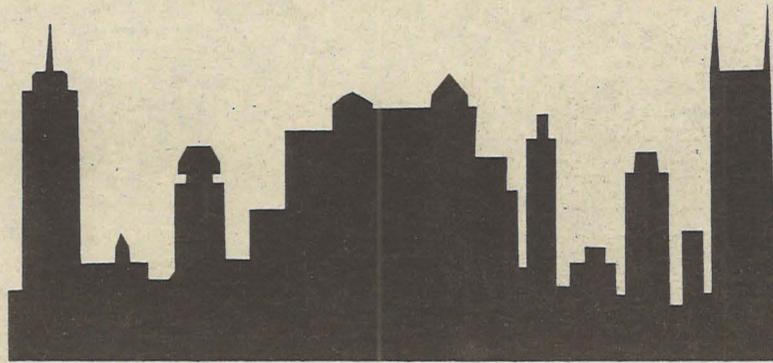


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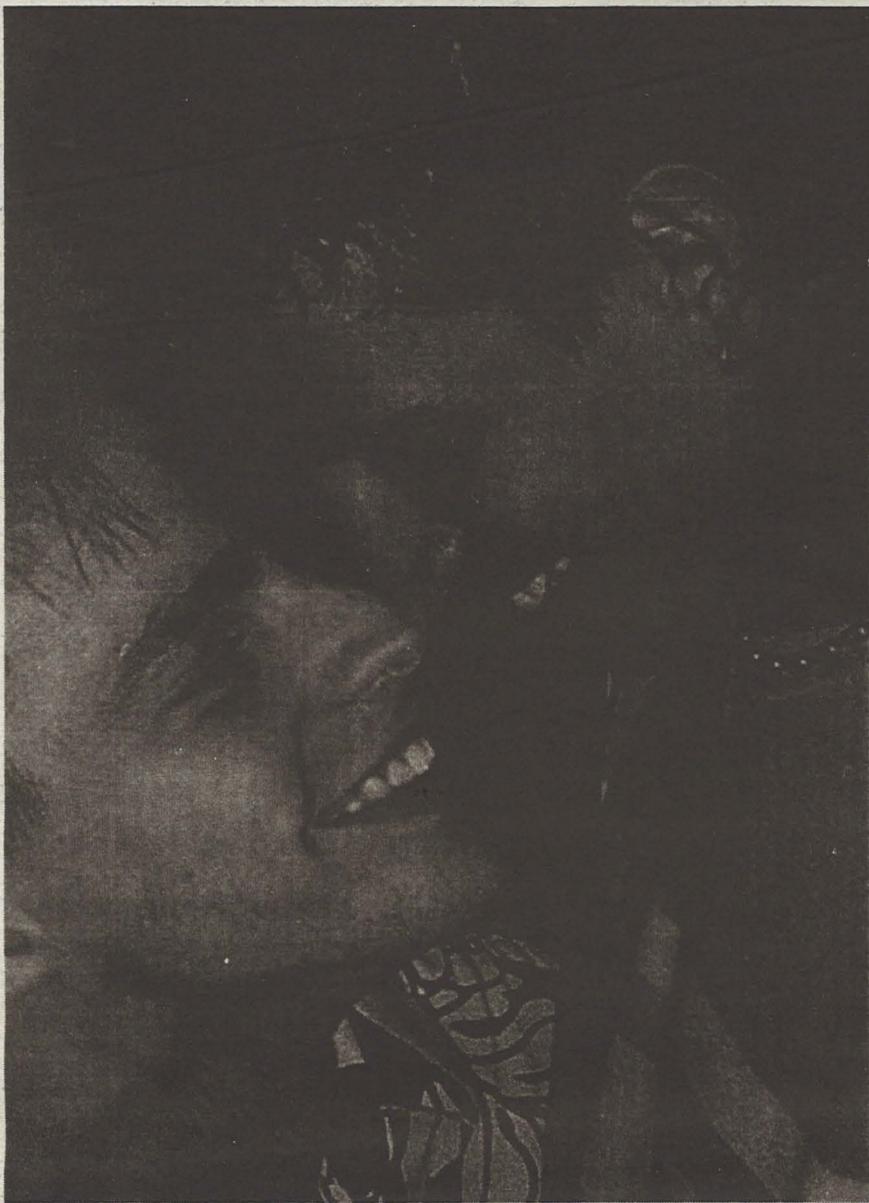
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Our Pride Encompasses Nashville (OPEN) is a nonprofit organization that organizes Pride events for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered community here in the mid-South. These events are designed to support our community through education, raising awareness, and bringing together the diverse people and organizations that make the LGBT community so special. Our events are also intended to dispel stereotypes and raise awareness in the larger community about what LGBT people and our community are truly about.

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Raney Pollos & Deb Marshall

LETTER FROM THE CO-CHAIRS

August 15, 2001

This was our year to prove ourselves.

Last year, saving Pride was news. The crisis brought out a lot on energy and interest. This year, however, we were just another community organization. We found we had fewer volunteers and less media coverage. Could we keep the momentum going? Was Pride 2000 just beginner's luck?

This was our year to define ourselves.

We continued long-standing traditions – *the Pride Pageant, the Spirituality Celebration, the Pride Ball at the Parthenon.* And we invented new traditions all our own: *the Public Service Awards, the Volleyball OPEN, the 5K Run, Same-Sex Speed Dating.* We produced the

Pride Guide entirely on our own. We streamlined our website and our bylaws. We expanded our Kids Zone, making it even bigger and better. We learned how to accomplish more things with fewer (*and shorter!*) meetings. We developed our own rhythm and our own style.

This was our year to grow... and blossom.

We took risks. Occasionally we fell flat, but more often, we took flight. We're spreading our wings into a new era, which is exciting and a little scary sometimes. Come join us and be a part of the adventure as we create Pride 2002!

Raney Pollos

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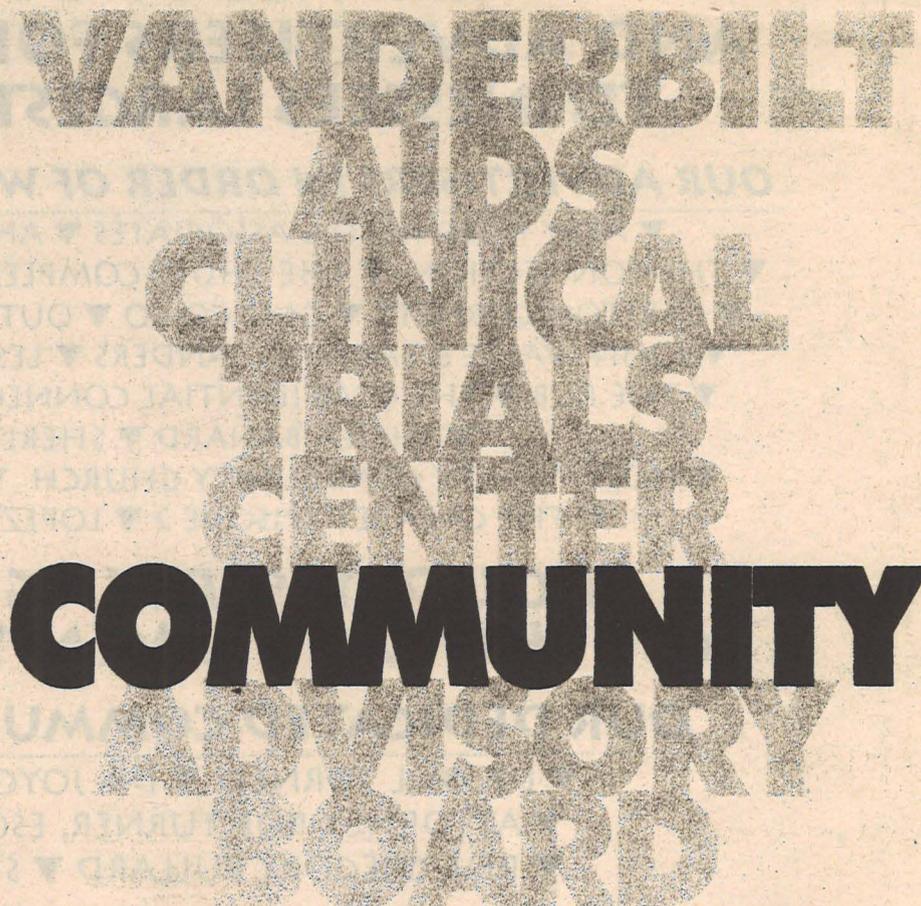


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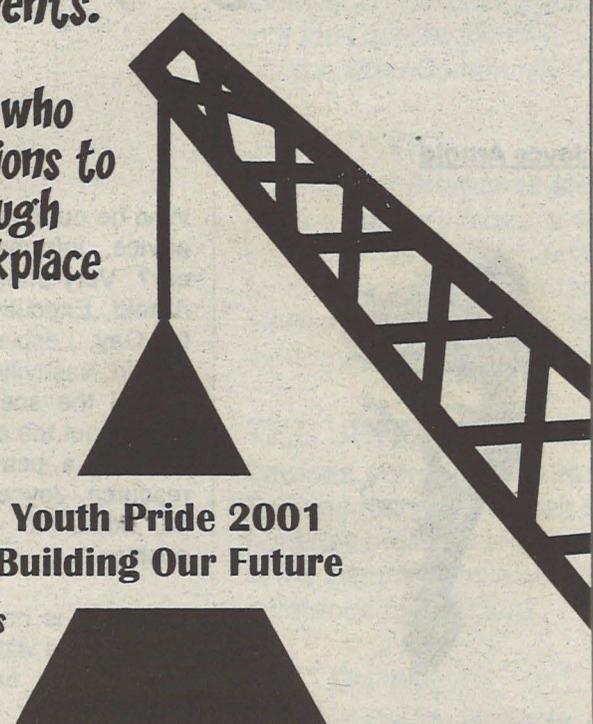
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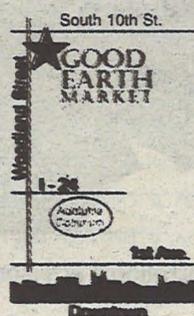
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It's not uncommon to hear stories of Abby's "stick to it" work ethic when it comes to representing local members of the GLBT community who need legal representation. She has established an incredible reputation as an advocate for her clients who come from all segments of the community.

Ms. Rubinfeld has been in practice for over 22 years and is one of the founders of the National Lesbian and Gay Law Association. She is also a current member of the Human Rights Campaign's board of directors.

Joyce Arnold



Who do our community leaders turn to for advice, information, or just a listening ear? Very often, the answer is Dr. Joyce Arnold, Executive Director of the Center for Gay, Lesbian, Bi and Transgendered Life in Nashville. Usually working quietly behind the scenes, her influence is felt throughout the community. As a mentor, a teacher, a peacemaker and information resource, Joyce works on average 50 to 60 hours a week in her "part-time" position.

But there is no average week for Joyce, who faces a wide range of challenges and opportunities each day. Counseling an "out" mother in a custody battle. Moderating a summit of LGBT community leaders. Working with the Mayor's office

on gay issues. Teaching a human sexuality class at a local church rethinking its doctrine. Speaking on behalf of gay youth at a conference of Tennessee educators. Helping organize the new Tennessee Coalition Against Hate.

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Pam Wheeler, Keith Hinkle, and Matthew Strader



It all began with a Xenogeny article last year about the new Pride group needing volunteers as it tried to save the event in just 90 days. Pam decided to see what this OPEN was all about. "I realized OPEN was giving people the opportunity to

get involved on any level, and that I could make a big difference in Nashville," said Pam. Pam devoted herself to producing the Festival.

Soon after, she was on a white water rafting trip with her friend Keith and his partner Matthew. They started brainstorming ideas -- a Kids Zone, a Pet Drag Show, two stages for the entertainment. The couple decided to jump in and help. Together they were soon nicknamed "The Dream Team" as they poured themselves into crafting an exciting new type of Pride event for Nashville. Keith said he learned "we have a strong, resourceful community that pulls together despite the occasional conflicting view. The 'New Pride' could not have been a success without everyone's involvement, and I know that the years to come will be even richer and surprising for us all."

Since then, the team produced OPEN's first Pride Ball at the Parthenon, and Pam is creating a new local talk show: "Out Around Town." These three winners of the Vision Award are pioneering exciting new things for our community. Keep an eye on what they're doing -- you're likely to catch a glimpse of the future.

Tommy Lawson



Tommy Lawson, winner of OPEN's first Legacy Award, truly exemplified the spirit of the award, which is to "recognize an individual, who through many years of hard work, has made a difference for current and future generations."

What started in 1986 as a simple back yard picnic for members of the local GLBT community soon, turned in the first proper fundraiser for the Conductor's PWA fund. This eventually developed into Masque For AIDS in 1992, which further evolved into the first Night in White in 1996.

Mr. Lawson has served on the Board of Directors for Nashville Cares from 1992 through 1999. He is currently a member of

that organization's advisory board.

"There's so many people who work who don't get recognition," Tommy said. "I'm a little embarrassed by this. I think the community has changed a great deal - like society. I think that Nashville, because of all our volunteers, is a much better place to live."

Mr. Lawson is a freelance photographer who is well known throughout the community. He also teaches photography at Vanderbilt University.

Honorable Mentions

JERRI EWELL

Founder of MCC-Nashville's Emmaus Ministry to the poor & homeless. Twice a month, Emmaus prepares over 100 hot meals for the homeless for "Sunday Under the Bridge." Emmaus also hosts Room at the Inn, operates a food pantry, and has a program to help provide furniture & clothing. Their witness to the poor - and to mainstream churches - is changing lives and attitudes across the city.

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JIM HAWK

Founder of Stonewall Mission Church, Jim has held many leadership roles. He is a past organizer of Nashville Pride, and played a key role in developing the Center as a Board member and a driving force behind their capitol campaign fund, which today contains nearly \$30,000. Jim has set an example of embracing diversity and has been instrumental in working with and celebrating the transgender community.

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LEE PIPER

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JIM ROBERT & GARY STEWART

The busiest volunteers in Nashville, Jim is on the Center Board, and Gary is the treasurer for the Nashville Association of Business Persons (NAPP). Together they lead MAGNET for gay men who are or have been married, are active in Rejoice and Be Glad (a gay Catholic group), and help organize OPEN's annual Silent Auction.

Married And Gay NETWORK nashcenter.org

DANNI ROMITO-ROMBOKAS

Founder of online lesbian support and social group CIRCLES R US, Danni has created an online circle of friends who she keeps informed of events and issues of interest. CIRCLES embraces and connects a diverse group of women from all walks of life, and holds an annual national gathering that brings them together in person.

CIRCLES R US MarynDanni@aol.com

WAYNE ROSING

Local activist and Co-Chair of PFLAG, Wayne helped restart the organization in 1997 alongside Gene Floyd. Wayne was the driving force behind the first ever gay-positive billboards and theater ads in Tennessee initiated by PFLAG. His longtime work resulted in another first recently: a "Gay and Lesbian Service Organizations" listing in the 2001 Nashville Yellow Pages.

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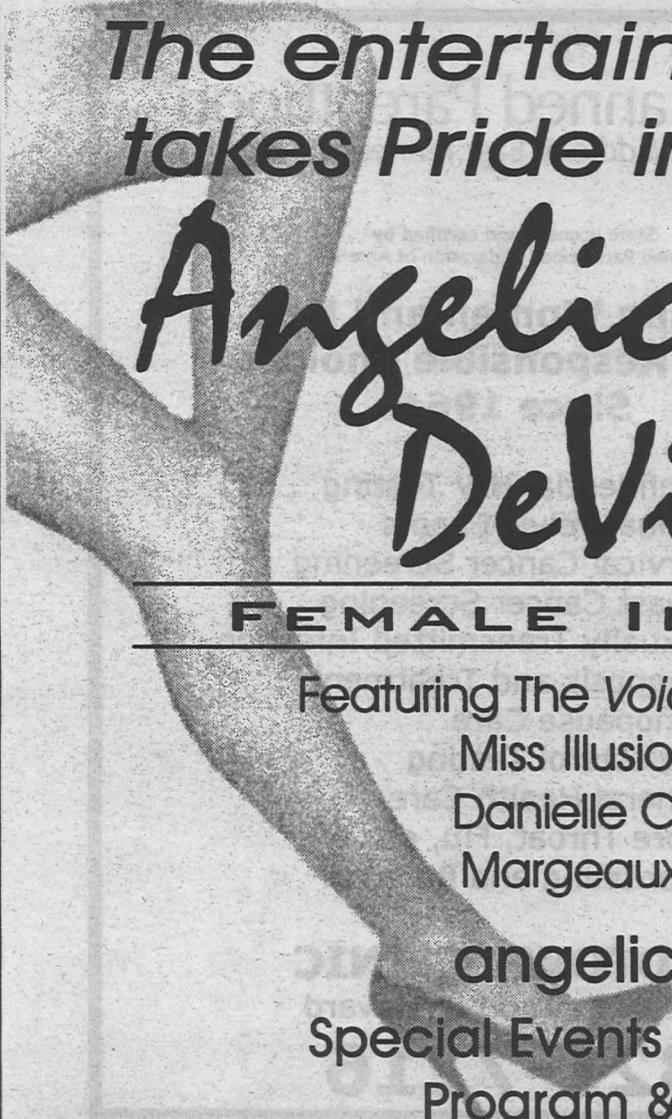
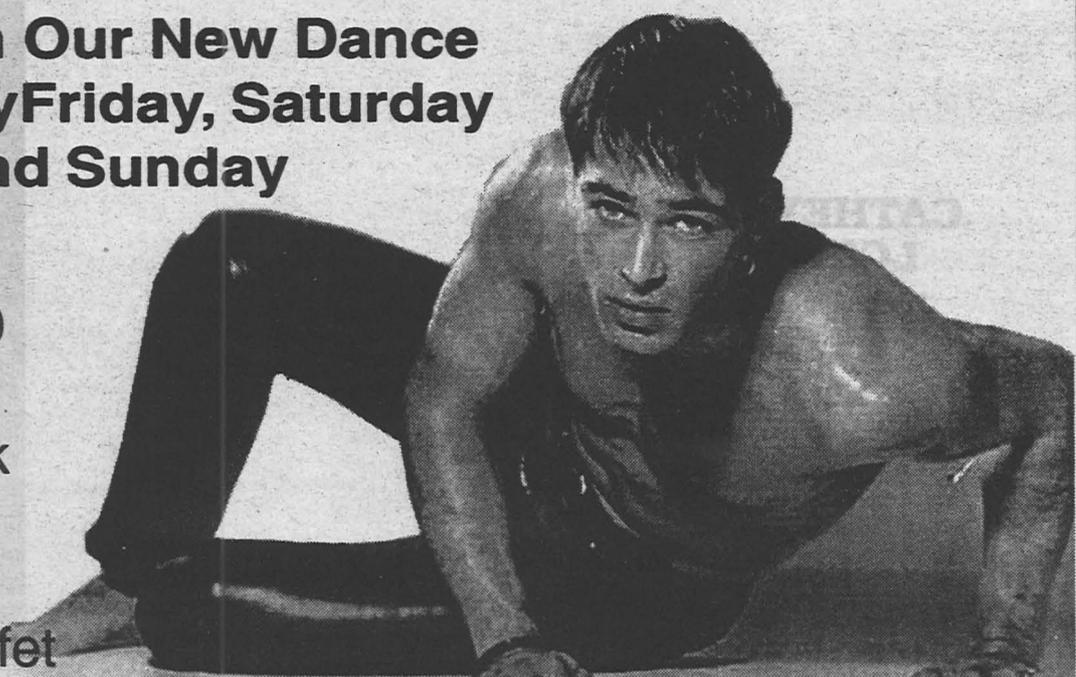
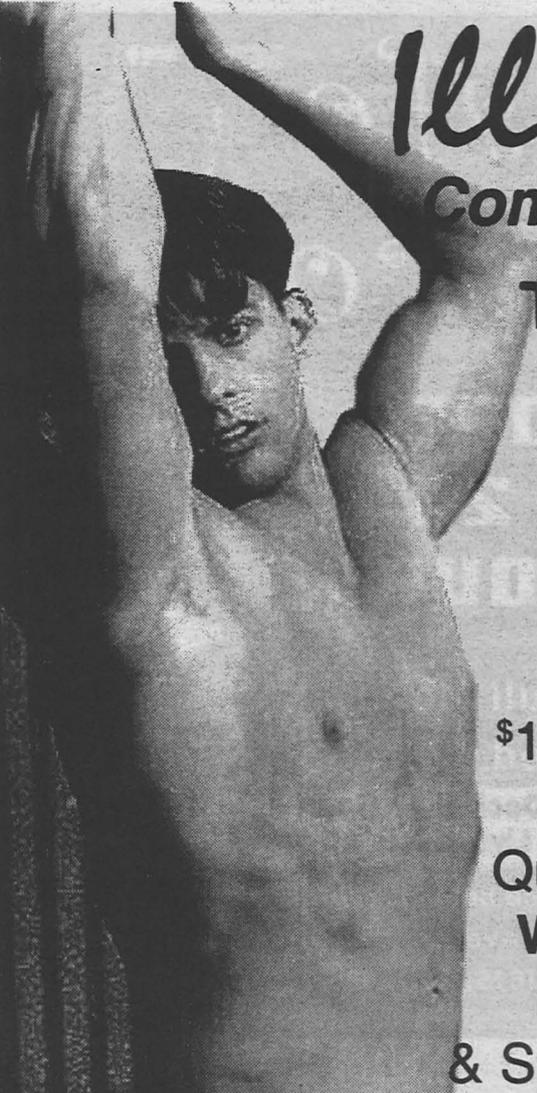
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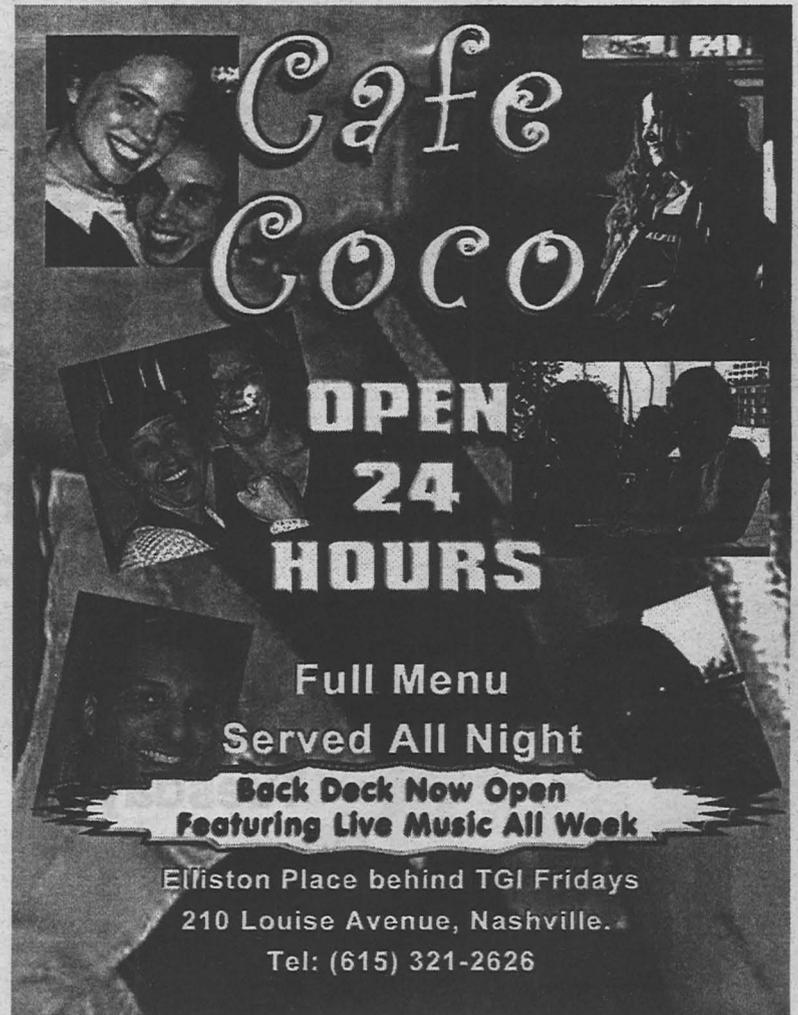


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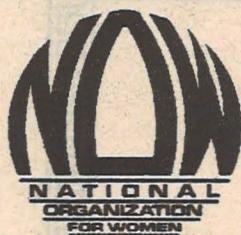
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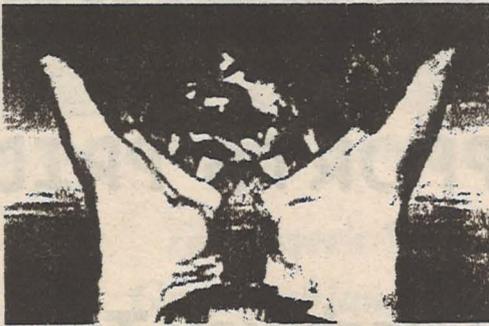
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Members of the GLBT community gathered at Illusions/Tool Box for the first annual Volleyball OPEN. The event was a huge success. There were eight teams signed up for the competition. The winners of the match were The Supremes. Pictured here is the OPEN Board of Directors team losing their match.

GREETINGS FROM THE O.P.E.N. BOARD OF DIRECTORS



It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun, for OPEN's Board of Directors as they assembled all the elements that make up Pride Fest 2001. Deb Marshall and Raney Pollos, last year's co-chairs, filled those posts again this year. There were several other members who were part of last year's team, but this year also saw some new faces around the table.

Raney Pollos, OPEN co-chair, received the Spirit of Nursing Award from the Tennessee Association of Student Nurses shortly after Pride last year. He became an RN in January and works as a case manager for a local hospice, Odyssey Healthcare.

Deb Marshall, OPEN's other co-chair, is a favorite British import within the local community. She is a senior systems analyst for Deloitte and Touche. She also teaches Computer Information Systems at MTSU in Murfreesboro, TN.

Pat Finn and **Roxanne Isham** are OPEN's Financial Officer and Membership Coordinator, respectively. They are a very well known couple in the local community, who won a major custody battle in Wilson County in 1998. Collectively, they have over 40 years of nursing experience; Ms. Isham is an oncology nurse and Ms. Finn is an insurance case manager.

Todd Hughes is OPEN's secretary and brings to this job incredible organizational skills. He is the driving force behind the silent auction that has become a major event during Pride. Mr. Hughes is a Professor at Vanderbilt University's Language Lab, as well as being a world traveler. Look for Todd to be taking more leadership roles within the community.

Randi Dalton, Board Member at Large, is a musician and studies Graphic Design at Nashville Tech. She is the Office Manager for a local ink manufacturer and owns her own company, SunSational Designs. Ms. Dalton has taken on the role of Editor of this year's Pride Guide.

Pamela DeGroff, OPEN's other Member at Large, is well known as a member of the Tennessee Vals, middle Tennessee's oldest transgender support group. DeGroff is also a board member of Equality Tennessee, as well as the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition. DeGroff is also a published author and part of the jazz/rock duo, Cosmonaut Bob.

OPEN's Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the people who have given so much of their time, energy and effort to make Pride 2001 such a success.

Thanks!

The OPEN Board of Directors



Pictured here left to right: Pat Finn, Todd Hughes, Randi Dalton, Roxanne Isham, Raney Pollos, Deb Marshall and Pamela DeGroff.

Roxanne Isham
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Pat Finn
Todd Hughes
Deb "DJ" Marshall

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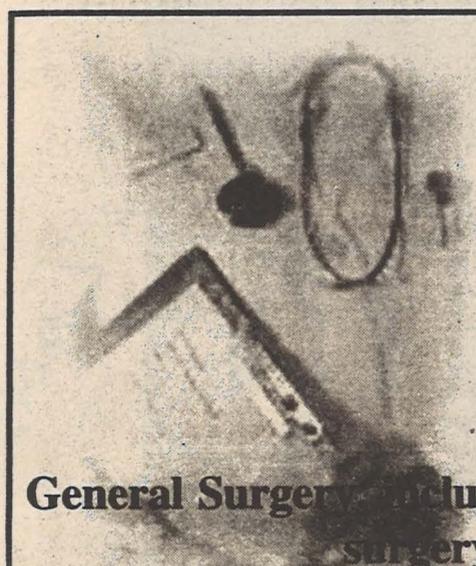
At the end of each date, participants use a form (first names only) to indicate whether they would be interested in seeing this particular person again. At the end of the night, OPEN collects the forms to check for matches—when two participants have checked "yes" for each other. OPEN then notifies both parties within 48 hours, giving each the other's phone number. OPEN keeps any personal information confidential, other than participants' first names and phone numbers in the case of a match.

Participants can easily meet a dozen new single people in just one night. When was the last time that happened to you?
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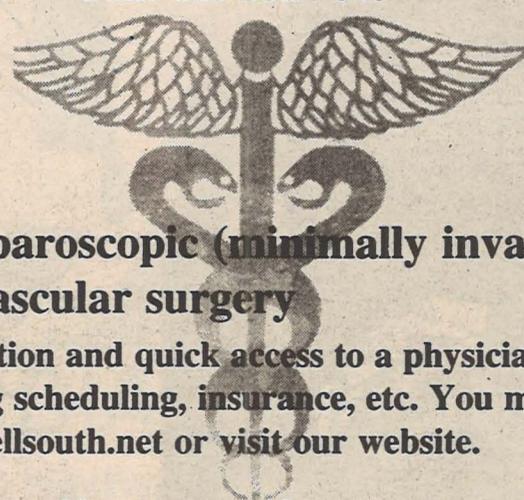
All singles are invited to be a part of this first-ever event. RSVPs are appreciated.
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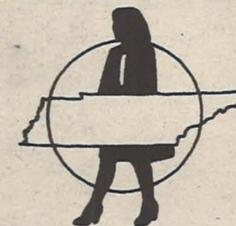
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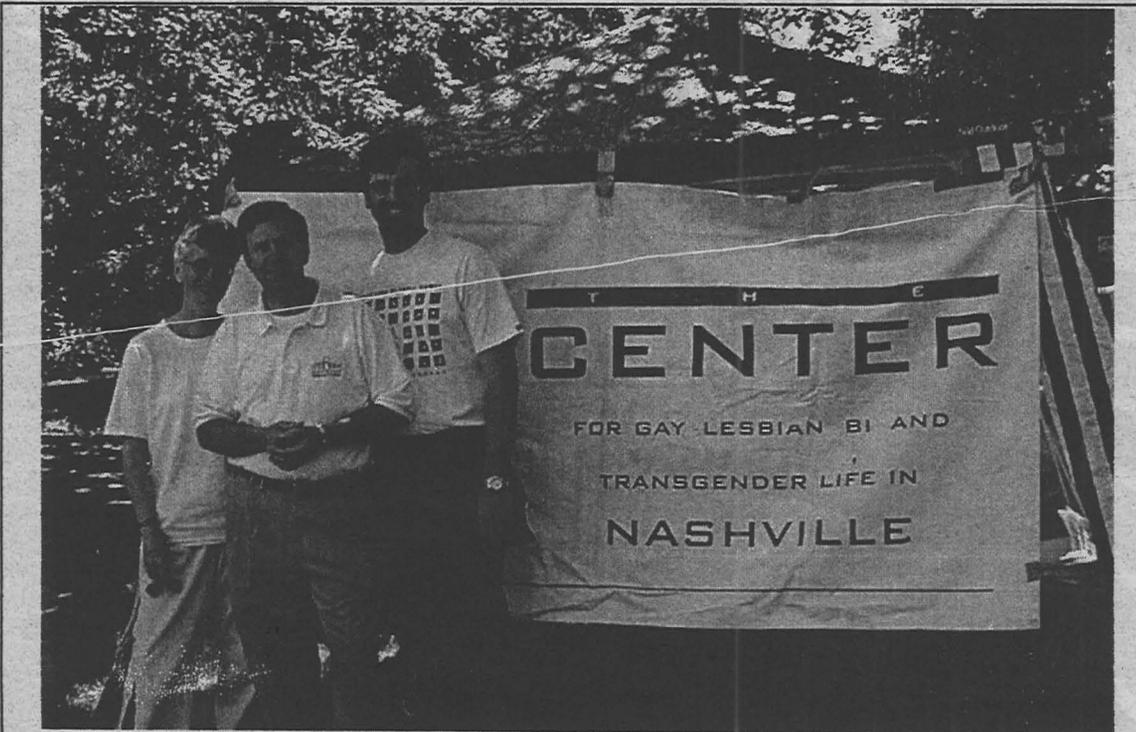
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OPEN & Center create FAMILY DAY AT THE ZOO



Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell (center) joins Center Executive Director Joyce Arnold and OPEN Co-chair Raney Pollos at the first annual OPEN-Center Family Day at the Zoo.

Since its inception, OPEN has had a close relationship with the Center. On July 16th, the two organizations joined forces to sponsor their first annual Family Day at the Zoo. Members of our community set up tents and information tables and enjoyed a relaxing day of picnicking together and visiting Grassmere Zoo exhibitions. At the invitation of the Center and OPEN, Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell and his family dropped by to visit and took time to talk with many of the people gathered, including some of the parents and their children. Many organizations were represented at the

event: PFLAG, LGCJ, Equality Tennessee, the T-Vals, MCC-Nashville, and Holy Trinity Church, among others.

Both OPEN and the Center remain committed to creating programs and opportunities for LGBT parents and their children, such as OPEN's annual Kids Zone play area at PrideFest. The Center used the Zoo Day to launch a **new support and social group for LGBT parents and their children**. *For more info on this developing group, contact The Center at 615-297-0008 or nashcenter.org*

In Memoriam

This year's Public Service Awards are given in memory of **BARRY WINCHELL**. His parents, Pat & Wally Kutteles, continue working to end anti-gay military policy.

This is their story, in Pat's own words...

The army called me at 7 a.m. on July 5th, 1999, to tell me that Barry had been attacked. My husband, Wally, and I frantically put some clothes in our car to drive from Missouri to Ft. Campbell, Kentucky, when the Army called back fifteen minutes later and said, "Don't drive. Fly."

That was the beginning of our nightmare. Our son had been murdered.

Barry was a wonderful and loving son. When he was a kid, he loved to adventure and camp with the Cub and Boy Scouts. He played the piano and composed music. He loved rockets and space. He loved people. At 21, Barry was just hitting his stride in life. He struggled in school because of a learning disability, but, in the Army, Barry excelled.

Barry loved challenge. He had already won a number of medals. He was the best .50 caliber gunner in basic training.

His friends called him a "soldier's soldier." But typical of Barry, he never made a big deal out of his success. Barry's goal was to become the best helicopter pilot in the Army. We hoped to see him fulfill the promise of his youth.

We are from military families. Wally served in Korea. We knew Barry wanted to serve our country. We knew Barry could face danger overseas fighting for our freedom. We never dreamed he would be killed by a policy whose foundation is hate. "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" should be repealed.

It is only with reluctance and great sadness that we have come to conclude the military will not change on its own. As parents, we are concerned that someone's child is going to be hurt. We don't want another family to have to endure the ordeal we are going through now. We must do what we can to make sure no other soldier is murdered because of hatred and prejudice. Barry would want us to make a difference.

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Why Have Awards? The Complete, Behind-the-Scenes Story

Pride has to be more than a big party. Yes, Pride is a joyful celebration of our community, and that's a necessity – our people need a little joy. It's a struggle for us to make it in the South. Our parents battle to keep custody of their children, in some cases, even to maintain visitation rights. Job discrimination is nothing unusual. Every day, individuals are rejected by churches, family and friends.

The threat of violence, even murder, are a real and present danger. The murder of Barry Winchell and recent headlines remind us hate crimes keep occurring in our own backyard.

But instead of hiding in fear, a growing number of leaders are stepping forward. They are fighting for change, creating new things to help the community, setting an example that destroys stereotypes.

OPEN created the Public Service Awards to recognize some of these outstanding individuals & their achievements. Of course, there is no way we could ever acknowledge *all* the leaders who deserve it. There is too much talent, courage and activism in our local community for it all to be captured in one magazine. But we knew wanted to raise awareness in the community about all that is being done, so...

OPEN created a process that allowed ANYONE in the community to nominate candidates. After that July 29 deadline, the OPEN Board of Directors had the challenging role of narrowing the field to the top candidates. This year, the Board voted to present every nominated candidate's profile (*over 18 typed pages!*) to the OPEN members on July 31. On August 8, after a week of reviewing all the candidates, OPEN members chose this year's winners.

But telling only four stories... it just wasn't enough. We knew we were barely scratching the surface. So OPEN's members and Executive Committee chose to recognize eight additional nominations as "Honorable Mentions."

Now tell us: Who will YOU nominate for the 2002 awards?

THE VISION AWARD recognizes leaders whose pioneering work is creating positive new things for the community. **THE CATALYST AWARD** recognizes individuals whose work has significantly changed legislation and/or court cases affecting LGBT people. **THE LEGACY AWARD** recognizes people who, through many years of hard work, have made a lasting difference for us all. And our top honor...**THE HORIZON AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP.**



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