

out and about

▼ Saturday, April 14

FRONTRUNNERS meet Saturday mornings at 9:00 am at the corner of Dilworth Road East and Morehead Street. For more information, contact Des Kelly at 704-341-0566 or Greg Shackelford at 704-535-1667. Or send e-mail to: DesKelly@aol.com

▼ Sunday, April 15

EASTER (Christian, except Orthodox)

GLBT TENNIS GROUP meets 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at Park Road Park Tennis Facility. All skill levels accepted — we match up people according to skill level. Normally on courts 1-6, contact Bruce Moyer at bcabruce@aol.com or 704-544-9470 for more info. Open to all.

▼ Monday, April 16

TAX DAY (Uncle Sam gives us a break this year because the official deadline falls on the weekend.)

CHARLOTTE BUSINESS GUILD DINNER MEETING from 6:00 pm-9:00 pm. Dinner is at 6:30 pm, 7:15 is speaker. For more information, call 704-565-5075 or email businessguild@yahoo.com .

ONE VOICE CHORUS REHEARSES 7:00 pm-10:00 pm at First United Methodist Church, Eighth and Tryon Streets, Charlotte. One Voice is Charlotte's Gay, Lesbian and Gay Affirmative Chorus, currently in its 11th season. For more information call Mike Alexander, Membership Chair at 704-668-7168 or visit our website at www.onevoicechorus.com.

TIME OUT YOUTH hosts meetings for GLBT and questioning youth in Charlotte from 7:00 pm-9:30 pm. Please call 704-344-8335 for location

FAMILY PRIDE COALITION meets from 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm at MCC Charlotte, 1825 Eastway Drive, Charlotte and is a support group for gay & lesbian parents. For more information, contact Brian Neader at 704-895-5611.

AMITY ALLIES meets from 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm at Caribou Coffee, 1531 East Blvd Charlotte and is a hospitable alliance of friends and acquaintances gathering socially "to foster friendships of integrity and support" among the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Call 704-362-2635 for more information or visit home.att.net/~amityallies

▼ Thursday, April 19

TOWN HALL MEETING — INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSE TO HATE, exploring the legacy of Matthew Shepard is held from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on the campus of UNCC. "Institutional Response to Hate" is presented by Philip DuBois, President of the University of Wyoming and former Provost of UNC Charlotte, with the support of Judy Shepard, Mother of Matthew Shepard. Admission is FREE. DuBois will offer personal and professional reflections on how the University of Wyoming community responded to the murder of UW student Matthew Shepard in October of 1998. DuBois served as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at UNC Charlotte from 1991-1997. Questions and answer period will follow with President DuBois and Judy Shepard. See article on page 1.

THE LEGACY OF MATTHEW SHEPARD is presented by Judy Shepard from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on UNCC Campus. Free to UNC Charlotte Students (with student ID Card) and \$5 for Faculty/Staff and General Public. Judy shares "The Legacy of Matthew Shepard" and inspires others to help create communities safer for everyone, regardless of their race, sex, religion, or sexual orientation. See article on Page 1.

NEW LIFE MCC BIBLE STUDY meets from 7:00 pm -9:00 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church - 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte. For more information, call 704-334-0350.

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUP meets from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm at MCC Charlotte, 1825 Eastway Drive. For more information contact Larry Little at 704-531-4982 or Sheri Blackwood at 704-335-1441.

GAY MEN'S SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

GROUP meets from 7:00 pm -8:30 pm at St. Anne's Catholic Church at Park Rd & Hillside and is "A safe place where [one] can be his authentic self." This ministry of St. Anne's Catholic Church meets on the second floor of the Msgr. Allen Center. Spiritual Director Fr. Conrad Hoover moderates. All are welcome. Contact Jim at 704-375-2822 for more information.

▼ Monday April 28

HIV/AIDS FAMILY-AND FRIENDS GROUP, hosted by Gaston Hospice, meets the fourth Monday of each month. For further info, contact Terri at 704-861-8405.

▼ Saturday, April 28

METROLINA AIDS PROJECT PRESENTS GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER from 8:30 pm -12:00 am at the First Union Atrium, First Union 2, Charlotte. Tickets are \$25 at the door. Call 704-602-2406 for more info. People all over Charlotte have dinner parties in their homes and invite their friends, who in turn make contributions to Metrolina AIDS Project. After dinner, 5000 party goers converge on the Atrium for dessert, champagne, coffee, dancing and a silent auction of one-of-a-kind dinner plates designed by local and regional artists. Join Celebrity Chairperson Tammy Faye Bakker Messner for a great party for a great cause!

▼ Friday, May 4

TRADESMEN'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION "TRADEMARK XV: MEN IN UNIFORM" gets under way at the Airport Sheraton, Charlotte. The weekend includes The Tradesmen's "Trademark XV Officers Ball" — An Official Charlotte Pride Weekend Event — at the Sheraton Airport Plaza Grand Ball Room from 10:00 pm until 1:00 am. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance, \$15.00 at the door (proceeds will go to the Sisters of Mercy's "House of Mercy" in Belmont, NC). DJ, dancing, and drinks (although we can't advertise the "drink" part!). Dress code is military garb (from uniforms of any type to just camo pants, boots, and a t-shirt), or Leather wear. **DRESS CODE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.** Contact a Tradesmen member or visit the Tradesmen's website at

www.TheTradesmen.org for info and tickets.

GAY BINGO SPONSORED BY RAIN at the Great Aunt Stella Center, Charlotte. Event starts at the at 7:30 pm. This event will sell out, so be sure to arrive early to get a good spot and be sure to pre-purchase your tickets. Contact RAIN at 704-372-7246 or RAINCharlotte@aol.com.

BY REQUEST : A CABARET WITH ONE VOICE CHORUS from 7:30 pm to -9:30 pm at the Visulite Theatre at 1615 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. For more information contact OneVoice at 704-529-2951 or visit them online at www.onevoicechorus.com.

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER performs from 8:00 pm -12:00 am at the Tremont Music Hall, Charlotte. The GLAMA (Gay & Lesbian American Music Award) winning Westenhoefer has performed on Comedy Central, *Sally Jesse Rafael, Politically Incorrect, Comic Relief* and *An Evening at the Improv*. Westenhoefer also starred in her own HBO special and is currently filming the feature film *A Family Affair* for late 2001 release. Tickets for Westenhoefer's performance at Tremont are \$18 for general seating and \$22 for cabaret seating, and can be purchased from Tremont 704-343-9494. And as a special treat, you can meet Westenhoefer immediately following her performance at a special reception. The \$3 admission fee goes to Charlotte Pride. For more information on Charlotte Pride, visit www.charlottepride.com, email info@charlottepride.com or call 704- 236-1014.

▼ Saturday, May 5

CHARLOTTE PRIDE 2001 invites you to celebrate your Pride from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm in Marshall Park. Party with Jade Esteban Estrada, Babysmaker, the Jill Austin Band, Jeff Brown, Southern Country Charlotte, Petra and more. Uptown Charlotte. See ad on page 20 for information, or visit www.charlottepride.com.

5TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK FUNDRAISER BY RAIN takes place from 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm, beginning at the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. The WALK begins at 2:00 pm, RAIN or SHINE. Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former US Surgeon General, will speak at the event. Dr. Elders is a deeply committed official in the fight against AIDS. Walkers register by bringing donations from 12:30-1:45pm. RAIN invites participants to pack a picnic lunch and eat on the front lawn prior to the event. Judging at 1:00 for "Best Picnic Spread." Prizes are available for TOP INDIVIDUAL FUNDRAISER and TOP TEAM FUNDRAISER, MOST CREATIVE team banner and MOST ORIGINAL individual umbrella. Walkers who raise a minimum of \$50 receive an AIDS WALK T-shirt. Donations support CareTeams as well as RAIN's HIV/AIDS prevention education program. RAIN trains and supervises almost 80 Careteams who provide practical, emotional, and spiritual support to over 90 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Mecklenburg and 10 surrounding counties of NC and SC. For information on corporate sponsorships or to request a walker packet, call 372-7246 or send e-mail to: ElaineatRAIN@aol.com

PRIDE PARTY 2001 invites you to shakes your groove thang from 10:00 pm - 4:00 am at Genesis, 607 West 5th Street, Charlotte because it is the Official After Pride Party of Charlotte Pride!

▼ Sunday, May 6

LUTHERANS CONCERNED meets monthly from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 1900 The Plaza, Charlotte. Covered dish at 5:00 pm followed by evening's program at 6:00 pm. For more information, contact info@lccharlotte.org .

PAULA POUNDSTONE performs at 7:00 pm at The North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, Charlotte in the Center's Belk Theater. For tickets or information, please call the box office at 704-372-1000 or visit them online at www.performingartsctr.org/center_attractions.htm.

Have some special event notices or news? Send them into Q-Notes today!

Switchboards

For regularly scheduled meetings, contact the individual organizations or the Gay and Lesbian Switchboard in your area:

North Carolina

Charlotte	704-535-6277
Greensboro	336-855-8558
Raleigh	919-821-0055
Wilmington	910-762-0301
Winston-Salem	336-748-0031

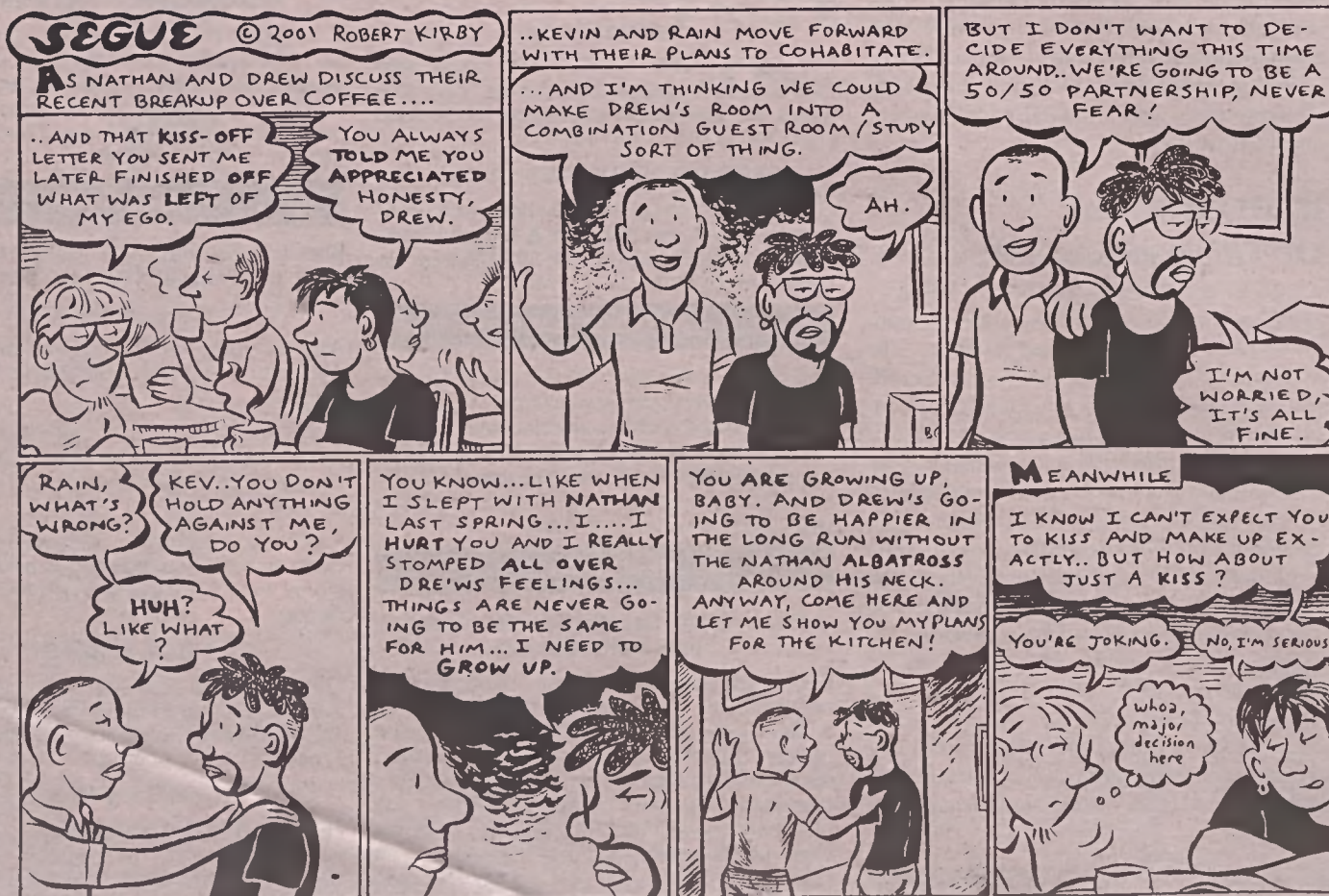
South Carolina

Charleston	843-720-8088
Columbia	803-771-7713

"Out and About" policy

A listing in "OUT AND ABOUT" provides valuable publicity for your organization's event, and is provided by Q-Notes as a community service. Send information concerning your event to Q-Notes, PO Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222, fax: 704-531-1361, email: editor@q-notes.com.

NOTE: Q-Notes accepts calendar items for publication from both non-profit and for-profit entities. Items should be of interest to (or some subset of) the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community, and be submitted by the appropriate deadline (found on page 6). Special events (concerts, speakers, fundraisers, etc.) will be included, but ongoing or regularly scheduled meetings and programs, normally, will not. It is the sole responsibility of sponsors to submit information to be included in "Out and About." Items may be edited, held or refused based on space and time constraints.



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