



Las Amigas Inc. Harvest Ball participants: (l to r) Sylvia Sims, Rosalind Stinson, Brenda Boston (queen) and Bettye Hairston.



Little Miss AKA Pageant: Shanicka Gwynn (left) won Little Miss AKA and Kia Cunningham won Maid of Honor.

•Motherhood Maternity will collect toys for the Marine Corps Reserves and its Toys for Tots program. In the past, the district has collected more than 1,000 toys for children.

Any gift is accepted, large or small. The toys should be new and unwrapped in order to be inspected by the Marine Corps Reserve. For information, call 366-7067.

The Charlotte Organizing Project will host the eighth "Neighbors of the Year" awards dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3. The dinner honors leaders of neighborhoods. The speaker is Beatrice Thompson of WCNC-TV.

The Charlotte Organizing Project has been participating in "Ride to the Polls" during elections, community re-investment, Barriers and Bridges and the Mecklenburg Council of Senior Citizens. The goals are to foster leadership development and organizational skills to low and moderate income areas.

•The Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha has announced the winners of the Little Miss AKA pageant. Little Miss AKA is Shanicka Gwynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Gwynn. She attends Lebanon Road Elementary School and Victory Christian Center.

The made of honor is Kia N. Cunningham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cunningham. She attends Ascension Lutheran School and Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church.

First runner up is Audrie C. Simons, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Simons. Second runner up is Heather C. Cherry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Cherry. Other winners include Miss Congeniality, Camille Clark and Mr. Exquire, Willie Smith.

Organizations that receive contributions from the chapter are Habitat for Humanity, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Community School of the Arts, National Council of Negro Women, NAACP, Urban League, Charlotte Housing Authority and Afro American Cultural Center.

•The Beautillion Militaire program, which provides a structured atmosphere for African American males in their senior year of high school to develop socially, intellectually, spiritually and morally, has started activities for this year. Schools represented include West Charlotte, Olympic, North Mecklenburg, Providence and Myers Park.

This year's theme is "African-American Male Leadership Development: Being Sound In Body, Mind and Spirit." Participants will attend sessions on team building, study skills, careers, sexuality and managing conflict. The boys also participate in a program in March which will showcase their development and talents. Scholarship opportunities are also available. For information, call the program chairman, C.C. Davis Jr. at 598-2601.

•The Family Outreach and Counseling Center Inc. has received a \$25,000 grant from the Public Welfare Foundation in Washington D.C. to continue implementation of adult day care/ adult health center in Double Oaks Community Service Center.

The center provides a structured, daily program for adults who are frail or disabled and in need of some supervision or assistance. For information, call the center at 332-7037 or 333-2033.

•The Charlotte Area Association of Black Journalists and the Johnson C. Smith University sophomore class will present a community forum, "Health Care and African Americans," at 7 p.m. Dec. 2 in

Biddle Hall Auditorium at JCSU. Participants will include Dr. Spurgeon Webber III, president of the Charlotte Medical Society, and Congressman Mel Watt. Beatrice Thompson of WCNC-TV will moderate. The event is free.

•The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Inc. will sponsor a benefit basketball game Dec. 3 at Northwest Middle School. The game will feature Sigma Beta Club against the Sons of Varick from Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church. Admission is \$3.

•The Charlotte Black Political Caucus will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 5 and 12 to discuss the disparity of contract dollars to minority firms. The meetings will take place at First Baptist Church-West, 1801 Oaklawn Ave.

•University City YMCA basketball clinics for children, 4-5 will begin Jan. 8 through Feb. 26. The clinics will take place Saturdays at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church at 10 a.m. Registration deadline is Jan. 3. For information, call 547-9622.

•Mecklenburg County Foster Parent Association is asking people to be a Santa by sponsoring three gifts. People who would like to help are given the first name of a child and the items (limit \$25 each) for which that child has asked. People may sponsor fewer than three gifts. For information, call 531-WISH.

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- 10 am - 2:30 pm First Union Atrium: Carolina Raptor Center exhibit, FREE
 - 11am-12 noon Founders Hall: West Charlotte High School choir, FREE
 - 12-1 pm Founders Hall: Barrie Howard vocals, FREE
 - 12-1:30 pm First Union Atrium: Lorraine Little harp and flute, FREE
 - 12-2 pm The Hans and Walter Bechtler Gallery, Carillon: Rosalyn Blankenship piano, FREE
 - 1-2 pm Founders Hall: Kevin Harris vocals, FREE
 - 4-10 pm Carillon Park: Reindeer, Santa and roasted chestnuts, FREE
 - 5-10 pm Uptown Galleries: Gallery Crawl, FREE
 - 6-8 pm Main Library: Origami Tree Reception and ornament making, FREE
 - 8-11:30 pm Founders Hall: Big Band Dance with Glen Miller Orchestra, \$20, call 372-7469

For More Information Call: 336-8888 or 1-800-231-4636

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