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Friday, May 20, 2016

It just don't get no dumber! Man charged with stealing lawyers phone from courthouse!

Ricky Powell, 40, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property.

On May 9th 2016 the victim reported while he was at the Criminal Court House in Loudon meeting with clients he misplaced his phone and with reporting to court Officer both he and the officer looked and could not find the

(see theft pg. 2)



Ricky Powell

Indictment charges former insurance and annuities salesman with establishing fictional companies to defraud elderly investors

On May 17, 2016, a federal grand jury sitting in Chattanooga, Tenn., returned a seven-count indictment against John Allen Morris, Jr., 50, of Knoxville, Tenn., for wire fraud, mail fraud, bank fraud and wrongful use of a government seal.

According to the indictment on file with U.S. District Court, beginning in 2006, Morris devised a scheme to defraud and obtain money by false pretenses. He established two ficti-

(see indictment pg. 5)

Haslam Bolsters Drive to 55 Campaign With New College Counseling Program for High Schools

Advise TN to provide college counseling assistance to 10,000 students in first year

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today announced Advise TN, a program to increase the number of students accessing higher education by providing college counselors to 30 public high schools

(see Haslam pg. 4)

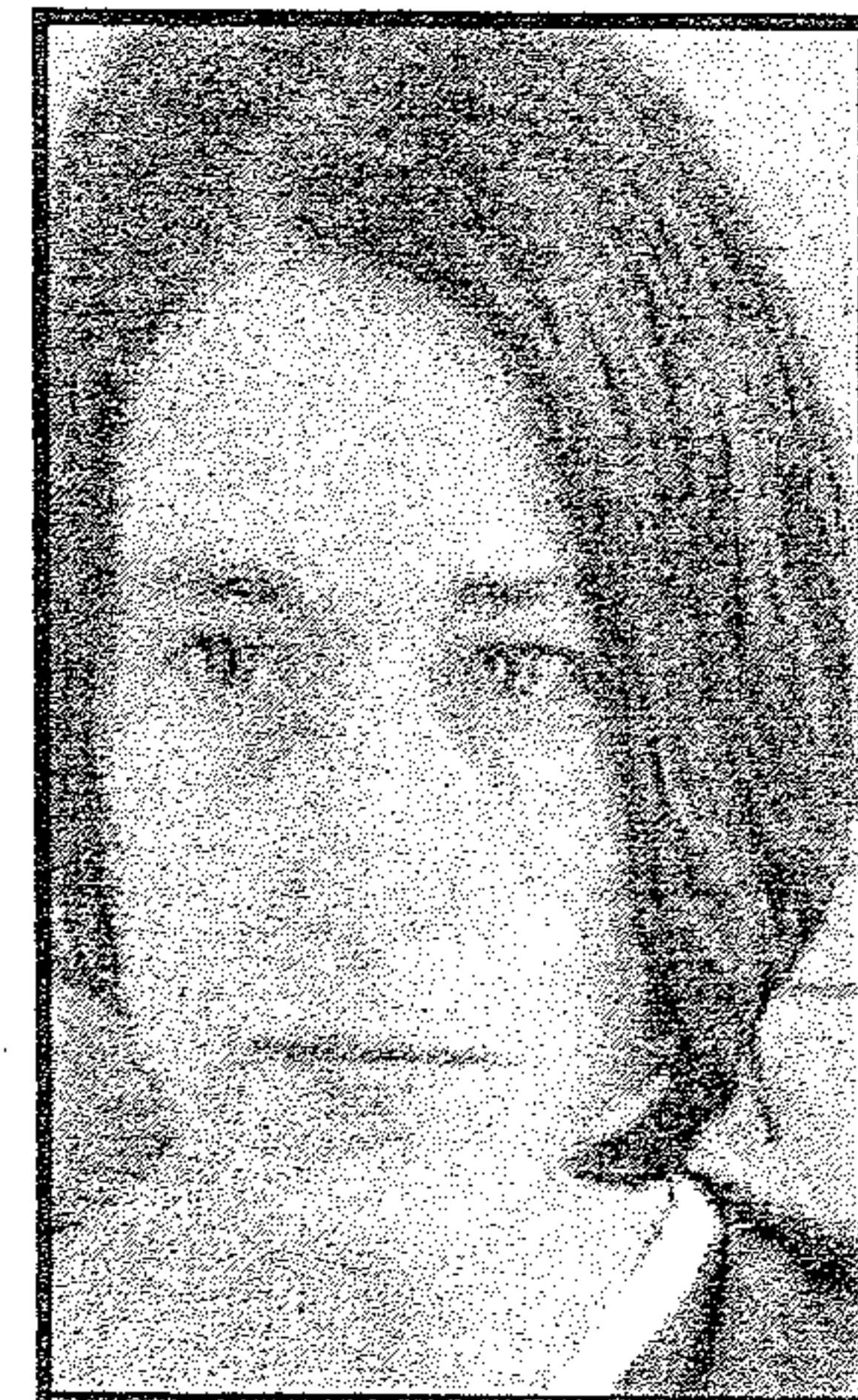
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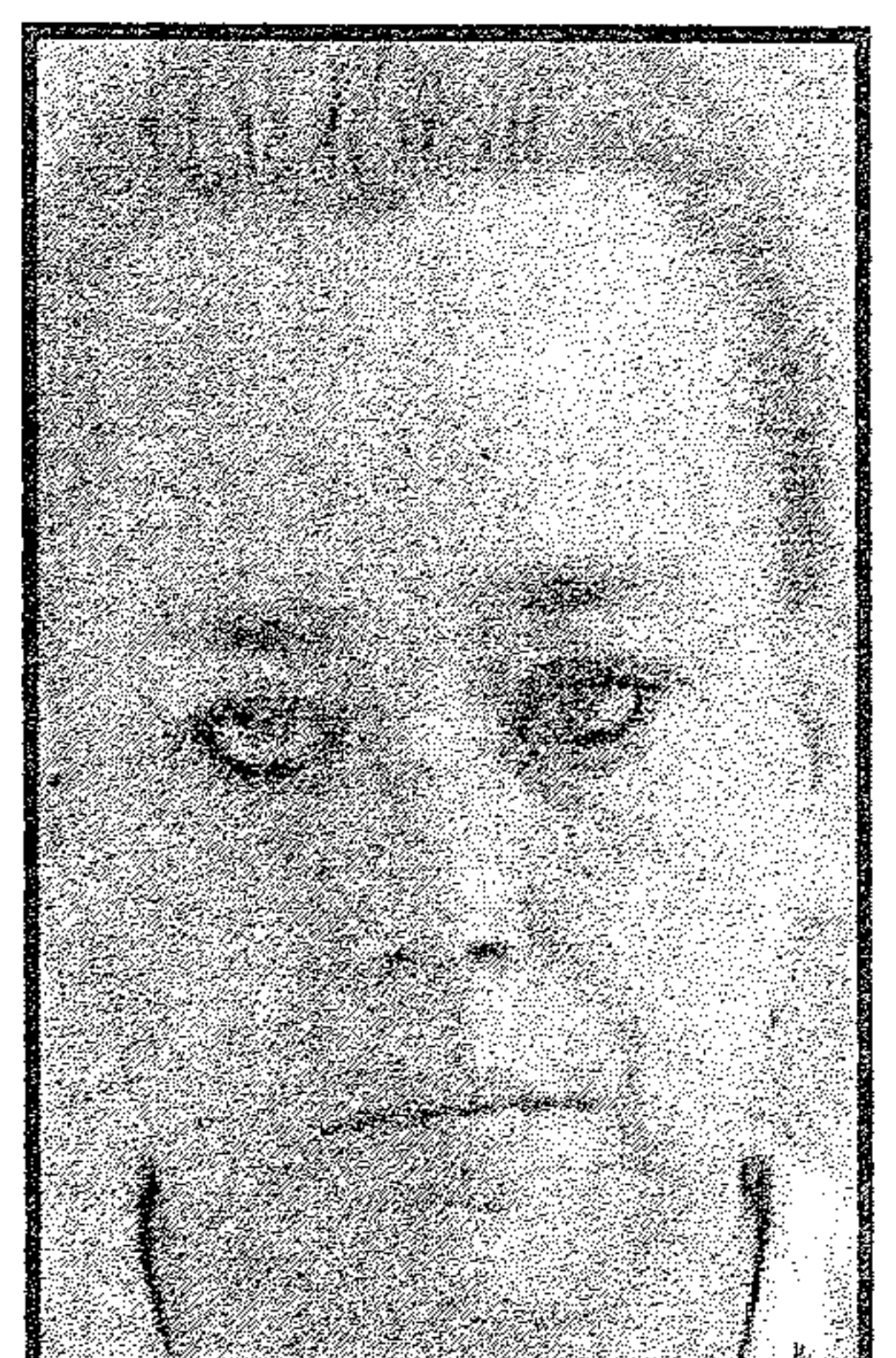
James Childress

(see sex offender pg. 5)

Everybody charged in LCSO traffic stop



Summer Hayes



Jessica Hood

(see trio pg. 3)

Verse of the Day

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

— 2 Corinthians 5:17

Obituaries

see inside

Wazzup

And Yes and Amazing Time was Had in KTown this past week. A Big Shout Out to all those who were there!

Weather

Today: Cloudy skies. A

stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 72F.

Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 52F.

Thursday Partly cloudy. High 79F.

Thursday Night Mostly

clear during the evening followed by cloudy skies overnight. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 57F.

Horoscopes

Taurus 4/20-5/20

It's natural to think in ra-

(Continued on page 6)



theft phone . Victim reported the theft to Loudon county Sheriffs Office . With further investigation it was found that Ricky Powell had taken a phone that matched this description to a store in Foothills mall located in Maryville Tn and sold it for 35.00 . This information was gathered from

Leads on Line reporting system. On Thursday May 9th 2016 it was confirmed by the IMEI number of the phone that it belonged to victim . The Vaule of the phone was 900.00 and 100.00 was in the phone case . Total missing approximately 1100.00 from the theft. On 5/17/16 Rickey turned himself in at the Jail.

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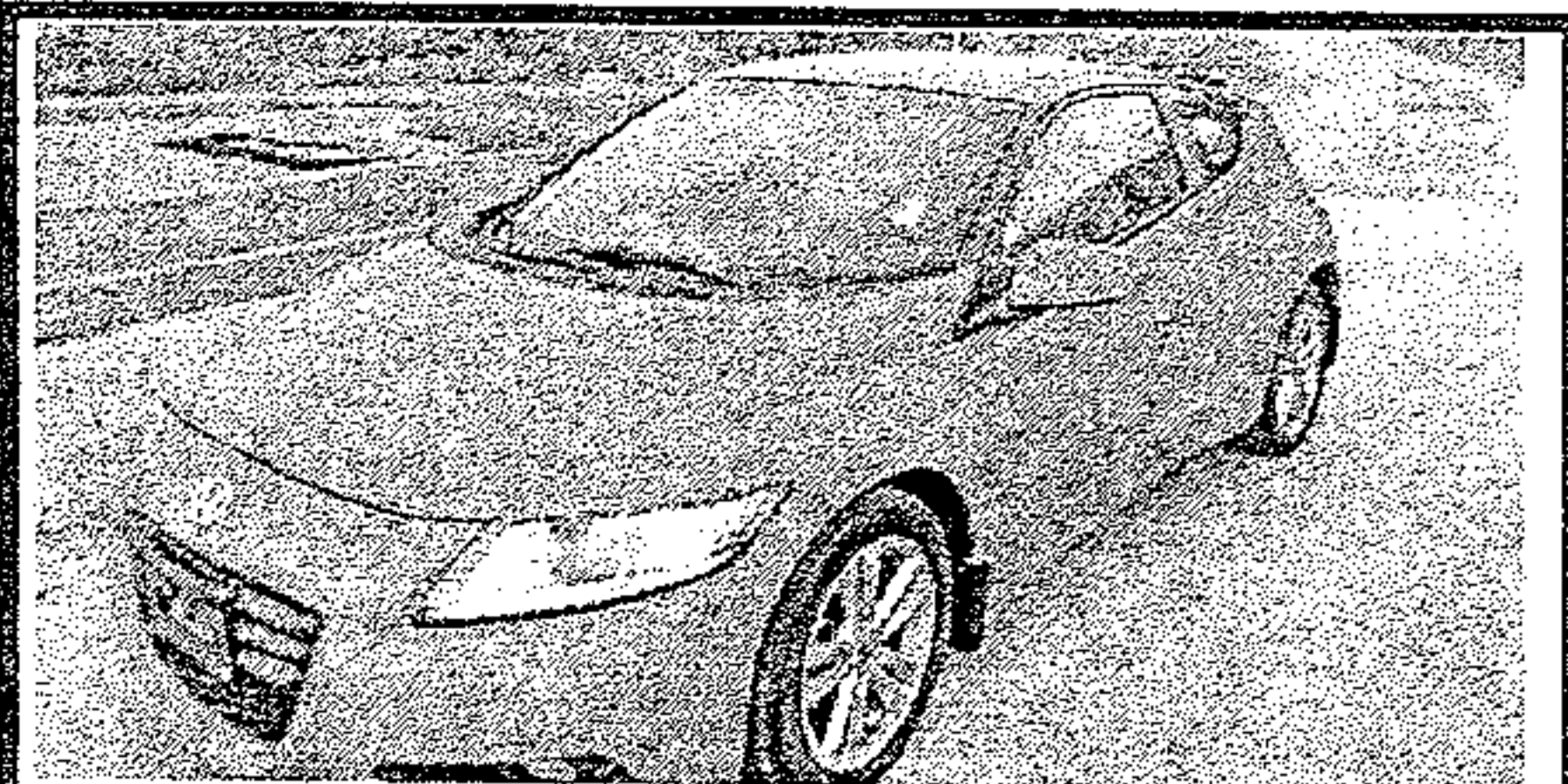
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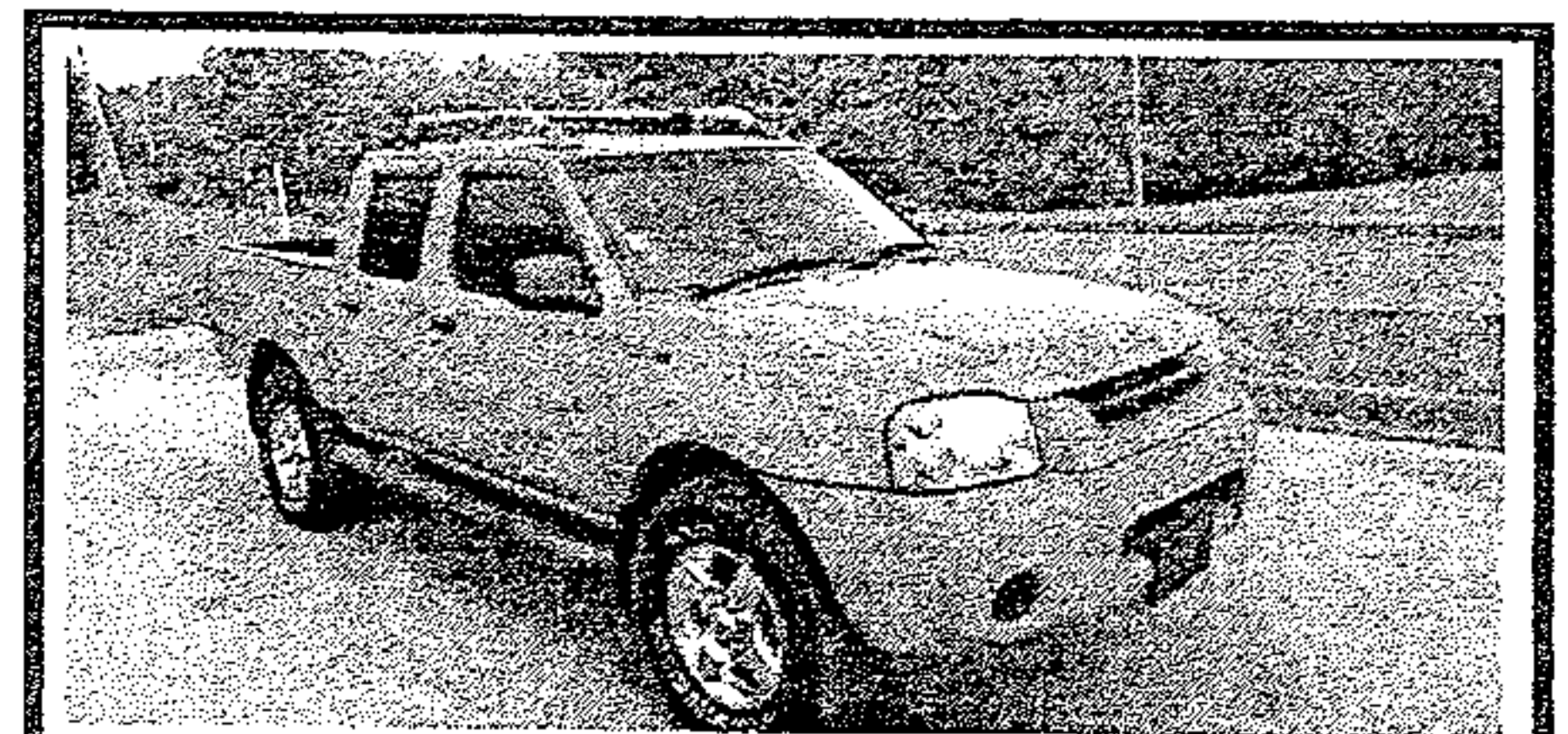
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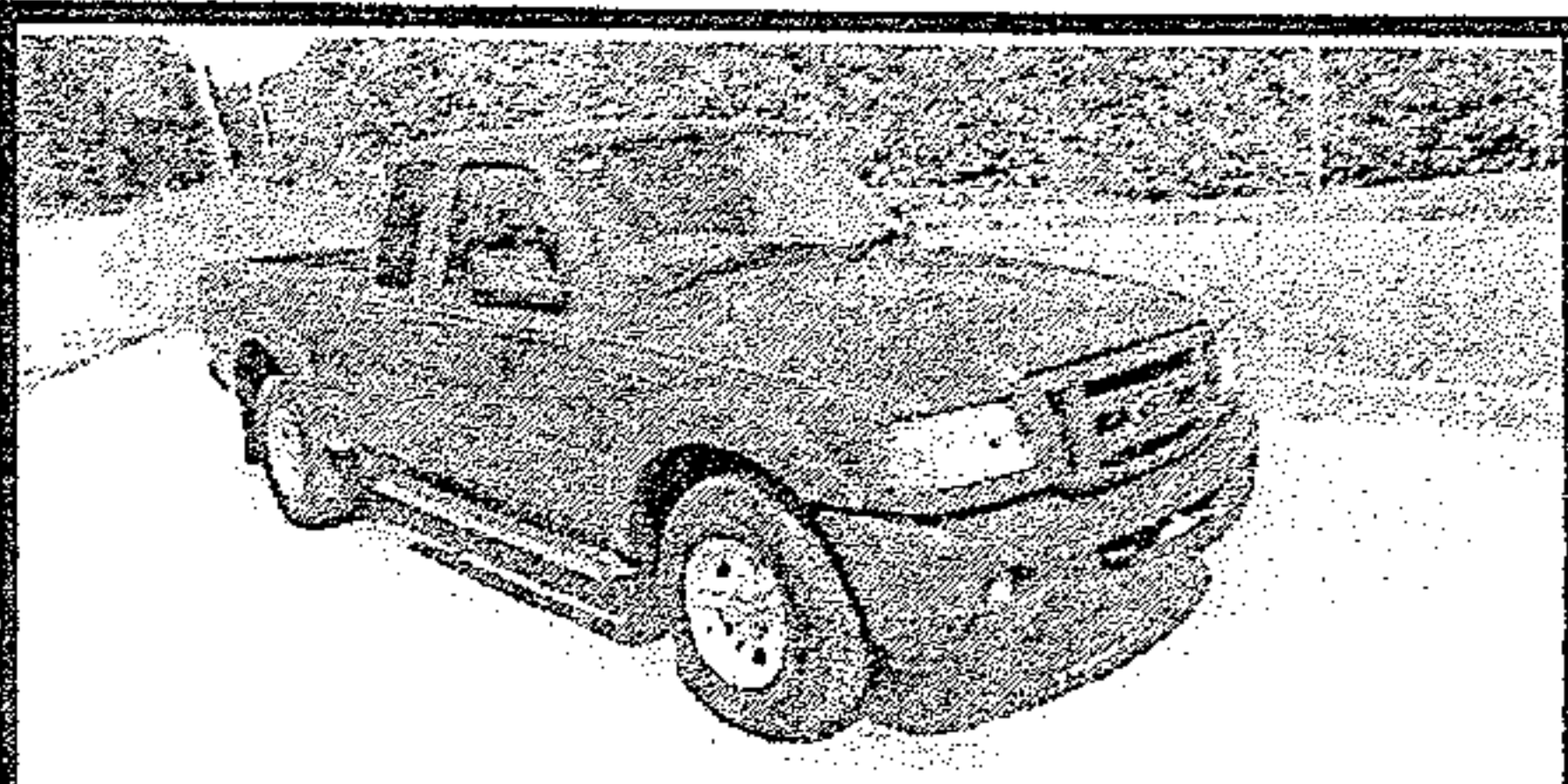
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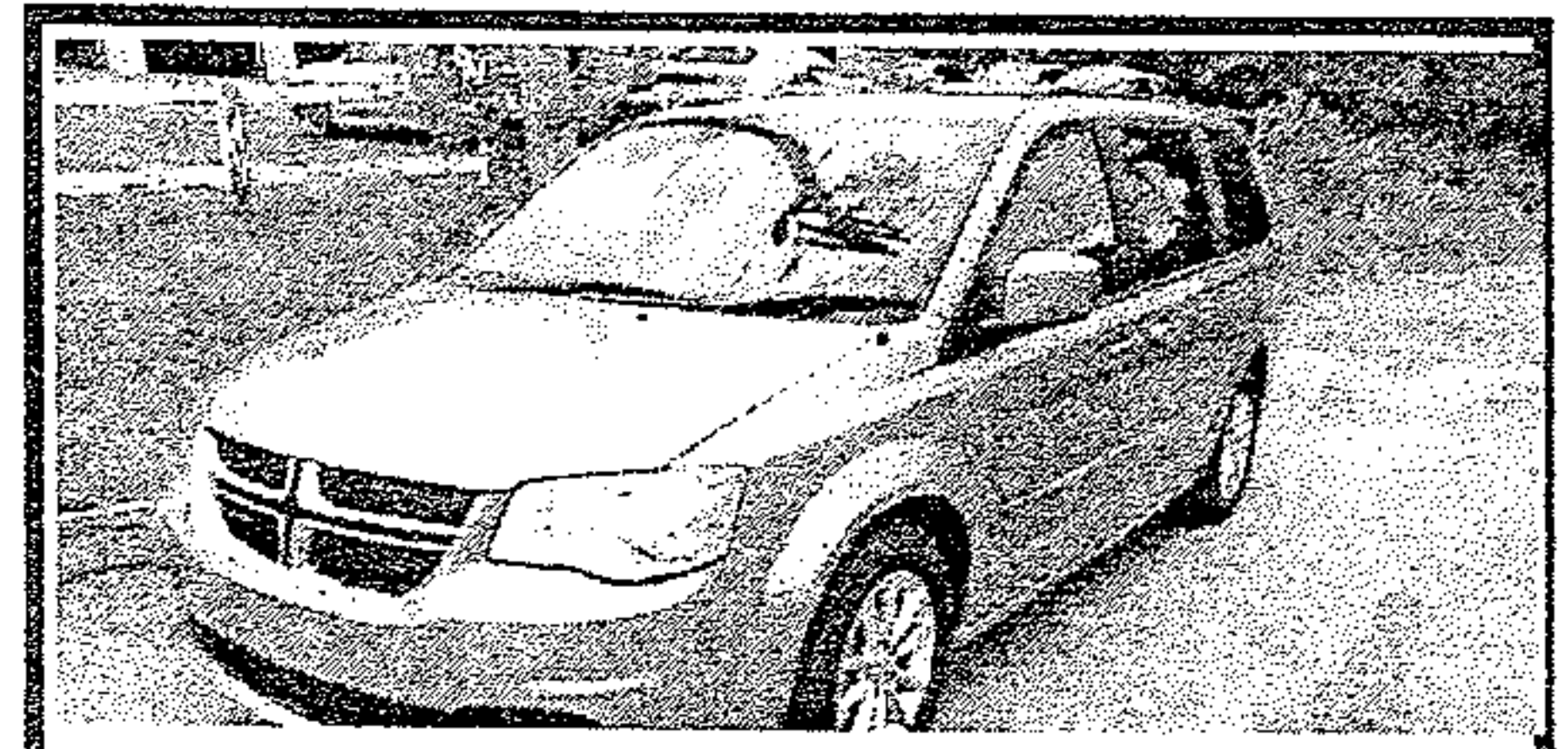
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trio

Summer Hayes, 35, Crest View Drive Sweetwater, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Jessica Hood, 32, Highway 11 North Philadelphia, was

charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Travis Patterson, 37, Childress Ave Sweetwater, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, observed a black Mercedes on Sunnyside Rd at Reed Springs Church Rd crossing the center line multiple times. Upon traffic stop

at Sunnyside Rd and Davis Dairy Rd Deputy came in contact with 4 individuals, the driver with passengers Summer Hayes. Travis Patterson, and Jessica Hood. The driver did give consent to search the vehicle, in the rear of the drivers seat in front of Travis Patterson was a syringe wrapped up into the seat cover. Deputy then located a syringe under the rear seat in between Travis Pat-

terson and Summer Hayes, under the passenger seat (Jessica Hood) was a Meth Pipe. All subjects did deny owning any of the paraphernalia, the driver was released with a verbal warning for Failure to Maintain Lane. The other three subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Justice Center without incident. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, made the arrest.

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Haslam

and 10,000 junior and senior students across the state this fall.

The new initiative, administered by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), supports the state's Drive to 55 campaign to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary degree or credential to 55 percent by 2025.

"As a result of Tennessee Promise, first-time freshmen enrollment has increased 25 percent at community colleges. We are changing the conversation in Tennessee around going to college, and there's more we can do," Haslam said. "Research tells us that having a school-wide culture of college-going — of students knowing that college isn't only an option for them but it's an expectation — is one of the best indicators of whether students will pursue higher education. This program will provide schools across

the state with one more adult in students' lives, focused on helping them navigate the transition from high school to college."

Partner high schools will be selected through a competitive process based on a strong commitment to building a college-going culture. To be eligible for consideration, high schools must have a college-going rate that is less than the state average. For more information and to access an application, visit <http://tn.gov/thec/topic/advisetn>. The deadline for schools to apply is August 12.

College advisors are being hired and trained this summer and will be placed with partner schools in fall 2016. They will work alongside the school's counselors, educators, parents and local partners to implement college-access best practices and foster the school's college-going culture, devise creative approaches to reach and

connect with students, and, most importantly, assist students and their families as they navigate the college-going process. Advisors will supplement, not replace, existing high school counseling staff.

"Advise TN will complement the programs that have emerged statewide through the Drive to 55 by providing more resources, time, and individual focus to ensure postsecondary access and success," THEC's interim execu-

tive director Russ Deaton said. "We are all looking forward to this expanded school-level collaboration and ensuring that Tennessee's college enrollment continues to grow."

Advise TN was included in Haslam's 2016-17 budget with funding of \$2,455,800. High schools selected to participate in Advise TN are expected to develop sustainability plans to continue the program beyond initial state funding.

About the Drive to 55

In 2013, Governor Haslam launched the Drive to 55 to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary degree or certificate to 55 percent by 2025. As a result, the Drive to 55 has established the Tennessee Promise program, the nation's first scholarship and mentorship program that provides high school graduates last-dollar scholarships to attend two years of community or technical college free of tuition and fees; re-

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sex offender

James Childress, 44, White Road Loudon, was charged with Failure to Appear and Violation of the Sex Offender Registry x2. Deputy Vance Wright LCSO, took James into custody at the Knox. CO Jail and transported to the Loudon Jail where Deputy John Toney LCSO, served

James with the warrants. indictment

tious companies, Pillar Management Company (PMG) and Superior Life Insurance Company (Superior) and then contacted elderly investors by various means, including the telephone, to invest in annuities, bonds, and insurance products. Morris convinced several investors to surrender legitimate annuities to invest in his companies. He

established bank accounts at different financial institutions in which he deposited this money received from investors. Rather than investing the funds, Morris converted the money from investors for his own personal use, including paying personal bills and expenses for himself and his family, buying personal property for himself and others, and investment in personal

ventures such as an automobile refurbishment and resale enterprise, and "Football Tech" – a business which claimed to stage football camps for high school football players and others. Additionally, to perpetuate his scheme, Morris used some of the funds from investors to pay off others.

If convicted, Morris faces a maximum of 20 years in prison for the wire and mail fraud charges. He faces a maximum of 30 years in prison for bank fraud and a maximum of five years in prison for wrongful use of a government seal.

If you believe that you have been a victim of Morris, please contact the local Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office at 865-744-0751.

Agencies conducting this investigation include the FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance. Assistant U.S. Attorney Steve Neff represents the government.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment constitutes only charges and that every person is presumed innocent until his or her guilt has been proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

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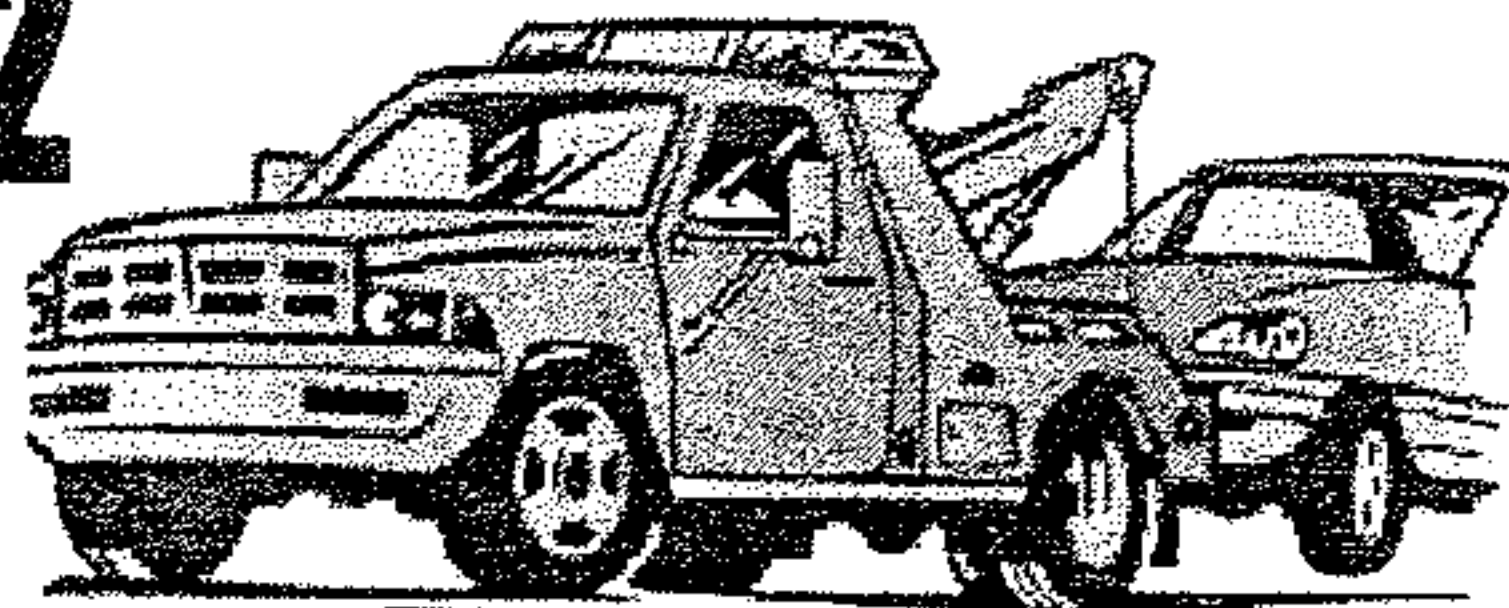
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duced the number of college freshmen requiring remediation through the SAILS (Seamless Alignment and Integrated Learning Support) program; provided free technical college for adults through TCAT Reconnect Grants; created Tennessee Reconnect + Complete to help more adults return to college to complete unfinished degrees; developed a more comprehensive state approach to serving student veterans; and leveraged technology to enhance classroom instruction and college advising.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/news/>

OBITUARIES

Kevin Scott Hill, of Philadelphia, passed away Sunday, May 15, 2016 in North Carolina. Preceded in death by father, Edward Kyle Hill; brother, Charles Edward Hill; and daughter, Whitney Hill. Survived by mother, Fay Hensley Hill, of Philadelphia; children, Ashley Hill, Heather Robinson and Daniel Ricketson; Eight grandchildren; sisters, Pat (Bobby) Laudermilk and Pam (Billy) Trentham; brothers, Danny (Lois) Hill, Leon (Karen) Hill, Rickey (Debbie) Hill and Terry Hill; sister-in-law,

Cyndie Hill; several nieces and nephews; and fiancé, Dorothy Moldenhauer. Funeral services for Mr. Hill will be 7:00 pm Thursday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Gerald Lynn officiating. Family and Friends will meet 11:00 am, Friday, at Reed Springs Church Cemetery for graveside service. The family will receive friends Thursday, 5 - 7 pm, prior to the funeral service, at Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

Anna Mitchell Thearp, age 76, of Loudon, passed away Friday May 13, 2016

at U.T Hospital. She was preceded in death by, parents, Joseph and Mittie Ramsey Mitchell, daughter, Carolyn Thearp; Survivors: children & spouses, Larry Thearp, Loudon, James "Jim" & Pam Thearp, Madisonville, Tammie & Michael Stevens, Loudon; 6 grandchildren, Amanda Thomas, Missy Thearp, Cole Thearp, J.T. Thearp, Jennifer Thearp, Jana Thearp, all of Loudon; 3 great grandchildren, Gabe Parks, Ava Collins, Jonathan Thearp; step grandchildren, Makenna & Bethany Stevens; brother, Ed Mitchell of Ga. Childhood friend Peggy

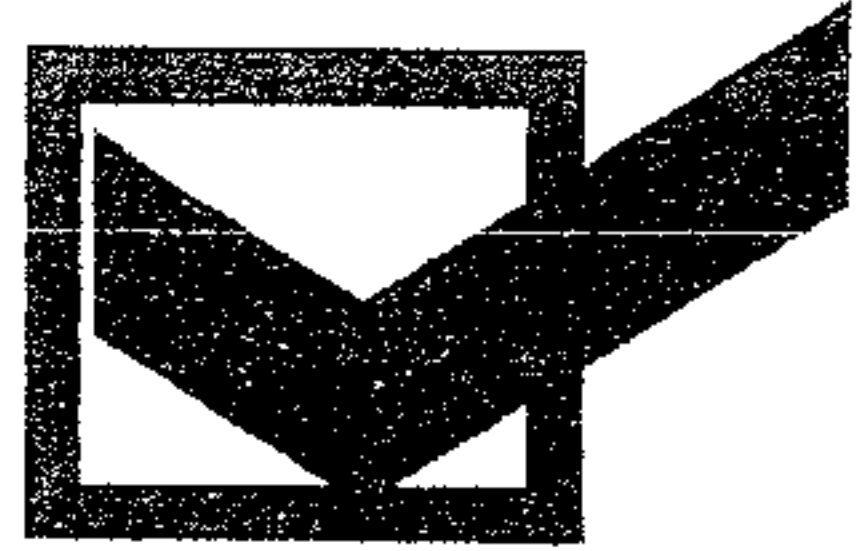
Scott Setera of Fla. Funeral services 7 p.m. Tuesday Loudon Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ernie Varner officiating Interment 11 a.m. Wednesday Union Fork Creek Cemetery family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday prior to the service at Loudon Funeral Home. www.loudonfuneralhome.net

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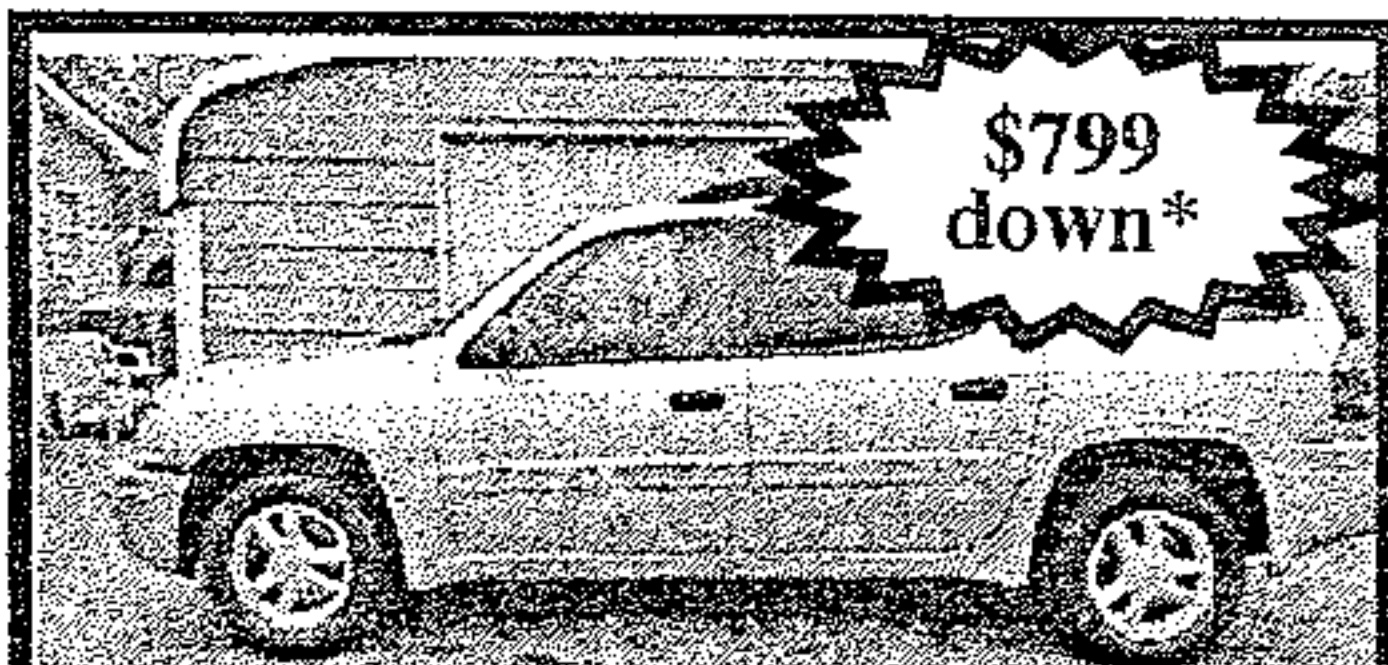
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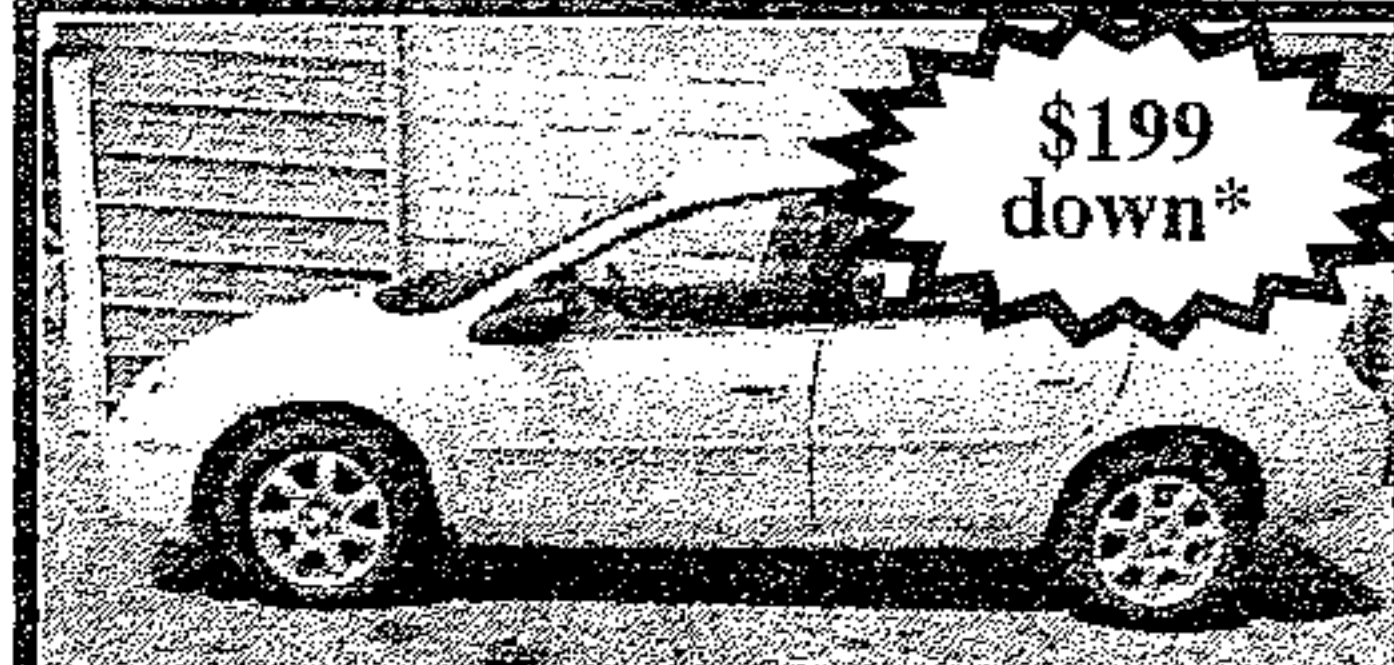
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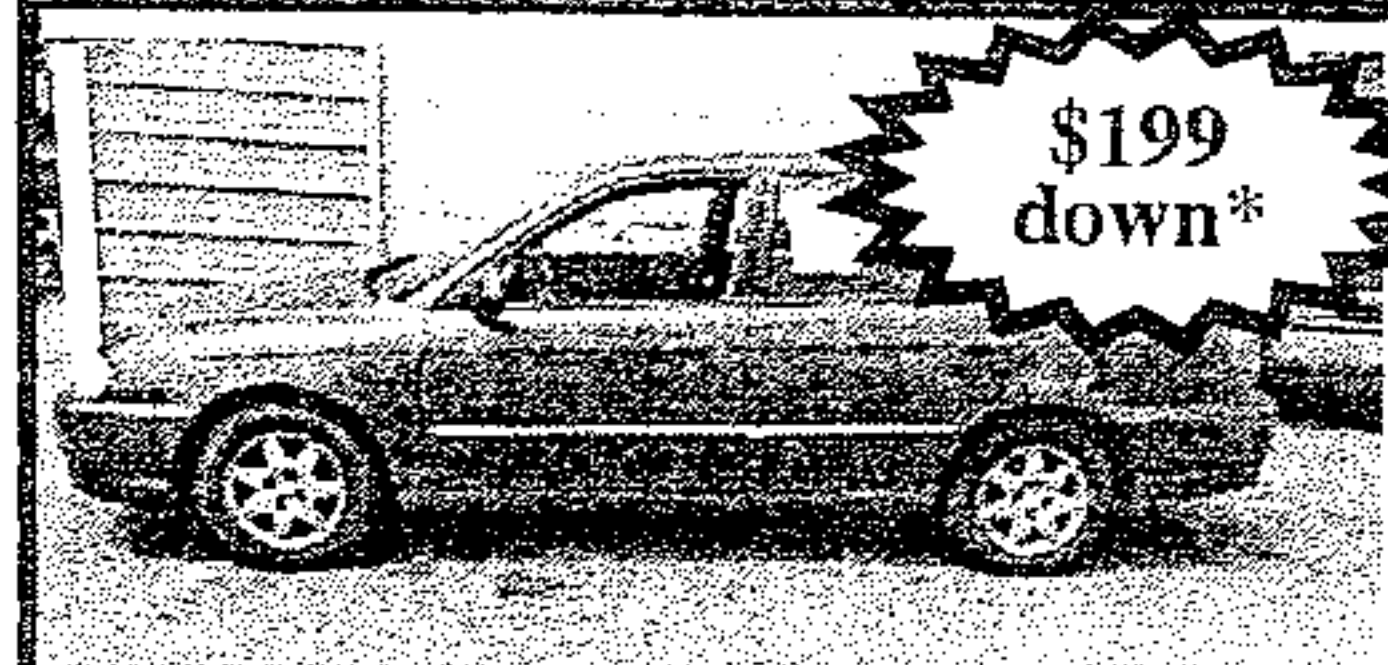
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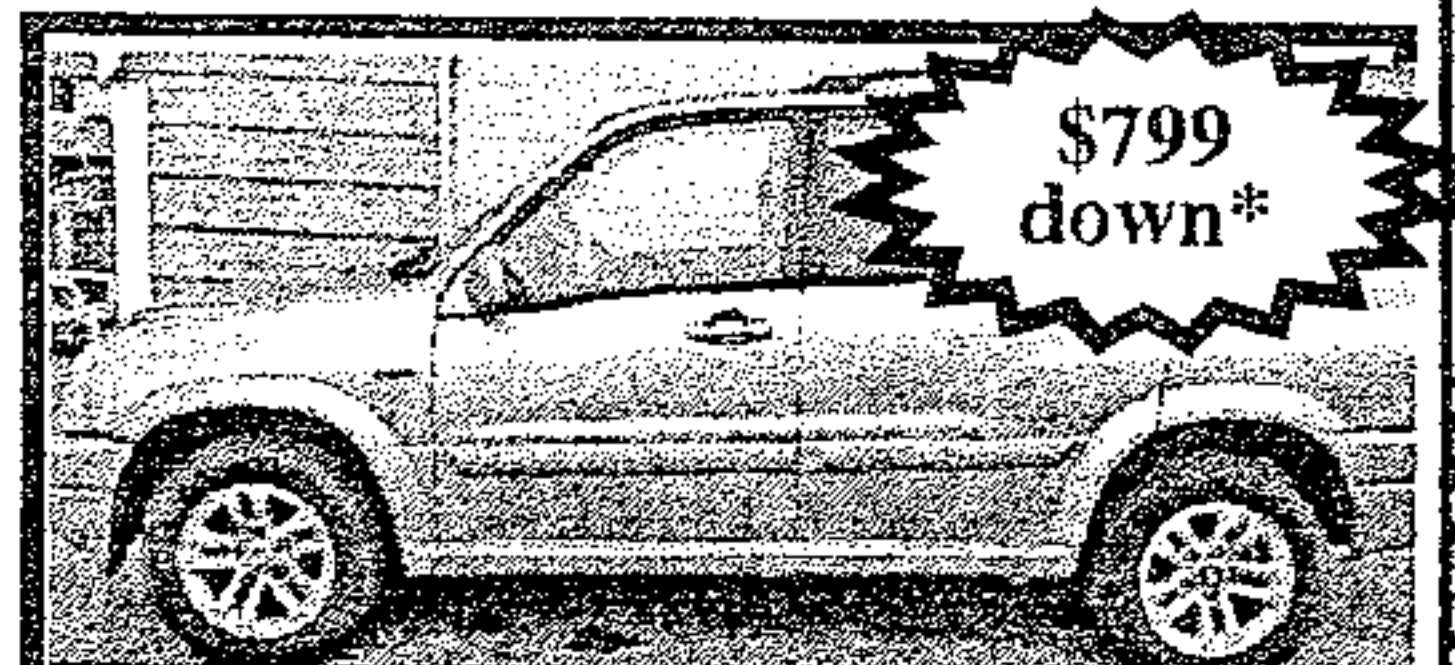
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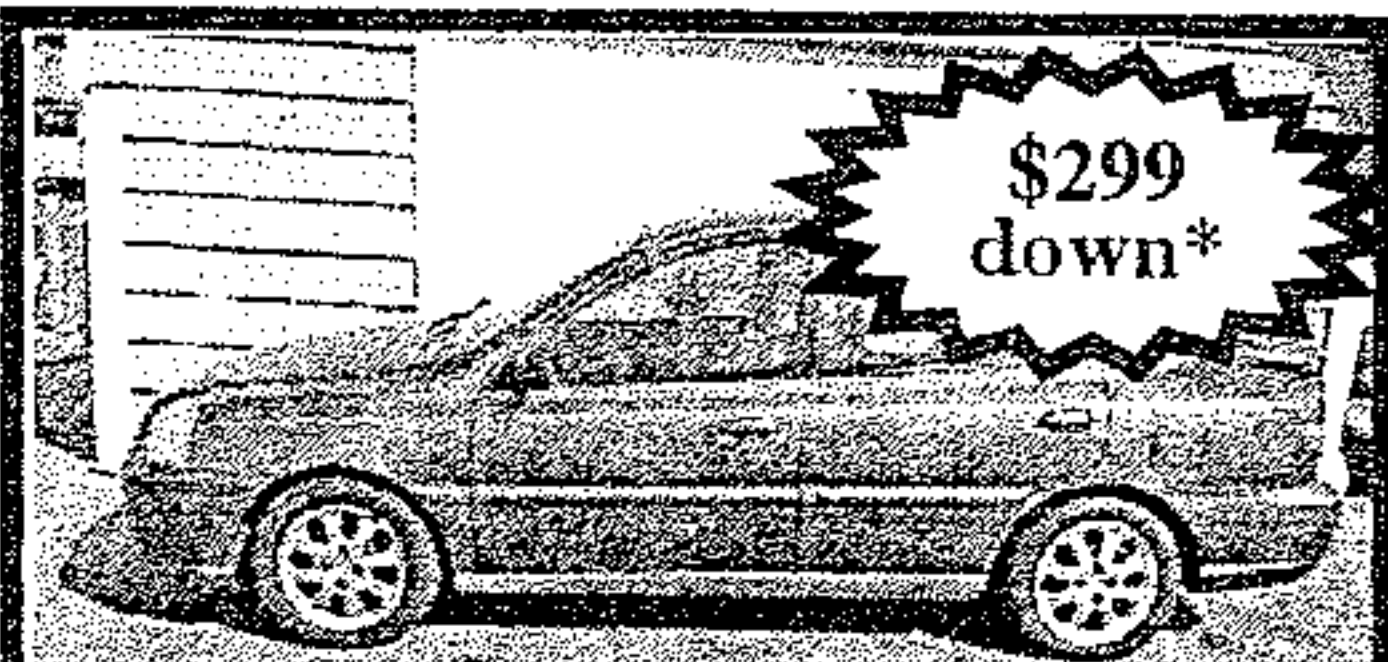
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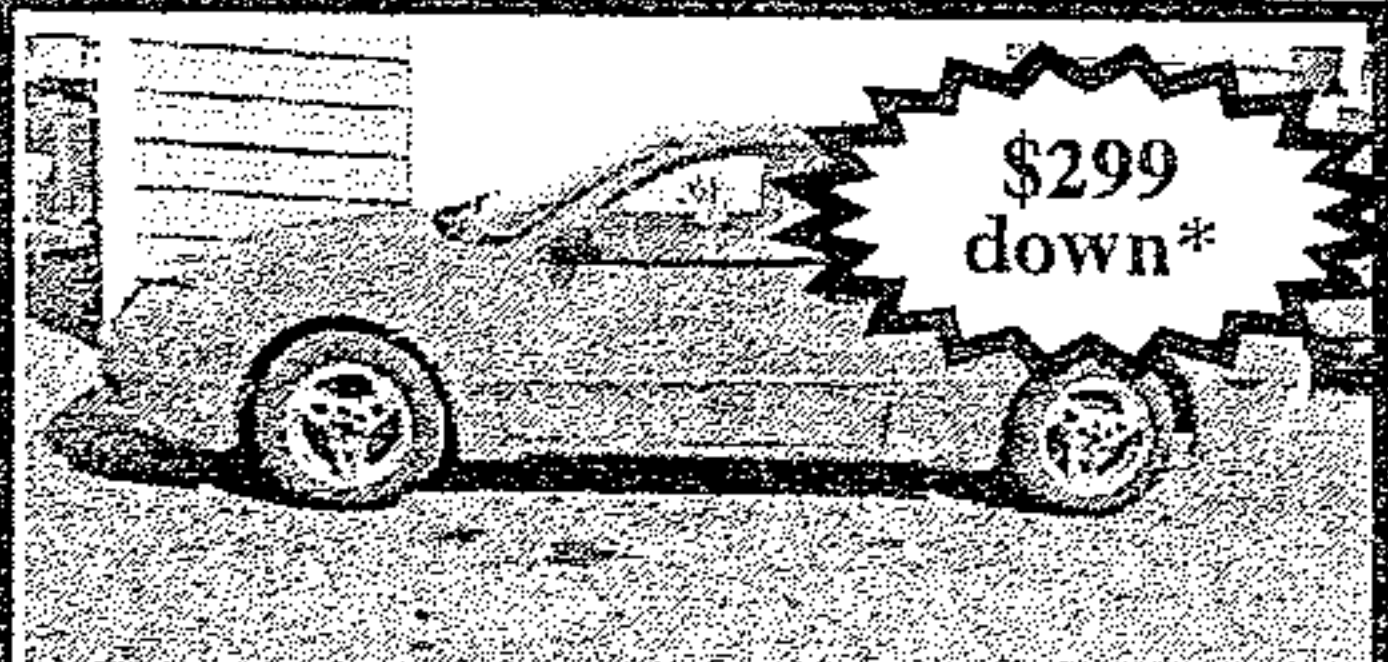
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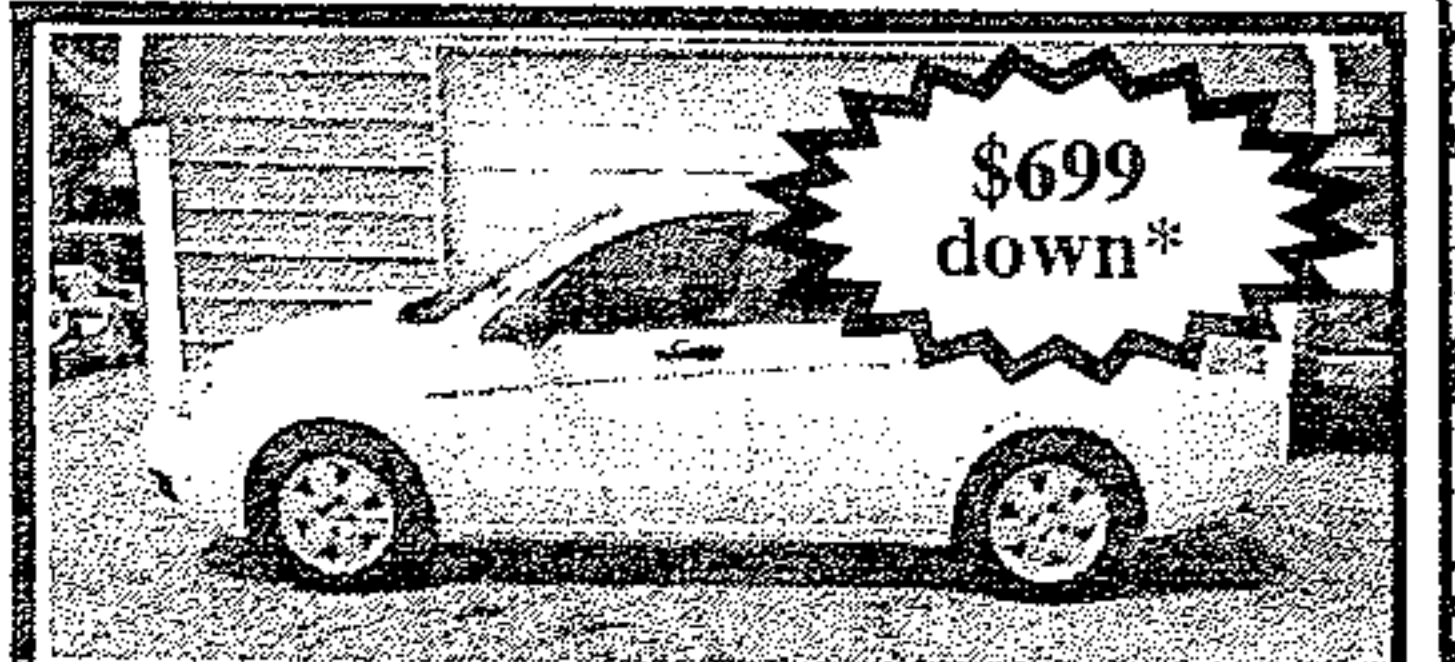
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