

happenings

August

18 HBCU alumni networking cruise, Lake Norman, 9 p.m.-12 a.m. Admission \$55. For information, call Tiffany Jones at (201) 304-2933 or Lisa Fair at fenomenal@bellsouth.net.

19 Par Busters Golf Group amateur tournament, Crystal Creek Golf Club, Pineville. For information, call John Love at (980) 253-1176.

24 Pre-Labor Day golf tournament sponsored by Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church, Olde Sycamore Golf Club. Entry fee \$65 per player and \$260 per foursome. Proceeds benefit Christian Education department and scholarship fund. Registration should be completed by Aug. 7 and mailed with entry fee to 531 Campus St., Charlotte, NC 28216. For information, call (704) 375-3900, extension 10

26 Great Gatsby Party sponsored by National Multiple Sclerosis Society Mid-Atlantic Chapter, Wachovia Atrium. Food and beverages from Charlotte's top restaurants, silent auction and swing dance and costume contest. Tickets are \$85 in advance, \$40 at the door. Call Catherine Turner at (704) 525-2955 or visit www.nationalmssociety.org/npc

Health and Education Fair, Theresa Elder Park, 6301 Rockwell Church Road. Sponsored by YET Ministries of Rockwell AME Zion Church.

28 Back to School Evangelistic Block Party, 12-6 p.m., Walls Memorial AME Zion Church, 2722 Bancroft St. Food vendors, dunking booth and 3-on-3 basketball.

September

7 Earth Wind & Fire, Verizon Wireless Amphitheatre. Special guest Chris Botti. Tickets are \$24 and \$54.

8 Charlotte Shout, a month of dance, music and culinary delights through Sept. 29.

8 Pride Sunset Jazz Festival kicks off at Hilton Theater at Central Piedmont Community College, 7:30 p.m. and continues through Sept. 10. Indoor concert with Fred Wesley, Maceo Parker and Carla Cook. Admission \$35 orchestra, \$30 balcony. Free Sept. 9 concert on the green at 435 S. Tryon St., 1 p.m. Featuring Dave Goldberg and the Duane Allen Quintet, Ziad featuring Mandyl Evans and Puchio Brown & the Latin Soul Brothers, Tyrone Jefferson, Saltman & Knowles and Celia Smith highlight Sept. 10 show at 1 p.m. on the green. Free. For information, call Torrey Feimster at (704) 375-9553.

15 "Blackout 2006: A Theatre Event," Afro-American Cultural Center through Sept. 16. Event explores impact black gays had on the Harlem Renaissance in the early 1900s. Friday program starts at 8 p.m.; Saturday program starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10. For information, call (704) 713-6948 or (704) 968-3916.

16 Acoustic Music Showcase, Dale F. Hilton Theater, Central Piedmont Community College, 1206 Elizabeth Ave., 7 p.m. Tickets \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$6 for children under 16. For ticket information, call the box office at (704) 830-6534. For a list of performers, go to www.toscomusicparty.org.

23 Charlotte Post Best, Hilton Charlotte Center City, 222 E. 3rd St. Celebrating 10 years of The Post's annual scholarship gala. Entertainment by A Sign of the Times Big Band. Honorees are Nicole Beach (Top Senior); Donnarra Wade (Top Senior runner-up) Wachovia (corporation of the year); Big Brothers Big Sisters (community service) and Robert Davis (Luminary Award). Tickets are \$75 and proceeds benefit The Charlotte Post Foundation. For information, call (704) 376-0496 or log on to www.thecharlotterpost.com.

24 Nancy Wilson, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Southern Area of The Links. Tickets \$100 and available by calling (704) 372-1000 or online at www.salinks.org. Proceeds benefit the HBCU Scholarship Endowment Initiative.

October

6 Black Political Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg will host its annual fundraiser/banquet, 6:30 p.m., Sheraton Airport Hotel, 3315 Scott Futrell Drive. The caucus will recognize individuals who make Charlotte a better community to live and work. For information, call Ella Williams at (704) 596-1332 or (704) 231-0294 or Gloria Rembert at (704) 948-8089 or (704) 737-6185.

8 Bill Cosby, Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25-\$50 at the box office in Founders Hall, by phone at (704) 372-1000 and online at www.blumenthalcenter.org.

28 Ebony Fashion Fair, Owens Auditorium, 2700 E. Independence Blvd. "Stylishly Hot" is sponsored by Delta Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta sorority. Tickets are \$25 general admission, \$35 for reserved seating. For information, go to www.zetasofcharlotte.org.

CAMPING

Paramount Carowinds



PARAMOUNT'S CAROWINDS

Scooby Doo chills at Paramount Carowinds' Camp Wilderness Resort, a 25-acre campground. The camp includes 15 all-new Redwood cabins.

Goal to go

HANG OUT

Events & Adventures



EVENTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Events & Adventures, an activities club for singles, brings together Charlotte's most eligible folks for an evening of mingling. E&A sponsors alternatives to blind dating by bringing people together for activities ranging from skydiving to kayaking.

READING'S FUNDAMENTAL

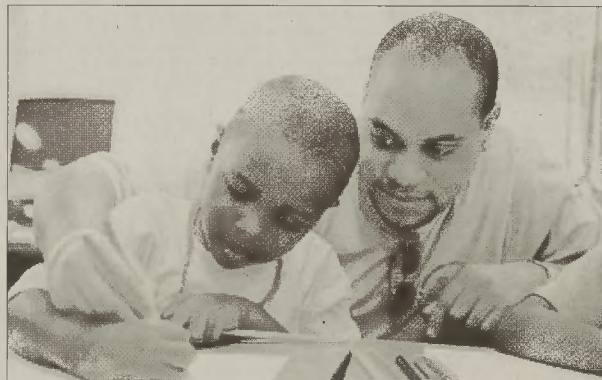


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Derrell Dulin helps Javiell Williams during an exercise at Starfish Academy at the YMCA of Greater Charlotte. The academy helps first- and second-graders improve their reading skills to grade level with the help of volunteers. Nine YMCA sites participated in Starfish Academy, which graduated 250 students last week.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS



PHOTO:CALVIN FERGUSON

Wade Financial Services owners were all smiles at the opening last week.

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Indoor/outdoor yard sale, Aug. 19 at 2613 Hutchinson McDonald Road. Sponsored by Ivy Hall Foundation. Household goods, clothing and jewelry. Tables for rent at \$15 by calling (704) 509-4811. For information, call Johnnie Collins at (704) 393-1200.

Charlotte Neighborhoods Family Day, Aug. 26, 12 a.m.-12 p.m., Charlotte Museum, 3500 Shamrock Drive. Tour the Charlotte Museum's interactive exhibit of Plaza-Midwood through maps and photos. Free for museum members; \$6 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors and \$3 for children.

Minority business conference, Aug. 26, N.C. Department of Public Instruction, 301 North Wilmington St., Raleigh, N.C. Education Lottery will hold conference to bring together minority vendors from across the state. Starts at 8 a.m. Conference will be held in Room 150 North. For information, call (919) 301-3300.

Renting vs. buying a home workshop, Morrison YMCA, 9405 Bryant Farms Road, Aug. 26. Mortgage expert will share information on pros and cons of renting, advantages to buying, basics on credit and mortgage financing.

Genealogy research course at Central Piedmont Community College, Thursdays from Sept. 14-Oct. 12. For genealogists, historians and anyone learning to preserve and organize family memorabilia. Classes will be held at 7 p.m. For information, call (704) 995-0731 or e-mail preservepro@earthlink.net.

Motivational speaker and health and nutrition expert Dr. Ann Greigore Kulze will talk at Sykes Auditorium, Queens University, Sept. 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and includes one-year membership to Friends of the Library, sponsor of Kulze's talk. To RSVP, call (704) 337-2437 or e-mail Winnie Bryce at brycew@queens.edu by Sept. 15.



Kulze

Charlotte Preparatory School open house, Sept. 28, 7 p.m., 212 Boyce Road. Open house for early, lower and middle school students. Information about the school, its educational philosophy, curriculum and student environment will be available.

Step back in history Saturdays through Nov. 25 at Historic Brattonville in McConnells, S.C. Costumed interpreters will bring to life aspects of 18th and 19th century living with themes changing weekly. Admission is free for Culture & Heritage Museum members, \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for children.

Food Addicts Anonymous hosts meetings daily for people recovering from addictive eating and anorexia. Free. For information, call (704) 348-1569.

96.1 The Beat Holla Run 5K race, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. Race starts at Morehead Street and ends at Carson Boulevard. For race information, log on to www.runforyourlife.com.

The West Boulevard Library is looking for men who enjoy reading Jan Karon's Mitford Series novels. Call Sandy Seawright at the library at (704) 386-6802.

Exhibits

Burn Out, Aug. 18, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., Duke Power Theater in Spirit Square. Documentary on Oakboro, N.C., a town struggling to survive after the closing of a textile mill by inviting car lovers to town for a monthly "cruise in." Admission is \$10 at the door.

"Mexico," Aug. 18-Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, Middleton McMillan Gallery, The Light Factory. Black and white prints from photographer Harvey Stein from his visits south of the border.

"(ID): An exhibit of self-portraiture," Aug. 18-Oct. 12, Knight Gallery, The Light Factory. Exhibit designed to reveal the real idea of self, or what happens when the artist turns the camera inward.

Spanish Colonial Art from the Lilly and Francis Bobiesek Collection, Mint Museum of Art, 2370 Randolph Road. Exhibit on display through September 10. Paintings, sculptures, silver and furniture from the late 17th through 19th century.

Opening reception for "Force of Nature," Oct. 11-13 at UNC Charlotte, Davidson College and Winthrop University. Ten artists from Japan will be in residence with each school for six weeks. The exhibition explores the relationship between humans and nature through the minds and hands of contemporary artists. The exhibit (at Davidson's Ven. Every/Smith Galleries, UNCC's College of Architecture and Winthrop University Galleries) is intended to provoke dialogue and discussion with members of each host community while bringing the work of young artists to people who have few opportunities to view contemporary Japanese art. For information, log on to www.halsey.cofc.edu/fon.html.

Woven Worlds: American Indian Baskets as Works of Art, through Dec. 31, Mint Museum of Craft + Design, 220 N. Tryon St. Baskets from the Clark Field Collection honors tribal groups from the U.S., Canada and northern Mexico dating from the late 19th to mid-20th century. For information, call (704) 337-2000 or www.mintmuseum.org.