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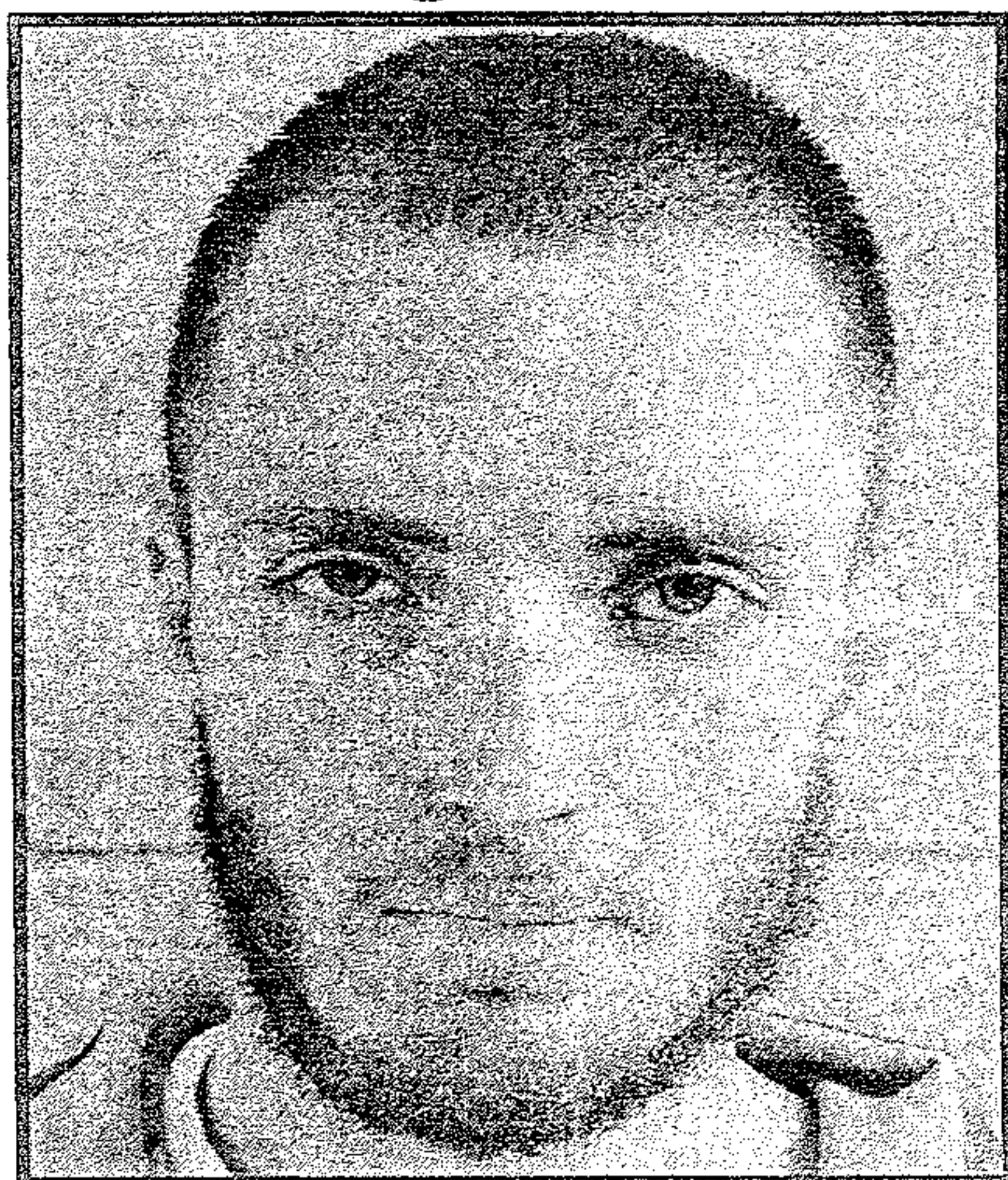
Monday, July 1, 2019

## Illegal turn leads to hundreds of syringes and DUI charge



Alexis Kerr

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Tanner Wilkerson

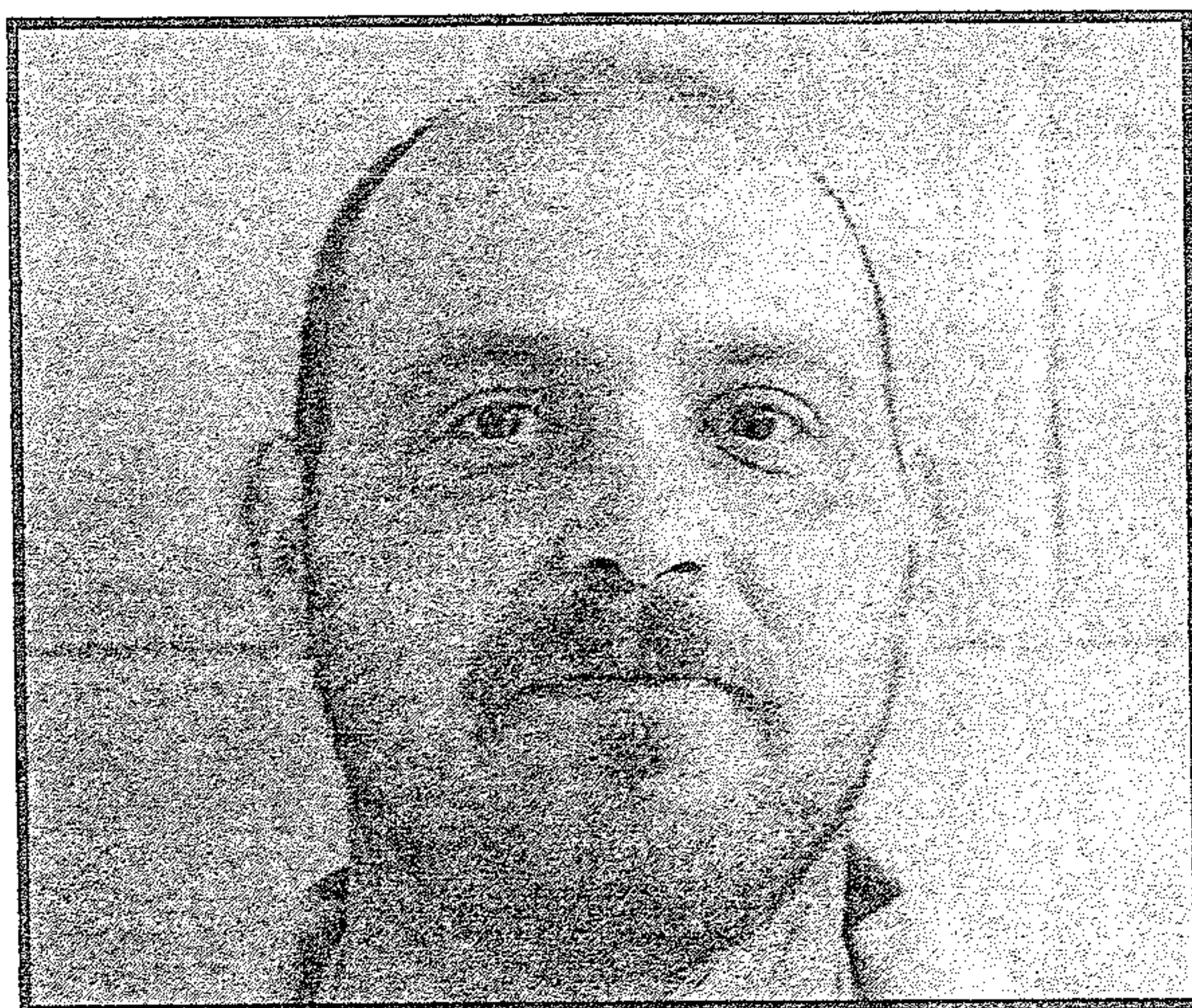
## Man charged with pills after call in for erratic driving



Tyler Lieu

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## Grabbing victim by the throat lands man in jail for Aggravated Assault



Thomas Ward

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## The Good News

The Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter  
Scripture: Luke 9:51-62

How many balls do you have in the air right now? You might be taking care of kids, trying to stay ahead of the weeds in your garden, packing for vacation, drowning in projects at work, planning for the fall--the list goes on. Even in the slower days of summer, there can be a lot to keep track of. There's something to be said for getting busy, but the reality is, sometimes being busy gets

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## Former Chattanooga Central High School Football Coach Indicted For Theft

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has resulted in the indictment of Cortney Braswell, the former head football coach at Central High School in Chattanooga. Braswell is currently a quality control assistant for the University

of Louisville football team. Comptroller investigators determined that Braswell pocketed at least \$2,480 in payments he received from two semi-pro football teams that had paid to use the high school's football field for their home games.

See Theft P.4



### Verse of the Day

Who can proclaim the mighty acts of the LORD or fully declare his praise?  
—Psalm 106:2

### Wazzup

It's official today NO CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING! You will get stopped and you will get a ticket! Don't be on your phone!

### Weather

Today: Sunny and hot. High of 93F.  
Tonight: Clear. Low of 69F  
Tuesday: Storms. High of 93F  
Saturday night: Rain. Low of 72F.

### Horoscopes

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Nothing proves restorative to your soul quite like quality time with your tribe of friends and family. You might not even realize that

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## DUI +

Alexis Kerr, 22, Old Kingston Road Loudon, was charged with General Session Capias, Assisting other Agency, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Child Endangerment.

Tanner Wilkerson, 26, Old Midway Road Lenoir

City, was charged with DUI, Poss. of Drug Para, and Driving on Roadways laned for Traffic.

Deputy C. Rogers LCSO, observed a black vehicle swerve across the center line while traveling on Hwy 321. The vehicle then made an illegal turn

while turning onto Town Creek Road E by traveling all the way into oncoming lane. Deputy then traffic stopped the vehicle in the area of Shaw Ferry Road, the vehicle con-

tinued passing a church parking lot and stopped on Town Creek Road E. Deputy made contact with the driver Tanner Wilkerson and 3 passengers

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DUI + ctd from pg. 2

Alexis Kerr, a male and a juvenile. When ask Tanner said he was swerving because he was on the phone. Tanner did consent to a vehicle search, that produced hundreds of syringes and several small baggies in Tanner possession. While speaking with Kerr Deputy Rodriguez did recover a small baggie with crystal meth

weighing 0.5 grams Kerr retrieved from her waist band. Deputy located several cut straws with white residue and a broken glass pipe in Kerr's possession. Dispatch confirmed Kerr to have a warrant out of Loudon and Knox. County. Kerr was placed under arrest. Tanner was given Sobriety test and performed poorly. Both were transported to the Loudon County Jail.

## Pills

Tyler Lieu, 43, 8th Avenue San Francisco, was charged with Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para. Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to a reckless driver exiting I-75 south bound at the 81 exit. The complainant advised the vehicle was driving erratic and unable to maintain its lane of travel. The complainant advised dispatch it was a white Chevy bearing Ohio Tags. Once in the area Officer located the vehicle at Bimbo's Gas Station. Officer made contact with the defendant identified as Tyler Lieu standing outside the vehicle. Lieu gave Officer permission to search the vehicle. Officer Lee and Officer Runyan locate located 25 blue pills identified as Oxycodone 30 mg. Lieu did not have a prescription for the medication. Officer also located 2 cut straws with white powdery residue believed to aid Lieu in ingesting narcotics. Tyler Lieu was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

## Wreck leads to charges

Christopher Brady, 32, Lynn Road Philadelphia, was charged with Driving on Revoked /Suspended License, Financial Responsibility Law, and Failure to Appear.

According to the report,

Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, was traveling south on Stockton Valley Road when he observed a red vehicle sitting on the side of the roadway. Upon stopping Deputy observed that the vehicle had been involved in a wreck versus barb wire fence and the drive was not in the vehicle. A male pulled up and advised Deputy that the vehicle belonged to his daughter and that Christopher Brady was the driver at the time of the crash. Deputy traveled to Lynn Road where he located Mr. Brady and transported him back to the scene. Upon checking Brady through dispatch he was advised Brady had a suspended license and an active warrant out of Loudon County. Brady also advised he did not have insurance. Christopher Brady was placed under arrest and transported to the Loudon County Jail.



Christopher Brady

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## Theft

The money should have been turned over to the school.

The investigation revealed that Braswell was paid a total of at least \$1,480 by a women's semi-pro team in 2016 and 2017. He was paid \$1,000 by a men's semi-pro team in 2017.

Hamilton County Department of Education policy requires groups seeking to use school facilities to complete a use form and have it approved by the principal and the Office of Risk Management. The form also requires applicants to submit proof of general liability insurance. Neither team submitted this information to the high school in 2017; instead, they stated there was a verbal agreement with Braswell regarding the use of the football field and rental payments. This created a liability risk for Central High School and Hamilton County Schools.

Investigators made numerous attempts to meet with Braswell. The coach initially

spoke with investigators by telephone; however, the coach stopped returning investigators' calls.

In May 2019, Cortney Braswell was indicted by the Hamilton County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000.

To view the investigative report, go to: <https://comptroller.tn.gov/office-functions/investigations/find.html>

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### KENNETH FRANCIS LEE SENTENCED TO 36 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR TAX EVASION

Kenneth Francis Lee, 48, of Sevierville, Tennessee, was sentenced by the Honorable Thomas A. Varlan, U.S. District Judge, to serve 36 months in federal prison for tax evasion and willful failure to file tax returns. Upon his release from prison,

Lee will be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 3 years. Lee was also ordered to pay \$372,531 to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in restitution.

Lee waived indictment by a federal grand jury and pled guilty to a bill of information on January 31, 2019. Lee admitted that he disguised income from his businesses, TND SYS, LLC and Tennessee Data Systems, in order to evade the payment of tax debts that he owed to the IRS. Lee further admitted that he willfully failed to file personal income tax returns in 2014, 2015, and 2016.

This investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS. Assistant U.S. Attorney Bart Slabbekorn represented the United States in court proceedings.

## Fourth of July Holiday Safety Tips

By Jackie Cohen

It's never too early to contemplate safety measures for your Fourth of July celebration. Doing so will ensure that you and your loved ones have a great time on Independence Day. Besides, there's nothing patriotic about suffering injuries and having to go to the emergency room when everyone else is celebrating.

### Important Fourth of July Safety Tips

First and foremost, obey local laws. If fireworks are illegal where you live, don't use them. Even if they are legal in your area, keep fireworks out of the hands of minors, including unlit fireworks. Take children to public firework displays and seize the opportunity to discuss safety issues beforehand.

If you live somewhere that allows individuals to use fireworks, proceed with caution and use common sense. The National Safety Council offers a number of safety precautions, but here's some common sense advice.

Follow the directions on all fireworks and don't use them for anything other than what they're intended for.

Don't attempt to alter or combine fireworks products.

Never use homemade fireworks.

Report illegal explosives to the nearest fire or police department.

When lighting fireworks, always have water handy. A hose is best, but a bucket will suffice.

Spectators should remain a safe distance from the fireworks being lit.

Whoever lights the fireworks must be sober,

see Fireworks pg. 5

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wear safety glasses, and keep clothing well away from the flame when lighting.

Only light fireworks outdoors on a smooth, flat surface, away from all flammable materials including dry leaves and paper.

Never try to relight fireworks that appear to be duds. Wait up to 20 minutes for a possible delayed ignition. Then if nothing happens, soak the firework in a bucket of water and dispose of it.

Dispose of all firework materials by soaking them in water before putting them in the trash.

Keep sparklers away

from clothing and other flammable materials.

#### Pet Precautions

Most animals are frightened by fireworks. Pets that feel scared may react by running away from home, defecating indoors, or otherwise destroying property. Protect your pets on the fourth of July by taking some basic precautions.

Don't take your pets to fireworks displays.

Don't leave your pets in a car by themselves. Don't leave your pets unattended outside.

During public fireworks displays, keep your pets in a safe

place indoors where they won't be able to destroy anything.

If your home isn't soundproof, leave the television or radio on so your pets won't hear the fireworks.

Consult your veterinarian ahead of the holiday if your pets have a tendency to overreact to loud noises.

#### Additional Safety Precautions to Keep in Mind

Fireworks are usually the first thing most people think of when it comes to the Fourth of July, but there are other aspects to the holiday that merit precautions. Most summer season safety measures are worth bearing in mind on Independence Day.

Depending on which specific activities comprise your festivities, the following are possible concerns.

During daylight hours, you'll want to protect yourself from excess exposure to the sun. Wear sunscreen and a hat.

Heatstroke and dehydration are other daylight concerns to keep in mind. Be sure to drink plenty of water and seek out shady areas if you feel overheated.

If you host or attend a barbecue, beware of possible fire hazards and outdoor food spoilage. Depending on your location, you may need to wear insect repellent and be alert for bees or wasps.

Use good judgment

when going swimming or boating. Be alert to water conditions, such as water depth and ocean currents. Make sure novice swimmers use flotation devices and children have chaperones.

Wear protective gear for bicycling and other sports.

#### Have a Blast

A single article about Fourth of July holiday safety tips can only scratch the surface. To learn more, visit the Consumer Products Safety Commission and the resources published by the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Becoming knowledgeable about safety measures will help make the holiday more fun for everyone involved.

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to us. Then the to-do list seems unending and the interruptions in your life feel less like ministry and more like madness.

Jesus' words in Luke make it clear that truly following Jesus takes determination, commitment, focus. If you're feeling pulled in a million directions, stop and ask yourself: What does God really need me to do right now? The answer might surprise you--and it might help you decide what you can let go of.

Prayer: Jesus, when I am distracted, scattered, and harried, gently fill my lungs with breath and my heart with peace so I can focus on what you need me to do. Amen.

# Aggravated

Thomas Ward, 36, Hwy 70 W Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Deputy Rogers LCSO, was dispatched to a 911 hang up call at Hwy 70 West. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with the victim who advised her boyfriend Thomas Ward had assaulted her by grabbing her by the throat. Victim stated they were in a verbal argument about her drinking habits and it lead to Ward grabbing her by the throat and then storming out of the house. Upon Deputy arrival Ward had

already left the scene, however Deputy Aikens made contact with Ward at Bimbo's and detained him. While gathering information about the incident victim stated she only wanted to give video statement and not write anything on paper. Victim did have red marks on her neck and blood on her collar where she had cut her finger trying to stop him. Deputy went to Bimbo's and met with Ward where he stated that the argument was concerning victim drinking that she started the argument by keeping him up. Thomas Ward was placed under arrest.



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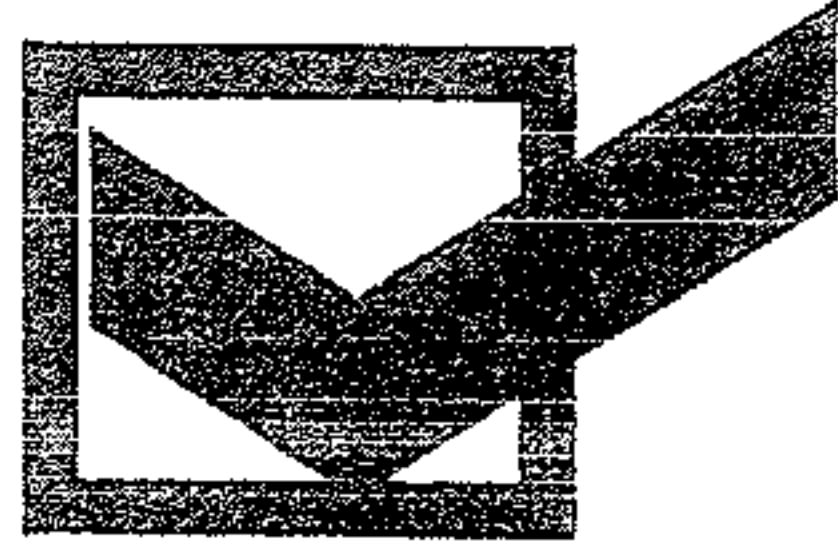
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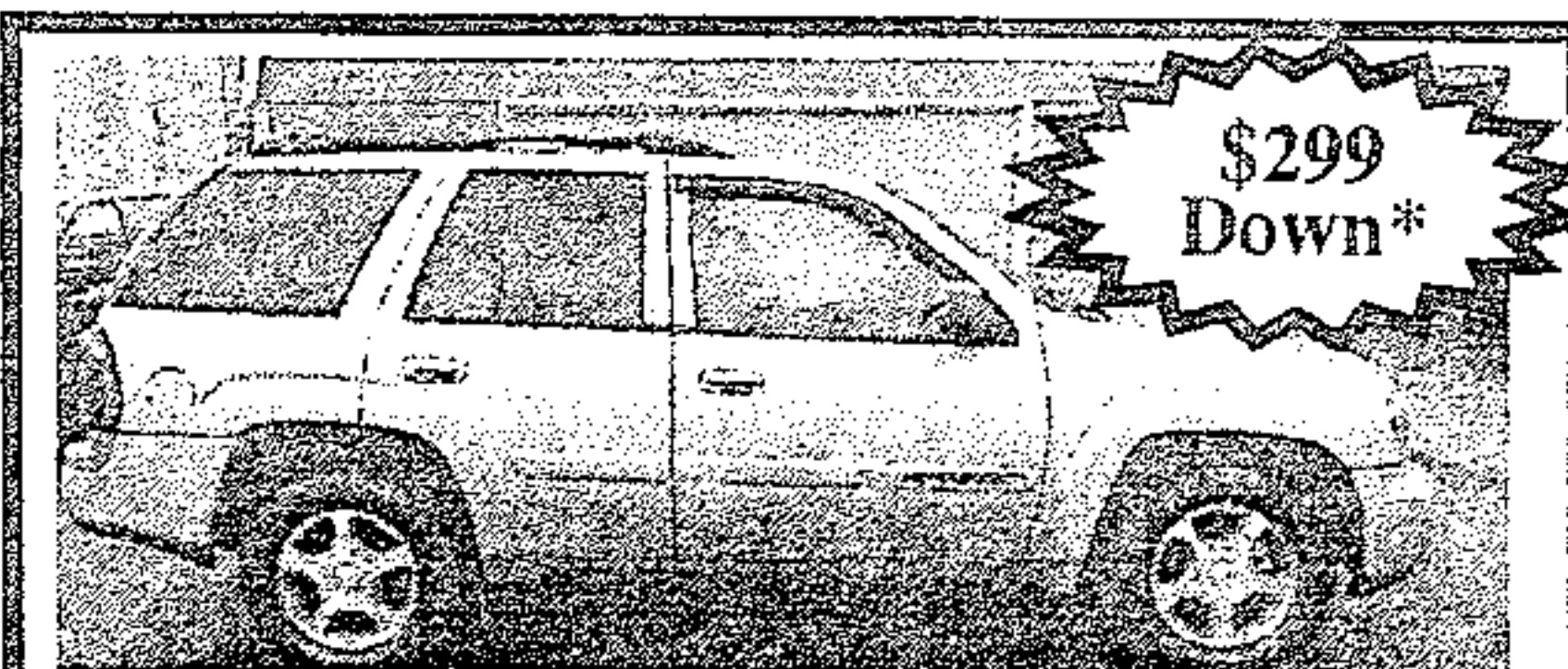
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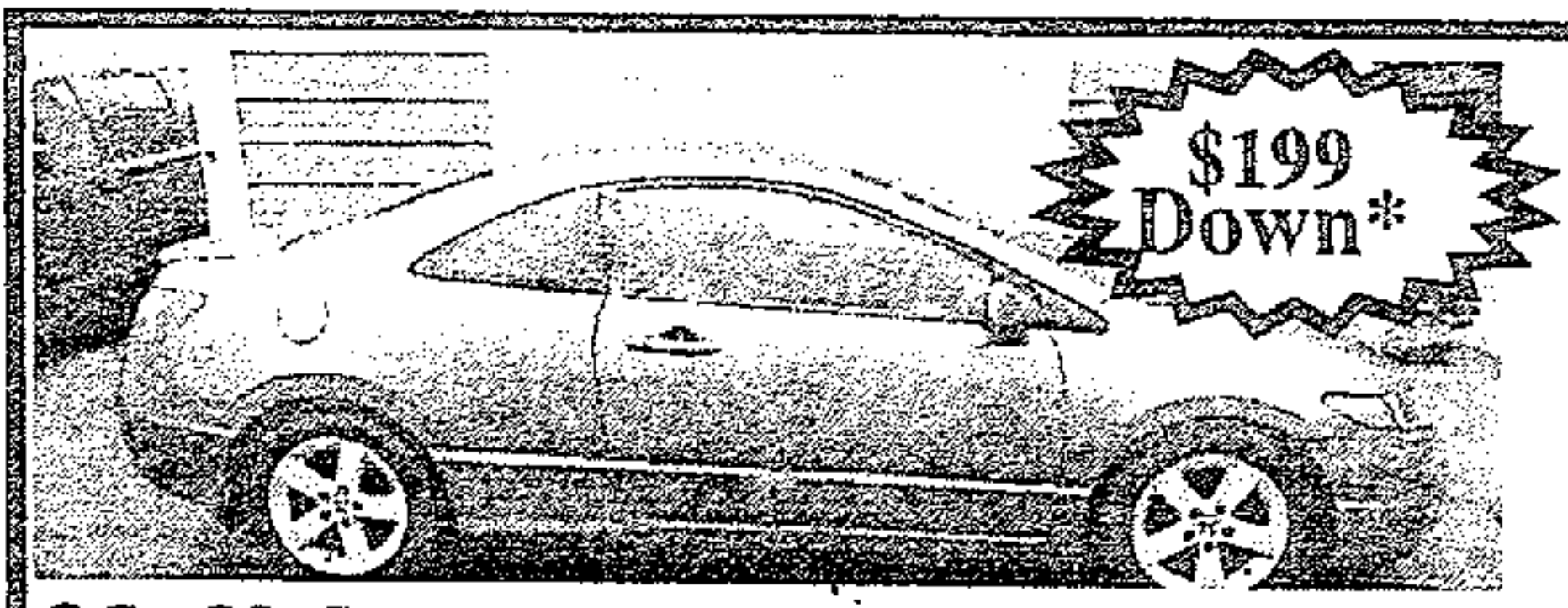
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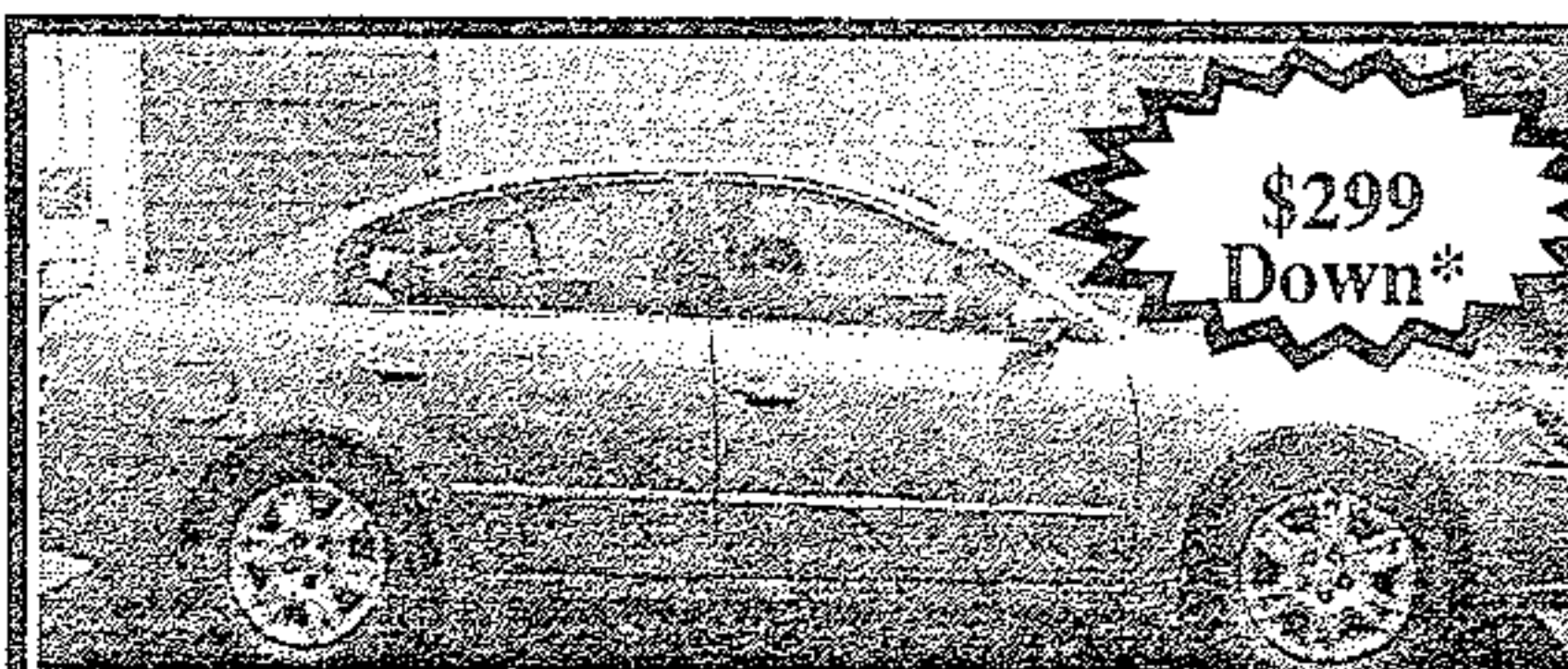
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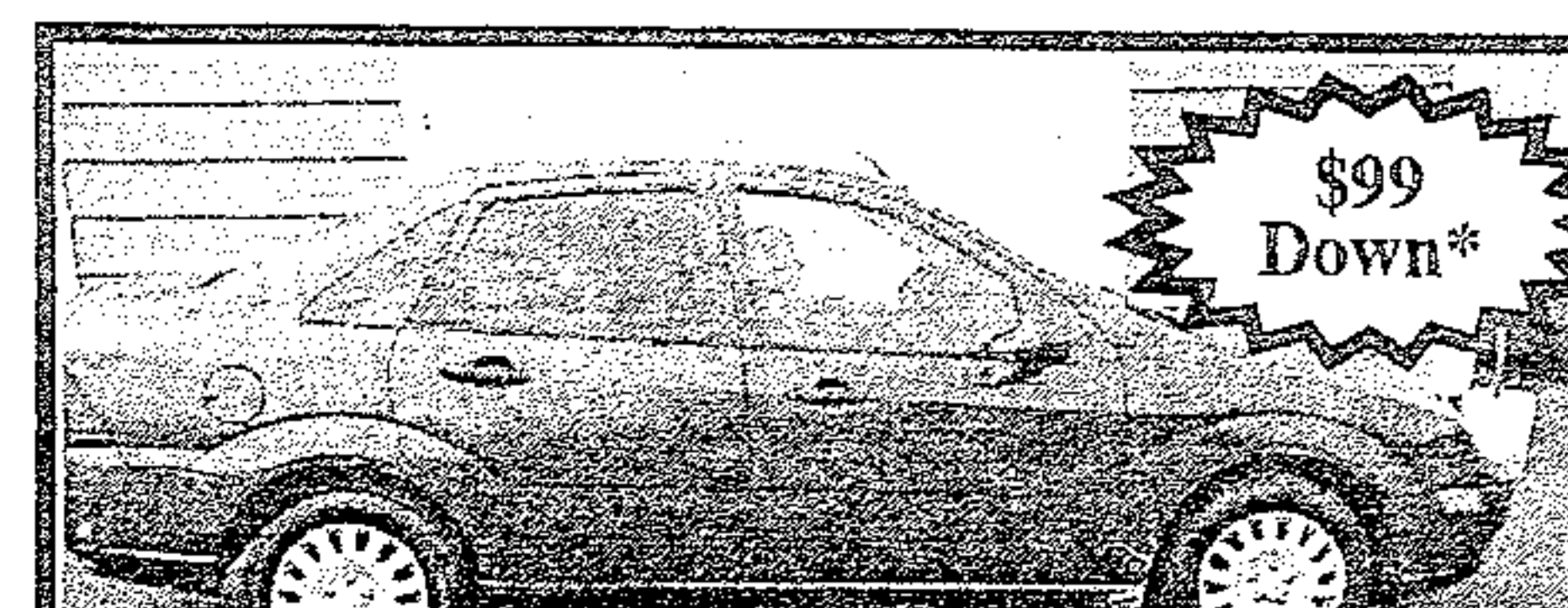
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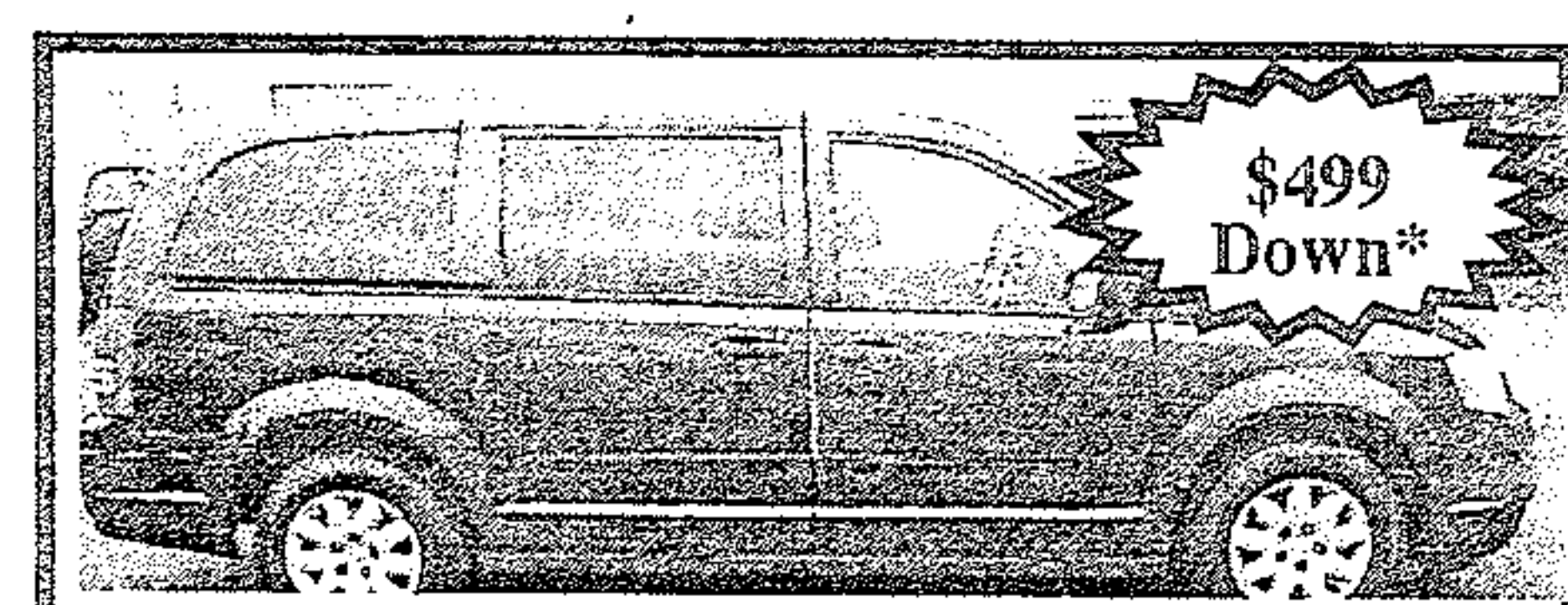
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