

SpringFest goes on despite rainy day

By Mark Pendergrass
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Thousands of people poured into the uptown streets of Charlotte to participate in the 16th annual SpringFest celebration. And so did the rain.

The three-day event began on Friday afternoon and was overrun with Charlotteans awaiting the first major festival of the season. Rain moved in Saturday evening and continued most of Sunday.

"In spite of the weather, I managed to have a good time," said Lateef Johnson, a First Union employee. "However, many of my friends were unaware of (the marketplace) at the Marshall Park location. All in all, I had a good time. The best thing about it was it was free."

Artist Curtis G. Woody of Maryland has participated in SpringFest for 12 years. Singer Daniel Kane ventured from San Francisco, to introduce his hand-carved guitar called "the Stick," to Charlotte as he sung a variation of jazz and blues. Local vocalist Darlye Rice graced the Tryon Street and First Union Atrium stages with her skillful voice and spectacular folk guitar playing.



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Daniel Kane shows off his guitar at SpringFest Saturday.

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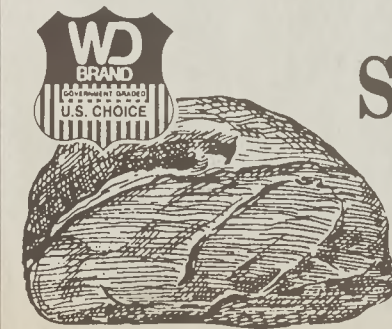


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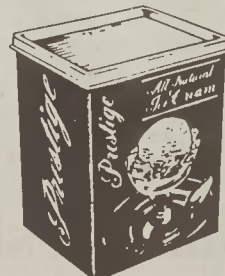
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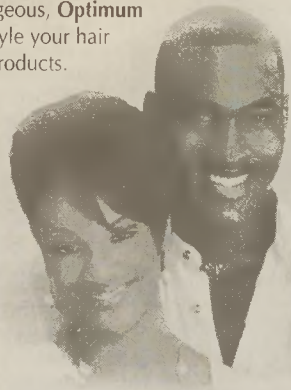
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