

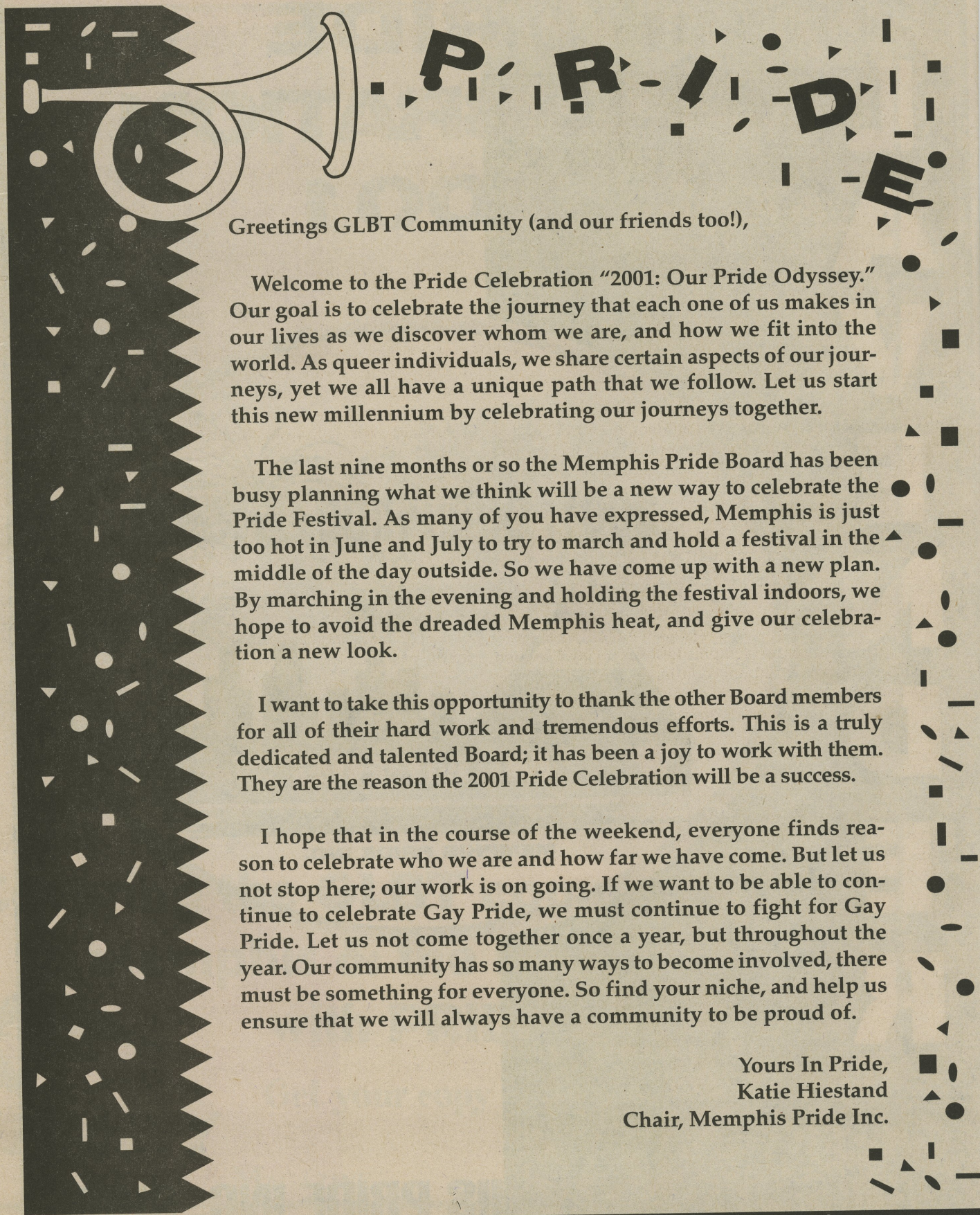
# THE PRIDE CELEBRATION 2001

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THE OFFICIAL MEMPHIS PRIDE INC. GUIDE





Greetings GLBT Community (and our friends too!),

Welcome to the Pride Celebration "2001: Our Pride Odyssey." Our goal is to celebrate the journey that each one of us makes in our lives as we discover whom we are, and how we fit into the world. As queer individuals, we share certain aspects of our journeys, yet we all have a unique path that we follow. Let us start this new millennium by celebrating our journeys together.

The last nine months or so the Memphis Pride Board has been busy planning what we think will be a new way to celebrate the Pride Festival. As many of you have expressed, Memphis is just too hot in June and July to try to march and hold a festival in the middle of the day outside. So we have come up with a new plan. By marching in the evening and holding the festival indoors, we hope to avoid the dreaded Memphis heat, and give our celebration a new look.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the other Board members for all of their hard work and tremendous efforts. This is a truly dedicated and talented Board; it has been a joy to work with them. They are the reason the 2001 Pride Celebration will be a success.

I hope that in the course of the weekend, everyone finds reason to celebrate who we are and how far we have come. But let us not stop here; our work is on going. If we want to be able to continue to celebrate Gay Pride, we must continue to fight for Gay Pride. Let us not come together once a year, but throughout the year. Our community has so many ways to become involved, there must be something for everyone. So find your niche, and help us ensure that we will always have a community to be proud of.

Yours In Pride,  
Katie Hiestand  
Chair, Memphis Pride Inc.

## Meet the 2001 Memphis Pride Board of Directors



**KATIE HIESTAND (Chairman)** – At age 28, Katie, originally from Chattanooga, Tenn., has lived in Memphis for the past 10 years and has been a member of Memphis Pride Inc. for two years and has served on the MPI board since 2000. In addition to her service to MPI, Katie, who is a veterinary technician at Walnut Grove Animal Clinic, is the co-founder of the Gay/Straight Alliance at Rhodes College (1993-1995) and presently serves as a member of the Memphis area Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Religious Affairs' board of directors, has served as a member of The University of Memphis Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association (president 1999-2000), serves on the board of the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center as secretary, is co-chair of the Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice and serves as alumni coordinator for the Forum on Sexuality to Encourage Respect at Rhodes College, which is where she earned her bachelor's degree in biology. She and her partner, Angela Lamb, have been together for five years. Her hobbies include gorillas, collecting anything having to do with gorillas, Jodie Foster films and reading. Her vision for Pride 2001: "I'm hoping that anyone who is still doubting us from last year will realize this is a different board and that we've done what we said we would do. I want the festival, the parade and the weekend to be what we said it would be and what people are expecting it to be. I want the community to come out and have a good time."

**KAY MILLS (Co-chairman)** – At age 47, Kay was born and raised in Tupelo, Miss., and moved to Memphis in 1976, where she lived until 1990. From 1990-1995, Kay lived and worked in Louisiana and Arkansas, before returning to Memphis in 1995. This is Kay's first year to be a member of Memphis Pride Inc. In August 2000, Kay was elected to the MPI board to fill an at-large position, however, a few short months later, Kay was moved into her present seat on the MPI board. Kay, who is the manager of Fantasy Warehouse store No. 4, located at the corner of Summer Avenue and Whitestation, is presently a member of the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite, an organization she has been affiliated with since 1997. She and her partner, Betty Richerson, have been together for three years. Kay's hobbies include dancing, cooking and listening to music. Her vision for Pride 2001: "My goal is to

pay all the outstanding debts (from last year) and to provide the community with an opportunity to come together."

**TIM JOHNSON (Treasurer)** – At age 37, Tim is a native Memphian who has been a member of Memphis Pride Inc. for the past three years, two of which have seen him seated on the MPI board of directors as treasurer. In addition to his service to MPI, Tim, a software technician for MC2, also serves as treasurer for the Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice, a post he has held since the organization's founding in 1998. In addition, Tim serves on the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center board in an at-large position, and has been involved with The University of Memphis Students for Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Association in years past. His hobbies include computers and board games. His vision for Pride 2001: "I want it to be as successful, if not more, than in years past. I want it to show that this community can come together and overcome its own adversities. I'm very proud of the board and what we have accomplished."

**PATTY PAIR (Secretary)** – At age 37, Patty was born in Amarillo, Texas, and lived all over the northeastern and central parts of the country before moving to the Memphis area in 1980. Although she left the Memphis area for several years to work and attend college, she received a bachelor of science degree in journalism/public relations from West Texas A&M University, she returned to Memphis with her then 18-month old son in 1994. Although Patty, who is employed as the general manager of *Jackpot! Magazine*, has been a member of Memphis Pride Inc. for the past three years, this is her first year to serve on the MPI board. In addition to her work with MPI, Patty also serves as a volunteer with Emerald Theatre Company. She and her partner, Anita Moyt, have been together for three years. Her hobbies include photography, cooking, writing, reading, movies and comedy. Her vision for Pride 2001: "I'm hoping that the community comes out in numbers to support the events. I'm also hoping the community, as a whole, comes away from this year's celebration with renewed respect and support for MPI."

**BARBARA JEAN JASEN (At-Large)** – At age 54, Barbara Jean is originally from Kenosha, Wis. She moved to Memphis in January 1984. Although she has been a member of Memphis Pride Inc. for the past two years, this is Barbara Jean's first year to serve on the MPI board. Employed as senior technician at Sound Service Company, Barbara Jean also is co-founder of Mirror Image, formerly the Memphis Transgender Alliance, an organization founded in September 1993, with the late John Prowett. In addition, Barbara Jean has been a member of the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center for the past two years and is serving her first year on the MGLCC board in the position of at-large. Her hobbies include writing and collecting Barbie dolls. Her vision for Pride 2001: "I'm extremely enthusiastic about the celebration with the indoor festival and the night time parade. I have a feeling it's going to be one great celebration. What I've really been thrilled about is how we've worked to try and unite the entire community instead of focusing on just one segment."

## 2001 Pride Celebration Schedule

### Sunday, June 10, 2001

- **DARE TO DREAM: CELEBRATING PROPHEIC VISIONS OF FAITH** – Beginning at 3 p.m. at First Congregational Church, 1000 South Cooper Street, this interfaith worship service is being held to celebrate and promote the inclusion of GLBT persons to the full life and leadership of Memphis' religious and spiritual organizations. Rabbi Micha Greenstein of Temple Israel will preach. A love offering will be accepted. *Hosted by the Memphis area Coalition for Gay & Lesbian Religious Affairs.*

- **MEMPHIS PRIDE'S PRIDE** – The *Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite* is hosting its annual June fundraising show at the Madison Flame, 1588 Madison Avenue, beginning at 8 p.m. Joining the usual Aphroditian cast will be special surprise guests. Admission: \$3 donation at the door. Partial proceeds to benefit Memphis Pride Inc. *Sponsored by the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite.*

### Monday, June 11, 2001

- **PRIDE TELEVISION** – WKNO-TV Channel 10 is hosting a variety of historical and informative programming for and about the gay and lesbian community during the month of June. Shows planning to be aired include: "Out Of The Past," Monday, June 11, at 9 p.m.; "Frontline: Assault On Gay America," Tuesday, June 12, at 9 p.m., and "Gay Pioneers," Wednesday, June 20, at 8:30 p.m. *Sponsored by Holy Trinity Community Church; PFLAG: Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and Friends For Life.*

### Friday, June 15, 2001

- **PRIDE PARADE** – Lineup begins at 6:45 p.m. at Ashburn-Coppock Park, located behind the Rivermark Apartments on Riverside Drive. The parade will step-off promptly at 8 p.m. and travel north down Riverside Drive to Tom Lee Park. For parade information, call (901) 327-2677. *Sponsored by Memphis Pride Inc.*

- **RALLY FOR PRIDE & EQUALITY** – Immediately following the Pride Parade at the parade destination site at Tom Lee Park. Speakers will include Leigh Johnson (administrator of the Gandhi Institute), Jim Maynard (co-chair of of the Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice and vice-chair of Equality Tennessee) and Dr. Arnold Drake of Memphis (PFLAG national president). *Sponsored by the Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice.*

- **22nd ANNUAL MGLCC PRIDE CELEBRATION** – Immediately following the Pride Parade and Rally for Pride & Equality until 1 a.m., celebrate your pride at Mud Island River Park. Entertainment will be provided by The Hysterical Women and a DJ Wolfy. In addition, there will be complimentary food and sodas and a cash bar provided. For more information, call (901) 725-1574. There will be a free shuttle from 6:30 to 10 p.m. with stops at Mud Island, Tom Lee Park and Ashburn-Coppock Park. Admission: \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. *Sponsored by the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center.*

### Saturday, June 16, 2001

- **PRIDE FESTIVAL** – Take part in Memphis' first truly indoor festival at The Mid-South Coliseum from 2 to 7 p.m. There will be plenty of food, beverages of all kinds and merchandise to buy, as well as lots of information about area organizations. Headlining the entertainment lineup will be Carol Plunk and her band at 5:45 p.m. in concert-style. Other entertainers throughout the day will include DJ Wolfy, DiAnne Price & Her Boyfriends, Ryan Daughtery and Jeff Pope, Deacon Cross and a demonstration by the Cotton Pickin' Squares dance club and guests. Rock 103's Bev Hart will emcee the festivities, which also will include the announcement of the 2001 Pride Parade winners and the 2001 MPI Award recipients. Admission is a \$10 donation. For vendor information, call (901) 327-2677. *Sponsored by Memphis Pride Inc.*

### Sunday, June 17, 2001

- **RANCH ROUNDUP** – The 6th Annual N-Cognito Picnic will be held at Te-To-Tam Ranch, 1161 West Shelby Drive (off Third Street). Gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person and includes fishing, horseback riding, hayrides, volleyball, games and late night entertainment. Bring your grills and coolers. Don't miss the entertainment lined up back at N-Cognito after the picnic. *Sponsored by N-Cognito.*

## The history of Pride in Memphis

Considering the amount of changes taking place this year, it seemed appropriate to look at the history of Memphis Pride Inc.

In doing so, we sought the help and expertise of MPI Historian Vincent Astor, who also was a member of the founding board of MPI.

"Pride has been celebrated in Memphis as early as 1976," Astor began. "On June 27, 1976, the Sexuality & Lesbianism Task Force of the Memphis chapter of the National Organization of Women sponsored a picnic. There also was a women's dance held in June 1976. And in July of that same year, the same group organized the Memphis Gay Switchboard."

While Pride has been celebrated in many ways during the past 25 years, the first Pride march wasn't held until 1980.

"The first Pride march was held in June 1980, and was organized by the Memphis chapter of the Tennessee Gay Coalition for Human Rights, later the Memphis Gay

Coalition," Astor recalled.

He went on to explain the evolution of Pride as we know it today.

"There have been (Pride) celebrations every year since (1980), though the marches became smaller and smaller and were eventually discontinued in the '80s," Astor said. "The Memphis Gay Coalition disbanded in 1991, and the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center took over hosting a picnic and what was called the gay expo. The MGLCC has always been involved in Pride. There has always been a Pride committee somewhere, but MPI's formation ceased the need for the committee."

However, a group headed by the late John Prowett was organized in 1993, and formation of MPI began to take shape.

"Memphis Pride was founded as a result of the 1993 March on Washington, but it wasn't actually organized until 1994," Astor explained. "MPI was founded as a separate group to celebrate Pride in Memphis. In 1995, the march format was

changed to a parade format and the festival, as we know it began that same year. The late Dennis Kijowski was really responsible for the concept of the parade, followed by the festival as we have known it ever since."

According to Astor, MPI reformed itself in the winter of 1997, and reorganized in the fall of 1997, after the parade and festival.

While the parades have never followed the same route two years in a row, they have always had some connection with Overton Park and Midtown, Astor said. The festivals have been held in various locations during the years: 1995, 1996 and 1997, the partially underground parking garage at Holy Trinity Community Church's former location on Madison; 1998, the Overton Park Shell; 1999, the parking lot behind Overton Square, and 2000, the parking lot of Backstreet Memphis, although the original festival site was Williamson Park.

## Memphis Pride Inc. 2001 Parade Route

**Friday, June 15**

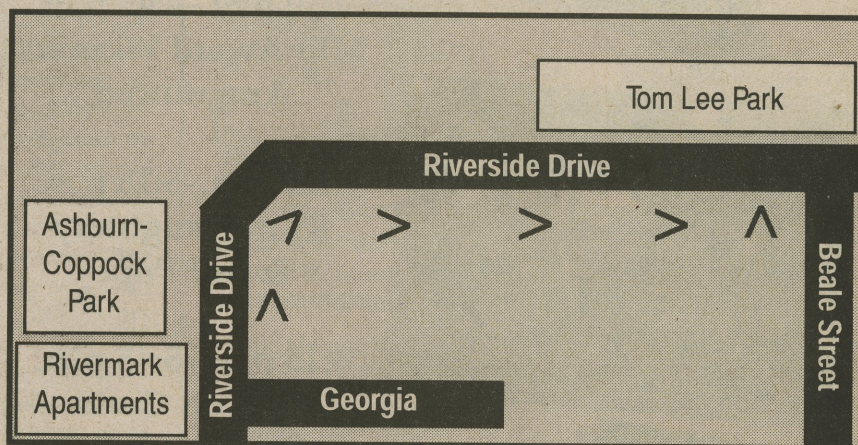
**Lineup at 6:45 p.m.**

**Step-Off at 8 p.m.**

### PARADE ROUTE:

Lineup at Ashburn-Coppock Park. Parade will proceed north on Riverside Drive to Tom Lee Park

Parade Awards to be given Saturday, June 16, for:  
**BEST WALKING GROUP • BEST FLOAT/VEHICLE  
 • BEST COSTUME • MOST REPRESENTATIVE OF  
 THEME • MOST PRIDEFUL**



### Immediately following Parade

- MLGJCJ Rally at Tom Lee Park
- MGLCC Celebration

Mud Island River Park

9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

**FREE MGLCC SHUTTLE STOPS AT MUD ISLAND, TOM LEE PARK, ASHBURN-COPPOCK PARK**

# 2001 Pride Festival Entertainment Lineup



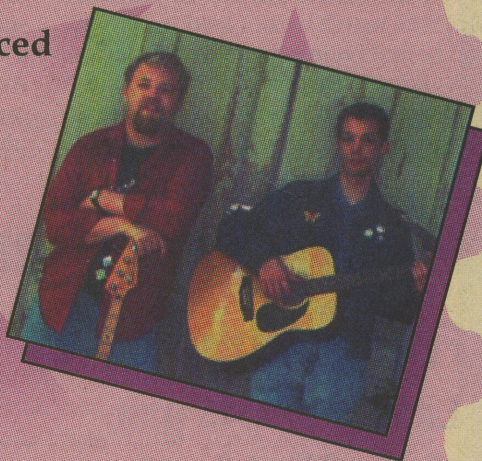
2 p.m. – 3 p.m.  
DJ Wolfy

3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.  
Cotton Pickin' Squares  
Demonstration

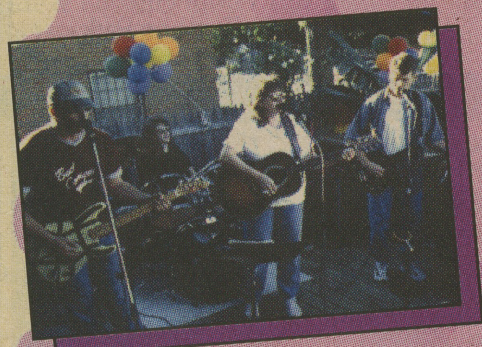


3:45 p.m.–4 p.m.  
Parade Winners Announced

4 p.m.–4:30 p.m.  
DiAnne Price  
& Her Boyfriends



4:30 p.m.–4:45 p.m.  
MPI Award Winners  
Announced

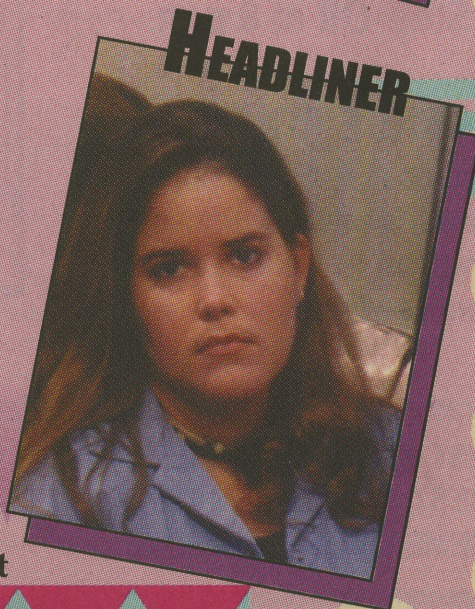


4:45 p.m.–5:15 p.m.  
Ryan Daughtery  
& Jeff Pope

5:15 p.m.–5:45 p.m.  
Deacon Cross



5:45 p.m.–6:45 p.m.  
Carol Plunk  
& Her Band



Special Emcee  
Rock 103's Bev Hart

## 2001 Pride Parade Grand Marshals

# Community selects Jimmy Gray, B.J. Hefner, Royce Wright

Jimmy Gray, B.J. Hefner and Royce Wright were selected as the 2001 Memphis Pride Parade co-grand marshals at the May opening meeting of Memphis Pride Inc. Usually, there are two grand marshals, but due to a tie, three will head up the parade this year.

Approximately 25 persons attended the May meeting, casting their two votes from a list of 17 nominees. Because the board of directors of MPI put together the nominee list, based on the nominees' positive impact on the Memphis GLBT community, their lives embodying this year's theme "2001: Our Pride Odyssey" and their long-time commitment to the Memphis GLTB community, the board members did not cast votes for the grand marshals.

Jimmy Gray, 42, is best known for the annual fundraiser for

Friends For Life known as the King and Queen of Hearts. Gray founded the auction and show event, which included the crowning of a king and queen. Gray was crowned King of Hearts this year, the 10th anniversary of the event and the last year before Gray hands the reigns over to the Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite.

Gray has been involved in fundraising for the community in other aspects as well, especially when Dee Dee Whitaker, his alter personality, took the stage. Gray also was an honorary member of Women of Leather and was a member of the former Memphis Coalition. Gray also holds the honor of being named a Tsarus Man of the Year.

"I am very, very honored. I had no idea I was nominated. I wasn't aware because I've been sick and out of (the loop)," Gray explained. "To be recognized by your peers is just tremendous."

## History of the Rainbow Flag

When the Memphis GLBT annually marches through the streets, one item in the Pride parade is hard to overlook, the 100-foot rainbow flag. Here is its history.

Twenty-three years ago, Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, created the flag in response to a local activist's call for the need of a community symbol. Using the five-striped Flag of the Race as his inspiration, Baker reportedly designed a flag with eight stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet. According to

Baker, those colors represented sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony and spirit, respectively. Two of the stripes found on the original flag are not present today. When Baker considered mass production of the flag, the "hot pink" color wasn't commercially available and subsequently dropped. Then, in November 1978, openly gay San Francisco supervisor Harvey Milk was assassinated. Wishing to demonstrate the gay community's strength and solidarity in the aftermath of the tragedy, the 1979 Pride Parade Committee decided to eliminate the indigo stripe so the flag's colors could be evenly divided along the parade route, three colors on one side of the street, and three colors on the other.

Slowly, the flag took hold, offering a colorful and optimistic alternative to the more common pink triangle symbol. Today, it is recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers, and is flown in lesbian and gay pride marches worldwide. In 1989, the rainbow flag received nationwide attention after John Stout successfully sued his landlords in West Hollywood, Calif., when they prohibited him from displaying the flag from his apartment balcony.

The Rainbow Flag represents the diversity of the GLBT community.



2001 Memphis Pride Inc. Pride Parade Grand Marshals are, from left, Royce Wright, B.J. Hefner and Jimmy Gray. The photo was taken at the grand marshal announcement tea hosted by Mystic Krewe of Memphis United June 3.

B.J. Hefner, 72, has been a fixture of the Memphis GLBT community for a long time.

"I've been gay all my life," Hefner said adding that she said she came out "from the cradle. I've been active all my life."

She spoke of attending tea dances at the old Claridge Hotel in downtown Memphis as a teenager.

"I've never had anyone tell me I couldn't dance with women," Hefner said. "I've seen Glen Miller, Tommy Dorsey (and other big bands) all at the Claridge Hotel. Everyone went there on Saturday afternoons."

Hefner went on to own several bars, both straight and gay. In the early '70s she owned a gay bar known as BJ's on Poplar near Cleveland - where The Pumping Station is now.

"We raised money at BJ's for everything in the GLBT com-

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## 2001 Pride Parade moves to Friday night

The Pride Parade will offer plenty of firsts in Memphis Pride Inc. history this year: the first nighttime parade, the first time the parade has taken place the day before the annual Pride Festival and this will be the first time the Pride Parade has taken place outside Midtown.

"There are reasons for everything we've done, reasons that are grounded by suggestions and concerns of the community," explained Katie Hiestand, MPI chair. "Concerns we heard included that in years past the heat was unbearable and that the route was long and sometimes uphill. Moving the parade to Friday night and to Riverside Drive, specifically addressed those concerns."

Another reason for moving the parade to Riverside Drive had to do with the realization that the GLBT community isn't exclusive to Midtown.

This year, the parade will take place on Friday, June 15, with lineup beginning at 6:45 p.m. at Ashburn-Coppock Park, located directly behind the Rivermark Apartments on Riverside Drive. The parade is set to stepoff promptly at 8 p.m. (sunset will occur at 8:16 p.m.) and travel north down Riverside Drive to Tom Lee Park.

"The parade route is downhill," Hiestand continued. "The parade also doesn't occur in the heat of the day, and the Mississippi River usually provides a breeze. The location also pro-

vides plenty of space for people to come out and watch the parade if they don't wish to march."

One of the MPI board's major concerns of moving the parade to the night before the festival was the fact that the Pride Festival was created to offer people something to do after getting reved up during the parade.

"This year we're hoping the people looking for something to do after getting all hyped up during the parade will attend the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center's party at the Mud Island River Park (9 p.m. to 1 a.m.) just down the street," Hiestand added.

In addition to the MGLCC party taking place immediately following the Pride Parade, the Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice will host its annual rally immediately following the parade in Tom Lee Park.

Also, the MGLCC will provide a free shuttle service from 6:30 to 10 p.m. with stops at the Mud Island River Park, Tom Lee Park and Ashburn-Coppock Park.

The 2001 Pride Parade Grand Marshals were announced June 3 at an annual tea graciously hosted by the Mystic Krewe of Memphis United. The grand marshals for 2001, chosen by their peers in the community, are Jimmy Gray, B.J. Hefner and Royce Wright. For parade information, call (901) 327-2677.

### Eli Parker is Getting Married?

A coming out story for the ages

**Thursday, June 28**  
**9 pm and 11 pm**  
**Studio on the Square**  
**Tickets: \$10**

Starring  
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 Bart Shannon, Chip McCuiston, Craig Snow,  
 David Christie and Doug Gordon

Directed by Ryan Parker • Edited by John Olivio  
 Written by Mark Jones

Cameos by:  
 Sean Parham, Brian Wood, Ron Akanowicz, Peterson Toscano

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# Memphis Pride Inc. to hold 1st indoor festival June 16

For the first time in the history of Memphis Pride Inc., the annual Pride Festival will be held completely indoors at The Mid-South Coliseum. Doors open at 2 p.m. with the festival running through 7 p.m.

Vendors will set up their wares for sale on the lower concourse of the Coliseum, and some will even occupy space on the main arena floor. Also on the main arena floor, festival goers will find booths containing information about area organizations, as well as the stage area, which also will provide plenty of room for dancing. In addition, the 100-foot Rainbow flag will be displayed in all of its glory and pride.

Memphians asked for a local entertainment lineup and this year, they are getting it. Musical entertainment will be provided by DJ Wolfy, DiAnne Price, Deacon Cross and Ryan Daughtery and Jeff Pope performing throughout the day. At 3:30 p.m., the Cotton Pickin' Squares dance club of Memphis, along with its guests, will square up for a dance demonstration. Then, at 5:45 p.m., headlining musician Carol Plunk and her band will take the stage and perform in concert-style. Emceeding the event will be Rock 103's Bev Hart.

Festival goers who find themselves hungry and thirsty won't be disappointed this year, either. There will be lots of food and beverages of all types, including beer and wine, available for

purchase. In addition, for the convenience of festival goers, there will be an ATM machine located on the lower concourse.

For vendor and booth information, call (901) 327-2677.

Come and celebrate your pride this year at The Mid-South Coliseum without worrying about the summer heat and the possibility of rain.

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Contribution (not mandatory): \$500 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_

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Committee You Wish To Serve On (circle one)

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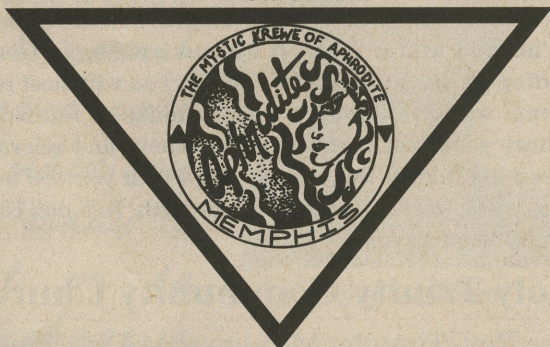
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Holy Trinity Community Church  
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## "APHRODITE"

Presents



## Memphis Pride's PRIDE

Date: June 10<sup>th</sup>

Showtime: 8:00 pm

Location: Madison Flame

Help us celebrate our pride!

\$3.00 Donation at the Door

## Grand Marshals

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munity," Hefner said. Included in that list was the original Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center.

"We raised the money to pay the first month's rent for the community center," Hefner said, referring to when the organization had a building in times past.

Hefner was an honorary member of GOPS (Gays on Poplar Street) and emceed its gala balls. She also was crowned Grand Duchess at GOPS's second ball.

Hefner was awarded the 2000 Memphis Pride Lifetime Achievement Award. But, one of her favorite awards is a plaque from Aphrodite, of which she is a charter member, for "The One That Can Pick More Pockets In A Show."

Hefner has a soft spot in her heart for "my babies" (Aphrodite members) and her church, Holy Trinity Community Church.

"I am so proud and tickled to death and honored," Hefner said referring to being chosen as a grand marshal this year. "The main thing is my good friend Royce (Wright) is going to be co-marshal with me.

"Young people don't understand the honor," Hefner said noting her concern that some may not understand what it is to be selected as grand marshal.

Royce Wright, 62, has been an active member of the Mystic Krewe of Memphis United almost from its inception three

years ago. Wright also is a long-time member of Holy Trinity Community Church.

Wright moved to Memphis from Atlanta in 1966. A few years later, he became an active member of Apollo until it was phased out.

"I was tickled and honored to be nominated and it really surprised me when I was selected," Wright said. "There were so many to choose from."

The nominees for 2001 Pride Parade grand marshals also included Vincent Astor, Doug Bailey, Frank Cooper & David DaPonte, Cheryl Cornish, Nancy Fletcher, Trent Gatewood & Tom Rowe, Glynda Hall, Katie Hiestand, Tim Meadows, Michael Moore, Anita Moyt & Patty Pair, Len Piechowski, Tommy Stewart and Sharon Wray.

The official announcement of the 2001 Pride Parade grand marshals took place June 3 at the Annual Grand Marshal Announcement Tea, graciously hosted for the second consecutive year by the Mystic Krewe of Memphis United.

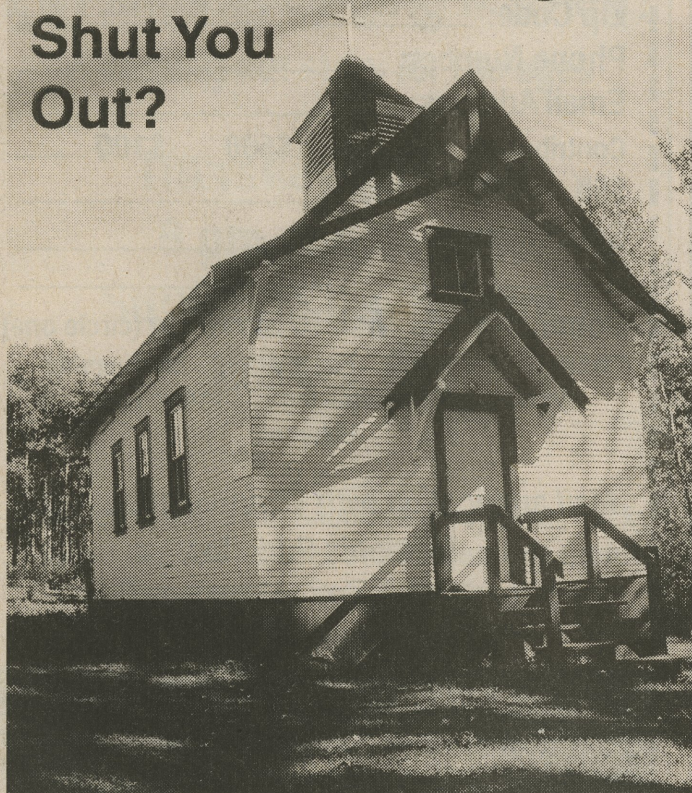
**Free shuttle June 15 with 3 stops:**

**Tom Lee Park • Mud Island •**

**Ashburn-Coppock Park**

**provided by MGICC**

## Has Old Time Religion Shut You Out?



At Holy Trinity Community Church we know what that experience is all about. There is no need to be pretentious here. We don't care how much you make, where you live or what your sexual orientation is. We know that church is more than endless debates on who is "in" and who is "out." It's about trusting in God's leading for our lives. At Holy Trinity you will meet real people who are building a community of faith. We feature good music, casual environment and relevant preaching. Join us this Sunday and see for yourself how people like you have renewed their faith. Religion isn't a dirty word anymore.

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# DiAnne Price & Her Boyfriends to play Pride Festival

Jazz and blues singer and pianist Di Anne Price has been a mainstay of the Memphis music scene for years. Price helped open Phase I of Beale Street in 1983 with Herman Green and played to a crowd of 15,000. Price has packed nightclubs all over the city with audiences eager for more of her sultry singing and piano playing.

Best known as a "blues diva" by night, Price works by day for the Senior Arts Program of the Memphis Arts Council.

Price is backed up by "her" band, "Boyfriends." This band consists of Jim Spake on sax, Tom Lonardo on drums and Tim Goodwin on standup bass.

For Price, born and raised in Memphis, music was a natural. Her mother taught piano and wrote lyrics, her father played guitar and music was constantly played in her home. She has an eclectic taste for music - from the big bands of Benny Goodman, Stan Kenton, Artie Shaw and Glen Miller, to the Andrew Sisters, Frankie Carle, and Liberace, to the music of Duke Ellington, Count Basie, and those wonderful blues.

"I have a wide and varied appreciation for all genres of music. I've always had a song in my heart, and I knew blues and jazz were the music for me," Price said.

Price calls the Boyfriends "the top of the line."

"They are masters of their craft and are as good as it gets. Playing with the Boyfriends is like being in love. They take me everywhere I need to go. Besides being wonderful musicians, the Boyfriends are fabulous individuals, and I'm extremely happy to play with these men," she said.

Price and her Boyfriends have released three CDs: *Wild Women*, *A Good Man is Hard to Find*, and *To Hell With Love*.

Price can be heard with her Boyfriends at Wangs Mandarin House, Cielo's, Huey's, Amnesia, The Blue Monkey and at a host of nightspots.

Price is extremely honored to be performing at this year's Memphis Pride Festival.



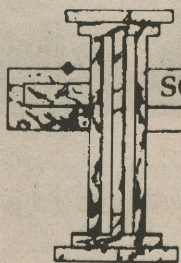
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# Thought behind Memphis Pride Inc.'s 2001 theme, logo

The Memphis Pride Inc. board of directors put a lot of thought into this year's theme and the 2001 Pride logo, during its annual retreat this past fall.

## The Theme

Using the book and film title, *2001: A Space Odyssey* as its basis, the MPI board decided to change the words "A Space" to "Our Pride" in hopes that everyone celebrating Pride in 2001, would take the theme to heart and see it as their own, hence the use of the word "our."

An "odyssey" is a journey, and thinking along those lines, the MPI board quickly realized that each and every gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered person's life has and continues to be a journey.

The theme, "2001: Our Pride Odyssey," allows everyone who identifies as gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered to celebrate their own unique journeys, from discovery to coming out to living their lives honestly and sometimes openly to celebrating their true selves with Pride.

## The Logo

With a theme in mind, the MPI board found the creation of a logo to embody the theme more difficult. Each board member had unique ideas of what she/he wanted to include, for example, the board knew it wanted to include the city's name, year and theme.

Because each board member wanted to include the city's name, the board began with a black skyline of downtown Memphis, and included the name of the city and the Mississippi River. Because the Memphis skyline includes the Pyramid, which also serves as a Memphis icon, the board quickly decided to color it in with the rainbow colors, which serve as a GLBT icon.

Next, the board began thinking of how to best have the logo symbolize a celebration. Fireworks, although they have never been used in a Pride celebration in Memphis, seemed to embody the idea of celebration, and thus were set, also in colors of the rainbow, exploding over the Memphis skyline. This also seemed the perfect place to put the theme, emblazoned across the fireworks in the sky.

Just when we thought we had the logo set, a board member, Barbara Jean Jasen, mentioned the fact that she believed the pink triangle, which usually serves as the gay symbol, although it really only represents gay men, had always been present in the logo.

When MPI board secretary Patty Pair, who also served as the artistic director for the logo, began looking for the best place to incorporate the pink triangle, she came up with what has been called a "clever idea."

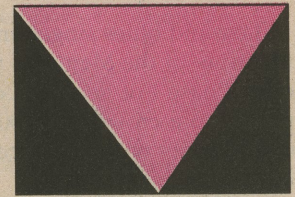
Since Pride represents the GLBT community, she decided to place all four triangles – pink for gay men (G), black for lesbians (L), gradient blue/purple with white logo for bisexuals (B) and pinkish purple with blue logo for transgenders (T) – on the logo in the appropriate GLBT order. Her idea was met with great approval from the rest of the board and the logo was born and officially approved by the MPI board.

## History of the Triangles

### Gay Triangle

The pink triangle has its roots in World War II history and

reminds all of the tragedies of the era. Although homosexuals were only one of the many groups targeted for extermination by the Nazi regime, it is unfortunately the group history often excludes. The pink triangle challenges that notion and defies anyone to deny history.



The history of the pink triangle begins before WWII, during Adolf Hitler's rise to power. Paragraph 175, a clause in German law prohibiting homosexual relations, was revised by Hitler in 1935, to include kissing, embracing and gay fantasies, as well as sexual acts. Convicted offenders, an estimated 25,000 just from 1937 to 1939, were sent to prison and then later to concentration camps. Their sentence was to be sterilized, and this was most often accomplished by castration. In 1942, Hitler's punishment for homosexuality was extended to death.

In the 1970s, gay liberation groups resurrected the pink triangle as a popular symbol for the gay rights movement. Not only is the symbol easily recognized, it draws attention to oppression and persecution, then and now. Today, for many the pink triangle represents pride, solidarity and a promise to never allow another Holocaust to happen again.

### Lesbian Triangle

Like the pink triangle, the black triangle also is rooted in Nazi Germany. Although lesbians were not included in the Paragraph 175 prohibition of homosexuality, there is evidence to indicate the black triangle was used to designate prisoners with anti-social behavior. Considering the Nazi idea of womanhood was focused on children, kitchen and church, black triangle prisoners may have included lesbians, prostitutes, women who refused to bear children and women with other "anti-social" traits. As the pink triangle is historically a male symbol, the black triangle has similarly been reclaimed by lesbians and feminists as a symbol of pride and solidarity.

### Bisexual Triangle

The colors of this triangle are magenta, which represents homosexuality; lavender, which represents bisexuals, and royal blue, which represents heterosexuals. The bisexual flag was designed by Michael Page and first unveiled at the first anniversary of the BiCafe on Dec. 5, 1998. The symbolism of the colors is an evolution of the pink and blue triangles first used by gays and lesbians. When these triangles overlap, purple is the resultant color. The white symbol on the triangle shows the intertwining of male and female gender symbols, which denotes a preference for both sexes.



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# Carol Plunk & her band to headline Pride Festival

The award-winning Carol Plunk will headline the Memphis Pride Festival entertainment, Saturday, June 16, beginning at 5:45 p.m. Plunk will be joined on stage by her bandmates, Rum Brown on bass guitar and Jason Edwards on drums.



Carol Plunk

Plunk, often performing her pop-folk-rock original material solo on her acoustic guitar, is a common entertainment fixture in Memphis, playing such places as Border's, Flying Saucer Draught Emporium, One More, Huey's and Davis-Kidd Booksellers. And she is quite a staple in her hometown of Jackson, Tenn., as well, playing such places as Barley's and Spinakers in Jackson and Chequer's in Dyersburg, Tenn. Plunk lives in Jackson with her partner, Nancy Rzesutek.

Plunk started playing guitar at the age of five, participating in bluegrass jam sessions with her father and his music buddies.

"I also got into a lot of other instruments - I was beating on pots and pans," Plunk remembered with a laugh in an interview with *Family & Friends*. "There was a period of time, about seven or eight, that I didn't play. I picked it back up at 12 when I discovered Van Halen and Motley Crue."

Plunk played in garage bands from then until the formation of Revelation when she was 15 years old. When that group disbanded in 1994, she and fellow musician, Laura Henley, formed

The Bell Curves, with Plunk on guitar and background vocals and Henley on bass and lead vocals. The Bell Curves released one CD before they went their separate ways in 1996. Plunk immediately went solo and released her debut self-titled CD that same year, consisting of all original material.

Plunk has played very hard, anywhere and everywhere, since then. And the hard work continues to pay off.

In April 2000, the Memphis Chapter of the National Recording Arts and Sciences honored her as the 15th Annual Premier Player Awards Newcomer of the Year. The Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Religious Affairs asked her to sing at "An Evening with Judy Shepard" before a packed audience of 700 people including Mayor Willie Herenton. She was again asked to perform at The World AIDS Day service on Dec. 1, 2000. In April 2001, she entertained at the Crawfish Festival in Overton Square and appeared on FOX 13's "Morning Show."

Does she want to do anything else?

"Nothing, just music. It's about all I ever wanted," Plunk said. By the way, Plunk has had no formal lessons; she plays strictly "by ear."

Plunk has released three CDs to date. Unlike her first two releases, *Carol Plunk* (1996) and *Plunk This!* (1999), which she self-produced, Plunk collaborated with Reba Russell and Posey Hedges in the production of *A Piece of Me* (2001).

Plunk's CDs will be available at the festival as well at the following Memphis locations: Borders, 6685 Poplar Avenue, Davis-Kidd Booksellers, 387 Perkins Extended, Inz & Outz, 553 South Cooper and Martin Music, 8014 Club Center Drive. They are available in Jackson, Tenn., at Bandstand, CD Warehouse and PM Music.

For more information, check out [www.carolplunk.com](http://www.carolplunk.com); schedule information also is available by calling (901) 427-6207.

## Logo, Theme

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### Transgender Triangle

The triangle was originally designed by Nancy Nageroni. The symbol which overlays the triangle depicts male gender, female gender and a combination of the two, hence what one gets when they are transgendered. Nangeroni's use of the inverted triangle (pink in her design) and familiar sex icons reportedly suggest that transgender theory arises under the sign of gay and lesbian discourse and the metonymy is troubling.



Memphian DJ Wolfy will be spinning records at the Memphis Pride Inc. Pride Festival Saturday, June 16, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. The spinning talents of DJ Wolfy can be heard at Metro Memphis, located at 1349 Autumn Street in Midtown Memphis. Most recently, Wolfy placed in the Pro Sound & Stage Lighting's DJ contest.

## 22nd Annual MGLCC Celebration set Friday, June 15

This year, the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center (MGLCC) is gearing up to offer a bigger celebration with more space to accommodate attendees, exciting entertainment and the mystical turntable action of a local DJ when it invades the grounds of Mud Island River Park on Friday, June 15, beginning at 9 p.m., immediately following the Memphis Pride Inc. parade and MGLCC rally.

One of the oldest continuous events in the Memphis GLBT community, this party celebrates the lives of GLBT Memphians and their friends. Participants can look forward to good times, lots of free tasty food and entertainment provided by The Hysterical Women of Chicago.

This year's event will accommodate up to 2,000 people, a significant increase over past years, which could only accommodate 200 to 400 attendees.

Organizers say this party signifies community pride, as well as supports MGLCC.

"We want people to come out to not only celebrate our community's pride but to also show Memphis how strong and connected the GLBT community is, as well as support the many efforts of the hard-working community center," said Angela Lamb, treasurer for the MGLCC.

Tickets, priced at \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, are available by calling Jason at (901) 725-1574, emailing

MemphisGayCenter@yahoo.com or at the door. Cash, check, Visa or Mastercard are accepted.

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### March in the parade

If you don't have a group to march with in the annual Memphis Pride Parade, then march with MGLCC. MGLCC represents the entire community! Come help them carry the 100-foot Rainbow flag.

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### Goodies for sale at festival

Be sure to stop by the MGLCC booth at the Memphis Pride Festival, at the Mid-South Coliseum, on Saturday, June 16. There will be T-shirts, kisses and more for sale, as well as tons of informational brochures to give away.

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### Play offers fundraiser for MGLCC

MGLCC is sponsoring the stage production of *Love! Valour! Compassion!* at Circuit Playhouse, 1705 Poplar Avenue, on Saturday, June 30, at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person or \$25 per couple, with proceeds benefiting MGLCC. Tickets will be available for sale at the MGLCC booth at the Memphis Pride Festival, by calling (901) 278-1208, or emailing MemphisGayCenter@yahoo.com. Cash, check, Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

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## Remembering Stonewall

It's been 32 years since officers from the First Division of the New York City Police Department raided and attempted to close down the two-story, private gay club on Christopher Street in Greenwich Village.

According to reports, the Stonewall Inn, which sported a sand-painted brick and opaque glass facade, had become a popular hangout of homosexuals.

On June 26, 1969, the privacy of the Stonewall Inn was invaded by NYC police. It was a raid and the police had a warrant. After two years, police said they had been informed liquor was being served on the premises. Since the Stonewall Inn didn't have the appropriate license, the place was being closed. It was the law.

But, according to reports, all hell broke loose when the police entered the inn. Some of the girls reached for each other while others stood frozen, locked in their embrace. Police began to usher patrons outside. As the customers were brought outside, they received cheers from the crowd that had begun to form.

Soon, the crowd began to get out of hand. Then, without warning, queen power exploded with all the fury of a gay atomic bomb and queens, princesses and ladies-in-waiting began to hurl anything they could get their hands on, bobby pins, compacts, curlers, lipstick, at the police officers.

Enpassioned by cries of, "C'mon girls, let's go get 'em," the defenders of Stonewall launched an attack. The cops called for assis-

tance. To the rescue came the Tactical Patrol Force.

Official reports listed four injured patrolmen and 13 arrests. What has come to be known as the Stonewall Rebellion lasted about two hours from midnight to 2 a.m. Actual accounts of the battle said there were more than 200 people in the Stonewall Inn when it was raided, and the crowd outside was estimated to number between 500 and 1,000.

What took place at the Stonewall Inn that fateful night in June 1969, has come to serve as a symbol of GLBT Pride

throughout the nation. Memphis has historically held its Pride celebrations in June to commemorate the night the queens of the Stonewall put their spiked heels down and said, "Enough is enough."

Reports taken from the article "Homo Nest Raided, Queen Bees Are Stinging Mad," published in The New York Daily News July 1969. Article written by Jerry Lisker.



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## WHO IS APHRODITE?

The Mystic Krewe of Aphrodite – Memphis, Tennessee, started out in 1978, as an organization with six young women that had a calling to help their community. The women began going door-to-door collecting money for The Heart Association, March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Le Bonheur Children's Hospital. Shortly after, the group started entertaining in the form of variety shows at the P.O., which was a bar owned by Sharon Wray, a charter member of Aphrodite. The money that was raised during these shows was given to members of the community who were in need of financial assistance.

As times and needs of people changed, and Aphrodite's reputation grew, as well as its membership, we realized the needs of the community also were growing. The organization began donating its time and money to organizations like The Center for Battered Women with Children, Loving Arms and ATEAC (The Aid to End AIDS Committee), which is now known as Friends for Life, as well as the Community Center. One of the larger ventures Aphrodite has undertaken occurred in 1993, when it raised \$12,000 for the Holy Trinity Community Church building fund. Aphrodite not only raises money to help the community, but also offers its services as needed throughout the community. The group has been known to assist at a charity auction, a fundraising party and other events as well. Aphrodite also has started going on the road to help out other gay communities. This year, we are one of the proud sponsors of the Memphis Pride Festival.

Aphrodite holds many warm regards to our friends and supporters who continue to follow and financially contribute to mutually benefit our community. And for those of you who are not familiar with our organization yet, we look forward to getting to know you! Anyone interested in joining, our meetings are held the first Sunday of every month at Holy Trinity Community Church at 3430 Summer Avenue. Please be there by 1:30 p.m., or write us at the same address above.

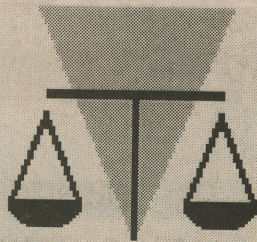
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# LGCCJ to host 'Rally for Pride & Equality June 15

The Memphis Lesbian & Gay Coalition for Justice (MLGCCJ) will sponsor a Rally for Pride & Equality immediately following the Memphis Pride Parade on Friday, June 15, in Tom Lee Park. The rally will occur prior to MGLCC's party.

Speakers will include Leigh Johnson, administrator of the Gandhi Institute; Jim Maynard, co-chair of the MLGCCJ and vice-chair of Equality



Tennessee; Dr. Arnold Drake, national president of PFLAG: Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays; Katie Hiestand, Memphis Pride Inc. chair; Len Piechowski of the Memphis Gay & Lesbian Community Center; Brandon Hutchison of Equality Tennessee, and Jody Renaldo of Mississippi Gay Lobby.

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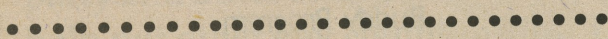
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## N-Cognito to host annual picnic at Te-To-Tam Ranch

This is the 6th year for the N-COGNITO Pride Picnic, this year called the "Ranch Roundup," and is set for Sunday, June 17.

Terryl Buckner has again rented out the entire 300 acres of the Te-To-Tam Ranch, located at 1161 West Shelby Drive, off Third Street. The gates open at 10 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

The Ranch Roundup promising a great, relaxing fun day. Come out and bring your friends, the cooler, the chairs and the grill. There will be lots of folks there; last year hundreds were in attendance. When you tire of laying back under the shade trees, try horseback riding, take a hayride, play a game of volleyball, go fishing among other things. And bring the supersoakers if you dare. And in the evening there will be lots of entertainment.

Remember, the entire ranch has been rented out. So bring your sweetie. Only same-gender-loving folks will be around.

Cost is a mere \$10 per person and payable at the gate.



Terryl Buckner, owner of N-Cognito, and friends enjoy one of the picnic's favorite pastimes – water gun fights. The 2001 picnic promises more of the same.

### Entertaining



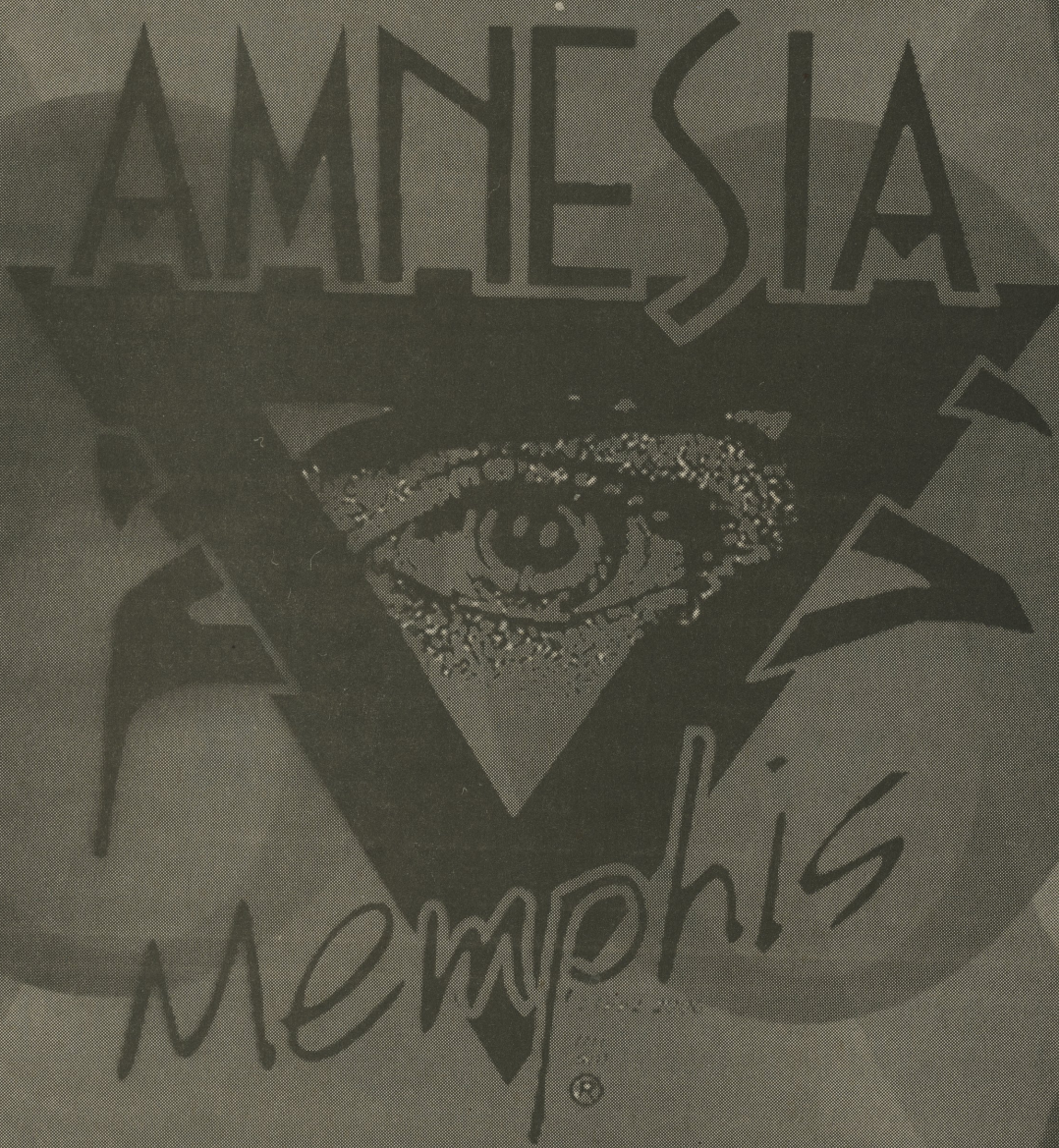
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# DISCO DANCE

## Memphis Pride Inc. to announce winners at festival

Every year there are literally hundreds of people, organizations and businesses in the Memphis area that positively contribute to the Memphis GLBT community, either because they themselves are gay or are gay-friendly. As a means of recognition, Memphis Pride Inc. created the MPI Awards and after a hiatus again began handing out honors in 2000.

While the 2000 MPI Awards were announced at MPI's annual spring picnic, the MPI board decided to make the award presentations for 2001 at its annual Pride Festival, set for Saturday, June 16, at The Mid-South Coliseum.

While voting on the awards has always been done by the GLBT community at-large, this year, the MPI board allowed members of the GLBT community to cast nominations in the eight specified categories during its spring picnic. After the nominations were cast, the MPI board chose the top three vote getters in each category and placed them on an official ballot, which people attending the MPI open meeting on May 21 voted on. The results of the May 21 voting will be announced during the June 16 festival.

Listed below are the categories and nominees for the 2001 MPI Awards.

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### MALE ROLE MODEL OF THE YEAR

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### ENTERTAINER OF THE YEAR

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