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PEGASUS TRAVEL TO MAKE GLSO DONATIONS from GLSO News staff

The GLSO Board recently agreed to participate with Pegasus Travel in a travel program designed to raise funds for GLSO activities.

Pegasus Travel will donate 1% of sales, or approximately 10% of its earnings, on travel sales to anyone who requests GLSO be given credit at the time of purchase. Donations will be made for any airline ticket, cruise or tour package; group travel will also qualify.

The donation will be made for anyone mentioning GLSO whether or not they are a GLSO member. Pegasus travel has established an account for all GLSO-related sales and will forward their donation quarterly.

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HOLLY NEAR COMES TO TOWN from Esmerelda

Athena Production presents in concert Holly Near with John Bucchino, pianist and featuring Joyce & Jacque, a contemporary folk duo on Saturday, March 30, at 8 pm at Singletary Center for the Arts.

Holly Near is one of the most respected singers of our time as well as one of our most progressive multi-talented artists. To her legion of fans she is a major star, a consummate entertainer who does not rise and fall with the fads and trends, but who sustains her integrity throughout the times. She has recorded 14 albums on her own label, Redwood Records, selling over 1.5 million of them, but she has always been more concerned with peace-making than with hit-making. This uncompromising vision has led her to defend originally unpopular causes such as human rights in El Salvador, the

oppression of people with AIDS, and women's right to choose. For all of this she was named a Woman of the Year in 1985 by Ms. Magazine.

Holly possesses a fiery spirit, and it shows in her music. Once, a music industry representative said she would never make it as a pop singer because there was no element of submission in her voice. Given that was not one of Holly's goals in life, she mounted her own career and has significantly helped to lay the ground work for women in music to sing however they please!

Holly challenges her audience to stand up and be counted in a time when the world is reeling with change, through powerful criticisms of violence and with sensual approval of life. Her strength as an artist lies in her refusal to separate her passion for [cont on Page 2]

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[Cont. from Page 1] peace and human dignity from her art for the sake of success. Her fans recognize this and trust her responsibility to continue to do so. They cannot always count on Holly's art to be the same, because she's always trying new things and looking to see what's around the corner, but they can count on her humanity, her hope, her sense of humor, and her immense talent.

Every once in a while, someone plays music that stops you in your tracks. Music that mesmerizes and moves your soul, even as it leaves you paralyzed to do anything other than sit, listen and become totally absorbed in it. Joyce and Jacque, opening for Holly, play that kind of music.

Joyce & Jacque teamed up during the summer of 1988 and began writing their own material a few months later. The two met at Spellman College in Atlanta, Georgia, as members of the college glee club. It was this initial meeting that prompted them to develop their talents and pursue additional study.

The concert is sponsored by the University of Kentucky Women's Studies and will be interpreted by Rita Zirnheld. It is wheelchair accessible.

Tickets may be purchased by calling the Center's ticket office, 257-4929. Tickets are \$10 for students, children under 12 and senior citizens; \$12 in advance; and \$14 at the door. There is also a limited number of work exchange tickets and Friends of Athena sponsorship tickets. For information contact Linda at 266-9748.

NATIONAL LESBIAN CONFERENCE

A woman-to-woman gathering finding strength through our diversity. The National Lesbian Conference is committed to safer and accessible space for all lesbians. Join us in celebrating the choice to relate across differences and enjoy woman from all the various ways of lesbian lives. Meet me in

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COMMUNITY NEWS

GLSO GAYLINE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

from GLSO News staff

The Gayline is an information and referral service sponsored by GLSO for the lesbian and gay community of Lexington and the Bluegrass area. The Gayline is staffed by volunteers Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday from 8 to 11 pm. The Gayline is not a counseling service or an emergency hotline. We do refer for these services.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Gayline. Training sessions are being planned. Women are especially needed and encouraged to join. There is a monthly meeting to do scheduling and share information. The nice part -- a computer transfers the calls to each volunteer's home on their night -- so there's no sitting in an office waiting for the phone to ring. Help the Gayline, help our own. Call Tony, 266-9175 for details.

1991 PRIDE WEEK COMMITTEE FORMS

from GLSO News staff

The 1991 Pride Week Committee will hold an organizational meeting on March 7, 7 pm, at 409 1/2 Lafayette Avenue. Various local lesbian and gay groups from the Bluegrass area will be sending representatives to the meeting. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Craig or Steve at 266-8887.

NEW GROUP IN TOWN

from GLSO News staff

The Tri State Gay Rodeo Association (TSGRA) is a non-profit charity organization whose purpose is to raise money for local gay/ lesbian and AIDS-related organization and projects.

The TSGRA is based in Cincinnati, Ohio and is affiliated with the International Gay Rodeo Association. The Lexington chapter has been recognized and is now organizing. If you are interested in horses, western dance, rodeo or western dress and lifestyle then TSGRA may be the place for you! The next meeting is Sunday, March 17, 5 pm, at 439 North Upper Street. All are welcome.

A DINNER INVITE FROM AVOL

from GLSO News staff

a la lucie, the popular restaurant at 159 North Limestone, will host a private dinner for friends of AVOL on Sunday, March 10. Two seatings are planned for the evening event. The charge is \$30 per person for a complete dinner featuring a chicken entree, and includes beverages. Reservations may be made by calling the restaurant directly at 252-5277. Net proceeds will benefit AVOL's local service activities.

NEWS FROM CROSSINGS

from GLSO News staff

Crossings is a Lexington bar for men at 117 North Limestone, open from 4:30 pm to 1 am, Monday through Saturday. Crossings offers a monthly calendar of special nights, entertainment, etc.

The first Saturday of each month is Cowboy Night and the third Saturday is Leather Night (LexTown Leather). Wednesdays are Movie Night with movies beginning at 9 pm. There is also a Crossings shirt night, with drink price reductions for men wearing a Crossings shirt.

Live entertainment is also offered at Crossings, and they have featured such names as Todd Wentz, Mr. Gay 1991; Jeannie Logan, a singer/performer from Indianapolis; and J.T., a Country & Western singer from Nashville. A cover charge is required on these nights.

Two local organizations are connected with Crossings, C.O.L.T.S (Circle of Leathermen Together) and T.S.G.R.A. (Tri State Gay Rodeo Association).

Recently, Crossings opened a leather shop in the basement, "The Rack". It's open from 10 pm to 1 am, Friday and Saturday nights. They offer a selection of leather goods, framed prints, local art, cards, and an excellent selection of calendars and magazines, such as Drummer, Bear and Advocate Men.

The owners of Crossings welcome any comments or suggestions from their clientele. Larry and Mark, good luck and continued good business!



Esmerelda's Parlour



If the war in the Persian Gulf truly is blood for oil then what are we each doing to conserve. Do we drive energy efficient vehicles or do we drive gas guzzlers? Do we car pool, ride a bike, or walk for any portion of our transportation needs? Do we have regular maintenance check-ups and an oil and filter change? Do we keep our tires with the right amount of air, rotated and balanced? Or do we just bitch about our world's current state of affairs, not seeing that we can make a difference. It is up to each of us individually to save our precious Mother Earth. I have a sweatshirt that says "PEACE BEGINS WITH ME: ONE BY ONE WE CAN SAVE THE WORLD".

I go to peace rallies, I remain fairly vocal about my opposition to the war, and to my support of our soldiers. I feel like I need to clarify my position about support of the soldiers since all those flag waving, patriotic Americans are twisting the protest of the war to include anti-soldiers sentiments. It seems just like the way "pro-lifer"'s try to insinuate that "pro-choice" advocates are anti-life. Does it feel like a manipulation with words to you?

So back to taking personal responsibility for healing the planet. Have you thought about what a profound impact each of us has on the environment? Have you made any lifestyle changes?

I feel proud to say that Janette and I are working on doing our part. We became aware of the 4 R's - REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE AND REJECT. Reduce the amount of trash discarded. Reuse containers and products. Recycle as much as possible. Reject excessive packaging, nonrecyclable packaging and products harmful to the environment.

I first began looking at what I bought, how it was packaged, whether it was reusable, and whether I could recycle it. I use paper bag instead of plastic bags whenever possible I buy the large size or buy in bulk at the Coop.

I resale bags and boxes at the Coop. We make periodic trips to the Lexington Recycling Center and to Gordons.

Lots of things can be recycled: glass bottles and jars, tin and aluminum cans, newspapers, mixed paper like junk mail, computer paper, stationary, envelopes, notebook paper, brown bags, and plastic bottles -- look on the bottom for the initials P.E.T. or H.D.P.E. and the numbers 1 or 2.

If you are in a neighborhood that has "Rosie", Lexington's newest curbside recycling program, you're in good shape. The rest of us have to haul it to various recycling locations, i.e. Foodtown, U.K. and the above mentioned centers.

Janette has really taken on a big project. She has organized a recycling program where she works, Cardinal Hill Hospital. Impressive, huh?

It's really been fun for us and it feels like we are making a difference. Individually these steps seem small and insignificant, but by taking action I feel like I am doing my part to help heal the planet. I feel that I am part of a much larger whole as thousands of people around the planet are waking up, taking action, and beginning to do their part.

It's kind of like Sunday night listening to Wominsounds on WEKU radio with Karen Jones or Bev Futrell. I'm listening alone in my own home, yet knowing that I'm part of a much larger whole. Are you part of that whole?

In sisterhood,
Laura Drew

NOW ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE from Esmerelda

Bluegrass NOW will host this year's annual state conference on April 6 and 7 at the Holiday Inn North on Newtown Pike. Registration for the conference is \$20 but there is a sliding scale of \$0 to \$19 for NOW members who can not pay the entire fee. There is a \$15 dinner on Saturday evening.

Speakers for the conference include Carolyn Bratt, University of Kentucky law professor; Debra Hensley and Teresa Isaac, members of the Urban County Council; and Janet Stumbo, judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

For further information on the conference contact Bluegrass NOW at 233-4393.

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KENTUCKY

RESPONDS

TO AIDS

GAY AMERICA

NATIONAL

The fundamentalist American Family Association (AFA) is loudly protesting the fact that some stores in the Waldenbooks chain (unfortunately not the Lexington stores), dare to sell books about lesbians and gay men. The attack is especially disturbing since for many years PFLAG has been lobbying chains such as Waldenbooks to carry more gay and lesbian fiction and nonfiction titles. Write to support Waldenbooks decision to carry lesbian and gay titles to: Joseph Antonini, Chair, K-Mart Corp., 3100 West Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI, 48084, or call 1-800-635-6278.

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco's domestic partnership ordinance went into effect on Valentine's Day with the "marriage" of 200 same-sex couples on the steps of City Hall. The couples, along with a dozen straight couples, had registered their partnerships with the city by paying the \$35 fee, stating they have been in a relationship for at least six months, and, that the partners either lived or worked in San Francisco. The ordinance was adopted by voters last November.

WASHINGTON, DC

The National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has received a \$50,000 grant for its anti-violence work from the Public Welfare Foundation (PWF). This award represents the largest single grant in NGLTF history and is part of PWF's initiative to address rising incidents of hate-motivated violence in the U.S.

The \$50,000 grant has been designated for NGLTF's Anti-Violence Project and will be used for, among other projects, the Task Force's "Campaign to Count and Counter Hate Crimes." The nationwide campaign to document hate crimes, educate lesbians and gay men on resisting violence and advocate for strong official response will kick off on March 6, 1991.

DES MOINES, IA

Officials at Blue Cross-Blue Shield of Iowa have stated that gay and lesbian couples are not eligible for family health insurance coverage, even if their employers are willing to pay for it.

The company turned down a request by Legal Service Corporation of Iowa, a law firm, to provide family benefits for its gay and lesbian employees. Legal Services executive director Randi Youells said, "I'd assume that whomever we want to insure, we should be able to insure if we pay for it. What does it matter to Blue Cross-Blue Shield?" Blue Cross-Blue Shield has stated that gay and lesbian couples don't qualify for the coverage because state law doesn't recognize same-sex marriages.

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

The Minneapolis city council approved two domestic-partnership measures in January. One ordinance allows gay and lesbian couples to register their relationships at city hall. The other extends sick leave and bereavement leave to unmarried city workers who must take care of or make funeral arrangements for their lovers.

NEW YORK, NY

For the first time in the history of the United Nations, gay and lesbian international activists have lobbied for official recognition and inclusion in the U.N. Officials with the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) say their bid for recognition has been postponed until 1993 by delegates who were unable to reach an agreement.

ILGA, which represents gay and lesbian groups throughout the world, is seeking consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the U.N., which oversees, among other things, human rights issues.

"We're very pleased at the amount of support we received from delegates," said Lisa Power, ILGA secretary general. Decisions of the committee are made by consensus, not majority vote. A majority of countries supported ILGA.

LEXINGTON NIGHTLIFE

The Bar Complex, 224 East Main, 255-1551. The restaurant, Cafe Montparnasse, open from 6 - 11 pm, Saturday 6 pm - 3 am. Also features Johnny Angel Disco, Gilded Gage Cabaret, and the Living Room Lounge. Afterhours Saturday night from 1:30 - 3:30 am.

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday. Operates The Rack, a leather shop, open Friday and Saturday, 10 pm to 1 am.

The Metro, 156 West Main, 254-9881. Shows every weekend. Afterhours Friday and Saturday, 1:30 - 4 am.

Athena Productions Presents

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With John Bucchino, pianist

Featuring Joyce & Jacque

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Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon
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 Empire** .. call Terry, 266-8715
Dignity/Lexington
 call Keith, 263-5940
Integrity
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Interweave call Craig, 266-8887
 (Unitarian Universalist gays, lesbians and friends.)
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 (AIDS support and education)
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 (AIDS education and referral)
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group
 call Edwin, 233-0444
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 AIDS Testing** 288-AIDS
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 AIDS Testing** 623-7312
 (For anonymous counseling and testing)
Louisville Crisis Hotline (502) 454-6699

MARCH EVENTS CALENDAR

Contact names and numbers for all events listed can be found in the Directory on the previous page. The Comp Care Center is located at 201 Mechanic Street, Lexington.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 4 pm, Comp Care Center;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- TUESDAY** Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon, 7 pm;
Rainbow Bowling League, 9 pm,
Joyland Lanes
- WEDNESDAY** GLUE (Gays & Lesbians United for Education) - UK's student, staff and faculty group, 8 pm, St. Augustine's Chapel, 472 Rose St.; Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, St. Joseph Hospital, CCI Meeting Room; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- THURSDAY** HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group; **Gayline**, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm
- FRIDAY** Gay/Lesbian AA, 8 pm, Comp Care Center;
Gayline, 231-0335, 8 - 11 pm

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- SUN** 3 Working Class Kitchen - Poetry & Performance Art, 6 pm, a la Lucie's, 159 North Limestone
- TUE** 5 GLSO Phonline Meeting, 5:30 pm
- THU** 7 1991 Pride Week Committee Meeting, 7 pm, 409 1/2 Lafayette Ave.
- FRI** 8 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
- SUN** 10 **GLSO News** Deadline; Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, Benefit Dinner at a la lucie, call 252-5277 for reservations
- TUE** 12 AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm
- WED** 13 NAMES Project General Meeting, 7 pm, Rosenthal Center, Transylvania University
- THU** 14 NAMES Project Panel Making Workshop, 7 pm, Quilters Square, Dudley Square
- SUN** 17 TSGRA (Tri State Gay Rodeo Association), 5 pm, 439 N. Upper
- MON** 18 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
- FRI** 22 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
- TUE** 26 AVOL's Bereavement Support Group, 7:30 pm
- WED** 27 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- THU** 28 GLSO Coming Out Support Group, 7:30 pm, Central Library Suite B
- SAT** 30 Holly Near Concert, 8 pm,