

## Crime Prevention for Senior Citizens

Many senior citizens are especially worried about crime and how it affects them.

"The sad fact is, some are so afraid that they lock themselves in their homes and rarely go out," Sheriff Ron Barker stated.

"The truth is," he continued, "older folks are victims of crime less often than younger people. However, that doesn't mean that our older citizens shouldn't learn about how to protect themselves and avoid becoming victims of crime."

The sheriff offered these tips for Forsyth County senior citizens:

Consider the Federal Government's direct-deposit program. This allows your Social Security or retirement check to be deposited directly into your account each month—eliminating the possibility of theft from your mailbox.

Lock up: This basic rule of



Ron Barker

crime prevention is simple to follow. Lock your doors and windows. Surprisingly, in almost 50 percent of all home and apartment burglaries someone didn't lock a door or a window or left a key in an obvious hiding place.

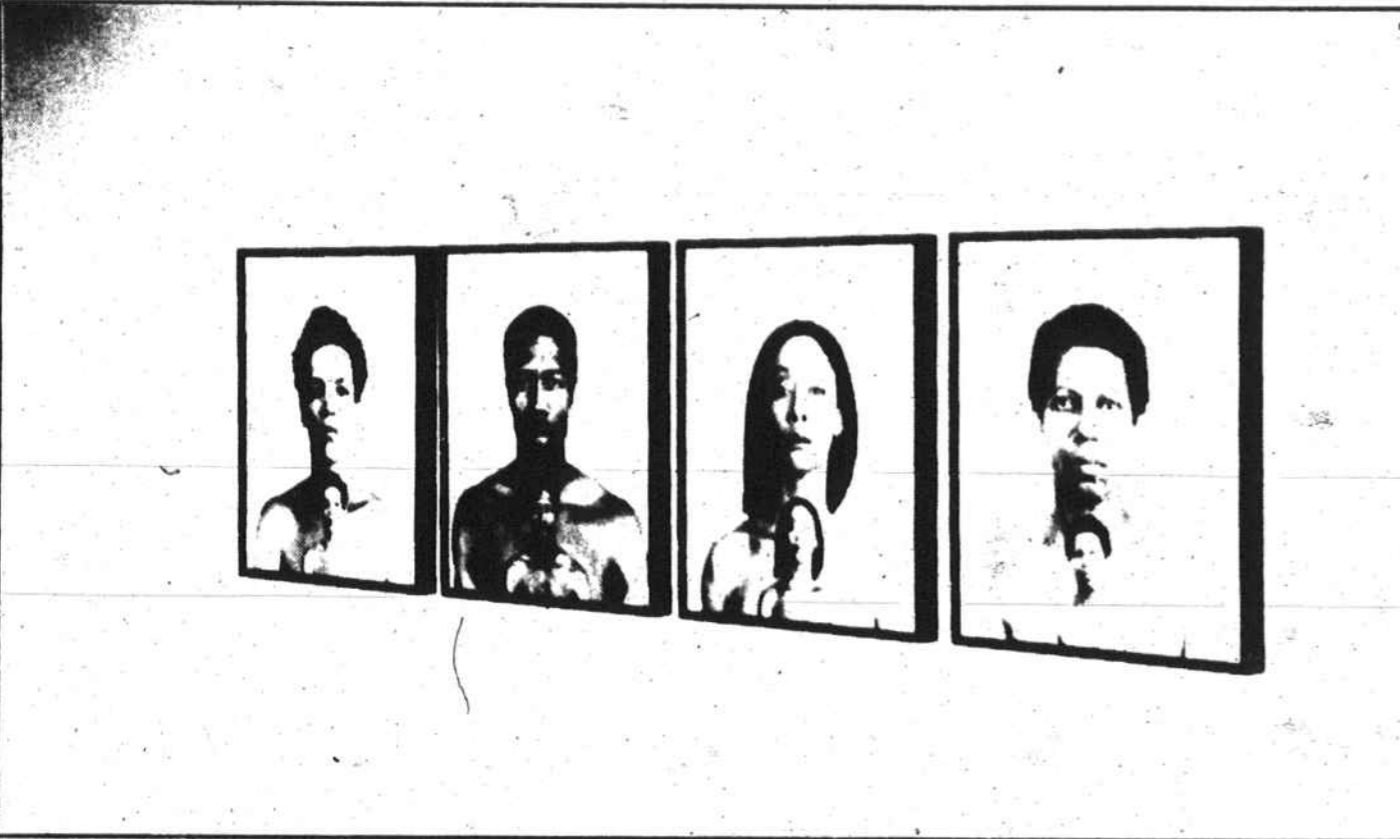
Avoid traveling alone: Arrange your schedule so you can walk or ride with someone else — especially

in high-risk neighborhoods or on dark, deserted streets.

"You should also protect yourself from fraudulent schemes," he said. "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!" One common scheme is the "phone credit card ruse," where someone calls you on some pretext and asks for your credit card number.

"You should never under any circumstances give anyone your credit card number for billing purposes," he said. "If your credit card number falls into the wrong person's hand you can be billed for thousands of dollars of merchandise you didn't buy."

"Many older folks say that crime is one of their biggest worries. But I hope our senior citizens will practice crime prevention and enjoy life to its fullest," he concluded.



These works of art are on display at SECCA through Jan. 2. The "Personal Narratives" exhibit was recorded by black women photographers across the country.



Muslim Minister Louis Farrakhan, at podium surrounded by bodyguards and supporters, acknowledges the crowd during a rally at Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York last Saturday. Nation of Islam leader brings his "Stop the Killing," message to New York in his first public appearance there since 1985.

## "Personal Narratives: Women Photographers of Color" on Display

An exhibition that opened in October at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA), "Personal Narratives: Women Photographers of Color", is on display until Jan. 2.

"Personal Narratives" focuses on the African-American experience as recorded by black women photographers from across the country. Incorporating straight photography, photographs with text, and photographic installations, the exhibition merges and explores a parallel between the visual arts and academic feminist scholarship through the use of autobiography and the subjective voice.

The participating artists are Lorraine O'Grady, Clarissa Sligh,

Coren Simpson, Lorna Simpson, Carrie Mae Weems, Pat Ward Williams, and Deborah Willis-Braithwaite. The exhibition will be on view in the Main Gallery, located at 750 Marguerite Drive.

The United States Information Agency has selected Personal Narratives to represent the U.S. on a fully funded tour of the Caribbean and Latin America under the auspices of the Arts in America program.

SECCA hours are Tuesday through Saturday 10-5 p.m., and Sunday 2-5 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. SECCA members and children under 12 are admitted free.

## Senate Announces Study on Minority Males

During the 1993 session of the General Assembly, Sen. William N. Martin, D-Guilford, introduced legislation to establish a study commission pertaining to the status of minority males (Senate Bill 1236).

The Legislative Research Commission authorized the study. The Senate president pro tempore and the speaker of the house has appointed Martin and Rep. Jerry Braswell (97th District) to co-chair the committee.

This study will focus on the disproportionate representation of

the minority males at the negative end of the societal scale. It is relative to children and youth. Therefore, the primary interest will be on prevention and intervention rather than corrective measures.

An organizing meeting of the committee will be held Wednesday, Dec. 29 in Room 415 of the Legislative Office Building in Raleigh. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Carolyn Johnson 919-733-2578 or Sondra Crutchfield 919-733-5707.

## Home Fire Prevention Tips

"With winter already upon us along with its low temperatures, the chances of a fire occurring in your home dramatically rise," Sheriff Ron Barker warned.

Statistics show that over 1,000 home fires do occur daily in the United States. And, about 7,000 persons per year die in home fires as a result of carelessness or poor fire-prevention planning. Before bracing for the winter you should check all fireplaces and wood burning stoves for safety. Batteries in smoke alarms

should be tested/replaced. Leaves should only be burned where legal and under close supervision.

But Christmas is an extra special time to be alert for home fire because of traditional decorations. Dry authentic Christmas trees and wreaths can be dangerous around candles and faulty electric light sources. Several chimneys burn each year as flaming wrapping paper ignites them. All decorations should be carefully located, overlooked and disposed of.

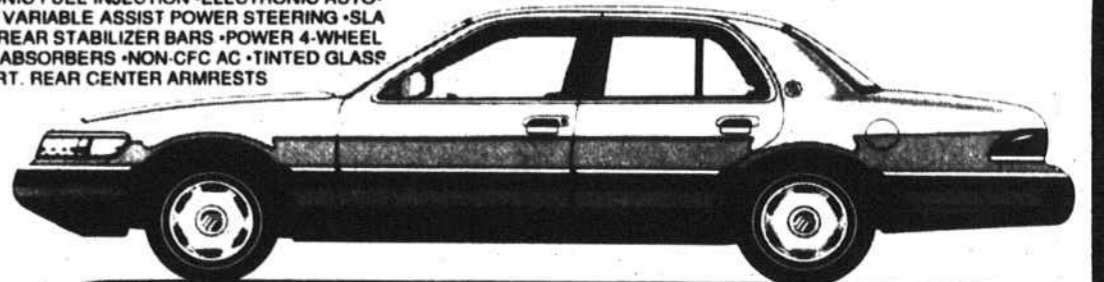
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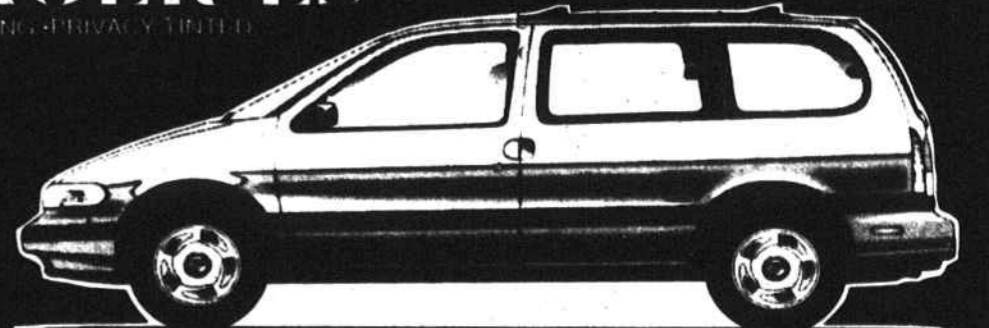
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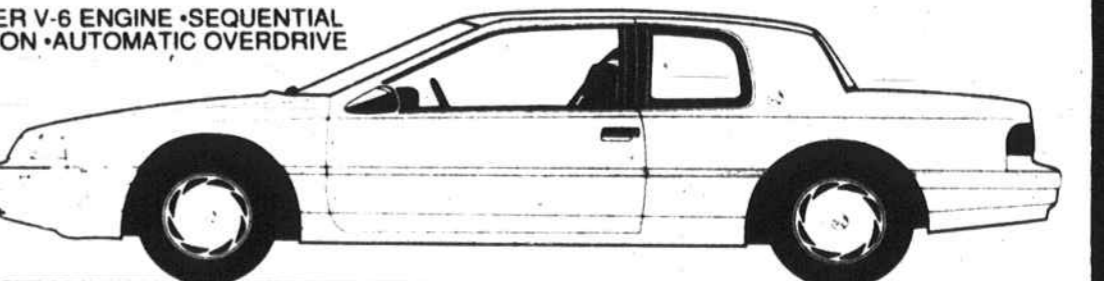


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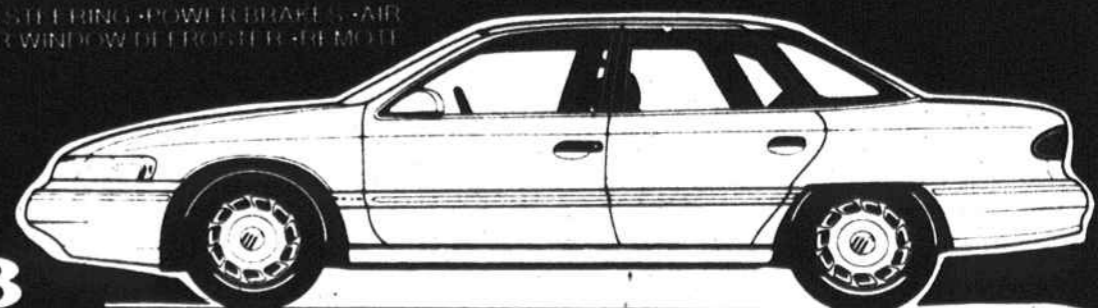
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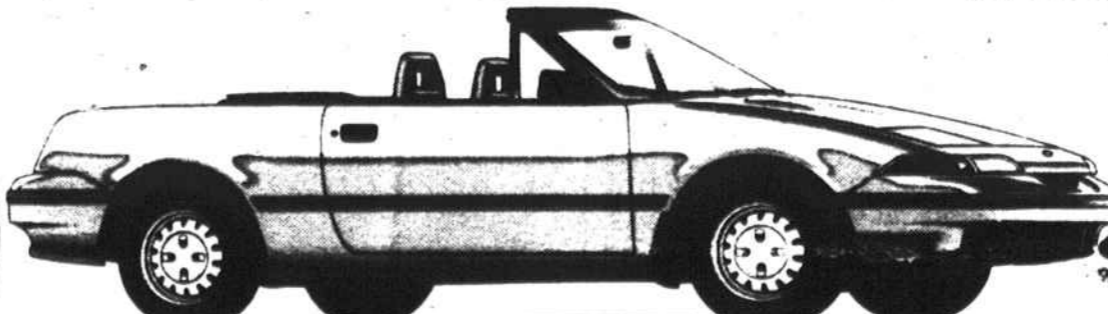
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