"You better walk"

Over 200 brave 102° heat to march in Nashville Pride Parade

By JEFF ELLIS
Managing Editor

Nashville lesbians and gay men, along with many straight supporters, marched more than 200 strong down the streets of the city Saturday as Pride Week '88 climaxed with a parade, festival and rally in Centennial Park.

Pride Week organizers were calling the weekend celebration "a stunning success" following Saturday’s festivities. Pride Week’s official end came Sunday afternoon with the annual family potluck picnic at Edwin Warner Park, this year attended by more than 100 people.

Led by a banner proclaiming, "The Volunteer State Marches," and a pink and aqua balloon arch, some 200 people traveled the parade route from its starting point at Fannie Mae Dees Park to 24th Avenue to Capers to Natchez Trace and on to Centennial Park.

Several floats, including one from the Tennessee Gay and Lesbian Alliance, along with a contingent from Short Mountain Sanctuary were among the parade’s more colorful units. Marchers chanted, "We are everywhere. We will be free!" and "What do we want? Gay rights. When do we want them? Now!" as they wended their way toward Centennial Park.

Ironically, Centennial Park, site of the Pride Week rally and festival, was last year the site of other events etched in the minds of Nashville’s lesbian and gay community. It was at Centennial Park, as well as Cedar Hill Park, that Metro park rangers, in a three-month-long undercover operation, arrested more than 500 people for soliciting sex or for performing illicit sex acts in the parks.

However, Saturday’s festive atmosphere appeared to overshadow any threat of gloom from past incidents or from counter-demonstrators.

Greeting the revelers at the entrance to Centennial Park was Jinderson minister, the Rev. Mel Perry, along with a male companion, carrying placards urging the marchers to repent because "AIDS is God’s judgement against practicing homosexuals."

Richard Roberg, a Mennonite bible teacher and minister, carried a sign reading, "No rain for Sodom." He was referring to the drought in the midstate which he said was the result of a Tennensan story about Pride Week activities.

The presence of the three counter-demonstrators was the only threat of incidence during the six-hour celebration, according to peacekeepers for the Pride Week committee. However, they pointed out that the three men did not attempt to stop the parade or to otherwise interfere with the day’s events.

Once at the Centennial Park bandshell, festival-goers were treated to a variety of entertainers and speakers during a two-hour stage show, which opened with the debut of "Come Out to Play," the anthem composed for Pride '88 by Gerrit Wilson. Among others performing were folk singer Judy Eron and singer-songwriter Greg Fisher.

Keynoting the rally, Jeffrey Levi, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, urged listeners to continue grassroots organizing and to work toward achieving lesbian and gay rights guarantees from local and state governments.

Metro council member Stewart Clifton, representing the 18th district, addressed the crowd, decrying homophobia and urging his audience to work through the political process to bring about social change.

Holly Spann, representing the National Organization for Women, recalled NOW’s 20-year struggle for equal rights “for women and for lesbians and gay men.” In her introduction of Spann, emcee Deborah Burks applauded NOW’s national organization for its efforts to make last October’s March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights a success.

It was the March on Washington, organizers agreed, that provided the impetus for the renewal of activism throughout Tennessee, which resulted in last week’s festivities.

Pride Week celebrations throughout the country commemorate the June, 1969, riots at the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in New York’s Greenwich Village, which are viewed by historians as the beginning of the modern lesbian and gay civil rights movement in this country.

Coverage by local mainstream media of Saturday’s parade, rally and festival was widespread, with all three network television affiliates represented by reporters and camera crews. Sunday’s Tennessean featured a front-page story, complete with color photographs of the parade.

Pride Speakers Encourage Crowd to Come Out

By HARRISON HICKS
Staff Writer

Despite a record-breaking heat wave that sent temperatures soaring to 102° degrees, more than 200 people endured the Saturday afternoon sun of Centennial Park to listen to the program of speakers and entertainers for Pride '88.

After the performance of "Come Out to Play," a song written by Gerrit Wilson for the festivities, emcees Deborah Burks and Jeff Ellis welcomed the first speaker of the day, Metro council member Stewart Clifton.

Clifton welcomed the crowd after it was noted by Burks and Ellis that he was the only city official present of all those invited to attend. Of the invitation, Clifton joked, "I guess the major practical benefit of this is that it’s helped me sound very convincing to my wife and family about how I have no higher political aspirations on the metro council."

Clifton spoke of more serious matters afterwards, noting the issues of homophobia and human rights.

"The problem of the status quo is manifest when people are denied jobs because of their sexual orientation, and we’ve gone further in Nashville,” Clifton said. "We deny entry into whole professions and sometimes even not because of their sexual orientation, but because they have the wrong opinion about it."

Speaking on the issue of silence of many people on the subject of gay and lesbian rights.

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Pride Speakers on Rights

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rights, Clifton noted, "The problem manifests itself when generally tolerant and humane people, people who would be visibly upset if someone made a racist comment in their presence or a sexist comment in their presence, these same people often don't know what to do with the problem of gay and lesbian rights. If they do anything at all with it, it's to deal with it very nervously, but mostly they ignore it."

The Rev. David Maynard of the Unitarian Universalist Church spoke of the importance of freedom from discrimination and fear. Noting the existence of homophbic people within his congregation, whom he said were in the minority, Maynard emphasized that religion should play a part in the lives of gays and non-gays alike, adding that the church professes the importance of freedom for all oppressed peoples.

The most anticipated speaker of the day, however, was Jason Anderson, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, who delivered the keynote address.

Citing the growth of lesbian and gay organizations outside of large, urban areas, Levi said, "This is the sort of thing that's making history, history for our community locally and nationally, because whatever the media may say, the center of our community isn't in New York or San Francisco, it's in places like Nashville. It's where people are willing to come out and be open where it takes a good deal more courage to march down the streets in Nashville than it does in the streets of San Francisco or New York."

Levi also noted the effects of the AIDS crisis, calling it a crisis that has brought tragedy to us all. "We've mobilized in response to AIDS that gives new meaning to the notion of Reagan Republican volunteerism," Levi said. "We've responded in the best spirits of Reagan Republican volunteerism and don't understand why he doesn't respond in kind."

Continued work in the political arena is needed, asserted Levi. "Our capacity to mobilize around the country will determine our strength in Washington," he said.

"We have to take the political strength and visibility and the economic resources that are open and there for the taking New York and California and bring them back to places like Tennessee, and build our strength here because until we have done that we will not be truly equal to that of the majority. That's the message of this pride. We are in crisis and we will face a portion of the problems of oppression were representatives of several other groups. Jane Fleischner spoke of American policies in Central America and of La CASA's opposition to them. Also speaking on the need to be involved in issues not directly related to gay and lesbian issues was Holly Spann of Tennessee NOW, the National Organization for Women. Jason Anderson, a representative of the Nashville Youth Network spoke on the problems faced by younger people in the process of coming out, touching on a subject considered controversial even within the gay and lesbian community - outreach to youths under the age of 18.

"The Nashville Youth Network is an organization of diverse individuals who today are supporting the diversity of the lesbian and gay community," said emcee Ellis in his introduction of Anderson.

MCC Auction a Success

By HARRISON HICKS
Staff Writer

Art was the attraction Saturday night as more than eighty people gathered to bid on works by contemporary and traditional artists in a benefit for the Nashville Metropolitan Community Church.

The auction, the first for Nashville's MCC, was rated a success by the Rev. Paul Tucker, pastor of the church.

"It exceeded our expectations," Tucker said.

Gross sales from the auction, held at the First Unitarian Church on Woodmont Boulevard, totalled over $8,500, with individual pieces selling for as much as $500 or as little as $20. Of the $8,500 collected, Tucker estimated that MCC would net approximately $1,800 after expenses.

A representative for Art Auctions, Inc., who presided over the auction, stated that the proceeds were "a little above average" for smaller organizations such as MCC, noting that subsequent auctions by sponsoring organizations usually increase their sales from 50 to 100 percent.

Profits from the sale are expected to be used in a variety of ways, Tucker said.

"I suspect a portion of it (the profits) will go to our new building fund, which is in its early planning stages," he said.

Thanks.

to everyone who made Pride '88, Nashville Gay and Lesbian Pride Week celebration, such a huge success! Our gratitude goes out to the individuals who gave of their time, energy and money to make Pride '88 a reality. A special thank you goes to:

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And, finally, thanks to everyone who came out and supported the events. You are what Pride '88 was all about.

With Pride and Purpose,
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Pride Week '88
Lesbians and Gays to Converge on Atlanta for Convention

By DEBORAH BURKS

Staff Writer

If you’re gay or lesbian and a Democrat, then Atlanta is the place to be in July as Atlanta hosts the Democratic National Convention July 18-21. More openly gay delegates than ever before will be attending the convention and national leaders are busy making plans to ensure visibility at the convention.

According to Urvashi Vaid of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), the Gay and Lesbian Voters Organized In Coalition Election (VOICE) ’88 has been created to promote a lesbian and gay presence at both the Democratic and Republican conventions. This nonpartisan coalition consists of NGLTF, Human Rights Campaign Fund, and for the Democratic Convention, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs which will hold its Annual Political Conference July 15-17 in Atlanta.

Organizers of the coalition hope to include local gay and lesbian Republican associations for that convention in August. “Out of this structure we hope to liaison with the mainstream press and the delegates for our community. We want to provide a mechanism for gays and lesbians to tap into at the convention,” Vaid said. “What we want is to show that lesbian and gay rights are a part of the larger civil rights movement.”

The VOICE ’88-coordinated press conference scheduled for Tuesday will deal with AIDS and then on Thursday, the gay and lesbian vote will be the subject of the press conference.

“We want to explain what the gay vote is and why it’s important,” Vaid said. “Our community needs to realize the how important our vote is in this election.”

The Democratic Party Platform proposed for the convention includes ending discrimination based on sexual orientation. “An advantage to getting this included in the platform was the dedication of the Jackson campaign to this issue,” Vaid said.

AIDS Update

International AIDS Conference and the Face of AIDS

By A. GENE COPELLO

Special to Dare

This week’s AIDS Update will address some of the major themes from the Fourth International Conference on AIDS which was held June 12-16 in Stockholm, Sweden. It was fortunate to attend the meeting as both a presenter and a representative of the International Society for AIDS Education. The conference was very busy: over 7,000 participants, 3,100 papers and presentations and over 200 countries and organizations represented.

Unlike the Third International Conference on AIDS, held last June in Washington, the Stockholm meeting addressed a wide spectrum of issues related to the epidemics of AIDS and HIV infection. Papers and workshops dealt with biomedical, psychosocial, public health, preventive, legal and ethical, and policy aspects of the topic. In addition, a special program of the conference entitled “The Face of AIDS,” provided informal and unstructured time for people to gather and discuss human rights, the needs of people with AIDS and preventing burnout among AIDS workers. I was pleased with the more holistic flavor of this conference.

There were three major themes I was able to identify during the meeting. First, it was repeatedly said that, while AIDS is a devastating disease, it is also providing certain opportunities. Various national departments and ministries of health are cooperating in efforts at global, national, regional and local levels to assure that the right people are working in the right ways to identify and deal with the epidemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) stressed the same needs for anti-discrimination initiatives outlined in the final report of the U.S. Presidential Commission on the HIV Epidemic.

The third theme regarded the need for increased funding. More funds are needed for biomedical research, psychosocial services, medical treatment and prevention programs. It was expressed that funding will need to come from government sources (national, regional and local) as well as from the private sector. Last year the Institute of Medicine of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences issued a similar call for increased funding.

In closing, I need to mention an important upcoming event. The GPA has declared Dec. 1 as “World AIDS Day.” Regional awareness and educational events will take place that day throughout the world. Events are being planned by WHO, International Society for AIDS Education and other groups. Vanderbilt AIDS Project has been asked to organize the regional event for Middle Tennessee. Anyone interested in helping to organize the event should call Vanderbilt AIDS Project at 322-3222. There was much hope in Stockholm that World AIDS Day will help in enhancing our understanding of AIDS and the cooperation needed in our struggle against this disease.

A. Gene Copello is a professor of medical ethics at Vanderbilt Medical School and director of the Vanderbilt AIDS Project. He currently serves as president of the Nashville CARES Board of Directors. This August he assumes the presidency of the International Society for AIDS Education.
That Strange Girl:

By SHERRE DRYDEN
Entertainment Editor

It's hard to say how Alice Mitchell would have been treated at Western State Hospital, the institution to which she was committed on orders from the judge and jury in her insanity hearing.

Patient records are available only to family members, so it is impossible to know how Alice reacted to institutionalization. Speculation, based on knowledge of psychiatric theory of the period and a few actual reports of Alice's life after the sanity hearing, is possible.

According to an article in the Journal of the Tennessee Medical Association, Tennessee was in the forefront of change and progress in psychiatric treatment in the nineteenth century. The days of mechanical restraint were past and most psychiatrists advocated the humane treatment of patients. At Alice's hearing, Dr. John H. Callender, gave some indication of recommended treatment: "Seclusion from excitement and systematic attention to her physical health...may improve her mental tone in some degree, and retard the progress of the brain and nerve degeneration commenced in the attack of insanity which culminated in the fearful storm which led to the tragedy."

Her stay at Bolivar would probably have been characterized by an emphasis on treatment and respect for her dignity and rights. Treatment would have included the use of freedom and non-restraint, the provision of judicious diet, regulated exercise and directed amusements.

One newspaper account after her death described Alice's life at Bolivar as quiet, that "of insanity which culminated in the fearful storm which led to the tragedy."

She evidently was given some degree of freedom. Dr. Sim commented in the Memphis Medical Monthly: "The last heard from Alice Mitchell, she was sitting on the piazza of the Insane Asylum at Bolivar playing on a French harp."

In 1898 the Bolivar Bulletin reported, "Friday evening after the patients dance a dance (sic) was given at the Western Hospital to Miss Blanche Wood of Bolivar...Alice Mitchell, the slayer of Freda Ward, who is a patient at the institution, was present at both dances. Alice refused to dance with men other than the male attendants from the hospital."

"No, I don't care to dance or have anything to do with the Bolivar boys, for I know they want to meet me merely from curiosity," she said.

Shortly before, her attendant went with her to Whiteville, where she went to the wedding of a former attendant, Rosa Burford.

During the insanity hearing, "medical experts" never used the word lesbian and took pains to explain that Alice and Freda's relationship had not gone too far.

Sim wrote, "There has been submitted to this court no evidence of sexual depravity...there is no evidence before the court to show that the sexual system played any part whatever in the insanity. I therefore regard the feeling existing in this instance as purely platonic love."

B.F. Turner testified that "the impression I got was that the relations between her and her companion were not marked by anything that could compromise either of them."

Although Dr. E.P. Sale thought the type of love that existed between Alice and Freda was pathological, itself indicative of insanity, other doctors disagreed.

Michael Campbell, a Knoxville physician who submitted written testimony never introduced in court, thought one woman loving another would be insane only depending upon the extent of the passion.

Turner testified that one woman's passionate love for another was not in itself proof of insanity. Only when Attorney General George Peters threw in another factor did Turner concede somewhat.

"Well, but suppose that love went to the extent that one of the girls wants to marry, without any view to raising children...does that indicate insanity?" Peters asked.

"I would consider it as indicative of an insane tendency," Turner said. "Though it is not so much proof of insanity."

The doctors who testified were all certain that, although newspapers of the day say Alice had been insane, they believed the tendency to insanity was inherited, more often from the mother, more often by female children.

Other reasons were given as well. She did not care that marriage to Freda would preclude having children. She had always preferred traditionally male activities, like playing baseball and riding horses. One side of her face was larger than the other. Her menstrual periods were not "normal."

Not only was Alice a woman, and women's nervous systems "even when sound are more...easily thrown into perturbation." She was the female child of an insane mother. And she had consistently failed to conform to the doctors' ideas of proper womanhood.

Alice died at Bolivar in 1898. Newspaper reports of her death first state that causes could not be ascertained, later that she died of consumption at 7:00am March 31.

There is no hint of anything amiss in contemporary reports, but an article in the Commercial Appeal in 1930 contends that "those closest to her knew, however, that she had taken her own life by jumping into a water tank on top of the building."

This theory is given some credence by the fact that, although newspapers of the day say Alice was buried April 1, cemetery records show burial was March 31.

Given the fact that Bolivar is at least 50 miles from Memphis, then news of Alice's death would have been telegraphed and the body transported by train, burial the day after death seems hurried. To have accomplished it on the same day, and to have the burial date erroneously reported, seems suspicious.

Perhaps the Bolivar Bulletin was suspicious, too. The April 9, 1898 issue included, without comment, an April 1 story from the St. Louis Chronicle. Alice, said in reports of her death, had been ill for months, attended two dances the Friday before she died.

Her emaciation is noted, but the reporter comments that it is not so pronounced as it had been several weeks before. At the dances Alice "seemed to be in social and genial humor, chatting and dancing gaily with the visitors."

When Alice was told, in January 1892, where Freda's body was, she asked, "Oh mama, if I could only see her. Please let me go to see her. If I could only lie down by her side I would be so happy."

When told she couldn't, Alice cried. That summer she was allowed to visit Elmwood Cemetery and place flowers on Freda's grave. On March 31, 1899, she was buried there, too.
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Saturday afternoon, following the Pride '88 festival and rally, I was driving along West End Avenue and saw three small children playing with the pink and aqua balloons from our celebration. I didn't recall seeing the children, or the man with them, in the parade or at the rally, so I assumed they were unaware of the significance of the balloons they held. They were just kids playing with some helium-filled balloons and probably weren't that interested in lesbian and gay pride.

Still, in their hands they held our emblems. Though they probably can't comprehend the ramifications of what "being out of the closet" means, the children were nonetheless doing their part to further our cause.

Saturday's parade, rally and festival were nothing short of miraculous. When plans first began to be made for the celebration, there were a lot of detractors - "It just won't fly in Nashville, the KKK will be there, all the religious fanatic kooks will be there, blood will be shed some Saturday in June." - but the week just past proved all those people wrong.

Arriving at Centennial Park Saturday morning was innervating - you know the way you felt as a kid when your parents took you to the county fair and you saw all the rides and the lights and the balloons and the cotton candy - well, that's how I felt when I saw the festival grounds. Thanks to the radical faeries from Short Mountain, who had transformed the park into an array of colors, I felt transported.

The camaraderie and esprit de corps exhibited by all the folks awaiting the parade's start at Dragon Park was a first-of-its-kind exhilaration for Nashville's gay and lesbian community. From the contingent of Unitarian Universalists to Clarksville's P-Knuts, from the people of MCC to the many straight people marching to show their support of our causes, the parade provided an inspiration for us all.

The parade and festival was a courageous attempt to make our presence felt in the city.

Courage - that's the stuff heroes and dreams are made of. And that's exactly what the more than 250 people who took part showed the city of Nashville.

"We are everywhere. We will be free," that's what the marchers chanted.

And someday we will be free. Saturday's public acknowledgement of who we are, where we've been and where we're going will be the spark that will light the fires that will lead us to freedom.

We have the people to lead us - women like Penny Campbell and Diane Easter, and men like Paul Tucker and Sam Adams - and with the support of many more individuals, Nashville can effectively lead the way for lesbian and gay civil rights well into the next century.

Personally, Saturday helped to reaffirm the direction of my own activism. Throughout the week, I wrestled with the question of whether I am active because of my own convictions, or if, in essence, I am active because of my lover's activism? Now, I am certain - I am active because it is vital to survival - not only my survival, or my lover's survival, but the very survival of us all.

The three children, playing with the pink and aqua Pride '88 balloons, could well be homosexual. If so, perhaps they will remember that hot Saturday afternoon in June, 1988, and the men and women who gave them the brightly colored balloons. It might make coming out of the closet easier for them.

Of course, the children could also be heterosexual. If so, perhaps they will remember those pink and aqua balloons on that humid June Saturday in 1988 and the men and women who were marching to the park. And maybe they will help to alleviate the heterosexism prevalent in our society.

Either way, we, and the children, can dream. Can't we?
Your nonprofit event or organization can be listed at no charge in Dates or Listings. Just drop a postcard or letter to Box 40422, Nashville, TN 37204-0422, or phone 292-9623 and leave a message. Please include information about time, location, cost, sponsor, and a contact person's name with address and phone number for verification.

**June**

**29 Wednesday**
- Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group, 6:30pm.
- Nashville CARES HIV/Chemical Dependency Support Group, 7pm. Info phone 385-1510.
- Nashville Voters' Coalition Meeting and volunteer training, Unitarian Church. Info phone 244-4353, 7:30pm.
- Support Group for Lesbians and Gay Men Meeting, 8pm. Info phone 833-4598.

**30 Thursday**
- Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group, 5pm.
- Alcoholics Anonymous Closed meeting for lesbians and gay men, MCC, 8pm.
- Lesbian Adult Children of Alcoholics (ACOA) Info phone 385-4776 or 352-5823, 8pm.

**4 Monday**
- INDEPENDENCE DAY
- Nashville CARES AIDS/ARC Support Group, 5:30pm.
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- Nashville CARES Family Support Group, 6:30pm.
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Alcoholics Anonymous Program Study Group Meeting, Belmont United Methodist. 7:30pm.

2 Saturday
Metropolitan Community Church Mortgage Meal, all you can eat. 7:30pm. $5.
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3 Sunday
Metropolitan Community Church Worship services, 11am and 7pm.
The Office Co-ed softball, Mercier Park, Clarksville, 1pm.
Tennessee Association of the Deaf Women's softball practice, Calvert Field. 1-3pm.

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Pride: That’s What It’s All About

It’s all over but the memories now. The marchers have marched, the speakers have spoken, the singers have sung, and the bighats have demonstrated. The dust has settled and the reminiscences have already begun.

Pride Week ’88 was not a success. It was a smash hit. Imagine over 200 people marching through Nashville in support of lesbian and gay rights. Was it really only a year ago that organizers were having difficulty generating enthusiasm for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights?

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By GREG FISHER

In recent weeks, a great deal of discussion and, yes, hostility has been generated among Nashville's lesbian and gay community concerning this publication's decision to include a social column. Even though the column, as the editor and others close to the paper have told me, is meant to be fun, it seems many are not amused.

The column is meant to provide important information to its readers concerning social events that would not be covered otherwise, since the Tennessean wants to be a "serious" newspaper for the lesbian/gay community. But more than anything, the column is expected to help develop a sense of family in the community. Its gossipy tone says, "We know each other well enough to call each other by name."

Herein lies the problem. While persons in other communities are flattered to be mentioned in social columns, just ask Catherine Darnell. The Tennessean wouldn't continue to run her drivel if everyone was offended. The people who are regulars in her column love it. A great number of people in our community find such exposure to be an invasion of their privacy and a breach of trust.

My name appears two times in a previous article without my permission and without forewarning. Upon reading this I began phoning the reporters/editor to exclude my name from coverage of an event that I choose to attend.

What about the editors and reporters who are only trying to do their job of providing a communications and social link for our community? A link that is, to my way of thinking, sorely needed? What about First Amendment rights, libertarianism and social responsibility?

And what about men versus women? Is that part of this whole debate or just a left-over argument that gets dragged out by some quasi-separatists in our community every time a person who happens to be a man does something they don't like?

These are all tough questions that we as a community are going to have to answer. When I started writing this article it was only some answers. Closer examination tells me I'm not so sure.

But I do know this. We need one another and we must stop accusing, fighting, devoting. The time to start talking to one another and really listening with the belief that the other person's opinion is important is long overdue.

If we are angry at the paper or its staff, know that our anger (or is it grief?) is probably misdirected. Shouldn't these emotions be directed at our own homophobia, or better still, at a heterosexist society that continues to make coming out so incredibly difficult for all of us? The complexity of continually having to make the decision to come out of day after day is extremely frustrating.

And know this: no one is "privileged" to come out. It's as tough for me today as it was the first day I chose to stop lying. There is a great risk involved every time any of us refuse to conform to the expectations of the straight world. Sorry.

It is not enough to accuse the editors or writers of this paper of insensitive handling of "top secret" information. We have applaud them for providing a good, accurate and useful tool for Nashville's gay and lesbian society. Their job is very difficult one. If you believe you can help improve the paper and its policies, then ask how you can be involved in a constructive way.

Bringing Nashvillians, both straight and gay, to a mature understanding and acceptance of our lives as gay men and lesbians will be difficult for a long time still. It means that all of us must choose and keep choosing to come out of our individual closets as well as the ghetto (our collective closet) that has existed for years.

Sometimes we assume that if we are in the ghetto we are out of the closet completely. Hasn't it been shocking lately to find out that none of us are as "out" as we thought we were? We still have a long way to go.

Greg Fisher, a singer and songwriter, is a former reporter for the Tennessean.
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