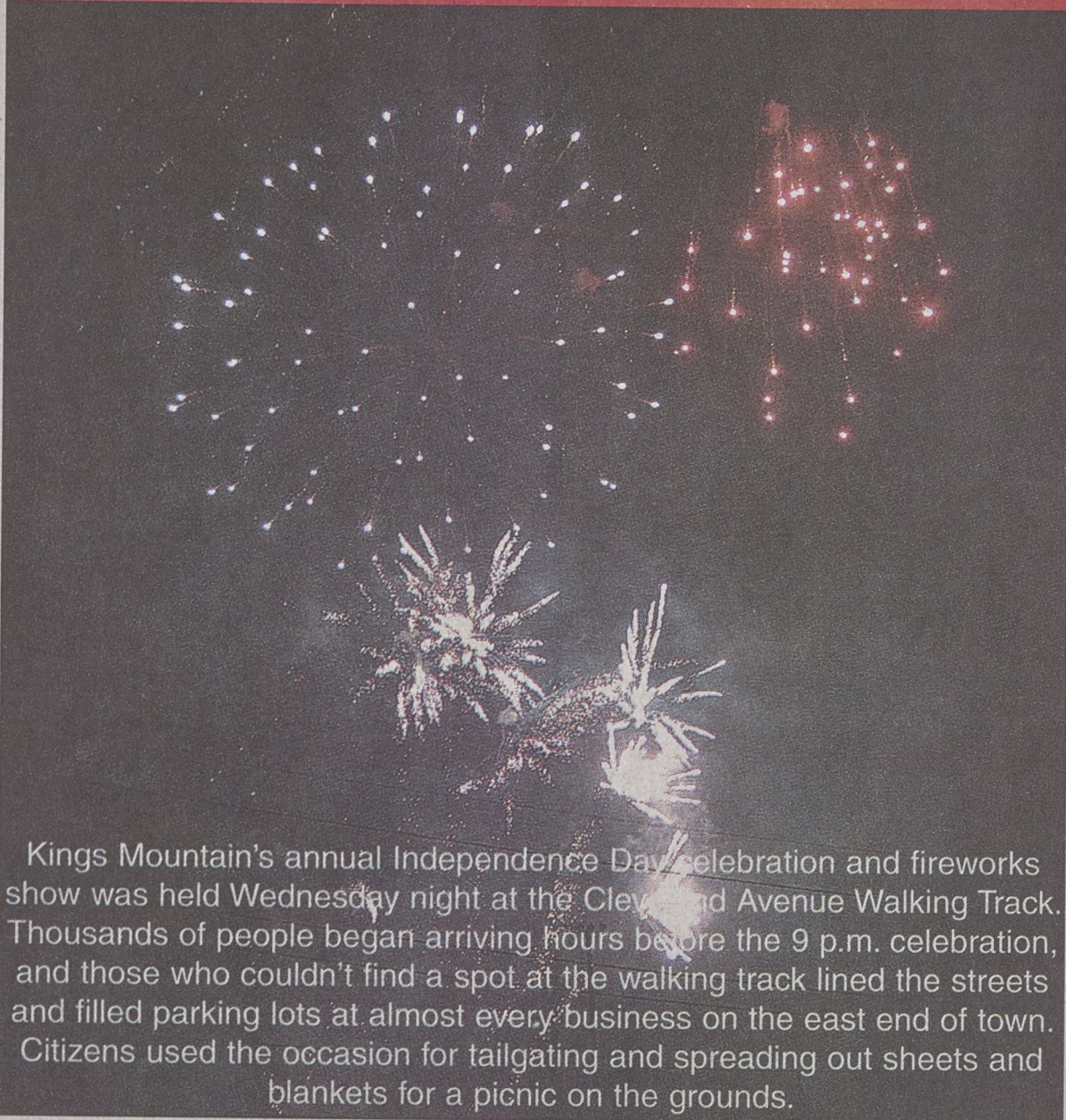


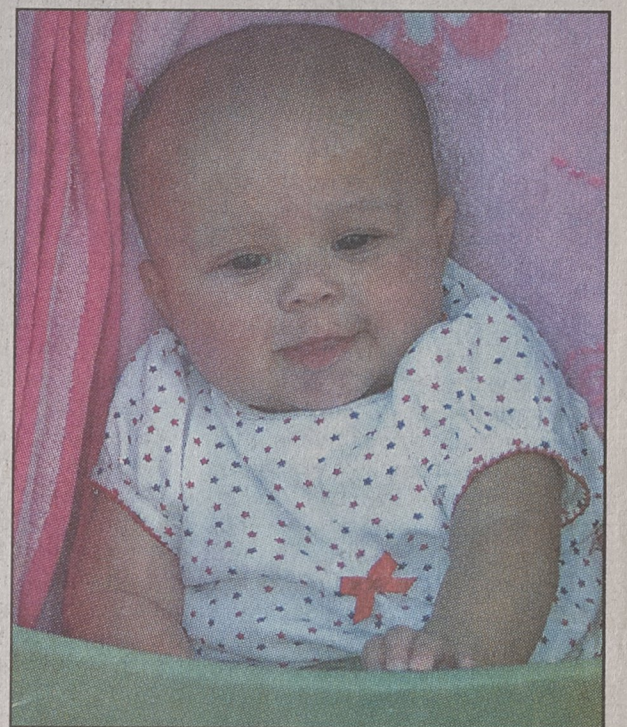


Spectacular Fourth



Kings Mountain's annual Independence Day celebration and fireworks show was held Wednesday night at the Cleveland Avenue Walking Track. Thousands of people began arriving hours before the 9 p.m. celebration, and those who couldn't find a spot at the walking track lined the streets and filled parking lots at almost every business on the east end of town. Citizens used the occasion for tailgating and spreading out sheets and blankets for a picnic on the grounds.

Top left, David Lee Creighton, 18 months, decked out in an American flag outfit, and his father David get ready for the July 4th spectacular Wednesday at the Kings Mountain Walking Track on Cleveland Avenue. David Creighton recently returned home from 14 months duty in Iraq with the Kings Mountain National Guard unit. David Lee was born March 13 while his father was home on a two-week leave. Top right, 5-month-old Kendall Rayfield was one of the youngest spectators. Bottom left, Shana Adams sings prior to the start of the patriotic celebration at 9 p.m. Bottom right, little 13-month-old Roxy Bell, daughter of Deris and Kim Bell, wasn't too happy about having her picture made with Mayor Murphrey on a horse.



Above, Tony Cavanna, left, helps his grandson, Caleb Tessner, and Megan Hutchinson swing on a tire at Jake Early Sports Complex. Right, Mountain men Dale Putnam, Donnie Jenkins and Alec Jenkins (left to right), listen to speeches at the Walking Track. Bottom, Mayor Rick Murphrey, left, and Lisa Proctor ride horses in front of a flag display on the hill between the Walking Track and playground.



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