

Crime Prevention

Man robs victim, then steals car

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

•3200 block, Old Greensboro Road
The complainant was driving his car when someone threw a brick onto the windshield. The complainant stopped to investigate and was approached by an unknown subject who pointed a gun at the complainant and stole his wallet and car. The car was recovered the next day. The suspect is described as a slender, medium-complexioned black male in his late 20s or early 30s weighing 145 pounds.

Strong-Armed Robbery

•1200 block, East 18th Street
The complainant was pushed down and assaulted, and money was taken from his pockets.

Robbery From Person

•2900 block, New Walkertown Road
After answering a knock at the front door, an elderly complainant was pushed onto a bed and money was forcibly taken from his pockets. The suspect is described as a 5-6 black male with a medium build.

Storebreaking

•3100 block, Glenn Avenue
Four blankets were taken.
•1300 block, Ivy Avenue
A Sony portable AM/FM cassette player was taken.

•1400 block, Underwood Avenue
Two amplifiers and three microphones were taken from a church.
•2800 block, Liberty Street
Cigarettes, beer and snack foods were taken.
•4100 block, Patterson Avenue
Household items, a ceiling fan, bedspreads and flower arrangements were taken from three mobile homes.
•1800 block, Ivy Avenue
Officers responded to an alarm. Two suspects were arrested and merchandise was returned to the owner.

Housebreaking

•1100 block, East 21st Street
A Curtis Mathes 25-inch TV and a sofa were taken. The house was ransacked.

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Officers responded to a burglary in progress and observed two suspects running from a house. A short chase ensued and both suspects were arrested.

•5700 block, Antietam Drive
A witness called the complainant at work to tell him that his house was being broken into and then followed the suspects to obtain the license number of their vehicle. The complainant later called the police, who investigated the incident and learned the identity of the registered owner of the vehicle and the suspects. The suspects were arrested and the property was returned to the owner.

Larceny

•1600 block, Chestnut Street

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Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Terry Watlington
Job Title: Assistant Manager at McDonald's on Claremont Avenue
Hometown: Burlington
Describe yourself in one word: "Thorough"
Hobbies: Locksmithing and bowling
Favorite Book: Anything dealing with psychology
Favorite Movie: "Superman III"
Person admires most: The Rev. Jesse Jackson
Career Goal: "To own a McDonald's franchise"

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Muslim leader registers to vote in Chicago

CHICAGO -- Minister Louis Farrakhan and the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, accompanied by a group of politicians and high-level supporters, strode to a special registration table at the Chicago Board of Elections Commissioners recently. There, the Islamic leader, his wife and family members registered to vote for the first time in their lives. What has been hailed as a historic moment in Chicago's history was witnessed by prominent politicians from across the state of Illinois.

Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate, said after Farrakhan and his wife registered: "This coming together today of a broad cross-section of citizens ... represents a revival of hope; it represents redemption,

new belief and new possibilities."
Farrakhan has publicly endorsed Jackson's candidacy, and said last month in an *Essence* magazine article which he wrote that blacks not supporting Jackson should keep their opposition silent.

The 50-year-old leader of the Nation of Islam said he registered with a "sober mind and a clear conscience, and with deep humility." He explained that his teacher, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, found it difficult to advise his followers to register or take part "in a political process that was mastered by those who had oppressed his people for 400 years.

"... I feel we have no choice between violence and voting," said Farrakhan. "I would rather see us vote."

Hunt approves state affirmative action plan

RALEIGH -- Gov. Jim Hunt has issued an executive order last week approving the state's Affirmative Action Program and requiring all cabinet departments to carry out the state's commitment to equal employment opportunity for all citizens.

"State government has a special responsibility to ensure equal opportunity for men and women, blacks and whites, Indians, the handicapped -- all our citizens," said Hunt. "We cannot and we will not be a land of true opportunity until we are known as the land of equal opportunity.

"That's why I am approving this comprehensive state Affirmative Action Program and requiring all of my cabinet departments to abide by it."

The program, which was adopted by the State Personnel Commission, requires all cabinet department chiefs to:

•submit to the Office of State Personnel for approval an annual affirmative action plan designed to carry out the state's affirmative action policy. Annual reports will be due Oct. 1 of each year.

•provide training on equal employment opportunity/affirmative action compliance to all managers, supervisors and others who take or recommend personnel actions.

•provide for an annual internal evaluation system to hold managers accountable for the progress or lack of progress of the department's affirmative action program.

•adopt and carry out a reduction-in-force mechanism to ensure that any reduction of employees does not reduce the proportion of protected group members in the current workforce and preserves the gains that have been made through affirmative action.

The N.C. Human Relations Council will advise the governor and the Office of State Personnel in the implementation of the program.

Court rules for UNC in desegregation dispute

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Supreme Court upheld last week a settlement between the University of North Carolina and the Reagan administration. The court's decision ends a 13-year-old desegregation battle.

The court let stand a 6-5 ruling last year by a federal appeals court in Washington that allowed states failing to comply with desegregation orders to take their cases to federal courts in their states. The Legal Defense Fund, a civil rights organization, had asked the Supreme Court to overturn the appeals court decision.

Joseph Levin, UNC's lawyer in Washington, said the high court's ruling means that federal courts will not be running state schools.

Last year, a U.S. District Court judge ordered public colleges and universities in nine states, including North Carolina, to meet a September deadline for showing that

they had taken steps to ensure desegregation by the fall of 1985. The Supreme Court's ruling last week ratifies UNC's transfer of its desegregation dispute in 1981 from the District of Columbia courts to a friendlier judge in Raleigh.

UNC President William Friday said the order "affirms that this control (of the state colleges and universities) rests with the university and not with the agencies of the federal government."

Judge J. Skelly Wright, one of the four dissenting appeals court judges in May, said the court's decision "opens the floodgates for other states to avoid desegregating their schools of higher learning. The decision 'makes a mockery of Congress' and our nation's moral sense that racial equality must begin in the schools where our children are educated," he said.

Fire Prevention

Don't get burned up over smoking

By THOMAS FLYNN
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Here's a new angle on the smoking-and-health controversy:

Did you know that careless smoking is one of the leading causes of residential fires in the United States? Or that smoking fires claim more than their share of lives because they so often ignite last at night?

The "profile" smoking fire begins with a dropped cigarette. It's so easy to lose one between the cushions of a sofa -- or, by kicking a table leg, to accidentally knock a burning but off the rim of an ashtray. The "fire" may smolder at an undetectable low level for hours. After the family is asleep, certain that nothing is wrong, the fire finally catches, filling the home with smoke and toxic gases.

With a home smoke detector, it's likely that the family

in the situation above will be asphyxiated. But it's a lot easier to prevent smoking fires than to have to escape from one.

Use large ashtrays. Get the heavy glass types with full rims and deep cigarette slots. Cigars and cigarettes are less likely to be dislodged from a hefty ashtray by accidental jostling.

If a lighted cigarette drops, find it. Stop everything until it's been found! If you know that cigarette has dropped deep inside a particular piece of furniture and can't locate it, take the furniture outside and leave it out overnight. Better to risk having your convertible sofa stolen than to risk it converting your home into an ember.

Check for dropped butts after entertaining. After the party's over, check under seat cushions and around the floor for cigarettes that may have been accidentally dropped.

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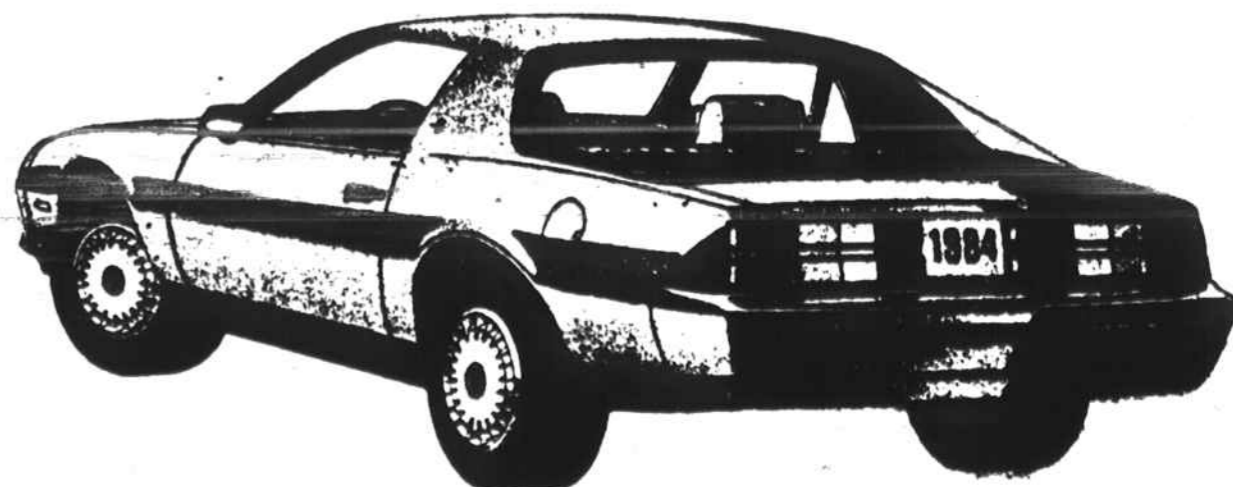
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