Miss OK is Lady Tamia St. James and her RU was Londonn Raines. To save the best for last, the new Miss Sin City is Luscious, our former Miss NC America and Miss Scorpio. Her RU was Natasha Braxton. I'm so glad Miss Luscious is a good listener and went to one of the best promoters in the country. I smell a crown and it's coming in this direction!

The program that I mentioned the last time about the girls from "Trantasia" is to be called "Wild Things." I've just gotten off the phone with Tamalah Taylor while Maria Roman was visiting from Hollywood. Tam has plans to be on it next season. In the meantime, she is planning on doing a prelim in San Antonio which will take her to the All-American Goddess pageant that Candi Stratton will be

Don't forget that Alyson Thomas is having her Carolina Continental prelims here in Charlotte at Scorpio on FEb. 25. Come out and see the national titleholders Armani, Christopher Iman. Michelle Fighter and the gorgeous Mexican mamacita Coco Van Cartier. I'll see v'all there!

In closing, one small correction from last time — Felcia Monet's title is actually Miss Pride Charlotte and not Charlotte Pride. Her first prelim will be Miss Scorpio Pride on March 19 and will end up with Queen City Pride at Hartigan's on June 25. I understand there are some fantastic plans for Pride this year here in the Queen City. They are also adding a king contest for male impersonators and will also be doing a contest for guys, too. Can't wait! :: info: Drop me a line, OK? The Tea Miss D@yahoo.com

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Additionally, the Regional AIDS Interfaith Network (RAIN) has announced the date of its AIDS Walk Charlotte 2010. Join community members on May 1 at Gateway Village Atrium, 800 W. Trade St. to show support and help raise needed monies to keep programming alive.

For more information, call Nathan Smith at 704-372-7246 ext. 161, email n.smith@ carolinarain.org or visit carolinarain.org.

## **South Carolina**

#### **Church shuts doors**

GREENVILLE - MCC of the Upstate, on Feb. 7 at a specially-called congregational meeting at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 1925 Pelham Rd., charged its members of the board to work toward a peaceful closure of its church body. It did so after voting "their collective spiritual conscience on the matter at hand."

At the meeting, the 13 members in attendance voted on option two (of three) which allowed for closure of the church as an MCC organization, thus allowing its members to decide freely where and when to make their new spiritual home.

The board, along with Rev. Jane Nelson and Rev. Elder Darlene Garner, will work in a timely manner toward completion of all necessary business and spiritual transactions.

## **Triangle**

#### Batter up!

RALEIGH/DURHAM — A new Meetup group has formed for the sports enthusiast. The Raleigh-Durham Gay Softball League is a fun, adult coed slow-pitch softball league which began in 2009. This year they hope to have a bat-splitting, successful year.

The spring season is tentatively scheduled to begin on Apr. 11 and will continue most Sundays through May 23.

To join the group, visit meetup.com/Raleigh-Durham-Gay-Softball-League/?gj=wg2\_ej1b. To learn more about the team, visit rdugsl.com.

#### Athlete's photo exhibit

DURHAM — Dn Feb. 24, artist Jeff Sheng will speak at Scharf Hall in the Krzyzenski Center. Central theme for his presentation and his photo exhibit, "Fearless," is based upon LGBT athletes. His work spans 2003-10 with high school students as his focus.

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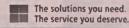
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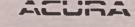
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