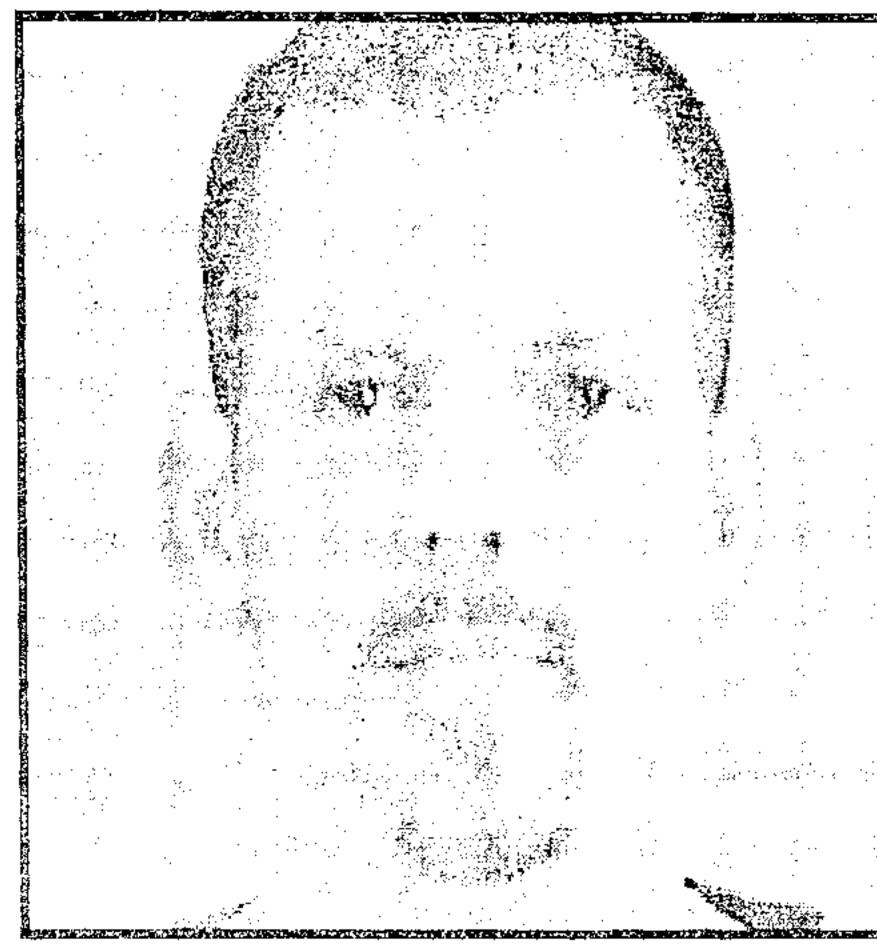
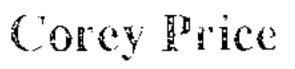
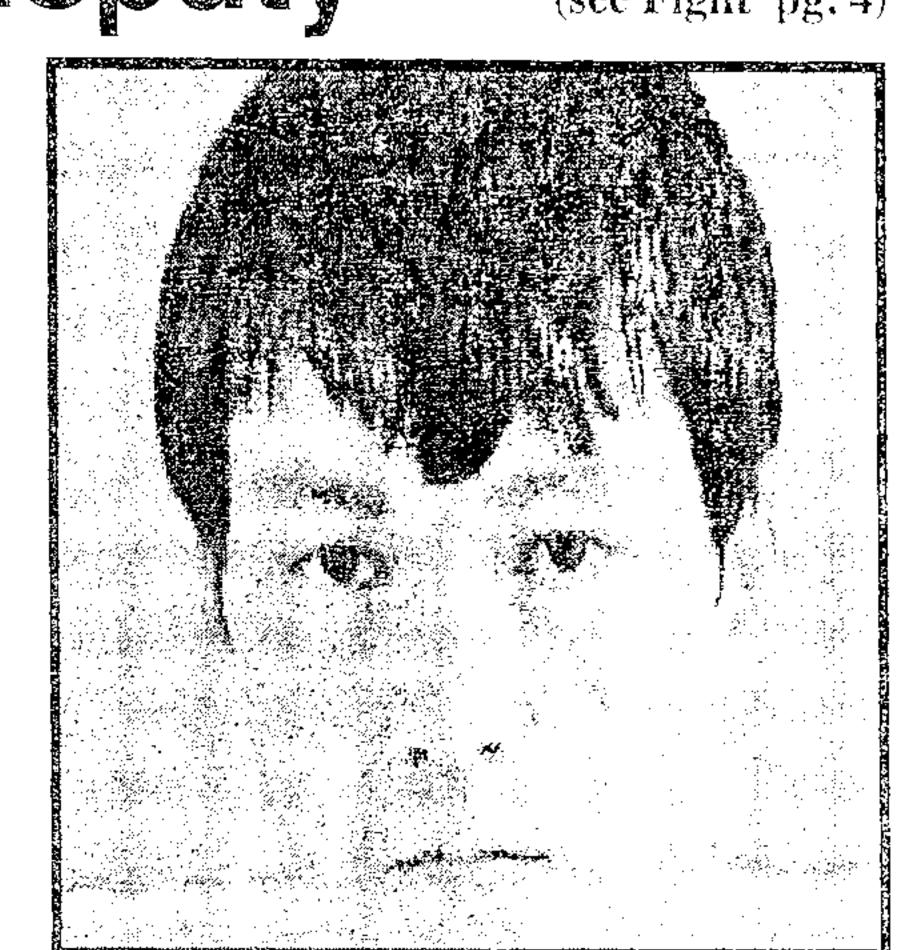
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## Two charged after fight breaks | Victim Life Photo Bill Supported out in front of deputy







Shane Snyder

## Host Summer Activities

The summer season in Tennessee is right around the corner, and it's the perfect time to take in the sights and sounds of our beautiful Main Street Communities. Tennessee Main Street Programs are once again hosting multiple events and farmers' markets over the next several months that will highlight the unique offerings of each community across the state while supporting historic downtown business districts.

(see Summer pg. 7) Christopher Kissior

## Tennessee Main Streets | Fight occurs over assailant wanting victim to "have a drink"



# by 9th DTF DA Johnson

cates, prosecutors and and the law enforcelaw enforcement offi- ment community to alcials from across Ten- low murder victims in nessee today gathered Tennessee to have an on the steps of the Capi- appropriate presence tol to celebrate Gov. Bill during the trial of their Haslam's signing of the accused killer. Victim Life Photo Bill "The Victim Life into law.

passed with sweep-nesseans have long been ing support during the unaware of," said Verna recently completed Wyatt, co-founder and legislative session, cul- executive director of minates a years-long Tennessee Voices for effort by victim rights. Victims, a victim rights

Victim rights advo- advocates, prosecutors

Photo Bill will right a The legislation, wrong that many Ten-

(see Bill pg. 3)

## I Gift Card Scams

While it is very popu-such exchanges. lar to purchase, spend, There are both online and give others gift and in-store venues for cards, the FBI would reselling gift cards. Kilike to warn consumers of the potential for fraud. an option for consum-The online presence of ers who prefer to handle the Secondary Gift Card Market has grown significantly in recent years. Market websites exist to The Secondary Gift Card exclusively buy and sell Market provides a venue for consumers to resell Some of the various unwanted gift cards. types of gift card scams However, criminal activty has been identified (see DV pg. 5) through sites facilitating. Victim sells a gift card

osks and pawn shops are a transaction in person. Secondary Gift Card gift cards.

reported to the IC3 are as follows:

(see Scam pg. 5)



Verse of the Day

An evil man is trapped by his sinful talk, but a righteous man escapes trouble. — Proverbs 12:13

## <u>Obituaries</u>

see inside

It's officially working! The New redlight at Muddy Creek/Ford Road is operational and there are turn lanes as well! Thanks for the quick work TDOT!

#### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy early. Scattered thunderstorms developing in the afternoon. High 88F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low near 70F.

Saturday Scattered showers and thunderstorms. High near 90F.

Saturday Night Clear skies. Low 69F.

Sunday Sunny. High around 95F.

Sunday Night Clear skies. Low 71F.

(Continued on page 6)

#### Bill

group that helped organize grassroots support for this and previous versions of the bill. "Because of this new law, murder victims in Tennessee will be able to have their faces shown in court as they looked before they were killed."

"For decades, it was common practice for prosecutors to introduce into evidence a reasonable photo of the victim prior to her murder in addition to crime scene photos," said Russell Johnson, District Attorney General (Loudon, Roane, Morgan and Meigs Counties). "However, due to high-court rulings, trial judges began to disallow the practice for fear of having a verdict overturned."

The bill's passage and becoming law strengthens

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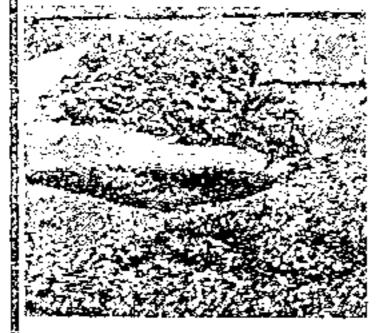
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Tennessee's Victim's Bill of Rights, a constitutional amendment that guarantees victims the right to be present at all proceedings where the defendant has the right to be present. The amendment was overwhelmingly approved by Tennessee residents in 1998 by a count of 680,000 to 85,000.

"We appreciate the power of a single photograph, and it's appropriate that we celebrated today's victory with a photo on the Capitol steps," said Joan Berry, president of HOPE for Victims, another victim rights group that coordinated support for the bill. "We've been working for so long to allow photos of murder victims to be shown in court. We've accom-

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plished that. We've made sure that those who cannot speak for themselves are guaranteed the basic right to face their accused killers."

To hear directly from family members of murder victims in Tennessee on the importance of the Victim Life Photo Bill, visit the Tennessee Voices for Victims YouTube channel at www.YouTube.com/TennesseeVoices.

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Shane Snyder, 31.Calldwell Road Loudon, was charged with Joyriding.

Cory Price, 35, Markwood Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Deputy Chad Purdy LCSO, contact dispatch and advised that he was at Watkins Rd. and that a friends truck had been stolen, and there was blood in the bed and cab of the truck. Deputy stated that he had went to Walmart at 6:00 am and noticed a white truck at Corinth Rd and didn't think anything of it. On Deputy was back from Walmart saw 2 males fighting at the Corinth Rd address.

identified Deputy himself as LCSO Deputy and gave verbal command for them to stop fighting. Deputy identified the two one being Shane Snyder and victim 1. Victim 1 stated that Shane did not steal only borrowed it. While CPL. Pete McGinley was en route to Deputy Purdy location he came upon a male laying in the road on Corinth Rd. The victim 2 stated that Shane had assaulted him asking him where is the dope. Deputy went to Caldwell Rd and made contact with Cory Price who was taken into custody for INV hold. After an investigation was conducted on both Shane Snyder and Cory Price Lt. Patrick Upton issued warrant and both were charged. Deputy

LCSO Toney Shane with a served Joyridfor warrant ing and Deputy Olwin Norman LCSO, served Cory with an Aggravated Assault warrant.

#### Obits. ctd. from pg. 2

as a firelighter and EMT for It years and helped countless people. Throughout his life, he touched many people's lives with his big heart, sense of humor, ventriloquist entertainment and more He loved his family and life with his whole being and was an inspiration and role model to all who knew him. A celebration memorial will be held Monday, June 22 at First Baptist Church of Tellico Village at 205 Chota Road in Loudon, TN. Receiving will be at 2pm; service at 3pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tellico Village Volunteer Fire Department at 210 Chota Road. Click Funeral Home & Cremations is serving the famity of Ron Harris.

Jackie Lee Barron - age 65, a kind and gentle soul, left this cruel world to be with his family and friends in Heaven on Tuesday, June 9, 2015. He was a disabled veteran of the Vietnam War. Preceded in death by his father, George Washington (Bud) Barron; mother, Joy Elizabeth Wilkerson Barron; son, Michael Allen Barron; wife, Sammie Sue Barron; ex-wife and friend, Mary Ann Johnson; grandchildren, Christopher James and Jaiden Ramsey. He is survived by his beloved brother, Bart (Skipper) Barron; daughters, Jana Barron, Joy Barron and Candy Barron; son, Daniel Bryant; grandchildren: Brittney, Matthew, Deon, Rashodney, Kiera, Teahna, Melinda, Chase, Briana, Chaden, Riddyk, Aria and Chloe-Ann Bryant; greatgrandehildren: Christopher, Austin and Lucas; best buddy, his beloved dog, Jack, and special family friend,

Mickey. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 1:30 p.m. on Sunday and proceed to the Lakeview Cemetery for 2 p.m. graveside services. Military honors will be conferred by the Loudon Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Funeral Home, Click Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

A. Lucille Gray - age 90 of Lenoir City went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 8, 2015. Lucille was a member of First Presbyterian Church. She was a loving and devoted mother, grandmother and greatgrandmother who was also known as "G.G." Lucille was preceded in death by her parents, E. W. and Ella Conner, and sister, Ernestine Hudson. Survived by her sons, Ron Gray and wife, Barbara of Baltimore, MD, and Stuart Thackston of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Michael Gray, Matthew Gray and wife, Amy; great-grandchildren, Molly Gray and Hannah Gray; sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Larry Messinger, Rella and Frank Cox; sister, Johnnie Lee; many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends on Friday, June 12th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ed Umbach officiating. Burial will be in the Lenoir City Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Thelma Grace King Rodriguez - age 66 of Sweetwater, died Wednesday, June 10, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Margaret Armes King and John Lee King; brothers, Richard King, Thomas (Tom) King, and John (Chuck) King, and grandson, Jason King.

She is survived by her son, Jerry (Whitney) Cardin; daughter, Margaret King; three grandchildren; nephews, nieces and several great-grandchildren. At her wish, no services will be held. In lieu of flowers, please send contributions to the charity of your choice. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is serving the family.

Charles Samuel Petty - age 70 of the Piney Community, Loudon passed away Wednesday, June 10, 2015. Charles attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Lenoir City. He was retired from the Tellico Village Property Owners Association. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rev. Sam Petty and Thelma Dyer Petty. Survived by his wife of 38 years, Beverly Jean Petty;

daughter, Christy Petty; son, Mark Petty; "adopted daughter", Wendy Laug; brothers and sisters-in-law, Luther and Trudy Petty, Ray and Diana Petty, Don and Teresa Petty; several nieces and nephews. The family would like to express a special thanks to Dr. Aljadir and his staff with U. T. Cancer Specialists. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, June 14th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Eddie Chasteen and Rev. Keith Price officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Monday morning and proceed to the Loudon Co. Memorial Gardens for graveside services at 11 a.m. Click Funeral Home, Lenoir City is in charge.



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Christopher Kissior, 21, Avery Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy Chris Bowen LCSO, responded to Circle for a Avery physical Domestic. arrival Deputy made contact with the victim who stated to Deputy he could tell that Christopher Kissior had came home and

had been drinking and was drunk. Christopher ask victim if he wanted to drink with him victim stated no Christopher became angry and threw a full beer can at victim. Christopher then struck victim several times. During the struggle a door frame was busted. Christopher was taken into custody. Deputy Chris Bowen LCSO, made the arrest.

on an auction site, receives payment for the sale, and sends the PIN associated with the gift card to the buyer, who disputes the charge after using the gift card.

Victim purchases an item on an auction site and is advised by the seller to purchase gift cards to pay for the transaction. After purchasing thousands of dollars finds out the auction

transaction is a scam.

A Secondary Gift Card Market site agrees to pay a victim for a discounted merchant gift card. The victim sends the code on the gift card, and the payment for the transaction was reversed. Thus, the buyer uses the gift card code to purchase an item and stops payment to the seller.

Consumers should beware of social media an unknown party or unpostings that appear to in gift cards, the victim offer vouchers or gift cards, especially sites

offering deals too good to be true, such as a free \$500 gift card. Some fraudulent offers may pose as Holiday promotions or contests. The fraudulent postings often look as if a friend shared the link. Oftentimes, these scams lead to online surveys designed to steal personal information. Never provide your personal information to trustworthy website.

Tips to Prevent Gift Card Fraud:

Consumers can take several steps to protect themselves when buying and selling gift cards in the Secondary Gift Card Market, as listed below:

Check Secondary Gift Card Market website reviews and only buy from or sell to reputable dealers.

Check the gift card balance before and after purchasing the card to verify the correct balance on the card.

The re-seller of a gift card is responsible for ensuring the correct balance is on the gift card, not the merchant whose name is on the gift card.

When selling a gift card through an online marketplace, do not provide the buyer with the card's PIN until the transaction is complete. Online purchases can be made using the PIN without having the physical card.

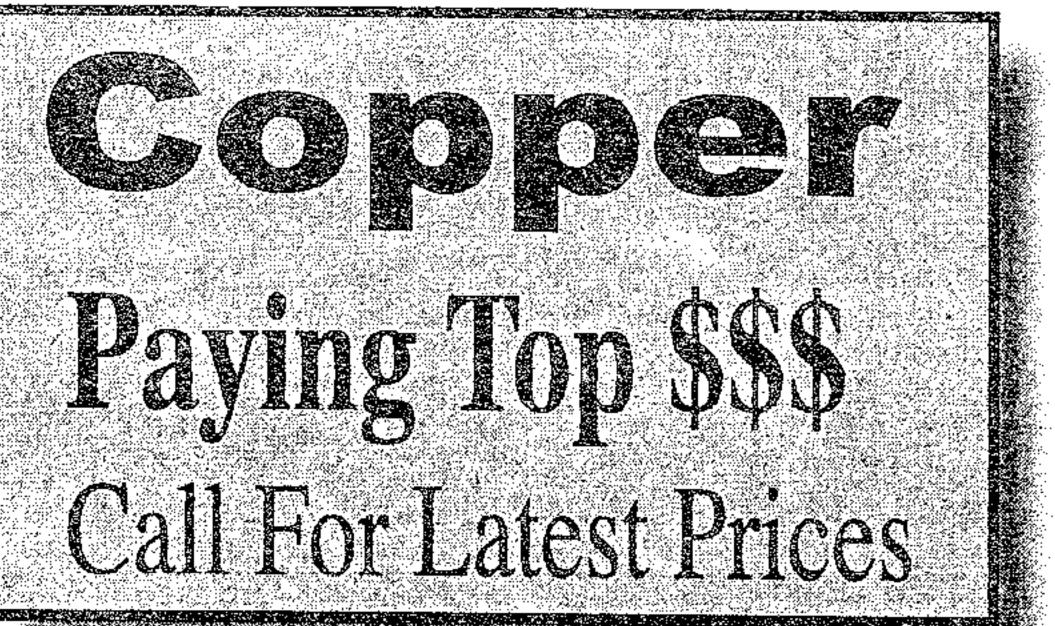
When purchasing gift cards online, be leery of auction sites selling gift cards at a discount or in bulk.

When purchasing gift cards in a store, examine the protective scratch-off area on the back of the card for any evidence of tampering.

If you believe you have been a victim of a gift card scam, you may file a complaint, providing all relevant information, with the IC3 at www.IC3.gov.



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#### Summer

"Our Main Streets and historic downtowns are such an important part of state's identity and sense of community," Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development Commissioner Randy Boyd said. "I encourage everyone to spend a little time on our Main Streets this summer and take advantage of all of the incredible events offered across the state."

"Tennessee's 28 Main Street communities offer a variety of great events during the summer months. From concert series to art walks and lots of farmers' markets, summer is a great time to enjoy Tennessee's historic downtowns," Tennessee Main Street Director, Nancy Williams said."

A complete listing of Main Street summer events

can be found at:

http://www.tnecd.com/ files/145/2015-mainstreet-summer-activities.

Tennessee Main Street is a coordinating partner with the National Main Street Center. Designated communities are required to meet national accreditation standards annually, which include illustrating broad-based community support for the program, development of a comprehensive work plan, a sufficient operating budget and professional staff with volunteer support.

In 2014, certified Main Street communities generated more than \$95 million of public/private investment and created more than 1,500 new jobs.

There are currently 28 Main Street designated communities program

across Tennessee. Bristol, Cleveland, Brownsville, Collierville, Columbia, Cookeville, Dandridge, Dayton, Dyersburg, Fayetteville, Franklin, Gallatin, Greeneville, Jackson, Jonesborough, Kingsport, Lawrenceburg, Lebanon, McMinnville, Murfreesboro, Morristown, Rogersville, Tiptonville, Savannah, Sweetwater, Union City, Ripley and Winchester.

Tennessee Main Street is currently working with six communities through the affiliated Tennessee Downtowns program: Arlington, Carthage, Ducktown, Etowah, Jamestown and Shelbyville. An additional 28 communities have participated in the Tennessee Downtowns program.

For more information about the Tennessee Main Street Program, please http://www.tennes-VISIT

secmainstreet.org. For more on the National Main Street Center, visit http:// www.mainstreet.org.

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Tennessee was named 2014 and 2013 "State of the Year" for economic development by Business Facilities magazine. The Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development's mission

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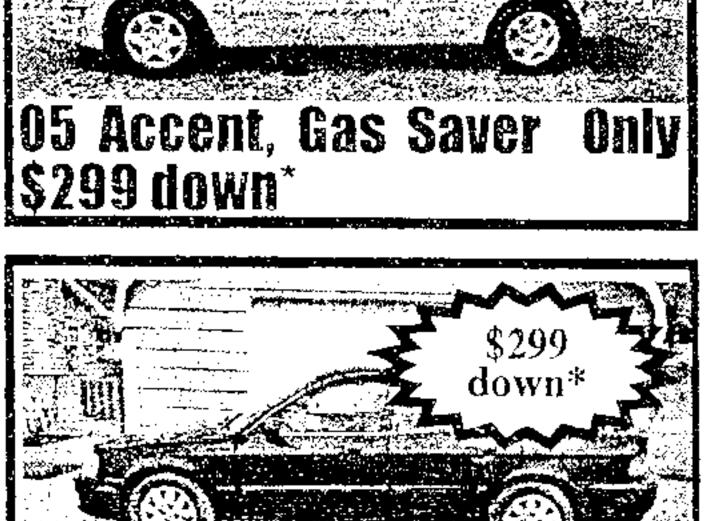
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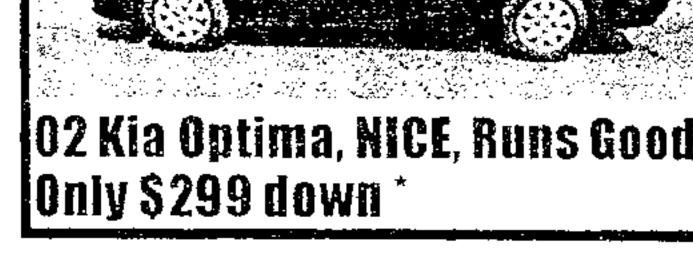
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