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Wednesday, July 13, 2016

Child found in car following drunken domestic; DCS called in



Ashley Wilson



Michael Sonnier (see child abuse pg. 2)

Rotary Club of Tellico Lake elects new officers

Recently elected 2016-2017 new officers and committee heads of the Tellico Lake Rotary Club include: John Everson, President; Kathy Dickson, President Elect; Jim Decker, Vice President; Scott Shannon, Secretary; David Foote, Treasurer; Bob Milhiser, Treasure for the second half of the year; Harvey Phillips, Sergeant of Arms; Past President, Sue Everson.

Standing committee members include: Jim Decker, Member-

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Electronics Smuggler Sentenced

Sensitive Equipment Illegally Exported to Russia

For more than six years, a New Jersey man who owned four micro-electronics export companies skirted U.S. export laws enacted under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). These laws are in place to help protect U.S. national security and make sure that items made in the U.S. don't help strengthen another country's military without proper licensing and careful consideration.

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Over \$500 in your pocket and you steal a pack of crackers, Really?



Anthony Leonardo



Alison Sewell

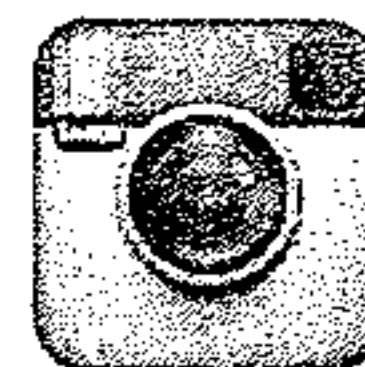
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Stopping in the middle of the road not the best idea



Savannah Boyer

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Verse of the Day

O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts, bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure. — Psalm 7:9

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

Talking about great ice cream, don't ever forget we have the Tic Toc in Loudon. Homemade ice cream is hard to beat.

Weather

Today: Sunshine and clouds mixed. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 93F. Tonight: Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. Low 72F.

Thursday Scattered clouds with the possibility of an isolated thunderstorm developing during the afternoon. High 93F. Thursday Night Partly to mostly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms

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child abuse

Michael Sonnier, 40, Industrial Park Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Child Abuse/Neglect, and Simple Possession.

Ashley Wilson, 25, Industrial Park Drive Lenoir City, was charged with Child Abuse/Neglect.

Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, was dispatched to Industrial

Park Drive in reference to a verbal domestic. Upon arrival Deputy noticed a child in a green vehicle unattended with the windows down and the keys in the ignition. Contact was made with the child mother Ashley Wilson, and the father Michael Sonnier, who were arguing inside the residence, both parties appeared to be under the influ-

ence of narcotic. They were stumbling around and Michael stated he did not know what county he was in. Ashley stated she had driven the child around the block trying to get it to go to sleep, Ashley as well was confused. Both

parties were given sobriety test and did poorly. The child was placed in DCS custody. Deputy located inside Michael shoe a bag with half a Xanax bar. Both were placed under arrest. Deputy Kevin Dailey LCSO, made the arrests.

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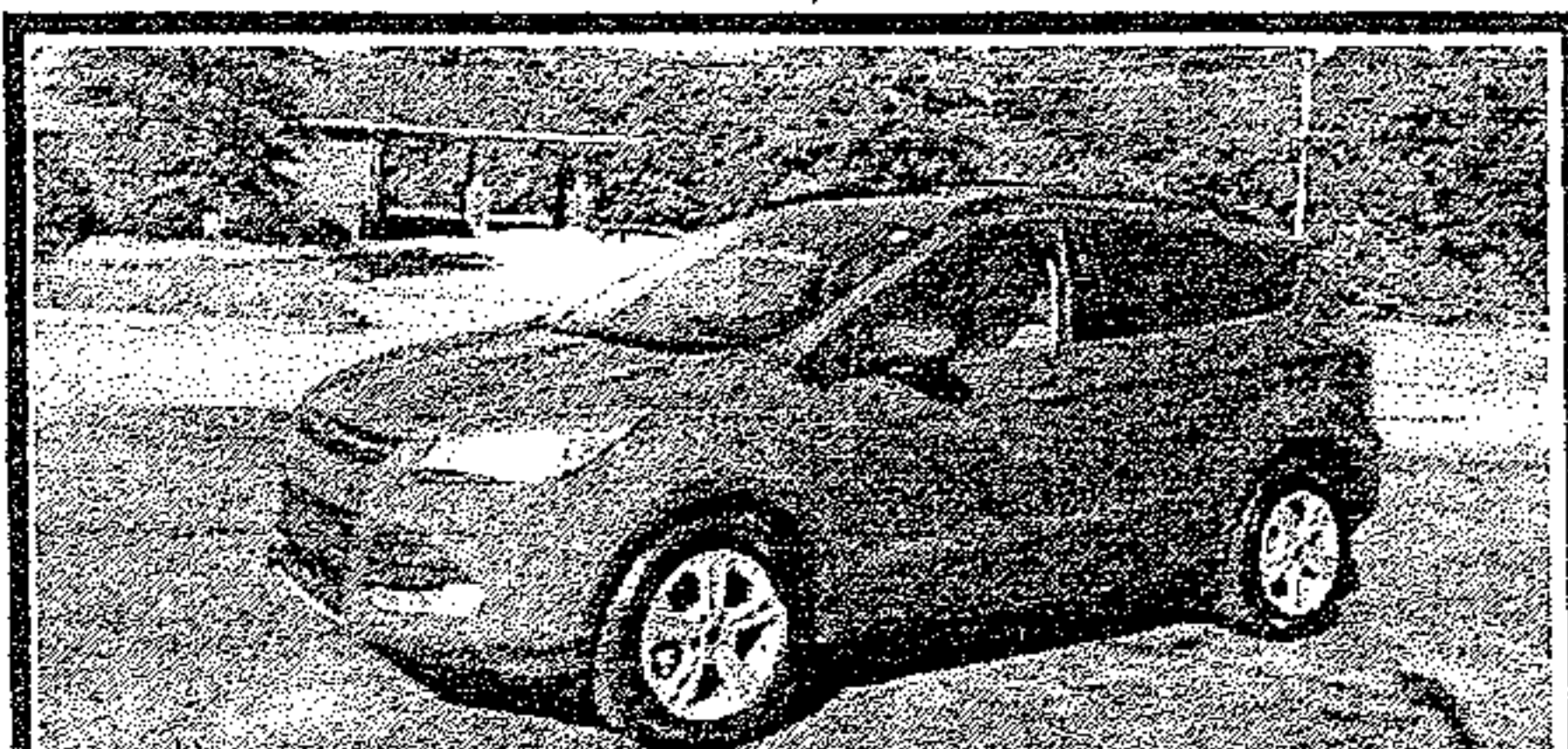
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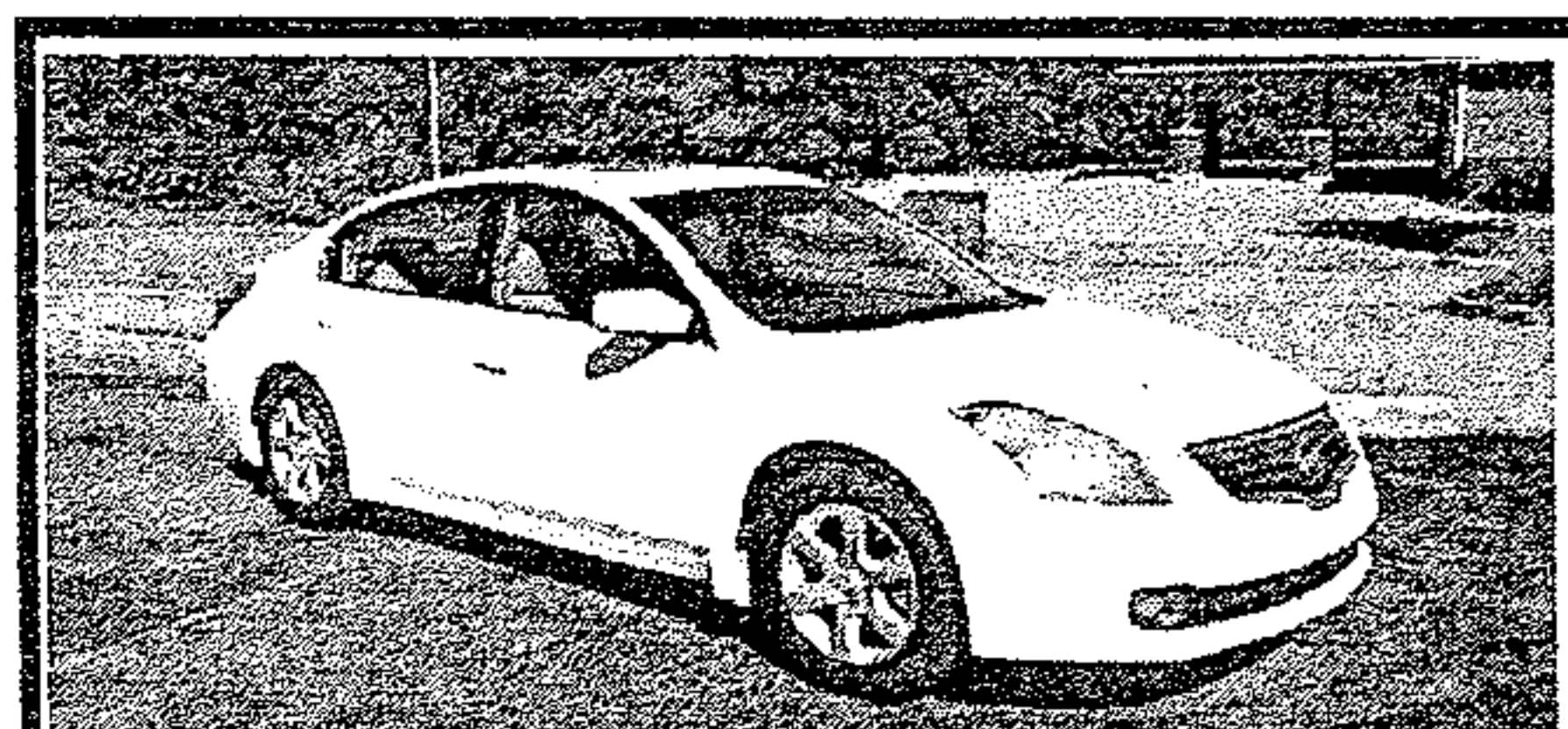
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Savannah Boyer, 27, Jena Road Greenback, was charged with Simple Possession, Poss. of Drug Para., and Driving on Revoked License.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a white vehicle stop in the middle of Jackson Ferry Road. Deputy pulled beside the vehicle and ask the driver Savannah Boyer if she was ok. Deputy noticed Boyer had pin point eyes and could not be still. Deputy ask Boyer for her license, a check through dispatch revealed them to be suspended. Boyer was taken onto custody.

Upon inventory of the vehicle Deputy located a in the driver side door a white

mixed up pill in a bottle cap. Boyer stated it was a Roxy-codone, also located in her purse was a syringe.

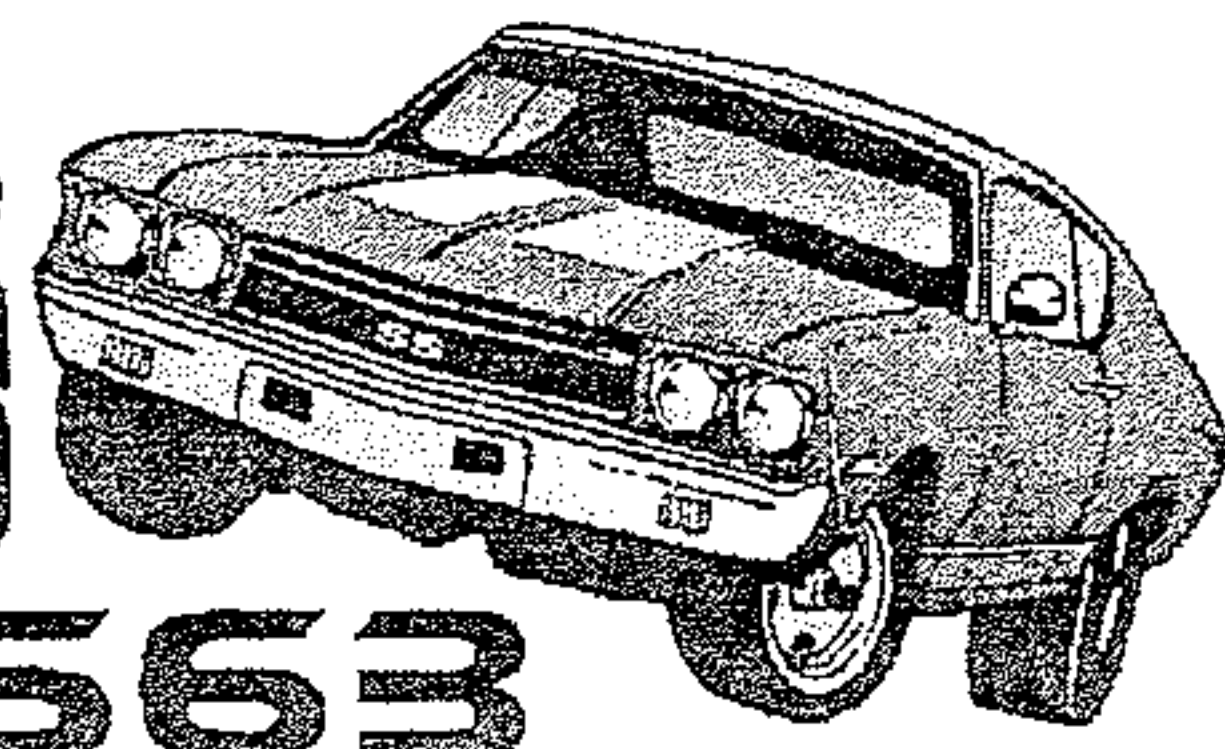
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sentenced

Alexander Brazhnikov, Jr., a 36-year-old naturalized American citizen born in Russia, admitted that, between January 2008 and June 2014, he smuggled \$65 million worth of sensitive electronics components from the U.S. to Russia, where much of it eventually ended up in the hands of Russia's Ministry of Defense and Federal Security Service.

In June 2015, Brazhnikov plead guilty in federal court—after a multiagency investigation by the FBI, the Department of Commerce, and Department of Homeland Security (DHS)—to the smuggling charges and to

a charge of conspiring to commit money laundering to hide the illegal proceeds of his criminal activities. According to then-Newark FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Frankel, Brazhnikov “significantly undermined the national security of the national security of the U.S.” and “enhanced the capabilities of both the Russian Military Service and the Russian Nuclear Weapons Program.” Last month, he was sentenced to more than five years in prison.

Investigators believe that Brazhnikov conspired with his father, Alexander Brazhnikov, Sr., owner of a Moscow-based procurement firm who brokered the purchasing of electronics components from U.S. vendors and manufacturers for their clients, mostly Russian defense contractors licensed to procure parts for the Russian military, security ser-

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sentenced ctd. from pg. 4 vice, and other entities involved in the design of nuclear weapons and tactical platforms.

The case began in 2012, when another Bureau field office—investigating a similar matter—sent a lead to the Newark FBI Office concerning one of Brazhnikov's companies. Joining forces with Commerce and

DHS, investigators began looking into Brazhnikov and his New Jersey companies. Through a variety of investigative methods, including following the money trail, here's what they found:

Brazhnikov received requests for certain electronics components from co-conspirators in Russia. Funds for those components were de-

posited into Russian bank accounts, transferred to the offshore bank accounts of dozens of shell companies created specifically to facilitate the movement of the money and to hide its origin, and then shifted to U.S. bank accounts controlled by Brazhnikov and his companies.

Using the money from these bank accounts, he

would place orders for the electronics components he needed with U.S. manufacturers and vendors. But because of U.S. export laws, he knew that many of these components—having to do with areas like advanced communications, avionics, weapons testing, and encryption applications—would have been denied export to Russia's military and security services.

So after receiving the components (often misleading the manufacturers and vendors about his intentions), he purchased and repackaged the goods for their journey to Russia. Brazhnikov also intentionally misled the shipping companies he dealt with by undervaluing the cost of what he was shipping and directing that the shipments be sent to (see sentenced conc.. pg. 7)

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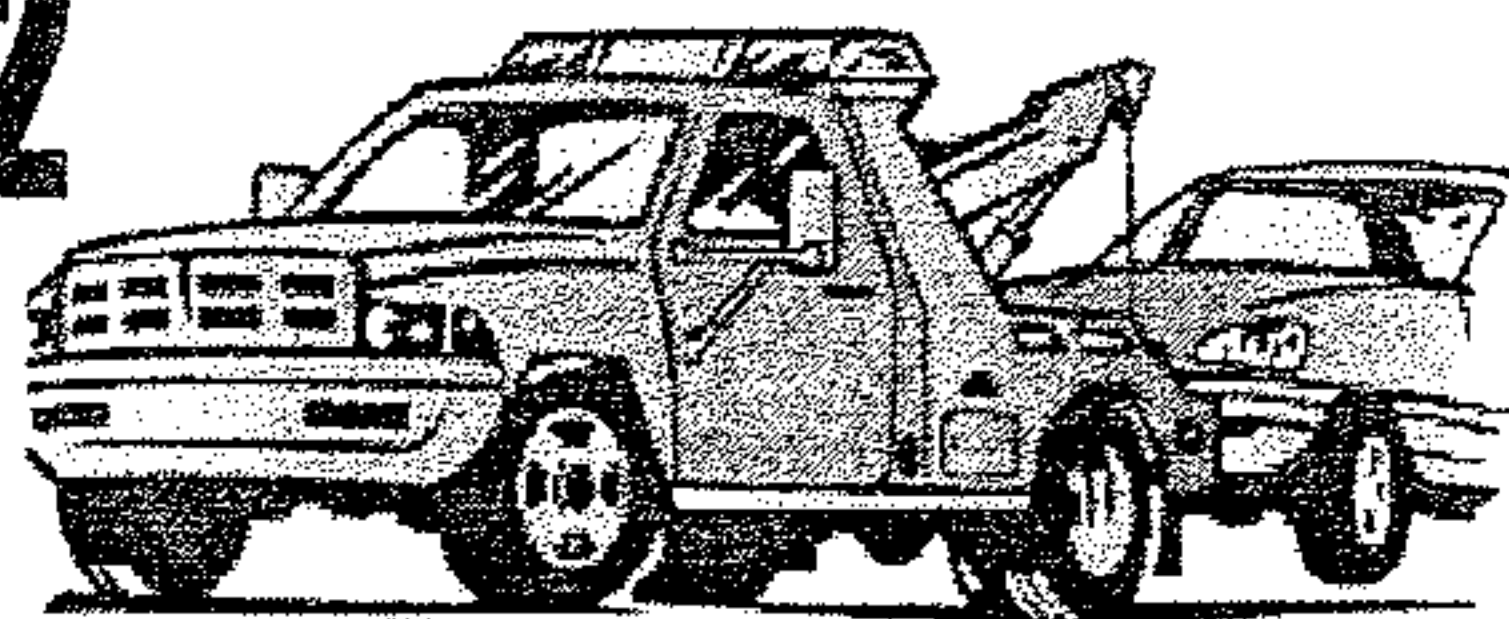
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Alison Sewell, 31, Cain Hollow Road Pigeon Forge, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale SCH. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Jamie Ketner LCSO, observed a Chevy vehicle pull into the Exxon on 321. There was a male driver and a female passenger appeared to be passed out. Deputy approach the driver identified as Anthony Leonardo in the station

and ask him if the passenger Alison Sewell was ok. Leonardo stated she was upset.

Deputy left the store and was approach by a customer who stated that Leonardo was stealing from the store. Deputy waited for Leonardo to exit the store and ask him about the items. He pulled a pack crackers out of his pocket and stated he bought them from another store.

Leonardo finally stated he stole them and was nervous and sweating. Deputy ask Leonardo if there was anything illegal in the vehicle he stated no. Deputy ask Sewell if there was anything illegal, she stated there may be needles, but

she had a needle exchange card.

Deputy was given consent to search vehicle and the following items were located: 3 spoons with residue, set of digital scales, one box of baggies, several loose baggies(one with crystal residue in it), two needles, and 20 grams of Methamphetamine. Leonardo also had 530.00 cash in his person.

Both subjects were placed under arrest. Leonardo stated there plan was to buy methamphetamine and mix with other crystal substance found in the glove box and sell it. Both were transported to Loudon Jail. Deputy Jamie Ketner, LCSO made the arrests.

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front addresses in Russia—all in an effort to evade the legal requirements of obtaining the proper export permissions from the Department of Commerce.

Once the items were delivered in Russia, they were rerouted by members of the Moscow-based conspiracy to their true destina-

tion. Brazhnikov was responsible for more than 1,900 illegal shipments like this.

The FBI and its federal partners take safeguarding our national security very seriously—no matter what form those threats take—and we will continue to vigorously and lawfully investigate anyone whose criminal activities threaten that security.

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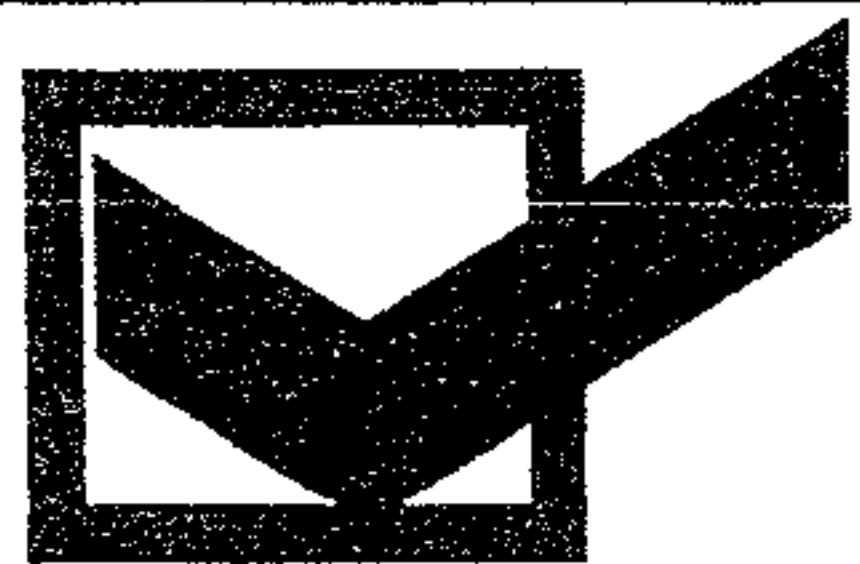
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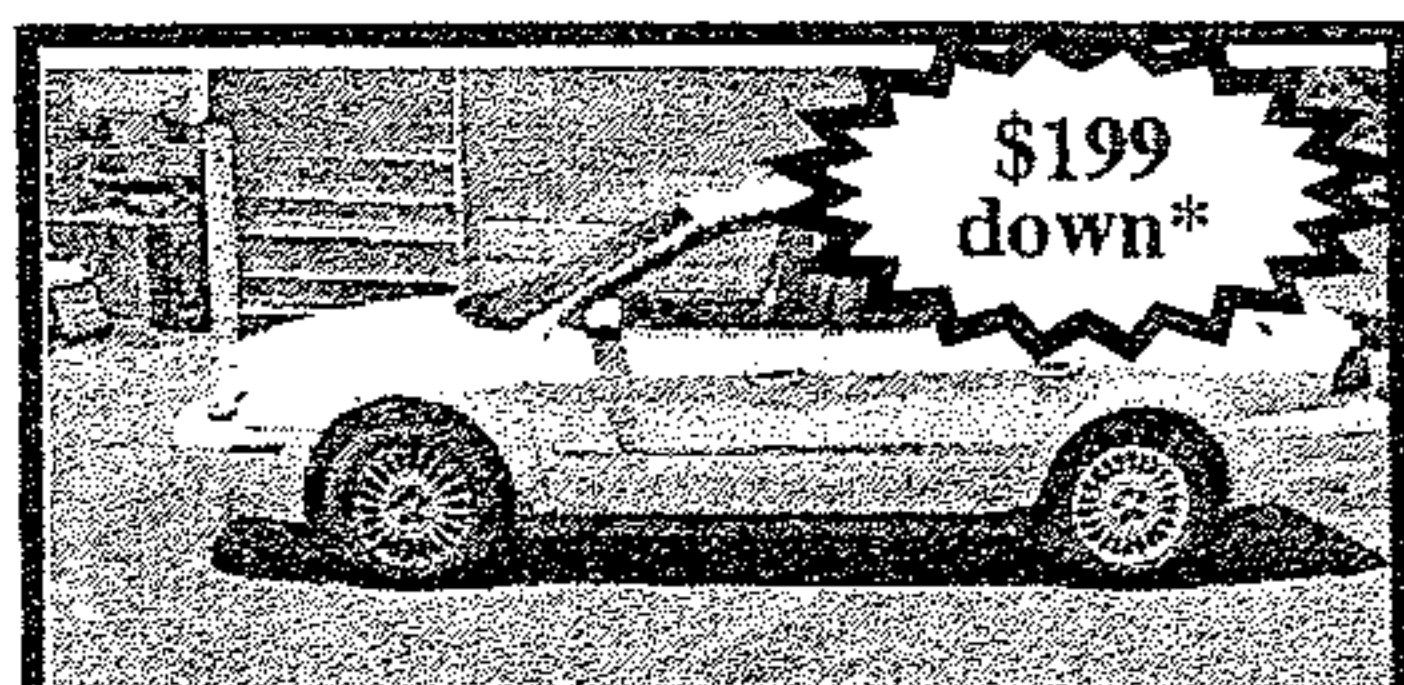
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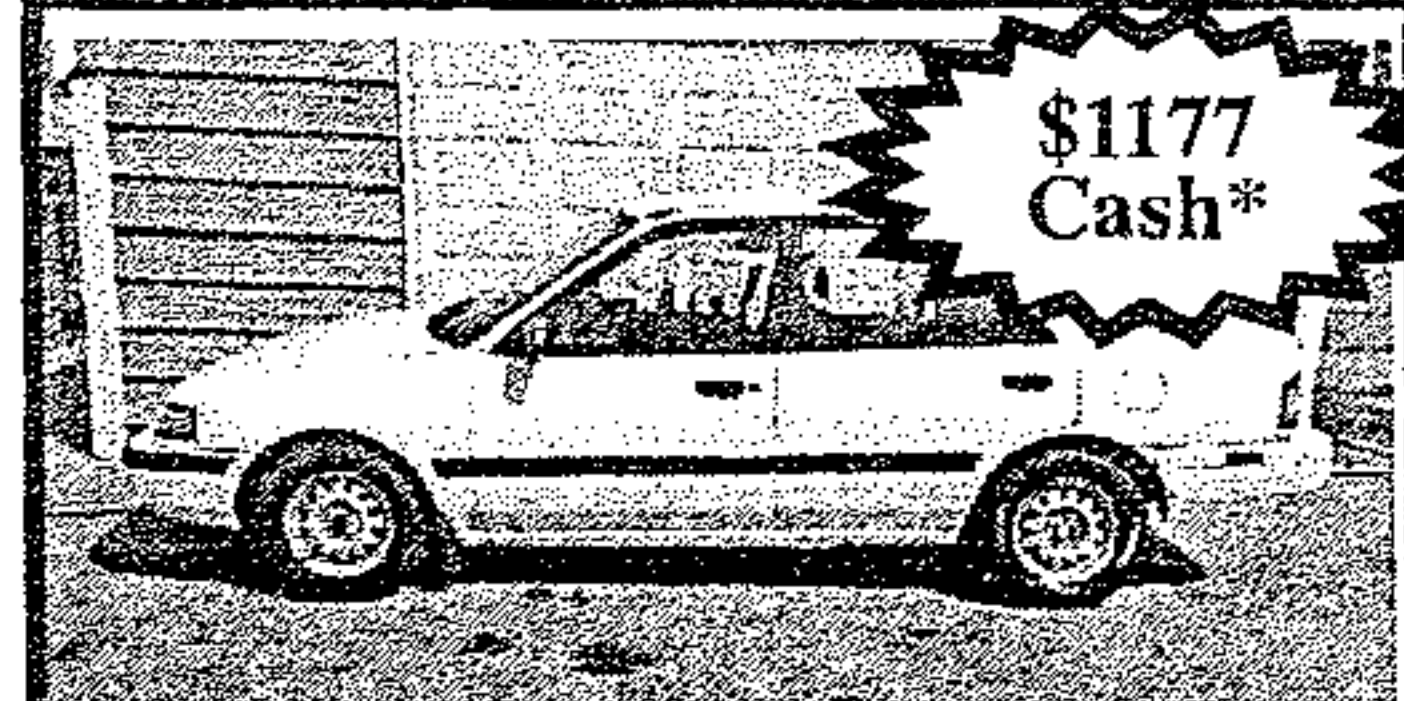
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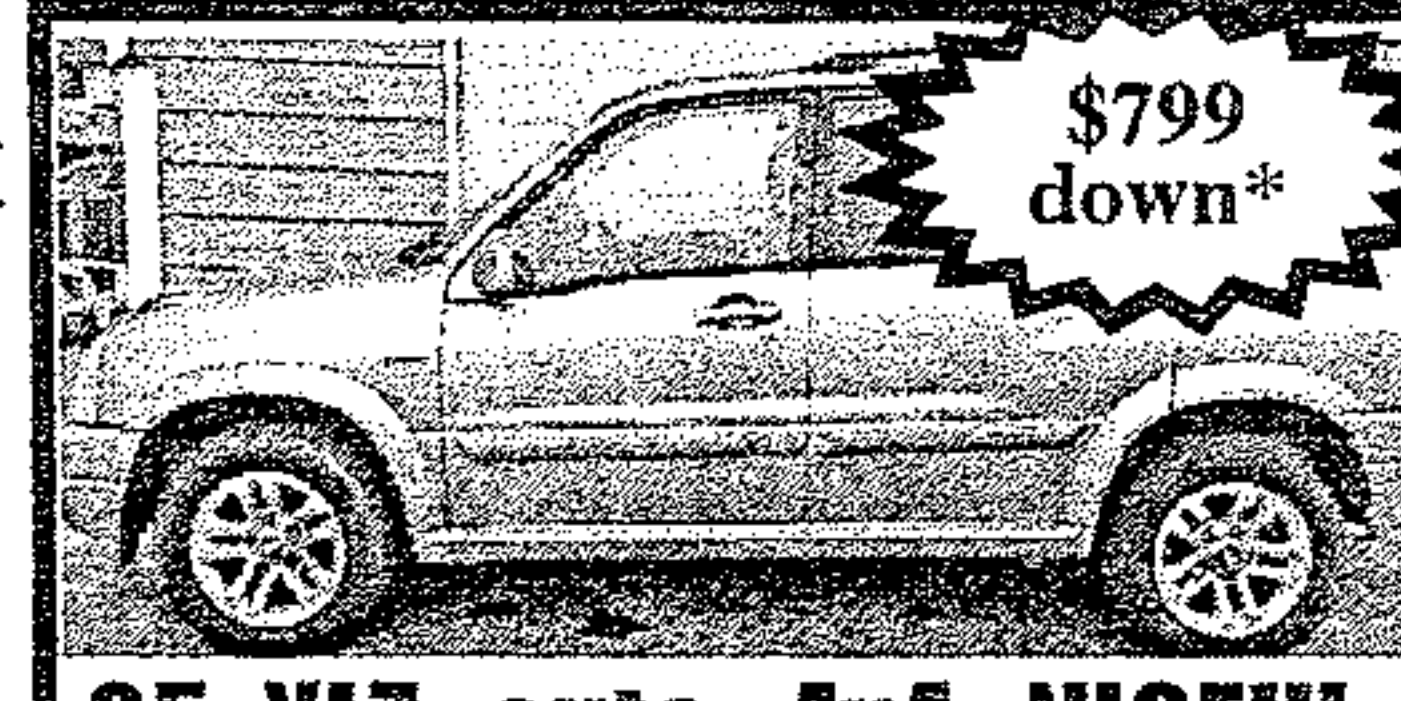
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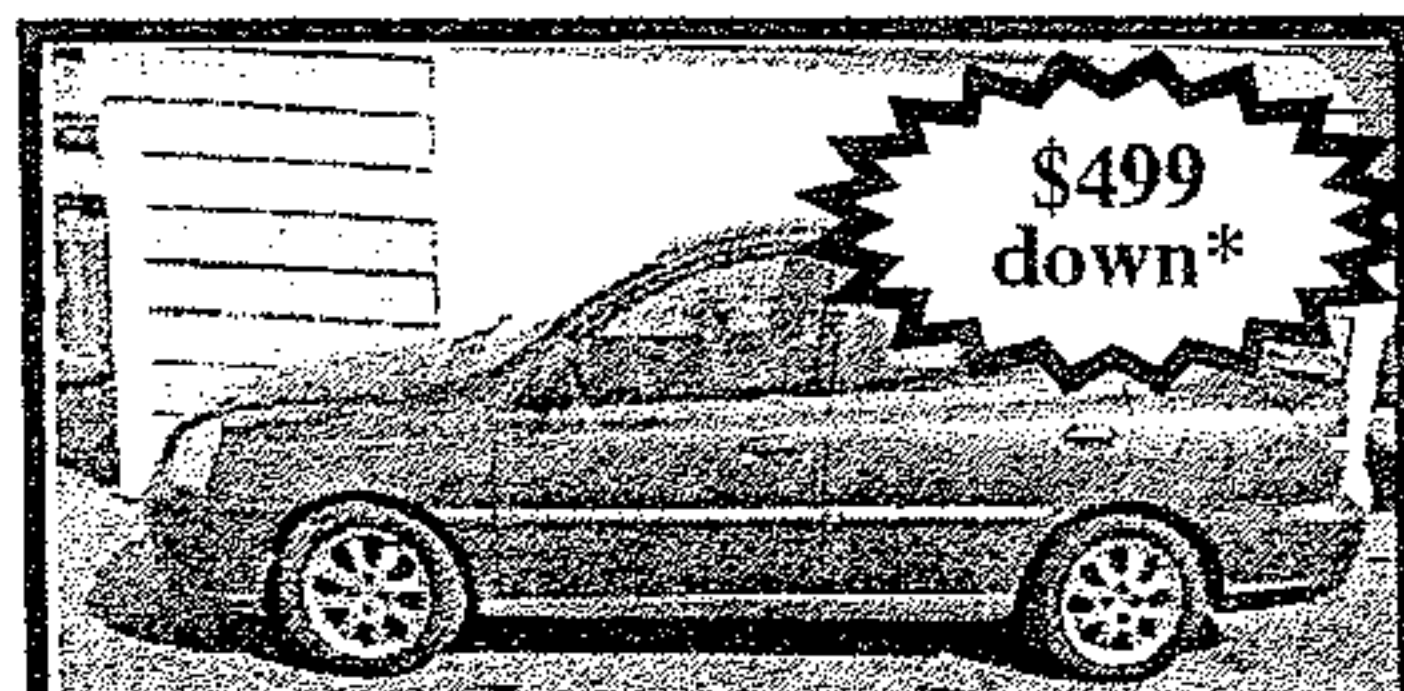
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