Tennessee **Pride 1994**

Sunny skies smile upon 800+ taking part in Rally for Freedom Saturday

by JEFF ELLIS

Query Editor

Under sunny skies and amid temperatures in the mid-90s, lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and their friends, families and supporters took to the streets of Tennessee's capital city Saturday for the seventh annual Pride Day festivities in Nash-

Close to 750 marchers followed a route from Legislative Plaza down Church Street to Centennial Park in a colorful display of pride and unity marked by politically motivated speeches and promises of renewed activism.

Keynote speaker Roberta Achtenberg, the first openly lesbian or gay person to be appointed to

a sub-cabinet position by a sitting U.S. president, told her audience that there is "nothing more affirming that what is going on in Chattanooga, Knoxville, Memphis, Nashville and all the other smaller cities and towns in Tennessee and across the U.S.A."

Achtenberg praised efforts by activists in the heartland and urged her listeners to continue the struggle for social change.

Numbers fall short of predictions

The official rally count, conducted by members of the Nashville Pride Committee, put the attendance at 850 people. That number compared somewhat unfavorably with predictions made earlier by Pride chair Brad Beasley, who had told Query a week before the event that organizers expected 1,500 people to take part. In a radio interview conducted the day before the rally, Beasley upped his prediction to 2,000.

Although the number of persons taking part was smaller than predicted, the atmosphere at Legislative Plaza, located at the foot of Tennessee's Capitol Hill, was largely spirited and festive. Participants made their opinions known by applauding loudly the slate of speakers to deliver remarks during the course of the 90minute rally.

Motivational speakers and world-class body builders Bob Jackson-Paris and Rod Jackson-Paris, also took to the dais to urge their Legislative Plaza audience

to assume roles as teachers for younger lesbian and gay people, as well as for those who oppose

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Opponent slams Cohen, **Bredesen for 'support** of gay rights' at forum

Cohen stands ground with Cocrhan, while Bredesen waffles

by SUSAN JENSEN

Query Staff Writer

Alluding to last Saturday's Rally for Freedom in Nashville, public service commissioner Frank Cochran, a candidate for governor, leveled aim Monday morning at two of his rivals for the Democratic nomination when he said they are "advocating gay

At a forum held by the Tennessee Municipal League in Gatlinburg, Cochran called Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen and state senator Steve Cohen (D-Memphis) to task for their roles in last weekend's Pride

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Roberta Achtenberg, assistant secretary of Housing and Urban Development, and her life partner, California judge Mary Morgan, were in Tennessee last weekend to take part in Saturday's Rally for Freedom held at the Legislative Plaza in Nashville. - QUERY PHOTO BY JAN LYNCH

STONEWALL 28



Cattanooga Pride chair Marvin Parker

Where were you in June of 1969? I was in United States Marine Corps boot camp in San Diego, California When did you first learn about

Stonewall? don't remember anything about Stonewall from 1969, because I was still dealing with my sexuality. I knew I was gay, I'm sure, but I wouldn't admit it to myself, much

less anyone else in 1969. How important is Stonewall?

Remembering Stonewall is really important because it gives us roots—a history. Thanks to efforts to keep Stonewall alive, we know that there was actually a beginning to our struggle for lesbian and gay civil rights in America. Q

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Official estimates of attendance at last weekend's Rally for Freedom at Nashville's Legislative Plaza put the number of persons taking part at just more than 850. Participants heard speeches from several speakers, including Roberta Achtenberg and Rod and Bod Jackson-Paris.—QUERY PHOTO BY JEFF ELLIS

...Tennessee Pride '94

Q Continued from previous page the lesbian/gay civil rights movement.

"We can be teachers," Bob Jackson-Paris said. "Those who would harm us can be taught...we should live the ideals with which we were raised and we should live our lives with pride and dignity."

Rod Jackson-Paris said that "in this time of struggle, we must continue to be more and more open and honest with America," letting the mainstream learn more about the lives of lesbians and gay men.

"We will still be second class citizens unless we unite as a proud people," he continued.

State senator Steve Cohen (D-Memphis), a gubernatorial candidate, made an unexpected appearance, winning vocal support from the crowd when he told them, "Everyone should have the right to lead their life as they see fit and to live it free from governmental interference."

Cohen lauded lesbian and gay activists' efforts by saying, "If you don't stand up for yourselves, no one will stand up with you."

Nashville attorney Richard Manson, a Democratic candidate for the state senate from the 19th District in Davidson County, made a pitch for lesbian and gay support in his upcoming primary contest against incumbent Thelma Harper.

"I will represent each and every citizen of Davidson County, regardless of their persuasion," Manson said. "Vote for me because you dare to make a difference."

Other speakers taking part in the rally included: Marvin Parker of the Chattanooga Pride committee; James Tallent representing Knoxville Pride; Nashville attorney Abby Rubenfeld; African-American lesbian activist Jazzmyn; Lon Thrasher, cochair of the Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice; One-in-Teen member Greg Drye; and mayoral aide Jennifer Hill, who read the proclamation from Nashville mayor Phil Bredesen, which proclaimed Saturday Lesbian and Gay Pride Day in the state's capital city.

Led by a rainbow-hued balloon arch and a gigantic rainbow flag which made its first appearance a week earlier in the Knoxville Pride Parade, marchers moved through the streets of downtown Nashville toward Centennial Park on West End Avenue.

Carrying placards and signs proclaiming such sentiments as "Gay Rights Now" and "With Liberty and Justice for All," marchers were greeted enthusiastically by onlookers crowding the sidewalks along the parade routes.

The 1994 parade seemed to take on a more colorful image than in years past with brightly colored balloons and miniature rainbow flags readily in evidence throughout the contingent of marchers.

Revelers continued the festival atmosphere at Centennial Park where the "Party in the Park" continued until the early evening hours. Entertainment, speakers from varied community groups, information booths, food and drink added to the excitement of the event.

Among the rally's speakers was Buddy Truluck, the new pastor of Metropolitan Community Church/Nashville, who was making his first appearance at a Nashville Pride event. "I'm thankful to be here," Truluck said, pledging to increase his congregation's efforts to counter attacks by a "homophobic religious establishment that is unbending." Q



These two women, brandishing signs and placards, were among the more than 800 people taking part in the Rally for Freedom.-QUERY PHOTO BY JEFF ELLIS



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The Connection hit by Sunday blaze

Authorities have no suspects, but arson is likely

by JEFF ELLIS

Query Editor

An early Sunday morning fire at The Connection, a gay/lesbian nightclub in downtown Nashville, resulted in "very, very, very little damage" to the business which was open as usual by Sunday night.

According to Wayne Prince, manager of the nightclub/bar near the construction site of the planned downtown arena, "someone broke into a window and set fire to a trash can in a hallway by the dressing rooms."

A scorched wall was the result of the small blaze, with most damage attributed to the water used by firefighters to douse the blaze. "We were able to open the entire complex for business Sunday night," Prince said.

Prince said he had opened the facility at 10 a.m. to allow employee Landy Morris ("Nasty") to begin work.

"By the time I got back home at 10:20, I was told to go back to the club, so the fire had to be set sometime during that twenty

minute period," Prince explained.

Morris told authorities he "heard a pop" and found smoke coming from the dressing room area moments before he called the fire department.

The state fire marshall investigated the incident, but has no suspects.

Ironically, The Connection was hit by fire weeks before its July 1993 opening, which cause delays in renovation of the facility. Prince said Sunday's fire was "almost a carbon copy" to the 1993 blaze.

Prince said attempts by the mainstream media to tie Sunday's fire to Saturday's Rally for Freedom—which was sponsored by The Connection—were "ridiculous."

"People are trying to tie it to us sponsoring the rally on Saturday, but I don't think that had anything to do with it," Prince said. "If someone had spray-painted 'fag' on the front windows or something like that, I might suspect some relation. But I really don't think one thing had anything at all to do with the other."



June 24-30 ...in gay and lesbian history

compiled by LYNN SINGER

Query Staff Writer

JUNE 25—Nashville gay men and lesbians braved 102 degree heat to march more than 200 strong down the streets of the city as Pride Week '88 climaxed with a parade, festival and rally in Centennial Park. San Francisco's 1978 Gay Freedom Day drew more than 350,000 marchers. To commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, the U.S. Postal Service in 1989 issued a special "Lesbian & Gay Pride" postmark.

JUNE 26—Virginia Apuzzo, former executive director of the National Gay Task Force and an outspoken lesbian activist, was born in 1941. In 1977, police in Barcelona broke up a gay and lesbian Pride march by firing rubber bullets into the crowd of 4,000 marchers; dozens were seriously injured.

JUNE 27—GAY NEWS, England's first national gay and lesbian newspaper, debuted in 1972. In a nationally syndicated column, "Place Blame for AIDS Where it Belongs," columnist Mona Charren in 1990 blamed AIDS on "the indifference of promiscuous homosexuals" and called for an end to spending for AIDS education.

JUNE 28—Former pro football player David Kopay, who came out in autobiography was born in 1942. Gay men, lesbians, transsexuals, transvestites and drag queens struckback when New York police officers raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar in Greenwich Village's Sheridan Square. Shortly after midnight, on this date in 1969, plainclothes police officers entered the Stonewall Inn in order to close the bar for selling liquor without a license. What followed has gone down in history as the Stonewall Rebellion, the beginning of the contemporary gay and lesbian civil rights movement. A Gay Pride Parade in New York City in 1970 attracted more than 10,000 people on the first anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion.

JUNE 29—In 1985, the French National Assembly passed a bill prohibiting discrimination against gay men and lesbians. In 1969, the second consecutive night of rioting got under way at the Stonewall Inn. In 1977, Coors Beer Company took out full-page ads in THE ADVOCATE, hoping to dispel rumors that it donated money to Anita Bryant and other anti-gay/lesbian crusaders. Knoxville mayor Victor Ashe refused to proclaim "Gay Pride Day" in 1991.

JUNE 30—In 1934, during the infamous "Night of the Long Knives," Ernst Rohm, the gay leader of the Nazi SS, was assassinated, and scores of homosexuals were rounded up and sent to forced labor camps, later to be known as concentration camps. More than 43,000 people took part in New York's 1974 Gay Pride Parade. The Equal Rights Amendment, in 1982, met defeat when it fell three states shy of ratification. The Unitarian Universalist Church voted in 1984 to recognize and approve ceremonies

compiled by SUSAN JENSEN Query Staff Writer

New York City

■ 'Uncommon Heroes' released for Stonewall 25

Stonewall 25, the organization to promote the 25th anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, will introduce its first publication this week, UNCOMMON HEROES, a tribute to 131 gay and lesbian contemporary role models.

The photo-essay anthology of homosexual men and women honors political and religious leaders as well as artists, entertainers, teachers and role models from various walks of life, according to executive editor Phillip E. Sherman.

The book is \$25 and may be ordered by calling (800) 437-6374.

Among those featured in the volume are Charles Busch, k.d. lang, Greg Louganis, Ian McKellen, Martina Navratilova and Gerry Studds.

Richmond

Lesbian mom finally wins long custody battle

Sharon Bottoms finally won her protracted legal battle to gain custody of her son Tuesday when a Virginia Court of Appeals panel ruled 3-0 that the two-year-old be returned to her.

A lower court had ruled that custody of young Tyler Doustou be awarded to Bottoms' mother, Kay Bottoms, because Sharon Bottoms' sexual orientation caused her to be "an unfit mother."

"A parent's private sexual conduct, even if illegal, does not create an assumption of unfitness," wrote Judge Sam W. Coleman III in the decision.

Earlier court rulings had deemed Bottoms unfit because she and her lover, April Wade, were engaged in "crimes against nature," because oral sex between two persons of the same sex violates Virginia's sodomy laws.

Coleman wrote that a parent cannot lose custody of a child "based on proof that a parent is engaged in private, illegal sexual conduct or conduct considered by some to be deviant" unless psychological harm can be proven.

Psychologists testifying throughout the legal battle typified young Tyler as a happy, welladjusted child and Bottoms' as a loving mother.

Sharon Bottoms' and Tyler's father are divorced and he has had no involvement in the raising of

Kay Bottoms' attorney said the

child's grandmother will likely appeal the case to the Virginia Supreme Court.

Toledo

■ Ohio jury awards \$512,000 in landmark AIDS case

A federal jury last week found that a doctor a hospital in Fremont, Ohio, discriminated against a man with AIDS who sought emergency medical care for a non-AIDS related allergic reaction, awarding \$512,000 to the estate of Fred L. Charon.

The jury found that physician Charles Hull and Fremont Memorial Hospital were liable for discrimination under the Federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and assessed \$62,000 compensatory damages for pain and suffering against the hospital and Hull.

The jury also imposed \$150,000 in punitive damages against Hull and \$300,000 in punitive damages against the hospital.

Charon was driving through Ohio on a vacation trip to Wisconsin in 1992 when he suffered a severe allergic reaction to medication, unrelated to his HIV status.

He was rushed to the emergency room at Memorial Hospital in Fremont, where emergency room staff began to treat him.

When the admitting doctor on duty learned of Charon's AIDS diagnosis, he refused to admit him to the hospital, saving, "Once you get an AIDS patient in the hospital, you will never get him out." Charon was sent a long distance away by ambulance to another hospital

In the fall of 1992, Charon brought suit against the admitting doctor, Hull, and Memorial Hospital, claiming violations of the Americans With Disabilities Act, the Federal Rehabilitation Act and the state common law against intentional or reckless infliction of emotional distress

Charon died on March 25, 1993. Q

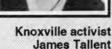
STONEWALL 25

Where were you in June of 1969? I was in second grade

at Vonore Elementary School, having just moved to Tennessee from Florida

When did you first learn about Stonewall?

I don't remember anything about Stonewall from 1969, but I do remember when Judy



Garland died because I was such a big fan of THE WIZARD OF OZ.

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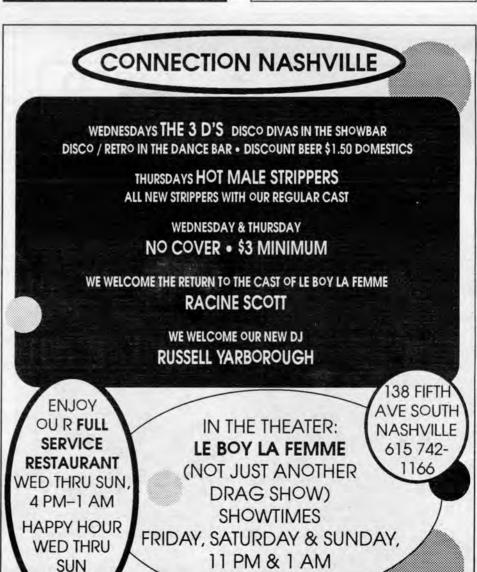
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Collierville

■ Harrell Theatre announces '94-'95 season offerings

Collierville's Harrell Performing Arts Center has announced its 1994-95 season, including productions of BABES IN TOYLAND and ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE.

"As a non-profit organization in the fastest growing city in Tennessee, our primary purpose is to increase the interest of the community in the arts," said general manager Paul Lormand.

Since its opening in 1989, when Harrell shows played to 2,742 trcket-holders, in 1993 the theatre hosted 13,616 patrons.

New season tickets will go on sale August 5.

Opening the season will be PINOCCHIO, running October 7-30, followed by BABES IN TOYLAND, December 1-18. RUMPELSTILTSKIN opens 1994 with a February 3-27 run, with QUILTERS running April 7-30.

ALWAYS, PATSY CLINE will run August 5-28, 1995.

For further information, call the theatre at (901) 853-3228.

Germantown

■ Community theatre

schedules shows for '94-'95

Germantown Community Theatre will open its 22nd season with the August 19-September 4 run of THE CARDIGANS, an affectionate revue of '50s and '60s era tunes

Other shows scheduled during the upcoming season are: Noel Coward's BLITHE SPIRIT, October 14-30; THE WIZARD OF OZ, December 1-18; THE CHILDREN'S HOUR, January 27-February 12; GOLD DUST, March 10-16; ROPE, April 21-May 7; and ON GOLDEN POND, June 9-25.

Season subscriptions range from \$45 for a single membership—six tickets—to \$225 for a benefactor membership—24 tickets—and are available by mail or at the theatre box office, 3037 Forest Hill Road, Germantown, Tennessee 38138, or telephone (901) 754-2680.

Memphis

Playwrights Forum to stage 'Bell Collection'

Playwrights Forum will present a collection of one-act plays by Memphis playwright Mary Bell under the umbrella title THE BELL COLLECTION.

The plays will be presented through Sunday, June 26, at the second floor Lab Theatre at the University of Memphis. For further details, call Playwrights Forum a (901) 541-6043.

Nashville

■ Third annual youth conference in September

FROM AFFIRMATION TO ADVOCACY, the third annual conference recognizing the needs of gay, lesbian and bisexual youth, has been rescheduled for Friday, September 23.

The event will be held at the Avon Williams Campus (third floor) of Tennessee State University at Tenth Avenue and Charlotte Pike, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (CT).

For more information, call Planned Parenthood of Middle Tennessee at (615) 356-5326

■ TRT season auditions set for June 27-29

Tennessee Repertory Theatre will hold auditions for its 1994-95 season June 27-29.

Auditions are scheduled for Monday, June 27, from 1 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, June 28, from 2 to 6 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 29, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All times are central daylight. Auditions will be held at the The Rep offices at 427 Chestnut Street in Nashville.

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Each auditionee will be given a total of five minute for the audition.

For details or to set up an audition appointment, call The Rep at (615) 244-4878.

New Market

Gay Time in the Smokies' to be held in July

Members of the Smoky Mountain Gay and Lesbian Support (SMGLS) will host a camp-out and picnic on July 29 and 30 for gay men and lesbians and other supportive individuals.

All individuals and organizations are welcome to join "for the fun, food and fellowship," said SMGLS spokesperson Jeff Manning.

"This is an excellent opportunity to meet new people, and talk to old friends," he continued.

For more information, contact SMGLS at (615) 932-4138 or 397-5268.



Changing Channels

■ Suzanne Westenhoefer gets her own HBO spot

by SUSAN JENSEN Query Staff Writer

How did you get started in comedy?

I went to New York in 1983 to become a great Broadway actress, but I didn't even really try it. People said to, 'You should do comedy, you're so funny.' But I thought comedy wasn't for me at all. Then my exlover made me take a comedy class-where I refused to perform until finally the teacher said 'Maybe you would be more comfortable being a gay comic.' But I wanted to perform for straight people, too. So ignoring lots of good advice, I began doing gay comedy in straight clubs.

So, how does your comedy career compare with your original ambition to be a great **Broadway actress?**

As much as I miss being on stage and acting, the best part of doing comedy is that I get to perform, and it's so honest!

How did you first come out in public?

It was at an open-mike night at a cabaret owned by a gay woman in the West Village. Since it was comedy night, the audience was mostly straight. Anyway, I walked out on the stage and said, 'Thank you all for coming out....so I guess I will, too...No, really, I mean it!' And I was out. The audience was surprised, but they loved it, and I even won the contest for the night.

What kind of reaction do you usually receive as a gay performer in a straight club?

They're shocked. Shocked by the way I look. Shocked that I'm admitting I'm a lesbian. Shocked that I'm funny. You know, lesbians, we don't have a sense of humor. Lesbians, we all look like men. Lesbians, we all hate men-all those stereotypes. In one fell swoop-boom!-they all fall away.

What do you like best about playing to straight audiences?

Instead of seeing gays and lesbians as some generalization, I let them know someone specific who is gay; I make it personal. It is much harder to hate when they see me. It's harder for someone who actually knows a gay person to go out and beat one up. We must let them know that we can be moms, dads, brothers, sisters, aunts, and uncles.

And then there's an opening to educate them, perhaps?

Yeah, I tell them that gay relationships are the same as hetero relationships. We fight about the same things like who left the cap off the toothpaste, who's gonna take out the garbage, who's gonna kill the bug. But most people don't think our relationships are equal. They think we're performing witchcraft and levitation cow guts. So many people are so misinformed and afraid of us. I want to be able to say the things I need to say in a way that everybody has a good time. Gay is normal; gay is fine!



Comic Suzanne Westenhoefer

What are you most often asked?

That's easy: 'How does someone become a homosexual?' And I answer that homosexuals are chosen first on talent, then the interview, and

then the swimsuit and evening gown portion gets rid of the undesirables.

How did being gay affect you as a child growing up?

By the time I was in 6th or 7th grade, I sensed that I was different and felt I was hiding some deep secret form everyone, which I now understand was probably my

What was your family's reaction to your being lesbian?

I spend an incredible amount of time explaining my jokes to my mother ... Actually, my relationship with my family is very good. I think my coming out was almost a relief to her because she knew that explained a lot of things: what I had been trying to hide and what I had been trying to run away from. When I came out, my whole personality changed. I was so happy and so normal and so loving.

Were you funny as a child?

My mother has reel-to-reel cassette of me at six or seven doing the entire 'Edith Ann' thing from Lily Tomlin on LAUGH-IN, and my sister has tapes of me at eight just sitting around being silly with friends. I wanted to be a famous movie star from the time I was old enough to think, but I wanted to a famous funny movie star, sort of a Carole Lombard or a Carol Burnett, I loved Susan Hayward. I loved Elizabeth Taylor.

Do you feel as if you have a special responsibility because you are a gay comedian?

Yes, I do. I love performing for the gay community, but there's no message there. I want to get up in front of straight audiences and say, 'It's okay to be gay.' And I want to do it everywhere-on the TONIGHT SHOW, on my own sitcom, whatever.

What do you see ahead?

"I think there's a built-in curiosity about homosexuality that's going to work for me, which is great. As soon as people realize that it's not a weird thing to be gay, they'll have some fun.

Is it true that your ambition is have your own unabashedly gay-themed television show?

Yes, I want young lesbians and gays to turn on the TV and see someone who is one of them. I want to be a role model, a hero. Obviously, I can't speak for every one of us cause there are all kinds of gay people, and we represent every possible opinion, but for the community, I want to be a voice. Q

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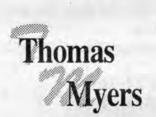
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...candidates on gay rights

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celebration. Bredesen had issued a proclamation for Lesbian and Gay Pride day, while Cohen had addressed the 800-plus members of the audience at the rally at Legislative Plaza.

In his initial remarks Cochran did not name the two candidates who he said favor granting to lesbians and gay men the same civil rights as "regular heterosexual people."

Pressed by Cohen to name the two candidates, Cochran refused. But when Cohen asked if he was referring to Bredesen and him, Cochran replied, "If the shoe fits, wear

it."

"I'm going to speak out for every child God has created," Cohen retorted. "Every human being deserves the same rights. Whether a person is gay or not should make no difference."

Bredesen refused to comment during the forum and afterward told the *Nashville Banner that he didn't think Cochran was referring to him because he routinely issues proclamations of welcome for various groups. Bredesen, who called himself "a tolerant person," said he had never "been a crusader for gay rights."

n Focus

■ All dressed up...with no place to go

by CARLTON CORNETT Query Contributing Writer

I'm so depressed. I graduated from high school last month and it will be three or four months before I can start college. I don't know what to do with myself. I don't have a summer job and none of my friends know I'm a lesbian. Where can I get some help with being out of high school, a potential college student and a lesbian? Any ideas?

- D.A., Chattanooga

A couple of thoughts about this dilemma. One of them is in the form of a practical suggestion about where you might find support, the other is more of a new way at looking at things.

Let's go with the practical avenue first.

I understand that UT/Chattanooga has a lesbian and gay student group that might be helpful. I don't know whether or not they are in operation for the summer, but if they are this might be a place to start.

Certainly, there will be people there who understand exactly what you're experiencing right now. Nashville, for example, has a One-in-Teen program which every town ought to have. Being your age and lesbian or gay is no picnic and there's never really enough support.

It may also be helpful to look at your life in smaller chunks right now.

Change is one of the most difficult things people ever face. You've had at least three dramatic changes in the past few months: graduation, coming out (although this may not have been so recent), and preparing for college. Any of those is a major life change and life changes can be extraordinarily difficult.

When you have three together, you've got the potential to be overwhelmed. To help with that you might try what we were taught in social work school to call "partializing."

Partializing means to look at a potentially overwhelming situation as a group of little



Carlton Cornett

pieces. Then act on each little piece, rather than trying to conquer the whole thing all at once.

So, try taking each difficult piece right now and look at what

you can do to address that small piece.

For instance, figure out what would ease the difficulty of adjusting to being a high school graduate (and no matter how welcome it w sit is probably also a blow to your life routine and a new picture of yourself to which you need to become accustomed). Maybe meeting with old friends from high school (even though they don't know you're a lesbian) might help.

Then look at what would help with the coming out part.

Obviously, whatever you decide to do will be highly personal because only you know what will help.

But if you can get yourself not to see the big picture right now and can break it down into more manageable chunks it may help a

Again, you've got a lot of changes going on which means a lot to adjust to. Support from other people is generally helpful at such times.

If the group is not meeting at UTC this summer, try the Metropolitan Community Church/Chattanooga or another place where you can meet other lesbian and gay people. If that isn't comfortable, maybe you have a friend who you can share with.

A lot of help may come in simply having support from other people. Wherever you can find that and be comfortable with it will probably be a big step toward feeling less depressed.

I think Robert Fulghum (All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten) is right when he says: "When you go out into the world, watch out for traffic, hold hands, and stick together."

I wish you all the best in finding a hand to hold. • Q

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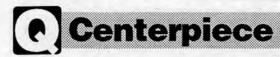
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Among the many images of lesbian and gay Pride seen in last weekend's parade and rally in Nashville were these photographed by Jan Lynch and Jeff Ellis for Query. Clockwise from above: Singer/activist Jazzmyn was among the speakers at the Rally for Freedom; Special guests Bob and Rod Jackson-Paris spoke at the rally following a Friday afternoon workshop for lesbian, gay and bisexual teenagers; Lon Thrasher, co-chair of the Nashville-based Lesbian and Gay Coalition for Justice; Volunteers unfurl the massive rainbow-striped flag brought from Knoxville to lead off the parade to Centennial Park; Participants listened attentively to the words of the speakers on the 90-minute rally program; One young woman sought to beat the 90+ degree heat by cooling off in a fountain on Legislative Plaza; Members of Western Kentucky University's Lambda Association were among college groups taking part in Saturday's parade; and Beth Sibray of The Center for Lesbian and Gay Community Services carries the agency's banner along the parade route.









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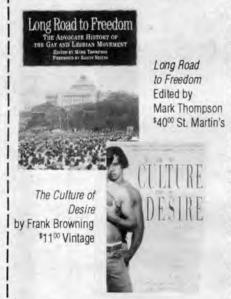
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DeWayne's World

Written in the stars... Your horoscope for June 17-23

by DeWAYNE FULTON Query Contributing Writer

ARIES (March 21-April 19)—There is a great deal to be excited about this week. A brighter outlook and greater confidence should descend upon you for no apparent reason. This change in attitude can draw more people to your project or program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)-Concentrate on improving communications with the people who are sharing life's journey with you. Especially important this week is to seek ways for you and your lover to share more completely. This weekend and next would be a wonderful time to explore better communications while visiting a romantic location together.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)-The timing is great for making changes in the status quo and removing blinders. Begin with the changes in your life that you have planned but not implemented. The greater the potential risk, the greater the improvement you can create in your quality of life. CANCER (June 22-July 22)-You may find that a new relationship is beginning to move at a frightening pace, but don't let this scare you away. Being a little frightened is far better than feeling indifferent, as you should know. Hold on and enjoy the thrill of the ride.

LEO (July 23-August 22)-To strengthen an existing relationship or to build a new one you should find a way to break your routine. Take the time and expend the energy to explore intriguing places or ideas this week. Writing holds promises of increased recognition and greater rewards

VIRGO (August 23-September

22)-You can discover the success you desire by increasing your involvement in a

community group that supports issues important to you. There are many places in our community where your talents and abilities are desperately needed. The right one for you is waiting for your

LIBRA (September 23-October 22)-This week begins a period that emphasizes your needs for security and purpose. You may want to spend time examining the important elements of your life. Are the people and activities that are now important to you meeting those needs? There are options that will help you establish firmer roots and ensure a sense of belonging.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21)-You may discover this week that your values and beliefs have changed over time. The growth and change you have undergone should begin to



develop a more coherent pattern. Reading and studying together will ensure that you and your lover continue to journey together.

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(November 22-December 21)-

You are at your best this week when you are meeting and greeting at social events. Turn holiday festivities into an opportunity to meet and impress important or influential people. You are near your height in social grace and charm, so use it effectively for business or for pleasure.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 19)-Now is the time to leave behind the need to pamper and care for the important people in your life. Now is the time to let your loved ones see your trust and feel your love by allowing them more independence.

AQUARIUS (January 20-February 18)-There is hope to rejuvenate a faltering or dead relationship that was based on real love and mutual respect. Seek private, quiet time to attempt to reconnect with lost or misplace feelings. Those without a past relationship worth recreating should look for opportunities to start fresh.

PISCES (February 19-March 20)—You may find that your family needs are consuming all your available time. Even if you are disposed to letting your family overcome your personal or romantic times, don't let this happen. It is important to be accessible this week, but set limits on how intermeshed your family should be. Q

STONEWALL

Where were you in June of 1969? I had just graduated from high school and was packing my bags to go to Europe in Au-

gust. When did you first learn about Stonewall?

I was vaguely aware of the gay rights move-ment in 1969, because I was pretty political even as a recent high school graduate.



Knoxville artist and activist Jan Lynch

How important is Stonewall?
Stonewall is sort of like our Fourth of July. You can celebrate July 4th without going to Philadelphia, and we can celebrate Stonewall even in Tennessee. Freedom is lived throughout this country. Q

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From the Poop Sheet

■ Overcoming society's ignorance

by ACE LUNDON

Query ContributingWriter

Martin Luther King, Jr. wasn't just walking around with his head up a dark place, was he? He laid it all out for you in the open, didn't he? Got himself killed for it too, didn't he?

He said, "the most dangerous thing in the world is ignorance systematically pursued" ... and the ignorant got upset because the truth hurt.

Now, I ask myself: Why? Why would "ignorance systematically pursued" be the "most dangerous thing in the world"? The answer has to be: ignorance breeds fears in people and albeit unfounded fears, they are nonetheless frightening.

Hmmmm! Maybe it's even more frightening to the ignorant; maybe that's why it's so dangerous?!

Fear truly is an insidious monster! It makes wonderful human beings act less that human. Straight phobics aren't the only ones affected though. Lesbians and gay men know all too well what fear is. It exists, basically however, from two standpoints: Reality fears and fears created from the unknown.

So what are reality fears? It's those areas of life where we face a definite known threat which could harm us. Like being bashed because we're lesbian or gay. It's a legitimate fear, so we take precautions.

Reality fears should awaken us to falling off a ladder, driving on a busy street or crossing a street, contracting a contagious disease.

In over half a century of living, I have found foundationless fears are far more prevalent. Of course, they are equally as frightening as legitimate fears, but these fears are illegitimate, since education and knowledge have the ability to eliminate them.

These fears become phobias when allowed to exist and grow. They may create monsters out of us where psychological therapy may be needed to free us from the grasp on our mind, body and spirit.

Homophobia is one of these illegitimate fears.

Homophobia is the fear of homosexuals. A fear created from centuries of ignorance pursued in a systematic manner through keeping homosexuals in their closets.

"What you don't know won't hurt you" may have been the pervasive thought which kept hidden the realities of homosexuality.

Time passes though and hopefully intelligence increases. We now know that homos come in all shapes, colors and sizes. We now realize that it is entirely probable one may exist in our own family tree.

We now know so much more than we did evan a couple decades ago; yet, homophobia still exists.

We may have "come a long way, baby" but there's still a long way to go in eliminat-



Ace Lundon

ing this horrible monster.

In the minds of so many precious people who are infected with this fear...precious people who may even be our own grandparents,

parents, Aunts and Uncles, cousins, coworkers, neighbors. We who are out have the opportunity of helping educate them.

What possibly could be the seed-thought which creates this monster fear? It may well be the dormant idea that homosexuality is something which can be caught, like a disease, or something which can be taught, like a job skill.

To erase the fear/phobia, however, might be facing the questions: If one is a homo, could you be hetero? Or, if one is hetero, could you ever in your wildest dreams be a homo?

The answers, of course, are simple. Those of us who know we are naturally as we are, know if we continue in our closets: know what others see of us will be an act. S

o, could we be hetero? It is an act many of us have ut on for our public. The hetero also knows deep down inside that there is no way in heck they'd ever be able to put up a facade of being a homo. Yet many still fear.

Maybe they're afraid of being the "other" group in society called "BI-sexual."

The task we all face is accepting who and what we are; then learn to live in love and harmony with those around us who are not our clones.

Our sexuality is not something we wake up one day and say "I think I'll be this or that today". The way we live, however, is a choice; whether we be home or hetero.

Out of curiosity—do you find most of the people in your life to be straight? Or gay? My life has found me with two or three out of ten to be lesbian or gay.

I personally think the majority of lesbians and gay men live with most of their friends and acquaintances being straight. Logically though.

We are a rather stable ten-percent minority. It would be very normal that most of our friends and acquaintances be straights.

But think of the impact out individual lives could make if each of us were out-of-the-closet to these straight friends and acquaintances. The next thing we'll have to learn how to do is driving them to the voting booths when our lives are on the line.

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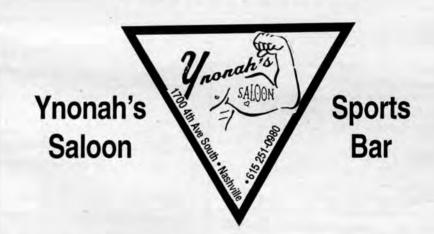
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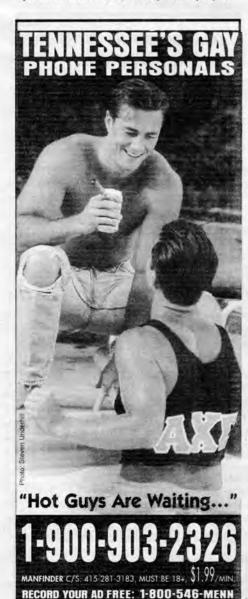
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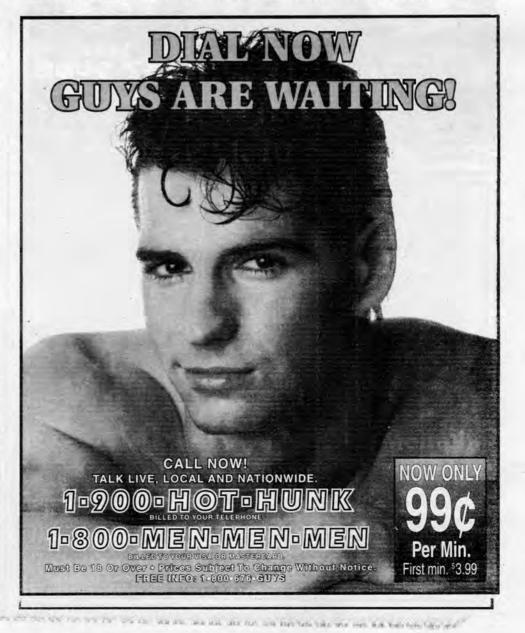
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 713
- Chatt WM, 40, 6', 150#, masc, prof, trav, music, film., ISO AM/BM/WM, 25-40, 4 frndship. Reply assured.

 711
- GWM, 27, 6'6", 255#, br/blue, Ing hair, sks hot, handsme 20-28 yo, masc GWM 4 wk-outs, movies, music,more? No smoke, drugs. B sinc. Foro/ltr, respond to all. Long hair a +!!

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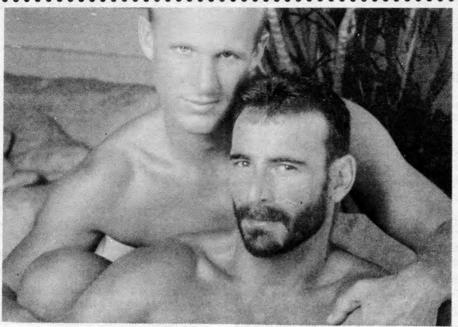
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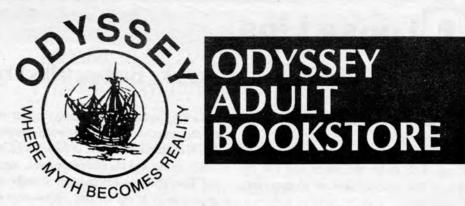


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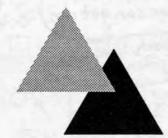
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Loose Lips

■ She looks like Barbra, walks like Barbra, talks like Barbra—but is she Barbra? Or is he Memorex?

compiled by JEFF ELLIS Query Editor

I can walk down the street and not be recognized because there are so many impersonators.

— The legendary Barbra Streisand, explaining to her audience Monday night at Madison Square Garden why she's thrilled to be playing the Big Apple during the same week as Gay Games IV and Stonewall 25 are being held.

I passed two people on Broadway today and the man said, "Look, there's Barbra Streisand." And the woman said, 'That's the tenth time you've said that today. This one isn't even close." — La Streisand, reminiscing about an on-the-street encounter with the little people. She'll continue her series of New York City concerts through the end of the week, causing some folks to say that she'll make an appearance at the closing ceremonies of Gay Games IV.

When I went to the March on Washington and did a speech from Shakespeare to, I'm told, a million people, my life seemed to make some sense. There I am capable of performing in public and making the link between Shakespeare's humanity and the particular concerns of a large minority of which I happen to identify myself. It is very, very fulfilling and it makes me feel better about myself. I wish I got involved much

earlier on.

— Sir Ian McKellan, talking about his twin real-life roles as actor and activist. He'll perform a one-man show in New York this week as part of Stonewall 25 and the Gay Games cultural festival.

My big problem as a person has been my lack of self confidence, which is one of the reasons acting was a good job for me. I thelped to give me confidence long before I was a professional actor. Now that process has continued. I have only got to look around at people of my generation who are not in a job that they have enjoyed doing and have not been able to take hold of their own lives in an utterly confident way, to know that I am very lucky to come through.

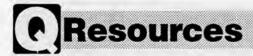
— McKellen, on the effect his coming out has had on his personal life.

There is something about that opening—a gorgeous woman coming down a pure white flight of stairs in a red evening gown, carrying an armload of lilies. I think not since Katharine Cornell or Bernhardt has anyone entered that way. And Mary Beth Peil does it so superbly, you just say, "I love this woman. I love theatre. I want that dress!"

— Gay writer Paul Rudnick (I HATE HAMLET, JEFFREY, ADDAMS FAMILY VAL-UES), talking to THEATREWEEK about the opening of his newest play, THE NAKED TRUTH.

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■ Friends, neighbors and networks

Bowling Green, Kentucky

Area Code 502 - Central Time Zone

- AIDS Southern Kentucky Support mlgs, Wed, 6pm. ASK Building, 730 Fairview Ave. Info 842-5833.
- Western Kentucky University Lambda Box 8335, 42101. Info

Chattanooga

Area Code 615 . Eastern Time Zone

- Chattanooga/Hamilton Co. Health Dept Free HIV testing. At 921 E 3rd St, Mon-Fri, 9am-3pm. Info 757-2078. At Chuck's 1st Fri, 9pmmidnight. Info 757-2009.
- Chattanooga CARES AIDS Resource Ctr for the Tenn Valley. Tue, 7pm: HIV+ support group. Thu, 7:30pm: Friends & Family of HIV+. Info 265-2273. AIDS Hotline 267-AIDS [2437] after 4pm.
- Chattanooga Pride 2nd Sun, 1601 Foust St. Bx 24414, 37422. Info
- Gay & Lesbian Outdoor Wanderers [GLOW] Hiking group. Info
- Gay & Lesbian 12-step Program Open recovery mtg. Sun, 8pm. At Grace Episcopal, lower rm, 20 Belvoir Ave. Info 344-3338.
- Gay/Lesbian AA Open mtg. 1601 Foust St. Fri, 8pm.
- Integrity / East Tennessee 1st & 3rd Sun, 6pm. At Grace Episcopal, lower rm, 20 Belvoir Ave. 629-2871.
- Metropolitan Community Church Worship: Sun, 11am & 6:50pm. 1601 Foust St. Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Wed, 7-8:30pm. Info 629-2737.
- Women's Spirituality Group 2nd & 4th Wed, 7-9pm. 1601 Foust

Clarksville

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■ Clarksville CARES Support for HIV+, ARC, AIDS, family & partners. Info 553-8711.

Cleveland

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■ AIDS Resource Ctr for the Tenn Valley Tue, 7pm: HIV+ & Friends support group. Info 265-2273. AIDS Hotline 267-AIDS [2437] after 4pm

Cookeville

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■ Middle Tennessee Gay & Lesbian Alliance Sun, 6pm. Info 372-8073, Box, 101, Cookeville 38501.

Huntsville, Alabama

Area Code 205 . Central Time Zone

- Coming Out Support Group Ste 103, 2400 Bob Wallace Blvd. Info 533-6220
- GALOP For les/gay/bi professionals. 4th Thu, 7pm. Landmark Bldg, 2400 Bob Wallace Blvd. Info 517-6127.
- Living Sober Lesbian / gay 12-step. Closed mtg: Wed, 8pm. Open mtg: Sat & Sun, 8pm. 1412 Randolph Ave. Info 533-6220.
- Metropolitan Community Church Worship: Sun, 11am & 6pm; Wed, 7pm. Ste 103, 2400 Bob Wallace Blvd. Info 533-6220.
- North Alabama Coalition for Lesbians & Gays Sharing & networking group. 2nd Thu, 7pm. Info 881-2961.
- Opening Books Lesbian / gay library, gifts. Daily, 10am-10pm. 403 Pratt Ave. Info 536-5880
- Unitarian Universalist Church Welcomes lesbians, gay men. 2222 Governor's Dr. 35801. Info 534-0508.

Jackson

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■ Human Beings Care HIV Resources Inc Info 423-0330 or 800 562-3383

Knoxville

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- aids Response Knoxville Tue: Circle of Love grief & bereavement group, 6:30-8:30pm. Wed: HIV+support group, 6:30-8pm. Info 523-AIDS.
- Friends Gay/lesbian fun social group. Sun, 1pm: picnic, Ft. Dickerson Park Info 525-8309
- Gay & Lesbian Helpline Listening, info & referral. Operates 7-11pm nightly, staff permitting. Info 521-6546.
- Gay/Lesbian Al-Anon Mon, 6-7pm. Tennessee Valley Unitarian, 32219 Kingston Pike. Info 687-3138.
- Gay Men's Group Discussion. Mon, 8pm. Tennessee Valley Unitarian. ■ Lambda Student Union / UTK Weekly mtg: Tue, 8pm. Women's
- & Men's Share Groups & Political Action Alliance. Info 525-2335.
- Gay Gratitude Group Open, nonsmoking Alcoholics Anonymous, Tennessee Valley Unitarian Church, 3219 Kingston Pk. Mon & Fri, 7pm. Info 524-5024. ■ Knoxville Gay Liberation Front Broad-platformed direct-action
- political group. 595-8638.
- Metropolitan Community Church Worship: Sun, 6pm. Corner Weisgarber & Lonas. Info 521-6546.
- National Association of People with AIDS [NAPWA] Knoxville Chapter. Crisis intervention, social activites & direct emergency support for people with AIDS. Info 637-3139.

- Pride Committee 1st Mon, 7:30pm, Candy Factory.
- P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Support group. Info Bx 20153 Knoxville, 37940-0153.
- Smoky Mountain Bears Bearclub. 1st Sat, 7pm., Ol' Plantation. Box 52662, 37950-2662 or phone 539-2471. usBears BBS 531-7515.
- Smoky Mountains Gay & Lesbian Support Info (615) 932-
- Volunteer Bears Bear club. Box 30305, 37930 or phone 531-4706.

Memphis

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- Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Memphis Lambda Ctr, 241 N Cleveland. Sat, 6:30pm. Info 276-7379.
- A1-A non At Memphis Lambda Ctr, 241 N Cleveland. Wed, 6:30pm. Info 276-7379.
- Black & White Men Together [BWMT] Social & service group. Info 948-2387 or 682-9106.
- Friends for Life Info 458-AIDS [hotline] or 272-0855. Call for day & time: Support group for families & caregivers (with Visiting Nurse Association), Info 323-8300.
- Gay Alternative Hour Radio, WEVL-FM 90. Mon, 6-7pm.
- Holy Trinity Community Church Sun: Sunday school 9:45am; Worship 11am & 6:30pm; Wed: 6:45pm. 2323 Monroe Ave [former Eternal Mercy Lutheran Church for the Deaf]. Info 726-9443.
- Integrity Lesbian & gay Episcopalians & friends. 3rd Tue. At Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N 2nd. Info 525-6602.
- Into the Light (Women's Alcoholics Anonymous) Memphis Lambda Ctr, 241 North Cleveland. Thu, 8pm; Sun, noon. Info 276-7379.
- Lambda Men's Chorus Calvary Episcopal Church, 102 N 2nd. Tue, 7:30pm. Info 728-GAYS [4297].
- Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center 3rd Mon: GayRap, 7pm. 2nd Tue: Board mtg, 7pm. Wed: HIV testing by Shelby Co. Health Dept., 5-7pm. 3rd Sat: Potluck, 7pm. \$3 w/ covered dish, \$5 w/o. Call for location. Info 728-GAYS [4297].
- Memphis Gay Switchboard Evenings, Info 728-GAYS 142971.
- Memphis State University GALA Thu. Info 728-GAYS [4297]. Our Meeting (Alcoholics Anonymous) At Memphis Lambda Ctr, 241 N
 Cleveland. Tue: 5:30pm; Thu: 5:30pm. Info 276-7379.

 P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Support group. St.
- John's Episcopal, 322 S Greer. 1st Thu, 7pm. Info 761-1444.
- Phoenix (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Open mtgs. Memphis Lambda Ctr, 241 N Cleveland. Mon: 8pm; Tue: 8pm; Wed: 8pm; Fri: 10pm; Sat: 8pm; Sun: 8pm. Info 527-1461, 726-6293 or 327-3676.
- Seriously Sober (Gay Alcoholics Anonymous) Memphis Lambda Ctr. 241 N Cleveland. Fri. 8pm. Info 272-9549.
- Southern Country Memphis Country Western dance for men & women. Tue & Fri, 8pm, at Reflections, 92 N Avalon; Wed, 7:30pm, at WKRB, 1528 Madison. Info 362-2117.
- S.P.A.C.E. [Supporting People with AIDS/HIV through Community Efforts]. For black HIV community. Into 452-6773.
- Student Diversity Council For Memphis State Univ students. Sun, 4pm. Info 454-0897
- Support Group for Gay Catholics & Friends Gen! mlg 1st & 3rd Thu, liturgy 1st & 3rd Thu. Info 725-5237. ■ Women NOW Sponsor: Memphis Chapter NOW. Memphis Cable
- Channel 6. Tue, 5pm; Thu, 7pm; Sat, 8pm. Info 276-0282.
- Young & Proud For those 18-25. Wed, 7:30pm. Info 728-GAYS [4297].

Murfreesboro

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■ MTSU Lambda Middle Tenn St Univ students & nonstudents. Tue, 6:30pm. 703 Berry Rd. Info 780-2293.

Nashville

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 ACT UP Wed, 7pm. 703 Berry Rd. Info 269-5128.
- Affirmation Lesbian/gay United Methodist potluck & fellowship. 4th Wed. 7pm. Info 254-7628.
- Al-Anon Support group for gay men, lesbians affected by someone else's drinking. Unitarian Church Morgan House, 1808 Woodmont Ave. Tue, 6:30pm.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group Belmont Uniled Methodist, 2007 Acklen Av. Fri, 7:30pm.

 Alternatives (Alcoholics Anonymous) Closed mlg for lesbians & gay
- men. Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Av. Thu, 7:30pm.
- Conductors Social & Service club. 2nd Fri. Info Bx 40261, 37204. ■ Dayspring Christian Fellowship, Sun, 7pm: worship; Thu, 7pm: Bible study; 1st Sun, after worship, potluck. At 120-B South 11th St. Info 227-
- Gay & Lesbian Partners Network The Center, 703 Berry Rd. 1st Sat, 6pm. Free. Info 297-0008.
- Gay & Lesbian Switchboard Daily 5-10pm. 297-0008.
- Gay / Lesbian AA St. Ann's Episcopal, 5th & Woodland. Wed, 6:30-7:30pm. Info 298-1050.
- Gay / Lesbian Addictions Anonymous Belmont United Methodist Church, 2007 Acklen Av. Wed, 7:30pm.
- Girls Night at the Movies The Center, 703 Berry Rd. Fri, 7pm. Free. Info 297-0008. Begins Jan 7, 1994.
- Girth & Mirth of Tennessee Social club for big men & admirers. Info Bx 121886 37212-1886 or phone 297-6386.

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■ Incest Survivors Anonymous First Church Unity, 5125 Franklin Rd.

■ Integrity of Middle Tennessee Lesbian / gay Episcopalians &

■ Lambda Group Closed Alcoholics Anonymous mtg for gay men &

Thu, Geni Mbrship mtg open to all, St. Ann's Episcopal, 5th & Woodland,

■ MAGNET Married & Gay Network. The Center, 703 Berry Rd. 1st & 3rd

Metropolitan Community Church At Budget Host Inn, Jas Robertson Pkwy &1-65. Sun: Bible study, 5pm; worship service, 6pm. Info

■ Multiple Personality Disorder Group Sat, 4pm. Meets in

■ Music City Sports Association Basketball league, info 361-6956. Bowling league, info 227-3543. Softball league, info 297-0008. Volleyball league, info 226-3214.

■ Music City Panel Makers AIDS Memorial Quilt Sewing Circle. Info

■ Nashville CARES Mon: AIDS/ARC support group, noon; Newcomers

group, 6pm. Tue: HIV+ support group, 6pm. Wed: Gay couples support

group, 6pm. Thu: Bereavement group, 6pm. Alt Fri: Family support group, 6pm. At 700 Craighead, 2nd Floor. Info 385-1510.

■ Nash ville Gay Circle Men's Social / Support Group 2nd & 4th Thu.

■ Nashville Women's Alliance 703 Berry Rd. 3rd & 4th Tue, 7pm. Info

■ One in Teen Support group for lesbian, gay & bisexual teens. Wed, 6:30pm. Info 297-0008.

■ Overeaters Anonymous At The Center. Fri, 6:15pm. Info 297-0008.
■ P-FLAG Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, 1st Tue. Unitarian

Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. 7pm. Info 377-0496 or 662-0332.

■ Pride Committee At The Center. Sat, 10:30am. Info 262-7453.

■ Positive Voice Nashville CARES, 700 Craighead. 4th Sun. Info 383-

■ Reconciliation Support group for lesbian/gay people with a loved one

■ Rejoice & Be Glad Lesbian & gay Catholics. 1st & 3rd Sun, 2pm, The Center, 703 Berry Rd. Info 297-0008.

Southeastern Gay Rodeo Assoc [SEGRA] 2nd Sun, 5pm. At The

■ Southern Country Nashville 3rd Wed: Board mlg, 7:30pm. Tue &

■ Stonewall Mission Church Sun: Worship, 6:30pm. At the Center,

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■ Vanderbilt Lambda Association Lunch gathering. At pink carna-

■ Women's Discussion Group For lesbian & bisexual women. Wed.

Workaholics Anonymous Wed, 6-7pm. Imagination Crossroads 3900 Hillsboro Rd. Info 297-0637.

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■ East Tennessee State Univ Lambda Mon, 8pm. Wed, 6pm. 3rd

■ Gay & Lesbian AA Closed mtg. At Lighthouse Outreach Ctr, E Center St, Kingsport. Wed, 8pm. Info 378-4774.

■ HIV Network HIV/AIDS support, education. Volunteer mtgs, 1st Sun,

■ LETSA Lesbians of East Tennessee & Surrounding Areas social/support

■ Metropolitan Community Church Sun: social hour, 6pm; wor-

■ Tri-Cities AIDS Project (TAP) Women's support group, 6:30pm, 1st

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■ Someone CARES Support group for Dickson County lesbians & gay

Thu. Support group for PWAs, ARC, & HIV+, 2nd & 4th Thu. Info 928-6101.

ship service, 7pm. At Holston Valley Unitarian Church, Gray, Info 349-

group. 1st & 3rd Tue. Info Box 905 Mountain Home, TN 37684.

tion, Rand Cafeteria, Vanderbilt Univ. Thu, noon. Info 343-1318.

Thu, dance classes, 7-10pm. At the Chute, 2535 Franklin Rd. Free. Info

■ Music City Bears Bear club. Box 101592, 37224-1592.

lesbians, Unitarian Church, 1808 Woodmont Blvd. Mon, 8pm ■ Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice [LGCJ] 1st Thu: Leadership Council mtg open to all, 7pm, The Center, 703 Berry Rd. 3rd

Sat: Open mtg, 5:30pm. Sun: Closed men's & women's mtg, 6pm.

friends. 4th Tue, 6:30pm. Info 383-6608.

■ Lesbian Potluck 2nd Sat, 7pm. Info 297-0008.

7pm. Info 298-LGCJ [5425].

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men. Info Box 657, White Bluff 37187.

Chute, 2535 Franklin Rd. Info 226-7124.

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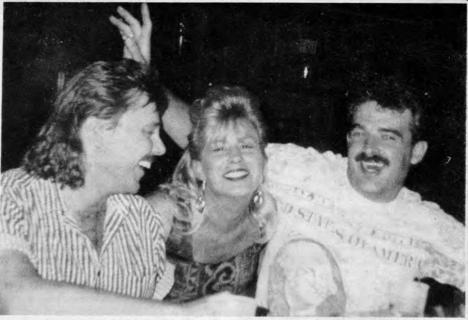
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