

Crime Prevention

Man Robbed, Kidnapped By Duo

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

- Armed Robbery and Kidnapping**
 - 2100 block, Sunnyside Avenue

The complainant was transported to a tavern by cab. After paying the cab driver, the complainant was approached by two black males, one of whom pulled a sawed-off shotgun on the complainant while the second one took his wallet. The suspects then drove to a house on Clemmonsville Road, which they told the complainant to go into and not to come out or he would be shot. The complainant stayed all night. The suspects are described as black males in their early 30s. They wore dark clothing.
- Common-Law Robbery**
 - 2100 block, Stadium Drive

The complainant asked three black males to transport him home. While en route, the suspects stopped the vehicle and told the complainant to give up his money and get out, which the complainant did. No description of the suspects is available.
 - 700 block, North Highland Avenue

The complainant and his wife were walking toward their parked vehicle when two black males approached them. One of the suspects held his hand inside his pocket and told the complainant to turn over his money, which he did. The suspects are described as 5-9 to 6-3 with slender builds, and one was hump-shouldered.
- Rape**
 - 1400 block, Glade Street

When the complainant answered the front door, the suspect forced his way inside and sexually assaulted her. The suspect is described as a white male, 5-11 to 6-1, with

- red, wavy, shoulder-length hair and a ruddy complexion.
- Storebreaking**
 - 4000 block, Patterson Avenue

Five mobile homes were entered, and two Magic Chef microwave ovens and two Craig AM/FM stereos were taken.
 - 1400 block, North Liberty Street

Unknown suspects took beer and wine from a freezer locker.
 - 1100 block, 22nd Street

Kerosene and an electric heater were taken from a church mission.
 - Housebreaking**
 - 1200 block, East 18th Street

The complainant woke up and found an unknown suspect beside her. After being told to leave, the suspect walked out of the back door. The complainant was awakened a short time later by the same person, who was beating her on the head with a post. A struggle ensued and the suspect ran out of the door.
 - 1100 block, West End Boulevard

A fur coat was taken.
 - 100 block, Cayuga Street

An oil stove was taken.
 - Larceny**
 - 100 block, Lakeview Drive

A gas meter was taken.
 - 900 block, Taft Street

A water meter was taken.

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Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Michael Ray
Job Title: Sergeant, Burns International Security
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe yourself in one word: "Sensational"
Hobbies: Hunting, fishing and dancing
Favogite Book: "The Greatest," by Muhammad Ali
Favorite Movie: "Mahogany"
Persons admire most: Father, Michael Ray Sr., and Ghunem Furquan
Career Goal: "To become a private detective."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Voter Turnout Up For First Time Since 1960

WASHINGTON -- For the first time in 20 years, the decline of voter turnout in U.S. elections is being reversed, according to studies that point to President's Reagan's term in office, relaxed voter registration procedures and an unprecedented number of registration drives as the reasons.

"Ronald Reagan has made people feel it does matter who is president ... that their vote does count," said Curtis Gans, director of the Committee for the Study of the American Electorate. The committee has predicted increased voter turnout for the 1984 presidential election.

The 1982 congressional election attracted 3.6 more voters than the last midterm election, which was in 1978, and was the first time since 1960 that the turnout did not shrink.

In addition, black organizations such as the NAACP and Jesse Jackson's Southern Crusade, plus groups such as the Moral Majority, the National Organization of Women and the AFL-CIO have mounted well-funded drives to register voters.

Both Republicans and Democrats turned out to vote in increased numbers in the 1982 congressional elections, said the Gans study. However, in 1984, the groups with the highest potential of dramatic increases in turnout are blacks, Hispanics and women, said social scientist Kevin C. Gottlieb, an aide to Sen. Donald W. Riegle Jr., D-Mich.

These groups are heavily Democratic, and Gottlieb cited surveys that show that "two-thirds of the unregistered voters would vote Democratic if they were signed up."

Military Takes Over Nigerian Government

LONDON -- The Nigerian government was overthrown early this week and is now under military rule. Maj. Gen. Mohammed Buhari, the West African nation's new ruler, denounced the toppled civilian government as corrupt and guilty of bringing the weakened nation to "imminent collapse."

After the military takeover, the country's borders were closed, telex and telephone communications were cut and a dusk-to-dawn curfew was imposed, virtually sealing Nigeria off from the outside world.

The British Foreign Office reported Monday that word from Lagos, Nigeria's capital, indicated that the country was calm. Reports also indicated that foreigners there, including 20,000 Britons and 7,100 Americans, had no suffered no harm.

The British-trained Buhari, 41, seized power early

Saturday from the four-year-old civilian government. The military controlled Nigeria for 13 years prior to turning over the government to the civilians. State-run Lagos Radio and the semi-official News Agency of Nigeria carried no reports of the fate of deposed President Alhaji Shagari and his top aides. Diplomatic sources said they were arrested Saturday.

Buhari, who declared war on "corruption" and civilian economic mismanagement, said the military had no quick formula to fix Nigeria's economic problems. He also said that, when the military relinquished control of the government four years ago, it never realized the civilians would do anything to remain in power.

He termed the August elections which gave Shagari a second four-year term as leader of the country of 80 to 100 million people as "rigged."

Israel Pledges More Active Role In Africa

NEW YORK-- The United States is conducting regular and close consultations with Israel on African issues as Jerusalem prepares to pursue a "much more activist" policy in Africa, according to a high U.S. State Department official.

Chester A. Crocker, assistant secretary of state for African Affairs, told a meeting of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in Washington recently that the consultations were productive and were taking place at a "high level."

In discussing Israel's activist role in Africa, Crocker cited the restoration of diplomatic relations between Israel and Zaire and Liberia in the past several months. In the coming year, he predicted, more African governments will resume formal relations with Jerusalem that

were severed after the 1973 Yom Kippur war.

Noting Israel's "traditional role as a supporter of African economic and social development," Crocker said Israel, the United States and other Western nations are seeking to help Kenya and Nigeria overcome "severe financial crises."

Commenting on the question of Israeli policy toward the internal "homelands" established by South Africa, Crocker said Israel was "cutting back its trade and other formal ties ... and would not accord them recognition of any kind."

"This development brings Israeli policy into close parallel with our own with regard to the homelands issue -- in reality, with regard to apartheid itself."

Fire Prevention

Dangerous Misconceptions About Fire

By THOMAS FLYNN
 Syndicated Columnist

You see it all the time at the movies and on TV. A room is fully involved with fire. Flames roll along the ceiling from either side. Then, down the middle runs our hero, standing tall and looking heroic.

Baloney!

It's time to clear up some dangerous misconceptions a lot of us have about what it's like to share a room with fire.

Fire is one of the most dangerous environments imaginable. The life expectancy of an unprotected human in a fiery environment is often seconds -- even less if the human insists on being as heroically stupid as the average TV character.

Here's what it's like in a room that's on fire: It's hot, for one thing -- bake-oven hot. Hotter than you've ever experienced. Ceramic and metal items -- ashtrays and

such -- will burn right into your skin if you touch them. And, because heat rises, the higher you go, the hotter it is.

Fire instructors -- that is, instructors who train firemen -- like to show rookies just how hot it gets. They'll crawl into a burning room and put a high-impact plastic fire helmet on the end of a stick. Then they'll hold the stick up so that the helmet is six feet off the floor -- the height of a standing fireman. After only a few seconds, they'll bring that stick back down, and the helmet will be a blob of melted goo.

Heat's not the worst thing, either. There's smoke -- thick, black, dense, choking smoke that crowds the oxygen out of every breath.

Smoke can be so toxic that one or two breaths can kill. Today's vinyl, plastic and polyurethane home accessories release intensely toxic gases that mix with smoke. Like heat, smoke and toxic gases rise -- the higher

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