

happenings

June

Hispanic Culture Week begins around Charlotte through June 8. Bilingual performances will take place across the city, including native dances of the Americas before Columbus, poetry, story-telling and Spanish-language films. Tickets for the dance theatre "Memories" are \$9-\$16. For information, call *ImaginOn* at (704) 973-2828 or log on to www.balletfolkloricolasamericas.com

American Indian Cultural Association Powwow, Van Hoy Family Campground, 742 Jericho Road in Union Grove Campground is just east of Interstate 77 at Exit 65 and Highway 901. Annual event provides a unique opportunity to learn about Native American culture, heritage and traditions. Admission is \$1. Continues on June 8. For information, go to www.aicafnc.com or call Ed deTobres at (828) 464-5579.

"California Dreamin'", 7 p.m., Hyatt Charlotte at SouthPark. An evening of food and California style. Individual tickets are \$75 and proceeds support The Family Center. For information, call (704) 376-7180 or log on to www.thefamilycenter.net.

Kids All-American Fishing Derby, 9 a.m., McAlpine Creek Park, 8711 Monroe Road. Free, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. A limited number of fishing rods will be available. For information, call (704) 568-4044.

Boogie back in time, circa World War II at the **Charlotte Museum of History** swing dances, 7-10 p.m., 3500 Shamrock Drive. Big band music provided by A Sign of the Times and the Charlotte Swing Dance Society will conduct lessons. Dance is part of the museum's WWII Encampment Weekend, which includes re-enactment of military life. Encampment is free with museum admission of \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$3 for children. Dance admission is \$15 for museum members, \$20 for non-members. Reservations required by calling (704) 568-1774 or e-mail info@charlottemuseum.org.

Three Mo' Tenors at Koger Center for the Arts in Rock Hill, 8 p.m. Tickets \$30 to \$40 on sale at the Coliseum box office, calling (803) 251-2222 or www.capitolticket.com.

Book signing and discussion with "Grievances" author **Mark Etheridge**, Borders Charlotte-Morrocroft, 2 p.m. "Grievances" is a novel about newspapering with a civil rights twist. Borders is located at 3900 Colony Road.

Children's Theatre of Charlotte auditions for the Tarradiddle Players resident touring company, 1-4 p.m., *ImaginOn*, 300 East Seventh St. By appointment only by calling (704) 973-2808. Requires prepared song and bring sheet music; cold readings and monologue from children's theater or children's literature.

"Rembrandt," Carolina Actors Studio Theatre, 1118 Clement Ave. Performances Thursday through Saturday until July 1. Tickets \$20, \$15 for seniors and available at the box office, Charlotte Art League, 1517 Camden Road or CAST. Phone (704) 455-8542 for information.

Flea market and silent auction, 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Agape House, 10215 Connell Road. Donate items to sell, rent a space or just shop. Call (704) 545-0105.

Kodomo Bunkasai, the Children's Japanese Cultural Festival, 1-4 p.m., Smith Academy of International Languages. Festival celebrates and shares Japanese culture. For information, e-mail Mayako.Karakisawa@mayakokarakisawa.com

Focus on Future Leaders Village Leader Award Banquet, 7 p.m., Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 J.M. Keynes Drive. Event honoring Charlotte City Council member James Mitchell. Keynote speaker will be City Council member Anthony Foxx. Tickets are \$50 or \$400 for a table of eight.

Eclatfest, 3306 N. Davidson St., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Flea mall and festival combined. Art, food, farmers market and entertainment. Giveaways all day for dads.

"Rippin' the Runway Through Time," 3 p.m., Grady Cole Center, 310 N. Kings Drive. Admission \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door. For information or tickets, call Miss Ebony's School of Etiquette at (704) 281-8159.

Songwriter and musician Alexis Bingham, performs at Borders Charlotte-Morrocroft, 3900 Colony Road. Free.

Literary field trip to author Dori Sanders' farm near Clover, S.C. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Sanders will autograph copies of her books along with author Dot Jackson, "Refuge". You can also shop for fresh fruits and vegetables. Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$25 for children 13 and under, including transportation, lunch and activities. Call (704) 432-0153 to register or log on to www.novelopress.org.

Women Who Lead Luncheon, Hilton Charlotte & Towers, 222 East Third St., 11 a.m. Scholarship fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund with awards to four women who make a difference in their professions and communities. Luncheon includes the HAT-titude contest where women compete for the best and most unusual hats and high-end silent auction. Hosted by Maya Angelou. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased at the UNCF office by calling (704) 377-8626.

DO Boomerang Bay

Boomerang Bay at Paramount's Carowinds. Newest attraction also features water slides at 125,000-gallon Kookaburra Bay, pools and all the stuff that makes for a wild and wet time. The park - and Boomerang Bay - opened May 20.



SEE "Wizard of Oz"

Laura Hix plays Dorothy in "The Wizard of Oz" June 11 and June 17 at Halton Theatre at Central Piedmont Community College. Tickets are \$20, \$16 and \$14. "Wizard of Oz" kicks off CPCC's Summer Theatre, which is in its 33rd season. Tickets are on sale at the box office or by calling (704) 330-6354.



TOUCH Growing UPTown

Charlotte Trolley goes pint-sized for this exhibit, which opens June 4 at *ImaginOn*. The free exhibit features a kid-sized version of trolley Car 85 built to climb aboard and interactive to boot. "Growing UPTown" includes story time and crafts every Wednesday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For activities, check Charlotte Trolley's website, www.charlottetrolley.org



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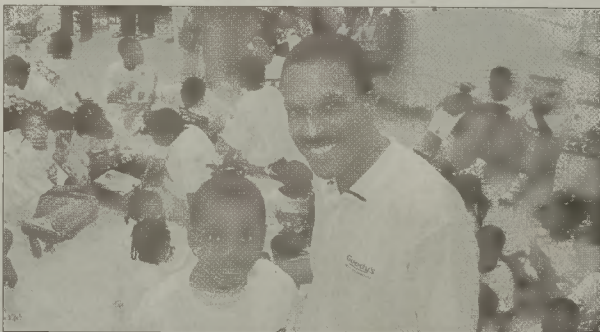
FAMILY TIES



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Big Brother Cecil Tice paints Little Brother Antonio's hand during a Big Brothers Big Sisters Family Reunion celebration May 20 at Bank of America Stadium.

FAST SUPPORT



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NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series driver **Bill Lester** visited students at Bethlehem Center for the Great Derby Race Saturday. The race is sponsored by a community grant donated by Goody's Headache Powders.

Notes etc.

West Charlotte High School reunion, June 3 on the campus at 2219 Senior Drive. The reunion is from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission, but participants are encouraged to bring their own food. The reunion is an effort to encourage involvement of West Charlotte alumni with campus activities to boost academic achievement and service to the school. For more information, log on to www.westcharlotte.com.

The **North Carolina Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund** will hold its fundraising banquet June 10, 6 p.m. at the Marriott Hotel, 5700 West Park Drive. Tickets are \$75 and sponsorships are available. This year's honorees are Carlena Ivory, Dr. Jim Johnson, Joe Martin and Angeles Ortega-Moore. For information, call Franklin McCain at (704) 598-7737 or Anna Hood at (704) 333-4655.

Citizens Council for Equal Opportunity town hall meeting, June 10, 2 p.m., Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3301 Beatties Ford Road. Non-profit group seeks public input for an action plan to ensure legal representation for the indigent. For information, call (704) 531-8543.

American Business Women's Association Charlotte Chapter monthly dinner meeting, June 14, Best Western Uptown Charlotte Hotel. Guest speaker: Dee Dixon, CEO, Pride magazine.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at **Historic Brattonsville** 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 members, \$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. Deadline June 30.

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) 399-8588.

Charlotte Reads and the Public Library are looking for volunteers for the third annual Drop Everything and Read Day June 15 at *ImaginOn*. If you're interested, call Heather McCullough at (704) 343-2251 or e-mail heather.mccullough@lmw.com.

Exhibits

Carolina's Filmmakers Showcase, June 1, "The Light Factory." Some of this year's films include "Arrowhead" by Christopher Holmes of Greensboro and "Stanley" by Carlos Brichaux II of Charlotte.

New works by **Duy Huynh**, Center of the Earth Gallery, 3024 North Davidson St. Exhibit showing through June 23. For information, call (704) 375-5766 or visit www.centeroftheearth.com or www.noda.org.

Best of Full Frame Documentary Film Festival, June 8, p.m., Duke Power Theater. Sponsored by The Light Factory there'll be two features and a pair of short films from the festival that highlight documentary filmmaking at its best. June 8: "The Photographer, His wife, her lover," by Paul Yule, followed by "Surveillance 3" by William Noland. June 9: "The Refugee All Stars" by Zach Niles and Banker White and "Afloat," directed and produced by Ern Hudson. Admission is \$7 at the door.

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.

"Photography & the Artist Book: A Survey of Approaches from the U.S. and Abroad" at the Light Factory @ Spirit Square, 345 N. College St. Curated by Barb Tetenbaum. For information, go online at www.lightfactory.org.