

# happenings

April

**20 A Taste of Colorado, 6:30 p.m., Firebirds Rocky Mountain Grill.** Fund raiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters. Admission is \$25 per person in advance; \$35 at the door. RSVP to Nicole Johnson by April 18. For information, call (704) 377-3963, extension 23.

**22 Hoop It Up, Charlotte Merchandise Mart, 2500 E. Independence Blvd., 9 a.m.** National basketball tour featuring half-court style for 30 minutes. Players of all ages and abilities can play in 36 divisions for males, females and coed teams. To register, call 1(888) 997-PLAY.

**Bark In The Park, McAlpine Creek Park, 8711 Monroe Road, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.** More than 6,000 people and their dogs are expected to attend. Volunteers are needed to help set up, registration and support for activities. To volunteer or for information, call (704) 836-5478 or e-mail saylo-la6@co.mecklenburg.nc.us.

**Charlotte Philharmonic Orchestra performs "Battle Hymn of the Republic," 8 p.m.** at Hickory Grove Baptist Church. Orchestra will perform with Hickory Grove Baptist Church choir as well as the featured classical piece "Adagio for Strings." Tickets are \$25 and available by calling the Charlotte Philharmonic at (704) 543-5551 or www.charlottephilharmonic.org.

**First Ladies of Charlotte, 6 p.m., Hyatt at SouthPark.** Friends of A Child's Place honors women who have made significant contributions to the community. Honorees include Sibyl Lee-English, Anna Hood, Donna Scott, Cyndee Paterson, Jessica Johnson, Barbara Spradling and Andrea Stinson. Tickets are \$50 and should be mailed to Friends of A Child's Place, c/o Steve West, 2710 Briarcliff Place, Charlotte, NC 28207. Proceeds support programs at A Child's Place.

**Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti, 8 p.m., Duke Family Performance Hall at Knoblock Campus Center, Davidson College.** Resurrection Dance Theatre is the cultural touring arm of St. Joseph's Home for Boys, an orphanage for abandoned children. Free.

**23 Hope Floats Duck Race, 3 p.m., Symphony Park at SouthPark Mall.** Rubber ducks will be dropped into the waterway to race for prizes, including a Cooper Mini. Adopt a duck for \$5 for a chance at prizes. Proceeds go to Kindergarten. For information, log on to www.kindergarten.org.

**Melva Costen, an authority on music and worship in the African American church, will speak at Charlotte First United Presbyterian Church, 406 North College St. at 4 p.m.** The title of her presentation, "In Spirit and in Truth: Music in African American Worship," will trace the African roots of liturgical and musical practices up to contemporary music. Free. For information, call Susan Kickok at (704) 337-2450.

**28 "Scenes From Sarafina," Afro-American Cultural Center Attic Theater, 7 p.m.** Theatrical production re-enacted by the Teen Drama Ensemble. Afterwards, you can view "Body Maps" and "Beautiful Things," in-house visual art exhibits displayed as part of the South by South African initiative. Admission is \$5 per person; \$4 each for a group of 20 or more.

**Barber-Scotia College Family Reunion, Concord.** Reunion starts with Sotia Hall of Fame Alumni Jam at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10. General alumni meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday at Kittie Samson Chapel, step show at 1 p.m. (admission \$5). Gala and induction ceremony of 1867 Society at McLean Student Union at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$50. For information, call Wanda Burns at (704) 593-0657.

**29 Art and Soul of South End, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Camden Road.** Two-day festival includes block party, Avenue of the Arts and Children's Art Festival. Second day is 11 a.m.-6 p.m. For information, call (704) 332-2227.

**N.C. A&T Charlotte Metro Aggie Club spring golf tournament, Olde Sycamore Golf Club.** Check-in is 7, shotgun start at 8 a.m. Reservations first-come, first-serve. Support levels range

from \$75 for a single player to \$400 for a team of four with sponsorship. Entry deadline is April 21. Make checks payable to N.C. A&T Charlotte Metro Aggie Club.

**May Charlotte Dragonboat Festival, 9 a.m., Ramsey Creek Park, 18441 Nantz Road, Cornelius.** Inaugural race is held in conjunction with Charlotte's seventh annual Asian Festival to celebrate Asian culture, diversity, ethnicity and history. Boats are crewed by teams of 22, with a minimum of eight women per boat. For information, log on to www.charlottedragonboat.com or call (704) 588-4288.

## SEE 'BOUT RUFUS



PHOTO/MAROLD TYSON

Charlotte Bobcats mascot Rufus Lynx parked his bike to soak in the sun and atmosphere at the Come See Me festival in Rock Hill earlier this month. Come See Me is an annual festival of art and community.

## 'TEMPEST' ON CAMPUS



PHOTO/WADE BRUTON

Ken Burrows plays Prospero and Mary Lou Herndon plays Miranda in UNC Charlotte's production of "The Tempest" through April 23 at Robinson Hall for the Performing Arts.

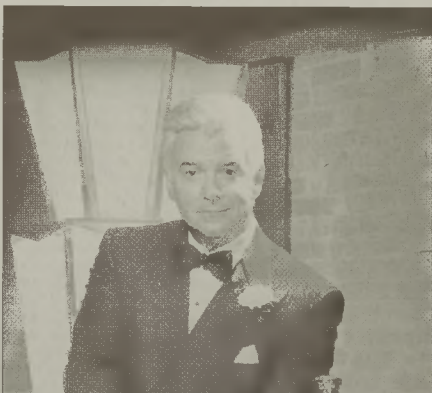
## RESURRECTION DANCE



DAVIDSON COLLEGE

Resurrection Dance Theatre of Haiti will perform April 25 at 8 p.m. at Knoblock Campus Center at Davidson College. The program is free and presents a wide scope of dances depicting the history and culture of Haiti.

## CHICAGO TOUR



BLUMENTHAL PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

John O'Hurley joins the touring cast of "Chicago" at the Belk Theater June 13-18. O'Hurley, the winning celebrity of ABC's "Dancing With the Stars," plays Billy Flynn on the national tour. Single ticket prices are \$20-\$61 and on sale at the Performing Arts Center box office by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.blumenthalcenter.org or www.carolinatix.org.

## BAD TO THE BONE



PHOTO/DONNA BISE

Mark Sutton, Jason Barney and Gina Stewart star in Children's Theatre of Charlotte's production of Judith Viorst's "Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day." The production runs through April 23 at the McColl Family Theatre at ImaginOn. For information, call (704) 973-2828 or go online at www.ctcharlotte.org.

## Notes etc.

**Northside Christian Academy** will host an open house April 25, 11 a.m. Open house for prospective families of grades 5-12. School is located at Interstate 85 and Exit 41. For information, call (704) 599-9015.

**Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority** regional conference, Hyatt SouthPark from April 26-30. Includes general public meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 28; Rhoer and Philo pageant 8:45 p.m. (all in Grand Pavilion Room). Awards banquet, 7 p.m., Grand Pavilion Room, vendors at Queens Court Ballroom on April 29. For information, e-mail Leona Magee at leonalmagee-grho@yahoo.com.

**Little Moments, an informational tour of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Charlotte, May 9, 7:30 a.m.** Meeting at 2424 N. Davidson St., Suite 110. RSVP by calling (704) 377-3963 or e-mail info@bbbscharlotte.org.

**The Art of Craft: 1830, May 13** at Historic Rosedale, 347 N. Tryon St. Many of N.C.'s best-known potters will have their work on sale, in addition to metal artists, print makers, basket weavers and fiber arts. General admission tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children and students ages 3-18. Family passes are \$25. Gates open at 11 a.m. and continues to 4 p.m., rain or shine. For information, call (704) 335-0325.

**Historic Neighborhood Awards, May 11, 6 p.m., Van Landingham Estate.** Reception tickets are \$5 for Historic Charlotte members; \$10 for the general public. The awards will recognize owners, architects and contractors who rehab and preserve properties in historic neighborhoods. For information, log on to www.historiccharlotte.com.

**Youth wellness seminar, May 13** at 10 a.m., Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road. Seminar's theme is "Keeping it clean," and includes a panel discussion and worship service facilitated by Rev. Clarinda Burston, CEO of Young Peace. Workshops will address HIV/AIDS, self-esteem, peer pressure, healthy relationships and gang issues. For information, call Rev. Michelle Jones at (704) 392-0392, extension 138.

**Step back in history Saturdays** through Nov. 25 at **Historic Bratonsville** in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Visitors can also witness life in the Carolina backcountry through activities such as farming, sheep shearing, cotton harvesting. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

Applications are being taken for **Neighborhood Excellence** grants. The grants sponsored by Bank of America, come in three areas: Neighborhood Builders to non-profit organizations working to promote vibrant neighborhoods (\$200,000 and grant funding); five local heroes (\$5,000 to the nonprofit of their choice) whose achievements and leadership contribute to neighborhood vitality and student leaders (eight-week paid internship), high school juniors and seniors with an interest in improving their neighborhoods. Apply online at www.bankofamerica.com/foundation.

**Mt. Olive Presbyterian Church Golf Tournament, May 12** at Renaissance Golf Course, 1525 West Tyvola Road. Entry fee is \$80. Men and women can play in three flights of captain's choice format. For information, call Ernest Grier at (704) 421-5228, John Lathan (704) 591-0914 and Robert Grier (704) 589-8928.

**Food Addicts Anonymous** hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anorexia. There are no dues or fees and no weigh-ins. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

**Campus Connections BCT** is recruiting participants for the 2006-07 school year. Prospective students should be rising sophomores, juniors or seniors with a minimum 2.5 grade point average and have solid character traits. Call Kathie Baucum at (704) 527-6168 or e-mail apply@campusconnections.org for a schedule of interest meetings. The organization's website is www.campusconnections.org.

**Torrence Lytle High School Alumni Association** will honor former educators Aug. 12 at Zion Renaissance. Alumni will name scholarships in honor of I.T. Graham, Esther Johnson, F.M. Jones and Leroy Wynn. For information, call Jackie Torrence at (704) 899-8588.

## Exhibit

New works by **Duy Huynh**, Center of the Earth Gallery, 3024 North Davidson St. Exhibit showing May 5-June 23. For information, call (704) 375-5756 or visit www.centeroftheearth.com or www.noda.org.

"**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.

"**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.

**The Four Elements, Mint Museum of Craft + Design** through June 26. Exhibit graced the foyer of the U.S. Federal Building at the 1939 World's Fair. Designed by award-winning industrial designer Viktor Schrenckengost.