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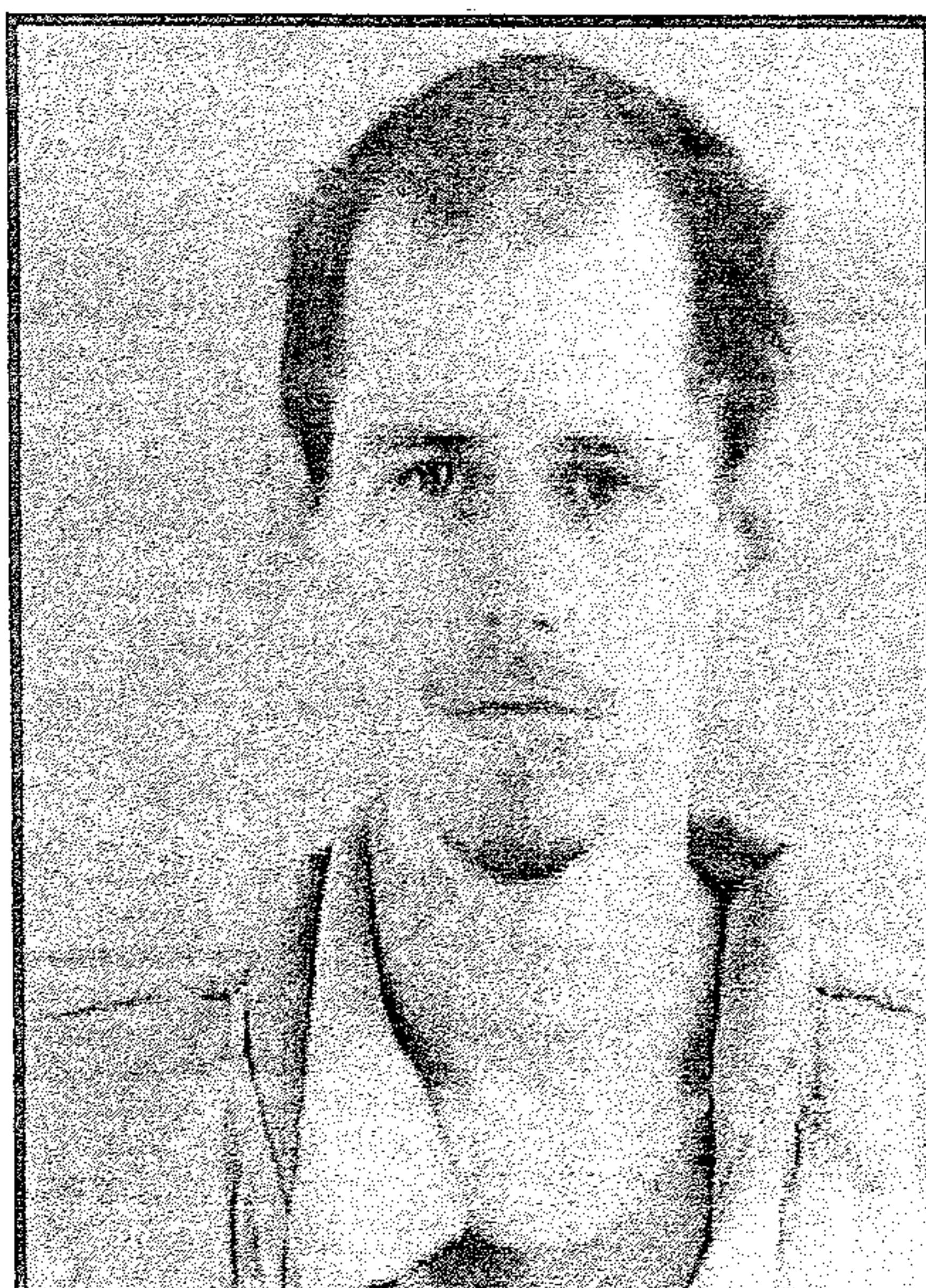
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Friday, March 11, 2016

THP charges 2 at wreck scene; drugs found



Joshua Tillman



Wilford Gartin

(see THP pg. 2)

Fayette County Audit Includes Multiple Uncorrected Problems

An audit released today by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office identifies 14 areas of concern with the way Fayette County is being run.

The findings in the fiscal year 2015 report are spread across several county offices. Six of the findings were also noted in last year's report, but had not been sufficiently

(see audit pg. 7)

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER DINNER AND AUCTION

The Good Shepherd Center of Monroe County will hold its annual fund raising Dinner and Auction on April 2, 2016.

The location will be at the Tellico West Conference Center, 121 Grand Vista, Vonore TN 37885.

The silent auction will begin at 5:30 PM and the catered dinner will be at 6:30 PM.

(see GS pg. 5)

Verse of the Day

What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin. As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even

one ..." — Romans 3:9-10

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

It's flu season for sure it seems everybody is getting it and reportedly the doctors offices

are giving nothing!

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms, especially in the afternoon. High 71F. Tonight: Showers in the evening, then cloudy overnight. Thunder possible. Low 56F.

Saturday Mostly cloudy skies. Slight chance of a rain shower. High 79F.

Saturday Night Considerable cloudiness with occasional rain showers. Thunder possible. Low 59F.

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Rebekah Rogers

(see DUI pg. 3)



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THP

Wilford Gartin, 27, Chapman Hwy Seymour, was charged with DUI, Simple possession, Driving on Revoked License, and Contraband in a Penal Institution.

Joshua Tillman, 37, Washington Ave Athens, was charged with DUI by Consent, and Poss. of Meth.

(see THP ctd. pg. 4)

Trooper Smith THP, was dispatched to a single vehicle accident on -75 at the 81 mm. Upon arrival Trooper observed that the vehicle had ran off the roadway and had not applied any brakes and traveled in excess of a 100 yards off the interstate and came to a final rest in a tree line. Both the driver Wilford Gartin, and passenger Joseph

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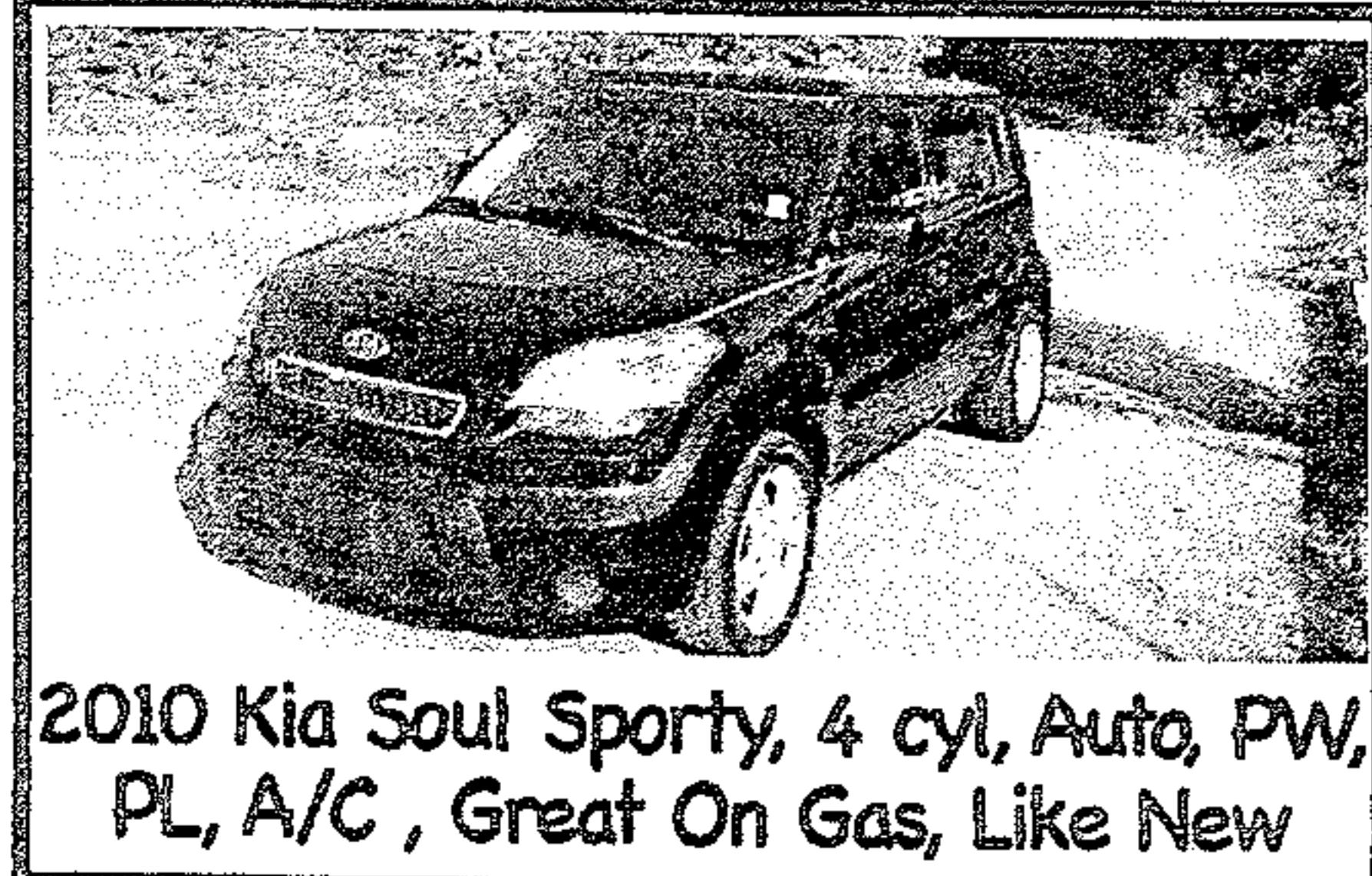
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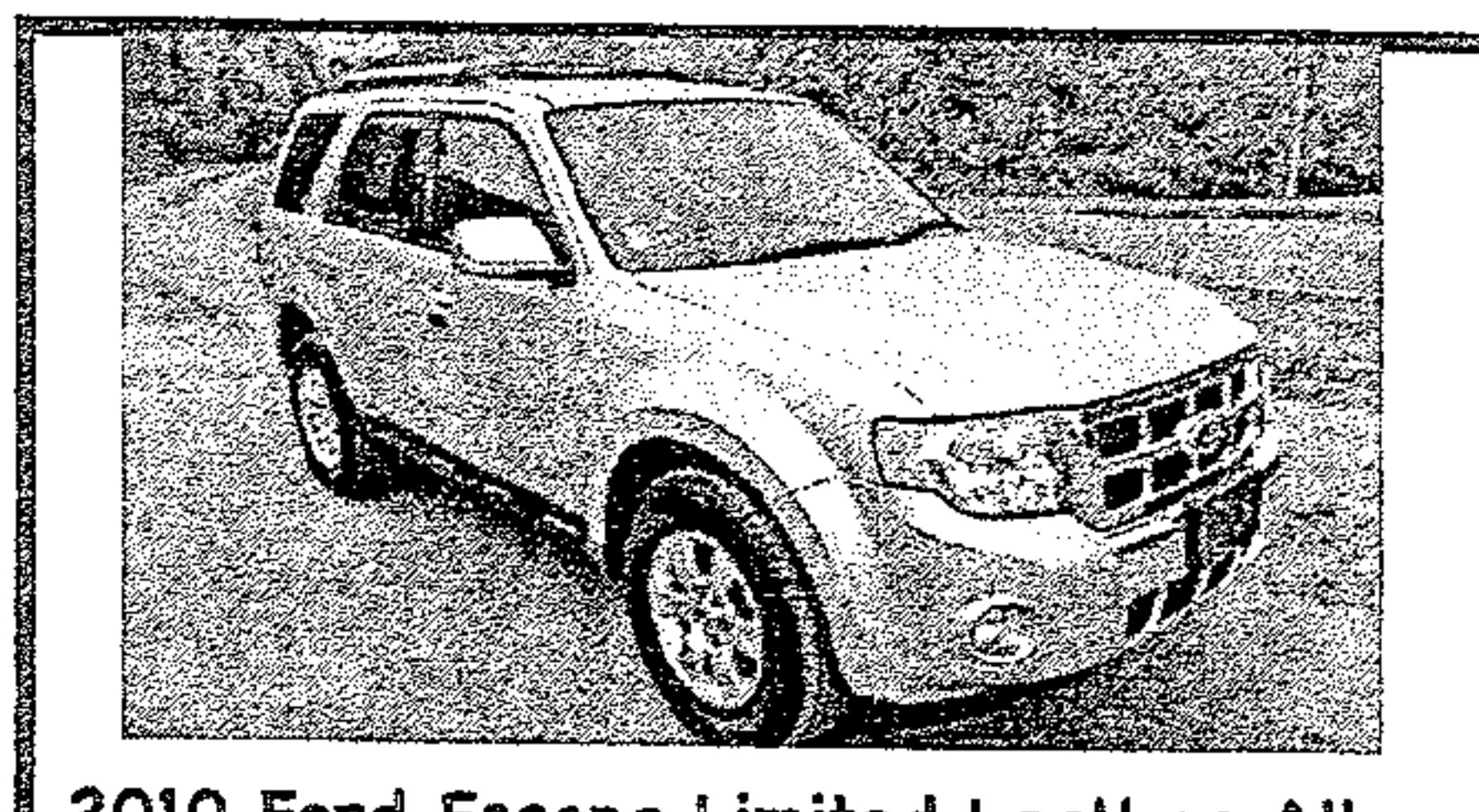
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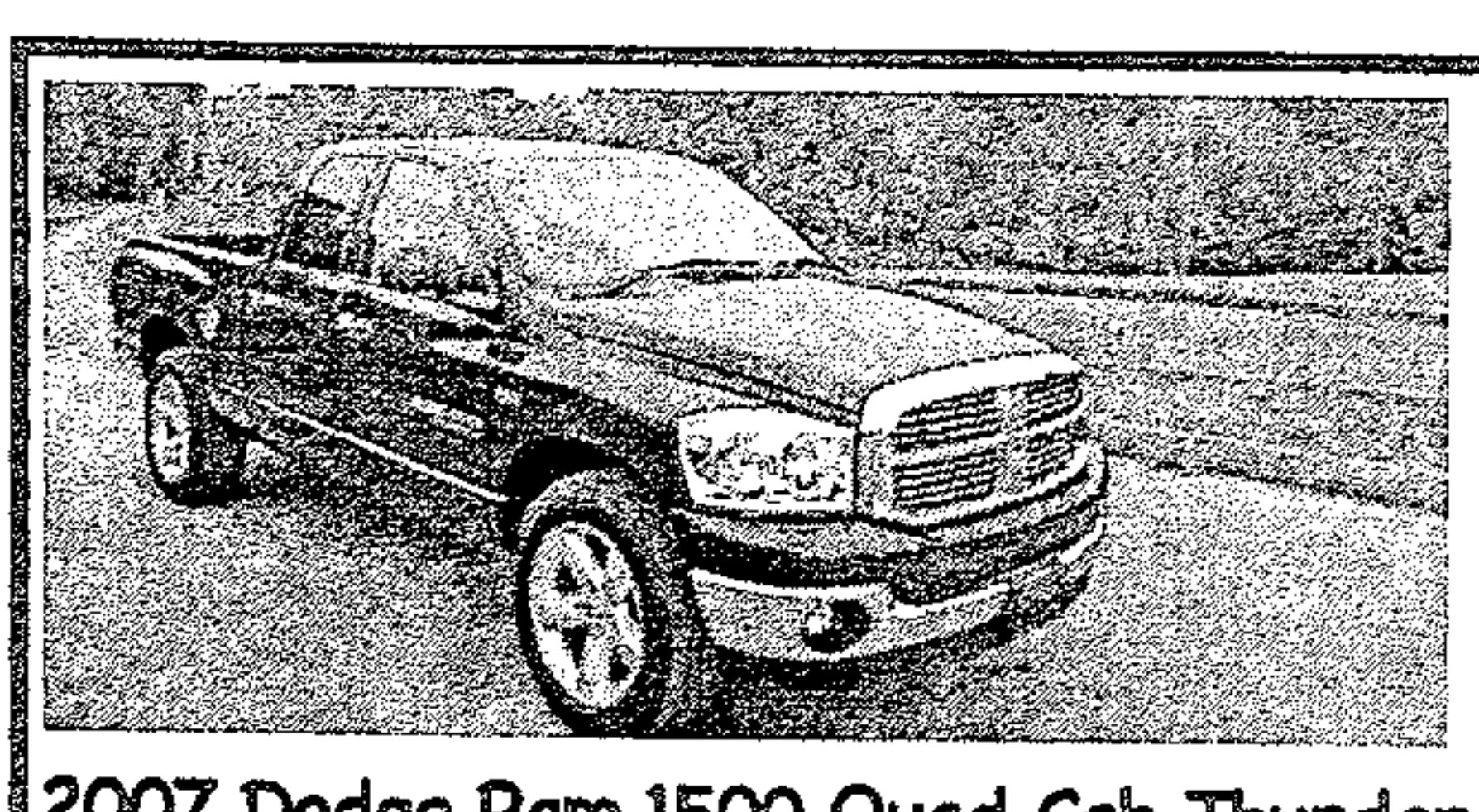
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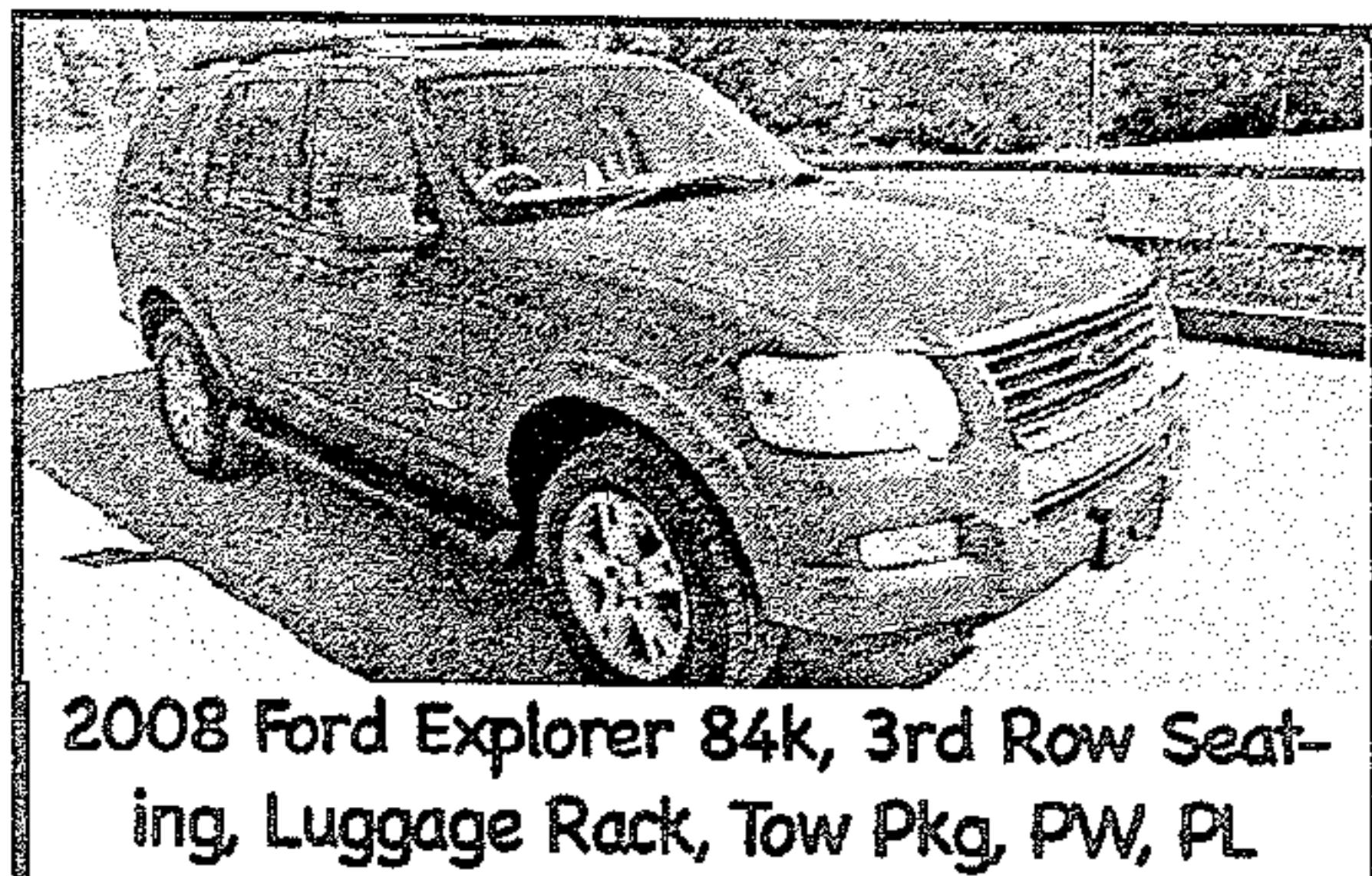
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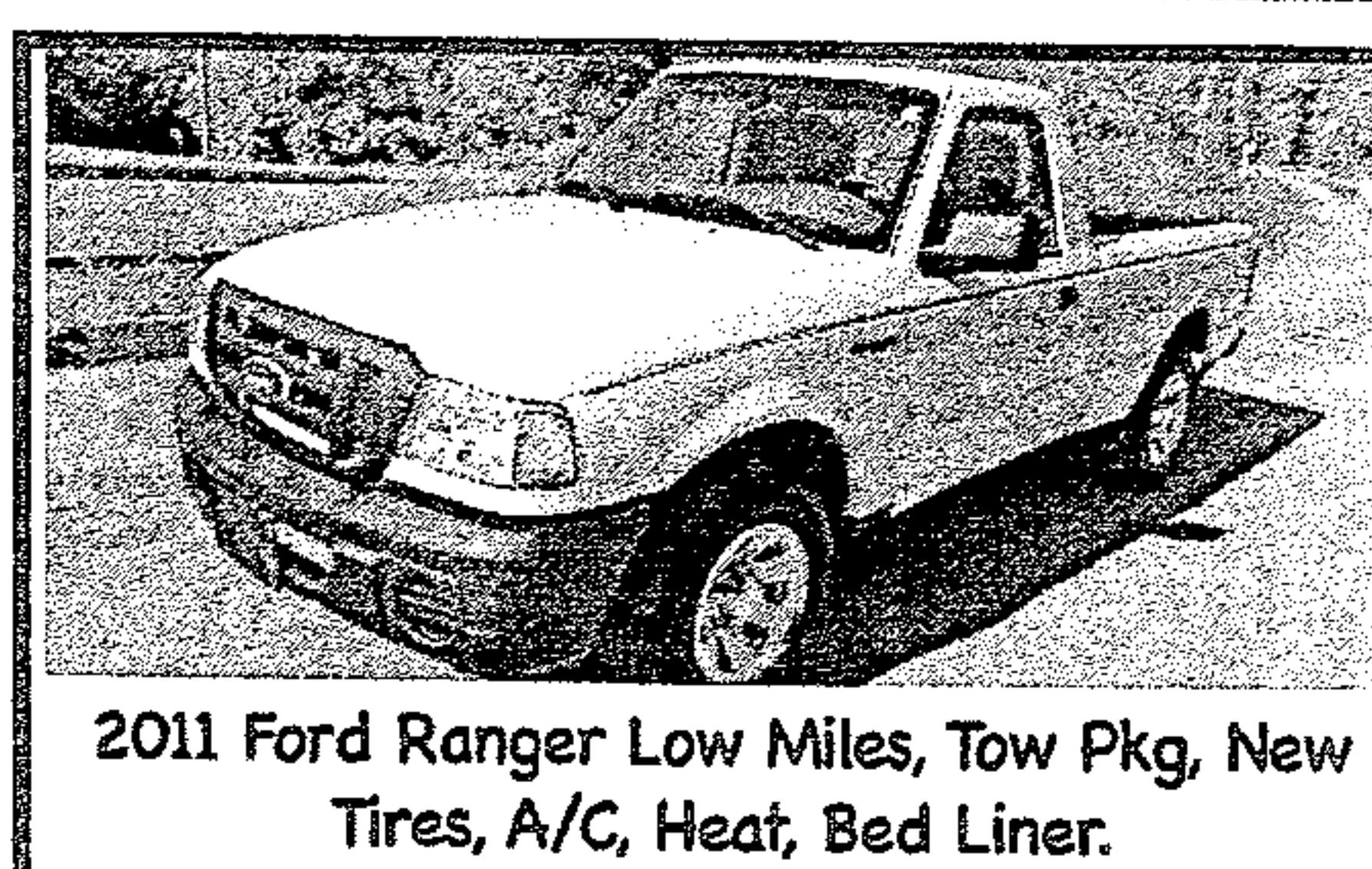
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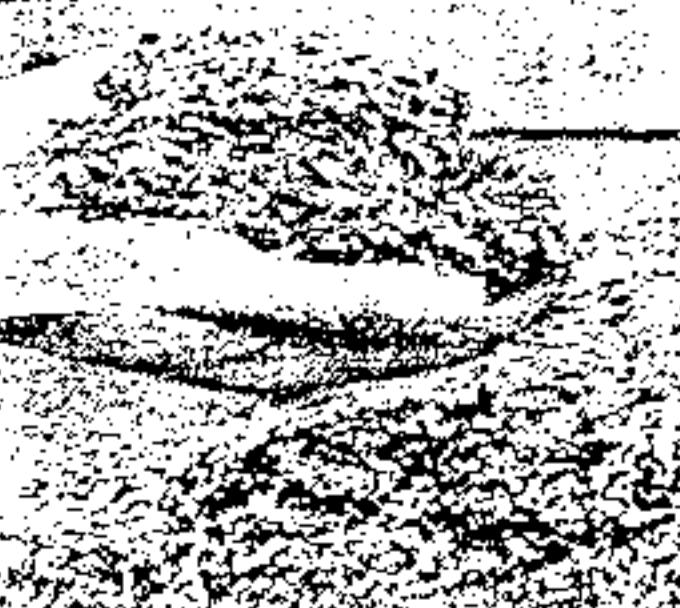
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DUI

Rebekah Elinor Rogers, 22, of Jacobs Crossing Drive, Crossville, was charged with driving under the influence.

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72 with there bright lights on and never deemed them. Officer got behind the vehicle and followed it about a mile and a half. On his observation, he witnessed the vehicle doing fifteen MPH under the posted speed limit, which is a forty five MPH zone. Officer witnessed the vehicle swerving from the yellow line to the white line, several times. Officer conducted a vehicle stop, and identified the driver as Ms. Rebekah Rogers. After making contact, Officer noticed that Ms. Rogers had blood shot watery eyes and a strong odor of an alcoholic

beverage arising from her person. Officer advised her the reason of the stop and asked her if she had been drinking. Ms. Rogers advised, that she

drunk a couple glasses of wine, approximately three glasses, prior to stopping her. Officer asked Ms. Rogers (see DUI ctd. pg. 5)

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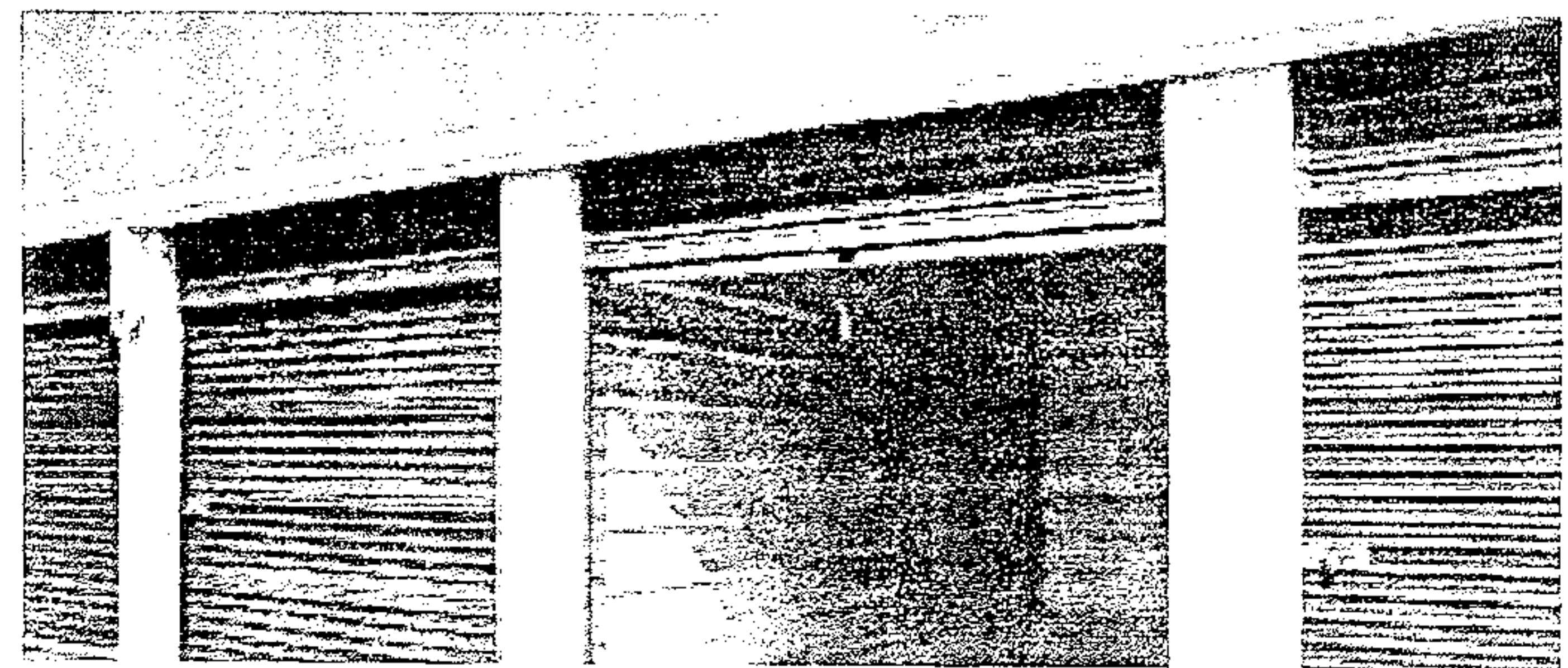
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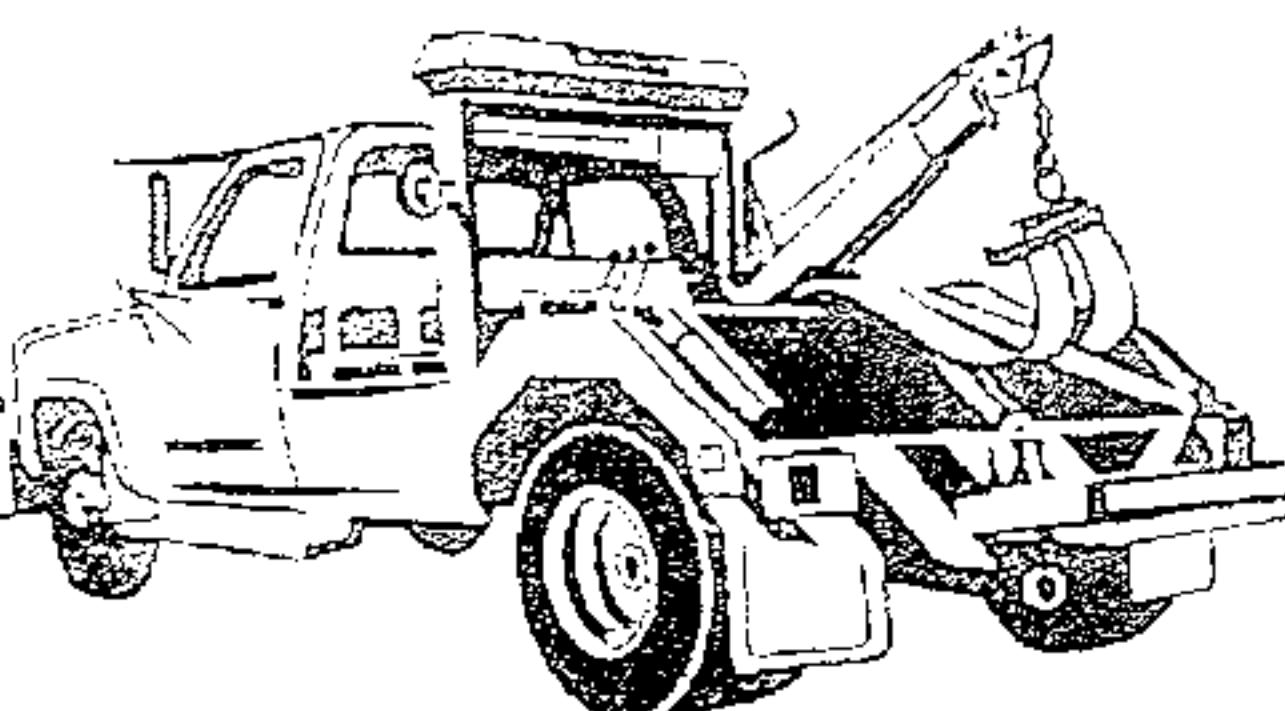
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Tillman, both refused medical treatment. Upon speaking with the driver Wilford Trooper noticed his speech was slurred, eyes were bloodshot, pupils were constricted and having body tremors. Trooper ask Wilford if he had taken any medication he stated no that he had used marijuana and methamphetamines the night prior. Wil-

ford failed all sobriety test. Wilford license were revoked. Wilford was placed under arrest and ask if he had anything else on him he stated no. Joseph Tillman id the owner of the vehicle and allowed Wilford to drive while he was under the influence, Joseph was charged with DUI by Consent he also had meth in his possession. While Wilford was be-

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meth

Charity Wampler, 36, Big Sandy Road Philadelphia, was charged with Simple Possession, Theft of Property, and Poss. of Drug Para. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a blue vehicle parked at the back of the Dollar Store in Philadelphia. A female appeared to be stealing boxes and food crates.

Deputy identified the female as Charity Wampler. Deputy ask her if she had permission to take the items she stated no. It was confirmed through the store manager she did not have permission to take items. Deputy ask Charity if she had anything illegal on her she pulled a item from her right pocket and tried to stuff a baggie with white powder back in

her pocket. Deputy ask Charity to hand him the baggie, which she did. The baggie contained a small amount of Methamphetamine in it. A search of the vehicle revealed 4 hypodermic needles, a spoon, and a razor blade. The boxes and crates were returned to the store and Charity was placed under arrest. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, made the arrest.

DUI ctd. from pg. 3
ers to exit the vehicle and ask her to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Test. As she exited the vehicle, he noticed she was unsteady on her feet. During the Sobriety test. She did poorly on the Horizontal Line Test. Due to officer observation, he felt like Ms. Rogers was under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs. Officer placed Ms. Rogers under arrest. She was

transported to Loudon Emergency Room, then transported to the Loudon County Jail. The above incident did occur in the City of Loudon. Officer Akins LPD, made the arrest

GS

Entertainment will be the dynamic singing duo known as Vocal Point.

Tickets are \$40 each, of which 20 dollars is income tax deductible. For those who wish to support the Good Shepherd but are unable to attend this function, there are Feed a Family tickets available, also \$40 each.

Tickets may be purchased at The Good Shepherd Center, The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, the Kahite Club House and individual Good Shepherd volunteers.

The Good Shepherd Center is a 501©3 organization.

Some of the things The Good Shepherd Center provides are food to over 2,100 men, women and children every month, personal care items as requested, clothing to each person per household, miscellaneous items each month, transportation via ETHRA for medical appointments, emergency housing for fire victims, layette sets for newborn babies and utility vouchers.

The Good Shepherd Center is supported financially by churches, local businesses, and individuals. Additional funds are provided through grants, auxiliary groups, Monroe County governmental agencies and fundraising events such as this Dinner/Auction event.

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ing searched at the jail Deputy did find a marijuana blunt in his buttock. Trooper Smith THP, made the arrest.

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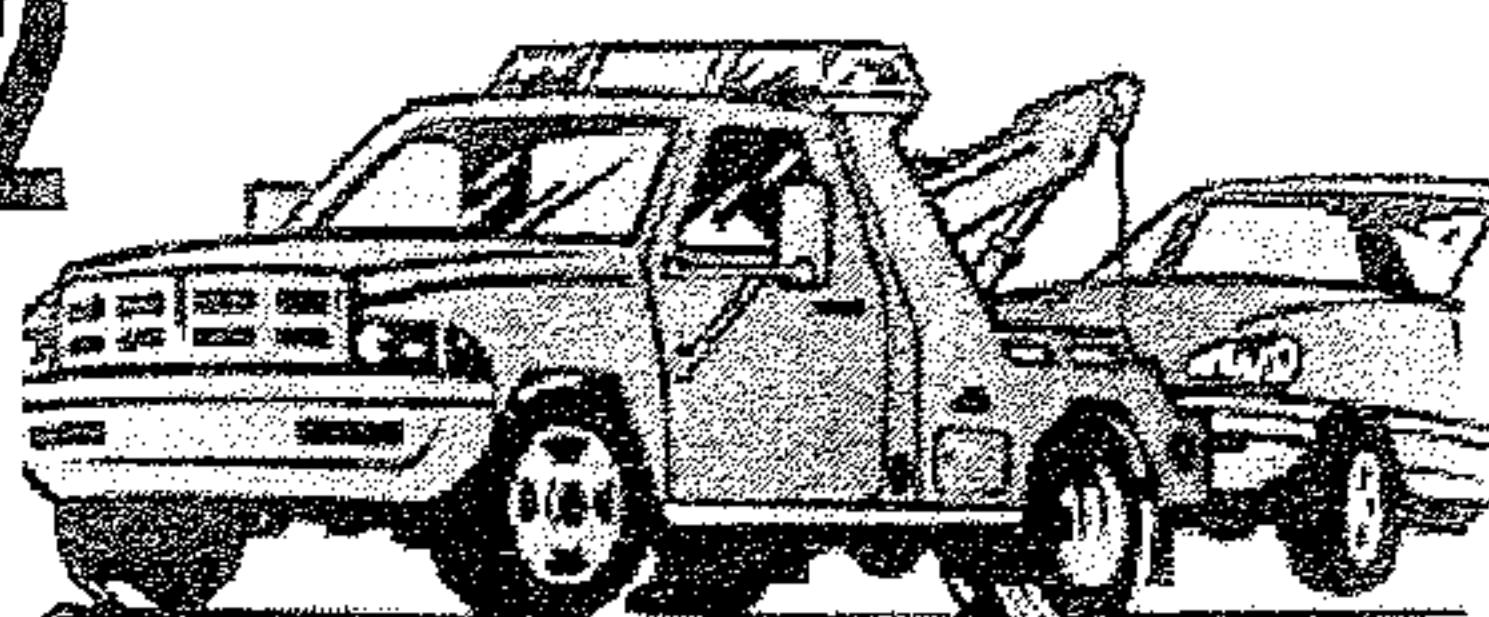
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audit

addressed by local officials.

For the third year in a row, at least two funds required material audit adjustments in order to correct year-end financial statements. Account balances in the General and General Debt Service funds required adjustments totaling \$525,505 and \$175,749, respectively. These adjustments are a strong indicator of a county's failure to maintain its accounting records.

Auditors also found multiple other problems that included county purchasing procedures, expenditures

exceeding appropriations, cash overdrafts, and unreconciled accounts.

Comptroller auditors have included recommendations to correct all 14 of the findings noted in the audit report.

"Fayette County leaders should work closely with its Audit Committee to address these ongoing issues," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "It concerns me when I see the number of audit

findings growing from one year to the next. It's also troublesome when issues have gone uncorrected over several years."

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

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Haslam Appoints Smith Circuit Court Judge for 30th District

Replacement for the late Judge D'Army Bailey

Tennessee Gov. Bill

Haslam today appointed Valerie L. Smith as circuit court judge for the 30th Judicial District, which serves Shelby County.

Smith's appointment fills the vacancy created last year by the death of Judge D'Army Bailey.

Smith, 40, has been an attorney at Nahon, Saharovich & Trotz in Memphis since 2006, where she has managed hundreds of cases and practiced extensively in court in Shelby County as well as circuit courts throughout the state, the Tennessee Claims Commission, bankruptcy court and federal court.

She served as assistant district attorney general in Shelby County from 2000-2006, where she worked on numerous jury and bench trials, managed various aspects of criminal prosecution

and worked on special assignments including narcotics prosecution and the anti-gang unit. Smith was a clerk for Shelby County Circuit Court Judge James F. Russell from 1999-2000.

"We're fortunate to have someone with Valerie Smith's experience to bring to the bench in the 30th District," Haslam said. "Her service in the Shelby County District Attorney General's office and her years of work in private practice have prepared her to serve the people of the 30th Judicial District well."

"I am deeply humbled and thank Governor Haslam for this appointment," Smith said. "I am honored and grateful for this opportunity to serve the citizens of Shelby

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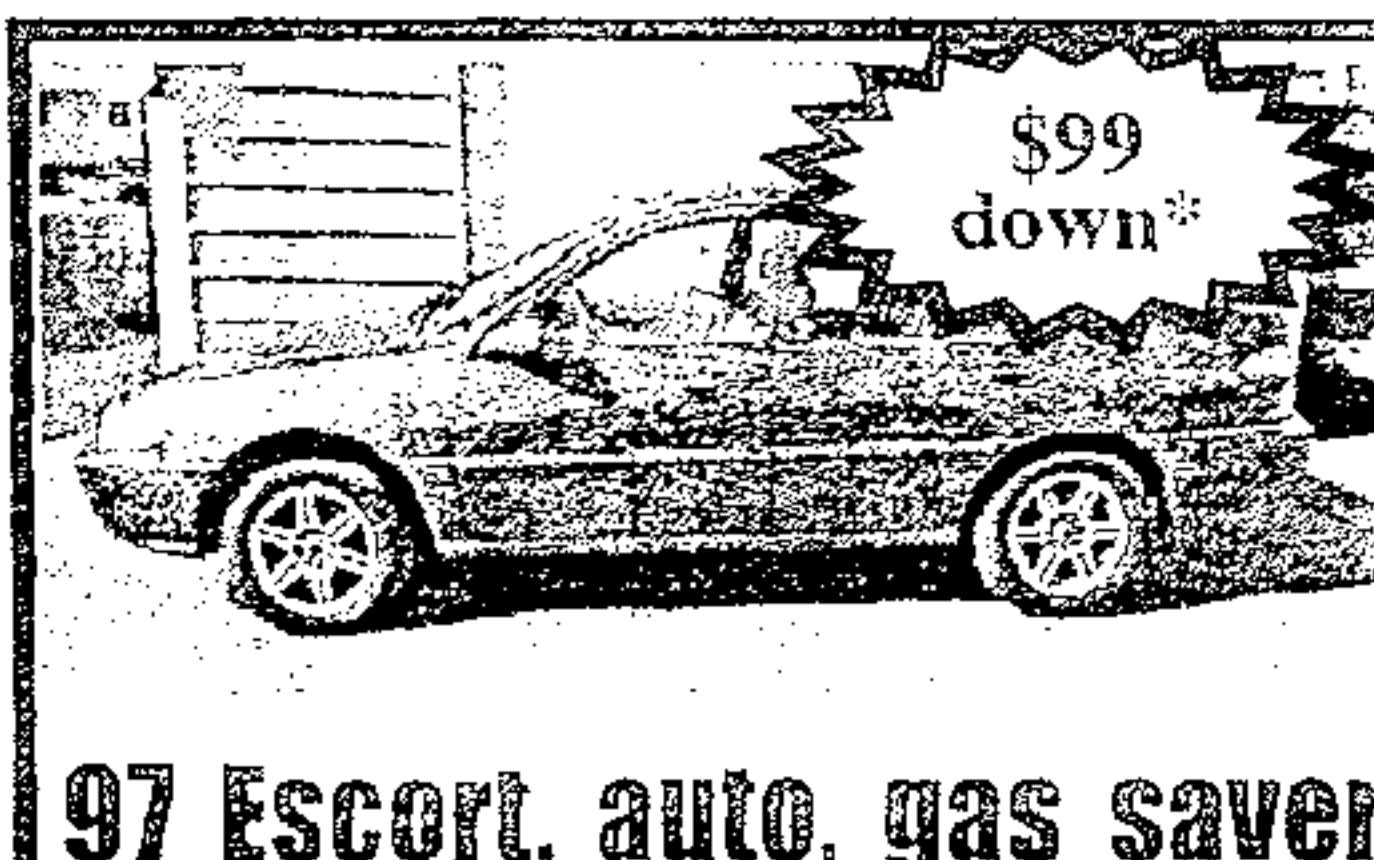
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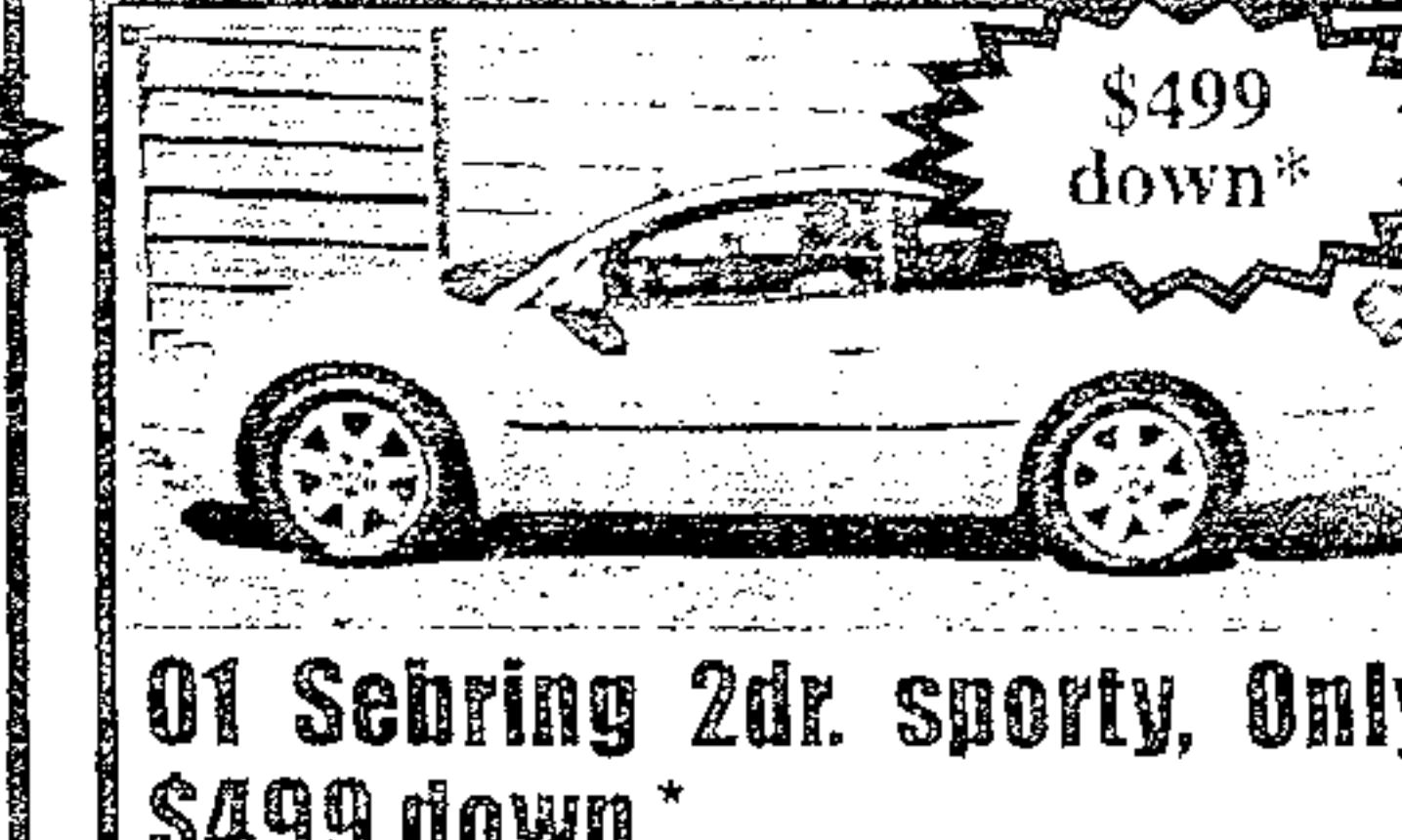
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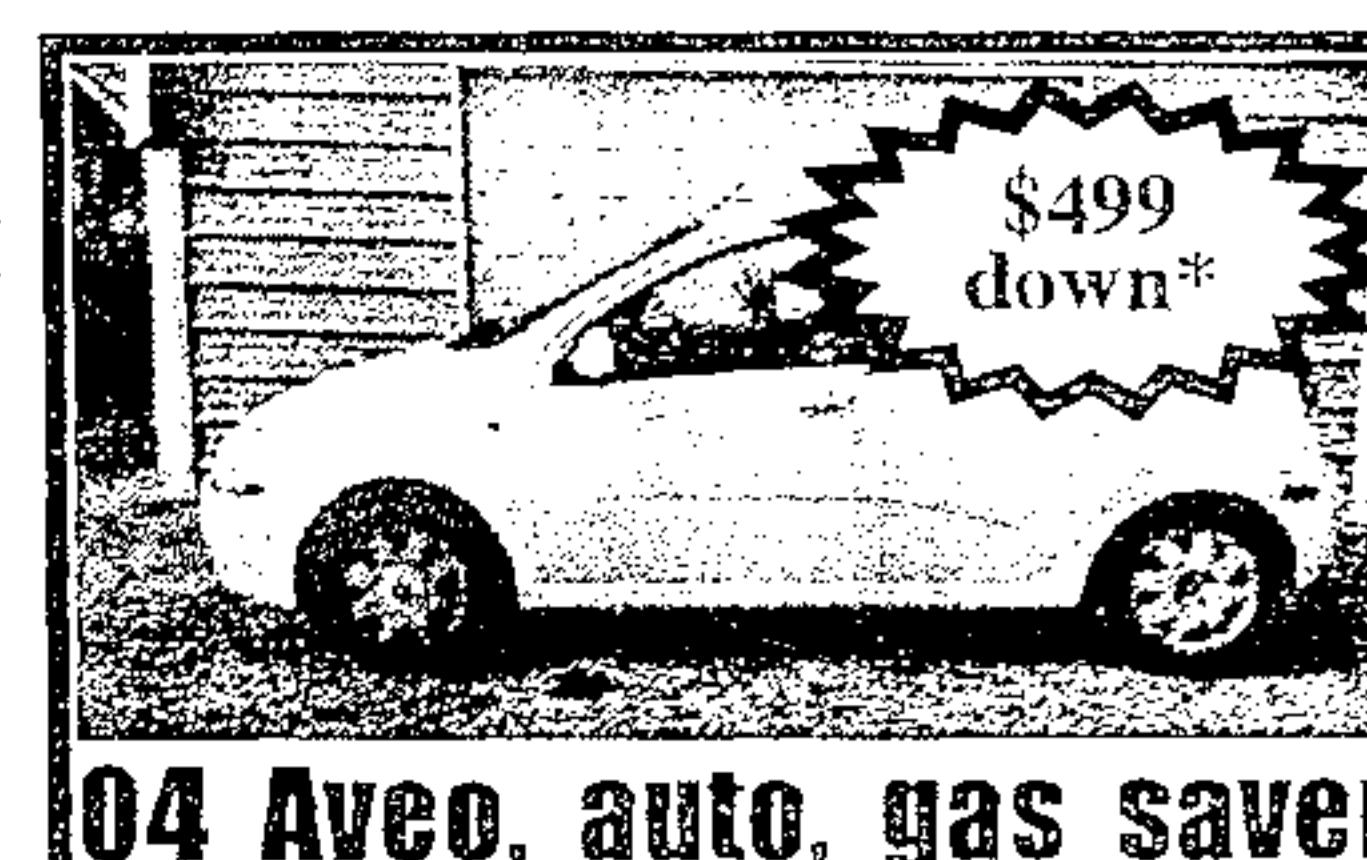
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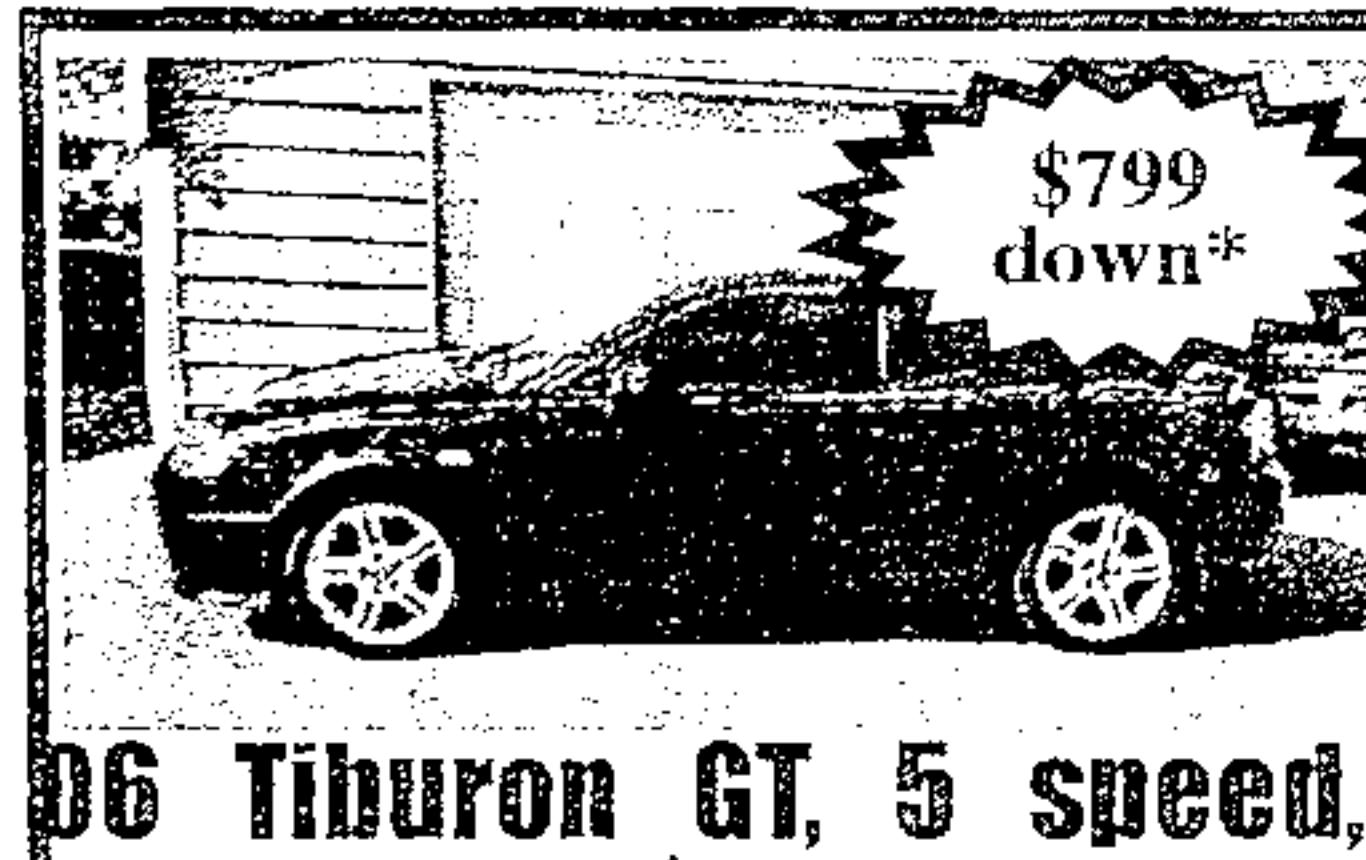
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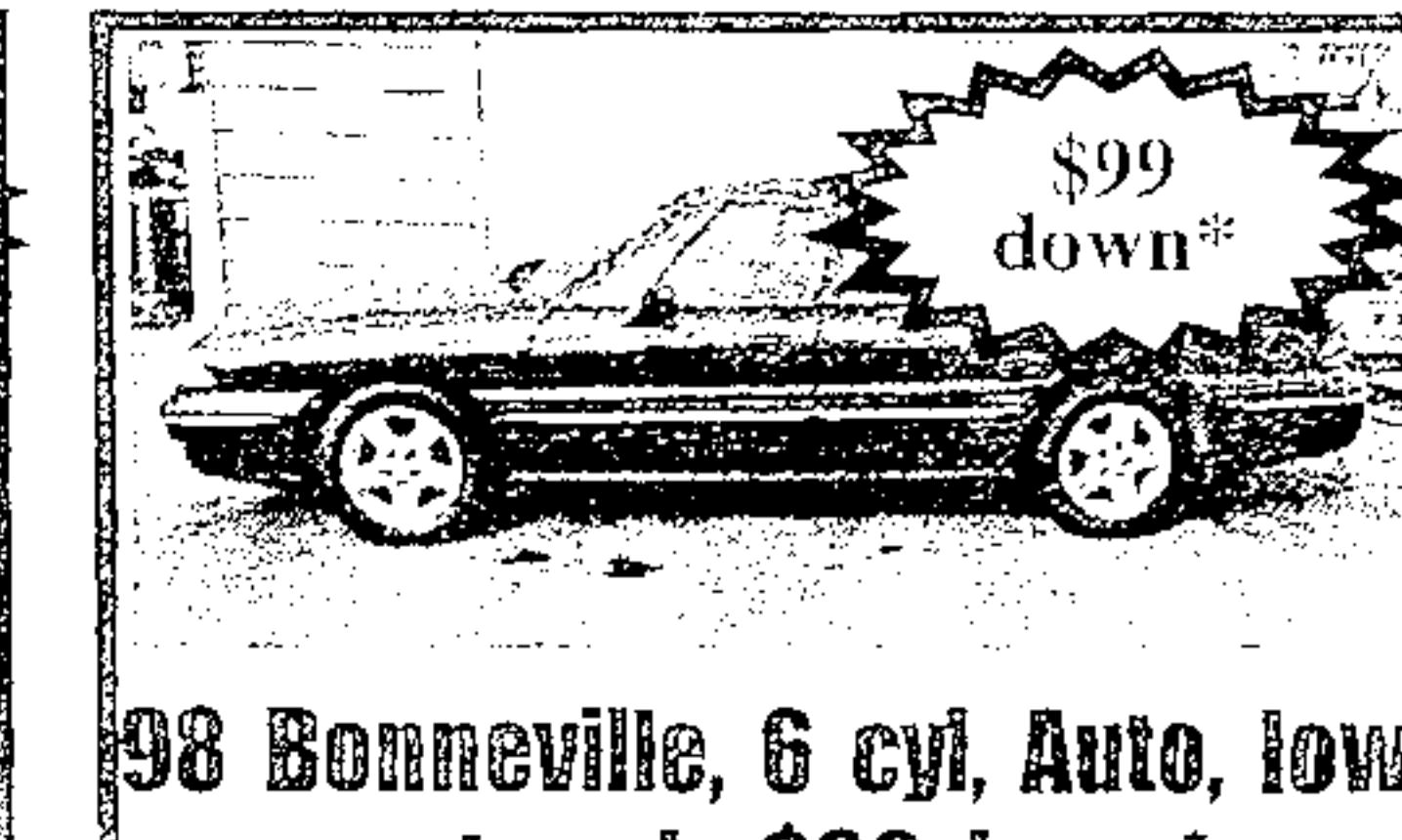
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County as a circuit court judge."

Smith received her law degree from the University of Memphis in 2000 after receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Memphis in 1997.

She has been involved

in numerous community activities, including membership in the Junior League of Memphis since 2002 and the Mid-Town Memphis Rotary Club since 2011. Smith served as a board member for Mid-South Spay Neuter Services from 2012-2015 and for the Rotary Club from 2012-2014.

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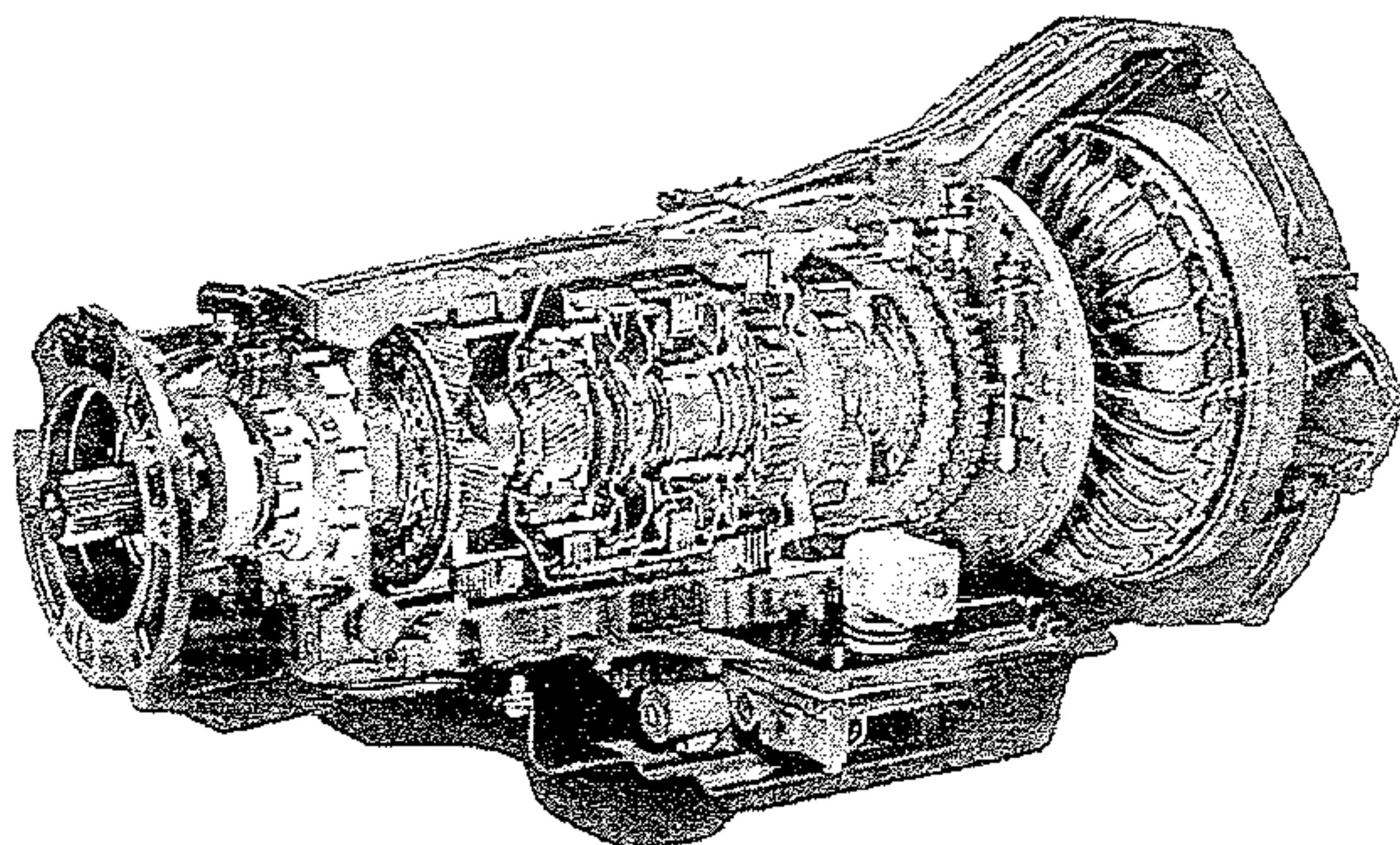
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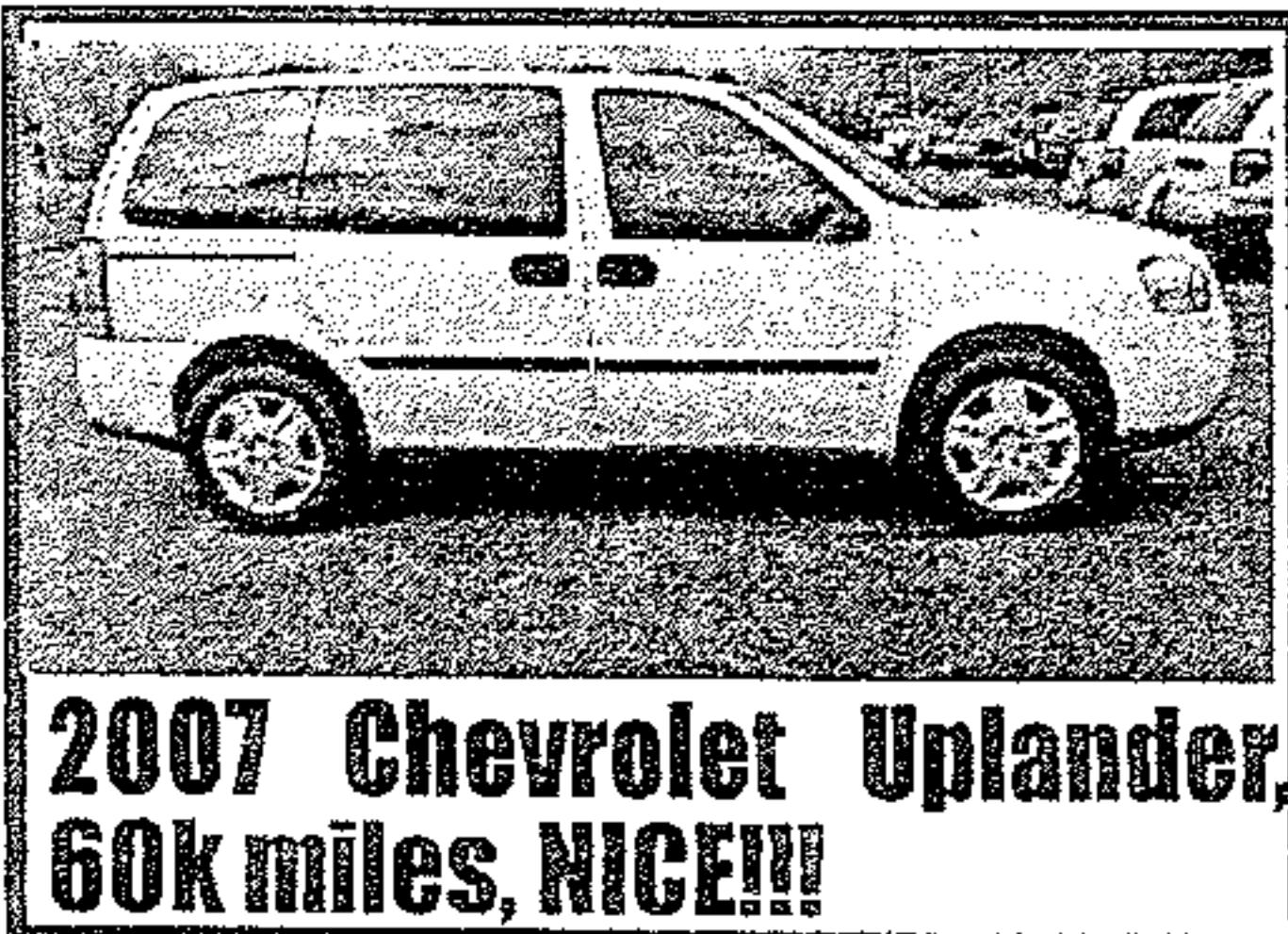
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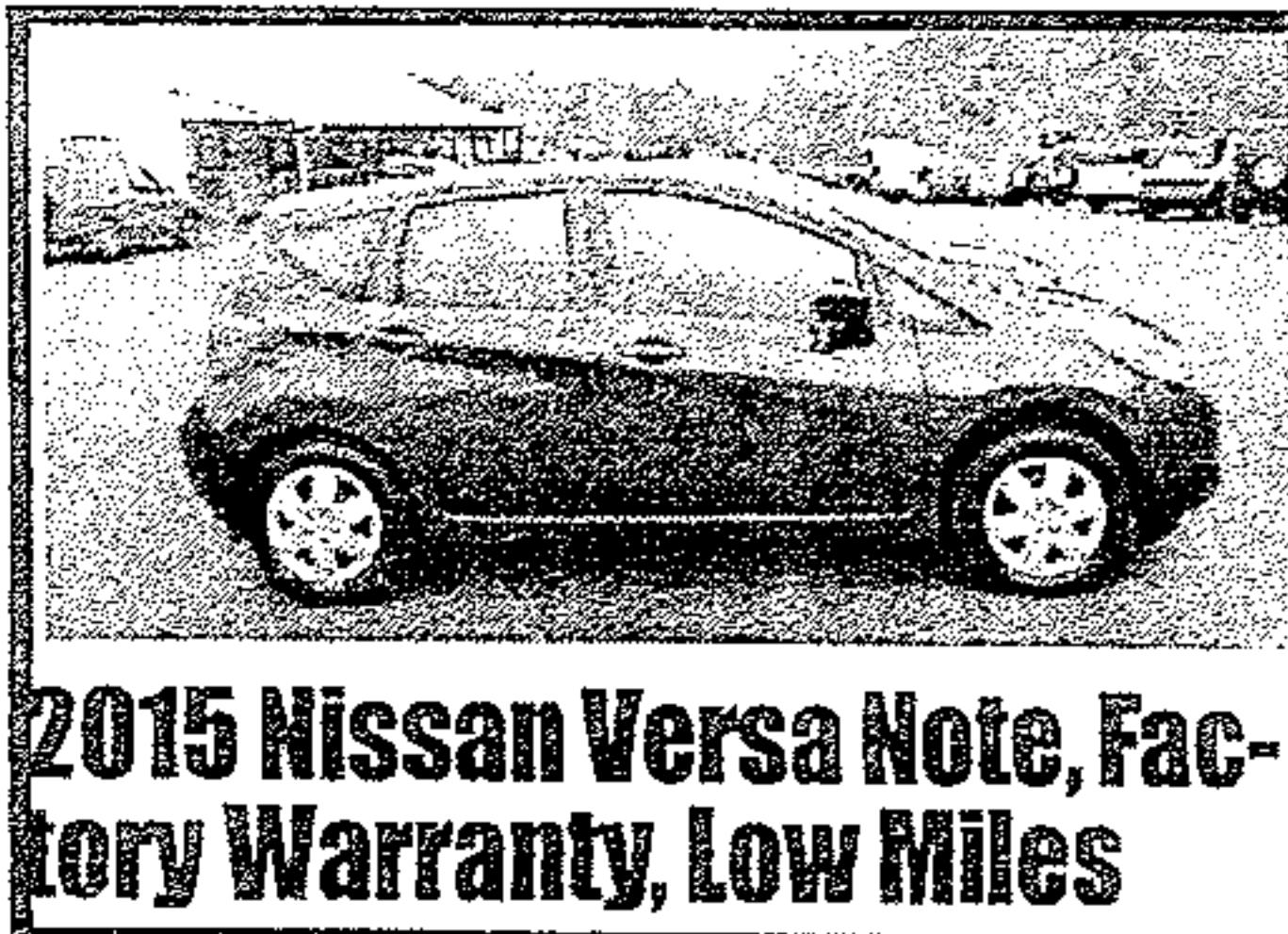
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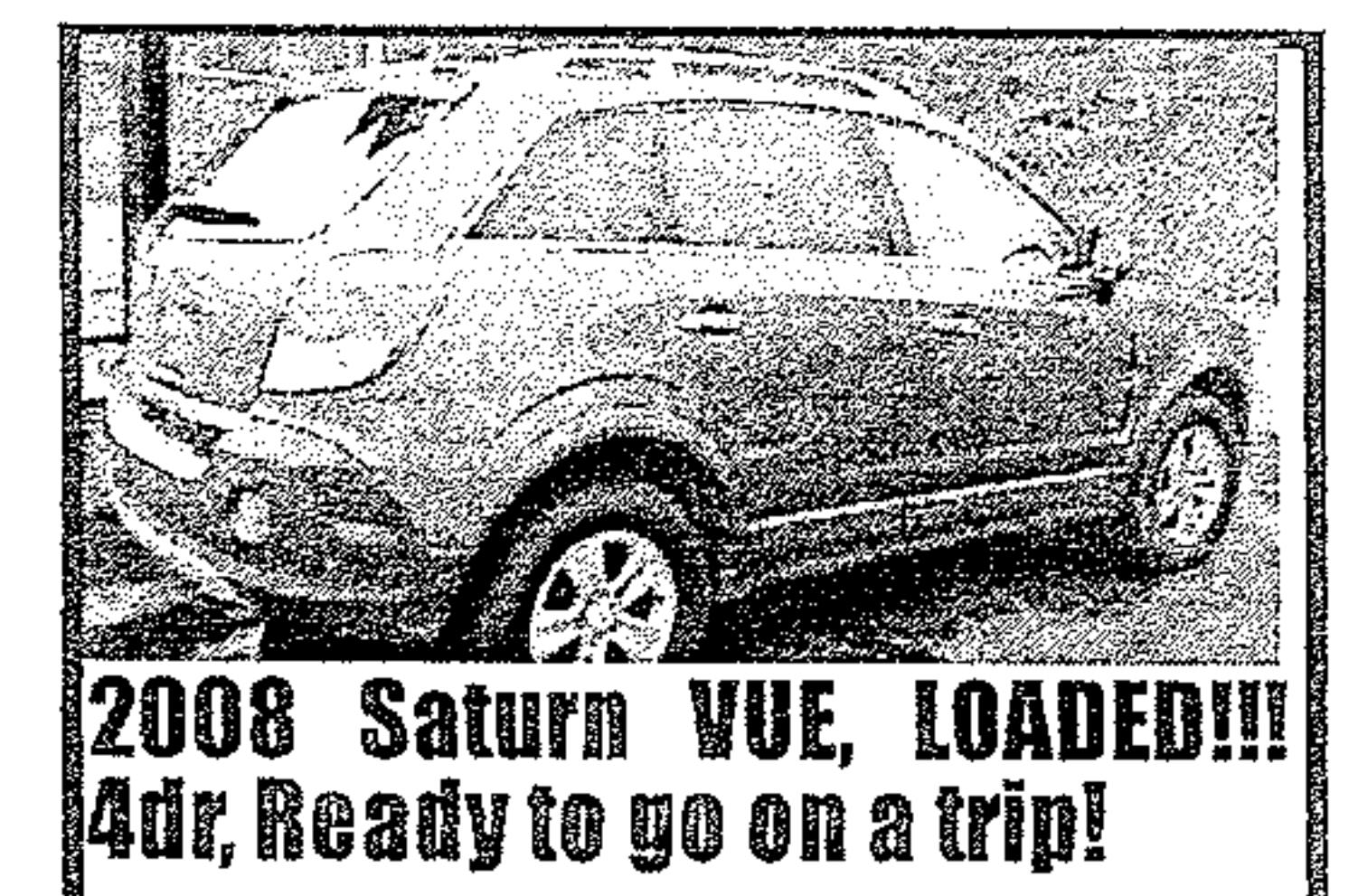
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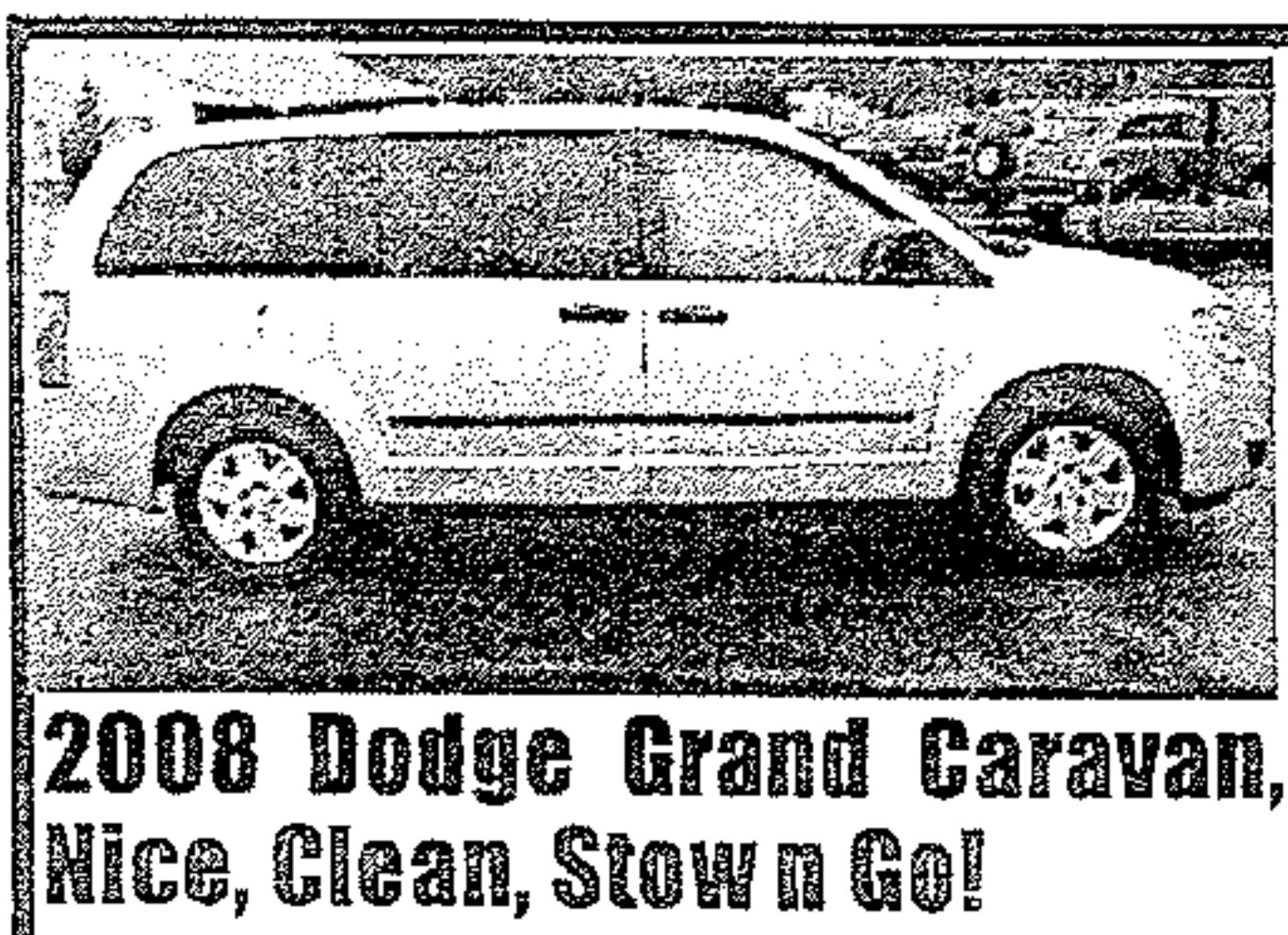
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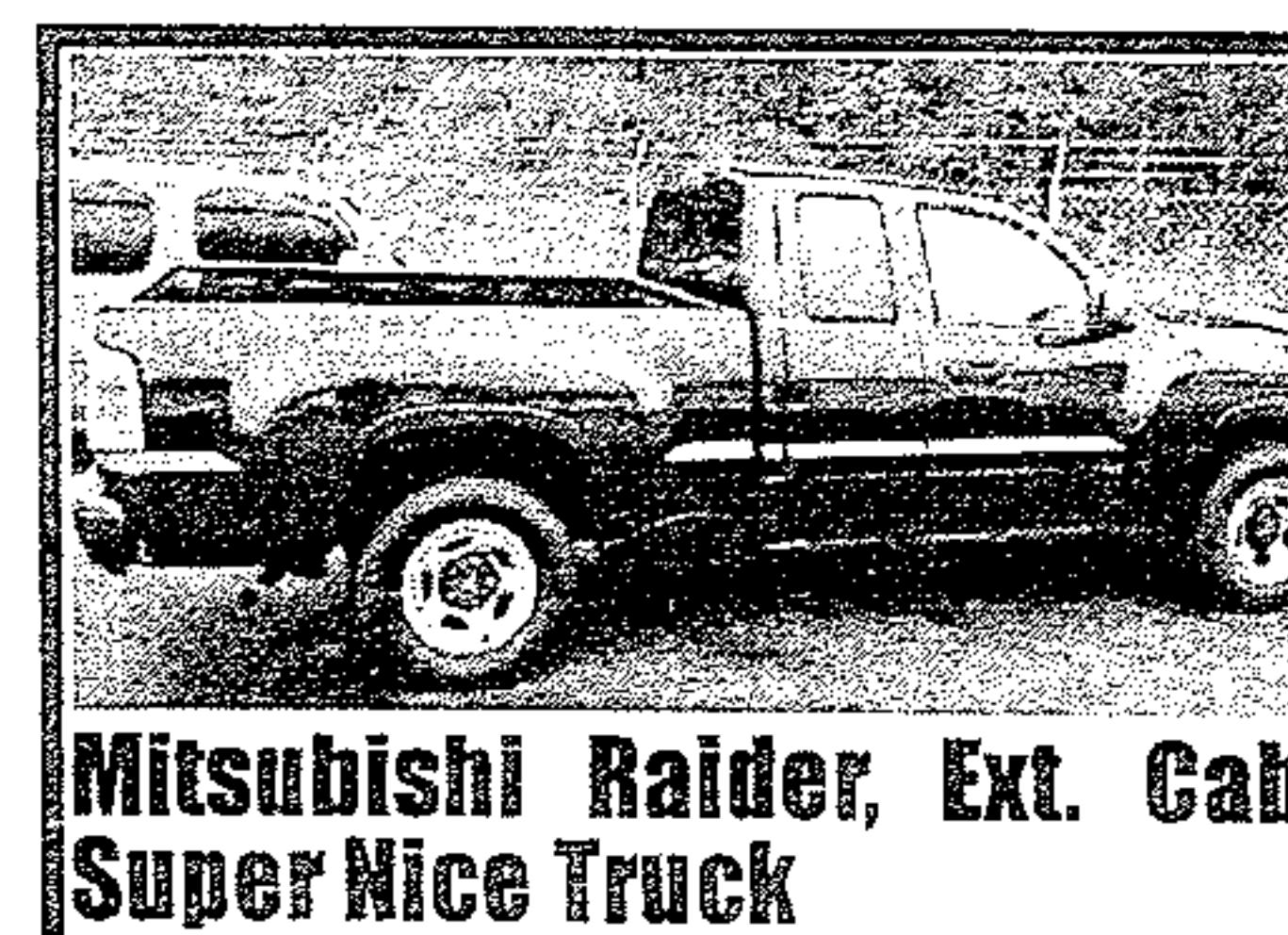
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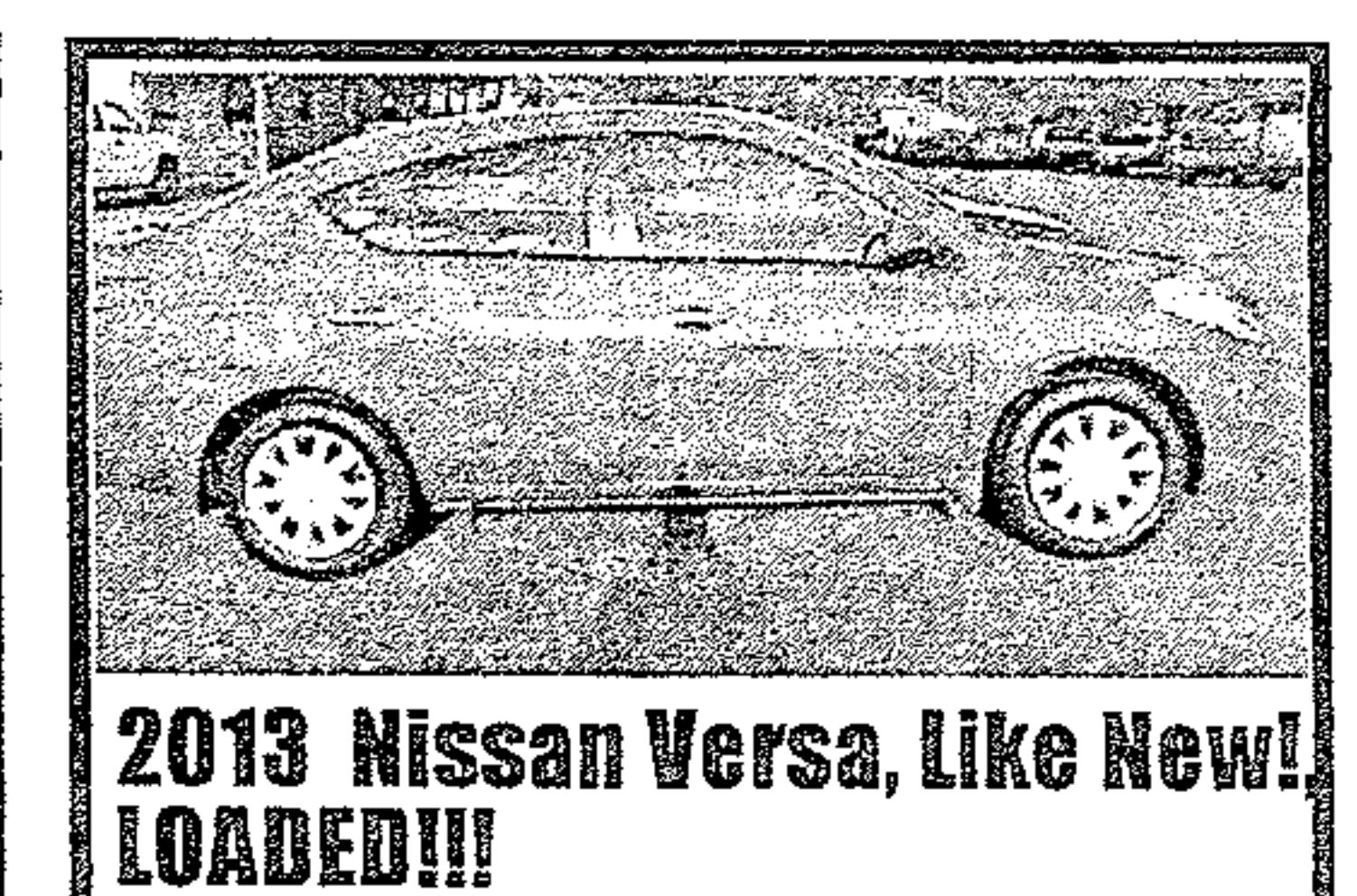
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