

FOCUS

Bond's Broadcast
By Hank Bond

Planning a vacation? You better think again

I guess everyone, at least once in a while, needs to take vacation. The Bond family finally made a decision to get away, ha, from it all.

Well, there's no easy way to explain it, but I'll take a stab at it. First of all, those going on vacation scrimp and save all year, so you can spend a year's savings in five days. That makes sense, I guess.

Secondly, you stay up the night before your five a.m. get off, for rest and relaxation, until 5 a.m. getting ready to go.

Another, very thoughtful way to do things! Then, at last, you're on the road. No more than 30 minutes on the road, it's time to stop for breakfast.

From the moment the car stops in the parking lot, you know you're going to have a tough time.

Walk in the restaurant, and it's mass confusion. Taking orders for six is never easy, and now I'm finally beginning to understand, why waitresses use a note pad to write all of this stuff down.

After two trips from the counter carrying food and a third trip to order what I had for

The next day things were better, right? Wrong. As we created the top of Mount ... at the friend ... BRIGHT AND RED ... popped on again.

Oh, you think so, huh? No way. Number one son, just 2, decides he really isn't all that hungry. So, while trying to balance breakfast and a child, we encounter jolly, spilled orange juice, and another trip to the counter.

On the road at last, but wait, your youngest daughter, 6, FORGOT! to go to the restroom before we left.

This course was discovered, just as we started up the ramp of the interstate. After a brief stop, we were moving again.

Ah, the Great Smoky Mountains come into view. Over the hill and into the city of Knoxville we go.

After a couple stop lights, we go ahead and stop for gas and a little break. The "biggest," "baddest," "RED" tempo-ture light you've ever seen jumped on the dashboard.

About an hour later, we're in a garage having it fixed, and \$28 later, we're on our way.

Stop again in Gatlinburg to check-in, and guess what? \$28 didn't fix it.

This was a Wednesday afternoon. By the time I picked up the car Thursday afternoon, assured it was fixed, paid them \$114, we had nearly exhausted 20 qu e s t i o n s a n d 2 swimming.

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Marriages ending; Main Causes? Boredom, taking for granted

Dr. James E Van Horn
STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) - When distinguished psychologist and author Virginia Satir spoke to a group of professionals some time ago, one comment stood out. "Divorce rarely has to do with money or sex," said Ms. Satir, who had seen more than 1.5 million people during her career.

"I've discovered in my own studies that these two items accounted for 90 percent of the unhappiness and sadness in marriages and families. In one study, strong families indicated that two areas they considered important and worked to develop were 'showing appreciation and consideration' and 'doing things together.'"

Couples who were happily married made every effort to show appreciation and consideration on a daily basis. Each spouse tried to do little things to add some life to their marriage and to let the partner know he or she counted.

After I asked my readers to tell me what they did to keep their marriages alive and well I received dozens of letters filled with hints. There were short and long letters telling me about what made marriage work for them.

"We always kiss each other before leaving the house and on return," a wife wrote from Ellwood City, Pa. "I always put a note in his Thermos that he takes to the office everyday and if he goes on a trip, I tuck notes in his suitcase."

"My husband always has time for his family and doesn't spend his whole life in his business." "A husband in Clymer, Pa., advised: 'Send your spouse a card in the mail. Always tell your wife she does good. You did a good job in the house today. Your food is good. Everything is just right with you today.'"

"Take her out every chance you can and each have a good time together." "After 26 years of marriage there is a Straburg, Pa., wife wrote: 'Compliment him on his achievements and thank him when he helps with activities of the house without any prompting.'"

of trouble. Monday morning some me big ... and it do anything. So as you plan your get-a-way for the summer, think again and stay home and look. And so, for another week, thanks and work where I could get thirty.

Guest Editorials

<The Daily Independent, Ashland>
The first question that comes to mind regarding the Greenup County tire fire that polluted the Little Sandy River and created a major water problem for Greenup seems rather obvious: What was the huge pile of tires ... doing along the river bank in the first place?

The second question is just as obvious: Who is going to pay for the extensive damage the fire has caused? ... The tires had been trucked to the pile over a 17-year period to stabilize the riverbank. There are more effective and less hazardous ways to stabilize a riverbank ...

Let's assume a spokeswoman for the Kentucky Environmental Protection Agency, said ... the placement of the tires "appears to have violated ... the placement of the tires appears to have violated ... the placement of the tires appears to have violated ..."

<The Courier-Journal, Louisville>
The 1983 murders of Barbara Hellman and Patricia Ross were heinous crimes. There is also no question that the killers of the two women were, respectively, Ramsey "Pat" Sanborn and Fred Grooms. ...

It is not a question of technicalities. Rather, it is a question of whether the scales of justice were balanced, or whether they tipped toward the prosecution. Kentucky's Supreme Court has found in both cases that they were skewed through errors by judges and a prosecutor, and that is wrong. ...

<The State Journal, Frankfort>
Whether it's Wall Street or Kentucky politics, we are living in the era of creative financing. Only time will tell, however, if political action committees (PACs) formed by a Kentucky governor and a state employee union are as successful, and financially rewarding, as junk bonds used to finance corporate takeovers. ...

The state employees' PAC, of course, faces a far greater challenge than Gov. Wilkinson's PAC. The fact that many special interests are looking to carry favor with associate members of the PAC, rather than financial nirvana, although its own executive director ... says he's not sure who he does business with the state ...

He won't have to. People who do business with the state would not want to get into the news. The work by the board of directors is forming a PAC to help finance Wilkinson's personal PAC. Kentuckians for a Better Future, has even hired an executive director ...

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GENERAL NEWS

1980s called a dry decade; damage level shows climb

WASHINGTON (AP) - This has been a dry decade - except for 1982 - in much of America. Here's the rundown: Hot and dry summer weather developed in a pattern similar to the unpleasant summers of 1982-84. Rainfall was between 25 percent and 50 percent of normal across much of the nation, crop and livestock damage estimated at \$20 billion.

1981: Much of the nation remained in the grip of the drought which began in 1980. Light winter snowfall meant that groundwater was not recharged and municipal water supplies in the Northeast slipped to dangerously low levels. Rains starting in May brought relief to some farm areas, although abnormally dry weather remained the rule in the northern Great Plains, Southeast and Middle Atlantic states.

1982: Things were better this year with no extensive areas of drought in the nation as cool Canadian air helped produce a wet rain front during most of the summer. 1983: Searing heat struck in July and August, producing severe drought east of the Rockies. The drought was similar to that of 1980 but centered slightly further north, in the western corn belt states. Losses extended to the Mid-Atlantic region. Rain was less than one-quarter of normal in parts of Texas, Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa and Illinois.

1984: Wheat crops were damaged to the tune of more than \$1 billion in Montana and North Dakota when rainfall totaled only one-third of normal in the first half of the year. Many brush fires were reported. Prolonged dryness also damaged crops and livestock in central Texas. 1985: Dry conditions led to serious brush and forest fires in California and in the Northern Rockies and Northern Plains states.

1986: The Southeast sweltered under dry conditions that had begun the previous autumn. Virginia, the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee were affected by a drought that has been described as the worst in more than a century, less than one-quarter the normal rain falling in some areas. Heavy rains came in August when rains helped soybean crops, but it was too late for hay and corn. Regional damage estimates topped \$1 billion.

1987: Forest fires scorched more than two million acres when a dry winter was followed by a sweltering summer in parts of Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California. Water shortages occurred in Spokane and some other communities. 1988: Hot, dry conditions in July and August also contributed to drought conditions in the Southeast, reducing crop yields sharply. Heavy rains came in September, but once again, November, particularly affecting West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee.

Water alert.....

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official day of summer, June 22.

However, given the extremely hot weather and the lack of rainfall, the water situation could take a critical turn within a period of one to two weeks. (Further notice will appear in the Carlisle Mercury when the situation reaches critical heights.)

Water District Chairman, Charles Watkins, said, "The situation is bad in the whole state of Kentucky and Nicholas County is no different." He explained, "We are far below the normal rainfall when one can predict how long this drought can last. We feel if precautions are taken sooner than we will be a little better prepared if the situation worsens."

How can water customers conserve? Watkins said, "Big things like not washing your car or over-watering lawns and gardens will help. But little things such as not leaving the water running while you brush your teeth, saving bigger loads of washings (clothes and dishes) at a time in a great conservation are also a big help."

If interested persons have any questions or feedback, Watkins is Mayor Leo Dent.

State officials meet to discuss drought

Associated Press Writer
State officials scheduled a power to map out a strategy on how to combat the severe drought that is drying out farmlands and creating water shortages, and one official joked that a rain dance may be the best course of action.

Summer Freedom
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