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Step on stage

CHARLOTTE — The Carolinas Black Pride Movement (CBPM) is opening casting and audition calls for its March play, "Before it hits home."

The play is directed by Jermaine Nakia Lee and jointly produced by CBPM and the Afro-American Cultural Center.

The main character is Wendal Bailey, an African-American bisexual male in his early 30's. Examined in this drama are Wendal's two worlds; one which revolves around his love life, the other based in the home of his extended family — his mother, father, "aunt," brother and 12-year-old son.

The play is written by Cheryl West.

Auditions will be held Jan. 10 and Jan. 11. More information is available via Jermaine Nakia Lee, 704-777-8208.

The play will be presented March 6-7 at the Afro-American Cultural Center, 401 North Myers St. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased through the Cultural Center's box office at www.aacc-charlotte.org.

"Before it hits home" will be presented during the Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS.

Book club finds home

CHARLOTTE — The Lesbian & Gay Community Center, 820 Hamilton St., Suite B11, has announced that the newly formed Lesbian Book Club will start its meetings there on Dec. 30 from 6-8 p.m. Coordinator is Amber Shockley. The first book selected for discussion will be "Backslide" by Teresa Stores. The book should be secured before the meeting.

The club is open to the entire LGBT and ally community, but will focus on lesbian literature. Participants may bring a snack to munch on, as well as a beverage.

For more information or directions to the Center, call 704-333-0144 or email Amber at turtlefairy5@yahoo.com.

PrideSisters rings in new year

CHARLOTTE — Join PrideSisters to welcome in 2009 at family-friendly Steamer's Sports Pub, 1513 Pierson Dr., on Dec. 31.

Enjoy the big bash that includes a toast at midnight and traditional party favors. There is

Time for a date?

CHARLOTTE — An all-girls speed dating event will be held on Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at Cafe Room and Lounge, 1250 Lucky Penny St.

Spend time meeting and mingling with other single ladies for the purpose of business networking and possible relationships.

Cost is \$15 and includes food, drink specials and live music.

Participants must be 21-years-old or over. Pre-registration is required.

For more information, call 704-492-0069 or email corettalivingston@yahoo.com.

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Pour on a new year

GREENVILLE — Greenville AQUA (Greenville NC Area Queer Announcements List) has announced that it is planning a gathering at Topsy Teapot, 409 S. Evans St., on New Year's Eve from 8 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

The event will be a potluck-styled one. Participants are asked to bring a favorite dish or snack to share. Wine and beer will be available for sale at the bar.

For more information, email cherdiva4real@yahoo.com.

Hanging out at the White House

GREENVILLE — NC Family member Holly Garriott recently designed an ornament that is now adorning the White House Christmas tree. Hers was selected from about 400 submitted from across the U.S.

She was on hand on Dec. 2 when she got to see the ornament on the tree as well as being greeted by First Lady Laura Bush.

U.S. Rep. Walter B. Jones selected her to craft the piece on behalf of his district. She works annually alongside Jones to organize the Congressional High School Art Competition.

Garriott is executive director of Emerge Gallery and Art Center and is on the faculty at East Carolina University.

The decorative piece includes a cardinal, Hatteras lighthouse, dogwood, pottery and a tobacco leaf. It is done in a red, white and blue motif.

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