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Thursday, September 15, 2016

Villager charged with DUI registers .194 over double the limit!

Philip Pyne, 60, Cheestana Way Loudon, was charged with DUI.

Officer Brandon Nix LPD, were dispatched to the area of the Jiffy for a possible reckless driver. Dispatched then advised the subject was wearing a red shirt and stumbling out of The Jiffy back to his Toyota Corolla. Dispatch then advised

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Philip Pyne

Haslam Applauds Legislature for Efficient Special Session General Assembly Passed Legislation to Prevent Loss of \$60 Million in Federal Highway Funds

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today applauded members of the 109th General Assembly for preventing the loss of \$60 million in federal highway funds.

The governor thanked the General Assembly for an efficient special session to pass legislation that modifies a state drunk driving statute after the U.S. Department of Transportation deemed the state out of compliance with a federal "zero tolerance" law.

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Woman charged after being with wrong person



Jennifer Parker see charged pg. 5

Theft charge for O'Reilly's employee



Jason Lamp

(see theft pg. 3)

You just thought you were leaving!



Joseph Austin

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Verse of the Day

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise

again. — Mark 8:31

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Special Thanks to the LCYFO for all your work with our local kids. Keep up the great work and keep winning them

championships!!!

Weather

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Friday Sunshine. High 92F.

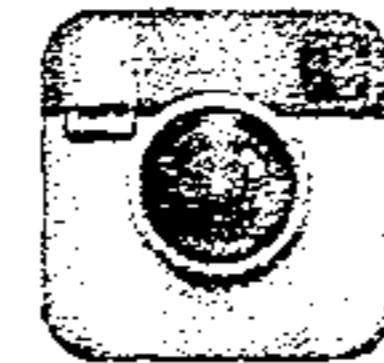
Friday Night A few clouds. Low 67F.

Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You have ingenious new ideas that you want to bring to the workplace today, but you're not sure how others will react to your out-of-the-box concepts. Luckily, you

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Villager

the registration of this vehicle, and that the vehicle was gold in color. Officer Cogdill was able to locate the vehicle parked in front of the liquor store on Grove Street. Upon Officer Nix arrival he witnessed a gold Toyota Corolla parked in the middle of two parking stalls. Officer approached the vehicle and wit-

ness a white male wearing a red shirt sitting behind the driver's seat with the vehicle still running. Officer then identified the driver as Mr. Philip Pyne. While speaking with Mr. Pyne, Officer noticed he had trouble standing, slurred speech, and an odor of a alcoholic beverage coming from his breath and person. Officer asked Mr. Pyne if he

had consumed any alcoholic beverages to which he stated he had drank some whiskey. At this time Officer asked Mr. Pyne to perform standard field sobriety test's. At this time Mr. Pyne did perform

poorly on the test's and was taken into custody for driving under the influence. Once at the jail Mr. Pyne did submit to a breath test. The results came back as a .194. All the above actions did happen in The City of Loudon.

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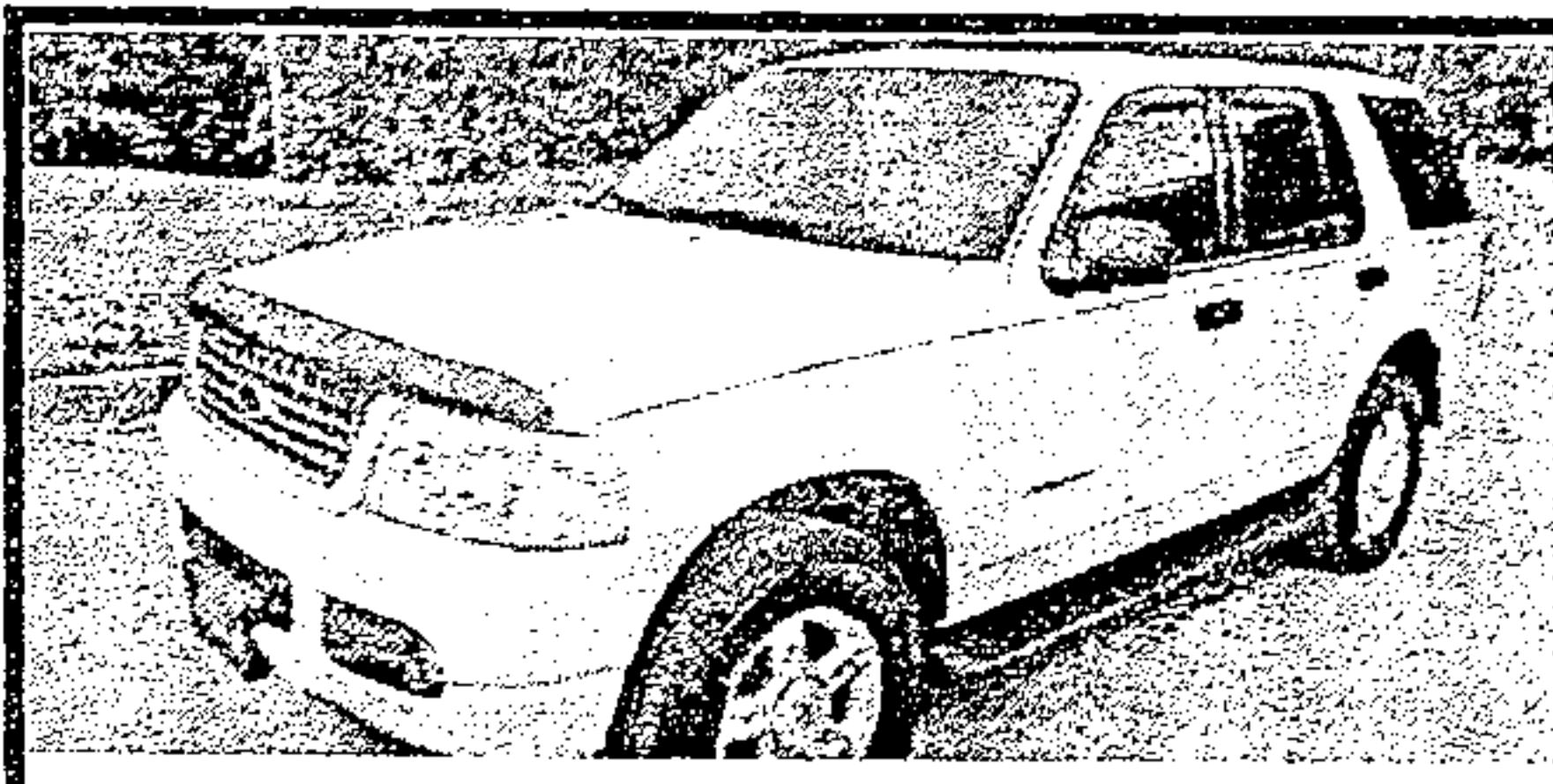
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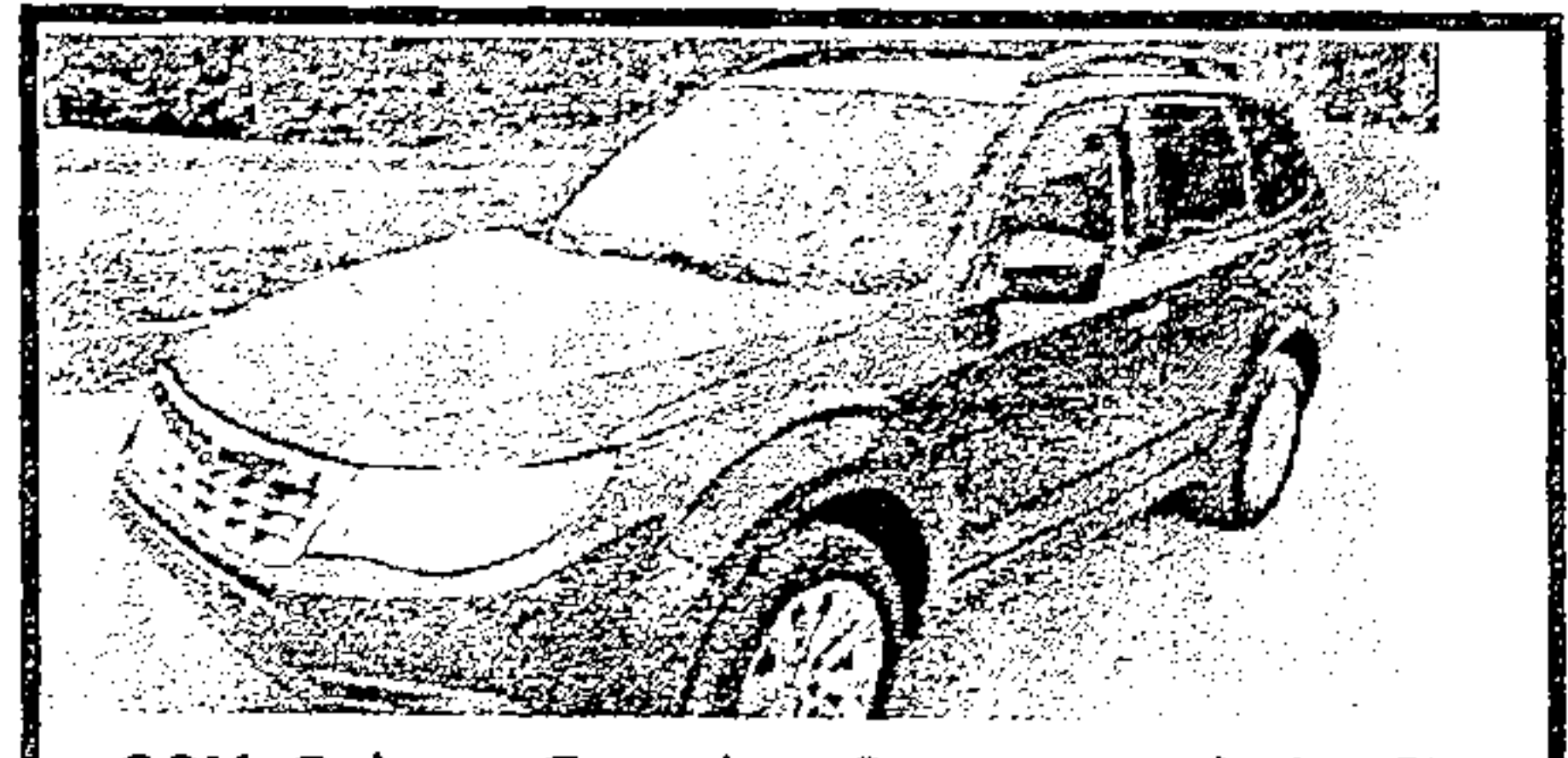
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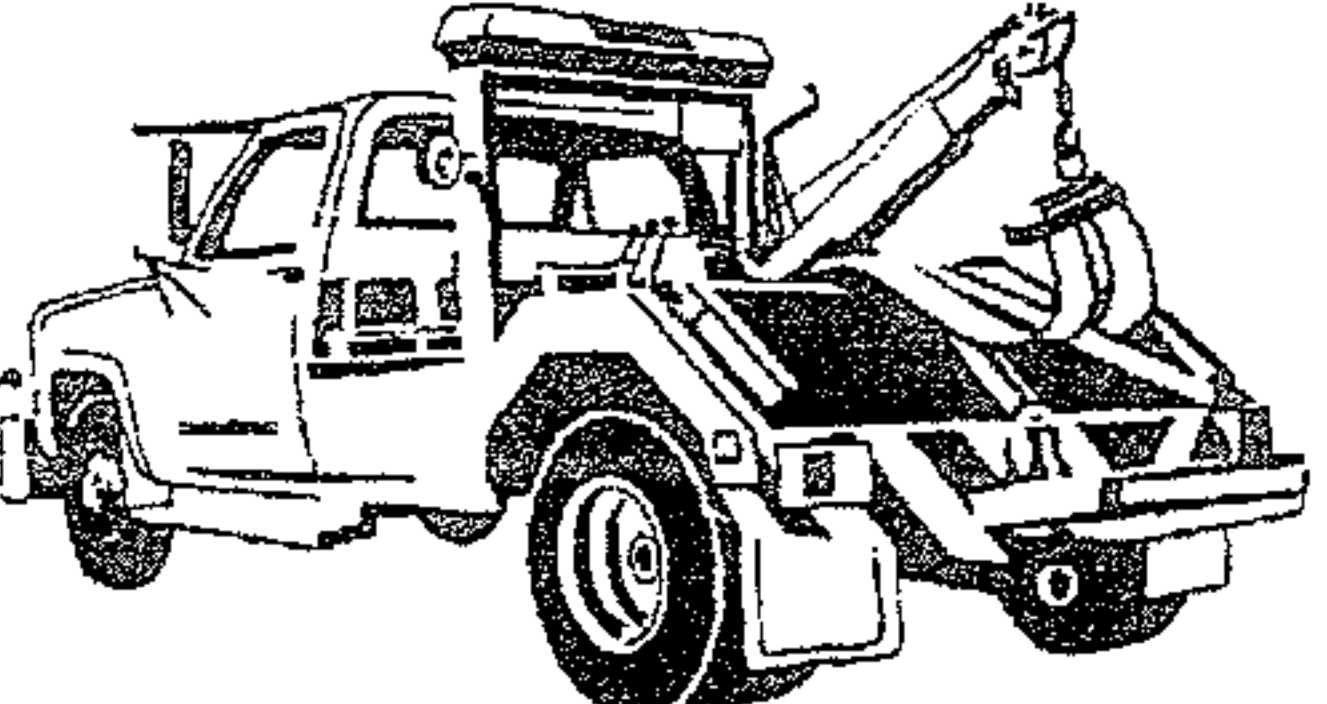
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Haslam

"I am grateful to the General Assembly for quickly convening and passing legislation that clarifies our drunk driving law to remove any question of compliance with federal requirements. Although we disagreed with the interpretation that Tennessee was out of compliance, this special session was necessary to avoid any negative impact to the state," Haslam said.

The legislation passed Wednesday, sponsored by Sen. Randy McNally (R-Oak Ridge) and Rep. William Lamberth (R-Cottontown), modifies Pub. Ch. 1030, which the legislature passed overwhelmingly during the 2016 legislative session and the governor signed into law. While the law actually strengthened penalties for DUI offenders aged 18 to 20, last month the National Highway

Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) notified the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) that the law put the state out of compliance with a federal "zero tolerance" drunk driving statute. NHTSA indicated Tennessee would permanently lose \$60 million if it remained out of compliance as of October 1. The bill passed today includes minor alterations that more directly track the wording of federal law.

"I especially want to thank Sen. McNally and Rep. Lamberth for their leadership and dedication to making Tennessee safer. The intent of their original legislation was to save lives, and I appreciate their willingness to help clarify that law and prevent the state from losing federal highway funds," Haslam added.

Prior to the special session, both TDOT

Commissioner John Schroer and Tennessee Attorney General Herbert Slatery agreed that Tennessee continues to meet the requirements of federal "zero tolerance" drunk driving statute.

All 11 members of the bipartisan Tennessee congressional delegation urged U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx to work with Haslam and state officials to find a solution to avoid a special session.

- See more at: <http://tn.gov/news/45465#sthash.rRBFY-WHZ.dpuf>

Jury convicts Joseph E. Armstrong of filing false tax return

Convicted of a felony, Armstrong faces up to three years in federal prison.

Following a four-day trial in U.S. District Court, Knoxville, Tenn., on Aug. 8, 2016, a jury convicted Joseph E. Armstrong, 59, of Knoxville, Tenn., of filing a false tax re-

turn. Sentencing is set for 10:00 a.m., on Nov. 30, 2016, in U.S. District Court in Knoxville, Tenn. Armstrong faces a possible sentence of up to three years in prison, a term of supervised release of not more than one year, a fine of up to \$250,000, a special assessment of \$100, and restitution.

According to evidence presented at trial Mr. Armstrong filed his federal income tax returns for the year

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charged

Jennifer Parker (Nichols), 39, homeless, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para, and Criminal Impersonation.

According to the report, Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, made contact with Jennifer Parker at the Kings Inn. Parker was staying in a room with a person who had an ac-

tive warrant. A consent to search the room was given. Located in Parker bag was a glass pipe used for smoking meth. Parker gave Officer a false date of birth and social security number. After being fingerprinted at the jail a hit come back with the name of Nichols. Officer Sennett charged Parker with Criminal Impersonation.

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2008 and failed to disclose in those returns that he engaged in an investment activity from which he derived over \$300,000 in income. Although Armstrong knew that he was required by law to disclose the income of this investment activity, he willfully failed to do so.

Law enforcement

agencies participating in the joint investigation which led to indictment and subsequent conviction of Armstrong included the IRS-Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Charles E. Atchley, Jr. and Frank M. Dale, Jr. represented the United States.

More Than \$4 Million in Stolen Public Money Remains Uncollected

Theft and misuse of public money continue to be a concern as outlined in two reports released today by the Tennessee Comptroller's office.

The 2015 Report of Cash Shortages updates the status of money stolen and missing from Tennessee's 95 county governments as of June 30, 2015. The report documents money stolen during the 2015 fiscal year, as well as previous fiscal years.

The state's 95 counties began the last fiscal year with \$1,032,456 in cash shortages that had not been recovered. During the fiscal year, \$1,069,621 worth of new shortages were detected. Counties were able to recover \$1,269,967 through restitution payments,

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Nabbed

Joseph Austin, 34, County Road Alabama, was charged with Theft of Property.

Deputy Brandon Dishner LCSO was advised that Deputy Dusty Langley was out at the jail with a white male. At that time Deputy Dishner made contact with Mr. Joseph Nathan Austin. Mr. Austin has an active Theft of Property warrant out of General Sessions Court in Loudon County Tennessee. Deputy then served warrant number 2015-CR-1812 on Mr.

Austin. This did occur at the Loudon County Jail, in Loudon County Tennessee.

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insurance claims or other means. That left a net unrecovered shortage of \$832,110 at the end of the fiscal year.

The Comptroller's office also released its second report detailing cash shortages and other thefts for

Tennessee municipalities, internal school funds, utility districts, housing authorities, nonprofits, and other governmental entities. These shortages were reported in fiscal year 2014 and earlier.

Fiscal year 2014 began with a cash shortage of \$1,563,137. During the year, \$2,546,576 in new shortages were detected. A total of \$671,796 was recovered during the fiscal year, leaving an unrecovered shortage of \$3,437,917 at fiscal year end.

"The theft of public money should be a concern to all of us," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "Tennesseans should demand their leaders and public officials take steps to prevent fraud, waste

and abuse. Comptroller audits and investigations include recommendations to safeguard public assets. Following these recommendations will help make government work better."

Both reports provide explanations of how the shortages were discovered, methods used to steal the money, and legal actions taken against those responsible.


To view the 2014 Municipalities and Other Organizations Report of Cash Shortages online, click here.

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Human Trafficking

Guatemalan Migrants Exploited in Forced Labor Scheme

Egg Farm (Stock Image)

Aroldo Castillo-Serrano made big promises to parents in his Guatemalan community—that a good education and a better way of life awaited their children in the United States. Instead, the minors and adults he lured to Ohio were forced to work on egg farms and live in deplorable conditions.

The Guatemalan parents agreed to pay Castillo-Serrano upwards of \$15,000 to take their children to the United States, where they would go to school and have good-paying jobs to help pay back the debt. Since the parents could not afford the fee up front, they gave Castillo-Serrano the deeds to their properties as collateral.

With the help of co-

conspirators, Castillo-Serrano smuggled the victims across the border, forced them to live in an isolated trailer park, and used threats of physical harm to compel them to work on the egg farms.

“We think the scheme was going on as early as 2011,” said Special Agent Matthew Komar, an investigator on the case from the FBI’s Cleveland Division. “The youngest trafficking victim we found was 14 years old.”

In late 2014, a tip to a human trafficking hotline made its way to the FBI through the United States Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of Ohio, and an investigation was begun. Surveillance was conducted at the trailer park, and probable cause search warrants were obtained for 16 dwellings.

When the search warrants were executed in December 2014—in conjunction with local

authorities and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations—nearly 60 people were temporarily removed. “The trailers were in pretty bad condition,” Komar said. “Some had running water, some did not. Some didn’t have heat. Some didn’t have bathrooms. Some had holes in the floors. Dilapidated is a generous term to describe them.”

When they were smuggled across the border, Komar said, “some of the young victims were promised they would be going to school—that never happened. They were put to work right away.”

The victims were picked up by a crew chief in the morning and taken to the farms to work physically demanding 12-hour shifts that included cleaning chicken coops, loading and unloading crates of chickens, and

removing the beaks from chickens.

“When they were paid,” Komar said, “victims gave their checks to Castillo-Serrano or his associates, and they got back approximately \$50. When some of the juveniles complained, they were threatened physically, and their families in Guatemala were threatened if they didn’t work.”

Eventually, investigators identified 10 victims—eight minors and two adults—whose statements would make the case against Castillo-Serrano. A co-conspirator in the scheme, Ana Angelica Pedro-Juan, falsely represented herself to government officials as a family friend of the minor victims so they would be released to her if the juveniles were caught at the border. She also oversaw the trailers where the victims were housed.

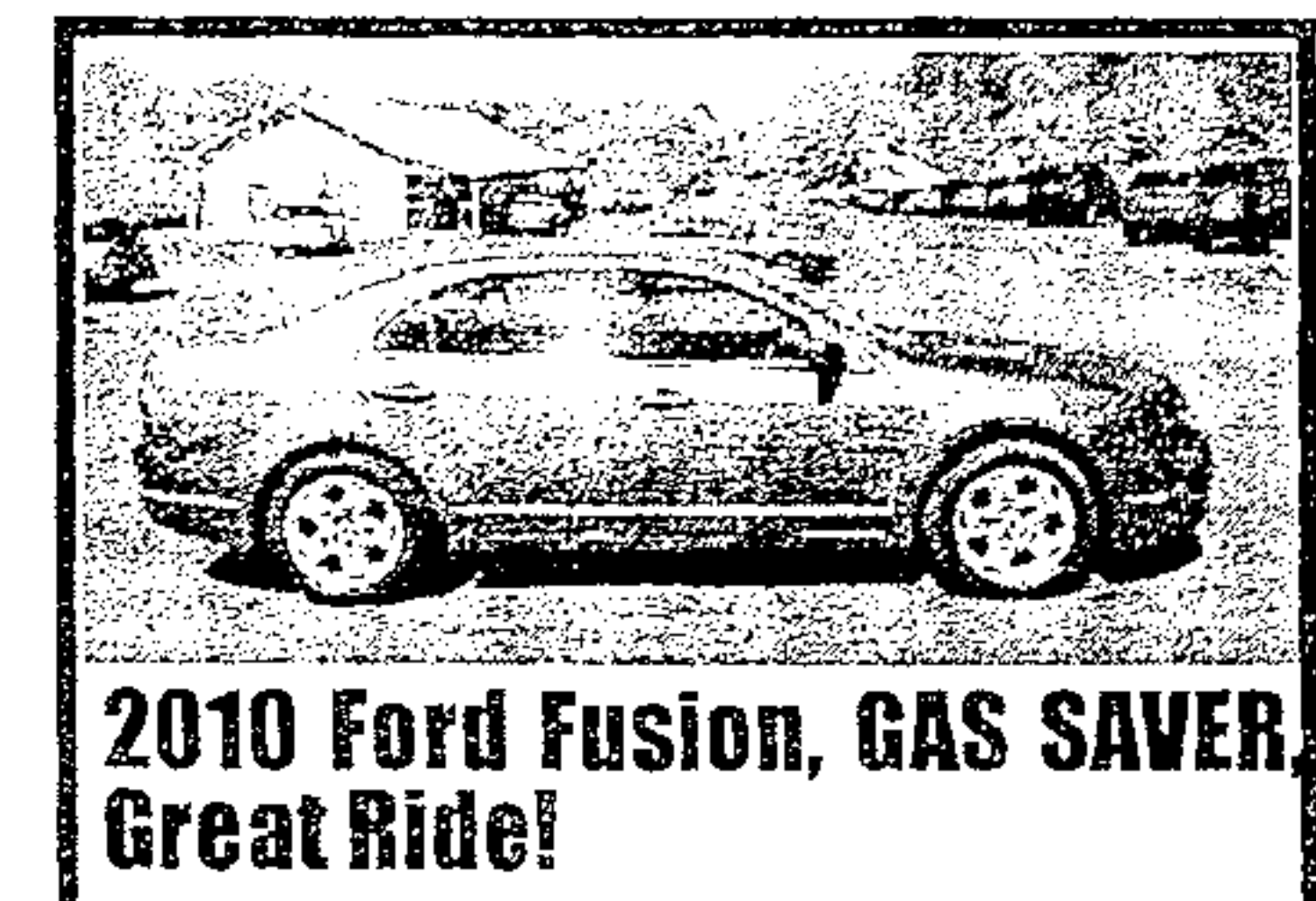
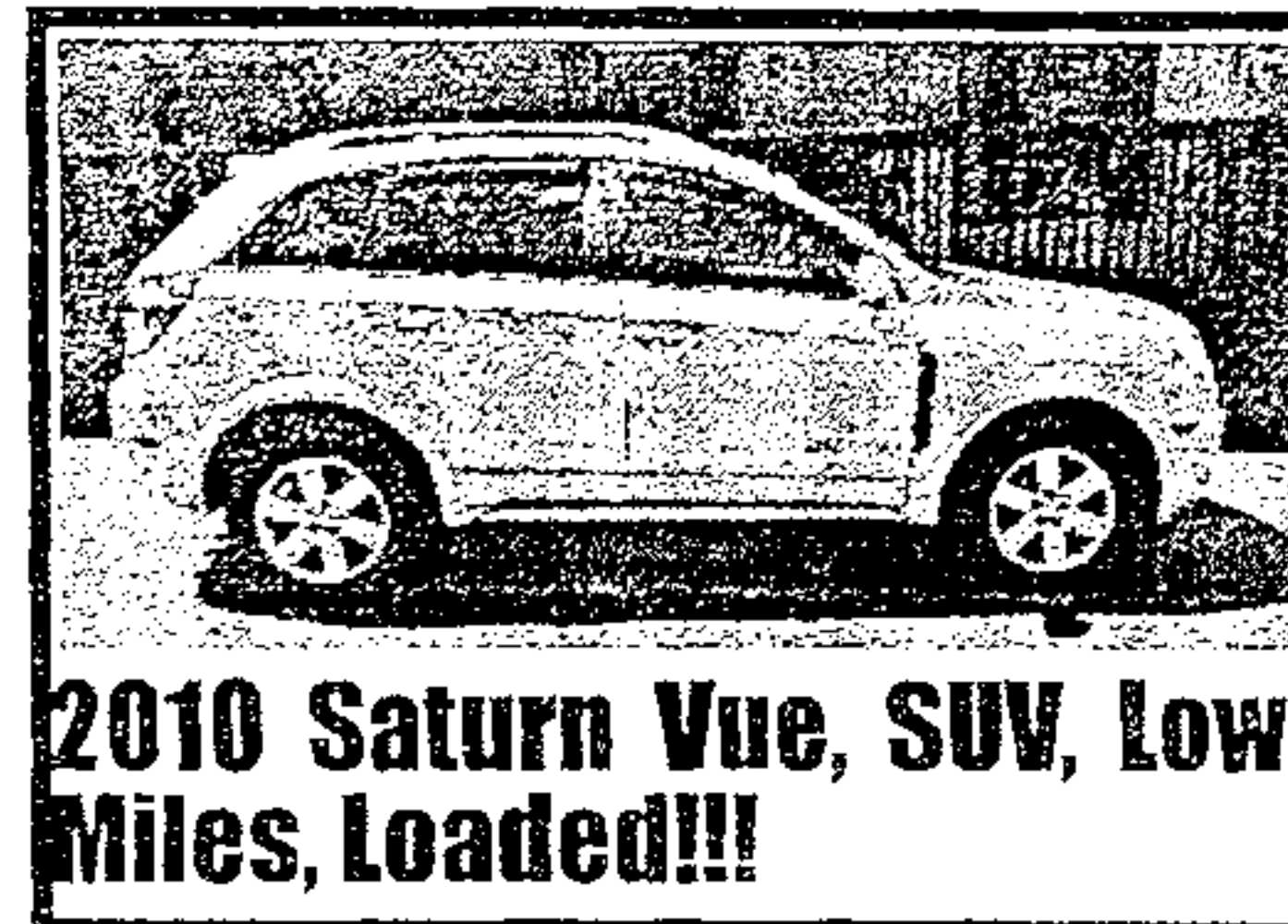
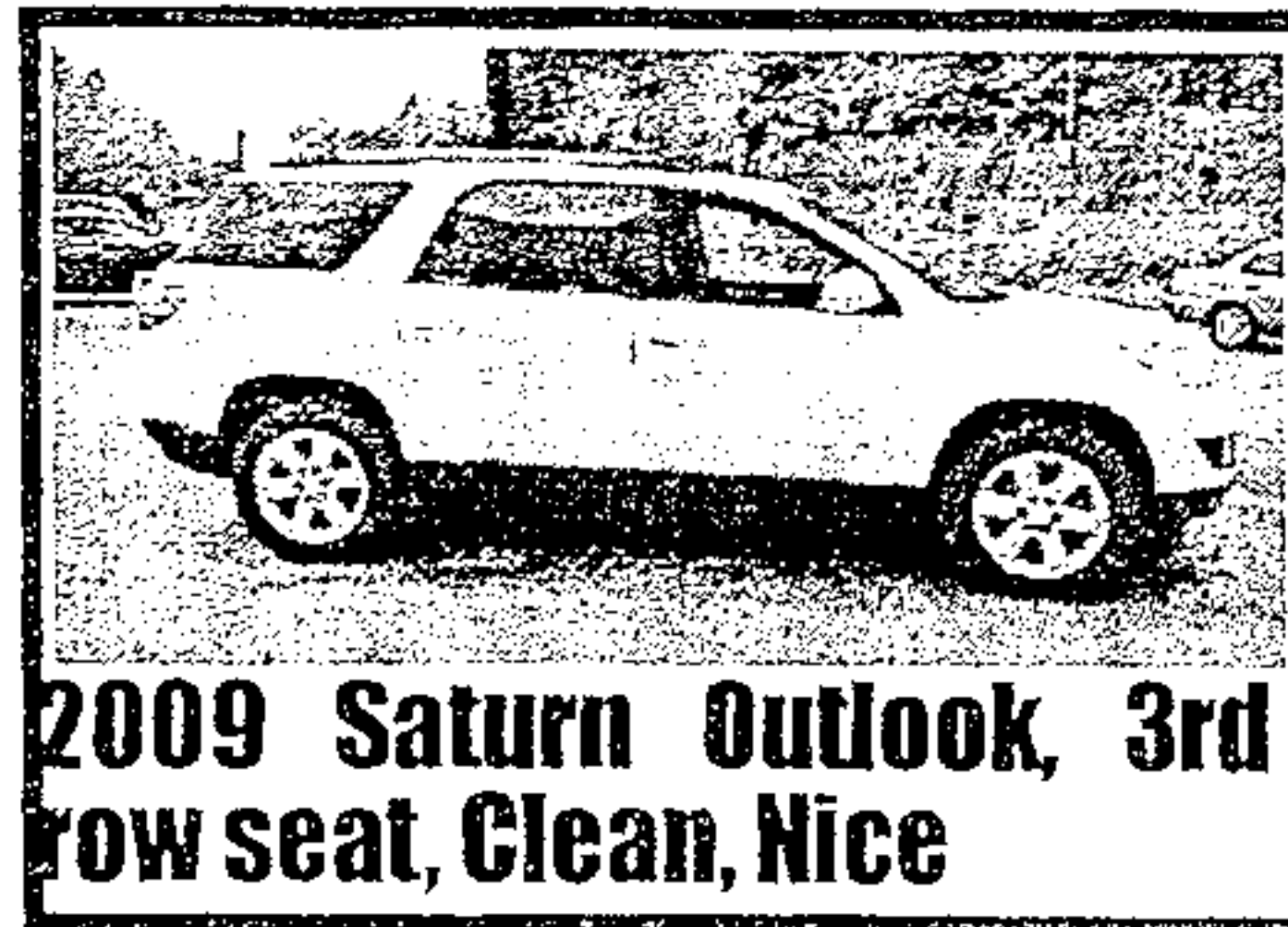
In 2015, Castillo-Serrano pleaded guilty to charges of forced labor and alien harboring. Pedro-Juan pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit forced labor. In June, Castillo-Serrano, 33, was sentenced to more than 15 years in prison, and Pedro-Juan, 22, received a 10-year term. They were also ordered to pay more than \$67,000 in restitution to the victims. Most of the property deeds have been returned to the families of the victims, and four other co-defendants have also received jail terms.

“This case is ongoing,” Komar said. “We believe there are still people who were complicit in the scheme. He added, “When people think of human trafficking, they usually think of sex trafficking. But forced labor is real, and it is eye opening when you see the damage it can do.”

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