

# Around Charlotte

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- Human rights activist Harry Wu, who was instrumental in uncovering slave labor in China, will speak at Johnson C. Smith University at 7:30 p.m. The free event will be held in Biddle Auditorium.

- The Power of Poets will be celebrated at the Power House Bookstore, 2405 West Blvd. Local poets Rickey Hood and Lea'Vee Jordan and Stan Waring will share their works. The evening will end with an "open mic" segment, during which audience members will be able to share their works. For more information call 377-6937. Free.

- Uptown Democratic Forum will meet at noon at Slug's 30th Edition, Two First Union Center. The guest speaker will be former New York Times columnist and Davidson College professor Tom Wicker. Reservations are \$10. For more information call 525-5843 or 371-8657.

- Local author Julia Neal Sykes will discuss the history of

Belmont's black community. Sykes is co-author of "Footprints on the Rough Side of the Mountain." The discussion will be held at the Beatties Ford Road Branch Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Free.

- An Evening Book Review of the Novels of Walter Mosley will be held at the Independence Regional Library, 6015 Conference Dr at 7 p.m. Free.

- The Carolinas Association of Black Journalists will meet at 7 p.m. at The Charlotte Observer, 600 S. Tryon St.

Friday

- Poetry Sharing and Reading at Barnes and Noble, 4720 Sharon Road, 7 p.m. Poets and poetry lovers are invited out to share their favorite poems. Free.

Saturday

- Juba Saturday activities for children will be held at Beatties Ford Road Branch Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road, 2 p.m. Free.

- Aspiring authors will learn how to create picture books for children age 9-12. Cindy Wheeler, author of "The Emperor's Birthday Suit" will lead the workshop. The seminar, which costs \$45, will be held at the Jewish Community Center from 12:30-5:30 p.m.

- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas will hold its annual Harvest Ball at Oasis Shrine Temple, 604 Daniel Burham Drive. Music will be provided by Lustre. The event begins at 9 p.m. Admission is \$15.

Monday

- Marilyn Gore, youth and family educator for Mecklenburg County, will present a lecture on handling holiday stress at the Beatties Ford Branch Library, 2412 Beatties Ford Road, 4 p.m.

- The Carolina Panthers Women's Association will present its second annual "Gridiron and Glitter Fashion Show" at 6 p.m. The show will feature clothing by local merchants modeled by

Panthers players and their families. Tickets are \$100. Proceeds benefit Live Oaks, a public housing development. For more information, call 358-7474.

Tuesday

- Science fair workshop - The Public Library will present a session on helping children design and complete science projects. The facilitator will be Tim Champion, associate professor of chemistry at Johnson C. Smith University. The event will be held at the Main Children's Library, 310 N. Tryon St. To register call 336-2409.

**Because of the holiday, the deadline for items to be listed in Around Charlotte is Friday at 5 p.m. For more information, call 376-0496.**

## FDA OKs stronger version of Rogaine

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - The Food and Drug Administration approved a new version of Rogaine today that promises to help balding men grow 45 percent more hair than the older version did.

Rogaine Extra Strength for Men will be sold without a prescription, and will be on grocery and drugstore shelves within five weeks, the manufacturer Pharmacia & Upjohn said.

Pharmacia & Upjohn already sells 2 percent Rogaine to both men and women who are losing their hair. The new product is 5 percent Rogaine and is intended only for men because it can cause unwanted facial hair when women use it.

Its label also will warn men who experience scalp irritation from the stronger version to switch back to the 2 percent Rogaine. Both products will be similarly priced, Pharmacia & Upjohn said.

## Homes giving wrong drugs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Almost half the nursing home pharmacists surveyed by the government said patients were getting "inappropriate" drugs that could lead to serious health problems.

"Patients are experiencing numerous adverse reactions," including falls and delirium, according to a report released today by the Department of Health and Human Services inspector general.

In the survey, 45 percent of 461 pharmacists said they sometimes or often see inappropriate drugs given to nursing home patients.

The most frequent examples are gastrointestinal drugs, anti-inflammatories and narcotics, the survey said.

"Inappropriate" drugs are those not recommended for the elderly, those used for illnesses they are not designed to treat or those not given according to prescription.

However, the appropriateness of certain medications is "somewhat a matter of opinion," and therefore the findings show only that "closer examination is warranted," when drugs are dispensed to nursing home patients, the inspector general report said.

The report blames problems on poor communication and record-

keeping - doctors prescribe drugs without checking, pharmacists do not see key records, nurses get little direction.

It recommends that doctors, nurses and pharmacists work together more effectively and that nursing home staffs receive better training so they can recognize adverse drug reactions.

The survey is part of an effort to cut waste, fraud and abuse in Medicare and Medicaid.

Under Medicaid, which pays most nursing home costs, the government spent up to \$1.7 billion on prescription drugs in 1995, or as much as \$1,000 for each nursing home patient.

## Medicare decision delayed

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Lawmakers will wait until next year to reconsider a new law that gives senior citizens the option to pay out of their own pocket for services normally covered by their government health insurance.

Saying the new rules don't go far enough to give seniors freedom of choice, some conservatives had wanted them changed before they go into effect Jan. 1.

Instead, the Senate Finance Committee will hold a hearing on the matter early next year, said the chairman, Sen. Bill Roth, R-Del.

"There are deeply troubling issues here that deserve a full airing," Roth said in a Nov. 7 letter to Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., who has sponsored a bill to modify the law.

In the meantime, the new Medicare private payment rules, passed as part of this summer's

balanced-budget deal, are expected to take effect on schedule.

Senior citizens for the first time will be able to pay out of their own pockets for some covered doctors' office visits, but still use their Medicare for most treatment.

Older Americans have always been able to pay privately to get services not covered by their Medicare.

But until now, a Medicare claim

had to be filed for every covered service a beneficiary received - effectively cutting seniors off from doctors who refuse to take Medicare because of payments that are below the market rate.

Clinton administration officials say the new rules protect seniors from price-gouging because doctors billing even one Medicare patient privately will be barred from filing any Medicare claims for two years.

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