# Sounds

# Duke displays talents on CD

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steadfast faith. Adams is one of gospel's premier vocalists and she shows why on this song. She pulls emotion from the bottom of her soul and delivers quite possibly the performance of the year, possibly her career.

Richard Smallwood, The Sounds of Blackness, Chosen, Armstrong and Virture also contribute songs to this fine

Parks' place in history has been set for decades. She will always be remembered as the lady who was tired and wouldn't give up her seat. This tribute also has its place in history as a phenomenal tribute to a phenomenal lady.

George Duke Muir Woods Suite

George Duke, producer Warner Bros. Records

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George Duke's talents seem to be boundless. He's usually looked at as a pop/jazz producer and musician, not a writer of orchestral pieces.

Oh, but he is, and a very good one at that. Duke's Muir Woods Suite is a wonderful collection, no, fusion of pop, jazz and classical. It's breathtakingly simple in spots and layered and complex in others.

Overall, it's marvelous. Duke's prowess as a musician is nothing short of brilliant. Ditto for his skills as a composer. He leads Stanley Clarke, Chester Thompson and Paulinho Da Costa through a musical journey

based on his childhood memories of the Muir Woods in Marin County in California.

L'orchestre National de Lille, with Ettore Stratta conducting backs the quartet throughout the seven "phases" (Duke thought the word "movement" was too formal). During the fifth phase, the orchestra actually assumes the lead while the jazz quartet plays the accompaniment.

Have I already said Duke is brilliant? If I haven't, he is. If I have, it bears repeating.

## Rating:

ជាជាជាជាជា Classic; ☆☆☆ Excellent; ជជជ Good; ជជ Fair; ☆ Why?; No Stars Given -Please, Spare Us.

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Productions about the event. Charlotte City Council member Patrick Cannon and Janine Davis of V101 will be the hosts. Local talent such as Debonair, Southern Comfort and Carita Smith will perform."

Models from Alexander III & Associates will present a fash-

Bingo, a 22-year-old senior at North Carolina Central University, was injured in a three-car accident which resulted in paralysis from the neck down. He was scheduled to receive a criminal justice degree in December.

Bingo is a graduate of West Charlotte Senior High School. He played on the school's 1990-91 state 4A basketball championship team.

The idea for the benefit came

from Bingo's brother Henri, known as Struggy.

"Initially, Struggy wanted to do a fashion show. I told him we would get more response if we did a bigger event," Alexander said. "It would also give an opportunity for Bingo's friends to participate as well as his family members."

Alexander said support for the event has been great.

"Evey one knows Bingo. Everyone wants to participate, Alexander said. "The support has really been great. We hope this is the start of a couple of other shows we want to do."

"The part that hurts the most is that this kid was going to graduate in December. A lot of kids can't say that," Alexander said. "He was on his way to getting his degree in criminal justice. He's just real

Bingo is in serious condition at Carolinas Medical Center in the intensive care unit, room 5211. He was moved from Durham Regional Hospital, where he spent eight weeks, on Nov. 28.

Tickets for the gala are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 393-7683 or 391-9225.

The entry fee for the golf tournament is \$60 per person. First place team gets \$300, second place \$225 and third place \$150. Special prizes for closest to pin on par 3s and longest drive will also be given. For more information, call 391-9225.

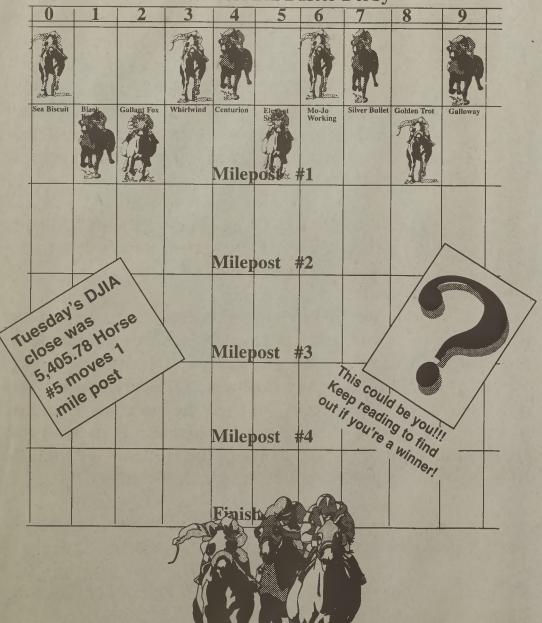
Charitable contributions can be made to The Unseld "Bingo" Smith Medical Fund, Inc. care of NationsBank Charlotte Transportation Center, 310 E. Trade St., Suite B100, Charlotte, N.C. 28202.

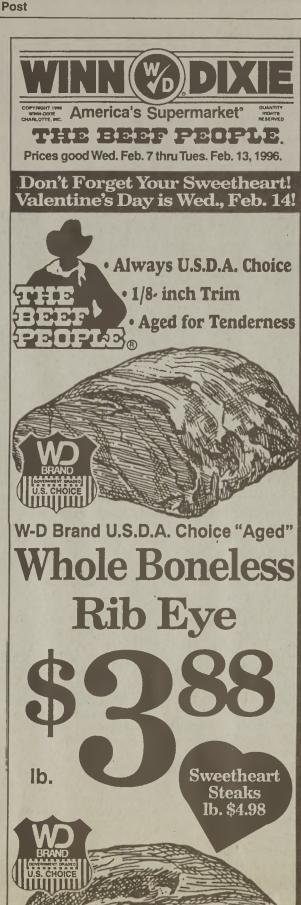


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