

STYLES

Attention ladies: Men! Men! Men! Yours to pick

By Tammie Tolbert
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WANTED: Single black females desire night on the town with handsome, intelligent black males. Professional guys are OK, but being a good-hearted fellow is most important. Interested? See you at the Sheraton Airport Hotel Friday.

That's right, it is that time again.

The Charlotte Civic League is sponsoring its fifth annual Sizzlin' Bachelors Auction fund raiser from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. at the Sheraton, off I-85 on the Billy Graham Parkway.

The decor this year will be African style and the theme is "Ya Pikure Wandoche Kane," which is Ethiopian for "Celebrating the Black Man." For \$10, women can have the opportunity to place bids on some of Charlotte's hottest bachelors, but you better be ready to spend some loot. Last year's hottest bachelor, Tony Smith of the Carolina Panthers, went for a cool \$625 and not too far behind him was Stanly Martin, who went for \$500.

The bachelors' minimum bid is based upon the package he has put together. Just a hint for the bachelors who aren't participating: women like the pampering packages. Most popular are dates that include a day at the beauty salon, candlelight dinner for two, and if things are really sizzlin', an overnight retreat has also been on the winner's list. This year, one bachelor has put together a package that includes dinner for two at Morton's in Chicago and a play afterwards.

There will also be a bachelor from the Panthers, as well as two surprise bachelors. All of them are between the ages of 25-50.

"I just moved to Charlotte from New York and I thought that it would be fun to participate in the auction, especially since it is for a good cause," said David Smith, a marketing representative of NationsBank.

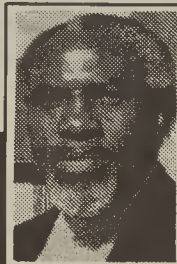
"The auction has previously drawn at least 300 people in attendance with 100 of them being men who attend the after party," said Civic League member and auction organizer Pat Carter.

In addition to the auction, there will be a step show given by Delta Sigma Theta sorority, Ted Martin will sing a song from his new release, Tracey Kirkland and Tre' Taylor will sing, and comedian D.S. will also entertain. Attorney Michael Todd, Sheila Stewart from WPEG-FM 98, and Janine Davis from WBAV-FM 101.9 will serve as hosts. Bill Bailey will be the deejay for the after party. Proceeds raised from the event will go to A Child's Place, a school for homeless children. Previous recipients include Mothers of Murdered Offspring, Sickle Cell Anemia, Afro-American Children's Theatre, Save The Seed, and the Afro-American Cultural Center.

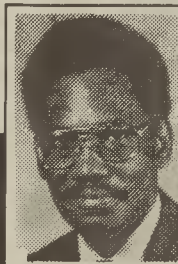
Brothas and sistahs, if you are looking to have a great time and meet some of Charlotte's interesting people, they'll be waiting for you at the Sizzlin' Bachelors Auction. Going once, going twice, gone.



1996 Civic League bachelors await selection during Friday's annual event.



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Black male image proud and positive

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Too often television portrays black men in negative and stereotypical images.

Black Male Showcase USA Image Awards, a television program is doing its part to change that view.

Black Male Showcase, a one-hour television special that will air on WCCB (Channel 18), salutes positive African American role models in the Carolinas.

"I wanted to do something that would allow our black men to be seen in a positive way because there are so many black men who are excellent role models," said Ollie Hough,

founder and executive producer of the television show.

Recipients selected for awards are males who have contributed to the African American community through their careers and/or community involvement. "It important for young black men to have someone they can identify with from their own surroundings," Hough said.

This year's International Top Achiever and role model is Joe Dudley of Kernersville based Dudley Products. The National Top Achiever is U.S. Rep. Melvin Watt of Charlotte. Lewis Roland of Roland and Associates is the Business Top Achiever while Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board member Authur Griffin is the Educational Top Achiever. The Rev. Clifford Jones of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte is the State Achiever Clergyman and the Community Service Top Achiever is the Rev. James Barnett of the Stop The Killing Crusade.

"I feel good about being able to participate in the Black Male Showcase because black men have been portrayed in too many times as negative role models," said Barnett.

"It is always nice to have people give recogni-

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ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)

It's time to let well enough alone. Learn to recognize when you've done all you can, and move on. Hindsight is always 20-20, so learn from mistakes and decide to do better next time. If you exercise a little patience, your rewards will be evident.



TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)

Love is everywhere during the week. Either a current love is rekindled or you may be in for a new attraction. In any case, the rules have changed, and even if with an old flame, the relationship is completely new. Being around positive people will lift your spirits.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)

If the attitudes of others seem to be holding you back, it's time to be a little more self-centered in order to get yourself back into the swing of what is good for you. A little separation from others can be a good thing. Opportunities will abound, look for them.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)

You have a reason to be proud of your output and quality of work this week. Work will provide you with a welcome respite from other worries. If your attitude concerning a relationship does

not seem to change, you may be looking at the situation from the wrong view. Don't try so hard.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)

If you have been running yourself ragged, preventative measures may be needed to keep your



health

up to par. Money is likely to be tight for the near future, but don't let it stop you from making plans to get away on vacation. Your lover is an absolute joy to you.

VIRGO (August 24 - Sept. 23)

If you ponder over the "what ifs," even more questions will arise. It's not worth putting yourself through such self criticism. What's done is done, and you can only resolve to do better next time. Your drive for perfection is unrealistic, for there is no such thing as perfection.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - October 23)

If there is a change in plans this week, make the best of the situation. Something

very promising may come of what seems to be a missed opportunity. Your love life is getting back on track, so take the opportunity to work out details, and go slowly with your mate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - November 22)

Your hardwork is not always noticed or appreciated by others. Whatever you do must satisfy you first - relying on others will keep you feeling disappointed. Sweet memories may cause you to look back on the past with a sense of loss and some regret - the good old days.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 - Dec. 21)

If just might come to blows with a loved one during this week. Give each other time to cool off before dealing with the subject in a reasonable mood. Good news about money may lighten up your mood a bit. The way you use information presented to you pleases your superiors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)

Your nature insists you follow the rules, but an acquaintance who is more of a free spirit, prefers spontaneity - learn from him. Don't fall into the trap of judging others, remember that you don't know what motivates and influences others to do what they do. Take a firm hand on money matters.

AQUARIUS

(January 21 - February 19)
Your personal brand of creativity is crying out to be let loose, allow time for this expression to take place, and don't be too attached to producing immediate masterpieces. If a problem is backing you into a corner, focus your energies on defusing it.



PISCES (February 20 - March 20)

Keeping your feelings under wrap will create the illusion of control. If you take the risk of expressing yourself to a loved one, no one will care if you break down. It's going to hurt falling down - but you are better off jumping in, instead of watching from a distance.

IF THIS WEEK IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
Your creative energies express themselves in very tangible ways. You do not build castles in the sky, but tend to put down roots and build useful things which are meant to last. Your life work will always involve building and growing.



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AIDS is the leading cause of death among young people aged 25-44.

The numbers are still rising. In North Carolina, approximately one-fifth of all AIDS cases are in Mecklenburg County.

The Metrolina Aids Project is sponsoring "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?" to raise money and to increase awareness about the HIV/AIDS epidemic. As of November 1995, more than 6,000 people in North Carolina have been diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. On Friday, in homes, businesses and restaurants all over Charlotte, people will simultaneously have dinner parties with various themes for their friends. In return, guests will pay their host or hostess for sponsoring the dinner by making a financial contribution to MAP. The event is expected to make \$80,000. Party themes range from Mardi Gras Madness to Hillbilly Ho-Down.

Denise Howard, a nursing practitioner for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority, will have a party with a Caribbean theme at The

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