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Wednesday, March 23, 2016

THP Upgrades charges to vehicular assault due to injuries in Hwy 411 Crash

A 64 year old Greenback man has been charged with three counts of vehicular assault by the Tennessee Highway Patrol following a serious crash that sent 4 to the hospital including the man charged. THP reported they they a twelve pack with three missing and upon talking to the man found out he was on all kinds of medication also including morphine.

(see THP pg. 2)



Warren Gaston

Update: Kidnapping and Rape charges follow investigation



Natasha Ramsey

(see Update pg. 5)

Forged check cashed; charges placed



Harley Grimes

Former Cheatham County Central Band Booster Club Treasurer Indicted for Theft

A special investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has revealed that Tracy Krantz stole at least \$3,072 from the Cheatham County Central High School Band Boosters.

Ms. Krantz stole the money between July 2013 and October 2013 while serving as the band booster club treasurer.

Comptroller investigators found that Ms. Krantz made unauthorized

(see indicted pg. 7)

Lingering Problems Go Uncorrected in Haywood County

The Comptroller's annual audit of Haywood County government identifies a troubling trend. Eight of the county's 12 findings in this year's report were also noted in the county's prior audit. This indicates that significant deficiencies and issues of noncompliance have gone uncorrected for more than a year.

(see Problems pg. 4)

Verse of the Day

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who be-

lieve. — Romans 3:21-22

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

Gonna be a beautiful week this week but chilly no less. Don't let the chill keep ya from climbing the hill!

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. High 71F.

Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Slight chance of a shower late. Low around 55F.

Thursday Cloudy in the morning, then thunderstorms developing later in the day. High 68F.

Thursday Night Thunderstorms during the evening followed by occasional showers overnight.

Low 42F.

Horoscopes

Aries 3/21-4/19

Finishing your work may be impossible today, especially if you underesti-

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THP

Warren Gaston, 64, Fork Road Greenback, was charged with DUI, and Vehicular Assault x3. Trooper Rodney Best THP, was dispatched to a crash with injury on Hwy 411 at Thompson Bridge Road. Trooper was advised that Life Star was landing and Hwy 411 would be shut

down. Upon arrival Trooper observed a green vehicle on the right side of the roadway and a silver vehicle on the left side of the roadway. Trooper was advised by Deputies on scene that all parties had been transported to UT Medical. Trooper was advised that the driver of the silver vehicle smelled and appeared to have

been drinking. Trooper located a twelve pack of beer in the silver vehicle with nine in the pack. The driver of the silver vehicle was identified as Warren Gaston. There was

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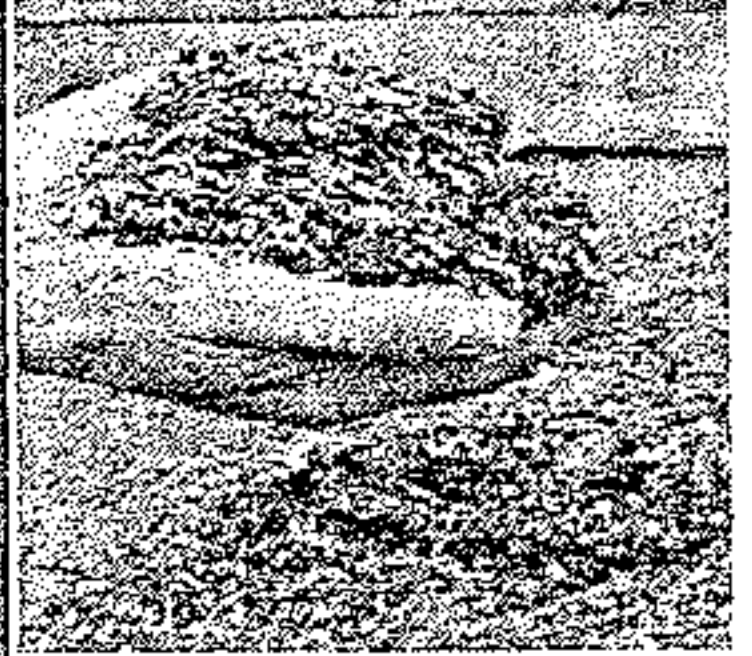
Harley Grimes, 23, Highway 11E Luttrell, was charged with Criminal Attempt, Forgery x2. Harley Grimes did intentionally and knowingly pass a forged check at the

ORNL Credit Union located inside Food City. Grimes successfully passed the check and was paid cash by the credit union. The victim never wrote a check payable to Grimes and stated that his signature on the check was forged. Capt. Kevin Condee LCPD, made the arrest.

Marty Robinson, 36, Ruritan Road Harriman, was charged with Theft of Property. Marty Robinson was observed concealing misc. clothing totaling

\$70.74 into a Walmart bag and exit out the doors without paying for any of the concealed items. Officer Rick Eubanks LCPD, made the arrest.

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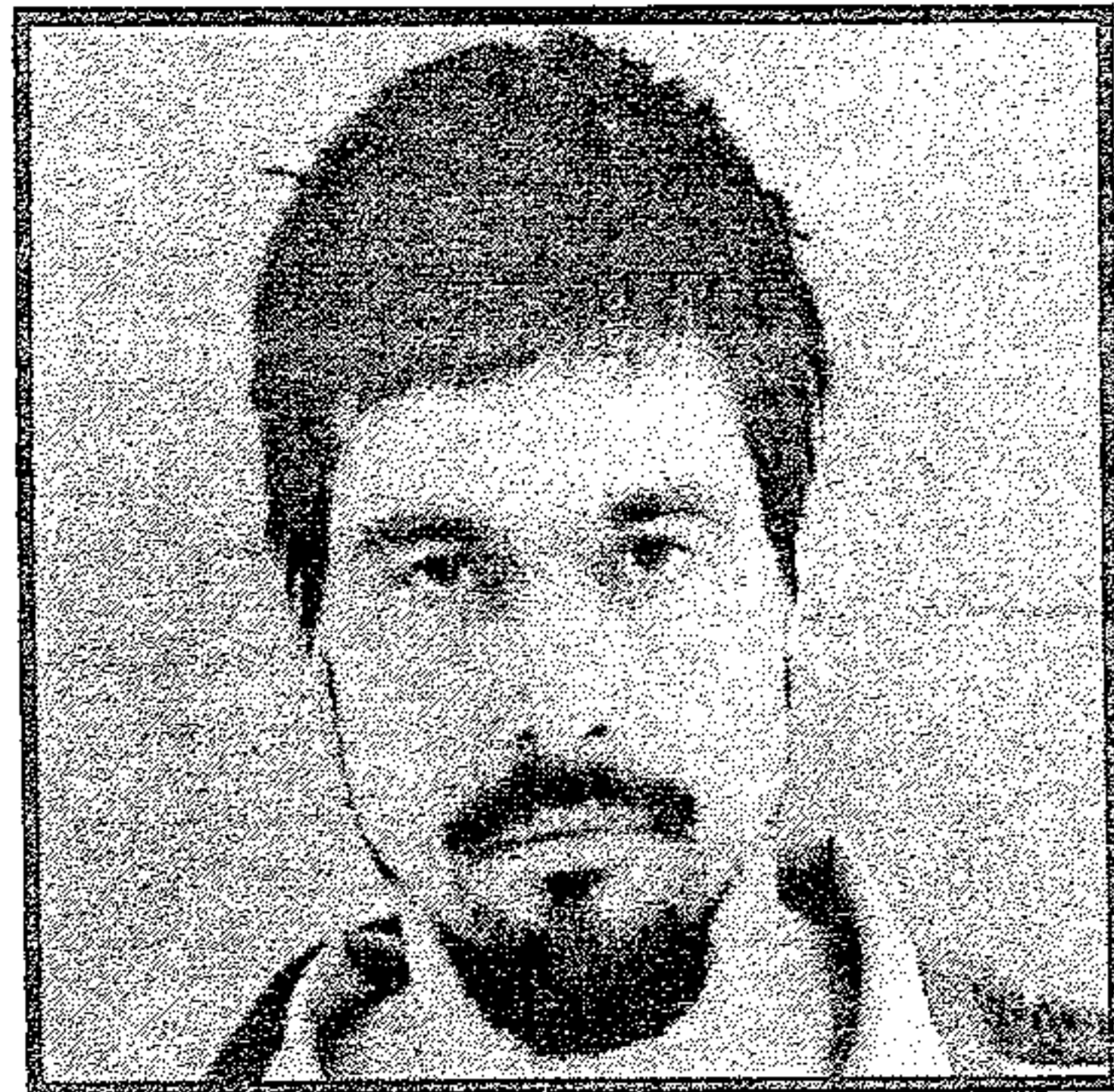
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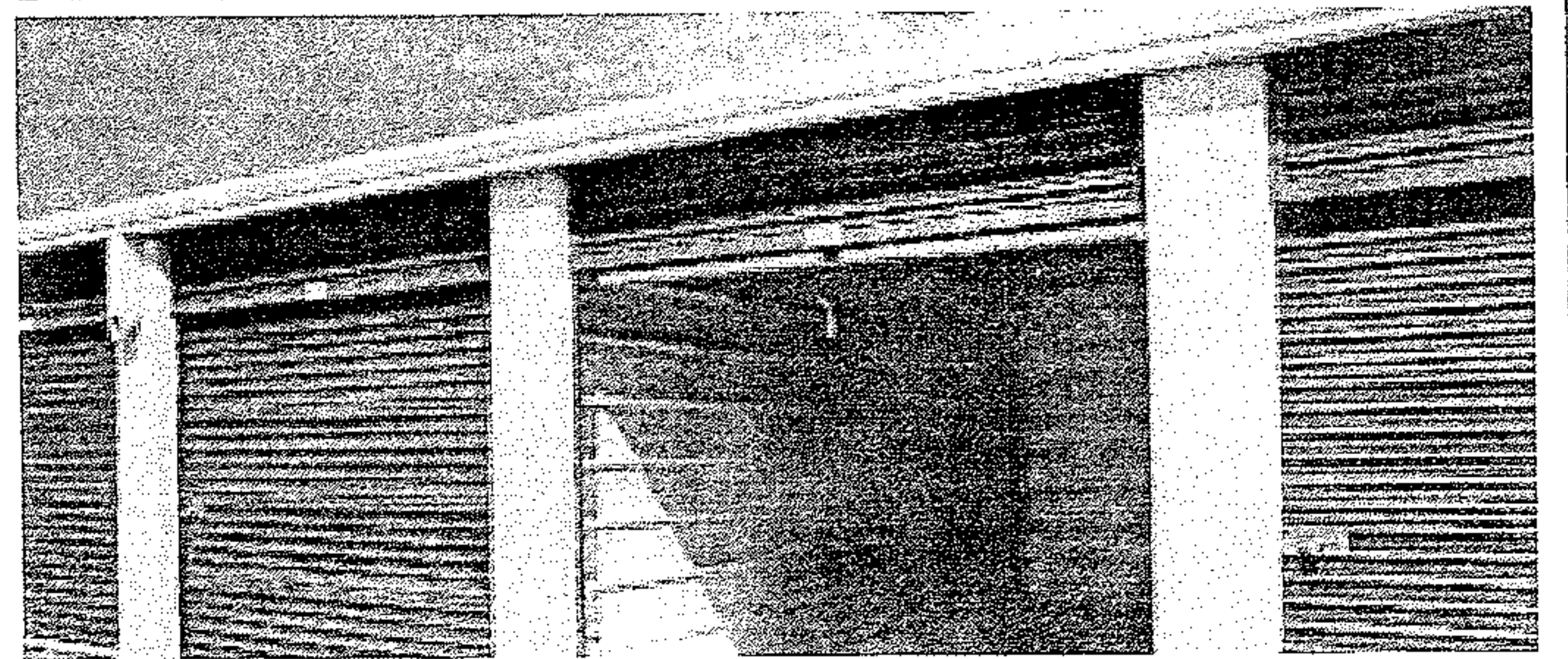
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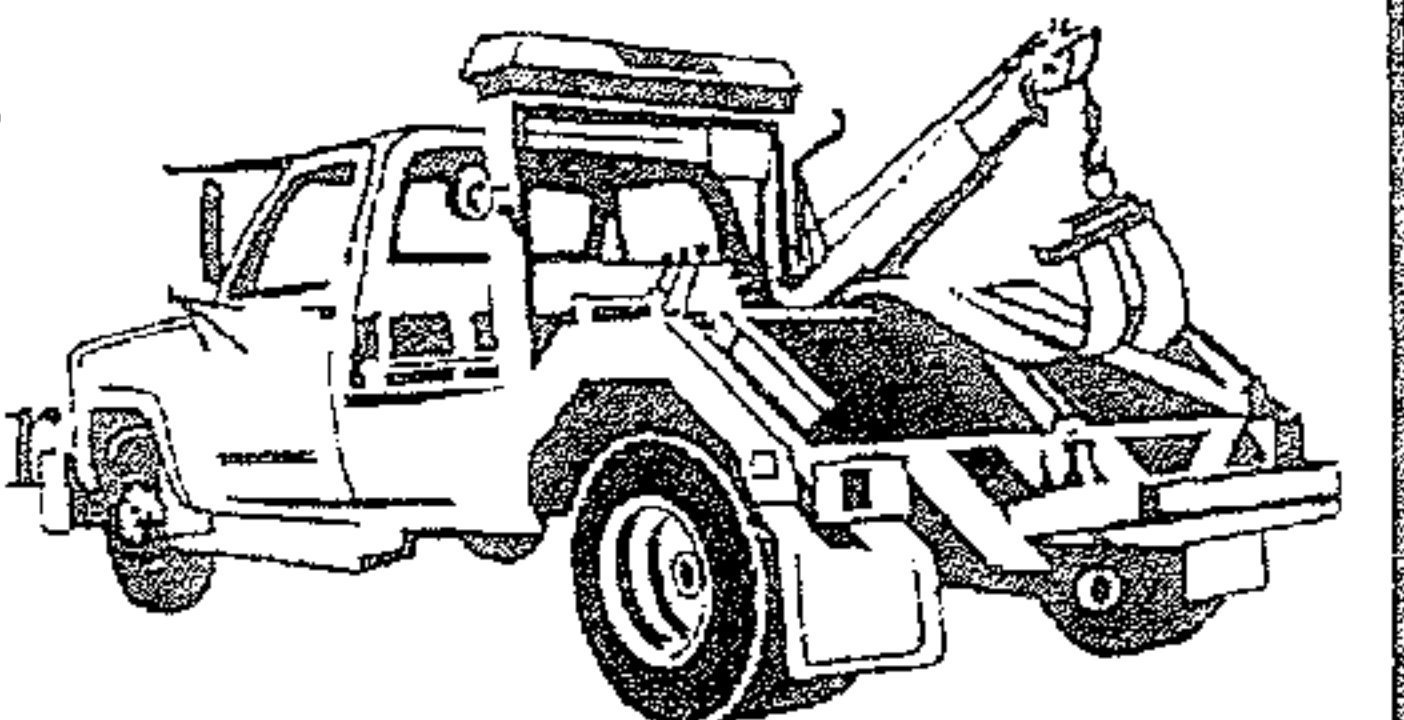
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Problems

The 12 findings in the fiscal year 2015 audit are spread across several county offices, but eight of them pertain to the Office of the County Mayor.

Audit findings include a lease-purchase agreement and a capital outlay note that failed to comply with state statutes, expenditures exceeding appropriations, a failure

to control access to courthouse offices, and inadequate disaster recovery plans for computer data.

Comptroller auditors also found several problems with Haywood County's purchasing processes. For example, auditors noted that competitive bids were not solicited for \$206,955 in food purchases for the county jail. State statute requires competi-

tive bids on purchases exceeding \$10,000.

"It concerns me when a county has 12 audit findings for two consecutive years, particularly when many of those findings are repeated," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "These audit reports should not be taken lightly. Taxpayers deserve to know that controls are in place to protect their money."

View the full Haywood

County Audit Report at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER DINNER AND AUCTION

The Good Shepherd Center of Monroe County will hold its annual fund raising Dinner and Auction on April 2, 2016.

The location will be at the Tellico West Conference Center, 121 Grand Vista, Vonore TN 37885.

The silent auction will begin at 5:30 PM and the catered dinner will be at 6:30 PM.

Entertainment will be the dynamic singing duo known as Vocal Point.

Tickets are \$40 each, of which 20 dollars is income tax deductible. For those who wish to support the Good Shepherd but are unable to attend this function, there are Feed a Family tickets available, also \$40 each.

Tickets may be purchased at The Good Shepherd Center, The Monroe County Chamber of Commerce, the Kahite Club House and individual Good Shepherd volunteers.

The Good Shepherd Center is a 501©3 organization.

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JOB FAIR

Tellico Village is a fun, challenging and rewarding place to work. And it's a beautiful location. Tellico Village is holding a job fair on Thursday, March 24th from noon to 4 p.m. at our Welcome Center at 202 Chota Road in the heart of our community. Look for the red job fair signs! We're hiring for golf maintenance, public works and our restaurants in Loudon and Monroe Counties. We hope to see you on the 24th. For information, call (865) 408-2627.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Lenoir City Utilities Board is rescheduling their March 2016 Board Meeting which was scheduled for Monday, March 21, 2016, at 4:00 p.m. The new rescheduled time will be Monday, March 28, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. As always, the meeting will be held in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 600 East Broadway, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771.

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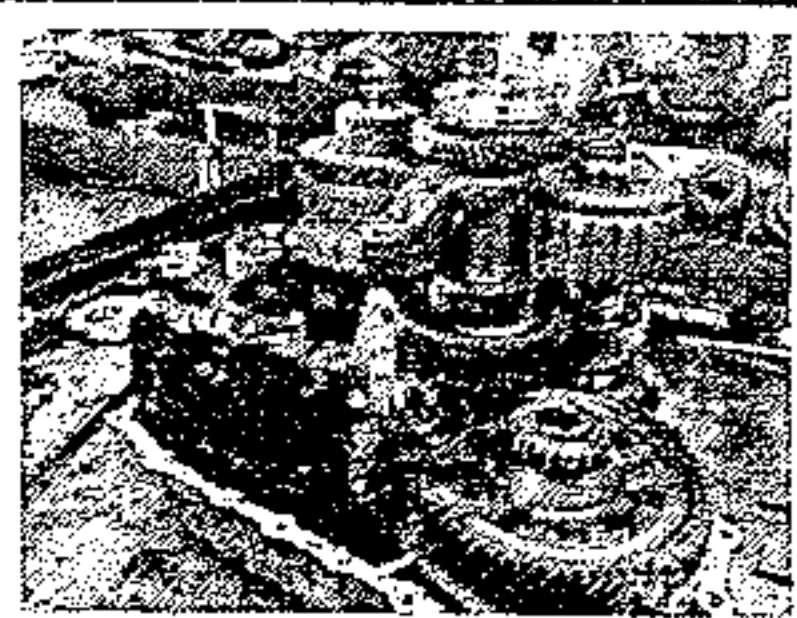
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Update

Natasha Ramsey, 23, Sunshine Private Lane Vonore, was charged with, Aggravated Robbery, Kidnapping, Assault, and Rape. Natasha was placed on a investigation hold by Detective Charlie Cosner, after an investigation it was learned the victim, was assaulted in her vehicle unable to leave

was forced to penetrate her own private area, and money was taken off her person without her consent, looking for drugs. After the investigation Detective Charlie Cosner LCSO, charged Natasha with the charges.

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Some of the things The Good Shepherd Center provides are food to over 2,100 men, women and children every month, per-

sonal care items as requested, clothing to each person per household, miscellaneous items each month, transportation via ETHRA for medical appointments, emergency housing for fire victims, layette sets for newborn babies and utility vouchers.

The Good Shepherd Center is supported financially by churches, local businesses, and individuals. Additional funds are provided through grants, auxiliary groups, Monroe County governmental agencies and fundraising

events such as this Dinner/Auction event.

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a total of 4 people involved in the crash 2 in the silver vehicle and 2 in the green vehicle. While Trooper was talking with Warren at the hospital he ask Warren how much he had to drink and if he had taken any med-

ication. Warren stated he had 3 beers which confirmed Trooper finding at the scene. Warren stated he had taken his medication, Xanax, Oxycodone, Morphine, and others. Due to injuries Warren was unable to perform sobriety test and was advised he was under arrest. Warren did submit to blood draw for testing. Due to the serious bodily injuries to Warren's passenger and the 2 people in the other vehicle involved, Warren was charged with Vehicular Assault. Trooper Rodney Best THP, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Jimmy "Jim" Russell, 69, of Loudon, passed away suddenly, Sunday, March 20, 2016, at his home. Jim served in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was active in the American Legion and the VFW. He spent 30 years as manager of Morrison's Cafeteria and retired from J.T.E.K.T. Corporation. Preceded in death by parents, Elmer and Viola Russell; his wife, Peggy Morelock Russell; brother, Sidney Russell; granddaughter, Hope Yarber; and great granddaughter, Skyla Yarber. He is survived by daughters, Regina and Jess Brooks, and Theresa Smith; sons, Gary Cloyd and Jason and Karen Smith; six grandchildren; several great grandchildren; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral service 7 pm Tuesday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Gary Cook officiating. Family and friends will meet at 1 pm Wednesday at Simpson Cemetery for graveside service. Military honors provided by the Loudon County Veterans Honor Guard. Family will receive friends 5 - 7 pm, prior to the service, at Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneral-home.net

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indicted

ATM withdrawals of band booster funds and kept the money for her own benefit. Ms. Krantz admitted to investigators that she used these funds for her house payments.

After meeting with investigators, Ms. Krantz remitted \$3,180 to the band boosters to replace the funds she had taken.

In March 2016, Tracy Krantz was indicted by the Cheatham County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$1,000.

"Many of the booster club thefts that we investigate can be prevented with better oversight," said Comptroller Justin P.

Wilson. "In this case, separating money handling responsibilities between individuals, and having other officers review bank statements could have detected problems."

Cheatham County Central High School Band Boosters is no longer an active organization. A new booster club named Cheatham County Central Band Boosters has been cre-

ated. The officers of this organization indicate they will follow applicable laws and school support organization procedures in order to prevent similar problems within their new booster club.

To view the special investigation online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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Henry County Receives Clean Audit Report

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

Henry County's audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 contains no audit findings. Only five Tennessee counties audited by the Comptroller's Office can claim this distinction.

Henry County's pre-

vious annual audit included three findings, all of which have been corrected. Leaders have made a commitment to identify and reduce risk through a strong system of internal controls.

"I applaud everyone associated with Henry County government for this excellent report," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "Henry County joins a select group of Tennessee counties that can claim 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. Henry County joins Weak-

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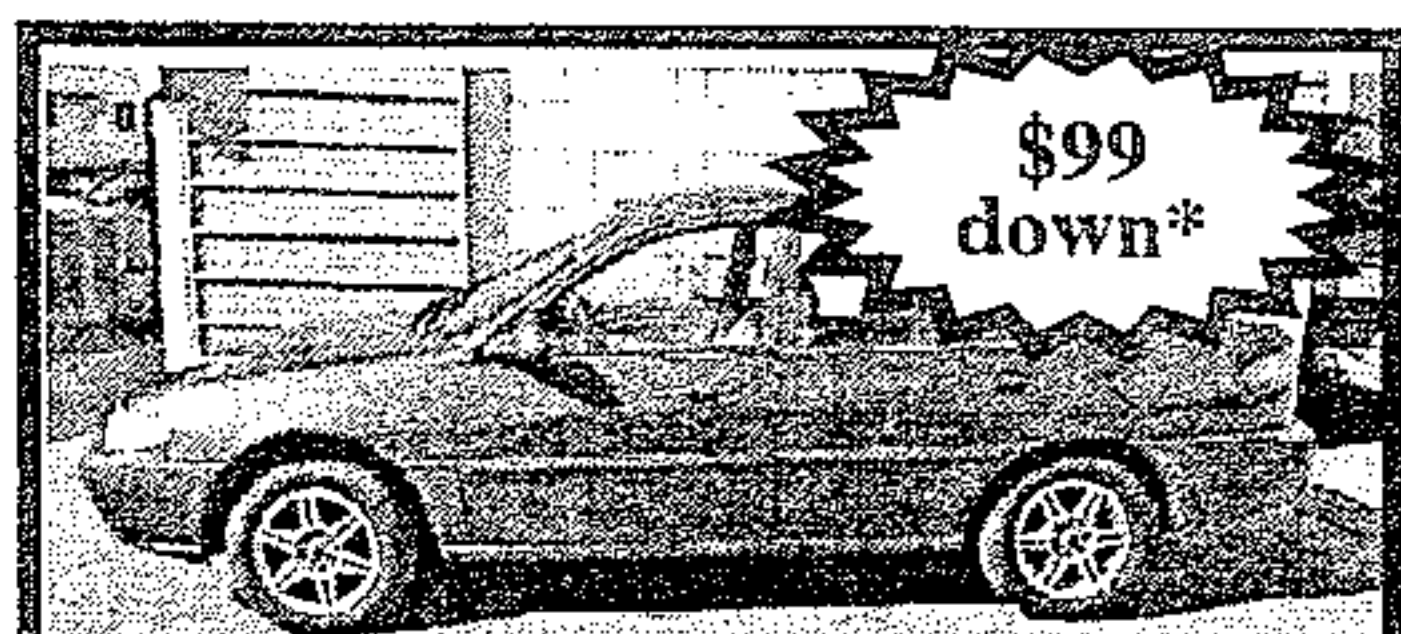
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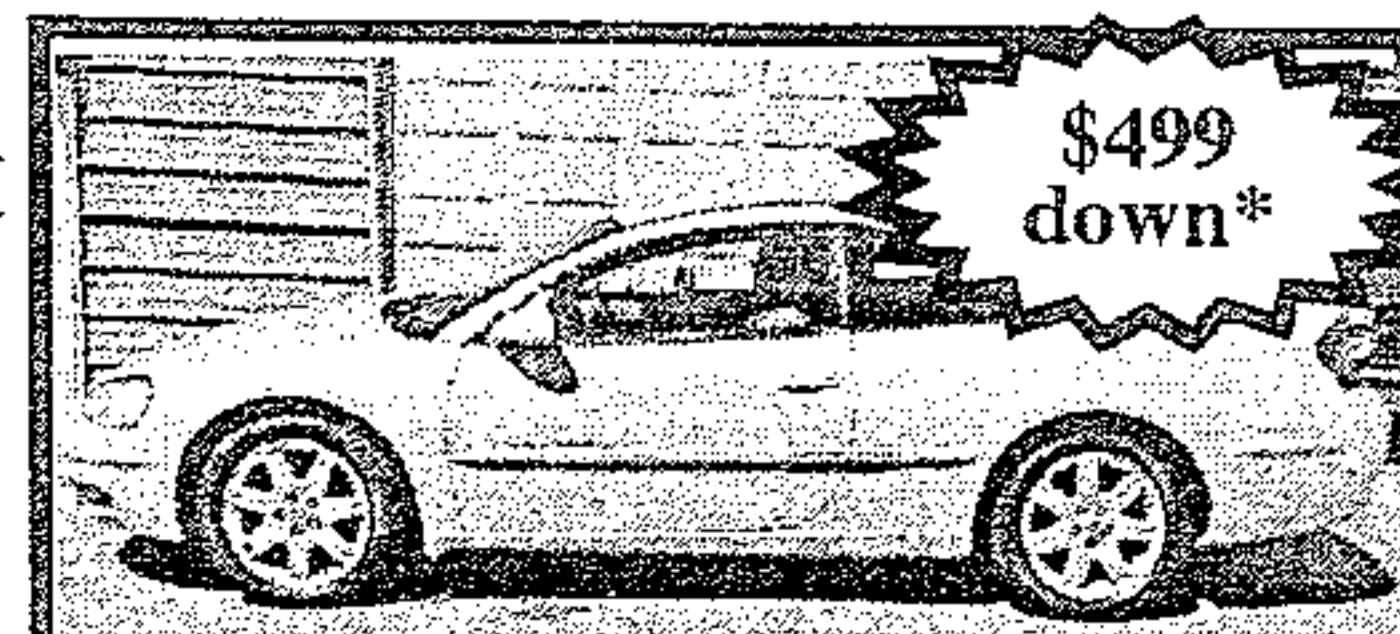
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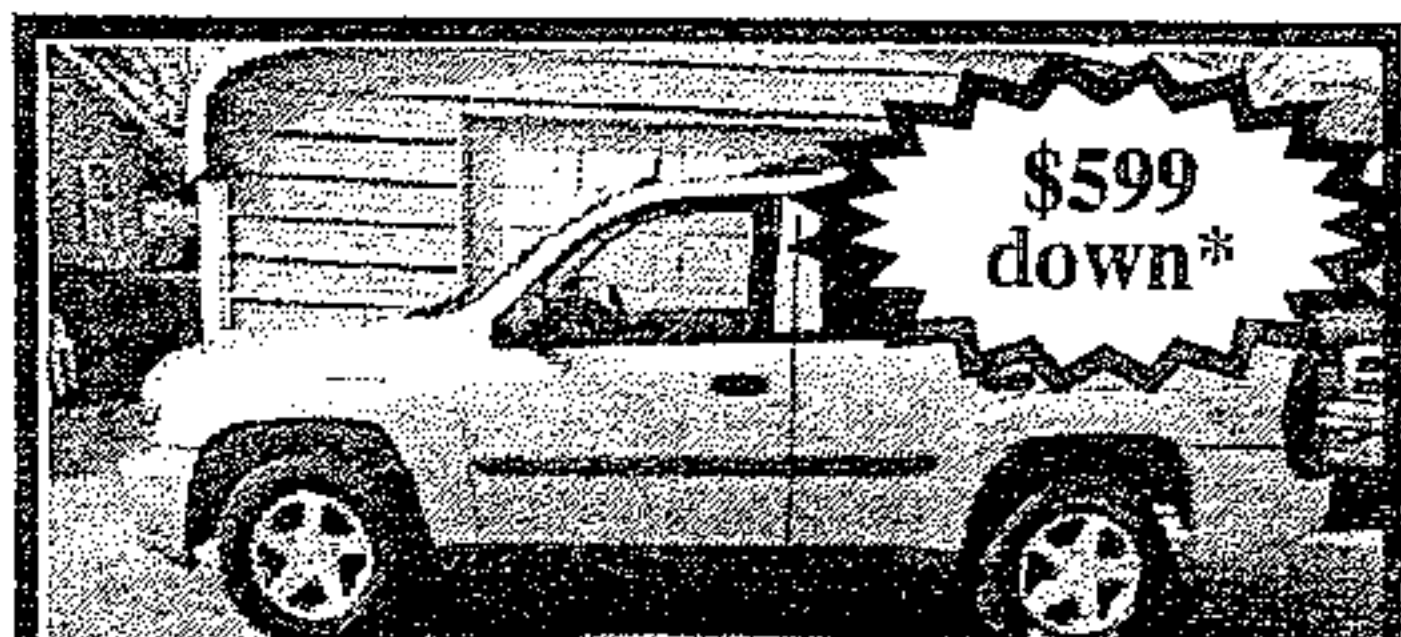
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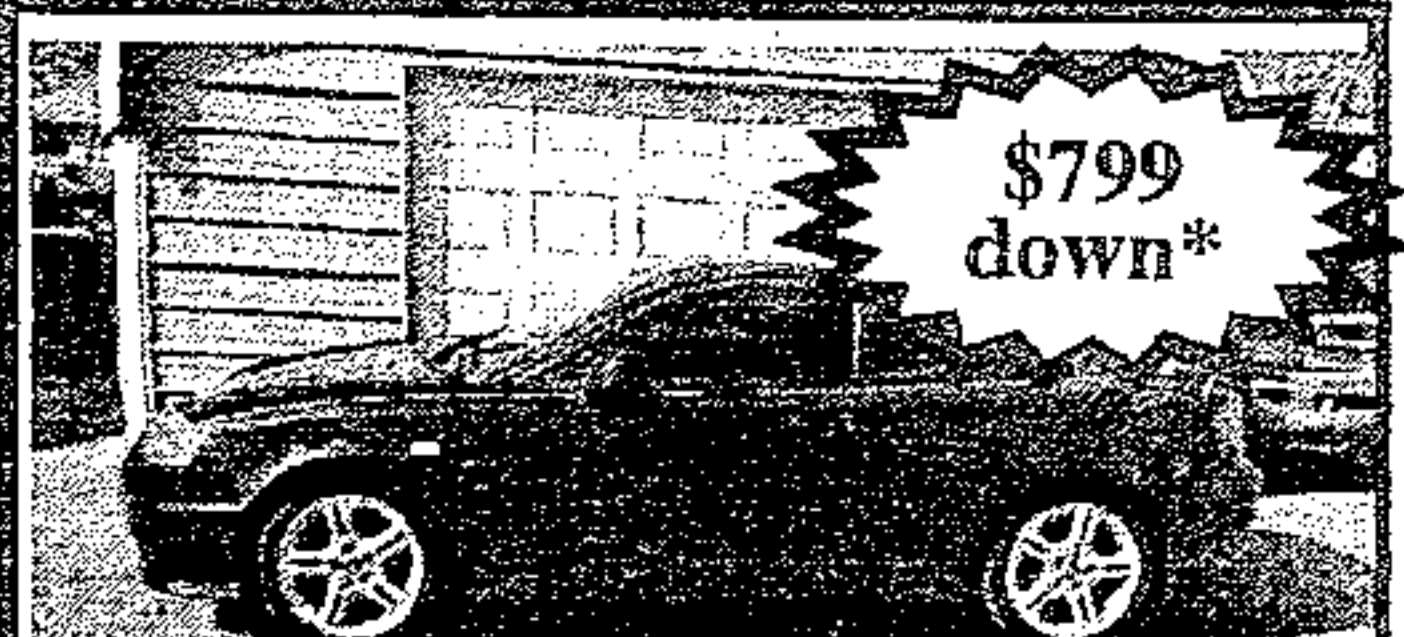
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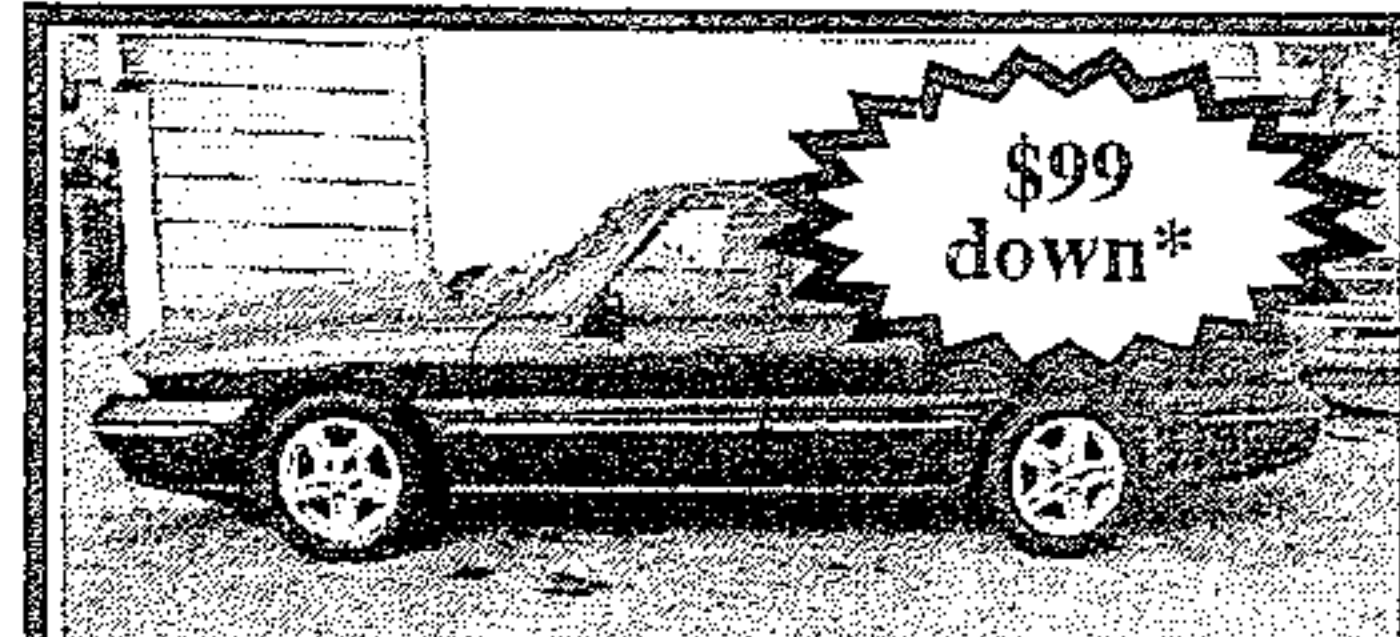
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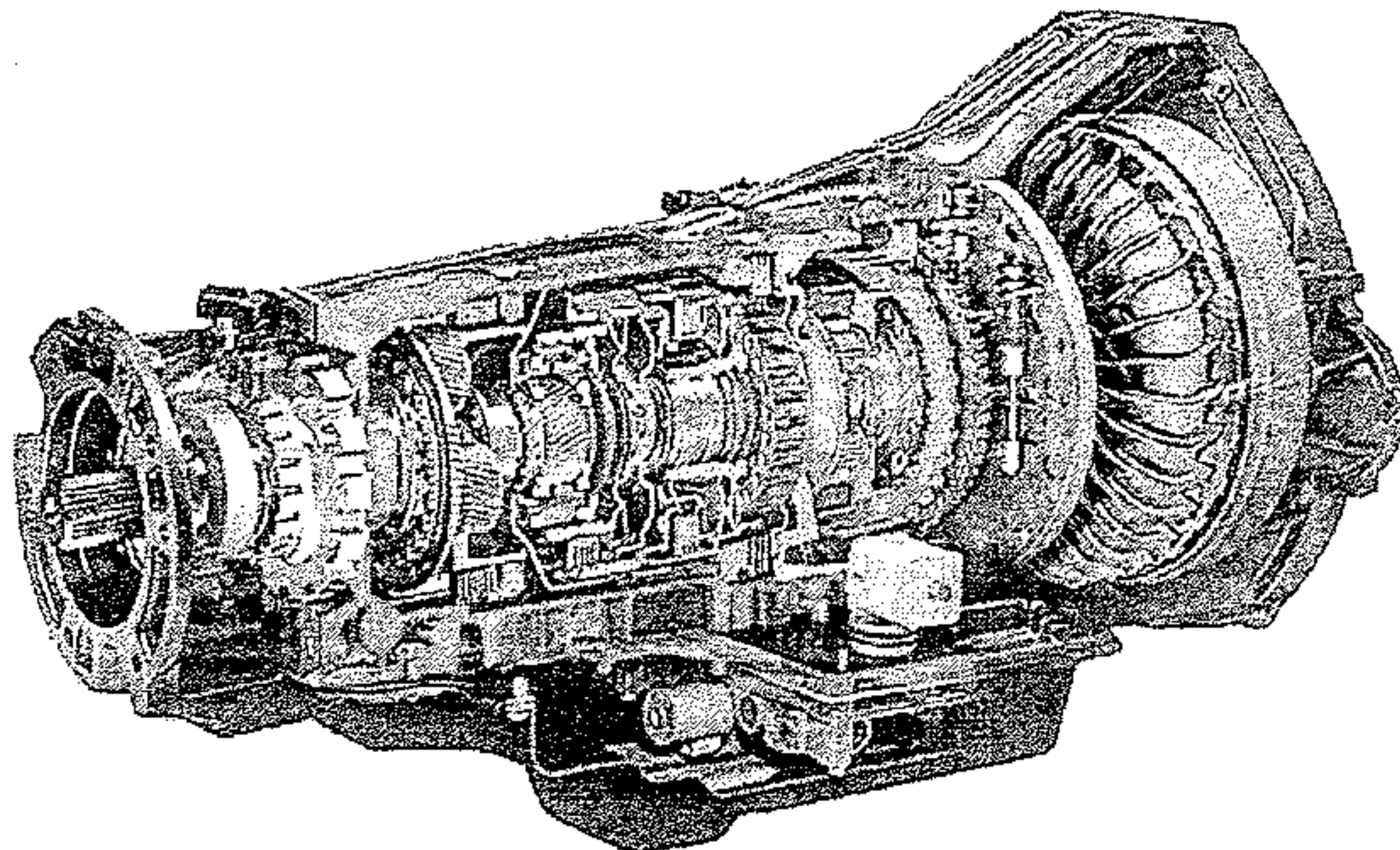
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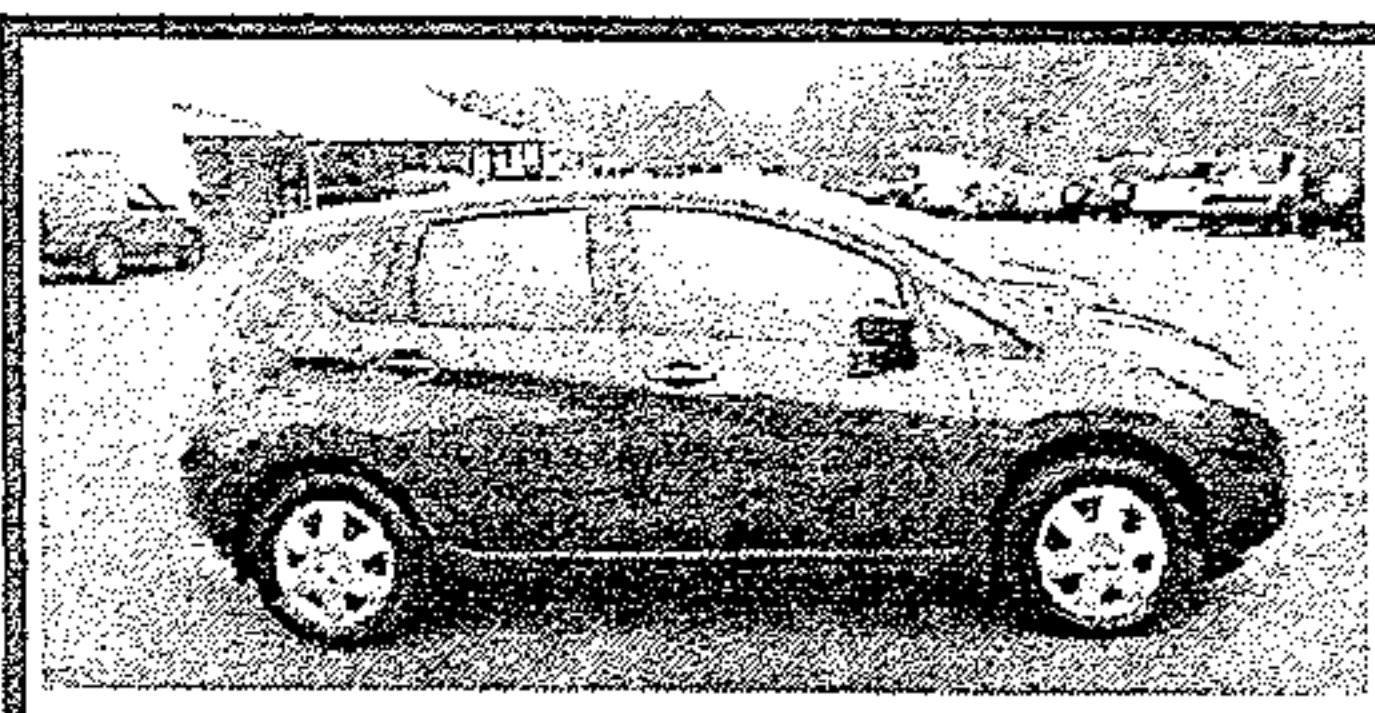
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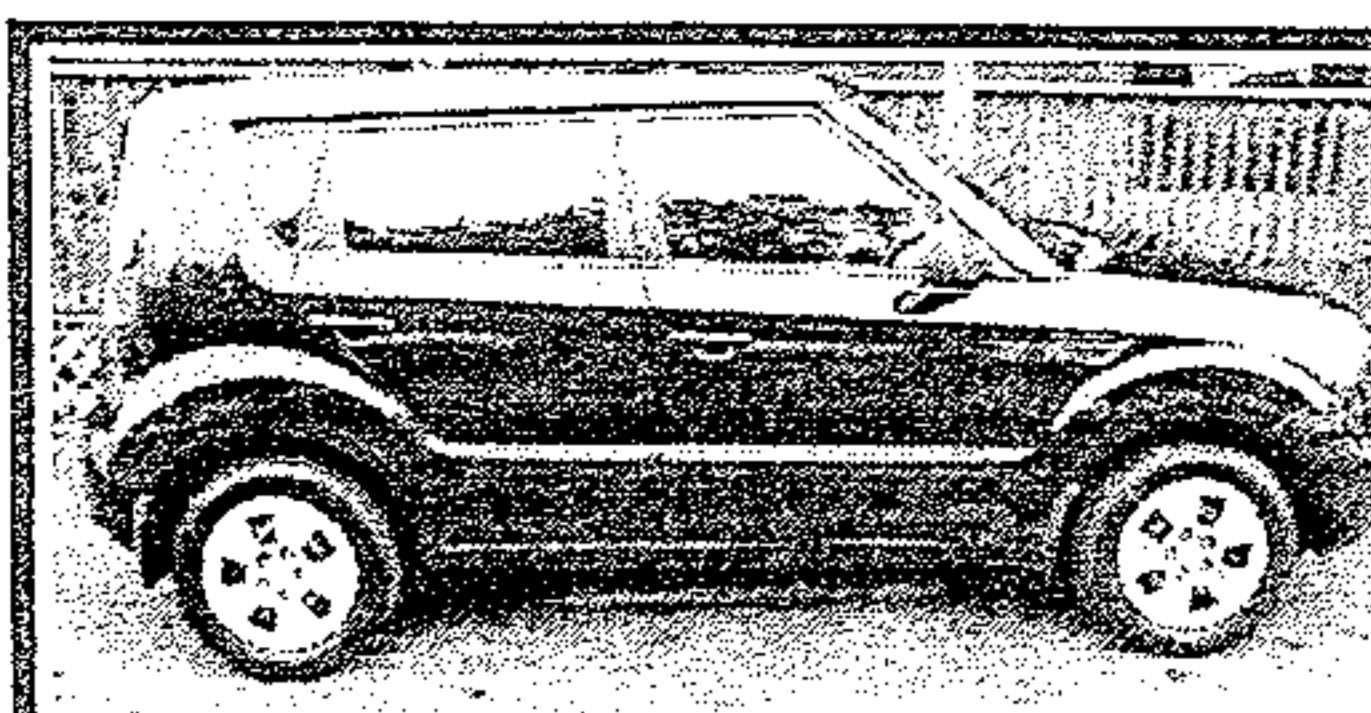
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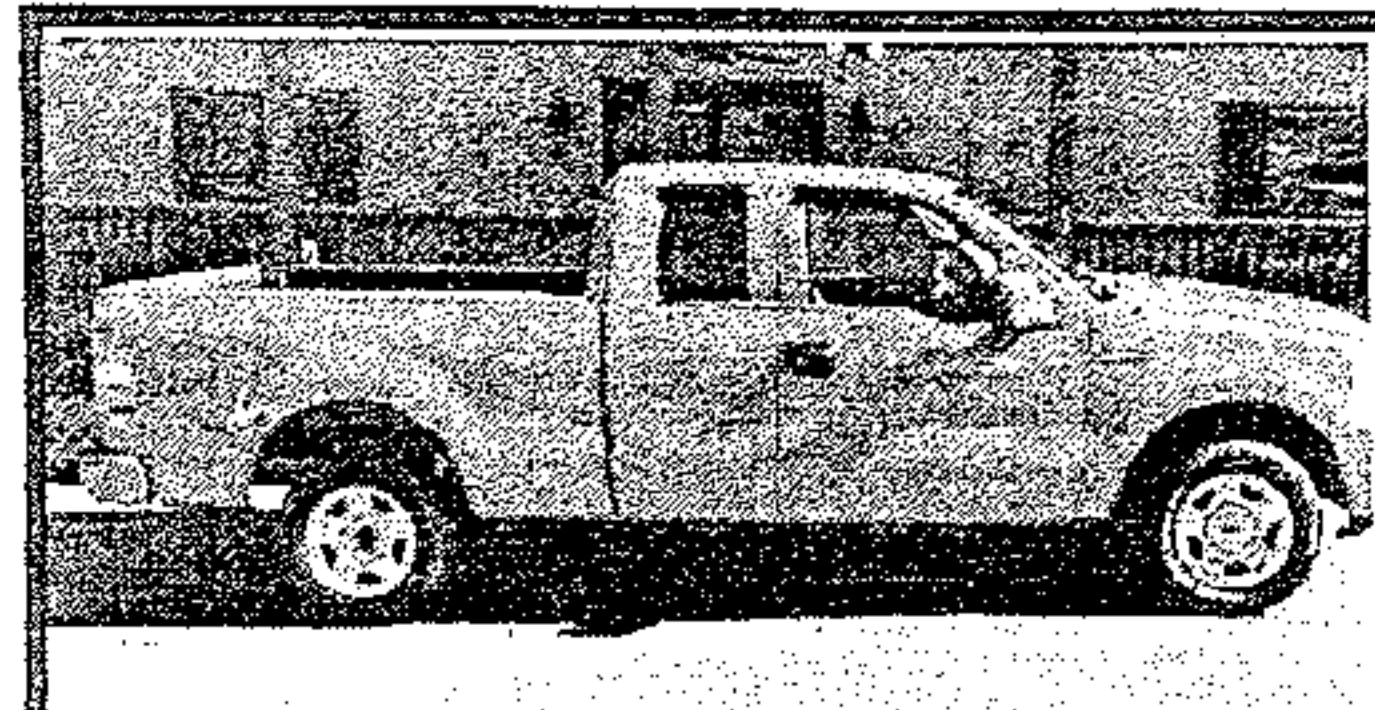
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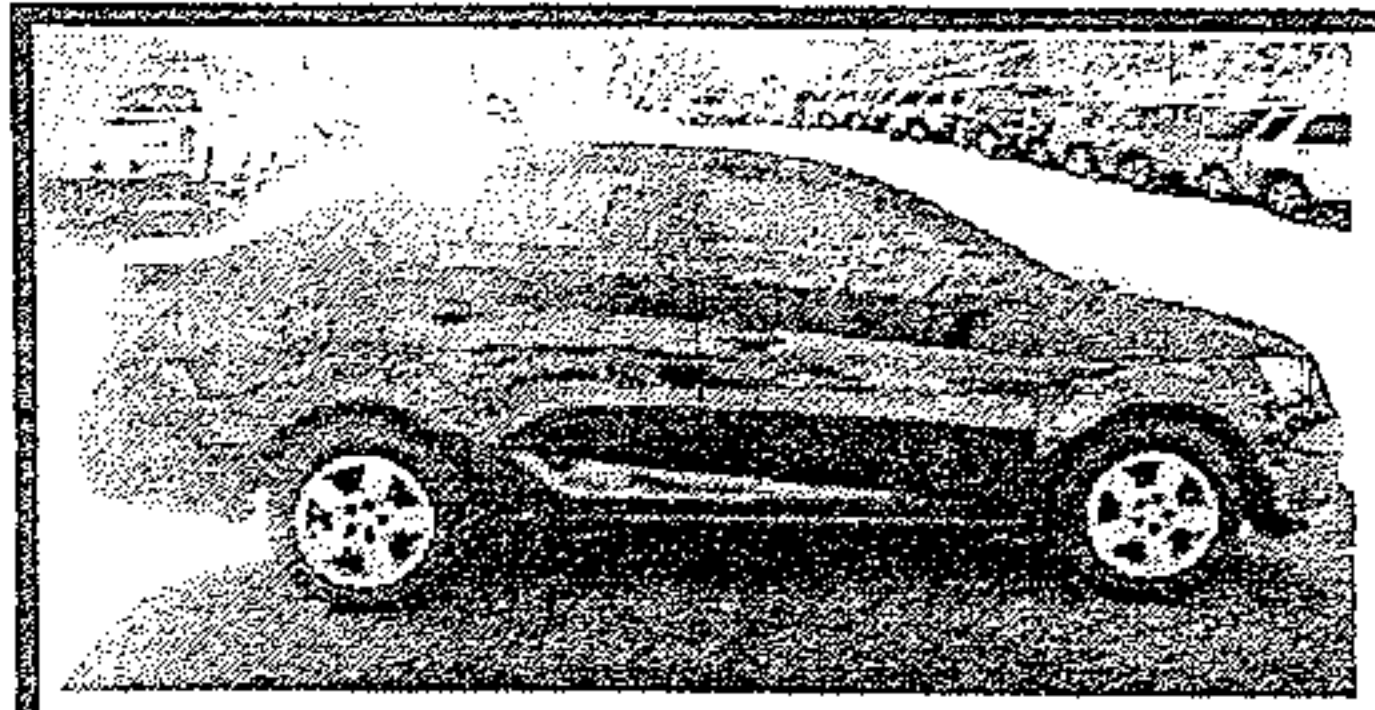
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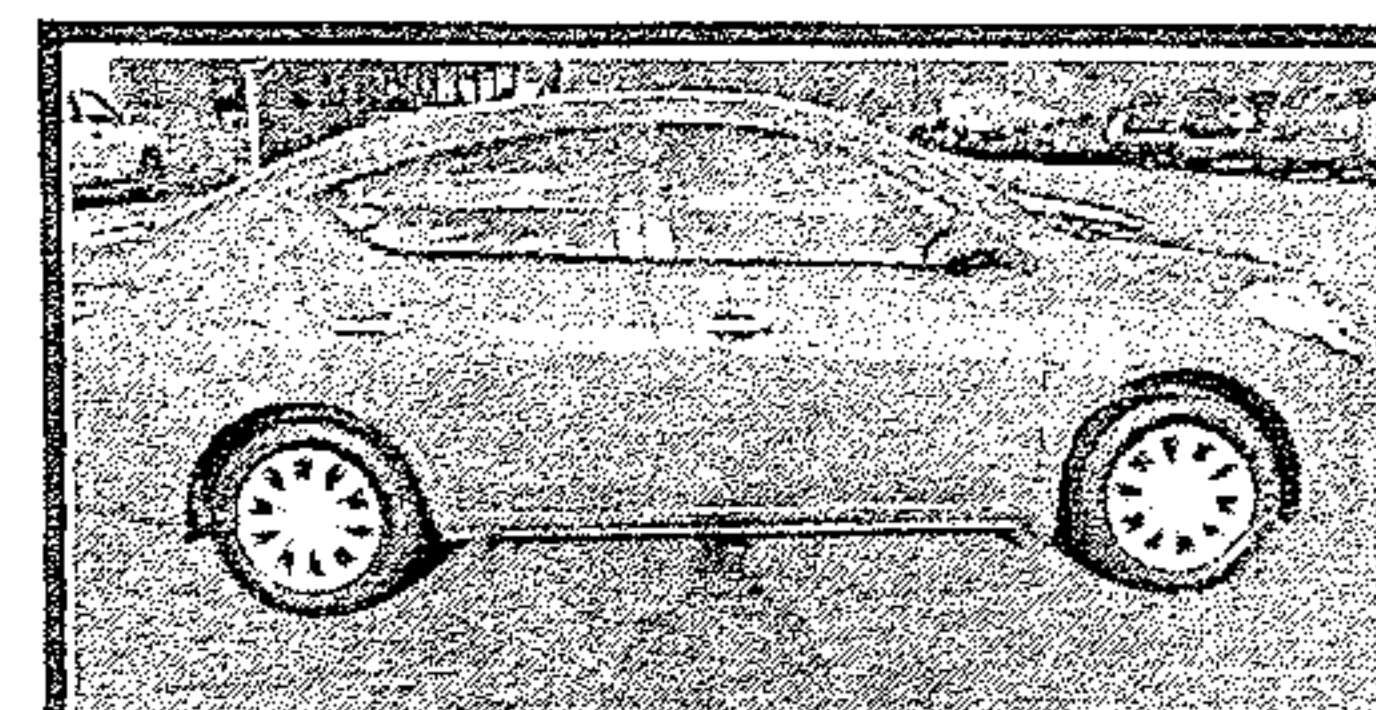
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