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CSX work to close railroad crossings in Floyd, Pike

Beginning Monday, crews from CSX will begin surfacing the tracks between Broadbottom in Pike County and Route 1426 at Allen in Floyd County. This means that the public and private crossings in the area could be blocked for a day at a time.

According to John Fortune, Roadmaster at Shelby, the work will begin at Bridge Street, Broadbottom, and will continue through to Route 1426 at Allen.

Work is tentatively scheduled from July 17, 18, 19 and 20, and again on July 24, 25, 26 and 27. Crews will work from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m.

The crossings in the area, starting at Broadbottom, include Bridge Street, private roads at mile points 96.55 and 96.47, Hurricane Road at Boldman, Old Harold Road, Cedar Hill Road at Harold, a private road at mile point 92.68 in Betsy Layne, Oil Well Hollow Road at Betsy Layne, a private road at mile point 90.36 at Betsy Layne, First Street at Betsy Layne/Tram, five private roads at Allen between mile points 89.50 and 86.21, and the crossing over Route 1426 at Allen. The crossing on Route 979 (Old Harold Road) will not be affected because that particular crossing was upgraded last year.

"We apologize in advance for the temporary inconvenience," Fortune said. "We want to get this work finished before school starts so that parents and school bus drivers will not have to work around maintenance crews to get children to school and back home safely and in a timely manner."

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Drug dealer enters guilty plea

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The grandson of a convicted drug trafficker entered an open plea to charges in the same case Friday in circuit court and was ordered to serve five years in jail with an additional five years of probation.

Michael Whitaker, of Hueysville,

pleaded guilty to two counts of trafficking in hydrocodone and two charges of selling marijuana in cases that were brought by Operation UNITE and have already seen his grandmother, Dottie Neeley, 87, enter a guilty plea.

Neeley entered her plea on March 10 and had received media coverage that created sympathy for her and painted her as a woman on a fixed income who sold drugs in order to have

food. Those images were dismissed at her sentencing when Judge John D. Caudill labeled those reports as "a bunch of crap." He went on to note that Neeley never had a prescription for marijuana and said, "The public needs to know what kind of person you are. You're a convicted felon."

Whitaker's public defender appeared to be on the same page as Caudill was in March and said her

client was brought up around a family that sold drugs. She followed by adding that Whitaker had never been convicted of a violent crime. She observed that he was a bystander and that he was young with a 3-year-old daughter and other commitments. She also cited health problems which include arthritis in both of Whitaker's

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SAFETY LESSON



photo by Kathy J. Prater

Children visiting Jenny Wiley State Park Friday morning were given the opportunity to learn a little bit about gun safety, via the use of Daisy BB guns. Pictured here, Zack Moore, center, recreation leader, gives a few tips to a youngster from Grayson County who visited the park last week with his family. The young shooters, after receiving instruction and while being closely supervised, got to shoot a few rounds at targets set up against the hillside behind Jenny Wiley's Pro Shop. Park naturalist Trinity Shepherd reports that lots of fun activities are going on each week throughout the summer at the park for both visitors and local residents. Coming up on Saturday, July 22, a cook-out, Hawaiian luau style, will be taking place at the Lake Pool. Hamburgers, hot dogs, prizes and more will be available for all from 12 to 2 p.m., covered by the price of admission only.

Woman charged with taking gift cards

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Floyd County woman was indicted by a federal grand jury last week on charges of fraudulently obtaining and subsequently selling gift card account numbers from the Barnes and Noble bookstore chain.

Michelle Leigh Fowler is scheduled for arraignment at U.S. District Court in Ashland on August 3 to face the charges which each carry a penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

The indictment alleges that Fowler obtained the gift card numbers with the intent to defraud Barnes and Noble and that the crime became a federal

offense when she allegedly used the cards to order products from out of state. She is also accused of selling the account numbers to other parties who may have been from out-of-state areas.

Fowler could also face up to \$250,000 in fines, a mandatory assessment charge of \$100 per felony count and restitution to the book-selling giant if convicted.

3 sentenced for fleeing from police

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Three county men involved in separate incidents of fleeing police were sentenced Friday in circuit court.

Donnie Robinette, Daniel R. Harvill and Gary Layne Hale were sentenced to a total of nine years on Friday, with Hale getting the most time.

Hale was sentenced first and received four years and an admonishment from Judge John D. Caudill, who also implored him to stop drinking and driving.

"This is not my first visit from Mr. Hale," Caudill noted. "We have got to do something before you go out and kill someone."

Caudill told Hale, "When you get out, don't drive."

Hale's Dec. 3 chase ended in the Arkansas Creek area when he stopped his vehicle and took off on foot. He left a juvenile in the car who began to run as well but stopped when the officer called out. He remained at large until New Year's Eve, when officers went

to where he was staying to serve his arrest warrant. Hale jumped out of a back window and was taken down in a foot chase with officers.

Harvill, 20, of Hueysville, was arrested in Garrett in February after speeding through a traffic check point where he almost clipped a trooper who was talking to the driver of a stopped vehicle. His chase stopped when Harvill decided to pull over after several miles when he couldn't lose the officer chasing him.

Caudill told Harvill that he would have to serve six months before starting probation and applauded him for recently taking his GED test while in jail. Caudill told Harvill that statistics show that people who complete the program tend not to come back to court and wished him luck.

Robinette was sentenced last and received two years, which will be probated for three years.

Robinette, 29, of Betsy Layne, was arrested in Tram last December after fleeing state trooper Austin Hicks, who had

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First class graduates from coal training program

Special to The Times

HAGER HILL — The first cohort from the Coal Careers Program at Big Sandy Community and Technical College, part of the Kentucky Coal Academy, graduated with honors on Thursday, at the school's Hager Hill campus.

Seven young men were among the first class of this innovative new program designed to train and experience new miners to meet the needs of the coal industry today.

Representatives of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, Big Sandy Community and Technical College, East Kentucky Concentrated Employment Program, Booth Energy and Excel Mining joined a crowd of instructors, political leaders and well wishers to congratulate the first cohort to complete the rigorous training program set forth by the Kentucky Coal Academy.

This group began training in October 2005 with their first eight weeks in the classroom. They rotated in the classroom and in the coal mine throughout their training, working as co-op students, while being paid a training wage by the mining companies.

Dean Baldwin, Barry Bowens, Greg Hess, Jacob Price, Chris Stambaugh, John Thompson and Chris Wright all received job offers from the sponsoring coal companies, Booth Energy and Excel Mining. Dennis Hatfield from Booth Energy and Elmer Howard from Excel Mining both addressed the group and expressed their pleasure in working with the Coal Careers training program. Each of them have spent many hours working with this cohort and the cohorts that have followed them. Thanks to their efforts, the coal graduates go into the mines now

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The Kentucky Coal Academy at Big Sandy Community and Technical College has graduated its first class. Graduates include John Thompson, Jacob Price, Barry Bowens, Chris Stambaugh, Chris Wright, Greg Hess and Dean Baldwin.

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Wright Patterson Air Force Base operations security officer honored



Teresa Anderson, operations security officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, was recently honored with three most prestigious awards at the 88th Security Forces Squadron.

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Wright-Patterson Air Force Base is composed of a diverse workforce of military, civilian, contractor and foreign employees consisting of over 22,000 people, it is the largest product center in the Air Force Material Command and has an annual budget of 13 billion dollars.

Anderson has the sole responsibility of ensuring over 90 organizations develop and sustain an active Operations Security program.

Anderson was named the Top Level Air Force Operations Security Program Manager of the Year. She also was named first runner up in the Individual Achievement Operations Security Award of the Year nationally which was presented to her in Dallas Texas in May. Anderson was also presented the Air Force Civilian Achievement Medal for her operations security management work.

Anderson is the daughter of former Floyd County residents John and Florence Biliter Anderson, who now reside in Fairborn, Ohio, and have been married for 50 years. She is the granddaughter of Cea and John Biliter, of Martin, and Melvin and Mary Jane Anderson, of McDowell.

In her job, she oversees operations security for over 22,000 employees at Wright Patterson AFB. It is her responsibility to identify the bases critical information, analyze the threats, evaluate the vulnerabilities, conduct risk assessments and place appropriate countermeasures in place to protect the mission and personnel.

Her accomplishments included creating the first Operations Security Foreign National Vulnerability Assessment policy and process handbook. As an acknowledged subject matter expert Teresa identified a potential mission failure vulnerability with over 5,000 for-

national visitors having unlimited access to offices and areas at Wright-Patterson AFB. Realizing the immediate threat and need to strengthen Operations Security measures she established and installed the first ever OPSEC foreign national vulnerability assessment policy and process. She personally has trained the base populous on this process as well as reviewing each assessment to ensure areas where foreign national visitors are housed are free from critical information. By reviewing the environment and closely examining the areas approved for access with what is potentially available information to the foreign visitors and employees, Teresa's attention to detail eliminates potential mission failure vulnerabilities. This foreign national vulnerability process and handbook has been adopted at various military installations across the United States.

To ensure senior command personnel are actively involved in maintaining a solid security program within their command Teresa spearheaded, implemented and masterfully designed the first ever Operations Security event reporting handbook and process. This tool has identified and provided senior leadership with the ability to identify and stop OPSEC indicators and vulnerabilities from reoccurring within all areas of Wright-Patterson AFB. Once

an OPSEC event has occurred it is immediately reported to Ms. Anderson where she assesses the situation and assists the organizational command staff in applying appropriate countermeasures to ensure critical information and personnel are protected from adversarial exploitation.

An operational security expert, Anderson not only advises Wright Patterson Commanders, but also representatives from Hanscom AFB, Mass; Brooks AFB, Texas; Hickam AFB, Hawaii; Egling AFB, Fla; Kirtland AFB, NM; Hill AFB, Utah; Tyndall AFB, Fla; Edwards AFB, Calif; along with the Government Accounting Offices, The Pentagon and the Interagency Operations Security Support Staff in Maryland.

Under Anderson's direction she has solely trained over 1,000 deploying military members in Operations Security. This in depth training prepares deploying members of the current threats to the theater in which they are deploying as well as the threat and countermeasures they could do to ensure OPSEC was at the forefront here on the home front. She took this training one step further and provided security training to the family members of the deploying military members. By doing so she ensured all members were safe and the unit mission was protected. She has received accolades

from top generals as well as being named outstanding performer in the last Unit Compliance Inspection by the Inspector General.

Anderson has created and sustained an OPSEC awareness program that has been recognized as Quality Air Force Leadership in action across the United States. This program includes very creative and innovative tools. Her combination of electronic as well as standard methods to get the word out have greatly enhanced Operations Security awareness within the Air Force. Sustained awareness comes in the form of visually entertaining automated powerpoint slides, emails; a monthly newsletter; OPSEC advisories; OPSEC monthly recognition program; one-on-one sessions with management and personnel; newcomer's training; annual training and over fifty specialized OPSEC training sections located on the base intranet. She has also authored specific OPSEC case studies on 9-11 and Operation Red Dawn the capture of Saddam from an OPSEC perspective. She has also trained

on counterterrorism awareness and information assurance.

Anderson has also been contacted by theatre commanders and deployed troops in Iraq and Afghanistan for her assistance in helping to establish Operations Security programs and awareness for their personnel. She has supplied various OPSEC training and tools to them along with her knowledge and assistance in helping them meet their mission.

Anderson has been

employed at Wright Patterson AFB for 23 years. When asked why she feels this program is a necessity, she said, "I believe in this program, and I believe it saves lives. It allows us to ensure our troops are safe in the war and allows those of us at home to live in a safe and secure environment."

"I feel it is an honor and responsibility of each of us to do what we can to keep our military members safe and our mission a success." Anderson said.

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- 10:20-10:50 a.m.Hueysville Car Wash (Mouth of Salt Lick)
- 11:00-11:30 a.m.Old Hippo Post Office
- 11:45-12:45 p.m.Maytown Grade School
- 1:55-2:25 p.m.May Valley Elementary
- 2:35-3:05 p.m.Bill wood's Grocery (Allen)
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Guest view

Best to keep Stumbo off case

A judge has barred Attorney General Greg Stumbo from having any active part in the prosecution of charges against Gov. Ernie Fletcher, but he denied a request by the governor's legal team to disqualify other prosecutors from the attorney general's office from continuing their involvement in the case.

The decision removes a political lightning rod — Stumbo — from the case without barring those who have been most closely involved with a special grand jury's 14-month investigation of alleged violations of the state merit system law by members of the Fletcher administration. If Special Judge David Melcher had disqualified all those employed by the attorney general's office from active involvement in the prosecution of the misdemeanor charges against the governor, it would have effectively brought an end to the case. That's what the governor and his legal team were hoping for. Since its inception, they have done everything they could to short-circuit the probe.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Joseph Lambert appointed Melcher to the case in an order entered on Friday. Melcher is a family court judge who serves in Harrison, Nicholas, Pendleton and Robertson counties.

The judge's ruling "makes no difference in the prosecution of this case," said Vicki Glass, spokeswoman for the attorney general's office, and she is probably right. From the start, members of Stumbo's staff have been in charge of the day-to-day pursuit of this investigation. Even if Melcher had not disqualified Stumbo, one would assume members of his staff would have handled the prosecution of this case.

Fletcher has always tried to portray this investigation as being politically motivated by an ambitious attorney general. That being the case, it is best that Greg Stumbo is far away from the courtroom when the case finally is tried.

— The Daily Independent, Ashland



Rich Lowry Column

The wonder of voodoo economics

Who says you can't cut taxes, increase spending and reduce the federal budget deficit all at the same time? That's what the Bush administration has managed to do. Two decades after then-presidential candidate George H.W. Bush characterized Ronald Reagan's idea that tax cuts would spur revenue-generating economic growth as "voodoo economics," the witch doctor is again at work.

When President Bush pledged in 2004 to cut the deficit in half by 2009, critics guffawed. The Boston Globe headlined a story, "Bush's plan to halve federal deficit seen as unlikely; higher spending, lower taxes don't mix, analysts say." "Fanciful," "laughable" and "all spin," said the critics.

Well, it turns out that 2009 might be coming early this year. The 2004 deficit had been projected to hit \$521



billion, or 4.5 percent of gross domestic product. Bush's goal was to cut it to 2.25 percent of GDP by 2009 — not as stirring a national goal as putting a man on the moon, but one that was nonetheless pronounced unattainable. This year, the deficit could go as low as \$300 billion, right around the 2009 goal of 2.5 percent of GDP.

The key to the reduction is revenue growth, which has been stoked by economic growth. Government revenues are up 12.9 percent in the first eight months of this year over the same eight-month period last year — without any tax increases. When individuals, investors and corporations have more cash in a growing economy, they send more to the federal government in tax payments.

A couple of rounds of Bush tax cuts also played some role in the economic expansion and therefore are responsible, partly, for the increased revenues. This doesn't mean that tax cuts "pay for themselves," as their most fervent advocates say. But they certainly can offset some of their own cost.

According to Brian Riedl of the Heritage Foundation, if annual spending increases in the Bush years

had been limited to the rate of the Clinton years, roughly 3.3 percent there would be a federal surplus now. Instead, spending has been growing at 8 percent a year. That demonstrates that the formula for deficit reduction from the 1990s — moderate-spending restraint coupled with higher-than-expected growth-generated revenues — would work again today, only someone could manage that moderate-spending restraint.

Another similarity from the 1990s is that the revenue surge is driven by high-end earners and corporations. Liberals always rue it when the rich get richer, but when they don't, the federal fisc tends to be ruined because they are the ones who pay most of the taxes. Almost 47 percent of income taxes are paid by those making more than \$200,000 a year and they are thriving again after taking a bath early in the decade. A chunk of the current revenue surge, also from corporate income tax which are up 30 percent over last year.

There are limits to voodoo. Today's fiscal improvements will be overwhelmed by the exploding costs of entitlements just over the horizon. In light of that, we should be maintaining a high-growth, low-tax economy to reap all the benefits of growth, but dutifully restraining entitlements. That's not sorcery, but just good sense.

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Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

beyond the beltway

Global warming is here to stay

by DONALD KAUL

I think I've found out what's wrong with the United States. It's got a bad attitude. It's an attitude exemplified by Rex Tillerson, the chief executive of ExxonMobil, the company that earned \$36 billion — a U.S. record for profit — last year.

Asked by shareholders at the company's annual meeting why Exxon wasn't investing some of that profit in finding alternative energy sources so that the company could be part of the solution to global warming rather than a contributor, he said that such investment wasn't worth the effort. The mix of energy sources that exists today, he said, would be the mix that exists 20 years from now, regardless of research. "I'm looking at the world 15 to 20 years out," he said. "That's where I'm living."

And that's the trouble; 20 years is what passes for long-range thinking in these United States. (And in Congress — which, according to rumor, is our governing body — long-range means until the next election and not a day longer.)

I suppose anything that Tillerson says on global warming should be taken with a tankerful of salt. Exxon is one of the global warming deniers and it funds "research" that casts doubt on the phenomenon. His position is that there is no global warming and we can't do anything about it anyway. The first part of that statement is cynically wrong-headed but he just might be right about the sec-

ond part. I'm not sure we can do anything about anything anymore.

Consider the evidence:

■ The dirtiest internal combustion engines on the planet, give or take a cylinder, belong to lawn mowers. Yes, lawnmowers. Gallon for gallon they spew out 93 times the smog-forming emissions of cars. Two percent of the aggregate smog-forming pollution that hovers over California much of the year, for example, is attributable to mowers.

Regulators say there's a fix for this — \$25 catalytic converters that would cut daily emissions in California alone by 22 tons, as much as 800,000 cars would produce. But can we make manufacturers install them? No. Efforts to do so have been blocked by powerful senators with lawn mower factories in their states.

Now I ask you, if you can't stand up to the lawn mower lobby in the fight to save the planet, what chance do you have with global warming?

■ President Bush, in his State of the Union speech, said that we were "addicted to oil" and suggested that we wean ourselves from that dependence. The sound you heard in Congress was of one hand clapping.

Saudi Arabia, our chief oil supplier, took exception to the statement. Its ambassador indignantly asked our State Department for a clarification. How dare the president of the United States yearn for energy independence? (The speech was an empty gesture, of course — the president has no intention of doing anything to

conserve energy or anything else — but even that was too much for the oil lobby.)

■ This year, the Department of Homeland Security in giving out anti-terrorism grant cut New York at Washington 40 percent while bumping up the money for terrorist magnets like Charlotte, Omaha, Milwaukee and Tampa, all because the politicians demanded their turn at the public trough.

Not even on matters of national survival can we work in the nation interest.

What we get instead are debates about amending the Constitution — order to ban gay marriage or fighting burning or some such — sham fights designed to distract the electorate from the fact that Congress has faced up to any of the real problems we have.

By the way, so long as Rex Tillerson is operating on a 20-year timeframe, he should look back 20 years. It's been almost that since the Exxon Valdez broke up off the coast of Alaska sending 11 million gallons of crude oil into Prince William Sound, contaminating about 90 miles of shoreline, contamination that in many places still exists.

And we can't do anything about that, either.

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**This Town,
That World**

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request.

Hot as it is, I can't seem to raise a temperature about any of these Presidential candidates. Come November, though, and some frosty mornings, and a full load of fuel added to the political fires, and I'll probably be under a full head of steam.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Times doesn't hand out compliments, like passing the cream or sugar. But it does congratulate the people of Maytown (Langley) for planning and working so hard for the Homecoming they're going to enjoy, this week-end.

Going home, meeting again the old "boys" and "girls," reminiscing, leaving business and most of the cares behind for a few hours—this is what a troubled world needs more of, these days.

REUNION POSTPONED

Some months back, an old schoolmate whom I haven't seen in 45 years, suggested we meet with another friend, just for old time's sake, and I was all for it, for a while. Then the thought occurred that you can't go back. I wondered if this gay, young blade that I once knew had become paunchy, lost his hair—and teeth—and most of his eyesight. Decided I couldn't stand another like that.

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Bee Hays and I have been fishing. Caught fish, too. So there's nothing worth noting here, if I had got skunked, or had fallen in the blamed lake, or got lost, then this column wouldn't be so hard to fill.

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Why jokes about drunks are told, and enjoyed, I don't know. Drunks are the most unfunny people I have had the misfortune to encounter. But here's one:

This fellow was wading the alcoholic fog on his way home, late of an evening, and through a deserted street. He was thinking along with one foot on the sidewalk, the other down in the street.

"Hey! Why don't you get that other foot up on the walk?" a passer-by yelled.

"Much 'bilged," muttered the drunk. "Shay, you're a good fren"—I thought for a minute there, that I was crippled."

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Annalyse McCoy and Wes Nelson perform in Jenny Wiley Theatre's 2005 mid-season event, "Isn't It Romantic." Tickets are still available for the 2006 production of HOT 'N COLE-A Cole Porter Celebration on Saturday, July 29. For tickets call 1-877-CALL-JWT or go online at www.jwtheatre.com.

HOT 'N COLE

A Cole Porter Celebration

Want a mid-summer break from the heat with some cool sounds? HOT 'N COLE - A Cole Porter Celebration is your answer.

This special event scheduled for Saturday, July 29, will spotlight the classic music of Cole Porter, widely considered the greatest American songwriter of the 20th Century. You can make it an extra-special evening by combining the show with a wine and cheese reception, seated dinner, and a chance to bid on a Red-Hot Travel Package for two in a live auction.

More than 50 of the wittiest, funniest and most romantic songs ever written will be woven into an evening of entertainment that is unmatched. Six fantastically voiced troupers—three men and three women—will sing and cavort through familiar numbers from such well-known shows as Anything Goes,

Can-Can, DuBarry Was a Lady, The New Yorkers, Gay Divorcee, Kiss Me Kate, Silk Stockings and more. Two well know regional performers, Misty Daniels and Kory Caudill, will join the company that evening. Daniels will be one of the featured vocalists, and Caudill will be one of two featured pianists with the band.

Begin the evening with the wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m., choose blackened chicken or steak with wine for dinner at 7:15 (catered by 4 Guys and a Grill), then sit back and enjoy the wonderful music of Cole Porter when the show starts at 8:15.

Pick your option: Reception, Dinner and Show -Table of four (\$240), six (\$360), eight (\$480); Reception and show - \$40; Show only - Adult 21-54 (\$21), Senior 55+ (\$19), Youth under 21 (\$13).

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Special thanks to Butch Bradley for sponsoring the production and Kinzer Drilling Company for sponsoring the reception.

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**MOVIES FROM
THE BLACK LAGOON**

'Count Yorga'

by TOM DOTY
STAFF WRITER

A Bulgarian vampire puts the bite on some "way out" Californians in this pair of thrillers from the 1970s, which feature stilted dialogue, awful clothing and a surprisingly acute sense of menace.

The first film begins with a pack of groovy intellectuals gearing up for a seance that is being orchestrated by the newest addition to their new age think tank, Count Yorga. After the ritual, the count bumps a ride home with one pair and soon puts them under the fang.

Meanwhile the couples' buddies begin to suspect that Yorga may be a vampire and decide to scope out his house. Here the film kicks into gear and events move rapidly as the hippies figure out that they were right but that knowledge is little comfort as the dapper count turns out to be a ruthless adversary. Their plan to expose him turns out to be somewhat lame and involves dropping in on him unannounced and trying to keep him up till dawn. Suffice to say they are in for a very long night.

The vampire attack sequences are well executed here. Director Bob Kellijan employs old tricks to great effect, such as moody locations, slow motion photography and inspired music.

He also gets sturdy work from his cast which is anchored by Robert Quarry as Yorga. Quarry's Yorga is old-fashioned in temperament but dresses in red velvet smoking jackets and plays a mean piano. In fact, the characterization seems modeled on a strange cross between Liberace and Hugh Hefner, with the Playboy mogul being the inspiration for the Count's vampire harem of underdressed lovelies.

The cast also includes Roger Perry as an intense doctor who chain-smokes and hands out sedatives like they were party favors. You also get the requisite hulking henchman. Here he's called Brudah and he's one tough hombre, if somewhat cosmetically challenged. One actor finds out the hard way that Brudah is not to be trifled with and winds up being on the wrong end of Brudah's favorite wrestling hold, "the back breaker."

The success of Yorga took every one involved by surprise. The hastily put together sequel is more of a remake that was rushed into theaters and actually plays better than the original, but audiences had to suspend disbelief a tad as most of the characters returned despite being killed in the original. The most stunning return is Perry, who flat out died in the first one. The filmmakers throw a beard on him and he is once again cast as the hero. Quarry returns as Yorga, the fashion sensitive vampire, who this time sets his sights on a comely orphanage attendant. He opts to take her hostage while he mulls whether

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Tom Doty
Staff Writer

Guided tour

by NATHAN S. WOODS
"CHICKEN SOUP FOR THE OCEAN
LOVER'S SOUL"

One humid day in May while walking through the New Orleans Aquarium where I worked, I heard a voice say in a heavy accent: "Excuse me, sir. Can you direct me to the penguins?" I turned and found a young man in his mid-20s accompanied by a woman in her mid-40s and an elderly woman who stood quietly behind him. The young man had a warm

demeanor and stated that he had just moved to the states from South Africa. I learned that our aquarium was one of his favorites, and he had come to show his mother and grandmother our exhibits.

As it happened, my duties as an educator at the aquarium included narrating the feedings of our penguins, so I happily offered to direct them to that exhibit. As we strolled through the building, I was impressed by their knowledge of ocean life. They seemed to know a great deal

about many of the creatures that were housed at the aquarium. When we reached the penguin exhibit, he was pleased to see an African black-footed penguin, which was indigenous to the Cape of Good Hope, near where he grew up.

We talked about the penguins for more than an hour. The young man and his mother were very enthusiastic. The grandmother, on the other hand, remained silent no matter how much I tried to include her in our discussions. The young man noticed this too, because he leaned in close to me and said: "Excuse my grandmother. She is a South African woman and from a very different time when our people did not fraternize with yours." I told him that I understood why she

was being that way. I remained upbeat, but I could not help but feel shaken by his admission. As a black man, I had experienced prejudice before, and it did not sting any less in this instance.

We continued to discuss the penguins, and before I knew it I had completed a full-fledged guided tour. When we reached the lobby, they thanked me vigorously, and I bid their family farewell. On the way out the door, I looked toward the grandmother one last time. She never made eye contact,

nor did she allow me to do so with her.



About two months later, I came to work and found a letter in my mailbox. The letter had no name or return address. It was postmarked from South Africa and read: "Thank you for your kind tour. You are very knowledgeable, well-spoken, charming and a wonderful host. I grew up with a number of opinions on black Africans

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TV Listings

SUNDAY MORNING/AFTERNOON TVData JULY 16, 2006. Grid of TV listings from 9:00 to 4:30 AM on various channels including TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, and TMC.

Best Bets

SUNDAY JULY 16, 2006 2 p.m. TNT NASCAR Racing Tony Stewart would like to do more climbing, literally and figuratively. He had only one win after 15 races this season, at Martinsville in April, after which he made his now-customary post-victory fence climb, but plenty of top fives had him within striking distance of points leader Jimmie Johnson. Today, Stewart is in Loudon, N.H., to defend his title in the New England 300, part of a stretch of races last year when No. 20 was virtually unbeatable.

9 p.m. DISCOVERY Global Warming: What You Need to Know, With Tom Brokaw There's a lot of fact and a lot of fiction surrounding global warming. But if anyone can sort it all out, it's veteran newsman Tom Brokaw. In this new two-hour special, he talks to scientists around the world about what's really happening with climate change and what it means for the future. Best of all, we learn how we as individuals are contributing to the problem and what we can do to change that.

9 p.m. ESPN 2006 ESPY Awards Lance Armstrong is no stranger to the ESPY Awards. He has a shelf full of them, including three best male athlete trophies. This year, though, he's hosting the show, which honors outstanding players and performances in a variety of sports. In what's sure to be an emotional moment, the Arthur Ashe Courage Award will be presented to a group of Afghan girls who are spreading the love of soccer in a land that had long banned women's sports.

SUNDAY EVENING TVData JULY 16, 2006. Grid of TV listings from 5:00 to 12:30 AM on various channels including TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, HBO3, MAX, DISN, SHOW, and TMC.

9 p.m. HBO Deadwood Hi there, son! When are you leaving? That's about the way Aunt Lou (Clea King) reacts to the arrival of her long-lost offspring in Deadwood. He had quite the long trip from Liberia, but she doesn't want him sticking around -- and she may be justified, as he's looking toward making a dangerous deal with Hearst (Gerald McRaney). So enjoy Omar Gooding's presence while you can. Also in Hearst's sights is a vulnerable Alma (Molly Parker).

10 p.m. LIFETIME Angela's Eyes Paging Johnny Smith from "The Dead Zone": Have we got a girl for you! The Angela in this new drama series is an FBI agent with the amazing ability to tell if someone is lying. It's great for solving crimes but as you might expect, hard on her love life. And it messed up her own life, when she realized her own parents were spies. The show's premise is a one-trick pony, but we have hope for it, thanks in part to soap vet Abigail Spencer in the lead.

MONDAY, JULY 17 8 p.m. TCM Movie: Peyton Place Talk about desperate housewives! Scandalous for its time but tame by today's standards, this 1957 adaptation of Grace Metalious' novel of small-town sexual intrigue spanned a TV series and laid the groundwork for future steamy prime-time soaps. And its very title has become shorthand for a relationships-in-turmoil scenario. The film was nominated for the best picture Oscar but lost to "The Bridge on the River Kwai."

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9 p.m. A&E Driving Force Do we get to call them drag queens? The latest entry in the oddball-family-business reality TV genre revolves around drag-racing legend John Force, who has brought three of his four daughters into the sport. It's Dad's attempt to bond with the girls whose growing-up milestones he missed because of his career. Personally, we'd rather have had him at our ballet recitals than have him send us out to get banged up on the drag strip, but that's just us.

10:30 p.m. AMC Movie: White Men Can't Jump Writer-director Ron Shelton ("Bull Durham," "Tin Cup") scored again at the box office with a sports-oriented comedy, thanks to this enjoyable 1992 tale of athletic hustlers. Woody Harrelson and Wesley Snipes, first united in "Wildcats" and who later reunited in "Money Train," play men who have different reasons for joining forces to scam unsuspecting victims on basketball courts. Rosie Perez costars.

TUESDAY, JULY 18 9 p.m. ABC The One: Making a Music Star "American Idol" is over, but if you're jonesing for more of the same and can't get into that "Rock Star" show, try this one. It's a little different from "Idol" -- no Simon Cowell, for one thing, and the setting is a music academy, so the contestants get

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TV Listings

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Continued from p7 lots and lots of training and coaching. But yes, you do get to vote for your favorites, so get that dialing finger ready.

9 p.m. SCI-FI Eureka

No idiots need apply to this village, a top-secret burg created to give the nation's greatest geniuses a place to live and work. Their adventures and inventions are the subjects of this new series, premiering with a two-hour special. Colin Ferguson leads the cast as a U.S. marshal who learns about Eureka when a car crash strands him and his daughter there. They -- and we -- are about to meet some very interesting characters.

10 p.m. ESPN The Contender

Cue the "Rocky" theme! This "American Idol" for boxers got mediocre numbers in its first outing on NBC, but round two is on cable, where ratings expectations are lower. One big improvement: no more silly "Survivor"-style challenges to determine who fights whom when. Instead, they'll just, you know ... fight. One bummer: Sylvester Stallone is strictly behind the scenes this year. But we'll cope, as we watch for the boxing, not the star power.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19 8 p.m. HISTORY

Alaska: Dangerous Territory And you thought your job was tough! You'll want to hug your workstation after watching this two-hour special about four of the most dangerous jobs in the country -- all in Alaska, where the climate and terrain make everything a challenge. You'll meet some real "monster truckers," who haul loads up a 412-mile gravel road inside the Arctic Circle; a mountain pilot; Coast Guard helicopter rescue crews; and the Alaska National Guard's Eskimo Scouts.

9 p.m. check local listings PBS

American Masters If Marilyn Monroe were alive, she'd be 80. There, don't you feel old? But the actress, who died in 1962, remains forever young in her films and in an iconic assortment of photographs by some of the medium's greatest artists. It's their work that makes up the new episode "Marilyn Monroe: Still Life," a visual valentine to the woman and the image that still draws us in more than 40 years after her death.

10 p.m. TNT

Nightmares & Dreamscapes: From the Stories of Stephen King If something seems too good to be true ... well, you know the rest. In "The End of the Whole Mess," a deeply poignant story reminiscent of "Flowers for Algernon," a scientist (Henry Thomas, "I Capture the Castle") discovers a chemical that reduces human hostility. He and his filmmaker brother (Ron Livingston, "Band of Brothers") release it to the world, and peace reigns. But they realize too late that it comes at a terrible price.

THURSDAY, JULY 20 7 a.m. TNT Golf

Must-see story lines for golf fanatics surround this year's British Open when Royal Liverpool in Hoylake, England, welcomes back the major for the first time since 1967. Topping them are the psyches of the world's top two players, after Tiger Woods missed the U.S. Open cut and Phil Mickelson coughed up the title on that major's 72nd hole. Two-time British winner Woods is the defending champ, while Mickelson's best finish in this event was third in 2004.

6:30 p.m. SHOWTIME

Movie: Donnie Darko Before climbing "Brokeback Mountain," Jake Gyllenhaal had the title role in writer-director Richard Kelly's often baffling yet weirdly compelling 2001 flop-turned-cult-hit. He plays a moody teen often visited by a prophetic rabbit as he awaits the end of the world. The cast also includes Maggie Gyllenhaal (Jake's big sister), Mary McDonnell, Patrick Swayze, Noah Wyle and Jena Malone. Drew Barrymore, one of the film's executive producers, also appears.

8:30 p.m. NBC

The office staff prepares to face off with the warehouse crew in what is supposed to be a friendly game of basketball, until Michael (Steve Carell) gets the "inspiration" that the losers will have to work on Saturday. Nothing like forced overtime to turn a friendly little game into a death match! There are other high stakes for Jim (John Krasinski), who hopes some fancy moves on the court will distract Pam (Jenna Fischer).

FRIDAY, JULY 21 8 p.m. DISNEY

Movie: Read It and Weep The fabulous Panabaker girls -- Kay

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THURSDAY EVENING TV schedule for July 20, 2006. Columns include time slots (5:00-12:30) and channels (TBS, NBC, PBS, ABC, WGN, CBS, FOX, ESPN, DSC, TNT, A&E, TNN, NICK, USA, FAM, LIFE, ESPN2, AMC, HGTV, SCIFI, HIST, TOC, HBO, HBO2, MAX, DISN, SHOW, TMC).

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Snacktime Makeover

Think quick, nutritious and apple delicious

FAMILY FEATURES

Did you know snacks contribute more calories to our daily diets than ever before? That makes snacktime a pretty important meal, for kids and grown-ups alike. Yet most of us just grab the quickest thing we can find to stave off those hunger pangs and get through the day. Too often, that means a high-sugar, high-calorie product. This calls for a snacktime makeover.

What if we could tame the munchies, reduce the calories and satisfy some of our daily nutritional needs at the same time? Fortunately, apple-based snacks provide an ideal solution for busy families. A four-ounce glass of 100% apple juice and a four-ounce cup of apple sauce each equal 1/2 cup of fruit and count toward your daily fruit serving goals. And now there are more nutritious options than ever for the whole family. Apple juice and apple sauce aren't just for kids anymore!

Fruity Vanilla Frosty

Break out the blender for an apple-blueberry fruity treat.

- 1 1/2 cups Mott's Plus Light Apple Blueberry Juice Beverage
- 1 1/2 cups frozen mixed berries
- 3/4 cup vanilla low-fat frozen yogurt
- 2 to 3 ice cubes
- 3 strawberries

Blend ingredients until well combined. Serve with additional ice as desired.

Garnish each glass with a strawberry.

Makes 3 (8-ounce) servings

Nutrition Information per Serving (1 cup/8 fluid ounces): 170 calories, 2g fat, 30mg cholesterol, 45mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate, 3g fiber, 5g protein, 11.9% calories from fat, vitamin A 4% DV, vitamin C 100% DV, calcium 20% DV, iron 4% DV, vitamin D 10% DV (DV — Daily Value)

Blueberry Delight Crumble Muffins

Using apple sauce helps cut down on fat while adding a host of important health benefits. These muffins call for blueberry-flavored apple sauce and whole blueberries for an added burst of berry flavor!

Crumble Topping:

- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons wheat germ
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon canola oil

Muffin Batter:

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup wheat germ
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 2 (3.9-ounce) Mott's Healthy Harvest Blueberry Delight apple sauce cups
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup canola oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup blueberries

Preheat the oven to 350°F.

Lightly oil or coat 12 muffin cups with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Combine topping ingredients and set aside.

Whisk together dry batter ingredients (except brown sugar and berries) in large bowl. Combine eggs, apple sauce, brown sugar, oil and vanilla in separate bowl and whisk until well blended. Pour liquid ingredients over dry ingredients and stir until just moistened. Gently stir in blueberries.

Spoon batter into prepared muffin cups. Arrange topping evenly over muffins, using back of spoon to gently press topping into batter.

Bake 20 to 22 minutes, or until topping is golden and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Makes 12 muffins

Nutrition Information per Serving (1 muffin): 110 calories, 7g fat, 35mg cholesterol, 150mg sodium, 33g carbohydrate, 2g fiber, 4g protein, 0% calories from fat, vitamin A 0% DV, vitamin C 6% DV, calcium 4% DV, iron 10% DV, vitamin D .7% DV (DV — Daily Value)

Golden Apple-Raisin Squares

Delicious as a snack or healthy dessert. Watch these squares disappear.

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 (3.9-ounce) Mott's Healthy Harvest Blueberry Delight apple sauce cup
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup canola oil
- 1 Golden Delicious apple, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch dice (about 1 cup)
- 1/3 cup golden raisins

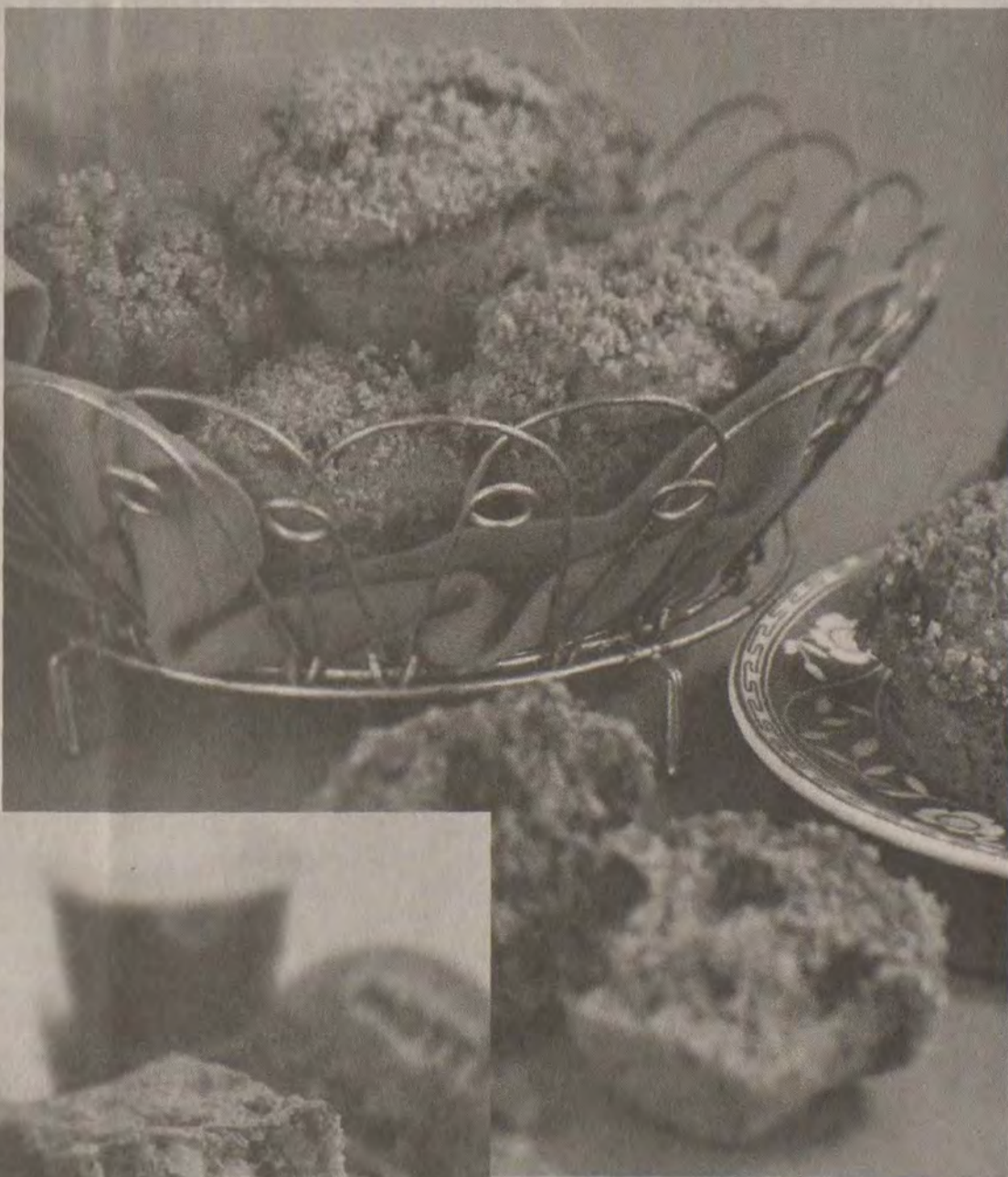
Preheat oven to 350°F. Lightly oil or coat 8 x 8-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray and set aside.

Whisk together dry ingredients (except sugar and fruit) in large bowl. Combine eggs, apple sauce, sugar, oil and apple in separate bowl, and whisk until well blended. Pour liquid ingredients over dry ingredients and stir until just moistened. Stir in raisins. Pour batter into prepared baking dish.

Bake 30 to 35 minutes, or until top is golden and toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.

Makes 12 servings

Nutrition Information per Serving (1 square): 170 calories, 7g fat, 35mg cholesterol, 150mg sodium, 27g carbohydrate, 1g fiber, 2g protein, 35.8% calories from fat, vitamin A 0% DV, vitamin C 4% DV, calcium 4% DV, iron 4% DV, vitamin D .7% DV (DV — Daily Value)



Snacking smart

Mix-In: Add chopped almonds and dark chocolate bits to a Mott's Healthy Harvest Blueberry Delight apple sauce cup for a satisfying midday snack.

Easy Spritzer: Mix Mott's Plus Light Apple Cranberry or Apple Blueberry juice beverage with club soda for a fizzy treat.

Italian Ice: Freeze your favorite Mott's Healthy Harvest apple sauce cups and serve cold like an Italian ice.

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At Suddenlink, we are doing everything in our power to convince Sinclair to be reasonable. We are communicating directly with them, with the Federal Communications Commission, and with Members of Congress.

We are also working to find alternative ways for you to enjoy your favorite ABC and FOX programs, just in case Sinclair refuses to change its position.

Sinclair already forced us to drop WCHS and WVAH in the Beckley area. Fortunately, we had an ABC alternative there, and we have secured a FOX alternative, while we continue to negotiate. Sinclair tried to interfere and get the FOX alternative removed, just hours before the Major League Baseball All-Star Game. But we went back to bat for our customers, and FOX agreed with us that Beckley customers should be able to watch the All-Star game and continue to receive FOX programming.

Know this much: We will keep fighting for you. In the meantime, if this situation makes you as angry as it makes us, please let Sinclair know about it. They might try to tell you a different story, but the facts are the facts. You can write Sinclair representatives at the following addresses. Thank you.

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Sunday

July 30



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