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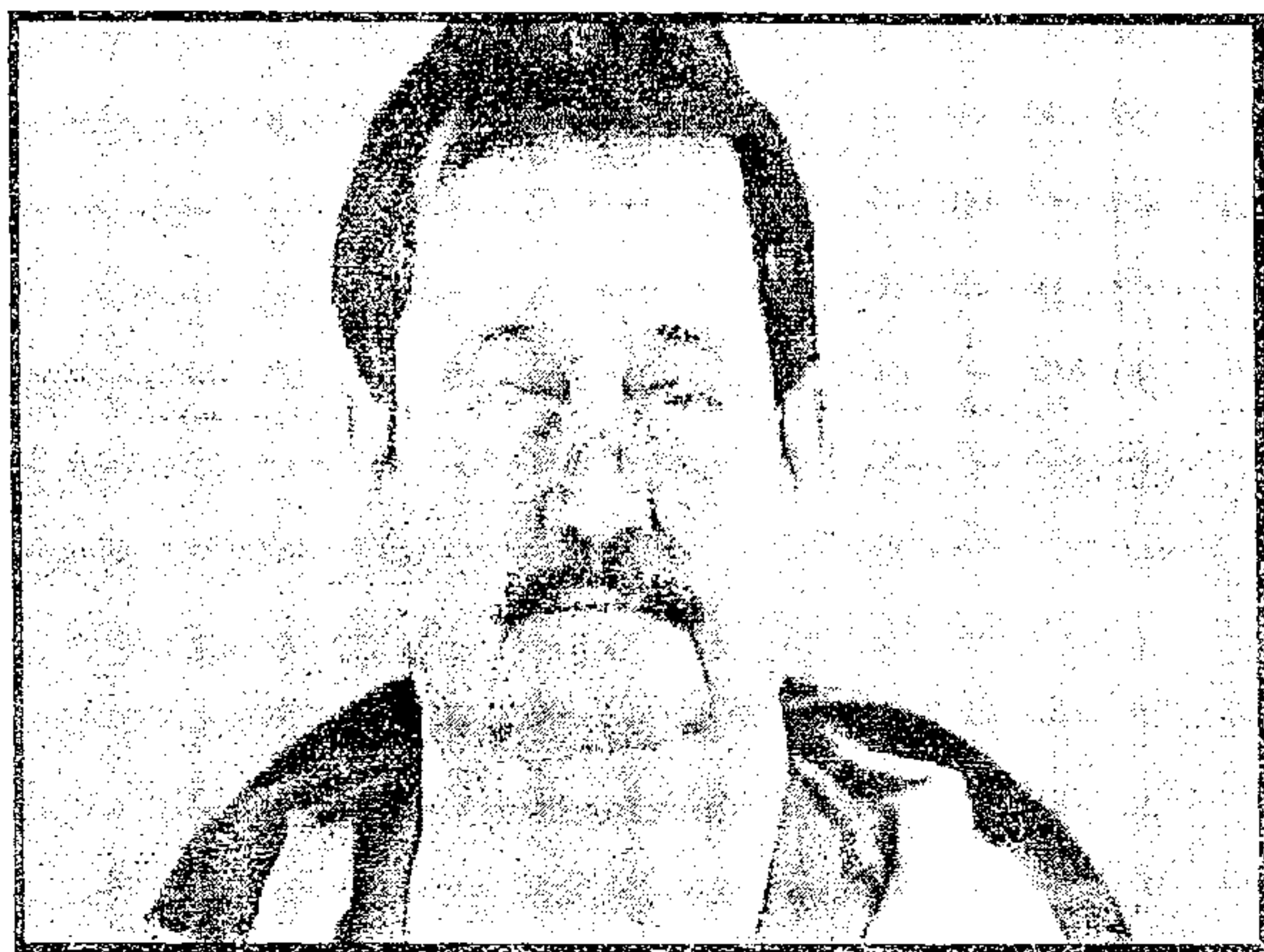
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Thursday, March 19, 2015

LPD nabs hit and run driver; charges Ldn man with DUI

Tony Crawley, 50, Steekee Creek Road Loudon, was charged with DUI. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, was dispatched to Carding Machine Rd on a possible hit and run. Dispatch advised Officer a jeep had struck a parked vehicle and continued toward Highland Ave. Sgt. Mike Newman was able

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Tony Crawley

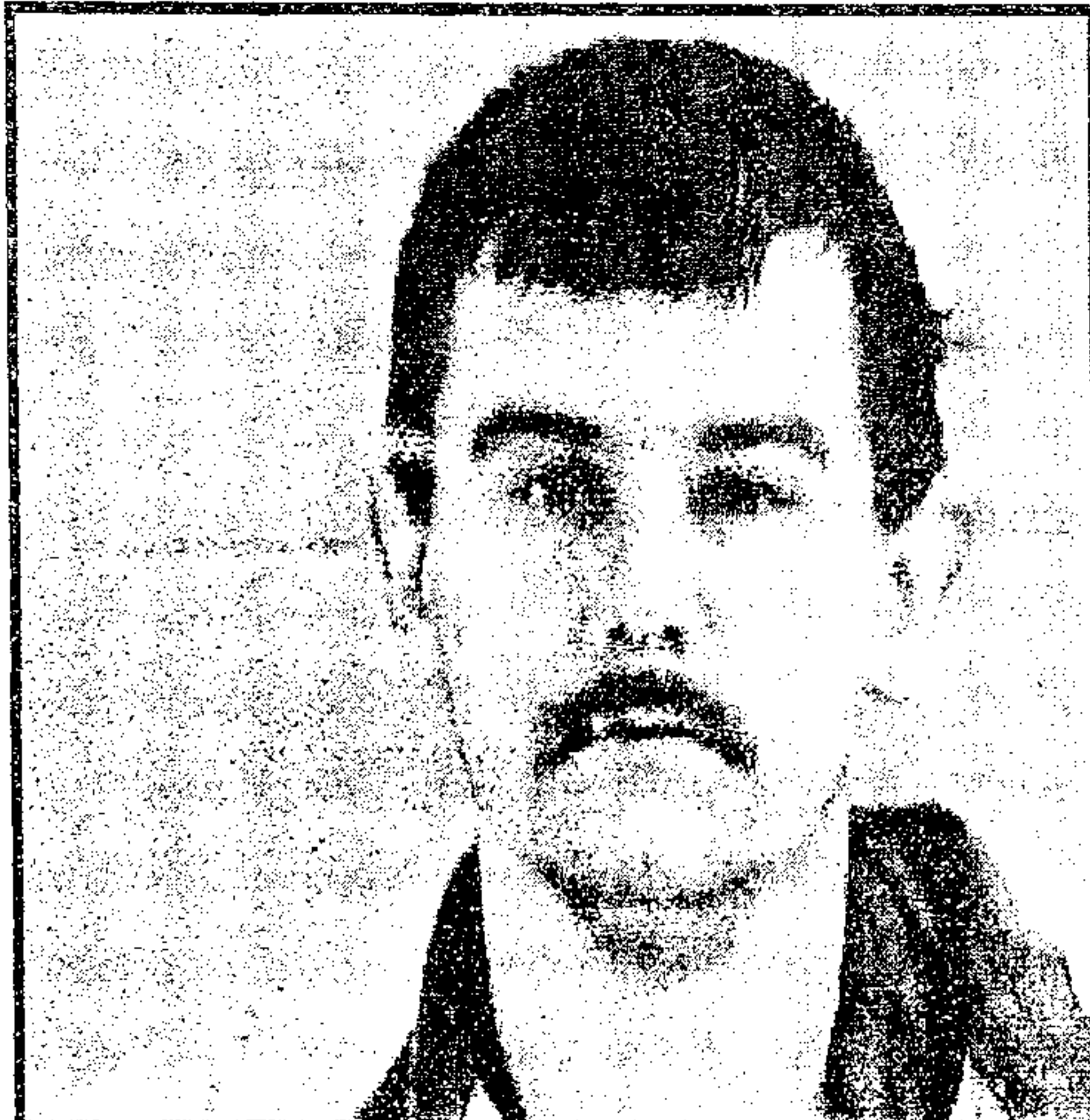
Steaks stolen in theft



Tiffany Powers

(see Theft pg. 5)

THP charges Commercial Vehicle Driver with DUI



Roy Sumner

(see DUI pg. 5)

JOHNSON CITY RESIDENT CHARLES RANDALL WHITSON SENTENCED TO SERVE 87 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROLE IN DRUG CONSPIRACY

Charles Randall Whitson, 54, of Johnson City, Tenn., was sentenced on Mar. 16, 2015, by the Honorable J. Ronnie Greer, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 87 months in federal prison. Whitson was previously convicted of conspiracy to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, 280 grams or more of a mixture and substance containing a

detectable amount of cocaine base ("crack"). There is no parole in the federal system.

For approximately three years, Whitson participated in a large-scale crack cocaine conspiracy. He served as a street-level distributor and facilitator, repeatedly selling crack cocaine and arranging deals for others. As part

(see Conspiracy pg. 3)

Non-Profit Leaders Charged in Benton County After Investigation Finds \$732,702 in Unauthorized Disbursements

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revealed serious concerns related to ABC Nutrition Program, Inc. (ABC) in Camden, Tennessee. ABC is a non-profit organization that administers federal grant funds received from the Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS) for the Child and Adult

Care Food Program on behalf of 216 daycare homes and 120 daycare centers in Tennessee.

Comptroller investigators found that ABC had unauthorized disbursements of \$732,702.91 between October 2008 and September 2014. Of that amount, \$605,978.69 was used to provide bonuses and extra pay

(see Non Profit pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death — that is, the dev-

il. — Hebrews 2:14

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

The new redlight just put up at Sugarlimb and Hwy11 will be operational soon!

Weather

Today: Cloudy with periods of rain. High 54F.
Tonight: Cloudy with occasional rain showers. Low 47F.
Friday Cloudy with showers. High 62F.
Friday Night Cloudy skies early, followed by partial

clearing. Low near 45F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

You may choose to spend your day playing in Fantasyland while trickster Mercury hooks up with nebulous Neptune, bending your perceptions out

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Non Profit

to the managers and employees of ABC. ABC is led by Chief Executive Officer Vivian Parker, and her daughters, Director of Daycare Centers Lisa Carter, and Director of Daycare Homes Tracy Coady. Investigators also found \$27,185.56 was spent on unauthorized construction and improvements to Vivian Parker's home. The offices for ABC are located in the basement of Parker's home. Addi-

tional unauthorized administrative disbursements totaled \$99,538.66 for fiscal year 2014. None of these expenses were approved by DHS.

On February 19, 2015 the Benton County Grand Jury indicted Vivian Parker, Lisa Carter and Tracy Coady on one count of theft of property over \$250,000, and one count of theft of property over \$60,000.

Comptroller investigators also raised concerns about (see NP ctd. pg. 7)

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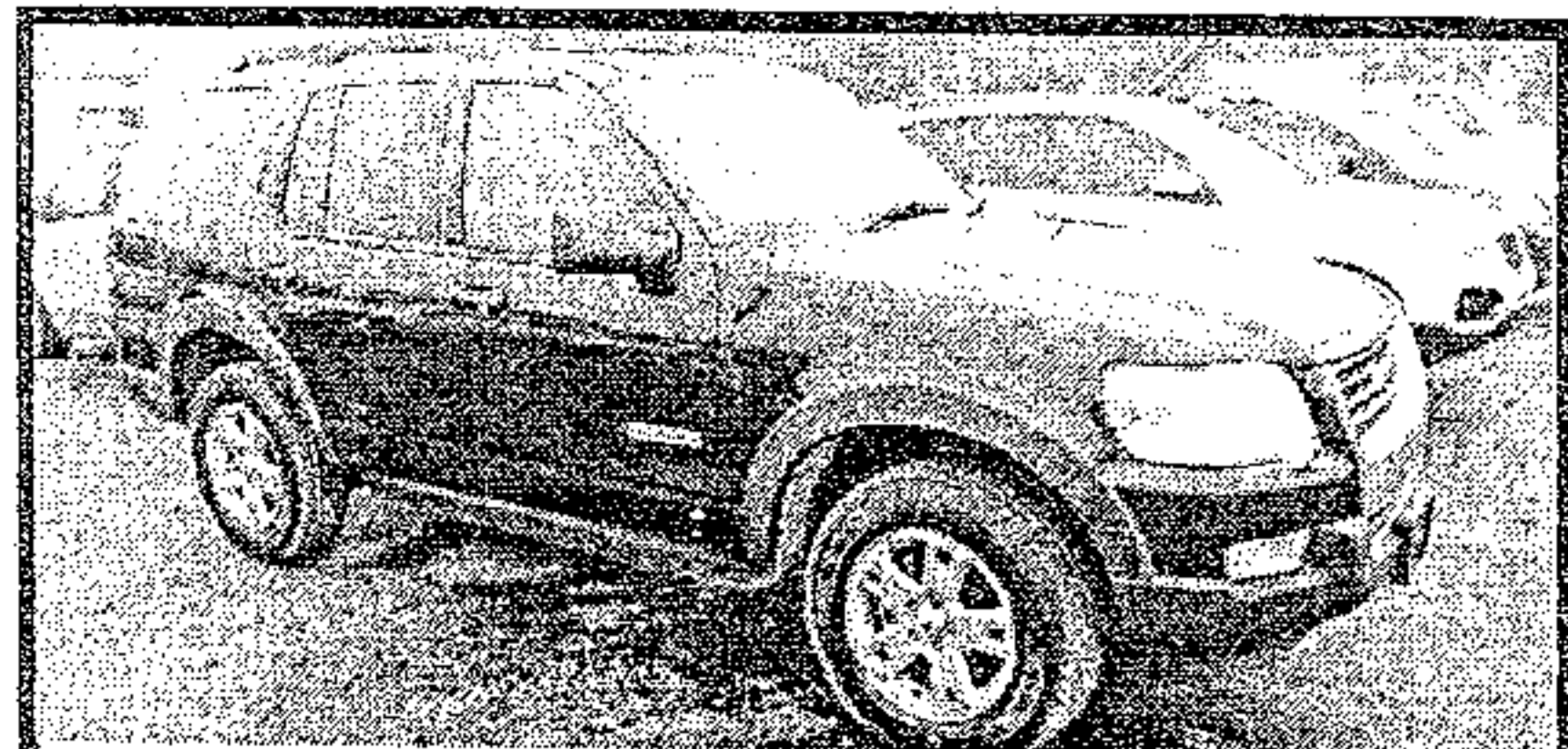
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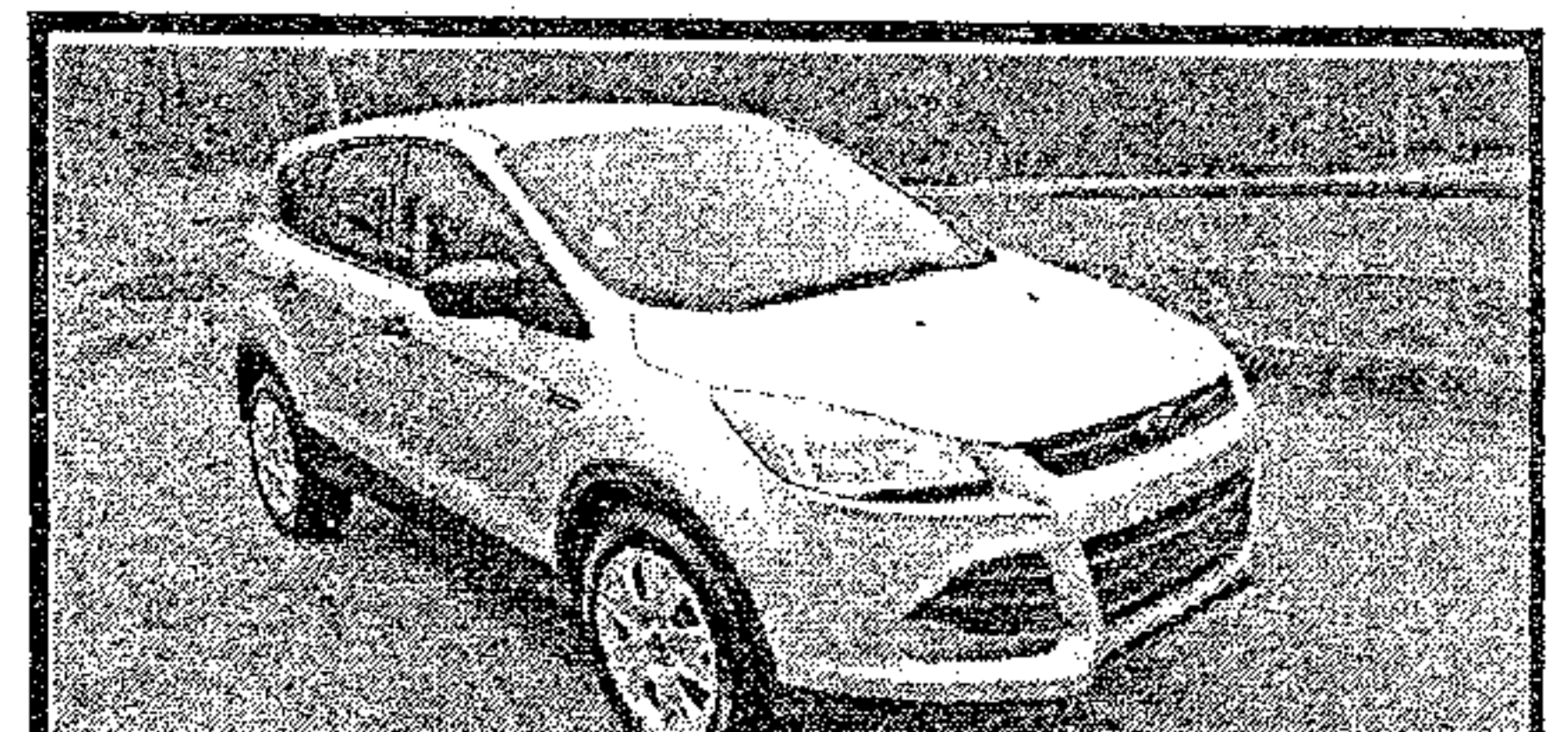
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Conspiracy

of his plea agreement on file with the U.S. District Court, Whitson admitted to being personally responsible for at least 280 grams, but less than 840 grams, of crack cocaine. Whitson often used his residence as a place from which to sell crack cocaine, and let his coconspirators do the same.

As part of the investigation, law enforcement conducted seven different controlled drug transactions with members of this conspiracy. On three of those occasions, Whitson himself sold crack cocaine to individuals working with and acting under the supervision of law enforcement agents and officers.

Two others have previously been sentenced as part of this conspiracy. Michelle Nicole Lane, 33, of Blountville, Tenn., was sentenced to serve 132 months in prison. Cedric Nickose Carr, 29, of Chattanooga, Tenn. was sentenced to serve 120 months.

This case was the product of cooperation between the Johnson City Police Department, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorney Nick Regalia represented the United States.

Haslam Announces Reward In Chattanooga Case

\$10,000 Offered in Hamilton County Murder

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the apprehension, arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed, attempted to commit or conspired to commit the murders of Sean and Donnie Goetcheus in Chattanooga in 1997.

"I encourage anyone with information regarding this case to contact authorities immediately so that justice can be brought to those responsible for this crime," Haslam said.

In January 1997, brothers Sean and Donnie Goetcheus were shot and killed execution-style in their Chattanooga home. Sean was 25, Donnie 19.

Since almost 18 years has lapsed, their deaths are considered cold case homicides. However, over the last two years a renewed investigative effort and creation of the district attorney's office cold case unit have uncovered and developed new leads and facts. Significant progress has been

achieved toward identifying the person or persons responsible for these murders.

Anyone with information about the Goetcheus case is asked to contact the district attorney's office cold case unit at 423-209-7470 or at coldcases@hcdatn.org. Neal Pinkston is the District Attorney General for the 11th Judicial District. His office number is 423-209-7448.

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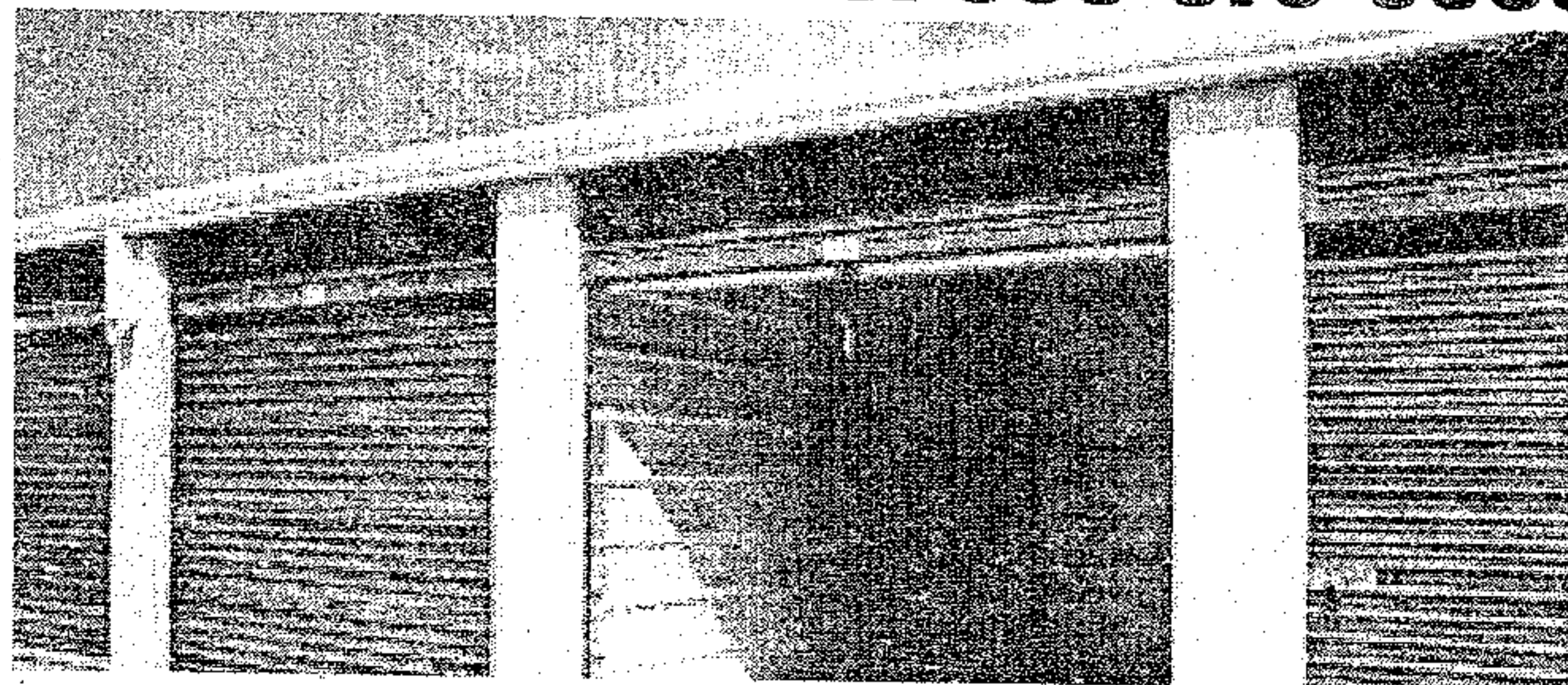
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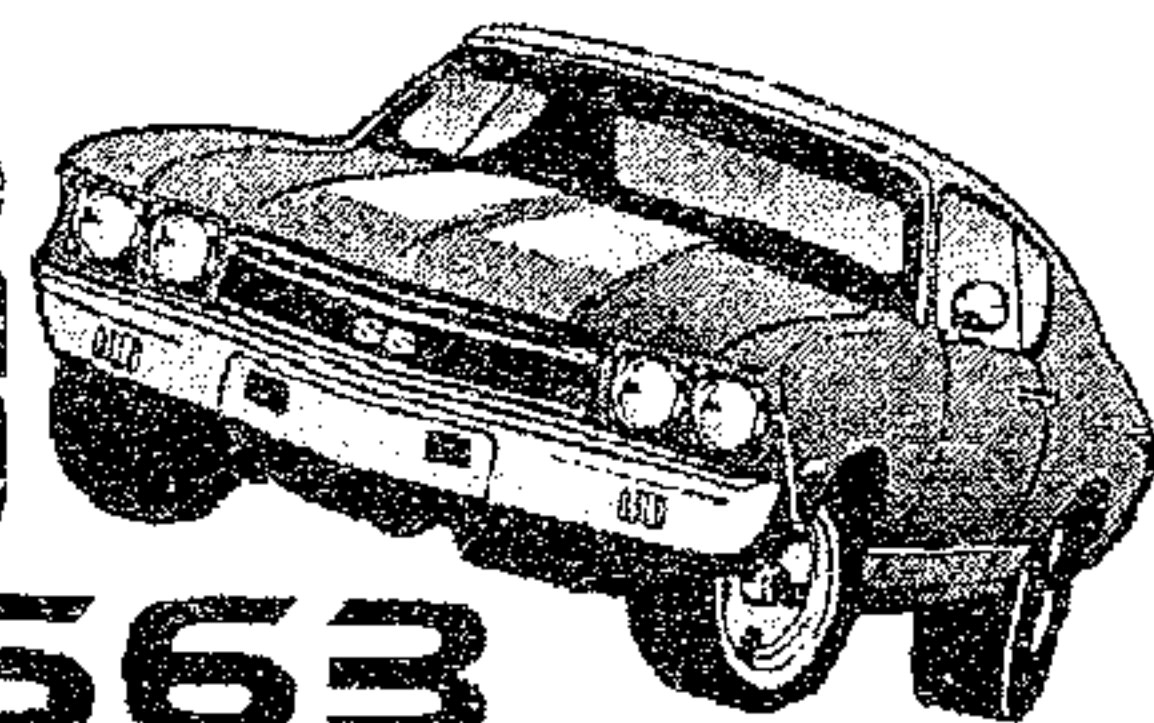
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LPD

to locate the vehicle in Commerce St. and Mason Lane. Sgt. Newman attempted a traffic stop on said vehicle, however the vehicle refused to stop. The driver finally stopped at Fort Hill and Commerce. When Officer approached the vehicle and identified the driver as Tony Crowley. Officer noticed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from Tony's breath and person, slurred speech. Tony refused sobriety test and was placed under arrest. A empty bottle of Bacardi Rum was located under the passenger seat. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, made the arrest.

Obituaries

William G. (Jerry) Bryant - age 71 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, March 16, 2015 after a long battle with diabetes and its complications. Jerry was an avid fisherman and golfer until illness interfered. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur and Connie Bryant; sister, Yvonne Smith and brother, Steve Bryant. Jerry is survived by his wife of 49 years, Judi Bryant; daughter, Jeannine Bryant; son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Holly Bryant; 6 grandchildren: Ty, Sam, Micah, Hannah, Griffin and Lucas; brother and sister-in-law, James and Lori Bryant; several nieces and nephews; extended family members, Mike and Jo Strickland; special cousin, C. M. Evans and longtime friends, J. D.

Watkins and Petey Baker. The family will be gathering at the home of Jim and Holly Bryant, 2380 Misty Ridge, Lenoir City. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Memorial services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. George Seay and J. D. Watkins. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to the Mission of Hope, P O Box 51824, Knoxville, TN 37950. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Gladys Hyatt "Shorty" Pritchard - age 91 of Lenoir City, passed away Monday morning, March 16, 2015 at The Lantern Assisted Living. She and her husband were the owners of Pritchard's Grocery where she worked for many years. Preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Ralph L. Pritchard; son, Eddie Pritchard; granddaughter, Lucy Pritchard; parents, Carl and Zella Hyatt; brothers, Don, Bob,

Bill, Ralph and Jim Hyatt. Survived by her children: Doyle (Carolyn) Pritchard of Oliver Springs, Wayman (Anna) Pritchard of Knoxville, Sissy (Bob) Shirer of Rockwood and Paul (Lisa) Pritchard of Knoxville; grandchildren: LeeAnn C. (Neel) Caughron, Andy (Ginger) Pritchard, Chris Pritchard, Mark (Robin) Pritchard all of Lenoir City, Adam (Sandra) Pritchard, Jimmy (Susan) Lawson, Craig and Amanda Burchell all of Knoxville, and Matthew Pritchard of Texas; great grandchildren: Grace and Amelia Caughron, Tristen, Tye, Evan, Lacey, Jacob, Edward, Emily, Maddie and Elizabeth Pritchard, Rachel Lawson, Elijah, Isaiah, Kristen, and Kayla Hinds; brother and sister-in-law, Troy and Marilyn Hyatt of Ohio; several nieces and nephews; special friend, Tammy Bright of Lenoir City. The family would like to thank the staff and nurses of the Lantern and the hospice nurses with Amedisys Health Care. The

family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 17th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Bill Ivey officiating. Family and friends will gather at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Poplar Springs Cemetery for graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Tyler Pritchard Eye Fund, P O Box 52044, Knoxville, TN 37950. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Richard C. Parker, Sr. - age 86 of Lenoir City, TN, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015. Richard regularly attended Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City and was retired from General Motors in Dayton, OH. He was preceded in death by his wife, Flora Melton Parker; son, Richard (Dickie) Parker; parents, B.V. and Mary Reece Parker. Survived by his daughter, Robin Wiggins and husband, Don; granddaughters, Bri Mc-

Curry and husband, Lee, and Haley Wiggins; great granddaughter, Abby McCurry all of Lenoir City; sisters, Mary Edith Sharp and Mildred Shumaker of Springboro, OH; brother, Buddy Parker of Arizona. As he requested there will be no memorial services. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements. www.click-funeralhome.com

Helen M. Hawk - of Lenoir City, TN, passed away on March 13, 2015 after a brief illness. Helen had a beautiful soprano voice and sang in many productions at the University of Tennessee and in her church choir. She was a fabulous Mother and counted among her greatest achievements her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Being "Nannama" and decorating birthday cakes in the latest themes for countless family members gave her years of pleasure. Helen spent years cultivating her

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DUI

Roy Sumner, 28, Hwy 26 Kentucky, was charged with DUI, and SCH. III Drug. Trooper Rodney Best THP, received a bolo from the LCSO on a possible drunk driver in a commercial vehicle. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, was able to catch up with the suspected vehicle around the 72 mm. Due to the way the driver was op-

erating the vehicle by unable to maintain his lane of travel Deputy conducted a traffic stop. The vehicle was slow to stop, and finally stopped at the 80 mm. Deputy requested Trooper Best assistance not knowing Trooper was already in route to the scene. Upon Trooper making contact with the driver identified as Roy Sumner who had

slurred speech and appeared to be intoxicated. Trooper ask Roy to exit the vehicle Roy was unsteady on his feet and had red blood-shot eyes. Trooper ask Roy if he had taken any medication he stated yes Suboxone. Roy did poorly on sobriety test. Trooper found a pill bottle that was empty, and a pill canister containing 2 peach pills.

Roy was placed under arrest. Trooper Rodney Best THP, made the arrest.

Theft

Tiffany Powers, 24, Buckner Road Philadelphia, was charged with Theft of Property. Officer Jason Arden responded to Food City in reference to a shop lifter. Upon arrival Officer made contact with

the complainant who stated she observed Tiffany select 4 ribeye steaks from the meat dept. Tiffany then went down aisle 2 and concealed the steaks in her purse total amount totaling 71.97. Tiffany then went past all points of sale. Tiffany was placed under arrest. Officer Jason Arden LCPD, made the arrest

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wildflower gardens and trying to keep her husband of 61 years, Larry, from "digging them up". She was an avid birdwatcher and especially loved the bluebirds and hummingbirds that frequented her feeders. Reading and playing games was another favorite past time. She and Larry never missed watching a Lady Vols game and were avid Volunteer sports fans. Helen is survived by her husband Larry Hawk, daughters Nancy (Don) Carpenter, Patricia (Matt) Compton, Azia and Kela; Alan Carpenter, Lauren Drost, Ayden and Braylon; Debra Warr, Jeff (Emily) Warr and Alex Warr, of Ft. Worth, TX. Son David L. (Kerri) Hawk, Madison; Helen's extended family includes others too numerous to list. She also had many close friends she considered family. The family will receive friends at Central United Methodist Church, 301 Hickory Creek Road in Lenoir City, at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 18. A Celebration of Life will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers, Helen's family requests that she be honored with donations to the "Bell Fund" at Central United Methodist Church.

Judy Lynn Bridges Cowden - age 66 went to be with the Lord after a brief illness on Thursday March 12, 2015. She was a wonderful mother, wife, sister, daughter and friend. She retired from Ryder Truck

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ABC's purchasing procedures, travel policies and management oversight. Additionally, investigators noted several of the problems resulted from a lack of oversight by DHS.

"The results of this investigation are extremely troubling," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Hundreds of thousands of taxpayer dollars have been mis-spent by this organization over a five year pe-

riod. This underscores the importance of effective program monitoring and oversight."

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

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Police beat

Tracy Callison, 43, Homeless, was charged with Theft of Property, and Criminal Trespass. Officer Jason Felts LCPD, responded to Walmart in reference to a theft. Upon arrival Officer came in contact

with Tracy Callison, as she was leaving the store. After a search of her purse Officer found that Tracy had unpaid for items, which Tracy concealed and past all points of sale without paying. Tracy was placed under arrest. Officer Jason Felts LCPD, made the arrest.

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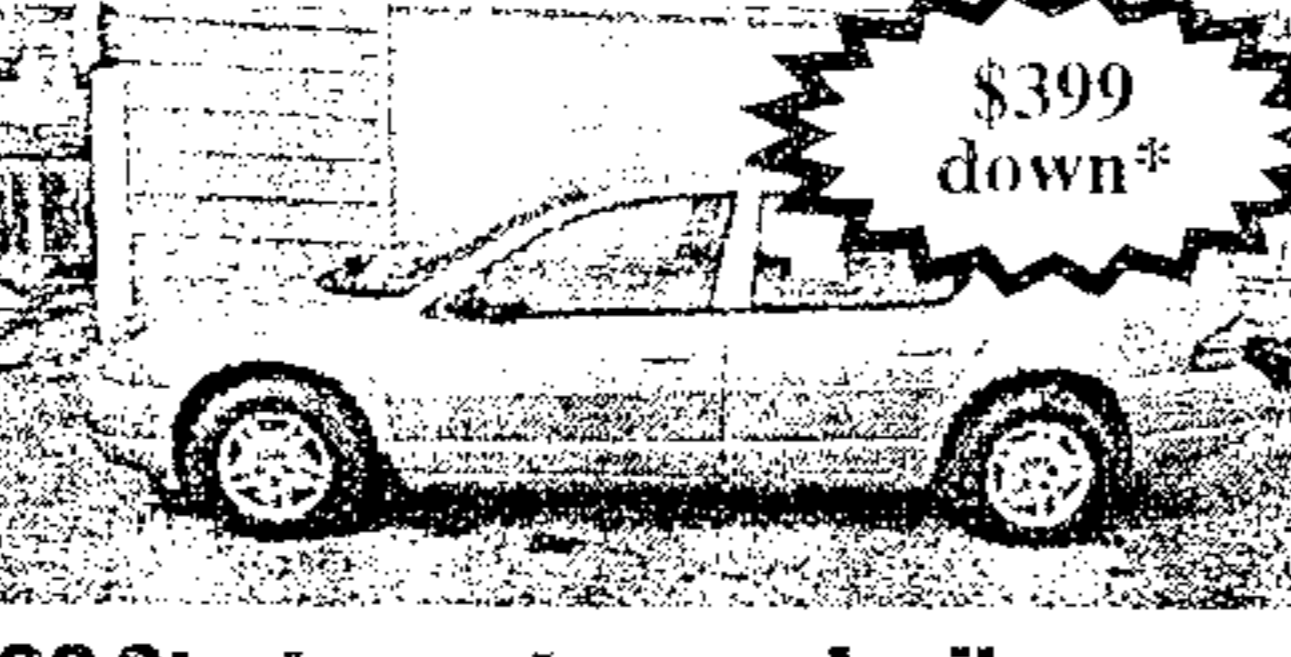
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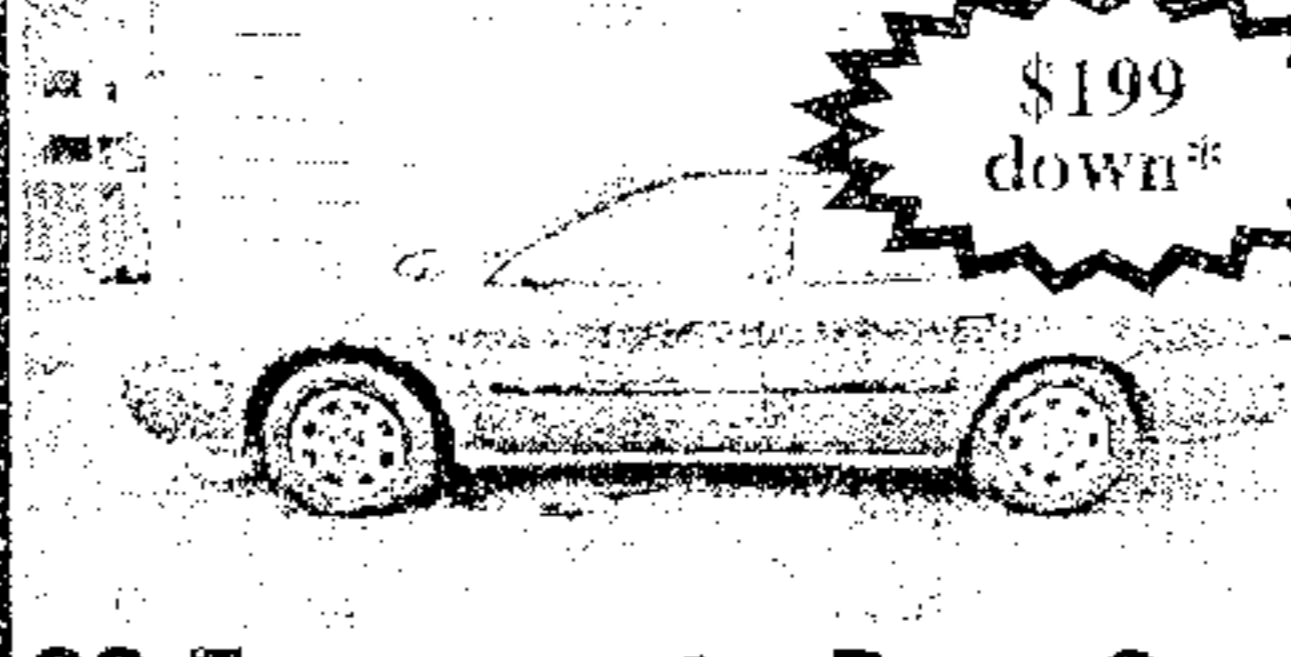
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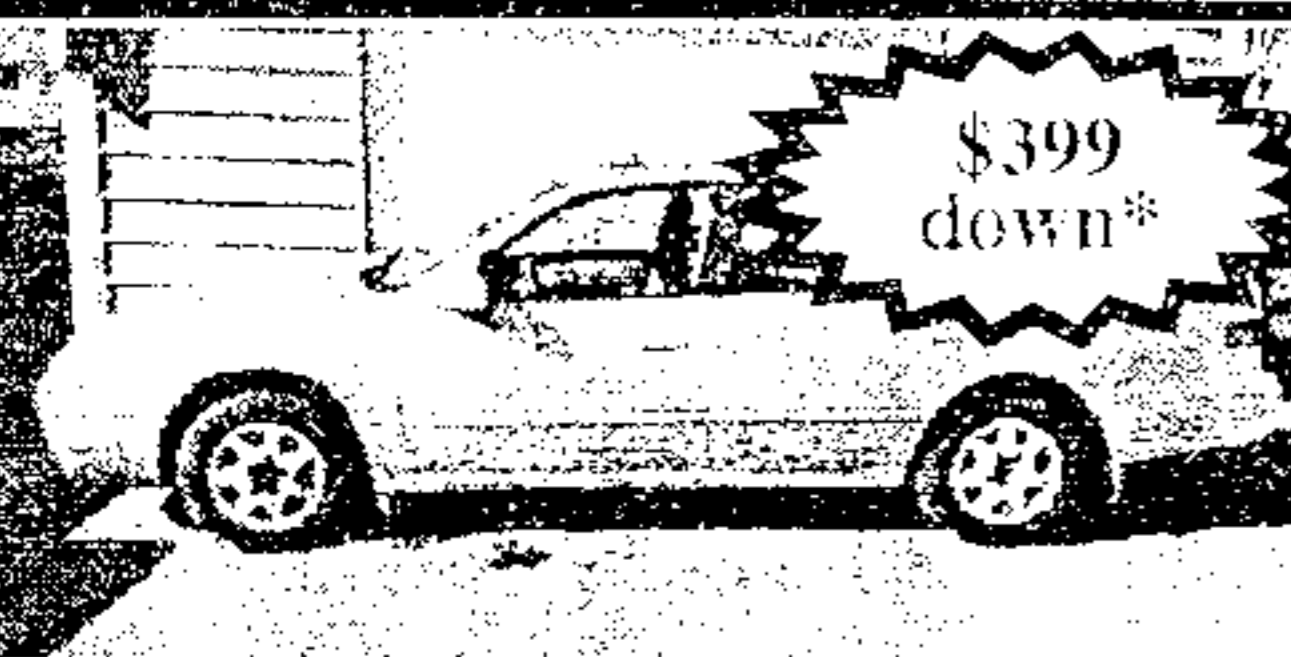
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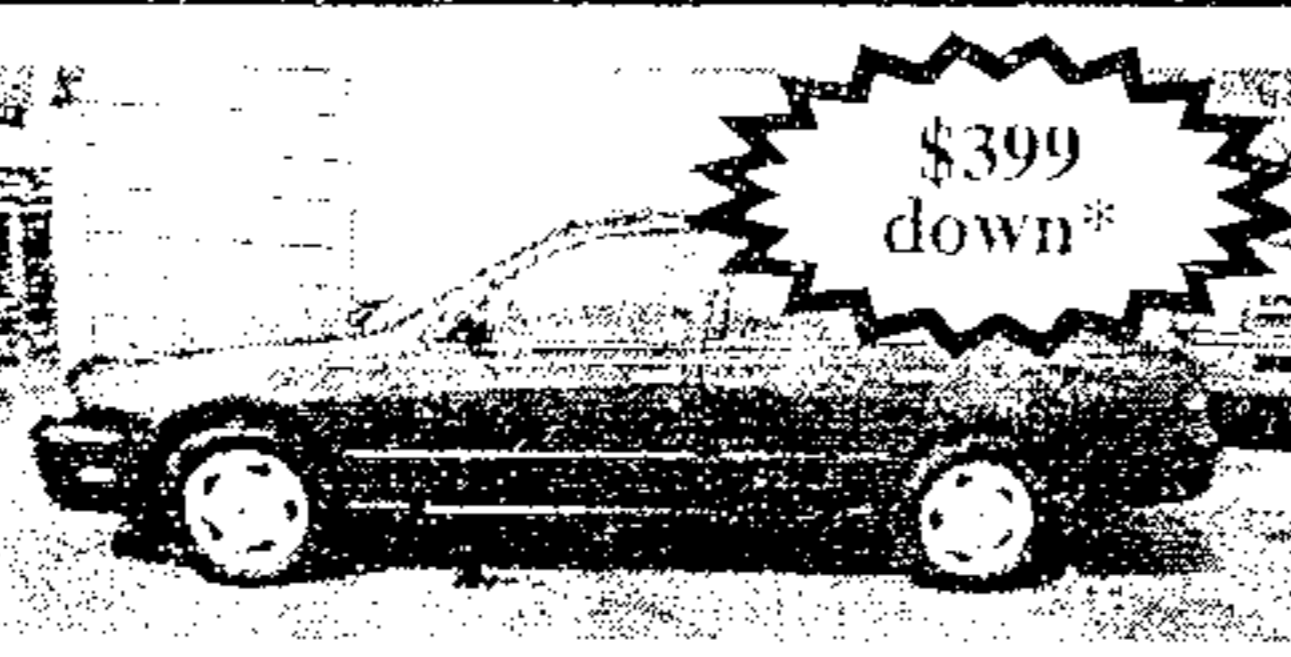
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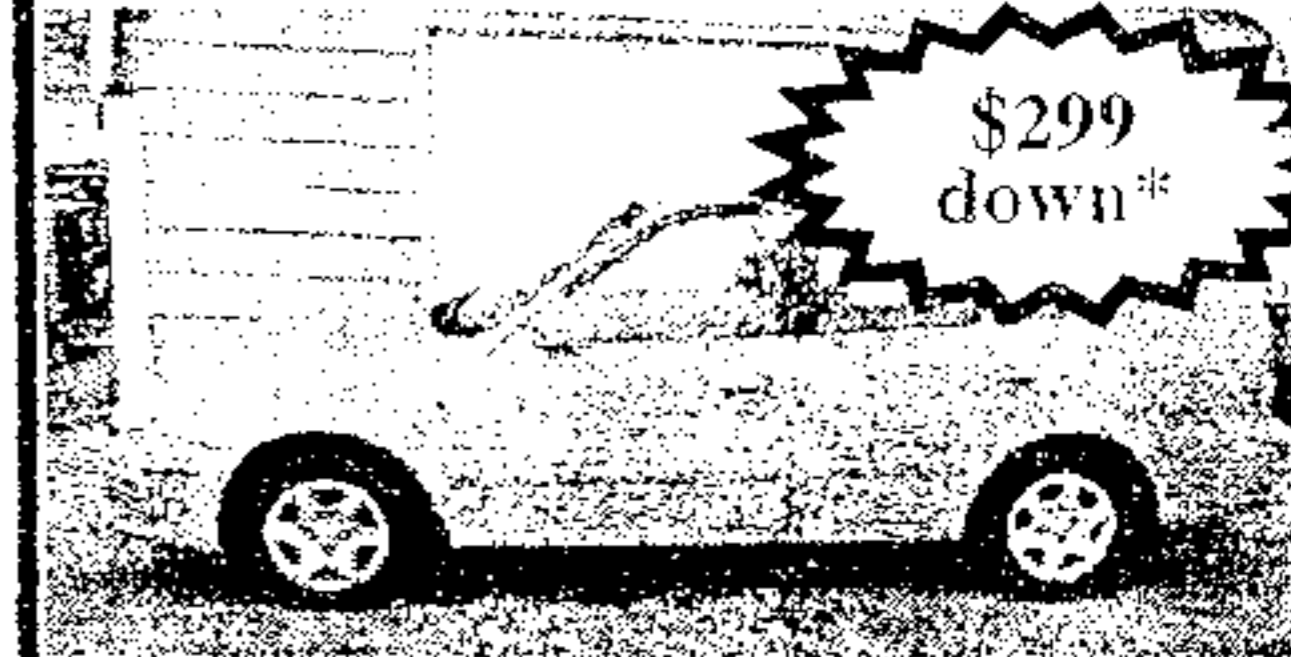
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