

FARRELL

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robbery (at the Mission Valley Shopping Center on Western Boulevard) on his police radio. Without using his lights or siren, Glover raced from across town to get to Ashe Avenue, where he immediately cut in front of the car in front of Farrell's.

After blocking the road with his car, Glover drew his gun on a 20-year-old white college student in a dark blue car behind him. The detective never showed his badge because, according to papers, he didn't have it with him. And according to the student, he never identified himself as a police officer.

Seeing a man in a gray jacket holding a gun on the man in the car in front of him, Farrell decided to duck down and drive through to safety. Having walked to the sidewalk, Glover fired into Farrell's car as it passed him. Papers quote him as saying that he guessed it was "natural instinct" to fire into the car as it went by.

Few people also know that, after the shooting, Farrell, who was arrested at the corner of Ashe and Hillsborough streets, was accused of firing a gun or harboring drugs (his clothes were taken to be tested by the police lab). Both allegations proved to be false.

Although Glover was later disciplined for failing to follow police procedures, no charges were filed by the Wake County district attorney, who decided that it was an "honest mistake" on both sides and that Glover, in firing into Farrell's car, had thought that Farrell was trying to run over him and was acting in what he thought was self-defense.

It was two months later that Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman came to Farrell's home to officially apologize for the actions of his officer.

The incident left a bad taste in the mouths of many on both sides, and no one, not the Farrell family nor friends and relatives of the detective, who claim he was made a scapegoat for only doing what he thought was his duty, is completely satisfied.

The only bright spot that can be found is that Farrell is alive. And very lucky to be so.

The Tony Farrell case has been settled for \$200,000.

CATHOLIC

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public with their services.

Feb. 2 will be open house day for Cardinal Gibbons High School, 2401 Western Blvd., Raleigh. It will be held from 1-4 p.m. for grades 9-12. Cathedral School, 204 Hillsborough St., will hold its open house Jan. 29 from 9-11 a.m., pre-kindergarten through eighth grade.

Our Lady of Lourdes School, 2701 Overbrook Drive, will hold its open house Feb. 2 from 1-3 p.m., kindergarten through eighth grade.

CHECK POLICY

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This time, Ms. Wiggins brought the Rev. J.H. Bryant of the New Bethel Baptist Church in Henderson with her, and had the assistant store manager explain the check ID policy to him. After being shown the sign by the checkout counter and agreeing that it did not disclose the full policy, Rev. Bryant suggested that Ms. Wiggins contact The CAROLINIAN.

Upon verifying the complaint, and checking with other Super 10 stores in the area, a representative for the CAROLINIAN told that the new policy was "six weeks old" and that it was necessary to track down people who wrote bad checks.

Contacted by The CAROLINIAN, Jean Walhara of the Consumer Affairs Division of the N.C. State Attorney General's office said that it was perfectly legal for chains to have differing check policies for dif-

ferent stores in the same areas.

"No merchant has to take a check, therefore they can establish their own policies," she said, indicating that acceptance of anything beyond cash was clearly a courtesy on the part of the retailer. But Ms. Walhara did qualify that by saying that the policy pertaining to checks must be clearly and totally disclosed to the public before they pay for an item.

"There's no law that says the sign has to be a certain size... we just consider it a contract question if a merchant is agreeing to take checks, and part of the condition of them accepting checks is certain things, then customers need to be aware of it prior to them issuing a check. If [customers] either don't want to comply, or can't comply, then they can choose if they want to do business there, or pay by another method," she said.

Last week, The CAROLINIAN went back to the Super 10 on Raleigh Boulevard to speak with District Supervisor Don Lancaster. After being made aware of Ms. Wiggins' complaint, he defended the new policy as necessary to track down bad-check writers, but he agreed that full disclosure should have been made in the sign as soon as the policy went into effect.

"We made an honest oversight," he told The CAROLINIAN. "The sign should have been posted. We recently changed our policy and added two other forms of ID to that, but that new sign will be up by the close of business today."

When checked later that day, the new sign outlining the additional ID requirements had been posted.

Though there is full disclosure now, Ms. Wiggins is still not happy. She feels that the stringent policy targets low-income African-Americans and discriminates against those without cars. "If you don't own a car, you can't write a check in that store," she said.

Lancaster counters that there are hundreds of dollars' worth of bad checks he can't collect on because he can't locate the writers. He blames a tedious procedure at the magistrate's office for dissuading many merchants from trying to recover on bad checks.

The procedure requires that you send a registered letter to the person, giving them 10 days to make good before going to the magistrate. If that doesn't work, then one must fill out at least four or five forms per bad check in order to get the magistrate's office to act on it.

"Now there's your story," he told The CAROLINIAN.

NEWS BRIEFS

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at which time he was named to his present position as data processing manager for the Raleigh Operations Center. He was elected assistant vice president in 1986.

Surtax Repeal To Boost In Senate

The North Carolina Senate has passed a bill aimed at "jump-starting" the economy by eliminating the 20 percent unemployment insurance surtax. This should pump millions of new dollars into the state's economy, lawmakers feel.

Senate Bill 4 passed the Senate last week during its special session and was sent to the House of Representatives, where Speaker Dan Blue slated it for a vote Wednesday.

Repeal of the surtax will save employers \$50-\$60 million per year. The surtax, which goes to a Reserve Fund, was enacted in 1987 to bolster the regular Unemployment Insurance Fund. The intent was to build the reserves in the UI Fund to the \$1.2 billion to \$1.4 billion level in order to be able to pay employment benefits in the event of a serious economic downturn. The reserve level in the UI Fund is now \$1.3 billion and has remained stable even in the face of the recession. The reserve fund is currently in good shape, proponents say, being one of the most solvent in the nation.

Senate Bill 4 repeals the 20 percent surtax by changing the threshold at which the surtax is triggered from a threshold based on a percentage of wages (1 percent of wages) to a flat amount \$163.3 million in the Reserve Fund. Under the percentage method, the surtax does not trigger off, even during good economic times, because the threshold rises as wages increase. The current balance in the Reserve Fund is estimated to be \$203 million.

THE PATH

The path is strewn with many thorns and snares to block our way, but these are only stepping stones on the pathway to be free.

Families: Little-Known Facts

The family that stays together—often achieves great things together! Just consider these examples of famous families who've left a lasting legacy:

The Rothschilds, a German family, founded a famous banking firm in the late 1700s. By the 1800s, the legendary "House of Rothschild" went on to open banks in several European countries. Today, the family—whose story has inspired books, movies and a Broadway musical—operates a bank in England and an investment firm in the United States. Its members have also been prominent in industry, philanthropy, politics and science.

A famous family in the field of entertainment are those high-flying Wallendas, who developed the most spectacular high wire act in circus history. Seven of them stood on each other's shoulders, then walked along the wire.

Perhaps, however, we should admire more some lesser-known families who teach their children from an early age the value of serving others in a sacrificial lifestyle. The Hostetlers of Indiana are a Mennonite family who adopted several children from other countries who needed homes, even though their home was small and they already had five children. Today their family "strings" reach out across the globe as various members work as teachers, ministers and doctors in third world settings. Serving others is one of the key emphases of a very special "family" the Mennonites, a Christian family of love and compassion, rooted in 500 years of faith.

There are many groups of Mennonites across the country, in both rural and urban areas, but they all



The Mennonite family includes people of all races and backgrounds—and new members are always welcome.

have several things in common. They're members of a church of warm, caring people, where others, of all races and backgrounds, are always welcome—unlike most families, you don't have to be born a Mennonite to belong! They believe in God's love, the world's need for justice and peace, the Bible, Jesus Christ and each other. The Mennonites serve God and the people in their communities. Caring members of the Mennonite church have helped out at flood sites, earthquakes, soup kitchens and youth centers. They've learned from Jesus that ordinary people can make a difference—and that a life of giving is more rewarding than a life of getting.

Perhaps you haven't gone to church for some time but think you might like to explore some church options. If so, the Mennonite family could be your family. Visit a Mennonite Church this Sunday. Or, for a free booklet titled "What Mennonites Believe," write to the Mennonite Churches, Box 22, Dept B, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, or call 1-800-999-3534.

Gregory Focuses On Fitness Programs

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Asserting that "Obesity comes from abusing the body with food, the wrong food," Dick Gregory, a leading health and fitness authority and founder of the Bahamian Diet program, said rising health insurance costs will require lifestyle changes that place greater emphasis on health maintenance, and not just weight reduction.

Alluding to the plight of more than 40 million "significantly overweight" Americans, Gregory characterized overeating as an addiction. He said to deal with the problem, obese people need help in examining the role food plays in their lives to break destructive eating patterns.

Appearing recently on the nationally syndicated television talk show "Geraldo," Gregory commented that overeating, poor nourishment and lack of exercise are key contributors to obesity. Two guests on the show, Anthony Adams, 26, and his girlfriend, Sherwonna Collins, 20, said after trying a number of diets without success, it was Gregory's Bahamian Diet that helped each to lose almost 200 pounds.

The Chicago couple announced on the show that they will marry when they reach their target weights of 250 pounds and 175 pounds, respectively. Geraldo Rivera offered to host the wedding. Adams is now down to 310 pounds. Collins has reached 375 pounds. Later, during an afternoon visit with New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins, the mayor promised to perform the ceremony when told about the couple's marriage plans.

Gregory said what distinguishes his formula from other liquid diets is its nutritional soundness and corollary fitness program. Containing

more than 50 essential daily nutrients, the Bahamian Diet plan stresses exercise, regulating food intake and drinking plenty of water for safe and steady weight loss, he said. Crystal Foubister, who lives in New York, also appeared on the "Geraldo" show and said the diet plan had helped her to reduce to 160 pounds from a starting weight of 375 pounds.

In treating obesity, Gregory focuses on meeting the needs of the whole person. To that end, he has taken several people to the Cottonwood Hot Springs Spa for a rigorous health and fitness program. Describing the spa in Cottonwood, Ala., Gregory said it is unique in that it "is not a fat clinic, but... a wellness center." The spa features a natural hot mineral spring whose waters are therapeutic and supply two outdoor swimming pools and eight indoor baths.

The members of the group are following a strict regimen that denies them the comforts of home, including television. They must exercise and take long walks, follow a spartan diet and retire early. Gregory said that by adhering to this routine, the members are forced to concentrate on getting well. They will remain at the spa, without charge, until they successfully complete the program.

Recalling the tragic and sudden death of 1,100-pound Walter Hudson, referred to as the "Gentle Giant," Gregory said he gave people the courage to deal with their own addictions by his own example. "Ultimately, overweight people must realize they cannot allow their size to remain an obstacle to their complete integration into society," stated Gregory.

Search For New York Rapist Continues

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—The Police Commissioner publicly thanked three black people who came to the aid of a 15-year-old white school girl after she was abducted and raped by a black man in Brooklyn.

"I think it's important to know also that these three people who came to the aid of the victim were also African-Americans, who saw a child in a problem situation, took care of her, provided money for her phone call and kept her company until her mother arrived," said Police Commissioner Lee Brown.

The commissioner seemed to be trying to defuse racial tensions after the city's latest racial attack. The Tuesday rape was declared a hate crime because the rapist uttered ethnic remarks about his white victim.

The incident was the latest in a series of crimes determined by the police to be motivated by bias. The outbreak of bias crimes started on Jan. 6 when a racial attack in the Bronx left two black children smeared with white sneaker polish.

"Rape is always a horrible and a cowardly act, all the more so when two men act in concert against a young schoolgirl," Brown told reporters as he released a sketch of the suspected rapist, based on the girl's description.

"We all know that rape demeans just as it injures. Add to rape the element of a racial bias and you have an unspeakable crime that is offensive to every decent man and woman in this city," the commissioner said.

Brown urged anyone with information about the suspects to come forward. "We believe they have an obligation to come forward," he added.

The girl was waiting for a bus to go to high school at East 38th Street and Avenue S in the Flatlands section at 6:55 a.m. when she was approached by a black man in his mid to late 20s, police said.

The man began talking to the schoolgirl, who tried to edge away, but the man grabbed her by the neck and told her he had a gun, police said. The teenager was forced into a stolen rental car, a white Toyota,



It's All In The Stars

MURIAL AND JERTHA LOVE

WEEK OF JANUARY 23-29

Aquarius... sign of miracles... are you ready for the change that are coming your way and for the better? You have had to think things over quite a bit lately and for sure the one who ponders for a moment will have the edge on those who rush out where angels fear to tread. You have time on your side and for sure with all the planets in Capricorn you will find yourself involved with organizations that go along with your humanitarian philosophy so go on out of your way and for sure they will be of great benefit for you in the long run. Have a happy natal day and wake one day at a time. Your outlook can make a difference.

ARIES

March 21-April 20

When you open up to those who wish to know you better, things will take on a new twist for you. Remember, it is the early bird who gets the worm and for sure you are right on top of things.

TAURUS

April 21-May 21

Challenges may have come your way, however, with an open mind and an outlook that allows for change, you will see things working somewhat more favorably for you. Don't be too rigid in your thinking.

GEMINI

May 22-June 21

This is a good time for you to make those changes that have had you in a quandry. The Sun in Aquarius lends some support to you. However, don't sway too much from the routine.

CANCER

June 22-July 22

The home is your base and for sure that has been on your mind and to such an extent that you wonder which way to go. Advice is sometimes your best, especially those who are experts in their field. Think twice before you give the final decision.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 23

Looking over your financial picture is the best for you now. This way, you start the new year off right. Balance the checkbook, then proceed. Delays and setbacks are sometimes favorable for you when you least expect it. Balance in your affairs is important.

VIRGO

Aug. 24-Sept. 23

When you look things over the picture is not so bad after all. You have had Lady Luck on your side and for sure as you expect the best you will get the best.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 23

Take a good look at you you feel and then proceed. Ask yourself, "Was that for my highest good?" Then go for your goal. You have an innate sense that won't steer you wrong. Follow your hunches now.

SCORPIO

Oct. 24-Nov. 23

Plans that you thought were perfect may turn out to be not what you get after all. However, stay in the flow and the overall picture will be in your favor.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Things that happened unexpectedly may take a turn for the better this week. Mixups do happen and for sure with Jupiter your ruler in Virgo, it may seem like lately that it is somewhat stressful and the reorganizing that you have had to do is working in your favor.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Patience, my dear Capricorn friends. This is not the time to fly off the handle about things that you don't have control over. After all, the energy that is coming to you now should be used wisely. Use your skills and all will be okay.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Long-term investments are in your favor. After all, with your secondary ruler Saturn in your throne room, you should find things somewhat in a more stable way for you now. Study yourself and things will get better.

PISCES

Feb. 19-March 20

When you have a look at your budget, and for sure that is what you have had to do lately with all those sudden and unexpected expenses, you do know how to juggle. So don't complain, just do it. You may find yourself in a whirlwind spin, so don't give up. Hold onto your hat as the old statement goes. Things are not all that bad.

Well, for all you wonderful zodiacal signs, the overall picture from the heavens for sure won't find you in a dull routine. Just remember, get ready for the upcoming springtime and think warm thoughts and beautiful ones. This will take you through this so-called recession that has been planted in your mind. Think big... eat warm foods.

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Johnson, Hall To Receive Degrees

WILBERFORCE, Ohio (AP)—Central State University trustees have decided to award honorary degrees to former Los Angeles Lakers player Earvin "Magic" Johnson and talk-show host Arsenio Hall.

The two will receive honorary doctorates in humane letters "if and when it can be arranged," university spokesman Ed Channess said.

Johnson retired from basketball late last year when he announced he had contracted the AIDS virus.

The school's board of trustees on Thursday approved awarding of the degrees, which also must be approved by the university's faculty senate.

Also selected to receive an honorary degree was Donald Anthony, former chairman of Central State's board of trustees. Anthony, who is

completing his term as a trustee, is a receiving manager at General Electric Aircraft Engines in suburban Cincinnati.

The degrees honor people who have served society or significantly affected their professions, Channess said.

Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan is to come to the university in March to accept an honorary degree which was awarded earlier, Channess said.

Neither Johnson nor Hall could be reached for comment Friday. A publicist for Hall said she wasn't aware he had been chosen to receive a degree.

POSITIVE THOUGHTS

The smallest deed is better than the greatest intention.

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