

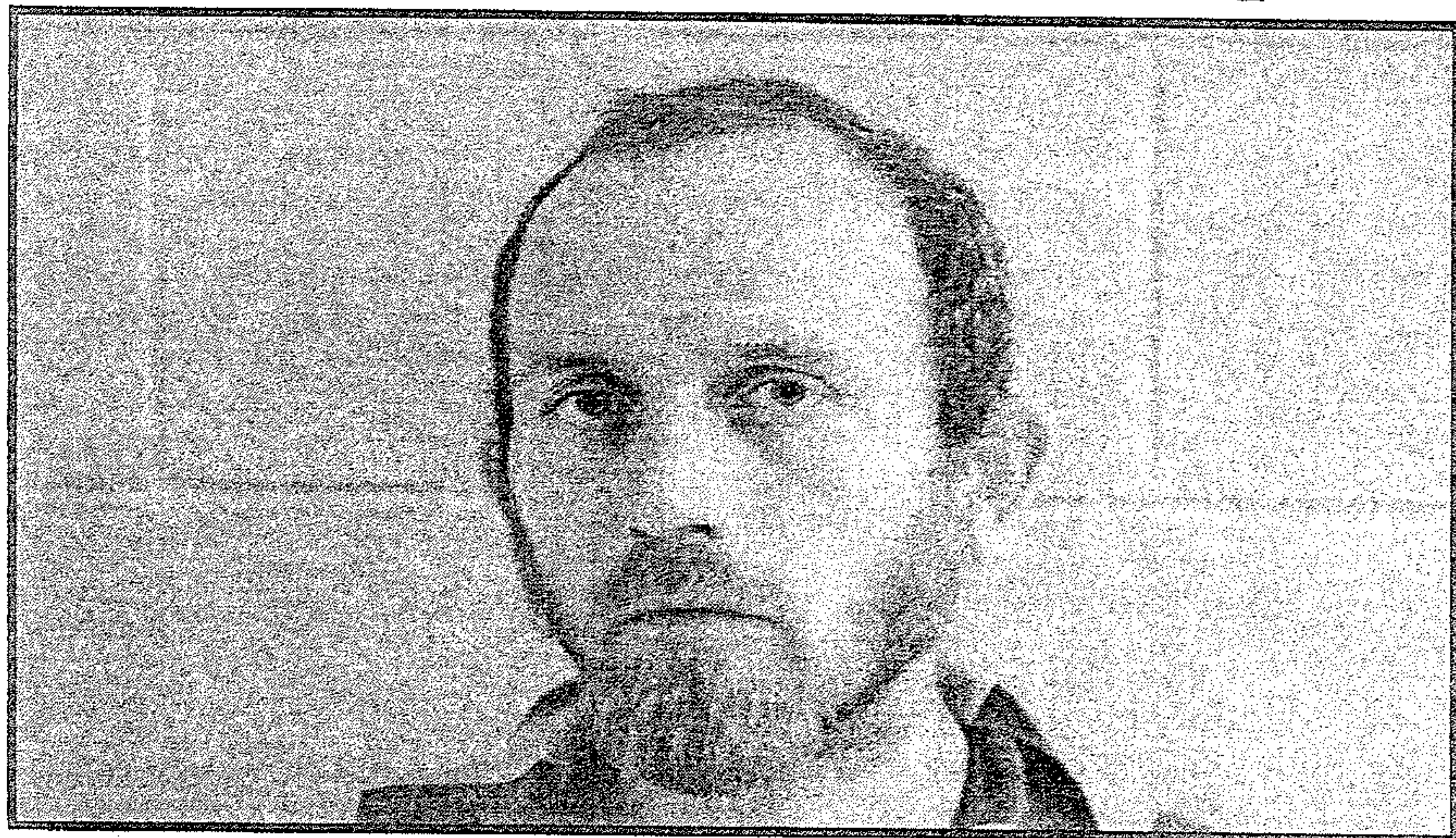
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Monday, June 17, 2019

Chicken killer charged after victim tackles him and holds him for police



Kirt Estep

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Woman charged after breaking into wrong apartment



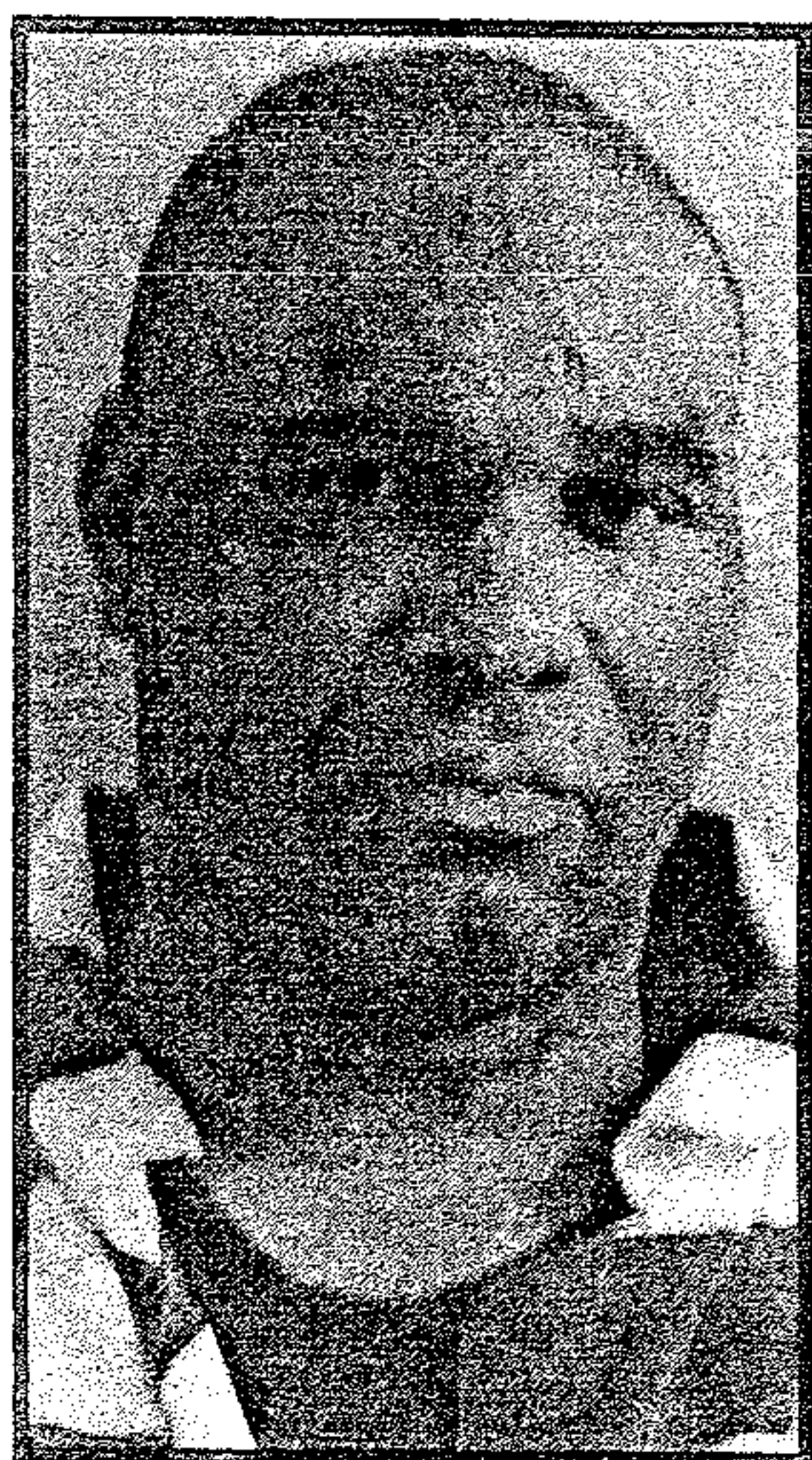
Terri Livingston

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More from the roundup



Juan Lopez-Guzman



William Hawkins Jr.
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Man charged after hitting victim in the face



Jeffery Elsea
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Gone Phishing

Creator of Website That Stole ATM Card Numbers Sentenced

Nearly half a million Alabama cell phone numbers received identical text messages in 2015 telling them to click a link to "verify" their bank account information. The link took recipients to a realistic-looking bank website where they

financial information. But the link was not the actual bank's website—it was part of a phishing scam. Just like phishing messages sent over email, the text message-based scam was easy to fall for. The web address was only one character off from the bank's

See FBI P.4



Verse of the Day

May the God of peace, ...that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will.
—Hebrews 13:20-21

Wazzup

It's summer time and time to get out and away. Share your adventures with others!

Weather

Today: Storms. High of 86F.

Tonight: Storms. Low of 72F

Tuesday: Storms. High of 84F

Tuesday night: Storms. Low of 70F.

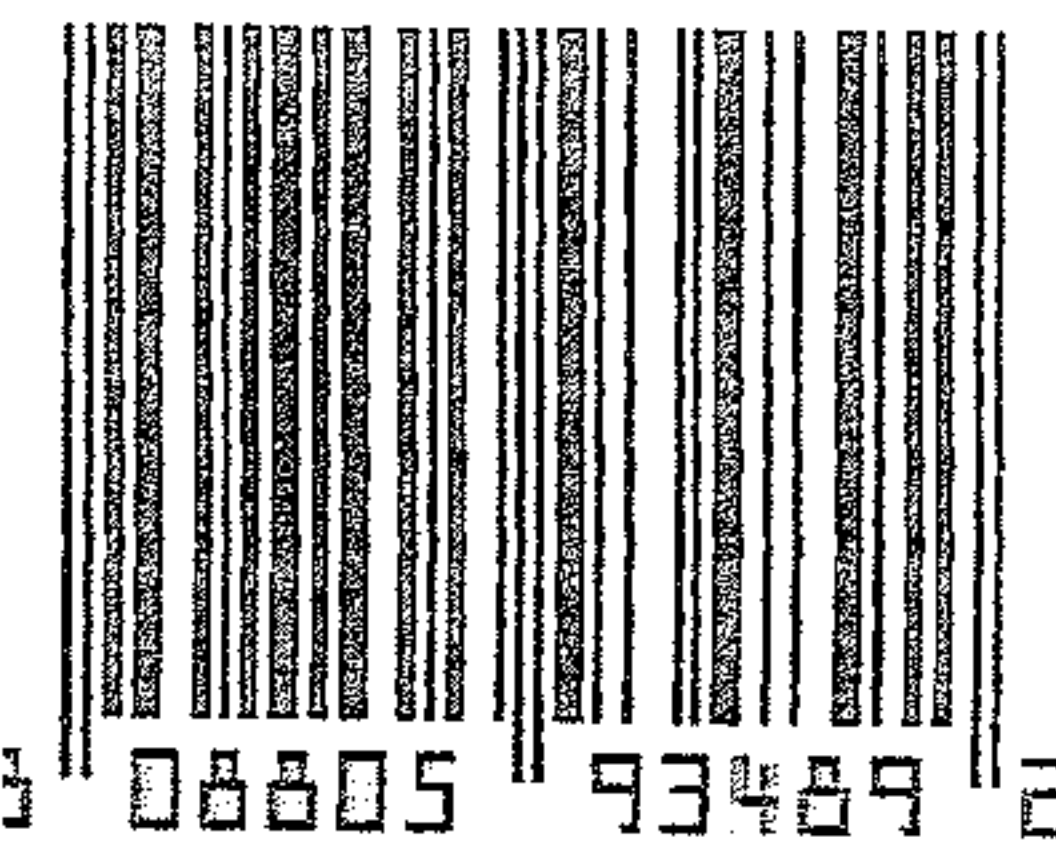
Horoscopes

Gemini 5/21-6/20

Theres no need to press

the panic button over a financial snag that pops up today. Thankfully, a little brainpower on your part can resolve any miscalculations. This fiscal glitch may motivate you to reevaluate

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Chicken

Kirt Estep, 33, Evans Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and General Session Capias.

Officer S Runyan LCPD, was dispatched to Evans Lane to a armed subject with a knife pos-

sibly being held down by property owner. Complainant/victim stated that this male identified as Kirt Estep had been killing chickens in the area today as well.

Upon arriving on scene Officer learned that the victim approached Kirt

in the back yard and ask him what he was doing on the property, during the conversation according to written statement from victim, Kirt went for a knife and victim tack-

led Kirt to the ground and told someone to call 911. Victim held Kirt down until police arrived. Officer located a large knife and Kirt Estep was placed under arrest.

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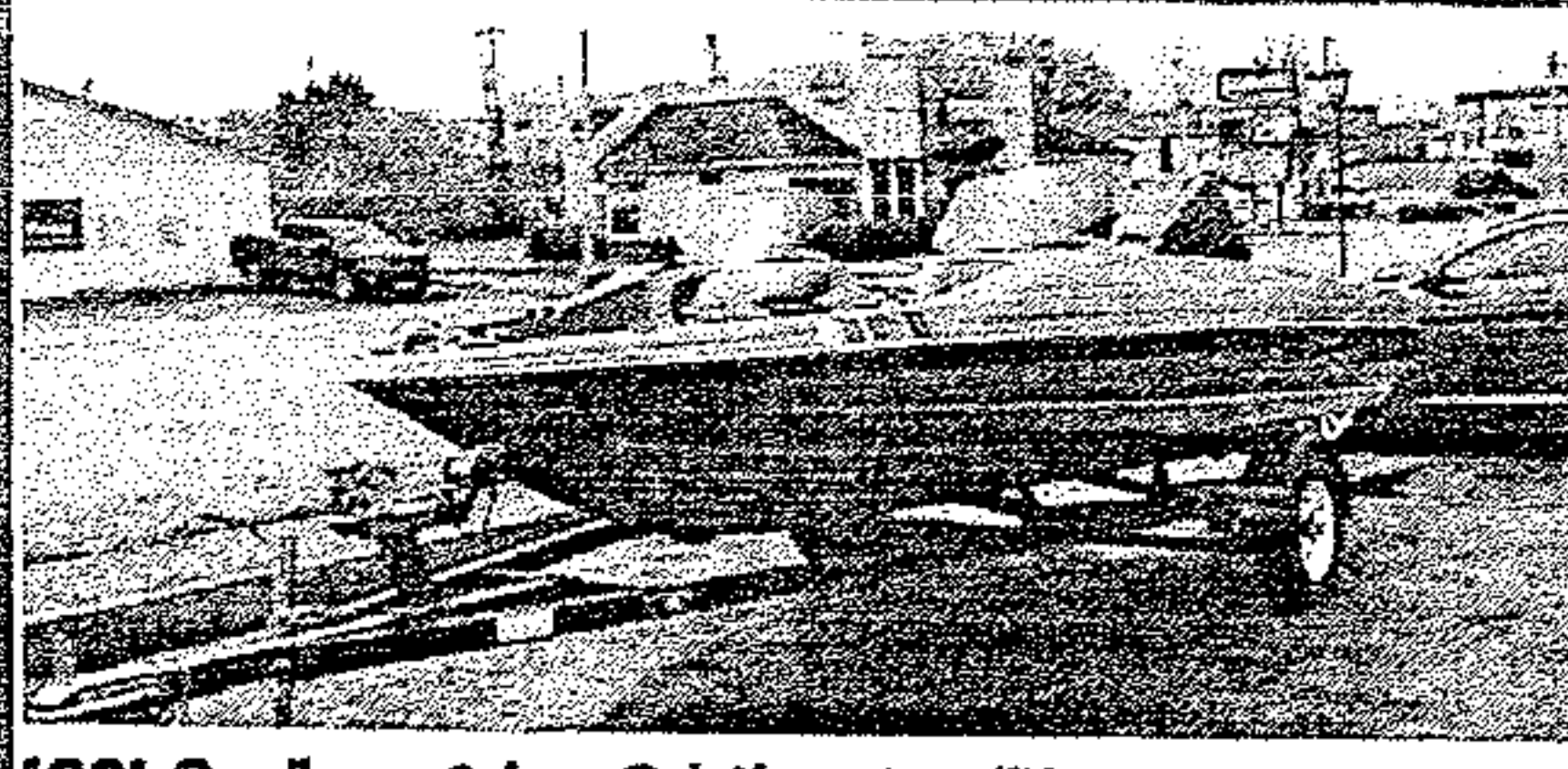
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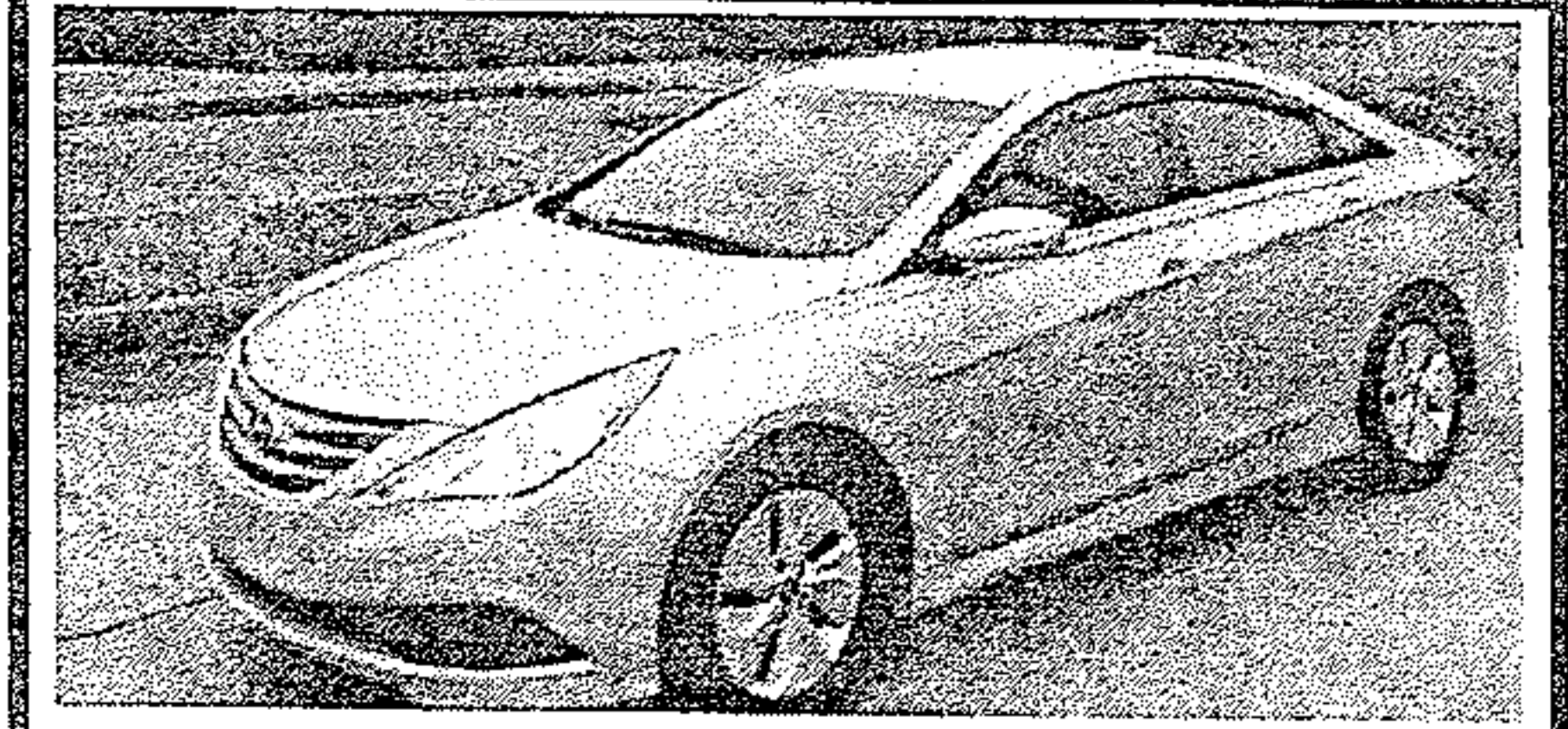
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Roundup

Juan Lopez-Guzman, 25, Bethel Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth. William Hawkins, 41, Ferry Street Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

DV

Jeffery Elsea, 49, East Far-rall Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic

Assault. Officer Espinoza LCPD, was dispatched to West Broadway regarding an assault. Upon arrival Of-ficer spoke with the victim who stated her and Jeffery Elsea were arguing about who was going to take their motor vehicle home. When victim refused to let Elsea take the vehicle he walked over and struck victim in the face and ran away from the scene. Witness advised she was in the parking lot

when she witnessed Elsea and victim arguing. Wit-ness stated Elsea walked up as victim was backing away from him and hit victim in the face. Jeffery Elsea was located and placed under arrest.

Assault x4

Joseph McKee, 43, Kings-ton Hwy Lenoir City, was charged with Assault x4, Theft of Property, and Vio-lation of Probation. Deputy K. Kirkland LCSO, came in contact with Joseph McK-ee at Hwy 70, with Roane

County Sheriff Deputy. Dis-patch confirmed that Joseph had several active warrants out of Loudon County. Jo-seph McKee was then trans-ported to the Loudon Jail.



Joseph McKee

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Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Central Office

Public Notice

The Loudon County Regional Planning Commission will hold a Continuing Education and Training Workshop on the topic of firewise, on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. in the boardroom of the Loudon County Courthouse Annex, 101 Mulberry St. Loudon. The public is welcome to attend.

Public Notice

Loudon County Budget Committee will meet at the County Office Building as follows:

Monday, June 17, 2019, 4:00 PM

Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 10:00 AM

FBI

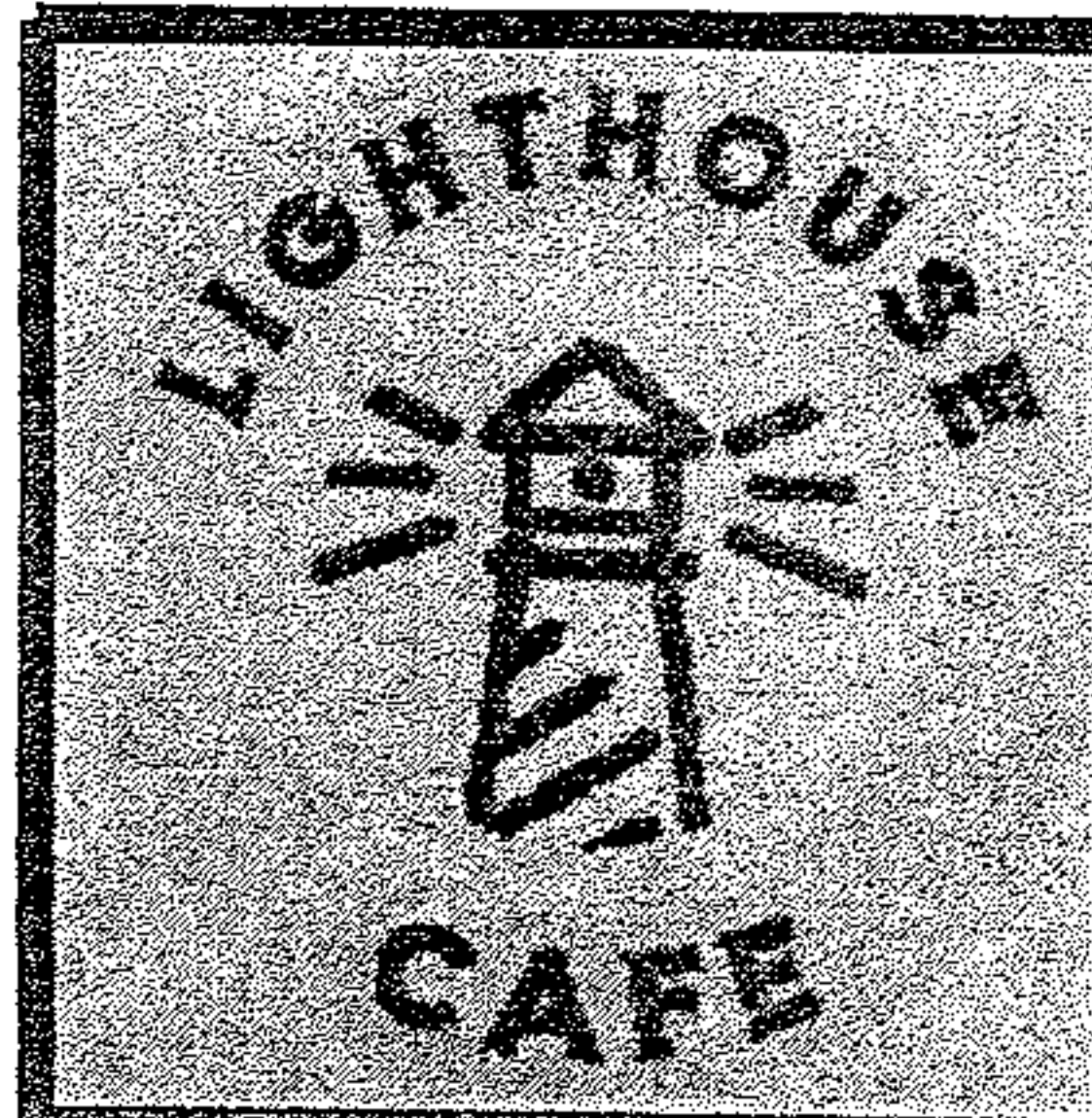
actual web address. While most recipients appeared to ignore the message, around 50 people clicked on the link and provided their personal information. The website asked for account numbers, names, and ZIP codes, along with their associated debit card numbers, security codes, and PINs. Within an hour, the fraudster had made himself debit cards with the victims' account information. He then began to withdraw money from various ATMs, stealing whatever the daily ATM maximum was from each account. "It was a fairly legitimate-looking website, other than the information it was asking for," said Special Agent Jake Frith of the Alabama Attorney General's Office, who worked the case along with investigators from the FBI's Mobile Field Office. The fraudster, Iosif Florea, stole about \$18,000 (including ATM fees), with losses from each individual account ranging from \$20 to \$800. (Banks typically reim-

burse customers who are victims of fraud.) Investigators believe Florea bought a large list of cell phone numbers from a marketing company, and he only needed a few victims out of thousands of phone numbers for the scheme to be successful. The damage was minimized, however, because of the bank's quick response. As soon as customers reported the fraud, the bank reached out to federal authorities as well as the local media to alert the community to the fraudulent messages. "The loss amount could have been huge," said FBI Special Agent Dennis Reed, II. "The bank was very proactive in contacting law enforcement so we could immediately start tracking it." "The bank was very proactive in contacting law enforcement so we could immediately start tracking it." Dennis Reed, II, special agent, FBI Mobile. And while this was a technology-enabled crime, the Internet also helped investigators find the perpetrator. Florea had been captured withdrawing

victims' money by several ATM security cameras. Investigators posted the surveillance photos to a national law enforcement message group, and an officer in California recognized Florea. Florea lived in Arizona but his victims were primarily in Alabama. He also withdrew money in several other states over the course of about two months in 2015. Reed and Frith worked with other FBI offices and local law enforcement across the country to investigate and arrest Florea. Florea was indicted and pleaded guilty to aggravated identity theft and bank fraud charges in 2018, and in February 2019, he was sentenced to 32 months in prison. While the FBI and law enforcement partners investigate these cases and work to bring criminals to justice, it's also crucial for consumers to protect themselves and to

come forward quickly if they are victimized. In addition to never giving out your PIN, Reed and Frith emphasized that if you receive a request from your bank through email or text message, always look into it before providing any information. Banks don't ask you for your PIN over the phone or in emails or text messages. Fraudsters are also becoming more sophisticated and including "customer service" numbers in their phishing messages

that route callers back to the fraudsters themselves, not the bank. That's what happened in Florea's case. So not only do consumers need to verify the authenticity of messages, they also need to ensure they're calling the right number to do so. "Don't use the phone number provided in the message; always look up the bank's actual phone number on your own or visit the local branch," Reed said. "Go to an independent source to verify that text message or email request."



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Agg. Burglary

Terri Livingston, 20, Hotchkiss Valley Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Burglary. The victim reported that on the previous night a white female which she did not know had come into her home located on Grove Street without her consent. A witness happened to be visiting the victim and was in the living room when this happened. Witness stated a white female which he didn't know entered the residence through a living room window by taking the screen off. The female ask if a Sierra lived there, when victim stated no the female apologized and climbed back out the window. Moments later there was a fight involving several people including the female that had entered victims residence at the apartment adja-

cent to victims apt. There was a Sierra person at that residence. The female that entered victim residence was identified as Terri Livingston that was leaving the area. Officer placed Terri Livingston under arrest and transported her to the Loudon Jail.

National Academy Profile

Belize Police Inspector is Country's First Woman Delegate to FBI Training Program

Sherlet Ramclam, an inspector for the Belize Police Department, with FBI Director Christopher Wray at the National Academy graduation on June 7, 2019, in Quantico, Virginia.

Four years ago, Belize Po-

lice Department Inspector Sherlet Ramclam's boss returned from a 10-week law enforcement leadership training program in the United States called the FBI National Academy and shortly thereafter pushed for some changes within the Central American country's ranks of more than 2,300 officers. Last month, during her own 10-week tour as a student in the National Academy's 276th class in Quantico, Virginia, Inspector Ramclam was moved to send a message to her boss to thank him for the work he was doing to push for institutional change.

"Everything that was mentioned in class is the way that we're going," Ramclam said. "I told him I appreciate it because now I'm seeing what he is doing and what his best interest is in for the department to move forward. I think that we're in a better place now than we were a couple years ago."

Driving that type of institutional evolution and connecting law enforcement agencies worldwide are among the goals of the National Academy, which today graduated 256 students, including 35 international law enforcement officers like Ramclam. The department in Belize has several National Academy graduates, but Ramclam is the country's female police delegate.

A single mother of four born in the former British colony's village of Independence, Ramclam knew early on hers would be a life of service to others. She was a youth leader in her church's preschool for several years, leading kids on trips and into discussions of faith and community.

"I wanted to do something that would help people, to make their life better," she said recently. "So I continued to search for something to help me

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do more for my country—not only for my community, but for my country.” She said it was a calling to become a police officer. “We do not choose,” she said. “We are called.”

That was 22 years ago, on May 11, 1997. Today she commands 42 police officers in Placencia, a coastal village popular with tourists on the Caribbean coast of Belize. She says her dual priorities are community policing to protect 6,000 residents and thousands more tourists and looking out for the officers under her. She also implores her officers to follow the golden rule to treat others as one would wish to be treated.

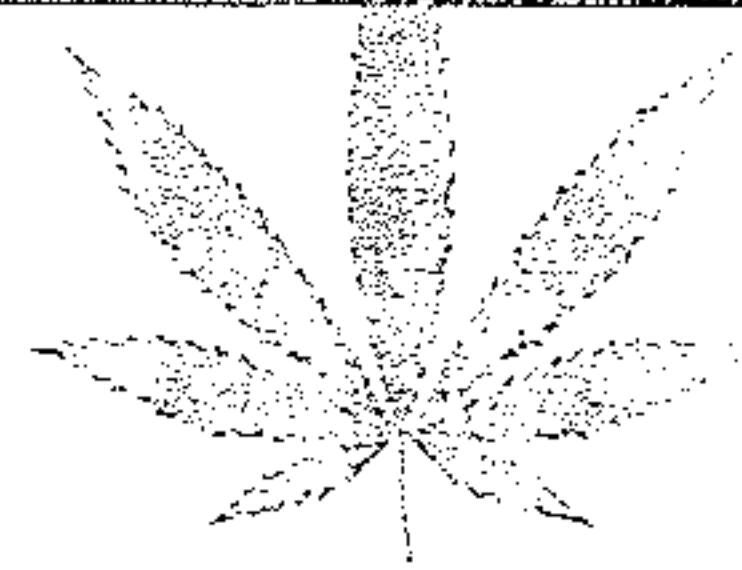
“That is a thing I try to instill in other people is don’t treat them badly,” Ramclam said. “I tell officers, ‘You need to deal with these guys because they are human beings. Today it might be them, but tomorrow it could be you or me.’”

A central goal of the National Academy is exposing students to a variety of fresh perspectives—offered up by the FBI’s instructors and their classmates—that might challenge long-held, institutional, or outdated views.

“When creativity and innovation is stifled as a practice—not just accidentally but as a practice—you need that fresh perspective from other students, especially one of Sherlet’s experience and caliber, to really

change those belief systems in a different way,” said Special Agent Christian Anglin, a National Academy supervisor and instructor.

For Ramclam, the biggest takeaway will be a renewed emphasis on officer wellness. During a recent class presentation, her group cited statistics showing the life expectancy of law enforcement officers to be 20 years less than that of civilians. They talked about the multi-disciplinary approach to wellness and the need to codify officer well-being into department policy. By focusing on officer wellness, Ramclam feels she will have a healthier workforce that can better project authority, command respect, and serve the community.



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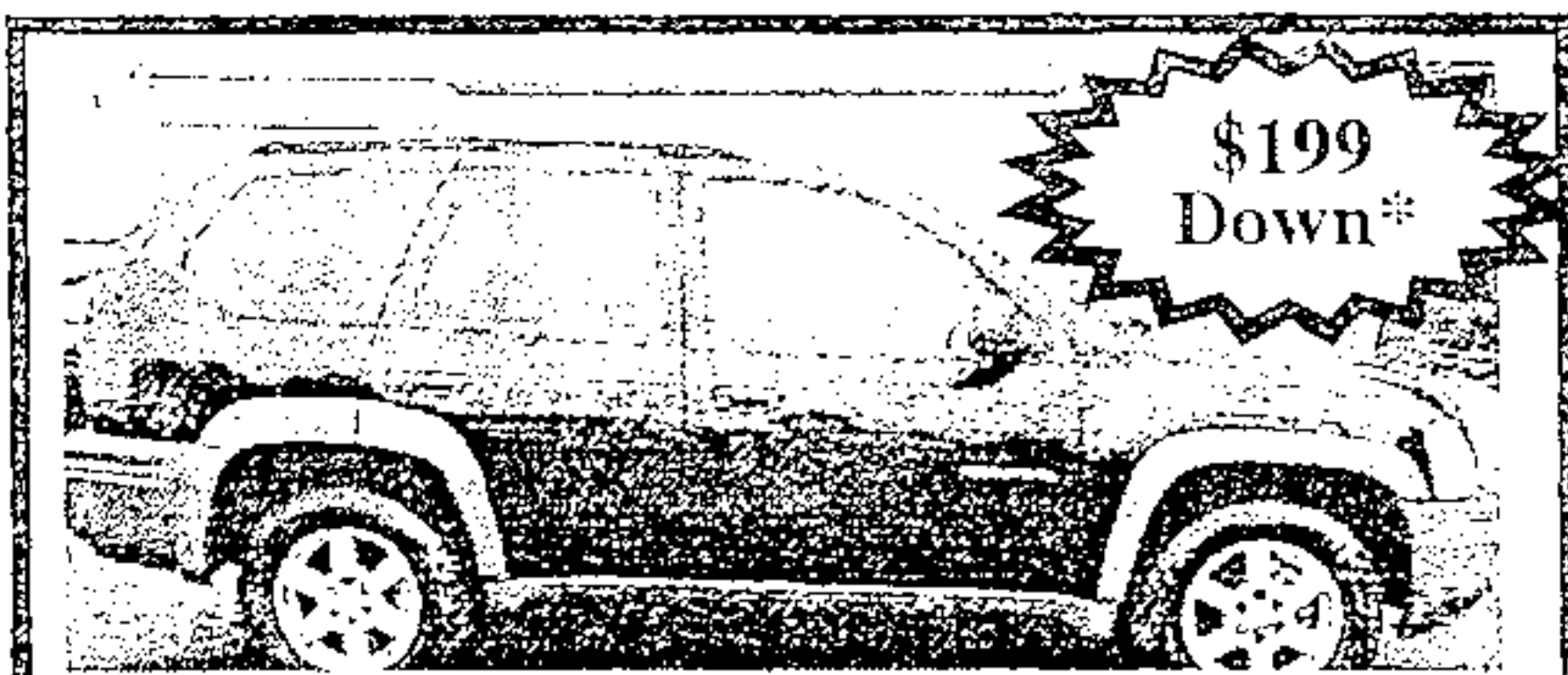
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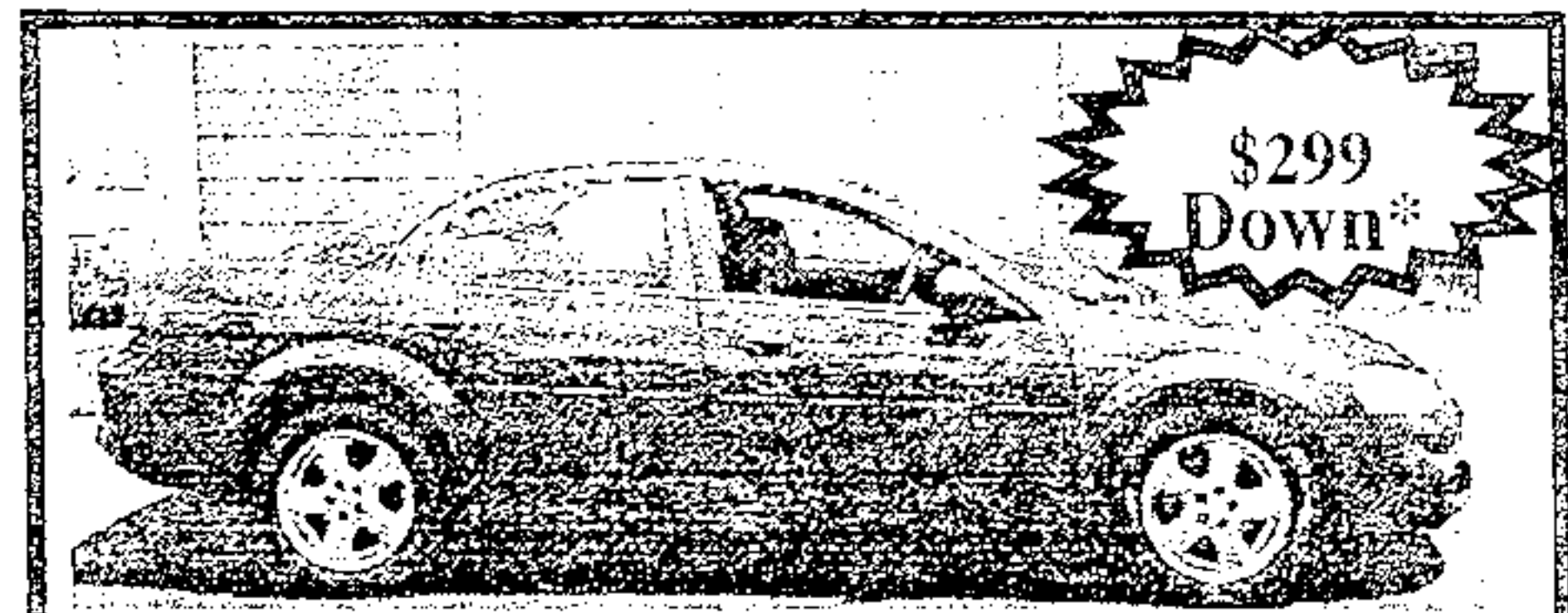
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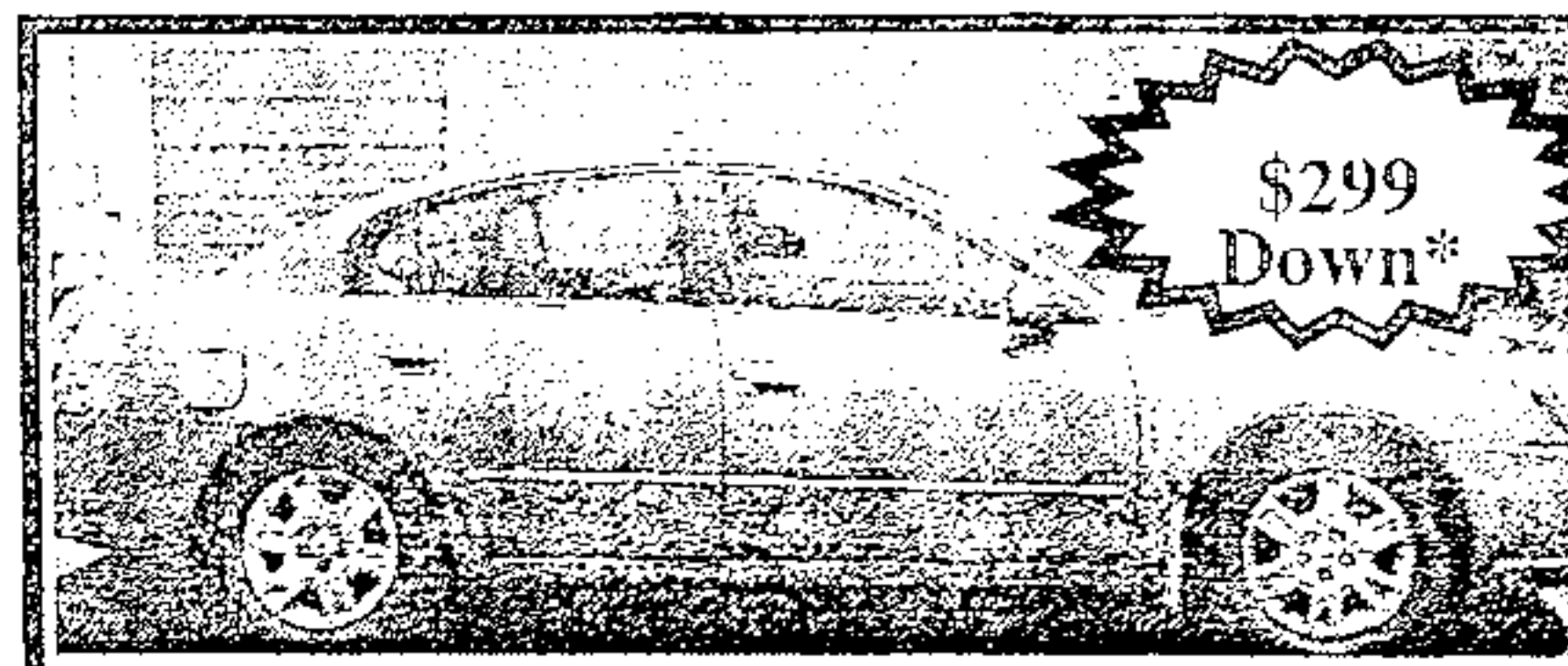
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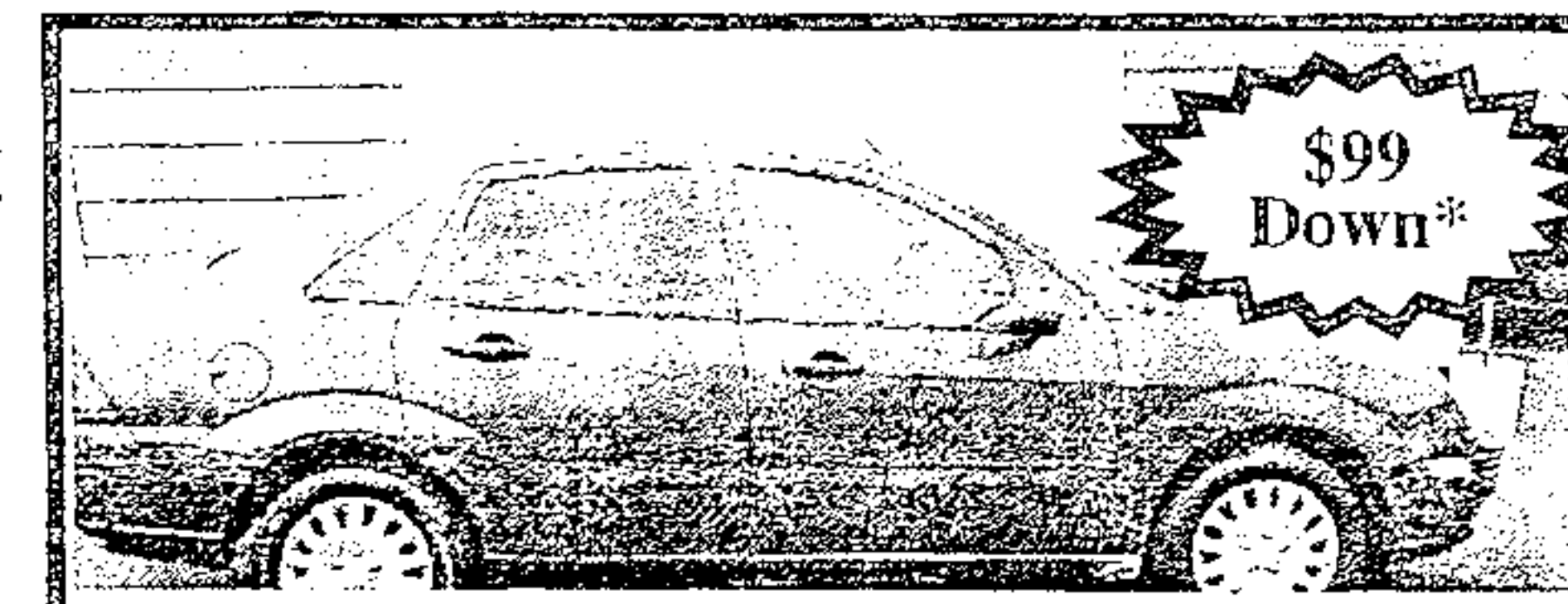
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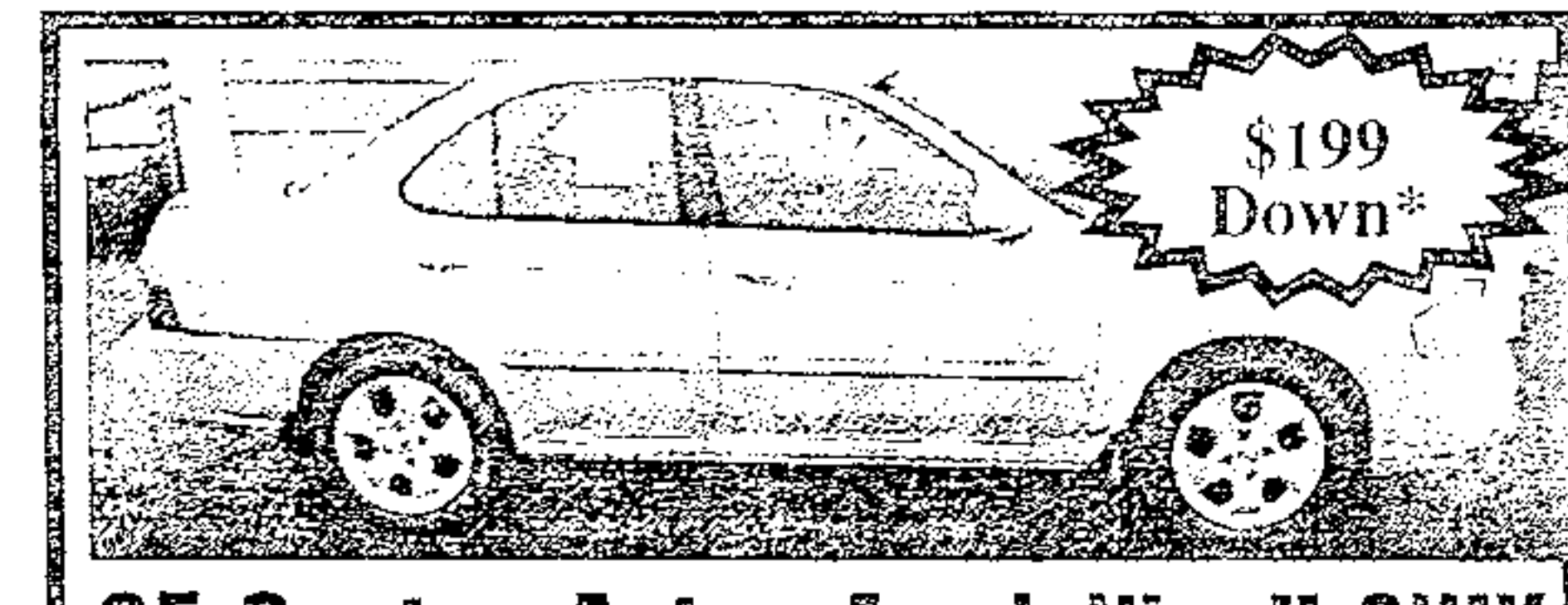
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