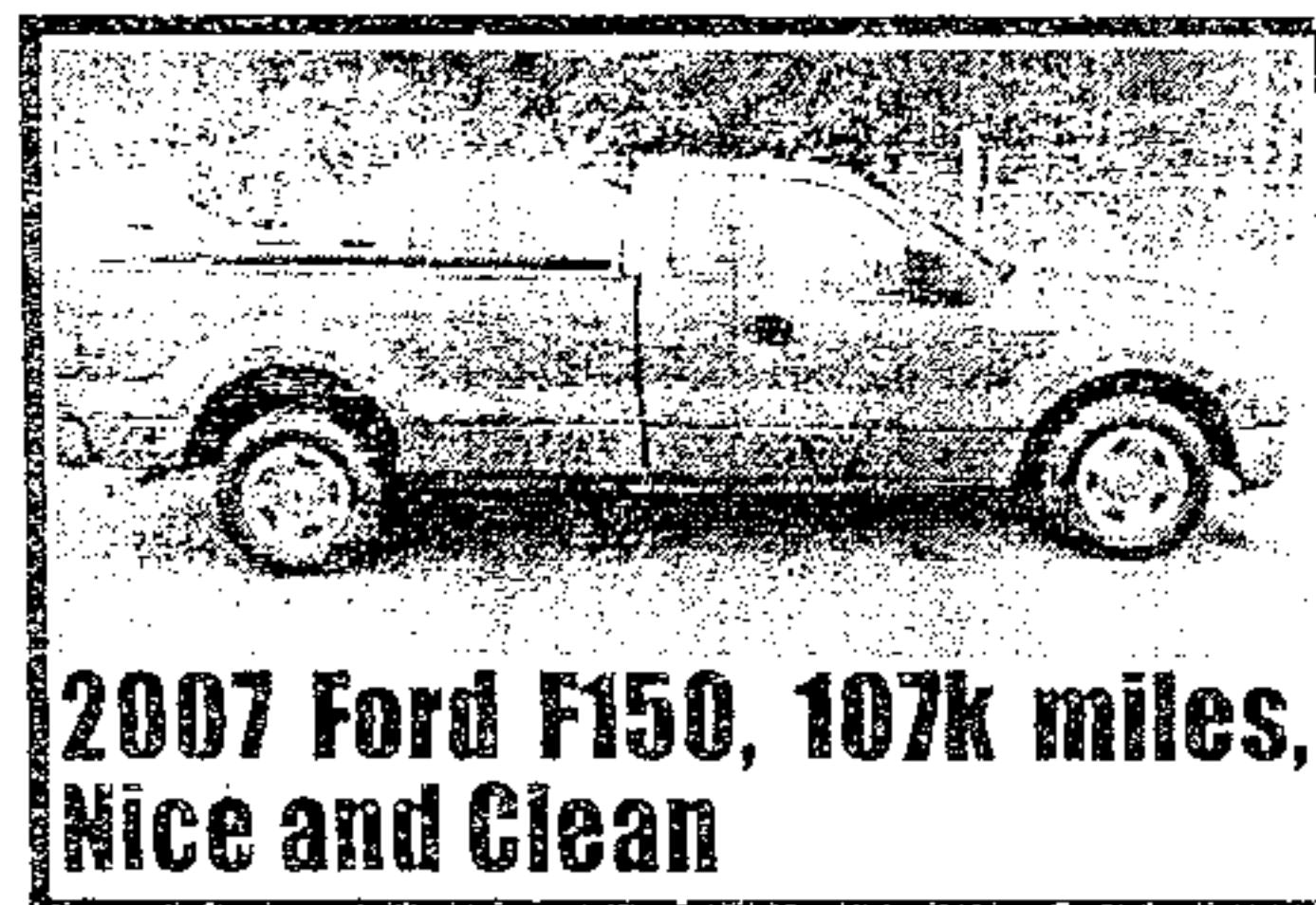
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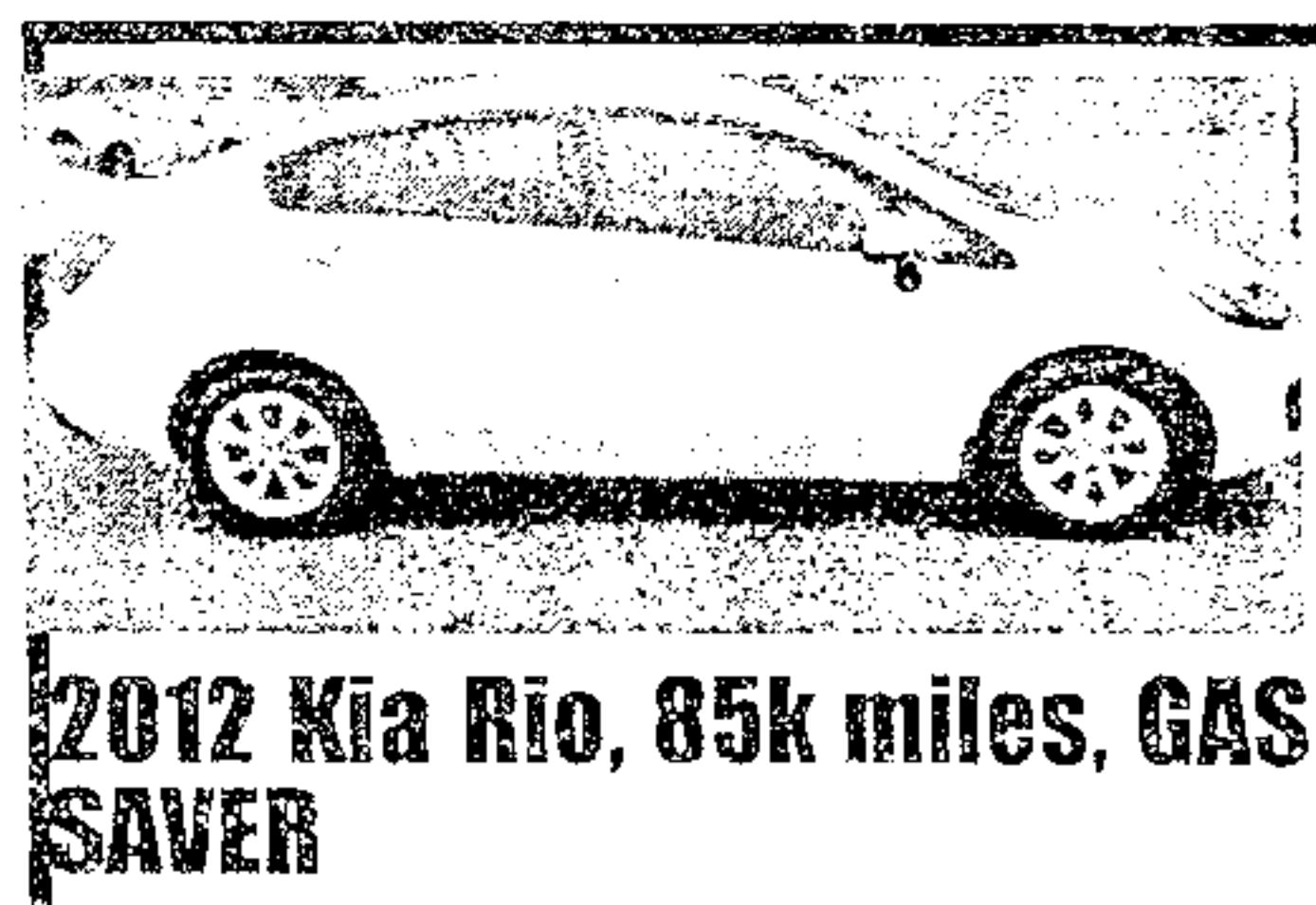
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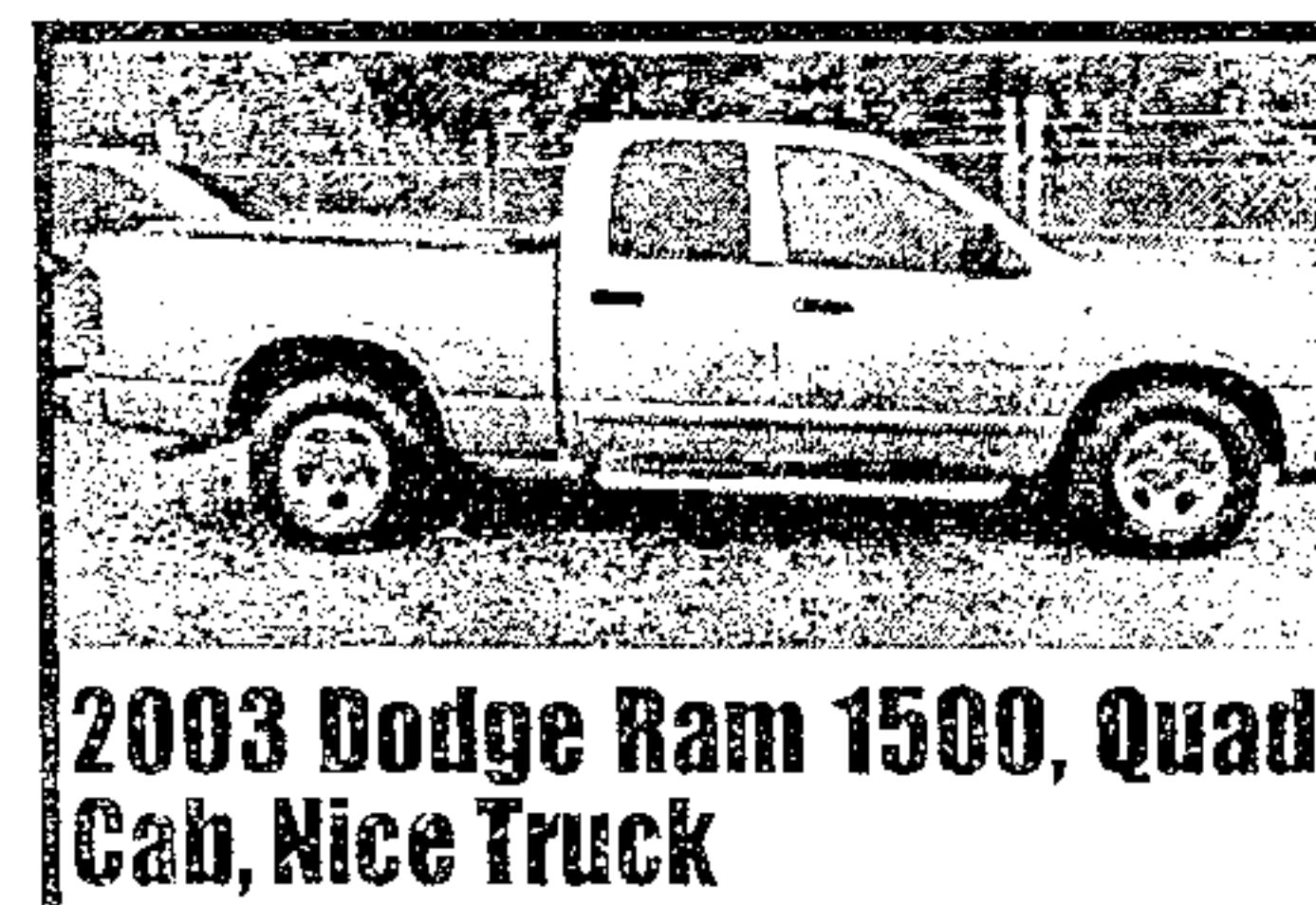
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