

Law & Order

Lincoln man killed after being hit by Amtrak train

A 43-year-old Lincoln man was killed early Saturday morning after he was hit by an Amtrak train traveling almost 80 mph, Lincoln Police Capt. David Beggs said.

The train was driving west toward an overpass near the intersection of 48th Street and Cornhusker Highway when the conductor saw a man running toward the track, Beggs said.

The conductor then saw the right side of the train's front engine hit the man.

Jeffery W. Andrews was killed at the scene. He was either thrown or dragged about 170 feet in the incident, Beggs said.

Police have not been able to locate any of Andrews' family and were not able to identify him until his fingerprints were taken at an autopsy, Beggs said.

Police do not know if Andrews was trying to cross the tracks in front of the train or if he committed suicide, Beggs said.

Crete man arrested for SouthPointe purse-snatching

A 27-year-old Crete man was arrested in Beatrice on Saturday for

taking part in a purse-snatching Wednesday that dragged a woman 50 feet.

Robert J. Nutt was arrested for robbery on a warrant issued after the purse-snatching, Beggs said.

The 52-year-old woman was walking with her 15-year-old daughter in the parking lot of the SouthPointe Pavilion at about 4 p.m. when the purse-snatching occurred.

As a maroon Oldsmobile with Kansas plates drove past the woman, a man believed to be Nutt leaned out of the window and grabbed the woman's purse. The purse strap did not break until after the woman was knocked down and dragged 50 feet. She suffered a broken wrist and scratches in the incident.

Police are still looking for the driver of the car.

Three men suspected of stealing nail guns

Three men shoplifted three electronic nail guns Saturday afternoon, concealing the machines under their coats while walking out of a north Lincoln hardware store, Beggs said.

The men took three Passload cordless nail guns, a total loss of \$1,173.

The suspects were all black men, ages 45-50, between 6 feet and 6-foot-2, weighing about 250 pounds, Beggs said. Witnesses told police the men drove away in a blue 1990 Buick Skylark, license plate number 1-J234.

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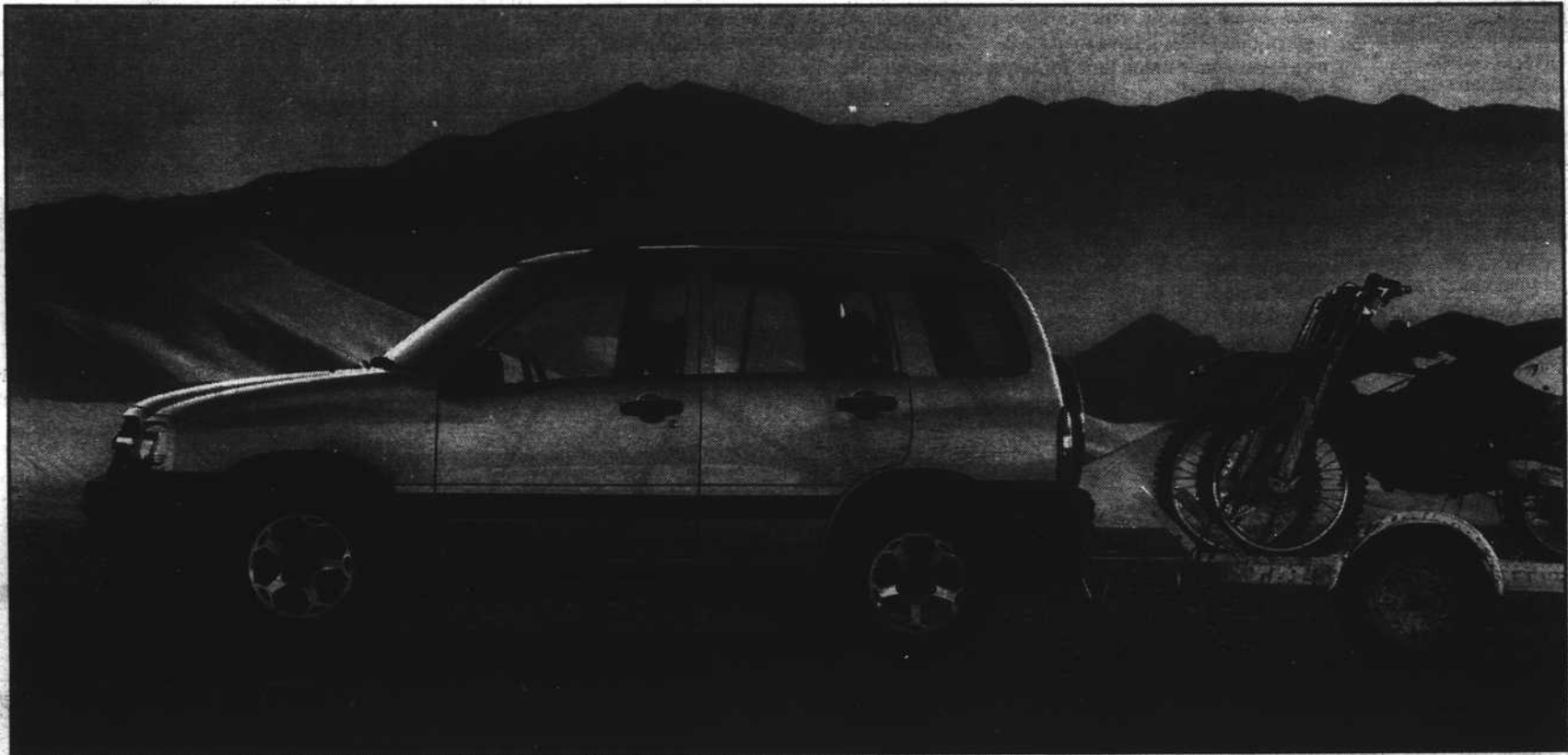
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