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Wednesday, November 22, 2017

They can't get a blood test because subject keeps passing out

Jessica Roberts, 37, Cardwell Road Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, and Failure to Appear. Officer Cole Morgan LCPD, was dispatched to the parking lot of the Dollar General on Hwy 321 for a wreck with injury. Upon arrival the Fire Dept. advised



Jessica Roberts

(see wreck pg. 2)

Holiday Travel 101

Expert tips on how to beat the crowds, save money, and travel smart this season.

by BRAD TUTTLE

For those of us who are used to globetrotting for leisure, the greatest chance for travel to go horribly wrong comes during the period between Thanksgiving and New Year's. After all, this is the most crowded, most hectic, most expensive time of year for vacations. But while some of holiday travel's baggage is unavoidable—

including dealing with baggage itself—you can avoid other headaches with a little advance planning.

Let's start with the basics. Booking far in advance is generally ideal, so if you haven't made your travel plans yet, get moving. The best place to start is, obviously, the Internet. But if you're a regular user of an Online Travel Agency like Orbitz or Expedia, this might

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Christmas Parades 2017

Kick off the holiday season with the Lenoir City Christmas Parade! Each year, thousands of families come together on a magical December night to watch the excitement of a parade and catch the first glimpses of Santa as the holiday season begins. Historic downtown Lenoir City provides beautiful lights and sounds that will please parade fans everywhere!

Get your float and see Parades pg. 7

History of Thanksgiving

In 1621, the Plymouth colonists and Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn harvest feast that is acknowledged today as one of the first Thanksgiving celebrations in the colonies. For more than two centuries, days of thanksgiving were celebrated by individual colonies and states. It wasn't until 1863, in the midst of the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving

Day to be held each November.

THANKSGIVING AT PLYMOUTH

In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land

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Attorney General Sessions announces \$98 million to hire community policing officers

Two east Tennessee agencies received awards totaling \$996,117

On November 20, 2017, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced \$98,495,397 in grant funding through the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program

(CHP). The Attorney General announced funding awards to 179 law enforcement agencies across the nation, which allows those agencies to hire 802 additional full-time law enforcement officers.

Two of these grants went to east Tennessee agencies. The Blount County Sheriff's Department received

(see policing pg. 4)



Verse of the Day

When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought joy to my soul. — Psalm 94:19

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Today begins the official start of the holiday season. Please be safe on the roadways this weekend and hope all you Black Friday shoppers find the bargains

you are hunting!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 49F.

Tonight: Overcast. low of 39F.

Thursday: Partly Cloudy. High of 54F.

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cast. Low of 32F.

Horoscopes

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You're not giving out many clues today, so everyone will have to guess what you want. It's not that you're intentionally trying to annoy others if

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wreck

the driver Jessica Roberts was partially deaf, and her eyes were constricted. Officer ask Roberts if she had taken anything prior to the accident and she stated no. Roberts did poorly on sobriety test. Roberts was trans-

ported to Ft. Loudon ER for blood draw and while at the hospital the staff was not able to collect blood due to Roberts going in and out of consciousness. A witness at the scene stated Roberts was slumped over the steering wheel after hitting the parked vehicle.

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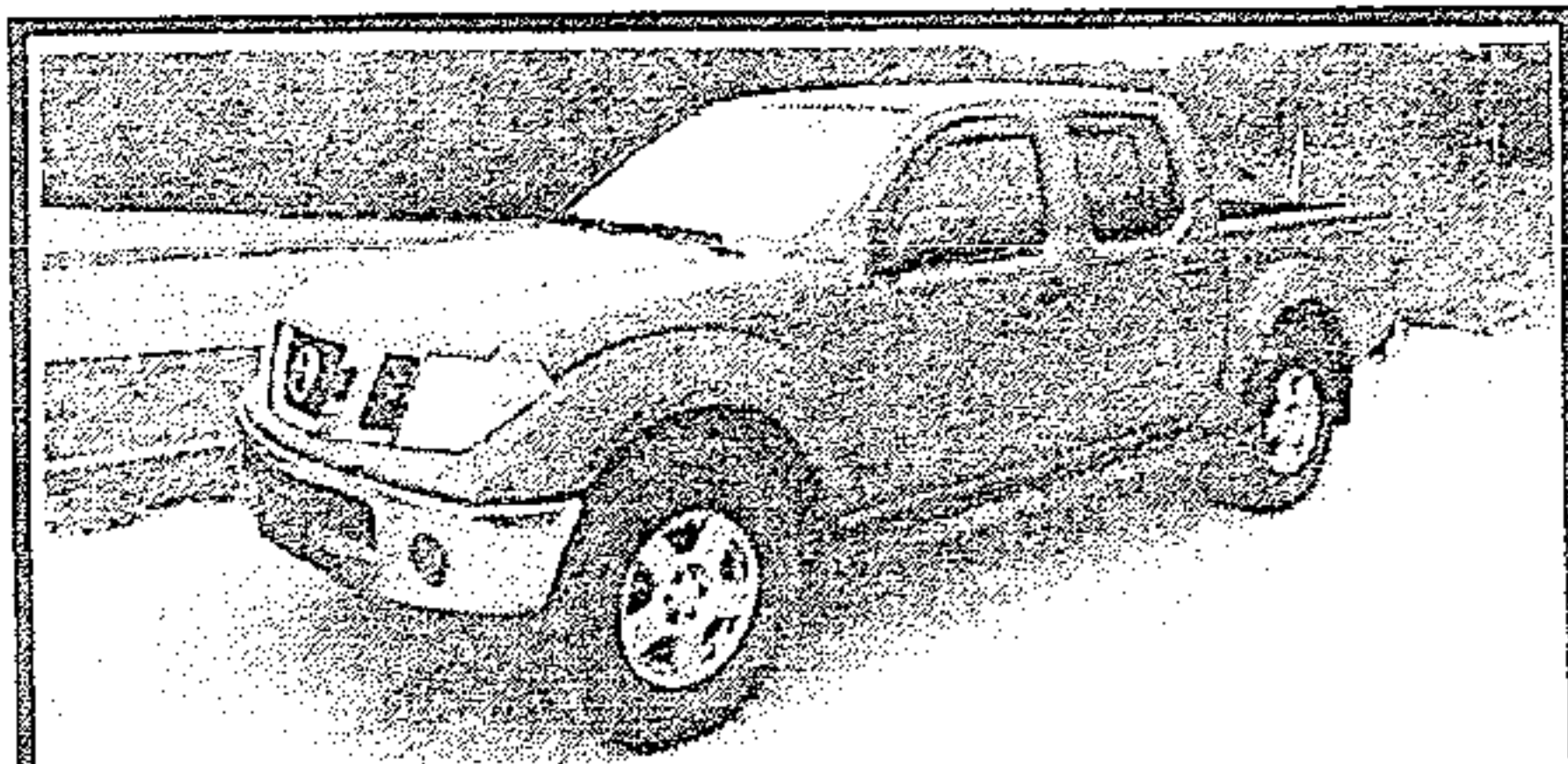
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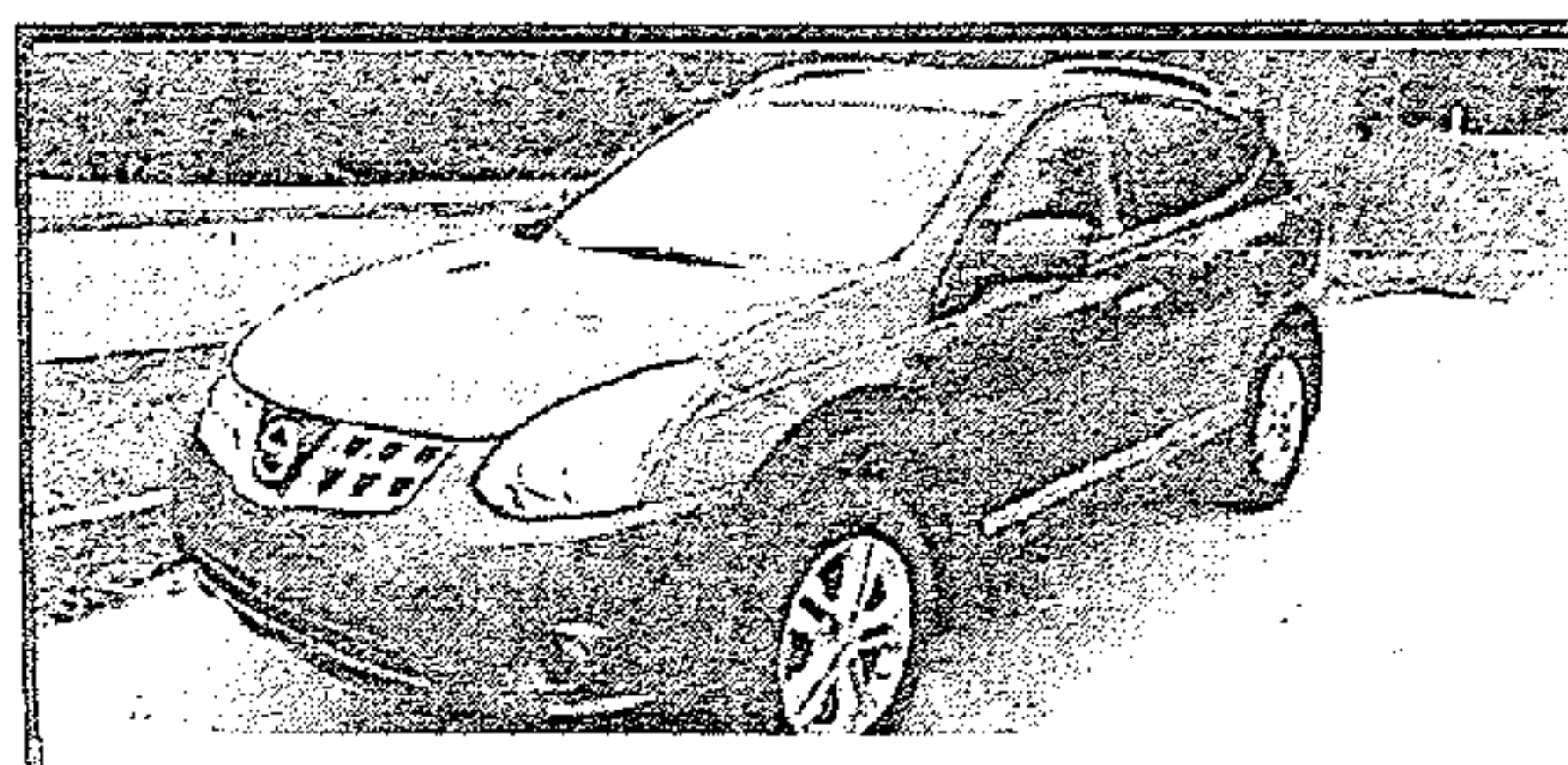
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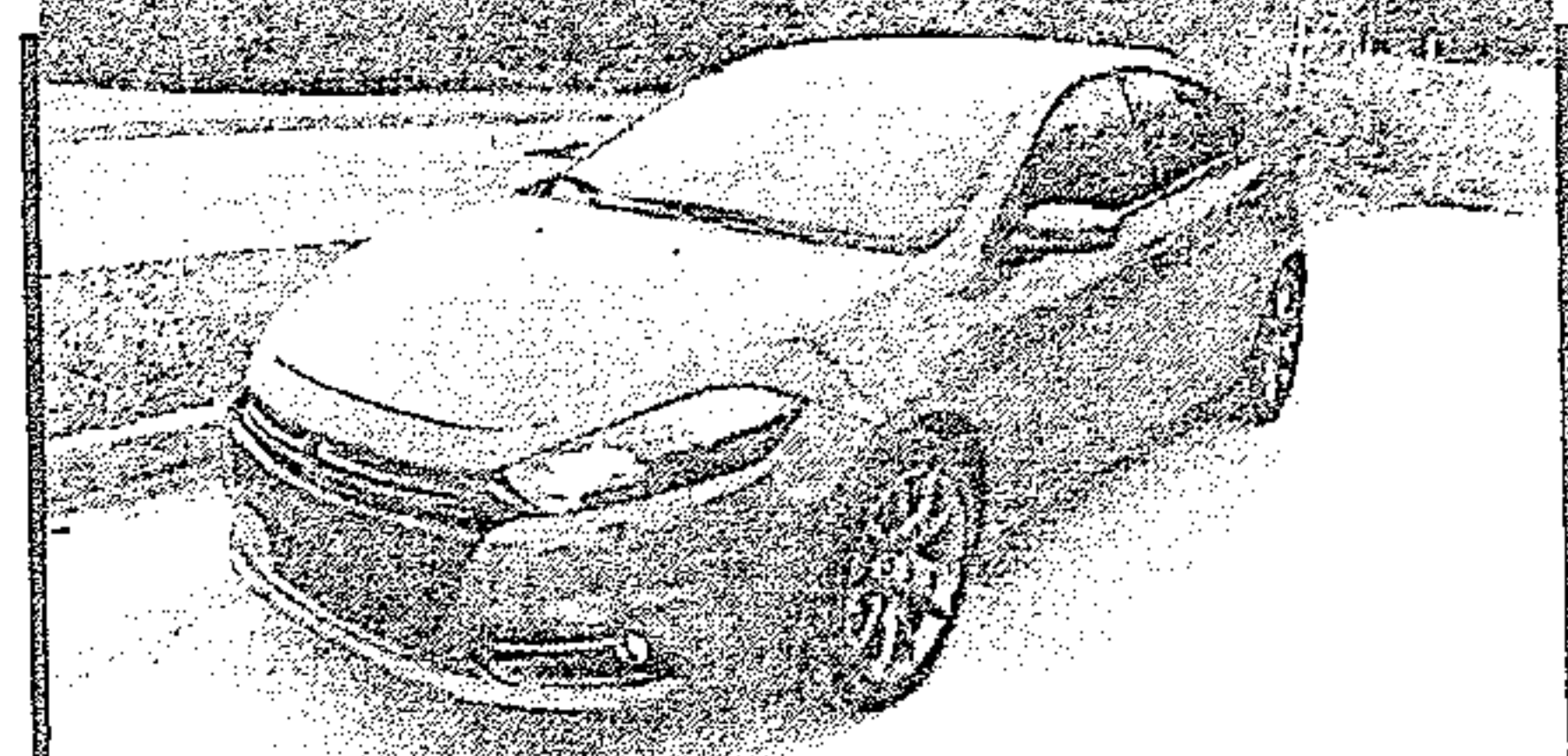
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ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

Did You Know?

Lobster, seal and swans were on the Pilgrims' menu.

Throughout that first brutal winter, most of the colonists remained on board the ship, where they suffered from exposure, scurvy and outbreaks of contagious disease. Only half of the Mayflower's original passengers and crew lived to see their first New England spring. In March, the remaining settlers

moved ashore, where they received an astonishing visit from an Abenaki Indian who greeted them in English. Several days later, he returned with another Native American, Squanto, a member of the Pawtuxet tribe who had been kidnapped by an English sea captain and sold into slavery before escaping to London and returning to his homeland on an exploratory expedition. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, weakened by malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers and avoid poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers forge an alliance with the Wampanoag, a local tribe, which would endure for more than 50 years and tragically remains one of the sole examples of harmony between European colonists and Native Americans.

In November 1621, after

the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his jour-

nal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of con-

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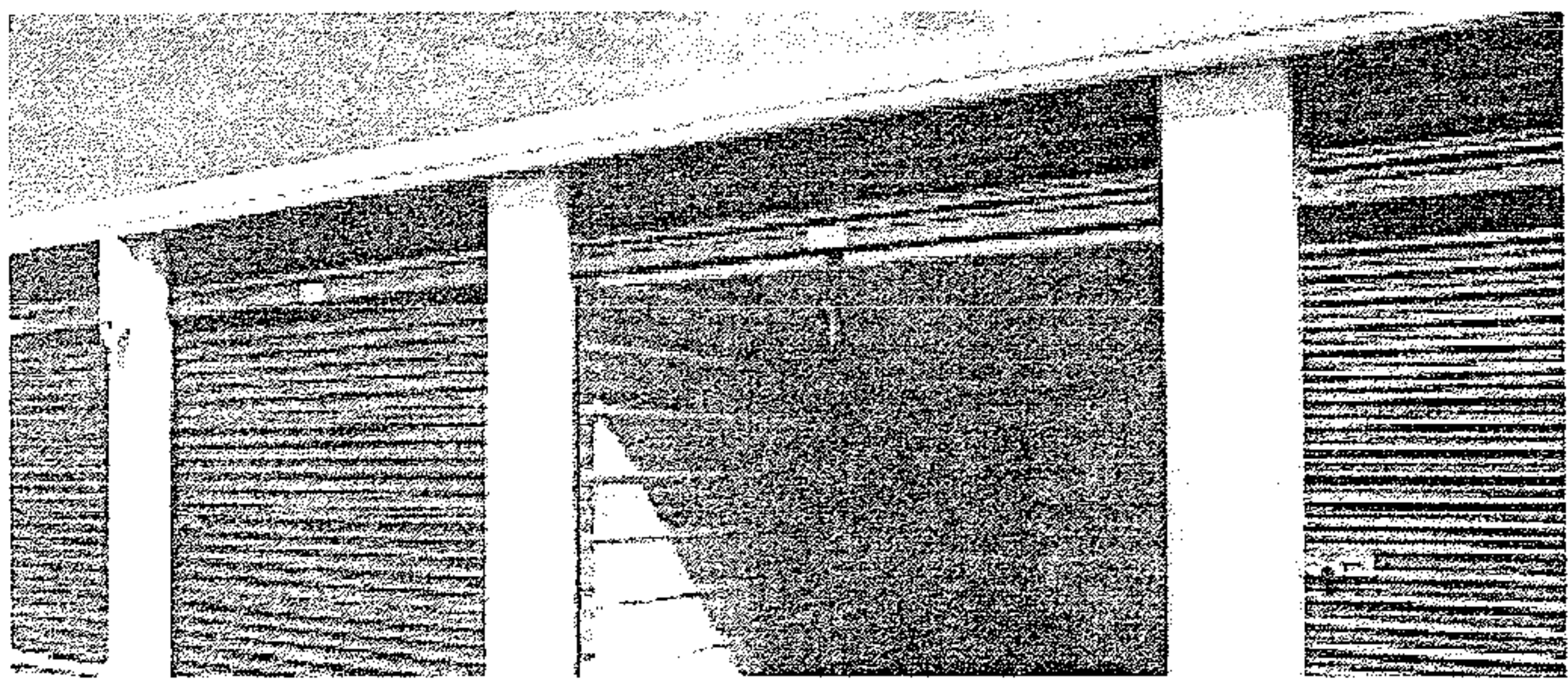
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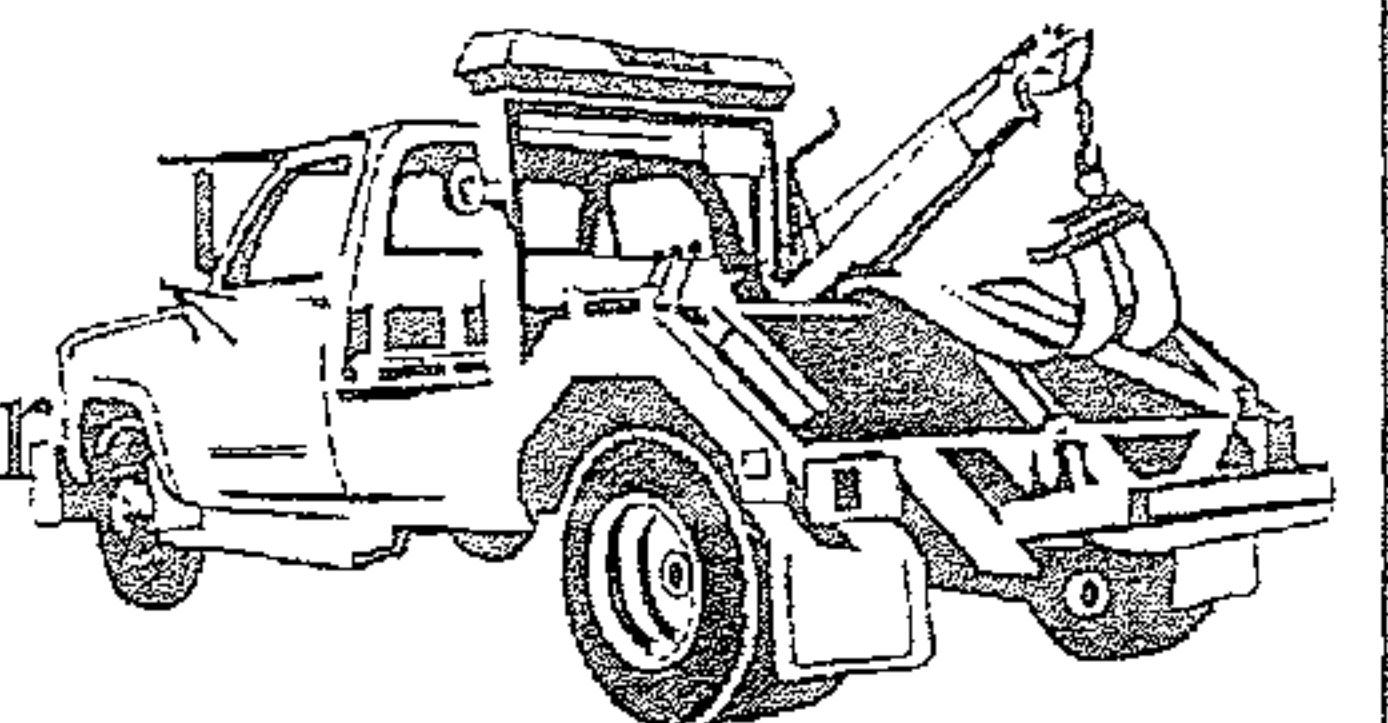
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\$746,117 to fund six officers and the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department received \$250,000 to fund two officers.

"Both the Blount County and Hamilton County Sheriff's Departments have a long history of working with the U.S. Attorney's Office to develop cases for successful federal prosecution. We are very pleased that they were chosen as two of 179 agencies across the country to receive these grants, which will allow them to hire additional officers and enhance their efforts to reduce crime in the Eastern District of Tennessee," said U.S. Attorney Nancy Stallard Harr.

"Cities and states that cooperate with federal law enforcement make all of us safer by helping remove dangerous criminals from our communities," said Attorney General Jeff Sessions. "Today, the Justice Department announced that 80 percent of this year's COPS Hiring Program grantees have agreed to cooperate with federal immigration authorities in their detention facilities. I applaud their commitment to the rule of law and to ending violent crime, including violent crime stemming from illegal immigration. I continue to encourage every jurisdiction in America to collaborate with federal law enforcement and help us make this country safer."

CHP provides grant funding directly to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to support hiring additional law enforcement officers

for three years to address specific crime problems through community policing strategies.

In September, the Justice Department announced additional priority consideration criteria for FY2017 COPS Office grants. Applicants were notified that their application would receive additional points in the application scoring process by certifying their willingness to cooperate with federal immigration authorities within their detention facilities. Cooperation may include providing access to detention facilities for an interview of aliens in the jurisdiction's custody and providing advance notice of an alien's release from custody upon request. Eighty percent of the awarded agencies received additional points based on their certifications of willingness to cooperate with federal immigration authorities. The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing officers, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement. Since 1994, the COPS Office has invested more than \$14 billion to help advance community policing.

Public invited to glimpse into Christmas past

TAMIS and Knoxville History Project partner for "Knoxville's Christmas History in Print, Photo, and Film"

The Knoxville History Project and Knox County Public Library's Tennessee Archive of Moving Image and Sound (TAMIS) are

teaming up for a look back at how Knoxville and its residents have celebrated the Christmas holiday

through the years.

WHEN: 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 10

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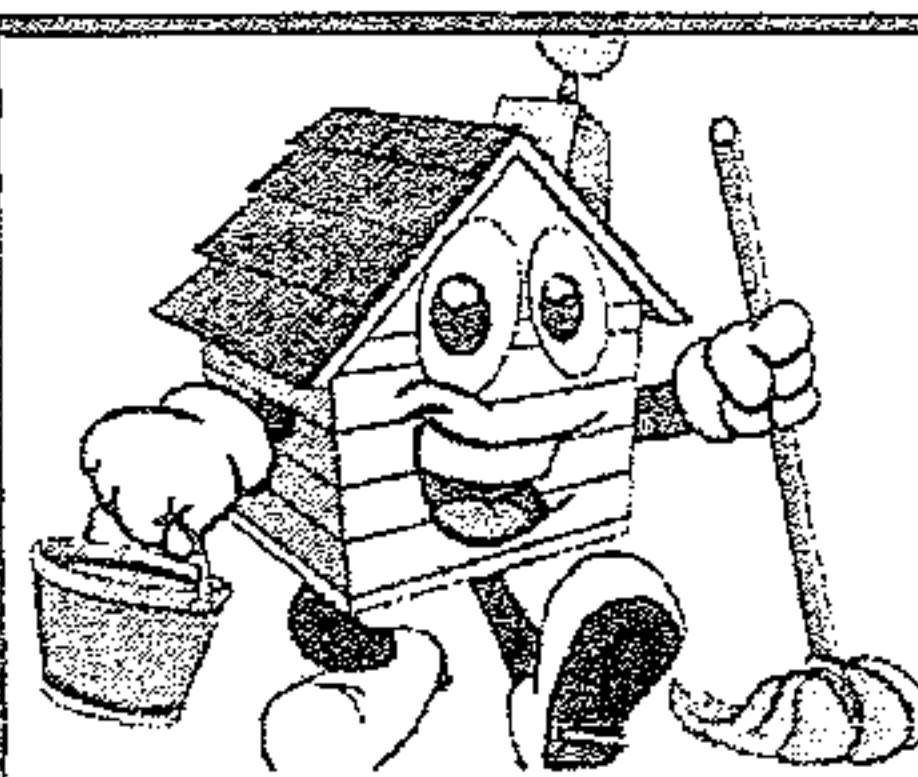
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Lenoir City Council will be changing the beginning time of their meetings to 6:00 P.M. effective January 2018. The meetings will still be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at City Hall.

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Travel

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If the destination you have in mind is outside the country, be sure to review the passport requirements, and make sure those all-important documents are up-to-date. Remember, when flying between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and nearly all of the Caribbean, you need a passport.

In fact, if you're booking in November and hope to spend part of December away, you might be better off choosing a destination where passports aren't required. That doesn't mean you have to stay within the confines of the lower 48 states. Craving the Caribbean? U.S. citizens can travel to and from U.S. territories like Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands without passports, though you

will need other forms of official identification, like a birth certificate or a driver's license.

All set with air tickets? What about hotels? If you can't get your dream hotel, remember one golden rule: think against the grain. Where are holiday travelers most likely not to stay? Sure, checking into a business hotel on Christmas Eve may not be the most romantic thing you've ever done, but it's probably better than the spare room at the in-laws'.

You're not out of the woods yet. You still have to navigate overcrowded airports, deal with the hassle of checked and carry-on baggage rules, and (hopefully) still maintain that holiday spirit. So we've put together a definitive list of holiday-travel tips—more insider knowledge about getting a fair airfare, a secret about airport parking, how to handle baggage, and more—to make holiday travel go as smoothly as possible.

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temporary celebrations.

THANKSGIVING BECOMES AN OFFICIAL HOLIDAY

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as

well. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme “Mary Had a Little Lamb”—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians. Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to “commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife” and to “heal the wounds of the nation.” He scheduled

Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS

In many American households, the Thanksgiving celebration has lost much of its original religious significance; instead, it now centers on cooking and sharing a bountiful meal with family and friends. Turkey, a Thanksgiving staple so ubiquitous it has become all but synonymous with the holiday, may or may not have been on offer when the Pilgrims hosted the inaugural feast in 1621. Today, however, nearly 90 percent of Americans eat the bird—whether roasted, baked or deep-fried—on Thanksgiving, according to the National Turkey Federation. Other traditional foods include stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie. Volunteering is a common Thanksgiving Day activity, and communities often hold food drives and host free dinners for the less fortunate.

Parades have also become an integral part of the holiday in cities and towns across the United States. Presented by Macy's department store since 1924, New York City's Thanksgiving Day parade is the largest and

most famous, attracting some 2 to 3 million spectators along its 2.5-mile route and drawing an enormous television audience. It typically features marching bands, performers, elaborate floats conveying various celebrities and giant balloons shaped like cartoon characters.

Beginning in the mid-20th century and perhaps even earlier, the president of the United States has “pardoned” one or two Thanksgiving turkeys each year, sparing the birds from slaughter and sending them to a farm for retirement. A number of U.S. governors also perform the annual turkey pardoning ritual.

THANKSGIVING CONTROVERSIES

For some scholars, the jury is still out on whether the feast at Plymouth really constituted the first Thanksgiving in the United States. Indeed, historians have recorded other ceremonies of thanks among European settlers in North America that predate the Pilgrims' celebration. In 1565, for instance, the Spanish explorer Pedro Menéndez de Avilé invited members of the local Timucua tribe to a dinner in St. Augustine, Florida, after holding a mass to thank God for his crew's safe arrival. On December 4, 1619, when 38 British settlers reached a site known as Berkeley Hundred on the banks of Virginia's James River, they read a proclamation designating the date as “a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God.”

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Parades

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cans and others take issue with how the Thanksgiving story is presented to the American public, and especially to school-children. In their view, the traditional narrative paints a deceptively sunny portrait of relations between the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag people, masking the long and bloody history of conflict between Native Americans and European settlers that resulted in the deaths of millions. Since 1970, protesters have gathered on the day designated as Thanksgiving at the top of Cole's Hill, which overlooks Plym-

outh Rock, to commemorate a "National Day of Mourning." Similar events are held in other parts of the country.



THANKSGIVING'S ANCIENT ORIGINS

Although the American concept of Thanksgiving developed in the colonies of New England, its roots can be traced back to the other side of the Atlantic. Both the Separatists who came over on the Mayflower and the Puritans who arrived soon after brought with them a tradition of providential holidays—days of fasting during difficult or pivotal moments and days of feasting and celebration to thank God in times of plenty.

As an annual celebration of the harvest and

its bounty, moreover, Thanksgiving falls under a category of festivals that spans cultures, continents and millennia. In ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks and Romans feasted and paid tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. Thanksgiving also bears a resemblance to the ancient

Jewish harvest festival of Sukkot. Finally, historians have noted that Native Americans had a rich tradition of commemorating the fall harvest with feasting and merrymaking long before Europeans set foot on their shores.

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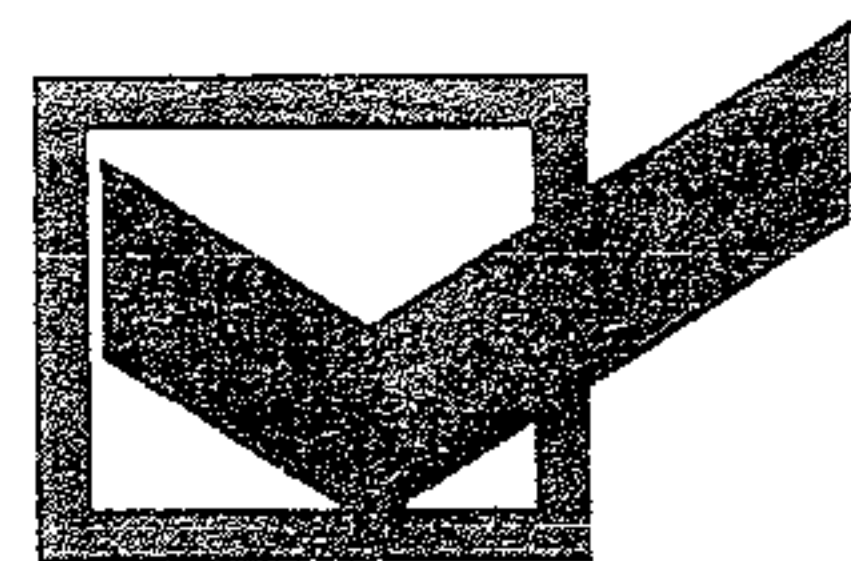
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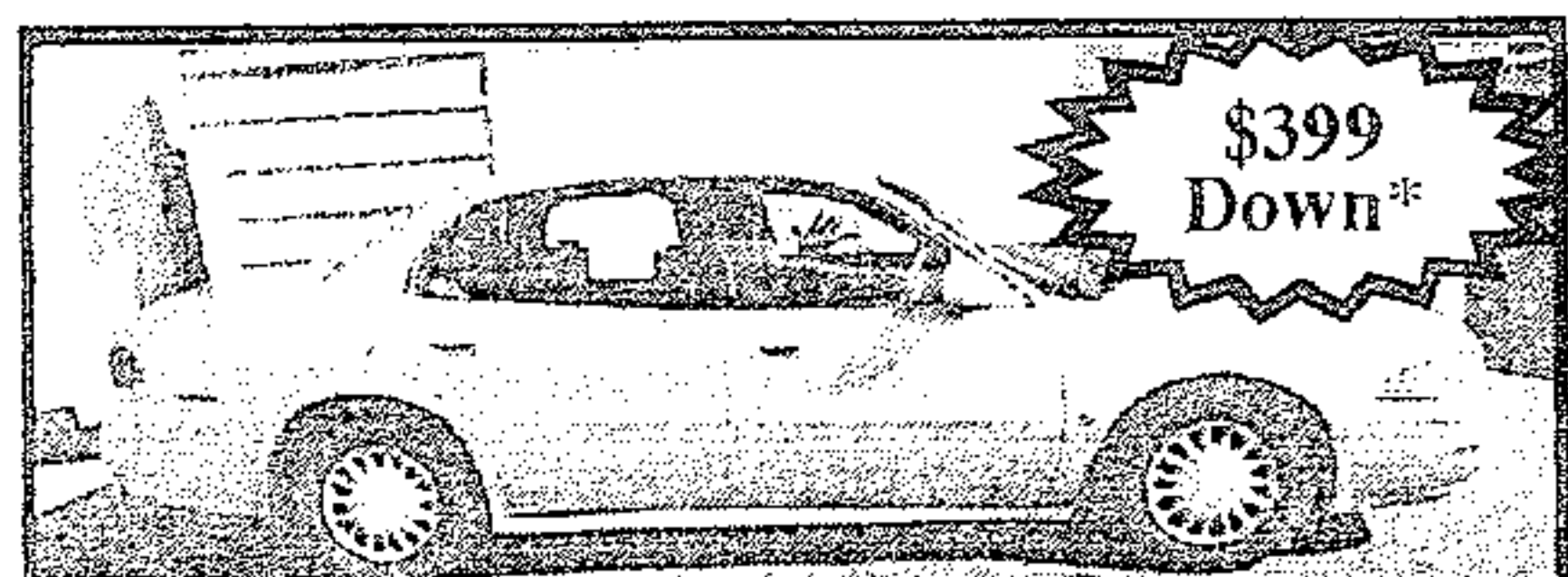
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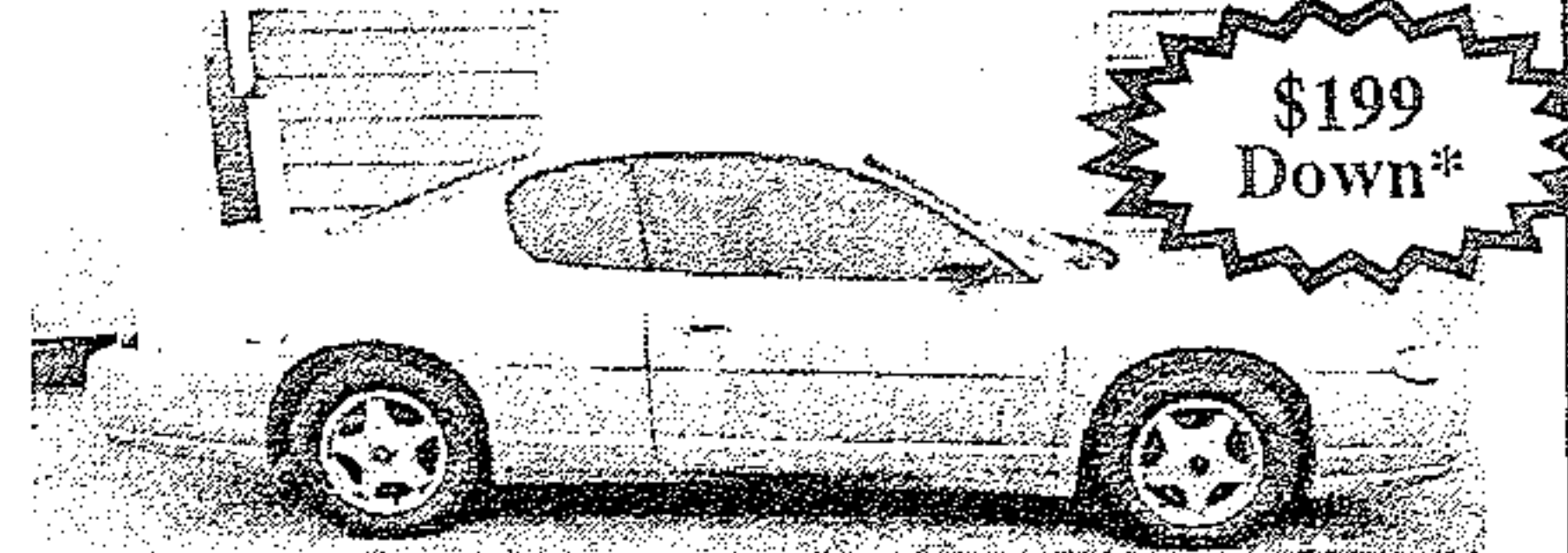
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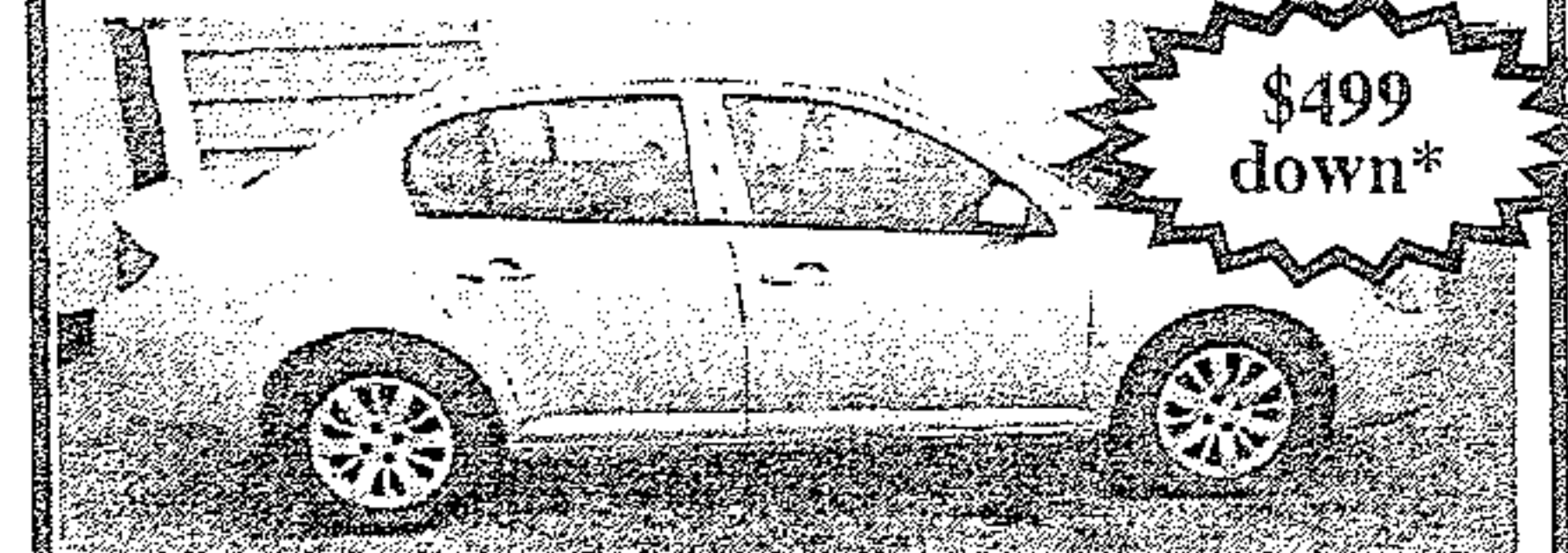
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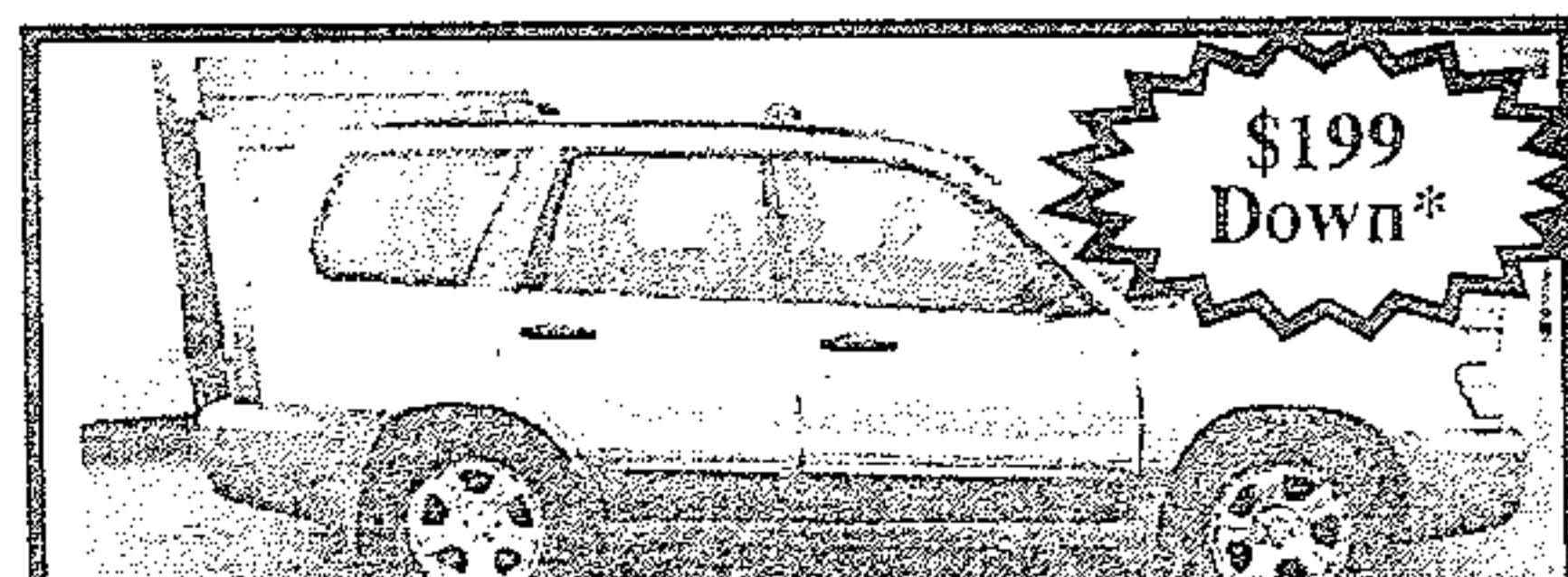
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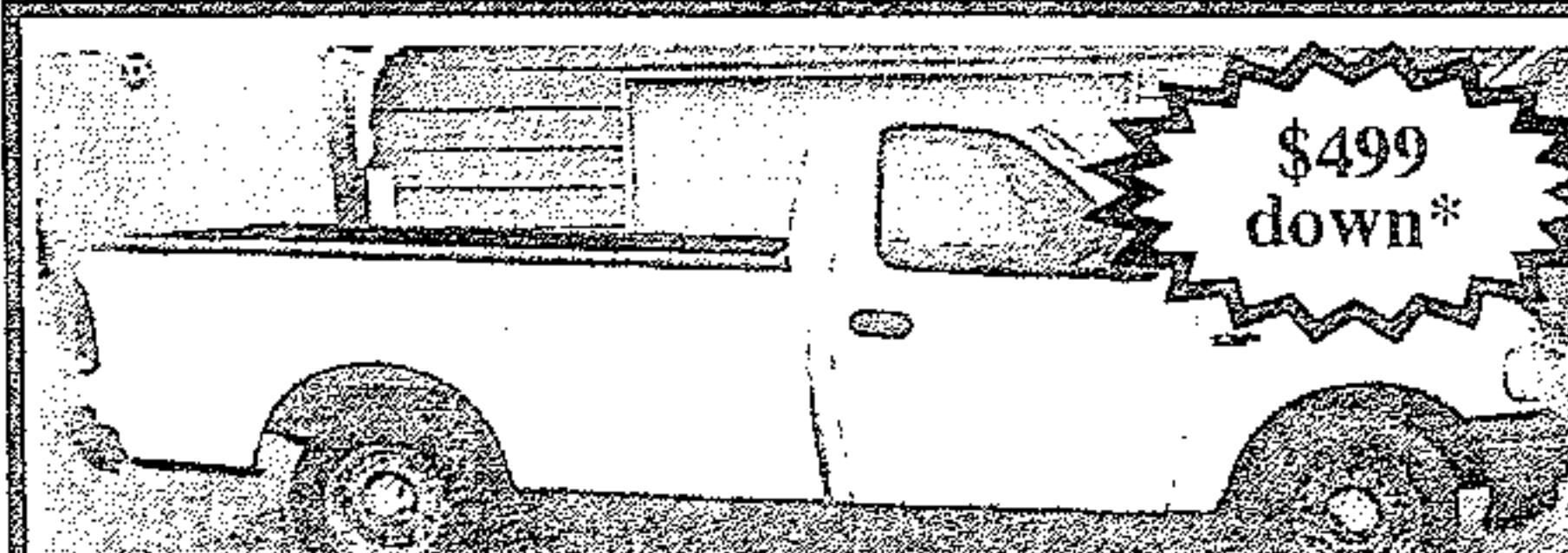
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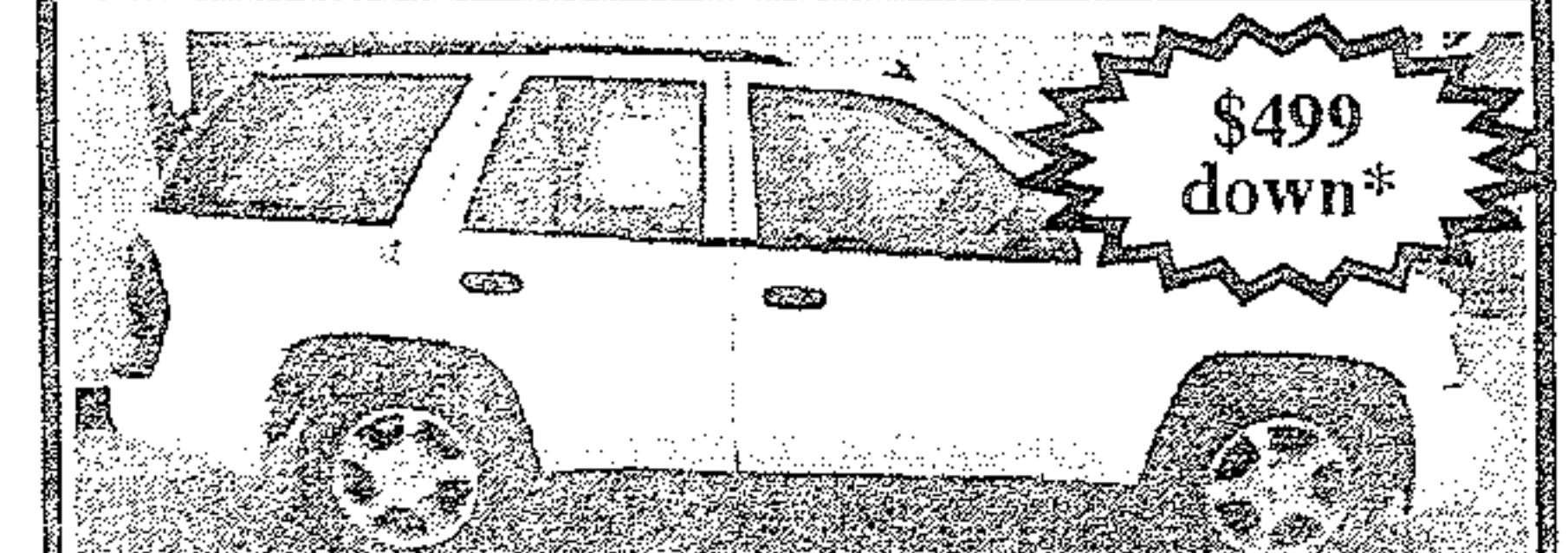
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