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ATHENA PRODUCTIONS FORMS

from Linda Laporte

I am pleased to announce the creation of Athena Productions. During the past year I have produced concerts under the name Crossed Fingers Productions. Since then, two women, Laura Drew and Phyllis Giberson, have joined me. The 1990 season was wonderful to produce and I'm sure the women and men who attended the performances had a good time. However, not all the events broke even despite the donations of time and money from community members. By forming this new production company we plan to develop a more secure financial structure to insure the continuation of these performances.

These events are for you and can not be done without you. We need your attendance and support. Our programs offer more than wonderful entertainment. They make us laugh, develop our pride, raise political awareness, help us heal and unite us as a community. So please join us and bring your friends. Together we can do the important work of building a strong community.

Our first concert is Redwood recording artist Hunter Davis, January 11, 1991, 8 pm, at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Pike. Hunter has been to Lexington twice in the last several years. Constantly creating new

material, she blends folk, rhythm and blues, and a touch of jazz with expressive lyrics reflecting the joy and irony of the world around her. We hope you will join us for an evening of warm, wonderful music as we begin our spring season.

Other ambitious plans include Holly Near with accompanist John Bucchino on March 30, 1991. Warming up for Holly are two black women from Atlanta named Joyce & Jacque. Those of you who attended RhythmFest last summer will remember their stunning day stage performance and their accompaniment with Holly on night stage. More details in February!

On April 19, 1991 we are very proud to present the exciting group Two Nice Girls from Austin, Texas. First of all, there aren't two of them (there are four) and your mother definitely would not think they are nice. They consider themselves an all-girl folk-disco-country, rock and roll band. Whatever category they fall into, they are outrageous and extremely skilled musicians. We know you are going to love this group! More details to come.

May and June will bring musician Jamie Anderson and comedian Kate Clinton. Any questions or for work exchange call Linda Laporte, 266-9748.

KENTUCKY CLUB CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

from GLSO News staff

The Bluegrass C.O.L.T.S (Circle of Leathermen Together), the only leather/levi club in Kentucky and located here in Lexington, will celebrate its first anniversary with several events January 18 - 20, 1991. The weekend celebration will begin on Friday, January 18, with a special bar night at Crossings, the C.O.L.T.S' home bar, and conclude with a dinner on January 20.

The club has had a busy first year, participating in several runs and raising funds for several charities. The C.O.L.T.S took second

place participation awards at the Blue Max and Centurions runs. Members also attended runs hosted by the Conductors in Nashville, Wings in Memphis, Gateway in St. Louis, and The Tribe in Detroit. Over \$300 was raised for the NAMES Project of Kentucky and the club regularly collects canned goods to feed the homeless. At Christmas, the club provided a decorated Christmas tree for an ICU ward at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington.

The club had a charter membership of 11 and has grown to 17 during its first year.

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[] I'd like to become a voting Member of GLSO, including home delivery of the **GLSO NEWS** and discounts at GLSO functions. Membership of \$10/yr. individual, \$15/yr. couple, is enclosed.

[] I don't wish to become a Member but please send me the **GLSO NEWS** each month. I enclose the \$5 annual fee.

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ASK AUNT MARY

Dear Readers,

Well, I'm off to Tierra del Fuego for a few weeks, but before I go, here's my favorite cookie recipe for the Holidays.

AUNT MARY'S CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

28 lbs. granulated sugar
20 lbs. brown sugar
32 lbs. shorting (I prefer butter)
12 oz. baking soda
8 oz. salt
2 gals. eggs
8 oz. vanilla (no imitation)
1 gal. water (bottled preferably)
48 lbs. flour (a 50/50 mix of whole wheat and unbleached is nice)
16 lbs. cocoa chips
16 lbs. chocolate chips

Combine all the dry ingredients first. After mixing thoroughly, add the melted butter, eggs, vanilla and water. Place on greased cookie sheets and bake at 350 degree oven until tops are lightly browned (about 10 minutes). Makes 660 five-inch cookies. Enjoy!

See you all in 1991!

Aunt Mary

HUNTER DAVIS
in concert
Jan. 11, 1991
8 pm
Unitarian Church
Tickets - \$6 in advance
at Special Media
\$8 at the door

LOCAL NEWS

DANCE COMMITTEE BIDS FAREWELL

from Debbie Currie

After a fruitful three-and-a-half year run, it appears that the GLSO Coffeehouse and Dances have run their course. Although much has been accomplished and there are many highlights to look back upon, the Dance Committee feels that the time is right to move on. We are grateful to all of you who have supported us either through your attendance or by helping out with the production. One of the primary purposes of the Coffeehouses was to raise funds to help pay for **GLSO News** and the GLSO Phoneline, and in that, they have been a resounding success. In addition, they have provided an alternative source of entertainment that was not readily available elsewhere in the community. We are proud to have been able to provide many artists the

opportunity to perform, and are thankful to them for helping to make the Coffeehouses a success.

And now for the good news! We've gotten wind of a new force in the community that we are confident will go far in filling the void created by the departure of the Coffeehouses. A new production group called Athena is working hard to get some really great things lined up for the spring. Keep your eyes and ears open for more information, and PLEASE SUPPORT this group's offerings. The only way that you can be assured of having continuing opportunities to hear top musicians perform here in Lexington is to ATTEND the concerts. The Dance Committee wishes Athena, and all of you, the best.

Debbie, Teresa, Kenneth, John, & Teri

FRONT RUNNERS SEEKS MEMBERS

from GLSO News staff

An organizational meeting for the Front Runners, a newly formed local chapter of an international gay/lesbian running club, was held in early November with 13 people attending. Since that initial meeting, the club has been running at the Par Course on 9 am, Saturdays, followed by breakfast at a local restaurant.

The club's goals are to provide gay men and lesbians with fellowship while running, to link up with runners in other cities, and to network with other organizations.

All are welcome to join the group. Dues are \$10 per year and a newsletter is planned. For more information contact Dan, 254-6850.

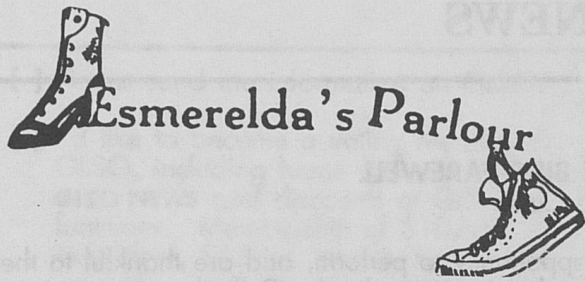
CROSSINGS OPENS LEATHER SHOP

from GLSO News staff

Crossings, 117 North Limestone, has recently opened The Rack, a leather shop. The store carries a wide selection of leather and leather related items, ranging from harnesses, caps, vests, arm and wrist bands, C/B items, jocks and smaller erotic toys. The shop also carries

gay and leather-oriented magazines and cards as well as personal lubricants.

Crossings merchandise, such as tank tops, t-shirts, and sweatshirts are also available. The Rack is open Friday and Saturday from 10 pm to 1 am and during the week by appointment.



THIS INSULTS WOMEN!! I assume everyone is sick of hearing about the Persian Gulf crisis and I can only guess at what the state of affairs will be by publication time of **GLSO News**. I am writing this article on December 6th.

As with other things in my life I work at keeping current with national and world affairs from a somewhat detached place. Then when it hits close to home, I become personally involved. Thus, the Persian Gulf crisis. I watch the news, read, and listen to N.P.R. attempting to keep current and somewhat aware of what's happening. Then, one Thursday night, it became personal. One of my oldest and dearest friends got deployed -- she got her orders. She is with the 475th MASH unit from Frankfort.

Then, early on Saturday morning Janette and I went to Frankfort to say our good-byes. Now I am scared and I miss her a lot.

I am also ANGRY.

Soon after the Gulf crisis began, a CBS News Poll showed 43 percent of women disapprove of the use of U.S. troops to force Iraq from Kuwait, as compared to 29 percent of the men.

Women's opinions are consistently ignored.

The U.S. is spending \$30 to \$40 million per day on Operation Desert Shield. As if we don't have AIDS, homeless, poor people, old people, and other similar sane priorities right here in the good 'ole U.S. of A.'.

I do not consider the U.S. role to be that of global police officer. The United Nations is the forum for conflict resolution. The U.S. is only a part of a multinational peacekeeping force under the U.N. flag.

Isn't this all about OIL anyway? Blood for oil. Wouldn't we be better served by reducing our dependence on oil, and that attention to the Gulf deployment would be better spent on conservation and on establishing an alternative energy policy.

Now let's look at OPPRESSION. The U.S. is supporting a country that oppresses women. I

am outraged at the harassment, rape, and murder of women in the Middle East. There are brutal war crimes already being committed against women in the Middle East.

U.S. military women in the Gulf are being subjected to sexist practices by their commanding officers; with the justification that such practices reflect Saudi culture. "When in Rome do as the Romans" mentality.

I have been told that all mail I send to my friend will be censored. Nothing sexual, or revealing of women will be allowed. So, I guess I won't be sending her any pictures from the music festivals!

Ms. Magazine recently had an open letter on the Persian Gulf Crisis that ended with this: "Women have traditionally formed the peace movement because we believe in living for a cause, not dying or it. WE are sick of systems that equate manhood and honor with death and destruction. We insist on peace for ourselves, the human family, and the planet."

Laura Drew

National Lesbian Conference

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KENTUCKY

RESPONDS

TO AIDS

GAY AMERICA

LOS ANGELES, CA

Gay Eagle Scout Timothy Curran may proceed with his case against the Boy Scouts of America which bans gay men from serving as scout masters. A superior court has ruled that the local Boy Scout troop is subject to the state's Civil Rights Act. The national scouting organization had argued for a dismissal of the suit, stating that since it was a non-profit group, it was free to make its own moral judgments.

CHICAGO, IL

Pop author Father Andrew Greeley, a Chicago Catholic priest, says the Archdiocese of Chicago is covering up incidents of sexual molestation of children by members of the clergy. "Priests whose peculiar sexual propensities are well-known continue to be assigned to parishes in the archdiocese," Greeley stated. Archdiocese spokespersons deny Greeley's claims.

INDIANAPOLIS, IN

The Indianapolis Youth Group has been asked to do an in-service for social workers, guidance counselors and psychologists for the Indianapolis Public School system on gay and lesbian youth. 180 IPS staff members are expected to attend the in-service. The unprecedented session was organized as the result of a needs-assessment survey of the city's guidance counselors.

NEW YORK, NY

A appellate court has ruled that a lower court erred in issuing a preliminary injunction against rent regulations that protect lesbian and gay surviving partners from eviction on the same basis as other surviving family members. The case now goes back to the lower court.

The 24-page ruling left in place the broad protections established by the state Division of Housing and Community Renewal earlier this year. This decision followed last year's landmark ruling by the state's high court which established criteria by which to define "family" according to the diversity in which people live.

NEW YORK, NY

A suit has been filed against **Essence** magazine on behalf of the Black Gay & Lesbian Leadership Forum (BGLLF). The complaint charges **Essence** with discrimination based on sexual orientation, in violation of New York City's human rights ordinance, because the magazine, at the last minute, pulled an already paid for ad placed by BGLLF, fearing that "conservative advertisers might not approve." **Essence** published an extensive article in its September 1990 issue about Black gay and lesbian leaders.

Author Vito Russo, 44, best-known for his book **The Celluloid Closet** and as an AIDS activist, has died of AIDS complications following a five-year battle. **The Celluloid Closet** traced and analyzed the role of gays in films from the silent era to the present day.

ASHEVILLE, NC

The Southern Appalachian Lesbian and Gay Alliance has been denied participation in the North Carolina Department of Transportation's Adopt-a-Highway anti-litter program, wherein groups volunteer to pick up garbage along a stretch of highway and are rewarded with a sign with their name on it. The DOT said posting the words "gay" and "lesbian" on a public highway would "not be in the interest of public safety" and might cause the stretch of road to attract more than its share of litter.

MADISON, WI

State Rep. Dave Clarenbach has proposed a universal health care plan that would especially benefit persons with AIDS. Clarenbach, best known as the author of the state's Hate Crimes law, proposed a plan that would cover all health conditions and effectively take health care out of the private market and into the hands of a small governing body. Medical services would be provided for all individuals, including those infected with HIV or AIDS, regardless of the patient's condition or long-term need.

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.

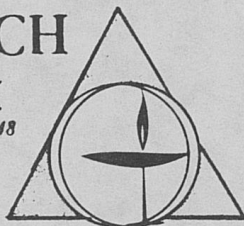
Crossings, 117 North Limestone, 233-7266. Lexington's mens' bar. Cowboy night 1st Saturday, Leather night 3rd Saturday. Operates The Rack, a leather shop, open Friday and Saturday, 10 pm to 1 am.

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

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

3564 CLAYS MILL
LEXINGTON, KY.
Phone: 606/223-1448

Sunday Services
10:45 a.m.



Unitarian Universalism does not just tolerate gays and lesbians, it affirms each person's sexual truth. Since 1975 the denomination has been committed to working toward equal human rights for sexual minorities. Its ministers are encouraged to officiate at gay and lesbian Services of Union.

NATIONAL GAY/LESBIAN CRISISLINE

(800) 767-4297

NATIONAL HATE CRIMES HOTLINE

(800) 347-4283

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GLSO News	call Craig, 266-8887
GLSO Speakers Bureau ..	call Bill, 266-9175
GLSO Coming Out Group	
.... call Alan,	253-2414
.... or Teresa,	231-0205
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.... call Esmerelda,	255-3851
GLSO Rainbow Bowling League	
.... call Teri,	268-4789
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.... call Thom,	266-3208
NAMES Project Kentucky	
.... call Katie	223-3855
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Esmerelda's Parlour	
.... call Laura,	276-2685
Bluegrass Human Rights Advocates	
.... call Kate/Amy,	272-4519
GLUE (UK Support Group)	
.... call Susan,	259-0037
Gay/Lesbian AA	
.... call Tom,	273-1779
Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon	
.... call Robert,	293-0516
Imperial Court of the Bluegrass	
Empire .. call Terry,	266-8715
Dignity/Lexington	
.... call Keith,	263-5940
Interweave call Craig,	266-8887
(Unitarian Universalist gays, lesbians and friends.)	
AVOL	276-AVOL
(AIDS support and education)	
ACT-Lexington	281-5151
(AIDS education and referral)	
HIV+, ARC, AIDS Support Group	
.... call Edwin,	233-0444
Lexington-Fayette Co. Health Department	
AIDS Testing	288-AIDS
(For anonymous counseling and testing)	
Madison County Health Department	
AIDS Testing	623-7312
(For anonymous counseling and testing, call the above number and ask for an AIDS Counselor.)	
Louisville Crisis Hotline	(502) 454-6699

JANUARY 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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- SUN** 6 Working Class Kitchen - Poetry & Performance Art, 6 pm, a la Lucie's, 159 North Limestone
- WED** 9 NAMES Project General Meeting, 7 pm, Rosenthal Center, Transylvania University
- THU** 10 **GLSO News** Deadline; NAMES Project Panel Making Workshop, 7 pm, Quilters Square, Dudley Square
- FRI** 11 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm; Hunter Davis concert, 8 pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 3564 Clays Mill Road
- SUN** 13 Lesbian Potluck, 2 pm; Aids Volunteers Of Lexington, 5:30 pm, Comp Care Center
- FRI** 18 Interweave's Night Out, 7 pm
- MON** 21 Pro-Choice Alliance, 7:30 pm, Alfalfa's Restaurant
- FRI** 25 GLSO Cards & Games, 8 pm
- WED** 30 GLSO Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

DATES MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE CALENDAR
BY CALLING 266-8887 OR BY WRITING:
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THE DEADLINE IS THE TENTH OF THE MONTH.
HELP US KEEP THIS CALENDAR CURRENT!
