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Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Loudon man shoots up two cars, placing 3 victims in fear for their life



Charles Green

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Man assaults girlfriend for playing music on her phone



Happy Lemarr

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Woman charged with DUI after driving threw fence



Brandin Gage

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Annual Used Book Sale Brings Books to Community, Raises Support for Library

Friends of the Library Invites Book Lovers to Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building March 30-April 2

Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs will be on hand to cut the ribbon on opening day of the Friends of the Knox County Public Library's Annual Used Book Sale Library ctd. to p.5

Foiling an Elder Fraud Scam Former FBI Director Webster Assists Investigation

The heavily accented caller who promised William Webster a grand sweepstakes prize of \$72 million and a new Mercedes Benz had done most of his homework on his potential fraud target.

"I know that you

was [sic] a judge, you was a lawyer, you was in the U.S. Navy," the caller told his elderly mark. "I do your background check. You are a big man."

What the caller, Keniel Thomas, 29, of Jamaica, missed was possibly the See Scam P.4



Verse of the Day

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last

forever, my righteousness will never fail.

— Isaiah 51:6

Wazzup

Happy Birthday Samantha Churchwell! Finally in the double digits!!!

Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 67F.

Tonight: Cloudy. Low of 53F.

Thursday: Rain. High of 69F.

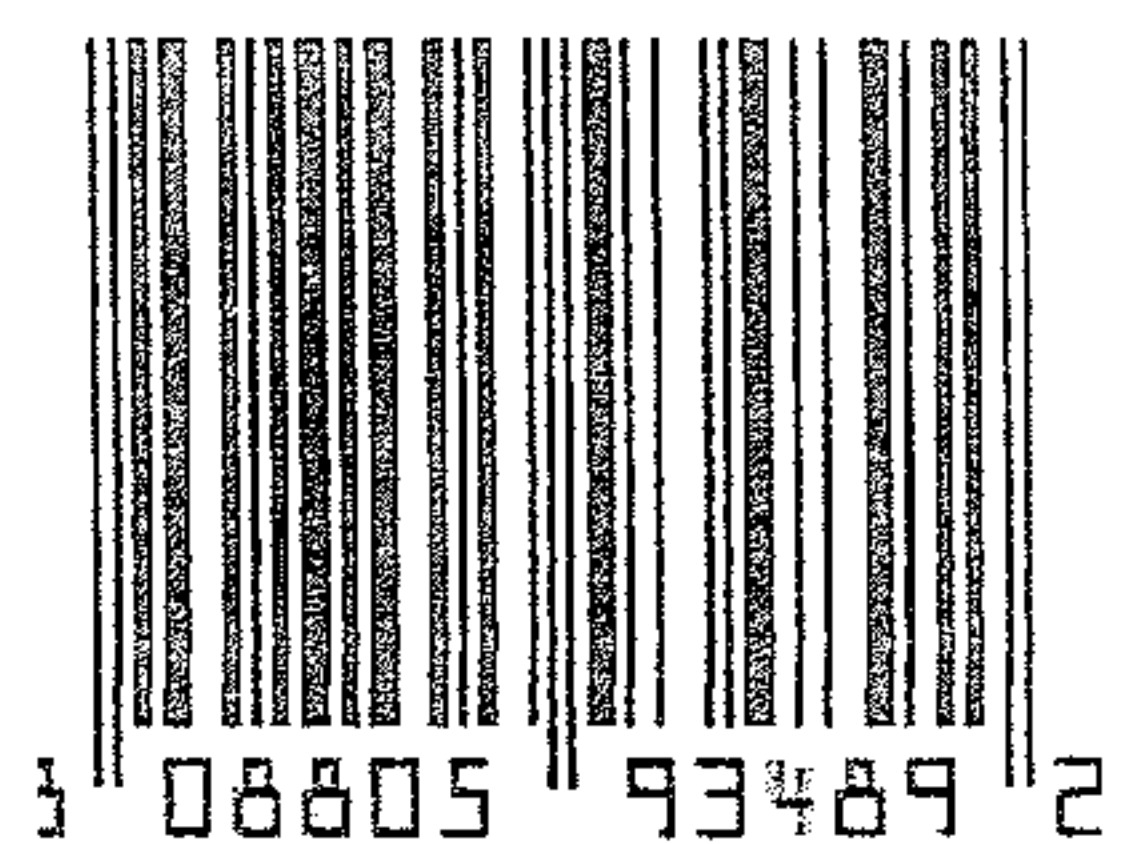
Thursday night: Thunderstorms. Low of 52F.

Horoscopes

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Nostalgia lingers in the air as you wistfully reminisce about days gone by. You're entitled to your fond recollections provided you don't

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Shots

Charles Green, 49, Cave Creek Road Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault x5, and Vandalism x2.

On 3/5/2019 Charles Green fired a firearm on two occasions into

two vehicles parked in front of the residence of Church Drive. Green fired each time from his vehicle on the roadway. This caused approximately \$1,100.00 to one vehicle and \$900.00 to the second. There were

two individuals in the residence at the time of the first shot and an additional person inside when the second round was fired. All were in fear of serious bodily

injury or death. Green subsequently admitted to this incident and was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

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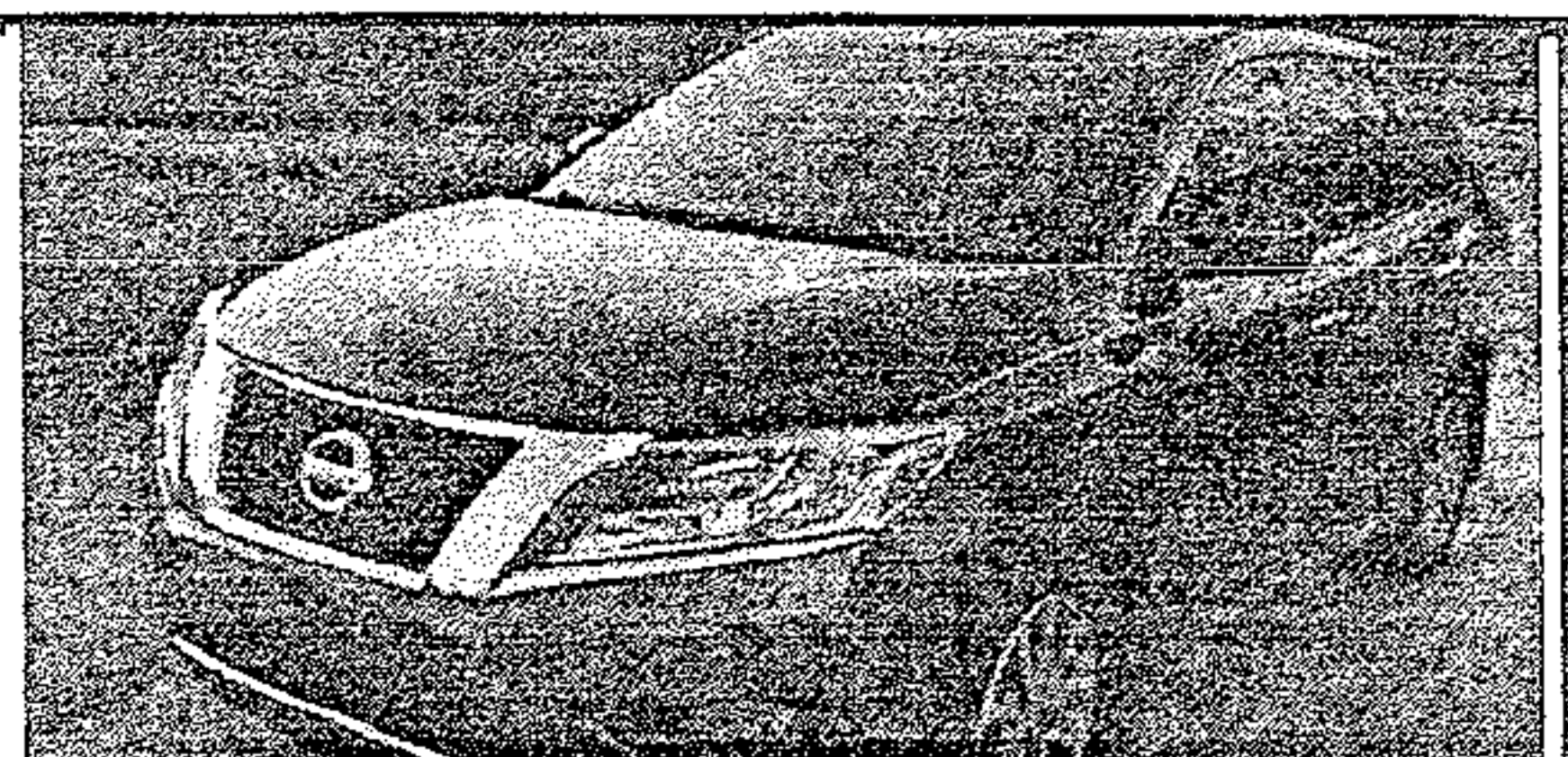
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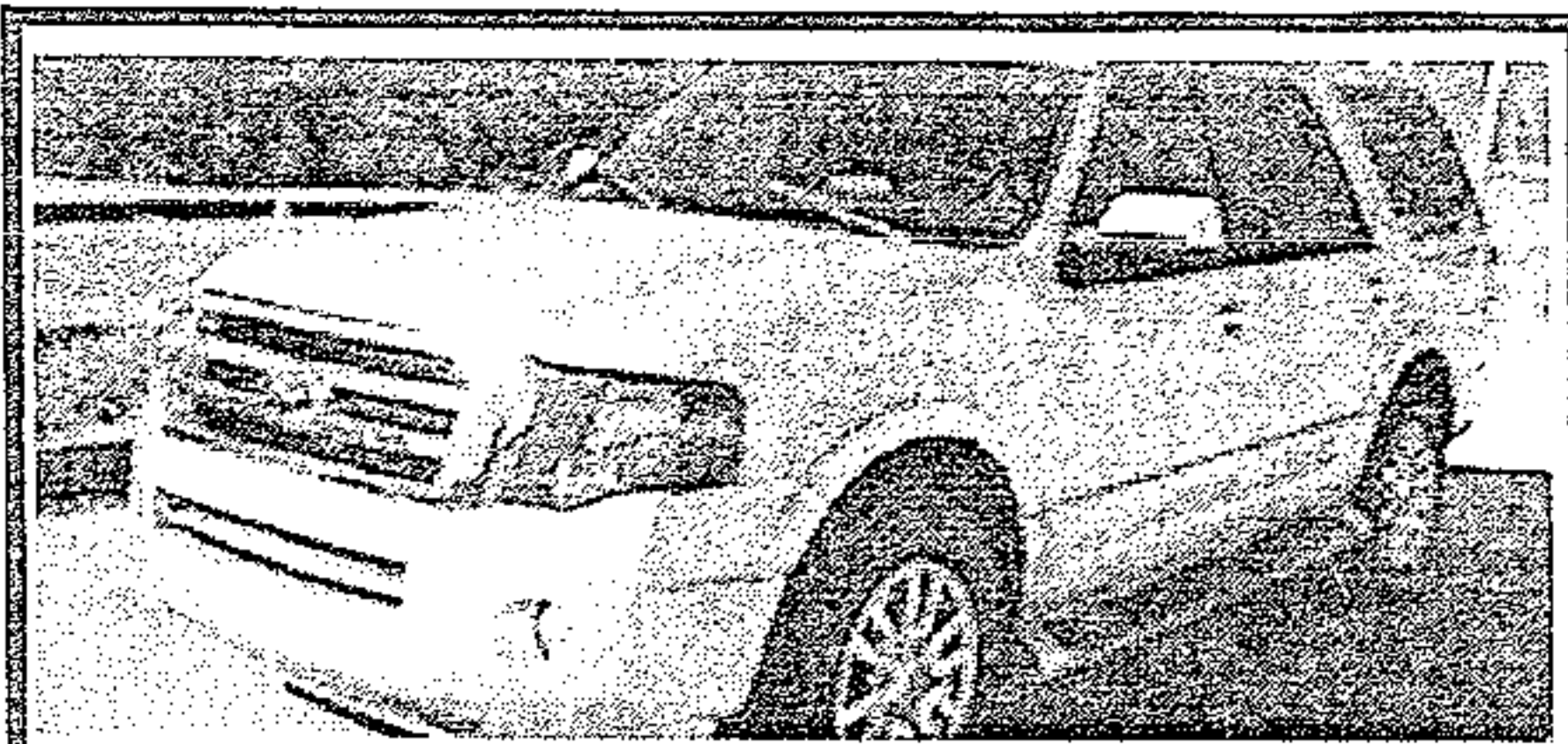
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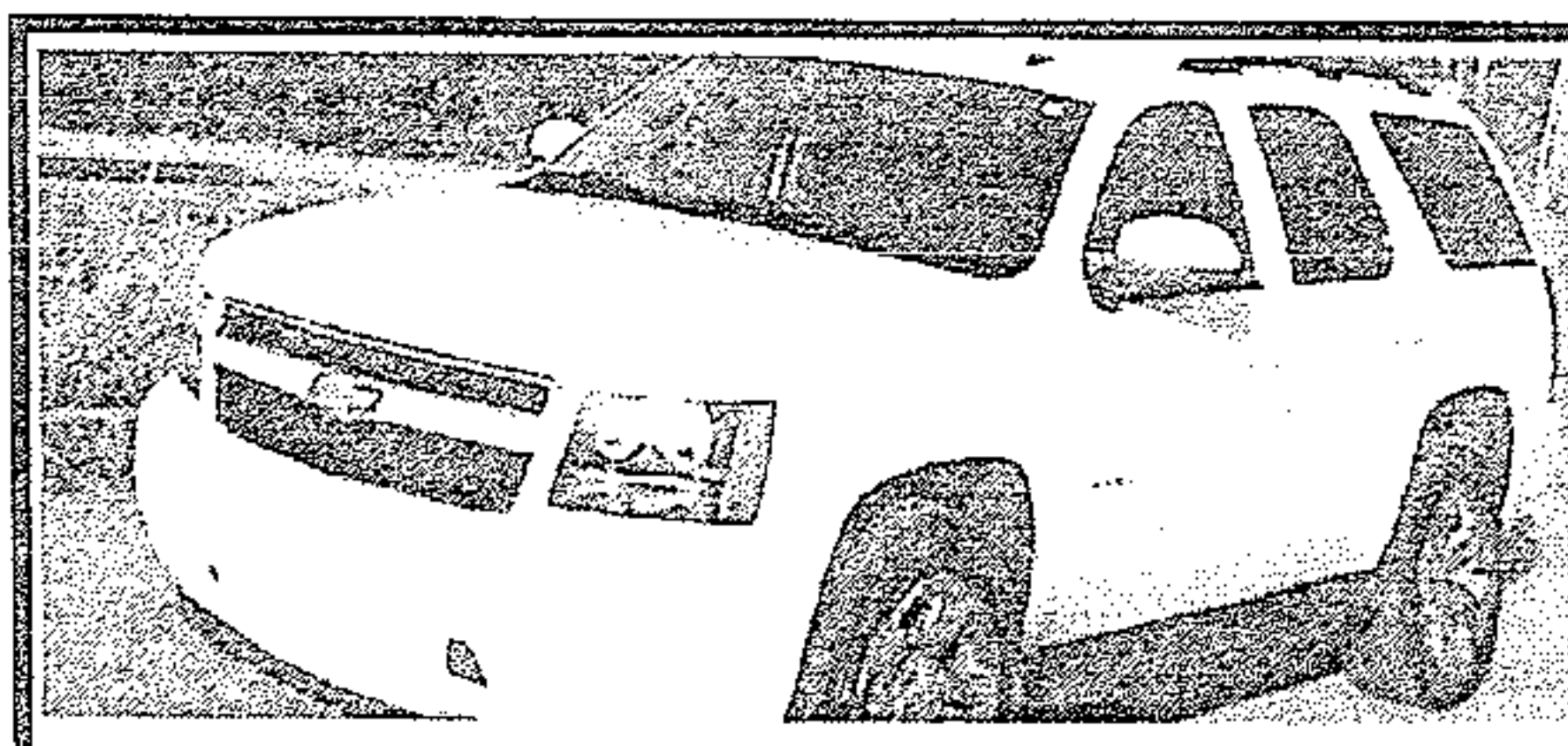
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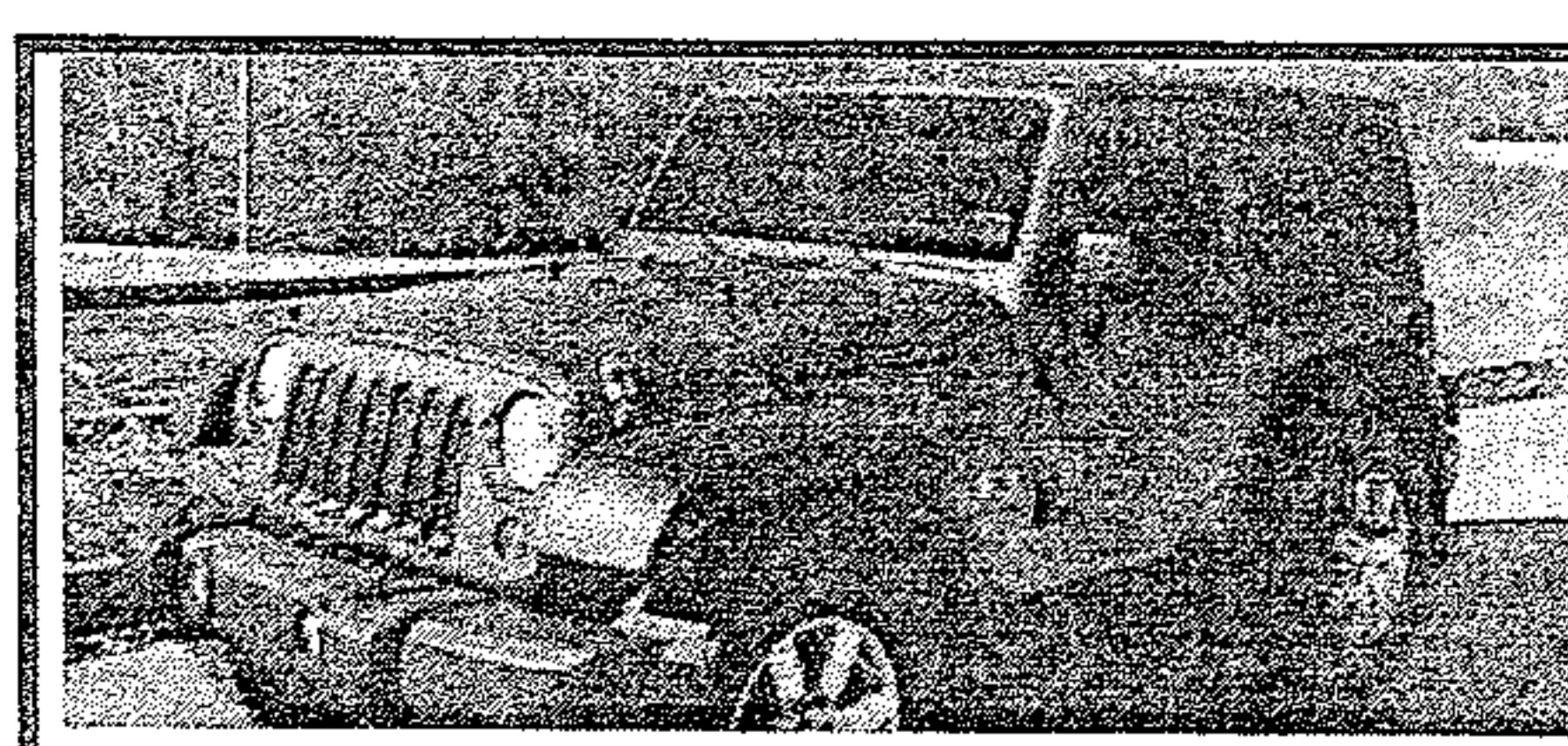
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Assault

Happy Lemarr, 25, Corinth Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault x2.

Cpl. Chris Jenkins LCSO, responded to Corinth Rd. to a possible domestic dispute.

Deputy arrived on scene and made contact with a Mr. Happy J. Lemarr. Mr. Lemarr appeared to have been in a altercation. Mr. Lemarr had

a strong odor of a alcoholic beverage about his person and a cut on his hand. Deputy asked Mr. Lemarr if he had consumed alcohol and he stated yes. Deputy then made contact with a male and female victims. Male victim is the brother to Mr. Happy Lemarr in which sometimes resides at the residence which belongs to Mr.

Happy Lemarr. Male victim gave verbal and written statements that Mr. Happy Lemarr was in a physical altercation with female victim. Mr. Happy Lemarr attempted to grab male victim and a physical altercation ensued on the floor. Female victim gave verbal and written statements that Mr. Happy Lemarr are boyfriend/girlfriend and reside together. Female victim stated that Mr. Happy Lemarr got upset over female listening to music on her phone. Mr. Lemarr took her phone and would not give female the phone back. When female tried to get the phone back, she stated a physical altercation in sued. Female stated that Mr. Lemarr grabbed her

under her arms and put her in a some type of hold. The kitchen had signs of a physical altercation with kitchen items on the floor and blood on the floor as well. Female stated that he hit the refrigerator. Female then stated as well that Mr. Lemarr then attacked the male Due to Mr. Happy Lemarr being the primary aggressor he was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon Co., jail. Mr. Happy Lemarr has a order of protection on female as well. A altercation was reported on 03-06-2019 of a domestic dispute to where Mr. Happy Lemarr was arrested for a driving charge. This did happen in Loudon Co., Tn.

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DUI

Brandin Gage, 33, Foster Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Violation of Implied Consent. Officer Benny Houser LPD, was dispatched to the area of Robinson Spring Road for a suspicious vehicle. On arrival Officer made contact with Brandin Gage. Ms. Gage stated to Officer she was traveling on Robinson Spring Road and ran off the road into a ditch, after investigation it appeared Gage had ran off the roadway striking a fence post causing damage to her vehicle. While attempting to get information from Gage, Officer could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage coming from her vehicle and person. Gage had bloodshot watery eyes and at times had a hard time standing. Gage performed poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest.

Scam

most salient detail about his intended victim, who was 90 years old the time: William Webster had served as director of both the FBI and the CIA, and so had a pretty good radar for pernicious criminal schemes—in this case, a Jamaican lottery scam.

Thomas' persistent

calls in 2014 to Webster and his wife, Lynda, followed the familiar arc of scams that target the elderly: The caller promises riches but requires some form of payment to move the process forward. The caller demands more and more, and then resorts to intimidation when the cooperation tapers off.

In the Websters' case, the former judge was told he had to pay \$50,000 to get his prize. When the money wasn't forthcoming, the frequent calls escalated to scary threats, which led the couple to contact the FBI.

"I don't know how the conversation turned sour," said Webster, 95, director of the FBI for a decade beginning in 1978. "But it did. And at that point, he shifted gears. Instead of sweet talk, he began to threaten her."

In one explosive-filled recorded message left on the Websters' phone,

Thomas threatened to kill them and burn down their house if he didn't get what he wanted. "You live at a very lonely place," he said. "And the moment you arrive, I'm gonna put a shot in your head."

Special agents from the FBI's Washington Field Office enlisted the Websters' help in nabbing the caller by recording their phone conversations to build a case and develop a clear picture of the scheme. The legwork ultimately led to Thomas' arrest in 2017 and his sentencing last month in federal court in Washington, D.C., to nearly six years in prison. It also revealed that Thomas and his relatives in Jamaica had successfully

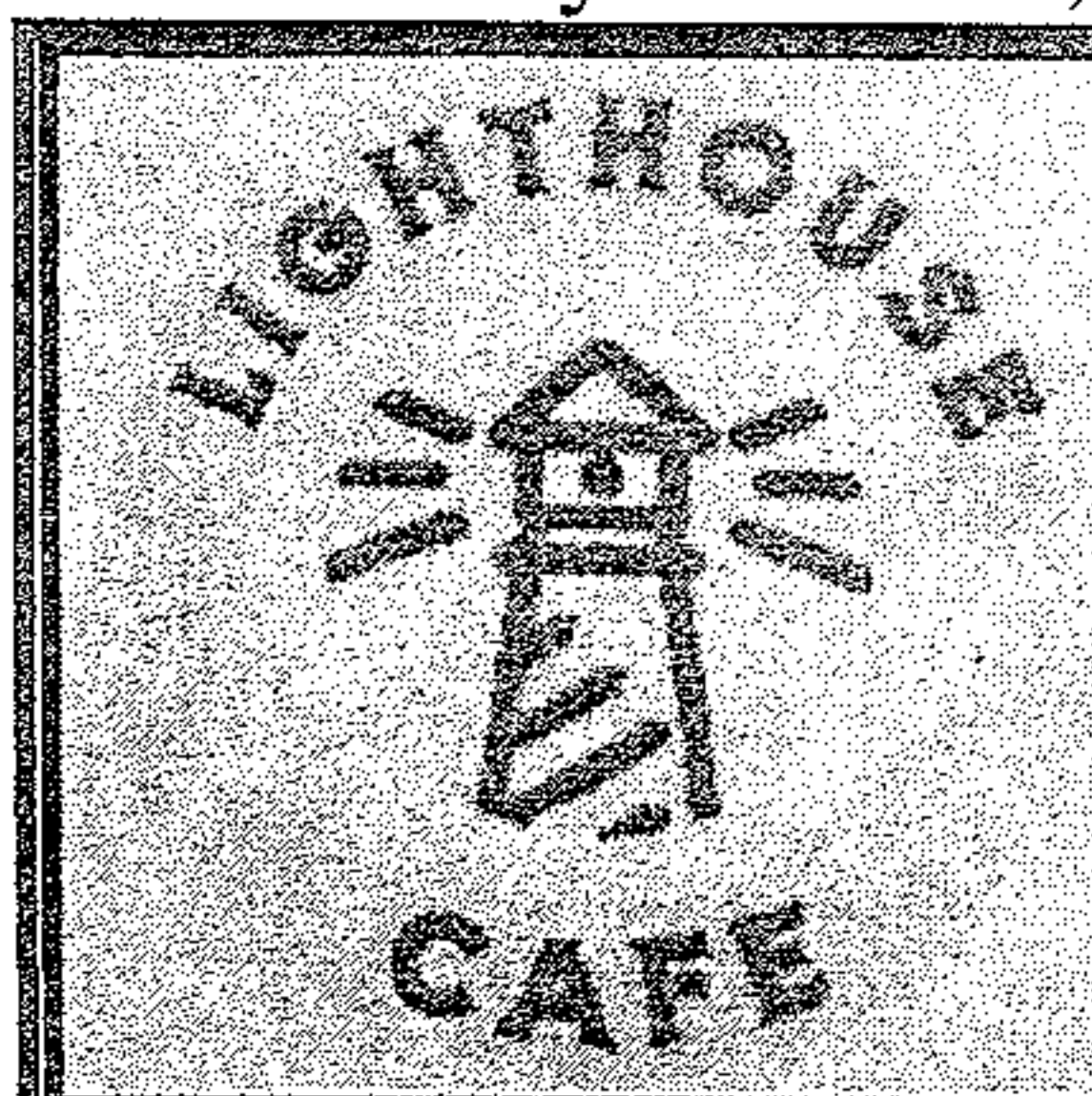
scammed others in the U.S. out of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"I get complaints all the time," said Special Agent John Gardner, who was assigned to the case and has been investigating these types of crimes since 2011. He said the perpetrators frequently prey on older people because they tend to be more trusting, financially secure,

and lonely. The fraudsters buy and trade "lead lists" on the Internet with senior citizens' names, phone numbers, and other personal information. Then they start calling, hoping to reach receptive unwary ears.

"They'll cold-call them. And a lot of them won't fall for it," Gardner said. "But all it takes is just one."

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Library

at Chilhowee Park's Jacob Building on Saturday, March 30 — Members-Only Day.

The sale will be open to the public Sunday, March 31, through Tuesday, April 2. Monday, April 1, is Half-Price Day. Area teachers and librarians are also invited to shop for \$5 per bag from 4–6 p.m. on Monday. The last day of the sale, Tuesday, April 2, is an all-day \$5 Bag Sale.

Thanks to months of planning and organizing by Friends volunteers, shoppers at this year's sale will find thousands of books for all ages and interests. Most

will cost \$2 or less. There will also be a special selection of rare books for collectors as well as DVDs, CDs, audio books, music, and magazines.

The purpose of the sale is twofold — to raise funds for the Knox County Public Library (KCPL) and to offer affordable books to everyone in the community. "The Friends of the Library have been amazing supporters of and advocates for the library for more than 40 years!" says Myretta Black, director of KCPL. Over the years, Friends has raised over a million dollars from

its used book sales to support outstanding library programs such as the Children's Festival of Reading and the Summer Library Club.

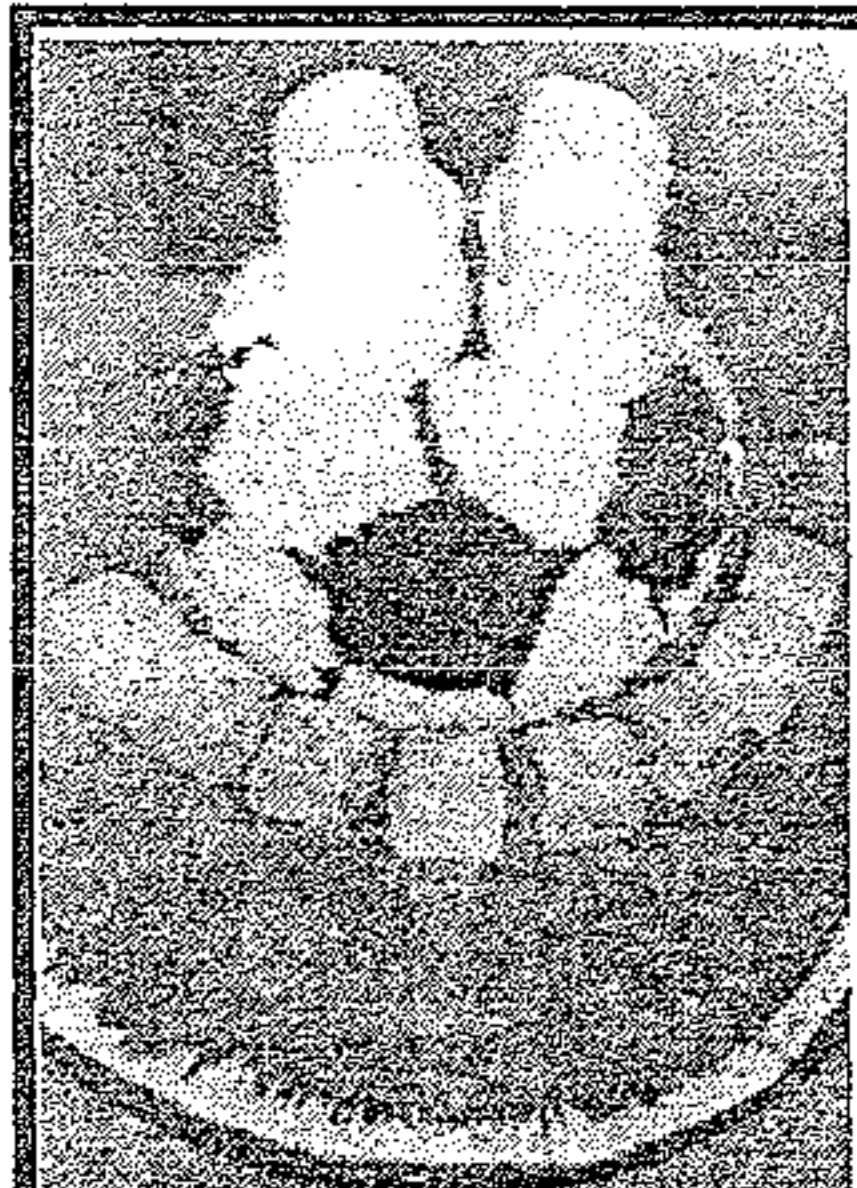
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WHAT: Friends Annual Used Book Sale
WHEN: March 30–April 2

Saturday, March 30: Members-Only Day, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (Memberships can be purchased or renewed at the door)
Sunday, March 31: Sale Opens to the Public, 10 a.m.–6

p.m. Monday, April 1: Half-Price Day, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. (\$5 Bag Sale for Teachers and Librarians 4–6 p.m.) Tuesday, April 2: Bag Sale Day, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
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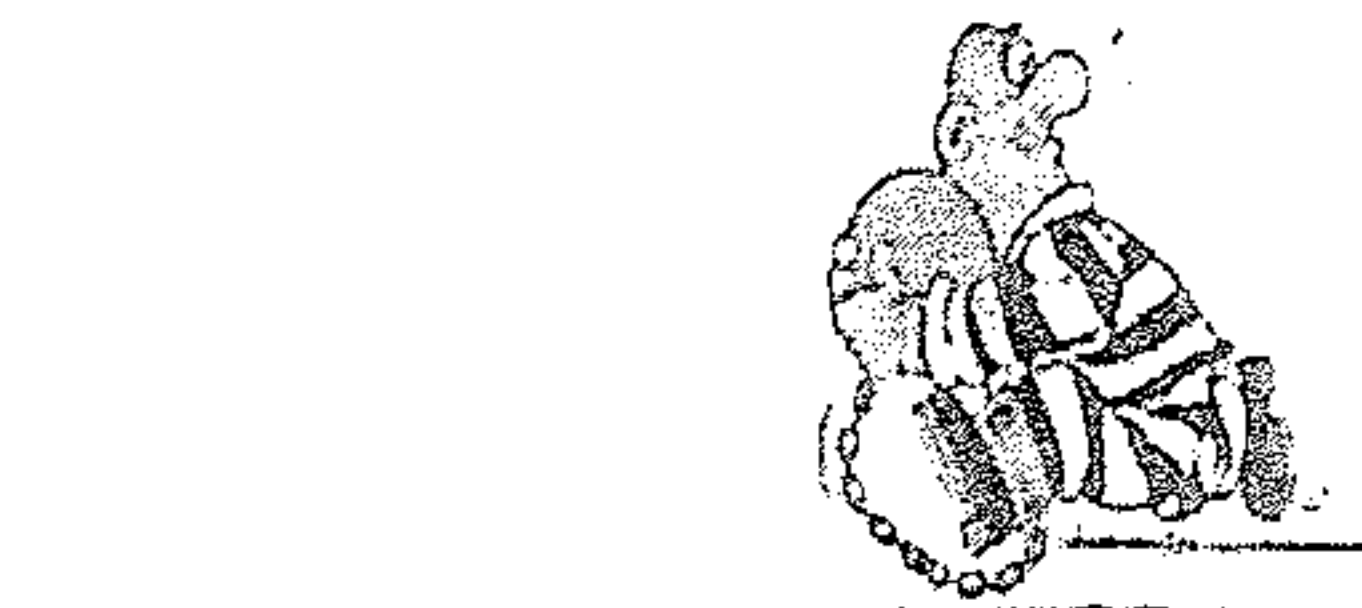
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Lynda Webster, 63, said she and her husband frequently get suspicious calls, likely because of their demographic.

"This is not only the greatest generation that Bill's a part of," she said, referring to people who grew up during the Great Depression and fought during World War II. "It's also the most trusting generation because they haven't been exposed to the Internet and all the bad that can come of it."

that."

Gardner said scammers can be ruthless, squeezing money from their victims and then, when the money runs out, getting their victims to serve as middlemen in illegal transactions. "When the victims are tapped out, they'll be told, 'Hey, I know you can't pay the fees anymore. But we have a sponsor that will help pay your fees. So, we're going to send you a check. We want you to cash it. And we want you

to send the cash to another person.' So, now they're laundering money. They just think that that's part of the whole process of claiming their prize."

Gardner said sweepstakes or lottery winners do not have to pay fees or taxes to claim a prize. "If it looks too good to be true, it's probably a scam," he said.

William Webster said the entire experience—getting calls, working with the FBI, and see-

ing his tormentor in court last month—is a reminder that seniors and the trusted friends and family who look after them need to be vigilant.

"The average older person doesn't get caught in a bind where they think the screws are turning on them," Webster said. "They think something good is happening. They want to believe it."

Whatever it was, they were able to be convinced that they were about to get something good to

show they were still in the money."

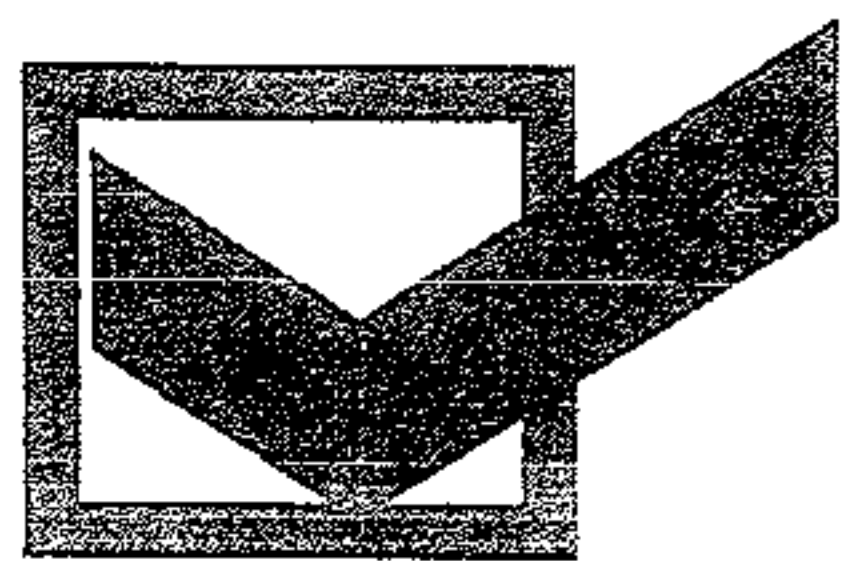
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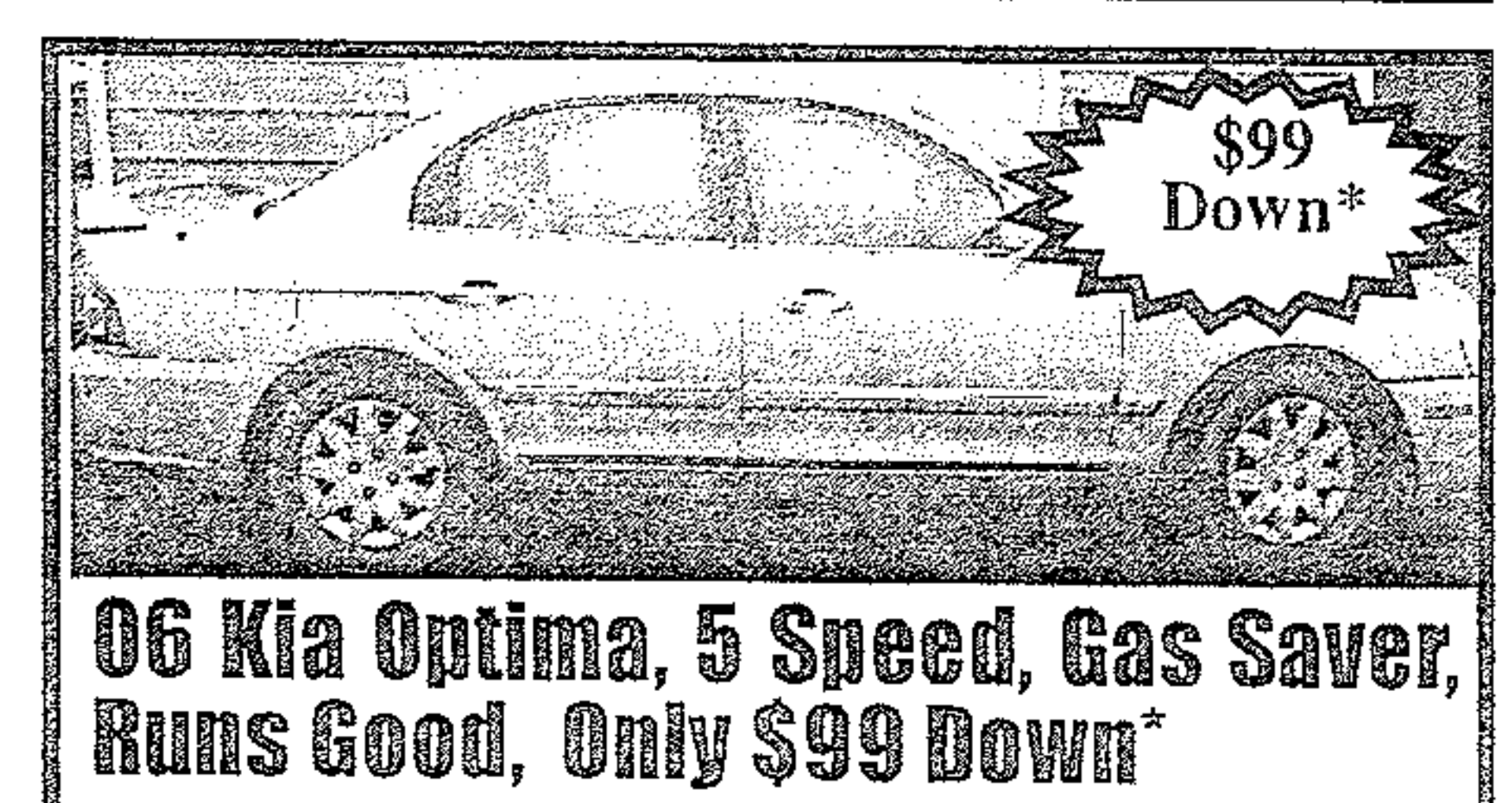
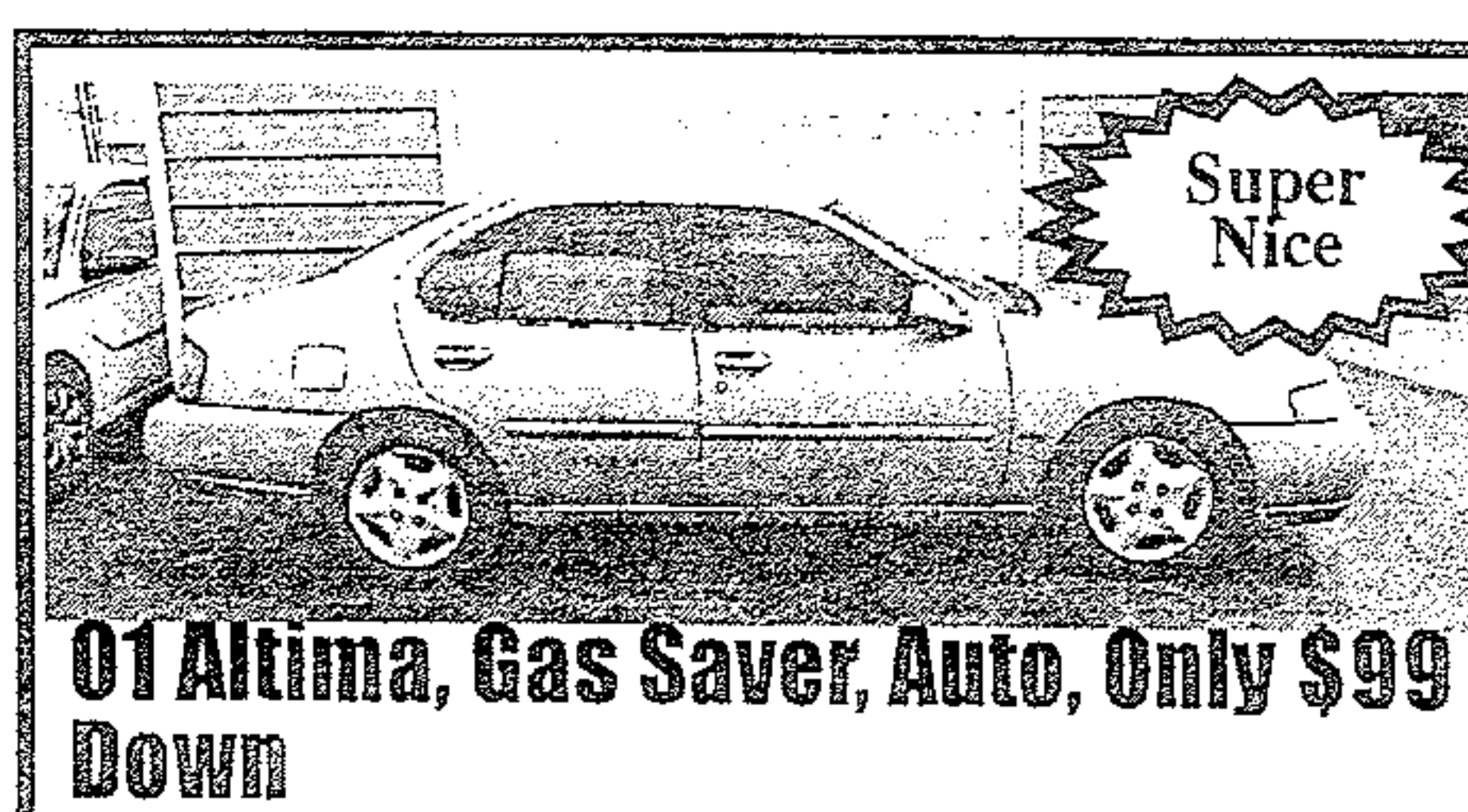
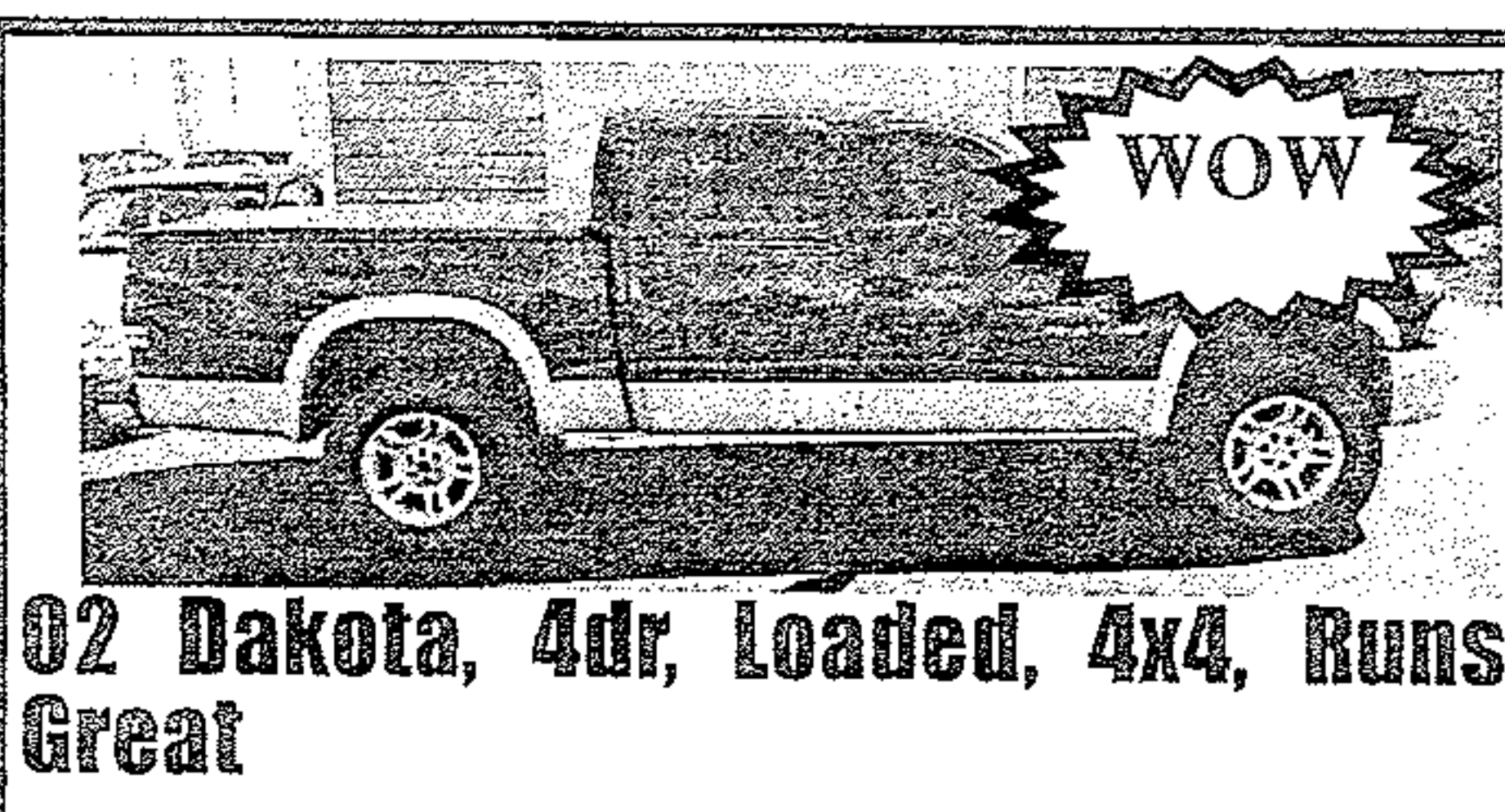
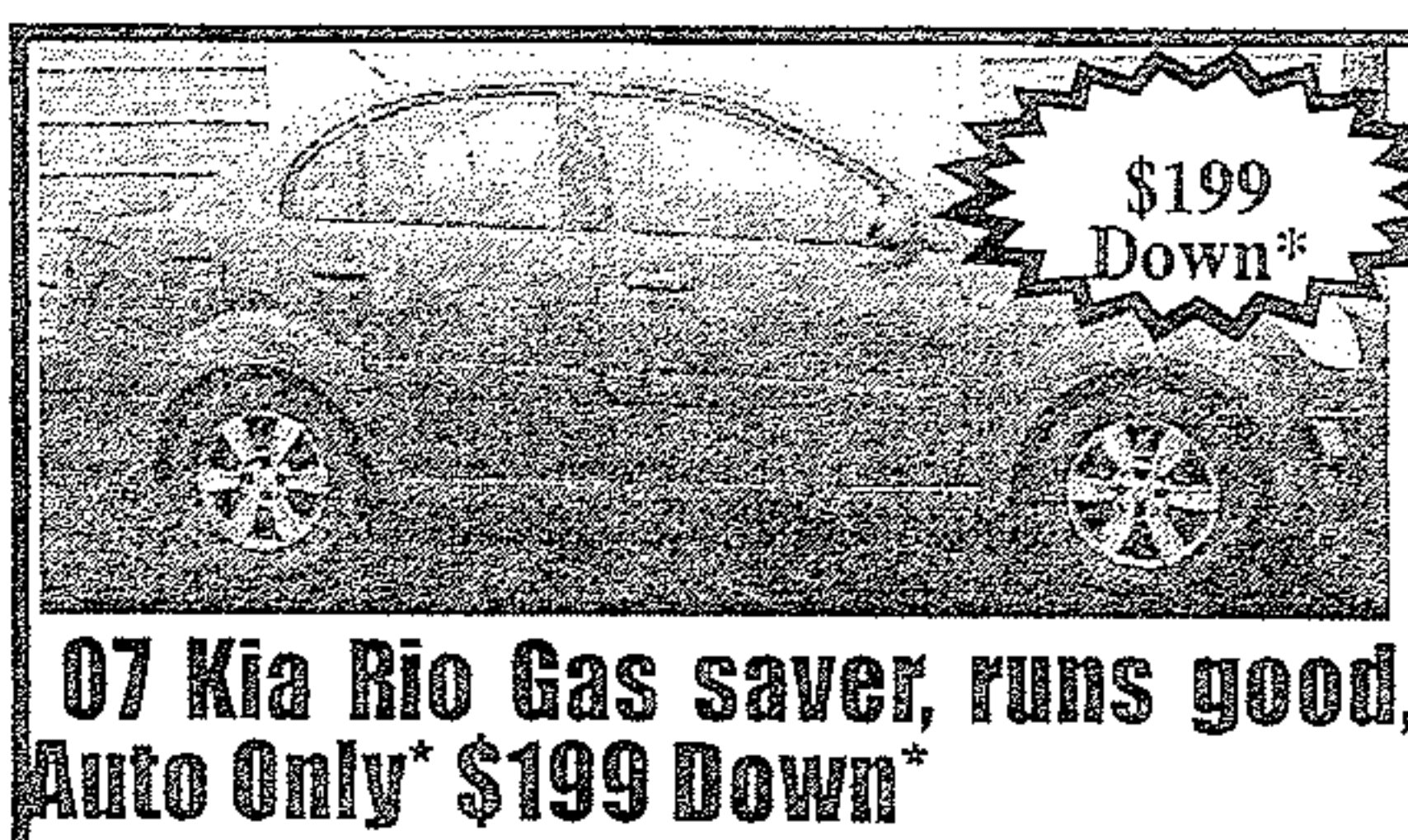


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