

Around Charlotte

News of note

•Crisis Assistance Ministry is offering its Crisis Angel holiday gift card. Make a donation to the organization in the name of a loved one or friend and CAM will send that individual a 20th anniversary angel greeting card. Proceeds will be used to benefit families in need. A minimum gift of \$10 is requested. For more information, call 371-3001, extension 126.

•The Christmas Bureau, which serves family in need during the holidays, is looking for volunteers. For more information, or orientation times, call Nicole or Angie at 333-6635.

•The Grier Heights Economic Foundation will offer a six-week workshop for parents that discusses problems of child rearing. Sessions will be held every Tuesday at the Grier Heights Community Center. For more information, call 375-9566.

•The National Forum for Black Public Administrators is looking for donations for its Toys for Tots campaign. For more information, call Carmelita Coleman at 336-2643. All toys will be donated to Crisis Assistance Ministry.

•The Uptown Shelter is soliciting individuals and groups to collect and donate winter clothing, especially coats and jeans. For more information, call 334-1337.

•Historic Rosedale, 3427 North Tryon St. is hosting an 1840s Christmas. For more information or to order tickets, call 335-0325.

•Habitat For Humanity is looking for local artists for its annual art contest. Winning designs will be featured on Habitat's Alternative Gift/Holiday Card Program and for Memorial/Honorarium cards sent by the organization to its contributors. Prizes include \$500 to adult winners and a \$500 savings bond and two Carowinds season tickets for the winner of the children's division. Entries should be mailed to Jeanne Tatar, Habitat for Humanity, P.O. Box 34997, Charlotte, N.C., 28234.

•Central Piedmont Community College Theatre will hold auditions for "An Evening of One Act Plays" on Dec. 10 - 11 from 1:30-4:30 p.m. in room LRC 014. For more information, call 330-6835.

•Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation needs volunteers for HangTime, a new program that provides recreation for teens. Volunteers are needed to provide athletic, cultural and education activities at the Naomi Drenan Recreation Center, 750 Beal St. Dec. 14 and Jan. 11, 1997. For more information, call 336-8454.

Friday

•The Singing Christmas Tree returns to Charlotte. Show times are: Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. at Ovens Auditorium. Tickets are \$10-\$18. For more information, call 372-3600 or 374-1564.

•A free lecture in African American history delivered by Meloye Micere Stewart, will be held at Spirit Square Friday at 6:30 p.m. The program, held in conjunction with the Henrietta Marie exhibit, will focus on the contributions of African Americans.

Saturday

•The alumni of Central State University will meet at the Renaissance Place restaurant, 631 North Tryon St., at 2 p.m. For more information, call Helen Bourne-Moore, 547-0627.

•Uptown lights up for Christmas at 5 p.m. Holidays Skylights, the lighting of the Uptown Christmas tree, kicks off at Trade and Tryon. The event includes performances by local choirs and a stage show moderated by WCNC-TV newscasters Val Holley Dennis and Allen Denton.

•The Nature Museum will

host its annual Christmas Party at 10 a.m. Cost is \$7 per child for non-members, \$5 for members. Reservations are required. For more information, call 372-6261, Ext. 354.

•The Marion Diehl Center will host a Christmas craft session for children 7-12 years old from 5-7 p.m. For more information, call 527-0237. Cost is \$5.

Sunday

•Lights of Love, a holiday celebration featuring 7,000 luminaries, will be held at Sharon Memorial Park, corner of Monroe and Sharon Amity Road. For more information, call 843-0244.

Monday

•The Charlotte Mecklenburg Republican Women's Club will feature Gary Aldrich at 4:30 p.m. Aldrich is author of "Unlimited Access: An FBI Agent Inside the Clinton White House." For more information, or to make reservations, call 847-5764.

•Fidelity Investments will host a free seminar "Selecting a Retirement Plan for Your Small Business" at noon at Fidelity Investments, Two Coltsgate, 4611 Sharon Road. To RSVP, call (800) 275-6799.

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Book Review

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By Jeri Young
THE CHARLOTTE POST

There is little that Gyasi Foluke doesn't study.

He cures hay fever with a toxic brew of horseradish and lemon—it works, believe me.

Author of "The Real Holocaust: A Wholistic Analysis of the African American Experience," Foluke has spent a lifetime researching and developing African America.

His results, chronicled in "The Real Holocaust," are interesting, thought provoking and provide a great forum for discussion on race and African Americans.

Tracing the beginnings of the African American experience to 1441, the beginning of the Occidental slave trade, Foluke argues eloquently that the legacy of slavery has been as severely underrated as have the cost, both financially and emotionally, of righting the wrongs.

He also argues that the Jewish Holocaust pales in comparison with the African Holocaust, which he calls the real holocaust.

"More than 600 million people died in the African slave trade," he said. "You compare that to the 6 million Jews killed. That is not to take away from the Jewish holocaust, but we have had some experiences as well."

Foluke takes on cultural icons, from the traditional church to Thomas Jefferson, whom he claims is the epitome of "Forked Tongue Syndrome," talking a good game, but not quite living up to it as far as racial issues are concerned.

"Hence, he believed in gradual emancipation, deportation or colonization of enslaved Blacks and through his legal will, provided freedom, with some degree of 'compensation,' for about five of his most 'faithful' slaves," he writes.

Foluke addresses the "Colin Powell Phenomenon," the similarities between the Ku Klux Klan and the "S" stages of the dehumanization of African Americans — chattel slavery, racial segregation and racial sedimentation.

He identifies the secular trinity — money, sex and power — as the root of most of America's problems.

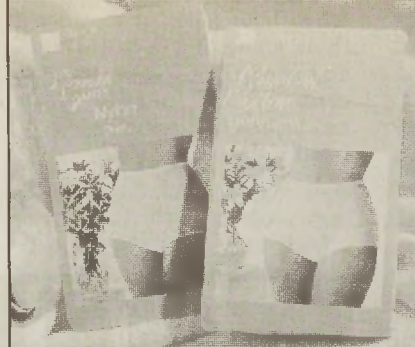
Chapter 12 is truly interesting. In it, Foluke offers his suggestion on where African Americans need to be and offers a challenge to existing organizations to look deeply at their operations and agendas.

The "Real Holocaust" is definitely worth a read.

The book is available at the Heritage House, 901 South Kings Drive and Clean & Fresh Powerhouse, 2405 West Blvd., or by calling 1-800-845-5443.



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