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Greensboro, North Carolina

75 CENTS

Elm St. urban market on way?

Organizers hope to hold an open-air market on Sunday afternoons.

By DONALD W. PATTERSON
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GREENSBORO — Downtown may get a new, outdoor urban market next spring.

Organizers hope to hold the event Sunday afternoons in the city-owned parking lot in the 300 block of South Elm Street.

They want the market to include fruits and vegetables, flowers and herbs, cheese and baked goods, arts and crafts, and mountain apples and coastal seafood.

"We would basically be a farmers' market with a new age twist," said Alex Amoroso, owner of Cheesecakes by Alex, who came up with the concept. "It could grow into a nice little village on Sunday afternoons."

The event, which would run from noon to 5 p.m., has tentatively been named the South Elm Urban Market. Organizers hope to start with 22 to 25 vendors.

"We wanted more produce than crafts," said April Harris, executive director of Action Greensboro, who is as-

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BURIAL OF MARINE LANCE CPL. LEVY



The Marine honor guard folds an American flag Tuesday at the burial service for Lance Cpl. Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy at Gilmore Memorial Park in Julian. PHOTOS BY JERRY WOLFORD/News & Record

HONORING A WARRIOR

Hundreds gather to remember a local Marine who was fatally wounded while serving in Afghanistan.

By DIONI L. WISE
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PLEASANT GARDEN — In the traditional Marine roll call at a soldier's funeral, an officer called out the names of Marines in the church congregation Tuesday. Each one present answered.



Levy

"Lance Corporal Christopher Levy?"
"Lance Corporal Christopher P. Levy?"
Still no answer.
Levy's flag-draped casket sat in



Levy enlisted in the Marine Corps before graduating in 2009. He was fatally injured in Afghanistan while serving his second tour, for which he volunteered.

the church sanctuary below his boots, which held a rifle with a helmet on top.

He was heralded as a true warrior, a best friend and a generous big brother at his funeral Tues-

day. The service was laced with Native American tributes and full military honors, as his family and friends paid homage to the fallen soldier, his heritage and his short career.

Lance Cpl. Christopher Phoenix Jacob Levy died Dec. 10 in a military hospital in Germany after being shot in the head a few days earlier in Afghanistan. He was 21.

Eric Locklear of the Lumbee Tribal Council told the congregation at Pleasant Garden Baptist Church that Lumbee warriors, as was Levy, are dedicated to the survival of their people and homeland, even dying for the sake of the country.

"But the death of the Lumbee warrior is but another step in advancement of life," he said.

"It is understood that the warrior spirit lives on eternally. So the Lumbee warriors do not fear death, but rather regard it as the ultimate sacrifice for their own and our people's continued survival."

Levy's parents, Amanda Sheek and Chris A. Levy, honored their son's wishes to be an organ donor, "allowing his life and energy to rise as a phoenix from the ashes to bring healing and remove

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Couple's Christmas trees link past, future, religion

SUMMERFIELD — Danny and Mary Anne Amos have a forest in their house. Or really, a Christmas tree forest.

Their 14 trees are anywhere from 2 feet tall to nearly 10, and each one is covered with lights and canvassed with ornaments.

Do the math, and you realize Danny and Mary Anne have decorated their trees with a few thousand ornaments, and every inch of their house sparkles like some miniature version of Tanglewood.



JERI ROWE

But Danny and Mary Anne, husband and wife, don't have all their ornaments out. They can't. They have 16,000 Christmas ornaments — a collection they've amassed since 1976, three years after their marriage began.

They're one of only seven families nationwide who have collected every one of the Keepsake Ornaments sold by Hallmark. The number collected: at least 10,000. It took them 10 years.

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Danny and Mary Anne Amos' house boasts 14 Christmas trees from 2 to 10 feet tall, including one tree featuring at least 600 ornaments.

In this tank corner is ... the Bone-Crusher

Alligator snapping turtle joins science center.

By SUSAN LADD
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GREENSBORO — Bone-Crusher.

It's the kind of name they give to WWE wrestlers and monster trucks. There is talk about torque, but in this case, it's not the output of an engine, but a set of jaws. This guy can really crush bones.

He's a 92-year-old alligator snapping turtle and the newest resident of the Natural Science Center of Greensboro. Visitors will get to see him for the first time today.

Alligator snapping turtles share a number of qualities with their name-



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Bone-Crusher, a 92-year-old alligator snapping turtle, was born in the wild but has lived most of his life in captivity.

sake, the alligator. Like gators, they have three large ridges with raised plates along the backs of their shells, giving them a prehistoric look. And like al-

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COMING THURSDAY

Changing with the times: A colorful look at how St. Nicholas — aka Santa Claus or Kris Kringle — has evolved over the years. **Go Triad**



TODAY'S QUICKREAD

NATION & WORLD

U.S. hits mute on its research

Scientists find a way to make the bird-flu virus more easily transmitted among mammals but are asked to hold back details for security reasons. **A6**

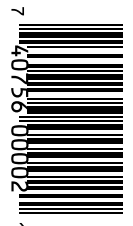
Women march in Egypt rally

Thousands of women in Egypt join a march to protest the treatment of women in political protests since the military took over the country. **A9**

LOCAL

Man receives life in slaying

A Durham man is convicted and sentenced to life without parole in the death of UNC-Chapel Hill student body president Eve Carson. **A2**



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TODAY'S FORECAST

65 HIGH
Cloudy and mild with an 80% chance of showers.
Full report, **A6**

51 LOW