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 (photo by James Parker).*

Fire Prevention

Emergency Vehicles: How To Help Them

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You've seen the pictures. We all have, whatever paper we read. The twisted wreckage of fire trucks, police cruisers and ambulances, torn from their life-saving mission by a preventable accident.

Unfortunately, laws and traffic arrangements regarding emergency vehicles differ from city to country, from state to state. Some progressive municipalities have systems which electronically give emergency vehicles a continuing series of green lights along their routes -- or which cause traffic signals along the route to show red on all sides. For most areas, though, emergency vehicles must pick their way across crowded intersections against red lights, cross traffic and great knots of stopped traffic in their path.

In most areas, state law requires motorists to pull to the right curb and come to a full stop when an emergency vehicle is displaying lights and siren. Some areas only call for you to bear right and slow down -- but the pull-over-and-stop policy is always safer, where traffic permits.

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Crime Prevention

Thwarting Burglars During The Summer

The crime summary that normally appears in this space was not received in time for publication this week due to the July 4 holiday. It will resume next week.

The Crime Prevention column is a weekly public service of the Chronicle, the East Winston Crime Task Force and the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Summer is in the air -- and prowlers are afoot. So, as you open doors and windows to let in the fresh air this season, be sure you aren't also inviting in burglars, warns a professional security manager.

"Serious crimes against people and property often occur because individuals carelessly fail to protect their homes against illegal entry," explains James P. Weaver, corporate security manager for R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc.

Weaver says following a few simple rules and using some common sense are usually all that is needed to protect a home.

"Whether at home or away on vacation, the best way to protect yourself and your property is to make it difficult for burglars," he says, because they don't like delay, noise or risk. "Entry to a residence should be difficult enough to cause a would-be burglar to go elsewhere in search of an easier victim."

Protecting a home does not have to be complicated, Weaver says, and he suggests these steps to safeguard people and property:

- Get to know your neighbors. Make them aware of who comes and goes to your home, and when.
- Lock all outside doors with deadbolt locks, secure windows with window locks or bolts, and utilize track locks to secure all sliding-glass doors.
- At night, leave one or more lights on in locations not visible from windows. For extended absences, use timers to turn lights on and off. Keep garage doors closed and locked whether you are home or away.
- Leave a radio on with its volume low when you are away (preferably tuned to a talk show) to create the impression of conversation within your home.
- Don't leave notes indicating your absence or when you will return.
- Don't leave spare house keys in obvious places such as the mailbox, under the doormat, over the doorknob, or under potted plants or decorations near entry doors.
- Never admit strangers.
- Install viewing devices in solid-core exterior doors. Ask strangers to identify themselves before opening the door.
- Report any solicitor or salesman without proper credentials to the police.
- If practical, keep a dog to discourage strangers from your property.
- While on trips, have someone pick up your mail and newspapers and periodically check to see that your house is secure. Make arrangements for someone to provide lawn care if the trip is to be lengthy.
- Don't display your name on a mailbox or a plaque. Identifying your residence in such a manner can enable a burglar to phone ahead to be sure no one is home.
- Don't publicize trips or the fact that your house will be vacant during a certain period of time.
- Keep a list of serial numbers and descriptions of personal property such as television sets, stereos and guns. Photograph jewelry, unusual art objects and one-of-a-kind items.
- If you return home and there are signs of a burglary, don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house and wait until they arrive.

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

U.S. Ranks High In Teen Births

PRINCETON, N.J. -- The United States has the second highest teen-age birthrate among 30 developed nations, with 101 births per 1,000 for girls aged 14-17, says a new study released last week.

In a study of teen-age fertility from 1971 to 1980, researchers attribute the high rate, in part, to the high birthrate among black teens. The fertility rate for blacks under 18 was 237 births per 1,000, compared with 71 per 1,000 for white teens.

Charles F. Westoff, director of Princeton University's Office of Population Research, says poverty contributes to the high fertility rate because poor people cannot afford contraceptives.

Hungary ranked first among the teen-age birthrate, with 103 births per 1,000, and Romania was third, with 100.

Young Imposes Curfew To Curb Violence

DETROIT -- Promising to end street violence in Detroit that has killed three innocent bystanders, Mayor Coleman Young imposed a curfew on teen-agers, which became effective last Friday.

The curfew is from 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The curfew was announced along with a series of other steps to fight crime in Detroit.

Coleman cited the lack of jobs as "the root of this problem" and pointed to Washington as the source. "But in the meantime, we've got to keep the peace in the streets of Detroit," he said.

Football Star Dies In Rescue Try

MONROE, La. -- Joe Delaney, the Kansas City Chiefs' starting halfback, died in Monroe, La., last week while attempting to save three drowning boys in a pond.

Eleven-year-old Harry L. Holland Jr. of Monroe also died, and Lancer Perkins, another 11-year-old, died a day later in the intensive care unit of St. Francis Hospital. A third child, a six-year-old, scrambled to safety.

Delaney, 24, was the National Football League's Offensive Rookie of the Year in 1982.

Blacks, Hispanics Get Longer Terms

SANTA MONICA, Calif. -- A study of racial discrimination in the criminal justice system released last week shows that blacks and Hispanics are sentenced to prison more often and serve longer terms than whites convicted of similar offenses.

The two-year Rand Corp. study in California, Michigan and Texas reveals that minorities and whites are treated equally in terms of arrest, prosecution and conviction, but the system discriminates against blacks and Hispanics in sentencing.

As compared with whites, the average sentence imposed for blacks is a month and a half longer in California, three and a half months in Texas and seven months in Michigan.

The study offered two reasons for the disparity: the socioeconomic factors used to determine sentencing and the fact that minority defendants are less likely than whites to plea bargain.

Labor Head Likes Black Candidacy

CINCINNATI, Ohio -- AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland has said that the organization would consider endorsing a black presidential candidate, but would not support President Reagan in 1984. Kirkland made the comment in Cincinnati at a regional conference meeting of the AFL-CIO June 6.

He said that the 99 affiliate unions of his organization, with a total membership of 13.7 million, will meet in December. If any candidate receives a two-thirds majority of the delegates, that candidate will get the AFL-CIO endorsement.

Kirkland said he thinks the idea of a black candidate running for president would stimulate the Democratic Party.

Manatt Lashes At Reagan Remarks

WASHINGTON -- Democratic National Chairman Charles Manatt said last Friday that President Reagan has "stooped to an all-time low" in blaming the decline of public education partly on the schools' efforts to comply with court anti-discrimination orders.

In a July 29 speech to meeting of national student council leaders in Shawnee, Kan., Reagan said he was among the opponents of federal aid to education 20 years ago when Congress struggled with the issue during the Kennedy administration.

Reagan said that, "with federal aid came federal control..." and that "... the schools were charged by the federal courts with leading in the correction of longstanding injustices in our society: racial segregation, sex discrimination, lack of opportunity for the

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