

Drag Rag

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many entertainers, including all four national Continental titleholders, plus a few formers, like Chanel Dupree and Erika Norell. Also, some of Alyson's former winners, too. The title winners that evening include Mr. Carolinas Continental Kyle Ean Haggerty, Miss PLUS Tianna Love, Miss Elite Cierra Douglas, Miss SC Continental Alexis Gabrielle Sherrington and NC Continental Athena Dion, a new child who did really well, including turning Talent completely out. This "little Greek kid" (as I call her), who was a military brat and actually lived in Ft. Bragg for two years, got a standing ovation. Next in line was another new child, Evelyn Monroe, who had on probably the prettiest updo I think I've ever seen. Many, many thanks to the co-hostess Vegas Dion for all the hospitality and to Alyson for treatment fit literally for a queen. Diskotekka in Miami is one happenin' place! Wow!

I'll close with prelims leading up to NC EOY, which Angelica Dust will relinquish in just weeks. Miss Flower Power is Trixie Fontaine with RU Macaria Rage; Miss Forsyth County is Neely O'Hara with RU Malaysia Chanel Iman; Miss Land in the Sky is Brinna Michaels with RU Manhattan; and Miss Piedmont Princess is Vivica Dupree with Paradise Dust as alternate. I have the distinct pleasure of mentioning that Olive Oyl, the Grande Dame of the Triad, was named Miss Bat\$#!# Emeritus. And, yes, they really are spelling it that way — you'll see on the posters. Lord, only Olivia Vorhees Oyl would consent to such.

A final note — A.J., I am not going out in drag anytime soon, nor will I be asking for a booking of all things, so here is your one-time mention! Muah! : :

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City attorney to resign

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gally defensible way to include sexual orientation in the City's equal employment language without first requesting a Charter amendment from the legislature."

The term "gender identity" was not added to Walton's new non-discrimination policy.

"We are not recommending that you include 'gender identity' as a protected status," McCarley's memo to Walton read. "This is a relatively new term, has no recognized legal definition, and is highly subjective."

Last year, McCarley told *quotes* he worked with the city manager's office to come up with the best possible changes for the new policy.

"The city manager asked us if we could find a way to do this and we gave him the best option we could," he said in a telephone interview.

McCarley said the term "gender identity" had not been held up to any judicial scrutiny.

Harper Jean Tobin, policy counsel for the Washington, D.C.-based National Center for Transgender Equality (NCTE), told *quotes* she believed city officials were mistaken.

"It's not new in the sense that it has been part of various state and local laws in many places for a decade, in some places for two decades," Tobin said in a 2010 interview via phone. "There is a pretty well established meaning."

Charlotte is the last major city in the state to take up discussion of LGBT-inclusion in city ordinances or policies. Durham and Raleigh passed "sexual orientation"-inclusive non-discrimination policies in 1987 and 1988, respectively. Seven other cities and four counties include "sexual orientation" in their non-discrimination policies or ordinances. Boone, Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Orange County also include "gender identity." : :

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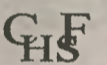
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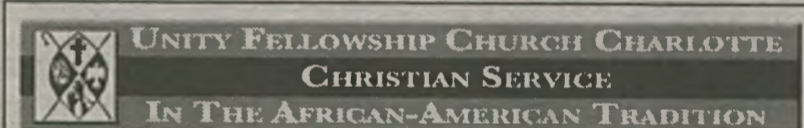
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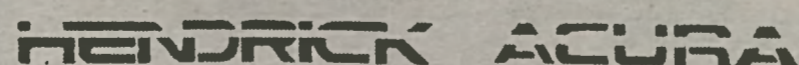
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