



Someone Should Meet

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(photo by James Parker)

Fire Prevention

Preventing Fires In Your Car

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Ah, summer. The open road beckons, inviting you to vistas unseen, sights unknown, experiences delicious and unexpected. One of the unexpected experiences you'll want to avoid, however, is the sight of your four-wheeled steed going up in smoke; so here are some tips for keeping your car fire-safe this summer.

Do you have an emergency kit in your car? The kit should include a dry-chemical fire extinguisher, five pounds or larger, rated ABC (not just BC); a flashlight with fresh batteries; highway flares or standup reflective hazard markers; an approved first aid kit, and, if you like, a floodlight that plugs into your cigarette lighter. This kit will prepare you to deal with many common road emergencies.

Another wise addition is an approved red safety can for gasoline -- empty. If you run out of gas, you'll be able to get some; more and more service stations will not loan gas cans to stranded motorists.

But keep the can empty. There is no safe way to store gasoline in your trunk or anywhere in your car except the

gas tank. Even the best "safety can" is designed only to minimize the risk of spontaneous ignition while stored -- not to deliver the collision resistance of your auto's gas tank. That's the amount of energy stored in a gallon of gasoline, energy that can turn your car, and everyone in it, into a fireball if your auto is struck from behind while a gallon of gas is in the trunk.

A few other safety tips: Remember that liquid gasoline merely burns; the vapor that the liquid gives off is explosive. That means no smoking at filling stations, a rule that applies to passengers as well as to pump operators, since gasoline fumes can travel a long distance at ignitable levels.

It also means that it's a good idea to keep your gas tank filled by "topping off" regularly. As the tank empties, the space no longer occupied by flammable gasoline is filled by explosive vapor. You can be in less danger in a rear-end collision with a tank full of gas than with a very low tank and a generous supply of these volatile fumes.

Finally, a piece of general safety advice for the world we live in: If your car breaks down in an area you do not know, do not attempt to walk off in search of aid. Raise

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NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs
 compiled by John Slade

Black Aide Says Helms Not A Racist

RALEIGH -- Claude Allen, a black and the press secretary for the Helms for Senate Committee, said last week that Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., is unfairly portrayed as being racist.

The opposition leader to renewing key portions of the Voting Rights Act last year, Helms has never hired blacks in his 10 years in Congress. Allen said he is not bothered by that.

"I think if a black was willing to look for a job, he

would be offered a job (on Helms' staff) if he was qualified," Allen said.

"I had long talks with the senator. We should let the past be the past. There were a lot of feelings back then. I think that is behind us."

Allen, 22, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last year. He served as press secretary for William Cobey Jr., who lost a race against 4th District Rep. Ike Andrews in November.

Cheese Giveaway 'Irregularities' Uncovered

WASHINGTON -- Congressional investigators have uncovered "many cases of small-scale irregularities" that may have channeled nearly a third of the federal cheese giveaway "from the hands of the needy" to the not needy, said Rep. Cooper Evans, R-Iowa, last week.

Evans, who asked for the study by the General Accounting Office, said that he blames the problems on a lack of uniform standards on who is eligible for the nutrition aid.

The giveaway, started 19 months ago by President Reagan to lessen costly government surpluses and national hunger, has given away 700 million pounds of cheese, 210 million pounds of which has gone astray, said Evans.

He also said that the giveaway has failed to solve the surplus problem and has cut into the commercial market for cheese.

Cross-Burnings Increasing In The State

RALEIGH -- Black leaders are expressing concern over an upsurge in cross-burnings in North Carolina and increasing activity by the Ku Klux Klan, says state Attorney General Rufus Edmisten.

He says both the burnings and increased KKK activity were sparked by "the pressures of modern-day life and

the anxieties on the part of people who are jobless and feel they have to strike out at people."

Edmisten's office says 14 cross-burnings were reported in 1982 and six more this year -- some of which were accompanied by threatening phone calls and the sounds of gunshots.

Coleman Movie Changed After Protest

LOS ANGELES -- Prompted by the concerns of the Black Anti-Defamation Coalition, NBC has altered the script of a TV movie to include basketball star Magic Johnson among a child's heroes and to eliminate Wyatt Earp and Tarzan.

Gary Coleman plays a boy who fantasizes about movie

and sports heroes -- all of whom are white in the original script -- in "The Fantastic World of D.C. Collins."

The coalition said that Coleman plays "a black child who has been so inundated with white heroes, and so deprived of viewing black ones, that even in his imagination there is no reflection of self."

Crime Prevention

'Unknown Gunman Wounds Man

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

Shooting
 • 1900 block, Stadium Drive
 The victim and a friend were walking along the sidewalk when the victim was shot twice by an unknown gunman.

Arson
 • Skyline Village Apartments
 Someone set fire to a stack of boards placed against an office building. The office was not burned and one person has been charged with the crime.

Strong-Armed Robbery
 • 1000 block, Waughtown Street
 A black female walked up to the complainant demanding money. When her request was refused, the woman kicked the complainant to the ground and took the money.

Armed Robbery
 • 1500 block, Peters Creek Parkway
 The complainant was emptying trash at a business where he works. When he turned around, the suspect pointed a handgun at his head and robbed him.

Storebreaking
 • 1200 block, Fairchild Drive
 The County Dog Pound was broken into and a dog was stolen.
 • 1000 block, Northwest Boulevard
 An R.C.A. video cassette, a video cassette player and an R.C.A. 21-inch color television were taken.

Protecting Yourself Against Crime
 Here are some general rules of thumb that can help you prevent crimes against you and your neighbors:
 • Be alert all the time -- at home, travelling or walking.
 • Be aware of danger signs, such as suspicious people and activities, unfamiliar places and strangers asking personal questions.
 • Be aware of law enforcement programs and follow the precautions given.
 • Be involved by helping community anti-crime activities.
 • Report all crimes and suspicious actions to the police.
 • Press charges if you are a victim.
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ISAAC LEE HOWARD

Budweiser salutes Isaac Lee Howard, senior events coordinator for the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum and Benton Convention Center, as this month's outstanding black community member.

Howard, a Winston native, is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Greater Winston Kiwanis Club, president of the Tiny Indians Football Club and a member of the National Guard Reserve.

Howard is a graduate of the University of Colorado in Boulder, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in business marketing, and of Appalachian State University, where he obtained his master's degree in public administration. Howard served as Freedom Fund Banquet chairman for the NAACP, as chairman of the Keep America Green project for the Kiwanis and on the Winston-Salem Sportsman Club Hall of Fame committee.

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