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Wednesday, November 8, 2017

## DA General Johnson announces "Overdose Task Force"

Members of law enforcement agencies came together on Monday at the 9th District Attorney General Russell Johnson's office to formalize the protocols of an "Overdose Task Force" for Loudon and Roane Counties. Both counties are, like other areas of Tennessee and the Appalachian re-

gion, experiencing an explosion in overdoses from opioids and heroin. Increasingly, unless law enforcement officers or EMS can get to the overdose victim in time to administer a drug such as Naloxone to counter the lethal effects of the overdose, these situations end in death. The issue of overdoses

from legal opioids (which are commonly seen in the form of prescription painkillers such as Oxycodone), as well as overdoses from illegal opiates such as heroin which is now often laced with Fentanyl by the drug dealers, is not only an issue for law enforcement, but also state and federal politicians who (see DA pg. 2)

## Man charged after reckless driver call



Phillip Shope

Phillip Shope, 52, Head of Creek Road Sweetwater, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Assisting other Agency. Deputy JC. Schultz LCSO, answered a reckless vehicle call on I-75. Deputy made contact with the vehicle at the 81 mm and conducted a traffic

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## Yet another meth bust; driver eats it and has to be taken to hospital

Waiting to turn in the wrong lane!

## Father/Son Tutoring Company Executives Sentenced for Fraud

More Than 100 School Districts Victimized

Although financial fraudsters target all sort of victims, perhaps the worst type of financial criminals are the ones who go after the most vulnerable. A prime example of those types of criminals? A father/son pair, the subjects of a recent FBI Chicago-led investigation, who perpetrated a multi-million-dollar

fraud against the Department of Education that ended up victimizing low-income students from more than 100 public school districts in Illinois and other states.

Jowhar Soutlanali, 62, and his son, Kabir Kassam, 38, ran tutoring companies in the Chicago area—Brilliance Academy, Inc., offered on-site school

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Josey Tee Jenkins



Lacy Hicks

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Samuel Bevelhimer

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### Verse of the Day

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. — Ephesians 6:11

### Obituaries

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### Wazzup

When a Doctor's office claims to have an expert in their office, watch out and be aware of a load of BS and follow up with someone else to get another opinion.

### Weather

Today: Cloudy. High of 54F. Tonight: overcast. low of 45F. Tuesday: Cloudy. High of 60F. Tuesday night: over-

cast. Low of 49F.

### Horoscopes

Scorpio 10/23-11/21 You might be unclear about your long-term goals now, but you can't bury your feelings in the present moment. You know in your heart that love is the answer, no matter what (Continued on page 6)



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are trying to find dollars and ways to combat this national epidemic.

While the proliferation of opioid pain medication has been a problem for years, new legislation better regulating the distribution of these drugs which often occurred through pill mills and unscrupulous doctors has

finally begun to somewhat slow the illegal diversion of these pills. As a result, the population of users who became hooked on pills is turning to an easier to obtain and cheaper fix for its addiction. Black tar heroin has been introduced into the illegal drug supply market by a network of Mexican distribution cells to trying and replace opioid prescrip-

tion pills as the users' drug of choice.

Even more dangerous than the heroin, which is usually injected with syringes, is that this heroin is being 'cut' or laced with fentanyl which is a powerful synthetic opi-

oid analgesic that is similar to morphine but is 50 to 100 times more potent. It is a schedule II prescription drug, and it is typically used to treat patients with severe pain or to manage pain after

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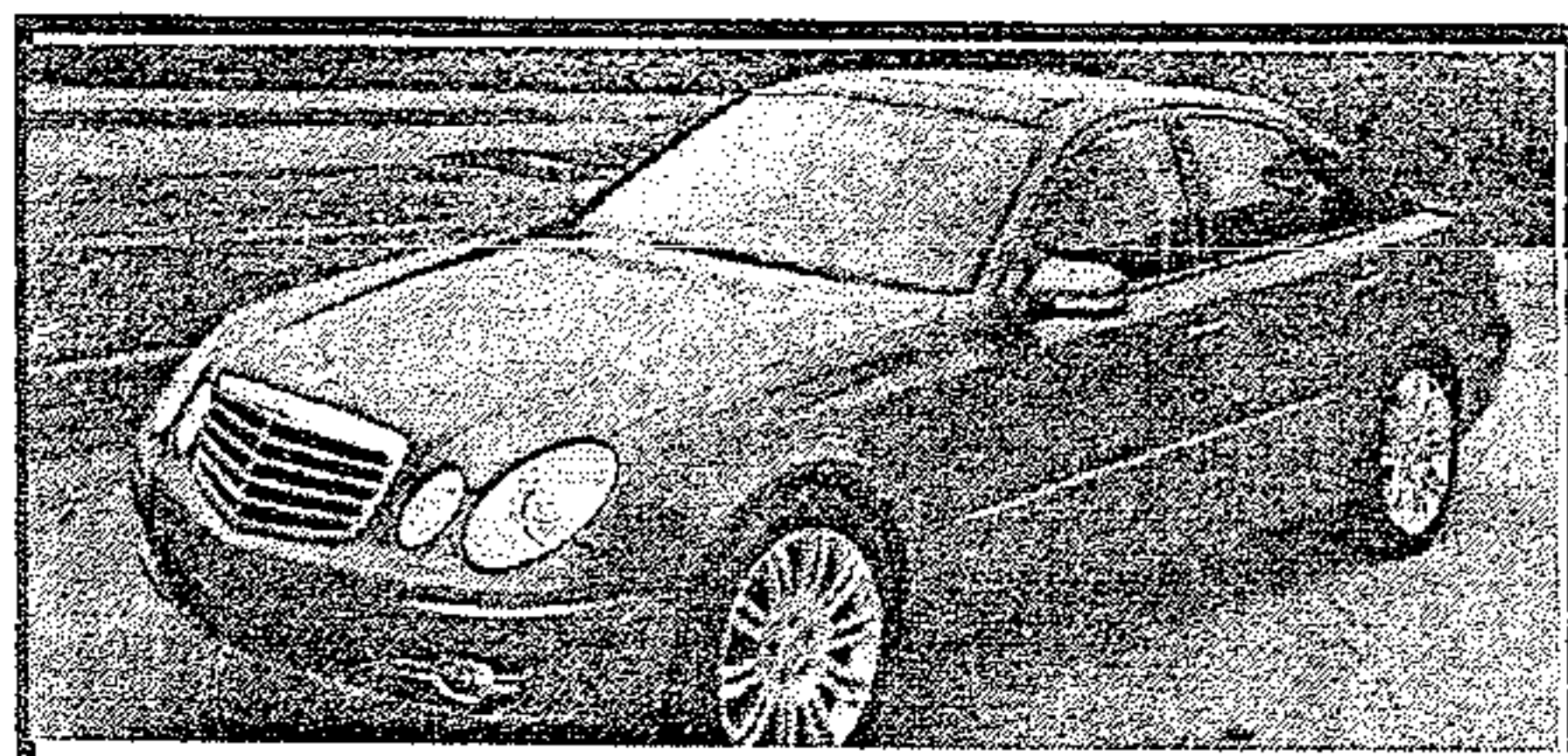
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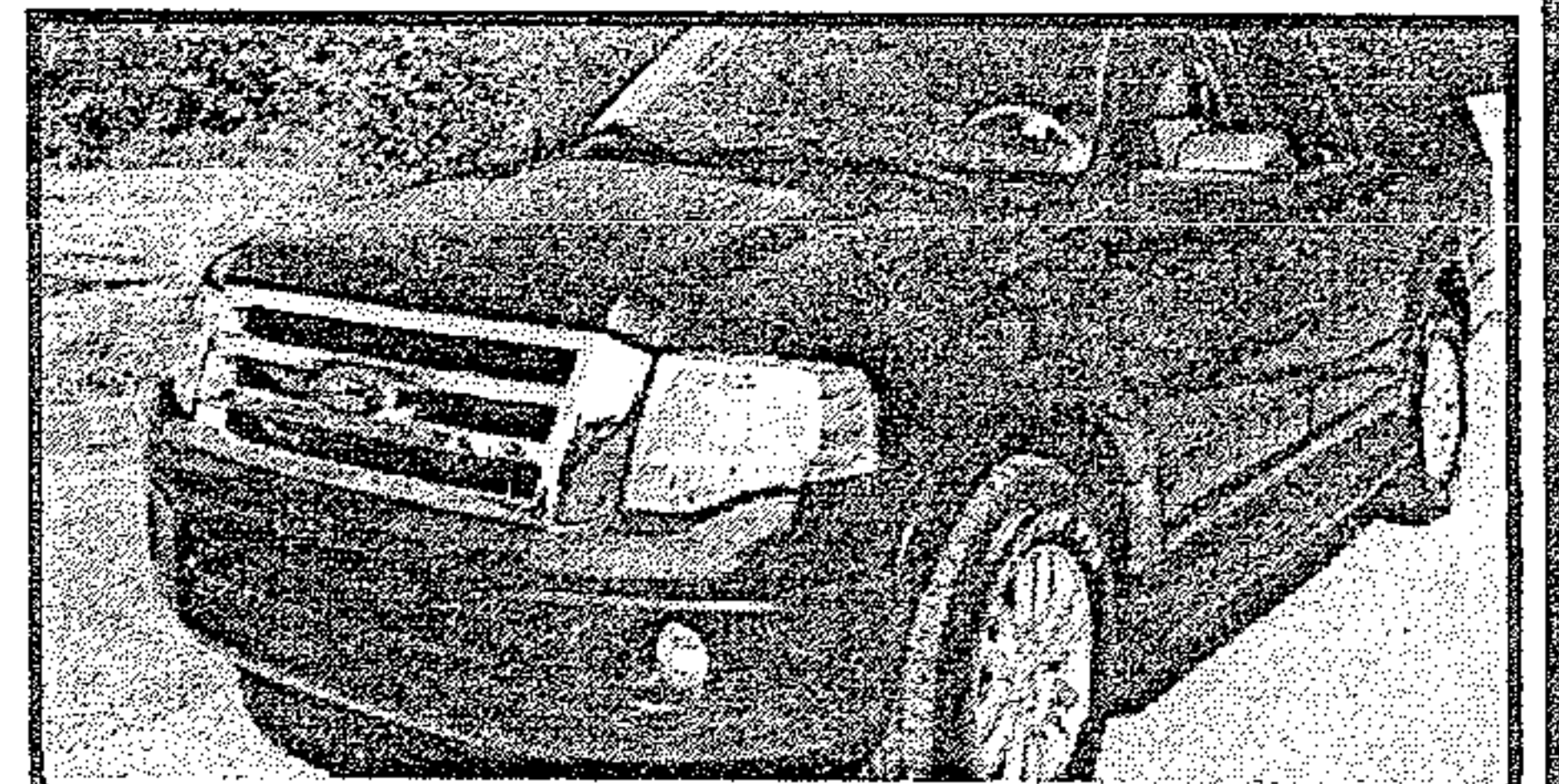
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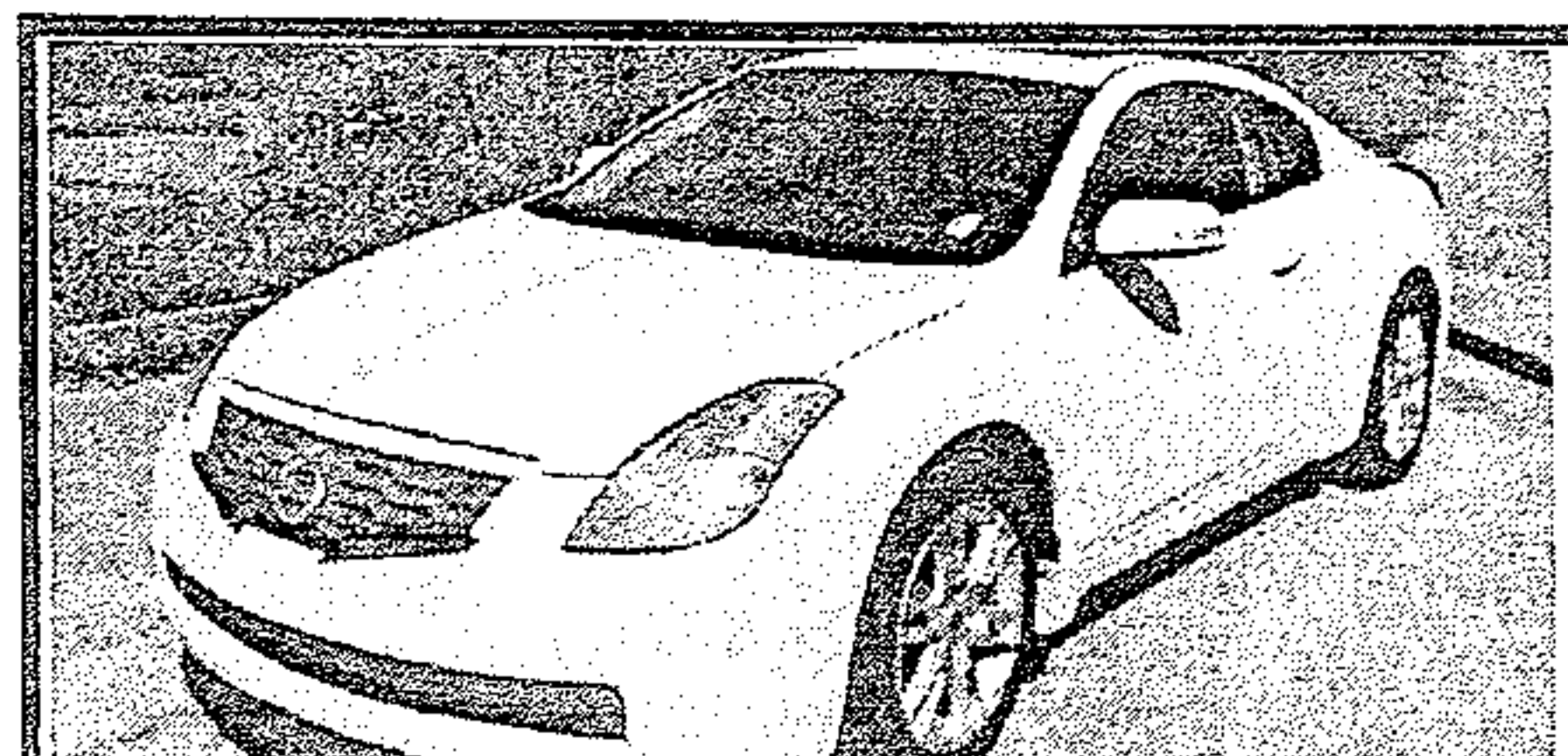
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stop at the 84 mm. There was sparks coming from the underneath the vehicle, the tag was registered to a different vehicle and expired. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Phillip Shope, whom dispatch advised his license were revoked, and had an active warrant out of Monroe County. Shope gave permission to search the vehicle. The passenger was identified as Kristi Gibson who had inside her purse a shoot kit with 3 syringes one uncapped, a tourniquet, filters 3 needles, and a silver spoon with residue on it.

There was a small quantity of a white rock like substance in a plastic baggie inside Gibson glasses case. Both were placed under arrest.

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surgery. These heroin/fentanyl overdoses are what is believed to be driving the spike in overdose deaths.

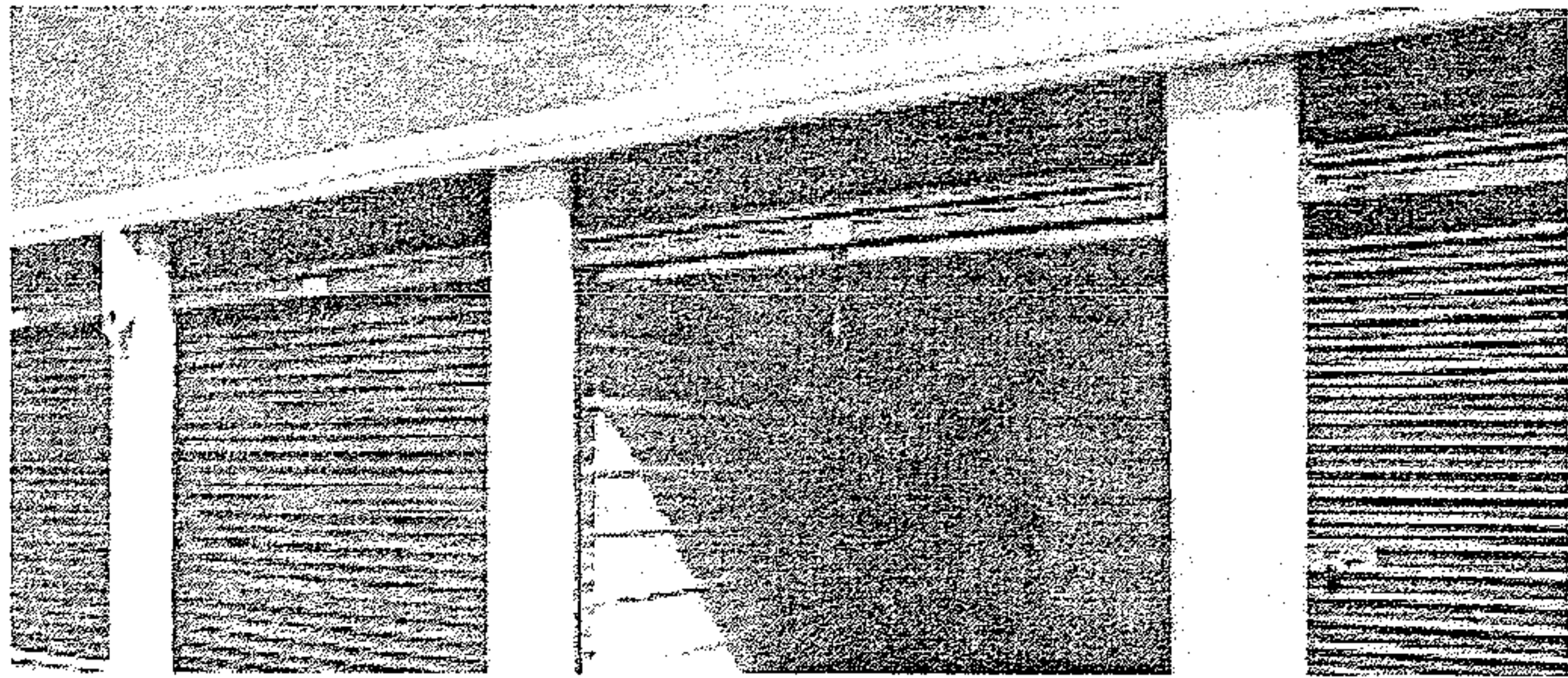
District Attorney Russell Johnson explained that the coming together to form an overdose task force is a way to focus the attention of all of law enforcement, EMS providers, medical examiners and the public on this crisis. "By letting the media know about our efforts it will get the word out to dealers and users that we are stepping up our efforts to interdict the flow of these deadly drugs into our communities. We are actively investigating and prosecuting these overdose deaths as homicides against the drug dealers who are supplying the users," Johnson stated.

son stated. "As part of this prosecution process we have to have the medical examiners at the scene assisting law enforcement in the investigation to collect critical evidence that can lead us to the supplier. Dr. Tom Budouch in Roane County has been a tremendous help in this regard. We are ordering autopsies on these deaths and I either go myself or send and Assistant District Attorney to observe the autopsy along with the law enforcement investigator."

Agents from the DEA and TBI, as well as Knoxville Police Department were present at the meeting to train local agencies on how to better identify potential overdose victims, to better recognize what may be essential evidence at the scene of an overdose, how to interview persons who may also be users that have information about dealers and suppliers and how to share information between agencies to locate potential sources of supply.

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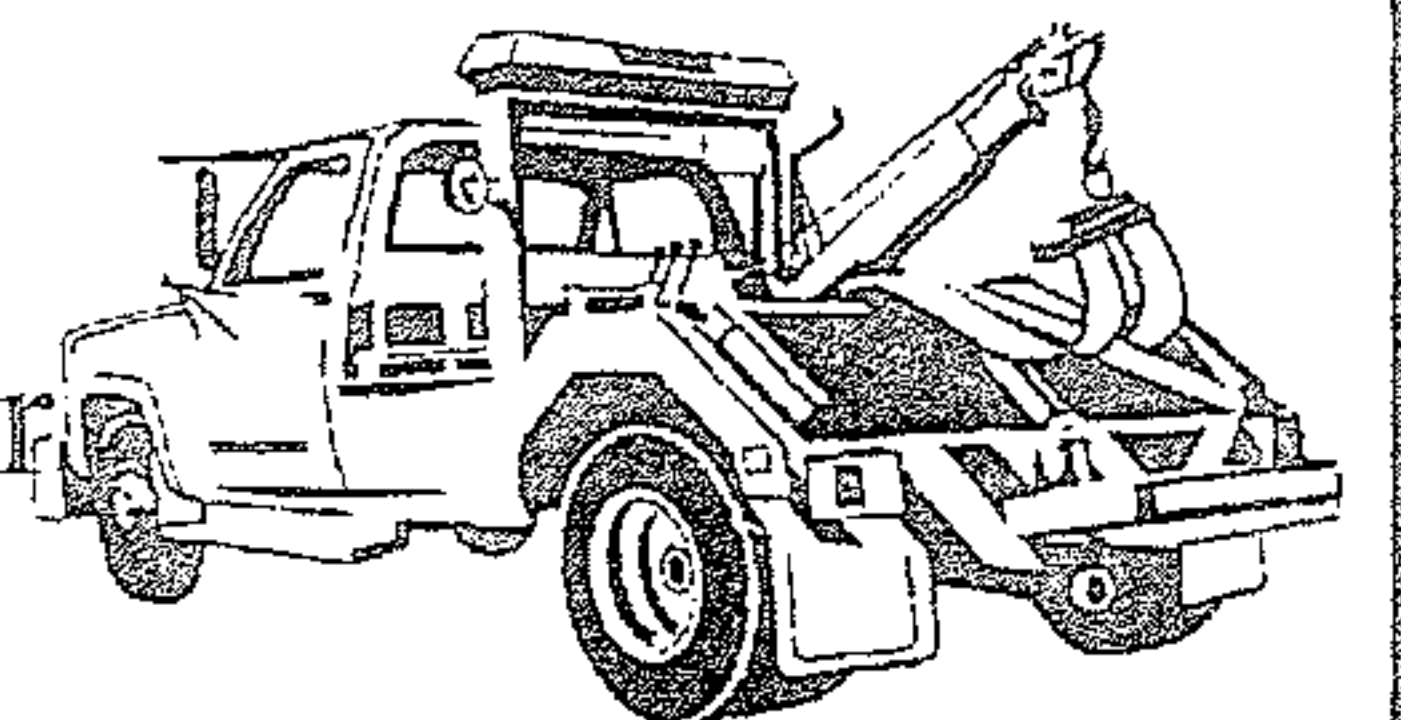
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tutoring, while its wholly owned subsidiary Babbage Net School, Inc., provided online training. The two advertised their services mostly to schools with large numbers of low-income students. These schools were recipients of federal funding from the Department of Education earmarked for "supplemental educational services," or tutoring.

But Soultanali and Kassam brazenly misrepresented the nature and quality of the tutoring services their companies actually provided, both in their marketing materials and in their state provider applications. The two promised to create customized tutoring programs to address students' academic needs, pre-test and post-test students to determine where students needed help and how effective the tutoring was in providing that help, and create useful student progress reports for parents and schools.

Instead, what schools—and their students—got were mostly generic tutoring programs configured at or below students' grade levels, partial or missing pre-test and post-test assessments that did little to help students, and fraudulent progress reports that, in some cases, were automatically generated by a computer program.

As part of the fraud scheme, Soultanali

and Kassam also engaged in fraudulent billing, including creating invoices based on false attendance records and spreadsheets that contained inflated tutoring time summaries.

But the two didn't undertake this scheme by themselves. They also bribed school officials and others to ensure that the fraud remained hidden. Bribes included a Caribbean cruise for an assistant principal in Texas and a trip to a gentlemen's club for a state education official in New Mexico.

All told, the two companies received about \$33 million from school districts around the U.S. Investigative activity revealed that Soultanali and Kassam fraudulently obtained at least \$11 million of that for themselves during the 2009-2010 school year, using it to buy lavish properties, luxury vehicles, and expensive jewelry.

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In the summer of 2010, an employee of one of Soultanali and Kassam's companies—suspicious of company activities—reported concerns to the FBI's Chicago Field Office. The Bureau opened an investigation, working closely with the Department of Education's Office of Inspector General and with valuable assistance from the Chicago Public Schools' Office of Inspector

General.

Investigators worked methodically

to build a case—financially analyzing records from

more than 100 school districts and 60 bank see fraud etd. pg. 5

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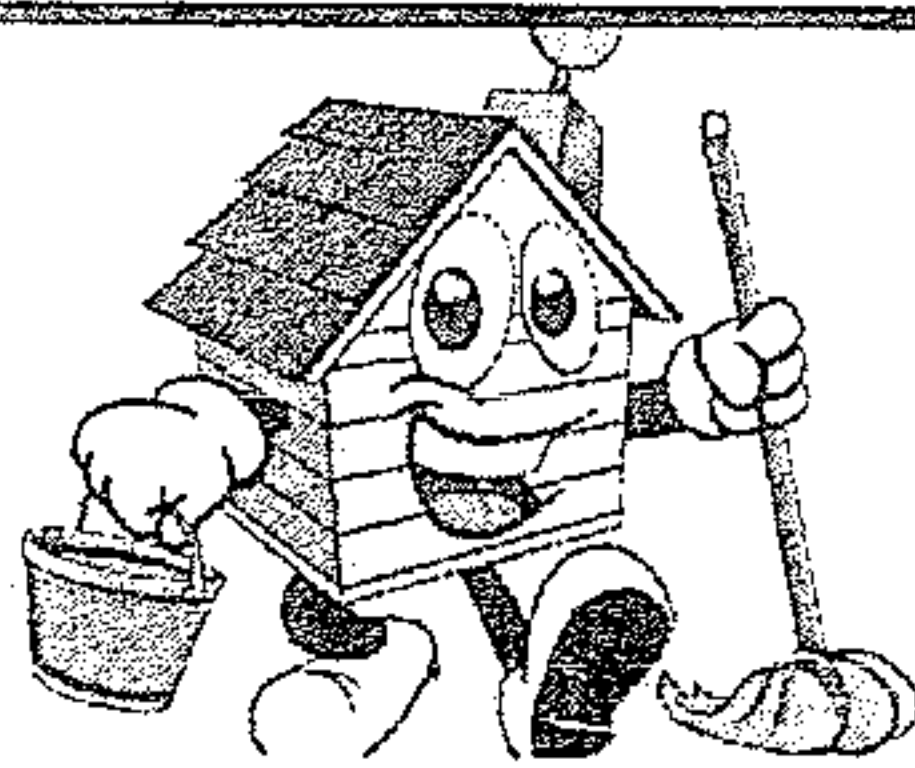
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Lenoir City Council will be changing the beginning time of their meetings to 6:00 P.M. effective January 2018. The meetings will still be held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The first meeting of the year will be held on Monday, January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

As always, the public is encouraged to attend.

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## Meth

Josey Jenkins, 37, Homeless, was charged with Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, MFG/Del/Sell or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and Assisting other Agency.

Lacy Hicks, 29, Tinnel Lane Lenoir City, was charged with MFG/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Red Toyota Solara traveling on Tinnel Road. Deputy recognized the driver as Josey Tee Jenkins (Tee Jenkins). Mr. Jenkins was not wearing a seat belt and Deputy had prior knowledge that his driver license were suspended. Upon stopping the vehicle on Tinnel Lane Deputy made contact with the driver Josey Jenkins. The passenger was identified as Lacy Hicks. Upon running Mr. Jenkins through dispatch he was found to have a warrant out of Knox County. Upon running Ms. Hicks through dispatch she was also found to have a warrant out of Knox County. Josey Jenkins and Lacy Hicks were taken into custody. In plain view in the passenger floor board was a Hypodermic syringe and a glass Meth pipe. Cpl Chris Jenkins deployed his K9 Deja did

and he advised that his dog did alert to an odor of an illegal narcotic. Upon searching the vehicle found between the passenger seat and center console was a baggy of Crystal Methamphetamine (.75g). Found in the passenger door panel was a red baggy with Crystal Meth (.12). Found in the driver side door panel was digital scales and a red baggy. Found in the trunk in a black zipper bag was (5) syringes, (2) scoopers, and (45) baggies. Josey Jenkins and Lacy Hicks were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail. En route to the jail Mr. Jenkins appeared be seizing and shaking and stated he had eaten around 3.5 grams of Meth. Upon arriving to the jail 500.00 in currency was retrieved from Mr. Jenkins pants by Deputy Branum. While Mr. Jenkins was speaking to EMS at the jail he stated he had eaten 7 grams of Meth. Mr. Jenkins was transported by EMS to Fort Loudon Emergency room. This did happen in Loudon County.

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The effort by Roane and Loudon Counties is going to be modeled after what Knox County is already doing.

Dr. Tom Bodouch, Roane County's medical examiner stated, "I have already been working closely with

the DA, law enforcement and UT Forensics Center on these cases so it will be helpful to also have a relationship with the Knox County Overdose Task Force. We see individuals who are going to Knox County to get their drugs then coming back to Roane County with those drugs to share them and then we have overdoses with which we have to contend." He noted that Roane County had thirty-six overdose deaths in 2016, one of the highest rates per capita in Tennessee. "Unfortunately, we will pass that number this year."

Rockwood experienced a rash over overdoses over one week-end recently, none resulting in death, but Chief Bill Stinnett observed that his officers had become more focused as a result. "We are working with the TBI drug agent to locate the source of these drugs that are very dangerous to our community. Our officers are spending extra time in areas where we see frequent drug activity and are making more arrests," Chief Stinnett said.

Loudon County Sheriff Tim Guider had members of his narcotics unit present at the meeting and said, "I think this is an excellent approach to the problem. We have had two overdose deaths in the last few weeks with one being in the county in Philadelphia. It occurred in what was a residence of frequent calls to law enforcement

about possible illegal drug use and we are working with the district attorney to have that house condemned as a public nuisance. We are making more arrests for heroin and pills out of know drug areas as we step up our efforts. Hopefully, this will stop the deaths as this new phenomenon with the fentanyl is a serious problem."

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accounts; reviewing company records and e-mails; and interviewing numerous individuals, including employees of the two tutoring companies and school officials in Illinois and a number of other states. By April 2014, there was enough evidence to indict Soultanali, his son, their two companies, and four other co-conspirators. Shortly after that, Soultanali and Kassam—in order to stay out jail—paid their \$500,000 bond with diamond and ruby rings, plus several luxury vehicles.

But that attempt at keeping their freedom was for naught. Both men eventually pled guilty to fraud charges, and, last month, were sentenced to federal prison. Both were also ordered to pay \$11,393,762 in restitution to the Department of Education.

And fortunately, both Brilliance Academy and Babbage Net School went out of business, and the victim schools are now able to contract with legitimate and highly qualified tutoring ser-

vices to enhance the academic skills of their students.

According to Mark Prejsnar, the Chicago case agent who headed up the investigation, the scheme perpetrated by Soultanali and Kassam "demonstrated how the greed of a few individuals can have such a negative impact on our most vulnerable citizens and communities." And he's hopeful that the results of this investigation will serve as a deterrent to others who might be contemplating similar frauds.

## DUI

Samuel Bevelhimer, 27, Elizabeth Way Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Poss. of Drug Para., Simple Possession, and Violation of Implied Consent.

Officer S Runyun LCPD, was dispatched to a possibly intoxicated driver in the area of hwy 11 and hwy 321. Vehicle was described by caller as a gray nissan truck. As Officer approached intersection of hwy 11 and hwy 321 Officer did see this vehicle waiting to turn in the wrong lane of traffic. Officer initiated traffic stop on this vehicle coming back to a 2001 Nissan to a Samuel Bevelhimer out of Lenoir City. Traffic stop was made in the area of Hwy 11 and St. Thomas Way. Upon making contact with driver Officer did smell an odor of

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alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle and initiated field sobriety. Driver Identified as Samuel Bevelhimer was very glassy eyed, very unsteady on his feet and swayed side to side when trying to stand. Field Sobriety Task was explained to driver and he did consent to attempting task.

He did perform poorly on each task and was placed into custody for Driving Under the Influence at this time. During inventory of vehicle for towing, a blue back pack was located and approximately 5 grams of a green leafy substance was found along with a wooden pipe containing burnt marijuana

as well. Tennessee Implied Consent advisement form was read and one breath gathered after the standard 20 minute observation period at the jail. A reading of .224 on the first breath was logged and then subject intentionally refused the other breath resulting in the charge of Violation Tennessee implied consent law. Subject was charged with DUI first, possession of marijuana (5 grams) and possession of drug paraphernalia. This did occur in Lenoir City Tn

Capias arrest for Murder x2 Christopher Orr, 29, Hunter Village Drive Ootewah, was charged with Criminal Court Capias (First Degree Murder x2, Theft of Property). Christopher Orr was transported from Colorado to the Loudon County Jail and served with the Criminal Capias.



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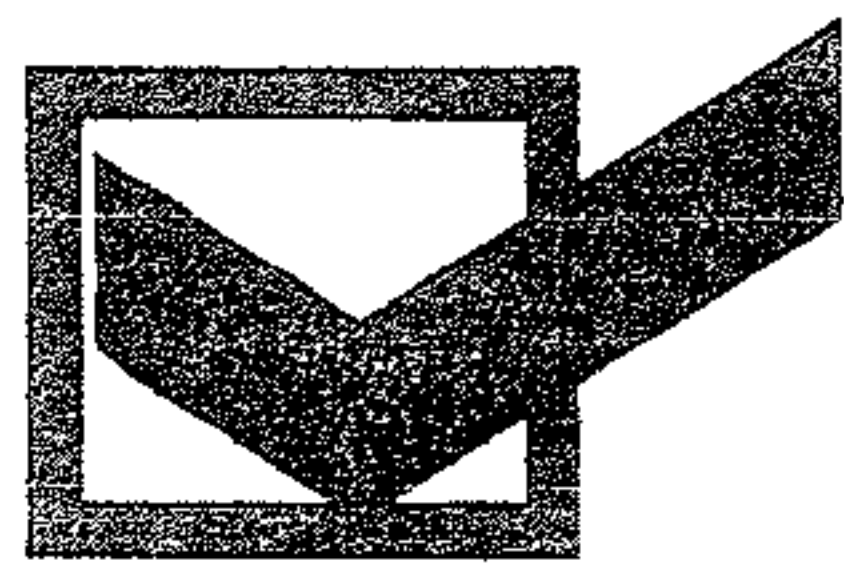
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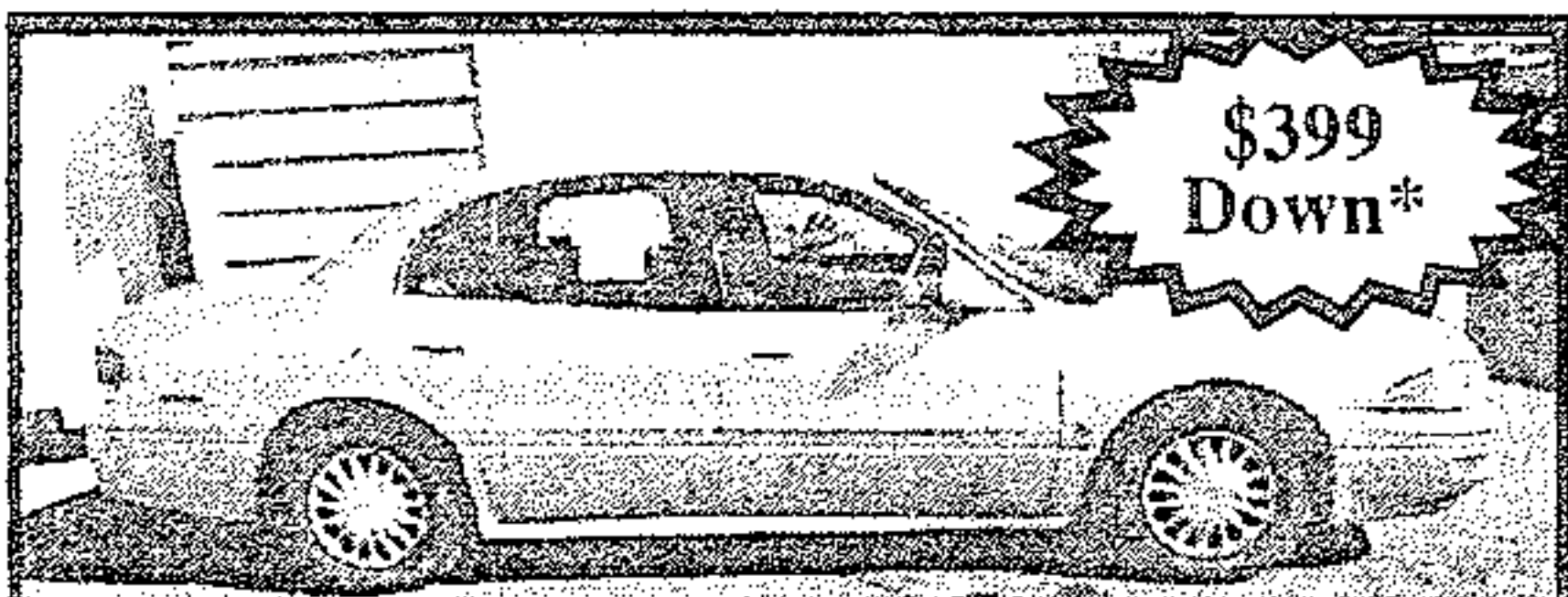
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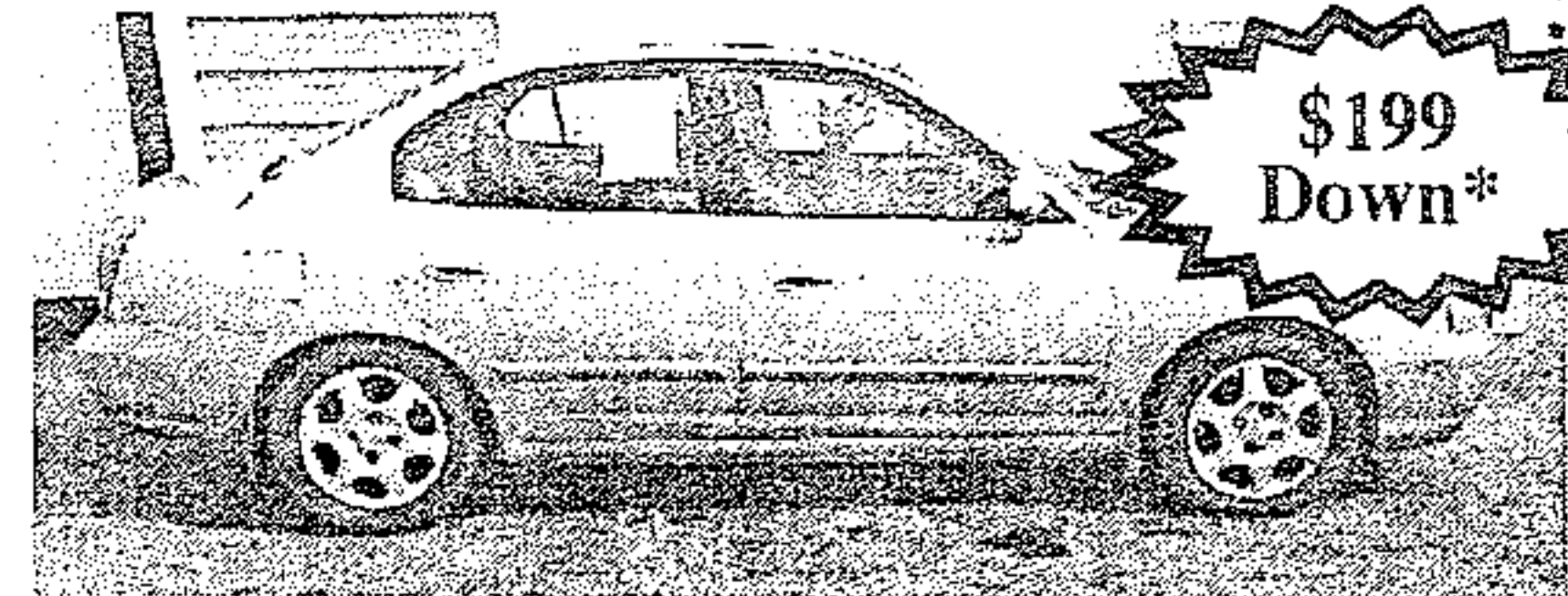
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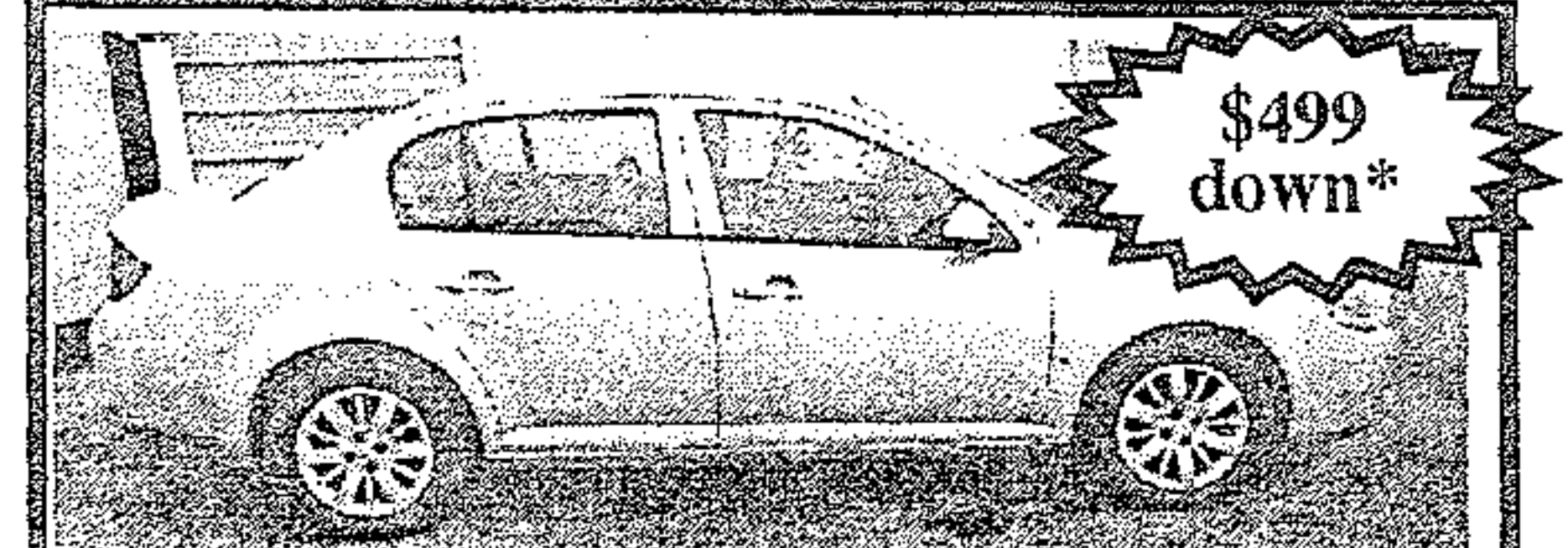
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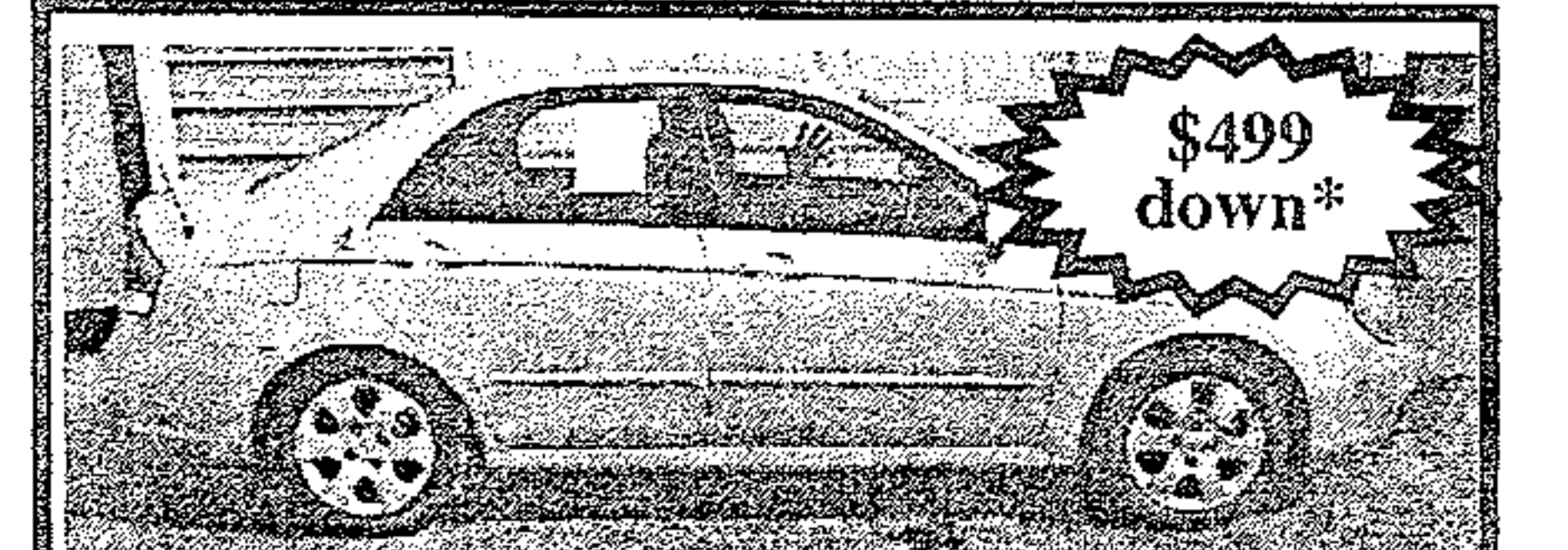
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