

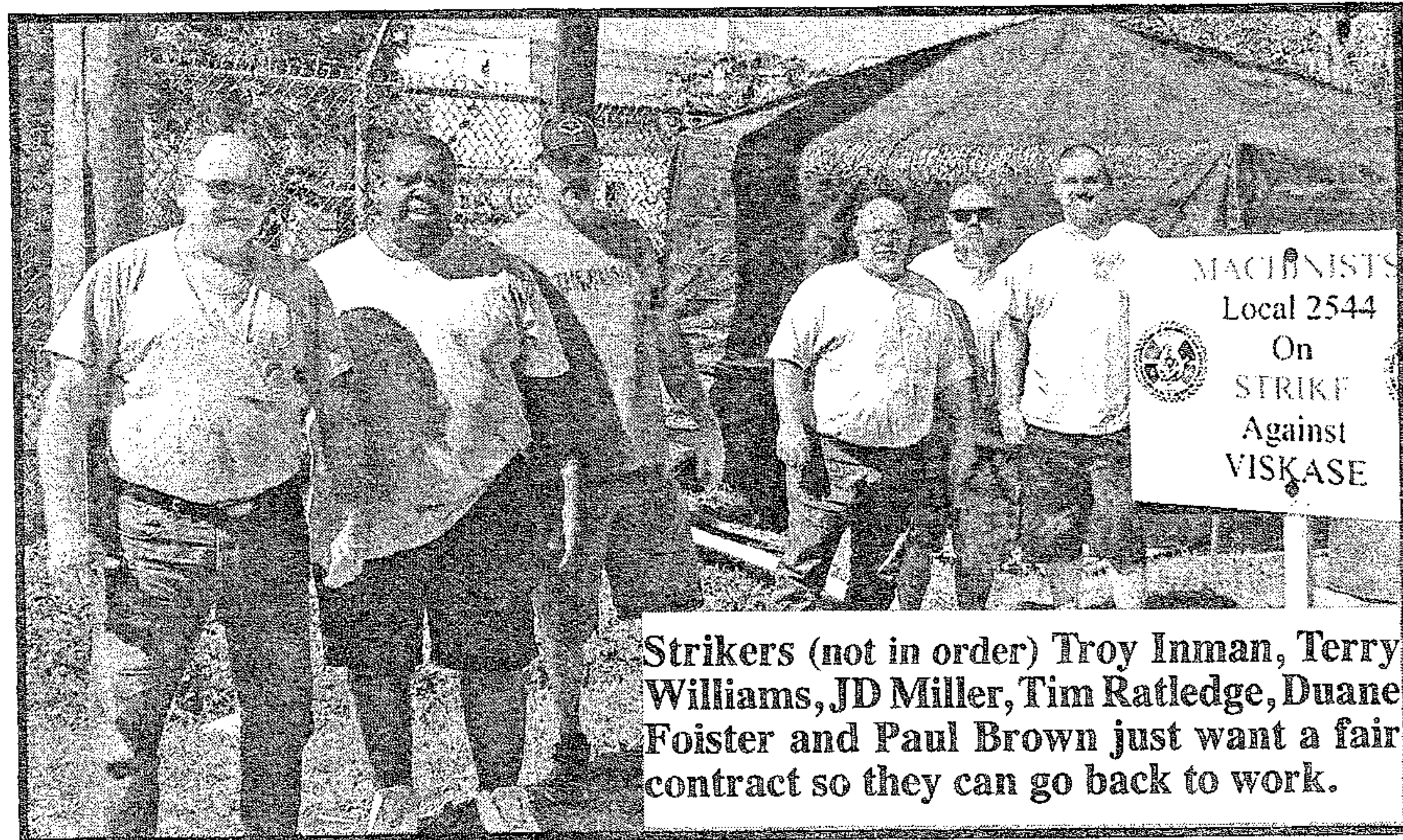
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Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Viskase Strikers Only Want Fair Wages and Benefits from Greedy Company



Strikers (not in order) Troy Inman, Terry Williams, JD Miller, Tim Ratledge, Duane Foister and Paul Brown just want a fair contract so they can go back to work.

Just before you cross the bridge in Loudon you will see numerous tents and people standing outside the company Viskase, a company that employees numerous in and around Loudon County. Those workers are members of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers or I.A.M., local lodge 2544, Loudon.

(see Strike pg. 7)

Thief runs with child in his arms

Jason Martins, 33, West 1st Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Reckless Endangerment, and Theft of Property. Jason was observed by Walmart Loss Prevention at Walmart taking 2 wireless speakers and open them and concealed them, he also had a toy pocket book and exited

(see Theft pg. 5)



Jason Martins

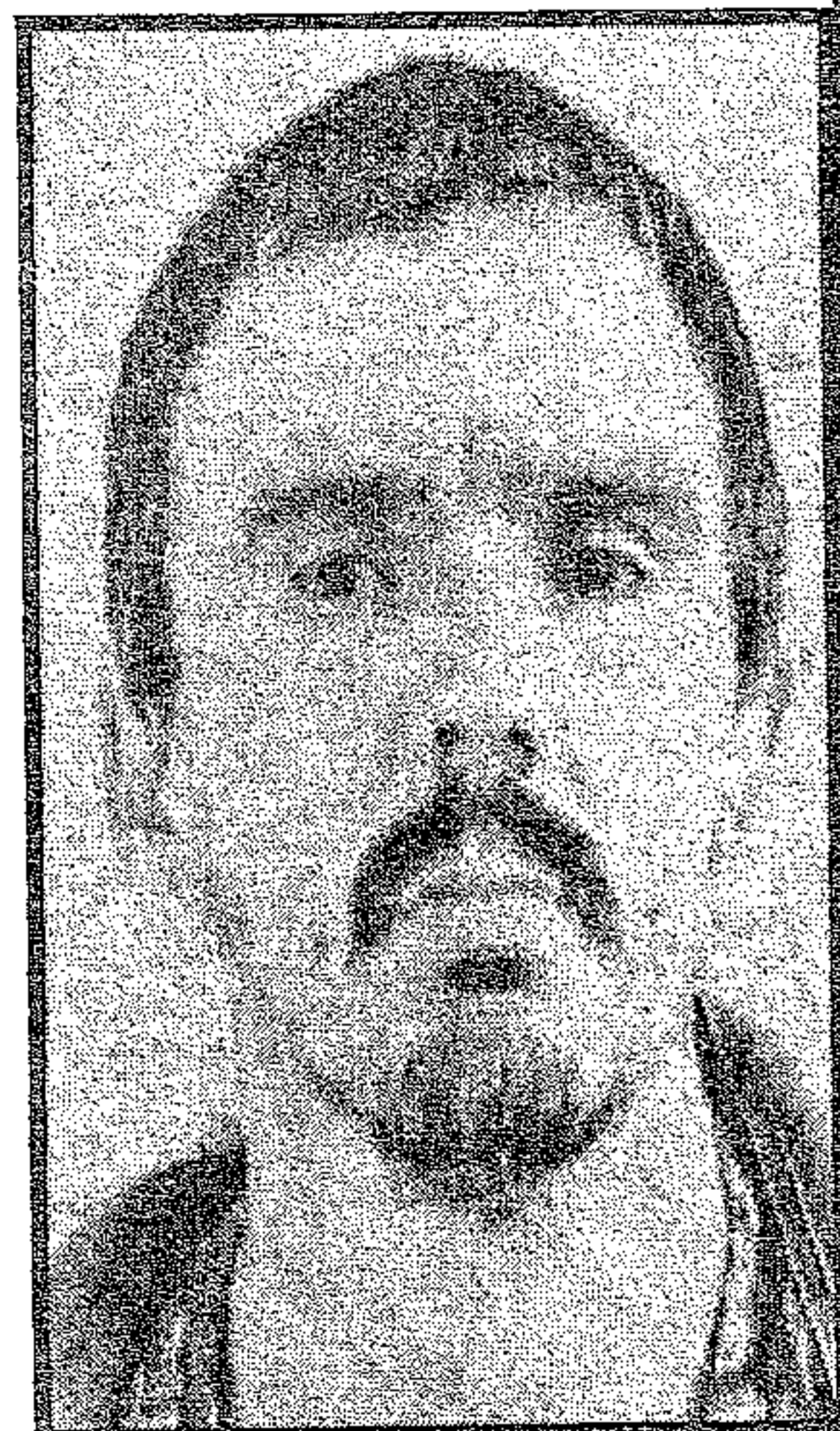
Methamphetamine trafficker sentenced to 15 years in prison

On Oct. 6, 2015, Daniel Martinez, Jr., 39, of Morristown, Tenn., was sentenced to serve 15 years in federal prison by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, U.S. District Judge. Upon his release from prison, Martinez will

serve a 10 year period of supervised release. Martinez pleaded guilty to a federal grand jury indictment charging him with conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. He admitted to obtaining methamphetamine

(see Sentenced pg. 3)

When the deputy says quit, quit!



Jason Dixon

(see Quit pg. 4)

Stolen credit card leads to load of charges



Belinda Vincent

(see Charges pg. 2)

Verse of the Day

If you do not obey the LORD, and if you rebel against his commands, his hand will be against you, as it was against your fathers. — 1 Samuel

12:15 Obituaries

see inside Wazzup

Have a safe trip Ricki, Preston, Jordon, and Mason, hope you get to see lots of cool stuff

along the way to Oregon.

Weather

Today: Mainly sunny. High 83F. Tonight: A mostly clear sky. Low 59F. Thursday Partly cloudy. High 82F. Thursday Night Mainly clear skies. Low 63F.

Horoscopes

Libra 9/23-10/22

A disagreement in a personal or business relationship today raises questions that have no easy answers. Instead of trying to force a reso-

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Charges

Belinda Vincent, 41, Hwy 321 North Lenoir City, was charged with Illegal Poss./Fraudulent use of Credit Card x3, and Violation of Community Correction x2.

Deputy responded to the Sheriff Office for a report of theft of a debit card. On arrival Deputy came in contact

with the victim /owner of the card. He told Deputy around 8/9/15 his information for his debit card had been taken. Also taken was a credit card from Capital one was taken from his wallet. The only person in to have access to the wallet during the time was the suspect listed in the report. The Debit card was used on 8/10/15 twice to

Verizion wireless for a total of \$100.42 and once to Verizon wireless on 8/24/15 for \$50.21.

The victim caught the credit card before it could be used and is reported to the credit card company and has gone

to bank and report it stolen through them. After investigation Warrants were issued for Belinda Vincent.

On 10/3/15 Deputy Cody Bengel LCSO, served Belinda with the active Warrants and made the arrest.

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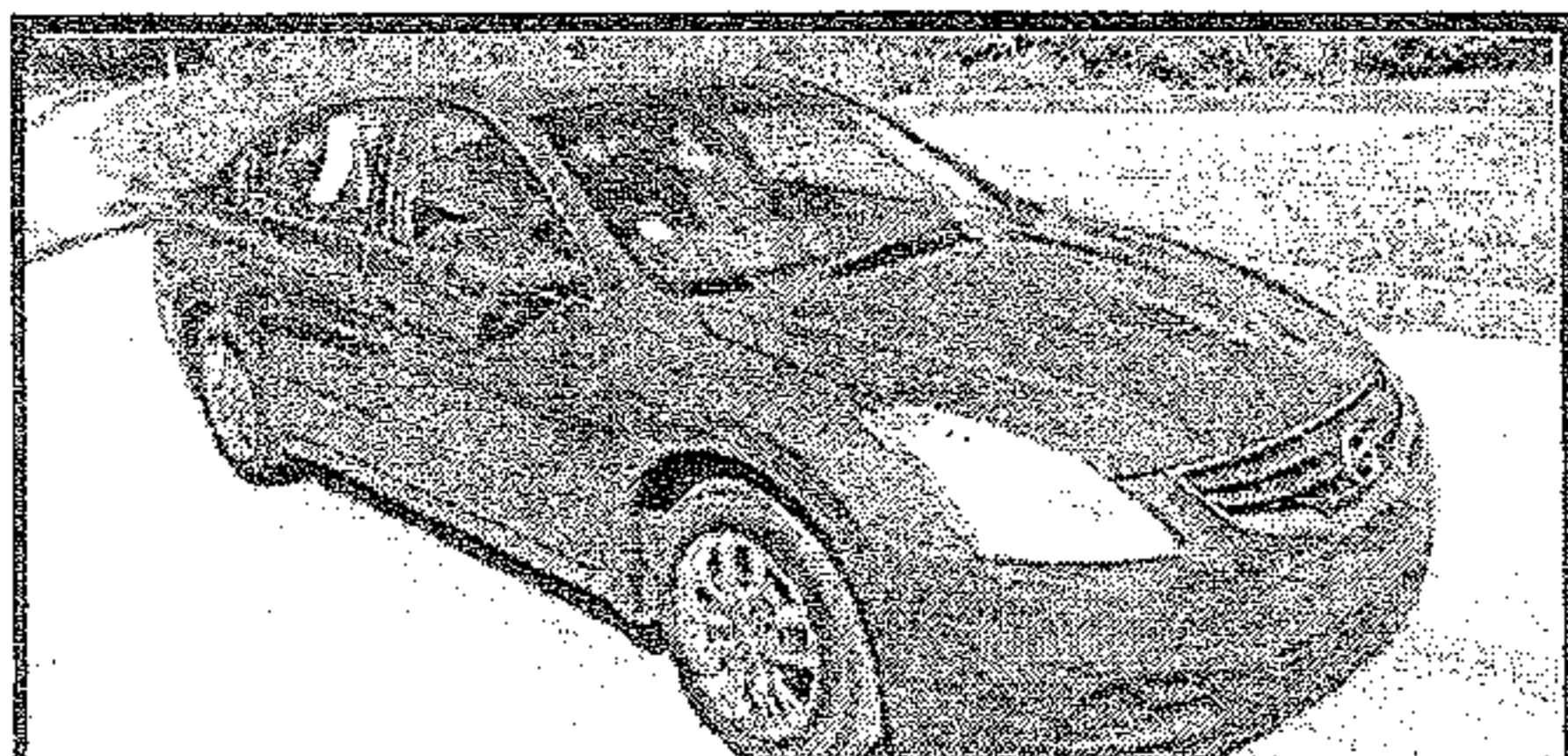
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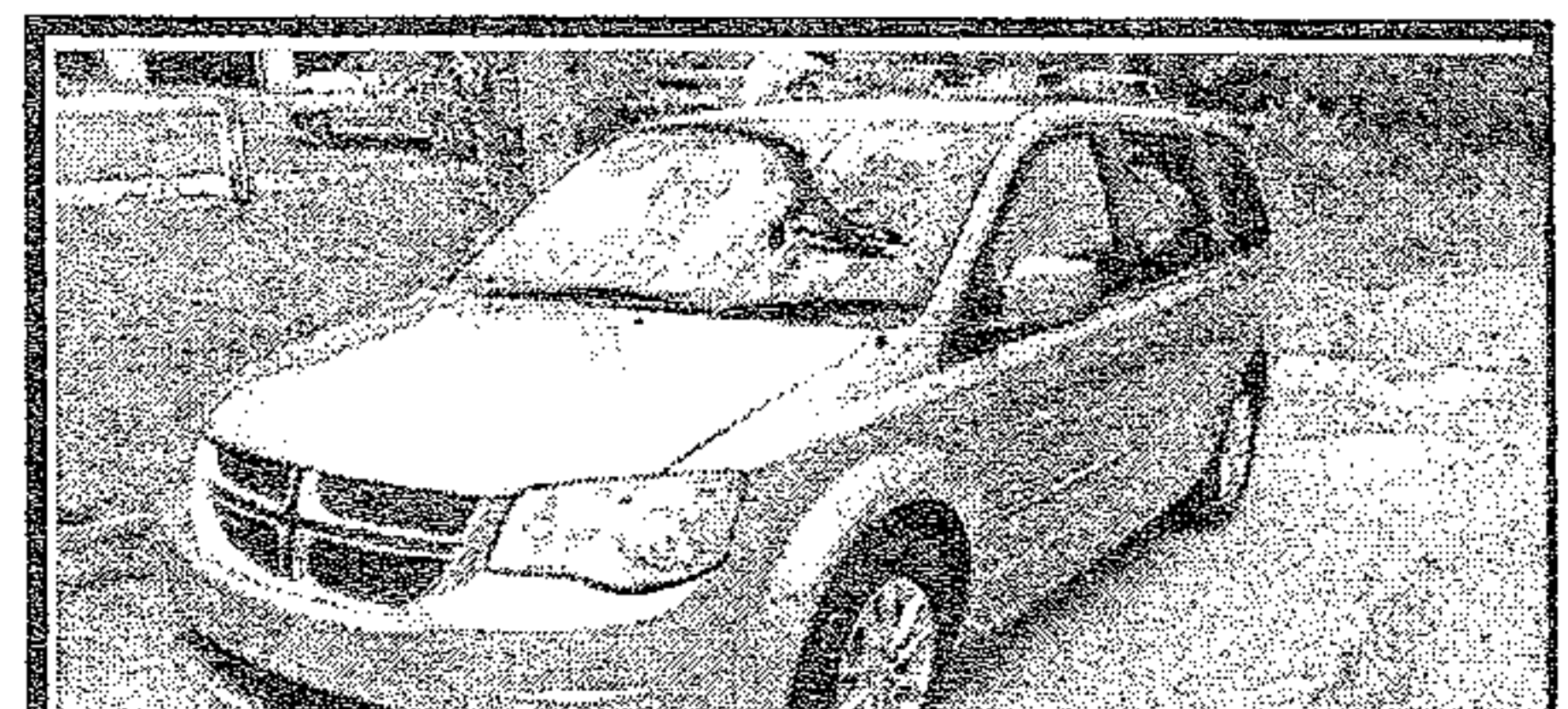
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Sentenced

from sources of supply near Atlanta, Ga., as well as Bakersfield, Calif., and distributing the drug in the Eastern District of Tennessee. Martinez admitted that the drug trafficking network grew out of relationships formed in the over-the-road truck industry and that the conspirators had been trafficking methamphetamine for several years prior to their indictment. Three others were indicted along with Martinez and have each pleaded guilty to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine. Randy Dean, 49, of Greeneville, Tenn., was sentenced in October 2015 to serve 97 months in prison. Amanda Norton, 36, of Morristown, Tenn., and Terry Mulkey, 49, of Calhoun, Ga., are awaiting sentencing. The investigation into the drug trafficking of Martinez and his conspirators was the collaborative effort of several law enforcement agencies including the Greene County Sheriff's Office, Morristown Police Department, Third Judicial Drug Task Force, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Investigations, and Drug Enforcement Admin-

istration. The Third Judicial District Attorney's Office also provided assistance in the prosecution of the case. Assistant U.S. Attorney J. Christian Lampe represented the United States.

Tennessee State Museum Audit Identifies Multiple Issues

The Tennessee Comptroller's Division of State Audit has released its report on the Douglas Henry State Museum Commission, which includes the Tennessee State Museum. Auditors wrote seven findings, two of which were repeated from prior reports.

Auditors identified several problems and weaknesses within the Museum's opera-

tions. These include:

- One employee was hired who did not meet all of the position's job requirements.
- Museum employee background check procedures did not sufficiently mitigate risks.
- The Museum did not develop and implement adequate internal controls over employees' time and attendance.
- Deficiencies still exist in

the Museum's purchasing reconciliation process.

• The Museum did not properly document approvals and authentication information before acquiring items for its collection.

• Water problems within the James K. Polk Cultural Center pose a threat to the Museum's artifacts.

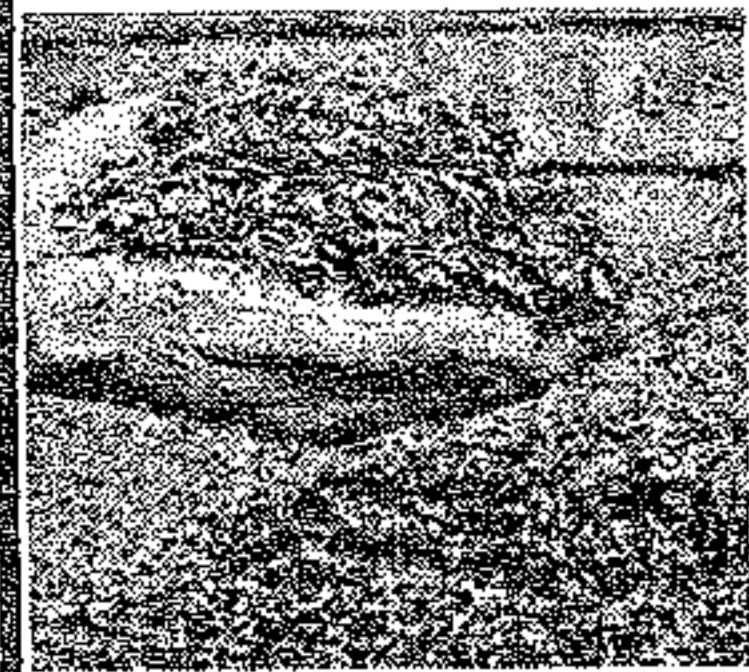
• The Museum failed to

(see Audit pg. 8)

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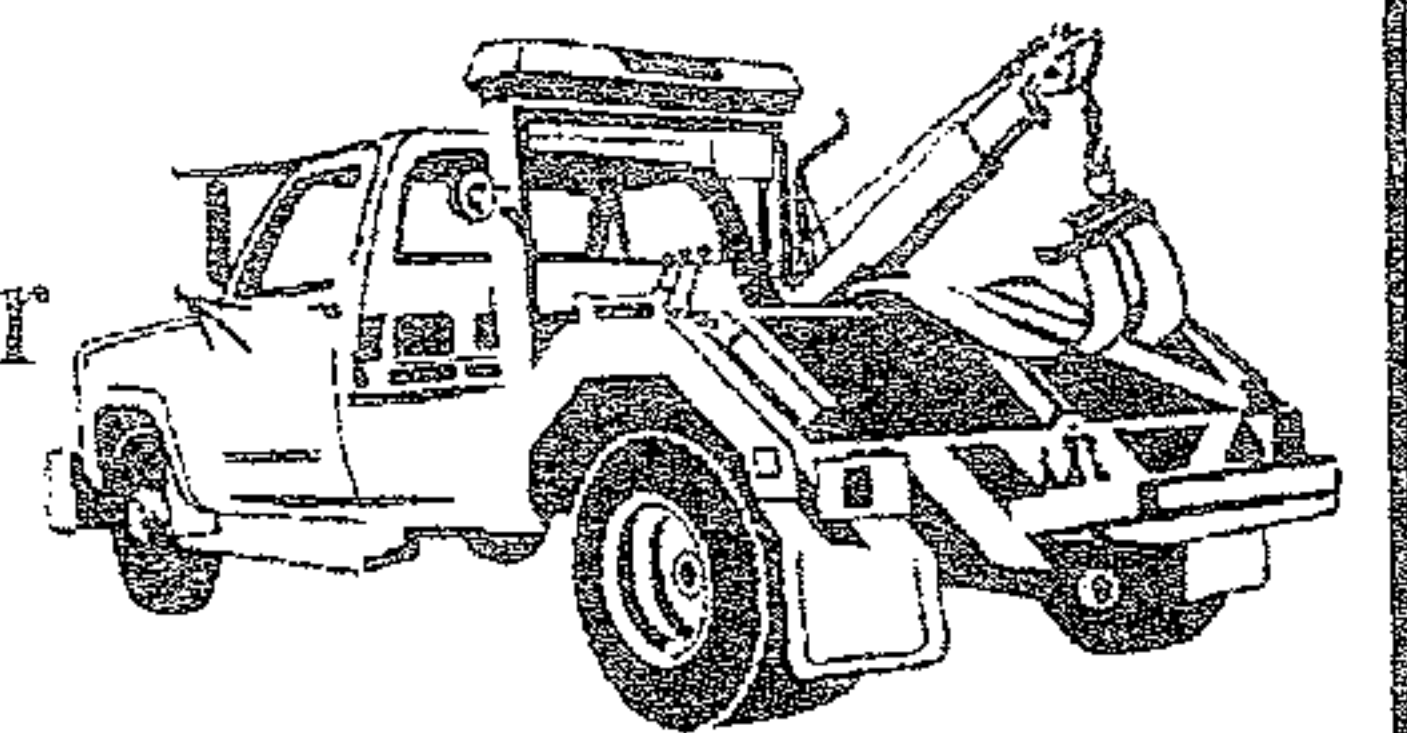
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Jason Dixon, 37, Thompson Street Philadelphia, was charged with Domestic Assault, Disorderly Conduct, and Public Intoxication. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, responded to a domestic call on Thompson St. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with both parties of the domestic and separated them. Deputy talked to both parties and stated they were arguing over a bed and room. Dixon stated to Deputy that he had used methamphetamine and appeared intoxicated. After repeated warn-

ings to stay where he was and stay quit, Jason was taken into custody. Deputy JC Schultz LCSO, made the arrest. Loudon County Sheriff's Office Toys for Tots 2015

Thanks to the generosity year after year of the Loudon County residents, churches, businesses and industries, the Loudon County Sheriff's Office is once again able to offer the Toys for Tots program. We are beginning our 31st year of providing toys to the needy children of Loudon County, and thanks to generous contributions of time, money and gifts, we are able to make

Christmas a more joyful time for more and more children. In 2014, approximately 500 children were helped by the Loudon County Sheriff's Department Toys for Tots program through their partners. Even with the difficult economic times we are experiencing, we hope that the people of Loudon County will be there once again to help. Beginning Tuesday, September 8, the 2015 applications will be available at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. Applications will be accepted for children from Age 1 through 8th grade that are enrolled

in the Loudon County or Lenoir City School systems. ALL applications must be returned to the Loudon County Sheriff's Department by 4 PM, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015. It is requested that everyone please submit their application as soon as possible. Applications must also include a copy of the parent or guardian's current income information. A current Tennessee Driver's License or State Issued ID is required from the parent, and a copy of the child's social security card is also required.

Names will be available beginning in mid-October through business and churches. If you are considering helping a child this Christmas, please be assured that applicants are thoroughly checked to make sure they require this assistance. Names are also compared with the school systems to make sure no one is receiving duplicate assistance.

If your business or church would be willing to take names please call Debbie Hines, Toys for Tots Coordinator at 986-4823.

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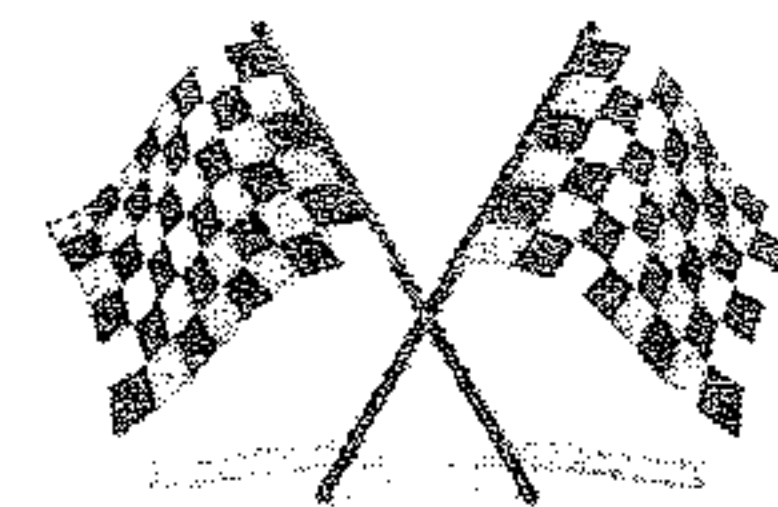
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the store where he was stopped by Loss Prevention. Jason then ran away with his juvenile daughter in his arms where the parking lot was very wet because of the rain and could have dropped the child. Jason was placed under arrest. Officer Rick Eubanks LCPD, made the arrest.

Obituaries

Bonnie June Lowery Lee - age 78 of Lenoir City passed away October 6, 2015. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church. Bonnie was a member of Si Alpha Si Sorority, the New Heart Society of East Tennessee and the ABWA. She was a retired clerk from Lenoir City Utility Board. Preceded in death by her parents, R. B. and Mattie Lee Bur-

nett Lee. Survived by her husband of 58 years, Ben Lee, Jr.; son, Edwin Dale Lee and wife, Marty Lawson Lee; grandchildren, Kristin Lee Troyer and husband, Jeremy Troyer, and Michael Dale Lee; great-grandchildren, Emily and Taylor Troyer; sisters, Betty Ann Lee and husband, Cecil Lee, Bebe Faye Day and husband, David Day and Barbara Kaye Wyrick and husband, David Wyrick; several

nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday, October 10th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. with Rev. Robert Layell officiating. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Thorn Grove Cemetery for graveside services. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.
Ruby Lee Frye Amos

- age 68 of Lenoir City passed away Monday evening, October 5, 2015. She was a member of West Broadway Baptist Church. Ruby was a retired cook working in several restaurants in the area. Preceded in death by her husband, Jackie Lynn Amos, Sr.; parents, Bill and Cora Frye, and brother, Buddy Frye. She is survived by her son, Jackie Lynn Amos, Jr. of Loudon; daughter and son-in-law, Carol and Randy Blankenship of Loudon; grandchildren, Jill and Lacy Blankenship; great-grandson, Darren Coker; brothers, Curtis (Louise) Frye, Billy Frye, and Johnny (Brandy) Frye; sisters, Diane Knight, Mary Jean, Helen (Johnny) Parks, and Margaret Huffstetler Rather; many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, October 8th at the Hawkins Chapel in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Bob Gamble and Rev. Frank Weaver officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 12:30 on Friday and proceed to the Lakeview Memory Gardens for graveside services at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the funeral home to help with funeral expenses. Hawkins Chapel, 102 B Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.
Mattie Lee Crisp Jenkins - age 90 of Lenoir City, passed away Monday morning, October 5, 2015 at Wood Presbyterian Home in Sweetwater. She was a member of Silver Ridge Baptist Church. Mattie retired from Yale Security with 30 years of service. She was preceded in death
(see Obits ctd. pg. 7)

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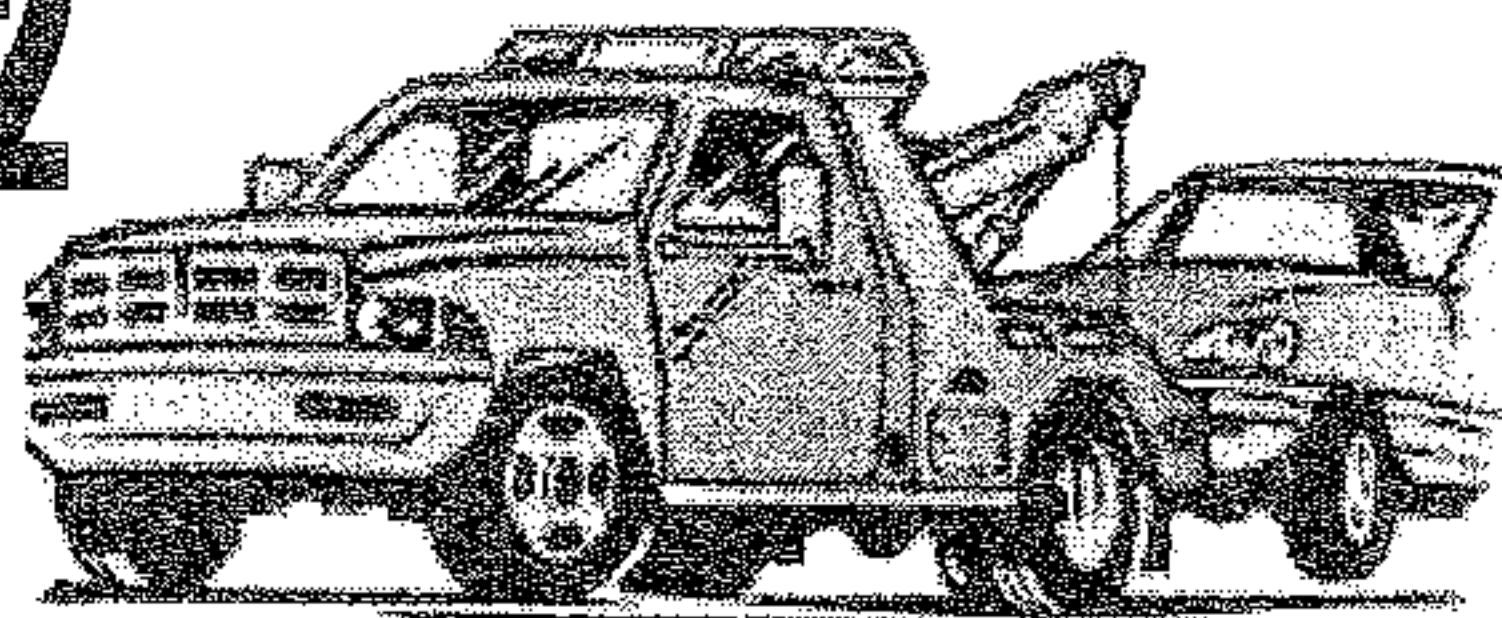
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Strike

The company and the union failed to reach an agreement which forced the workers to go on strike. Why you ask? It is echoed throughout the picket line areas surrounding the company, the words of Ronnie Arp, I.A.M. Local Union President, "All we are wanting is a fair contract that protects the wages and benefits for all employees."

Support for the striking workers is throughout the area as well as numerous businesses have signs of support. In an explanation received from the union it states, from the beginning, Viskase Management has demanded

a takeaway contract, with no good reason but greed. Viskase is a profitable company, and our members are hardworking and productive.

Here are some of the problems the with the contract according to the union: Loss of Sunday premium pay, loss of 3% contribution to 401k by the company, higher medical deductions, very low wage increases and changes to shifts and times.

The union has also filed Unfair Labor Practice charges with the National Labor Relations Board. There are laws and rules when bargaining a labor contract and the union claims Viskase clearly broke them.

Lower pay and fewer benefits hurts the entire community and the money made by Viskase comes from outside the community and is very important to our local economy.

Viskase has brought in workers from outside our community which in the eyes of the union is an attack on our community and their local workers. That move has already backfired as well for the company as two people were charged after an attack on strikers by the scabs. One of those charged received methamphetamine charges as well. The company clearly has vacated their principles and our community if this if the type

of people they are bringing to our area.

Hopefully this will be a lesson to the company to return their dedicated, local workforce and resolve the contract issues fairly. To those on strike, it is clear the community is behind you and hope to see you back to work soon!

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by her husband, Gilbert Charles Jenkins; son, Terry Jenkins; grandson, Joshua Jenkins; parents, Charlie Crisp and Lydia Spivey; brother, Jerry Spivey, and sister, Frances Crisp. Survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Glen Presley; daughter-in-law, Gwen Jenkins all of Loudon; grandchildren: Harrison Presley, Tim Presley,

Tywana Stoner, Missy Moore, Tara Jenkins, and Josey Tee Jenkins; 9 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandson; sister, Judy Underwood; brother, Burkett Spivey along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 6th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. Daniel Fortman and Rev. Bobby Lawson officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 10:30 Wednesday morning and proceed to the Lenoir City Cemetery for 11 a.m. graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 871 N. Weisgarber Road, Knoxville, TN 37909. Click Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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safeguard alcoholic beverages that are used for receptions and stored on-site.

Auditors also noted issues with the Museum Commission's conflict-of-interest forms and adherence to quorum standards. Additionally, the Museum Commission's Audit Finance Committee did not create and submit a charter for approval to the Comptroller's Office until after auditors notified Museum officials of this requirement. The Audit Finance Committee had also not developed a fraud reporting process, or reviewed management's risk assessment.

"The Tennessee State Museum is empowered to preserve and exhibit some of Tennessee's most important historical artifacts," said

Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "It is vital that the Museum correct problems and follow its procedures to ensure the integrity of its operations and collections."

Auditors will present their findings at a meeting of the General Assembly's Judiciary and Government Joint Subcommittee of Government Operations on October 21. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Leg-

islative Plaza Room 12.

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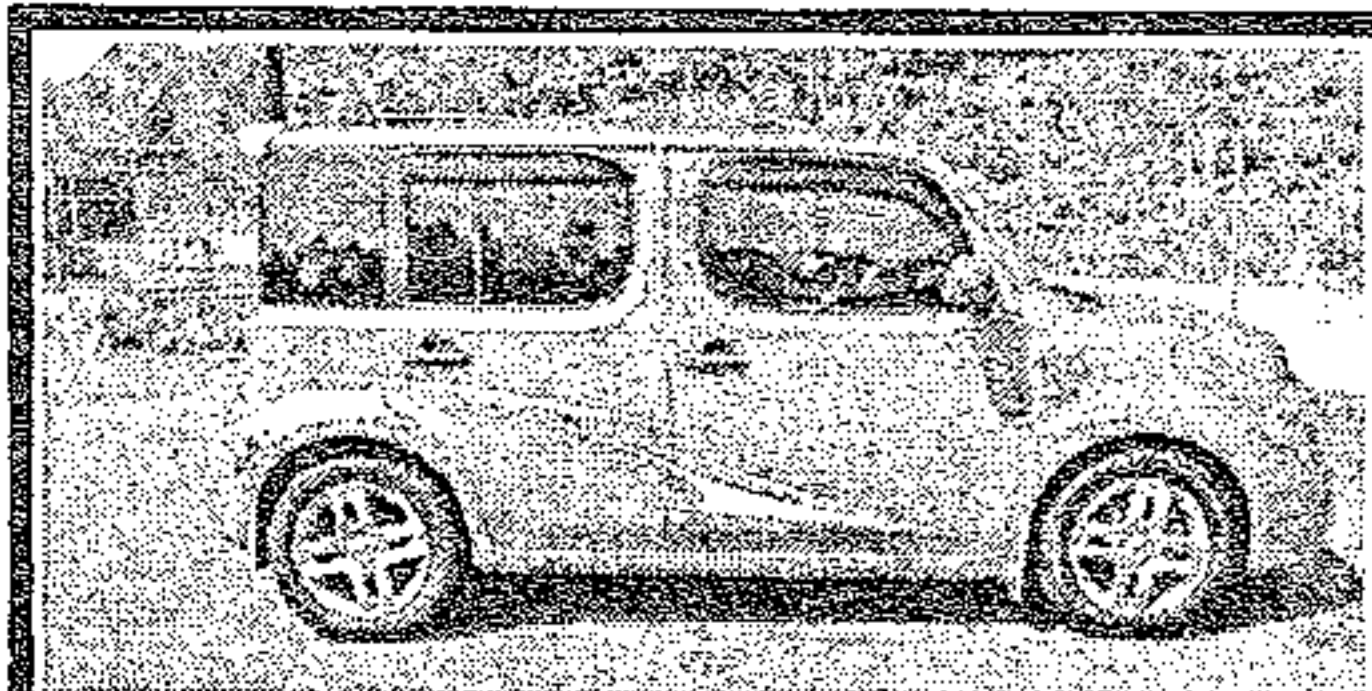
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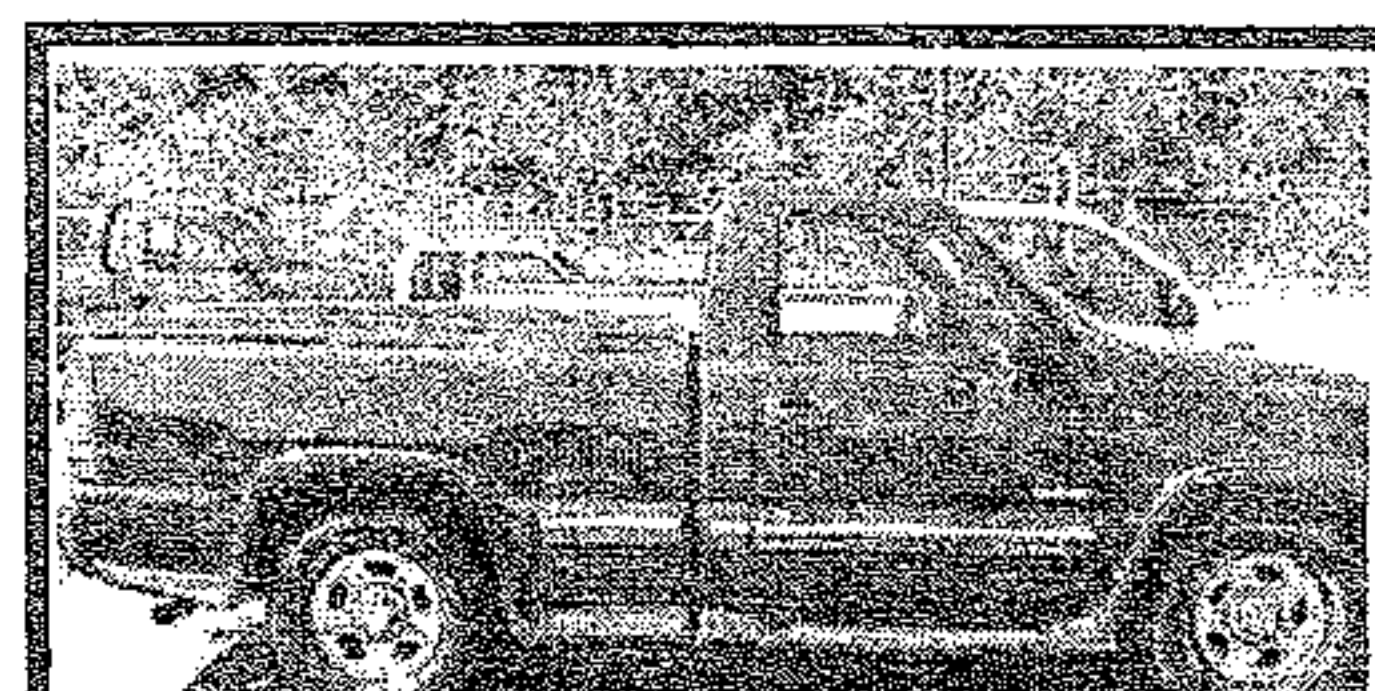
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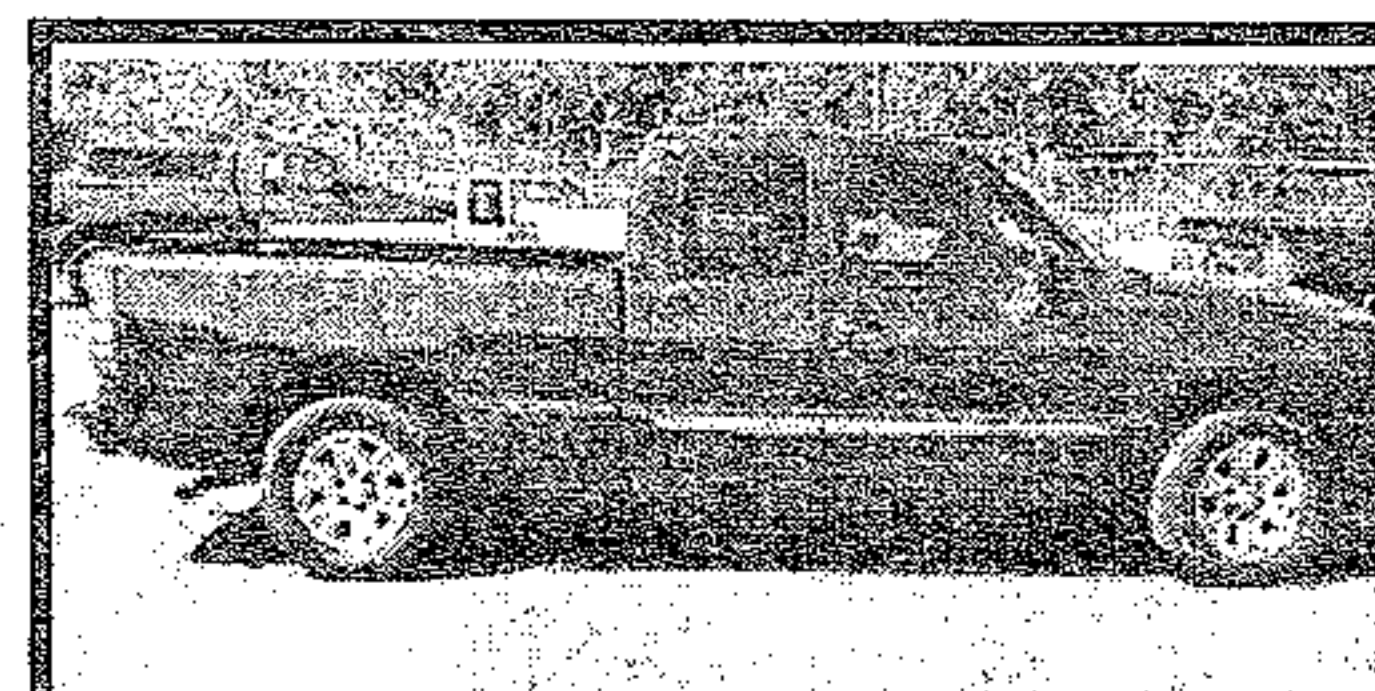
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