

out and about

April 28 - May 12

▼ **Saturday - Saturday, April 28 - May 12**
BENT, Martin Sherman's blistering play about the persecution of homosexuals in a Nazi concentration camp, is presented by Raleigh Ensemble Players Theatre Company at Artspace in downtown Raleigh. Show time is 8:00 pm on 4/28, 5/1-3, 5/5, and 5/7-12. Sunday matinee on 5/6 at 3:00 pm. The 5/1 show will be sign language interpreted and audio described. General admission tickets are \$15; seniors \$12; students with ID \$7. For more information or to reserve tickets, call 919-832-9607 or visit www.realtheater.org.

▼ **Saturday - Sunday, April 28 - May 6**
WIT, Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize-winning play about one woman's struggle with cancer, is presented by Charlotte Repertory Theatre in the Belk Theater of the North Carolina Blumenthal Performing Arts Center, 130 N. Tryon St., Charlotte. All performances feature talkbacks with theatre staff, cast members, and members of the medical, faith and hospice communities. Tickets are \$17 - \$24.50. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the PAC box office at 704-372-1000 or visit www.charlotteterep.org.

▼ **Saturday, April 28**
SPRING POTTERY SALE AND SILENT AUCTION will be held at Pottery Central, 3534 Central Ave., Charlotte, from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. Proceeds from the silent auction benefit Metrolina AIDS Project. For more information, call 704-537-4477.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER, the annual fundraiser benefiting Metrolina AIDS Project, will be held tonight in homes and other locations across the city. After dinner, thousands of partygoers will converge at the First Union Atrium in downtown Charlotte for dessert, champagne, coffee, dancing and a silent auction of one-of-a-kind dinner plates designed by local and regional art-

ists. Camp goddess Tammy Faye Bakker Messner is this year's Celebrity Chairperson. Tickets for the dessert reception will be available to the general public for \$25 at the door. For more information, call 704-602-2406.

MARKINGS OF THE SOUL, a one-man show about "life, love, family and death in the age of AIDS," will be performed by Kerry O. Burns at Unity Christ Church, 717 Orchard Dr., Wilmington, at 7:00 pm. A donation will be requested at the door and seating is limited. A reception will follow the show. For more information, call 910-452-0795.

LYSISTRATA, a modern adaptation of the Aristophanes play about Greek women withholding sex from their husbands to stop a war, will be presented at the Visulite Theater, 1615 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. The play is rated "R" for content and a portion of the proceeds will benefit breast cancer research. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 704-358-9200.

DIANE SCHUUR, one of the world's most acclaimed jazz vocalists, performs at 8:00 pm in the McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, 345 N. College St., Charlotte. Schuur's three-and-a-half-octave range has thrilled audiences around the world and her Charlotte stop should be equally wonderful. Tickets are \$28 and \$35. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center box office at 704-372-1000 or visit www.performingartsctr.org.

▼ **Sunday, April 29**
MR. GAY USA AT LARGE 2001 finals will be presented by USA Unlimited at Club Cabaret, 101 N. Center St., Hickory, NC. Featured guests will include Andy Bollinger, last year's winner, Stephen Michael, the current Mr. Gay USA, and Tajma Hall, Miss North Carolina USofA at Large 2001. For more information, call 336-667-9690, email jeffreves@webtv.com or visit www.mrgay-usa.com.

▼ **Thursday, May 3**
SPALDING GRAY will perform his latest comic monologue, *Morning, Noon and Night*,

at 8:00 pm in the McGlohon Theatre at Spirit Square, 345 N. College St., Charlotte. This funny and heart-warming monologue details the events during one day in the life of Spalding and his family in their small town in eastern Long Island. Tickets are \$25 and \$30. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the NC Blumenthal Performing Arts Center box office at 704-372-1000 or visit www.performingartsctr.org.

▼ **Friday - Sunday, May 4 - 6**
CHARLOTTE PRIDE 2001 promises a weekend bursting with things to do in the Queen City. For details on specific Pride events, refer to the individual date listings in this column or see the Pride Guide section. For more information about Charlotte Pride 2001, call 704-236-1014, email info@charlottepride.com or visit www.charlottepride.com.

TRADESMEN'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION "TRADEMARK XV: MEN IN UNIFORM" will be held at the host Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel, 3315 S. I-85 Service Rd., this weekend. For details on specific Trademark events, refer to the individual date listings provided in this column or see the ad on page 5. For more information about Trademark XV, email tradesmen@ncironman.com or visit www.TheTradesmen.org.

RELEASE 2001, Charlotte's contribution to the national gay party circuit, will test eardrums and endurance this weekend with a full slate of dance parties featuring guest DJs. Tickets can be purchased at individual events or a weekend pass is available for \$130 at White Rabbit, Q, Mythos or Urban Evolution. For details on specific Release events, refer to the individual date listings in this column or see the ad on page 3. For additional information about Release 2001, visit www.release-charlotte.org.

▼ **Friday, May 4**
BY REQUEST: A CABARET is the name of tonight's One Voice Chorus salute to Broadway. The performance will be held at the Visulite Theater, 1615 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, from 7:30 - 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$17 in

advance (at White Rabbit, Paper Skyscraper, Rainbow Path, Georgetown Bodyworks, and The Bag Lady) and \$20 at the door. A Saturday evening performance is also scheduled. For more information on One Voice, call 704-529-2951 or visit www.onevoicechorus.com.

GAY BINGO, the wildly-popular fundraiser for RAIN, continues at the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. The fun starts at 7:30 pm, but folks are encouraged to arrive early because the event will likely sell out. For more information or to reserve tickets, email RAINCharlotte@aol.com or call 704-372-7246.

SUZANNE WESTENHOEFER returns to the Queen City as part of Charlotte Pride 2001. She will be tickling funny bones at Tremont Music Hall, 400 W. Tremont Ave., Charlotte, beginning at 8:00 pm. Westenhoefer has performed on Comedy Central, *Sally Jesse Rafael, Politically Incorrect, Comic Relief* and *An Evening at the Improv*. She has also starred in her own HBO special and is currently filming the feature film *A Family Affair* for late 2001 release. Tickets are \$18 for general seating and \$22 for cabaret seating and can be purchased from Tremont Music Hall. See May 4 - 6 entry for more information on Charlotte Pride 2001.

RELEASE WEEKEND KICK-OFF PARTY, a joint event of Release 2001 and Charlotte Pride 2001, runs from 8:00 - 10:00 pm at Q, 521 N. College St., Charlotte. Local DJ Edward Kirkland spins. Admission is \$10 and proceeds benefit Charlotte Pride. See May 4 - 6 entries for more information on Release 2001 and Charlotte Pride 2001.

THE LAVENDER CLUB will host a dance at Tremont Music Hall following Suzanne Westenhoefer's performance. DJ Sheree Monti will play Top 40 and disco and the theme will be Cinco De Mayo. Admission is \$5 at the door (\$3 with a ticket stub from the One Voice concert or any Pride 2001 event). All proceeds will be donated to One Voice Chorus in memory of Billie Rose. For more information, visit www.thelavenderclub.com.

FRIDAY NIGHT PLEASURE is the name of this Release 2001 dance party at the Visulite Theater, 1615 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte. Guest DJ Richie Rich (Boston, P-Town) will work the turntables from 10:00 pm - 3:00 am and Charlotte's own drag diva Deloris Brown will give a special performance. Admission is \$25 at the door. See May 4 - 6 entry for more information on Release 2001.

▼ **Saturday, May 5**
CHARLOTTE PRIDE 2001 is expected to fill Marshall Park, corner of McDowell and 2nd in downtown, to overflowing as GLBT folks gather from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm to enjoy featured speakers, guest DJs, vendors, information booths and much more. Special entertainment will be provided by openly-gay musical artist Jade Esteban Estrada. Additional performers will include Phranc, Petra, Babyshaker, the Jill Austin Band, Jeff Brown, Southern Country Charlotte and more. See May 4 - 6 entry for more information on Charlotte Pride 2001.

LEATHER FAIR. In conjunction with Trademark XV, the Tradesmen are inviting the public to browse and shop for goods related to the Leather/SM community from noon - 7:00 pm at the Sheraton Charlotte Airport Hotel, 3315 S. I-85 Service Rd. A \$2 donation will be requested at the door and proceeds will benefit the House of Mercy hospice. See May 4 - 6 entry for more information on Trademark XV.

5TH ANNUAL AIDS WALK FUNDRAISER for RAIN gets underway at the Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte, at 12:30 pm with registration. Walkers register by bringing donations and those who turn in a minimum of \$50 receive an AIDS WALK T-shirt. In addition, everyone is invited to pack a picnic lunch and eat on the front lawn before the event. Judging will be held at 1:00 pm for "Best Picnic Spread." The Walk begins at 2:00 pm rain or shine and prizes will be awarded for Top Individual Fundraiser, Top Team Fundraiser, Most Creative team banner and Most Original individual umbrella. Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former US Surgeon General and a deeply committed presence in the fight against AIDS, will speak at The AIDS WALK.

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Switchboards

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

North Carolina

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

South Carolina

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| 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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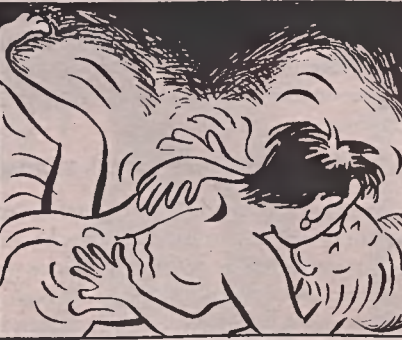
PERFECT BEAUTIFUL ©2001 BY R. KIRBY
 OK, SO I DID IT. I FUCKED NATHAN (THE LIAR, THE CHEAT, THE GUY WHO BROKE MY HEART IN SEVENTEEN PLACES) LAST NIGHT. C'MON, YOU ALL KNEW IT WAS GONNA HAPPEN.



I COULDN'T HELP IT, I FIGURED IT MAY HAVE BEEN OUR LAST CHANCE... I'M MOVING TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COUNTRY INTO A COMPLETELY NEW LIFE AND WHO KNOWS IF AND WHEN WE'LL EVER SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN?



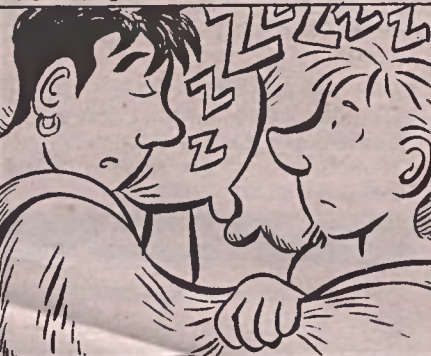
BESIDES, HE'S STILL SO HOT, NO MATTER HOW MUCH HE HURT ME, NO MATTER HOW TORTURED OUR HISTORY, HE IS STILL JUST SO HOT.



I FIGURE I CAN MOVE ON WITH MY LIFE NOW, WITH THIS MEMORY OF OUR ONE LAST PERFECT BEAUTIFUL NIGHT TOGETHER TO SUSTAIN ME... I'M READY TO CLOSE THIS CHAPTER ONCE AND FOR ALL.



SO WHAT'S NEXT YOU ASK. I LEAVE FOR CALIFORNIA IN THREE DAYS. I'VE GOT LOTS TO DO, I'LL TELL YOU THAT. THREE DAYS.



ANY CALLS? YES, TOM. HE SAYS TO CALL HIM BACK.

