

Around Charlotte

• **The Small Business Center, Metrolina Minority Supplier Development Council** and the main library are sponsoring a seminar for small business owners 6:15-8:45 p.m. Tuesday. The subject for the first seminar will be "Legal and Tax Considerations for the Small Business Person." Two additional workshops will be conducted Feb. 20 and Feb. 27. All workshops will be held at the main library, 310 N. Tryon St.

For more information, contact Emma Quinn at 342-6900.

• **Planned Parenthood**, 1341 E. Morehead St., will conduct its Growing Up I series Feb. 17. The three-hour workshop reviews growth,



development and reproduction. The registration fee is \$20 and includes educational material and refreshments.

To register, contact Kim Madar at 377-0841.

• **Teen Health Connection** received a \$10,000 grant from the HIV/AIDS Consortium to provide free counseling and testing to the first 175 males and females ages 11-22 who request this service. Teen Health Connection provides comprehensive physical and mental health care to unserved and underserved adolescents. For an appointment, call 344-8336.

• **Pisgah Lodge No. 266, Pisgah Temple No. 228 and Elks Home** will sponsor a pre-annual Red and White Dance for Valentine's Day 9 p.m. Friday at the American Legion-Morris Field Post 380,

Tattoos

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Professional Tattooists, said a genuine tattooist will not risk his reputation by doing unsanitary procedures.

"Scratchers who work out of their kitchen or the back of a van should be scrupulously avoided," Sperry said, in a FDA consumer magazine article.

The APT, a non-profit organization that educates tattooist about proper infection control, recommends several guidelines.

The tattooist should wash and dry his/her hands and wear latex gloves, an autoclave should be on the premises, customer's should sign consent forms, needles and the floor area should be disinfected immediately after each customer, and used tissues should be disposed of in a leak-proof container.

Thompson said it's rare for someone to get an infection from a tattoo, but advises everyone to do a visual inspection of the facility.

"When you go to someone's shop, take a good look around," she said. "Make sure it's clean."

Sperry agreed.

"If a tattooist follows appropriate cleanliness procedures, and the person who receives a tattoo takes proper care of it, the risk of infection at the site of the tattoo is minimal, and the risk of picking up any type of blood-borne pathogen is virtually nil."

Temporary inflammation around the tattoo is common for the first day or so. As part of the healing process, the tattooed skin crusts slightly and peels within the first week.

A fresh tattoo should not be exposed to direct sunlight for at least two weeks to prevent pigment changes. The area should be kept clean with soap and water and left exposed to the air. Lotion may be applied to relieve dryness.

400 West Tyvola Road.

For more information, call 377-0601.

• A free "Yes to Life" concert, sponsored by The Drug Education Center, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, the Nalle Clinic and others, will be 6:30-8:30 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Grady Cole Center.

For more information, contact Liza Southerland at 375-DRUG.

• **The National Council of Negro Women Inc.** will host a Brotherhood Dinner 7 p.m. March 2 at McDonald's Cafeteria, 2810 Beatties Ford Road. U.S. Senate candidate Harvey B. Gantt will be the guest speaker. The donation fee is \$20.

For more information, contact Mattie Caldwell at 376-9955.

• **The North Carolina Association of Black Substance Abuse Workers Inc.** is sponsoring a movie

viewing titled "Sankofa: It's OK to Return to Your Past in Order to Go Forward" 7 p.m. Feb. 15 at the Wilmore Community Center, 501 West Blvd.

For more information, contact Flay J. Lee at 376-7447 or Ahmad Daniels at 336-5370.

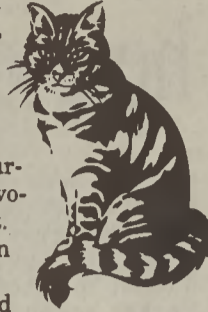
• **The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Community Development Resource Center** will present its sixth series of "The Small Business Journey" 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday through March 19. The series costs \$100, and space is limited.

For more information, contact Rose Marie Cotton at NAACP-CDRC, 400-L Clanton Road; Charlotte, N.C. 28217.

• **The Carolina Sophisticats, Charlotte's Cat Fanciers' cat club**, is hosting its annual Valentine's Weekend Cat Show 10 a.m. to

5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Charlotte Hornets Training Center in Fort Mill, S.C.

About 450 cats will be judged during the two-day event. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.



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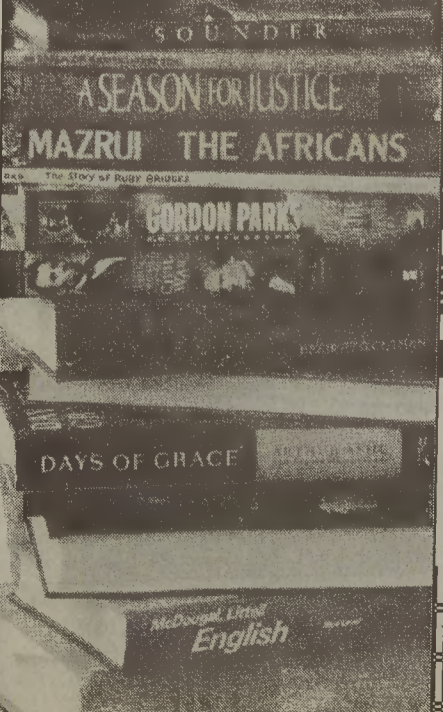
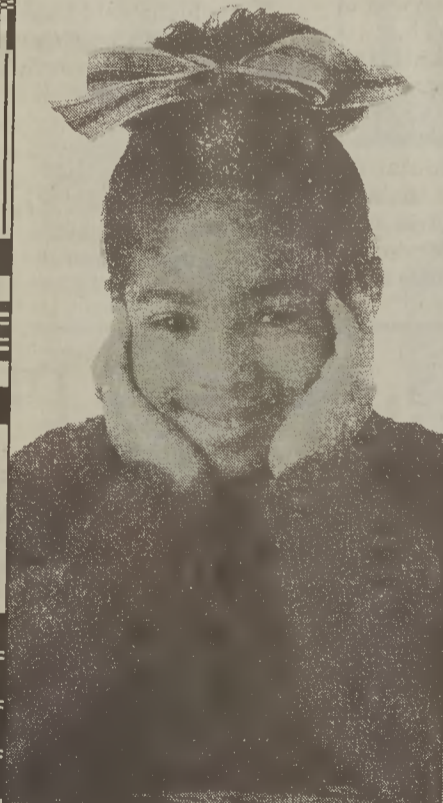
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