

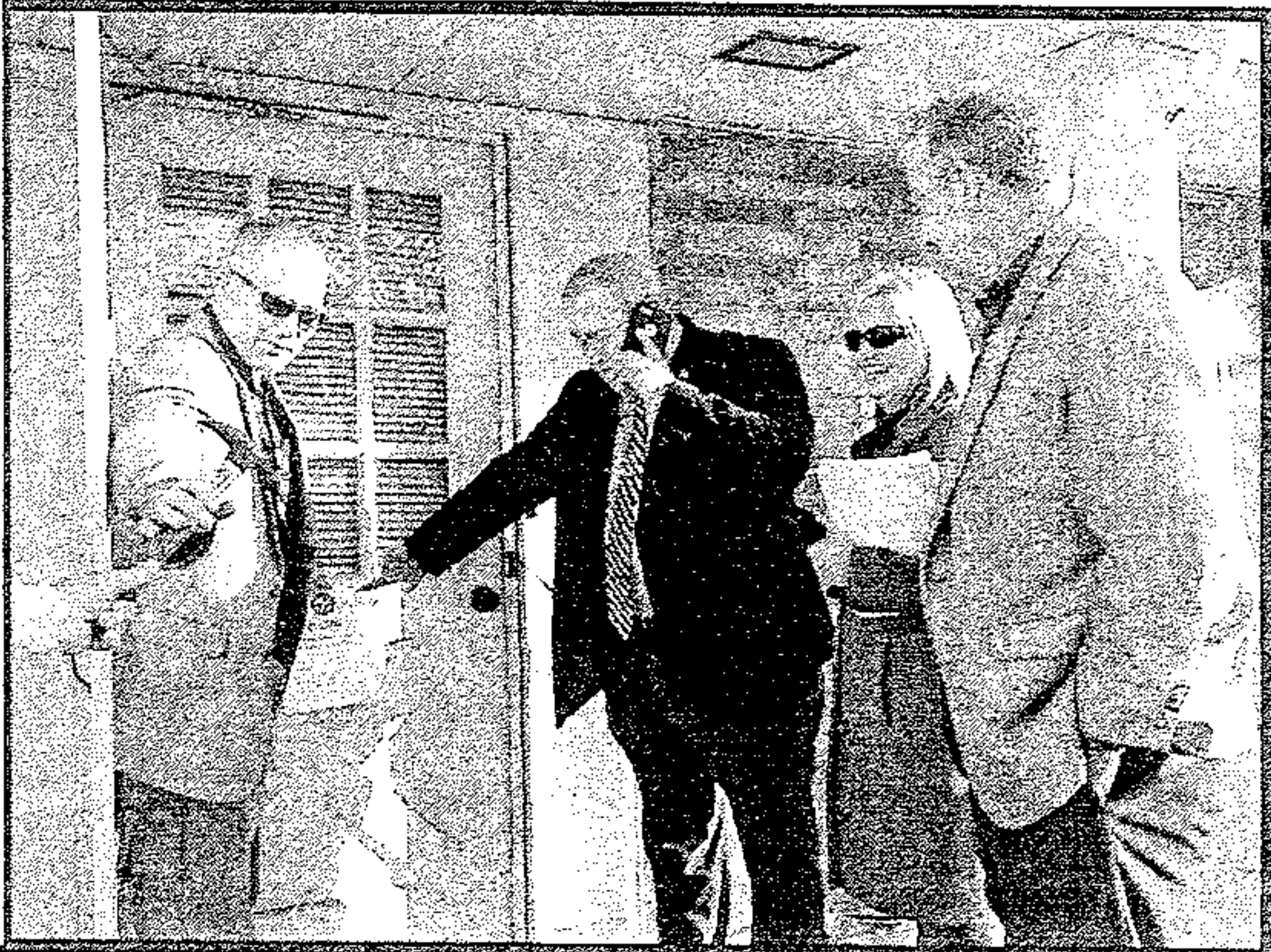
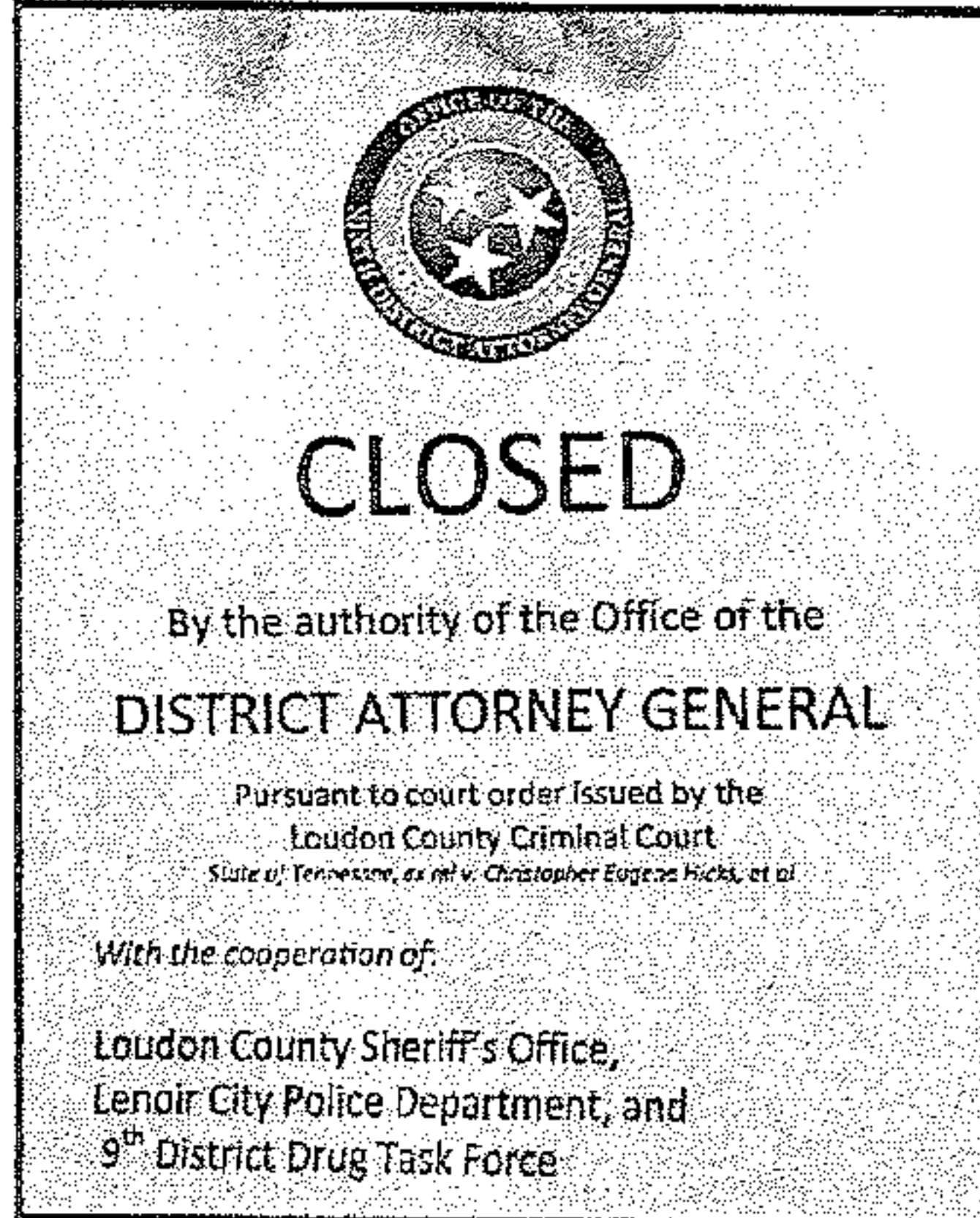
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Monday, February 15, 2016

Closed! 1st Nuisance Closing in County at site near LCHS



The sign shown left was hung by DA General Russell Johnson while Sheriff Tim Guider, ADA Kristin Kelley, and Chief Deputy Tony Aikens look on (see nuisance pg. 2)

Two Morgan County Men Plead Guilty to Sex Offenses Involving Minors

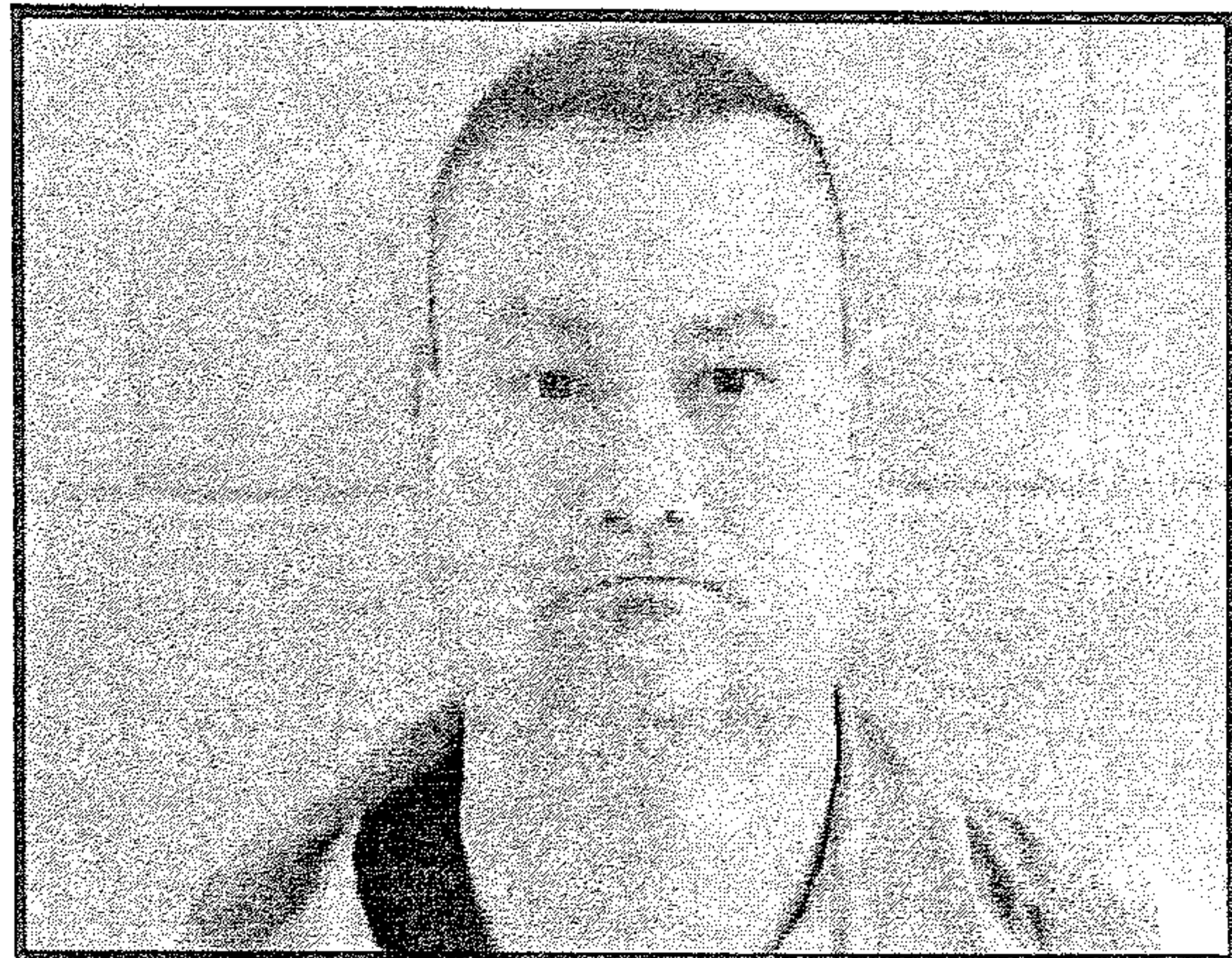
9th District Attorney General Russell Johnson announced that on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 two defendants pled guilty to sexual offenses in Morgan County Criminal Court in front of newly appointed 9th District Criminal Court Judge Jeff Wicks.

James Alsante (40 year old, W/M with an ad-

dress of 622 Green Street, Wartburg) pled guilty to one count of a violation of the sex offender registry and one count of attempted statutory rape by an authority figure involving a 14 year old W/F. Alsante received a two year sentence which is to be served consecutively to a 4 1/2

(see guilty pg. 5)

WOW! How Low Can You Go? EMT Steals Credit Card From Wreck Scene! Then Goes On Spending Spree



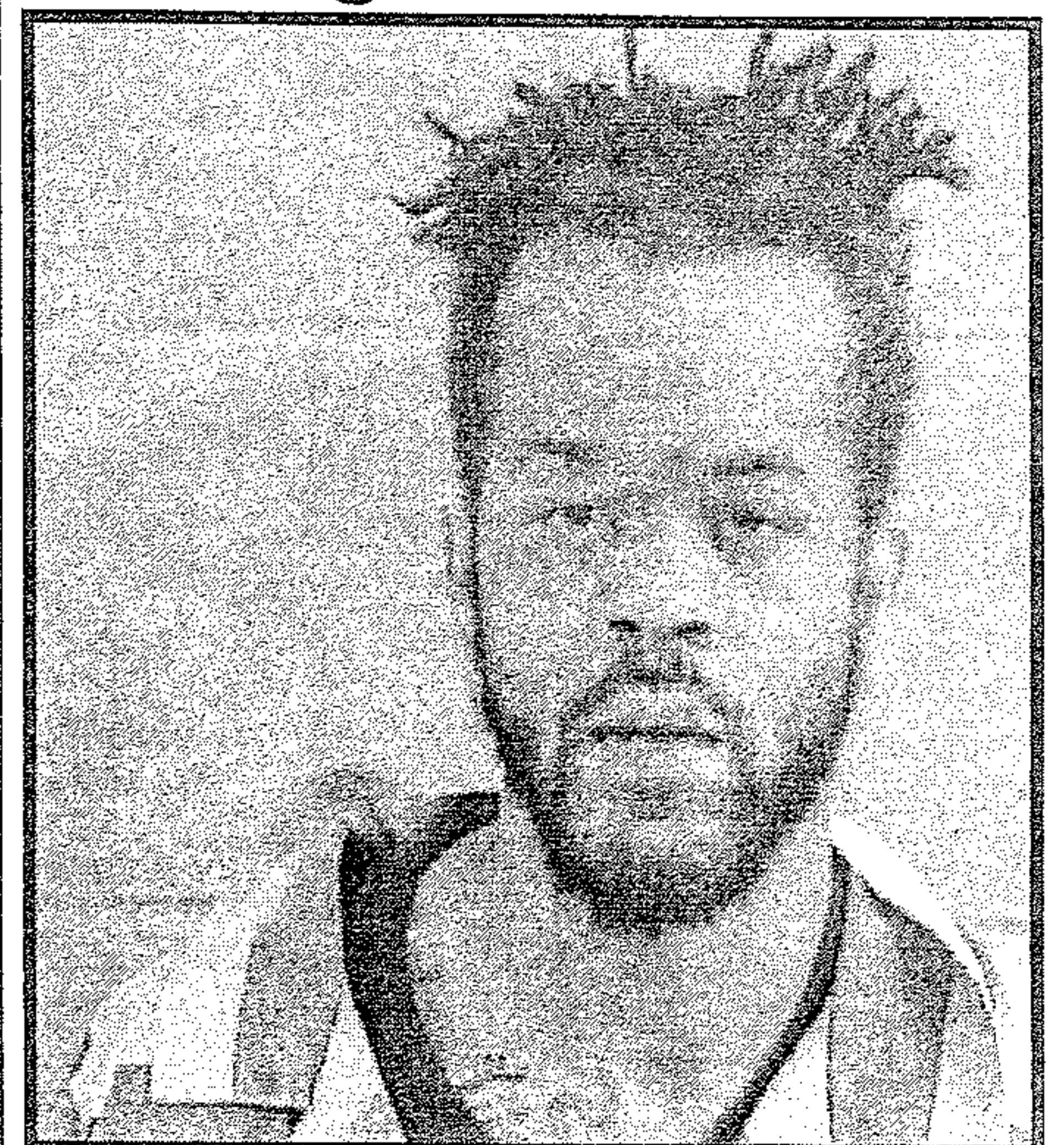
(see EMT pg. 7) Orion Phillips

Remote used in aggravated assault



Nicholas Tackett (see assault pg. 4)

Busted with the bud and a gun



Terrance Horn

(see Bud pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. — Ephesians 2:10

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Happy Birthday to The World's Greatest Mom, Mine! Hope it's been a great one!

Weather

Today: Cloudy with periods of rain. High around 45F. Tonight: Rain likely. Low

36F. Winds light and variable. Chance of rain 90%. Rainfall around a half an inch.

Tuesday Cloudy with rain and snow early changing to all rain and becoming intermittent late. High 47F. Tuesday Night Cloudy with light rain early...then be-

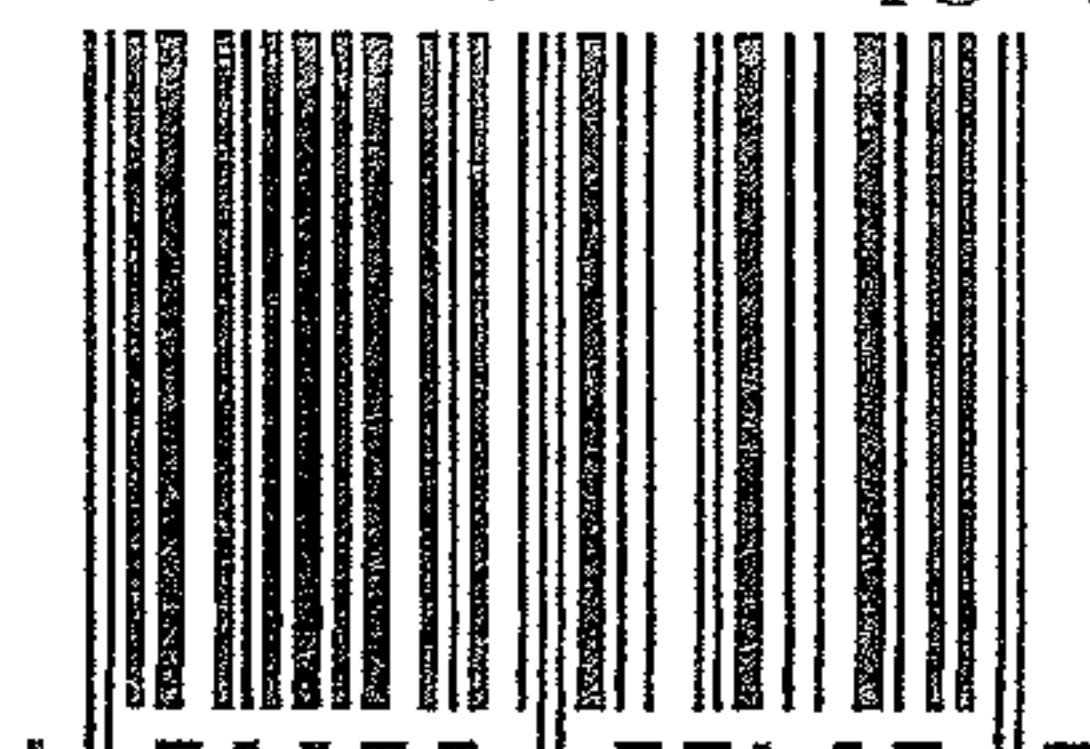
coming partly cloudy. Low 32F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/19

You could be energetically scattered today, trying to keep up with your busier-than-normal schedule. Although you

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nuisance

Boarded Up!

Russell Johnson's District Attorney General's Office has obtained an Order temporarily boarding up a residence in Harrison Hills that has allegedly been used in drug and other criminal activity.

This location was the focus of a recent incident involv-

ing a number of people with shots being fired outside the residence, some of which impacted a neighboring house. This location has been the focus of law-enforcement activity involving the Ninth Judicial District Drug Task Force out of General Johnson's office as well as Loudon County Sheriff Tim

(see nuisance ctd. pg. 3)

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Terrance Horn, 28, Chase Street New Orleans La, was charged with Man/Sel/Poss of SCH. VI for resale, and Possession of a Firearm.

According to the report, Trooper Billy Cutshall THP,

observed a gray vehicle pass him on I-75 near the 64 mm, following a tractor trailer too closely.

Trooper made a traffic stop and made contact with the driver from the passenger side. Trooper could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Trooper ask for the driver license and identified the driver as Terrance Horne. Terrance stated he was traveling from New Orleans to New York to buy a school bus. Trooper stated he could smell marijuana and how much did he have, Terrance stated about a blunt left. A search of the vehicle was conducted and items located were: a baggie of a green leafy substance in a sock, a grinder, a camo backpack, with a mason jar with 2 baggies of a green

leafy substance, and a Rugar 9mm handgun. Terrance was placed under arrest. Trooper Billy Cutshall THP, made the arrest.

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Guider's Narcotics Unit with assistance from the Lenoir City Police Department.

This action is the culmination of the combined efforts of all agencies in cooperation

with the District Attorney's Office.

This was the first closure of a site under the nuisance law, according to sources. The residence closed up was also operating a meth lab when authorities showed up on the scene as well.

More to follow as the situation develops over the next few days.

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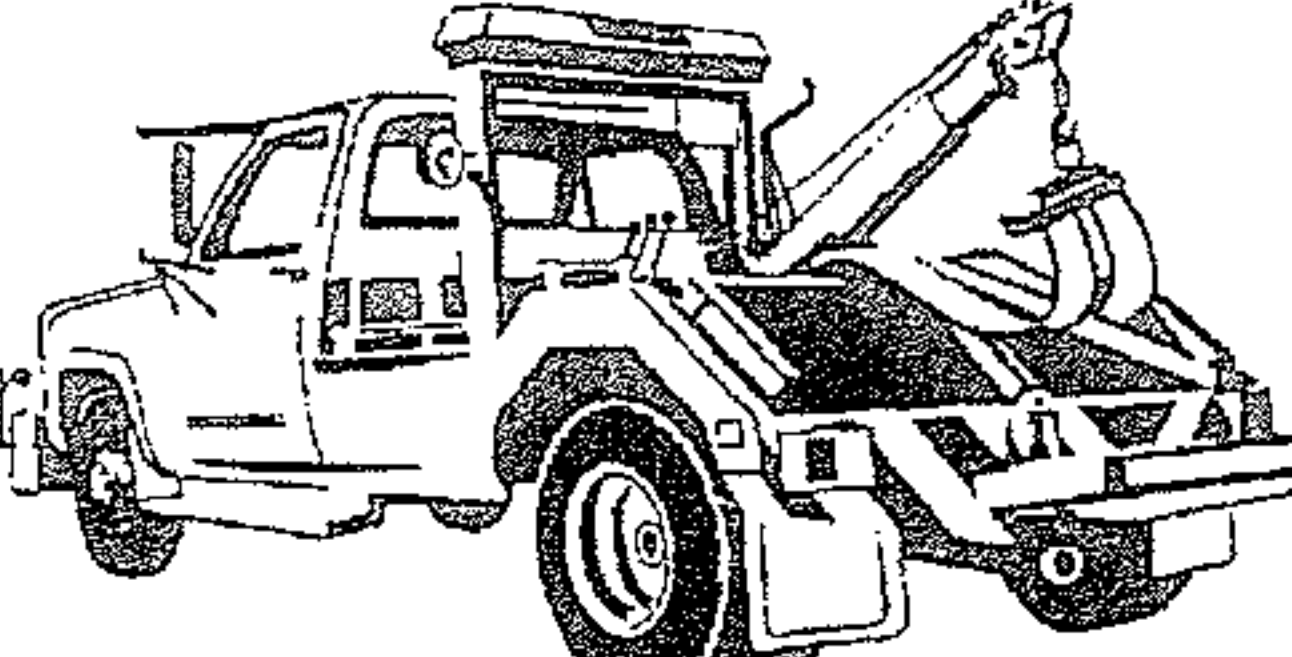
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assault

Nicholas Tackett, 27, W Lee Hwy Loudon, was charged with Aggravated Assault. Of-

ficer Kenny Ridings LPD, received a call of a possibly a female victim of assault that occurred in Loudon. Officer came in con-

tact with the victim who had a large cut to the back of her head. Victim stated that her and her boyfriend Nicholas Tackett were arguing and Nicholas

threw a remote and hit her in the back of the head causing a large cut about 2 inch long. With victim statement and witness statements Nicholas was placed

under arrest. Officer Kenny Ridings LPD, made the arrest.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Loudon County Government has for auction on GovDeals.com the following:

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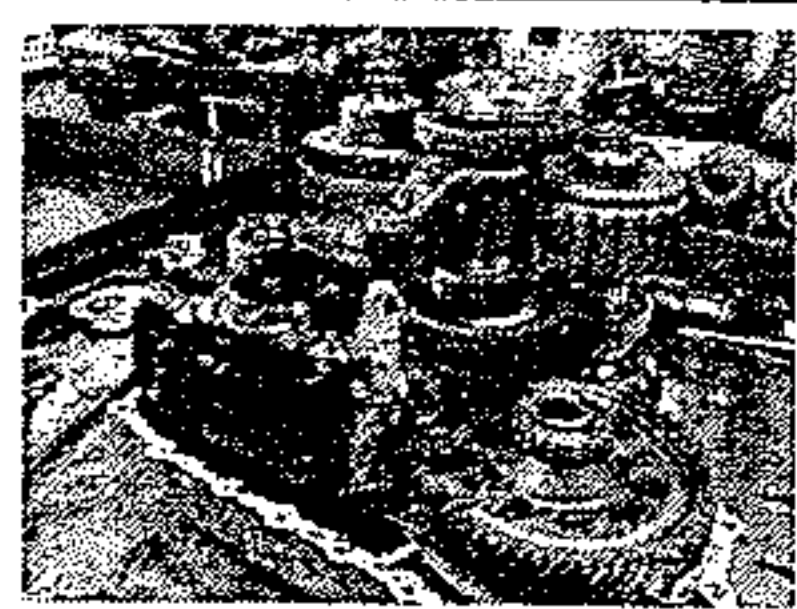
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guilty years sentence that he received in April 2015 for related charges after pleading guilty to a violation of the federal Sex Offender Registry Act. With the state and federal sentences combined he has an effective incarceration period of up to 6 1/2 years. Alsante was represented on the state charges by 9th District Public Defender Kim

Nelson's Office. Matthew Humfleet (24 year old, W/M with and address of 406 Riverview Street, Oakdale) pled guilty to two counts of statutory rape and received a three year sentence. Statutory rape is where an adult who is more than four years older than a person who is underage (between the ages of 13 -18) has consensual sex with the minor. Humfleet,

as part of this plea, is also required to register as a sex offender. His charges involved two 15 year old female victims in Morgan County and Loudon County. The Public Defender's Office also represented Humfleet in this case. Assistant District Attorney Alyson Kennedy, who heads up the DAG Office's Child Sex Offense Unit, handled both cases for the

prosecution.

Weakley County Receives Clean Audit Report

The Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury is recognizing a significant achievement by Weakley County government leaders and elected officials.

Weakley County's audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 contains no audit findings. A small

number of Tennessee counties can claim this distinction.

Weakley County government has come very close to having a clean audit for several years. For the past two fiscal years, the county has had only one finding on its audit reports. Leaders have made a commitment to identify and reduce risk through a strong system of internal controls.

"This audit report is as good as it gets," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "I applaud everyone in Weakley County government who has worked hard to have one of the strongest systems of county government in the state."

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office audits 89 of Tennessee's 95 counties. Last year only two of the 89 counties (Hamblen and Robertson) received clean audit reports. Weakley County joins Sullivan County, Blount County and Tipton County as the only counties who have received clean reports in fiscal year 2015, so far. County audit reports will continue to be released through March.

View the full Weakley County Audit Report at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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Orion Phillips, 40, Carding Machine Road Loudon, was charged with Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of a Credit Card. Orion Phillips, was observed using a stolen Discovery Card to purchase 459.64 worth of fuel at the Murphy on Hwy 95, then he was observed using the card at Walmart purchasing \$129.85 worth of merchandise. The victim was involved in a traffic accident and Orion was the EMT who responded to the scene. It is believed that Orion took the card then. Deputy Chris Bowen LCSO, made the arrest.

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shipments of methamphetamine and cocaine. In a series of FBI undercover operations, more than 45 officers agreed to protect the supposed drug deals in exchange for thousands of dollars in bribes. During the undercover deals, the officers often wore their official uniforms or displayed their badges to avoid law enforcement scrutiny.

Operation Ghost Guard, undertaken in collaboration with the Georgia Department of Corrections, revealed that corrupt guards typically earned \$500 to \$1,000 for smuggling a single cell phone to a prisoner. Between 2014 and 2015, more than 23,500 contraband phones were seized throughout Georgia prisons—which house 50,000 inmates—and those phones were used for a variety of crimes that put prison security and public safety at risk.

Contraband phones were used to organize drug trafficking inside prisons and to perpetrate identity theft and phone scams that raised “tens of thousands of dollars,” said Special Agent Dan Odom. Odom supervises the FBI’s public corruption squad in Atlanta and helped coordinate the Operation Ghost Guard investigation through the FBI-led Atlanta Public Corruption Task Force, which combines the resources of numerous state and local law enforcement agencies in Georgia.

The illicit money raised through so-called “jury scams” and other frauds (see sidebar) was often used to bribe prison guards. “This was a massive investigation,” Odom said. “We identified and indicted approximately 130 subjects.” He added, “The FBI could never have worked this case without the assistance of the Department of Corrections. They recognized

they had a problem, and they wanted to fix it.”

Operation Ghost Guard began in May 2014, shortly after a kidnapping that was set in motion by a prisoner with a contraband phone. The prisoner, serving a life sentence in North Carolina, wanted revenge on the prosecutor who helped put him there.

Using that contraband phone, the prisoner enlisted the help of fellow gang members in Atlanta who were not incarcerated to kidnap the prosecutor’s father in North Carolina and drive him to Atlanta, where he was to be tortured and killed. The FBI’s Hostage Rescue Team was able to rescue the man before gang members killed him, “but the risk of life to this individual was very real,” Johnson said. “All because of a cell phone in a prison.”

That incident served as a catalyst for Operation Ghost Guard. It

also prompted the FBI’s Public Corruption Unit in Washington, D.C., to launch the nationwide Prison Corruption Initiative.

“Because of one small act of corruption—a guard giving a cell phone to an inmate—many serious crimes can occur,” said Special Agent Joe Gonzalez, who heads the Bureau’s Public Corruption Unit at FBI Headquarters. “This is not just Georgia’s problem, it’s a national problem.”

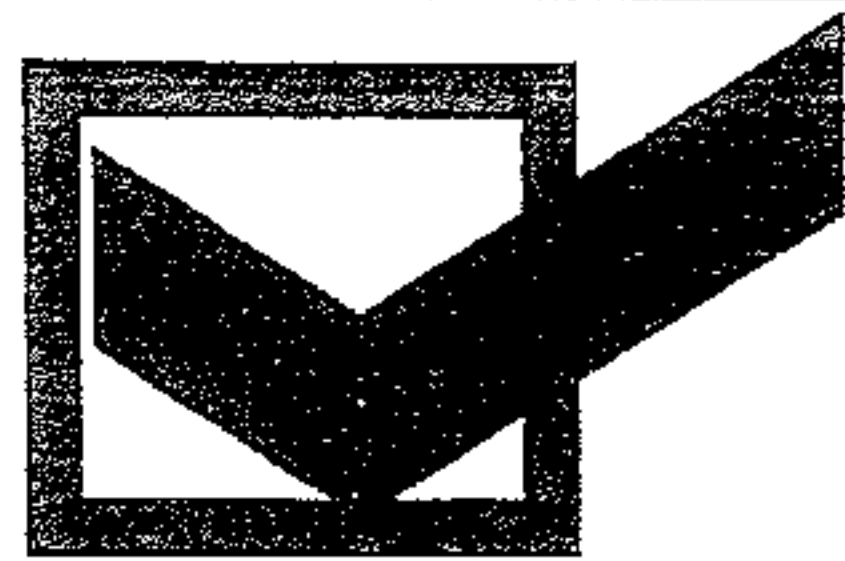
Gonzalez said that since the Prison Corruption Initiative was launched in June 2014, the number of FBI public corruption cases in prisons nationwide has tripled.

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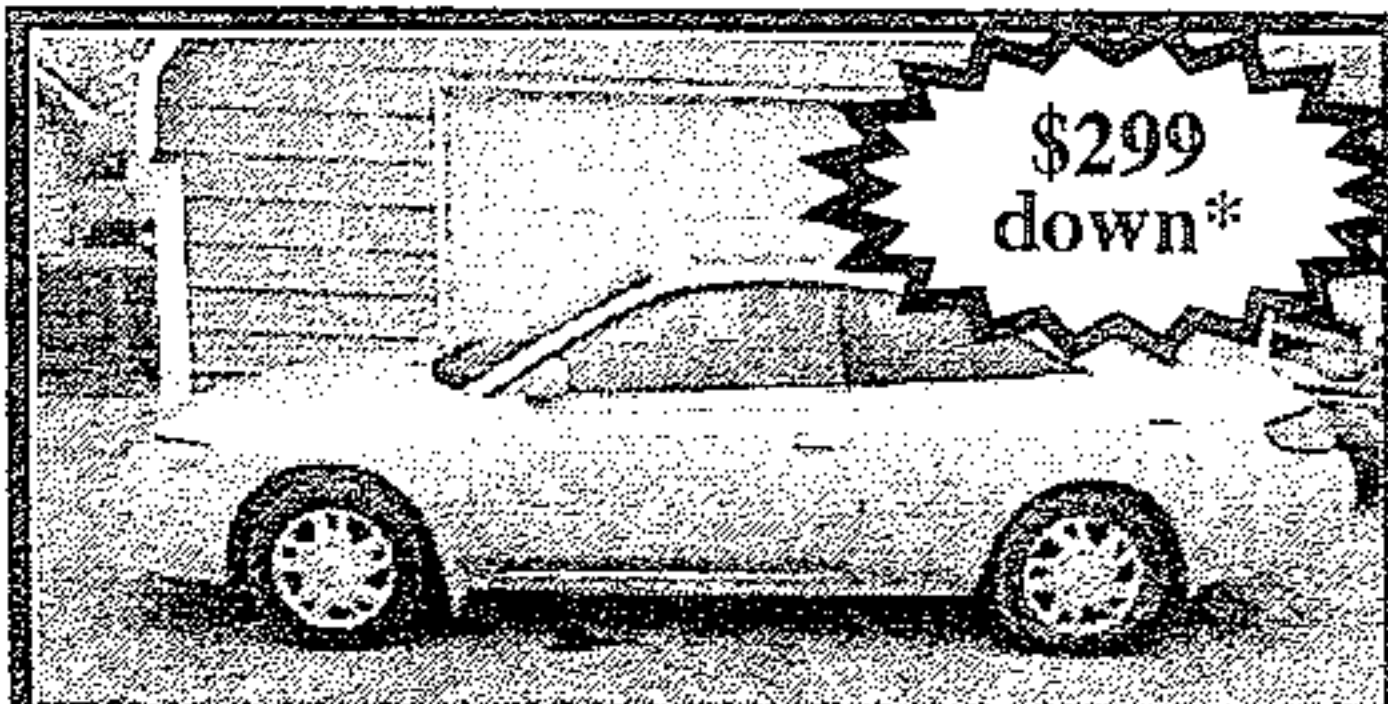
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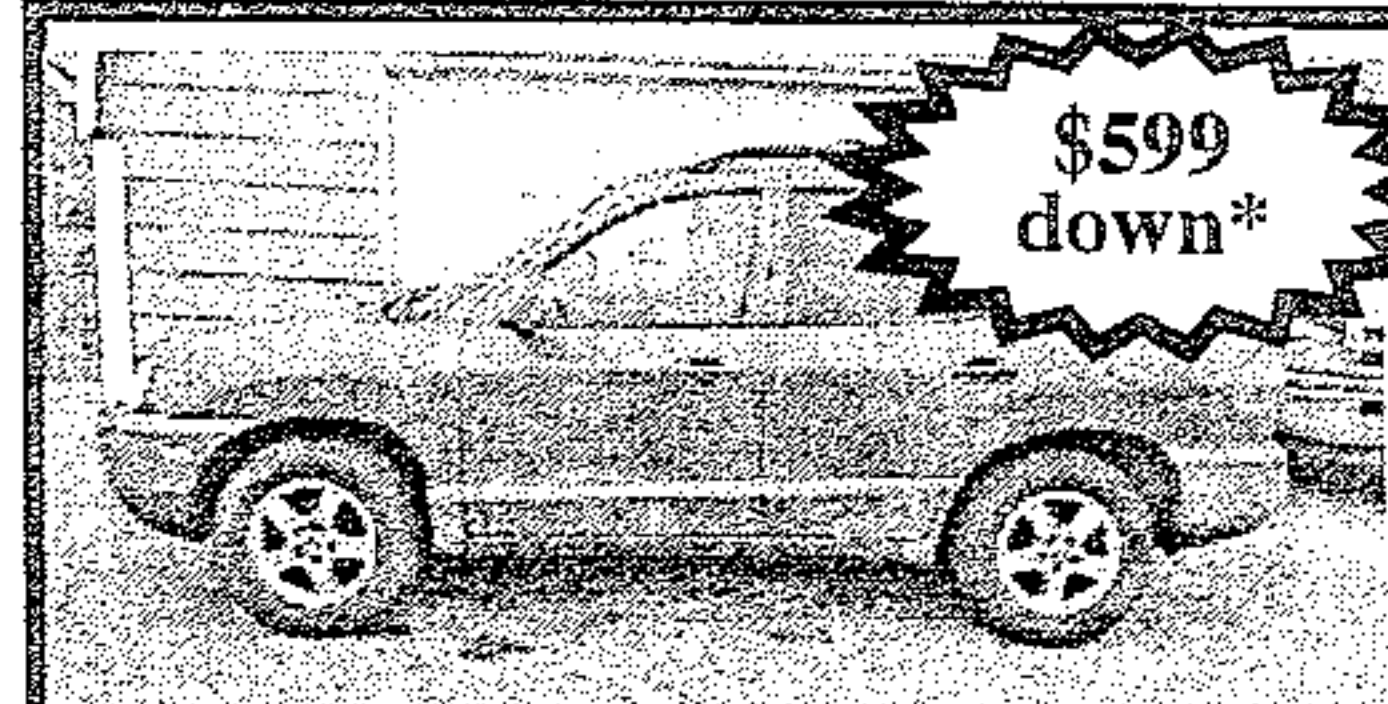
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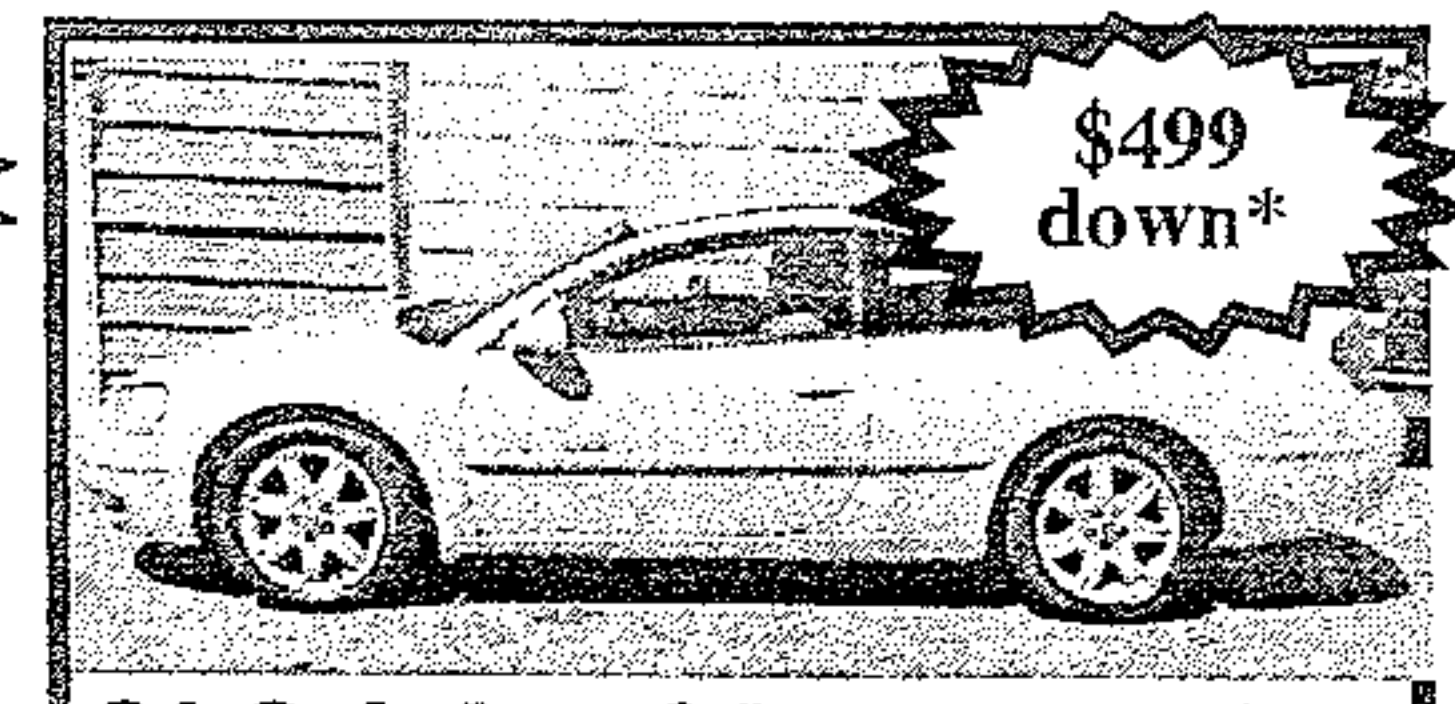
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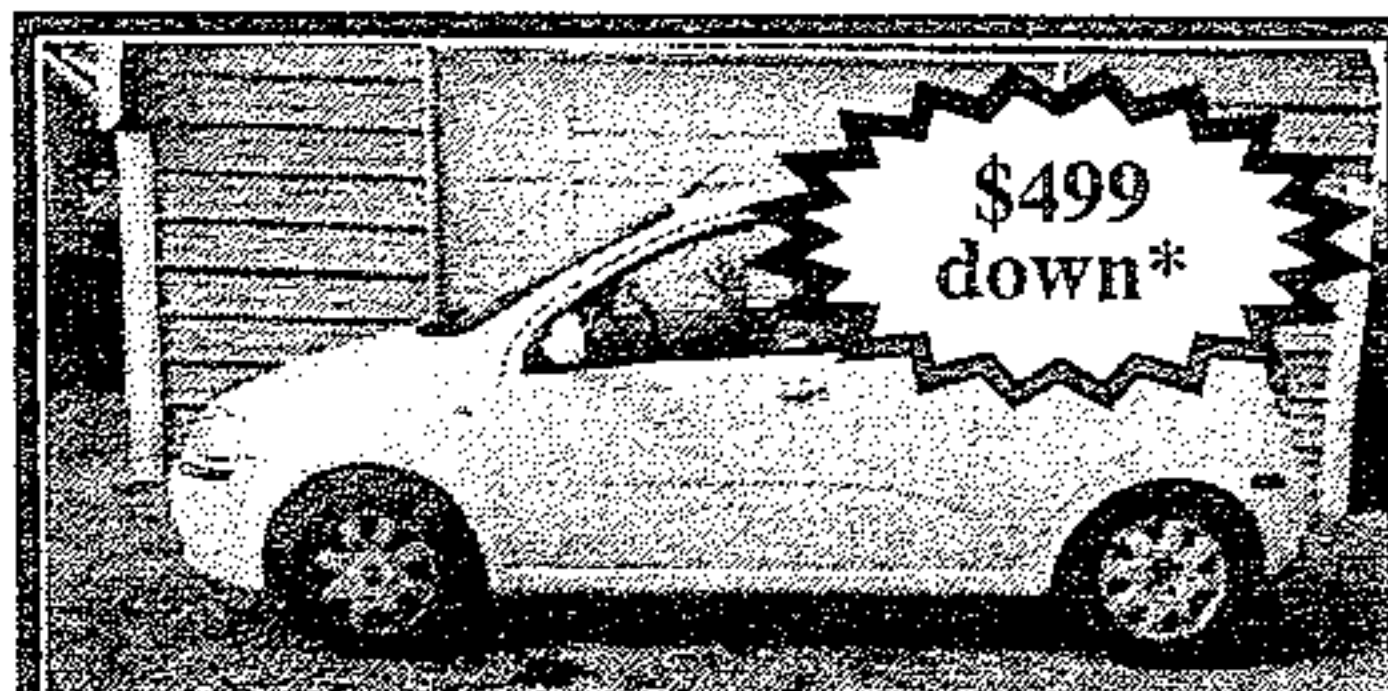
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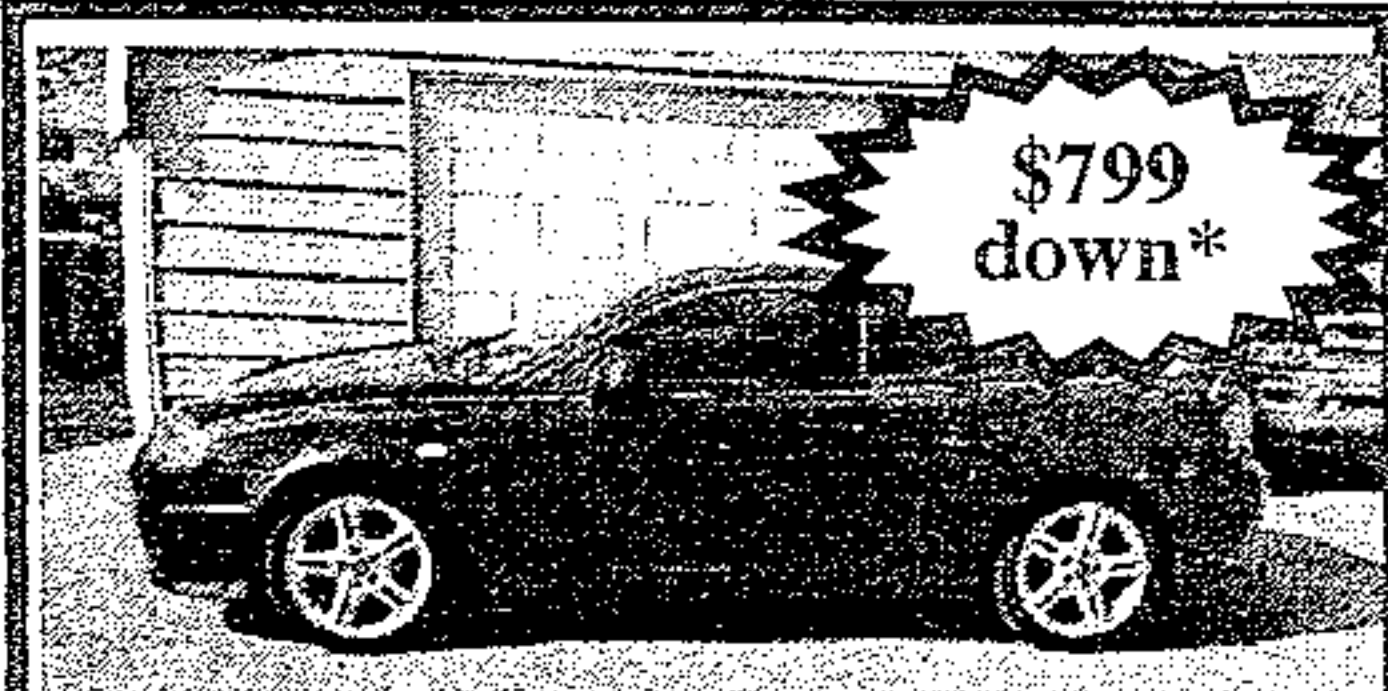
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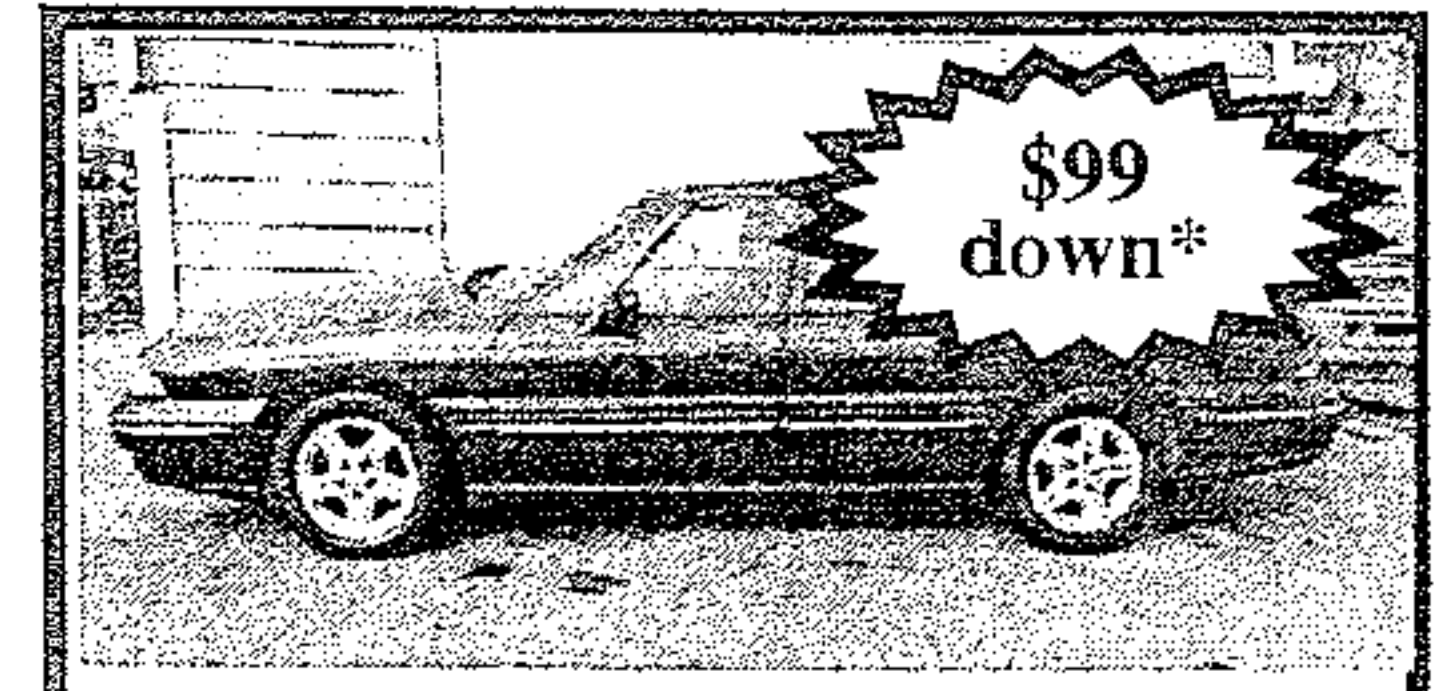
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