

Rumors: HRC and Clay Aiken?

Solmonese's 'special guest'

In mid-January we heard that Human Rights Campaign President Joe Solmonese would bring along pop-singer and "American Idol" runner-up Clay Aiken to the HRC Carolinas Gala on Feb. 21.

We couldn't just stand by and let this rumor pass us up. We

emailed HRC communications folks and asked if Solmonese

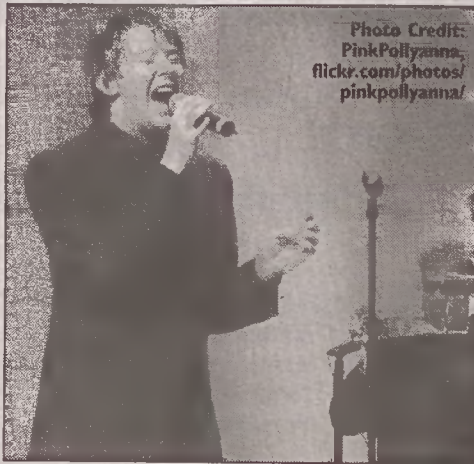


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wanted to confirm the rumor or deny it. Communications director Brad Luna said they hadn't heard of anything.

Sorry queer Claymates. Maybe next time... or maybe they're just keeping it quiet.

Liaisons closed?

When we headed out to HRC Carolinas' "Let's Make a Deal" fundraiser with Roxy C. Moorecox we heard a curious (and maybe vicious) little rumor. Liaisons on South End in Charlotte was closed? Funny, we had just been there days earlier.

No, Liaisons isn't closed. In fact, they just had a Purple Party and Superbowl party a couple weeks ago. ▀

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Q-Notes' new community blog

Q-Notes has a new community blog, *assemblage*. The new online blogging and discussion community replaces Q-Notes' other

be viewed at blog.q-notes.com.

"It's very exciting to be able to offer our readers a real chance to contribute to the

paper," says Comer. "I'm looking forward to interacting via blogs, videos and audio with our print and online readers."

The name, *assemblage*, is a play on words, combining the words "blog" and "assemblage."

"We really want this new project to be a place where our readers can come together as one, united and modern voice," Comer says. "It's our own little online assembly of LGBT voices of all shapes, sizes, colors and political and

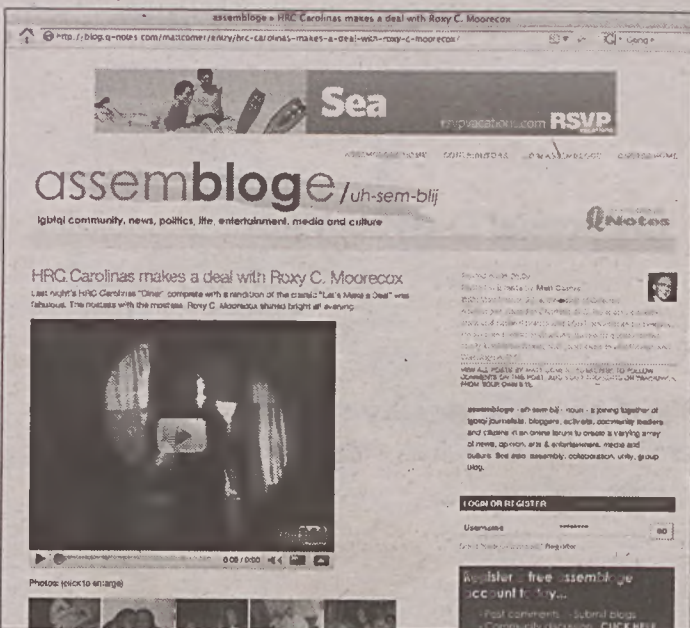
ideological persuasions."

Online users are able to register for a free account at *assemblage*. When they register, they'll be able to post comments on blogs and

post their own contributions. Registration is completely free. Q-Notes is also looking for regular contributors who can commit to posting at least once or twice per week. Regular contributors will be given their own unique space on the blog.

For more information and to catch up on the latest, visit *assemblage* at blog.q-notes.com. ▀

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staff blogs from Editor Matt Comer, Associate Editor David Stout and Community Blogger Jeff Olson. The three bloggers will join community members on *assemblage*, which can

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