

HAPPENINGS

October

13 Nickel Creek, 7:30 p.m., Owens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Tickets \$29.50 and \$24.50

14 West Charlotte High School Class of 1995 reunion. Events through Oct. 16 include cocktail party/meet and greet on Oct. 14; banquet Oct. 15 and cookout Oct. 16. To indicate interest in attending, send an e-mail to westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com or log on to www.westcharlottereunion@nc.rr.com

15 "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," ImagineOn: The Joe & Jane Martin Center. Through Oct. 30. Performances will be held at McColl Family Theatre, 300 East 7th St. Front orchestra tickets \$18; general admission \$14. For tickets, call the box office at (704) 333-8983 or (704) 973-2828 or log on to www.ctcharlotte.org.

16 Charlie Wilson & The Gap Band and the Stylistics. Greensboro Coliseum Complex, 8 p.m. Part of N.C. A&T State University homecoming. Tickets are \$30 and \$45 and available at the Coliseum advance box office or www.tickets.com.

17 Sankofa Strings, Bryant Recital Hall, Central Piedmont Community College, 1220 Elizabeth Ave. Sankofa draws upon the string and vocal traditions of the Americas, Africa and Europe. Free.

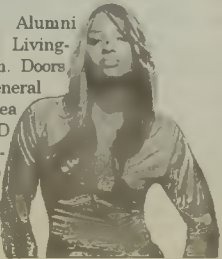
18 Olympic High School Class of 1985 reunion. For information, call (864) 234-5666 or e-mail classevents@bellsouth.net.

19 West Charlotte High School Class of 1972 and sophomore class of 1970 will host a class picnic at West Charlotte Recreation Center from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Free to class members. For information, call Henri Chapman at (704) 392-7790 or Jeff Johnson at (704) 493-0808

20 Gospel Music Day '05, featuring Tbnex, Paramount's Carowinds Paladium Amphitheater. Tickets range from \$19.99 to \$39.99 for Gold Circle adult. Advance tickets available through Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500. Discount group tickets available by calling (800) 888-4386.

21 Charlotte Philharmonic with Martin Kasik, 8 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets are \$30.

22 Ciara in concert, Alumni Memorial Stadium, Livingstone College, 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. General admission \$25, area students with valid ID \$15, Livingstone students with valid ID \$12. In case of rain, concert moves indoors to Varick Auditorium on campus. For tickets, call (704) 216-6141.



19 "String Cheese Incident," 7:30 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets \$34.50 and \$30.50.

20 "She Loves Me," Duke Family Performance Hall, Davidson College. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 19-20, 8:15 p.m. Oct. 21-22 and 2 p.m. Oct. 23. Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$6 for students. For reservations and ticket information, call (704) 894-2135 or log on to www.davidson.edu/tickets.

20 Sesame Street Live "Elmo's Coloring Book," Cricket Arena. Tickets \$12-\$26.

21 Amy Grant performs with Charlotte Symphony Orchestra, 8 p.m., Owens Auditorium. Tickets \$22-\$75. Call the symphony ticket office at (704) 972-2000 or Ticketmaster at (704) 522-6500.

22 Rolling Stones, with special guest Joss Stone, Charlotte Bobcats Arena. Tickets at all price levels available at www.charlottebobcatsarena.com, www.cellardoor.com or by phone by calling (800) 495-2295.

23 "American Idol" winner Fantasia signs copies of "My Life Is Not A Fairy Tale." Books-A-Million, 330 South Sharon Amity Road.

23 Barbecue Festival, Lexington, N.C. Free. Everything barbecue at the 23rd annual festival, including exhibits, entertainment and food.

25 "Riverdance," Owens Auditorium. Tickets \$20-\$65 and available online at www.ticketmaster.com or www.blumenthalcenter.org or telephone (704) 522-6500 or (704) 372-1000.

27 "Tyler Perry's 'Madea Goes To Jail,'" Cricket Arena, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. Tickets from \$39.50-\$52.50.

Author Kevin Powell will lecture at Spirit Square. Tickets are \$10 and available by calling the Urban League at (704) 373-2256, extension



The comedy "She Loves Me" will be performed Oct. 19-23 at Duke Family Performance Hall at Davidson College.

205 or online at www.urbanleaguecc.org

28 Author Kevin Powell keynotes the Urban League's annual meeting, 11:45 a.m. Tickets are \$35 and available by calling the Urban League at (704) 373-2256, extension 205 or online at www.urbanleaguecc.org.

29 Gangbe Brass Band, McGlohon Theatre in Spirit Square. Band explores the rich voodoo culture and ancient songs of Africa, combining jazz melodies to produce a contemporary sound. Tickets are \$25-\$29.50 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center Box Office, calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

29 "An Evening of Elegance in Honor and Support of our Future Leaders," Adams Mark Hotel, 555 S. McDowell St. Johnson C. Smith University fund raiser gala featuring New York designer Mitchie. Keynote speaker James Mitchell. Semi-formal attire. Tickets \$35 and tax

deductible. Checks should be payable to Distinguished Partners. For information, call Jessica Mathewson at (919) 602-3999 or Charles Graham at (212) 862-4284.

30 "Unmasking Your Health Concerns" health fair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Urban League building, 740 W. Fifth St. Health screenings and wellness education. For information, call Cheryl Archille at (704) 442-2499 or Jeannette Moss at (704) 921-2406.

30 Ebony Fashion Fair, 6 p.m., North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Belk Theatre, 130 N. Tryon St. Event is sponsored by Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Delta Zeta Chapter and benefits the sorority's Benevolent Scholarship Fund and local charities. Tickets are \$35 for reserved seating and \$25 general admission. Ticket price includes a year subscription to Ebony or six months to Jet. For information, log on to www.zetasofcharlotte.org or call (704) 398-1216.

OBVIOUSLY, A MAN THING



Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte staff was treated to "Ladies Night" by the men on staff. The event was a celebration of the agency increasing its contributions by 30 percent over 2004.

PANTHERS PARTNERS



Seigle Avenue Partners received \$10,000 from Carolina Panthers Charities to support its after school and summer camp program. Panthers mascot Sir Purr visited 100 children at Seigle Avenue Partners Freedom School, a literacy-based summer camp that encourages love of reading.

THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP HONORS



The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund hosted the Awards of Excellence dinner Thursday at Founders Hall. Proceeds went to scholarship programs at public historically black colleges in North Carolina.

WHICH WITCH



The White Witch (Catherine Smith) tempts rebellious Edmund (Stephen Friedrich) to betray his siblings and Asian, the mighty lion in Children's Theatre of Charlotte's production of "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe," Oct. 14-28.

Notes

Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority will sponsor a **political forum** Oct. 13 at Ivy Hall, 2615 Hutchinson McDonald Road. For information, call Yvonne Pettis at (704) 567-8178 or Althea Rudrow at (704) 361-8109.

Medal of Honor in the Arts, Oct. 21, Winthrop University, 8 p.m. Honoring Ray Doughty, Harriet Goode, Scott Shanklin-Peterson, Charles Randolph-Wright and Walter Roberts and Georgina Wooton-Roberts. Tickets are \$50 and proceeds will fund scholarships in visual arts, dance, music or theatre at Winthrop. For information or tickets, call (803) 323-2399.

Olympic High School barbecue, Oct. 21 on campus from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., 4301 Sandy Porter Road. Plates or three sandwich bags are \$7. Proceeds go to athletic programs at the school.

Haunted Homesite, Oct. 29, Charlotte Museum of History, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Celebrate Halloween with friendly spirits from the past. Storytellers will spin spooky tales, and enjoy fall crafts and cookie decorating. Admission is \$6 and museum members will receive a Halloween treat bag. To make reservations, call (704) 568-1774.

"Spirit of the Cardinal" Philip O. Berry Academy of Technology, 1430 Alleghany St., Oct. 29. Traditional high step band expansion for high schools. Call Walter Suggs, director of bands for information or to register your band.

Veterans of Foreign Wars is sponsoring an essay contest for students in grades 6-8. The Patriots Pen competition consists of a 300-400-word essay related to the theme "Who are Today's Patriots?" To enter, call VFW Post 9488 at (704) 332-3669 or write 2831 The Plaza, Charlotte, NC 28205. Deadline is Nov. 1.

"Making Strides against Breast Cancer," 8 a.m., SouthPark. Noncompetitive walk supporting American Cancer Society's mission to fight cancer. Registration is 6:30-8 a.m. For information or to sign up for the walk, call (800) ACS-2345.

Scarowinds at Paramount's Carowinds, Friday and Saturday nights at midnight through Oct. 31. New attractions include Headless Hollow, Massacre Manor and Funhouse Express. Advance tickets are \$27.99 and are on sale at the park on operating days or at www.scarowinds.com. For information, call (704) 588-2600 in N.C. or toll free at (800) 888-4FUN or www.carowinds.com.

Nick-or-Treat, Paramount Carowinds Saturdays and Sundays in October from 8-30, 1-5 p.m. Kids' Halloween extravaganza at Nickelodeon Central and includes Nickelodeon characters meeting costumed guests. Free with park admission. For information, call (704) 588-2600 or toll free at (800) 888-4FUN or www.carowinds.com.

Spooktacular, Museum of York County, 4621 Mt. Gallant Road, Rock Hill, Oct. 29 1-4 p.m. This year's event ties in with 225th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. Kids are asked to come dressed as a patriot or loyalist or ghoulish gremlin for activities, games, live storytelling. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. Culture & Heritage Museums members receive a discount.

Leadership Charlotte will host a skills-building workshop for non-profit agency leaders, Nov. 5 in the Accenture Auditorium, Sykes Building at Queens University of Charlotte. Half-day workshop includes presentations on communication styles, tips for success in serving on a non-profit board of directors and leading volunteers. The workshop is 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and includes continental breakfast and lunch. The cost is \$15. E-mail info@leadershipcharlotte.org to RSVP.

Exhibits

"Ancient Egyptian Art for the Afterlife," Mint Museum through Dec. 4. Exhibit is a selection of 90 ancient artifacts from a local private collection. Exhibit covers the Pre-Dynastic Period (4000-3000 BC) Old Kingdom (3000-2100 BC), New Kingdom (1850-1000 BC) and Ptolemaic Period (200-30 BC). Admission is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students, \$3 for children 6-17.

"One Big Self: Prisoners of Louisiana," through Oct. 28, Winthrop University Galleries. Gallery hours Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For information, call (803) 323-2493.

"Art from an Unknown Island: Andros, Bahamas," through Nov. 30, Avaunt Virtu Gallery, the Art House on Cullman Avenue. Featuring handcrafted works by Bahamian artists Henry Wallace, Omelia Marshall and William Colebrooke. For information, call (704) 222-3260.

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.