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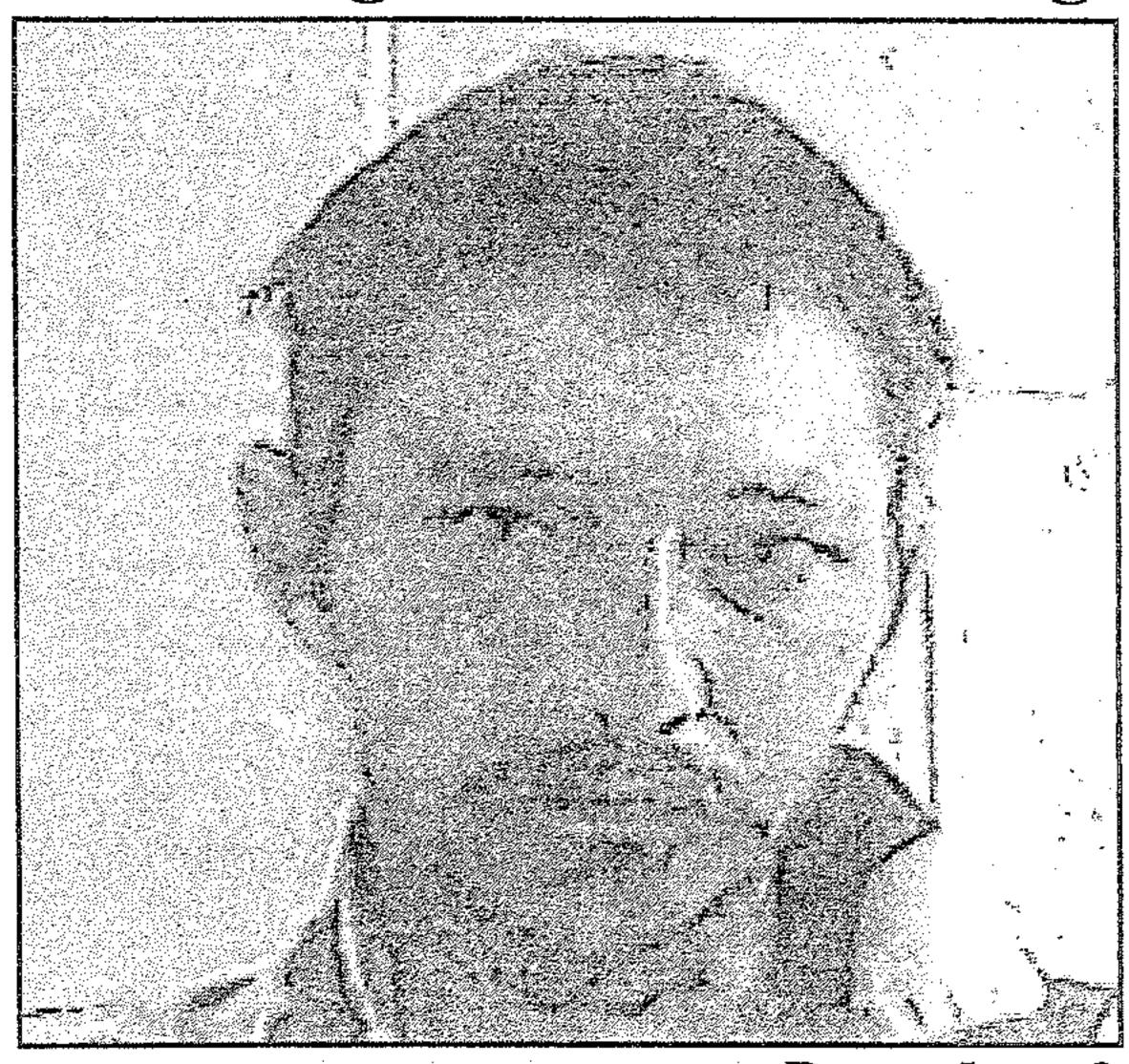
Wednesday, June 05, 2019

### Victims in the pool while burglar inside



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Christopher Flanagan

Verse of the Day

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without some-

see Banned pg. 3 one preaching to them? Weather

-Romans 10:14

Wazzup Hope everyone is enjoying this awesome weather and checking out the countryside as well.

#### The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter Scripture: Revelation 22 Jesus is risen!--Now what? Now--water of life.

understands Jesus thirst. He once offered a woman living water so she'd never thirst again. From the cross he expressed his own thirst.

In today's reading Jesus declares, "Let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift."

see TGN pg. 4

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Thursday: Storms possible. High of 80F.

Tuesday night: Storms. Low of 71F.

### Roundup Charges Continued



Preston Sutton



Melissa Wilhoit see Roundup pg. 3

#### Dangerous Connections Youth Face a Risk of Sextortion Online

victim was 14-year-old boy from er was a 17-year-old girl from Ohio who attempted suicide in a desperate try to escape the situation.

In total, the FBI was able to identify 20 young people who were harassed, had dozens more victims threatened, and sexually exploited online by an Indiana man who had

served as a youth minister in his community. West Virginia. Another When the FBI arrestvictim from Michigan ed Richard Finkbiner in was only 12. Yet anoth- April 2012, the 40-yearold had more than 22,000 videos of webcam feeds, much of it sexually explicit content that he had obtained from young people nationwide. Investigators believe he that they could not identify, perhaps hundreds

See Sextortion P.4

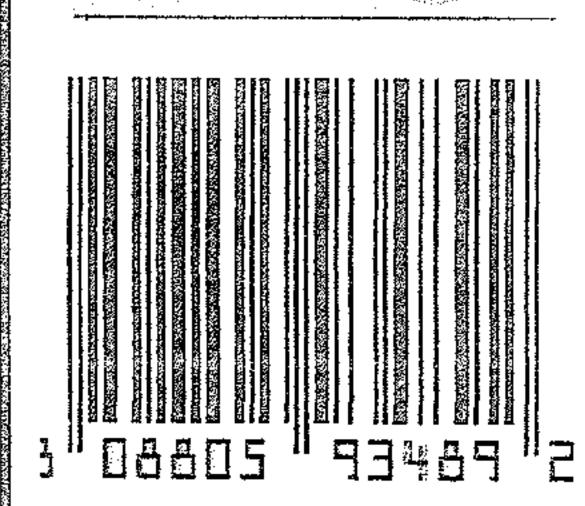


#### <u>Horoscopes</u>

Gemini 5/21–6/20

People might say thing yet mean another. challenging you to listen more carefully. Still, you may not be able to discern

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#### Burglary

Courtney Brown, 33, Donaldson Road Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, and Resisting Arrest. Deputy TJ. Scardispatched to Nelson

progress. On arrival Deputy met Sgt. Hutchens and his K-9 partner in the back yard. Deputy could see a black female inside the residence holding the back window down. The brough LCSO, was female was recognized by Deputy as Courtney Street to a break-in in Brown. Deputies gave

several commands for Brown to go unlock the door which she refused. Deputy also gave Brown commands to stop holding the window down, she also refused those

commands. Deputy forced the window up and K-9 was put through the window and apprehended Brown. The victim were in the back-

(see Burglary ctd. pg. 4)

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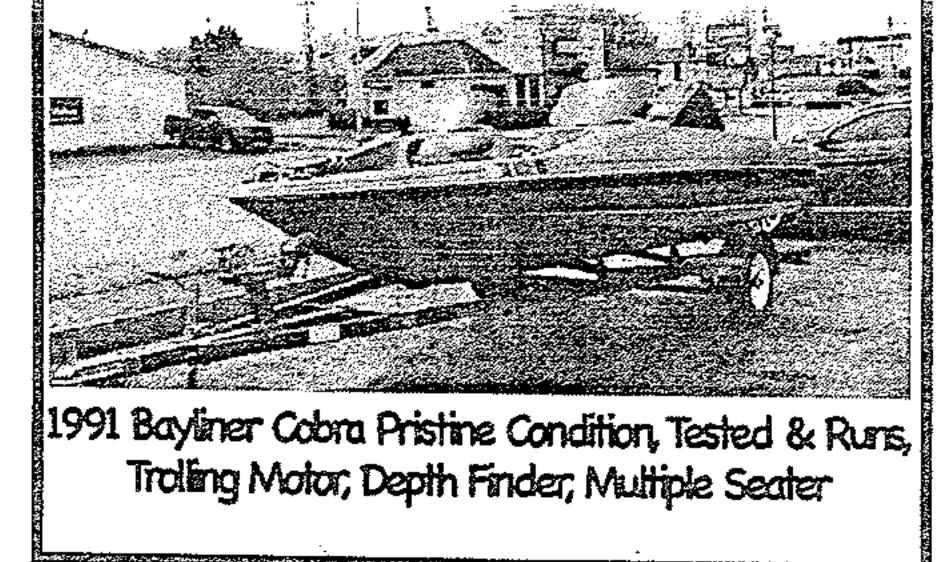
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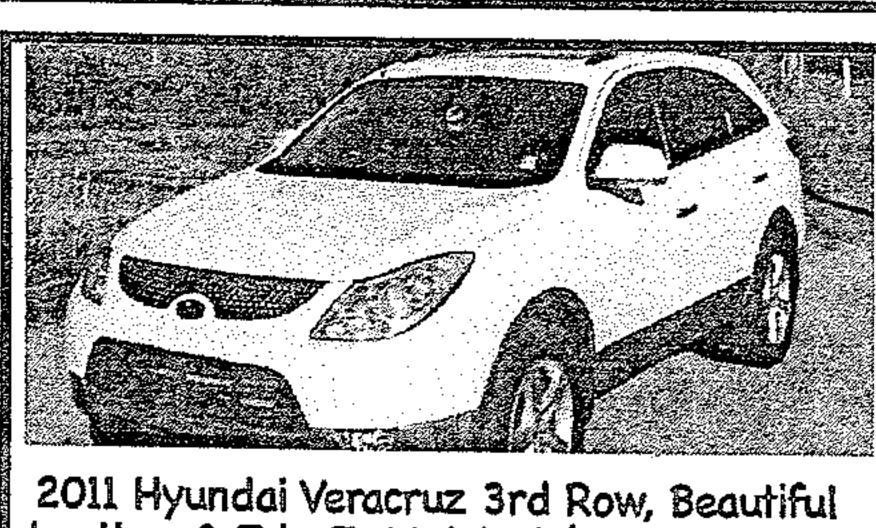
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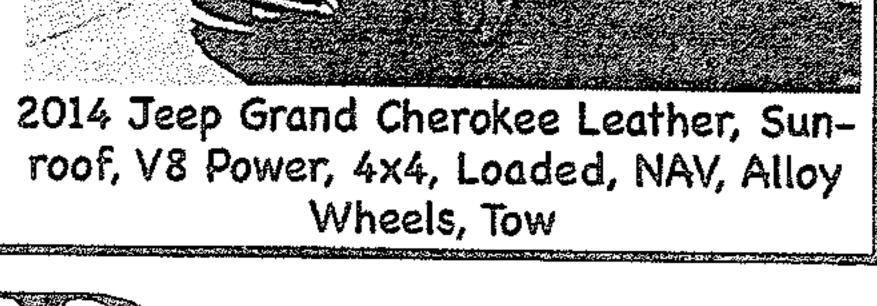




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#### Roundup

Preston Sutton, 21, Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, and Violation of Probation.

Melissa Wilhoit, 36, Millertown Pike Loudon, was charged with Criminal Court Capias(man/sel/del/poss. Meth).

Cheryle Stockton, 51, Homeless, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.



Cheryle Stockton



Kayla Smallen



Jenica WePeek

Kayla Smallen, 29, Northwood Street Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Jenica McPeek, 22, Breazale Road Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

#### Barred

Christopher Flanagan, 34, Homeless Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Trespass. Sgt. R Reagan LCPD, responded to Kelly Lane on a complaint of a white male being on the premises after being officially banned from being on the property by management. Officer located Christopher Flanagan hiding next to a bed in the floor in the top floor apartment. Officer was able to confirm that Flanagan had been officially banned from the complex and he was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon

#### Public Notice

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

Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 2:00 PM

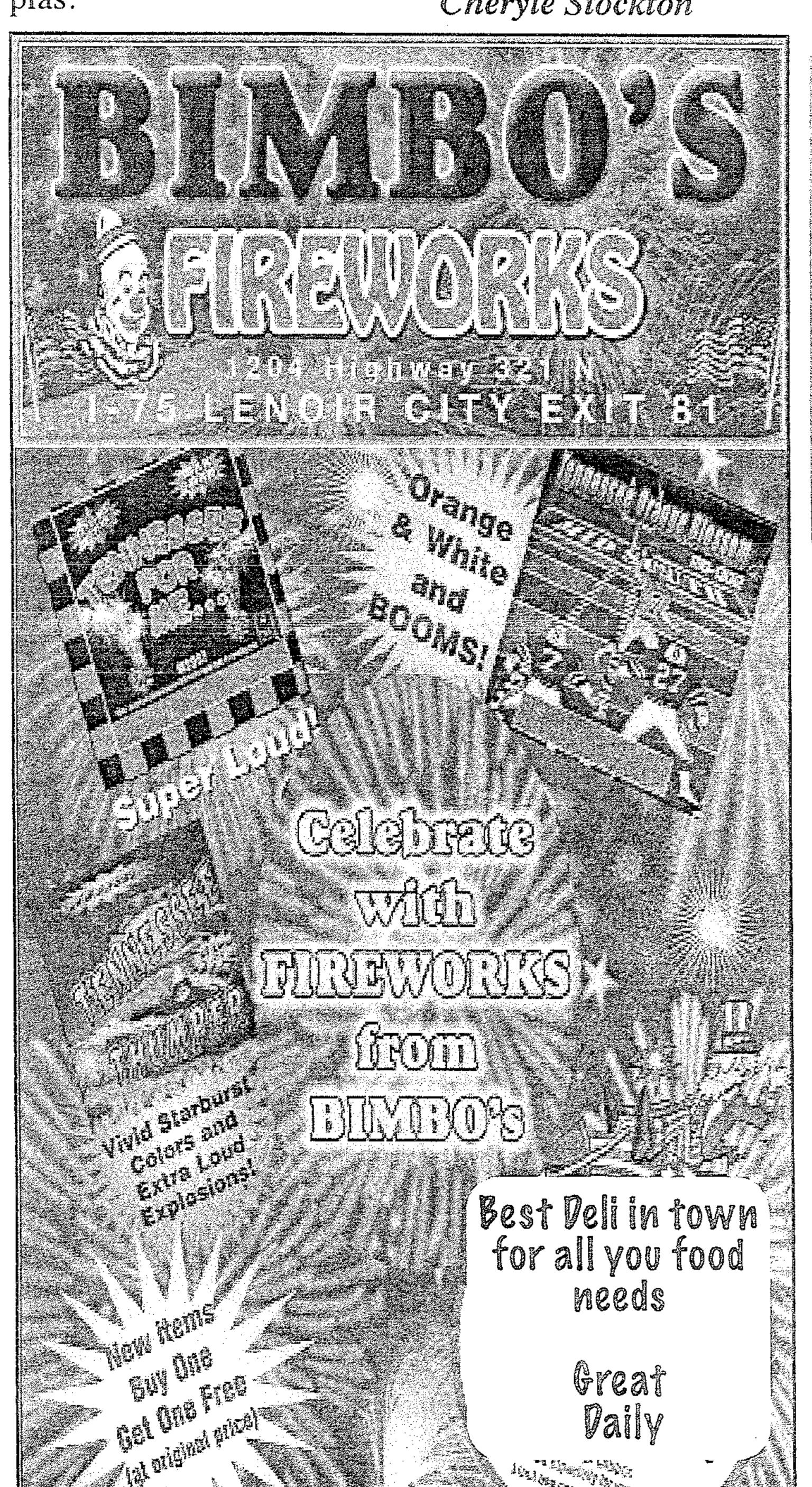
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Wednesday, June 19, 2019, 10:00 AM

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yard occurred. The vic- else who needs it. tim stated she went to the front door to Sextortion get some items and noticed it locked, and said she left it unlocked when they went to the pool. Victim could hear a female talking in the house and called have permission to be in the residence. Courtney Brown was placed under arrest, checked by EMS and released.

#### TGN

These verses are an invitation from the risen Jesus to all who thirst. What thirst do you need quenched today? Come, gulp down the water of life, and be satisfied. Jesus is risen!--Now what? Now--water of life.

Prayer: Dear Jesus, your resurrection assures us that there will always be water for our deepest

Burglary ctd from pg. 2 thirsts. May we drink in your presence today, swimming and offer a cup of rethe incident freshment to someone Amen.

The Finkbiner case is one in a long list of sextortion cases that have been investigated or prosecuted in the last two decades. FBI agents say more and more cases cross their desks each year involving young people who are manipulated, threatened, or coerced 911. Brown did not into creating explicit or pornographic content by an adult online.

> The perpetrators employ gaming platforms, social media, and dating and video chat applications to reach their young victims and use any number of ploys—from pretending to be a romantic interest, flattery and attention, offers of money or other items of value, or threats to coerce the child to produce an explicit image.

Once the perpetrator has a single image or video, they will use threats of exposure or other means of coercion to make the child produce more and more images and even more explicit material.

"The second the criminal gets a picture, that child's life is going to be turned upside down," said Special Agent Ryan Barrett,

who worked on Finkbiner's case from the FBI's Indianapolis Field Office. "These people are relentless. They don't care."

Finkbiner sent his victims doctored but believable screenshots of their videos on pornographic websites when they refused to comply with his next demand; he also sent lists of friends and family taken from the young people's social media accounts with threats to widely share their material. Seeing some of the messages Finkbiner sent his victims can help make clear how threatening and brutal these perpetrators can be:

"I wont get caught im a hacker i covered my tracks."

"If u don't play i promise ill f\*\*\* your life over."

Although in most sextortion cases there is no hands-on abuse, the offense is serious, the sen-

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licensed social worker and child/adolescent forensic interviewer and program manager with the FBI, says she sees a number of damaging effects from the crime among the victims she depression, hopelessness, fear, and trauma level we see with these kids is significant," said Connell

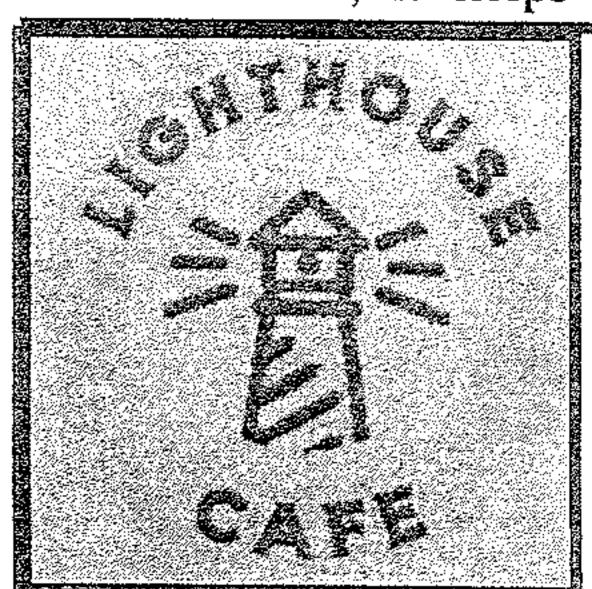
To understand how and why young people become victims, it helps

tences for offenders are to understand the mind of long (50 years in the a young person and the Finkbiner case), and the techniques used by the criminals.

First, this crime is happen-Catherine Connell, a ing where young people usually feel most comfortable—in their own homes, connected to a device or a game that feels familiar and safe. "It's important for both parents and children to realize that their guard is typically down works with, including when they're engaging anxiety, with their device," said Supervisory Special Agent suicidal thoughts. "The Brian Herrick, assistant chief of the FBI's Violent Crime Section.

> Second, young people are not adults. Connell stressed that however

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smart or mature a teen may seem, his or her brain is not fully formed. As they ride through what she calls a perfect storm of social, emotional, sexual, and cognitive development, they are making imperfect decisions. "Your teens are facing decisions with more emotion and less cognitive thinking and judgement," she said. "They are not thinking, 'If I do this, this is what may happen, this could be a consequence.'

Finally, young people are up against criminals who have spent a great deal of time and energy learning how to target them. In the Finkbiner case, he used a fake profile of an older teen girl to start a conversation with adolescent and teen boys. He would then stream sexual images he had captured of a female victim and encourage the boy to send pictures or go on a webcam.

In a Portland case involving a 50-year-old perpetrator named David Ernest Otto, he found girls on a photo-sharing site who were open to the flattery, interest, and attention of an older man. He then convinced them to start sending sexually explicit material. He received a 15-year sentence in April 2019 for victimizing six minors.

In another case, a California man who is still. awaiting trial threatened to kill, kidnap, and injure his victims to compel them to create content. His bomb threats to a teenage girl in Plainfield, Indiana, even caused police to shut down several schools and stores in 2015.

Herrick also says the FBI is seeing an increas-

start on connected gaming systems, where the competition is intense and the offer of game credits or codes is enough to convince a child to create an explicit image.

Whatever technique pushes the young person to produce the first image, fear, coercion, and manipulation keep the crime going. In addition to the threats and coercion of the criminal, young vicing number of cases tims often feel that they

have done something wrong and will be punished by parents or caregivers or prosecuted by law enforcement if their actions are discovered.

Connell also stresses that as silly as it may seem to adults, the fear of being discovered and losing access to the technology that feels like a vital part of their lives is a serious concern. "The number one thing is they feel like they're going to tell mom and dad and their technology will be taken away and they're going to get in trouble," said Connell. She also stressed that when the child knows there is photo and video evidence of their abuse, it makes it even harder to talk about.

The FBI agents and forensic interviewers who deal with this crime shared that if a child admits that they are experiencing this type of coercion, parents, educators, and caregivers should move first to help the child and try hard to

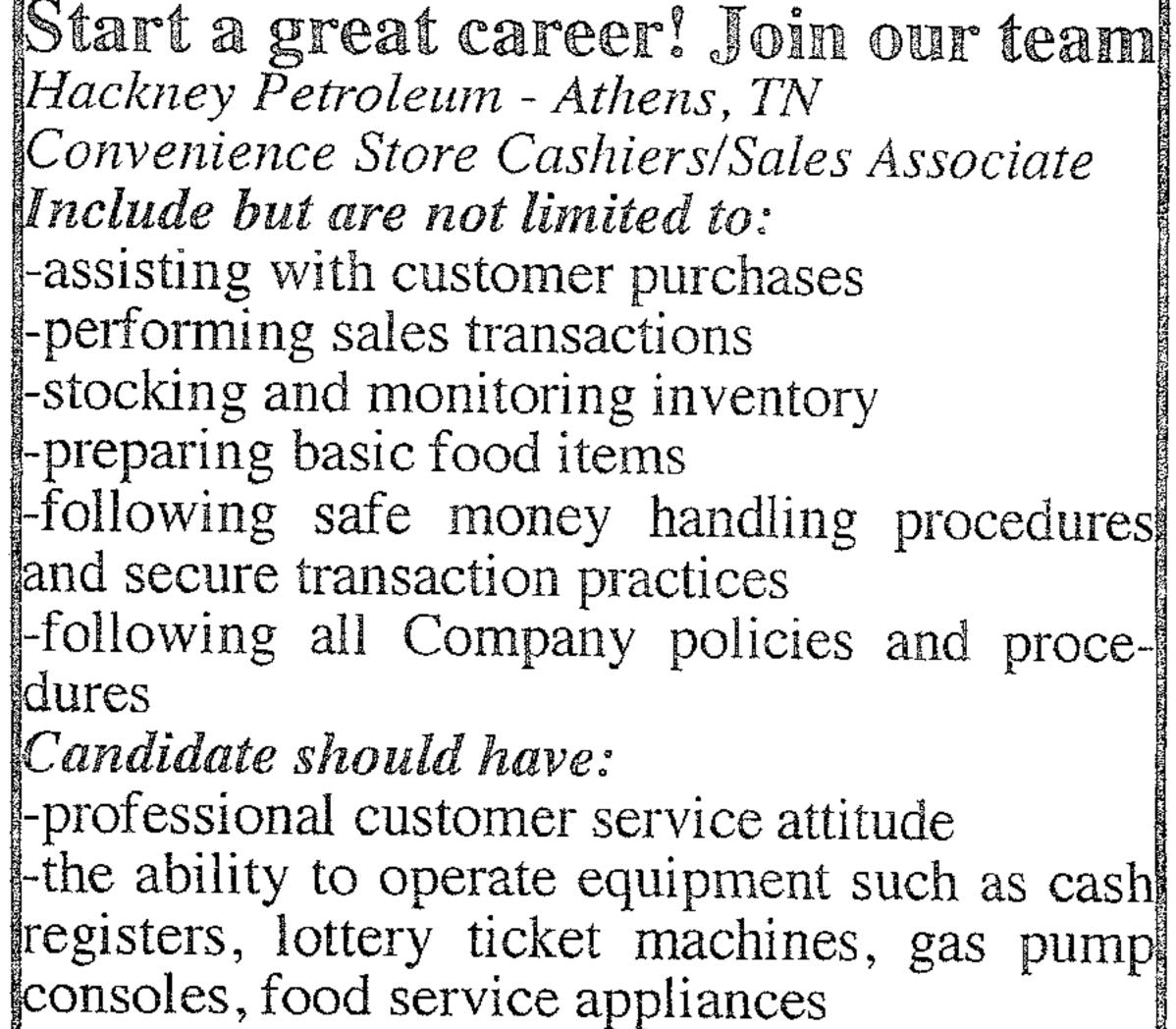
sire to punish.

"Your child's bravest moment may moment they tell," said Special Agent Damon Bateson, who worked on the Otto case and is dealing with other sextortion investigations in the FBI's Portland Field Office. "You want to be your kid's best advocate," Bateson stressed. "Have those conversations so that if something does happen, your child comes to you for help. The last thing you want is someone from the FBI knocking on your door because your child has been victimized in a crime."

"It's important from the youngest age, when your child first starts using the Internet, that you have those open dialogue conversations about what's appropriate," said Herrick.

Parents and caregivers should make decisions for their family about

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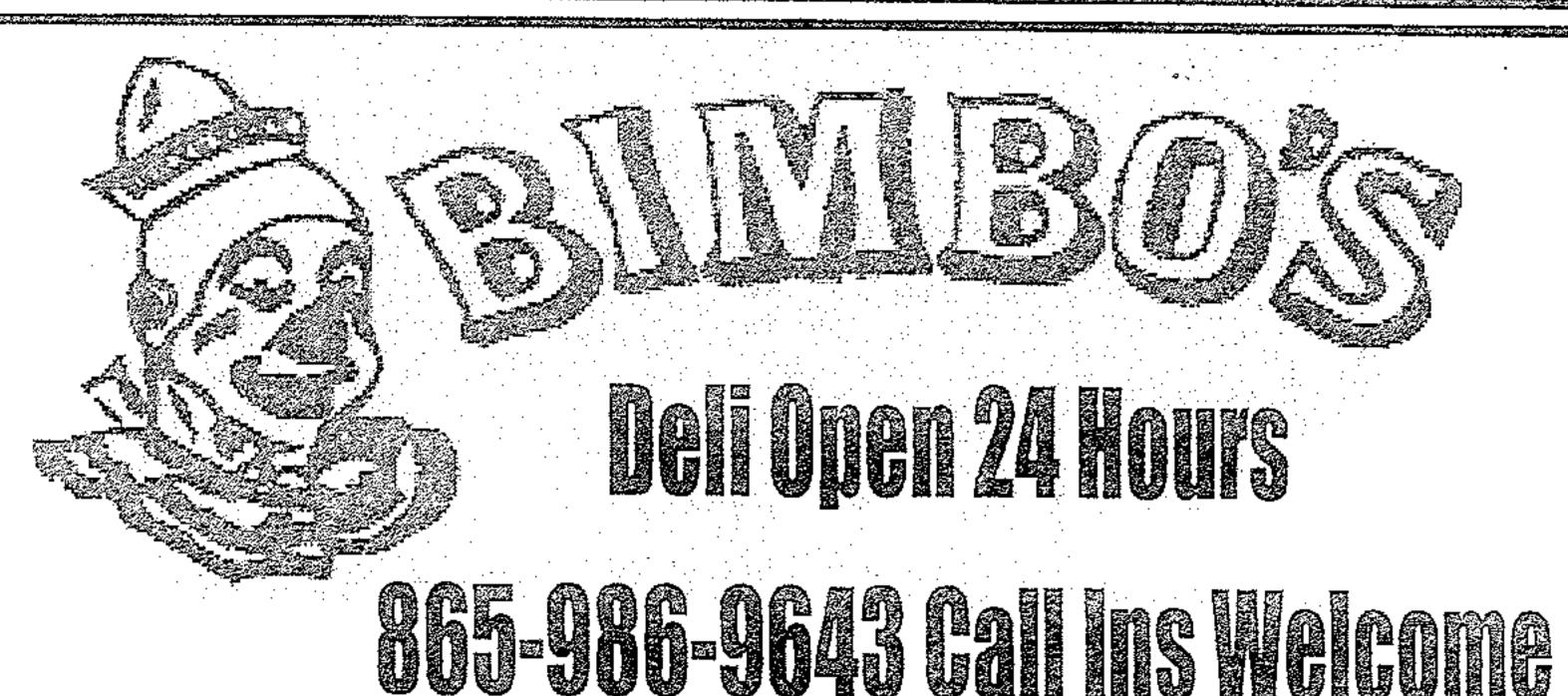


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screen-time rules and limits. Connell does feel regular spot checks and conversations about who your child is conversing with and what applications they are using can be important, but the nature of these ever smaller, ever more powerful, and ever present devices mean children will have many unguarded and unsupervised moments online.

Barrett said that after dealing with many of these cases, he feels the most important messages to young people are simple ones:

Many people online are not who they say they are.

Don't talk to people you don't know online.

Understand any content produced on a web-enabled device can be made public.

If you are being threatened or coerced online, tell someone. There is help and there is hope. To report suspected sextortion, call the nearest FBI field office or 1-800-CALL-FBI (225-5324). To make a Cyber-Tipline Report with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), visit report. cybertip.org.

#### Obituaries

Dr. William R. Griffith, age 88 of Loudon, formerly of Washington, NJ, passed away early Potentate of Crescent on June 4, 2019. Dr.

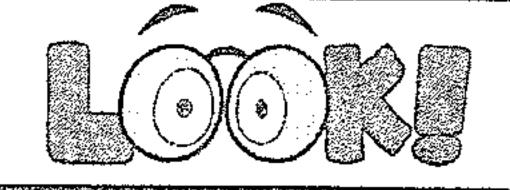
Griffith was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lenoir City. He attended Penn State University and was a graduate of Temple University Dental School in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Griffith enjoyed a successful career in the practice of dentistry in Washington, NJ. He was a Cadre Instructor at the L. D. Pankey Institute in Florida for approximately 20 years. Dr. Griffith was a 33rd Degree Mason and a member of Mansfield Lodge #136 in Washington, NJ. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite and past Shrine Temple, both

in Trenton, NJ. Dr. Griffith was a member and past President of the Civitan Club in Lenoir City. Big game hunting and gardening were his hobbies, along with traveling to every continent.

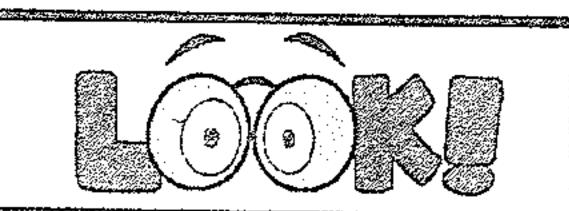
He was preceded in death by his parents, Beatrice Arthur and Griffith and brother, Arthur Griffith. Survived by his devoted Pastor Kristy Banes wife of 66 years, Jean Yoder Griffith; sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Brian Griffith and Tracy Griffith, Dr. Mark Griffith and Holly Griffith, Dr. Drew Griffith, and Dr. Todd Griffith and Gail Griffith; grandchil-

dren: Michael, Caitlin, David, Ryan, Adam, Leanne, Ashley, Brett, Blake, and Colton; 6 great-grandchildren; brother, Donald Griffith; several nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 6 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Lenoir City with officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Crippled Children or Trinity United Methodist Church. Click Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



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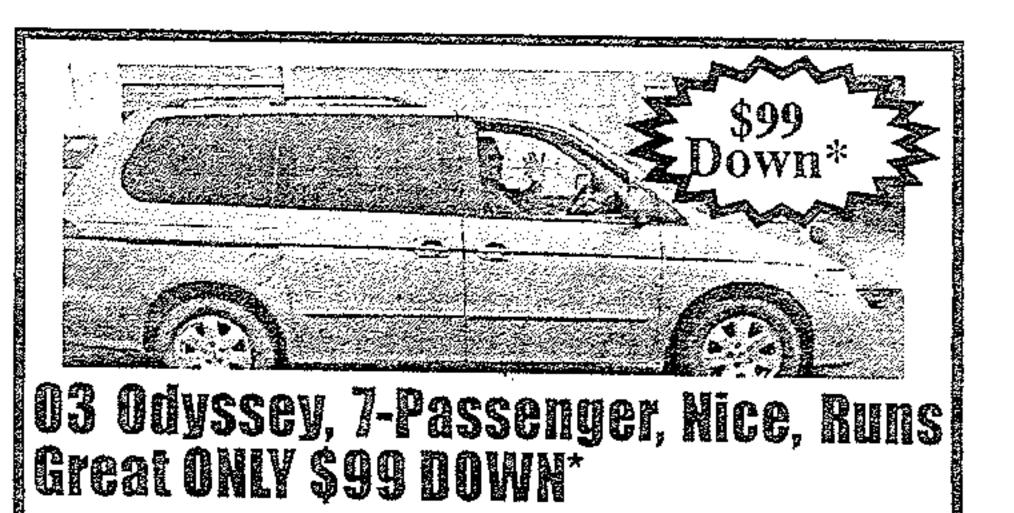
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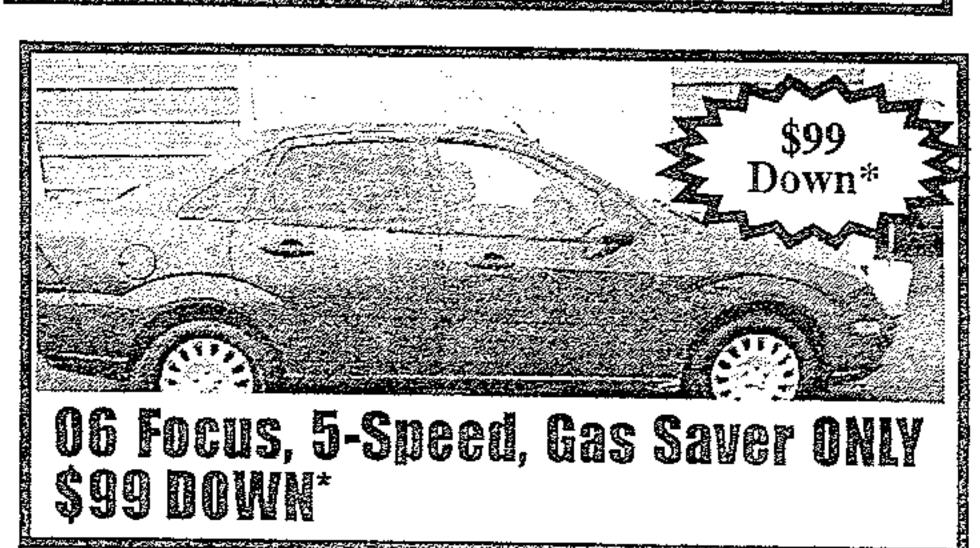
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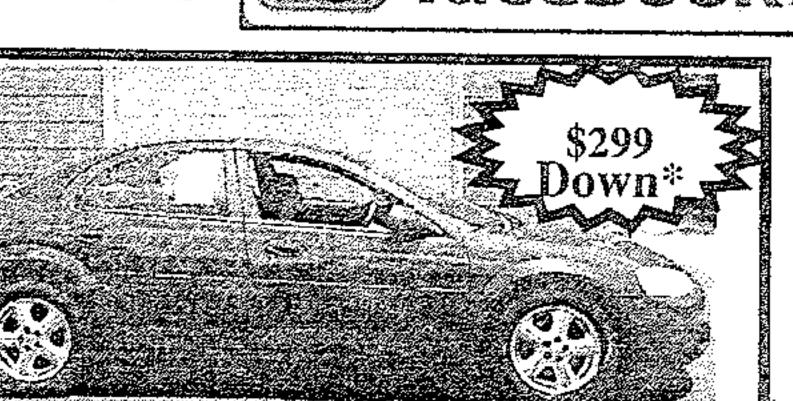
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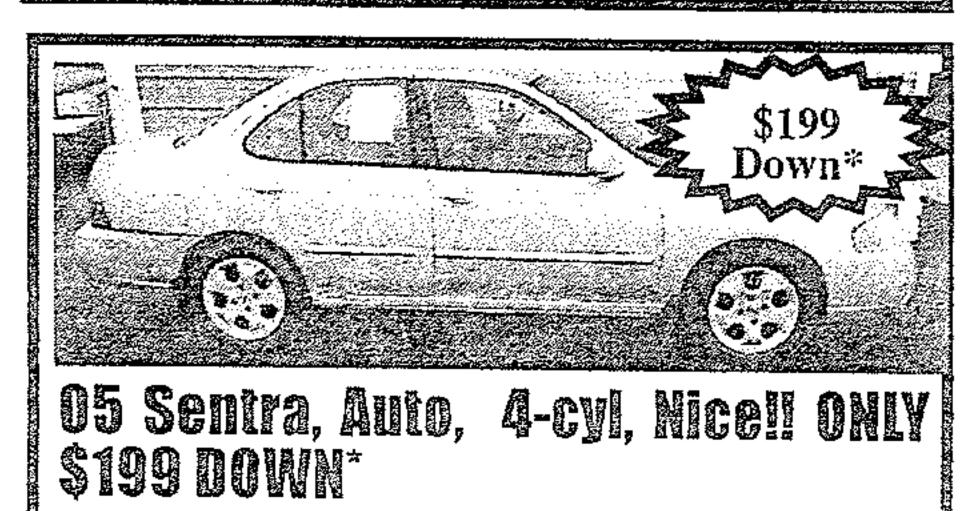








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