

Out and about

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Wilmington, NC 28403
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SC Pride Center: 803-771-7713

1108 Woodrow St. • Columbia, SC 29205
www.scglpmorg . SCPrideCenter@aol.com

April 24 - May 1 • Durham Could it be 'Nixon's Nixon'

Held at Manbites Dog Theater. Tickets: \$15
Friday - Sunday; \$10 Wednesdays and
Thursdays. Curtain at 8:15 p.m. except Sundays
at 3:15 p.m. 703 Foster St. Info: call 919-682-
3343 or visit www.manbitesdogtheater.org

April 24 • The Center, Charlotte LGBT family support/social group forming

1:30 p.m.: Initial meeting of the Social/Support
Group for LGBT Families. Info: email
glbtamilies@hotmail.com.

April 24 • The Center, Charlotte Piano Party!

8:30-1 p.m.: Warm up those vocal cords once
again for The Center's second Piano Party!
Sing-along or just play cards or visit with friends.
Refreshments. Donations accepted at the door.

April 26 • The Center, Charlotte A stitch in time...

7 p.m.: Learn basic crochet stitches with
Michelle Carmichael. Yarn and crochet hooks
will be supplied for the initial class. Free.

April 27 • The Center, Charlotte

Men's Power Dating

7-9 p.m.: A fun, facilitated format
to quickly meet up to 11 men in
one evening and perhaps meet a

new best friend or a special someone. Limited
to the first 12 to sign up. Advance registration
required. Tickets: \$15 per person (\$12.00 for
Center annual members).
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April 28 • The Center, Charlotte Women's Power Dating

7-9 p.m.: A fun, facilitated format to quickly
meet up to 11 women in one evening and per-
haps meet a new best friend or a special some-
one. Limited to the first 12 to sign up. Advance
registration required. Tickets: \$15 per person
(\$12.00 for Center annual members).
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April 28 • The Center, Charlotte Take Control - Take The Test

5-7 p.m.: Free HIV and syphilis testing provided
by Metrolina AIDS Project.

April 29 - May 9 • Greensboro Playin' the blues

Jazz and blues with W.C. Clark, Peter Cincotti,
Dewey Redman and New York Voices. Info:
www.piedmontjazzbluesfest.com

April 30 - May 2 • Charlotte Show your Charlotte Pride!

Charlotte Pride 2004 - "Progress Thru Pride" at
Marshall Park in Uptown Charlotte.
For complete listing of events, visit
www.charlottepride.com.

May 1 • Charlotte Lift up your voice

8 p.m.: The WOW! Factor — One Voice Concert
at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 1510 E. 7th St.
Sotto Voce joins forces with local crowd-pleaser
Impromptu for a small ensemble concert.
Tickets: \$12

May 2 • Lumberton Appalachian Blue

2 p.m.: Concerts Unlimited presents "An
Afternoon of Bluegrass" featuring Appalachian
Blue & Southland Boys. Carolina Civic Center
Tickets: \$10.00 — available at CCC Box Office
and Fins Furs Feathers Pet Center. Info: call 910-

878-7821 or visit www.concertsunlimited.com

May 3 • The Center, Charlotte Religion, faith and sexuality intersect

7 p.m.: Monthly meeting of lesbian and gay
faith leaders and some allies. Inter-faith dialogue
open to all community members. Free.

May 6 • The Center, Charlotte Come out, come out

7-8:30 p.m.: Coming Out Support Group is a
free group for women and men who are coping
with the struggles of coming out to themselves
and to family, friends and co-workers. Safe, con-
fidential setting. The group will be facilitated by
Dori Luke, MSW, LCSW. Free.

May 7 - 9 • Charlotte City Fest Live

Features live rock, country, bluegrass, blues and
folk music. Info: www.cityfestlive.com

May 7 • Charlotte Trailer Park BINGO

6:30 p.m.: RAIN's wildly successful Gay Bingo
at the Carole A. Hoefner Center, 610 East 7th
St. Tickets (\$20) available at Paper Skyscraper,
330 East Blvd; White Rabbit Books & Things,
1401 Central Ave; City Supply Co., 1219 Thomas
Ave., The Furniture Connector, 5800-B
Brookshire Blvd., or by calling RAIN at 704-372-
7246 or visiting www.gaybingocharlotte.org.

May 7-9 • Black Mountain, NC Lake Eden Arts Festival

Celebrate music, discover community, and
experience culture at LEAF in a beautiful lake-
front setting in the Blue Ridge Mountains. Day
tickets: \$18-\$35; weekend camping passes:
\$74-\$100; Community passes: \$43-\$55. Info:
828-686-8742 or visit www.theLEAF.com

May 7 • Greenville Gay Prom

Affirm, a support organization for GLBTQ youth
in the Upstate, will host a prom at the Hyatt
Regency in downtown Greenville. Affirm invites
all GLBTQ youth ages 16-22 to attend. The
theme will be Midnight Masquerade. Tickets:
\$25-\$35 per person with limited Prom sponsor-
ships available. Info: call Heidi Anderson at 864-
787-6168

May 7 - June 3 • Charlotte Visual art

Jimmy O'Neal's "Works from the Rose

Museum" painting exhibition. Joie Lassiter
Gallery, 525 North Tryon St. (Odell Building)
ground floor.

Info: visit www.lassitergallery.com

May 7 • The Center, Charlotte Lend your voice

7-9:00 p.m.: Voices: Brothers Speak Out is a
dynamic monthly discussion group open to all
same-gender loving men. Dialogue includes
African-American issues, sexuality, faith, etc.
Refreshments. Free.

May 7 - June 3 • Charlotte Maja Godlewska exhibits

Exhibit of new work at the Joie Lassiter Gallery,
525 North Tryon St. (Odell Building) ground floor.
Rich hues and textures are intrinsic to
Godlewska's canvases. Melding classical sub-
ject matter with contemporary handling makes
Godlewska's pieces compelling and challenging.

May 8 • The Center, Charlotte Love makes a family

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Family Planning: A Free
Seminar on Lesbian & Gay Parenting with Dori
Luke, MSW, LCSW, and Connie Vetter, Attorney
at Law. Free. Registration is required for child-
care. Info: call Dori Luke at 704-567-3635 or
Connie Vetter at 704-567-5530

May 12 • Charlotte Blast from the past

7 p.m.: Gay Men's Spiritual Direction Group
Reunion is for anyone who attended the Gay
Men's Spiritual Direction Group that met at St.
Peter's and then St. Ann's Catholic Church on
Wednesday nights. The group met once a
month for almost five years and this will be an
opportunity for everyone to meet and reconnect,
make new friends, etc. A purely social event.

May 15 • Charlotte Supporting MAP

8:30-11:30 p.m.: Guess Who's Coming To
Dinner concludes at the Wachovia Atrium in
Uptown Charlotte.
Info: www.metrolinaaidsproject.org/
volunteer/main.html

May 15 • Columbia S.C. Pride 2004

info: Announce your community event in Out & About.
Email: outandabout@q-notes.com or fax 704-531-1361.



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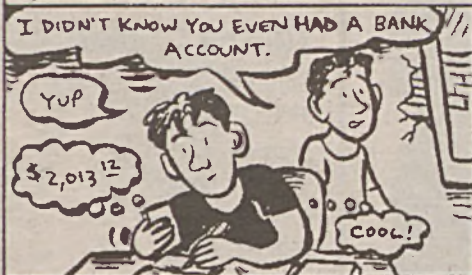
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BY ROBERT KIRBY

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SO THERE I WAS, SECRETLY STOCK-
PILING MONEY FROM ODD JOBS FOR
THE FUTURE - CAL'S AND MY FUTURE,
WHATEVER THAT WAS GONNA BE - AND
CAL DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT IT. IT WAS
GOING TO BE A SURPRISE.



I WAS ALL ABOUT SECRETS THEN,
AND FOR A GOOD REASON. I BE-
GAN TO SEE THAT THE ATOMS
WEREN'T AS BASICALLY HARMLESS
AS I'D THOUGHT.



ONE NIGHT WE WERE LOITERING
AROUND THE STREET CORNER AS
USUAL, WHEN SOME GUY WALKED
BY AND SAID SOMETHING HE
SHOULDN'T HAVE.



WATCHING LITTLE MIKE'N IKE AND
NICK RAY BEATING THE SHIT OUT-
TA SOMEONE MADE MY JAW DROP.
I'D ALWAYS KIDDED MYSELF THAT
IT WAS JUST ATOM HIMSELF WHO
DID ANY OF THE REAL BAD STUFF,
AND HE WASN'T EVEN THERE.



I DIDN'T DO A GODDAMN THING TO
STOP THEM. I JUST STOOD THERE
THINKING THIS ISN'T ME, THIS IS-
N'T ME, THIS ISN'T ME... LIKE
THAT LET ME OFF THE HOOK OR
SOMETHING.



SO WHY WAS I INVOLVED WITH
THIS GANG? WHY WAS CAL? I
NEVER WANTED TO HURT ANYBODY.
OF COURSE, NOW THAT I WANTED
OUT THEY WERE HARDER TO GET
RID OF THAN GUM ON YOUR SHOE.

