

## 'My Dog Tulip'

The British animated film adaptation of J.R. Ackerley's 1956 memoir about his beloved German shepherd kicks off the spring Arts Array film series. **Page 2E.**



Christina Love's 16-year marriage included years of neglect on her mouth. Love received a new smile, and improved self-confidence, through the pro bono work of cosmetic dentist Dr. Kathy Sanders. (photos courtesy of Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry)



# She got her smile and more back

## National program gives dental work to survivors of domestic violence

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In 16 years of marriage, Christina Love never had a family portrait taken. "It was just too chaotic to care," she said. Out of that marriage now — and out of the abuse that came with it — a portrait taken last fall of Love and her two sons, 19-year-old Nathan Kraatz and 7-year-old Caleb Denbow, hangs on the wall of their home. In it, Love is flashing a big smile, a smile courtesy of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry's (AACD) Give Back a Smile program.

Love's marriage included years of neglect on her mouth, enough that her smile, and her self-confidence, were gone. In October 2009, during Domestic Violence Awareness Month, she heard a radio commercial for Give Back a Smile.

Give Back a Smile, launched in May 1999, was developed to address a need in the communities of AACD members.

Volunteer dentists and laboratory technicians agree to restore the broken and damaged teeth in the smile-zone of survivors of intimate partner violence.

Since 1999, AACD dentists, laboratory technicians and other dental professionals have volunteered their time and expertise pro bono to restore the smiles of more than 1,000 domestic abuse survivors for a total dollar value of nearly \$10 million.

Love was approved for the program and matched with cosmetic dentist

Kathy Sanders, an accredited member of the AACD, and a member of the Tennessee Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and the American Dental Association.

Love made her first visit to Sander's Tri-Cities Center for Cosmetic Dentistry on Feb. 24, 2010.

"I pretty much knew she was someone who had gone through domestic violence. It was pretty hard to take," Sanders said.

Sanders came up with a treatment plan for Love that actually went above and beyond what was expected through the program.

"They can do so much for themselves ... but they can't get their teeth back," Sanders said. "She needed teeth. Right in the front, her upper four front [teeth] were gone. We actually restored her whole mouth. We didn't just stick with the smile zone. Why not go ahead and do a



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Since Christina Love finished extensive dental work to restore her smile, her sons, Caleb Denbow, 7, and Nathan Kraatz, 19, have seen a positive difference in her.

little bit extra and help the back teeth?"

Love made around a dozen visits to Sanders' office, but she also received pro bono work from two local colleagues — Stephen J. Yallourakis, a medical doctor and doctor of dental surgery; and Maria Bryan, a doctor of dental surgery and endodontist — whom Sanders asked to volunteer their time.

Sanders also solicited help from dental labs in Atlanta and Indianapolis.

"She's had a lot of really, really qualified people working for her," Sanders said.

Love's dental work was finished on Aug. 11. Though she admits to being a bit intimidated when she first visited Sanders, the official dentist of the Tennessee USA Pageant System, that feeling quickly went away.

The result of months of work, Love

said, was amazing.

"I felt like a different person. I felt like we were starting to re-congeal as a family," she said.

Love, who has a passion for science and an aptitude for math, is a sophomore at East Tennessee State University. She's planning to major in math or physics, and minor in education. And she wants to teach either high school or college physics.

"I've loved to teach, even when I worked in the restaurant business," she said. "I love science. If you love what you do, it's easier to impart it to other people."

She's been named to the ETSU dean's list once, and she has some competition to help keep her grades up. Son Nathan is a sophomore on a full ride to Virginia Intermont College in Bristol, Va. His



GPA is consistently higher than his mom's.

As part of her graduation requirements and before she is licensed to teach, Love will have to pass a speech test. Because speaking in a way others could understand was impossible without front teeth, she was able to postpone the test until her dental work was complete.

Once she's licensed to teach, she'll go where a job takes her, but she'd prefer to stay in this area.

The family photo with Love and her sons is evidence of the change in her life. Nathan sees this change every day.

"Physically, her facial structure changed," he said. "I'd say she's happier, especially since the separation and divorce. She's doing her best to get her life back on track."

"There's always the unknown, but there's no fear anymore," Love said. "I want to face it."

Love encourages other survivors of domestic abuse to move forward with their lives.

"Give yourself a chance. It can be done. I know from looking at myself. ... My world view has changed. I'm touched there are good people who will help. There are good people who will do good things, and you'll get there."

Love expressed her appreciation to everyone who helped her.

"I know I've told them how much I appreciate what they've done. ... I smile all the time now. Things are really going well for me and thanks to everyone who took part I have a great smile to share," she said.

Sanders, who spent months working to restore Love's smile and her confidence, says she's happy with the work she did, but wishes she could have done more.

"I don't think anybody who gets into this feels like they've done enough," she said.

Sanders also wishes more local dentists would volunteer for Give Back a Smile, adding that the the program's screening process takes the pressure off dentists.

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## ON THE SHELF

# Koontz back in fine form

By JEFF AYERS  
 For The Associated Press

"What the Night Knows," by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$28)

Dean Koontz, one of the suspense giants, has written one of his best horror novels in years. Koontz has been hit and miss lately, but he's back in fine form with "What the Night Knows."

More than two decades ago, a madman stalked families, and his horrific crimes terrified various neighborhoods until he picked the wrong house. Teenager John Calvino came home unexpectedly and killed the intruder, leaving him the sole survivor. More than 20 years later, Calvino is a homicide detective with a family of his own — and a secret that haunts him.

The murders are happening again, and the killer is using the same methods from the earlier crimes. Calvino realizes that he and his family are in danger. What he never told anyone about that fateful night so long ago were the dying words of the killer, who promised to come back from the grave when Calvino had a family and then eliminate all of them.

The idea of a ghost coming back to wreck vengeance and haunt someone isn't new, but Koontz puts a spin on it that makes "What the Night Knows" so compelling, terrifying and fresh.

Jeff Ayers is the author of "Voyages of Imagination: The Star Trek Fiction Companion" (Pocket Books, 2006).

## 'The Radleys' not your usual vampire novel

"The Radleys," by Matt Haig. (Free Press/Simon & Schuster, \$25)

I know what you're thinking: "Oh dear, another vampire novel? Yawn." But there's something irresistible about "The Radleys," Matt Haig's novel about a family of vampires living in a quiet English village.

For one thing, Helen and Peter Radley are non-practicing vampires — they don't kill humans or animals for blood — and they're not only raising their teenage children, Rowan and Clara, the same way, but they are also keeping their true nature a secret from them.

(In Haig's creation, vampires can reproduce the way the humans do, as opposed to conversion by blood-drinking.)

Clara and Rowan are miserable, and it's not just from normal teenage angst or being constantly bullied at school. Rowan, for example, is plagued with rashes due to his ultra-sensitivity to the sun. Clara has opted to go vegan in the hope that it will earn her karmic points with the animals that already flee from her on sight (as they sense her true nature), but it's having deleterious effects on her health.

When Clara fends off a would-be rapist in a manner that, shall we say, awakens her, Helen and Peter are forced to reveal who and what they are and to call on Peter's brother Will — an unapologetic, very-much-practicing vampire — to help cover up Clara's ... indiscretion.

"The Radleys" is full of clever turns, darkly hilarious spins on what is to many a tired subject. We're introduced to Will at a convenience store, where he buys wet wipes and dental floss — of course.

Helen and Peter live by "The Ab-stainer's Handbook," passages of which are interspersed throughout the novel. The Handbook preaches repressing one's instincts and conforming to societal expectations.

There are a few eye-rolling moments as Haig uses the Radley family as a way of critiquing our collective obsession with appearing normal, when "normality" itself is freakishly unnatural, but mostly he handles this theme with a light satirical touch.

And while the ending doesn't quite live up to the strength of the story as a whole, stuttering out over a few pages too many, it in no way feels interminable or dull. On the contrary, even if you're suffering from vampire fatigue, you'll find "The Radleys" is a fun, fresh contribution to the genre.

by Michelle Wiener,  
 for the Associated Press

## SAVE TIME AND MONEY

# Black cords an eyesore but don't try to hide them

Dear Heloise: I am constantly peeved at appliance, lamp, vacuum-cleaner, etc., manufacturers because they mostly use BLACK CORDS. Today, most of us live in light-painted homes. I often have to face hiding cords under something: behind toasters, chairs and every now and then along the side and under the carpets, which I know is not safe.

Why don't they realize the problem this causes? — Beverly in Kerrville, Texas

Beverly, I'm with you! What are they thinking? How many people have black walls? We checked with the experts for their suggestions. The DO NOTS?

Do not hide a cord under carpet or a throw rug! Dangerous!

Do not staple the cord to the wall! Dangerous!

Do not wrap the cord with electrical tape! Extremely dangerous! We checked with our friends at Underwriters Labora-



Hints from Heloise

tories, a leading trade association concerned with product safety. They said the consumer is taking a risk by wrapping the cord in electrical tape. Manipulating the cord by wrapping it with tape may increase the device's temperature (UL specifically referred to space heaters, but other appliances are included). This can be extremely dangerous, and it can void any warranties on the product in the event of a fire or other loss.

Do not paint the cord! Paint can flake off, it won't adhere to the cord, and the paint may ignite if the cord is frayed or cut.

If you have one of the newer

wall-mounted TVs, an electrician can install an outlet behind the TV to keep the cord out of sight.

Also, there are cord covers on the market that can safely hide a lot of cords, and these come in neutral taupe shades.

So, even though we don't like all of the Do Not's, please don't try to disguise a black cord with tape, paint, staples or under a rug.

Readers, do you have hints to help with this ugly situation? Let me know, and I'll check them out and print the safe choices. Send to Heloise@Heloise.com or write me at Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, Texas 78279. — Heloise

## Pipe fitter

Dear Heloise: It was going to freeze, and my husband could not find the pipe covers he'd recently bought. He improvised and used his golf-club driver cov-

ers to cover the pipes. They were a perfect fit! What a sacrifice! I think they will do great, and we don't have to go out to buy new pipe covers. I thought this was a great helpful husband hint! — Kim V., via e-mail

## Lint lifter

Dear Heloise: I broke a hurricane lamp when it hit the carpet, shattering into a million pieces. After picking up the large pieces and vacuuming, I was still seeing shiny shards. I didn't have packing tape, but I found something better — the sticky lint roller in the closet. Very easy to use, and it picked up even the smallest slivers. — Laura G., via e-mail

Mail a money-saving or timesaving hint to Heloise, P.O. Box 795000, San Antonio, Texas 78279-5000 or e-mail Heloise@Heloise.com. I can't answer your letter personally but will use the best hints received in my column. — Heloise

# High school students can become 'King for a Day'

High school juniors and seniors who want to experience King College campus life are invited to receive the royal treatment on Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at the College's King for a Day event. The event offers students and their families the opportunity to talk with King representatives about financial aid, the admissions process, student life, degree programs and more.

Registration opens from 8 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., and scheduled activities begin at 9 a.m. Participants will break into separate student and parent information sessions on academics, student life and campus safety, as well as Q&A panels with current King College students. Throughout the day, participants will interact with faculty, staff and current students. Representatives will also be present to offer guidance on the admissions and financial aid process.

The day includes lunch in the King College dining hall and campus tours. Activities will conclude at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Students interested in attending "King for a Day" should contact the admissions office at (800) 362-0014 or register online at [www.king.edu/king-for-a-day](http://www.king.edu/king-for-a-day).

## King offers evening with three-time Super Bowl Champion Bill Bates

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Kick off the New Year and get in the Super Bowl spirit with former University of Tennessee Volunteer and Dallas Cowboy Bill Bates at 6:30 p.m.,

Thursday, Jan. 27 at King College. A member of the 1992, 1993 and 1995 Super Bowl Championship teams, Bates is one of the NFL's true success stories.

A native of Knoxville, Bates began his sports career starring in football, basketball and as a spragut on the track team at Faragut High School. He then went on to a successful college football career at the University of Tennessee as a four-year starting safety and earned a reputation as the Vols' hardest hitter and surest tackler.

Bates overcame great odds when, in 1983, he made the Dallas Cowboys team as a long-shot free agent rookie. He immediately became a visible figure on the field with his ferocious special teams play. Bates' notoriety was key in the NFL adding a spot on the Pro Bowl teams for Special Teams coverage players. In 1984, he became the first NFC player so honored.

When Bates retired in 1997, he tied the club record for service with 15 seasons in Dallas. In that time he amassed 217 games played, over 700 tackles and 14 interceptions.

Since leaving the NFL, Bates has worked to create a safer environment for football players through the production of air-cooled shoulder pads and is also involved in a custom home business and video streaming sports networking company. He has donated his time and energy to many charitable organizations, including March of Dimes, Children's Advocacy Center, United

Way, Children's Hospital, Center, Scottish Rite Hospital, FCA, Campus Crusade and Young Life. Recently, he started the Bill Bates Foundation for Children to raise money for worthwhile organizations that help children.

To order tickets for "An Evening with Super Bowl Champion Bill Bates," call the King College Development Office at 652-4864. The price of admission includes dinner. The evening's proceeds will benefit the King College Annual Scholarship Fund. Wachovia, a Wells Fargo company, WCQR and King College sponsor the event. For more information, go to [www.king.edu](http://www.king.edu).

## Paterson returns to King for Annual Buechner Lectureship, 'The Bridge to Terabithia' play

BRISTOL, Tenn. — The Buechner Institute at King College celebrates its January birthday each year by hosting the annual Buechner Lectureship. This year, the Institute welcomes King College alumna and renowned children's and young adult author Katherine Paterson as the 2011 Buechner Lecturer.

This year's celebration will commence with King's theatre department performing a dramatic rendition of Paterson's beloved book, "Bridge to Terabithia," at 7 p.m., Jan. 28 and at 3 p.m., Jan. 29 at the Paramount Center for the Arts in downtown Bristol. Paterson will give the Institute's Annual Lec-

tureship at 7 p.m., Jan. 29 at the Paramount Center, where she will respond to the play as well as sign books. Prior to the lecture, Paterson will attend the matinee performance at 3 p.m. A meet and greet with the author is planned for 5:30 p.m., Jan. 29 at KP Duty on State Street in downtown Bristol. The theatrical production will reprise at 7 p.m., Feb. 4 and 5 at the Fine Arts Building in King College.

Born in China in 1932 to Christian missionaries, Paterson spent much of her childhood there until the family was forced to flee during the Japanese invasion.

In 1954, Paterson graduated summa cum laude with a degree in English from King College. She received her master's degree from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. After teaching for a year, Paterson spent four years in Japan as a missionary. She then traveled back to New York to pursue a second master's degree in religious education.

Paterson's first children's novel, "The Sign of the Cross," published in 1973, was a Japanese fairy tale based on her studies in Japan. Paterson's writing career includes 39 published works. Her best known work is "The Bridge to Terabithia," published in 1977, and adapted for film twice, a 1985 PBS version and the Disney/Walden Media production in 2007. Paterson's most recent book is "The Day of the Pelican," a story about a refugee family's flight from war-torn Kosovo to America. She is also contributor to a serialized story,

# EASTMAN

## Eastman math question

Eastman's "Math Question of the Week" provides students a chance to stump other students with a challenging math question. Send math questions, along with the student's name, grade, school and photo (optional) to Eastman Math Question, c/o Kingsport Times-News NIE, 108 E. Main St., Suite 102, Kingsport, Tenn. 37660.

For dinner we ate pie. My mom ate 1/12 of the pie, I ate 2/12 of the pie, my dad ate 5/12 of the pie, and my sister ate 1/12 of the pie. How much pie was left?

Asked by Kayla Ewing, fifth-grade, Washington Elementary School  
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ANSWER: 3/12

"The Exquisite Corpse Adventure," available exclusively on the Library of Congress Web site. Paterson penned the final episode, which debuted in September at the 2010 National Book Festival in Washington D.C.

Having been named a "Living Legend" by the Library of Congress in 2000, Paterson's awards are numerous. She is a two-time winner of the Newbery Medal for "The Bridge to Terabithia" and "Jacob Have I Loved," and received the National Book Award for "The Great Gilly Hopkins" and "The Master Puppeteer." Other accolades include the Hans Christian Andersen Medal, the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award and the Governor's Award for Excellence in the Arts, given by her

home state of Vermont.

Tickets for all shows are \$5 and are available at the Paramount Center for the Arts, 518 State St., Bristol, Tenn. Tickets for the Jan. 28 and 29 shows may be ordered online at [www.etix.com](http://www.etix.com) or by phone at 274-8920. Tickets for KP Duty's meet and greet with Paterson are \$50, and may be purchased at the Buechner Institute at Tadlock Wallace Hall on King's Buechner campus or online at [buechnerdonation.king.edu](http://buechnerdonation.king.edu). Tickets for the Feb. 4 and 5 shows, also \$5, will be available at King's Tornado Alley Shoppe and at the door one hour before the show.

For more information, or to inquire about group rates, e-mail Dale Brown at [wdbrown@king.edu](mailto:wdbrown@king.edu) or call 652-4156.

# Community letters

## Thanks to 'Santas'

To every "Santa" who adopted a senior, thank you. Home In- stead Senior Care's "Be a Santa to a Senior" community program was incredible. The Kingsport community truly glowed with Christmas spirit in making our sixth annual community pro- gram a huge success. You em- braced the holiday spirit by gener- ously adopting seniors and made memories that will last a lifetime. Your generosity brought smiles to faces, tears of joy, and the warmth of Christmas to the hearts of each senior you adopt- ed. Your gifts were quite possibly the only gifts they would receive.

We appreciate each and every one of you. This program was fac- ilitated by Home In- stead Senior Care to provide a caring, loving touch to community seniors who may otherwise have been forgot- ten during the Christmas season. Without community support, this program could not be possible. We would like to extend much gra- titude to the entire staff at Belk in the Fort Henry Mall and the Kingsport Senior Center staff. We realize this is a very busy season for you, however you totally exceeded our expec- tations with your assistance in making this year a success. We thank all the agencies who sub- mitted names of our Kingsport community seniors. Without your compassion for and commitment to our community seniors, they would not have had a Christmas at all. Many thanks to the Kingsport Senior Center staff for hosting the wonderful gift wrap- ping party and also to the Tennes- sava Pioneer Club of Gray for sponsoring this event. Special thanks to all the volunteers for wonderfully adding the finishing touch to each gift. We had senior adoption trees in the Kingsport Senior Center and in all Belk stores, which included Kingsport, Bristol, Johnson City, and Greeneville. We also had an adoption tree at Wal-Mart in Rogersville. With the kindheart- ed generosity of so many kindheart- ed people, 1,164 area seniors re-

ceived more than 3,000 Christ- mas gifts and were not forgotten this holiday season.

Kim Ramey

## Kudos to Volunteer

Congratulations to Josh Light and the Volunteer High School Marching Band on their recent winning of four first place awards received at the Outback Bowl. Thank you Jeff Bobo and the Times-News for the front page coverage and recognition of this accomplishment.

Patty Alley  
Church Hill

## Don't mistreat pets

Being in animal rescue for years, I have seen many animals set out by the road having to fend for themselves. A little 10-pound Chihuahua female abandoned in the Allandale area behind a shopping center was affectionately named Baby Girl by a man who worked from Classic Re- flections Beauty Shop, a local Chinese restaurant and the work- ers at CVS kept Baby Girl fed. But she would not let anyone near her. She survived the record low temperatures and when I learned of her, had been on the loose for over seven months. I went every night feeding her hop- ing she would trust me enough to come to me. Last Sunday she came to me because she was be- lying with two pit bulls. I al- most had her when she was frightened away by someone. The next morning I found her behind the fence of an AEP substation. She crawled under the fence so the bigger dogs could not get to her. I found AEP workers shovel- ing gravel under the fence so she could not get out. The pits were waiting on the other side of the fence for her. There were five to six AEP workers around her and she sat there knowing they were trying to help her.

With their help she is now in a foster home with a girl that is an- other Ellie Mae and carries her around like a baby. She is giving lots of kisses now to everyone.

These men went out of the way to help this little girl and I am so appreciative of their hard work. I really believe God had a hand in her capture because He sure had lots of prayers going up for her. Please do not drop off your un- wanted pet. You do not realize the time, effort and most of all the nights these animals spend in tor- ture through all kinds of weather, lack of food, and dangers. Please be responsible pet owners and find someone that would be good to your pet rather than discard them as an object. Spay and neuter your pet. Please don't do innocent animals like this.

Teresa Hoskins  
Kingsport

## Pets need extra care

With winter here and contin- ued cold temperatures, pet own- ers should take extra precau- tions to protect their animals from the cold. The animals need some type of enclosure or shel- ter with bedding, like chips or straw, to stay out of the wind and stay warm. Doghouses should al- so be appropriate for the ani- mal's size. Some dogs may not even use their houses, unless it is to get out of the rain.

If people need doghouses but cannot afford one, there are some available for lower-income families, as is pet food. If you know of someone in need in Sul- livan County please contact me at 239-5237. Please make sure pets have plenty of food, as they go through energy quicker in the winter. Water containers often freeze in the winter, so pet own- ers should be aware of their pets' accessibility to drinking water. Cats need the same type of avail- able protection from the cold.

A cat may crawl up under your car hood seeking shelter and warmth near the engine. It may get caught in the fan and be seriously injured when the en- gine starts. Spay the hood of your car noisily with your hand be- fore starting the engine on cold days to startle any animals that may be sleeping there.

Just a tablespoon of sweet

tasting ethylene glycol — the chemical found in many forms of antifreeze — coolants and industri- al antifreezes — can mean death for a curious pooch. Since many dogs are attracted to ethylene

glycol's taste, be sure to clean up any spilled antifreeze and keep containers closed.

Please do not forget our farm animals for extra food, water and extra shelter.

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Regina Isenberg  
Kingsport

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# Domestic violence victim gets smile back

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"They don't have to make the decision. They can give [victims of domestic abuse] the Give Back A Smile phone number. That's their contact to get them started in this process," she said.

To begin the process, a survivor calls Give Back A Smile toll free at 800-773-4227 for an application. The application is filled out by the survivor with the assistance of a domestic violence counselor and returned to Give Back A Smile for review. When a dentist agrees to take the case, a letter is sent to the survivor with the volunteer's contact information listed. It is the survivor's responsibility to call to set up the consultation. The dentist makes sure that the survivor qualifies according to the guidelines that were sent earlier at the consultation. If not, the case is closed by Give Back A Smile. If the survivor is eligible for the program, the dentist will develop a

treatment plan.

To be eligible, a survivor must have received injuries or damage to her or his smile-zone (the teeth that show when one smiles) from an abusive intimate partner or spouse, husband, wife, partner, boyfriend, girlfriend, someone she or he have dated or with whom she or he had a child. Emotional abuse is taken into consideration. The person must be out of the abusive relationship for at least a year before considered eligible to participate. An exception for less than one year may be granted if the abuser is deceased or jailed. And, the survivor must see a domestic violence advocate, social worker, counselor, minister or therapist at least once.

For complete details about the Give Back A Smile program, to make a financial contribution, or for an application, visit [www.givebackasmile.com](http://www.givebackasmile.com), or call toll-free 800-543-9220.