

WHAT'S UP

■ **"Grow with Music" Program**, every Monday-Wednesday, Feb. 4-May 21. Children ages birth to 5 years old and their parents can participate in this developmental music program. Offered by the Speech and Hearing Clinic at Marshall University. Questions, call Joni Pappas, (304) 697-0211. Marshall University Campus, 1 John Marshall Drive, Huntington.

■ **Secondary Piano Recital**, 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Marshall University Department of Music. Questions, call (304) 696-6417 or visit www.marshall.edu/cofa.music. Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University, 3rd Avenue, Huntington.

■ **MU Orchestra**, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Marshall University Department of Music. Questions, call (304) 696-6417 or visit www.marshall.edu/cofa.music. Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University, 3rd Avenue, Huntington.

■ **Kindred Spirits: Scarborough Fair**, 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Essences of parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme will float through the room as renowned local caterer, Sharon Pressman, demonstrates the use of aromatic fresh herbs in the creation of appetizers, salads and desserts. A fundraiser benefiting the Marshall Artists Series. Tickets required; call (304) 696-6656, visit the box office or go online to www.ticketmaster.com. Creative Kitchens, 1242 5th Ave. Huntington. \$50 per person.

■ **Premiere of "Short Symphony" by Dr. Mark Zanter**, 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Marshall University's orchestra will premiere a new work by faculty member Dr. Mark Zanter called "Short Symphony." The concert features performances by the winners of the student concerto competition, John Galloway and Andrew Tilley. Questions, call 304-696-3117. Smith Recital Hall at Marshall University, 3rd Avenue, Huntington. Free.

■ **"Who Might Have Lived on the Hillside?"**, 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 29. Meet locally renowned biologist, History Alive! presenter, and expert on area Native American lore Doug Woods. Woods will discuss likely usage of the Huntington Museum of Art's hillside in the early 1700s, prior to settlement by Europeans. Located in Studio 2. Questions, call 304-529-2701, ext. 25. Huntington Museum of Art, 2033 McCoy Road, Huntington. Free.

■ **Every Child is an Artist**, 12:45-2:15 p.m. every Wednesday. Preschool art experience for child and caregiver, includes story and playtime. Discount for second child in same family. Registration required; call (606) 329-8888. Highlands Museum and Discovery Center, 1620 Winchester Ave. Ashland. Five sessions \$50; \$40 members; walk-ins \$10, \$8 members.

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For a complete list of upcoming events, go to www.herald-dispatch.com.



Summer sizzlers

Reprise time: Summer offers Ironman, Indy, Batman, Narnia

By **DAVID GERMAIN**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Studio executives hope they've trained their audience well as the season of summer blockbusters arrives.

From May through mid-August, Hollywood will bank on the idea that there is at least one movie every week — and sometimes two — that you simply must see.

Summer features such box-office staples as Will Smith, Adam Sandler, Ben Stiller and Jack Black, and brings back beloved characters such as Indiana Jones, Batman, Speed Racer, Carrie and her "Sex and the City" gal pals, the "Narnia" kids, the Incredible Hulk and two very different agent couples: paranormal troupers Mulder and Scully and comic spies Maxwell Smart and Agent 99.

A look at the lineup:

MAY 2: Heavy hitters like "Spider-Man" and "Superman" are established big-screen figures, but the comic-book world has a deep bench.

Robert Downey Jr. takes the lead in "Iron Man," playing a wealthy inventor who lacks superpowers but does have a nifty high-tech suit of armor that really leaves an impression when he gives villains a knuckle sandwich.

Gwyneth Paltrow, Terrence Howard and Jeff Bridges co-star in the tale based on the Marvel Comics hero, a man with a subversive sense of humor who starts off as "not the most likable fellow," said director Jon Favreau.

MAY 9: Andy and Larry Wachowski turned virtual reality on its head with "The Matrix." Now they follow their R-rated franchise with the family-friendly adventure

"Speed Racer," an adaptation of the animated show starring Emile Hirsch as the kid roaring along the roadways, Christina Ricci as his helicopter-flying girlfriend and Matthew Fox as mystery man Racer X.

MAY 16: Things sure can change in 1,300 years, as Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy Pevensie learn when they go over the rainbow again in "The Chronicles

of Narnia: Prince Caspian," the second installment in the fantasy franchise based on C.S. Lewis' books.

Only a short time has passed for the siblings in England, but centuries have gone by in Narnia, which now is under the bootheel of the tyrannical Telmarines and mean King Miraz. The Pevensies encounter a new ally — Caspian (Ben Barnes), the rightful heir to Narnia's throne — and are reacquainted with old buddy Aslan the lion, again voiced by Liam Neeson.

MAY 22: Cue the Indy fanfare. Henry Jones Jr. is cracking his whip again.

"Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull" reunites the dream team of Harrison Ford as the archaeologist-adventurer, director Steven Spielberg and creator-producer George Lucas.

It's been 19 years since the last movie, and the fourth film hurtles the aging Indy from his Nazi-fighting days of the 1930s to the Cold War era of the '50s, with Cate Blanchett as a Soviet operative and Karen Allen returning as Marion Ravenwood, his love interest from 1981's "Raiders of the Ark."

Unlike film franchises that crank up the action and effects with each sequel, Spielberg, Lucas and Ford are offering an old-school Indy.

"We did everything exactly the way we did it before, so if you expect F-14s flying into freeways, it ain't gonna happen," Lucas said. "If you expect this to suddenly have bells and whistles and have 10 times more whatever than the first ones, it's not. It's just like a continuation. It's like sitting down on a cozy old sofa that you've had for 20 years and having the same experience."

What sort of toll did the action take on 65-year-old Ford, who sustained knee and back injuries on some of the earlier "Indiana Jones" movies?

"I broke a fingernail," Ford said. "I walked away with a hangnail."

As for the big question fans have posed — is co-star Shia LaBeouf the love child of Indy and Marion? — neither Ford nor Lucas will say.

MAY 30: Is "Monogamy and the City" as much fun?

When we last saw "Sex and the City" stars Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon, their TV characters were settling down and seemingly leaving behind their randy ways.

The movie reunites the four with co-star Chris Noth as Big, the on-again, off-again beau of Parker's Carrie, with whom she finally wound up as the series ended four years ago.

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Morehead retiree's book wins literary award

The Herald-Dispatch

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Morehead State University retiree Garry Barker's latest book, "Kentucky Waltz," recently won the 2008 Kentucky Literary Award for fiction presented by Western Kentucky University and the Southern Kentucky Book Fest.

"Kentucky Waltz," a collection of short fiction, was published by Wind Publications in Nicholasville, Ky., in late 2007. It is Barker's 10th published book, and will soon

be followed by "Head of the Holler: Volume 1," a collection of newspaper columns dating back to the late 1980s.

Barker was born in Otway, Ohio, in 1943 but grew up in Kentucky, and his family moved to Fleming County in 1946. He attended the Goddard, Hillsboro and Tilton schools before graduating from Fleming County High School in 1961. Barker attended Berea College while working summers at the Flemingsburg Lumber Company and earned his Bachelor of Arts

degree in English in 1965.

He has been an arts administrator in Asheville, N.C., and in Berea and Morehead and retired from Morehead State University in 2005. He is a Life Member of the Southern Highland Handcraft Guild and has been honored with the Kentucky Arts, Education and Humanities Cabinet

Service Award and the Arts and Culture Award from the East Kentucky Leadership Conference. He currently is publisher of the Flemingsburg Gazette and lives at Bald Hill in Fleming County.

Barker's first book, "Fire On The Mountain," was

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Submitted photo



NEW: Gladys Valentine is the newest senior in the Wayne Senior Center family. Here's hoping she enjoys the extended welcome and continues participating in the activities.

BOYS STATE: Nathan Hammond, Jonathan Jones, Emmanuel King, Seth Morris, Joshua Pyle and Ryan Slayton have something in common. The six Cabell Midland High School juniors have been chosen to attend the 2008 Mountaineer Boys State Program June 8-14 at WVU Jackson Mill State 4-H Camp, near Weston, W.Va. **Sandra Pearson**, school guidance counselor, was instrumental in recruiting the eligible candidates for the program sponsored by American Legion Post 139 at Milton and Barboursville Post 177.

SALE: It's time for the annual rummage sale sponsored by Willing Workers of First



Brenda LUCAS COMMUNITY NEWS

Priority Federal Credit Union, formerly the Huntington Area Postal Federal Credit Union. The fundraiser is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3, at the Huntington office, 500 Virginia Ave. Hot dogs and soft drinks are also sold. Donations may be dropped off or call (304) 522-9450 for pick up.

TASTING: Excitement filled the air as **Eldon and Ilena Perry** of East Lynn participated in the recent "Taste of West Virginia" reception at the State Capitol in Charleston. Not only did the couple converse with state legislators, they also enjoyed food and friendships.

ELECTION: Ron W. Wro-

blewski has been elected as commander for Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1064 for the 2008-2009 year. Other new officers include **James M. Adkins**, junior vice commander; **Larry Blankenship**, quartermaster; **Richard Giles**, judge advocate; **Ed Hornbuckle**, chaplain; **Bob Poling**, surgeon; **Ralph Ward**, three-year trustee; **Kenny Dishman**, two-year trustee; and **Ralph Honaker**, one-year trustee. **Jim McCloud**, **Don Salyers** and **Dick Cutright** are the House Committee members. A "new officers dinner," open to Post members, Ladies Auxiliary and Men's Auxiliary, is offered at 6 p.m. Friday, May 9, at the post, 920 7th Ave. Call **Ralph Honaker**, (304) 525-2184, or **Ron**, (304) 453-4712.

SCHOLARS: Two Spring Valley High students have made history — this time, they are the only students from the

same high school to win the coveted Yeager scholarship, named after Brig. Gen. Chuck Yeager, an Air Force pilot from Hamlin who broke the sound barrier in 1947. **Rachel Lewis** and **Kyle Burner** are also Booth scholars. However, **Larry and Kathy Franks**, parents of Dr. **Adam Franks**, bring to my attention that this is not the first time this has happened. The first time was in 1991 at the old Huntington High when **Adam and Ryan Cienas** were chosen as Yeager Scholars, going on to attend Marshall University Medical School and become successful physicians in West Virginia. Before Spring Valley, two other high schools — Grayson, Ky., and John Marshall — recorded that honor, **Kathy** said.

BELATED: Ruth Cline, Benjamin McKelvey, April 22; **Fred Huxell, Chuck Sermerville, Myka Hayden**, April 23; **Helen Moeller**,

Brenda Ewanus, Stephanie Chittum, Brad Wright, Laurie Walker, Leah Schrass, April 24; **Grant Clarkson**, April 25; **Charlotte Clark, Jeff Faucette**, April 26; **Bob Simmons, John Mott, Christine Pilcer, Shawn Berry, Alice Roma, B.J. Caudill**, April 27.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Margie Jones, Theia Woodall, Ernie Ross, Nan Sizemore, Raymond Aliff, Tyler Dawson, Patti Rollins, Morris Willis, Jonathan Miller, Ashley Misner, Karen Alexander, Roger Rabey, Paula Cottle, Alan Pannell, Ronald Marcum, Helen Niles, Jessie Wise, Grace Greene, William "Dennie" Cremeans is one over a nickel (6), **Becky Davis, Earl Trawick, Daniel Price** turns one under 25 (24), and **Angela Fitch**, Cabell Huntington Hospital RN. Greetings are also sung to a special lady

who brightens the lives of many, **Martha "Aunt Mart" Karlet**, a great person to know and be with. **Kimberlea Byrd Poston**, unit clerk with PICU intensive care at Cabell Huntington Hospital, is three under the big 4-0 (37).

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin and Kim Phillips; Fox and Debbie Heaberlin (1988); **Richie and Amy Brumfield** (2000); **John and Amanda Martin, Boots and Nancy McComas, Patsy and Bruce Lansaw**.

CHUCKLE: A sign in a Los Angeles apartment window read: "Drums for sale." In an adjoining apartment window, another sign proclaimed: "Thank God."

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