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Thursday, March 22, 2007

# Maremont strike violence escalates

began at Maremont Corp. continues to escalate. Two employees of Maremont have recently reported shots being fired at their homes. Both men are relatives of Loudon County Deputy Jerry Rabern and one incident happened at the deputies home just a few feet from his Loudon County patrol car.

On Sunday night the home of Glenn Johnson who is the brother in law of Deputy Jerry Rabern was shot into. According to the report, Deputy Chris Jenkins spoke to Mr. Johnson and other relatives in the residence that around

Violence since the strike 10pm they heard the glass break in the living room. The victim also reported when hearing the breakage he thought he was a flash outside the residence. Also on arrival the officer observed a break in the living room window to what appeared to be done by a gunshot. The gunshot went through a double pained window and the bullet was found behind the sofa under the window. Also there have been several incidents at the residence involving a gunshot into a truck. Also on leaving the driveway there were several bent nails in the driveway.

(see Violence pg. 4)

# LCPD checkpoint

On March 17, 2007, the Adesa Boulevard in Lenoir

Lenoir City Police Depart- City. Officers checked all ment conducted a three 353 vehicles that passed hour Sobriety Checkpoint on through the checkpoint.

(see Checkpoint pg. 3)

# Puppy injured with buckshot

A Loudon County couple called police Monday when they found their nine months old puppy had been injured

with buckshot.

According to records, Deputy Steve Helm, LCSD, was dispatched to the (see Puppy pg. 3)

#### Verse of the day

Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift is like clouds and wind without rain. Proverbs 25:14

#### Obituaries

Katherine McKee Franklin Clara Irene Jenkins Logan Mary Harold

#### Weather:

Today: Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. Warm. High 77F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy skies during the evening will give way to cloudy skies overnight. Low 57F.

Motorist doesn't stop after mishap (see Mishap pg. 6)

40.00

Traffic lines up into the distance along I-75 southbound Wednesday morning as a wrecker driver surveys the scene and the vehicle owner stands by

# Elderly woman's savings wiped out by daughter

Authorities were called from an elderly woman. to a Greenback residence Friday to investigate the larceny of over \$60,000 filched

According to records, Deputy Deland was dispatched to a Mears Way residence

(see Savings pg. 4)

# Drive-by shooting in Philadelphia

Authorities were sum- reported drive-by shooting. moned to a Philadelphia

Deputy Deland, LCSD location Saturday after a reported he and Deputy

(see Drive-by pg. 6)

## Residence burglarized

A Sweetwater woman called police Friday when she discovered someone had broken into her home and stolen jewelry and mon-

(see Residence pg. 4)

Friday: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.

#### Wazzup

Thanks Gary at The Station for letting JB and friends come and hang out.

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#### Horoscopes: Aries

(Mar 21-Apr 20)

All of the trivial stuff goes away today, leaving you with (see Horoscopes pg. 2)

#### Horoscopes

the space and energy to focus on what's truly important. Here are questions to think about: Are you doing work you're proud of? How often do you help other people?

#### Taurus

(Apr 21-May 20)

You're feeling sexy, confident and in control. It's no wonder that things in work and love are going your way. Revel in this feeling and spread the joy. You're at the top of the heap now, which is just where you belong.

#### Gemini

(May 21-June 21)

Remind yourself now far you've come. That should help you overcome some mental obstacles so you're able to move forward. Be alert -- your mind, body and soul need to be totally engaged in this task.

# Cancer

(Jun 22-Jul 22)

Common wisdom has it all wrong. Familiarity doesn't breed contempt; if anything, it develops affection. Go about your ordinary routine with an extra sense of delight. Everyday company can become extraordinary.

#### Leo

(Jul 23-Aug 23)

Let your true self shine. Sometimes you feel you have to apologize because you've had so many gifts and blessings in your life, but keeping your light under a bushel doesn't help anyone, least of all yourself.

#### Virgo

(Aug 24-Sep 23)

Some people look at the big picture and immediately think a situation's hopeless. You, instead, realize what the end game is, figure out what's needed to get there and tackle issues one by one.

#### Libra

(Sept 24-Oct 23)

Peace and quiet are high on your musthave list, especially when you consider the recent compromises and sacrifices you've made. Declare your independence from the self-absorbed and the selfish.

# Scorpio (Oct 24-Nov 22)

This is a vibrant period for you: Your energy is solid, grounded and sensual all at the same time. The more activities you participate in, the more you shine. Just make sure the good times don't interfere with your job.

## Sagittarius

(Nov 23-Dec 21)

Your head is jampacked with big, fancy ideas, but make yourself look at the finer details as well as the attention-getting big picture. It's important to follow up on all your commitments, large and small.

#### Capricorn

(Dec 22-Jan 20)

Repressing your emotions won't be helpful in the end. In fact, holding things in will eventually just make you feel like blowing your top. It's your responsibility to express any dissatisfaction you have with a situation.

#### Aquarius

(Jan 21-Feb 19)

Journeys of selfdiscovery will boost your prospects at home and on the job. Put smaller concerns on the back burner and focus on the big issues. It's time to work out your inner state before you proceed.

#### Pisces

(Feb 20-Mar 20)

Romance goes right off the charts when you really give it your best shot. If you're attached, make sure you set aside time for each other -- no interruptions. If you're single, get out there and mingle up a storm.

#### Word of Faith Church, 805 Mulberry St., Loudon, will preach in the roof on Easter Sunday, April 8, at 2:30 p.m. if 50 people are in attendance. We hope to see you & yours! Bishop J. Drinnen. Pastor

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#### Puppy

Corinth Church Road home of Cathy and Billy Proaps where the couple advised they found their Boxer puppy with injuries believed to be buckshot wounds on Sunday and upon finding the dog alive Mrs. Proaps took it to a vet for treatment of the wounds.

Records indicate x-rays and treatment by the vet determined the wounds were caused by buckshot. The officer reported

a prior call about the incident had been received Sunday.

The couple reportedly faces a cost estimated at about \$800 in connection with the wounding.

## Checkpoint

During this check-

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point nine citations were issued including one for open alcohol in a motor vehicle. Officers also worked six hours of saturation enforcement over the 3/16-3/17 weekend and issued seven citations for various offenses.

#### Police Beat

David Lee Coleman. 43. of Calloway Circle, Lenoir City was charged with driving on suspended.

According to the report, Deputy Michael Watkins, LCSD observed a black vehicle with Coleman driving and had prior knowedge his license was suspended. He stopped Coleman and a check confirmed Coleman had a suspended license. Deputy Watkins made the arrest

Ramon Rodriges Flores, 30, of Mashburn Road. Sweetwater, was charged with driving on suspended, viol. of insurance law, and open container.

According to the report, Officer Bobby Lankford, LPD stopped a vehicle for suspicioun of DUI. Flores was the driver and was found to have a suspended license for failure to satisfy citation.

Flores had no proof of insurance had an open container in the vehicle. Officer Lankford made the arrest.



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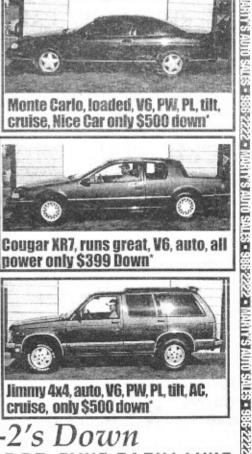
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#### Residence

According to reports, Sharon Barrone, Flatwoods Road, advised someone entered he home and stole several pieces of jewelry and two boxes of change.

Deputy Crag Brewer, LCSD, responded to the call and reported entry had been made through a bedroom window. He left a lost listing form with Barrone so she and her husband could go through the house to determine what else may be missing.

The value of the loss was unknown at the time of the report.

#### Violence

On Monday morning the son of Deputy Rabern, Jefrrey discovered his vehicle shot into. The rear window

was out of his 1999 Dodge truck at it was parked in the driveway. Only 2 vehicles over was Deputy Rabern's cruiser. Deputy Jake Keener, LCSD reported the window was struck by a small caliber round that entered the cab of the truck but did not exit. The officer was unable to locate the round or a shell casing from the incident. Deputy Rabern reported he heard a motorcycle about 11pm the night before and believes that is when the incident occurred. The estimated damage is over \$400.

Investigators report they believe the incidents are related due to the fact both men are working at the Maremont plant and believe these incidents are related

(see Violence cont. pg. 7)

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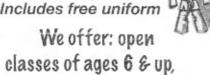
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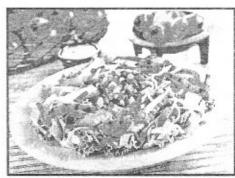
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Katherine McKee Franklin, age 69 of Lenoir City, passed away Sunday, March 18, 2007 at Baptist West Hospital. Katherine was of the Baptist faith. She was preceded in death by parents, James and Mabel McKee and brother, John McKee. Katherine is survived by her husband of 50 vears, Jesse P. Franklin; daughter, Linda Shoffner and husband, Alex of Lenoir City; sons, James Wayne Franklin and wife, Debra of Strawberry Plains. Charles Lee Franklin of Lenoir City; grandchildren, Dewayne John Paul Franklin and Barah Olivia Franklin; great grandchildren. Jaden Lennox and Jacob Franklin; brothers, Junior McKee of Lenoir City, Jack McKee of Deer Lodge, Steve McKee of Lenoir City and Frank McKee of Loudon; several nieces and nephews. The fam-:Iv will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home with furieral services to follow at 7 p.m. with Rev. C. J. Spears and Rev. Charlie Garner Brown officiating. Family and friends will gather at the funeral home by 9:30 a.m. Thursday and proceed to Loudon County Memorial Gardens for a 10 a.m. graveside service. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

Clara Irene Jenkins Logan, was born December 28, 1907 in Loudon County, Tennessee to the late Harrison and Martha Marshail Jenkins. She departed this life early Sunday morning, March

at Summit View Nursing Home. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers. Wiley and Andrew Jenkins; sisters, Isabelle J. Ward, Martha Marie J. Hackler, and Lucy Louise J. Billingsley. She leaves to cherish her memory her loving son, William (Billy) Logan of Georgia, special nieces, Vivian Hardin, Clara (Mickey) Amos and Shirley Fletcher; seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and a host of other family and friends. A special thank you to the family of Hazel Lovelace for their continued support after the death of their beloved mother and also the staff of Summit View Nursing Home for the care and compassion extended to Clara and her family. The family will receive friends Thursday, March 22, 5-7 p.m. at Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City.

Mary Harold, age 64 of Lenoir City passed away Monday, March 19, 2007 at the Sweetwater Hospital. Mary was a member of Signed, Sealed and Delivered Outreach Ministry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Vaughn Harold; father, John H. Bowers; mother, Irene Davis Bowers and sister, Dorothy Peeler.

Mary is survived by her children, Donald William Harold and wife Lisa, Mary Jane (Janie) Pettiford and husband Glenn, David J. Harold and wife Tracy, Joyce A. Smith and husband Jeff, Billy Wayne (Bill) Harold and wife Linda. Steve Harold and wife. Farah; 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews including Dickie, Gary, Doug and Keith Harold, Teresa Newburn, Tony Maze, Tanya Lovett, Junior Stephens, Tammy Stevens. Lea Stevens and Lou Stevens; special friends, Janet McMahan, Larry and Helen Aikens, many other church family and friends, including: Connie and James Snowden, Stephanie and Rick Sutton, John Todd. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday in the Click Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. C. J. Spears officiating. Interment will follow in the Lakeview Cemetery. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is serving the family of Mary Harold.

Mishap

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Ms. Goff reported she then swerved to avoid the same vehicle and struck a Jeep, sending her vehicle out of control and into the median of I-75.

No injuries were reported at the time of the accident and the vehicle driven by Ms. Goff was towed out of the median by Moneymaker's Wrecker Service.

According to witnesses, the vehicle that reportedly sparked the accident proceeded without stopping.

THP is investigatna.

Drive-by

Rick Wiggins were dispatched to Spring Street on a shooting call and spoke with several witnesses while officers patrolled the area in search of possible suspects.

Cpl. Chad Estes, LCSD, located ten gun casings at one residence and two possible bullet holes next to the front door of another home.

No suspects were located; however, some suspect information was given to police by witnesses.

No injuries were reported in the incident.

#### Savings

where he spoke with a seventy-seven year old woman who said she had a checking account in her and her daughter's names and she discovered her daughter had taken \$66,250 from it.

The woman reported the money was taken during the months of November and December 2006, and she did not give her daughter consent to take it.

The "daughter" was identified to police.

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#### Violence cont.

to other acts of vandalism against Maremont employees.

On Monday afternoon three Local IAM 2545 members on the picket line in front of the plant reported a Loudon County Sheriff's Deputy had threatened them. In statements from Joe Finger, Elmer Collier and Jerry Smith they reported Deputy Jerry Rabern came up in his patrol car and the first thing he said was "I hope you never get your jobs back. He said someone shot into his house and they told him they knew nothing about the incidents. The statements also state "He (Rabern) said if any union member came to his house

shooting again they would be shot."

In a statement from Deputy Jerry Rabern on the incident, "I, Jerry Rabern, did drive my Sheriff's cruiser to the justice center and pick up two reports to take to the Maremont plant in Loudon for my son Jeffrey and my brother in law Glen Johnson Jr.: both had shots fired into their home or vehicle. I picked up the reports and took them to the main gate. While at the Maremont plant the guard asked if I could get a tag number off a bus parked in the field near the plant. I did drive to the bus and wrote down the tag number and took it back to the guard. As I was driving back in one of the picketers called to me that

my son should not be crossing picket lines and I responded with I don't care if you ever get your jobs back. As I was leaving the picketer came to my car and said that what said was uncalled for being that I didn't know him. I told him he was correct and that I was just mad over what had happened and I told him and the other two men that I apologize for what I had said. I told them that someone had shot into my son's truck and into my brother in laws home. They told me they hadn't done the shooting and I told them I wasn't blaming them but if I had been outside when the shooter had come by I would have shot them and if any-

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one comes back to do more damage I will not hesitate to shoot anyone attempting to shoot at my family or property. The men all agreed that the shooting was uncalled for. I told them again that I apologize for what I had said and told them I hoped everything could be worked out for them. At that time I left the area and returned home."

Sheriff Tim Guider stated "in all three statements and the report it stated that if someone came back on Officer Rabern's property he would shoot or shoot back. The rumors of him threatening to shoot anybody and everybody are unfounded.

In the officers statement he said he would defend his family and property from any future incident, which any person would do. I must take into consideration that these incidents occurred and his comments obviously were triggered by threats to his family and property and that while it is admitted officer Rabern's comments were not well taken even the most prudent person can understand his frustrations"

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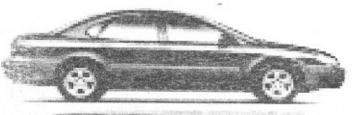
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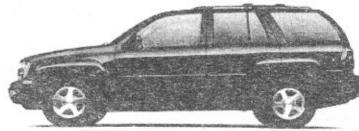
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