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Couple Arrested After Hitting A Pedestrian, DUI And Possession Of Weapon

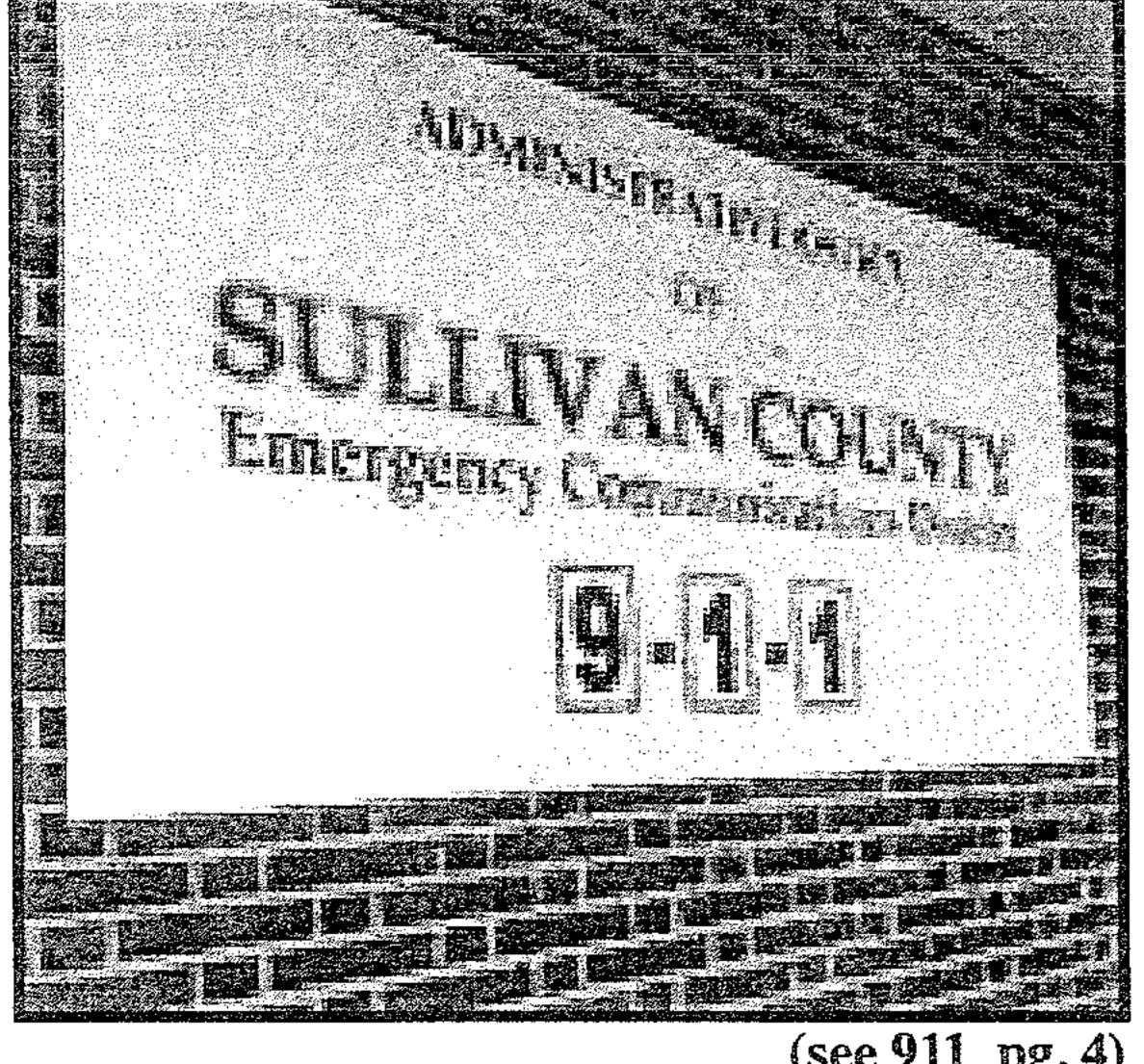


Happy Lemarr

Verse of the Day

Evonlee Harris

Former Sullivan County 911 Director Indicted for Theft



(see 911 pg. 4) l

meditates day and night. Blessed is the man who — Psalm 1:1-2 does not walk in the Wazzup

counsel of the wicked Hope you all had a safe or stand in the way of and wonderful Holisinners or sit in the seat day! Here comes Christof mockers. But his de- mas!!!!

light is in the law of the Weather

Lord, and on his law he Today: Cloudy. High of

see DUI pg. 2

Metro Former Nashville Elementary PTO President Charged with Theft

investigation An by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of LaRon Bridgeforth, the former president of the Cumberland Elementary School PTO in Nashville.

The investigation began after the Metro Nashville Public

see Theft pg. 3

49F. Tonight: Clearing. Low of 36F. Tuesday: Sunny. High of 45F.

Tuesday Night: Clear. Low of 31F.

Horoscopes Scorpio 10/23-11/21



Ky Woman Charged For Drugs

Bella Jones

see Meth pg. 3

October 2018 Tennesssee Revenues

Tennessee revenues year and \$3.2 milgrew from the same lion more than the month a year ago and budgeted estimate. were slightly more The growth rate for than the budgeted es- October was 2.91%. timate for October. "October sales tax Finance and Adminis- revenues, our best tration Commissioner economic indicator, Larry Martin today performed close to reported that Octo- the budgeted monthber revenues were ly estimate and have \$1.0 billion, which is continued to exhibit \$29.5 million more sound growth comthan October of last



The magic of twilight shimmers and sparkles all day long, reflecting the aura of immense possibility that usually comes with dawn You may even feel as if you can do anything you want today. The trick is to know what to focus on. Add a (Continued on page 6)

See Fraud P.4



DUI

Happy Lemarr. Dake Road Decatur, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, DUI, and Aggravated Assault. Evonlee Harris, 22, Corinth Road Loudon, was charged with Unlawful Carrying or Possession of a Weapon.

Sgt. Scott Newman LPD, Lemarr, who smelled of was dispatched to a wreck without injury in the Weigles parking lot on Hwy 72. Upon arrival witness pointed Officer in the direction of a grey vehicle sitting in the middle of the parking lot with front end damage. Officer spoke with the driver Happy

HUUUS !

an alcoholic beverage and appeared to be intoxicated. Officer ask Lemarr to exit the vehicle, he refused and had to be pulled from the vehicle. Lemarr was unsteady on his feet and

needed help standing up. Lamarr license were revoked for DUI. Witnesses and victim stated Lamarr pulled into the parking lot at a high rate of speed

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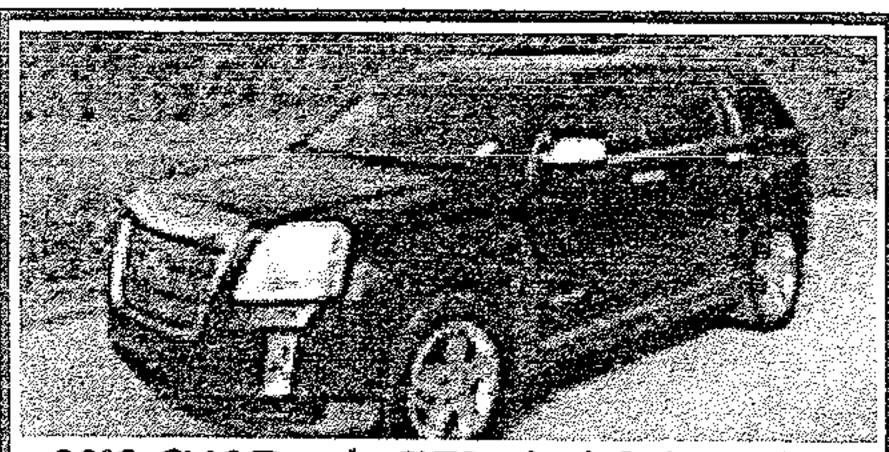
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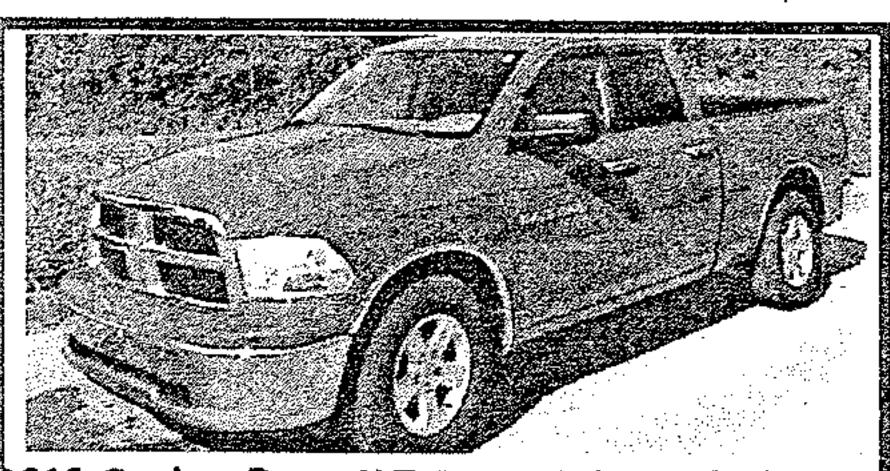
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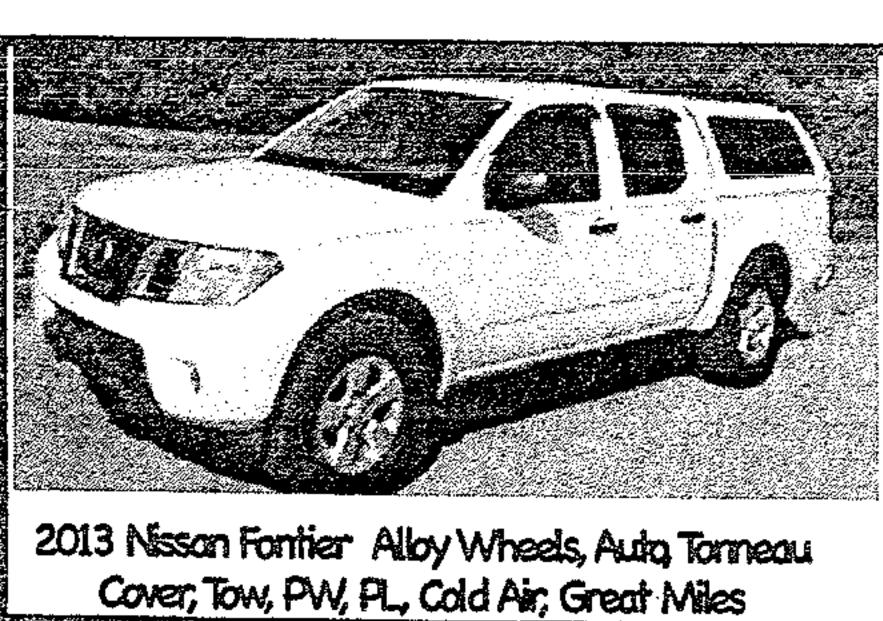
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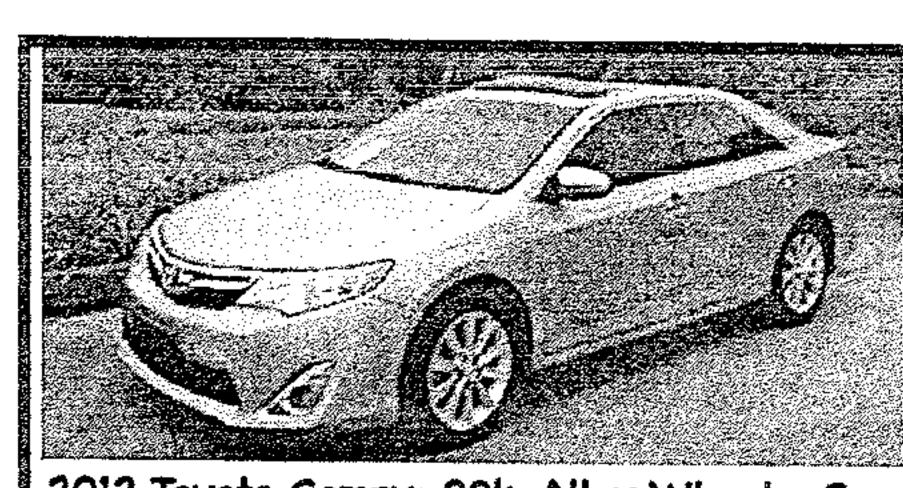


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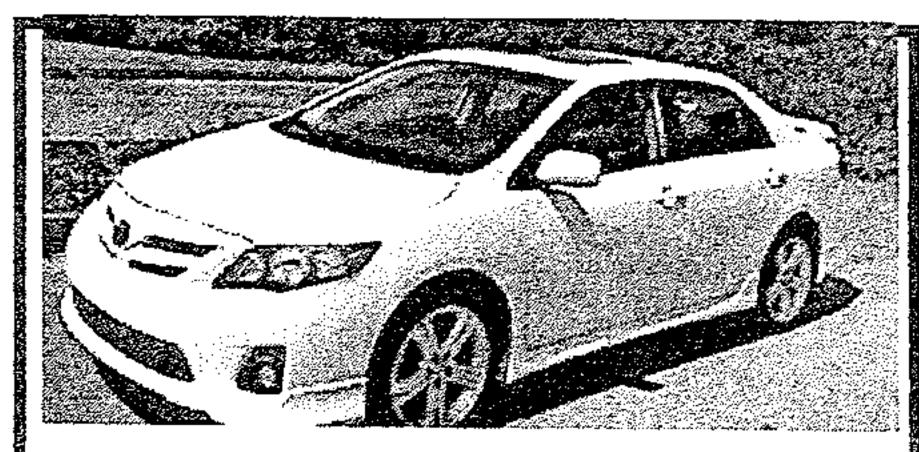




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DUI ctd from Pg.2

behind the vehicle. The were placed under arrest.

owner of the hit vehicle hitting a parked vehicle. jump into Lamarr vehicle Victim then confronted and turned it off keep-Lamarr and he backed ing him from running out of the parking spot over the individual. Laand attempted to leave marr had a passenger in the scene. Lamarr struck the vehicle identified as an individual with his Evonlee Harris that had truck that was standing a weapon in reach. Both



Meth

Bella Jones, Hwy 421 Ky., was charged with Simple Possession. Deputy A Parton LCSO, went to back up Deputy Schultz, with 2 subjects walking on Sugarlimb Road at I-75. While on scene Deputy spoke with Bella Jones and ask if she had anything illegal on her person and she stated no. Jones gave consent to search her purse, located was a Car-Mex jar with crystal like shards believed to be meth inside. Jones was placed under arrest.

Theft

Schools audit department reported questionable transactions in the PTO bank records. After the discovery of these transactions, Cumberland Elementary PTO operations were suspended.

Investigators determined that Bridgeforth stole at least \$17,724.80 over a two-year period beginning in October 2014.

The majority of the cash (\$17,025) was withdrawn from the PTO bank account and kept by Bridgeforth for his personal use. In one instance, he withdrew \$1,000 while vacationing with his family in Florida.

Bridgeforth also used nearly \$700 of the PTO's money to purchase at least two gift cards. These gift cards were also used for his personal benefit. In August 2018, LaRon Bridgeforth was indicted by the Davidson County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$10,000.

"School support organi-

zations, such as PTOs, are required by state law to ensure that funds are safeguarded," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "In this situation, more oversight was needed. This includes separating financial responsibilities and retaining adequate documentation for spending and withdrawals."

TDCI Offers Tips to Help Consumers Avoid Holiday Purchase Return Hassles

With the holiday shopping season underway, many Tennesseans are gearing up to score discount deals on Black Friday (11/23) and Cyber Monday (11/26). Whether giving or receiving gifts, it's always important to be aware of a store's return policy to prevent hassles and headaches at the cash register.

The Tennessee Department of Commerce & Insurance's (TDCI) Division of Consumer Affairs encourages Tennesseans to keep the following store return tips in mind to help reduce stress this holiday season: Remember to get gift receipts before checking out and keep your receipts. While stores may still accept a return without a receipt, you may only be eligible for store credit at the current or last know selling price. Receipts can also speed up the return process. Check for special return policies before you purchase. Especially for custom orders, electronics, and large appliances. Some items may be final sale and not eligible for return un-

Returns ctd to pg. 5

911

An investigation placed the proceeds by the Tennessee in an investment for Comptroller's Of- himself. fice has resulted in Further investigathe indictment of tion revealed that Isaac Lowry, the vacation and sick former director of leave balances for the Sullivan County three current em-Emergency Com- ployees and the formunications Dis- mer director were trict. The district improperly inflated. provides enhanced As of October 2017, 911 emergency tele- these balances were phone service for inflated by a total of the area. The Comp- 2,272 hours, or 284 troller's Office ini- days, of vacation tiated the investiga- leave and 4,219 tion at the request of hours, or 527 days, the district's board of sick leave.

mined that Lowry the report, includstole district funds ing the spending of totaling at least at least \$104,001 \$16,856 when he between January redeemed a whole 2011 and December life insurance policy 2015 for 911 brandwhich had been paid ed pens, rulers, using district funds. cell phone pockets, In August 2017, the hand sanitizer, and board passed a mo- other assorted items tion to have Lowry for public education either surrender the purposes. Investipolicy or compen- gators observed a sate the district for storeroom full of the value of poli- these items that had cy. Instead, Lowry accumulated over told investigators the years and were he redeemed the in- never distributed to

surance policy for its cash value and

of directors. Additional issues Investigators deter- are also noted in

Investigators also On an accrual bafound that prior to sis, October is the increased by 0.87% 2016, district funds third month in the were spent on gifts, 2018-2019 fiscal meals for board year. meetings, meals at General fund revorations. district, as required estimates.

Isaac Lowry was more than the estiindicted by the Sul- mate for October. livan County Grand The October growth Jury on one count of rate was 3.64%. The

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Martin said. "Corporate tax revenues, or franchise and excise taxes, have also performed quite well in October.

"We will continue to proceed cautiously, and closely monitor our revenue and expenditure patterns for the balance of

the public. this fiscal year."

Tri-City area restau- enues for October rants, china table were \$2.8 million settings, silverware, more than the budand Christmas dec- geted estimate, and Public the four other funds officials should en- that share in state sure that all spend- tax revenues were ing is necessary for \$0.4 million more the operation of the than the budgeted

by state law. Sales tax revenues In November 2018, were \$7.5 million theft over \$10,000. year-to-date growth rate was positive 5.65%.

pared to last year," Franchise and excise combined rev- Business tax reveenues for October nues were \$0.4 milwere \$59.5 million, which is \$7.7 million more than the Hall income taxes budgeted estimate of \$51.8 million. The growth rate for October was 22.27%. The yearto-date growth rate was 2.26%.

Gasoline and motor fuel revenues and were \$0.1 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$69.3 million.

Motor Vehicle Registration revenue receipts decreased by 5.39% and they were \$2.2 million less than the October estimate.

Tobacco tax revenues for the month were \$4.2 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$22.7 million. The growth rate for October was negative 18.47%.

Privilege tax revenues were \$4.4 million less than the budgeted estimate of \$32.7 million.

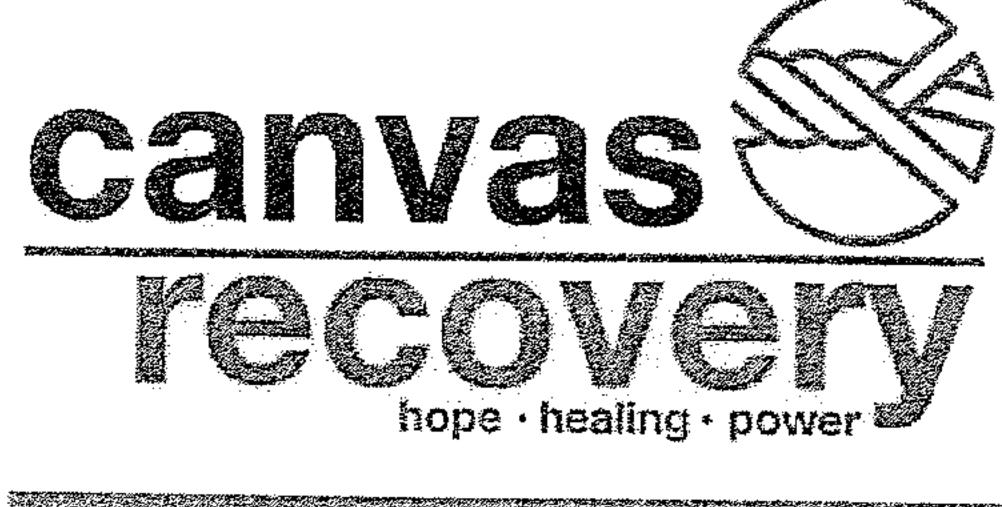
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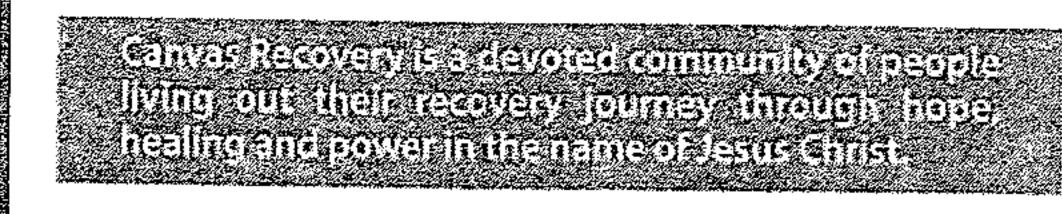
were \$2.7 million less than the October estimate.

All other tax revenues were greater than estimates by a see Revenue ctd. pg. 5

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net of \$1.2 million.

Year-to-date revenues for three months were \$91.0 million more than the budgeted estimate. The general fund exceeded esby \$81.4 timates million and the four funds that other share in state tax revenues exceeded estimates by \$9.6 million.

The budgeted revenue estimates for 2018-2019 are based on the State Funding Board's consensus recommendation of November 27. 2017 and adopted by the second session of the 110th General Assembly Loudon, estimates are any Megan 2018 session of the General Assembly.

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter Scripture: Psalm 93

Some scholars think psalm was written age, Nebuchadnezzar and ziggurats, God's people were invited to sing: "Yahweh is King ... He has established the world."

And yet, tsunamis roar; the waters rise up; our lives are upended.

When chaos strikes, oped in sea foam and feelings and logic look to the Babylonian god Marduk. But the Spirit speaks to our spirits deep: "Yahweh is King." There is more. Someday even the noise of chaotic waters will be turned to praise. This is Truth. Prayer: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, save me; be my solid ground; help me become your peace. Amen.

Police Beat

Sarah Daniels, 21, Malone Road was in May 2018. Also charged with Genincorporated in the eral Session Capias. changes in revenue 30, Harrison Road enacted during the Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/ Suspended License. The Good News Walter Russell, 45. Welch Road Loudon, was charged with Violation of Order of Protection. it likely that this Jessica Washburn,

29, Skyline Drive during Israel's exile. Knoxville, was In the face of bond- charged with Violation of Probation.

Returns ctd from p.3

less there's a product defect. Stores should indicate that items categorized as "final sale," "non-returnable," or "non-refundable" will not be

accepted for return. when we are envel- Know the store's return period. Some pounded senseless, stores will offer special return periods for items purchased during the holiday season and can vary by product category. Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss the date.

> Avoid removing tags for gifting. You may consider marking out or removing the price portion of the tag, but ensure the barcode and other necessary information remains attached. Most stores require items to still have tags attached, be unworn or unused. and show no signs of being cleaned to be eligible for return.

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Domestic

Carmen Garcia, 46, Llewellyn Lane Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer with the Loudon Police Dept. responded to Llewelyn Lane on a report of a domestic situation.

Upon arrival Officer

spoke with the victim who stated that he and his Carmen Garcia had been in an argument and that she hit victim in the face with a cell phone. Victim did have a busted lip that was bleeding. Carmen Garcia was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon Jail.

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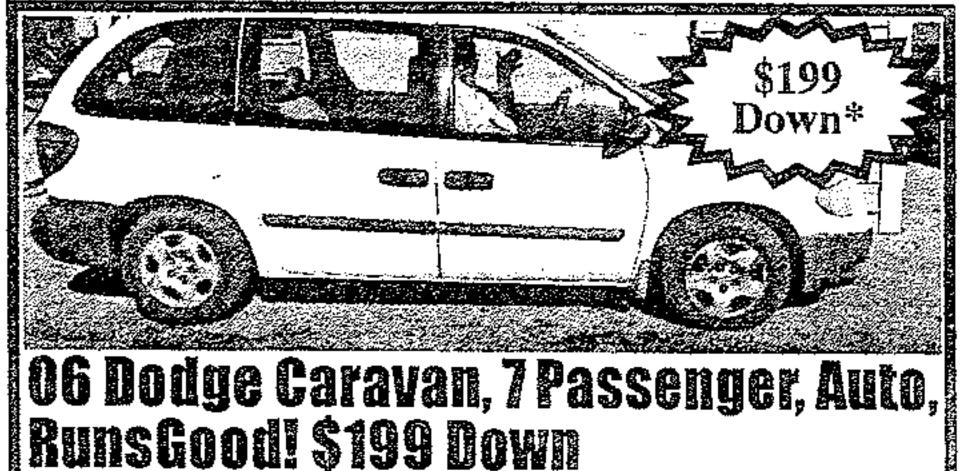
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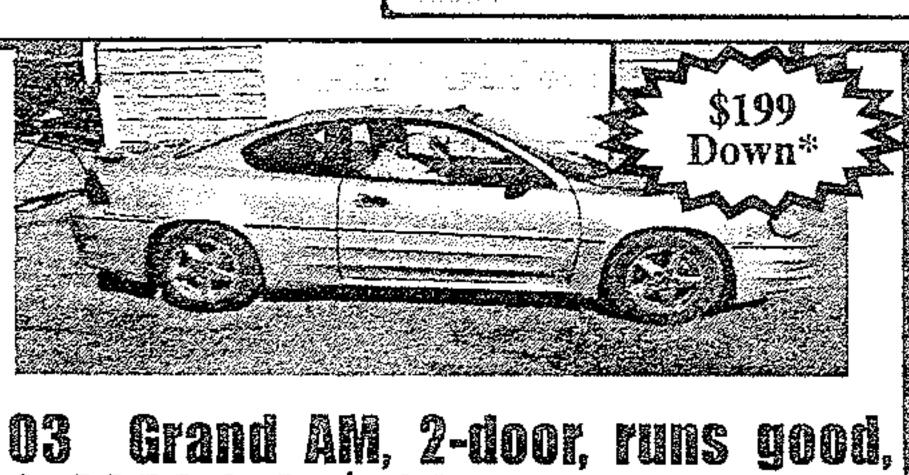
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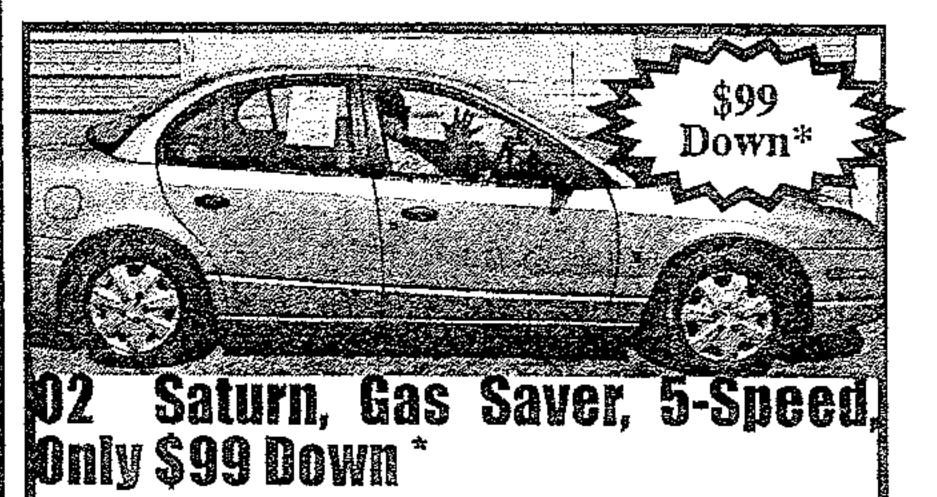


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