

HAPPENINGS

February

10 "The Yellow Boat," ImaginOn Wachovia Playhouse, 7:30 p.m. Shows through Feb. 19. Production of the Taradiddle Players. Tickets are \$18 (front orchestra seats); \$14 for general admission and can be purchased at the box office at (704) 973-2828 or log on to www.ctcharlotte.org.

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"Charlotte Squawks - Strike Three," a satirical review, 8 p.m. at McGlohon Theatre in Spirit Square. Second performance on Feb. 11 at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$35 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center Box Office by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

11 Jazz group Hornheads bring the funk to Varick Auditorium at Livingstone College, 7:30 p.m. Concert is a fund raiser for Livingstone's band and choir spring break tour to Jamaica. Admission is \$20; students with valid ID and seniors \$10. For information, call Sidney Sessoms or Hope Davis at (704) 216-6145; Curtis Dean at (704) 216-6145 or Frank Perry (704) 216-6144.

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"Unheard Voices Tour," 2:30 p.m., Historic Rosedale Plantation, 3427 North Tryon St. Re-enactment of plantation life from the viewpoint of the backcountry slave. Tour designed to examine the personal and work life of the 20 slaves that inhabited Caldwell Plantation in the early 1800s. Tour continues on Feb. 12. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. For information, call (704) 335-0325.

12 CeCe Winans, Belk Theater, 7:30 p.m., Six-time Grammy winner and multiple gold- and platinum album R&B and gospel diva does her stuff for one night only. Tickets are \$26-\$36 and on sale at the Performing Arts Box Office by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

13 Piedmont Players Theatre holds auditions for Gilbert & Sullivan's "HMS Pinafore," 7 p.m. at Meroney Theater, 213 South Main St., Salisbury. The play is a comedic musical satire of the Royal Navy and the British obsession with social status. Second round of auditions is Feb. 14. For information, call (704) 633-5471 or log on to www.piedmontplayers.com.

14 Chocolate Extravaganza, 6:30 p.m., Speedway Club at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Featuring a live band with dancing, wine bar, gourmet coffee bar and desserts. Cost is \$100 per ticket and proceeds benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters in Cabarrus County.

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An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin, 8 p.m., Belk Theatre. Tickets are \$35-\$55 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

15 "Crowns," Actor's Theatre of Charlotte, 650 E. Stonewall St. through March 5. Performances Wednesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Feb. 26 and March 5 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 on Wednesdays-Thursdays, \$25 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Feb. 21 at 7:30 p.m. is pay what you can. Tickets available at the box office, (704) 342-2251 or online at www.actorstheatrecharlotte.org.

16 Keith Urban with special guest Pat Green, 7:30 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets \$42 and \$29.50.

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"An Evening with Joe Thompson," Levine Museum of the New South, 6:30 p.m., Legendary N.C. fiddler is a folk life treasure noted for his dynamic style and soaring vocals. Admission is \$8 for museum members; \$12 for non-members.

17 "Off the Wall & Onto the Stage: Dancing the Art of Jonathan Green," 8 p.m., Blumenthal Performing Arts Center Belk Theatre. Ballet presented by the Afro-American Cultural Center as part of its annual Heritage Signature event. Tickets are \$25 to \$55 and available by calling (704) 372-1000 or at www.aacc-charlotte.org.

18 Charlotte Post Features Editor Cheris Hodges will sign copies of her new novel "Second Chance at Love," 5 p.m., Real Eyes Bookstore, 3306 N. Davidson St.

21 "Brown In Black and White," Levine Museum of the New South, 6 p.m. Viewing of award-winning filmmaker Steve Crump's new documentary, which revisits a 1954 profile of race relations in Gastonia as a case study of the South's reaction to the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court decision. Free. Call (704) 333-1887, extension 501 for reservations.

22 Ringling Bros., and Barnum & Bailey circus brings the 135th edition of the Greatest Show on Earth to Charlotte Bobcats Arena through Feb. 26. Ticket prices range from \$13 to \$45 (front row) and \$100 (circus celebrity) and available online at www.ringling.com, www.charlottebobcatsarena.com, by phone at (800) 495-2295 and the arena box office. Show time is 7:30 p.m.

23 Freedom songs lecture, Levine Museum of the New South, 7 p.m. Sandra Thomas lends historical perspective of the Mississippi Freedom Summer and South African freedom struggle through stories and songs. Cost is \$4 for museum members, \$6 for non-members. Call (704) 333-1887, extension 501 for reservations.

25 Africa Alive, an annual festival of African culture, Museum of York County, 10 a.m. This year's focus is on Guinea, where visitors can make crafts, shop the African Marketplace and listen to storytellers. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, \$3 for students and free for children under 5. For information, log on to www.chmuseums.org.

27 CIAA basketball tournament, Charlotte

Bobcats Arena through March 4. Defending national champion Virginia Union Panthers will be challenged by Johnson C. Smith and Bowie State for league supremacy. Shaw University is the odds-on favorite to repeat as women's champion. Tickets available at CIAA member schools or log on to www.charlottebobcatsarena.com.

28 Three Daughters From Charlotte concert, 7:30 p.m., ImaginOn Hugh McColl Family Theater. Featuring Jacqueline Butler Hairston, Rickie Byars-Beckwith and Yvette Walker Leach. Sponsored by Daisy Spears and Gerson L. Stroud Foundation and proceeds will benefit Johnson C. Smith University students. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by calling (704) 604-7762.

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Queen City Comix Comedy Jam, 8 p.m. at the Comedy Zone, 516 N. College St. Hosted by Just June. For reservations, call (704) 348-4242.

March

20 Spring Literary Festival, Central Piedmont Community College. The two-day festival, "Weaving Words from Struggle," includes readings, performances and discussions with writers and publishing professionals. Keynoters include James McBride, Jimmy Santiago Baca and Richard Louv as well as folk artists Sparky and Rhonda Rucker. Free. For information and schedules, log on to www.cpsc.edu/literary.

25 Harlem Globetrotters vs. Washington Nationals, 1 p.m., Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Barnstorming basketball team celebrates its 80th anniversary. A 30-minute meet-and-greet session will be held at the end of the game. Tickets start at \$12 and available at the arena box office or online at charlottebobcatsarena.com.

HERE SHE IS, MISS CHARLOTTE USA



Miss Charlotte USA Jessica Floyd brightens John Jackson's day during an appearance at the Charlotte Bobcats/Los Angeles Lakers game at the Bobcats Arena last week. Floyd sang the national anthem before tipoff.

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ALL BUSINESS IN CHARLOTTE



Former 100 Black Men of America president Thomas Dortch and National Black MBA Association Charlotte Chapter President Barbara Thomas share pleasantries at the chapter's kickoff event Jan. 31.

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BLACK PRIDE GALA



PHOTO: CAROLINAS BLACK PRIDE MOVEMENT

LEVINE MUSEUM EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION



Mary Chute, acting director of the Institute of Museum and Library Services, Levine Museum of the New South executive director Emily Zimmern and museum researcher Brenda Tindal accept the National Award for Museum Service from First Lady Laura Bush at a White House ceremony.

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Notes

Emerging Artists Vocal Arts Competition, 4 p.m. Feb. 12, Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2600 Beatties Ford Road. Presented by Charlotte Club of National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Club. Admission is free. Contestants include Taylor Johnson, a soprano from Converse College, Marcus Graham, a tenor from Johnson C. Smith University; soprano Felicia Wright from JCSU; Loren Webb, mezzo soprano, JCSU. The winner will compete in the district competition March 17 at the Omni Charlotte Hotel, 132 E. Trade St. For information, call (704) 399-4548.

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Poet Maya Angelou and Alltel are sponsoring the Words of Wisdom Scholarship program, which asks students at historically black colleges: "What words of wisdom will you pass on to those who come after you." Scholarships will be awarded to 10 grand prize winners attending HBCUs, including \$4,000 in tuition and a trip to Little Rock, Ark., to meet Angelou. For details, log on to www.alltel.com/wordsofwisdom or participating Alltel stores. Entries must be post-marked by March 3.

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CIAA fashion show featuring Ebony Fashion Fair Models, March 4, 11 a.m., Charlotte Convention Center, 501 S. College St. Tickets \$45. For information, call (704) 378-1045 or log on to www.ciaatournameant.org and click on fashion show icon.

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Mecklenburg County Bar sponsors a conference on diversity in the legal profession Feb. 25 at Johnson C. Smith University Grimes Lounge, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Panel discussions will include minority lawyers and minority law students. Keynote speaker will be Robert Grey, immediate past president of the American Bar Association. Free. For information, call Marion Cowell at (704) 562-1049.

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Mecklenburg Park and Recreation is offering rides for folks who can no longer use Revolution Pool. The parks department will provide free rides from Southview Recreation Center, 720 Vilma St.; Amay James Recreation Center, 2425 Lester St. and Arbor Glen Outreach Center, 1520 Clanton Road. To be eligible, children or adults must sign up in advance at any of the recreation centers and schedule the ride three days in advance by calling (704) 353-1250.

Exhibits

"Oh Freedom Over Me," through May 28, Levine Museum of the New South. Photographer Matt Herron's recording of the civil rights movement through the Southern Documentary Project.

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"From Apartheid to Democracy," through May 15, Levine Museum of the New South. Exhibit illustrates transformation of South Africa by telling the story of the first 10 years of democracy.

Concerts, art exhibits and community-oriented events can be submitted to The Charlotte Post P.O. Box 30144 Charlotte, NC 28230. You can fax (704) 342-2160, log on at www.thecharlottepost.com or e-mail editorial@thecharlottepost.com.

The Carolinas Black Pride Movement's inaugural Martin Luther King Jr. tribute and gala brought together more than 60 lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community leaders and gay-affirming allies. The event at the Urban League of the Carolinas featured awards and keynote speaker Ahmad Daniels.