

# Daily Edition

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## The Good News

by Jeff Vittatoe

### Jesus is STILL the answer !!!!



For weeks now I have been thinking about the Easter edition of The Good News. I am excited that God has given me the chance to share an Easter "Message" with all of you who read this publication either in The Daily Edition in Loudon County, The Daily News Express in Roane County, The Roane Reader in Roane, Morgan, Rhea and Meigs County or on The Good News web page. (and of course Facebook)

Just to add to the excitement (and fear) of such an awesome responsibility, one of my best friends (or is he) chose this past week to remind me of just how many folks will read these very words. I have no doubt that at least one reader today will be lost, hurting, struggling, lonely and in need of some news that can change their circumstances, change their way of thinking, and change every aspect of their life. If you are that person today.... These words are for you!

Numerous times each year, as a narcotics investigator, I talk with folks who are battling with serious addictions. Most of the time it is an addiction to pain

medication but occasionally it's meth, crack or something else. Regardless of the substance, the outcome and circumstance is always the same. They have lost their jobs, they have lost their homes and in most cases they have lost their children. Many have stolen from family and friends to satisfy their addiction, therefore critically damaging relationships with the people who so desperately wanted to help them repair their broken lives. Sound familiar? Are you thinking, "Man, that's me?" Good, keep reading.

As I see drug offenders on the street, several have said to me while wearing handcuffs, "Hey Vittatoe, I know I'm going to jail but I just want you to know that I read your article every week and really enjoy it." While the article really belongs to God and not me, this tells me that folks who need Jesus are hearing the gospel. When people who are really struggling, respectfully tell me that they enjoy reading the article WHILE GOING TO JAIL, I know that God is speaking

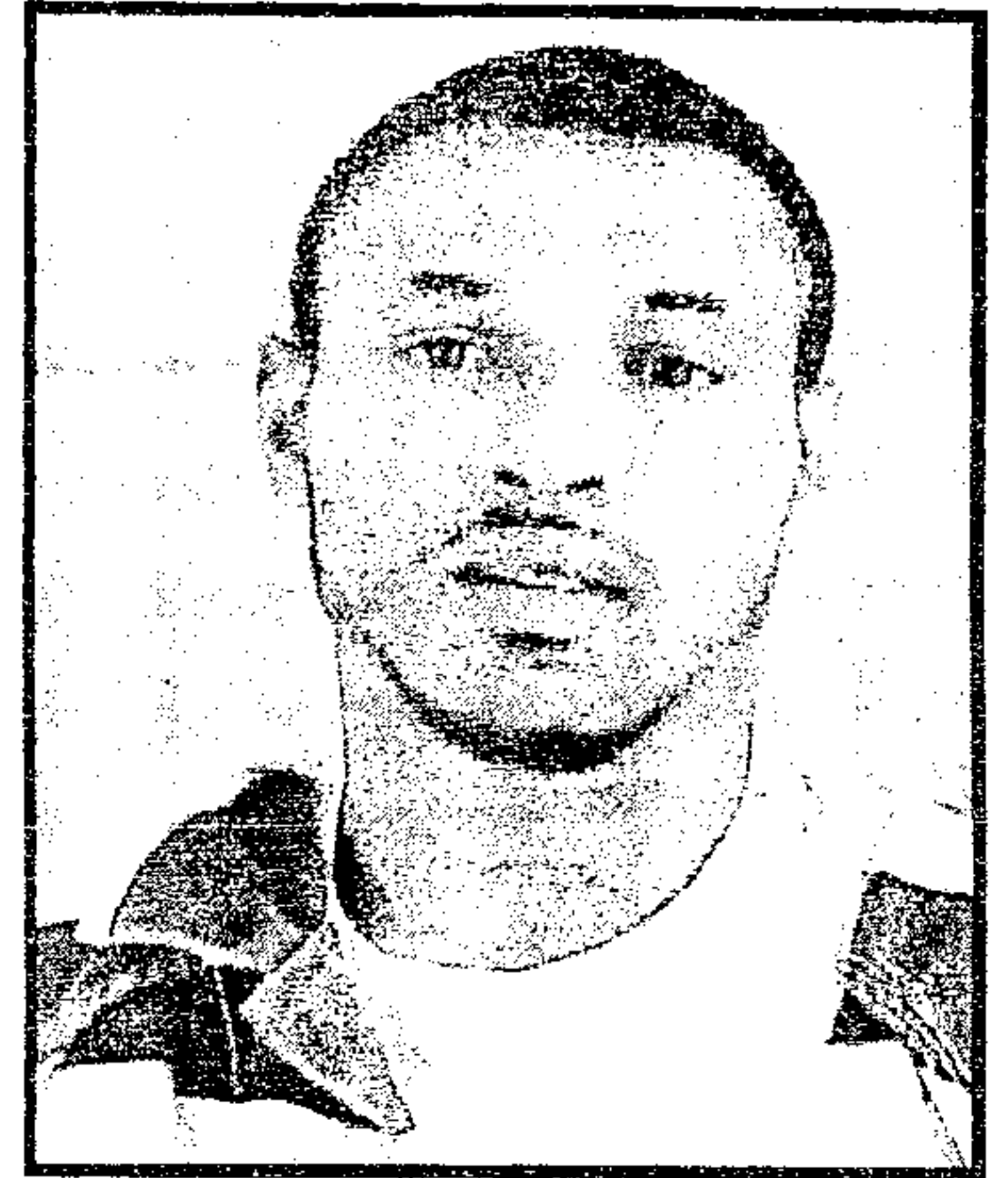
(see TGN pg. 3)

## Man charged after threats to witnesses

Calvin Shawma Roberts, 30, Spring Street, Philadelphia, was charged with coercion of a witness x 2.

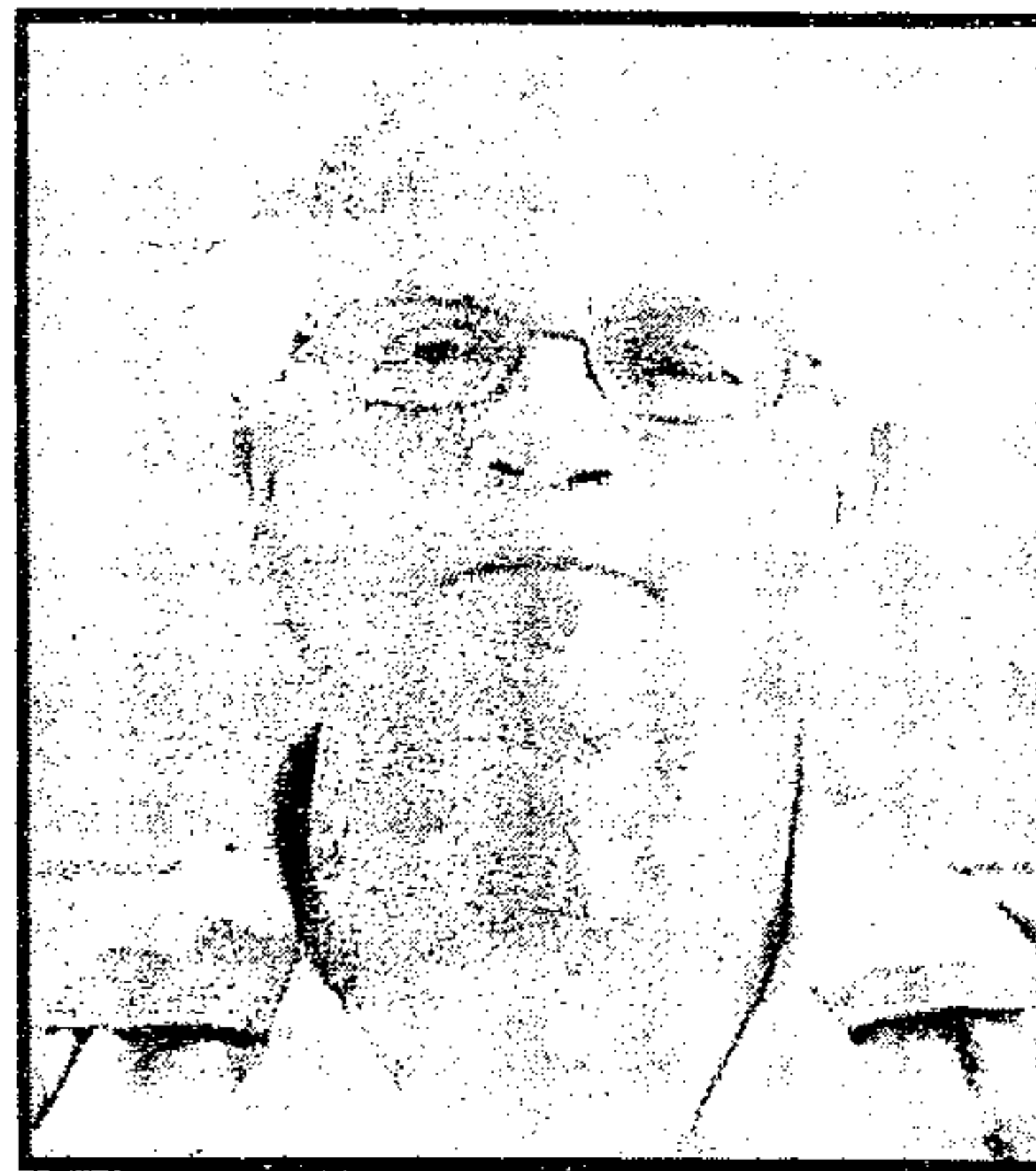
According to records, Deputy Rondel M. Branam, LCSO, responded to Nelson Street in Philadelphia, Monday, around 8:37 pm, on a person allegedly threatening people in the area. Calvin S. Roberts stated he did not threaten anyone, he simply went to Nelson Street, to speak with a man, to ask if he wrote a statement against him on a

(see Coercion pg. 4)



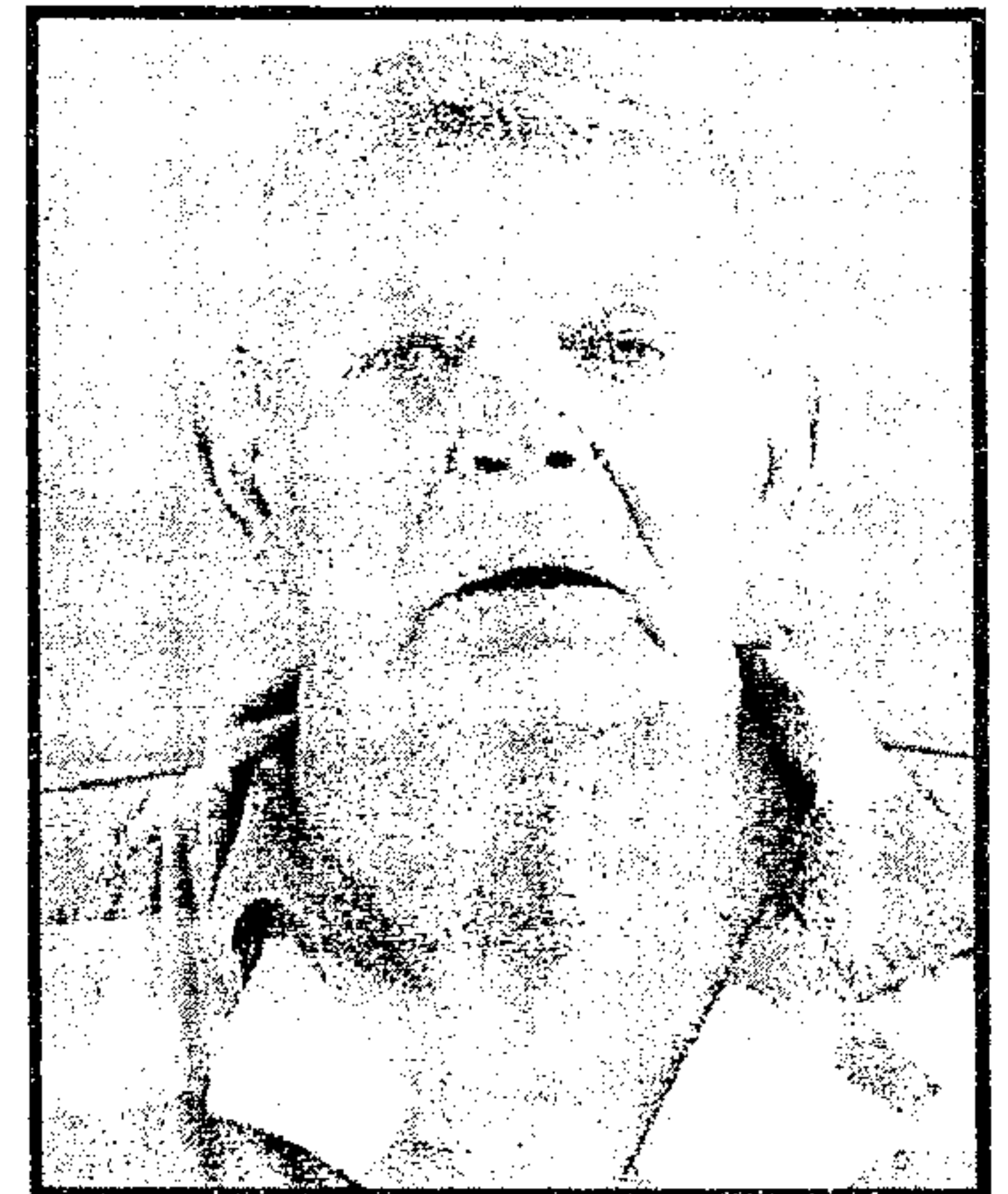
Calvin Shawma Roberts

## Duo charged in theft of LCPD seized vehicle



Jimmy Allen Miller

(see Duo charged pg. 3)



William Ray Johnson

### Verse of the Day

*Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father."*

— Galatians 4:6

### Obituaries

None reported

### Wazzup

How bout all the stuff being open on Good Friday, thought the government always took off for Easter but guess not.

Be sure to drive safely returning from your destinations and don't speed cause the law enforcement is well represent-

ed this weekend everywhere.

### Weather

Today: Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 60s.

Tonight: Clear and cool with lows in the mid 40s.

Tuesday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 40s.

### Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Try to put aside your own needs for one day -- you can do much more good if you externalize all this energy! Consider it an investment or something even bigger, and you should do just fine.

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**Duo charged**

Jimmy Allen Miller, 70, Perch Road, Monocks Corner, SC, was charged with theft over \$1000 and criminal trespassing.

William R. Johnson, 65, Jedi Street, North Charleston, SC, was

charged with theft over \$1000.

According to records, Deputy Chris Bowen, LCSO, was dispatched to 11776 Highway 70 East Tuesday, around 2:32 pm, to the report of someone on the lot attempting to take a vehicle. The complainant, Mr. Robert Money-maker, stated William R. Johnson, driving a white Chevy Tahoe,

was circling the area. He stopped at Automotive Solutions and let his passenger, Jimmy A. Miller, out of the vehicle. He walked across the road and into the lot of Moneymaker's Wrecker Service. Miller then entered a 2000 Toyota Camry with a key he had in his possession. He took the car and exited the lot over the curb and avoided

going through the front gate and office area. They did not go through the office prior to taking the vehicle. The Toyota Camry was in the care and possession of Moneymaker's business, from a tow by Lenoir City Police Department. The driver then took the vehicle back across the street and met William Johnson at which time they were confronted by Mr. Moneymaker and other employees. A call was placed to the Loudon County Communications Center and law enforcement was dispatched. The Chevy Tahoe, driven to the area and used during the commission of this crime was seized. Deputy Bowen made the arrests. Deputy Bobby Hamilton, LCSO, was also on the scene.

**Police beat**

Richelle Suzanne Whisnant, 30, Hickory Creek Road, Lenoir City was charged Wednesday, with violation of community corrections.

Deputy Olwin Norman, LCSO made the arrest at the jail where she was served with two failure to appear warrants issued in Lenoir City Municipal Court by Officer Jeremy Dishner, LCPD.

Matthew Lafayette Faulkner, 30, Big Sandy Road, Philadelphia was charged with violation of probation.

Deputy Pamela Snow, LCSO served the warrant and made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Jerry Allen Ricker, 37, Bell Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with an active warrant from Loudon County for a worthless check. Officer B. Burley, LCPD made the arrest on Bell Avenue.

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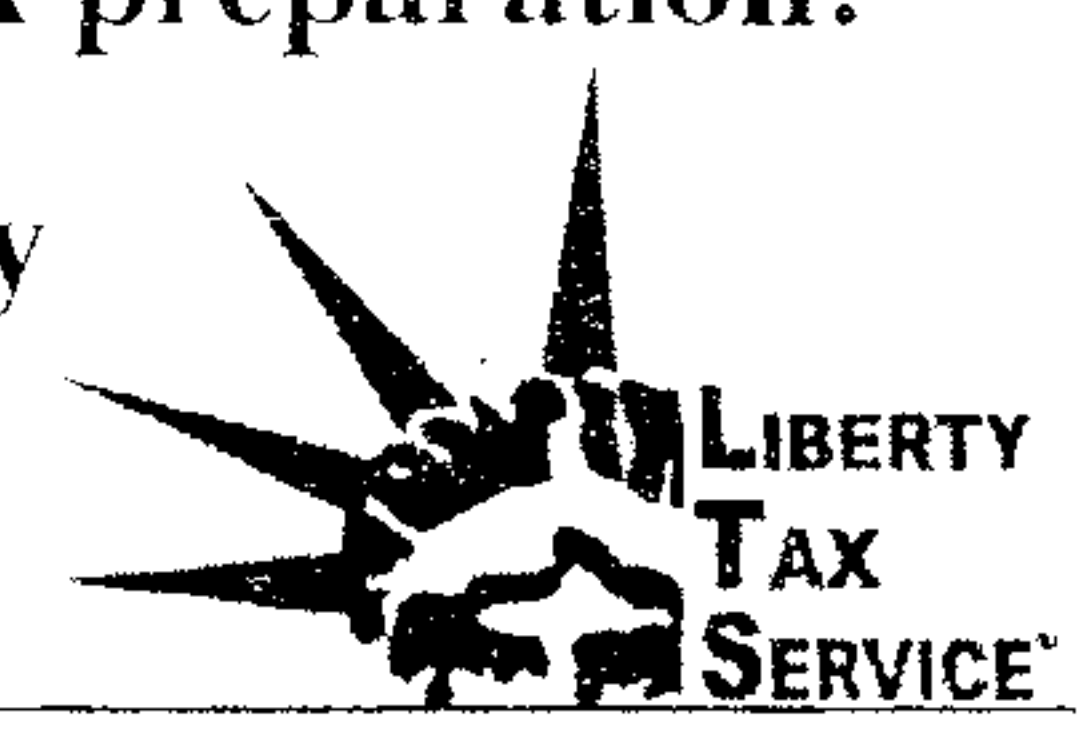
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previous domestic violence case earlier that day. Deputy Branam spoke with the man and he stated Mr. Roberts came to his residence carrying a piece of lumber with nails in it and he was cursing at him and everyone in the area. The man further stated Mr. Roberts told him he was going to "get everyone that told on him." Deputy Branam also spoke with a woman who stated Mr. Roberts came running down the road carrying an object and went to the man's residence. She went on to say, Mr. Roberts began

screaming at her and cursing her saying she "was going to get hers." Both victims wrote statements about the domestic violence case involving Mr. Roberts and his wife earlier that day. Mr. Roberts was taken into custody at his residence and transported to the Loudon County Jail.

### Police beat

Martha Denise Gardner, 52, Estes Road, Loudon was charged with driving under the influence.

According to reports, Officer Jason Felts, LCPD responded to Highway 321

North around 7:30 PM, in reference to an accident without injury. On arrival the officer made contact with Martha D. Gardner, who was still sitting in her Mazda Miata, which was up against a trailer she had run into.

After having her exit the vehicle, Gardner was very unsteady on her feet and had slurred speech. The lawman asked her what kinds of medication she was on and Gardner showed him a full sheet of paper with several medications listed on it, some of which could easily impair her driving.

Ms Gardner could not complete field sobriety tasks successfully and was taken into custody and transported to the Fort Loudoun Medical Center where she consented to a blood alcohol test then on to the Loudon County Jail.

Mekaliah Beth Alsup, 22, Tate Coley Road was charged with public intoxication.

According to records, Deputy Cody Fritts, LCSO was dispatched to a residence on Martel Road for a female knocking on the door asking to use the phone. When the deputy arrived on the scene he made contact with a woman standing in the roadway who was later identified as Mekaliah Alsup.

Mrs. Alsup had been

drinking and stated she was drunk. She was deemed a danger to herself and others if left in public and was placed under arrest.

Victor Wayne Am-burgey, 34, Fawn Wood Way, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation and cited for violation of the helmet law.

Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD made the arrest at the Log Cabin on Highway 72.

David Morton Williams, 50, West Fourth Avenue, Lenoir City was charged with violation of probation out of Loudon County and failure to appear out of Knox County.

Officer Emily Lawson, and Lt. David Flynn, LCPD made the arrest.

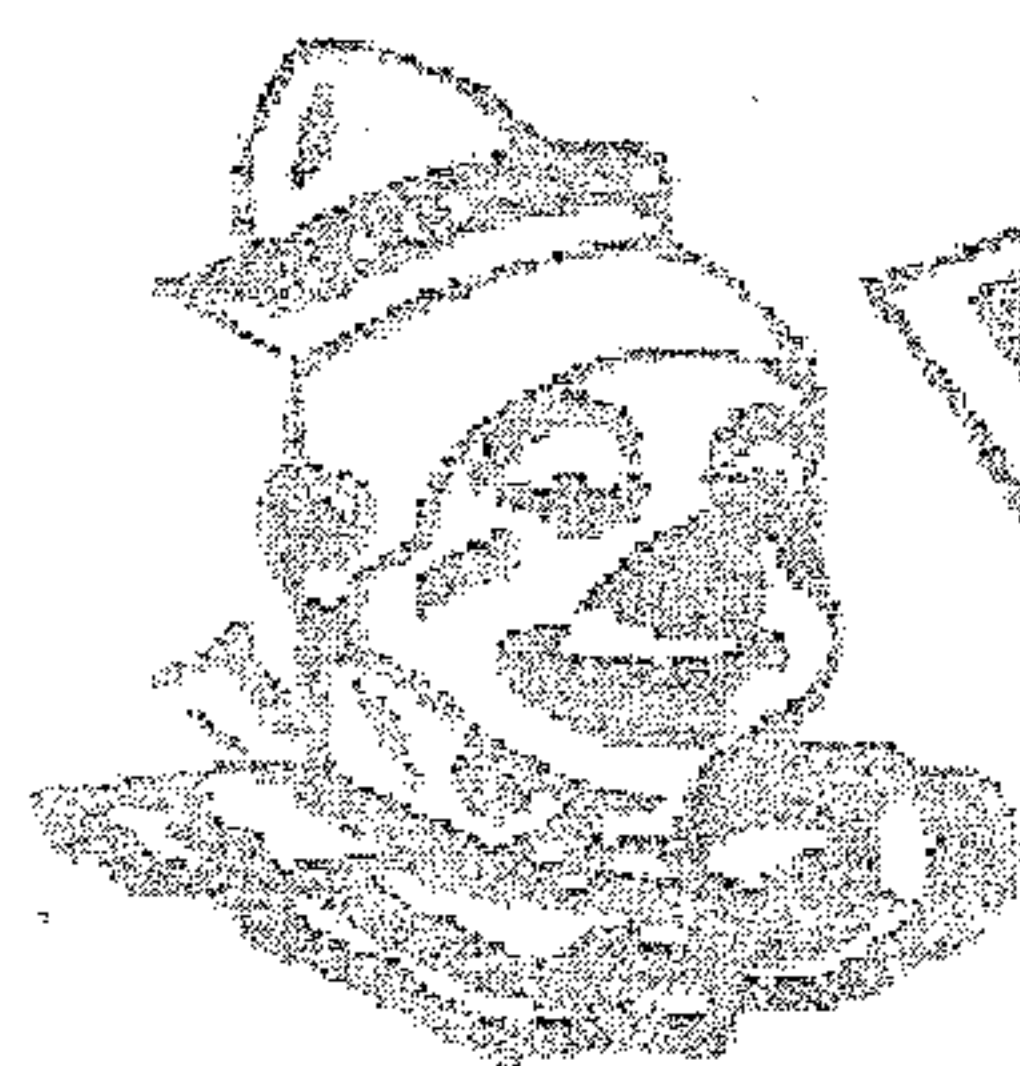


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to them through these words and I thank Him for the opportunity to share a part in it.

My prayer today is

that these same people will not just appreciate the Good News of Jesus but surrender to Him and allow God to restore their lives and fill them

with the same peace and joy that has changed my life so drastically. God is bigger than ANY addiction and any broken life. Easter is all about

Jesus giving His life for my life and yours. He not only wants to save the lost and heal the broken, the Bible says He is seeking them. He is seeking you!

Luke 19:10 (NKJV) For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.

When Jesus first began His ministry. He explained what He came here to do. The following words were first prophesied in the book of Isaiah, but became true and complete when spoken by Jesus Christ. Read the following verse and see if any apply to your life.

Luke 4:18, (NKJV) The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives and recov-

ery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of The Lord.

Are you brokenhearted? Are you being held captive by a controlled substance or other drug? Has your addiction caused you to "lose sight" of what is really important? Are you oppressed by bad influences or pill sickness that keeps you looking for one more pill and away from your kids or family?

After healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead, mending lives and loving His neighbor, the following things happened to Jesus Christ. These words are true and mean so much more when you realize that Jesus could have called ten thousand angels to His res-

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cue but chose to endure this punishment for me and you, that we may be forgiven and have everlasting life.

Luke 22:63-64 (NKJV) (63) Now the men who held Jesus mocked Him and beat Him. (64) And having blindfolded Him, they struck Him on the face and asked Him, saying, Prophesy! who is the one who struck You?

Mathew 26:67 (NKJV) Then they spat in His face and beat Him, and others struck Him with the palm of their hands

The Bible tells us that Jesus was scourged, which means they whipped Him with what was probably a leather whip with pieces of metal weaved into it for the purpose of ripping out chunks of flesh with each stripe. (John 19:1)

They drove large nails through his hands and feet and into the cross from which He was hung. (John 20:20-27)

Luke 23:34 (NKJV) Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do."

Luke 23:46 (NKJV) And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, into Your hands I commit My Spirit." Having said this, He breathed his last.

I am so glad the story doesn't end right here. If it did, there would be no hope for all of us who need or have needed a miracle in our lives. If Jesus were dead then

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doesn't end just yet; The Good News is that on that third morning after Jesus died, the stone covering the grave of Jesus was rolled away. The tomb was empty and Jesus was no longer there.

Luke 24:3-6 (NKJV) (3) "Then they went

in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. (4) And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. (5) Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth,

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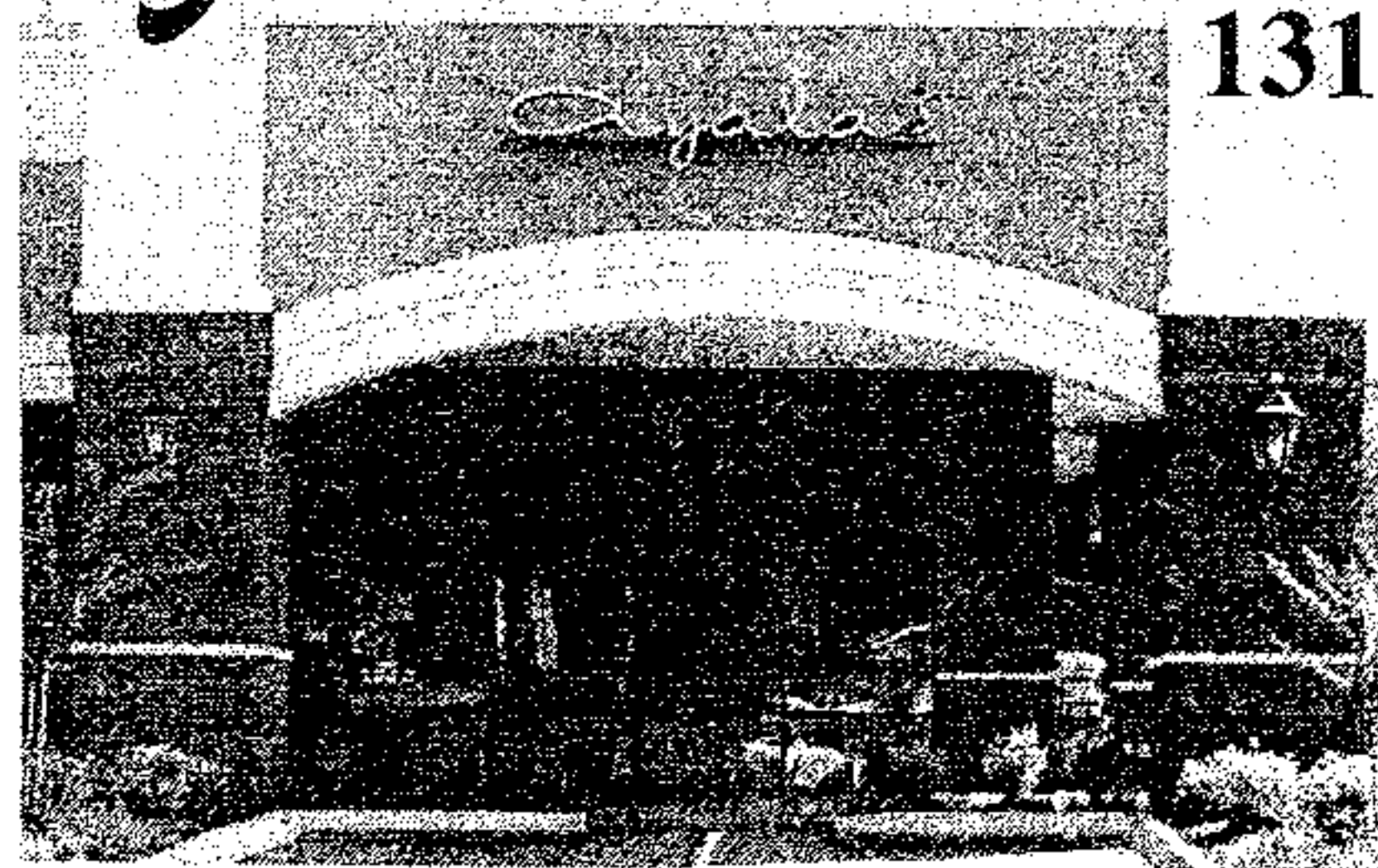
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they said to them, why do you seek the living among the dead? (6) He is not here but is risen!"

**HE IS RISEN!!!**

My friend, Jesus is alive and well today. He is still seeking, still changing and still saving the lives of those who will call on Him. If you have never accepted Jesus as your personal Savior, you cannot begin to understand the peace, joy and happiness that I so often describe. (Not to mention the eternal torment that awaits those who

reject Christ)

Romans 10:13 (NKJV) For WHOEVER calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. (emphasis mine)

II Peter 3:9 (NKJV) The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is long suffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

The choice is truly yours. Drugs or Jesus? I love to hear folks say how they enjoy reading the article but how awesome will it be when someone tells me how they surrendered to Je-

sus and how God saved their souls. Won't it be great to hear how God delivered someone from drugs, how they have their kids back and have a new life in all ways? It's not just possible, it's yours for the asking. God delivered Angie and I from smoking, drinking, chewing (just me on that one) and many other sins that clouded our judgement and our lives. If He can fix us, you won't be a problem! Call on Jesus today!

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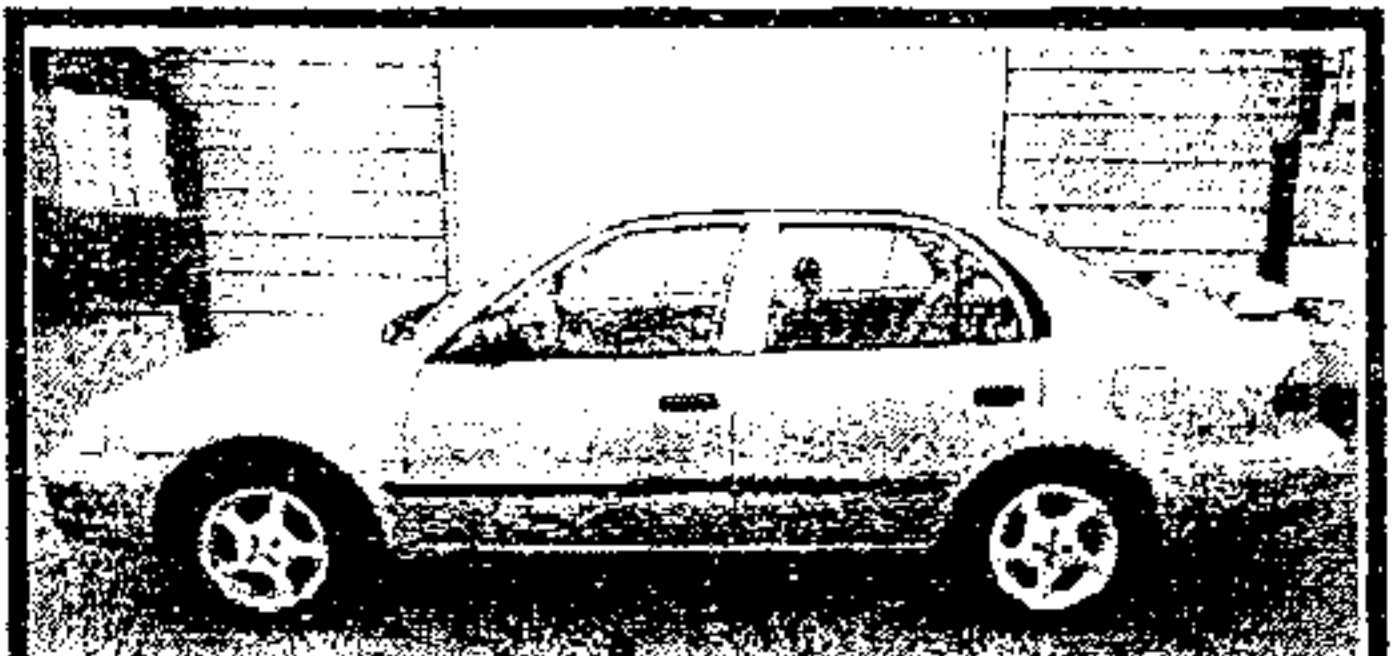
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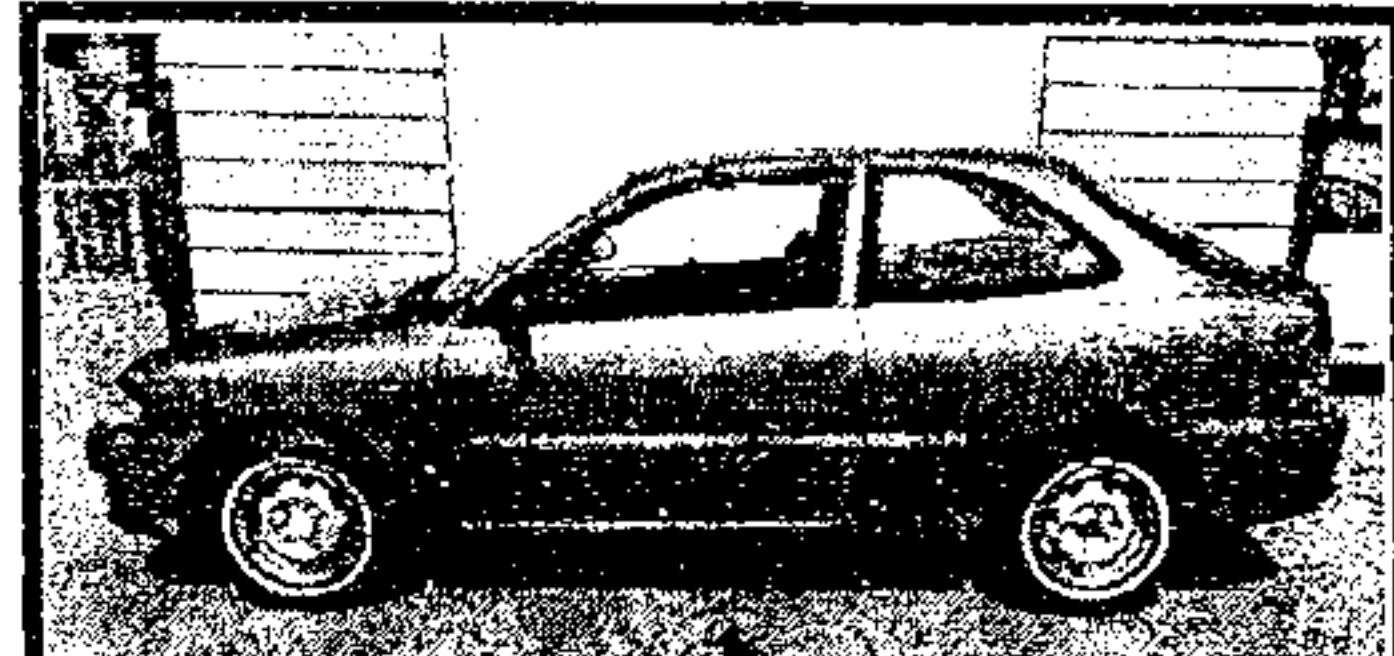
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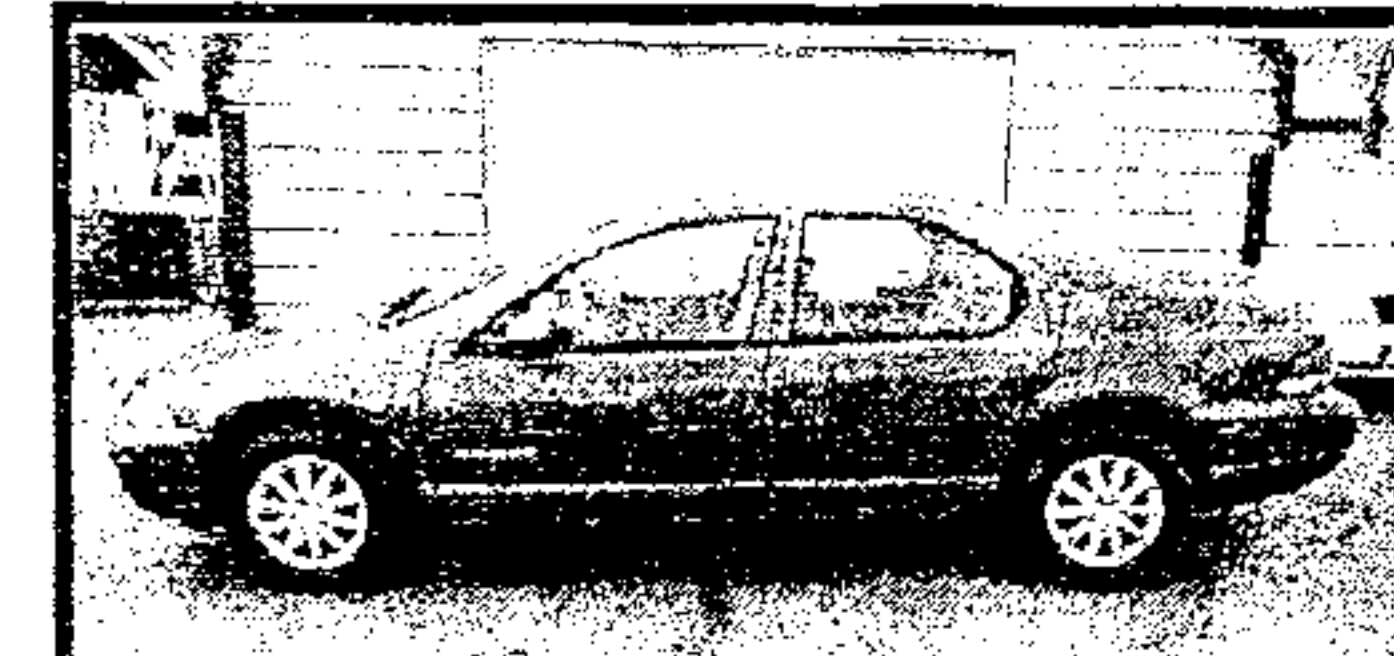
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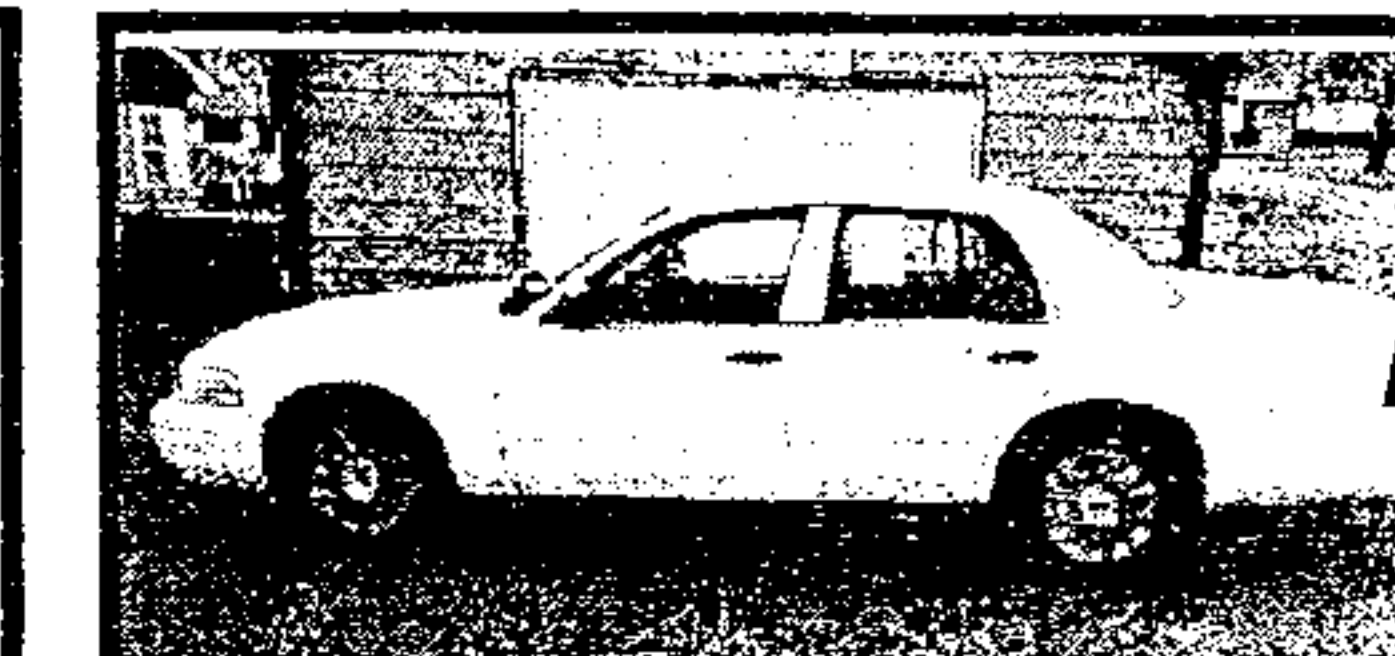
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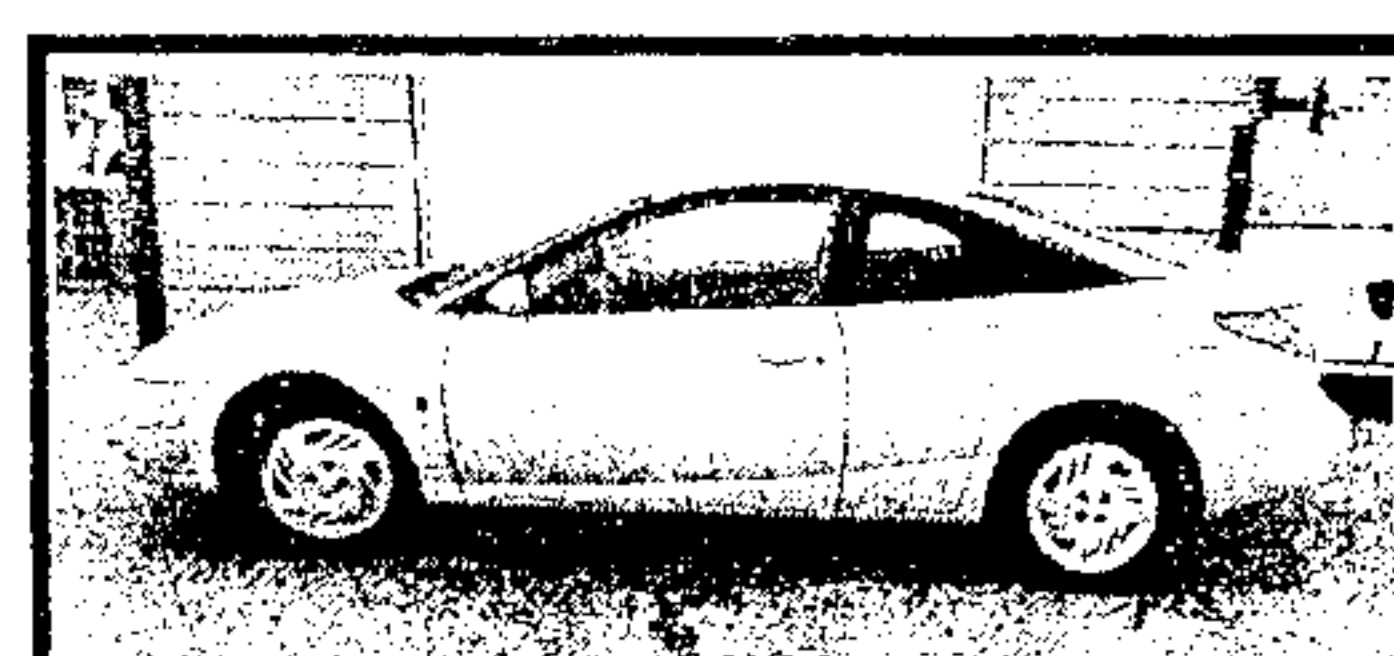


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