

Butch At The Beach? So Special!

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And Staff

SURF'S UP!
Charlotte's leather/levis club, **The Tradesmen**, will kick off the final month of summer with a version of Beach Blanket Bingo called "It's A Bitch To Be Butch At The Beach." The Friday, Aug. 7, club night at the BR will feature a rather revealing tan-line contest, a jail night, a raffle and a special dunking booth. As usual, there won't be a dry seat in the house. Join 'em at 9 p.m. for a wet and wild evening. Bitch attire — make that BEACH attire — is requested. Frankie and Annette, by the way, will *not* be attending.

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Congratulations are in order! **The New Tribe**, South Carolina's first gay/lesbian motorcycle club, is having a great first year. Members of the group better known as TNT will be visiting Charlotte for the Aug. 7 bash mentioned above. TNT's own club nights are held at Affairs in Columbia on the third Friday of each month.

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A rubber can be a wonderful thing, especially when it's played between friends. That's the motto behind the **GLS Bridge Club** here in Charlotte. If you're a closet bridge fiend, call 376-1490 and ask Al to deal you in.

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Charlotte Lambda Chorale rehearsals resume Wednesday, Aug. 19. First performance of the season will be Sept. 12 for a cabaret show with dinner at Charlotte's Unitarian Church. Cost will be \$5 — quite a low sum for an evening of dining and fun!

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Charlotte's **Film Society** plans no August meeting. But mark Sept. 18 on your calendars. That's when viewings begin again.

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Omega, the Columbia organization that sponsored the Celebration '87 pride event for South Carolina, has changed its name to the **South Carolina Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men**. Omega had been incorrectly reported as a student group at USC.

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"Gay/Lesbian Forum" on Charlotte

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Birth Signs
Leo July 23-Aug. 22 ■ VIRGO Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Birthstone
Carnelian (ancient); Sardonyx or Peridot (modern)

2 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 7p New Life MCC worship	3	4 8p Mandy Carter at Acceptance	5 7:30p MCC/Charlotte Bible study	6 7:30p HIV-positive support group	7 8p Acceptance AA	8 1 MGM 6:30p MCC/Charlotte polluck
9 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 7p New Life MCC worship	10 PWA support group	11 7:30p Gay Parents Coalition 8p Acceptance film	12 7:30p MCC/Charlotte Bible study	13 7:30p PFLAG 7:30p Queen City Friends 7:30p HIV-positive support group	14 8p Acceptance AA	15
16 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 7p New Life MCC worship	17	18 7:30p Acceptance covered dish	19 Lambda Chorale rehearsals resume 7:30p MCC/Charlotte Bible study	20 7:30p HIV-positive support group	21 8p Acceptance AA	22
23/30 11a MCC/Charlotte worship 7p New Life MCC worship	24/31 7p (24th) Gay Lesbian Forum, Cable 3 p.m. 7p PWA support group	25 8p Acceptance program TBA	26 7:30p MCC/Charlotte Bible study	27 7:30p Queen City Friends 7:30p HIV-positive support group	28 8p Acceptance AA	29 6:30p MCC/Charlotte polluck

Cablevision channel 3 is now shown at 7 p.m. on each month's fourth Monday, moving into prime time from its previous 6:30 slot. The August edition, to be shown for the first time on Aug. 24, will feature commentary about the explosion of gay theatre in Charlotte.

If the program is not shown as listed in The Charlotte Observer, call Cablevision at that time and note the discrepancy.

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COMING UP:
Monday, Sept. 14: 6:30 dinner and 7:30 meeting of the **Leadership Council** at Stevens.

Saturday, Sept. 26: **Gay/Lesbian Switchboard** yard sale. The first one June 27 was so successful it just had to be done again! Call the Switchboard, 525-6128, to schedule pickups of donated items.

October: gay cabaret performers **Romanovsky and Phillips** with lesbian comedian **Lynn Lavner!** Carolinas dates to be announced.



Bob Stokes of Durham carries his sign "Hey, Kids! This Is A Condom" in North Carolina's Pride March in Durham on June 27. His sign was chosen best by Q-Notes. Stokes awarded the \$50 prize to Lesbian & Gay Health Project.

Momentum Building For D.C. March

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Meeting will be held to set the groundwork for a 1988 nationwide congress of gay men and lesbians.

■ On Tuesday, Oct. 13, a nonviolent civil disobedience action will be held at the Supreme Court to protest the 1986 *Hardwick Vs. Bowers* decision.

Many Carolinians have a choice of departure points and can shop around for the trip they like best. The contact phone numbers:

Charlotte-Greensboro-Durham. The bus leaves Charlotte Friday, Oct. 9, returning Monday, Oct. 12. Lodging available in Dupont Plaza Hotel, but must be reserved by Aug. 27. Call 704/333-4213 or 704/339-0679.

Columbia and Greenville, S.C. Several buses are planned from the Palmetto State, departing Oct. 10 and returning Oct. 12. Lodging available. Write quickly to Dennis Mayer, P.O. Box 7463, Columbia, S.C. 29202, or phone members you know of the S.C. Coalition of Lesbians & Gay Men (formerly Omega) or members of the Piedmont Gay & Lesbian Association.

North Carolina. Contact the most convenient of these: Chapel Hill — Mark Donahue, 919/942-2384; Durham — Mandy Carter, 919/682-7374, or Betsy Barton, 919/682-7108; Raleigh — Charlie Williams, 919/832-7440; Winston-Salem — Bonnie Crouse, 919/722-0421, or Ginny Marcum, 919/761-0079.

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NATIONAL

Gay Men's Health Crisis. 132 W. 24th St., New York, NY 10011. One of the nation's foremost organizations in information about AIDS and services for persons with AIDS.

Human Rights Campaign Fund. P.O. Box 1396, Washington, D.C. 20077-4462. Lobbies congress for funds to fight AIDS through the AIDS Campaign Trust.

Lambda Legal Defense & Education Fund. 132 W. 43rd St., New York, NY 10036. Fights in the courts for equal treatment of gay men and lesbians in employment, housing and custody; and against AIDS discrimination and archaic sodomy laws. Membership: \$30/year. 212/944-9488.

National Gay & Lesbian Task Force. 1517 U St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20009. 202/332-6483.

National Gay Rights Advocates. 540 Castro St., San Francisco, CA 94114. Fights in the legal system for gay/lesbian civil rights in insurance and other fields. 415/863-3624.

People for the American Way. Counters efforts by Religious Rightists to subjugate individual rights. 1424 Sixteenth Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. 202/462-4777.

NORTH CAROLINA

AA open. 8 p.m. Tuesdays, St. Pius X Catholic School, 2200 N. Elm St., Greensboro, 919/273-5103.

CLOSER. Networking and social group for the Asheville area. P.O. Box 2911, Asheville, N.C. 28802. Contact Don or Joan Marshall, 274-2681.

GROW. P.O. Box 4535, Wilmington, N.C. 28406. Hotline 919/675-9222. Peer support and counseling, information and referral, AIDS resource project, social activities.

Lavender Bridges. For students and others at Western Carolina University, P.O. Box 2646, Cullowhee, N.C. 28723.

N.C. Human Rights Fund. P.O. Box 10782, Raleigh, NC 27605. Works in the courts to seek justice for gay men and lesbians; and provides educational programs to reduce prejudice. Membership: \$10/year. 919/828-2077.

Triangle Lesbian & Gay Alliance. Umbrella planning and political activist group in Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill area. P.O. Box 3295, Durham, N.C. 27705-1295. Contact Joe Herzenberg, 919/929-4053.

SOUTH CAROLINA

AA/Al-Anon. AA closed, Al-Anon open. 6:30 p.m. Saturdays. Circular Congregational Church, 150 Meeting St., Charleston, S.C. Upstairs in building behind church. 803/722-6677 or 803/871-8660.

AID Upstate. Formerly the Greenville (S.C.) AIDS Task

Force, P.O. Box 2507, Greenville, S.C. 29602. 803/240-8987.

MCC. P.O. Box 6322, Greenville, S.C. 29606. 803/233-0919. 803/646-9550.

Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services. Provides monetary, buddy and other assistance to AIDS patients. P.O. Box 12124, Columbia, S.C. 20211. 803/779-PALS.

Piedmont Gay/Lesbian Association. Networking and social group for people in northwestern South Carolina. P.O. Box 205, Central, S.C. 29630. 803/639-6900 in Central, 803/654-9210 in Clemson. 803/268-5692 in Greenville, 803/882-7835 in Seneca.

CHARLOTTE AREA

Acceptance. 8 p.m. Tuesdays, Park Road Baptist Church, 3900 Park Rd. Nonreligious social, educational group. Rap session on first Tuesdays; film, second Tuesdays; 7:30 covered dish, third Tuesdays; program, fourth Tuesdays; profiles, fifth Tuesdays. 525-6128.

Acceptance AA/Al-Anon. 8 p.m. Fridays, Holy Comforter Church, 2701 Park Rd. Open meetings for alcoholics and their loved ones. 375-4387.

AIDS Support Group. Weekly meetings. Professional support for persons with AIDS and others. 375-1156.

Charlotte Lambda Chorale. Musical performing group. Call Art, 366-6035.

Closest Buster Productions. Produces "Gay/Lesbian Forum" television show for Charlotte public access cable. 3001 Central Ave., Box 156, Charlotte 28205. Call Al Carwile, 376-1490.

Davidson College gay group. Write Support Group, P.O. Box 135, Davidson, N.C. 28036.

Foreign Film Society. Meets second Fridays to view foreign films of gay/lesbian interest. 4832 Park Road, Box 235, Charlotte 28209.

Gay/Lesbian Switchboard. Information, peer counseling, referrals. Staffed 7-11 p.m. daily. Volunteers always welcome for training. 525-6128.

Gay Parents Coalition. Social, educational group for gay men and lesbian women who have children. Monthly meetings. Inquiries: Ken Hedrick, 373-0173, or P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222.

GLS Bridge Players. Call Al, 376-1490.

Lutherans Concerned of the Carolinas. Group for gay/lesbian Lutherans. Call or write Jim Smith, 4013 Shamrock Dr., Charlotte, NC 28215; 536-4168.

Mature Gay Men. Social group meeting first Saturdays with 7:30 p.m. social hour. 8:30 covered dish supper. Inquiries to Q-Notes, P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. Include phone number for quick response.

Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP). Information, education,

safe-sex instructional parties, support groups. **Hotline** Mon-Fri, 6-9 p.m. 333-AIDS. Write P.O. Box 32662, Charlotte, NC 28232.

Metrolina Community Service Project. Operates the Gay/Lesbian Switchboard and other gay/lesbian services. Call 525-6128.

Metropolitan Community Church of Charlotte. Worship 11 a.m. Sun. and 7:30 p.m. Wed. at 4037 E. Independence Blvd. Promptness requested because of building security rules. Pastor Lynn Guerra, 3001 Central Ave., Box 156, Charlotte 28205. 563-5810.

New Life Metropolitan Community Church. Worship 7 p.m. Sundays and church dinners 7:30 p.m. Thursdays at Unitarian Church, Hardwicke at Sharon Amity. Pastor Art Fleschner. 366-6035.

New Life Players. A theatrical group. Call Art Fleschner, 366-6035.

Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (PFLAG). 7:30 p.m. second Thursdays at Christ Church, 1214 Providence Rd. 364-1474 (strict confidentiality). Inquiries: 1419 Ferncliff Rd., Charlotte, NC 28211.

Queen City Friends. Lesbian social group. 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Wednesdays upstairs at Pantera's Pizza, Park Road Shopping Center.

Queen City Quordinators. P.O. Box 221841, Charlotte, NC 28222. Assists gay/lesbian groups with funding; coordinates events for the gay/lesbian community. Public board meetings first Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Carolina Community Project, 2300 E. Seventh St. Call Jim Yarbrough, 704/339-0679.

Queen's Players. A new theatrical troupe planning to stage "Life of the Party" this summer or fall. Call Ken Stikeleather, 333-4213.

Speakers Bureau. Gay and lesbian speakers for civic, religious and educational groups. Contact the Switchboard, 525-6128, or Don King, 331 East Blvd., #3, Charlotte 28203 (332-3834).

Students at UNC-Charlotte. Susan Furr, 597-2140.

Switchboard Support Group for persons attracted to people of the same sex. Jim, 375-5038, after 6 p.m.

The Tradesmen. Box 36712, Charlotte, NC 28204. Leather social club. 5 p.m. Sunday after the month's first Friday at Brass Rail, 399-8413.

TV/TS. Group for transvestites and transsexuals. Lou, 596-5636, after 6 p.m.

Women in Performance. Women's theater group performing lesbian-themed and feminist plays. 364-9617.

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List your group for free. Send information to Don King, 331 East Blvd. #3, Charlotte 28203.