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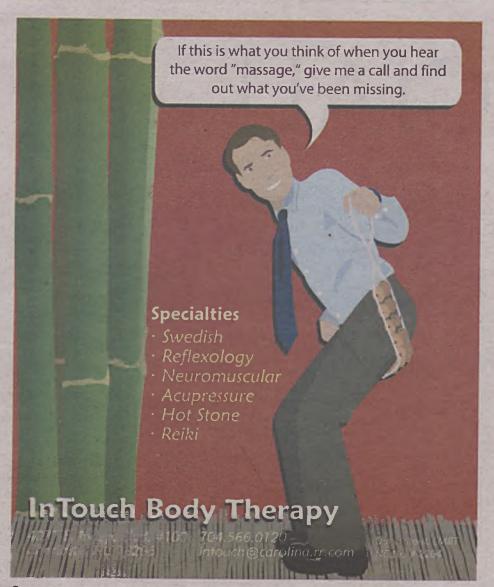
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CHARLOTTE

Local bar sued

CHARLOTTE — The Garden & Gun Club, which is scheduled to open this summer in the NC Music Factory complex, has been served with a lawsuit, alleging trademark infringement.

According to The Charlotte Observer, the dance club's owners TwoDalGals received notice that a Charleston, S.C.-based lifestyle magazine filed a suit on July 28 in state court, but was removed to federal court the following day.

Garden & Gun magazine is arguing that they hold the trademark on the name as an assignment by parent company Evening Post Publishing Co. The publication is now a year old.

In the documents filed, the plaintiff asserted that they had spent several million dollars in development, publication, advertising solicitation as well as shaping an online presence.

The publishers selected the name to mirror the "gentility yet strength" of the South.

The club's name was found during a routine web search.

Evening Post said it was concerned that the name usage would lead to a notion that both

Garden & Gun is seeking more than \$75,000 in relief as documented in court papers.

Pride seeks feedback

CHARLOTTE - Pride Charlotte 2008, a project of The Lesbian & Gay Community Center, is asking everyone who attended the event to take a short survey to help give viable information for next year's steering committee for planning purposes.

This online survey only takes a moment to complete. The data provided will help in future development to ensure that Pride Charlotte 2009 will be even bigger and better.

Be sure to share thoughts and comments

To participate, visit www.eSurveysPro.com/ Survey.aspx?id=bc9d7d5b-b76d-454c-b367-854a39f49a27.

Local author releases novel

MOORESVILLE — Frances Richter has recently released a new novel, "Friend of the Firm: a Sheldon Bailey Mystery."

This book is the first in a series about lesbian attorney Sheldon Bailey.

Richter has spent her entire life in the deep South, most of it spent in the Charlotte area. She takes an interest in child welfare issues, and volunteers her time and talents working in the community for neglected and abused children.

She will have an official release and book signing at Four Corners Framing and Gallery at 162A N. Broad St., on Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.

To order a copy of the books or for more information, visit www.francesrichter.com.

Time to 'turkey'

CHARLOTTE — PrideSisters is looking for interested individuals to form a bowling team for the upcoming Queen City Rollers gay bowling league season which starts Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Carolina Lanes.

The season lasts 24 weeks. Teams consist of four and allows for substitutes for game play.

Cost is \$14 per week and includes three

end of season banquet, team and individual awards, bowling balls and shoes.

games per week,

Kick-off meeting will be held on Aug. 25 at

7:30 p.m. at Carolina Lanes in Matthews. For more information, email pridesisters@yahoo.com.

Center needs stuff

CHARLOTTE — The LGBT Community Center of Charlotte is seeking donations of the following items: ping pong table, corn toss sets and portable basketball pole/hoop.

The Center is a 501(c)(3) non profit, so any

donations are fully tax deductible.

Interested parties wishing to donate these items (or donate half and sell half) should email honginot@yahoo.com.

Campus action group makes mark

CHARLOTTE — National transgender advocate and educator Donna Rose was honored on July 23 by Campus Pride's Summer Leadership Camp with its first-ever Voice Action Award. Rose was a featured guest speaker at the Closing Dinner Graduation Ceremony on the host campus of Towson University.

Rose delivered her keynote "Pathways to Equality: Frontiers of LGBT Advocacy" to 60 LGBT and ally student leaders from across the United States and Canada.

The Voice Action Award will be given annually at the summer camp and recognizes a national leader in the LGBT and ally movement who has made exemplary contributions in the fight for equality and believes in the mission of Campus Pride — "to give voice and action in building future LGBT and ally student leaders."

Donna Rose is well-deserving of this honor. She embodies inclusion and diversity...and has utilized her voice to build bridges, ignite change and create dialogue inside our movement, which will only serve to make us stronger," said Shane Windmeyer, executive director of Campus Pride.

The Campus Pride Summer Leadership Camp is the only one of its kind in the nation. The five-day camp experience blends traditional camp activities with a core curriculum of skill building in leadership development, social justice and civic involvement.

For over six months, Campus Pride coordinated a team of higher education professionals and experts to plan and implement the camp. In addition, various sponsoring national organizations were also invited to conduct skill-specific workshops including the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), Soulforce Q for Young Adults, Out for Work and the Human Rights Campaign. Other camp sponsors included Cargill, Ernst Young, LLC, Chartwells, the Matthew Shepard Foundation, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, Towson University Honors College, Campus Life, Center for Student Diversity and LGBT Student Development Program, OUTmedia, Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund, Wesley Mancini Foundation, Tyvola Design, Dick Walker Memorial Trust and Marc Walters, Consortium of Higher Education LGBT Resource Professionals, Point Foundation, National Lesbian and Gay Law Association, The Trevor Project and Public Identity.

For more information, email info@campus pride.org or visit www.campuspride.org.

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