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Monday, March 19, 2007

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## Phil. woman obtains credit with another's ID

A Philadelphia woman was jailed following an investigation in which a Lenoir City woman reported the theft of her identity after she applied for credit.

Josefina Gonzalez Morales, 27, of Ashwood Drive, Phila-

delphia, was charged with identity theft. According to the warrant, filed by Detective Patrick Upton, LCSO CID; on March 6, 2007 Ms. Cornejo of Lenoir City reported that someone had used her ID to obtain credit through Bank of America. She

(see Morales pg. 6)



Morales

## Motorist helps nab drunk driver

With the help of a concerned motorist, police were able to take a suspected drunk driver off the road for the night just minutes after he allegedly came close to striking other vehicles on the interstate.

Darrell Otis Powers, 46, Cedar Circle,



Powers

## Prowler call lands 1 in jail

A local man was taken into custody on a driving charge after his vehicle as stopped during a prowler call investigation.

Carlos Perez, 29, of B St., Lenoir City was charged with no driver license and criminal trespassing.

According to the re-

(see Call pg. 6)

## Disabled DUI driver endangers child

LCPD officers were dispatched to Hwy 321 and I-75 in Lenoir City where a witness stopped a vehicle that had run off the roadway. Upon arrival officer found a white Pontiac Grand Am the driver of the vehicle was found and a 3-year-old child in the



Pettit

(see Pettit pg. 6)

## It's not smart to run from LCPD

A Lenoir City man wanted in two counties apparently decided to run from officers. Despite his attempt Sting and LCPD put the quash on his attempt.

Michael Paul Bryant, 26, of Hwy 321, Lenoir

City, was charged with evading arrest.

According to the report, Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD and Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD were at the Inn of Lenoir investigating a past domestic dispute. During the

(see Bryant pg. 4)

## Fishing with Gus

Woo wee, it's a great day here in East Tennessee. It seems that we have a new species to fish for now. I am not sure about

regulations from TWRA, though.

I looked in the new 2007 guide book and could not find a single piece of helpful infor-

mation. There is some debate on how long it will take to get the population numbers up to where it would actually be worthwhile

(see Fishing pg. 4)

## Letters to the Editor

Union responds to ad  
Union member responds

see pg. 8-9)

## Verse of the day

And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on

their left.

Exodus 14:22

## Obituaries

Cledith David Welch Allen Eugene "Gene" Jones

## Weather:

Today: Scattered thun-

derstorms possible. Highs in the mid 60s. Tonight: Lows in the mid 50s. Tuesday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 50s.

## Wazzup

Thanks for all your help Chris White, Billy Hall, Patrick Upton, Kami Galaba, and of course Jeff Vittatote for all your help! You're all assets to the community.

## Horoscopes: Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Give yourself a makeover, physically and spiritually. Clean your closet and

(see Horoscopes pg. 2)

## Horoscopes

donate unwearable clothes. Get rid of any clutter that surrounds you. In order for the new to enter your life, you have to make room for it.

### Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

Laughing this off might cover up the problem, but it won't take care of it. Though the situation looks small, give it your full attention. You don't want it to spring up again, especially if you can take care of it now.

### Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

A desire to make the world a better place fills your heart. You've got just the know-how and stick-to-itiveness to actually put your desires into action. Start small, and look to your community for places that need help.

### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

When you think positively, it's amazing how circumstances meet your expectations. So take some time to day-dream. If you could work anywhere, what would you do? If you could travel anywhere, where would you go?

### Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

And now it's time for something completely different! A successful experiment has you eager to explore alter-

nate avenues. You're willing to try things just for the heck of it. It's likely you'll dig the results.

### Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

You're on the receiving end of some unusual celestial energy right now, especially when it comes to trusting your inner wisdom. Take advantage of your extra-accurate instincts and make smart decisions.

### Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Does it seem as if someone's always busy right when you want to talk to them? Communication styles are slightly out of sync right now. Chalk it up to those eccentric stars. Wait it out with patience and good humor.

### Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Many options are on your plate, but which one will make the cut? Take your time before you make a choice. Meditating on it may help. Examining your heart's true desire may lead you to some surprising conclusions.

### Scorpio

(Oct 24-Nov 22)

Your special someone simply adores the kinder, gentler side of you, so go ahead -- get all soft and cuddly. Intense passion is nice, but this 'hearts and flowers' aspect of your personality is a nice change of pace.

## Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Be on the lookout for miscommunications, especially where relatives, loved ones and old friends are concerned. Your mind is on other things. Make sure they know you're listening to them when they speak.

## Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Is it better to give or receive? Now that's a question for the ages. Your usual perspective goes topsy-turvy when you realize

there's more to life than accruing goods and success. What's really important?

## Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

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## Obituaries

**Cledith David Welch**, age 68 of Loudon, passed away Thursday, March 15, 2007 at Ft. Loudoun Medical Center. Cledith was a retired carpenter and an avid outdoorsman. He was a loving father, grandfather and brother. Cledith was preceded in death by wife, Billie

Packett Welch; parents, Riley and Carolyn Welch; sister, Lola Mae Martin and step-father, Henry Lennex. He is survived by his son, Steve Welch of Lenoir City; daughter, Karen Pollard of Philadelphia; former daughter-in-law, Marcie Welch; grandchildren; Jordan, Austin, Cody and Christian; sisters, Margaret Frye

of Dayton, OH and Connie Smith of Knightstown, IN; brothers, Carroll Welch of Wichita Falls, TX and Gary Welch of Lenoir City; step-brothers: Richard, John and James Robert Lennex; step-sister, Sharon Murphy all of Indiana; along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 4 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Click

Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. George Seay officiating. Interment will follow in Crandall's Cemetery. The family would like to express a special thanks to Rebecca Mills and her family for the care, support and friendship they have given to Cledith. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the Welch family.

**Allen Eugene "Gene" Jones**, 81, of Loudon, died at his home Friday, March 16, 2007. Gene was a charter member and Deacon of East Hills Baptist Church and a insurance agent with

American General Ins. Co. for over 29 years in the Loudon area. Preceded in death by son, James Allen Jones; parents, Fred and Mary Russell Jones; brother, Lloyd Jones; sister, Margaret Starritt. Survivors: loving wife of 56 years, Ernestine Loope Jones; son Jacky Jones, Loudon; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Thomas Beeler, NC; 3 grandchildren, McKinley Beeler, Rebecca Beeler and Eric and Katherine Carpenter; great-grandson, Luke Carpenter; sister, Edith Worley; brother, Fred Jones Jr., and wife, Agnes; brother-in-law, Kermit "Bull" Starritt, Loudon. Funeral services 7 p.m. Saturday, Loudon Funeral Home Chapel, Rev. Bobby Lawson, Rev. J.W. Smith, Rev. Jeremy Sexton officiating. Interment 1:30 p.m., Sunday, Corinth Cemetery. Family will receive friends 5 - 7 p.m. Saturday, Loudon Funeral Home.



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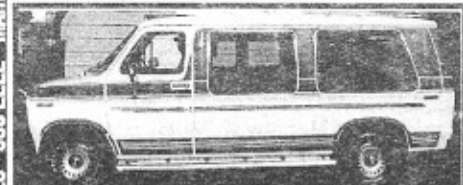
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up his bait store again; he's across Ft. Loudoun Dam in the basement of the BP. Go see him, he's always good for a few tall tales. -Gus

**Bryant**

Investigation officers confirmed Bryant was wanted in Roane and Rhea counties. Eubanks observed Bryant walking behind the building toward his apartment. Officers followed and approached the apartment.

Officer Joe Foster, LCPD observed Bryant on the hill behind the apartment crouching down. As officers began to move Bryant suddenly ran toward the Food City area. Officer Ladd and Officer Jeremy Dishner located Bryant in a wooded area nearby and with the assistance of K9 Sting he was placed in custody and transported to jail. Officer Lynette Ladd, LCPD made the arrest.

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**Pettit**

back seat.

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Wilma Jean Pettit, 54, of Finley Drive, Lenoir City was charged with Dui and child endangerment. Officer Rick Eubanks, LCPD made the arrest.

**Morales**

found out about the theft upon applying for credit. It showed a balance of \$6,434 owed to Bank of America. Upon further investigation it also showed the account had an address in Loudon in the name of the victim. It was also discovered the PO Box belonged to Josefina Morales.

Detective Chris White along with Detective Upton obtained consent from Ms. Morales to search her home on Ashwood Drive. Upon searching the residence a credit report with the victims name and info was found, including the Bank of

America account. Ms. Morales was then interviewed and admitted that on or about April 6, 2007 she did receive a credit card in her mailbox belonging to the victim. Morales advised she used the card to obtain cash and also admitted to applying for a Capital One card in the victims name. Morales purchased a DVD player with that card. Detective Patrick Upton, LCSD CID made the arrest.

**Call**

port, officers received a call about a subject who had been prowling around a residence on B St.

Perez was stopped for investigation purposes and found to be unlicensed.

Officer Eddie Range, LCPD made the arrest.

**Police Beat**

Jose Esteban Benavides Salazar, 20, of Monroe St. Sweetwater, was charged with driving without a license.

According to the report, Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD clocked a vehicle at 79mph in a 65mph zone and

stopped it.

The driver, Mr. Salazar could not produce a license. He also had no proof of insurance and was cited. Deputy Daniel Kelly, LCSD made the arrest.

Bradley Gene Bolton, 20, of an unknown address, was charged with VOP 3rd.

According to the affidavit, Bolton was convicted of DORL, failure to obey stop sign, PODP, SP, dom. Assault, DOSL, VOP, FTA, VOP 2nd and was sentenced to probation for 11 months 29 days.

Since the he has failed to report to probation officer; failed to pay costs/fines, owes \$2848; failed to pay supervision fees, owes \$310; and failed to respond to notices.

Deputy Lonnie Gaut, LCSD made the arrest.

**Stupid Criminals**  
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**In the Detroit area,** two patrol officers went into a neighborhood to show children the new computer equipment they had. R. C. Gaitlin, 21, was

also curious. When he asked how the system worked, the officers asked him for some identification. After turning over his driver's license, Gaitlin was quickly arrested. The computer showed that he was wanted for a two year old armed robbery.

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## Powers

Clinton, was charged with third offense DUI just before 1:00 a.m. Thursday.

According to records, Deputy Jason Goddard, LCSD, was at the Justice Center when a motorist stopped and told him the vehicle in front of his, a black, Toyota pickup truck, had almost hit other

vehicles on the Interstate. The vehicle was on Suglarlimb Road and turned right onto Highway 11.

The lawman reported he caught up to the truck at Natalie Drive and observed the pickup cross the yellow and white lines of the roadway several times and go onto the shoulder. He stopped it at BB&T Bank along Grove Street and iden-

tified Powers as the driver.

Powers reportedly had a strong odor of alcohol coming from his breath and stated he'd had half a beer to drink. After stepping out of his vehicle to perform sobriety tasks, Powers was very unsteady on his feet and couldn't follow directions during the tasks, which he performed poorly on.

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Powers was read the implied consent and refused to submit to a chemical test. He was then charged with violation of implied consent.

The officer concluded his report by noting he searched the vehicle and found three open pint beer cans and one cold pint beer can in a brown

bag. He then charged Powers with violation of the open container law as well.

## Police Beat

Robin Webb, 39, of Vonore Road, Loudon, was charged with a criminal court capias for theft of property over \$60,000.

Sgt. Jeff Russell, LCSD made the arrest at the Monroe County Jail.

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## Union member responds

Dear Editor,

First I want to Thank You to our town for all their support. Your food, prayers, and kind words have been greatly appreciated these past 6 weeks, since we went on strike. Mr. Banks issued a paid advertisement trying to make the community think that the strikers at Maremont are a bunch of low life thugs. This could not be further from the truth. The people who were employed at Maremont until February 5, 2007, are a bunch of honest, hard working, Christian people from all over the area. Most of us are older citizens who have worked most of our lives in this factory. We have raised our children, by working long, hard hours in this

plant. Our children and other family members also worked at Maremont. Kenneth Banks doesn't even live in our community. If he really cared about our town and its people, we would be talking and not still on the street.

On March 5, 2006, Mr. Kenneth Banks purchased Maremont from Arvin Meritor. Since then, things have gone downhill. He fired people for taking a break. He laid off many good salary people and brought in new people for less wages. The plant has been in Loudon for 38 years and until Banks bought the plant, we have not had any problems.

On Feb. 5, 2007, the Union and Mr. Banks could not reach an agreement on a contract. The Union chose to accept his final offer

on insurance: which was to be \$292 for a family plan with no wage increase. In Dec. 2006, I was paying \$92 a month. He already raised insurance in Jan. 2007. He wanted to double dip in Feb. Besides the insurance issue, he insisted on hiring new employees @ \$9.25 with no automatic increases. But the issue that bothers me the most is that he didn't want to recall any of the 56 people that were laid off. We fought for those people. Now some of those same people are crossing our picket line and taking our jobs.

These people are accusing us of things that we have not done. My son, (Shawn Bivens), did not throw a rock. He wasn't even in the area. After he was accused, slandered and blasted over the paper and the news, he was

found NOT Guilty. Mr. Banks still seems to be accusing him. The house fire was not ruled arson. Why would we set anyone's house on fire? Especially a salary person, they aren't taking our jobs. How do you know that one of the scabs; inside the plant, didn't call a bomb threat in? Sixty hours a week will soon wear you down. If they have proof of any of the claims, why are they not pressing charges? I am not in favor of violence, but I do know how it feels to watch 200 people cross the picket line and take our jobs.

Over 200 of us are on the street with no income or insurance. What are we expected to do? Should we smile, wave, and thank the scabs for taking our jobs? Should we thank Purdy Trucking Company for not supporting us? We only want Mr.

Banks to help pay for our insurance. We offered to extend the old contract to another year so the plant could get on its feet, but Banks chose not to accept it. He is trying to break the union. He has no intention of bargaining in good faith with the union. He needs to realize that his best people and lots of experience are on the street.

Everything that happens in East Tennessee is not committed by the Union.

Mr. Banks, his guards and high priced lawyers are trying to make us look like Terrorists! He could have paid our insurance IN FULL with the money he has spent on pay for the guards that he has hired to watch us, and the million bucks he has contributed to the Quarter Horse Foundation.

Janie Bivens, Loudon  
Member Local IAM 2545

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## Union responds to ad

The International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Local 2545 believes in and encourages our members to abide by the local, state, and federal laws.

The accusations of drive-by shootings, vandalism of vehicles, homes and the electrical transformer have not been proven in a court of law as being committed by a member of the Machinists Union. The case heard by Chancellor Frank Williams III, involved a female Maremont employee accusing

a union member of throwing a rock at her car. Chancellor Williams dismissed the charges against the union member due to lack of evidence. Let's not forget to mention that no evidence of arson has been found in relation to the house fire of a salaried employee.

In the March 12th issue of the Daily Edition {eds. note: a paid advertisement from an advertising agency out of Nashville for the Maremont Corporation ran} in that ad, Mr. Banks is quoted as saying "Maremont offers a better hourly wage than most Ten-

nessee jobs...and we offer good benefits, including our latest offer of 78% premium coverage for health benefits and a 401k retirement plan." There were several things he failed to mention in his paid advertisement. Mr. Banks wants to significantly cut wages, shift the cost of health care benefits so the hourly employees will pay a larger percentage of insurance premiums, plus he wants to reduce seniority retention for those employees that have or will be laid off from Maremont. Our wages & benefits are less than many other manufacturers in the

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area, such as Viscase, Staley's, Kimberly Clark and Denso.

The members of local 2545 are law-abiding, hard working people who only seek to earn a living wage, have affordable health care and benefits that are comparable to other local employers. Our wages benefit not only our immediate family, but our community, state and country in the form of taxes and as consumers of goods and services provided by businesses. In seeking to cut employees take home pay, Mr. Banks seeks to reduce the amount

of expendable income of his employees and thereby adversely affects the "bottom line" of area businesses. He also seeks to set a precedent for other companies to follow in lowering wages and benefits.

Mr. Banks says, "we have lost money every month since we bought the plant last March, and had hoped to turn the corner soon. But we need a good safe work environment for our workers and community support for public safety in order to remain a business resource in Loudon." One wonders how you can improve safety and produce a quality product by hiring inexperienced people to replace the seasoned hourly workers who make up the majority of Local 2545.

Mr. Banks, do you really think that the offer you are making to the union is going to support the community as a whole? When wages or benefits are cut, there is less money supporting the community. It is in the best interest of Loudon County that you negotiate in good faith with the union to provide a contract that is fair & profitable for the community.

Dale Smullen  
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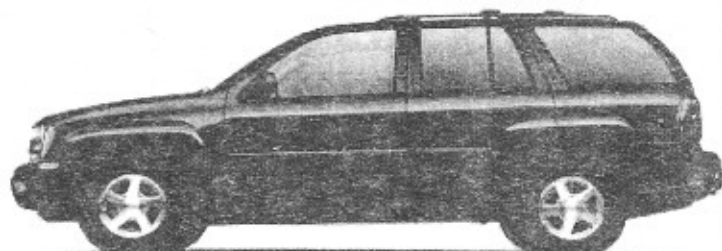
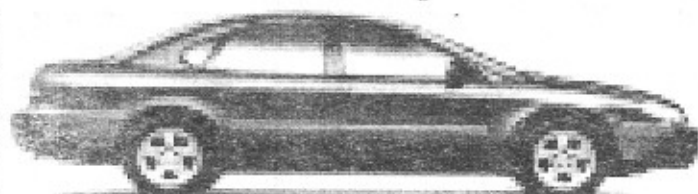
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