

With Teresa Burns

Bits & Pieces



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Black History Month

February is Black History Month for many. Some of the struggles, dimensions of black-white attitudes, and the pain of slavery will be depicted through films at the North Branch Library at 2324 LaSalle St.

The films will begin February 4 and will continue each Monday at 7 p.m. throughout the month of February.

"Follow The North Star" and "Black History: Lost, Stolen or Strayed" are two films that will be shown February 4. "Harriet Tubman" will be shown February 11 and "Slave Story" will be shown February 18. On the last Monday, February 25, the "Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman" will be shown in its entirety.

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The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. J.M. Power in "Sign Magazine."

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Central Piedmont Community College would like to expand. Plans for community learning centers were discussed last week at a meeting on the campus. R. H. Hagemeyer said that a community survey revealed that "...168,000 adults in Mecklenburg wanted educational services as offered at CPCC."

The college would like to bring more classes into the neighborhood and to give quality education without citizens having to come uptown to the college. Hagemeyer stressed that, "Equal quality is a must."

Central Piedmont's Committee is now in the process of planning for the extended community learning centers. The group of eleven members will meet again in approximately four weeks.

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All you have to do is sit back and relax at Nellie Hill's Fashion Show, Sunday, February 17 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Mike Cotton's Upstairs Lounge, 630 N. Graham St. And then after that you can dance to your heart's desire at the disco.

Just to name a few of the models: Cathey Atkins and Dale Johnson, both from New York; Jaylene Strong, Tony Powell, and Drake Ashford will give a dazzling performance of modeling skills you won't forget.

The designs are Nellie Hill originals. Dale Johnson's designs are also displayed as well as his make-up.

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The entertainment spotlight is on none other than Millie Jackson's hot new album "Live and Uncensored". By the way, it is too "X-plicit and X-rated" for any radio station to play, but the album is selling faster than stores can replenish it - and that is unusual. Albums usually need the publicity from radio to sell.

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Alex Haley is back in the news. He is working on a new TV movie entitled "King of the Hill." The film is being produced by the well-known Norman Lear. And since Lear has produced "Sanford and Son," "Good Times," and "The Jeffersons," (which have been cited as negative views of the Black family), some are wondering about this union.

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You'll probably be seeing more of Tony Brown now that his series "Tony Brown's Journal" will be aired on WBTB. If you would like to see him in person he will speak at Johnson C. Smith University Monday, February 11 at 8:15 p.m. in the University Church. The Lyceum committee is the sponsor.

"Tony Brown's Journal" contains hard-hitting reports about Black people. His is the first series to successfully shift from public broadcasting to commercial TV. It is also the longest

running, nationally syndicated Black affairs program.

Assertiveness training for women will start Thursday, Jan. 31 and last until Feb. 21. This program concentrates on helping women feel and act more assertive in their interactions with others. The objective is to become aware of the differences between assertive, non-assertive, and aggressive behavior.

The leader will be Betty Dibrell, Counselor at Randolph Clinic. Call Gordon Folger at 373-6644 for more information.

A free workshop entitled "What every woman should know about investing" will be given Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 7-9:30 p.m.

The leader will be Carol Cosgrove, Account Executive at Merrill Lynch, Pierce and Smith. For more information contact Gordon Folger at 373-6644.

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The easiest way to find more time to do all the things you want to do is to turn off the television set. - J. Harold Smith, quoted in "Quote Magazine."

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This might save your life. A special Task Force that deals with cancer awareness for Black Americans (in conjunction with the American Cancer Society) is sponsoring a Prompt Action Project at Memorial Hospital Saturday, Feb. 9 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Volunteer nurses from the Chi Eta Phi Nurses Sorority will perform pap smears in order to detect cancer. Call 373-2121 for an appointment.

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Druid Hills Garden Club's first meeting of the year was hosted by Saphese Blackmon. The program chairman, Minnie Connor introduced the guest, Vernie Patterson, owner of Patterson's Nursery.

Mrs. Patterson demonstrated the cutting and care for three potted plants. She also explained the care procedure for Christmas Cactus, Begonia, and Geranium.

The following members were present: Maggie Johnson, Hattie McCree, Queen Ellis, Della Simmons, Minnie Connor, Roberta Lyles, Ann Williams, Emma Wade, Dora McGill, Inez Ellis, and Eva Wiley.

Mrs. Connor will host the February meeting.

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Last month The Charlotte Graduate Pan Hellenic Council presented Esther Hargrave, director of First United Presbyterian Church's tutorial enrichment program, a check in the amount of \$100. The money was presented to be used for a Christmas party for the 48 children enrolled in the tutorial program.

The Christmas program included "One Solitary Life" recited by Thomas Johnson. Christmas symbols were explained by Kim Eric and Nicole Johnson, "The Drummer Boy" by Dwayne Houston and "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Marion Phillis.



Ebony Group and Company met with arts. The salute was held at Ivey's Tulip overwhelming approval as Charlotte's Terrace in uptown Charlotte. (Photo by Friends of the Arts presented a gala Roderick Rolle celebration spotlighting 15 blacks in the

Fire Education

Mayor Kicks Off

Awareness Week

This week Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox and Fire Chief John E. Lee officially kicked off Fire Education Awareness Week, February 11-17, by issuing a proclamation and unveiling a large billboard near the intersection of Seventh and North McDowell Streets.

The local observance is in response to Governor James B. Hunt's statewide proclamation calling for increased public awareness and concern for fire safety and prevention. In Charlotte a number of activities are planned including six "Put Your Heart in Fire Safety" billboards using a Valentine's Day theme.

During the week the Charlotte Fire Department will present slide programs prepared by the Fire Prevention Bureau and Training Division at Eastland, SouthPark and Freedom Drive Malls. Citizens will

be able to sign up for free, home fire safety inspections and request speakers for civic clubs and neighborhood groups.

A highlight of Fire Education Awareness Week will be open house at all 23 Charlotte fire stations. The public is invited to tour their neighborhood fire station, see the equipment and meet Fire Department personnel.

These activities are planned to call attention to the need for public support of fire safety and prevention efforts in Charlotte. Last year seven people and \$5.2 million in property were lost due to fires. An additional \$3 million in property damage was caused by arson.

For fire safety tips or additional information on Fire Education Awareness Week persons should contact the Charlotte Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau, telephone, 374-2101.

Crowder Begins

Internship At

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Ms. Janet Vanessa Crowder, a senior Communication Arts major at Johnson C. Smith University has begun an internship at the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

The internship will run from January 28 through April 23, 1980, which emphasizes on learning skills in printing, the news media, research and audio visual.

A native of Monroe, North Carolina, Janet is the daughter of Mrs. Margaret H. Crowder, and is the middle of three girls. Her major emphases are Television Production and Public Relations.

On campus, she is an active member of Student Government and Intermural Sports. She is also head counselor in the Junior-Senior Dormitory, and an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated.

On April 23, Janet will complete the internship program for credit toward her Bachelor of Arts Degree. She has two major goals in life. The first is to manage a public relations firm, and the second is to co-anchor the nightly news for a major network.

Janet's other interests include jogging, imitating Carol Burnett, singing, meeting new people, and writing.

Check the ads in the Charlotte Post each week for the best bargains in town.

Lecture Programs

To Feature Black Artists

Two lecture programs featuring black artists have been scheduled at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte this month.

Imamu Amiri Baraka, formerly Leroi Jones, will be at UNCC Wednesday, Feb. 13, at 8 p.m. in McKnight Lecture Hall to speak on "History of Black Liberation."

Catti James, a black American artist and interpreter of African art and culture, will present a lecture-slide presentation on "Experiences in Black Art" at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, in McKnight Lecture Hall.

Admission for the Baraka lecture is \$1 and cost for Ms. James' program is 50 cents. Sponsored by the University Program Board's Minority-Fine Arts-Lecture Committee, both programs are open to

the public. Baraka was educated at Rutgers and Howard Universities and did graduate work at the New School for Social Research and Columbia University. He taught poetry at the New School of Social Research, drama at Columbia University, literature at the University of Buffalo and was visiting professor at San Francisco State University.

He was recently elected secretary general of the National Black Assembly, the permanent structure mandated by the National Black Political Convention to carry out the resolutions of the National Black Political Agenda. He was also instrumental in bringing together a diverse group of black people who succeeded in electing Kenneth Gibson of Newark, N.J., as the first black mayor of a major northern city.

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