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SisterSound

with Margie Adam

SisterSound, Lexington's Women's Chorus, continues its fourth season by presenting feminist/singer/songwriter/pianist Margie Adam as our special guest in performances at Singletery Center for the Arts on Saturday, April 24 (8 pm) and Sunday, April 25 (3 pm).

For those unfamiliar with Margie's work, this is a great way to be introduced to her. Margie Adam has been a leader in the women's music scene for over twenty years. She is primarily known for her love songs and inspiring songs of conscience while continuing to explore the realm of pop-jazz solo piano as well. Margie has seven recordings on her own label that span over 23 years of music-making. Among her most well known pieces is "We Shall Go Forth" which was performed at the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977. Cris Williamson and Peter, Paul and Mary have recorded her work and NPR's "Morning Edition" and "All Things Considered" have played cuts from her most recent piano release, "Soon and Again."

Whether you are a regular at SisterSound performances or a newcomer, this is not a concert that you

will want to miss. Lexington and the surrounding area rarely get the opportunity to have a feminist musician of this caliber appearing locally. For ticket information, call Sabrina at 243-0243 or the Singletery Center for the Arts at 257-4929.

Draggin' Jubilee for LMCC

The Third Annual *Draggin' Jubilee for MCC* will be held at The Bar on Wednesday, April 7, beginning at 9 pm. The \$5 admission will include food and a chance to win one of 30 door prizes in addition to the spectacle, er, spectacular show.

Mistress of ceremonies Vera Lee I-Say-Unto-Thee says that the evening will feature Angel and the Heavenly Rays, Rayna Starr, LaToya BaCall, Miss Anita Klymaxx, Taylor Brice, Sunday Delarouge, Niagara Falls, Jennifer Grant, Kountry K.J., Devon Lee, Divinna Littrell, and Chi Chi Rodriguez. Gertie May Noe is sure to put in an appearance so grab your AL8-1 and meet us at The Bar.

"We Are Family"

On April 10th at 8 pm, the Lexington Men's Chorus will take the stage of the Lexington Opera House to present "We Are Family," a showcase of the music of the 1970's.

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Arranged by David Maddux, a noted composer and arranger for lesbian and gay choruses, the show features an array of chart-toppers from the AM-rock dial, everything from the melancholic music of the Carpenters to the disco beats of the Village People. Mix in some Elton John, James Taylor, Donna Summer, and ABBA, add a dash of TV theme songs, stir gently with the sounds of keyboard, electronic base, piano and drums, and this show will cook!

The chorus will recreate the look as well as the sound of the 70's complete with polyester double-knit pants, wrinkle free leisure suits, bell bottoms and platform shoes. Whatever image you conjure up, it translates to a night of great music.

Directed by Dawn Coon with accompaniment by Loren Tice, LMC received a grant from the Lexington Arts and Cultural Commission to help fund "We Are Family." Join us April 10th. Tickets

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Do We Really Need A Pride Center?

....Are YOU Willing To Support It?

The Metropolitan Community Church and GLSO have negotiated a new financial agreement for paying the expenses for the two offices we share. For the last year the Pride Center has paid 30% of the rent and utilities which has been somewhat more than \$400 a month. We have now agreed to pay 50% of the rent, while continuing to pay 30% of the utilities. We expect this to be about \$630 a month (\$500 rent, \$130 utilities and maintenance).

We want to draw your attention to the fact that together, MCC and the Pride Center are paying more than **\$40 a day** to have this building as part of our community. In order to continue to have a Pride Center, we need community support. We are asking: Do we need a Pride Center? Are you willing to support it? These questions are sincere- perhaps we should not continue to put money into a Pride Center.

Many groups use the Pride Center for meetings, discussions, rehearsals, game playing, play practice, and... we'll think of more interesting activities in the years to come. We are asking every group that uses the center to make a financial contribution to the Pride Center account. We are not setting a minimum contribution at this time but we definitely need to increase the income to the Pride account. GLSO has monthly meetings, newsletter foldings, discussion groups, and occasional other get togethers at the center. We will be paying \$100 a month of GLSO money to the Pride account.

If six other groups were able to give \$100 a month, that would cover the costs for a year. We realize that only a few groups can afford this amount, but if you use the center on a

weekly basis we would like for your group to consider a sizable contribution. Most groups meeting at the Center are now paying something, but realistically not enough to cover the real expense of their use.

Alternatives to group financial support, are fund raisers and contributions from individuals. Of course, if every gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered person in the Bluegrass area gave us \$3, we would be set for years. Taking the 10% figure as a guide, there must be close to 20,000 of us in the Bluegrass area. If half of us gave \$3 that would be \$30,000!

Many of us give regularly to one or another charity but only a relatively few of us regularly donate to lesbigay-trans organizations. Individuals who are involved in volunteering often feel attachment and ownership of their organizations but sometimes not to our community as a whole. How can we encourage everyone to feel ownership of the Pride Center, of Fairness, of the GLSO News, ..of our community? We are a community, but we do not all believe in our potential.

We do have some money in the Pride Center account as well as in a certificate of deposit, so the Pride Center will be open for at least another year. But we have been slowly spending the money that was raised before the Center opened and unless contributions pick up that money will be flowing out even more rapidly during 1999. Ultimately the Center has to be supported by many individuals and groups in order to exist. So, What is your vision for our lesbigytrans community? Does it include a Pride Center? How much is it worth to **you**?

Community News

are available through the Singletary Ticket Office at 257-4929 or from any chorus member.

Amazon Adventurers

In February, a women's outdoor activity group was conceived. Thus far over thirty women have expressed interest in participating! The group has already engaged in two day hikes (to Berea College Forest and the Red River Gorge) and is formulating plans for camping trips to Big South Fork and Mammoth Cave!

Through a standard most-votes procedure, the group elected to name itself Amazon Adventurers! -- an inclusive and palatable title. Other names considered were Dikes on Hikes, and Leaping Lesbians. The group is open to women who are lesbian or lesbian-friendly and enjoy the great outdoors.

There are no fees other than any incurred through National Park or campground use. Children are welcome depending on the difficulty level of the activity. Occasional combined trips with gay and gay-friendly men will be considered. If you are interested in joining or would like more information, please contact Laurie at 299-3098 or ldavison@pop.uky.edu.

Pride Month 99

The next pride planning meeting is Monday April 5, at 7 pm at the Pride Center, 387 Waller Ave. If you are planning an activity of any kind, call or e-mail Terry (255-5469 or mis-terb@gte.net) by April 19 to get on

the calendar. This is the deadline for the initial advertising which we will out in early May.

The **Pride Picnic**, usually our best attended event, is Sunday, June 13 at Windy Knoll Farm, noon to 4 (rain or shine). If you can donate a raffle item or would like to set up as a vendor, please call Kelly at 277-6168. We will also need volunteers on that day so if you can give us an hour, give Kelly a call. We need your help and this a great way to get to know people while having a great time.

Monthly Events

Instead of writing articles every month on regular events, we print these reminders as well as listing them on our calendar.

Every Wed...GLSO Discussion Group
First Sunday...Court Cafe at Regina's
Second Friday...MCC Movie Night
Fourth Friday...MCC Games Night
For MCC info call Tomas 226-0978

Mr Ky. Leather

Mr. Kentucky Leather contest will be held April 3-4, in Lexington. The event sponsored by Kentucky Leather Productions with assistance from the Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S is open to leathermen, at least 21 years old. The contest is an official preliminary for the International Mr. Leather contest held each year in Chicago.

Activities will begin on Saturday, at 9:30 pm with a Mr. Kentucky Leather Bar Night at Vertigo's, 123 W. Main, and will feature a meet and greet for contestants and judges, a salute to previous Mr. Ky Leather titleholders, and a Dungeon Dance.

The contest will be held on Sunday, April 4 at the Radisson Plaza Hotel, 369 W. Vine Street. Doors will open at 8 pm and the contest will begin at 9 pm.

ACT OUT

Act Out, the theatrical group associated with GLSO, announces auditions for its next production, *Beyond Therapy*, by Christopher Durang. Anyone interested in auditioning should come to the Pride Center, 387 Waller, Friday evening April 9th from 7 pm to 10 pm, and/or Saturday afternoon between 1 pm and 3pm. Readings will be provided. Roles are available for four men, various ages, and for two women, one early 30's and the other older. *Beyond Therapy* will be produced in early June as part of Pride Month. Call Homer Tracy at 1-606-623-5763 for more information.

AIDS WALK FOR LIFE

The 1999 pledge walk to benefit AIDS care and services and to honor the contributions made by Paul Mason to the cause of HIV/AIDS in Kentucky is planned for Sunday, April 18. Registration begins at noon, team photos will be taken starting at 1 pm, and the walk gets under way at 2:30. For team packets and information call 278-6274.

At this time, the meeting location for the start of the walk is undecided, although it is likely to be on UK campus. The AIDS Walk for Life is a day of hope and a celebration of Life. Join Us!!

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Discrimination Information Sought by Fairness

Jeff Jones, Co-Chair Lexington Fairness Campaign

Lexington Fairness is in an ongoing dialogue with the LFUCG Human Rights Commission. Discussions have occurred off and on since 1993 when GLSO representatives first spoke with the HRC. As part of this process, and with an eye to demonstrating a need for city policies and or legislation, a need for information and documentation has arisen.

We want written accounts by individuals who have faced discrimination due to sexual orientation and/or gender identity in Fayette County and environs. This can include but is not limited to: loss of job, not being hired, asked about sexual orientation in a job interview, denied promotion, denied tenure, given unfavorable job reviews, working conditions, or assignments, (ex: ordered to work a holiday shift with an excuse such as "being g/l means you "don't have a family"), refused housing, a realtor refused to show you particular housing because of your sexual orientation, refused service in a restaurant, shop, or other business

If you have had any of these experiences please call or email Jeff Jones. The incident can have occurred at any time (not just the last year). We are looking for people willing to speak to the Commission about their experience or willing to have someone else tell their story. By letting your story be known, you may help to stop such discrimination in the future.

In addition we would like to know about discrimination policies where you work. Does your workplace, or your own business (even if a small side business), have a formal non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, gender identity, or both? If so, can you please send Jeff the company's name and the paragraph that lists this non-discrimination policy

Even if your business/workplace does not have a formal policy in writing (and thus legally binding)...but DOES have an informal policy of non-discrimination based on sexual orientation that has been voiced to you, please let me know. Jeff Jones, jeff@qx.net

Mr Drummer Chosen

Over 150 Leathermen and friends recently saw Mr. Kenny Cook win the first Bluegrass Mr. Drummer title.

Mr. Cook lives in Lexington, is a member of the Lexington Lyons Leather/Levi Club and will compete in the Ky Mr. Drummer contest in Louisville, June 5 - 6 at Score Bar.

Clay Mullins was named First Runner-Up and J.R. Lamb was Second Runner-Up. The event was produced by Dave Campbell with assistance from the Lexington Lyons L/L as authorized by Kentucky Leather Productions, producer of the Ky Mr. Drummer and Drummerboy '99 contests.

Bernie Lubber, Louisville comic and publisher of "Where the BOYZ Are" calender, served as master of ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by Tiffany Andrews, Rayna Starr, Venus Drake, and Booshee Rayburn. We would like to thank all of these individuals and the judges for their participation.

This was the first of several Leather events being set up by Kentucky Leather Productions. See page 3 for information about Mr. Ky Leather 99. In Louisville at Score Bar we plan to present Louisville Mr. Drummer 99 on April 25, and Ky Mr. Drummer and Drummerboy 99, on June 5 - 6. For information contact Ky Leather Productions (606)253-0185 or email Stanley9@gte.net.

That's Entertainment! To Benefit Movable Feast

Lexington's own "natural wonder," Ms. Niagara Falls, presents **That's Entertainment!** an evening of outstanding musical performances and an exciting celebrity auction. On Wednesday, April 21, doors will open at Club 141 at 8 pm. Performers will include Mika Milano, Ginger Grant, Victoria Falls, Natalie Gaye, Taylor Brice, Rachel Rachel, and, of course, the incomparable Niagara Falls. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The celebrity auction will include autographed items from Barbra Streisand, Carol Channing, Kathy Bates, Ru Paul, Elton John, and the Indigo Girls. One special item is a poster from *The Bird Cage* autographed by Robin Williams! Ms Niagara reminds us that "this evening of entertainment is about one thing--raising money for Movable Feast. I want people to bring their checkbooks and open their hearts to help their brothers and sisters in this community." Movable Feast (252-2867) prepares and delivers freshly cooked meals seven days a week to persons living with AIDS. They do an excellent job of improving the nutritional health of their clients. Volunteer kitchen workers and drivers are always needed. Volunteer!

Marsha Stevens

Born again lesbian Evangelist Marsha Stevens will perform her original music at Lexington's Metropolitan Community Church, 387 Waller Avenue, on Saturday, April 17, 1999 at 7pm. Admission is free: a love offering will be collected.

Marsha Stevens is the famed composer of "For Those Tears I Died (Come To The Water)", a standard of Christian hymnals since 1972. Since coming out as a lesbian and experiencing the rejection and scorn of a homophobic society - most fiercely expressed by the church she so devoutly served - she has focused her talents on evangelizing the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and trans-gendered community through her gospel music.

Highly respected throughout the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches (UFMCC), she is the first lay recipient of the presti-

gious Purple Grass Award for excellence as an evangelist. She has recorded six solo albums and a concert video on her independent BALM (Born Again Lesbian Music) label and she performs between 150 and 200 concerts a year. The Gay Music Guide has rated her last two releases as among the top 20 albums of 1995 and 1996.

Considered shocking by some and comforting by others, the songs she will perform include "The Body of Christ Has AIDS," "I Will Not Behave Like Prey." and "Love Is the Only Law." Stevens has written many songs that reflect her unique perspective on Christian belief. Join us to hear her healing music.

WOMAN'S BASKETBALL

We are not currently meeting to play women's basketball. We would like to start playing again this spring.

If you are interested in playing or would like more information, please call 258-9332.

Writers Reading

Local writers are invited to read their work at the Third Annual Working Class Kitchen Pride Reading. This event will be held at Joseph Beth Cafe on Sunday, June 27th at 8 pm. Admission is \$6-\$10, sliding scale, which includes a desert bar and coffee. There will be an open cash bar available. Call Kelly at 277-6168 if you are interested in reading or for information.

"I think inclusiveness has to include gays and lesbians. You don't have to approve or disapprove of gays or lesbians. The fact of the matter is they are citizens and they are free,"
.....General Colin Powell



Marsha Stevens

In Concert at

Lexington Metropolitan Community Church
385 Waller Ave.

Saturday, April 17, 1999

7:00p.m.- Admission Free

(A love offering suggested.)

Author of the contemporary hymn, "For Those Tears I Died", Marsha still writes and sings, but now it's for the gay/lesbian/bi community. She brings good news and great music to a location near you.

"Of all the things that live on after us, Marsha's music may be what best describes all that we tried to do and be for our community."

-Rev. Nancy Wilson, Author of "Our Tribe"

GATHERING OF THE SISTERS FOR BABY GIRL

by ReINETTE F. Jones

Oldest-----Zora(Z) Fe(F) Kipsay(K) Mattie-Luttie(M)
.....Seecoia(S) Tzura(T)-----Youngest

Z: I am glad that everybody could make it today. We have something serious to discuss.

F: Is somebody dying? If you collecting money, you can get some for me too. And give me a damn drink ZZ, you know how hard it is for me to be around all of y'all!

Z: I don't have any liquor Fe, and you already drunk. We are all here today for you T. We love you, you the baby. Do you want to tell us something?

T:Not particularly.

Z: I see. Well I..uhh..we all know about your friend, that woman you've been boldly playing family with down at your house. If moma ever found out it would kill her. You know that she loves you more than any of us. You don't want to hurt moma. We are all here today for your own good. We're going to help you get through this. Have you thought about what you are doing to your children, your job, what people are saying behind your back?

F: Hot Damn! Baby Girl is muffediving! You go girl! Here, you want some lip-balm? You looking kind of ashy around the chops. Bless her little pointed head. Look at what all that education at the great university did for you. You couldn't go to a Black school, ah nah. Now you licking it.

M: Do you have to talk like that Fe? You and your dirty mouth. All of that is not necessary. Zora, why did you invite her? I think we should start with a prayer.

K: Please tell me that you two are not going to start that today. I did not drive 100 miles to listen to god-talk and gutter-language. Tzura, are you happy? How long have you felt this way? I would like to meet this woman of yours.

F: Mrs. Intellectual and Proper, you think you got everything under control. You want to meet the girlfriend. You must have read that on the side of your cereal box, Virtually Dyke. You and your couch-cover dress make me sick. ZZ, I need a drink.

Z: All of you stop it! Secoia, get Fe a drink. Mattie, you through with your prayer? We are here to help T get over her problem. Moma doesn't have but a few good years left, she don't need to hear this from the streets.

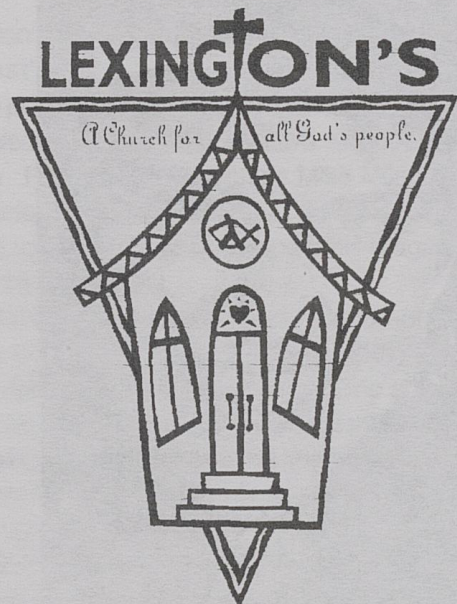
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Join us for a good time, some good food, and a chance to win 1 of 30 door-prizes at the Third Annual Draggin' Jubilee for Lexington's M.C.C.

**Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at the Bar Complex.
Admission is \$5.00 - Showtime 9:00**

Featuring, Angel & the Heavenly Rays with Special Guest, GLSO Advice Columnist, Gertie Mae Noe and with Hostess Vera Lee I. Sayuntou.

Starring; LaToya BaCall, Tayor Brice, Sunday Delarouge, Niagra Falls, Jennifer Grant, Kountry K.J., Anita Klymaxx, Devon Lee, Divinna Littrell, Chi Chi Rodriguez and Rayna Starr



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She worked all of her life for us, the least we can do is keep this away from her.

M: Listen, you owe us T; every last one of us had to take care of you because moma was working all the time. And you owe the boys too. We didn't invite them here because this is a woman thing. We want to help you find your savior and a man. Come go to church with me. I know what it's like to have the devil on your back.

F: The devil! Girl that was J. E. Tucker on your back. The daddy of your kids. The man you never married. The man who is gay. Remember? I know you ain't got amnesia today.

M: I ought to sma... I didn't come here for this today. Lord! Give me strength, because she doesn't know what she's saying. It's the liquor talking.

F: The hell I don't know what I'm talking about! Kids or no kids, everybody knows Tucker is sweet. ZZ, since I can't get no drink, it's time for me to go 'fore I have to hurt somebody up in here.

Z: We're not through yet Fe.

F: Well let me add the finishing touch. T, Zora and me knew your little bug-eyed ass wasn't nothing but trouble the day moma conceived you. She brought you home looking more like the mailman than daddy, you and your mute ought-to-be twin, Secoiya. What kind of a damn name is that? This family has gone down hill every since you two landed on the front porch. Everything was fine when daddy was home and it was just the 10 of us.

T&S: Fu...

K: We are all family and we love each other because we are brothers and sisters, regardless of who our fathers may be. I think we should accept Tzura and her friend just like we did for our brother Glen Lee. We are a strong and moral family.

M&S: Glen Lee!?

F: You and your damn big mouth, always talking that la-la land sh....

Z: Uhuhmm.....Glen Lee lived the life for a while, but he is alright now because he found the church and he has a family with kids. Same as some of us in this room.

S: T, are you ready to go.

Z: Secoiya, if you walk out that door

don't you ever ask me for another red cent for as long as you live!

S: The money I owe you is on the table, Zora.

M: T, Baby, I will look for you in church on Sunday.

F: Let the little ugly things go. They ain't never listened to us when we tried to help them. Where's the Sunday Scotch ZZ? Hey y'all! A toast to daddy, "A father's work is never done. Don't you cry until I..." a-a-a-yeah! My daddy, may God rest his soul.

Z: ENOUGH OF THAT FE! You going too far!

K: Wait, wait! We have to stick together. T, what are you going to do if moma finds out?

T: Moma already knows, I told her last year.

Intercultural Lesbians!

Pride Awards Banquet

Sunday, June 27

Ed and Fred's

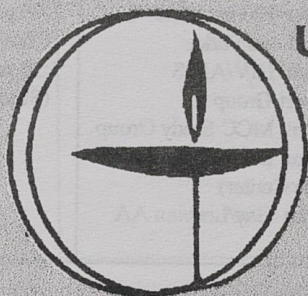
Desert Moon

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\$ 12 Adults

\$ 10 Seniors and Students

\$ 6 Children under 10

The Day I Lost My Civil Rights

by Kelly O'Ferrell

"As long as people accept exploitation, exploiter and exploited will be entangled in injustice. But once the exploited refuses to accept the relationship, refuses to cooperate with it, they are already free."
Mohandas K. Gandhi

Now, I need to tell you from the start that I'm just not sure that I can have my civil rights just taken away - not just because of "who I love". I mean, I was born in North Carolina, I haven't committed a felony, I pay taxes, and I have a social security number.

And, yet, I started hearing at the Equality Begins At Home planning meetings that because of who I love, I no longer have some of those basic civil rights I was born with.

I just didn't know that loving another woman was grounds for losing any of my rights.

Imagine my surprise when I heard that, because of who I love, I could be denied access to a hotel room (just like Jesus), or that Tammy and I could be evicted from our apartment (what with that wild, dangerous lesbian lifestyle we lead).

I knew that we weren't "allowed" to get married or have partner insurance - stuff like that. But now I'm hearing that we can be denied access to restaurants and hotels!

Of course, my question, and probably yours, is: why does being denied access to a restaurant bother me more than being free to marry? Let's just say, it's the last straw.

I'm still not too sure about this, I mean it's so absurd! And I've got to go out there and fight to get some-

thing I can have back if I love a man? You have got to be kidding me!! What happened?

I don't want to believe the answer, but it's all I have. It's all I can think of: the day I decided for myself. The day I decided I wanted to know, no matter what anyone else thought about it, about my feelings for women. I still can't believe that in that moment I lost one of my civil rights.

Haven't we been through this before? When people were being treated unfairly by their employers, they "refused to cooperate" and the unions formed. We may have to stop "pretending to be heterosexual" at work; "refuse to accept the relationship" as it has been offered.

Is KY Fairness the union for gay people fighting for something we lost - something we all once had, and can have again in the blink of an eye if we love who we're told to love?

Unions were denounced, slavery was upheld and women were kept in their place for years using Bible scriptures. It seems that my civil rights are based on Bible verses. They must be, because anytime anyone has disagreed with who I love they use the Bible as their reference.

"All truth passes through three stages: first, it is ridiculed; second, it is violently opposed; third, it is accepted as being self-evident." Schopenhauer

But if Bible verses were used as a reference before and now the truth is just "self-evident"; can we really use the Bible again?

As a former fundamentalist, I was not "allowed" to decide what I wanted to believe - it was all or hell. As a literalist I had to believe that a man named Jonah was literally swal-

lowed by a whale and spit out on shore a few days later and that the whole of creation was started by Adam and Eve. When I asked about that whale thing and how our population grew from one family, the answer was "it just was." No thinking for myself or I would go to hell. When the translation was changed, I would be told.

How can we fight against a whole generation who has been terrified into thinking, deciding for themselves who God holds dear? These are the same people who fought so hard against African American civil rights, women's rights. What is going to happen if we discriminate against no one - no matter what?

If I have indeed lost some of those civil rights I had, why are they being held ransom? What is the price I have to pay? Love who I am told to love? Do the people who fight so hard to keep the rules believe that as long as I don't have the same civil rights as they have, I will eventually stop loving Tammy? If they lived with us for a while, if they saw who mama and daddy see, they would know that laws will not change my love for Tammy.

But no, they will not be moved. Not again. However, history tells another story. Self-evident truth - love - finds a way. It is the light.

"We should never forget that everything Adolf Hitler did in Germany was "legal" and everything the Hungarian freedom fighters did in Hungary was illegal." Martin Luther King, Jr.

I have a lot of questions because I don't understand why we have to keep doing the same thing to come to the same self-evident truth: everyone is created equal.

AIDS Bike Ride

In June there will be a 330 miles benefit bike ride from Raleigh, North Carolina to Washington, D.C. This AIDS Ride 4 is sponsored by Tanqueray and will benefit Food & Friends and Whitman-Walker Clinic. The organizers are hoping to raise 4 million for individuals living with AIDS and AIDS prevention programs.

The AIDS Rides have been around for a number of years and have raised good money for the agencies they support. The Ride officials, however, do not guarantee a certain percentage of your donation will go to the specific charities chosen. The percentage of funds donated depends upon the amount of money raised, with a larger percentage donated as the amount of money taken in increases.

Jeryl "Jeri" Gozy will be partici-

pating in this ride and is looking for sponsors. You can pledge in the name or memory of a loved one and have their name on his ride shirt. To receive a pledging form or for more information, get in touch with Jeri at jergo@yahoo.com or day phone at 606-987-2189

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Shepard Trial: LGBT Organizations Oppose The Death Penalty

As we go to press, (well, as we finish on the computer and go to the printer) Russell Henderson's trial for the murder of Matthew Shepard has begun. Henderson faces the possibility of the death penalty if convicted, as does Aaron McKinney who will stand trial in August.

I was pleased to see the following press release several weeks ago concerning the stand taken against the death penalty by eleven lesbian and gay civil rights groups. This statement was made in early February formally announcing their opposition to Wyoming prosecutors seeking the death penalty for Henderson and McKinney.

Among the signers of the statement are the International Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, the Lesbian & Gay Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)

and Gay Men of African Descent.

"This is one of those moments when we, as a community, should lead," according to Richard Burns, Executive Director of the Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center of New York. "We consider this a teachable moment." Burns does not see the death penalty as a way to deal with anti-gay violence and said, "The answer to homophobic violence is not more violence, it is education."

Those thoughts were echoed by National Latina/o LGBT Organization (LLEGO) Executive Director Martin Ornales-Quintero, who said, "Killing a homophobe will not kill homophobia."

Inequities in the application of capital punishment were underscored by Lambda's Kevin M. Cathcart, the ACLU's Matt Coles and Gay Men of African Descent's Kevin McGruder. McGruder pointed out that, "The death penalty is applied in an inequitable way and when factors of race, sexual orientation and income are taken into account, there is even more inequity."

Cathcart described his organization's daily observation of the fallibility of the legal system, which has led them to "oppose the death penalty as

a harsh and irreversible use of government power." The Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation and OutFront Minnesota also added their names to the list of anti-death penalty groups.

NGLTF Executive Director Kerry Lobel said, "We join our colleagues today to oppose the death penalty with a unified voice. We participate in a social movement that places faith in the possibility of change. Capital punishment, a final and hopeless solution to the social problem of violence, not only subverts the possibility of individual change but it also fails to solve the problem of violence. Hate crimes laws, on the other hand, recognize that classes of people become terrorized by violent acts against individuals. Hate crime laws draw attention to that problem and offer at least one solution: criminal justice resources directed toward educating and deterring the domestic terrorism of bias crime."

I know not all LGBT people will agree with these statements, we are diverse, but I personally feel extremely proud to be part of a movement that stands against all violence.

--Mary Crone

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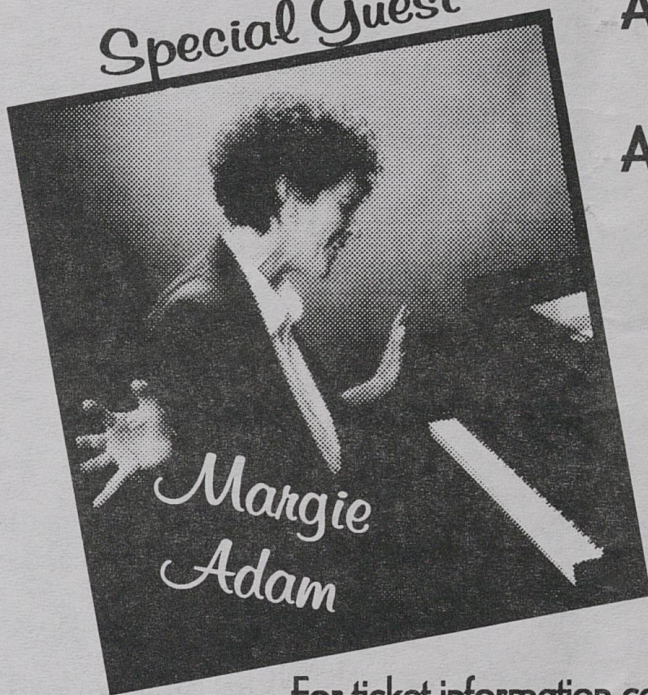
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