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Video bar

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Kitchen Open Monday - Friday
5:30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Bar Open EVERYDAY!
5:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Mondays

1/2 Priced House Wine

Tuesdays

\$2.00 Mich Light & Mich Ultra

Wednesdays

\$1.75 Miller Lite

Thursdays

Will & GRACE

Every Thursday at 8:30!

\$1.75 Bud Light

Fridays

DJ Jazzy Jill

Friday, November 18

\$4.50 Cali Vodka (except Grey Goose)

Saturdays

\$5.25 Long Island Iced Tea

Sundays

\$4.75 Pink Panties!!!

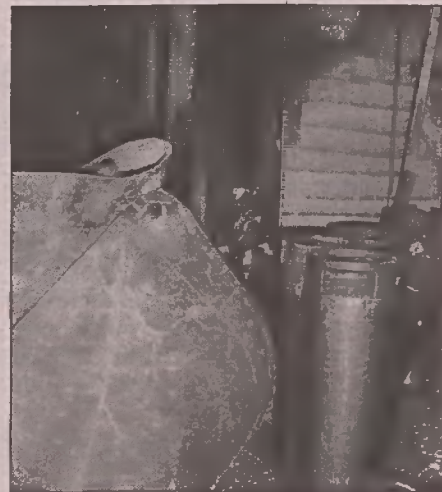
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Fire ravages another gay bar

CHARLOTTE — Gay bars and fires are a combustible mix that seem far too com-



The fire at Central Station caused extensive smoke damage.

mon in Charlotte, dating back to the early 1980s when Charlotte's Scorpio burned twice. Later during the 1990s another gay nightspot in an historic building on Park Rd. — Danny's Pub — was reduced to ashes following a mysterious fire in the early morning hours.

The most recent gay club to be claimed by the flame is Central Station, a long-time Charlotte watering hole in the city's Plaza-Midwood neighborhood, an area with a large gay population.

Some of the aforementioned fires remain unsolved, while others were determined to be accidental and another was confirmed arson.

The fire at Central Station, according to owner Greg Brafford, was accidental and started by an electrical short.

The fire began sometime around 5 a.m., following the club's closing at 2 a.m. on the morning of Oct. 19. All staff members had left the building by 3 a.m., Brafford confirmed.

Although much of the interior was extensively damaged by smoke the exterior appears to be intact. Brafford says he plans to re-open.

"It started in the back in the wall," says Brafford. "There's a lot of smoke damage — but the insurance will cover it so we plan to re-open in the same spot. Hopefully sometime in the next three months."

Club employees and patrons appear to be undaunted by the destruction — as a sign posted on the outside of the building indicated that patrons were encouraged to go to another nearby club (Chasers) for happy hour, which would be staffed by Central Station bartenders.

Central Station patrons: A fire has burnt (sic) us out for the moment, but all is not lost! All Central Station patrons can visit Terry, Eric and Rodney at Chasers ... and yes, the show goes on! Brooklyn Dior's Friday night Cabaret at Chasers.

Diocese sponsors dinner

CHARLOTTE — On Nov. 13, The Diocesan Ministry for Gay & Lesbian

Catholics will sponsor its annual Taize Prayer Service and Potluck Supper.

The event will be held at St. Ann's Catholic Church, Allen Center, 3635 Park Rd., at 6 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share and join in the spirited service in the church's sanctuary.

For more information, call David at 704-921-5711, Kevin at 704-596-3845 or email devinsleigh@aol.com.

Dems seeking affiliates

STATEWIDE — The National Stonewall Democrats (NSD) are "looking for a few good members" in North Carolina.

Last year Wilmington Stonewall Dems and Triangle Stonewall Dems participated in putting on an information table at the State Democratic party convention. They hope to do this again next year.

NSD may also want to pursue getting recognition as an official affinity or affiliate organization of the party in N.C. Those who are interested should email garry-robert2004@yahoo.com.

Although the National group encourages larger donations, membership can be handled with a simple online donation of \$10. Under consideration at this time is the solicitation of local chapter dues, as well as raising money to pay for expenses to put out quality information in support of its issues.

Currently, some interest has been seen in the Charlotte area. Email stephen290467@yahoo.com to find out more.

Check out www.stonewalldemocrats.org/resources to see what other chapters are doing. Suggestions on how to form local affiliates are included in this link.

ENC hold workshop its fight

STATEWIDE — Equalit NC (ENC) is conducting an activism workshop from Nov. 11-13 in Raleigh through Wellstone Action, a national progressive center for training and leadership development. The training will include three tracks for people with all levels of experience: Being a Candidate; Working on a Campaign and Citizen Activism and Advocacy Organizing. Camp Wellstone will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday and run until about 4 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$75 or just \$35 for students, low-income, or unemployed participants. To learn more about the program and to register, visit www.wellstone.org.

For more information on other ENC initiatives and programming, visit www.equaitync.org.

"Trembling" rabbi comes to N.C.

CHARLOTTE — Temple Beth El has announced that it will welcome Rabbi Steve Greenberg (pictured), the first openly gay Orthodox rabbi who wrote the award-winning documentary "Trembling Before G-d," as its scholar in residence during its Alan Rosenberg Memorial Inclusion Shabbat Educational Weekend to be held Dec. 2-4. Chavurah Keshet, the Temple's LGBT support organization, will serve as host sponsor for the event.

Rabbi Greenberg received his B.A. in Philosophy from Yeshiva University and his rabbinical ordination from Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

In 1993, while still in the closet, Rabbi

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