

Around Charlotte

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• The Senior Center will hold a workshop for grandparents raising grandchildren at 7 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Senior Center, 2225 Tyvola Road. The event is free and child care will be provided. For more information, call 522-6222.

Saturday

• The Beatties Ford Road Branch Library will hold Junkanoo, a celebration of the African American family, at 2 p.m. The celebration, also known as "Black Christmas," is several hundred years old. It was started by slaves as a celebration of the holiday. Activities include games, music, craft and tree decorating.

Sunday

• Kinder-Mourn, an organization that helps bereaved families, will hold a holiday memorial service at University City United Methodist Church, 6100 West Sugar Creek Road. Attendees are asked to bring candles to honor loved ones and child care will be provided. The service begins at 3 p.m. For more information, call 376-2580.

• The monthly meeting of the Charlotte Black Political Caucus will not be held. The group will hold an open house at 6 p.m. For more information, call 531-8838 or 393-1200.

• The North Charlotte District Women's Home Over Seas Missionary Society will host the Mr. and Mrs. North Charlotte Pageant at 4 p.m. Donation is \$5

and the event will be held at the Greenville Community Center, 1330 Spring St. For more information, call 334-8340 or 568-7083.

Tuesday

• The Senior Center will continue its workshop series for grandparents at 10 a.m. The series is designed to provide information for grandparents raising grandchildren. The workshop will be held at Fighting Back, 1500 North Tryon St. Child care will be provided. For more information, call 522-6222.

Upcoming events

Dec. 18 - NAACP Charlotte-Mecklenburg County Branch Meeting, 7 p.m. University Park Branch, 2400 Keller Ave.

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"Sister Sister" a waste of time. The story revolves around two sisters, Valerie and Inda, who are both dealing with the end of relationships. Valerie's husband decides after almost 10 years, that she is not the woman for him. The storyline could work, but Dickey doesn't tell us enough about it to make us care about Valerie or her sniveling husband. Inda meets Chiquita with whom she unknowingly shared Raymond, a three timing brotha who can't seem to decide exactly who or what he wants. Once again, the story line isn't well presented. While the action is hot - women climbing balconies to look into men's windows (don't ask) - it still isn't enough to make you want to read to the end. -Dickey does add one "good"

brotha. Valerie and Inda's handsome if not homeboyish brother Thaddeus. Thaddeus could be likable but once again Dickey doesn't give us enough for us to care whether he lives or dies.

I guess I expected too much. I hoped since Dickey was a man, he would give us at least one male character that was well rounded. I hoped perhaps he would tell us what men are thinking.

Instead, he did exactly what everyone else does. And he didn't even do it well. Particularly irritating are his awkward attempts to get inside his characters' heads. At best his work is weak. At worst, just plain boring. Dickey tries to exhale, but somehow only manages a sigh.

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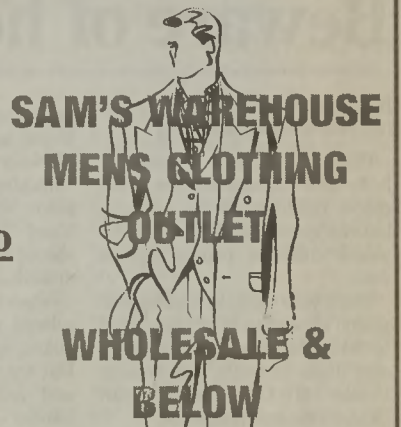
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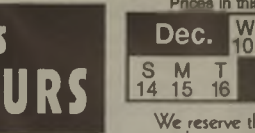
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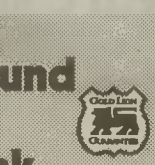


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