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## Nashville 'Yellow Pages' gets gay heading

PFLAG leader declares partial victory after BellSouth adds gay listing

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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—After a four year wait, Wayne Rosing's fingers can finally do the walking to a gay and lesbian section in his Nashville phone book.

The chair of Nashville PFLAG, Rosing first petitioned BellSouth in 1997 to add a heading in "The Real Yellow Pages" for gay and lesbian service organizations in order to

help parents more easily find the listing for his group.

While the July 2001 edition of the BellSouth "Yellow Pages" now lists a section for gay and lesbian organizations, Rosing said it is only a partial victory.

"This is not a heading in the sense that actual organizations and their phone numbers are listed beneath it," Rosing said.

The heading is what BellSouth calls a "cross reference." Under the title "Gay & Lesbian Organizations" is an instruction to "See also Associations, Clubs, and Social Service Organizations."

"We were just trying to make it easier for people to find us," Rosing said. "Currently, you have to be clairvoyant to find many things in the 'Yellow Pages.'"

Rosing said he is afraid parents and family members of gay men and lesbians, or gays themselves, will get lost in the thickness of dozens of pages when their fingers go from the gay heading to the "Associations" heading to the "Social Service Organizations" heading, where PFLAG is actually listed.

"The thing that everybody has in their

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The new gay heading in Nashville's 'Yellow Pages' is a cross reference that does not include individual listings.

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