

## Around Charlotte

• The Humane Society will hold a dog wash/dip on Sunday at Talley's Green Grocery, 1408 East Blvd. from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Proceeds will benefit the society's orphaned pets. For more information, call 377-0536.

• Carolinas Association of Black Women Entrepreneurs will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 4:30 p.m. at the Renaissance Place restaurant, 631 North Tryon St. The guest speaker will be Paulette Norvel-Lewis, U.S. Small Business Administration regional advocate. Please RSVP, 391-7446.

• The Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is accepting nominations for outstanding community educators for the 1996 Pearl Award. Deadline for submissions is Friday. For more information, call Eddyce Hobson, 846-4671.



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received the Golden Heritage Plaque for his \$1000 contribution to the NAACP, during the organization's national convention in Charlotte last month.

• T. Michael Todd recently received the Golden Heritage Plaque for his \$1000 contribution to the NAACP, during the organization's national convention in Charlotte last month.

• The Cultural Ensemble, a local African and contemporary ethnic dance group, is holding auditions for experienced dancers and drummers. For more information, contact 332-3491.

• Wesley Alternative High School graduate Mekita Davis spent the past summer serving as a page for the N. C. Legislature. Davis plans to attend Clinton Junior College in Rock Hill, in the fall.



**Davis**

• The Charlotte Writers Club announces its annual article contest, open to residents of North Carolina, and York and Lancaster counties in S.C. Nonfiction works of 750-2000 words should be submitted by Sept. 16. For more information, contact Donna Emmary at 332-1889.

• The Kelly M. Alexander, Sr. Leadership Institute announces the 1996 recipients of the Kelly M. Alexander, Sr. Scholarships. Recipients are: Pamela Nicole Dawkins of Shelby, Delisia Raychelle Jones Matthews, of Garner,

Alicia Lenis Monroe of Clinton, Benjamin Louis Tomezak of Raleigh, and Delmar Travis Withers of Reidsville. Recipients will receive \$1,000 scholarships.

• The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Political Caucus will meet on Sunday at First Baptist Church-West at 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Johnnie Collins at 393-1200.

• The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Safe Kids Coalition and the Charlotte Housing Authority are hosting a "Bike Rodeo and get Back to School Safely" event Sunday from 2-5 p.m. in the Education Center parking lot on Second Street. For information, call 336-5262.

• Jessie Mae Heath celebrated her 70th birthday Sunday Aug. 11 at the Renaissance Place restaurant with 50 family members and friends. The dinner was sponsored by Heath's six children: James M. Heath, Gwendolyn D. Heath, Deborah Watkins, William O. Heath, Valerie Newkirk, and Eric E. Heath.



**Heath**

• The Alzheimer's Family Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Adult Care and Share Center, 6709 Idlewild Road.

• High school students are invited to audition for City at Peace, a theatrical group focusing on social issues. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Hawn at 542-2467.

• The National Kidney Foundation is asking people to donate unwanted vehicles to the Kidney Cars program. The donated vehicles will fund organ donation awareness. For more information, call 1-888-282-CARS.

• The City of Charlotte is seeking applications from neighborhood organizations for grants to improve communities. The deadline for applications is September 16. For more information, contact Shirley Stevenson at 336-2349.

• The Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department is hosting a series of community workshops throughout August to discuss plans for the redesign of local parks. For more information, call 336-8460.

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Jackson has a new release, Book II of the Madaris Series, entitled, *Whispered Promises*. Book I was the smashing hit, *Tonight and Forever*. Snoe has authored, *A Sheikh's Spell, Beguiled and A Passion Ruby*, which is a part of her precious gems series.

For more information, contact the Heritage House 344-9695 or, Annette Parks-Taylor - 841-8695

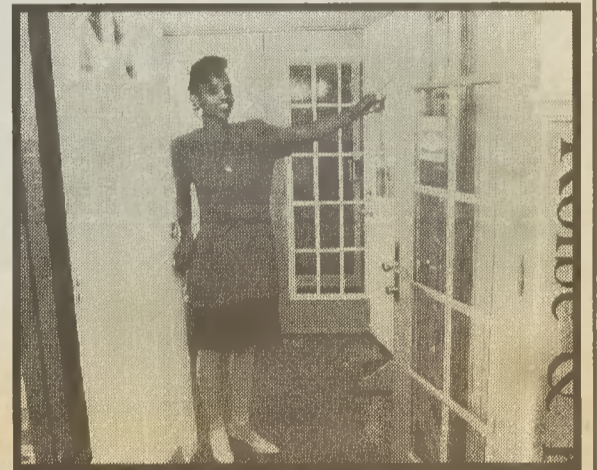
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# New South museum 'cool' place

By Jeri Young  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

There is always something cool going on at the Museum of the New South.

A current exhibit "The South from A to Z," features one of the first air conditioners, which has a Carolina connection. The term air conditioner was coined by a North Carolinian.

Also among the items featured now are pictures of the West Charlotte All-Stars of 1950, a group of African American women, who under the leadership of Alma Blake, wife of West Charlotte's first principal, C.L. Blake, formed a competitive basketball team.

Spokesman Johanna Simms says the museum board recognizes the challenge to present people of color's role in the New South.

"We look to make sure that we are representative of the population," she said. "We have several upcoming exhibits that feature African Americans."

Running concurrently with the Henrietta Marie exhibit, will be "Amazing Grace," an exhibit that will provide a look at the role of the African American church from slavery to the present.

"We are going to develop the

insides of a church in conjunction with the Henrietta Marie," said Simms. "Professor C.G. Newsome, dean of the divinity school at Howard will talk about the role of the black church."

Dr. Newsome, a noted scholar and president of the Society for the Study of Black Religion and a contributor to the Encyclopedia of Religion in the South, will speak on December 8.

Also on the tap for the fall and winter are lectures by Dr.

burgeoning black middle class.

Occasionally the museum calls for artifacts from the public.

"We'll be doing a special exhibit on Billy Graham in September," said Simms. "We are looking for local people who have experiences with Billy Graham."

The museum, located at the corner of 7th and College streets, is the highlight of any trip uptown. Built to house exhibits detailing the history of the metrolina area, the museum is on a mission.

"Our mission is to present the history of Charlotte and 13 surrounding counties from post Reconstruction to the present," Simms, media relations director for the museum, said.

Simms said the museum, which relocated to College Street in January, has been around for about five years.

"We were previously known as the Museum Without Walls," says Simms. "We held exhibitions in various venues and relied on space from corporate donors. We had a space in Overstreet Mall courtesy of Nationsbank."

The move to a single location came as a result of the museum's increasing popularity. "We got calls from people



PHOTO/ PAUL WILLIAMS  
"Hoop and Goals" exhibit at Museum of New South features women's basketball team from west Charlotte area.

Wanda Hendricks, of Arizona State University. Hendricks will discuss the black experience in Charlotte on October 9.

The museum is also excited about a February exhibit on the life of photographer Richard Samuel Roberts, premier chronicler of Columbia's 1920s African American community. Roberts, who died in 1936, left a cache of over 3000 photographs that depict a

## Birth Announcement

The Charlotte Post is pleased to announce two new additions to the Post family.

Editor-in-chief Herb White, wife Andrea Spool White and daughter Chyna welcomed twins, Rio Iyana born at 7:19 p.m. and Riah Imani born 7:26 p.m. Riah tipped the scales at 5 lbs 15 oz, with Riah coming in at a close second 5 lbs 10 oz.

The twins were born at Presbyterian Hospital.

Mother and daughters are doing well.

Congratulations to Herb, Andrea and Chyna from the entire Charlotte Post Family.



**Spool-White**

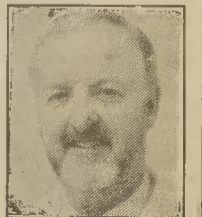
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