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| **The USA**  **Lightning Daily News** | |
| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019** | |
| **Police Call the Community to Action to Catch the Murderer in Our Midst!** | |
| **The body of a young female, Sadie Traveler, was located 8.5 miles west of Lightning, near the 8 Mile Bus Stop, at approximately 6:00 a.m. on April 22, 2019. Traveler was reportedly a resident of our neighboring town of Elsewhere. Police attended the scene after receiving information regarding the murder from another local woman, Lucy Closecal. Closecal, while not known to the murder victim, also encountered the perpetrator, and reports that she had accidentally witnessed the suspected murderer as he was attempting to remove the body of his victim, Sadie Traveler, from a car at approximately 2:30 a.m., April 22, 2019, on Bus Stop Road just west of the bus stop. Closecal made her way to the bus stop, looking for safety, where she unfortunately also ended up in a physical confrontation with this man a short time later in the 8 Mile Bus Stop. Closecal luckily managed to escape the perpetrator after hitting him repeatedly with her flashlight. Closecal did manage to escape with her life. She is currently in the Lightning General Hospital in stable condition after the incident.**  **Police are on the lookout for one Caucasian male, believed to be about 35 years of age, with a medium build, dark brown hair, and a visible tattoo of a cross on his right forearm. The victim may have bruises on his face and arms, resulting from repeated blows from a long flashlight, owned by Closecal.**  **Police ask for community members to keep themselves safe until the perpetrator is brought into custody. People are reminded to contact Lightning Police immediately if the perpetrator is spotted, and to have absolutely no direct contact with the man, as he is considered to be armed and dangerous.** | **Closecal was unable to give the specific colour of the suspect’s vehicle, but it is thought to be one dark solid colour, and may be a 2015 Ford Focus. It is suspected that this man is not from this immediate area, as he was not familiar with Closecal.**  **Closecal stated that another male witness who is tall and about 30 years of age, was present for a time at the Bus Stop. Police ask that this witness please come forward to assist with this crime case immediately, as time is of the essence when tracking a criminal!**  **Roadblocks have been set up and police will be working around the clock until the perpetrator is brought to justice. Tire tracks from behind the bus stop will be key evidence for this case, as will be the hat that was left by the suspect in the 8 Mile Bus Stop.** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 2** | |
| **Letters to the Editor** | |
| **Dear Editor,**  **RE: More Policing Needed**  **What is this world coming to?? Our once safe little town of Lightning has been rocked by crime, and it seems that no one is safe. This doesn’t really surprise many of the residents of this town, as we have been attending town meetings for the past several months and at each meeting, it has been suggested that we have a night police force to patrol our town, and the outlying areas for more security. The cost of this seems to always stop this from coming to fruition. However, given this horrendous crime that has now occurred, it is time that we put life before money. Our safety is the ultimate concern and I think it is obvious that we need to take immediate action. Perhaps in the future, our town council might pay more attention to the wants and needs of our people. After all, it is the people who make up the town, and this town needs to be safe for all of us!**  **Marsha Citizen**  **VS** | **Dear Editor,**  **RE: Curfew Required for Safety**  **I agree with Marsha Citizen’s idea that we need to be more proactive with our community safety! I think that no one should be allowed to leave their homes after 10:00 p.m. until this crazy murderer has been apprehended. Only the police should be out looking for him. We cannot risk anymore lives here! Once our good police force has brought him to justice, I still think we should put a curfew in place where no one is allowed to be out after midnight without having another person with them. That’s right--the good old buddy system could help prevent such catastrophic events such as this!**  **Peter Townsman**    **Dear Editor,**  **RE: More Taxi Cabs Needed in Lightning**  **We need to raise our taxi operator wages in this town! We have been running ads to get more taxi drivers for over two months, and no one is applying. For the sake of our safety, we need to get good taxi cabs that will operate later at night, and who will leave town limits to pick people up. None of this may have happened if we had decent cab service in Lightning!**  **Carey Persons** |

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| **Advice Column** | |
| **Dear Advice Person**  **RE: Person vs Self**  **I have recently undergone some very serious trauma, where I was almost killed by a murderer at the 8 Mile Bus Stop west of Lightning. I was invited to a party at a friend’s house and I went to the party. While I was there, I saw my boyfriend kissing another girl. This made me so mad that I decided to decline my friend’s invitation and stay the night, and instead, I decided to drive home, even though I knew it was late, and that I was low on gas for my car. This ended in disaster for me, as I ran out of gas, and while walking to the bus stop, I witnessed a murderer trying to hide the body of his latest victim. I ran for the 8 Mile Bus Stop, and thought I had found the safety of the shelter, as well as the help of a kind man. I had a chance of escape when another traveler came to the bus stop, but I, unfortunately, chose to trust the first man I met at the bus stop. This did not work out well for me, as I ended up being attacked and had to fight for my life. I narrowly escaped, and luckily, was able to catch a ride to the Lightning Police Station with another person. I am a really nice girl who is usually responsible, and I am sickened with the thought that I almost caused my own death. Do you have any advice that can help myself and others from not getting into such situations again?**  **Lucy Closecal**  **Dear Lucy,**  **It seems to me that you let your emotions overtake your reasonable and responsible self. Just because you were upset by your boyfriend doesn't mean you can make poor choices. You made a poor choice to leave a party late at night by yourself, when you were ill prepared. You should always keep your gas tank above half a tank to prevent any unforeseeable circumstances that can result when you run out of gas, and don’t prepare properly for life and for your safety. You then made another poor choice when you decided to walk in the dark, and again when you let your anxious situation allow you to trust a stranger. You need to always think rationally, and remember stranger danger is a real threat. Leaving with Stranger #2, would have been safer as the bus driver would have been present. All of this comes from your first two poor choices. Remember--“safety first” is no joke. The best advice I can give you is to reduce risk factors. Keep gas in your car, and travel at safe times, and don’t let emotions override your common sense. You are very lucky to be alive! Be thankful for this and don’t repeat your errors.**  **Advice Person** | **Dear Advice Person**  **RE: Person vs Person**  **I am the mother of the recently murdered young lady named Sadie Traveler. I am devastated at the loss of my daughter, and I am so furious with her murderer. I know that people say we must forgive before we can heal and move on, but I don’t think this is possible for me. This monster has ripped my daughter from me, and I cannot ever heal. I think that this man deserves to suffer the most pain that any human being can suffer. Our state still has the death penalty, but I don’t even want this murderer to get that. His own death would be much too easy. I want him to spend the rest of his life in prison, where he can have day after day of a very unhappy life. Am I wrong in feeling so very revengeful and vindictive against this monster who has ruined my life??!!**  **Crying Mother**  **Dear Crying Mother,**  **My sincere condolences for the great loss of your daughter. I fear that I cannot give you clear advice for your grave situation,as having never lost a child as you have, I cannot pretend to feel as you do. I do not believe it is anyone’s place to tell you how you should feel after such a situation as this. We all know that children should never leave this world before parents, but when this very sad situation occurs, we must try to cope and move on, which must be almost impossible for you. Your loss is very new to you, and I do know that grieving people go through a grieving process which moves them through extreme sadness, extreme anger, etc. I believe that you may feel exactly as you wish when you wish. It is your loss, your pain, and you are free to react as you wish. If you want to hate the perpetrator for your entire life, and wish bad things upon him, I think that is reasonable and acceptable. There is no real crime in thinking negative thoughts about a personal enemy. Over time, you may come to view this differently, but again, if you don’t, this is no real crime. You and your family are the victims in this situation, and as such, your heart will be full of many different emotions, and no one can tell you what is or is not right to feel at this time. I only hope you can keep yourself open to healthy healing for your sake.**  **Advice Person** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 4** |
| **Classified Ads** |

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| **Lost & Found** | **Companion for Hire** | **For Rent** |
| One black hat -Found at 8 Mile Bus Stop. Owner please contact the Lightning Police to have your hat returned. 376-888-0000 | **Caring Companions for Hire -**  Need someone to keep you company so you feel safe? Need someone to accompany you when you run errands either within town or surrounding areas? We have staff for you. The charge is $15 p/hr, and the hours are flexible according to your need. If you want a long term 24/7 arrangement, a weekly rate can be charged.  Contact the Caring Companions Office for detailed information: 376-888-5563 | **Recently Updated Basement Suite for rent in SE Lightning.** Don’t live alone! Move to where you will have a loving family living above you to ensure your safety.  Suite includes a kitchen, bathroom and separate living room and bedroom.  Available May 1,2019  Rent: $500 p/month.  Call: Amy (376-888-0024) |
| **Job Opportunities** | **Land for Sale** | **Funeral Directors** |
| **Town of Lightning requires four full time permanent security officers** for the 8 Mile Bus Stop. Shift work is necessary. Must have formal Security Certificate Level IV. Wages and vacation time will be set according to the Town of Lightning Pay & Vacation Rate Schedule. Resume and cover letters should be sent to the Lightning Town Office General Email: lightningoffice@gmail.com | **4 Acres for Sale by Owner:**  Location: 8 Miles west of the town of Lightning, where 8 Mile Bus Stop is located  Price: $328,000.  Offers rental income from the town in the amount of $6,000 per annum for the 8 Mile Bus Stop so it is a wise business investment  Contact Owner: 376-888-9901 | Lightning Funeral Homes offers the best funeral services in the area. Choosing us means the efficient handling of your sorrowful situation. You can rely on us to look after all the details that are part of the farewell ceremony for your loved one. Visit our website at [www.lighningfuneralhomes.com](http://www.lighningfuneralhomes.com) where you can view all that we offer to make your lives easier during this very difficult time. Home visits are part of our package offers. |
| **Taxi Cab Drivers required** in the town of Lightning and surrounding areas. Lightning has a population of 10,000 people and a taxi cab driver could make a lucrative income in our town if he/she offers flexible hours of operation. All taxi cab companies must make an application to the town of Lightning for a business licence before beginning operations. | **Property Wanted** | **Automobiles for Sale** |
| **Family home and lot wanted.** Must be on the same block as the Lighting Police Station. Willing to pay top dollar, and property must be available within the week. My family and I are seeking safety asap.  Call Randy at 376-888-8761 | **Compact Cars for Sale:** Need a small compact car that is better on gas? We have a number of gas saving used cars on the lot this week at reduced rates. Come on down to the Auto Now location downtown Lightning and take one for a test drive today. Financing is available. |
| **Counsellor Required in the Town of Lightning**. Lightning is a growing town with the population of 10,000 people. This position is permanent full time and offers full benefits. Applicants require a degree in Social Work and grief counselling experience. Salary is dependent upon experience. | **Place your business ad here! Get results fast!** | **Place your business ad here! Get results fast!** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 5** |
| **Obituary** |
| **Sadie Traveler (1996-2019)**  **On April 21, Sadie Traveler, precious daughter of John and Jeannette Traveler, passed away unexpectedly, at the age of 23, due to unforeseen circumstances. Sadie is survived by her loving parents, her younger brother, Janus, her grandparents, and numerous relatives and friends.**  **Sadie was born on January 20, 1996 in Elsewhere, Nevada. Sadie was a 3​rd year student in the nursing faculty at the University of Nevada. Sadie moved to Elsewhere, when she was six years old. She and her brother attended Coyote Ridge Elementary school and Rainwater Mews High School.**  **Though Sadie was taken at a young age, she had already accomplished a great deal, and she will leave a legacy of caring for others. From an early age, Sadie took in every stray dog and cat she could find and nursed them until they were healthy enough to be adopted by a family. As she grew older, Sadie swam competitively and in high school, she became a lifeguard. She also excelled at teaching CPR classes. In her spare time, Sadie loved to read mysteries and go to the movies. She enjoyed playing volleyball and softball with friends. Sadie’s most favourite way to spend time was to be with her loving family.**  **Sadie will be missed by her many relatives and friends. A celebration of Sadie’s life will take place at 3:00 pm, April 28, 2019 at the Kindred Souls Memorial Gardens, 1111 222 Ave, Elsewhere, NV. In lieu of flowers, people are invited to make donations in Sade’s memory to the Learn to Swim program at the Elsewhere Swimming Pool.** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 6** | |
| **Lightning Weekly Entertainment News** | |
| **2019 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame**    **2019 FIBA Basketball World Cup**    **Spain captures their second title after beating Argentina!**  **Teen Celebrity News Today**  **Who is the latest teen heart throb?** | **What’s New For You in Cars?**   **Picture yourself in this newest racing machine!**  **2019 Kentucky Derby Coming May 3 & 4! Don’t Miss It! Who are the favorites to win at Churchill Downs?** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 7** |
| **Weekly Learning and Famous Quotes in Lightning** |
| **Lightning Weekly Learning**  **This week, we have sadly learned the hard way that people need to make responsible choices to keep themselves safe from harm by strangers.** |
| **“I was at a party. I---I could have stayed all night with a friend, but I thought I had enough gas to get home---” (Girl - p. 259)**  **“About a mile from here, I suppose---I don’t really know, I ran out of gas ---I took my flashlight and locked the car and started walking down the road. There are so few cars this time of the morning….” (Girl - p. 260)** |
| **“Your flashlight---for instance. You could identify that, couldn’t you?” (Man - p. 262)** |
| **“Don’t worry my dear. You’ll have light.” (Man - p. 167)** |

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| [www.dailynews.com](http://www.dailynews.com) **April 23, 2019 p. 8** |
| **Lightning Writer’s Page** |
| **I am a Lucky Girl**  **I made a very bad choice one stormy night**  **For my very own life, I had to fight**  **I left my friend’s home and ran out of gas**  **Witnessed a murder and ran very fast**  **I raced for the shelter of the 8 Mile Bus Stop**  **Thinking the man inside would be my safety prop**  **He hugged me and pretended to be on my side**  **When the second man came, the first was snide**  **But as it turned out, the first man had really tricked me**  **As he was the murderer, who I had unfortunately seen**  **I should have got on that last bus with man number two**  **And not stayed with the murderer...boo...hoo...hoo**  **As soon as that last bus roared away, far into the night**  **The freaky man attacked me with my own darned flashlight**  **Two raging animals hitting and scratching to the very end**  **Finally, I got it and clobbered him super hard on the head**  **My light had connected with force...he fell to the floor**  **Let me tell you, I raced straight to the bus stop door**  **I ran straight down the road, until car lights appeared**  **They brought me to the hospital and alleviated my fears**  **Now the murderer is still running around somewhere free**  **The Lightning Police Force will arrest him--you’ll see**  **Don’t anyone make bad choices like I did that night**  **Pre-think, pre-plan, be responsible--do what’s right!** |

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