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CRASH KILLS WOMAN, 18 2 MEN HOSPITALIZED

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DRY RIDGE

A single-car wreck killed an 18-year-old woman and put two men in the hospital Wednesday night. According to a Grant County Sheriff's Department press release, a deputy spotted a car speeding shortly before 10 p.m. As he got the 1995 Honda in his sights, the driver lost control and it rolled several times on Lemon Northcutt Road, north of Dry Ridge, according to the release. All three occupants were thrown from the vehicle. Billie Jo Mize of Erlanger was pronounced dead at the scene. Shawn Ruby and Kristopher Cray, both 18 and of Dry Ridge, were flown by helicopter to the University Hospital of Cincinnati. Both men were in fair condition yesterday, a spokeswoman said.

VANCEBURG

Man accused of using ATV to kill

A Lewis County grand jury has indicted a man, claiming he killed his nephew by running him over with an all-terrain vehicle. John Russell, 55, of Garrison was indicted Sept. 5 in the murder of Curtis Bush, 42, also of Garrison. The indictment alleges that Russell committed murder by driving an ATV into Bush. Bush was admitted to Scioto Memorial Hospital in Portsmouth, Ohio, on March 22 with a broken arm, contusions and abrasions after allegedly being struck by an ATV. He died at the hospital a day later. The two lived together in Lewis County, where the accident occurred. Kentucky State Police Detective Sherman Royse said the grand jury decided to indict Russell after being presented autopsy results and other evidence.

LONDON

Man sentenced for killing wife

A Laurel County man who admitted killing his wife has been sentenced to about 14 1/2 years in prison. Police said Jerry Ketcham, 40, shot Lina Beth Ketcham last October after accusing her of having an extramarital affair. Lina Ketcham, 41, a teacher at South Laurel Middle School, was killed at the couple's home six miles south of London. Police found her dead in her bed from a single pistol shot to the head. Jerry Ketcham had called police to come to the scene. Court records show Ketcham pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of first-degree manslaughter, which carries a penalty of 10 to 20 years.

LOUISA

Golf course to open a week early

The new championship golf course at Yatesville Lake State Park in Lawrence County will open Sept. 19, nearly a week ahead of schedule. Tourism Secretary Ann Latta said Wednesday that Gov. Paul Patton will officially open the course Sept. 25 -- a day after the original opening date. Yatesville Lake Park Manager Mark Reeder said the opening is a relief for everyone involved.

The 18-hole, par-71 course measures 6,630 yards from the back tees and cost \$6.8 million to build. Another new state-funded course, Hidden Cove at Grayson Lake State Park, opened in July.

HUNTINGTON, W.VA.

Search yields no sign of student

Authorities say their search for a Marshall University student last seen in November may have ended after their latest investigation came up empty. Federal and state officials searched in vain this week near the Ohio and Guyandotte rivers near Huntington after interviewing a man charged with killing 19-year-old Samantha Burns of West Hamlin. Chadrick Fulks, who previously was being held in South Carolina, was returned to West Virginia last week. The search Wednesday centered on an area mentioned months earlier by Branden Basham, who also is charged in Burns' death. Fulks, a Lincoln County native, and Basham have been indicted on state murder and kidnapping charges related to Burns' disappearance and presumed murder. Fulks and Basham escaped from a Kentucky jail in November, and authorities say they went on a five-state crime spree that led to the slayings of Burns and Alice Donovan of Gallivants Ferry, S.C.

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