



Someone You Should Meet...

Thomas Elijah III, an investment representative for the Bond and Money Market Group at Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., enjoys reading, staying physically active and being involved in community activities. Elijah, a Queens, N.Y., native, says he is an "intense" person who feels you should "work hard and play hard today, and make your time worthwhile." Elijah's favorite book is John T. Molloy's "Live For Success," which, he says deals with some of the unwritten rules of corporate life, and his favorite movie is "Trading Places." Elijah admires his father most and says he is a "good strategist. He's one of the best I've known. He's not arrogant or a snob. He'll talk to you and give the information that you need." Elijah's career goal is to "get a stronghold on municipal bond trading, to move into the sales end of the business and to develop a viable black investment market."

Crime Prevention

Victim Declines To Prosecute

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

- Rape**
- 100 block, East 14th Street
The complainant was raped by a black male after visiting a drink house with him. The complainant said she would not prosecute if the suspect were apprehended.
- Strong-Armed Robbery**
- 600 block, Sprague Street
The suspect struck the complainant with a bottle and then took his wallet and money. He was arrested a short time later.
 - 400 block, North Liberty Street
The complainant was assaulted by three black males who took two necklaces from his neck. The suspects were last seen running in the alley from Liberty Street toward Trade Street.
 - 2700 block, Winston Lake Road
The complainant accepted a ride from two black males; once at Winston Lake Road, he was struck in the face and robbed of the cash he was carrying.
- Storebreaking**
- 2300 block, Patterson Avenue
Food was taken.
 - 100 block, Northwest Boulevard
An air conditioner, tool box and assorted tools were taken.
 - 4100 block, South Main Street
A safe was robbed.
 - 5100 block, Home Road
Electrical equipment was taken from a trailer.
 - 800 block, Price Street
A calculator was taken.
 - 900 block, West Street
A ping-pong paddle was taken.
- Housebreaking**
- 2600 block, Pendleton Street
A stereo system was taken.
 - 1000 block, Cayuga Street
A television and stereo were taken.
 - 100 block, Jackson Avenue
A television was taken.
 - Skyline Village
Cash, cigarettes and food were taken.
- Autobreaking**
- 600 block, West 13th Street
A pocketbook was taken.
 - 4000 block, Hilda Street
Cash was taken.
 - 1600 block, Lincoln Avenue
Gas was taken.
 - 1200 block, East 23rd Street
A .22-caliber rifle, C.B. radio and two flashlights were taken.
 - 200 block, East Drive
A cassette tape and cash were taken.
 - 3000 block, Waughtown Street
Fishing equipment was taken.
 - 4300 block, Indiana Avenue
A battery was taken.

Fire Prevention

Avoiding Fires While-Camping

Heading for the great outdoors this summer?

And planning to rough it? Here are some simple fire-safety tips to ensure that your trip doesn't get rougher than you intended.

Understand that almost all tents -- even the ones labeled flame-resistant -- will burn. So the fire-wise camper keeps fuel-burning lanterns, stoves and grills well away from the tent. And even though fire-resistance is no cure-all, the smart camper buys only flame-resistant tents -- every little bit helps.

When pitching your tent, set up at least 15 feet upwind from fireplaces or the place you plan to use your grill. Plan on filling fuel-burning devices another 15 feet downwind of the cooking area.

Use only battery-operated lights inside the tent. Even then, it's a good idea to have a fire extinguisher (or at least a pail of water) handy, and to be ready to cut your way out if fire begins near the entrance.

Maintain an area three feet around your fireplace, grill and tent that is free of leaves, dry grass, pine needles, etc. For extra safety, wet this area down with water before retiring; it reduces the likelihood of fire caused by motorists or other campers spreading to your tent. Before turning in or leaving the campsite, thoroughly extinguish fires and turn off fuel lanterns and stoves.

If you're the kind who doesn't like to forsake all

the comforts of home, here are fire-wise tips for camper owners:

Use only electric lights in trailers. Only gas- or fuel-burning heating and cooking equipment provided by the manufacturer of the trailer should be used; regularly check and maintain flues and exhaust vents to prevent explosive or toxic concentrations of gas or combustion by-products from building up within the trailer.

Never pour fuel or other flammable liquids inside the

trailer; do this at least 15 feet downwind and clean spills thoroughly.

Develop a fire-escape plan. Have an axe and an extinguisher handy, and be ready to get out at the first sign of fire. Campers and trailers are notorious for fast, large-volume spread of flames. And since you've spent good money bringing the comforts of home into the wilderness, here's a rule you should bring from home: no smoking in bed!

Place ashes in metal containers or remove them

from the trailer.

No matter how small a camp, bring the maximum possible quantity of flammable liquid and carry it in safety containers. Don't try to carry gasoline in the trunk of your car under any circumstances.

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