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Students at CHS building links for a good cause

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## Murder case highlights need for caution

Background check would have shown previous charges against woman accused of killing two

By Susan Dickson Staff Writer

Long before she came to work for Margaret Murta and Mary Corcoran, Barbara Clark - the Pittsboro housekeeper accused of fatally beating her former employers - had preyed on elderly people.

Clark, 41, has been accused of attacking Corcoran, Murta and Rebecca Fisher, 77, in a Galloway Ridge apartment on December 5, after the women confronted her about stolen checks. She was charged with two counts of murder after Corcoran, 82, and Murta, 92, died from injuries sustained during the alleged beating.

The elderly population is too often targeted by criminals, and older people must know how to protect themselves, said Art Englebardt, an officer with the community services division at the Chapel Hill Police Department.

"You can't leave your door unlocked anymore like you used to," he said. "You've got to be very aware."

The charges aren't the first to come against Clark. In 2001, Clark pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$5,000 from a 90-year-old man who lived at the Durham retirement home where she worked. She was then ordered not

to work for three years where she would have access to elderly people's property.

In September, Clark was charged with forging more than \$12,000 in checks over

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#### Protect your home this holiday season

During the holiday season, with more people leaving town, home break-ins become more common. But there are simple things homeowners and renters can do to protect their homes, according to the Carrboro Police Department.

"The main thing that I would stress, if you're going to be away ... is to keep your house looking like it's lived in," said Paul Atherton, community services officer with the Carrboro Police. "You don't want to give the impression that it's an empty house."

Put lights on timers and make sure mail, packages and newspapers are collected, he added.

"A lot of people tend to hide a key somewhere outside," Atherton said. "I don't recommend that."

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PHOTO BY KEN MOORE Basal leaf rosettes of Cardinal Flower must have winter sunlight.

## A holiday for your Cardinal Flower

**FLORA** By Ken Moore

Have you checked on your Cardinal Flower lately? You are likely thinking, "Hey, this is the holiday season and Cardinal Flower, Lobelia cardinalis, blooms in the late summer. This is the season for holly and mistletoe and hoping for

But think back to the late-summer brilliant red of Cardinal Flowers and the hummingbirds so attracted to them. If you are a gardener and you've been challenged in keeping Cardinal Flower through the winter, now is the time to give a little holiday attention to those plants.

You need to check them now. If the base of the plant has been covered by fallen leaves, or if you are one of those "putting-the-garden-to-bed-for-the-winter" types, you may have carefully covered your plants with mulch. Pull away the mulch, and hopefully you'll discover that the rosettes of leaves at the base of this past season's flowering stems are still green. Make certain those shiny green leaves lying flat on the ground are exposed to sunlight all through the winter months.

Though Cardinal Flower is common throughout the

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## **'Nothing** fancy'

Matt and Sheila planning to open Neal's Deli

By Kirk Ross Staff Writer

From the intersection of Main and Greensboro, you'll take the sidewalk along the east side and veer onto the ramp. Further down the sidewalk, there'll also be a short flight of stairs to the porch and entryway.

That how to get to Neal's Deli, due to open in "early 2008" — and judging from the buzz already going on around town, if you're planning on heading there around lunchtime, expect some

Right now, though, the roughly 700-square-foot space at 100C South Greensboro Street is being stripped down and rebuilt. The framing is up where the counter will be and only a temporary table sits where there'll be a line of fourtops. The vision, though, is pretty clear — classic deli. The Neals, freshly returned from a tour of neigh-



PHOTO BY KIRK ROSS

Matt and Sheila Neal contemplate the work ahead getting Neal's Deli ready to open.

borhood delis in New York City, are munity institutions with regulars lined and Chinese neighborhoods," Matt determined to create for Carrboro the kind of places they saw there — com-

up each lunch out the door.

"We walked through Italian, Jewish

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## Community members question ethics of exporting garbage

By Taylor Sisk Staff Writer

Over the past few months, many in Orange County have been engaged in a discussion concerning environmental

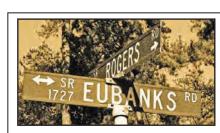
Community members have asked: "Is it right to demand that a neighborhood that has borne the unpleasant consequences of our county's landfill for over 35 years now be the location of yet another solid-waste facility?"

Many have responded, "No."

But another question lies within this discussion of whether it would be an environmental injustice to further burden a neighborhood that most now acknowledge has shouldered at the very least its share – another question of environmental justice: "Should a solid-waste transfer station be placed anywhere in Orange County?'

The EPA's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council defines waste transfer stations as facilities that are used for "consolidating waste from multiple collection vehicles into larger, high-volume transfer vehicles for more economical shipment to distant dis-

"Distant disposal sites," as in, gen-



Editor's note: This story is the fifth in a series that examines issues related to environmental justice and to the fight of the Rogers and Eubanks roads community to be relieved of what they allege to be an undue burden. To read the stories in this series and for other resources, go to www.carrborocitizen.com/main/rogers-road

erally speaking, rural, traditionally underserved communities.

And so the question is asked – as it was by Rev. Robert Campbell of the Rogers-Eubanks Coalition to End Environmental Racism at the meeting at which the board of commissioners announced they were reopening the transfer station site search - "Why do we want to send our trash to someone else's backyard?'

When the commission takes com-

ments from citizens, it's not formally intended as a back-and-forth exchange, so the question then was largely rheber of folks are asking: "Is it, in fact, an environmental injustice to not take responsibility for our own waste?"

According to Gayle Wilson, solidwaste management director for Orange County, the fact that a previous county board of commissioners adopted a resolution stating that there would not be another municipal solid waste facility located in Orange County means, "We have not discussed, nor to my knowledge do we intend to, the location of a new municipal solid-waste landfill in the county."

Thus plans are now in motion to build a waste transfer station and to carry our garbage to another county.

Of arguments that we shouldn't be shipping waste out of Orange County, Wilson allows that, "I think that would be consistent with most commonly understood notions of sustainability and environmental responsibility.

"However, most of those people don't have the responsibility to actually be the ones who go out and find [a new landfill site and fight the fight and deal with the disgruntled community in which that facility is to be located.

"All things being equal, would it be better to have a landfill in county and torical. But it's a question that a number responsible for your own waste? I think most people would agree the answer to that is 'yes.' But the political realities are such that if you take the political reality of the transfer station and multiple it by ten times, then you have the political reality of trying to

> site a landfill." Further, Wilson says, there are ever fewer areas in the county that can support a modern landfill with the re-

> "It just doesn't seem like it's going to happen," Wilson concludes. "I've seen no real political will to pursue that. It would take a tremendous amount of energy and it would be very upsetting and divisive for the community."

## 'Unconscionable'

"I would say it would be the biggest worm in the apple of Orange County progressive politics," says Mark Marcoplos about the decision to send our garbage elsewhere. Marcoplos has been speaking out about environmen-

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## Seasonal reasoning from aloft (and below) **RECENTLY**

By Valarie Schwartz

A clan of turkey vultures came callin' Sunday afternoon. Enjoying the cold, gusty, brilliant weather, the white undersides of their wings shone like aluminum with the waning sun ens gathered overhead.

glimmering upon them as doz-Watched while in flight, the birds, which can have 6-foot wingspreads, glide gracefully and effortlessly among the thermals, whether searching for food or simply enjoying

the ride and community. The air show produced a far different reaction than the repulsion upon seeing a turkey vulture along a roadside rising in wobbly takeoff from a carcass feast, its red bald-like head appearing comical as well as grotesque.

The allure of nature, making even the lowly turkey vulture a gift to behold, delivered the metaphor required for focusing on this time of year. With only a change of perspective, the holiday season, like the turkey vulture, makes

hearts rejoice — and cringe. The first seasonal cringe begins, oh, maybe around Labor Day, when some heartless Madison Avenue mouthpiece announces how many shop-

ping days are left . . . deepens

into annoyance while listen-

ing to Christmas carols as we purchase Halloween candy . . . and broadens into near-panic when we see that our Thanksgiving pumpkins are still on the porch while the neighbor's Christmas lights glow on houses and in yards.

But those are just the financial and time stressors of the

There are the parties. Parties mean delicious but unhealthy foods we seldom eat yet feel burdened by tradition to prepare and consume knowing full well we'll suffer - either a few hours later or by needing to reduce our weight come January. Parties

also mean socializing. At some point we're likely to be asked a question, hear a song, a spoken phrase, or be provided some other memory spark about someone who can no longer share this anomalous time of the year with us. Thrown down to the mat, we'll wish we could stay there until long after the ten-count; the desire to struggle through the season knocked out of us; yet we plug along. For two weeks, routines are broken; the norm gets put on

hold while (this year) we endure two four-day weekends. The disruption of routine opens the door to pain related to a shock we may have experienced earlier in the year or

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## This Week - December 21 — 27, 2007

## **Friday**

Free show at Local 506: Sister Fanny, Jimmy & The Teasers, Dexter Romweber & Friends and The Pneurotics at 10 p.m.



## **Saturday**

Last day of the year at the **Carrboro** Farmers' Market. Stock up for the holiday!



## Sunday

Cat's Cradle hosts Big Fat Gap and Jeff Crawford. Doors at 8, show at 9:30 p.m. Freebie!



#### Monday **Christmas Eve!**

#### **Tuesday Merry Christmas!**



#### Wednesday **Bad Mothers** and

More play the Blay Horn lounge at 10 p.m.



## **Thursday**

Bo Lankenau & Friends play the General Store Cafe in Pittsboro.



## **Arts Calendar**

#### Carrboro

Paintings by Stephanie Smith

Family rendering acrylic paintings. Through Dec 23, East End Gallery at The ArtsCenter. Artist's reception: Fri, Dec 14, 6-9pm. 300-G E Main St, Carrboro. 929-2787, www.artscenterlive.org

#### Paintings by Peg Bachenheimer and Catherine

Carter – Through December at Provence Restaurant, 203 W Weaver St, Carrboro. www. pegbachenheimer.com

Chinese Red Glazed Pottery by Ben Owen III - Through Dec 31. NC Crafts Gallery, 212 W Main St, Carrboro, 942-4048, www. nccraftsgallery.com, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-4pm.

#### Family Show – Bright, starry, and really special! Through 14-Jan 7 at Wootini, 200 N Greensboro St,

Super Awesome Holiday

reception: Fri, Dec 14, 7-11pm. Works on Paper by John Ensslin – Through Jan 12 at Acme Food & Beverage Co, 110 E Main

### Water: Our Most Precious

St, Carrboro. 929-ACME, www.

Resource – Numerous works on display by a variety of artists,



Maeve Harris is one of the featured artists on display in the Horse art exhibit at Turning Point Gallery in University Mall.

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all with the theme of the beauty of water. Through Jan 15 at the Carrboro Branch Library, 900 Old Fayetteville Rd, Chapel Hill (Mc-Dougle Schools Media Center). Mon-Thu 3:30-8pm, Sat I0am-

2pm, Sun 1-5pm.

#### Works by Sondra Dorn -

Through Jan 30. Nested, 118-B E Main St, Carrboro, 338-8023, www.nestedhome.com, Tue & 8pm, Sun noon-6pm. Artist's reception: Fri, Dec 14, 6-9pm.

ings by Steven Silverleaf. Through Feb 4, at Panzanella. Public reception: Mon, Jan 21, 5:30-7:30pm. Corner of Greensboro & Weaver Streets, Carrboro. 929-6626, www.panzanella.coop

#### Chapel Hill

Dec 23. Horace Williams House, 942-7818, www.chapelhillpreservation.com, Tue-Fri 10am-4pm, Sun I-4pm.

Horses, Horses - Horse art by Ruffin Hobbs, Ned Moulton, Maeve Harris, Marta Wiley, Wayne Salge & Nancy Jacobsohn. Through Dec 24. Turning Point Gallery, University Mall, 201 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill, 967-0402, www.harmonyfineart.com, Mon-Sat 10am-7pm (Fri 9pm), Sun noon-5pm.

The Art of Lookng - Selections from the collection of Charles Millard. Through Dec 30. Ackland Art Museum, 101 S Columbia St, UNC Campus, Chapel Hill, Office 966-5736, recorded info 843-1611, www.ackland.org, Wed-Sat 10am-5pm (2nd Fridays 9pm), Sun I-5pm. Free.

#### Paintings by Judy Bauman

Books, Southern Village, 610 Market St, Chapel Hill, 933-5111, www. marketstreetbooks.com, Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 1-7pm.

drews. Through Dec 31. Women's Health Information Center, NC Women's Hospital, 101 Manning Dr, Chapel Hill, 843-1759, www. nchealthywoman.org, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm & by appt.

ings by Lynne Clarke. Through Dec 31. Jennings & Company, 104-A N Elliot Rd, Chapel Hill.

Holiday Animation Art: Cels & **Drawings from Classic Holiday Animation Features** – Through Tue-Sat 10am-6pm. Reception: Fri,

A Closer Look - Portraits of nature's details by Maryann Roper and Jean LeCluyse. On display through Dec in the Totten Center, NC Botanical Garden. http://ncbg. unc.edu, 962-0522

Holiday Exhibition - 100s of

plus gold & precious stone jewelry by Barbara Heinrich. Through Jan 5, 2008. Somerhill Gallery, 1800 E Franklin St, 3 Eastgate, Chapel Hill, 968-8868, www.somerhill.com, Mon-Sat 10am-5:30pm, evenings

#### Works by Jaquelin Perry, Sam Shelby & Lizzie Newton

- Ongoing. Bloom Where You Are Planted, 708 Market St, Southern Village, Chapel Hill. 942-9880, www.BloomNC.com

#### Hillsborough

The Festive Season - New work in a variety of media by the Hillsborough Gallery of Arts' member artists. On display through Jan 20. 121-D N Churton St, Hillsborough. 732-5001, www.hillsboroughgal-

Cooperative gallery created & owned by local artists - Featuring original painting, photography, clay, sculpture, fabric, wood, glass, jewelry & other traditional & contemporary fine arts & crafts. Ongoing. Hillsborough Gallery of Arts, 121-D N Churton St, Hillsborough. Mon-Sat 10am-5pm. 732-5001, www.HillsboroughGallery.com

Oil Paintings & Jewelry by David Sovero – Simplistic geometric forms with layers of rich color. Handmade jewelry. Ongoing. Sovero Art Gallery & Studio, 121 N Churton St, Hillsborough. Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. 732-3056, www. soveroart.com

#### **Pittsboro**

Calligraphy: The Art of Writing -Through Dec 31. Pittsboro Memorial Library, 158 West St, Pittsboro, 542-3524, www.pittsborolibraryfriends.org, Mon-Fri 10am-6pm (Tue 8pm), Sat 9am-5pm.

Winter Wonderland - Works by various artists including Leslie Fesperman. Through Dec 31. Fusions Art & Fine Craft Gallery, 53 Hillsboro St, Pittsboro, 260-9725, www.pittsboroshops.com/fusions. htm, Wed-Fri 10:30am-5:30pm, Sat I0am-4pm, 1st Sundays I-4pm.

Cake - A photographic retrospective of 10 years of wedding cakes. Through Dec 31. Missy McLamb Gallery, 2000 Fearrington Village Center, Pittsboro, 755-1117, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm.

Nature Reflected in the Artist's **Eye** – Six visions of our local environment by Chatham Artists members. At Carolina Brewery in Pittsboro on 15/501 through

lan 31.

## **Music Calendar**



Dexter Romweber will play the Local 506 Christmas Show on Friday. PHOTO BY AMANDA SCHENK

#### **THURSDAY DEC 20**

Blue Horn Lounge: Tain Collins.

The Cave: Jim Watson's 22nd Annual Christmas Show. 8:30pm. \$5

Cat's Cradle: Slick Rick with Connie Price & The Keystones, Percee P and DJ Haul. 9:30pm. RSVP.

General Store Café: Tony Galiani Band. 8pm.

Nightlight: Calico Haunts, Brandon Herndon, Gambling the Muse. 9:30pm. \$5

#### **FRIDAY DEC 21**

Blue Horn Lounge: David Spencer Band. 10pm

The Cave: Early: Jule Brown. Late: Evil Wiener's Christmas Show.

General Store Café: Brian & Mary Lewis. 8:30pm

Local 506: Sister Fanny, Jimmy & The Teasers, Dexter Romweber & Friends, The Pneurotics. 10pm.

Nightlight: DJ Nasty Boots, DJ Family Vacation, Southern Man, Black Congo. 10pm

#### **SATURDAY DEC 22**

Blue Horn Lounge: The Jule Brown Band. 10pm

The Cave: Late: Stu Cole & Michael Kelsh.

Cat's Cradle: MC Jewbron, Addictive Nature, Kaze. 9:30pm. \$10

General Store Café: Prattie Heads. 8:30pm

Local 506: Midtown Dickens, Invisible, Lindsay Cooper, Jemima James. 9pm. Price TBA.

#### **SUNDAY DEC 23** Cat's Cradle: Big Fat Gap, Jeff

Crawford. 8pm. Free.

#### **MONDAY DEC 24**

Blue Horn Lounge: Open Mic.

**TUESDAY DEC 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!** 

#### **WEDNESDAY DEC 26**

Blue Horn Lounge: Bad Mothers, More. 10pm

#### **THURSDAY DEC 27**

Blue Horn Lounge: Bill West.

General Store Café: Bo Lankenau & Friends. 8pm

Nightlight: The Men, The Still, Remora. 9:30pm. \$5



Cat's Cradle New Year's

Eve Bash with Hobex and Kerbloki. Time TBA. \$12 Local 506 New Year's Eve

with The Moaners, Spider Bags and The Gondoliers. Time TBA. Price TBA.





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– Through Dec 31. Market Street

**Shrines** - Works by Charron An-

Landscapes of the Mind - Paint-

Dec 31. Animation and Fine Art Galleries, University Mall, 201 S Estes Dr, Chapel Hill, 968-8008, www.animationandfineart.com, Dec 14, 6-9pm.

# COMMUNITY The Carrboro Citizen

### **Celebrations Engagement**

Vicky and Robert Dickson of Carrboro are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Maggie to Eric Roehrig. Eric is the son of Frank and Eileen Roehrig of Greensboro. Maggie and Eric live in Carrboro. The wedding is planned for July 26, 2008 at The Carolina Inn



Maggie and Eric are "fairly" engaged.

#### **Community Briefs**

#### Nominations Needed

The Orange County Human Relations Commission is soliciting nominations for the 2007 Pauli Murray Human Relations Awards.

The Paul Murray Award is presented annually to one Orange County youth, adult and business that served the community with distinction in pursuit of equality, justice and human rights for all citizens. Nominations must be submitted by January 11. For more information or to submit a nomination, visit www. co.orange.nc.us/hrr/pmurray/ asp or contact the Office of Human Rights and Relations at 960-3875.

#### ESL Training

The Orange County Literary Council will hold ESL training on January 8 for volunteers interested in learning how to help non-native English speakers improve their everyday

Due to local demand for English as a Second Language classes, the literacy council and the Seymour Center are partnering to make ESL

English skills.

classes available to more people. Volunteer tutors will attend an intensive program that includes lectures, selfpaced online sessions and role-playing activities. After the training, volunteers will be placed as either small-group leaders or assistants for the spring semester. No experience is necessary

The training will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the Seymour Center on Homestead Road. Lunch is available for anyone who makes a lunch reservation by 1 p.m. on January 7. For more information or to register, contact Vicki Hill at 968-2056 or visit www.

orangeliteracy.org.

and volunteers of all ages are

## **Community Calendar**

Got an event you'd like to see in our calendars?

email us at: calendar@carrborocitizen.com or drop us a line: P.O. Box 248, Carrboro NC 27510. Please send calendar items no later than one week prior to publication.

#### **Special Events**

The Eno River State Park will host several events this holiday season. The first is a Christmas Hike at Occoneechee Mountain scheduled for Saturday, December 22 at 1 p.m. Visitors to the park also will be able to bird watch on Saturday, December 29 at 9 a.m. And on Tuesday, January I at 2 p.m., the Eno River Association hosts a New Year's Day Hike at the Eno River State Park. Call 383-1686 for more information and to RSVP.

Umstead State Park will host "A Walk in a Ranger's Shoes," a 1.5-mile hike with a ranger who will discuss natural processes and park management. The hike is Saturday, January 12 at 3 p.m. Reservations are required; call 571-4170. And on Sunday, January 20 at 2 p.m., Umstead State Park will host "Basic Land Navigation," and will teach skills in using a map and compass.

The Carolina Mountain Dulcimer Players meet Thursday, December 20, at the Carol Woods Retirement Community in Chapel Hill at 7 p.m. Beginners and experts welcome. For more information and directions, contact Shirley Ray at ShirleyRay@aol.com or 919-929-5359.

#### Kids

**Toddler Time** – At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Thursday at 4pm. Dec 20: Celebrate a musical holiday with Miz Moon and her trombone! All toddlers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

**Preschool Story Time** – At the Carrboro Branch Library. Every Saturday at 10:30am. All preschoolers are invited to this free program. For more info, call 969-3006.

ComedySportz 4 Kidz - Games & improv for the 12 & under crowd. Saturdays, 5pm. \$10, students \$8, kids under 5 \$5. DSI Comedy Theater, 200 N Greensboro St, Ste B-II, Carr Mill Mall, Carrboro, 338-8150, www.dsicomedytheater.com.

**Express Yourself!** - Art program for ages 3-8 & their caregivers. Weekly art projects for children & adults to explore their own creative paths through; registration requested. Saturdays, 10:45-11:15 & 11:30am-noon. \$2. Kidzu

Children's Museum, 105 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. 933-1455, www.kidzuchildrensmuseum.org.

#### **Volunteers**

**Meals on Wheels** – Seeks volunteers to deliver meals and/or bake simple desserts for recipients in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro area. For more info, call 942-2948.

**Goathouse Cat Refuge** – Seeks volunteers to help with rescued cats & kittens. For more info, call Bonny at 545-2825 or email her at brooze@embarqmail.com.

#### Health

#### Living with Advanced/Metastatic Cancer

 A bi-weekly support group. Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month, 3:30-5pm. Drop-in, no charge. Cornucopia House Cancer Support Center, Chapel Hill. 401-9333, www. cornucopiahouse.org.

#### Museums

#### **Planetarium & Digital Theater Shows**

- Science LIVE Demos. Ongoing. Morehead Planetarium, 250 E Franklin St, Chapel Hill. Info hotline 549-6863, office 962-1236, tickets 843-7997. Thu-Sat 10am-5pm, 6:30-9:15pm. Tickets \$5.25; \$4.25 seniors, students & children. For more info, visit www.moreheadplanetarium.org.

**Wilson Library** – A Nursery of Patriotism: The University at War, 1861-1945. Exhibit on war's historic impact on UNC-Chapel Hill. In the Manuscripts Dept (4th floor) at Wilson Library, UNC Campus, through Feb. www.lib. unc.edu/spotlight/universityatwar.html.

#### Theater

Audition – The Gallery Players are holding auditions for men ages 17+ for The Secret Garden. No prepared monologues, headshots, or experience necessary. Bring comfortable shoes and one prepared song. Mon, Dec 17, 7pm, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter. 320 E Davis St, Burlington. For more info, call 336-227-0060 or visit www. galleryplayersonline.com.

**Havana Nights** – Cuban Salsa. Ist and 3rd Thursdays, I0pm. Mansion 462, 462 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 967-7913, www.mansion462.net.

Salsa/Mambo - 3rd Saturdays, lesson 8pm, dance 8:30-11pm. \$7, 358-4201, salsa\_4u2@ yahoo.com. Fred Astaire Dance Studio, 4702 Garrett Rd, Durham (Hillsborough).

Ballroom - Dancing. 4th & 5th Thursdays, 7-9:30pm, \$2. 933-8982. Seymour Senior Center, 2551 Homestead Rd, Chapel Hill, 968-2070.

**Contra Dance** – Presented by the Carolina Song & Dance Assoc with live music by The Donnybrook Lads. Newcomers workshop at 7:30pm, dance begins at 8. Bring clean soft-soled shoes, \$8 donation requested. Fri, Dec 21, at the Carrboro Century Center, 100 N Greensboro St, Carrboro. For more info, call 967-9948.

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#### Comedy

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#### **Literary Discussion/Open Mic**

Leslie James Pickering - Mad Bomber Melville. Sat, Dec 15, 6pm. Internationalist Books, 405 W Franklin St, Chapel Hill, 942-1740, www. internationalistbooks.org.

Marvin Hunt - Looking For Hamlet. Tue, Dec 18, 7pm. McIntyre's Fine Books, 2000 Fearrington Village Center, Pittsboro, 542-3030, www.fearringtonvillage.com/mcintyres.asp.

A Being More Intense: British Romantic Writers in the Rare Book Collection - Through Dec 31. UNC Campus: Wilson

Library, 201 South Rd, Chapel Hill.

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## pets of the week

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by Linda Thistle

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## FROM PAGE I

**FLORA** 

state, how often have you seen it growing in the wild, and where have you observed it growing? It is almost always observed along the edge of a pond, stream or ditch. It depends on the action of flowing water to clear away the seasonal leaf litter to insure those basal rosettes are exposed to the winter sunlight. Those green leaves are soaking up the winter sun, actively storing up the necessary energy to grow tall and flower during the next summer season. The winter sunlight allows them to remain vigorous even in summer's heavily shaded situations. Let those basal rosettes remain covered too long and you can count on losing your plants.

In cultivation, Cardinal Flower responds well to growing in a naturally moist spot or situated near a bird bath or beneath an air conditioner, where a little extra moisture is routine. It will grow well, however, in a regular garden bed, sun or shade, as long as care is taken to provide ample moisture during droughts.

I grow Cardinal Flowers in pots on the deck. Sitting in trays of water they never go dry, and I enjoy the hummingbirds visiting the red columns of flowers up really close during mid-summer through early fall.

Looking ahead to next summer, give your Cardinal Flowers a little attention this holiday season. If you don't have any in your garden, be nice to yourself and plan to include some this coming spring.



PHOTO BY ROB GARDNER, BOTANICAL GARDEN ARCHIVE Brilliant red Cardinal Flowers never fail to attract Hummingbirds.

## **Holiday Dining Events**

#### **Panzanella New Year's Eve Dinner** Monday, December 31 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm

This is a special menu with a fixed price of \$40 per person. Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne with dinner! Entire menu at panzanella.coop.

#### Elaine's on Franklin **New Year's Eve Dinner**

This year's gala will feature a four course dinner paired with a glass of champagne for \$65 per person.



#### La Residence **New Year's Eve Dinner**

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Available 9 p.m. or later, \$35 per couple dessert and Champagne (patio only).

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A gourmet four course Christmas luncheon will be served from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., featuring traditional favorites with an innovative twist. \$65 per person (excluding tax, gratuity and beverages). Call (919) 542-2121 for reservations.

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complete the training, they will be held on Wednesdays will submit a business plan and farm enterprise plan to be evaluated by program staff. If the plan is satisfactory, apprentice farmers will be able to tend land in quarter-acre increments at the WC Breeze Family Farm

ange County. The eight-week program by Jan. 2.

Agricultural Extension and Re-

search Center in Northern Or-

from 6-9 p.m. in Jan. and Feb. Registration is \$100 for the full series or \$15 per session. For more information or an

application, visit www.orangecountyfarms.org or call the Cooperative Extension Service at 245-2050 or Agricultural Economic Development at 245-2330. Applications are due

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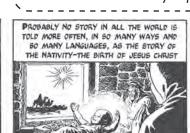
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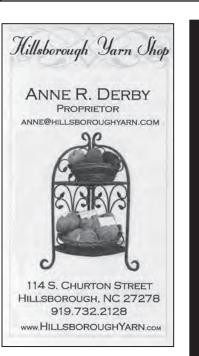














### **Christmas Holiday Schedule Orange County Solid Waste Management**

#### **Curbside Recycling**

NO SERVICE on Tuesday December 25 The make-up recycling day will be Saturday December 29 Please have your bins out by 7:00 am



#### **Orange County Landfill**

and all associated programs such as the Hazardous Waste Collection. electronics recycling and mulch sales

will close early, 2:00pm Monday December 24 Closed Tuesday December 25 Regular hours resume Wednesday December 26



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# PINION

## For the Record

### **Higher ground**

This county is no more awash in illegals than it was at another time "awash" in Italians, Irish and Germans. If it is awash in anything, it's in racist and dangerous rhetoric contrary to the highest principles on which it was founded.

Occasionally, this column has joined the attempt to inject some simple sanity into the increasingly polarized debate over this country's policies and attitudes about immigration.

And as the presidential election nears, and the hyperbole and the hate speech jacks up, the need for a little clear thinking is waxing.

Credit Marisol Jiménez McGee, advocacy director of El Pueblo, who, with a child due in a little more than a week, recently gave a powerful, laser-sharp analysis of what has become this nation's key conflict.

It was, in my mind, the single best speech, talk or utterance I've ever seen on the subject and the points she made are worthy not just of repeating, but ought to be inscribed on a set of handy, wallet-sized cards for anyone looking for how to knock down some of the blunt, extremist arguments you hear cascading into mainstream dialogue.

Speaking last week before an audience of progressive Democrats at Chapel Hill's Community Church, Jiménez McGee offered an analysis of the new "war of attrition" against immigrants.

Quoting the leaders of this new movement (coming soon to a community college, a social service agency, hospital or an employer near you), Jiménez McGee said that since "loading them up on boxcars" isn't practical, the idea is to starve them out — to deny the undocumented access not just to social services but to the basics of our society, like a sound education and equal protection.

Such efforts, by tradition, require a bit of "dehumanizing" of The Other, such as a popular online game that allows you to assume the role of a border patrol vigilante shooting drug dealers and/or "breeders" — the icon for such being that of a woman with children in tow.

Meanwhile, the federal government's push to make local police and sheriff's deputies enforcers of immigration laws pushes people farther into the shadows, making them reluctant to report crimes and allowing criminals in their communities to flourish unchecked by the safeguards enjoyed by the rest of us.

The system is broken, Jiménez McGee said plainly, but it won't self correct.

The way the laws are crafted now, someone who's been here and wants to "get legal" would have to return to their country and get in a line roughly 12 to 15 years long.

And now that the federal government has decided to simply walk away from immigration reform, state legislatures that had been on hold while waiting for the feds will cut loose. It is, after all an election year.

Like the civil rights movement of the last century, which by necessity is still, well, necessary, resolving the moral and legal issues around immigration won't wait for politicians, business leaders and polite society to work things out. Like the civil rights struggle, law and economics and the basic guarantees of human rights are in profound disagreement. Just as it was under Jim Crow, an underclass has been created, one full of individuals who are only permitted limited participation in society and are disenfranchised politically just as hardily as they are exploited economically.

This era, probably this election cycle, marks a turning point for our political parties and institutions.

For the Republicans, this is the party's Voortrekker moment, its wagons circling as it embraces an apartheid that would institutionalize the underclass for the sake of their friends in the corporate class. Like apartheid, it comes at a heavy price for both the dignity of the oppressed and the soul of the oppressor.

For the Democratic party, this is a pivotal moment. Buying into the rhetoric, even a bit, means turning its back on its social justice past and returning deeper into its history — to its darkest days. This is not, as one party official recently opined, "a second-term issue for a Democratic president." There's a war on. And its time is now.

Note: Audio excerpts of Jiménez McGee's speech are available with this story at carrborocitizen.com/main — Kirk Ross, Editor

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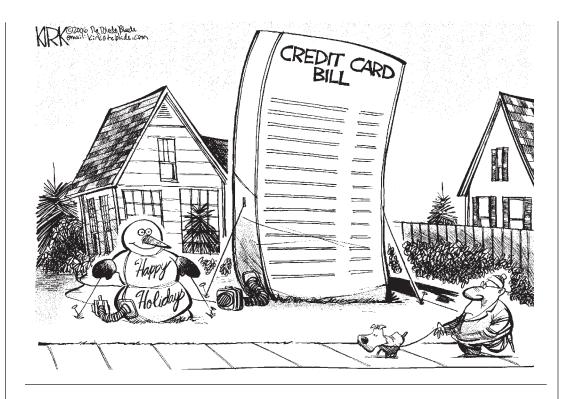
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## Let it shine

#### REBEKAH L. COWELL

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a dozen times, "It just doesn't feel like Christmas," with a segue into the favorite topic, our un-seasonably warm weather. True, it doesn't feel like December, even for the South. But for me, this is the best Christmas present the weather gods could bestow upon us, other than, say, a couple inches of rain. If you gods/goddesses are listening, send us some rain, please!

I say this is a gift, not because I'm perverse but because I finally know what cold weather is about, and listen up ya'll — we've got it good.

Due to work and family events, I've been up and down the Eastern seaboard since March — living in Maine part of the year and coming back home for the winter, hallelujah.

I've learned a lot in this past year of "Northern Exposure":

1. Wool is your absolute best friend. 2. Spring is actually "mud-season."

Don't expect flowers until June.

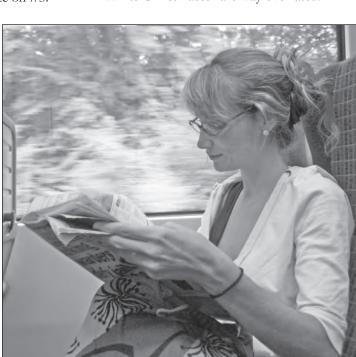
3. Yankees aren't rude, they're just cold. Well, these are just a few of the things I've learned, but let me elaborate on #3.

Picture this: It's eight degrees as the high; you've had six inches of snow fall during the night, more coming during the day; you have to shovel out your drive just to leave the house; to keep from losing a couple of digits you've got to put on more layers than a Southerner has on a clean-wash day; by the time you get your car out of the drive, you've got to watch out for black ice; crawling along, you get to the grocery store, you unwind out of a few layers to shop in comfort, you fill your cart, you see neighbors, you nod and smile, but you don't much feel like chewing the fat when you've got to get home before the blizzard

begins and the roads turn to a skating rink; you check-out, bundle back-up, load your car while the sub-degrees sting your exposed skin (like cheeks and nose); miserable, you crank up the heat, crawl back home, run back and forth to the house with your grocery bags, almost break an ankle on the sidewalk you cleared that's frozen over again, and hunker down while the next snowstorm obliterates your shoveled drive. And, god forbid you have a child in tow — it's enough to make me cry! Ok, so perhaps this is not an everyday occurrence, or the whole state of Maine would shut down. But for a Southern girl, Northern Survival 101 involved a couple of days just as I've described. No wonder Yankees don't have time to wave or chat.

So, listen up, yes, this weather is a gift! Don't complain about it to me. I'm just going to advise you spend a week in Maine, Oklahoma, Iowa or Alaska!

Because of our mild December, we've had sunny days, perfect hikes and walks, (sure beats going to the gym and using a treadmill), picnics and days at the park. And one more thing: Climate does affect attitude. Here in our Triangle paradise, there is no rush to avoid the black ice, the below-zero temps, the incoming blizzard - we can chat and talk with friends and neighbors, we can sit out on the lawn of Weaver Street and have brunch in the sun. We're lucky, that's what I say. Believe me "White Christmases" are way overrated!



Rebekah Cowell is a mother and writer, and a graduate of UNC who resides in North Chatham.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### **Immigration flip-flop**

I noted that in last week's Citizen, Sen. Ellie Kinnaird singled out Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee as saying, "We're a better country than to punish children for what their parents did. We're a better country than that." However, by the time the Citizen went to press, Huckabee had changed his mind on illegal immigration, and thus Kinnaird's praise was already out of date.

A few days after saying those words, Huckabee changed his mind on illegal immigration and released a "Secure America" plan which will "provide all illegal immigrants a 120-day window to register with the Citizenship and Immigration Services and leave the country. Those who register and return to their home country will face no penalty if they later apply to immigrate or visit; those who do not return home will be, when caught, barred from future re-entry for a period of 10 years."

This would include the children of illegal immigrants, so if Huckabee stays with his newfound position, it will be irrelevant whether the children of illegal immigrants can have tuition benefits or not — they'll be required to leave the United States within 120 days, or if they are caught, they will be deported and not allowed to return to the US for a 10-year period.

Gloria Lloyd Carrboro

#### CORRECTION

Contrary to what was reported in last week's story about Carrboro Pediatrics and Internal Medicine, the building the doctors now occupy has central heat and air conditioning. We regret the error.

### **LETTERS POLICY**

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## Ganging up over gangs

#### **SARAH PRESTON**

Recently, a number of North Carolina mayors came together to call for the state Senate to address the gang problems facing the state. The group complained that the General Assembly has not effectively handled the problem and said they will work to see the so-called "Street Gang Prevention Act" (a bill passed by the House of Representatives last July that would have created a number of new criminal offenses, upped numerous penalties and promised to swell the state's prison population) pass the Senate next year. There is nothing wrong with wanting legislators to address a problem causing a great deal of concern, but adequately handling this situation takes careful consideration.

Besides the myriad civil rights concerns that these punitive gang measures raise, a similar bill to the one that passed the House was estimated to cost close to \$25 million and require 364 new prison beds in its first year. Further, the legislation would cost approximately \$60 million over five years, with an ever-increasing price tag as more offenders get locked away, with the key not only thrown away but lost forever. According to the Legislature's nonpartisan Fiscal Research Division, this is the minimum price tag - meaning the cost to North Carolina's youth and young-adult population could be substantially higher.

If we are truly willing to invest this kind of money into fighting gangs and gang membership in North Carolina, a better, more productive approach would be to focus on why and how young people join gangs.

A recent study by the Carolina Justice Policy Institute found that

"simply demanding that lawmakers pass more of the same old "get tough," "lock 'em up" laws is not the best way to deal with it."

most gangs are made up of young people who are alienated from the mainstream and are attracted to the "mythical world of excitement and danger" that gangs present. The same study found that most young people age out of gangs within a year. Indeed, many interviewed subjects stated that part of the reason they left the gang was the dangers presented by participating in gang activity.

Twenty-five million dollars would go a long way in educating North Carolina's youth to what so many former gang members already know. Sixty million dollars over five years could fund any number of programs and projects to prevent young people from feeling and becoming alienated from mainstream society.

Gangs do present a tough problem for the state to face, but simply demanding that lawmakers pass more of the same old "get tough," "lock 'em up" laws is not the best way to deal with it. If we hope to bring about long-term solutions, we desperately need to start investing in our children. The laws to handle existing gangs already exist. Criminal activity committed to benefit a gang is already subject to enhanced penalties. It's time that we focus on preventing youths and young adults from joining gangs in the future and stop rushing to give up on those who already have.

Sarah Preston is the legislative coordinator of the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina tal issues in Orange County for many years; he served on the Orange Water and Sewer Authority board from 1999 to 2006, two years as chair.

"It's unconscionable that we would feel good about sending our waste into a poor community, even if [in doing so] we spare a poor community that we know," Marcoplos But regardless of the eco-

nomic status of the community to which it would be carried, Marcoplos feels it's simply wrong to send our garbage packing.

commissioner County Mike Nelson agrees: "I think it's horrible," he recently told The Citizen.

The decision to build a transfer station, says Nelson, was a decision made "long before I was on the county commission. But it's a decision I don't agree with."

Marcoplos believes, though, that the most critical mistake was made much further back back in the early '90s.

"What happened was that the powers that be decided that we needed a new landfill," Marcoplos recalls, "and they said that we needed it by 1996. So they set up this landfill owners group committee of citizens to search for a landfill

The meetings concerning the landfill, he says, were packed and "there was a lot of animosity, because people were coming out to defend their community from this landfill. There were probably about 13 communities organizing and

coming to these meetings with their signs [reading], "No to Site 10." "No to Site 2." So Marcoplos and a few

others decided to recruit representatives from every community that was under consideration for a landfill and formed a group called the Orange County Landfill Council. "What we wanted to do was find out what we could do that we all could agree upon," he says, "knowing that the solution had to arise from that kind of discussion.' The group determined

that waste reduction was key "that there should not be any landfill sited in any community in Orange County," says Marcoplos, "until we had the best, most-aggressive waste-reduction program that we could figure out, and that, [as a result], the landfill would be much, much smaller than the gargantuan mega-sites that they were proposing."

Marcoplos describes it as a great process, "and we were able to bridge the NIMBY gap between all these people.

"We went to the landfill owners group, and we presented to them this eminently sensible plan. And they said, Well, we can't do that.' And we said, 'Well, why not?' And they said, Because our job is [strictly] to site a landfill."

That decision, Marcoplos believes, set in motion a chain of decisions that were undertaken without proper community input, and that ultimately painted the county into a corner defined by a transfer sta-

It hadn't begun that way.

"My standing joke," Marcoplos says, "was that I would be standing there next to a Helms

"If we ship [our waste] to another community - put it on trucks and send it out of here — we're taking away incentive. If we control our own waste, we're going to do the right thing."

— Mark Marcoplos

voter and we'd be agreeing on a Sierra Club position that we should reduce waste so that we wouldn't have a big landfill in our backyard. And it was a great lesson in local politics, that when things happen to people in a community your party affiliation goes out the window and you're much more apt to find a logical solution just based on what you're finding in your community."

#### **'Commonly** understood notions'

Mike Nelson struggled with the board of commissioners' decision to site a transfer station in Orange County.

"I think it's wrong for us to ship our garbage to a poorer community," says Mike Nelson. "It'll be in eastern North Carolina or in southeastern Virginia. It's going to be a county that's economically depressed. It's likely to be a county with a large minority population.

"I think it's hypocritical of

Marcoplos and other, likeminded environmentalists in the community believe we should be devising policies and practices that provide inspiration to reduce waste – for example, economic-development programs founded on creating new products from

"If we ship it to another community - put it on trucks

and send it out of here," Marcoplos says, "we're taking away incentive. If we control our own waste, we're going to do the right thing. We're going to learn how to reduce our "The world needs aggres-

sive environmental policies right now."

#### A leadership role

In an August 2 News & Observer article, Jim Perry, president and CEO of Waste Industries, a company that wants to build a large landfill in Camden County, sought to justify importing trash from other states into North Carolina by saying, "There is a perception that North Carolina waste is special trash," he said. "If I put two bags of garbage on the table, one from New York City and one from Apex, can you tell me that one is more toxic than the other? No."

His argument seemed to miss the point made by those who object to garbage being moved from one place to another – that point being that we should each deal with our own garbage – but a rebuttal can be made that garbage moved from one place to another is, in fact, more toxic, in that additional pollutants are put into the air as a consequence of its

Greg Dingman, who until recently was manager of the Solid Waste Disposal Division

for Guilford County, says that on a typical day more than 50 tractor-trailer trucks come in and out of the transfer station in Greensboro. "One day," he says, "just playing around, I was wondering about the environmental impact of that, so I did a little calculation, and have since refined it. "We're putting an additional

three thousand tons of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere just for the transfer of waste. And that's over and above what we were putting in the air just from disposing of waste in the That hits home for Mark

Marcoplos. "I think it would be a huge

positive commitment and a real source of pride that would infuse the rest of what we do here in Orange County," Marcoplos says, "if we were to say, 'Okay; we realize we need to take care of our waste.... We're going to cut our waste so dramatically that we're going to be leaders, we're going to be national leaders in waste reduction. And we're going to site a couple of small landfills and we're going to exceed all expectations for how this can work' – and just *do* it. We could do it."

The answer, Marcoplos says, is to methodically apply common sense at every point in the waste stream.

Marcoplos says he's disappointed that the local activist community that stood up very admirably for keeping the transfer station away from Rogers and Eubanks roads isn't speaking out more against sending our waste somewhere

"It's not healthy for us," he

"I think that the magnitude of the mistake that was made in 1992 is the major impediment to moving forward," he says in summing up our predicament today. "The county commission] lost so much time, they just gave up. They made so many bad decisions in 1992, they hit the wall with the process and were so overwrought by the whole thing, and exhausted, that they just said, 'I can't do it for awhile.' And they let time slip away. "They should have right

away gotten on it, put energy into waste reduction and expanding the life of the landfill - and they let it slide, just procrastinated - and now that's their reason for doing this transfer station: 'We don't have time."

Marcoplos says he believes there are enough people who feel as he does - that we ought to take care of our own waste that a sensible, workable solution will be realized. "I'm always optimistic.

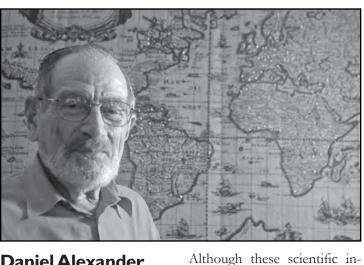
"I can see the Carrboro board getting strong on this. I can see the Chapel Hill Town Council being in on it too." "Maybe a good strat-

egy would be," he concludes, "since 65 percent, 70 percent of the garbage comes from down here [in the municipalities] anyway, to get the Chapel Hill Town Council and the Carrboro board to make a public statement that they want to seriously explore taking care of our own waste."

In the January 3 issue of *The Citizen*: A similar struggle in a community just to our north.

sister, Iley D. Warr, brothers,

#### OBITUARIES



#### Daniel Alexander Okun Daniel Alexander Okun

died Monday, December 10, in Chapel Hill, NC, of complications associated with leukemia. He was Kenan Professor of Environmental Sciences and Engineering and had served the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for over 50 years. Professor Okun was widely recognized for the engineering insight and passion he brought to protection of the world's water resources, especially those dedicated to human consumption. His early research on the measurement of dissolved oxygen in water revolutionized this technique for generations of engineers and scientists in various fields. He also developed the single most innovative process for the treatment of industrial wastes in the second half of the 20th century, namely the application of pure oxygen.

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novations are significant, they are only examples of his profound influence on scientific advancement in the field of environmental sciences and engineering. Much of this influence resulted from his achievements as an educator and consultant.

He received undergraduate engineering training at Cooper Union and, after military service during WWII, obtained a Doctor of Science degree from Harvard University under the supervision of Gordon Fair, the preeminent Sanitary Engineer of his day. Dr. Okun joined the UNC faculty in 1952 and served as Head of the Department from 1955 to 1973. In this period, he transformed the Department's traditional sanitary engineering program into a prestigious Environmental Science and Engineering regimen, adding studies in air pollution control,

industrial and radiological hygiene, aquatic and atmospheric science and environmental management and policy. Today, the department's program is regarded as one of the best of its kind in the world. Over the years, hundreds of its graduates, including hundreds from Third World countries, have advanced to critical field research and policy-making positions across the globe, where they are furthering scientific knowledge even as they devise and implement solutions to serious environmental

Dr. Okun served as Chair of the faculty at UNC-Chapel Hill during the tumultuous years of 1970-73. His service to the university was honored by receipt of the Thomas Jefferson Award, given to honor a UNC faculty member who "through personal influence and performance of duty in teaching, writing and scholarship has best exemplified the ideals and objective of Thomas Jefferson." He was the first engineer in North Carolina to be elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineering and is one of very few engineers elected to the Institute of Medicine. In August of 1999, Engineering News Record included Dr. Okun in a group of 125 engineers who "singularly and collectively helped shape this nation and the world" over the last 125 years. In 1999, the department honored him with the establishment of the Daniel A.

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Dr. Okun was also a major contributor to the development of environmental sciences and engineering courses and programs for major universities in the Netherlands, England, China, Peru, Guatemala, Thailand, Finland, France, and Singapore, as well as for such American universities as the University of Michigan, Duke, Vanderbilt, Pittsburgh, Clarkson, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, New Jersey Institute of Technology, and the University of Georgia. He developed training programs for World Bank engineers, UNESCO, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Public Health Service, and the Asian Institute of Technology, and has served on the Fulbright Commission's Council for the International Exchange of Scholars. Over his 50 year career, Dr. Okun worked on water resource and water supply issues in 90 countries. A memorial service will

be held on Friday, December 21st, at 2 pm in the auditorium of Carol Woods Retirement Center in Chapel Hill. He is survived by his wife, Beth, two children, Michael and Tema, grandchildren Will and Joedan, and brother Milton Okun of Los Angeles. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations may be made in his memory to the Dan Okun Scholarship Fund in the School of Public Health at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Checks should be made to the Public Health Foundation and should indicate the name of the scholarship for which it is intended. The address is UNC School of Public Health, Campus Box

#### Alta Duke Singletary

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Alta Duke Singletary, 96, passed away at UNC Hospital on Sunday, December 16. 2007.

She worked for UNC-Chapel Hill University as a secretary for the UNC Physical Education Department, retiring after 20 years of service. She was a member of University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

She was predeceased by her husband George C. Singletary,

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John Worth Duke and Garland Lewis Duke. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, December 20, 2007 at the Old Chapel Hill Cemetary with Rev. Richard Farmer officiating. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday before the service at Walker's Funeral Home. She is survived by nephews Jay W. Duke and wife Kathy of Salisbury, NC; S. Jean Duke and wife Eleanor of Indio, CA; and Clyde L. Duke of Chapel Hill, NC; and nieces Shirley D. Pierson of Pennington, NJ and Patricia D. Stevens

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# SCHOOLS

### **School Briefs**

#### Financial aid night planned

Orange County Schools will hold a Financial Aid Night on January 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Orange High School auditorium. Parents of students who are planning to apply for financial aid are encouraged to attend.

Representatives from the College Foundation of North Carolina, Elon University, N.C. State University and the Durham Technical Community College will serve on a discussion panel.

#### **Battle of the Bulge winners announced**

The results are in, and Carrboro Elementary has been announced as the winner of the second annual Chapel Hill-Carrboro Battle of the Bulge challenge.

From Sept. 7 to Dec. 7, teams of faculty and staff from nine district schools worked to make healthy choices and lose weight. The Carrboro Elementary team lost the most weight, with 250 pounds lost. Second place went to the Frank Porter Graham Elementary team, which lost 205.5 pounds.

Rashkis, Smith, Ephesus, Scroggs, McDougle Middle, Seawell and East Chapel Hill High also had teams.

Deborah Lederer-Hughes was the top individual winner with 37.5 pounds lost. Freddie Evans, who lost 28 pounds, won second place, followed by Angela Talford, who lost 25 pounds.

#### Carrboro gathers for the pantry

Carrboro Elementary School students recently collected nearly 600 cans of food for a canned-food drive to benefit families in need within the school and through the Inter-Faith Council Food Pantry.

The students' goal was to donate 50 cans per grade, in honor of the school's 50th anniversary, but students surpassed expectations and collected 590 cans and \$910 in grocery gift cards.

Students helped bag and box nearly 400 cans to deliver to IFC and to Carrboro Elementary families in need.

#### Meal price increase ahead

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education will tonight (Thursday) consider increasing school meal prices by 10 cents.

If approved by the board, the price increases will take effect January 23, 2008. Lunch prices will increase to \$2.50 for elementary lunches, \$2.75 for middle and high school lunches and \$3.35 for adult lunches. The board is considering the price increases because district food services faces a deficit beyond the \$122,000 supplement approved by the board.

For a family with two children paying full price for lunch, the increase would cost \$18 for the remainder of the 2007-08 school year.

#### **Teacher supply grants**

In January, the East Chapel Hill Rotary Club and the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Public School Foundation will open a teacher supply store where teachers can use \$100 vouchers for free materials.

In the first stage, the store will offer materials to kindergarten, first-grade and second-grade teachers in all district elementary schools. The organizations plan to add grade levels in subsequent stages.

The store is intended to help support teachers so they don't have to spend their own money on needed supplies. To contribute to the store, contact the Public School Foundation at 968-8819 or send a check to the Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2254, Chapel Hill, NC, 27515.

# Links to goodwill at CHS

By Susan Dickson Staff Writer

During their first annual holiday project, Carrboro High School students raised \$4,200 to support needy families this holiday season.

Over a two-week period, students bought and sold purple, black and white paper links – Carrboro High's colors - in their homerooms. Purple and white links were 25 cents, while black links were \$5.

Carrboro High students collaborated on the project with students from Chapel Hill High School, who have raised money by selling links for a number of years.

"There's just a lot of excitement and a lot of competitive spirit, but in a good-natured way," said Daniel Matchar, Carrboro High student body

Students brought in loose change or donations from friends or family members to buy the links, which will be used to create a giant bow.

"I had one girl in my homeroom who brought in \$22 in loose change," Matchar said.

The homeroom that raised the most money will get a free breakfast from Sunrise Biscuit Kitchen, while the second- and third-place homerooms will get free breakfast from Bruegger's Bagels, Matchar said.

"We made it a little bit of a competition to get people more excited about it," he said.

In addition, some homeroom teachers offered to buy breakfast

Student Body Vice President MacKenzie Price and science teacher Kevin Carter look over the dozens of links collected by Carter's biology class.

for students if they raised a certain amount of money, while others offered to match funds collected by students on a given day.

On Friday, members of the student council will use a free period to purchase gifts for families from the Adopt-a-Family of Orange County program. Through the program, needy families submit wish lists for the holidays.

"We're really just trying to make it really nice for them," Matchar said. For parents, the students might buy grocery or gas gift cards, while they might pick out different toys and clothing for children, he added.

After school exams are over on Friday, students from Carrboro and Chapel Hill highs will get together to piece all the links together to make a giant bow.

"It fits the spirit of the project," Matchar said.

## **Math competition held**

Smith Middle School students scored highest of any school team in North Carolina in the American Mathematics Competition 8 for middle school students.

Students from Smith and Phillips middle schools participated in the competition. Smith students Arun Ganesh and Richard Lu earned perfect scores in the competition – the only two perfect scores in the state.

Smith students who earned a certificate of distinction by posting a score of 21 or better include: Michael Gao, Max DeJong, Andrew DeJong, Thomas Greet, Wesley Guo, Michael Lao, Stan Perumov, Esther Rolf and Tyler Tran.

Phillips students who earned certificates of distinction include Kevin Tie, Sheila Deng and Alice Huang.

Smith students who earned a certificate of honor by

posting score of 17 or better include: Jamie Chen, Julie Cui, Mike Kalantar, Jinyoung Kang, Daphne Liu, Oskar Marszalek, Jacob Stern, Adam Wang, Charles Zhao, Cameron Imani, Matthieu Sieredzki, Marissa Minnick, Isaac Akers, Christina Annas, Michael Arneson, Karish Desai, Michelle Lee, Abby Muller, Priyanka Reddy, Katherine Stafford, Calvin Xiao, Jean Yi, Ellie Funkhouser, Sarah Linden, Conner Parkinson, Param Sidhu, Alex Werden, Carl Yin, Kevin On, Ranjitha Ananthan, Paul Lee and Elle Weeks.

Phillips students who earned a certificate of honor include: Li Zhang, Sam Towne, Connie Zong, Eunice Shim, Frank McBride, Daniel Liu and Matt Fordham.

The state's top 20 students will be invited to participate in the AMC10 for high school students.

## Scroggs' blog

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools has formed a longrange facilities committee that will meet this winter and spring to review the district's construction needs, and the public is invited to submit input via a new district blog.

The committee will be directed by Steve Scroggs, assistant superintendent for support ser-



Steve Scroggs

vices. Scroggs has created the "Bowtie Blog" as a medium for public discourse around the issues covered by the committee, such as the use of alternative spaces for classrooms and the expansion of current facilities.

The blog will be hosted on the district's website, www. chccs.k12.nc.us, under the "Quick Links" section.

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Thursday 7-8pm. He can be reached by email at WCOM@David-Bellin.com or via the station website: www.CommunityRadio.coop.







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### **Scoreboard**

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Carrboro Recreation & Parks Youth Basketball Standings As of December 17

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Lakers

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Nuggets	4	0
Warriors	3	I
Blazers	2	2
Jazz	I	3
Kings	0	4
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Celtics	2	2
Bobcats	I	2
Cavaliers	I	2
Raptors	I	3
Heat	0	3

#### Midget League

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#### <u>Junior League</u>

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Yellow Jackets	2	2
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Scores December 15

Bulls def. Celtics 18-13 Bobcats def. Heat 31-14 Blazers def. Jazz 15-11 Warriors def. Kings 16-9 Nuggets def. Magic 16-12 Lakers def. Raptors 23-20 Tar Heels def. Wolfpack 20-15 Spartans def. Pirates 21-20 Demon Deacons def. Seahawks 30 Camels def. 49ers 24-19

Wolverines def. Jayhawks 38-24 Dons def. Yellow Jackets 24-20

#### Coaches' Reports

#### Culbreth Middle Boys' Basketball

(via coach Mike Harris) 12/11/07 The Cougar varsity boys

survived a tenacious effort by Smith last night. It was a team effort that pulled Culbreth to victory, 43-36. Keenan van Name led the Cougars with 12 points and an overall great game at both ends of the court. Drew Davis came on strong in the second half with 7 points while Denzel Ingram shredded the Smith pressure with many assists and 11 points. Thaijsari Ruffin and Michael Thornton played well inside for the Cou-

#### 12/13/07

The varsity boys basketball team overcame a very slow start in the first half to explode on Northern in the second half and post a 62-39 victory. The Cougars put together a complete team effort in the second half led by aggressive play from Dylan Arrant, Jeremy Shaheen and Denzel Ingram. The boys put together a dominant defensive show that led to Ingram pouring in 15 points, Keenan van Name 13 and Jake Mendys 8, with six other players also scoring.

Thaijsari Ruffin came on strong and showed that he will be a force under the basket for the Cougars. Revenge against Phillips is planned for next Tuesday. Culbreth boys are now 3-2

#### Carrboro High **Boys' Basketball** (via John Alcox and staff reports)

12/14/07 The Jaguars lost to Durham School of the Arts 78-76 Friday after the Bulldogs scored a three-point play in the final

four seconds of the game. Carrboro went on an 18-0 run in the third quarter that gave them the lead, but turnovers and missed free throws allowed the Bulldogs last-minute comeback.

David Brooks scored 28 for the Jaguars while the Bulldog's Kwame Boatwright had 28 and the final basket that gave the Bulldogs the win.

The Jaguars are now 0-5 in their first season and are showing improvement.

## Carrboro High **School Swimming**

and Diving 2007-08

Jan. 3 Orange/Carrboro at Durham School of the A,rts 4:30pm

Jan. 10 Graham/Raleigh Charter/ Cummings at Triangle Sportsplex, 6:30pm

NCSSM/Cardinal Gibbons at Triangle Sportsplex, 6:30pm

Jan. 22 Mid State Conference Tournament at Triangle Sportsplex, time TBA

Feb. 2 AA STATE MEET Location and time TBA

#### **Schedules**

03/08/08

12/20/07

#### 2007-08 UNC Men's Basketball

12/22/07	vs. UC Santa Barbara	I:00 p.m.
12/27/07	vs. Nevada	7:00 p.m.
12/30/07	vs.Valparaiso	7:30 p.m.
01/02/08	vs. Kent State	8:00 p.m.
01/06/08	at Clemson	7:30 p.m.
01/09/08	vs. UNC Asheville	7:00 p.m.
01/12/08	vs. NC State	12:00 p.m.
01/16/08	at Georgia Tech	9:00 p.m.
01/19/08	vs. Maryland	3:30 p.m.
01/23/08	at Miami	9:00 p.m.
01/31/08	vs. Boston College	7:00 p.m.
02/03/08	at Florida State	2:00 p.m.
02/06/08	vs. Duke	9:00 p.m.
02/10/08	vs. Clemson	6:30 p.m.
02/12/08	at Virginia	8:00 p.m.
02/16/08	vs.Virginia Tech	I:00 p.m.
02/20/08	at North Carolina	7:00 p.m.
02/24/08	vs.Wake Forest	6:30 p.m.
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#### 2007-08 UNC Women's Basketball

vs. Western Kentucky 7:30 p.m.

at Duke

12/30/07	vs. Liberty	2:00 p.m.
01/05/08	vs. Georgia Tech	4:00 p.m.
01/10/08	at Virginia Tech	7:00 p.m.
01/13/08	at NC State	1:00 p.m.
01/17/08	vs. Boston College	7:00 p.m.
01/21/08	at Connecticut	7:00 p.m.
01/26/08	vs. Maryland	1:00 p.m.
01/31/08	at Wake Forest	7:00 p.m.
02/04/08	at Duke	7:00 p.m.
02/07/08	vs. Clemson	7:00 p.m.
02/10/08	at Georgia Tech	12:30 p.m
02/15/08	at Virginia	7:00 p.m.
02/17/08	vs. Florida State	1:00 p.m.
02/21/08	at Miami	7:00 p.m.
02/25/08	vs. NC State	7:00 p.m.
03/02/08	vs. Duke	5:30 p.m.

#### Carrboro High winter sports

#### Carrboro High **School 2007-08** Wrestling

Sat Dec 22 Red Raider Duals at Newton-Conover HS, 9:00

Sat Dec 29 Athens Drive Duals, All Day

Sonny Inskip Tournament Northern Durham HS, All Day

Tues Jan 8 at Kerr-Vance Academy, 6:30

Wed Jan 9 at Cedar Ridge, 7:30

Wed Jan 16 at Cardinal Gibbons, 7:30

Sat Jan 19 Colt Clash Tournament at Cape Fear HS (Fayetteville),

#### Wed Jan 23 NCSSM at Home, 7:30

Sat lan 26 Riverside Duals at Riverside HS, 9:00

Tues lan 29 Northwood at Home. 7:30

Conference Tournament Cardinal Gibbons HS, All Day

Sat Feb 2

Sat Feb 9

All Day

All Day Fri Feb 15 & Sat 16 Regional Tournament at

Ledford HS (Thomasville),

Non-Qualifiers Duals at TBA,

Fri Feb 22 & Sat 23 State Tournament in Winston-Salem, All Day

#### Kids more active when playground has balls, jump ropes

longer when their child-care centers provide portable play equipment such as balls and jump ropes, more opportunities for active play and physical activity training and education for staff and students, according to researchers at the UNC School of Public Health.

"Childhood obesity is an epidemic that threatens the future health of our nation," said Dianne Ward, a co-author of the study. "We know that about 57 percent of all 3-to-5year-olds in the United States attend child-care centers, so it's important to understand what factors will encourage them to be more active, and, hopefully,

Children play harder and less likely to become obese."

Researchers assessed the physical and social environmental factors thought to influence healthy weight at 20 child-care centers across North Carolina. Stationary equipment such

as climbing structures, swings and balance beams were associated with lower intensity physical activity, researchers said, but are beneficial to other aspects of child development such as motor and social

"Child-care providers can play a huge role in encouraging children to be active and developing habits and preferences that will help them con-

trol their weight throughout their lives," Ward said.

9:00 p.m.

"The easiest way to increase physical activity may be as simple as providing more active play time and relatively inexpensive toys, like balls and jump ropes," she said. "Our data don't go this far, but parents buying toys and games for children this time of year might consider stocking up on jump ropes and hoola hoops. And for their own health, they should get outside with their children and run, jump and play, too."

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Is there a limit to the amount of impact a football player's head can handle before the player suffers a concussion?

The answer is yes ... and no, say researchers at UNC. Hightech helmets worn by some UNC football players over the 2004 to 2006 seasons yielded new data challenging theories about these mild brain inju-

The UNC study shows that hits and heads are as individual as the players themselves. Researchers advise against establishing a one-size-fits-all rule for evaluating concussions.

Using accelerometers embedded in helmets, researchers measured the amount of g-force players' heads experienced at impact. The system is called HITS, or Head Impact Telemetry System.

In football, a hit can easily jerk the head, for milliseconds, at 50g, and hits above 100g are common.

The UNC studies showed that some players suffered concussions at little more than 60g, while others sustained hits creating more than 90g and showed no signs of concussions. It was previously suggested that forces above 75g

High-tech helmets reveal information about hits to the head would likely result in a concussion, but these new results call into question that finding.

> "Football players receive concussions by impacts to the head that occur at a wide range of magnitudes, and [concussions] all appear to be largely independent of impact magnitude and location," said Kevin Guskiewicz, Ph.D., senior author on the papers.

> Guskiewicz said the study is a first step toward better understanding sports-related concussion.

—UNC News Services

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#### **DELI** FROM PAGE I

Neal said. "We ate pickles on the Lower East Side, right on the sidewalk."

They're borrowing from the traditions of those Italian, Jewish, Chinese and Vietnamese neighborhood delis, but not trying to mimic them. "That's why the name made sense — this is our take on the deli," Sheila Neal said.

"Our favorite places have family names," her husband

The exact menu has been in evolution over the past four years, since the idea of starting a deli first took hold. Now, with the opening not far away, it's started to come together. First, a few absolutes: "We are definitely going to make our own corned beef," Matt Neal

"And pastrami," Neal adds.

Pickles, though, are going to be tough. Because of concerns about a good steady supply of cucumbers, they might be seasonal. A pickle barrel, however, is already on the list of regular fixtures.

The couple has been experimenting with pickling for some time — Matt makes a mean kimchi — and plenty of pickled condiments are planned. Sides will include slaws and greens.

Naturally, a selection of meats and featured local cheeses will be available by the pound as well.

For Sheila Neal, it's an especially hectic time as she prepares to leave her job as manager of the Carrboro Farmers'

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Matt and Sheila Neal at the future Neal's Deli on Greensboro Street.

Then there's Hank, the couple's occasionally rambunctious two year old, who keeps his parents busy. Matt Neal literally grew up

in the food business and could often be found at his mother Moreton Neal's place, La Residence, or at Crooks Corner, where his father, chef Bill Neal, honed his now-legendary take on southern cooking.

And though Matt's spent most of his time in the business as a bartender at Crooks and the Orange County Social Club, he's never lost touch with his roots in the kitchen. He's not a Carrboro native, but he's lived here most of his childhood and, though he lived occasionally in Chapel Hill, Carrboro is home, and Matt's especially proud to have the chance to cook for the town.

Sheila and Matt say the response already has been a boost, and say it's coming together thanks to the town's revolving loan program and help

from friends like Cray Gunn, a childhood chum of Matt's whose Custom Carpentry is handling construction, and veteran restaurant designer John Lindsey, who came out of retirement to work on the design and is said to already be waiting for a liverwurst on rye. And while there are plenty

of local examples of more elaborate cooking, one of Neal's early mottos is "nothing fancy." The price point, Sheila Neal said, is a good lunch for a little more than \$8 so that Neal's will become the kind of place you return to on a regular basis. Neither Neal is willing to guess when that first lunch rush will come, saying only that it should happen long before spring. Both of them agree, though, on what the vision is for a typical noon hour at Neal's.

"What'll it be like?" Sheila Neal said, repeating the question, then sweeping her arm from the counter to the sidewalk on Greensboro Street, adding: "Lined up out the

#### RECENTLY FROM PAGE I

many years ago, but not fully absorbed.

Many in our community suffered greatly this year. People lost homes to a variety of reasons, including fires, foreclosures, loss of a breadwinner; or for a child, the death or arrest of a single

We all lost loved ones this year — besides the many families where a beloved member has died, the community lost Florence Soltys, Joe Hertzenberg, Marty Ravelette, Ron Hyatt and Dan Okun, all leaders and heroes in their own

Regardless of the many dogmas, joys and

despairs attached to this time of year, the prevailing feeling needs to be one of hope. While considering opportunities lost, let's hope that in 2008 we will use each chance we get to do not only the right thing, but to do our very best at achieving the greatest result each time.

The turkey vulture tends to the business of staying alive, finds recreation in its endeavors and takes time to roost, sitting in the highest limbs of the tallest trees, waiting, resting, watching from on high.

My wish for us all this season is that amidst honoring hosts with our presence, and after discarding or recycling the debris of the opened presents, we can find our own places to roost and appreciate (maybe even rejoice in) the present, while releasing the pain from the past and finding hope for the future.

In addition, "It's a good **HOME SAFETY** idea, whether you're on vaca-FROM PAGE I tion or not, to keep your curtains closed," Atherton said. A Christmas tree with a pile of Instead, leave a key with a presents under it "makes your trusted neighbor and ask the

burglar."

eowners should have insurance on the items inside their homes, he added. "Don't think that your apartment complex or landlord is going to pay for anything stolen."

house more attractive for a

Both renters and hom-

Atherton also mends having someone check doors and windows regularly to make sure they're secure. If a neighbor or friend isn't available to check your house, the Carrboro Police Department "We can do the basics,"

Atherton said, adding that police officers will check windows and doors once a day to make sure they're secure. To have the police check your house, fill out a form at

the Carrboro Police Station, located in the Century Center on the corner of Weaver and Greensboro streets.

— Susan Dickson

#### **ELDERLY** FROM PAGE I

same neighbor to pick up your

mail and newspapers. Even if

mail and newspaper service

can be stopped, make sure

someone checks for packages,

something and you don't know

it's coming, it's really hard to

call FedEx and say stop deliv-

ering to my house," he said.

"If someone sent you

Atherton said.

three years. She allegedly stole the checks from former em-

ployers, a Chapel Hill family. Retirement homes and communities usually do background checks of potential employees. But because Clark was employed by Corcoran and Murta, rather than Galloway Ridge, her previous charges were not discovered.

Elderly people often hire

people to work in their homes, and they can be targets for criminals, Englebardt said.

"Anytime you're going to hire someone, especially someone for personal care in your house, do a background check," Englebardt said.

Individuals can request a background check from www. nc123.com – which can carry a \$20 fee – or contact the local clerk of court for records, Englebardt said. He added that individuals might also ask potential employees to provide their own background checks.

"One of the key things that we stress is trust your instincts," he said. "If something seems wrong, most likely it will be wrong."

Older people are also often targets of financial scams, Englebardt said. People pose as representatives of credit card

companies, banks or Medicare and ask individuals for financial information "No one who has your in-

formation is going to ask you

for the same information," Englebardt said. "They have For instance, he said, a credit card company will never ask someone for their credit

ask for an account number. "Social Security and Medicare are not going to contact you," Englebardt said. "Not on the phone. They may send an official letter, but even that

card number, nor will a bank

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