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is calling on all fair-minded citizens to boycott Spirit Line Cruises and Fort Sumter Tours, owned by Campsen and his family. Noting that LGLA has spent "thousands of dollars booking cruises through Spirit Line" in the past, LGLA President Richard Campbell said, "The senator is more than willing to take our money, but refuses to allow us to seek what all other South Carolinians already have: the freedom to protect our families and loved ones."

If you would like to support LGLA and help offset the losses they face for taking this principled stand, send a donation to LGLA, PO Box 302, Charleston, SC 29417. LGLA is planning a replacement cruise for July 23. For more information, go to www.lgla.org.

LGBT youth scholarships established

COLUMBIA — The S.C. Progressive Network has established a scholarship fund to sponsor a young LGBT activist to attend the Network's annual retreats at Penn Center in Beaufort. The scholarship honors the commitment of GLPM board members Ed Madden and Bert Easter to each other and to social justice.

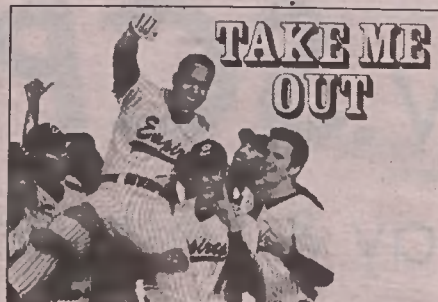
Madden and Easter, longtime Network members and representatives of SCGLPM, were married on March 19 at the Unitarian Church in Charleston.

The Easter/Madden Fund was presented at the Network's Seventh Annual Thunder and Lightning Awards reception in Columbia on April 2. The awards are given each spring to honor South Carolina's outstanding grassroots activists.

The Network is a statewide coalition of individual activists and advocacy organizations working together to promote democratic values and sound public policy in a state not famous for either. For more information about the Network or to join, visit www.scpnet.com. For more information about the scholarship, contact Becci Robbins at 803-808-3384 or email scpoint@mindspring.com.

'Take Me Out' to Trustus for the SCGLPM preview

COLUMBIA — SCGLPM will host the preview performance of "Take Me Out" at



Trustus Theatre in Columbia on June 23.

"Take Me Out" is a sensational comedy that explores the experiences of a professional baseball player who comes out of the closet. Winner of the 2003 Tony Award for Best Play, Richard Greenberg's "Take Me Out" is an All-American story about baseball, friendship and being gay.

Like SCGLPM's previous Trustus events ("The Most Fabulous Story Ever Told" and "When Pigs Fly"), this one promises to be a sold-out performance. To reserve your tickets, call 803-771-7713 or email

SCPrideCenter@aol.com. The special performance of this award-winning play will be a fundraiser for the Harriet Hancock Center.

New books in Center library

COLUMBIA — Among the new books available at the Center library this month are "Gay and Lesbian Rights Organizing: Community-Based Strategies," edited by Yolanda C. Padilla; "Handbook of LGBT Issues in Community Mental Health," edited by Ronald Hellman and Jack Drescher; and "How It Feels to Have a Gay or Lesbian Parent," by Judith Snow. Thanks to Haworth Press (www.HaworthPress.com) for these additions to the Center library.



AFFIRM Youth plans gay prom

GREENVILLE — Affirm Youth in the Upstate will celebrate Pride by hosting "The Black Party," Affirm's Second Annual LGBT Prom for Youth ages 16-22. The prom will be held 8 p.m. to midnight at the Unitarian Universalist Center in Greenville.

All S.C. youth and youth organizations are invited to attend. Attendees can expect a night of playful elegance, fun and food and a lively DJ. And don't forget to dress to impress for this year's Prom Butch and Femme contest. A professional photographer will be on site. Cost is \$20. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit www.affirmyouth.org or call 864-467-9004.

Fundraising begins for new roof

COLUMBIA — At their recent 15th Anniversary Banquet, SCGLPM announced a special fundraising drive for renovations to the Harriet Hancock Center. Immediate needs include a new roof and a new sign to reflect the Center's name change.

SCGLPM has received a beginning donation of \$1,000 towards the new roof from Steve Crow of San Francisco. Past SCGLPM President Bert Easter confirmed that the donation puts SCGLPM well on the way to a goal.

"We were delighted to receive Steve's generous donation," said Easter. "We hope the local community will help fulfill the promise of this special gift."

If you would like to donate to the Harriet Hancock Center fund, send a check to GLPM, PO Box 12648, Columbia, SC, 29201.

Center open on Sundays 1-6

COLUMBIA — The SCGLPM Center is open only on a volunteer basis, so it is sometimes difficult to maintain regular hours. The board of SCGLPM has committed to be open Sundays through the end of this year, from 1-6 p.m. The Center will be closed May 22 for Pride weekend (see story, page one). For more information, call 803-771-7713, or email SCPrideCenter@aol.com.

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