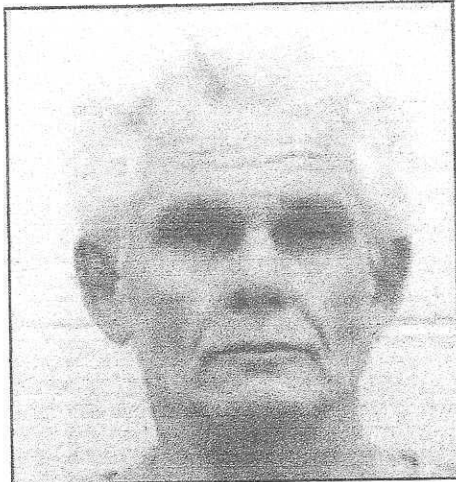


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## Two Charged After No Seat Belt Leads to Traffic Stop



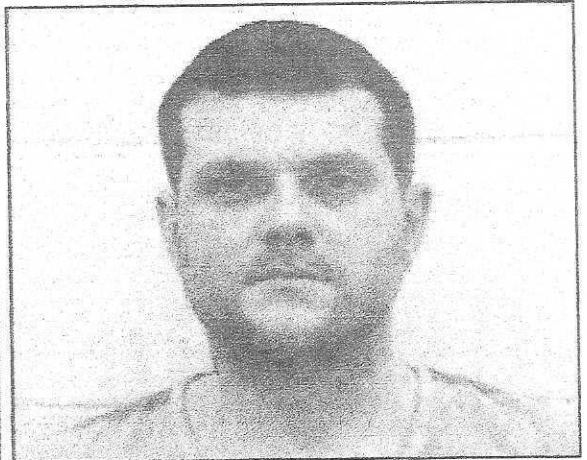
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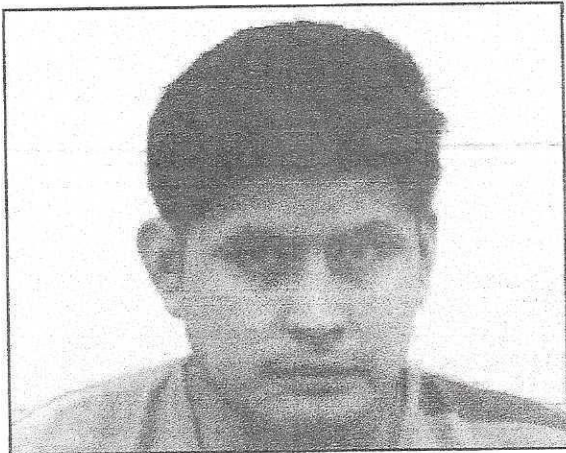
## Aggravated Assault Reported After Employee Shows Up Bruised



Jason Whitefield

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## Domestic Call Leads to Criminal Impersonation Charge



Omar Jimenez Perez

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## New Study Finds School Districts Receive More Funding Under TISA

### Tennessee School Districts Generally Complimentary of Transition from BEP

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) has released an evaluation of the Tennessee Investment in Student Achievement (TISA) funding formula for K-12 education.

The General Assembly created TISA

in 2022 to replace the Basic Education Program (BEP), the state's former K-12 funding formula.

In the first year of TISA, the 2023-24 school year, the General Assembly invested an additional \$1.16 billion of state funding in K-12 education through the formula. OREA found that because of this investment and the design of TISA, all locally

administered school districts received more state money in the first year of TISA than the last year of the BEP.

In June 2024, OREA surveyed district directors across the state with a 76 percent response rate. On the OREA survey, district leaders were generally complimentary of the transition from the BEP to TISA, citing

see TISA pg. 5

### Verse of the Day

A person of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother or sister.  
—Proverbs 18:24

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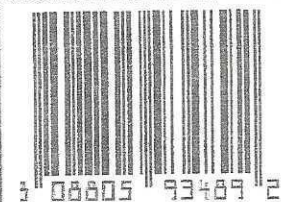
### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of 38F.  
Tonight: Overcast. Low of 20F.  
Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High of 47F.  
Saturday night: Overcast. Low 23F.

Sunday: Mostly sunny. High of 51F.  
Sunday night: Clear. Low of 28F.

### Horoscope

Pisces 2/19-3/20  
Service to others might take up a large part of your day, Pisces, perhaps



### Agg. Assault

Jason Whitefield, 40, Kelly Lane Lenoir City, was charged with, Aggravated Assault.

Officer Carroll LCPD, responded to Tennessee Eye-care of Lenoir City on Creek Wood Park Blvd in reference to a past Domestic that had taken place. Upon arrival, the officer spoke with the Complainant, who advised that one of her employees had shown up to work with bruising on her face. The employee was identified as the victim. While speaking with the victim, she advised that on 02/08/2025, she went to Knoxville with her boyfriend Jason Whitefield (of-

fender). While in Knoxville, Mr. Whitefield met up with a friend, and bought some "heroin" according to the victim. The victim got upset that Mr. Whitefield bought the drugs, and left him in Knoxville, and drove back to her residence on Broadway in Lenoir City. The victim advised that around approximately 1900 hours, Mr. Whitefield returned home via Uber, and was irate that the victim left him. The victim advised that Mr. Whitefield walked into the house, and started yelling at her, he then approached the victim, and slapped her in the face causing her to fall to the ground. While the victim was on the ground, Mr. Whitefield start-

ed to punch, and kick her, and then grabbed her by the throat, and started choking her. The officer observed significant bruising to the victim face, arms, legs, and neck area to collaborate her story. This incident did take place within Lenoir City, Loudon County, TN.

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## Public Notice

This is an early reminder that we have a LCRW meeting on Monday, February 24th at the Avalon Community Clubhouse (140 Deerfield Court; Lenoir City, TN 37772). Social time at 5:30 pm; meeting at 6:00 pm. Guest speaker for Monday, February 24th, 2025 is Fred Kennel, member of the legislative action team of the Tennessee Constitutional Grassroots Coalition (TCGC). He will be talking about the TCGC and following the legislative activities in the Tennessee Legislature. In addition, the LCRW will also continue to work on planning for the coming year.

On another note, we have the Loudon County Republican Party (LCRP) reorganization elections on Saturday, February 22nd at the Courthouse Annex at 9:00 am. You should have your voting eligibility credentials with you (eligibility determined by voting in 3 of the last 4 TN Republican primaries), certified by the Election Commission before arriving. This has been recommended by the TNGOP as well as the Election Commission. Further information about this is available on the TNGOP website, [www.tngop.org](http://www.tngop.org).

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Omar Jimenez Perez, 25, Vonore Road Loudon, was charged with, Domestic Assault, and Criminal Impersonation.

Sgt. Pesterfield LCSO, responded to Vonore Rd. in reference to a domestic disturbance. Loudon County Communications Center dispatchers relayed that they received a report of a physical domestic that was occurring in the Piney Hills Trailer Park. They told the deputy that a male, who identified himself as Omar Jimenez Perez, said he and his girlfriend were in a physical fight, and she had broken his nose by punching him. The man sounded intoxicated and could not provide a lot number he was at.

After an extensive search of multiple residences in the trailer park, the deputy arrived at lot number four and witnessed a Hispanic male drinking an alcoholic beverage at the kitchen table. The deputy knocked on the door, and the man left the table and walked into the back bedroom of the residence. The door was answered shortly after by another roommate in the home who said he did not know of any altercation occurring. He knocked on the bedroom door, where the deputy watched the man walk in but received no response. After a few minutes of attempting to contact the couple in the room, a man emerged. The deputy confirmed this to be the same person he witnessed at the kitchen table and the person who would later be identified as Omar Jimenez Perez. The

deputy asked if everything was okay, to which he said it was. The deputy asked the man his name, and he responded that it was Christian. The deputy asked the roommate if his name was Omar, and he told me he believed that it was. The deputy asked the man if his name was Omar, and he reluctantly admitted that it was. The deputy observed blood on Omar's pants and that his nose had dried blood inside it. The deputy asked him what had happened, and he said nothing happened.

The deputy then spoke with his girlfriend, the victim, who had also emerged from the bedroom. The deputy asked her if the couple was fighting, and she told me yes. She said that Omar was intoxicated and came into the bedroom while she was sleeping. She became upset with Omar and told him to leave her alone. Omar then smacked her in the face on her right cheek. The deputy did observe that her face was red. She said she got upset and hit herself and also threw a space heater onto the ground. Omar then punched himself in the nose, which caused his nose to bleed. The deputy did notice on Omar's left knuckle that there was a small laceration consistent with him striking something. Omar was asked again what had happened by Deputy Allen, and he again said that no altercation had occurred. Due to the totality of the circumstances, the deputy determined that Omar committed the offense of domestic assault and was the primary aggressor. The deputy placed Omar in custody at that time and transported him.

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **ROY MICHAEL RUPPERT, SR.,** deceased DKT# 7297

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **ROY MICHAEL RUPPERT, SR.,** who died on the 21ST DAY OF DECEMBER 2024, be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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THIS THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

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BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

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By Personal Representative(s)  
**R. MICHAEL RUPPERT, JR.**  
**AND VANESSA GAE MORGAN**

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

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**Charged**

Jason Kosmalski, 57, Ivy Brook Lane Crossville, was charged with, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., and Display Registration Plate.

Angela Knowles, 47, Young Street Sparta, was charged with, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Simple Possession, Criminal Impersonation, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Officer R. Miller LCPD, initiated a traffic stop on a white Toyota SUV in the parking lot of Highway 321 (KenJo/Buddy's BBQ) located in Lenoir City, TN for the front seat passenger not wearing a seatbelt while the vehicle was in motion on a public roadway. During the traffic stop the female passenger was identified to be Angie Nichole Knowles and the

driver was identified as Jason Kosmalski. While speaking with ANGIE about the citation, the officer requested for K9 Deputy D. Harrison of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office to respond to my location to conduct an open-air sniff of the vehicle. During the time that the officer was writing his citation and speaking with ANGIE, an open-air sniff was conducted of the vehicle where K9 Deputy D. Harrison advised that K9 Draco positively alerted to an odor of narcotics coming from the vehicle.

A probable cause search was then conducted on the vehicle. During the subsequent search of the vehicle a suitcase containing men hygiene products was located in the trunk. Located along with the men hygiene products was a black plastic bag containing a crystal-like substance believed to be methamphetamine (approx. 3.1 grams) along with a black digital scale containing a crystal-like residue on it. Also located throughout the vehicle were several charred glass pipes which are commonly used to smoke methamphetamine with. JASON was placed under arrest.

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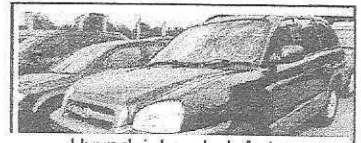


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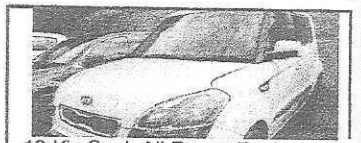


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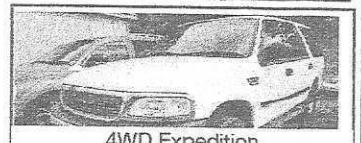
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improvements such as increased funding and effective communication efforts by the Tennessee Department of Education (TDOE). They also identified some shortcomings in the first year of the formula's implementation, however, including issues related to the tracking of student data.

TISA made a number of changes in the way state education dollars are allocated to public schools, such as shifting from a resource-based formula to a student-based formula. A student-based funding model allocates base funding for all students and additional weighted funding for students who meet certain criteria, such as those who are classified as economically disadvantaged, experience concentrated poverty, reside in a small or sparse district, or have unique learning needs.

TISA also includes direct funding from the state to support students in five priority areas (K-3 literacy, grade 4 literacy support, career & technical education, ACT testing for grades 11 and 12, and charter school students). Another component of TISA, outcomes funding, allocates additional state funding to districts that achieve specific student performance targets. TISA also includes funding for other purposes, including additional funding for districts with fast-growing student populations or those with declining enrollment.

OREA found that while TDOE has met most requirements found in TISA law and rule, several requirements, such as the requirement for TDOE to annually convene meetings of an Outcomes Review Committee and specifications for professional development, are either partially incomplete or have not

been met. The report includes recommendations on how the department can address these shortcomings.

OREA concluded that evaluating the TISA formula's effects on districts' spending decisions and the resulting impact on student achievement will require more years of data. The report identifies metrics to gauge the impact of TISA on student outcomes in the coming years.

To read the report and see the one page snapshot, please

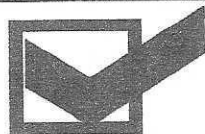
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### Horoscopes

on an artistic level or maybe in the form of sharing psychic or healing energy. Don't think your efforts are unappreciated. Those you're helping may be reticent about saying anything, but your efforts aren't lost on them.

**Aries 3/21-4/19**

The words for today are "romance" and "creativity," Aries. Romance is enhanced by passion generated by a gratifying love relationship that will probably last for a long time. This same relationship, and its emotions could give rise to artistic inspiration that can produce works of a quality that surprises even you.

**Taurus 4/20-5/20**

Has a new housemate recently moved in, Taurus? If so, you can expect this person to live with you for a while. This is good, because he or she is likely to be very loving, supportive, and able to bear his or her share of the household responsibilities.

**Gemini 5/21-6/20**

A love letter or perhaps a poem or other artistic work dedicated to you could make your day, Gemini. A warm feeling of being cherished and adored could stay with you throughout the day as a result.

**Cancer 6/21-7/22**

A love relationship that's been around for a long time could be enhanced today by an increased level of sensuality, Cancer. Intense emotion could pervade your being, making it difficult to concentrate on much else.

**Leo 7/23-8/22**

Artistic activities or those involving healing are enhanced today, Leo. Whatever you try is going to be more a part of your very being than it would be at other times. Love, art, psychic or spiritual activities - all should take on a new meaning for you at this time. This condition should last for a long time.

**Virgo 8/23-9/22**

Love takes on an idealized and fairytale aura today, Virgo, as you and a current or potential partner spend time alone, talking

or just enjoying being together. The warmth, affection, and high regard you have for each other are apparent to everyone.

**Libra 9/23-10/22**

A meditation circle or other group activity devoted to spiritual pursuits could be on your agenda today, Libra. It's important that you attend, as you need a little peace and quiet, as well as the support from others in the group. The affection you all feel for one another permeates the evening.

**Scorpio 10/23-11/21**

Career and financial successes might finally come your way after months and perhaps years of striving, Scorpio. The emotional support you receive from those who've been working with you can be very gratifying, and it's likely to last for a long time.

**Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**

A complex creative project could require some in-depth research today, Sagittarius, and you could spend much of the day online or in the library.

This is probably a subject you love, so you won't mind the time you put in. The inspiration that comes your way could well last for a while.

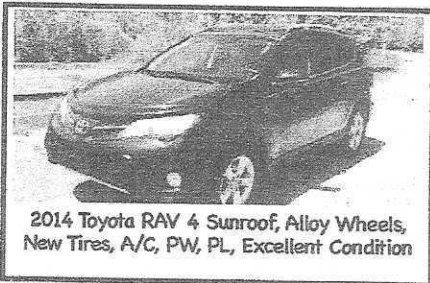
**Capricorn 12/22-01/19**

Financial growth adds to a growing sense of self-worth, Capricorn, especially since your current situation should continue. You may have a vivid, emotional dream. Perhaps it involves a long-term love interest, and your relationship is fast approaching the do-or-die stage.

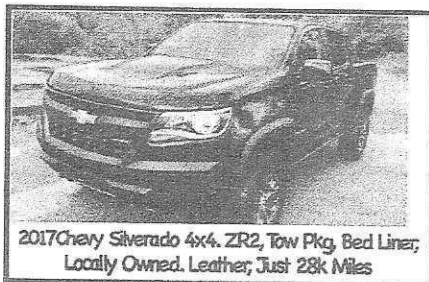
**Aquarius 1/20-2/18**

Romance blossoms for you today, Aquarius, and commitment or marriage may be just over the horizon. You and your beloved may have recently reached a new understanding that has bonded you more tightly. Don't feel silly if you spend the day together walking around in a romantic haze. That's perfectly acceptable - it's part of the joy of love, and it could well last for a while. Make the most of it.

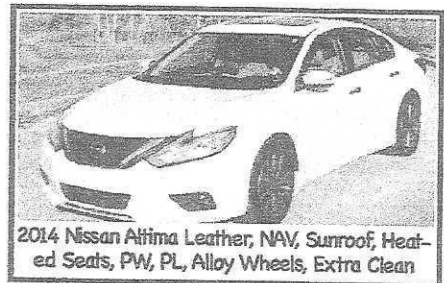
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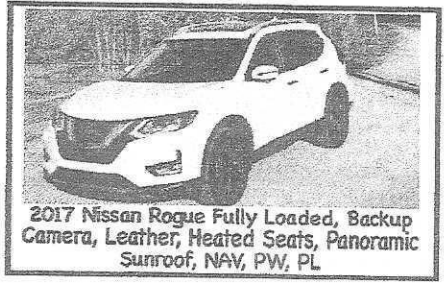
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**Police beat**

Brooklyn Wood, 29, Commerce Street Loudon, was charged with, Domestic Assault.

Several LPD officers were toned out to a physical domestic at Commerce St. upon arrival officers made contact with the victim who told officers he asked his daughter (Brooklyn Wood) to have a male leave his property because he was tired of having her bring "random men" to his house. When he asked her to have him leave, he told officers that she pushed him over a stool and got on top of him where she began to pull his hair and strike him in the face several times including the nose. Officer J. Bonilla went inside and began interviewing several witnesses and the complainant. The first witness gave Officer a signed witness statement that said "all I seen I came in the house and heard fussing and I finally got in the bedroom and Gary as holding her down so she wouldn't hit him anymore". Officer Bonilla spoke to the other witness and the complainant who are both juvenile who

told officer Bonilla that once his grandfather told his mother that the male had to leave she just began to close her bedroom door when the victim tried pushing the door open. The juvenile stated that Brooklyn began to strike the victim in the face and head multiple times. After that happened the victim pushed open the door and grabbed Brooklyn and began to hold her down in order for her to stop hitting him, at some point Brooklyn was able to get away and took off out the door. Officer B. Nix and Sgt. B. Cogdill located Brooklyn in a near by alleyway and brought her back to the scene. Brooklyn told officers that her father was mad that she had a guy over and began to hit her in the face. EMS was called to the scene to evaluate Brooklyn who claimed to have shortness of breath and tightness in her chest. EMS transported Brooklyn to Fort Loudon Medical for further evaluation. Officers determined that Brooklyn was the primary aggressor and, Officer Flynn placed a hold on her at the hospital. This did occur in the City of Loudon,

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 880 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 7288 GARY JOSEPH COPPOLA, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GARY JOSEPH COPPOLA, who died on the 9TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025

STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK

BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk By Personal Representative(s):

KRYSTAL COPPOLA

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

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**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Regarding the Estate of: SHIRLEY LOUISE MCDONALD, deceased DKT# 7294

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 18TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025, Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of SHIRLEY LOUISE MCDONALD, who died on the 28TH DAY OF DECEMBER 2024, be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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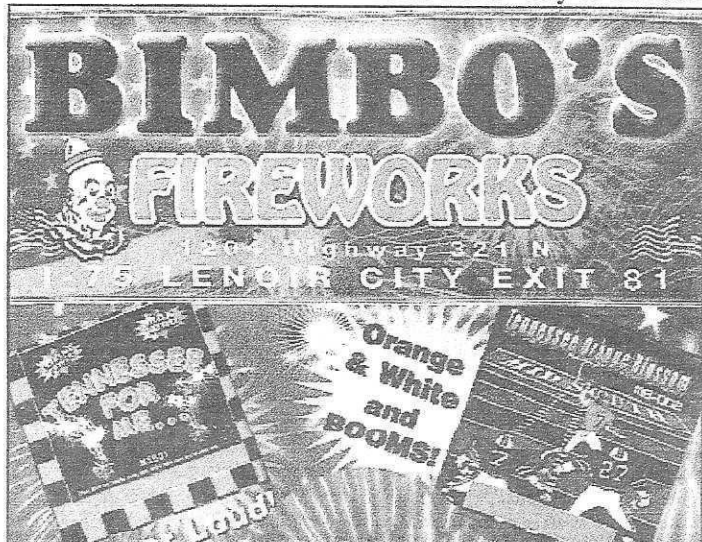
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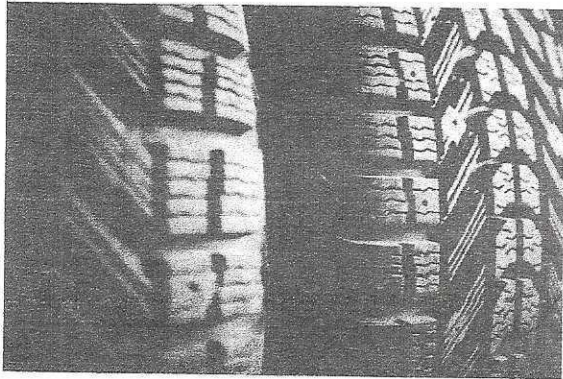
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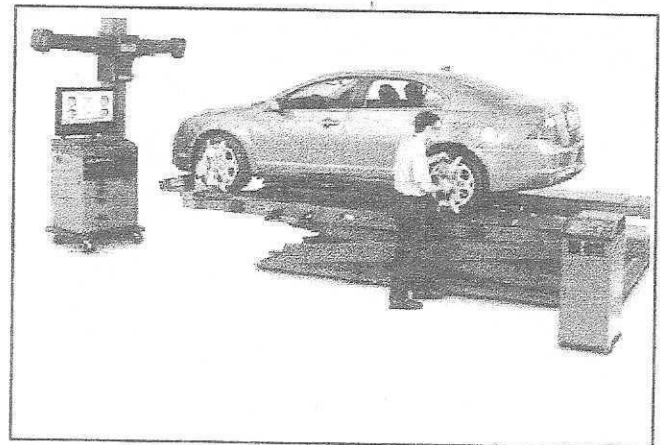
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