

# Library wants to make list of fave books

The Friends of the Library book club will meet Tuesday, Dec. 18, at 3:30 p.m. at the library, not Thursday as erroneously listed last week. Mea culpa. The featured book will be *The Pilot's Wife* by Anita Shreve. The steady stream of "the best of" lists as we enter the year MM has prompted the staff here to solicit favorite books from you for a list of our own. This list will serve as an advisory for our library patrons. We'd like to make a "book of books" for National Library Week as a way to share our personal treasures with our friends and neighbors.

Dean Koontz strikes again with *False Memory*, the story of a woman suffering from a bizarre psychological disease called autophobia, the fear of oneself. As her condition worsens, her husband tries to determine the reason for the onset of her episodes and uncovers clues that point to mind control rather than psychosis.

*The Love Knot* by Elizabeth Chadwick is set in England during the twelfth century. The widow

Catrin is studying the healing arts when she meets Oliver, whose wife has recently died in childbirth. Oliver is also seeking to regain family lands confiscated in the civil war that is raging throughout the land.

When a ruthless Cape Cod real estate developer is killed, the chief of police turns to a boyhood friend, now a monk at Faith Abbey, for help. Brother Bartholomew and Police Chief Burke team up in this debut mystery, *A Matter of Roses*, by David Manuel.

*The Candidate's Wife* believes her family has nothing to hide as her husband's campaign for President of the United States is launched. But adolescent children's pitfalls and rumors about her husband become issues



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that must be dealt with publicly and privately by Washington journalist Patricia O'Brien.

The success of Tom Brokaw's *The Greatest Generation* continues with a videotape produced by NBC News. An audiotape entitled *The Greatest Generation Speaks: Letter and Reflections* is read by Brokaw and the writers of many of the letters he received in response to the first *Greatest Generation* book.

If you want to incorporate antiquing into your next road trip, look before you leave at a new reference book, *Leggetts' Antiques Atlas East*. Organized alphabetically by state and then by town,

each antique shop entry includes addresses and phone numbers. Where noteworthy; B&B's and local museums are also described.

*How to Grow Your Business on the Internet* is a guide for the would-be online entrepreneur. Hardware, software, marketing and start-up costs plus concepts and practices germane only to e-business are covered. One chapter is devoted to "Cheap or Free Business Resources on the Internet."

More help for budding businessmen (and women!) comes from *10 Secrets of Marketing Success and The Complete Idiot's Guide to Starting a Home-Based Business*.

## Edenton Aces pull out 61-50 victory over Camden County

The Edenton Aces (3-4) held Camden County (5-5) to just seven points in the third quarter of Wednesday's Daily Advance Four-County Classic consolation game to pull away in the second half for a 61-50 victory.

Camden cut the lead to three points midway through the fourth quarter, but the Aces got six points from Kevin Downing and a clutch 3-pointer from Jusimont Griffin in the final minutes to seal the vic-

tory for Edenton.

Griffin finished the game with 15 points. The Aces also got 11 points from Jamie Beasley and 10 points from Jermain Jackson.

Marquiche Hughes led the way for Camden with 12 points.

At presstime, Edenton was scheduled to return to action Tuesday with a Northeastern-Albemarle Conference game at home against Manteo.

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## Do rattlesnakes really need protection in state?

I like snakes. Ask any old-timer in the small eastern North Carolina town where I grew up and they'll tell you that I usually went around with a pocket full of the reptiles. I

released them in and around the house where I grew up and I kept them for pets.

I've also been known to stop my car and get out to take a stick and move a rattlesnake onto the shoulder of the road where it would not be run over. To me they're fascinating animals that play an important role in our environment. There are, however, limits as to how far one should go to protect snakes, particularly poisonous ones.

Fletcher Sanders, a well known

outdoorsman from Zebulon, recently called regarding the rattlesnake protection question and brought up an interesting point. "I've known many farmers who caught black or king snakes and released them in their corn cribs to control rodents," he said, "but

I've never yet known of anyone who released rattlesnakes in their corn cribs for that purpose." That's a very valid point.

There are some species of snakes that are, no matter how you look at it, dangerous to man. I'm not afraid of these snakes but I do respect them and handle them with care. I surely wouldn't turn them loose in, or around my home.

This proposed North Carolina law that would give endangered species status to some species of

rattlesnakes and the coral snake is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of. If the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) does give such legal protection to these snakes it will probably be the death sentence for these animals.

The public hearing having to do with making several species of rattlesnakes and the eastern coral snake protected will take place in the Archdale Building, 512 North Salisbury Street in Raleigh on Thursday, February 17, 2000. The hearing will be in Room 332 and will convene at 10 a.m.

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## Fen-Phen/Redux Diet Drug Users

American Home Products, a company that manufactured "Fen" and "Redux" diet drugs, has proposed a class action settlement of \$4.83 billion dollars for people who took either of these drugs. The settlement offers cash payments to people who took these drugs. These payments can include reimbursement for the cost of the drug and for medical testing, and in some instances, compensation for heart valve damage.

Persons who took these pills must decide by MARCH 30, 2000 if they want to participate. A failure to act by that date will affect your legal rights.

Medical studies have found that these drugs can cause heart and lung problems, even in people with no symptoms. The American College of Cardiology recommends that all persons who took these drugs should have an echocardiogram or receive antibiotics before any invasive procedure - even procedures as simple as a dental cleaning ([www.fda.gov/cder/news/feninfo.htm](http://www.fda.gov/cder/news/feninfo.htm)).

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