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Know your limit. If you make payments on time your bank could automatically increase your credit limit. But don't let a higher credit limit cause you to slip into deeper debt. Remember, you still have to pay it off.

Guard your credit card number. Criminals called identity thieves can steal personal financial information like your credit card number and use it to commit fraud in your name. To protect yourself, limit the number of credit cards you carry in your wallet and destroy old receipts and bills that include your credit card number. It is also wise to shred any pre-approved credit card applications you receive in the mail.

If you need help making your credit card decisions, you can contact the Federal Reserve Board's Division of Consumer Affairs at (202) 452-3693 or www.federalreserve.gov.

(Roy Cooper is the Attorney General of North Carolina).

HEFFNER

From 4A

nervous, so they put away their sidearms. At about that moment, the two robbers burst from the U-Haul and began firing automatic weapons.

Officer Waverly Brown was hit immediately and died at the scene. Sgt. Edward O'Grady received multiple gunshot wounds and died 90 minutes later. Some of the killers got away, but Boudin was captured by an off-duty NYC corrections officer who saw her as she attempted to flee the scene.

Boudin had been on the run for 11 years when all this happened. She had been involved in a homemade bomb making enterprise in 1970 when the townhouse where the bombs were being made exploded, killing three people.

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A parole board in New York had denied Boudin on two occasions, one of them being just three months ago. A group of wealthy bleeding hearts tried to get her released for years.

They pointed out that she had put forth great effort to establish a program for AIDS victims and incarcerated mothers and arrange college course for other inmates.

Some way the bleeding hearts managed to get Boudin's case before a more favorable parole board, either by replacing dissenting members or getting another board created.

At any rate, Kathy Boudin is now on the outside living a comfortable life. Meanwhile Peter Paige, Waverly Brown and Edward O'Grady are still dead, and unable to enjoy any kind of life at all.

I'm disgusted.

there would be no more ceiling fan whirling, overhead light illuminating the scene while I surfed the net with some background music coming off the radio and maybe a bowl of ice cream fresh from the freezer. I know it's a run on sentence but you got the picture didn't you?

Narrow Ridge made me think about just how much I consume. I haven't dug a pit for a composting toilet or replaced my walls with straw but I think I'll turn the lights off when I leave a room.

Ah, progress, at least for me.

ANDIE

From 4A

enough. It sort of mesmerized me.

Straw, being an organic substance, can develop mildew. This causes problems for straw ball construction home dwellers with allergies but we weren't there long enough for that to be an issue.

I was humbled. Even in our small home, I manage to waste more electricity than those folks ever generate. If I had to rely on solar,

Hazardous waste collection day set

When paint, pesticides, antifreeze and other household products are thrown in the county landfill, those chemicals eventually wind up being treated at the waste water treatment station.

To keep that from happening, a household hazardous waste collection day is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27. The collection will take place at the Cleveland County Health Department on East Grover Street in Shelby from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Our goal is to reduce the toxicity of waste we handle," said Sam Lockridge of county environmental health.

Ordinarily, these products go in the landfill. After rain falls, this water runs through the waste and settles on the bottom of the lined landfill. From there the water is pumped into a holding system. It eventually goes to the waste water treatment plant.

The county has considered doing a collection day for several years. Commissioners approved the item with this year's budget. Lockridge estimates that if one percent of the county's population show up, the one day project will cost up to \$35,000. The county is contracting with a private disposal service.

Lockridge says most Cleveland residents are aware of the dangers of disposing some items but until now have not had a choice. Residents of local municipalities and the county may participate.

The following items will be accepted: household batteries, button batteries, fungicides, furniture polish, insect sprays, mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats, metal polish, mothballs, pesticides, pool chemicals, rat poisons, shoe polish, spot removers, weed killers, solvent based cleaners, floor care products, drain cleaners, hair removers, nail polish and remover, oven cleaners, acids, bases, acetone, antifreeze, auto repair products, auto starter fluids, brake fluid, car batteries, car waxes, contact cement, driveway sealers, fiberglass epoxy, gasoline and other fuels, solvent based glue, lighter fluid, motor oils, paint, paint thinners, paint strippers, parts cleaners, photographic chemicals, shellac, stains, transmission fluids, turpentine, varnish, wood filler, wood preservatives and non-empty aerosol cans.

These items should be kept in original containers, placed in a cardboard box lined with newspapers. At the collection site, representatives will take care of the items from there.

Items should not be mixed together. Items not in the original container should be labeled.

The following items cannot be accepted: explosives, shock sensitive materials, garbage, pathological waste, medical waste, reactive or unstable materials, recyclables, smoke detectors nor unknown or unlabeled

materials.

No commercial nor business waste will be accepted.

For more information, call the household hazardous waste hotline at 704-480-6932 or 704-482-9061.

The following are recipes for less toxic household cleaners:

All purpose cleaner - 1/2 cup borax and 1 gallon of water.

Fabric softener - 1/4 cup baking soda or white vinegar added during the rinse cycle.

Furniture polish - Two parts vegetable oil and one part lemon juice.

Silver polish - Soak silver in 1 quart warm water with 1 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon slat and a small piece of aluminum foil.

Chrome and stainless steel cleaner - Dip dry cloth into flour and rub on the surface.

Wood floor cleaner - Dampen cloth with a solution of water and mild soap. Wring cloth almost dry.

Brass cleaner - Mix equal parts lemon juice and baking soda to make a paste. Cover brass surface with paste and allow to dry then wipe off quickly.

Ceramic tile cleaner - Mix equal parts white vinegar and borax to make a paste.

Glass cleaner - Mix 3 tablespoons white vinegar in 2 cups of warm water.

Air freshener - Place baking soda or herbs in an open dish.

Rug and upholstery cleaner - Sprinkle cornstarch, let set for five minutes then vacuum.

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