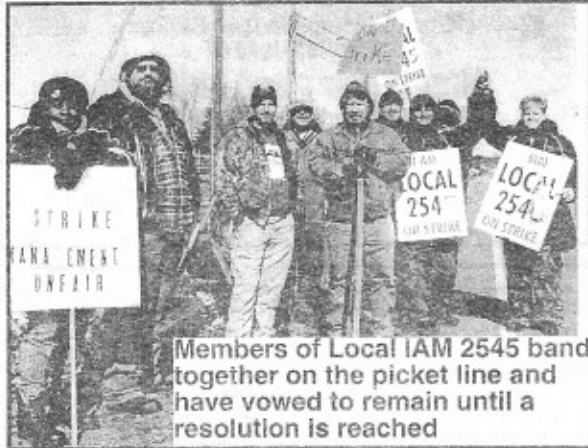


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Tuesday, February 6, 2007

## Maremont workers fight for benefits in Strike



Members of Local IAM 2545 band together on the picket line and have vowed to remain until a resolution is reached

Union employees of Maremont in Loudon walked out at 12:01am Monday morning after a contract resolution was not reached between local IAM 2545 and management. In April 2006 Arvin Meritor sold the Loudon plant to Texas based IMC (International Muffler Com-

(see Strike pg. 3)

## Drink machine vandals nabbed

A Lenoir City duo faces charges after one of the thieves allegedly admitted she had driven to several different locations allowing her partner to break into drink vending machines through-

out the county including locations such as Lee Heights Monument Company, Bob's Market, Loudon Municipal Park, Greenback Drug Store, Melton Hill Market, Greenback Farmers

(see Nabbed pg. 9)



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## Top Turkey Callers Flock to Nashville

Whether cutting, yelping, gobbling or hooting, Wild Turkey Bourbon/National Wild Turkey Federation Grand National Calling contestants feel the pressure dur-

ing the "Super Bowl" of turkey calling.

The championships will draw the best turkey callers from across North America to compete at the Gaylord Opryland Resort and

Convention Center in Nashville, Tenn., February 22 through Feb. 25, during the NWTF's 31st annual National Convention and Sport Show.

"It's (Grand National) (see Contest pg. 8)

## Attempted first degree murder

A Lenoir City man is behind bars after he allegedly stabbed his wife 14 times in the throat and right shoulder area.

According to the report, a Lenoir City woman was nearly killed after her husband, Scott Allen

(see Whisnant pg. 3)



Whisnant

## Two charged after driving down middle of road

Two Lenoir City men were taken into custody Sunday evening

after police stopped their vehicle driving down the middle of (see Charged pg. 6)

## Vehicle missing

A Philadelphia man called police Monday when he discovered his vehicle missing

from a local garage. According to reports, Nathaniel Costner of Moatsewell Road told (see Vehicle pg. 4)

## Heater in Hot seat

A Loudon man was arrested after the vehicle he was a passenger in was pulled over and it was discovered he was in violation of

(see Heater pg. 6)

## Keep it between the lines

A Sweetwater man was charged with his 1st offense DUI after he was seen crossing the double yellow line and admitted to LPD

(see DUI pg. 7)

## Verse of the day

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:33

## Obituaries

None

## Weather:

Today: A mix of light rain and snow later in the day. High 41.

Tonight: Rain and snow in the evening.

A snow shower or two late - otherwise, mostly cloudy. Low 36.

Wednesday: Times of sun and clouds. High: low 40s; Lows: upper 20s.

## Wazzup

Juan Ramirez told police had gone to The Cupboard Market to get beer through the drive-thru. Store workers, however, in accordance with

State law, refused to sell Ramirez the beer. Nuff said.

## Horoscopes: Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Sometimes you (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Horoscopes

have to break the rules for the greater good, but this is not one of those times. Even a natural-born rebel like you can see that this situation definitely calls for more law and order.

### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

The decision-making process got you a little down? Getting other people's opinions seems like it would be helpful, but the white noise might just confuse you. Sit on your choices and make a move later.

### Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Someone thinks you're stalling, but that's far from the case. You need more information before you can carry out this mission. Check all the relevant sources -- including your heart, mind and soul -- before you move.

### Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

If you're genuinely interested in someone, go with it. After all, what's more charming than your fascination with them? Nothing, that's what. Any information you share now will further strengthen your bond.

### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

It's easy to tell your nearest and dearest what's on your mind and in your heart right now. The stars go out of their way to make sure the channels of

communication are crystal clear. So go ahead and talk!

### Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

That old saying about good fences making good neighbors isn't just a tired old cliché -- there's a germ of truth in there. Knowing your boundaries creates more self-knowledge and makes for better relationships.

### Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You have far more influence over your own life than you think. On the one hand, this is good -- now you can set your course. On the other hand, this means you have to stop blaming outside circumstances.

### Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Talk to some wise elders in your immediate vicinity, especially if you're wondering about your future. Their insights can give you fresh momentum for your current plans. Your charm will have them singing like birds.

### Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

It's time for more hugs, more kisses, more friendly, flirty conversation -- you've got so much fantastic social energy in your astrological sphere, it would be a crime to keep it at home. What are you waiting for?

### Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

One of the great

things about you is how you can understand another person's viewpoint. And that helps in a social situation -- you know how to put people at ease because you sympathize with their position.

### Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

You want to make nice, but this person doesn't quite register on your internal radar. Put away the diplomat in order to protect your own interests. Be civil, but

don't go out of your way to be friendly or welcoming.

### Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Hmmm. Why do you keep running into you-know-who?

You have nothing in common. Hey, now -- don't be so quick to dismiss them. Taking it nice and easy helps you see how a new person can fit into your life.



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## Whisnant

Whisnant, 26, reportedly stabbed her 14 times in the area of her throat and right shoulder just missing her Corotid artery, also known as the Jugular, by 1/8 of an inch.

Whisnant's wife was flown to UT Hospital by Lifestar.

LCPD Detective Jack Fine in charge of the case, told staff of The Daily Edition he was unaware of a motive for the stabbing. Whisnant, of Brittani Lane, was arraigned Monday in Loudon County Gen-

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eral Sessions Court and being held on a \$50,000 bond.

Detective Fine made the arrest. **Strike**

pany). Since that time the new owner has raised the insurance rates, eliminated third shift production eliminating several union jobs, and was in the process of re-negotiating the labor contract with the union. The union voted overwhelmingly 164-30 to strike against the company.

According to Dale Smallen, President of the IAM Local 2545, other issues of contention include the current callback policy of union members who are laid off. The current con-

tract states that an employee returning within 24 months will not lose any seniority, or benefits to include pay rate. Management wants to modify that to 15 months and returning employees would come in as new hires at a reduced pay rate, loss of benefits, loss of seniority and be held to a probationary period.

Insurance rates were increased from approximately \$30 per month for family coverage to initially over \$600 per month. The company did negotiate and lower that to approximately \$200 + per month, over a 400% increase with no increase in pay.

At the company

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on Monday, only a handful of hourly employees and management were on the job. However no one from management could be reached for comment. According to Union President Dale Smallen, "the employees of the company are ready to negotiate to resolve these issues and return to work. We would like

the company to know we are ready to talk at any time."

Workers have vowed to brave the cold and remain on the picket line until a union contract resolution is reached.

Currently the union represents approximately 264 members and the company's major customer is Ford OES.



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## Vehicle

Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD, he had parked his 1992 Honda Civic outside Toads Garage and he had no idea who took the car.

Costner reportedly stated he did not give permission for the car to be removed or driven.

No other information was available at the time of the report.

## Police Beat

Robert Thomas Key, 18, Browder Hollow Road, Lenoir City, was charged with violation of probation Thursday.

According to an affidavit, Key was convicted of theft un-

der \$500 and theft X2 in August 2006 and was placed on ETHRA misdemeanor probation for a term of eleven months, twenty-nine days.

Key is accused of violating the conditions of his probation by his failure to report to his probation officer (last visit 11/13/06), failure to pay court costs and fines (owes \$2568 + \$112, no payments made), failure to pay supervision fees (owes \$225, no payments made), failure to respond to written/verbal notices, failure to provide a current address/phone number, and was arrested on new charges Janu-

ary 10, 2007.

Deputy Deland, LCSD, made the arrest at the Loudon County Jail.

Jeffery Alvin Graves, 41, Jackson Bend Road, Lenoir City was arrested on an attachment warrant until a cash bond of

\$300.00 is made.

Theresa S. Sebastian, 49, S. Fellow St., South Bend, IN was arrested after she was pulled over by Tennessee State Trooper Cory Russell for doing 87 in a 65.

When Trooper Russell ran Sebastian's

information through NCIC, it was discovered she was unlicensed.

Sebastian was charged with driving without a license.

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## Charged

Browder Hollow Road and discovered the driver was unlicensed and uninsured.

Mario Guzman, 23, East First Avenue, was charged with driving without a license, driving without insurance and driving left of center.

Alejandro Cornejo, 18, also East First Avenue, was charged with underage consumption.

According to records, LCPD Officer Jamie Whitt stopped the vehicle the two men were in after observing it driving down the middle of Browder Hollow Road and upon making contact with Guzman learned he had no driver's license and no insurance.

The lawwoman reported Guzman smelled of an alcoholic beverage but did not appear to be DUI.

Eighteen-year-old Cornejo was taken into custody after it was noticed he smelled of alcohol and he admitted to consuming four beers.

## Heater

an order of protection issued by the driver of the vehicle.

According to the

report, LPD Officer Buddy Bradshaw observed a silver Mustang traveling at a high rate of speed on Grove Street. When he stopped the vehicle he found Misty Lee Owens to be the driver.

The officer stated he ran Owens' information through NCIC and found that she had a valid Texas driver's license, but also had an order of protection against the passenger of the vehicle Bradley Scott Heater.

Heater was placed under arrest and

charged with violation of an order of protection.

When Officer Bradshaw searched Heater it was reported that a metallic pipe commonly used in smoking marijuana was found.

Bradley Scott Heater, 38, Grove St. Loudon was charged with violation of an order of protection and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Officer Bradshaw assisted by Sgt. Scott Newman and Officer Samuel Harrison made the arrest.

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## DUI

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The report stated that Patrolman Bradshaw was traveling on Mulberry Street when he observed a vehicle coming towards him with the bright lights on. After getting behind the vehicle, Officer Bradshaw reported he observed

the vehicle cross the double yellow line.

Once he stopped the vehicle and identified the driver as Jefferey James Miller, Beechwood Drive, Sweetwater, the officer reported he noticed Miller had a smell of intoxicating beverage about his person.

Miller reportedly told the officer he had drank two beers

around 11 p.m. but still performed poorly on field sobriety tests. Miller then allegedly told the officer that he drank four beers and was drinking up until he left a friend's house.

Miller was then asked to submit to a Breathalyzer in which he blew .06%.

Jefferey James Miller, 23, Beechwood Drive, Sweetwater

was charged with 1st offense DUI. Officer Bradshaw made the arrest.

## Police Beat

William Bernice Watson, 29, South C Street, was charged Thursday with driving without a license, violation of the financial responsibility law and violation of the light law.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, reported he was on routine patrol when stopped a 1985 Ford F-150 along Tenth Avenue at Mincey Street for having a busted tail-light and Watson was found to be driving without a license.

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Contestants must qualify to compete in the Seniors, Champion of Champions and Friction divisions by winning first place in an NWTF-sanctioned open, state or world division calling contest, being 21-years-old or older and NWTF members.

Only Grand National Senior, World Open or Natural Voice World champions are eligible to compete in the Rare Breed Champion of Champions division.

"The NWTF Grand National Calling Championships are some of the toughest calling contests in the world," said Rob Keck, NWTF CEO. "The top turkey callers compete here because they're compet-

ing against the best. If they win, they know they're the best."

In addition to the championships, participants can also take part in the lighthearted Spit, Drum and Gobbling Show, on Friday, Feb. 23. Contestants dress as turkeys to strut, spit and gobble for the enjoyment of the crowd.

Past calling champions have appeared on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno," "Late Night with David Letterman" and "Live with Regis and Kelly."

"The calling contests are a major highlight of the NWTF's annual Convention and Sport Show," Keck said. "These championships allow the top callers to be rewarded and recognized for their hard work and talent, but it's also a lot of fun for everyone involved."

The Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Calling Championships will be a centerpiece of the NWTF's 31th annual National Convention and Sport Show. This year's convention will house more than 500 exhibitors showing the latest in turkey hunting gear, entertainment by

big-name stars and seminars by prestigious speakers in the hunting world. Wild Turkey Bourbon has sponsored the Senior, Rare Breed Champion of Champions, Spit Drum and Gobble, Team Challenge, Owl Hooting and Gobbling championships since 1994.

For more information about the NWTF's 31st annual Convention and Sport Show, or the Wild Turkey Bourbon/NWTF Grand National Calling Championships call (800) THE-NWTF or go online at [www.nwtf.org](http://www.nwtf.org).

## Window tint violation leads to an arrest

A Lenoir City man was charged with no driver's license, financial responsibility, and window tint violation after he was pulled over on Old Hwy 95 by LCPD.

According to the report, LCPD Officer Eddie Range stopped a vehicle for a window tint violation and found the driver to be without a license.

The driver of the vehicle, identified as Marvin Roca Carrillo Velasquez, of Lenoir City, reportedly told Officer Range that he did not have a license

or insurance.

Marvin Roca Carrillo Velasquez, 22, D Street, Lenoir City was charged with no driver's license, financial responsibility, and violation of window tint. Officer Range made the arrest.

## DUI by consent

A Philadelphia man was charged with DUI by consent after the car he was a passenger in was pulled over by LPD who charged the driver with DUI.

According to the report, LPD Officer Bennie Houser pulled a vehicle over on Mulberry Street where the driver was arrested.

After charging the driver, it was discovered the passenger of the vehicle, Jose Luis Cano, 38, Ashley Lane Philadelphia, who was also the owner of the vehicle, was reported to have been unsteady on his feet, and had a

strong alcoholic beverage smell about his person.

Having knowledge of Serafin Hernandez, Ashley Lane Philadelphia, had been drinking and still allowing him to drive the vehicle, Cano was arrested and charged with DUI by consent.

Jerry D. Rice, 43, Barn Hill Street, Philadelphia, was picked up on a warrant stemming from a theft that occurred at the Citgo Market on Hwy 72 on or about January 6, 2007.

Items were reportedly found in the home of Rice including several DVD movies and music CDs.

The estimated total on the stolen goods was said to be \$549.60.

LPD Sgt. Brian Jenkins investigated, and made the arrest.

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## Nabbed

Co-Op, America's Best Value Inn, GT-Oil, McDonald's Recycling, E.W. Jenkins Hardware Store, and even flowing out into Blount County.

According to reports filed by several different law enforcement officials, there have been numerous drink vending machine vandalisms and burglaries. Investigator Chris White stated that Dawn Marie Ragoonanan of Lenoir City openly admitted she had driven Daniel Langley to several different locations where

he pried open vending machines taking an undetermined amount of cash and damaging machines.

Ragoonanan also admitted to breaking into three of the machines herself, but she reportedly told the investigating authorities that Langley was to blame although she had driven him to the locations.

Blount County Officials were said to have pulled the duo over and found pry bars, and hammers in the vehicle and Langley was lying about the information he was giving to officials. At that

time, Blount County took Ragoonanan and Langley to the Correctional Facility for questioning, where Loudon County officials notified Blount County that they were also on their way for questioning the two.

Sources say that Blount County has charged Langley and Ragoonanan with 2 to 3 charges stemming from vandalism and thefts of drink vending machines, and Langley is still being held in lieu of bond, but faces at least 20 more charges when he is released from Blount County to Loudon County.

Meanwhile Ragoonanan is awaiting \$20,000 bond in Loudon County Jail. Once Langley makes his bond in Blount County, he will be transported to Loudon County where he faces at least 20 charges ranging from vandalism to theft under \$500.

Dawn Marie Ragoonanan, 28, Jackson Bend Road, Lenoir City, was charged with theft under \$500 X 9 and vandalism X 11. LPD, LCSD, BCSD, all joined efforts to detain the modern day redneck Bonnie and Clyde couple.

## Police Beat

Christopher Malcolm Yelverton, 19, Highland Avenue, Loudon, was charged with violation of probation Thursday.

According to records, Yelverton was convicted of juvenile charges, possession of schedule II and possession of schedule VI in July, 2006 and was sentenced to 11 months 29 days probation.

Since then, Yelverton is accused of violating the conditions of his probation by his failure to report to his probation officer (last visit 9/12/06), failure to pay court costs and

fines (owes \$2301 + \$112, has made no payments), failure to pay supervision fees (owes \$258.75, has made no payments), failure to respond to written/verbal notices (December 2006), failure to complete an alcohol/drug assessment, and was convicted of new charges of possession of schedules II and VI on October 25, 2006.

Deputy Mike Williams, LCSD, made the arrest.

Juan Alvarado Garcia, 46, Crisman Road, Lenoir City, was charged with domestic violence Thursday.

According to records, Garcia is accused of pushing down his spouse onto the floor and then yelling and cursing at her.

Deputy Brad Rayfield, LCSD, reported Garcia was found to be heavily intoxicated and after talking with everyone it was determined Garcia did push his wife and he was arrested for domestic violence.

## Helpful tips

Use a rolling lint remover over your dusty lampshades, works like a champ! It even collects all the lint!

To preserve a news clipping, dissolve a milk of magnesia tablet in a pan containing a quart of club soda. Soak paper in the mixture for an hour. Lay flat to dry.

Clean door tracks with furniture polish instead of cleaner. It gets the tracks clean and the polish acts as a lubricant.

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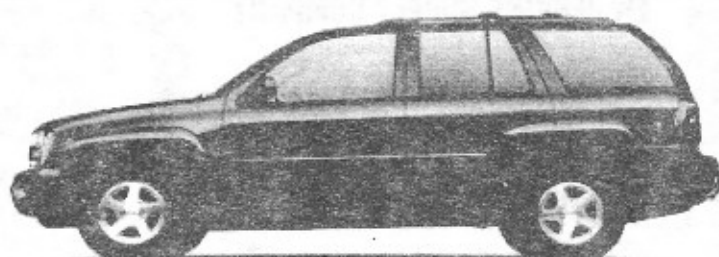
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