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There's a new GLBT group in Charlotte. The purpose of The Lavender Club (TLC) is to network with other socially-conscious people in the community and encourage philanthropy. According to founder Michael Harlow, "TLC was started as a get-together for people that care about trying to make a difference in our community. I figure, we are going to get together to eat and socialize, so why not do it for a good cause at the same time. We will collect items for needy organizations and promote volunteering. It's not much, but it's better than complaining and waiting for someone else to do it."

On October 14 at 7:00pm, TLC hosts "Cocktails for a Cause" at Tutto-Mundo (on South Blvd. next to Pewter Rose) to benefit Carolina Rainbow News (CRN). Donations of office supplies will be collected; specific needs include copy paper, white inkjet business cards, HP 51645A Inkjet cartridges, as well as gift certificates to local office stores.

Throughout October, TLC will sponsor a blanket drive to benefit A Child's Place. Drop-offs can be made at Carribou Coffee on East Blvd. on Wednesday nights (Amity Allies' regular gathering) or email Michael to make other arrangements. For more information, contact TheLavenderClub-owner@egroups.com.

Equality for Gays & Lesbians Everywhere (EGALE) has set up an online guestbook for everyone interested in recalling the late Pierre Elliott Trudeau, former Prime Minister of Canada. Trudeau decriminalized homosexuality in Canada during the late 1960s — a move the US still hasn't matched. The guest book can be accessed online at [www.egale.ca/cgi-bin/guestbook](http://www.egale.ca/cgi-bin/guestbook). Messages will be delivered to Trudeau's family on October 28.

MCC-Charlotte will celebrate the work of St. Francis of Assisi with a "Blessing of the Animals" on Saturday, October 21 at 1:00pm. Bring Tabby, Muffy or Ringo to the church, 1825 Eastway Drive, and enjoy the fellowship.

Rev. Mick Hinson will bless one and all — though snakes and spiders may receive the special "long-distance" blessing.

Metrolina AIDS Project (MAP) has announced their annual Leadership Award winners. Congratulations go to Donna Arrington, winner of the Jim Oehler Community Service Award; American Express Financial Advisors, winner of the Corporate Leadership Award; Ken Wittenaurer, winner of the Individual Leadership Award; and Kim Hales, Sandy Lawhun and Katy O'Donoghue, Volunteer Leadership Award recipients.

OutCharlotte has formed a partnership with the Denver-based Gill Foundation to host InCommunity OutGiving workshops in 2001.

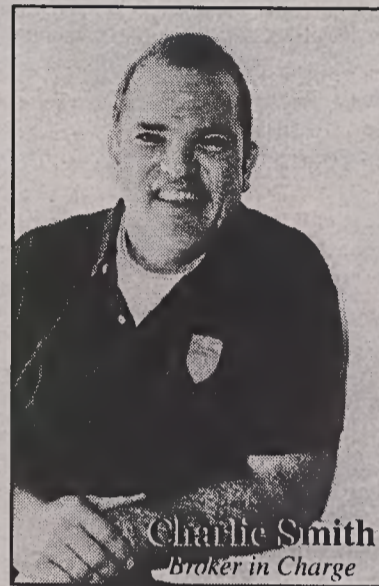
Staff members and adjunct faculty of the Gill Foundation's OutGiving Department will lead a series of workshops on fundraising strategies and board development in each InCommunity site. Groups and individuals wishing to learn how to raise funds for not-for-profits are invited to a reception on Thursday, November 2 to meet staff members of the Gill Foundation and learn about the free workshops to be presented in 2001. For more details and to reserve a place, call OutCharlotte at (704) 563-2699 by October 30.

Eleanor Sableski, the long-time director of Durham's Common Woman's Chorus (CWC), is passing the baton she's held for 16 years. The fall season of the chorus will be her last. Sableski is stepping down to spend more time on other interests. She will be missed by chorus and audience members alike.

The Charlotte Pride Committee is looking for ideas and people to help organize a citywide event — currently targeted for spring but still in the early stages of development. If you have suggestions or would like more information, email [CharlottePride-owner@egroups.com](mailto:CharlottePride-owner@egroups.com). ▼

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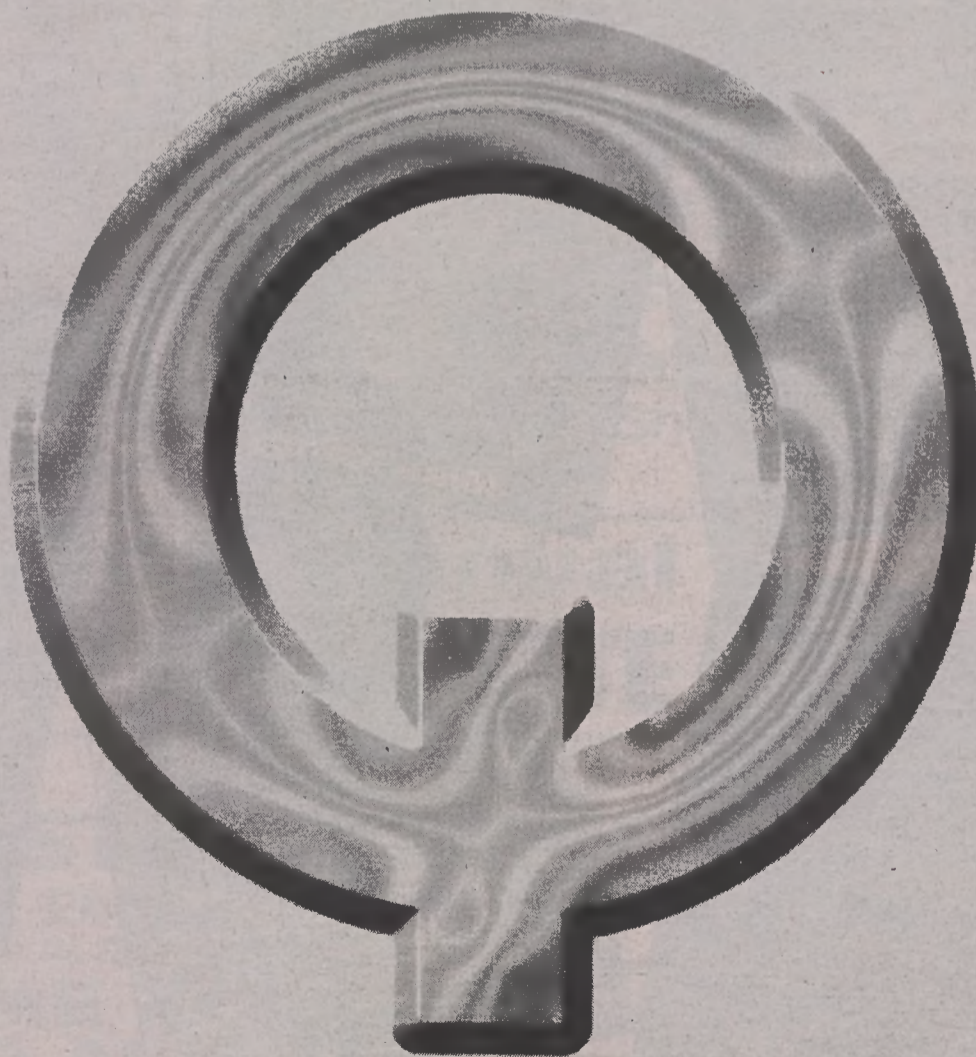
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