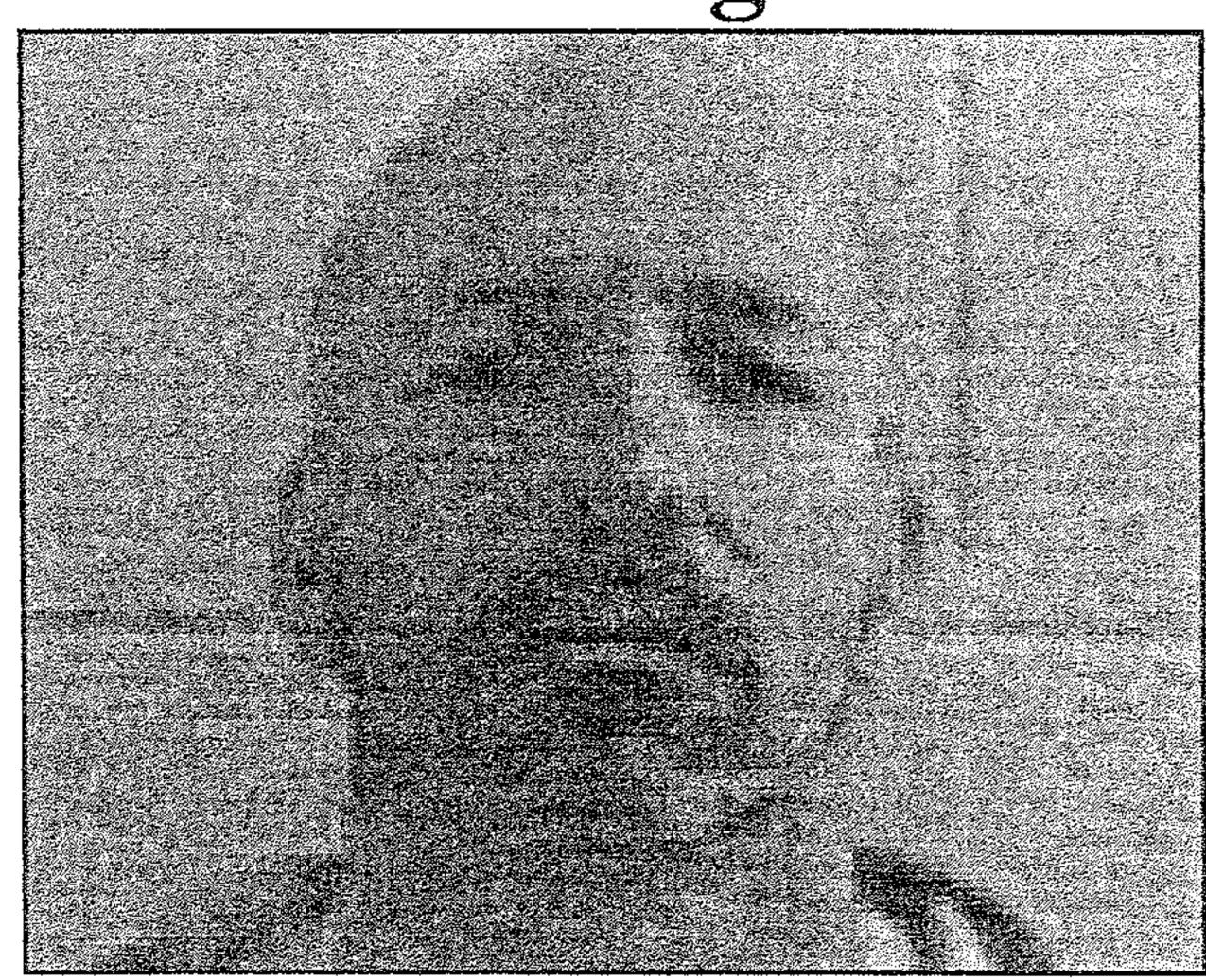
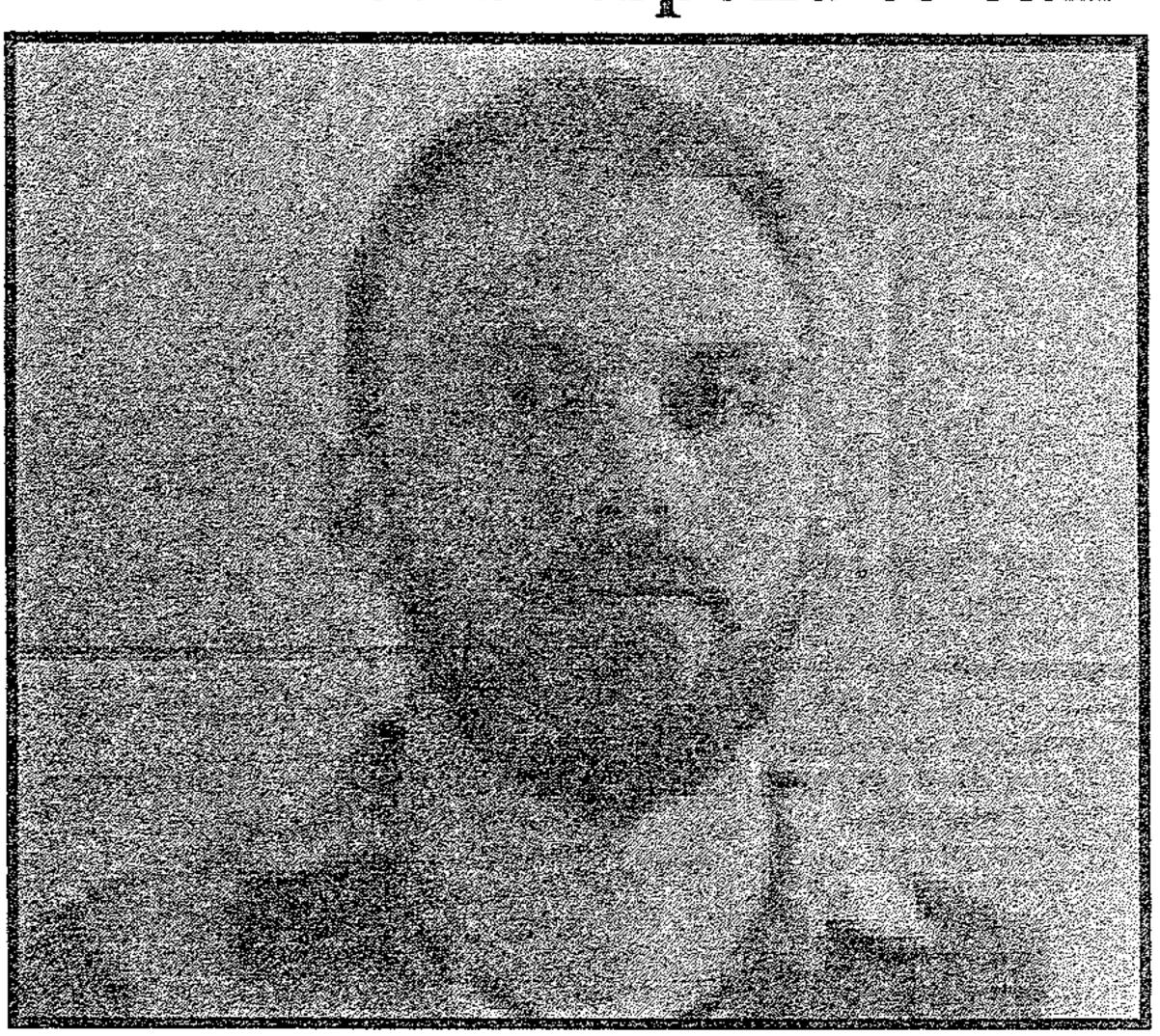
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Victims arm themselves in fear of GB man charged with assault assailant: One Charged



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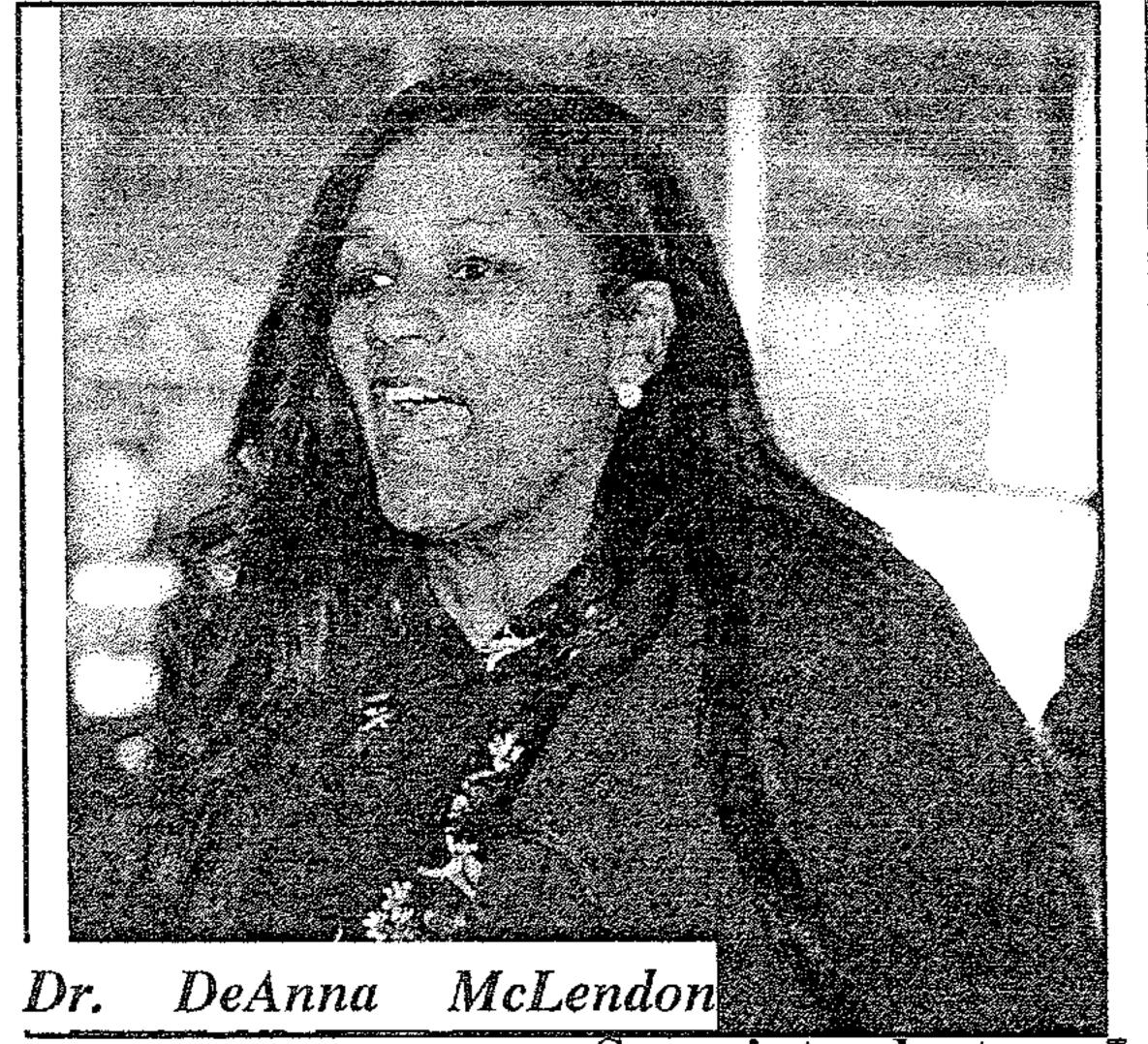


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Chris Bingham

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Superintendent of Monroe County Schools Spoke to Rotary Club of Tellico Lake



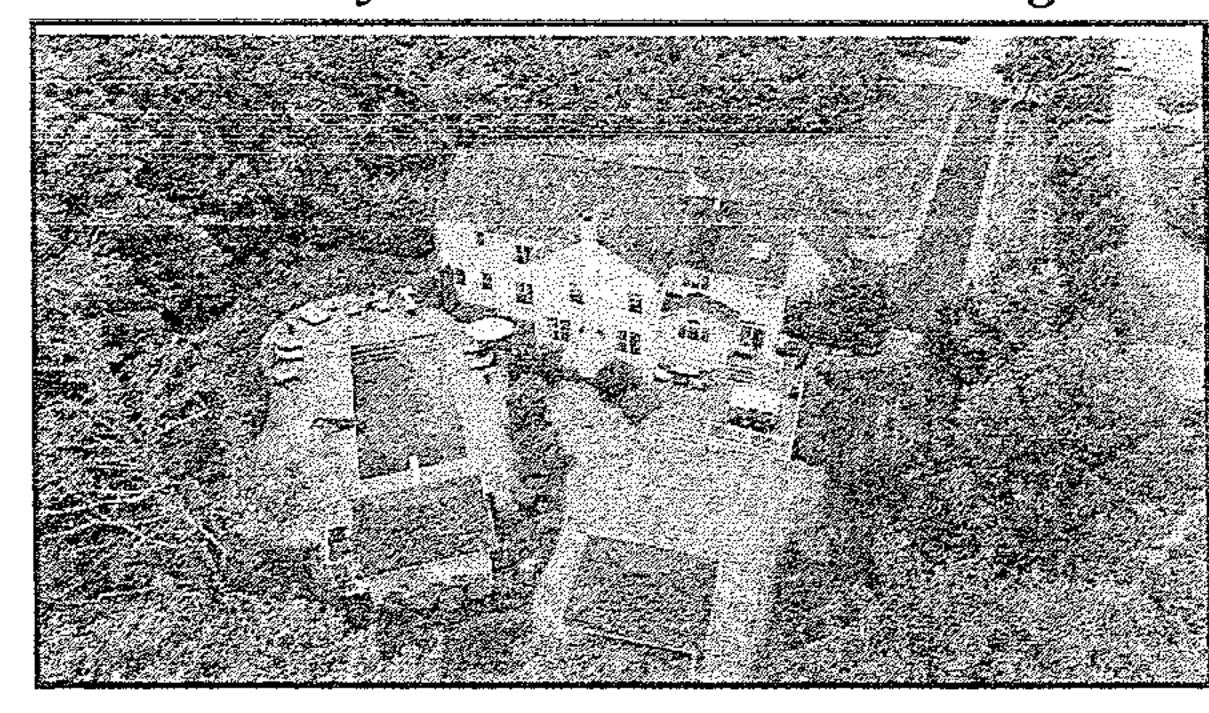
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Real Estate Ponzi Scheme

Rhode Island Woman's Fraud Preyed on Friends and Neighbors

A Rhode Island woman who preyed on the trust of friends, family, and neighbors in a dubious investment scheme—one that gilded her reputation and lifestyle while fleecing her victims of \$4.8 million was sentenced this month to eight years in prison. She was also ordered to pay back her victims.

Monique Brady pleaded guilty last July in federal court to running a fraud scheme prosecutors have described as "reprehensible," "insidious," and "de-



Monique Brady's house in East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Prosecutors said fraud proceeds paid for the home's \$9,400 per month mortgage, with a total of \$342,243 in mortgage payments made during the scheme.

Verse of the Day

Where then are the gods you made for yourselves? Let them come if they can save you when you are in trouble! For you have as many gods as you have towns, O Judah.

—Jeremiah 2:28

Wazzup

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Weather

Today: Rain. High of 57F. Tonight: Rain. Low of 47F Tuesday: Rain. High of

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Tuesday night: Rain. Low

of 56F.

Horoscopes Pisces 2/19-3/20 Give yourself plenty of time to get where you

need to go today, because (Continued on page 6)



Assault

Christopher Bingham, 48, Bulford Road Harriman, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Aggravat-Attempted ed Burglary. Deputy K. Kirkland LCSO, was dispatched to a suspicious male call on Oren White Road. The complainant/ stated a white victim male, black pants and jacket, bald headed came running out of the woods,

and ask victim for a ride and yelled for her to call the cops. Victim had a juvenile on the vehicle and did not feel comfortable giving the male a ride, she continued driving to drop the juvenile off and called 911. When victim came back to Oren White Rd. the male later identified as Christopher Bingham chased her down her driveway to the residence. The victim locked herself in

the residence, and was in fear for her life. Victim 2 armed himself with a gun because they were in fear for there life and safety. Both victim stated that Bingham attempted

to make entry into the residence by trying to get in the front and back door. Bingham had grabbed a piece of antique farm equipment off the porch and was hold-

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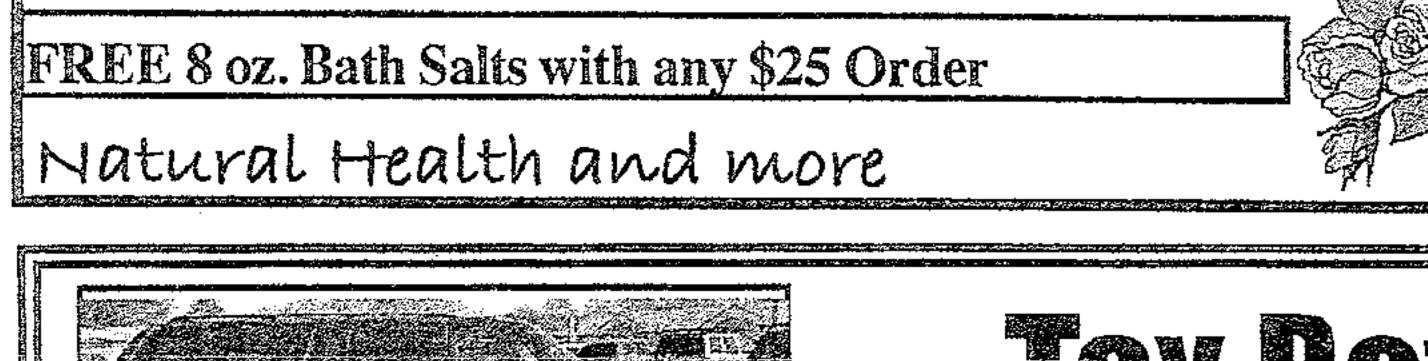
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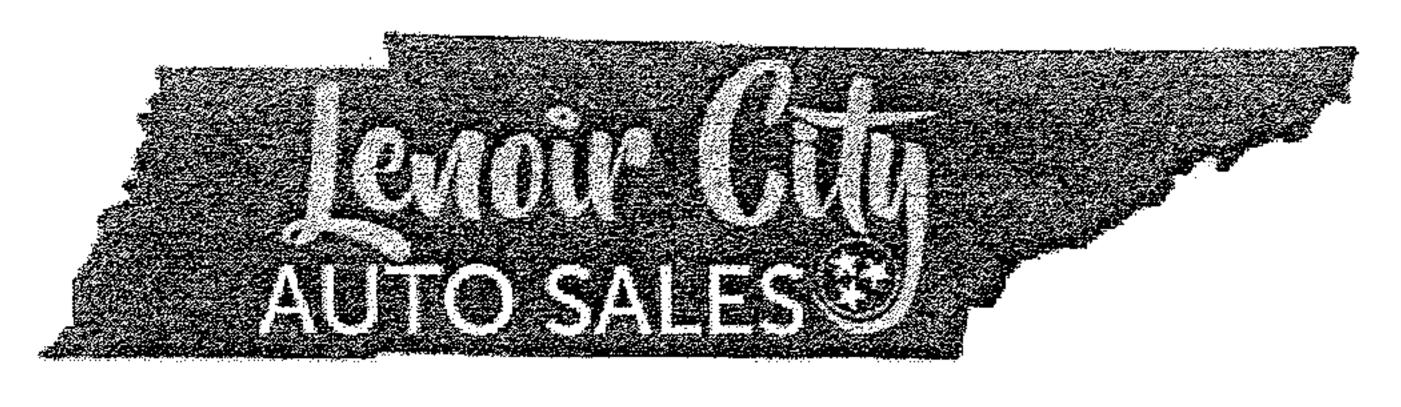
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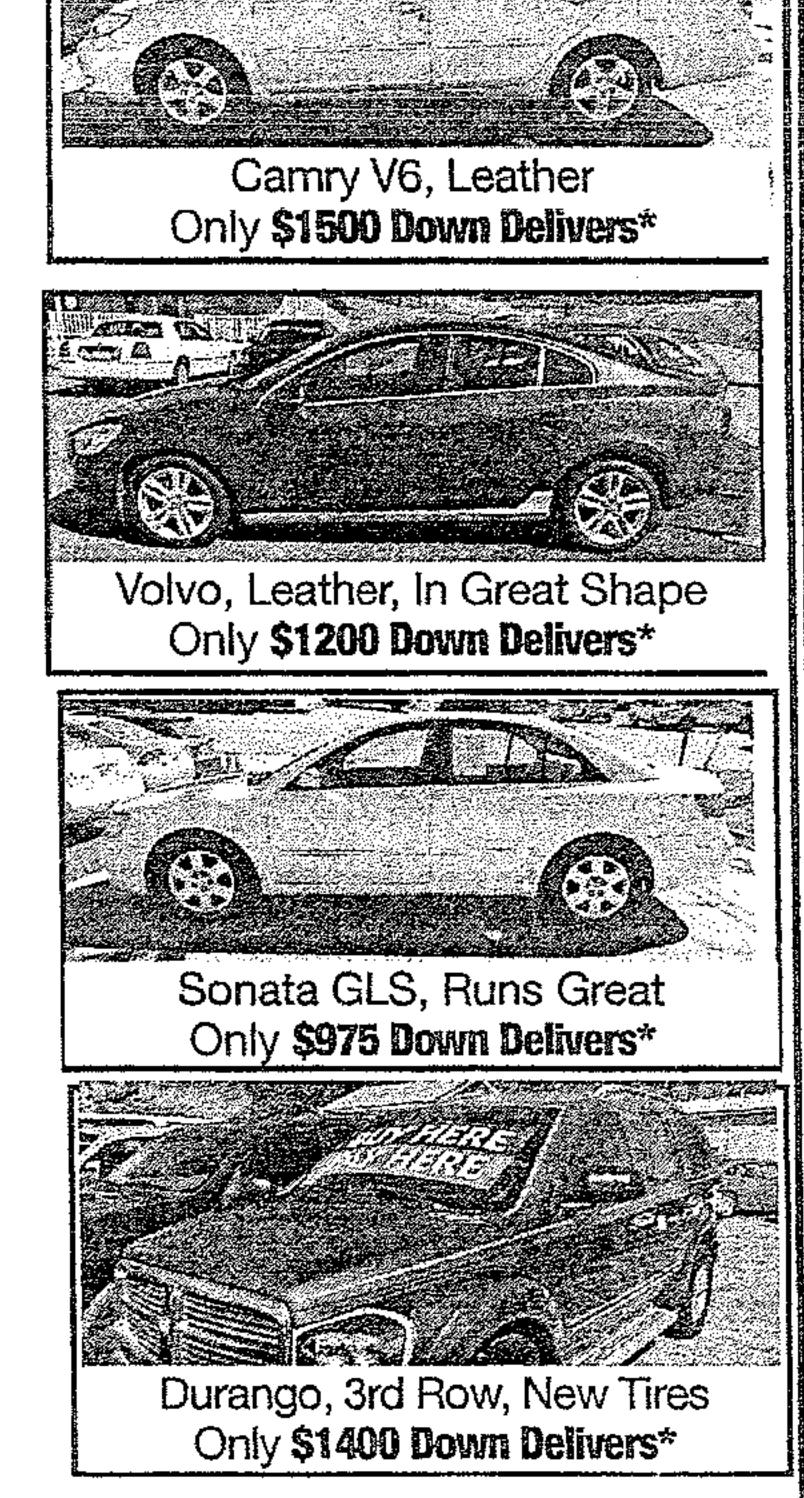


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ing it like a weapon pacing back and forth talking to himself. Deputy arrived on scene and ordered Bingham to put the weapon down and step off the porch. Deputy detained Bingham. Mr. Bingham stated he did not know the victims and he was running from someone and there were dead kids in the woods Bingham seemed confused and was not making sense of the situation. Christopher Bingham was placed

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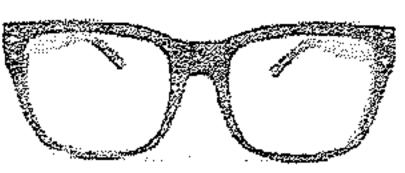
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Nathan Franklin, 32, Lake Vista Drive Greenback, was charged with Domestic Assault. Deputy A. Parton LCSO, responded to Lake Vista Drive in reference to a physical domestic. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with the victim who stated that Nathan Franklin had slammed him to the ground. Deputy ask why this had happen victim stated he had broke a gate and they were arguing about it. Deputy observed red marks on the side of victim face consistent with his story. Ems check and cleared the victim. Deputy then spoke with Nathan Franklin who stated he heard the victim and his mother arguing over a gate and he went upstairs to see what was going on. Franklin observed the victim yelling at his mother and in her face. Franklin then pushed victim away from his mother causing the victim to fall down, Franklin then got on top of the victim and told him not to get in his mother face. Nathan Franklin was placed under arrest.

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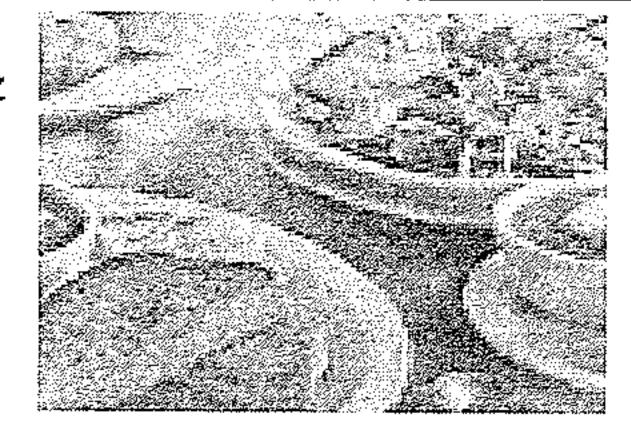
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Scheme

Greenwich, claimed her property preservation company, MNB, had contracts to rehabilitate New England properties. She said she needed investments of \$20,000 to \$80,000 to pay subcontractors to perform the work. In return, investors were promised a 50-percent yield once the rehabilitation work was complete.

In the end, investigators determined it was all a \$10 million charade. There were no large-scale property rehabs and only a few legitimate low-dollar contracts—almost all the money was used to prop up Brady's Ponzi scheme and support a lavish lifestyle on the backs of friends who thought they knew her.

"She had lifelong friends who were just totally and completely betrayed by her," said Pepper Daigler, a special agent in the FBI's Boston Field Office who worked with Internal Revenue Service special agents on the case.

Brady's victims—among them, multi-millionaires, firefighters, young, and elderly—represented a cross-section of the tony community 30 minutes south of Providence. Most had a very close connection to Brady. Investigators identified 23 individuals who lost their investments in the scheme, which encouraged investors to roll over purported gains to increase their stakes and potential windfalls. Some lost everything in the scam, which went on for at least four years before Brady was arrested on April 25, 2019, as she prepared to flee the country.

"The burden of this loss is nearly impossible to put into words," said one victim, identified as J.L., a week before Brady's February 11 sentencing. "The stress my family has endured is beyond measure. Even my children's futures are altered forever."

The scam came to light after the IRS criminal investigators discovered inconsistencies between Brady's spending and her business. That led to closer forensic analysis and then a deeper dive into financial records that showed repeated deposits of large checks, including some for \$50,000 or \$60,000. The high-dollar figures are not that unusual in real estate, where flipping houses and extensive remodels can reach into six figures. But the sham fell apart quickly when federal agents began interviewing Brady's "investors."

"That's essentially where the wheels came off for her," said Special Agent Mark Hom-

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(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939
As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF:
DOCKET NO: 6043
Charlotte Cates Howell, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of CHARLOTTE CATES HOWELL, who died on the 19TH DAY OF JANUARY 2020, 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:

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This the 20TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk
Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
LYNDA J. SMITH

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: DOROTHY HELEN LANCE, deceased DKT# 6047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of DOROTHY HELEN LANCE who died on the 12th day of February 2020 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 above named 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 24th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020

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By Personal Representative(s) JOHN E. PETERSON, JR.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939
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IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6050 GARY STEVEN HAUN, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of GARY STEVEN HAUN, who died on the 15th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018, 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:

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By Personal Representative(s)
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Superintendent

Dr. DeAnna McLendon, who was named the Superintendent of Schools for Monroe County in the beginning of the school year, discussed her vision for improving the quality of education for students. Dr. McLendon moved here from Murfesboro although she was was raised in the Sweetwater area. Her focus of attention is on students who want to go onto college or have a vocational career. Regardless, she feels that they must be good citizens and be prepared for technology of the future.

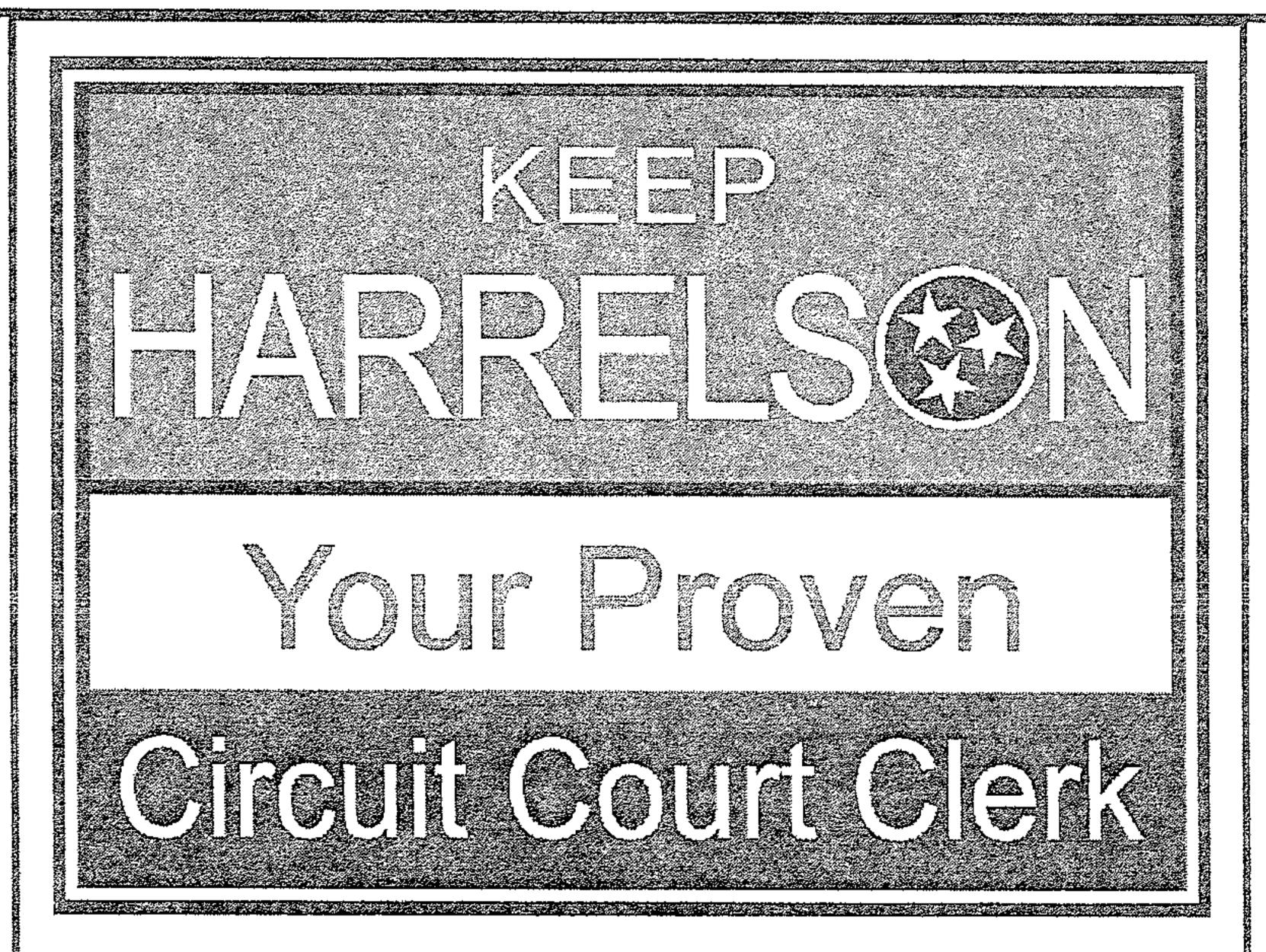
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si of the IRS Criminal Division. Investigation "We were presenting them with records from these vendors where she did little or no actual work and they are providing us with these promissory notes for \$50,000 or \$60,000 investments. That was really the turning point—the interviews with these people."

67-year-old victim with a quadriplegic husthat she lost both her life selfish and criminal gain." savings and her parents'

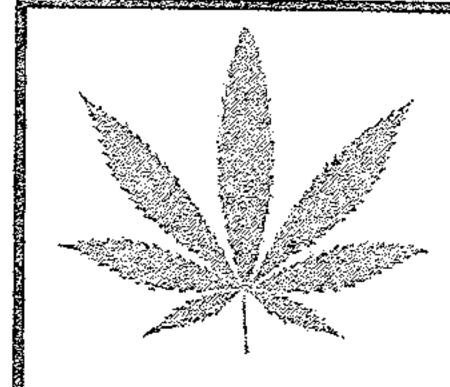
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elderly par- "Monique was fully aware Alzheimer's of who I was as a caregivand dementia said in a er, and she exploited that statement to the court knowledge for her own

In all, the self-styled savings to Brady's ploy. preservation expert solic-"I cannot articulate the ited investments for projects on 171 properties; no work was ever performed on 98 of those. Prosecutors said Brady's conduct was as bad as they have ever seen in a Rhode Island victim impact statement. fraud case. Brady even

continued her scheming while incarcerated and awaiting sentencing, according to a February 6 sentencing memorandum. Her misconduct included making more than 200 unauthorized phone other inmates' personal identification numbers.

Investigators said Brady's case is a cautionary tale for anyone considering a get-rich-quick scheme. Her victims thought she was their friend and that she was doing them a favor-letting them in on calls from prison using something too good to pass up. But in this case, it was all too good to be true.

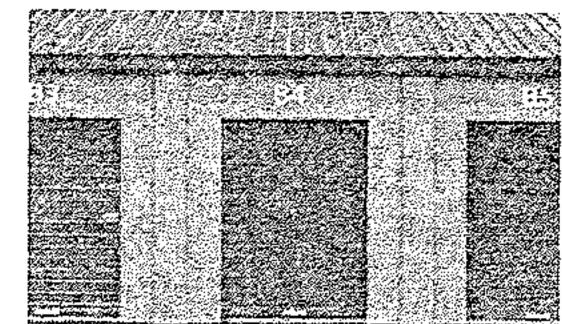


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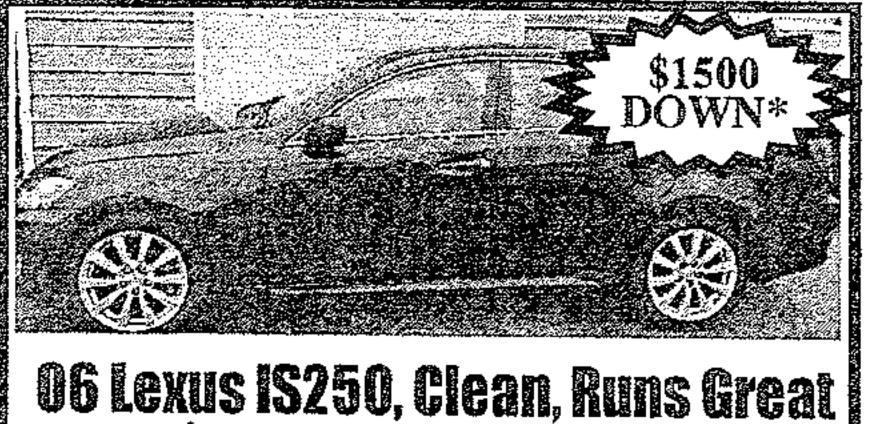
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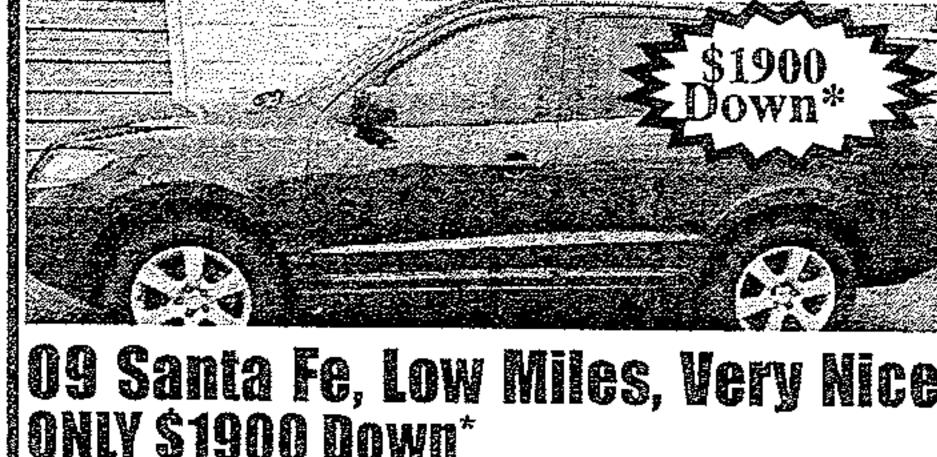


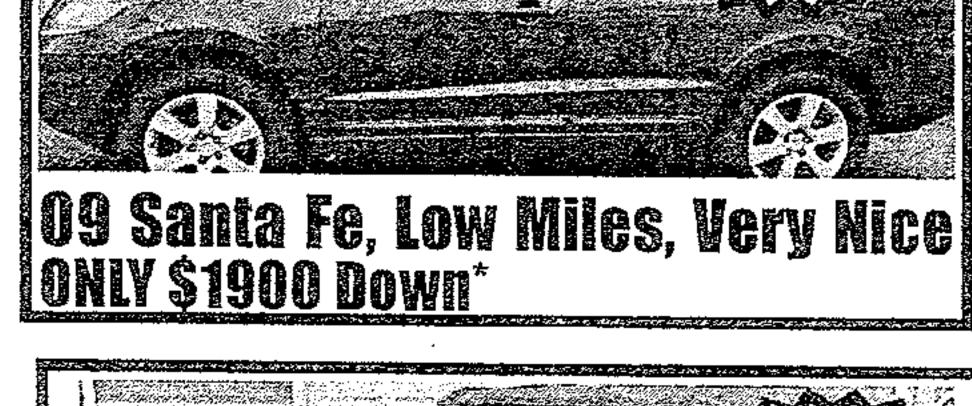
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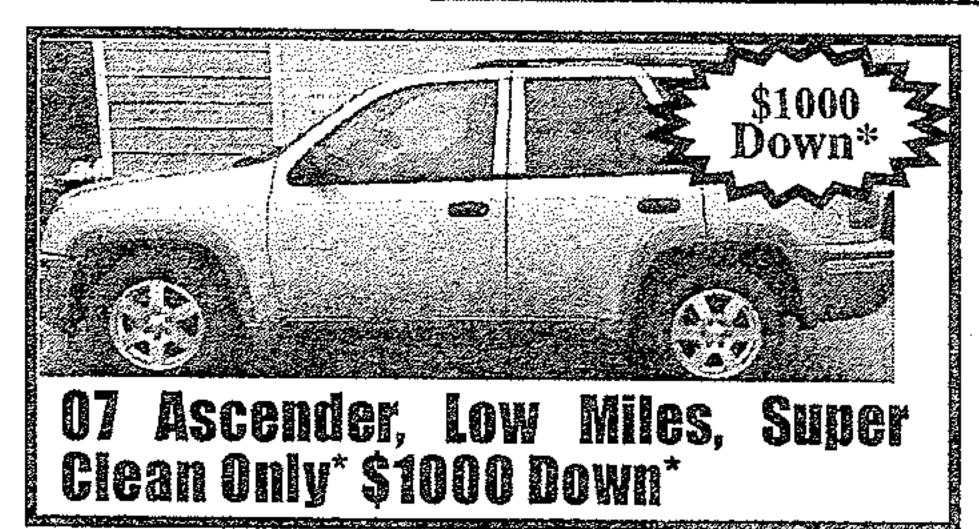


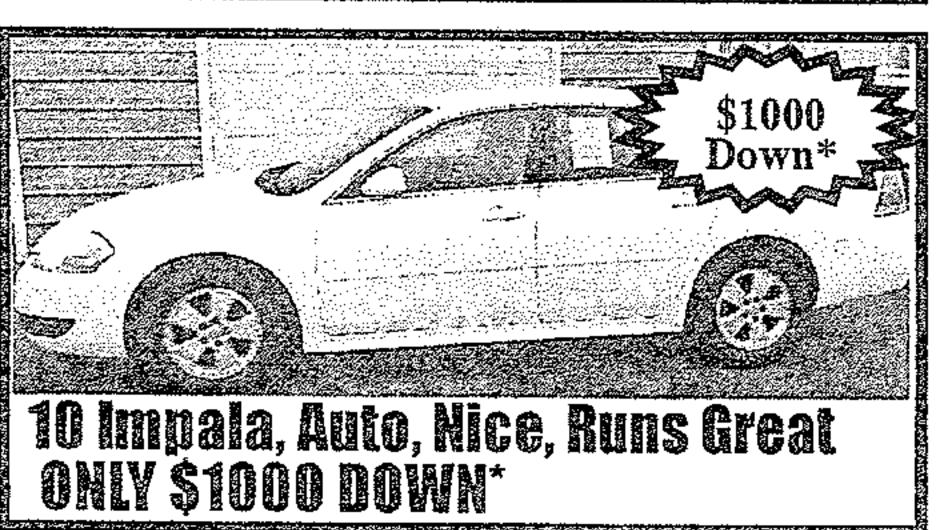
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