

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## OF INTEREST

### Queen Latifah coming to TV

"The Queen Latifah Show," a new daytime talk-variety series, will premiere Sept. 16.

According to producers, the hour-long show will showcase Latifah's extraordinary range as a multi-award winning entertainer and her distinct ability to connect with people. The multi-topic, daily syndicated show will feature a mix of celebrity interviews, inspiring human-interest stories, musical performances and Queen Latifah's unique and often comedic take on pop culture.



Queen Latifah

Latifah's genuine curiosity and desire to connect with everyday people will take her on journeys outside her studio. She will venture into communities across the country to share compelling stories, celebrate exceptional individuals and deliver life-changing surprises.

Queen Latifah and Shakim Compere's Flavor Unit, Will Smith, Jada Pinkett Smith and James Lassiter's Overbrook Entertainment and Sony Pictures Television are producing the show and have assembled a diverse team of top producers from late night, daytime, news and reality television.

### Hampton fest benefits sickle cell group

The Virginia-based Peninsula Association for Sickle Cell Anemia (PASCA) and the City of Hampton (Va.) recently presented the 23rd annual Afrikan American Festival at Mill Point Park in downtown Hampton.

During the weekend of June 28-30, more than 60 vendors were on hand and attendees enjoyed live music and arts and crafts. Entertainers included Stan Hampton, the Wind Jazz Band, Ra Jazz, the Chester B Motown Review, Bobb J and the Bill Boylins Gospel Review.

Admission was just \$4, and proceeds benefited PASCA, which provides leadership on a local level to create public awareness of sickle cell, a hereditary blood disease that affects mainly people of black ancestry. The Peninsula Association not only distributes educational materials about the disease, but also encourages screening programs and genetic counseling. Sickle Cell Anemia occurs in 1 out of every 400 black births.

### New Duke museum leader

Sarah Schroth, the Nancy Hanks Senior Curator at the Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University, has been named the museum's new director.

Schroth has been serving as its interim director since November. She succeeds Kimerly Rorschach as the Mary D.B.T. and James H. Semans Director of the museum. Rorschach left Duke to become president of the Seattle Art Museum.

"Sarah is one of the most respected and admired curators in the country. With her appointment as director, we can be certain of the Nasher Museum's continued rise as an arts force on campus, in the region, and nationally," Duke President Richard H. Brodhead said. "Her talent and imagination fueled the museum's initial success, and her plans for further integrating the Nasher Museum with other creative activity across the campus, and in the community, will create a new level of excellence for the arts at Duke."



Schroth

An expert on Spanish art of the 17th century, Schroth, 62, joined the Duke University Museum of Art - as it was then known - in 1995. In her new role, she will serve as the Nasher Museum's chief executive, with responsibility for its artistic excellence and intellectual direction. She reports to Provost Peter Lange, the university's senior academic officer.

While at Duke, Schroth has organized numerous shows ranging from old masters to contemporary art, including the award-winning 2008 exhibition, "El Greco to Velázquez: Art during the Reign of Philip III." As a result of that exhibition, which she organized with the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, Schroth was named knight-commander in the Order of Isabel la Católica by King Juan Carlos I of Spain. She also has collaborated on major exhibitions with the Museo del Prado, the Seattle Art Museum and others, and has published widely.

## Film about black rockers to debut

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Before the Ramones or the Sex Pistols, there was Death, a punk rock band comprised of three African American brothers from Detroit.

Charlotte filmmaker Jeff Howlett chronicles the forgotten roots of punk rock music in the new documentary "A Band Called Death," which will have its North Carolina theatrical premiere at Geeksboro Coffeehouse Cinema, 2134 Lawndale Drive in Greensboro, on July 20. Howlett will host two special Q&A events at the cinema at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on July 20.



Howlett

The film's story begins in Detroit during the early 70s. Teenagers David, Bobby and Dennis Hackney side stepped the Motown R&B and funk music that were popular during the time to form a bold new rock trio. Boasting the confrontational band name Death, the band's sound was a mix of David's favorite acts like The Who, Jimi Hendrix and The Rolling Stones.

"A Band Called Death" features interviews from such rock and roll stalwarts as Alice Cooper and Henry Rollins, who describe Death's music as being some of the earliest punk rock recordings ever made. In fact, the band was so cutting edge that they languished in obscurity until their recordings began to surface online three decades later. By 2008, Death's 1975 self-released album started selling for nearly \$1,000 on eBay. This unlikely resurgence culminated in the wide re-release of Death's album "For the Whole World to See" from Drag City Records.

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Press Photos

The members of Death are pictured in the 1970s.

met the Hackneys. Howlett now lives and works in Charlotte. Geeksboro Coffeehouse Cinema will present "A Band Called Death" daily from July 20 through July 26 at 12 p.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$6 for matinee shows before 5 p.m. and \$8 for evening shows, with discounts for seniors, students and the military. Advanced tickets are available at Geeksboro's box-office at 2134 Lawndale Drive in Greensboro, via voicemail at 336-355-7180 or email at [GeeksboroTickets@gmail.com](mailto:GeeksboroTickets@gmail.com).

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### Extreme Moonlight



Photo by NASA/Bill Ingalls

A "supermoon" rises behind the Washington Monument (currently under renovation) on Sunday, June 23. The supermoon was up to 13.5 percent larger and 30 percent brighter than a typical full moon and is the result of the moon reaching its perigee - the closest that it gets to the Earth during the course of its orbit. During perigee on June 23, the Moon was about 221,824 miles away, as compared to the 252,581 miles away when it is at its farthest distance from the Earth (apogee).

### Teen race car star to headline free camps

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Matt Murphy, the 12-year-old who is considered a racing phenomenon, will participate in the Diversity in Motion Initiative (DIMI) camps being conducted July 16-17 by the Motorsports Management Program at Winston-Salem State University.

The camps, which are free, will also feature a variety of games and activities centered around auto racing, including a race simulator and a tire-changing game. Opened to young people from kindergarten to high school, both camps will be from 12:30 until 4 p.m. The July 16 camp will be at the Rupert Bell Neighborhood Center at 1501 Mount Zion Place and the July 17 camp will be at the Belview Neighborhood Center at 2800 Burgandy Street.

The DIMI camps are designed to expose minority youth to career opportunities in motorsports, including those opportunities other than being a driver, a mechanic or on a pit crew. The Motorsports Management Program at WSSU offers a B.S. degree that prepares students for entry-level positions in motorsport operations, marketing and event planning.



Matt Murphy

### Military heroes will be honored

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A dinner recognizing all Purple Heart veterans will be held Saturday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 Country Club Rd.

Dave Tanis, a former Winston-Salem attorney and judge, will give the keynote speech. He is also a Purple Heart recipient and a retired military captain.

Entertainment will be provided by the 82nd Airborne Chorus. The dinner honors Purple Heart recipients and their families, but is open to all veterans, military families and the public.

The Purple Heart decoration goes to those who've been wounded or killed while serving with the U.S. Military. Established by George Washington in 1782 as the Badge of Military Merit, the Purple Heart's order includes the phrase "Let it be known that he who wears the military order of the Purple Heart has given of his blood in the defense of his homeland and shall forever be revered by his fellow countrymen."

To learn more, contact Mike Mabe at 336-924-5906.



### Professor takes trip of lifetime

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Mark Stevens, Zoo and Aquarium Science program coordinator and faculty member at Davidson County Community College, fulfilled a lifelong dream by traveling to a Kenyan wildlife preserve.

"This was a personal trip for me, but I'm passionate about wildlife," Stevens says. "This was my first time visiting Africa - and I hope it's the first of many trips there."

Stevens visited Lewa Wildlife Conservancy, which is located on land owned by The Nature Conservancy - a 65,000-



File Photo

Mark Stevens on safari.

acre preserve in Kenya, and hopes to incorporate a life-changing opportunity for DCCC students in the future as a living and learning

experience that will help them gain incredible real world knowledge overseas.

"I teach a class on conservation of natural

resources, and it's really remarkable to be able to teach them something from personal experience," Stevens says.

In fact, Stevens spent five hours talking and teaching about his travels in Kenya to students, who were filled with questions about what he experienced.

"I presented a slide show of my trip; each picture had a story behind it, and it was thrilling to be able to share this with students," Stevens says. "That was part of the whole experience - sharing information about the ecosystem, conservation

See Stevens on A7

# MUSIC DOWNTOWN

FRIDAY NIGHT JAZZ July 12 "Saxophone Showcase" Matt Marshall  
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