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## More Eastern states find trouble a-bruin

**BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS**, particularly on the East Coast, on rise over past 10 years.

BY ROGER ALFORD  
Associated Press

**HARLAN, Ky.** | Bobby Koger was deer hunting on a Kentucky hillside when a black

bear gave him the fright of his life.

A 300-pound animal, apparently unhappy that an intruder was on his turf, came

charging and didn't stop until Koger raised his .50 caliber muzzleloading rifle and fired from point-blank range. A hunting companion who witnessed the attack from a distance also shot the bruin, which wheeled, ran a short

### DEADLY RUN-INS

**Stephanie Boyles, a wildlife scientist for the Humane Society of the United States, said 14 people have been killed in attacks by black bears in North America since 2000.**

distance and collapsed. Conservation officers con-

cluded that they fired in self-defense at a bear that had lost

its natural fear of humans.

With black bear populations rising, run-ins have become almost commonplace — more than 15,000 in the past year in states east of the Mississippi River, according

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## Death rings familiar in N.J.

**PA. STATE TROOPER'S SHOOTING** mirrors 1997 killing of Scott Gonzalez.

BY TOM QUIGLEY  
The Express-Times

Silence inevitably descends after the somber enormity of an event like the funeral of slain Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Joshua Miller.

Those outside the ranks of police cannot know what those in the Swiftwater barracks are feeling now, what troopers in the Hope barracks in New Jersey felt nearly 12 years ago.

On Oct. 24, 1997, New Jersey State Police Trooper Scott Gonzalez was gunned down in Mansfield Township in circumstances similar to

Miller's June 7 murder.

Both married troopers in their 30s were shot to death after a highway pursuit.

Miller was killed in a gunfight with Daniel Autenrieth, of Palmer Township.

The deadly shooting, which also claimed Autenrieth's life, began when Autenrieth went to his estranged wife's Nazareth home and kidnapped their 9-year-old son. The car chase that followed ended in Coolbaugh Township, Monroe County, with the gunfire that killed both men.

Gonzalez died at the hands of a former mental patient armed with a shotgun and on his way from Knowlton Town-

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### CONNECT



### CHEAP FUN IN THE SUMMERTIME

School's out and the kids will need about two and a half months of things to do. But helping them fill these lazy days of summer doesn't need to break the bank. Here are some tips on keeping children entertained without depleting the bank account.

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### WORLD

#### REFORM SUPPORTERS PROTEST VOTE

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad claimed a decisive win but his opponent said election results were tainted by widespread fraud. Meanwhile, the country's capital, Tehran, erupted in violence as pro-reform demonstrators protested the election results.

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### MONEY

#### ARE FREEBIES GOOD FOR BUSINESS?

As a consumer, you can't beat a price tag of \$0.00. In these tough economic times, businesses are figuring out that if they give items away, customers will spend more money.

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## Search for teen enters fourth week



EXPRESS-TIMES PHOTO | JOE GILL

Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit divers, from left, Ross Mabon, Eric Petrevich and Carl Bayer on Saturday search the Delaware River for 18-year-old Brian Lynch.

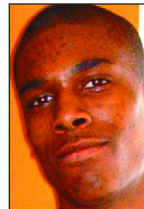
## Crews scour river for Brian Lynch

BY LYNN OLANOFF  
The Express-Times

**U. MT. BETHEL TWP.** | The Portland Fire Co. has never been unable to recover a Delaware River drowning victim in Chief Jim Potter's 34 years with the department.

But a search has never gone on as long as the current 20-day effort to find Phillipsburg teen Brian Lynch.

Lynch, 18, has been missing since May 25, when he jumped from friends into the river from an abandoned railroad trestle that straddles Upper Mount Bethel and Knowlton town-



Lynch

The Portland Fire Co. has been searching for Lynch every weekend since. "We'll probably be here until we find him," Potter said. On Saturday, the local department was joined by the Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit, out of Millford, and the Whitehall Township Fire Department. Whitehall owns a side-scan sonar, which takes underwater pictures, Potter said.

The search has been hampered by both high water levels and cold water temperatures, Potter said. The area where rescue teams are searching has fast rapids, which increase in speed with higher river levels, said Gerry Boylan, captain of the Garden State unit.

Warmer waters also make river recovery efforts easier, Potter said. Since Lynch went missing, the Delaware River has warmed up significantly — to 70 degrees Saturday — so Potter is optimistic Lynch will be found soon.

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## Daughter seeks answers in mom's 1984 murder

BY MICHAEL BUCK  
The Express-Times

Jessica Van Horn knew her mother lived a life on the streets, but it was a life that she only knows about from listening to family stories and reading newspaper clippings.

It was a life that her mother, Cheryl Van Horn, never let her or her two brothers see.

"She didn't come around us high," said Jessica Van Horn, of Clinton, N.C. "She respected us enough to make sure we were well taken care of."

Up until she was murdered, Cheryl Van Horn was not absent from her daughter's life, said Jessica Van Horn, who was later raised by her grandparents in Palmer Township.

### COMING UP

In this week's Five Questions, an audio feature on lehighvalleylive.com, Michael Buck chats with Cheryl Van Horn's daughter.

■ Visit lehighvalleylive.com on Tuesday to listen in.

"The one thing about Cheryl, we saw her everyday," Van Horn said. "It's not just like she just dropped us off and forgot about us."

But Jessica Van Horn, 31, has now spent nearly 25 years without her mother, who was found dead by a garbage collector Nov. 14, 1984, behind a

Downtown Easton hotel. She was murdered by a shotgun blast to her chest.

### 'The streets just locked on to her'

It was chilly in Easton the night Cheryl Van Horn was killed. She had been wearing a tan corduroy coat over a red jogging suit. There were blue-and-white sneakers on her feet. Her blond hair was tied back in a ponytail and she was wearing heavy makeup, according to her autopsy report.

Just before she was shot, she had been smoking a cigarette. Hours later authorities found it still wedged in between her fingers.

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## PORTUGUESE DAY IN CHRISTMAS CITY



EXPRESS-TIMES PHOTO | BILL ADAMS

Carlos Poctas plays along with fellow accordion players Saturday as they march in the Bethlehem Portuguese Day parade on East Fourth Street in Bethlehem. They are with the Rancho Folclorico band of Farmingville, N.Y. See video at lehighvalleylive.com.