

## FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE

### Neighbor Saves Home With Extinguisher

On March 11, 2004, after being alerted to her neighbor's fire by her fourteen-year-old son, Cindy Dorsey grabbed their extinguisher out of his hand and ran out the door, as reported in the *Cumberland Times News* online on March 12, 2004, by Tai Shadrack. Dorsey used her mobile phone to call 911 on the way. Noting a propane tank near the porch fire, she realized the potential seriousness of the situation and emptied the extinguisher, successfully extinguishing it. She believes that "half of the house would have been gone" if it hadn't been for her son's quick reaction. She told the owner, who was unaware of the fire until it was out, "You owe me...Refill [the extinguisher] or buy me a new one."

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### Domestic Abuse Suspect Arrested After Attempted Murder by Arson

Donald Ray Dickens was arrested on February 7, 2004, after allegedly dousing his girlfriend's front door and lighting it on fire, as reported on *RockyMountTelegram.com* by J. Eric Eckard. His girlfriend, Alethia Silver, and her six-year-old daughter were inside at the time. Silver put out the fire with a fire extinguisher in the house, minimizing damage to the door and surrounding area. After fleeing the scene, Dickens was found and arrested at his place of work, "hiding behind a pick-up," according to police.

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### High School Janitor Extinguishes Arson Fire

A janitor put out an intentionally set fire with a fire extinguisher at Morton East High School in the morning on March 31, 2004, as reported by Johnna Kelly and James Pluta in the April 2-4, 2004, edition of *The Life*. Four thousands students were evacuated but were able to return to the building a short while later. The only reported damage to the building was smoke.

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