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## Use of car safety belts is a deterrent to serious injury

The use of safety belts in automobiles has been encouraged and recognized as a deterrent to serious injury for several years.



Evidence of their efficiency is well known and seat belts are required as part of the manufacturing process. Still, we find that most fatal accidents involve individuals who failed to use their seats belts. They can never save a life neatly rolled up and out of the way. Infant safety restraints have also been available for a long time, but how many parents use them? How many of our newborns leave the hospital resting in their mother's arms, ready to be thrown into the dashboard or windshield on impact, should the car be involved in an accident? Even a panic stop without an accident being involved can hurtle the newborn infant into some fixed object in the car and cause serious or fatal injuries.

Every hour six people are killed in motor vehicle accidents. Every week 1,000 people are killed and 38,500 are injured in motor vehicle accidents. This is

the number one killer in children age one and older, killing some 8.500 children under age five each year. The chances of being killed are 25 percent greater when the occupants are within 25 miles of home and at speeds of less than 40 miles per hour. The usual cause of death in a motor vehicle accident is that of the occupant being thrown forward by

the impact and striking something. When a driver brakes at 30 mph, an infant held on a lap or in one's arms is propelled forward at a speed equal to being dropped from a third-floor window. Then, too, the unbuckled adult may be thrown forward and crush the infant

Safety belts reduce the chance of serious or fatal injury by 60

percent. The use of a lap and shoulder belt offers the best possible protection. The life you save could be the life of yourself or your child.

Interest in this subject is demonstrated by a two-car, head-on accident several months ago. A car with four teenagers hit a young school teacher's car head on, on the wrong side of the road.

The four teenagers and the school teacher were killed instantly. The teacher's two-yearold daughter, who was buckled into a good infant safety restraint seat had been a topic of repeated insistance to the parents by an area pediatrician and was all that saved the child's life. An intense safety campaign

and educational program has

been launched by the American Academy of Family Physicians to encourage the use of approved infant safety restraints.

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All of us should form the habit of "buckling up" (and making our children do so also) when we first enter and automobile. Written as a public service of the North Carolina Academy of Family Physicians.

#### for gifted students ans summer program

**GREENVILLE**—The 1986 East **Carolina University Science Camp for Academically Gifted** junior and senior high school students will be held July 20-August 1 this year. Sponsor of the camp is the ECU Science-Mathematics Education Center.

The camp will consist of two one-week sessions, each for a specific age group. Students who have completed seventh and eighth grades may enroll in the July 20-25 session; the second session, July 27-Aug. 1, is for students who have completed ninth and tenth grades.

The camp program features indepth instructional sessions. based on the expressed interests of individual students. Each weeks's offerings will include computer science, photography, astronomy, radiation science, chemistry, ecology-field biology

and paleontology. Participation mitories and have meals and recin each session will be limited, in order to permit individual attention from the instructors.

Campers will live in ECU dor-

reational opportunities at oncampus facilities. Participants in the camp will be selected from among applicants on the basis of

teacher's recommendation, school record in science and mathematics, and achievement scores. Cost per session is \$200. Further information and application forms are available from the ECU Science-Math Education Center, Erwin Hall, East Carolina University, Greenvill., NC 27834.

### Adult basketball league champions to be decided in tonight's matchup

Tonight will be the night when one team in the Adult basketball league will walk away with the regular season championship title. The regular season ended in a three way tie between the "A" Team, the Phillies and Showtime. Names were drawn and the winner of Tuesday nights game between the "A" Team and the LA Phillies will play Showtime,



the lucky team that drew the bye.

Tonight's game should prove to Over league with a slight edge be an exciting game just as the entire season has been. The public is invited to watch the game which will be played at Perquimans Union Gym at 7:15. Admission is 25 cents.

**BULLETS AHEAD IN 30 AND OVER LEAGUE** The Bullets lead the 30 and

over Woodward's Pharmacy. There were two upsets last week as the top two teams, the Bullets and Woodard's Pharmacy, were defeated by the 76ers and R & T Seed, respectively. The 30 and Over league plays every Wednesday night at the Perquimans Union Gym beginning at 7:15. There is no charge for admission.

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