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BEST BETS

- Sept. 8, 22 *Watch ClosetBusters*
(Cablevision Ch. 33)
- Sept. 8-10 *Annual Carnival Benefit for MAP* (Oleens)
- Sept. 11 *Organizational Meeting for Fall Bowling League*
- Sept. 14 *Gay Parents, PFLAG*
- Sept. 16
1 pm *Steering Committee Mtg. of NC Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Equality* (Main Library, Charlotte)
- 4 pm *Gay/Lesbian meeting for Overeaters Anonymous* begins
- 7:30 pm *Fun & Games Nite*
- Sept. 18 *Fall Bowling League* starts 9 pm *Coliseum Lanes*
- Sept. 23 *MCC Charlotte Pot Luck Supper* (Come Hawaiian)
- Sept. 24 *Integrity*
- Sept. 26 **VOTE!!!!!!**
(or you deserve who you get!)

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Charades Sold, New Location Planned

By Nancy Campbell
 Special to Q-Notes

Yes, Charades has been sold. Saturday, August 26 was the last night it was open. "The sale, according to Steve Freeman, the manager of the bar, happened within 48 hours and the new owners have plans to make it a straight club."

Freeman also said, "Plans are already in force for a new location central to all parts of Charlotte. The new location may have a different name but all Charades memberships will be honored."

The new club will be between 5000 and

9000 square feet, in a new location that will allow, according to Steve, a "totally unique concept, new to Charlotte - but not trendy."

The drawing board provides for all ages. "We want to cater to a lot of different age groups," said Steve. "But I really can't elaborate now until we have chosen the exact location - we are down to five buildings now and have finalized all the legalities."

Although the new location may have a different name, all Charades memberships will be honored, so save those membership cards. Also, anyone who had applied for membership at the Eastway location will be eligible to pick up the cards at the new club

without a new waiting period.

"We had planned extensive remodeling in about three weeks at the Eastway location, anyway," Steve stated. "When the offer came along, it was an opportune time to take advantage of it. The sale of the club happened within 48 hours."

Steve also extended thanks to all members and visitors for their continued support. "We're looking forward to seeing all our members and friends in the new facility."

Steve has managed Charades for about three and a half years now at the Eastway location.

Myrick Backs Out of Meeting With Gay Leaders

Charlotte Mayor Sue Myrick, in a letter dated August 18, backed out of a meeting scheduled for August 24 with gay men and lesbians.

The letter was written to Don King, the Charlotte activist who had arranged the meeting.

Myrick said: "Several months ago when you asked me to meet with you, you suggested a private meeting with a few people. When I received your confirmation letter, it stated there would be six groups represented."

"Then, this week, I received a questionnaire to fill out. The questions were not about the concerns of the city. They were asking for my personal views on issues that have nothing to do with my job as Mayor or with legislative issues of the city."

"The original scenario has changed completely and I see no benefit to anyone in my attending your meeting next Thursday."

King said he was disappointed with Myrick's response.

"Based on a conversation I had with Mayor Myrick right after she was elected, I thought she was willing to deal with Charlotte's gay/lesbian population in good faith," he said.

"Now I'm not so sure, and of course I'm disappointed."

"But I don't want us to close the door with her yet. I've written her a reply that offers a meeting in which she calls all the shots: the number of people to be present, when and where. That's the only way I know of to keep her from having an excuse not to meet with us."

"I really feel she was doing just that - just looking for an excuse to back out of the meeting. I hope that she will prove that assessment wrong by scheduling another meeting with us and sticking to it."

"Why should she be surprised that the individuals she would have met with are people who have assumed responsibilities in the community? Doesn't she meet with influential people in other groups?"

"And why didn't she call me before sending the cancellation letter. We could have explained that every political candidate in this year's local election received a questionnaire from First Tuesday that asks for personal views on issues that concern gay men and lesbians."

"Since when do elected officials think that their personal views are not important to their constituents? And since when does the mayor of Charlotte feel that gay and lesbian issues have nothing to do with legislative issues or with the city and its quality of life?"

"Some will think I'm naive to think that a conservative Republican with fundamentalist Christian ties would meet with us, but I want to give her every possible chance. She has sounded like a good and understanding person in our past conversations."

King also arranged meetings with Democratic mayoral candidates Craig Madans and incumbent city council member Al Rouso.

Madans, a political newcomer, attended his meeting and has expressed interest in campaigning among gay men and lesbians.

Rouso canceled his original date because he had to attend a sudden city function had not rescheduled, though he had expressed a desire to do so. He suffered from pleurisy and pneumonia in July and the loss of time had constricted his campaign schedule. He recently resigned from the city council and the Democratic race due to ill health.

First Tuesday Questions The Candidates

By Sandra Bailey
 Special to Q-Notes

First Tuesday, a local advocacy group for the Gay/Lesbian community, sent questionnaires to the candidates running in the Primary for Mayor and City Council. The Primary will be held on Sept. 26. A list of the questions and the results obtained by First Tuesday is in this issue of Q-Notes.

A committee from First Tuesday has met with Craig Madans and with Sam Carr. We have meetings set up with Evan Webster and Jim Ross.

Craig Madans called us to set up his meeting and "welcomes the opportunity to meet again." In response to his three "no" answers, he stated, "I believe that in many instances children would be better off with

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Survey Responses

Y=yes U=undecided N=no NA=no answer

District Name (Party)	1	2	3	4	5	6a	b	c	d	7
Mayor										
Sue Myrick (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	N
Craig Madans (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y
Al Rouso (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y
City Council-at-Large										
Darryl A. Broome (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Elloree M. Erwin (R)	Y	Y	U	Y	U	N	N	N	Y	Y
Roosevelt Gardner (R)	U	U	U	Y	Y	U	U	U	U	Y
Ann Hammond (D)	U	U	Y	Y	Y	N	U	U	Y	Y
Pat McCory (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cyndee Patterson (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Dick Primm (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jim Ross (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y
Robert Sheets (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Evan Webster (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	Y
Jeff Williams (D)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Richard Vinroot (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
City Council - District 2										
Steve Barker (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Charlie Dannelly (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hoyle Martin (D)	N	N	N	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	Y
City Council - District 3										
Sam Carr (D)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ella Scarborough (D)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
City Council - District 7										
Vic Bell (R)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	Y
Tom Mangum (R)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA

First Tuesday: City Council Questionnaire

If elected to the City Council, will you:

1. Support an ordinance prohibiting discrimination in housing on the basis of sexual orientation?
2. Support an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation for any private sector employee?
3. Support an ordinance prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation for any public sector employee (police, fire, military, teacher, etc.)?
4. Support funding for AIDS education?
5. Oppose discrimination in employment, public accommodation, housing, healthcare, or educational opportunity against persons with positive AIDS or HIV test results?
6. Support gay men and lesbians having full legal rights including:
 - a. adoption
 - b. Legal recognition for same-sex couples
 - c. spousal healthcare benefits
 - d. hospital visitation rights
7. Would you like to meet with a committee from First Tuesday to discuss gay and lesbian legal and civil rights issues?