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Monday, October 2, 2017

Highland Park School is the WRONG Place to be burning down!

Abigail Settles, 18, Blackburn Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. VI, and Poss. of Drug Para.

David Bragg, 28, Kelly Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Failure to Appear.

(see You What? pg. 2)

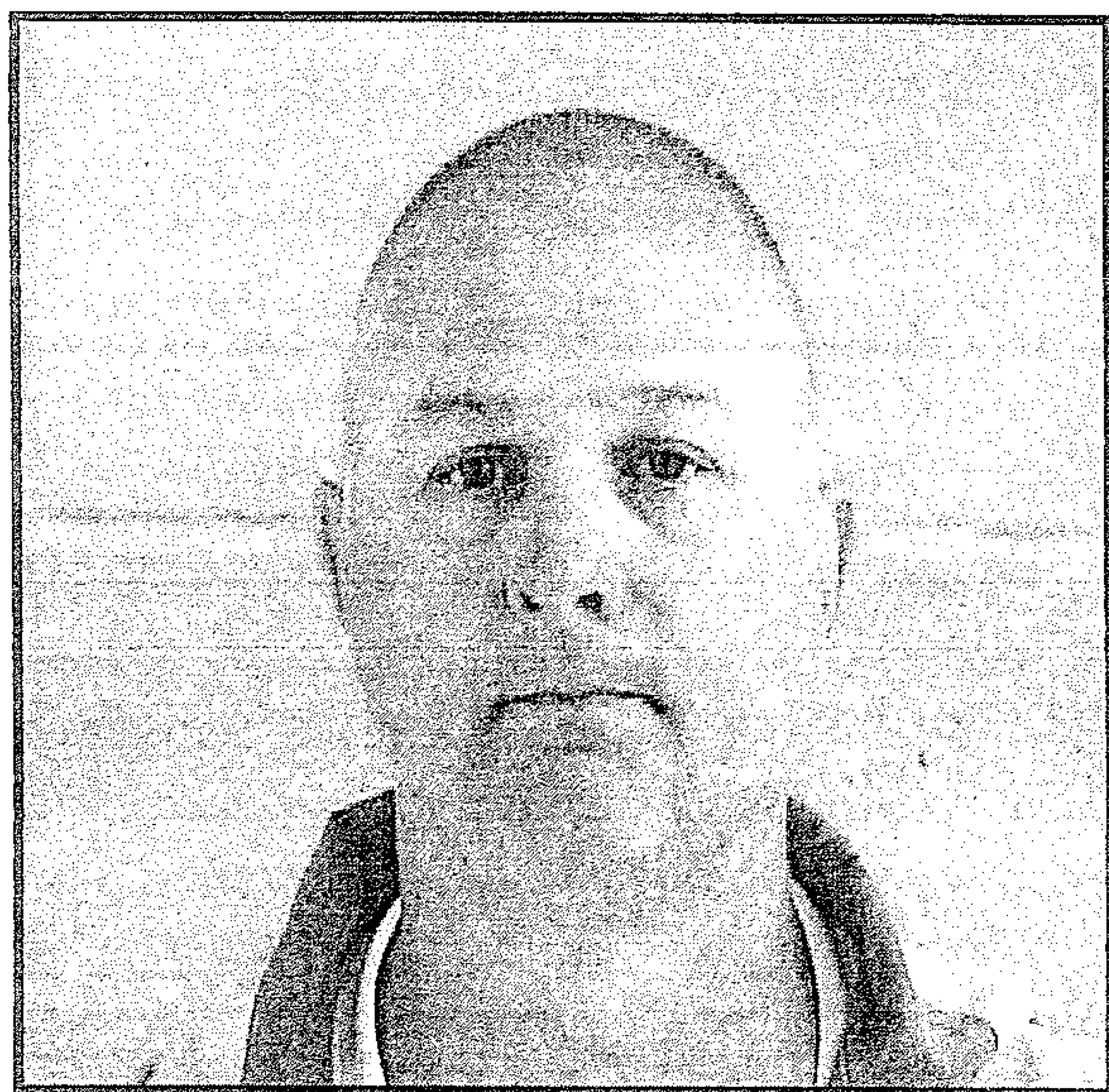


Abigail Settles



David Bragg

She had surgery and I went racing now she's acting wierd!



Eric Wracker

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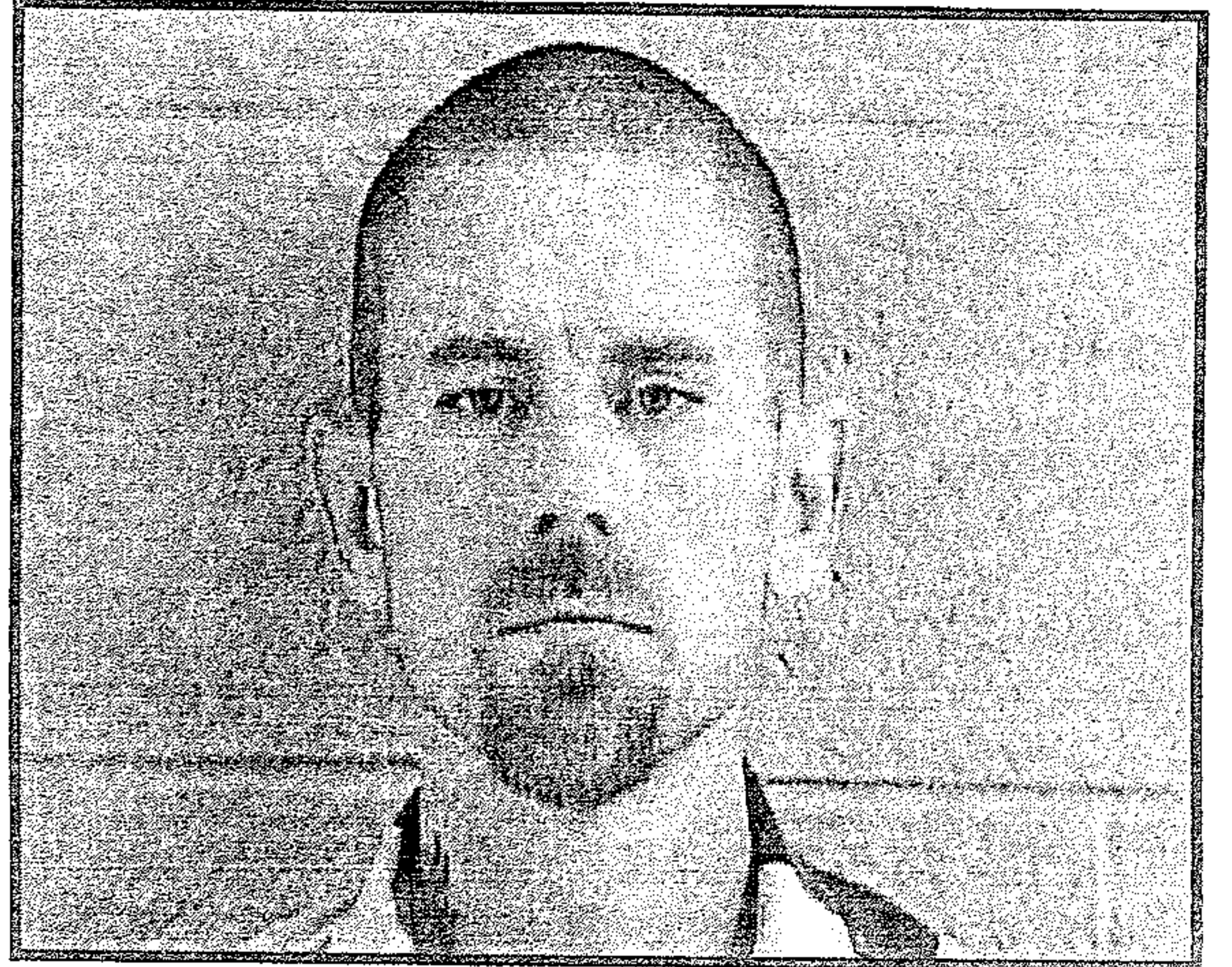
Victim beaten bloody with flashlight



David Wicks

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Burglar charged after being caught in the act



see Burglary pg. 3 James Williams

Two Chattanooga residents sentenced to prison for participating in a conspiracy to commit wire fraud and for tax evasion

On September 29, 2017, James H. Brennan, 68, and Douglas A. Dyer, 58, both of Chattanooga, Tennessee, were sentenced by the Honorable Travis R. McDonough, U.S. District Court Judge, to respectively serve 48 months and 60 months in federal prison for their roles in a wire fraud and tax evasion conspiracy. Upon their release, U.S. Probation will supervise

them for three years. Brennan and Dyer were also ordered to pay over \$4.9 million in restitution to over 200 victims in this case. Additionally, Brennan was ordered to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$184,022.84. Dyer was ordered to pay restitution to the IRS in the amount of \$354,251.58.

In May 2017, both Dyer and Brennan (see Fraud pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. — Psalm 23:5

Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

Please say a special prayer for Sgt. Wayne Bell, Knoxville Police Department, of 54 years and rolling. He

is undergoing surgery Thursday and needs all the positive prayer and energy you can send. Thanks so much!

Weather

Today: Mostly sunny.

High of 78F.

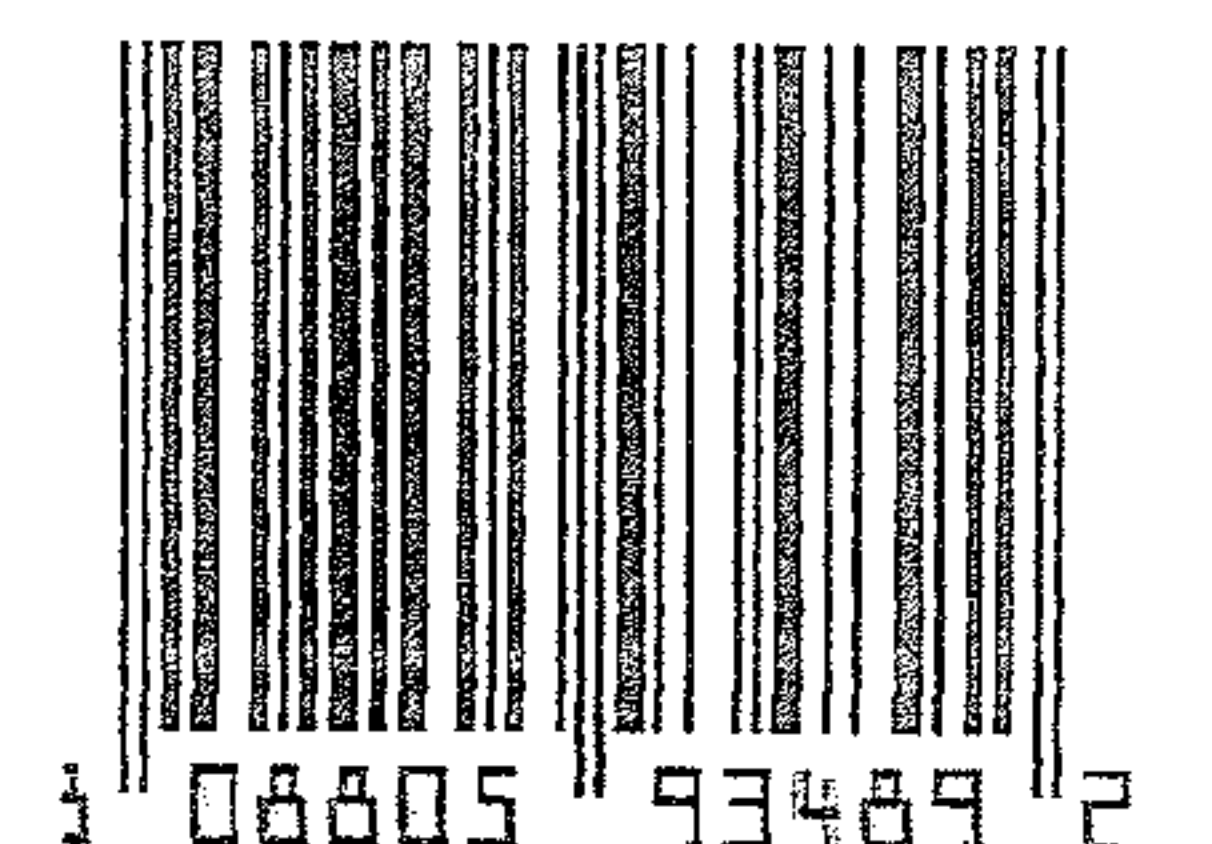
Tonight: Mostly clear low of 54F.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. High of 81F.

Tuesday night: Clear Low of 54F.

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You what?

Deputy Matt Fagiana LCSO, observed a vehicle enter the driveway of Highland Park School and drive around the driveway. Deputy Fagiana checked the closed school property for the vehicle and observed the vehicle sitting in a parking spot. Deputy Fagiana smelled a

strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle and asked both occupants out of the vehicle. Sgt. Michael Watkins arrived and conducted a free air sniff of the vehicle with his K9 partner Kane. Sgt. Watkins advised that his K9 alerted to the vehicle and the vehicle was searched. Two bags of a green plant material believed

to be marijuana weighing approximately 28.5 grams total, digital scales, cigar wrappers commonly used to smoke marijuana, and \$40 in US currency were located inside a pink back-

pack in the front passenger seat. A small plastic tray with a green plant material believed to be marijuana and a marijuana grinder were located under the front passenger seat. *see YW etd. pg. 3*

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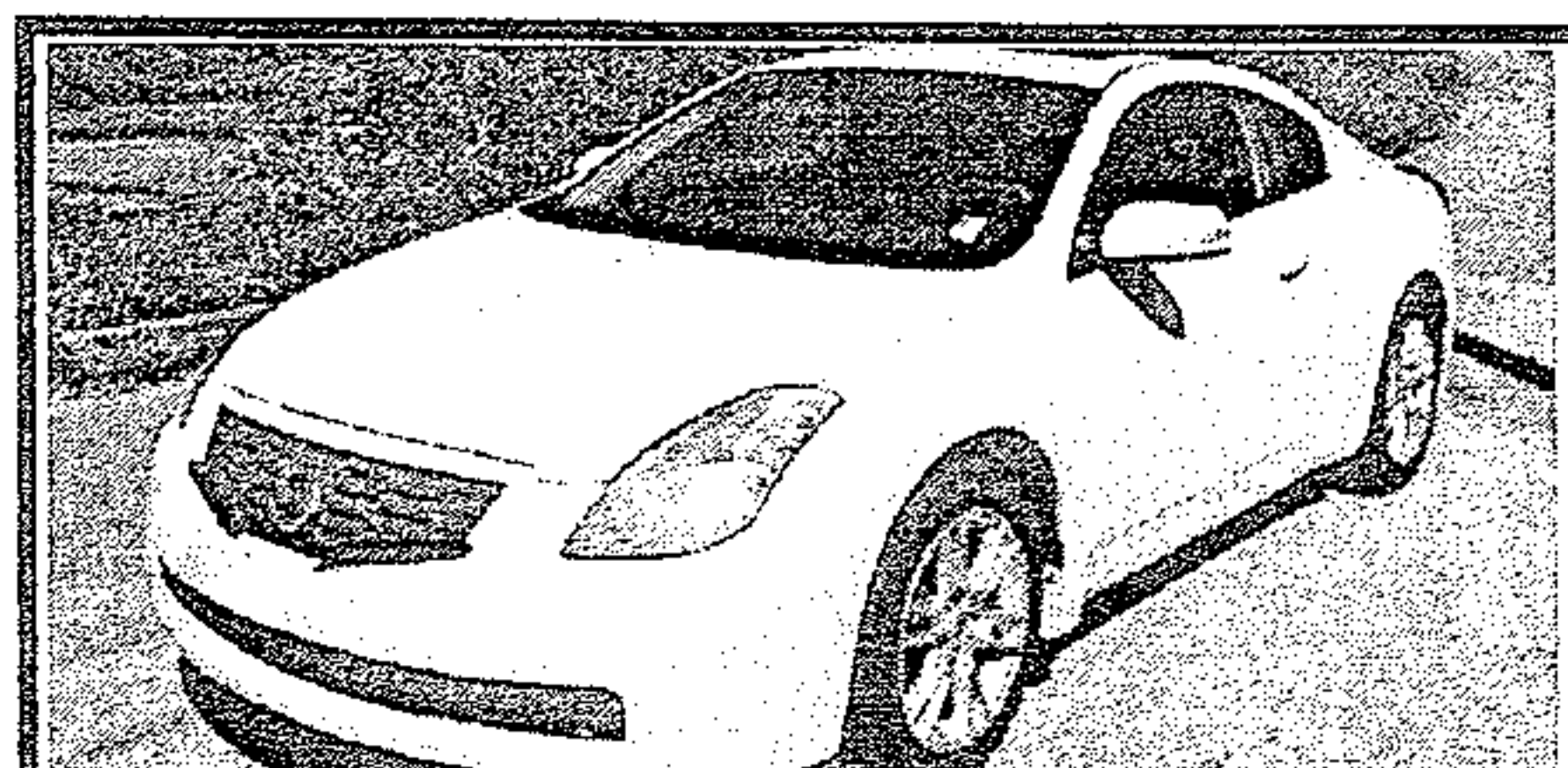
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Burglary

James Williams, 35, Church Street Loudon, was charged with Burglary.

Loudon Police Department received a dispatched call of a burglar alarm at Ferry St, Loudon TN. The alarm message we received was "garage door motion" and is monitored by ADT. We arrived on scene within minutes of the call and arrived just after the key holder. James Howard Williams was also standing with the witnesses by the side door to the garage. We separated the parties and interviewed them. The witness states that upon arrival and pulling into the driveway, one of the key holders walked up to the side door of the garage and was met by James Williams who exited the garage

door. The garage was illegally entered by removing three screws that kept the padlock hasp attached to the frame of the door. We found the screws lying on a table just inside the doorway. There was a power cord that had been moved and piled up in the floor. That was the only thing that the owners could find tampered with or missing. The door that had been tampered with was the door wired with the alarm. James Williams was advised of his rights and agreed to talk. He stated to have been on the property but denied being in the garage.

James Howard Williams did not have permission to be on the property and did illegally enter the garage with the intent of committing theft. He

was arrested and transported to Loudon county jail. Said happened in Loudon TN.

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ger seat.

Sgt. Watkins called me, Investigator Marty Stanley, to the scene. Deputy arrived and identified the driver as David Michael Bragg and the passenger as Abigail Settles. After reading both Bragg and Settles their Miranda Rights, Settles claimed ownership of the pink backpack

and admitted she brought the marijuana and drug paraphernalia to meet with Bragg. Both subjects were going to smoke marijuana after Bragg got off work to relax. Bragg was arrested on a warrant from Loudon County. Settles was arrested for Manufacture, Sale, Delivery, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The vehicle was left at the school per Bragg's wishes. This happened in Loudon County, TN.

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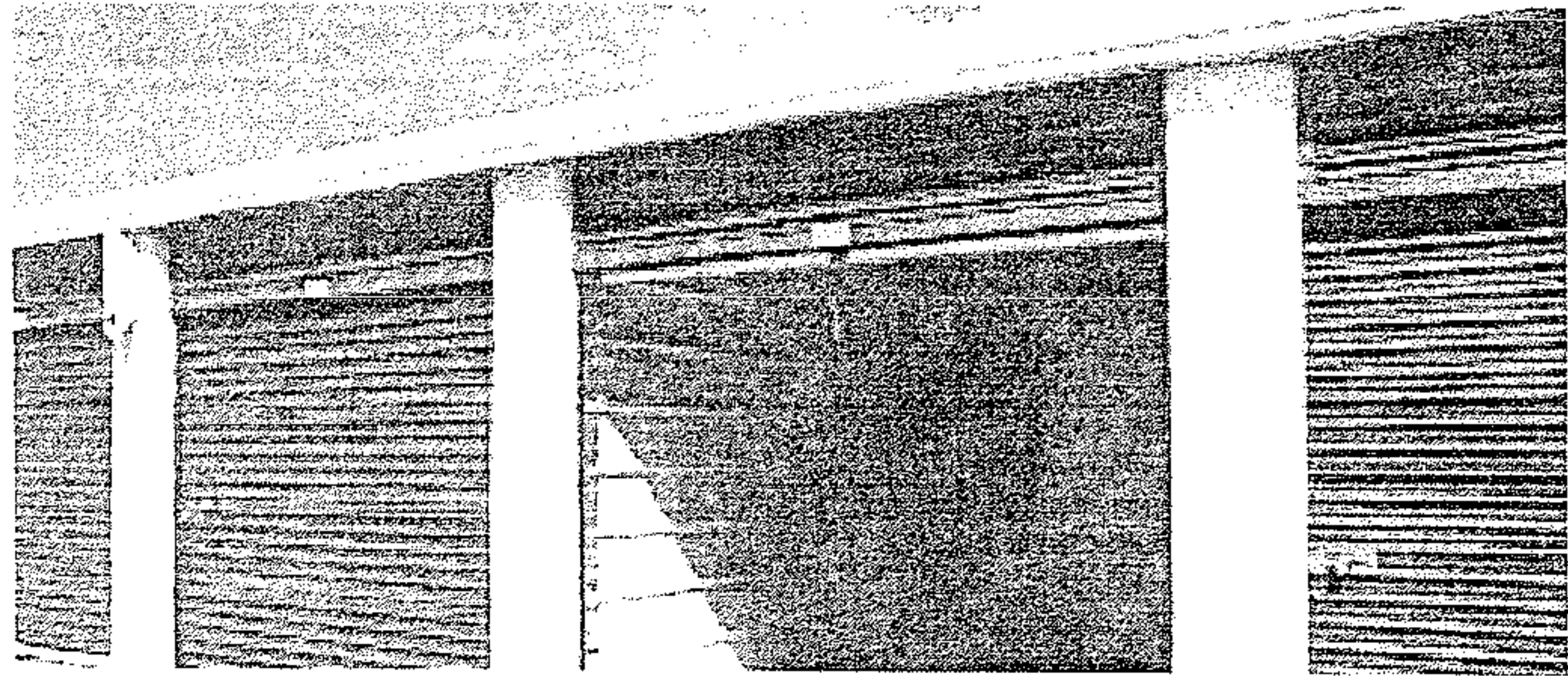
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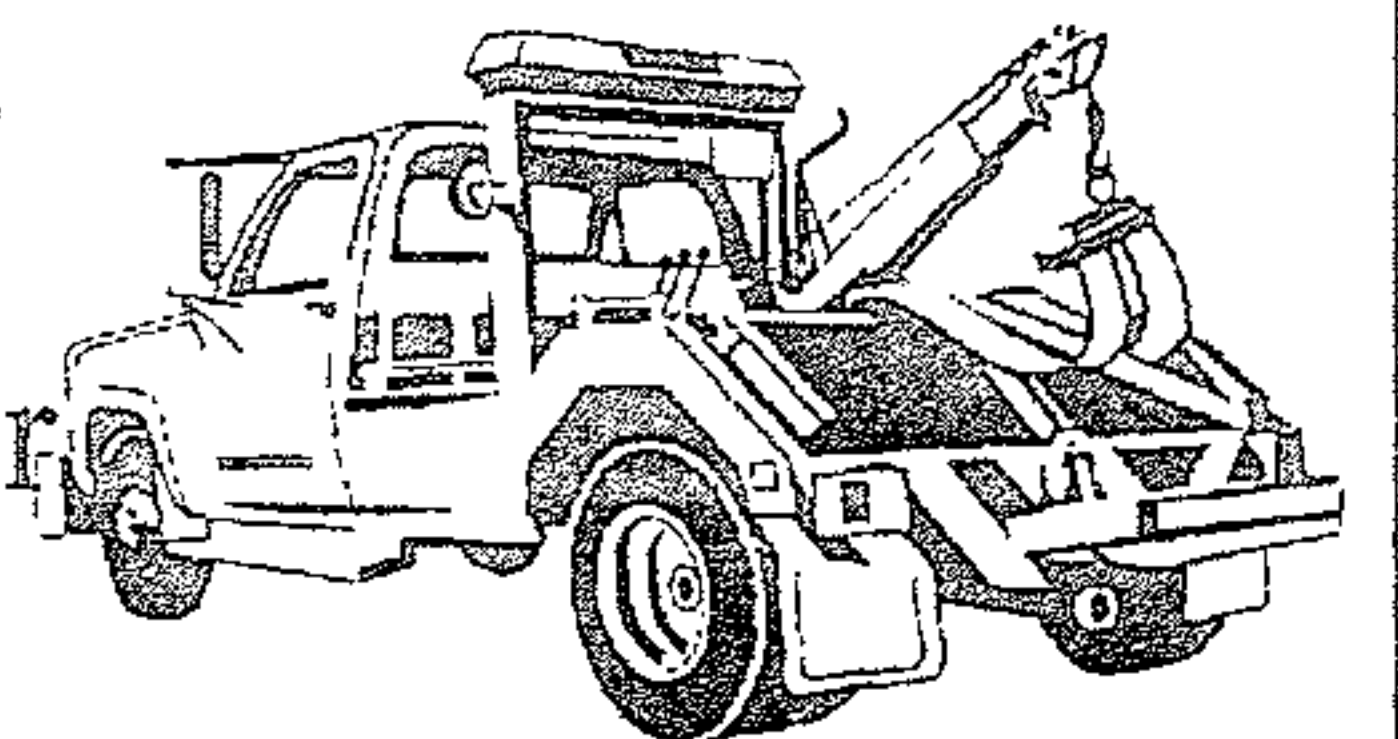
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Fraud

pleaded guilty to conspiring to steal approximately \$4.9 million from investors and evading the assessment and payment of their true taxes due and owing by mischaracterizing the stolen money as capital gains instead of income, thus paying at a fraudulently derived lower tax rate. Dyer also pleaded guilty to criminal contempt for dispersing funds contrary to an order in a civil case filed by the Securities and Exchange Commission for securities fraud.

According to documents on file with the U.S. District Court, between 2008 and 2016, Brennan and Dyer sought and received funds from numerous investors by promising them that their money would be used to capitalize limited liability corporations which would merge with companies seeking to transition to public ownership on a public stock exchange. Instead, they diverted the funds to their personal use. Although the general practice is to report stolen funds as income, Brennan and Dyer mischaracterized the funds they

stole as capital gains and paid taxes at the lower capital gains rate, effectively evading paying taxes at the correct rate.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Criminal Investigation. Assistant U.S. Attorneys James T. Brooks and Anne-Marie Svolto represented the United States.

U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr said, "The U.S. Attorney's Office will continue to pursue prosecution of fraudulent offenders, such as Brennan and Dyer, who effectively steal money from both innocent individuals and the United States by failing to pay taxes."

"Fraudulent investment schemes continue to bring financial ruin to many Americans," stated Tracey D. Montano, Special Agent in Charge, IRS-Criminal Investigation. "We are proud of the work of our special agents who utilize their specialized forensic accounting skills to unravel complex financial schemes. The prosecution of individuals who inten-

tionally conceal their income and evade taxes is a key priority for IRS Criminal Investigation. Mr. Dyer and Mr. Brennan stole investors' hard-earned money, used it for their own personal benefit, and evaded the federal tax owed on the stolen funds. This case should serve as a reminder, no matter the source of income, all income is taxable."

"The public's faith in the integrity of investment markets, particularly those involving capital for new companies, is essential for the continued success of our country's economic stability and growth," stated Renae McDermott Special Agent in Charge of the Knoxville FBI. "The sentencing today demonstrates the commitment of the FBI and our investigative partners to bring to justice those who prey upon unsuspecting investors."

Obituary

Russell Arthur Puckett, 42 of Loudon, passed away Sunday, July 16, 2017 due to health complications. He is preceded in death by father, Tom Puckett, grandparents, Russell & Lucille Puckett and Arthur & Bess Dwyer, several uncles and aunts. Russell is survived by his

mother, Kathy (Wayne) Wiggins of Loudon, siblings, Steve, Carol & Connie (Dana Frye) Puckett, all of Illinois, Aunt, Pat (Wayne) Morgan of Lenoir City, several cousins located throughout the United States, special cousin and friend, David Morgan, and a host of friends from Tennessee to Illinois. No memorial service is planned.



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DV

Eric Wracker, 47, Ranch Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officers was dispatched to Ranch Road to the report of a domestic situation. Upon arrival Officer came in contact with the defendant Mr. Eric Wracker standing outside the garage of the residence. He stated that he and his wife victim had been in a verbal altercation. He stated that he went in and she was acting strange. He stated that she started on him for not being there for her surgery. Officer then went in and spoke to the victim. She stated he had went racing yesterday prior to her surgery and to have

her son take her to the hospital for her surgery and follow up care. Upon him returning this date he came in the house and asked her what was wrong. She stated that he stated that she had told him it was ok to go racing. She stated that she never said that, that she thought he should have stayed to be with her but that was his choice to go ahead and go. She stated that when she tried to explain why she was upset the defendant got very upset and started screaming and yelling. At some point a flower pot got broken. She stated that she went to the closet to get the vacuum cleaner at which point she stated that he came up to her

and grabbed the vacuum cleaner and cord and pulled it out of her hands and began banging the end on the coffee table. She also stated that he then came at her screaming and yelling to the point he was spitting. He then turned and started pounding his fists on the entertain-

ment center. It was during this time that she felt in fear of her safety that something bad was going to happen. Both verbal and written statements were taken from both parties as well as the physical evidence inside the residence was taken into the investigation. It was at that time it was determined

the defendant was the primary aggressor. Officer then went back outside and advised the defendant that he was under arrest for Assault by Domestic Violence. He was then transported to the Loudon County Correctional Facility. This did happen in Loudon County.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Purchasing Committee Meeting

The Lenoir City Purchasing Committee will hold a meeting at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday, October 3, 2017 at City Hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss a grant opportunity.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Public Meeting Notice

The Loudon County Purchasing Committee will meet October 2, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the Loudon County Courthouse Annex downstairs meeting room.

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Agg. Assault

David Wicks, 37, Sugar Grove Valley Road Harri-man, was charged with Ag-gravated Assault.

Deputy Brian Smith LCSO, did respond to Hines Valley Road in Loudon County for a call of Assault.

Upon arrival Deputy made

contact with the victim that stated to officer Mr. David Paul Wicks attacked him with a big flash light. Victim stat-ed Mr. Wicks started yelling at him about stealing some lights, then attacked him.


Victim then stated he did strike Mr. Wicks with a flash light to defend himself, Mr.

Wicks took the flash light from him, started striking him in the face with the flash light and then started beating his head into the asphalt.


Deputy did notice victim had blood all over his face, in his mouth and had several knots on the right side of his

head and a cut over his left eye.

Victim was transported to the Fort Loudoun Medi-cal Center for treatment and Deputy was unable to make contact with Mr. Wicks or re-cover the flash light used in the incident.



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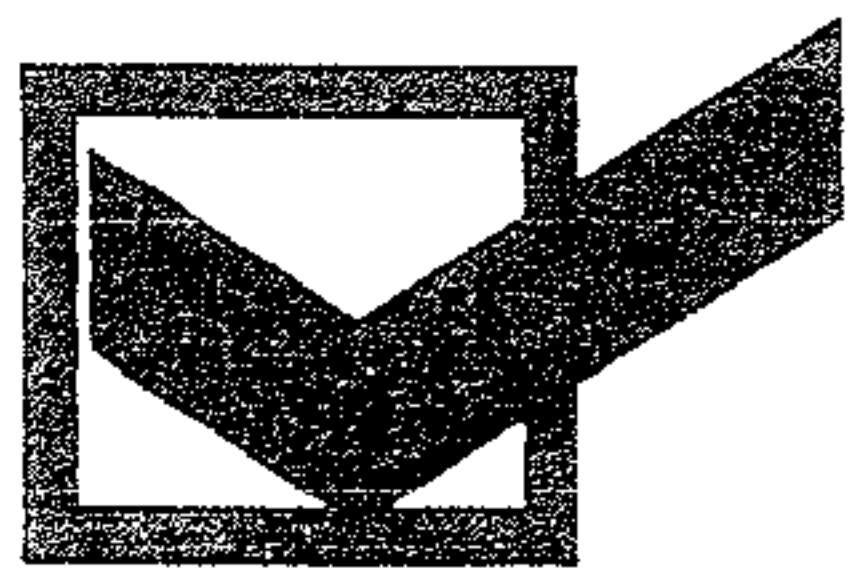
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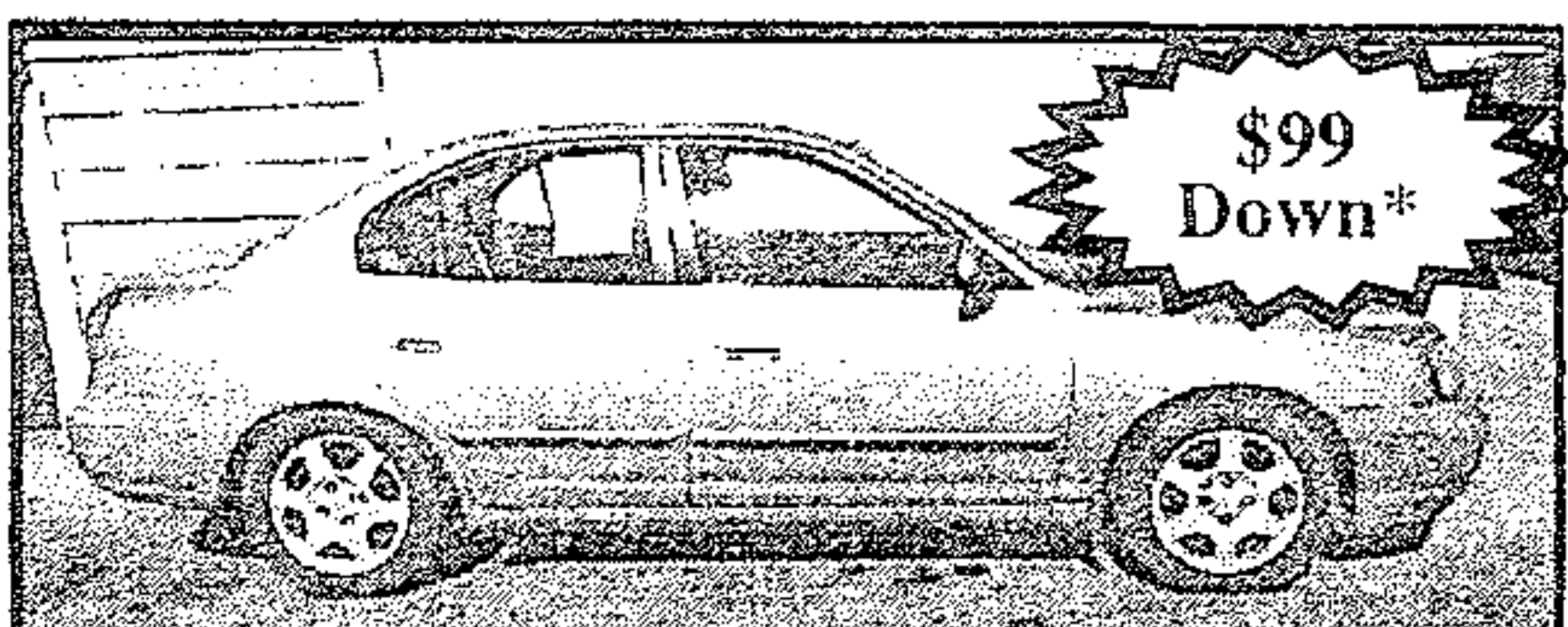
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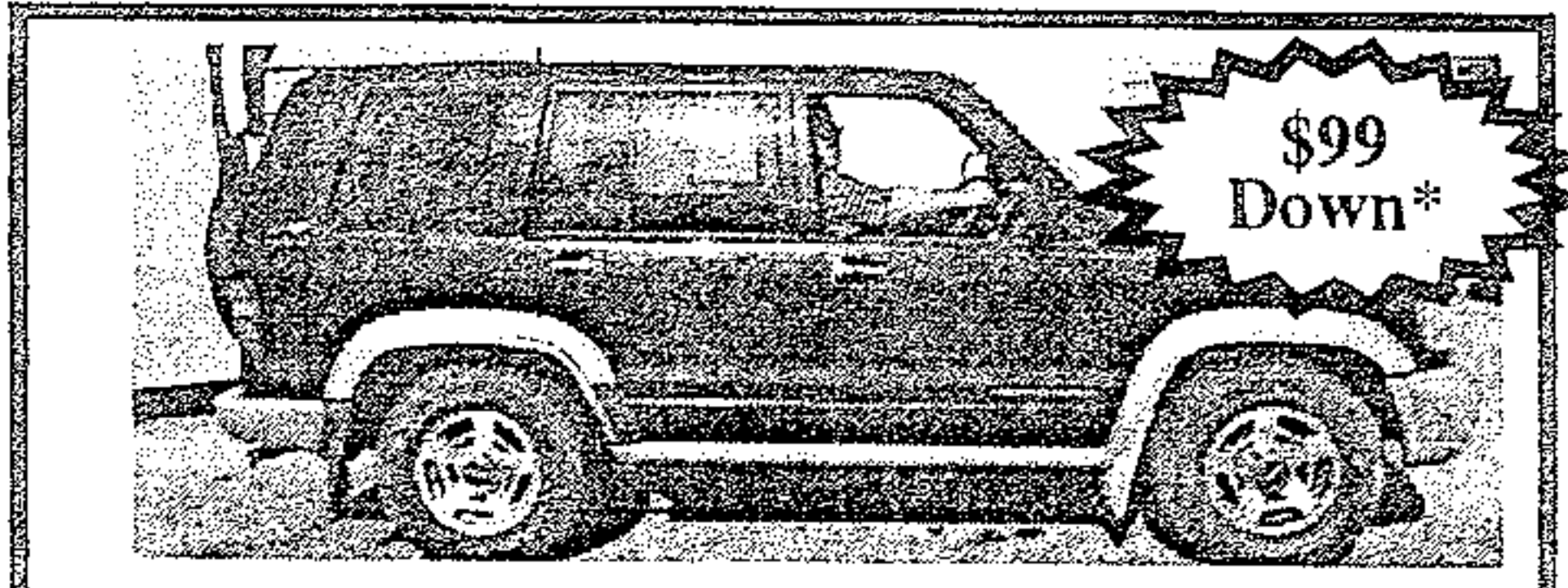
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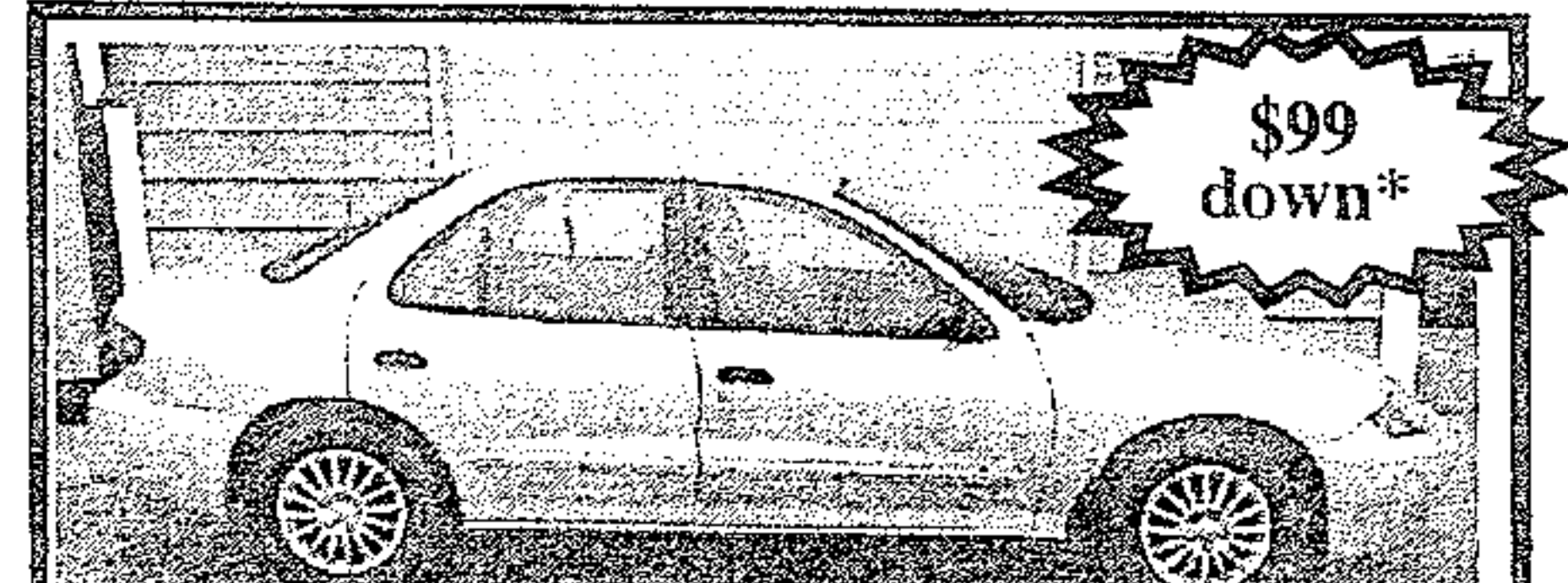
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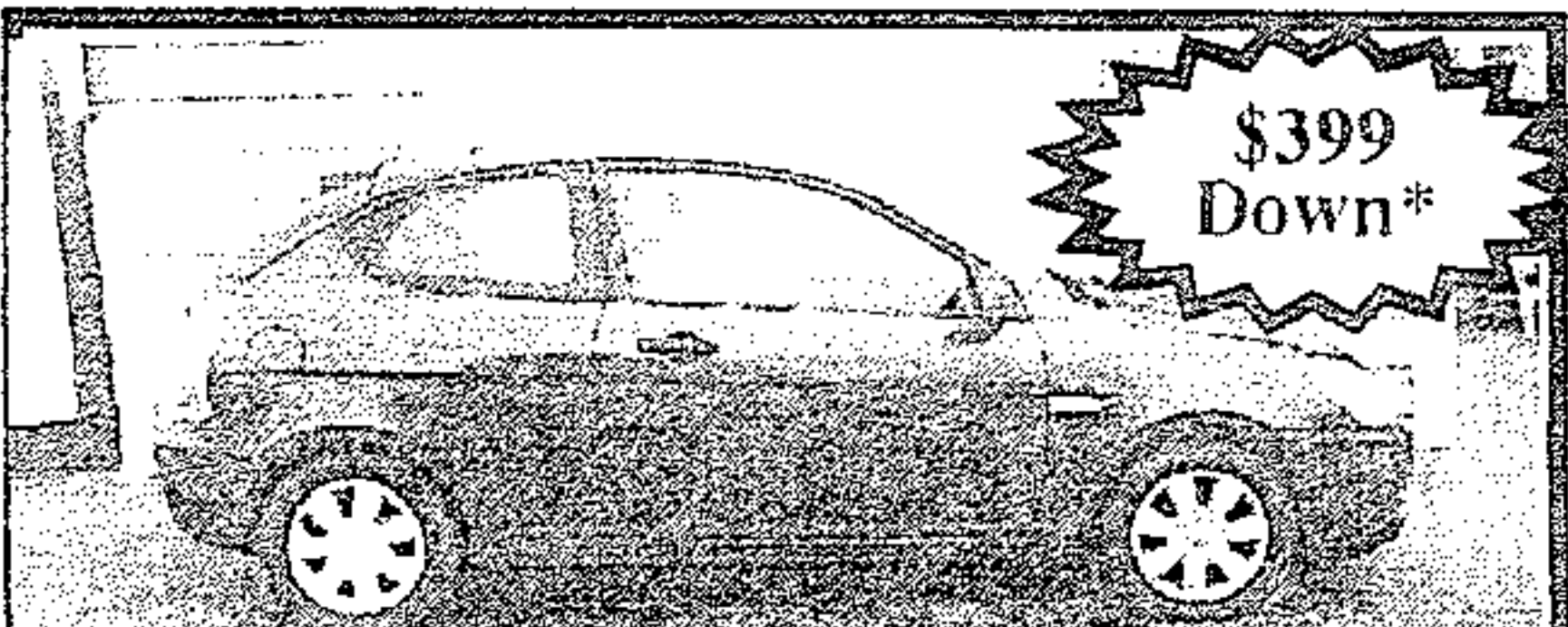
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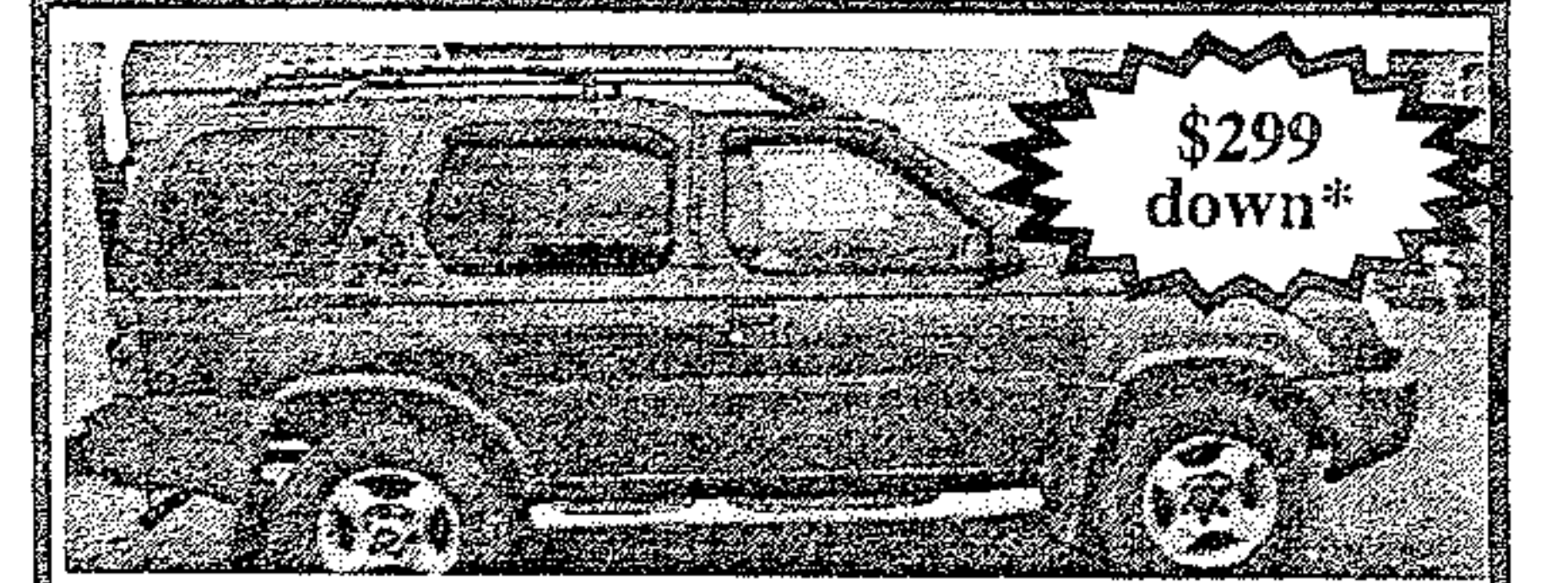
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