

"FUNNY...THAT WAY!" ON THE WAY

by Fred Duncan



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Atlanta's premiere gay and lesbian comedy troupe, "Funny... That Way!" will be performing at the U.T. Lab Theatre on April 11 at 7 p.m. The group has performed at the statewide picnic for the last two years and was in Nashville this past January. This will be the first time they have graced Knoxville with their presence.

They will be presenting productions of "Family Matters That Aren't Always Relative" (a musical that got raves from ETC magazine!), "Snow White and The Six Dykes", and a staged reading of a new play by Deb Calabria entitled "CameAlot".

If you won't be able to make it to the picnic this year to see them, you owe yourself the treat of coming to this show. Tickets are on sale now. Prices are \$6 per ticket or \$5 with a GLBSU membership. Please call 524-0748 for more information.



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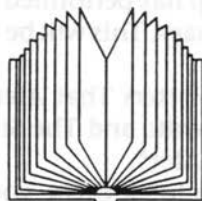
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The editors of AWARE seek to open new channels of communication to the gay, lesbian and bisexual community in Knoxville. What we communicate is largely dependent upon you. Your thoughts, ideas, and creativity should be the cornerstone of this publication. With your submissions this publication becomes a living, growing document that reflects the concerns of gays, lesbians and bisexuals in our region. The editors of AWARE encourage everyone to participate in AWARE. Recognizing the need for discretion AWARE does not require real names to accompany submissions. If you wish to remain anonymous you may choose to submit your articles either without a name or with a pen name. Due to budgetary and spacial limitations not all submissions may be printed. The editors of AWARE reserve the right to edit all submissions. The opinions expressed herein are solely those of the author(s).

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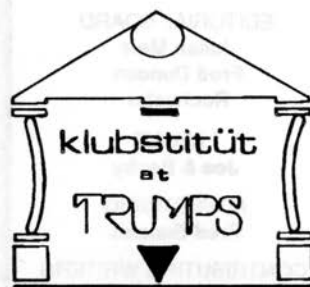
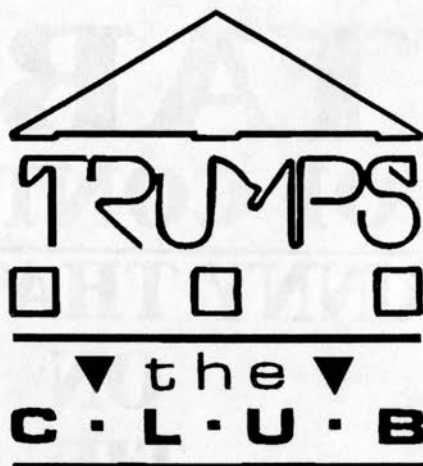
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AIDS AWARE: WOMEN WITH HIV

by Rochester

This is the third and final installment in our series on women and HIV. The first installment argued the need to address issues involving women with HIV and the need for the gay community to extend its response to these issues. The second installment discussed what little we know medically about the profound differences between men and women when they contract HIV, and discussed the glaring gaps in our knowledge which our present understanding suggests.

In this issue we look at the big picture: the role and status of women in society. It is a key issue, according to Jonathan Mann of the World Health Organization, and one that must be dealt with before any global response to AIDS can become truly effective.

Of the 10 million people known to be HIV positive worldwide, nearly half of them are women. For the U.S., the CDC sponsors only two on-going natural history studies targeting women with HIV. One of them is in The Bronx, New York. The other, in Kinshasa, Zaire, the largest such study undertaken to date, has been interrupted by civil war. Realms of data already have been lost in Zaire as clinicians were forced to flee the country, and the future viability of the

study is in serious doubt. The U.S. awaits an appropriate and adequate response to the problems of women with HIV and the increased efforts to correct this situation lag far behind the actual need.

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Women are the traditional caretakers of every society. This is especially true in developing countries, where the traditions are backed by ingrained cultural mores that keep women locked into the role of second-class citizens, chained to household duties of child rearing and care of their elders. But even in the U.S. women remain the primary

caretakers of society, whether in the home or in such fields as social work, teaching and nursing, careers where the predominance of workers are female. What happens when a disease such as AIDS threatens that section of society we depend on for succor and strength? The deeper weakness of a patriarchal society becomes glaringly apparent in the abuse and neglect the Patriarch fosters.

Who takes care of the children and the elder members of families who lose their primary caretakers? Or perhaps more to the point, who takes care of our caretakers who find themselves burdened with HIV? All of the grass-roots and self-help programs around the U.S. serve as good models, but are consistently underfunded, understaffed, and overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of people who look to them for help. In the U.S., women with HIV are predominantly lower income and belong to minorities, with limited access to health care. As reported in "Medicaid's Maternity Woes" in the second issue of the Brass Check, Medicaid is sadly lacking as an answer to the problem of adequate health care for women and their special needs; when maternity care is complicated with HIV, this disgraceful situation is only exacerbated. As

stated by Judith Cohen, director of the Association of Women's AIDS Research and Education at the University of California at San Francisco, "poor women in this country have always had trouble accessing health care and social services. AIDS is just the most severe example."

One of the proposals purportedly designed to help women and minorities with HIV is a new definition for AIDS, making a person with HIV and a T-cell count under 200 eligible for an AIDS diagnosis. In the first article in this series, it was reported that the proposed definition change was being postponed indefinitely. And as we await the change, charges are flying that the new definition is no better than the current one, which uses AIDS-defining conditions based largely on studies of gay, white men. Women often have much higher T-cell counts with the same degree of immunity impairment as do men with under 200 T-cells. For example, with fewer than 500 T-cells, women with HIV are prone to refractory vaginal candidiasis, (a yeast infection that presents severe complications to an impaired immune system), so how can the under 200 count be said to be more inclusive for women? All such differences should be factored into any new definition, but, alas, they are not.

The Social Security Administration and many state and private agencies use the CDC definition as a main criterion for disbursements of health-care benefits. If you have something on Social Security's "listing of

impairments," you qualify immediately for disability payments. If your symptoms aren't listed as HIV related, either you settle for the qualification that treats your opportunistic infection alone, which is less efficacious, or you have to take further steps to prove your HIV disability, which can often take more than a year. In most states, benefits such as foster care for children of women with HIV, and in fact for children who are themselves HIV positive, is unavailable without qualifying like every other uninfected child. This means a court must rule that the children are neglected or abused. With this kind of hedging from government agencies, private insurance companies have all the precedent they need to deny benefits to the people who have paid for coverage.

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What's at stake is a matter of fundamental rights, the rights of individuals who contribute to society and who deserve fairness in return. Because of the gay,

white male bias of the AIDS "industry," women have been overlooked in treatment research, and are suffering needlessly. Most treatment studies enroll two or more men to every woman included in the trial. In addition, civil rights for women are being abridged, not through specific policies so much as through the lack of definite policies on all levels. According to a survey by the National Women's Health Network, "practically all states have concentrated primarily on pregnant women who are seen as being able to infect others. Only six (states) ...shared our concern about all women, and had services that helped women who were not pregnant. All other (states) only provide services to women who are pregnant, who are seeking birth control, or who are prostitutes. Lesbians, women not of reproductive age, and women who cannot become pregnant are not given access to any services in these (states)". Almost every state told the surveyors, "we don't have sex-specific policies; we have people-specific policies. We see no need to discriminate." The age of political correctness is upon us, and if this is any indication, it has nothing to do with justice.

At the same time, these politically correct states responded to questioning that they knew nothing about whether or not women were being included in drug-trial research in their areas, that they had difficulty making it possible for mothers with HIV to stay with their children, and that they didn't know if the doctors in their areas were giving sound medical

advice about their patients' reproductive options. Anecdotal evidence suggest that there is a great need for policy to be handed down to doctors regarding this last item. Without a policy concerning the reproductive rights of women, and their right to choice, doctors have been known to prescribe abortions and even sterilizations to women with HIV. Considering that most women with HIV are underprivileged, and thus less-well educated on average, such advice without a discussion of choices is coercive and unethical. It should be illegal.

But there is even more at stake. AIDS is a full-blown pandemic on a scale that has never been seen before. No longer do we have barriers between populations that can protect certain people from infectious disease in one part of the world while others perish. Borders mean less and less every year that passes, despite continuing wars where people fight and die in the service of these so-called borders. Even the Iron Curtain couldn't stem the tide of HIV sweeping across the globe. No amount of morality or political correctness can protect any person or any nation from HIV. Only research, education and prevention can do this. In this new era of the "Global Village," when an infectious disease appears anywhere, it is automatically a global problem and calls for global mobilization against it.

Women must play an important part of this process along every step of the way, researching cures, treatments and

vaccines, educating people about prevention, and preventing the spread of HIV within their own relations. Too many world societies discourage women from obtaining any education, or they deny it outright. This in itself keeps women from playing a role in research in many areas. (And then, of course, there is again the problem of women being left out as research subjects.) All this merely illustrates the underlying problem of having a patriarchal society. All around the world women have little control over sexual choices or parenting choices, are allowed less education, and are abused physically and mentally if they try to make a stand for these rights.

Education is the first vital step, and an effective one, for women understand responsibility for their bodies more profoundly than men, and can impart that information to other women more effectively than men, whom they can little afford to trust in many cases. Women must make choices in the face of threatened abuse, and must have recourse to justice if their efforts are met with such retaliation. The problem with prevention education and condom distribution is that a condom does no one any good if it isn't used. All too often women have no choice in sexual relations with men, especially regarding whether or not a condom will be used. Too often a woman will risk rejection, abandonment, or even violence if she insists on anything in a relationship with a man, particularly if she insists on anything that involves what he

does with his manhood. Women must have legal protection, to have the right to make choices about their bodies without fear and to have equal access to health care and social support. As far as AIDS education goes, women must learn what the consequences of HIV infection are, how it is spread, how to best prevent it, and how to pass along this information to other women, and to the people they become intimate with.

While Third World countries are the most difficult places for a woman to stand up for herself without retribution, these abuses and discriminations have their parallels in our own country and other of the more "advanced" societies. Whether a woman is beaten for insisting on using a condom, left out of research populations, forced to undergo abortions and sterilization, or is abandoned by friends, family and society itself when she is no longer able to be caretaker and has to be taken care of herself, all illustrate humanity's treatment of women to be the same everywhere. Do all our male-dominated societies the world over treat women the way they do because they have a fear of facing the effeminate in themselves? Well, no matter the cause, fear has blinded many to the fact that, as Jonathan Mann says, a male-dominated society is a threat to public health. Spread the word.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Editors, AWARE:

Please note that this letter is not intended for publication. Please do not publish it. Some of the material below is a hyperbolic illustration of exactly what should not be published, and so publishing it would be defeating its purpose.

In the past I have thoroughly enjoyed articles by Kelly Rafalidolatobadii. I enjoyed her article in this past issue of AWARE also until I got to the part where she began spreading gossip about specific, easily-identifiable persons. I know for a fact that she did not get permission from at least three of the people mentioned. While most of the "dish" was harmless, not all of it was. For example, Kelly used the column to perpetuate a rumor that a former GLBSU officer misused funds. I believe that such gossip is inappropriate in a publication which purports to serve the gay, lesbian, and bisexual communities. Gossip can be fun, but it can also be damaging and hurtful. Scream "censorship" all you want, but where do you draw the line? Today it's Kelly's "dish." Tomorrow it could be this:

(We agreed with "McBeck" that their "hyperbolic illustration" was too extreme and in poor taste, so we left it out.)

The preceding sounds extremely harsh, but it accurately reflects some of the hateful talk that goes on in our community. As if it is not enough that society hates and maligns us, we hate and malign each other as well. By printing Kelly's gossip about people well-known in this community, Aware is contributing to this disturbing trend. Furthermore, the article violates the privacy of a number of persons. In the past, at least one member of Aware's editorial board has written eloquently about everyone's right to privacy. I strongly urge you to live up to those words before anyone else gets hurt.

Respectfully,

Houston McBeck

Editorial

By Julian Marr

Let me begin by saying we were thrilled to get mail! It's always gratifying when our readers become moved enough by something in our pages to drop us a line. Any of our previous editors will attest that mail in AWARE's box is rare (thanks for the nice note "Tom", keep in touch!). This brings me to our featured letter from Houston McBeck. As the name is pseudonymous and not gender specific, I'll be linguistically sexist and refer to "Houston" as a man.

Your letter makes some very strong charges as well as some valid points, sir. To begin with, we agreed with you and did not print your "illustration". It was too extreme and, if printed, would probably do irreparable damage to it's objects, AWARE, and the GLBSU.

Now, as to your assertion that Kelly's gossip was printed without the permission of the persons involved, I fear you are misinformed. Kelly and I went over this point extensively when she first approached me to do a gossip column, and I made it very clear that if what was said could be damaging she had to have the person's permission. At this point she began a whirl around the room, asking various people if she could write about them. Since the article was

printed, one of the people mentioned became agitated that they were not informed they would be written about, when, in fact, I watched Kelly ask them. It was a miscommunication, as they did not understand what Kelly was asking of them when they said o.k. . If anyone else mentioned in Kelly's article feels they were not asked, please contact us so that we can work this out.

Most of the rest of your letter is based on one charge, that AWARE should maintain a journalistic integrity you feel we have breached. I will not apologize if you were disturbed by what was written. As a publication that DOES serve the gay, lesbian and bisexual community in the area, I will explain where we "draw the line." We do feel strongly about everyone's right to privacy. We will continue to be vigilant that we do not intrude. Most of what was written was fairly public knowledge to begin with, and all of it was written with complete absence of malice. It will be our job not to print outright lies as facts. It will be our job to inform, to educate, and yes, to entertain. If people cannot take a good-natured ribbing, then we will not give it. Kelly has promised to be more specific in getting people's

permission so as to avoid any confusion in the future. That is her job as a talented and responsible columnist. I will work with her to make sure this misunderstanding does not happen again. That is my job as a responsible editor.

You have stated that you have enjoyed AWARE in the past, we hope this will continue. The editors feel that Kelly's article is a good balance for much of the extremely serious and important pieces we publish. We feel that to restrain her when letting her go is so much more entertaining would be extremely harmful to the quality of our magazine. We agree. Gossip can be fun.

Now that that is over, would the real Mr. McBeck please stand up! In reading your letter, we found your writing skills and expressiveness impeccable (not to mention hilarious!). If you (or anyone else) would be interested in writing for AWARE, please drop us a line. We welcome anyone willing to contribute to this community forum.

As always, peace.

Julian.

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OUR BATTLE PLAN AGAINST BIGOTRY

Opinion piece by Peri Jude Radecic, NGLTF Deputy Director of Public Policy

This year will certainly prove to be one of the most explosive years for lesbian and gay civil rights organizing. And if we capitalize on the opportunities and challenges 1992 holds, we could move our civil rights agenda far forward.

This is a year for electoral change, a time to make our voices count at the ballot box. A year to elect more openly gay and lesbian officials. A year to replace the bigots who vote with Jesse Helms and William Dannemeyer. A year to elect a president who will respond to our needs and concerns.

This is the year in which the U.S. government releases its first 12 months of hate crimes data, and begins the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. This is the year Congress intervenes to force the U.S. military to rescind its homophobic policy.

This is the year for you to become involved and help our movement fight AIDS and homophobia, and increase our visibility.

The staff at the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force has developed a 10-point action plan to help guide our movement forward. It's a scheme to take advantage of opportunities when they arise, yet continue the long range planning and cultivation of other ideas and projects.

1 DON'T LET THE RIGHT "TAKE AMERICA BACK."

We must keep the NEA free of anti-gay censorship amendments and assist state and local arts advocates. We must conquer Far Right organizing through grassroots coalitions, and support local gay groups facing civil rights repeal battles.

2 COUNTER HATE CRIMES. NGLTF will publish its annual report on anti-gay violence and victimization, sponsor an anti-violence roundtable at our Creating Change conference, and produce a hate crimes organizing manual for activists. The bashing must stop.

3 MAKE GAY AND LESBIAN VOICES HEARD IN THE 1992

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. Gay and Lesbian voters Organized In Coalition for the Elections (VOICE '92) will coordinate demonstrations, delegate caucuses, press conferences and other activities at and before the political conventions. NGLTF will also survey candidates, prepare background papers, testify at platform hearings and meet with campaign officials.

4 EXPAND THE CIVIL RIGHTS OF LESBIANS AND GAY MEN AND OUR FAMILIES. We must have hearings and sign up sponsors for Congressional Resolution H.Res. 271 and S. Res. 236 urging President Bush to repeal the U.S. military's discriminatory policy. We must push the Cracker Barrel "family style" restaurant chain to stop firing gay employees and institute a non-discriminatory employment policy. We must demand our representatives cosponsor the federal Gay and Lesbian Civil Rights act. NGLTF will defend the District of Columbia's Domestic Partnership

ordinance on Capitol Hill and produce a gay/lesbian families organizing manual.

5 ADVOCATE FOR AIDS/HEALTH CARE.

The U.S. government's response to AIDS continues to be characterized by indifference, stigmatization, lack of leadership and the hugging of "AIDS babies." The Task Force will support legislative and government agency action through the National Organizations Responding to AIDS Coalition, assist in the planning of the 1992 International AIDS Conference and help organize AIDS media activists.

6 PUT OUT FIRES AND RESPOND TO CRISES.

The Jeffrey Dahmer nightmare. Another gay bar drive-by shooting. Police beatings. "Abnormal Behaviour" laws. Gay Scouts booted out. "Governor Vetoes Bill" headlines. It seems every week brings a new set of calls for action. We must be flexible to respond.

7 ATTEND 5TH ANNUAL CREATING CHANGE CONFERENCE. NGLTF's 1992 creating Change Conference—the preeminent gathering of gay and lesbian activists—will be held in Los Angeles, November 11-15. make sure you're there.

8 ORGANIZE TOWARD THE 1993 MARCH ON WASHINGTON. We want one million gays, lesbians and bisexuals in the nation's capital in Washington, D.C., April 1993. NGLTF will assist in the organizing and planning for the event. Mark your calendars now.

9 REMEMBER MEMBERSHIP EQUALS CLOUT. Are you an active member of the movement? What are you waiting for? NGLTF and other groups are committed to expanding our membership bases and unleashing our membership resources to assist activities around the country.

10 BUILD A MORE DIVERSE AND INCLUSIVE MOVEMENT. We will work with

gay and lesbian students, people of color and other groups to increase media visibility, ensure greater involvement and promote different components of our community.

You can be a part of our plan to move our agenda forward. Vote. Demonstrate. Write to your elected officials. Come to NGLTF's Annual Creating Change Conference. Join NGLTF and your local lesbian/gay or AIDS advocacy organization and fight the forces of prejudice. The year is ours for the taking.

You can write to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force at 1734 Fourteenth Street, NW. Washington, DC 20009-4309, or call 202-332-6483. You can also join the Political Action Alliance of the GLBSU by calling 524-0748. Get involved. Being Out is not enough.

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by Fred Duncan

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Entertainment will be provided by the improvisational comedy troupe "Funny...that

way!" from Atlanta. Music will be provided by Kat Sullivan, the group "Go On Girl", and several acoustic musicians scheduled throughout the weekend.

The rates are \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. This price includes food, entertainment, and one night's lodging. Rates for two nights are \$25 per person or \$35 per couple. Lodging will be similar to an overnight camp, so make sure you bring your own bedding.

It is very important to reserve your space early as the spaces have gone fast in the past.

Reservations are first come, first served. If you are worried about transportation, a group will be leaving on Friday the 9th in the morning from the UTK University Center. If you are interested, you should contact Fred Duncan at 524-0748 for reservation information. In the past, this has been an event full of fun and excitement for everyone. Come join us this year and make it better than ever!

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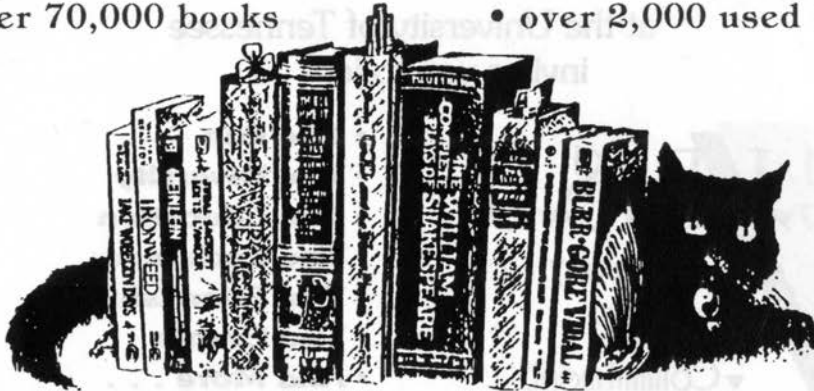
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On May 8, 1992, HEART STRINGS will be showing in Knoxville. Heart Strings is an upbeat musical fundraising show filled with beautiful music, dance and dazzling production numbers. Celebrity narrators and actors tie the musical selections together with the words of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, people living with AIDS, their friends and caregivers. The lyrics of well-known songs take on special meaning within the context of the show and have lasting effect on the audience. The show will be performed by a traveling cast of twenty professional singers and dancers. In each city, the touring company will be joined by a local gospel choir, a men's chorus, and ten local children. HEART STRINGS is motivating and compelling. It is uptown celebrities working with down-home volunteers. And it is a proven success.

Act Two: The AIDS Memorial Quilt

On the weekend following the performance of HEART STRINGS, volunteers will ceremonially unfold a portion of the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

beginning a week-long display.

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Visitors will be able to walk in and around a portion of the AIDS Memorial Quilt. With homespun artistry, the Quilt silently and powerfully illustrates the human side of AIDS - those who have been lost and those who have borne the loss. Visitors do not hear speeches when they see the Quilt. They come, some for the first time, others as old friends, to read the names of people who have died of AIDS.

Act Three: You

An Event in Three Acts involves more than a performance of HEART STRINGS and a display of the Quilt. The 1992 Tour will involve tens of thousands of

people from every segment of society: volunteers in each city coordinating the Event; young adults participating in the student outreach program; community leaders lending their support; corporate citizens providing resources and funds; grade-school children visiting the Quilt; and PLWA's, caregivers, and students attending a special free performance of HEART STRINGS.

HEART STRINGS provides a very non-threatening way for people to take the first step in becoming involved in the issue of AIDS. The Quilt touches people in a different way; it opens their hearts so that they no longer turn away, but rather, they understand the value of each and every life that has been lost.

After experiencing HEART STRINGS and The AIDS Memorial Quilt, many people become emotionally engaged in the issue and are motivated to do something. Act Three rises from these emotions. It is a call to action! The 1992 Tour will leave no city unchanged. Its citizens will be more aware and more educated. Across the country tens of thousands of individuals will join in the fight against this disease called AIDS.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR - MARCH/APRIL 1992

- 3/17 **GLBSU Meeting** 8:00 Topic: What's Safe, What's Not...Gay Sex in the 90's.
- 3/27 **NELGBSA 9th Annual Conference.** University of Delaware. Sponsored by the GLBSU at 3/29 the University of Delaware. Call 595-7949 for more information.
- 3/29 **MCC Inquirer's Class** for persons wanting to know more about Metropolitan Community Church. Class will be held at MCC's new offices at 200 Carrick Street Room 222B at 1pm
- 3/31 **GLBSU Movie Night.** Now showing: Waiting for the Moon. It will be shown at the John C. Hodges Library Auditorium at 8 pm. Admission is FREE so be there!
- 4/1 Tickets go on sale for Tennessee's 3rd Annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Picnic Weekend at Fall Creek Falls. Please call 524-0748 for reservation information.
- 4/1 **Lambda Literary Circle meeting.** 7pm. Printer's Mark Bookshop, 414 11th St.
- 4/7 **GLBSU Meeting** 8:00 Topic: Violence From Within.
- 4/11 **GLBSU Presents "Funny...That Way!"** a gay comedy troupe from Atlanta at the University of Tennessee Lab Theatre at 7 pm. Admission is \$6 with discount for GLBSU members.
- 4/12 **MCC Good Friday Services - Palm Sunday**
- 4/12 **UT Movie:** Now Showing: My Own Private Idaho. At the University Center Theatre at 7:30 and 9:30. Admission is \$2 for UT students and \$4 for non-students.
- 4/14 **GLBSU Meeting :** Preliminary Easter Bonnet Contest.
- 4/19 **GLBSU Easter Sunday.** Easter Bonnet Contest Finals at Cracker barrel Old Country Store, Cedar Bluff.
- 4/19 **MCC Sunrise Services.**
- 4/21 **GLBSU Meeting** 8:00 Topic: The Queer Vote.
- 4/26 followed by dinner. This will be the last service with Rev. Bob Galloway as Pastor.
- 4/28 **GLBSU Movie Night.** Now Showing: Taxi Zum Klo. It will be shown at the John C. Hodges Library Auditorium at 8 pm. Admission is FREE so be there!
- 5/8 **GLBSU Tennessee's 3rd Annual Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Picnic Weekend** at Fall Creek 5/10 Falls. Call 524-0748 for reservation information.

ORGANIZATIONS

aids Response Knoxville is located at 2928 Magnolia Ave
Call 525-AIDS for more information or to volunteer for AIDS 102 training.

aRK- Wednesdays are HIV+ support group meetings. 6:30-8:30 PM.

aRK- Tuesdays are Circle of Love: Family and Friends of HIV+ persons.

aRK - offers PWA support group, grief and bereavement support group, HIV+ support group.

If anyone has any problem getting assistance (SSI, food stamps, housing) because of HIV+ status, call aRK for advice.

MCC is located at the Mose School in Mechanicsville.

Worship Service: Sundays at 6pm. Call 521-6546 for more information.

GLBSU meets Tuesdays at 8 PM at the University Center. Coming in April will be the Annual Easter Bonnet Contest. Awards will be presented at the Cracker Barrel Old Country Stores on Easter Sunday. Get your bonnets ready now. Call 524-0748 for more information.

Political Action Alliance of the GLBSU meets on the first Saturday of every month at 1pm. Call 524-0748 for more information.

GALA (Gay And Lesbian Alumni Association)- call Kurt Haas at 595-7949 for more information.

Lambda Literary Circle is a literary and philosophical discussion group. Meets every month at the Printer's Mark Bookshop. Call 595-7949 for more information.

Knoxville Pride Incorporated will be holding an organizational meeting on March 31, at 6:00 p.m.. The meeting will be held at 1501 White Avenue.



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A TRUE QUEEN'S VIEW

by Kelly Rafalldolacabadil

Well, well, well, it's about time you got to this page, honey. I have been waiting for you. First, I have some formalities to go thru. A letter was written to the editors of AWARE stating that the letter writer loved my past articles, to which I must say thank you, but found offense in my gossip-column type article. I must tell you that I personally am sorry if I Offended anyone but I wrote what I truly felt to be true. Also I am hiding under my first amendment rights of freedom of speech and freedom of press. I hate to see a newspaper become bland because they are too scared to print anything. Now on to business!

Hotlanta! The name says it all. No, it is not Frisco, Chicago, or New York, but it is Hotlanta. Whenever you speak of Atlanta you automatically think of Midtown. It is centrally located and where most of the gay bars in town are. There is a MARTA station just a few blocks away and the city buses connect with the subway. The Subway does close at 2 a.m.

While in Hotlanta make sure to take the subway (MARTA) to the Omni

Complex. Ted Turner owns the whole thing and this is where all of his cable networks are. Make sure to take the \$5.00 tour as it is well worth the price. The Underground is also on the MARTA route and is in the absolute middle of it all. It is legendary. A true queen's paradise. *Fabulous* fashions, jewelry, and nightclubs.

Lenox Mall and Phipps Plaza are also on the MARTA system route. They are the expensive malls that have everything you can imagine. Macy's is always fun even though they are going bankrupt.

We always stay at the Howard Johnson's in Midtown because it is on Peachtree Street across from Charly Brown's Cabaret at Backstreet. It is also only a block or two from Bulldog's and is a short drive to that great leather bar for men and women called the Eagle. Howard Johnson's is very gay friendly. Remember when Sable Channel (Ms. Tennessee) won the Ms. U.S.A. pageant in Hotlanta only a few months ago? Well the Howard Johnson on Peachtree was completely booked with

queens. Why you couldn't even get on the elevators because of all the sequined gowns. And child! Let's talk about the parties that were held in the rooms that week. Well, one of the best parties was held by our friend Malery Bishop in her suite.

When not at the bars, or shopping, or riding the subway, you do have to eat. My personal favorite is a little burrito shop on Peachtree near Eleventh. You can't miss it with its neon sign and little tables out front. It is a little hole in the wall but they are friendly and they make great authentic burritos. They are inexpensive, have great iced tea, and don't mind special requests.

Hotlanta is a truly hot city. Pick a weekend and drive on down. It's only a three hour drive. You will be pleasantly surprised and elated that Hotlanta has something for EVERYONE.

Love,

Kelly

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