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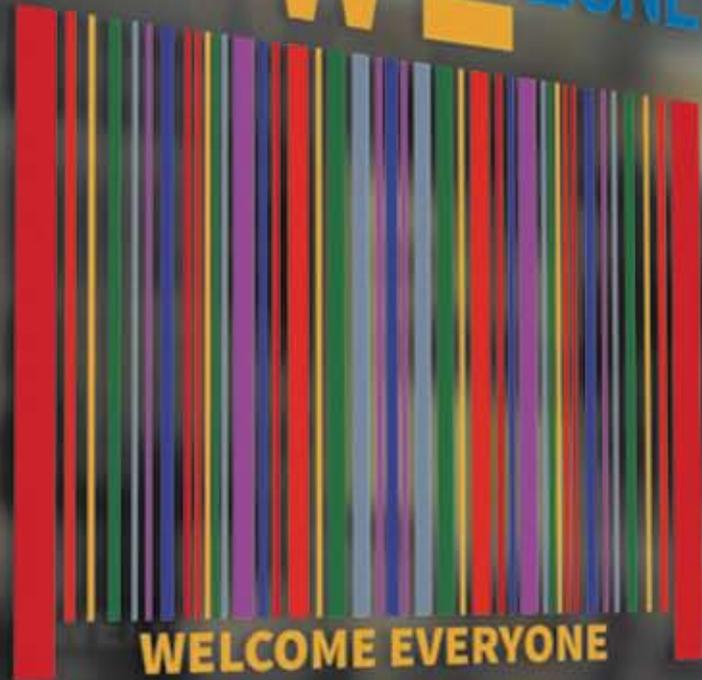
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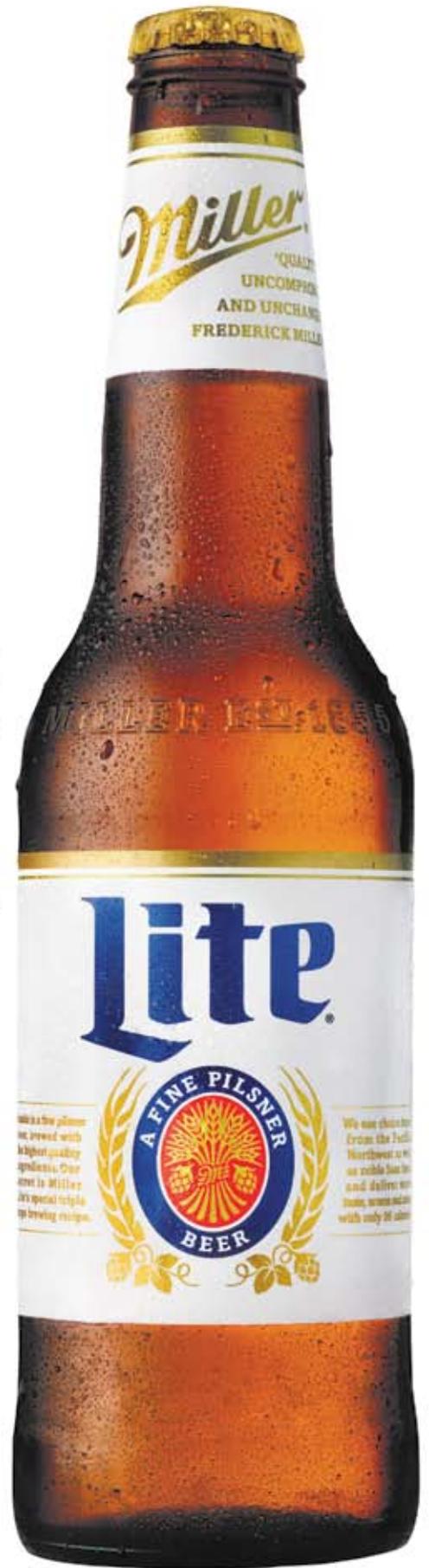
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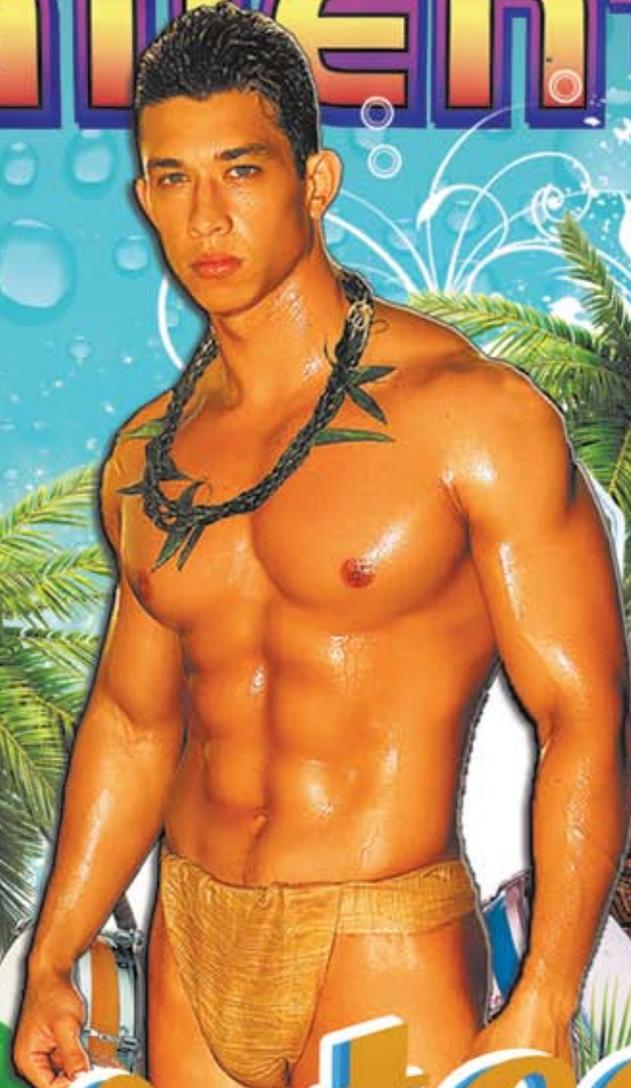
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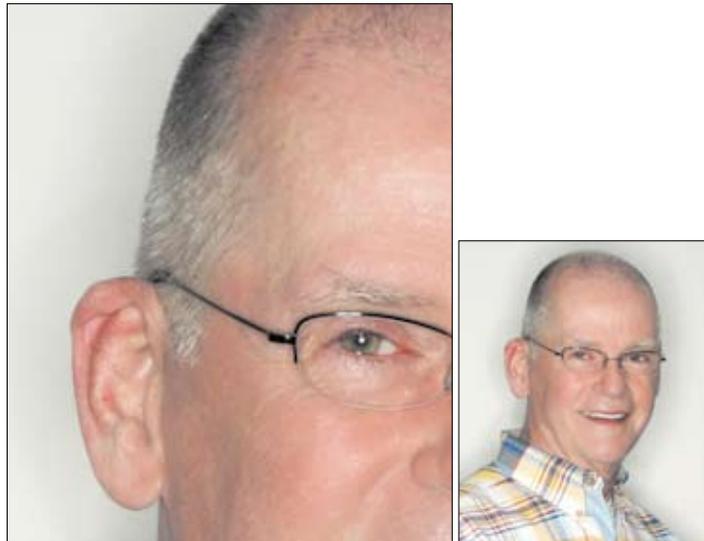


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As we turn our eyes toward Dallas Pride this year, we should plan to celebrate these victories as we gather for our 32nd annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and our Festival in the Park. What we don't want to do is forget the struggle that has brought us to this celebration. Let's remember the many people in our community who have sacrificed so much so that we may have this time of celebration. To honor them, let us plan to gather in a spirit of love and respect for each other and with a willingness to be better informed about the parts of our community we may not completely understand. Let us reach out to those who may be finding it difficult to feel the same joy and let them know that we are there to help them and that they are a welcome part of our community. This would be the greatest gift we could give to those leaders who came before us and to ourselves.

I hope everyone visiting Dallas for Pride this year will discover the love and spirit of celebration in our great city. I hope you will find new friends, re-connect with old friends and go home with a sense of joy for having shared in this season of Pride. As the events come to a close and we go back to our daily routines, let us make a conscious effort each day to do as our parade theme suggests: Let's color our world with pride.

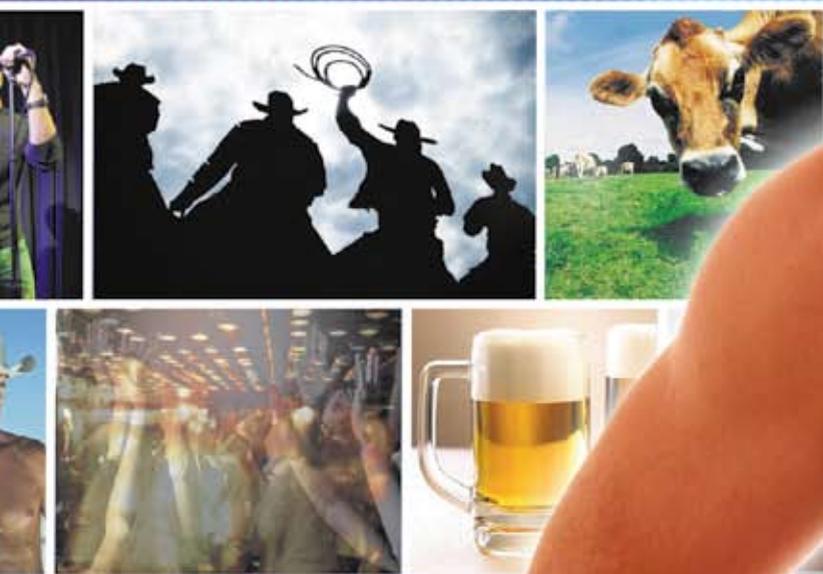
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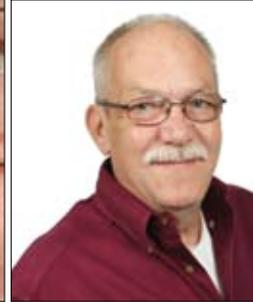


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Lewis devoted his life to his LGBT 'family'*By James Russell*

This year's Alan Ross Freedom Parade is dedicated to the late Paul Lewis, who died last November. Honoring this gayborhood mainstay and longtime Caven Enterprises executive makes sense to the Rev. Carol West, a 2014 grand marshal. "I associate Paul with the Pride parade – Paul Lewis and Alan Ross. He was one of the parade's proud parents," she said.

Whether interacting with a customer at the Village Station — a popular nightclub that stood in the space now occupied by Station 4 — or a close friend, Lewis was always tough and always extraordinarily caring.

Deb Elder of Austin remembers when she first met him: "I met Paul when he worked the nightclubs and I was on the Razzle Dazzle board. Paul would come by my store, Curious Times, on Cedar Springs and visit. [We were always] sharing laughter and stories," she said.

Erin Moore, who was grand marshal with Lewis in 2010, remembered him as "a very quiet and kind man. He didn't think he deserved the honor of being grand marshal, but everyone else knew he did."

Summer Semmens, who had known Lewis since she was a child and her mother worked for him in Houston, said that Lewis rarely talked about his youth. Born on Jan. 15, 1945, he was raised in an orphanage in Iowa and eventually moved into a foster home. After his foster parents died, he was left to take care of himself.

For a boy looking to become a man, the Army seemed to be a natural fit. But Lewis didn't last long. "He liked to say he ditched the Army when they told him to jump out a plane. He said, 'This fairy don't fly,'" Semmens said with a laugh.

Before moving to Dallas in 1969, Lewis managed gay bars in Houston. His time in Houston set the stage for an extraordinary career in the Dallas club scene. "The bars meant everything to him," Semmens said. "They were his life breath. The sun rose and set because he had a community to serve and a family to be around."

As soon as he moved to Dallas, Lewis befriended Alan Ross, the first executive director of the Dallas Tavern Guild and the man for whom Dallas' annual Pride parade is named. That was the beginning of Lewis' nearly 30-year relationship with the Tavern Guild, including his stint as coordinator of the guild's annual Holiday Gift Project.

The project, started by Ross, was an effort to provide gift bags for people with HIV/AIDS, and it was started at a time when most of those people were gay men whose only "family" were their friends in the LGBT community.

Lewis also served on the board of Oak Lawn Counseling Services and hosted Daire Center dinners at his home. He gave back to the community because he knew what struggle meant. But sometimes his affection was masked in toughness, West said. "In my opinion, he wanted to come across as tough. But he was a marshmallow. He cared about people. His dry sense of humor kept things afloat in tough times," she said.

To Elder, that toughness also made him fearless. "Paul was a leader in every way. He was fearless, loving, kind, compassionate, and shared the best greeting hugs," she said. "He will always be a top role model in my life."

Lewis died Nov. 28 last year after suffering a heart attack.

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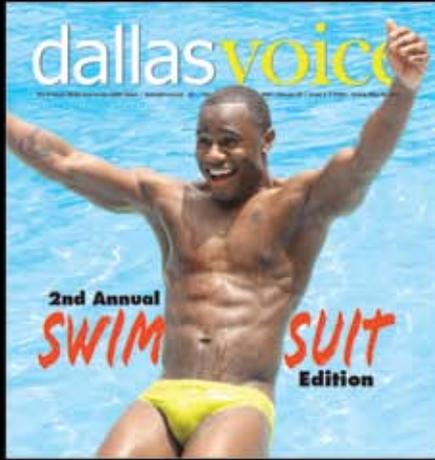
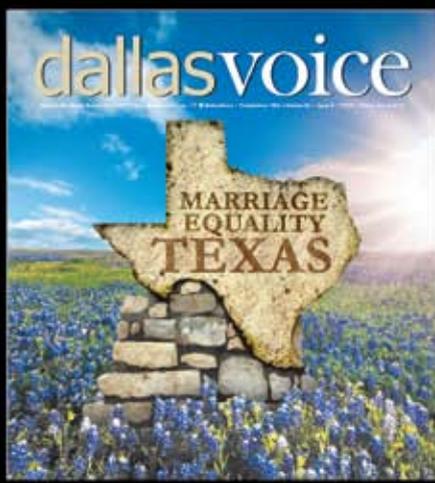
The 2015 Alan Ross Pride Parade is the beginning of a new generation for this event and community. This year's theme could not be more accurate. It's time to truly color our world with Pride. Equality gives both young and old great hope for what the future brings.

This year brings excitement with the growth of this event. Moving from Lee Park to Reverchon Park gives us the opportunity to grow and really stand out, to show the world that love wins and that everyone has a voice and deserves to be recognized as equals.

With all the support from the LGBT community and all the amazing sponsors, 2015 is definitely a reason to celebrate and show pride. Thank you everyone for making this a historic year, and we look forward to even more changes in the future!!!

Lonzie Hershner
President





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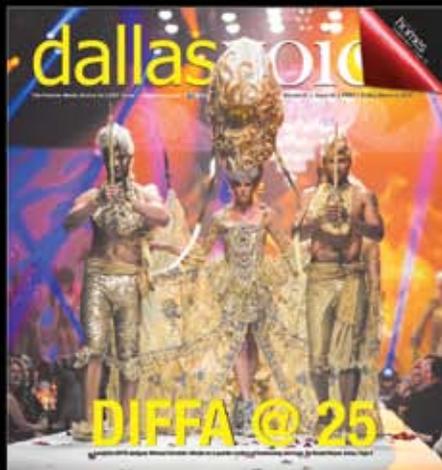
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It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Dallas Tavern Guild on celebrating 32 successful years of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. This is one of the most anticipated annual events in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, and this year is sure to draw thousands of individuals to the Cedar Springs neighborhood.

The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade is more than just a typical parade, it is a celebration. It is a joyous time to celebrate the diversity in our city. This is especially true this year, thanks to the landmark Supreme Court ruling for marriage equality.

As a melting pot of individuals, we take pride in being able to boast that Dallas is home to the sixth-largest LGBT population in the United States. I hope as you come and celebrate, both visitors and residents, that you feel welcome. Without you, we would not be the vibrant, diverse and enjoyable city that we love.

Again, thank you to the Dallas Tavern Guild for its endless commitment to the LGBT community and for always making this event one to remember. Enjoy the festivities!

Best regards,



Michael S. Rawlings
Mayor

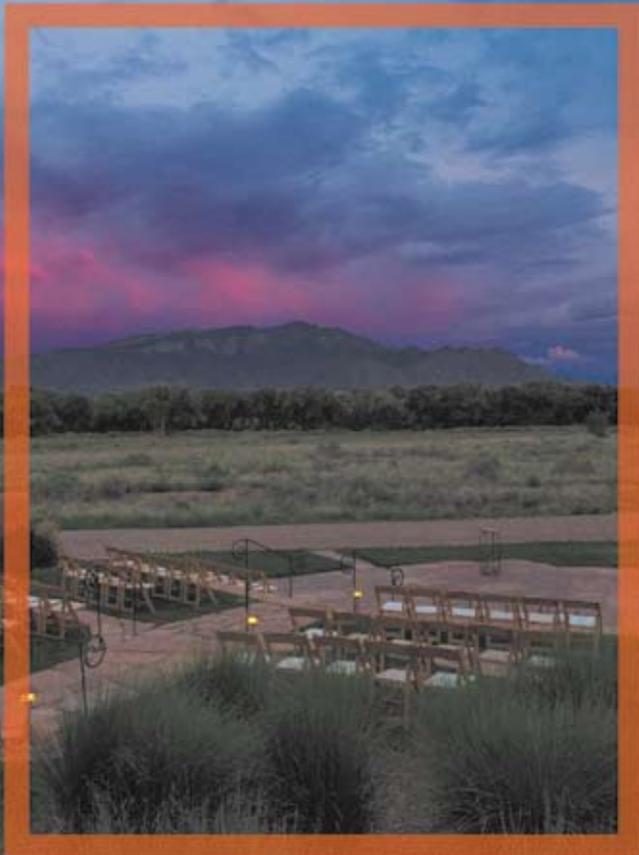


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Our city is honored to have the Dallas Tavern Guild and its commitment to diversity, inclusiveness, and support for the rights of all people. Once again, congratulations on your 32nd anniversary!

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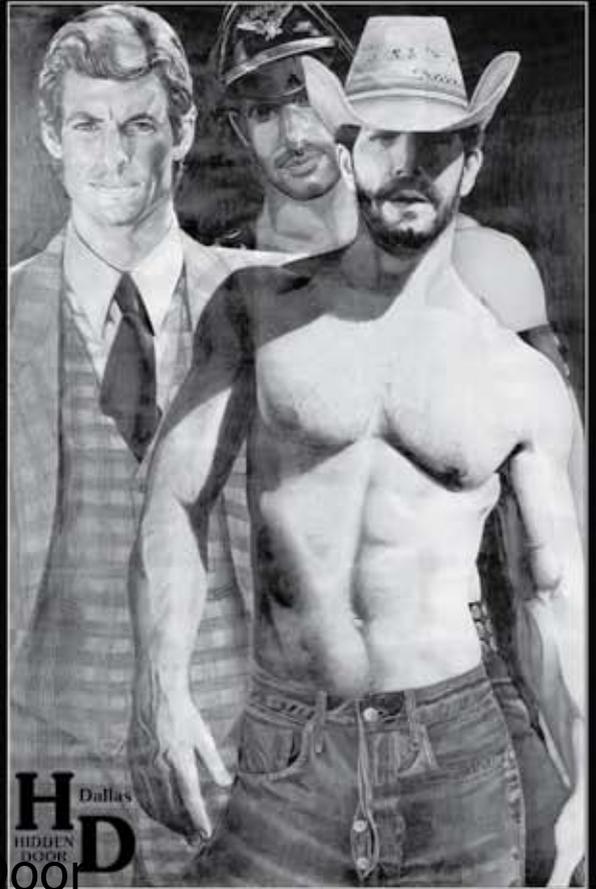
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From Libya to Baylor to activism in Dallas

By David Taffet

When Patti Fink was 12, her family moved to Libya where her father worked for an oil company. The family lived a few blocks from the Mediterranean, so they went to the beach often, but they had no phones or television. Patti remembers foreigners were told to stay inside during public demonstrations and beheadings.

She attended Oil Company School in Tripoli, but education in Libya ended at ninth grade. So for high school, Patti attended Collège du Léman in Geneva, Switzerland.

She returned to the U.S. to go to Baylor. Her mother moved back to their U.S. home in Odessa around that time, while her father began alternating, one month in the U.S. and one month in Libya. He retired after President Ronald Reagan ended diplomatic relations with Libya.

Patti maintains her connection to the Baptist church-connected university as a member of Baylor Gay and Lesbian Alumni. The group, organized to raise money for the school, got a cease-and-desist letter a number of years ago, preventing the group from using the school's name. "Nothing's changed," Patti said of Baylor University's resistance to all things LGBT. "They've disowned Brittney Griner," the university's greatest female basketball star, who came out as a lesbian and now plays professionally for the Phoenix Mercury.

Patti's first foray into LGBT activism came in the late 1990s, when she began working on National Coming Out Day events in Dallas. She went on to lead local NCOD efforts for three years.

National Coming Out Day is observed on Oct. 11 each year, and local events were often scheduled to take place at Dallas' Fair Park, during the Texas State Fair.

One year, NCOD organizers wanted to honor their guest at Marine Corps Square. They were allowed to use the space, but not announce the name of the area where the event was being held. So the event was held "inside the Perry Gate in front of the DAR House." After that, the State Fair eliminated all "special group days" to avoid having to let NCOD organizers hold events at the fair.

It was in 1997 that Patti first met another local activist, Erin Moore. The first time they met, Patti recalled, "I wore a cross, and Erin thought I was like a nun." Then Erin found out Patti wasn't like a nun, and the two began dating on April Fools Day, 2001. They bought a house together in 2002 and have been together ever since.

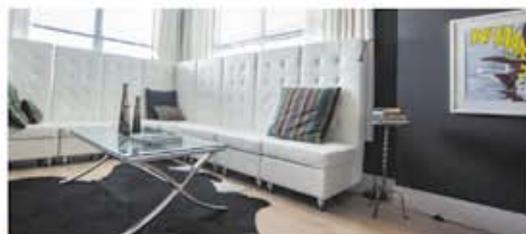
Patti has been one of the three hosts of *Lambda Weekly*, the weekly LGBT radio program airing on Dallas' KNON 89.3 FM, since 2000. She said she has had a lot of fun through the years meeting the people appearing as guests on *Lambda Weekly* — LGBT community members and allies, like Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, Charo and Leslie Jordan.

But she said what keeps her going is meeting people who said they listened to the program to find a connection to someone who is LGBT, and that having that connection saved their lives.

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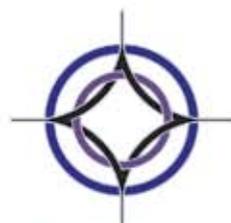
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From teacher to activist to historian

By David Taffet

Evilu Pridgeon — known as “Pridge” these days — was born in Palestine, Texas and lived on a dairy farm in Slocum until she was 4. They called her Miss Squirrel Creek back then.

The family moved to Austin, where she grew up, before she headed back east to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, where she majored in education. “I was always going to be a teacher,” Pridge said. After graduation, she came to Dallas and spent 14 years working for Dallas Independent School District. The last seven of those years she was with faculty development in drug and alcohol rehab. Then she was offered a job with an in-patient treatment program to provide treatment for area school districts in chemical dependency doing intervention to get kids sober.

Then came the 1980s, bringing with them the AIDS epidemic. That’s when Pridge’s activism began. “I was with someone who started a supper club for AIDS Services Dallas,” she said. “That’s where I got involved.”

The supper clubs were groups of friends or members of organizations that provided meals as well as social activity at ASD’s first residences once a month or more, or who took meals to rooms of residents who couldn’t get to the dining hall.

During that time, Pridge got to know Lory Masters. “Lory approached me about starting an out-patient program at Oak Lawn Counseling Center,” Pridge said, adding that she agreed and began the program as a volunteer.

OLCC morphed into Oak Lawn Community Services and while working there, Pridge talked Executive Director Jay Johnson into giving her a full-time job. After he hired her, she created the Oasis Program, providing outpatient treatment to LGBT people with substance abuse issues. “We brought in some good people” to run the Oasis Program, Pridge said, adding that she later became marketing director for OLCS.

During the 1990s, Pridge spent six years on the board of Razzle Dazzle Dallas, the fundraising party held early each summer to celebrate National Gay Pride Month in Dallas, and to raise money for AIDS service and community service organizations. For the last two of those six years, Pridge chaired the event, and during her tenure, she said, “We brought it back to the street.”

During Pridge’s term on the RDD board, AIDS service providers were still struggling for adequate funding and relied heavily on the success of events like Razzle Dazzle to provide the much-needed services. But while Razzle Dazzle Dallas was always staged as a fundraiser, it didn’t always raise as much money as the organizers hoped it would. Still, Pridge noted, “The last year [she was on the board], we actually made money.”

She described what it was like to be volunteering and working in the LGBT and AIDS communities during those years: “I made close friends — people I’ll always remember. During the ’80s and ’90s, things were so intense.” She remembered the times people left a funeral with little time to grieve before having to rush off to care for the next person. “I got to know people very quickly and very well,” she said. “One of the lessons for me was to let people know you care about them.”

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Winner - Vanessa Guzman

After dozens of performances and weeks of eliminations, in August Vanessa Guzman — a 31-year-old middle school choir teacher in the Frisco ISD — was crowned the winner of the Dallas Tavern Guild’s 2015 Voice of Pride competition. The win comes with a ride on the float in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and a live performance at the Festival in the Park afterwards.

We chatted with Guzman about finally coming in first after five runner-up attempts.

What songs did you sing to win at the finals? My first song was “Something’s Gotta Hold on Me,” a cover that Christina Aguilera did. And then “I’ll Be There,” a Mariah Carey cover of a Jackson 5 song. I think the way Mariah did it worked as a duet. I had to play with that to make it sound like one person.

How did you decide what to sing? Oh my gosh! The singing is something I rack my brain over all the year — there are so many and I am incredibly indecisive. I sang “Something’s Gotta Hold on Me” my first year [competing in VOP] and decided to whip it out again. I went to sing at Mel’s Tittie Tuesday [karaoke night] four days away from the finals and I got a good reaction.

How about what you wore? My first outfit was an old Halloween costume. The other was an old Valentine’s Day dress.

Where did you qualify for VOP? What did you sing then? At Pekers! I sang Ariana Grande’s “Tattooed Heart” — an old ’50s doo-wop.

What will you sing at the festival during Pride weekend? Ohh! I don’t know! I’m just so thrilled I don’t do it just to be judged. I know it will be something fun and up-tempo.

Who are your musical idols/ inspirations? What kind of music do you listen to? I definitely listen to a lot of Mariah and Christina, but also Janis Joplin and Patsy Cline and Gladys Knight — stuff my parents raised me on. I like a little more vintage-y — I like to tap into older stylings. But I also like to have fun [on stage] — not park and bark and sing a ballad.

How many times have you competed in the past? Four [previous] times — and I was first or second runner-up each time. I guess five’s the charm. It’s my favorite number because there are five Backstreet Boys!

Do you have someone who was urging you on and/or providing guidance? I guess Jesus ... Cervantes, not that Jesus. He’s an old friend who works at Chico’s who got all my jewelry to sparkle me up a little bit. We just hung out and he went through my closet to decide on what to wear.

Not your girlfriend?! Even she knows Jesus will be my plus-one to these events.

Be immodest for a second — what do you think put you over the top? I don’t know. I think I had a little more control over my voice. And I didn’t let my nerves get the best of me. I think I kind of chilled and didn’t take as many of the sponsor shots. I think just having an opportunity to have done it each year you chip away from the nerves. I enjoyed sharing the song and the storytelling. Honestly, it could have gone to anybody — I was sure [another contestant] would win. I wouldn’t want to be a judge.

What will you do with the prize money? I definitely think a lot if going back to school and car maintenance. My girlfriend and I like to travel so we might do that.

How did you celebrate after the win? All my friends were waiting backstage, then we went downstairs and got a round of shots. But I live a teacher’s lifestyle — we picked up Thai food, went home, got in our pajamas and hung out with our puppies.

What advice would you give to next year’s contestants? I think definitely just have a positive attitude. Every time I’ve not won, I have been happy for my friends who have. Don’t take it too seriously — I do it because I love to do it. It’s just about getting up there and enjoying the process. I love getting dressed up. And you can come back every year!

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By Tammye Nash

When the 33rd annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade steps off down Cedar Springs Road on Sept. 20, the very air will be crackling with excitement and celebration. It will, after all, be Dallas' first LGBT Pride parade since the U.S. Supreme Court's same-sex marriage ruling in June.

We have a lot to celebrate. A LOT. But as we celebrate how far we come, we can't forget where we have been. To borrow a phrase from this year's co-Grand Marshal Evilu Pridgeon, those modern-day heroes that went to the U.S. Supreme Court and came back with marriage equality are standing on the shoulders of some LGBT civil rights giants. And we can't truly appreciate the victories we have won without looking at the path that brought us here.

Gay Pride parades in Dallas date back to 1972. But let's go back even further — way back even before that June night in 1969 widely seen as the birth of the modern gay rights movement.

But where do we begin? There have been moments throughout written history that helped lead us to this pinnacle. But we don't have room here for that. So instead, let's start in the 20th century, 1924, to be exact, when Henry Gerber founded the Society for Human Rights.

Gerber's Society was the first documented gay rights organization in the U.S. It was chartered by the state of Illinois and under its auspices, Gerber published *Friendship and Freedom*, the first U.S. publication for LGBT people. Unfortunately, the Society didn't last long, falling victim to political pressure and what Gerber later called "a solid wall of ignorance, hypocrisy, meanness and corruption."

Activist Harry Hay founded The Mattachine Society in 1950 to organize and advocate for homosexual rights, and in 1955 Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon founded the Daughters of Bilitis. Daughters of Bilitis eventually published a magazine that was the first lesbian publication of any kind.

In between the founding of those two organizations, though, President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1953 signed Executive Order 10450 ordering that all government workers who engaged in "sexual perversion" and other immoral

acts be dismissed from their jobs. Even though the order didn't specifically mention homosexuality, hundreds of gays and lesbians lost their jobs because of it. Ironically, three years later at the 1956 meeting of the American Psychological Association, Evelyn Hooker presented research showing there were no differences in the mental health of gay men vs. straight men.

In 1962, Illinois became the first state to decriminalize private consensual sex acts between adults of the same gender. And in 1966, the Student Homophile League is founded at Columbia University, becoming the first LGBT

march, this time outside Independence Hall in Philadelphia. Some 39 people marched in the event, which they called "The Annual Reminder" because the intention was to remind Americans and that LGBT citizens were routinely denied the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness the Declaration of Independence had promised.

On July 4 each year for the next four years, the activists marched outside Independence Hall in the Annual Reminder. In 1969, the final year, the Annual Reminder took place less than a week after an event that, in the 46 years since, has come to be known as the birth



collegiate student group.

But it was in 1965 that the tradition of gay rights marches began, as a small but dedicated group of activists gathered in Washington, D.C., to march for equality. On April 17 of that year, activist Frank Kameny led a group of gay men and lesbians, all neatly dressed in suits and dresses, in a quiet — very quiet — gathering on the sidewalk in front of the White House, then occupied by President Lyndon B. Johnson, in Washington, D.C.

They were there to demand equality for LGBT Americans, and they chose to dress — and behave — conservatively to counteract popular stereotypes and show America that gays and lesbians were really no different than anyone else. Kameny wanted mainstream America to see gays and lesbians as "presentable and employable."

About three months later, on July 4, a larger group of activists staged a similar

of the modern gay rights movement: The Stonewall Riots.

By now, most people know the story of Stonewall, how in the early morning hours of June 28, New York police raided a Greenwich Village bar called the Stonewall Inn and began to arrest folks, especially the men in drag, since it was illegal then for men to dress in women's clothing. But while police raids were common occurrences at the Stonewall, this time the patrons decided they had had enough. They fought back.

A crowd gathered outside. A butch lesbian was led out in handcuffs but fought back when a cop hit her in the head for complaining that the cuffs were too tight. "Why don't you guys do something?" she demanded of the crowd, and when a cop picked her up and threw her into the paddy wagon, the riot began.

The rioting began again the following night, with hundreds of men and



women taking to the streets around the Stonewall Inn, bringing their sexual orientation out of the dark, secretive bars and into the streets. Three nights later, after The Village Voice ran a report on the riots that talked about “the forces of faggotry” and “limp wrists” and “Sunday fag follies,” the mobs took to the streets again, threatening to burn down the newspaper’s offices.

As one witness said, “The word is out. ... The fags have had it with oppression.”

A year later, the first gay Pride marches were held in cities around the country to mark the first anniversary of Stonewall.

Elaine Noble became the first openly gay person elected as a state legislator — in the Massachusetts House — in 1974. Three years later, Harvey Milk was elected as a city-county supervisor in San Francisco. It was just a year later that Milk and Mayor Greg Moscone were assassinated by Supervisor Dan White, and the gays and lesbians again took to the streets, marching in honor of the slain activist. The rainbow flag, as a symbol of LGBT Pride, flew for the first time in San Francisco that year.

The first National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights packed the streets of the nation’s capitol with more than 100,000 people in 1979, putting the LGBT civil rights movement in the national spotlight.

But two years later, in 1981, came the first reports of a lethal and unknown disease spreading through the gay male community. The Centers for Disease Control called it Gay-Related Immune Deficiency Syndrome — or GRID — and because it only seemed to be killing gay men, authorities turned a blind eye. So LGBT community efforts that had been focused on civil rights had to be redirected to just keeping gay men alive.

The fight for equality moved from the streets to the courts in the early 1980s. In 1982 in Dallas, federal District Judge Jerry Buchmeyer ruled that Texas’ sodomy law, which banned private sexual contact between consenting adults, was unconstitutional. Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox refused to appeal the decision, but then Potter County DA Danny Hill appealed anyway on behalf of the state, and in 1985 the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals overturned

Dallas Pride Milestones

- **June 1972:** About 50 people march through downtown Dallas to mark the third anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City.
- **June 1973:** A second gay Pride parade is held in downtown Dallas.
- **June 1980:** After a hiatus of seven years, Dallas stages its third gay Pride parade, this time in Oak Lawn, the “gayborhood.”
- **September 1982:** The community gathers in Lee Park for a rally to celebrate Judge Jerry Buchmeyer’s August decision declaring the Texas Sodomy law unconstitutional.
- **September 1983:** The community again gathers in Lee Park for a festival to celebrate Judge Buchmeyer’s ruling overturning the sodomy law.
- **September 1984:** The Dallas Tavern Guild plans and produces the first Texas Freedom parade, holding the event in September in honor of Judge Buchmeyer’s ruling overturning the’ sodomy law. DTG Executive Director Alan Ross heads up the effort.
- **September 1985:** DTG presents the first awards to entrants in what is now called The Texas Freedom Parade. The parade also has its first official grand marshals: lesbian author Rita Mae Brown and local activist Howie Daire.
- **September 1986:** DTG begins dedicating the parade to guild members who had died within the preceding 12 months.
- **September 1987:** Dallas Police Sgt. Earl Newsom is named co-grand marshal of the parade, with Karen Herndon, signaling a new era of cooperation between the Dallas Police Department and the city’s LGBT community.
- **September 1991:** The Dallas parade is renamed in honor of longtime organizer and DTG Executive Director Alan Ross, becoming the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. Ross’ health had begun to fail due to AIDS.
- **September 1993:** The parade helps celebrate Mica England’s victory in a lawsuit challenging the Dallas Police Department’s anti-LGBT hiring policies.
- **September 1994:** Chief Ben Click becomes the first Dallas police chief to ride in the Pride parade. It was also in the early 1990s that Dallas City Council members began to participate in the parade each year.
- **September 2001:** Dallas’ Pride becomes a more somber affair in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11.
- **September 2002:** Laura Miller becomes the first Dallas mayor to ride in the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade.
- **September 2003:** The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade marks its 20th anniversary and celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in Lawrence v. Texas striking down the state’s sodomy law.
- **September 2004:** The Dallas Pride parade celebrates legal recognition of same sex marriage in Massachusetts.
- **September 2008:** The Dallas Pride parade celebrates its 25th anniversary and the California Supreme Court ruling legalizing same-sex marriage there.
- **September 2010:** Dallas’ parade celebrates repeal of Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell.
- **September 2013:** The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade celebrates the U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act.
- **September 2015:** The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade celebrates marriage equality for all.

Buchmeyer’s ruling, leaving the sodomy law in place.

A year later, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in Bower v. Hardwick, that state sodomy laws were constitutional.

ACT-UP — the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power — formed in New York

City in 1987, with chapters soon forming in other cities around the country. The direct action groups took to the streets to protest the official inaction that was stalling funding for research and services, allowing AIDS to continue

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John Lawrence, right, Tyron Garner, left

its rampage through the ranks of gay men. Dallas' street protest group GUTS — Gay Urban Truth Squad — predated ACT-UP, but joined the national organization.

The World Health Organization organized the first World AIDS Day events the next year, 1988, on Dec. 1.

The LGBT community continued to protest, and finally the U.S. government began to respond to AIDS, although still slowly and inadequately. The marches for civil rights continued as well, and things began to change there, too, although there were many stops and starts in the march toward equality.

In 1993, the U.S. Department of Defense — with the blessings of President Bill Clinton — adopted the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy, which was intended to stop the anti-LGBT witch hunts in the U.S. military. The policy itself became a bone of contention, though, gay men and lesbians continued to be discharged because of their sexual orientation.

A huge victory came in 1996 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled, in *Romer v. Evans* that Colorado's second amendment prohibiting laws that would protect LGBT people from discrimination was unconstitutional. But in a step backwards that same year, President Clinton signed into law the Defense of Marriage Act, that allowed states to ignore same-sex marriages legally performed in other jurisdictions and that prohibited the federal government from legally recognizing same-sex marriages.

The wave of marriage equality began to build at the turn of the century. Vermont became the first state to legalize same-sex civil unions in 2000. The LGBT community won another huge victory in 2003 when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled — in *Lawrence v. Texas* — that laws banning private sexual contact between consenting adults were unconstitutional.

The ruling was handed down on June 26, and all the sodomy laws that had criminalized gays and lesbians were struck down. That ruling paved the way for later court rulings ensuring marriage equality.

In 2004 New Jersey began to recognize domestic partnerships while Massachusetts became the first U.S. state to legally recognize same-sex marriage. But 11 other states passed laws or constitutional amendments that same year banning same-sex marriage.

In 2008 the California Supreme Court rules that banning legal recognition of same-sex marriage violated the state's Constitution. But months later, anti-gay forces managed to get the state's voters to approve Proposition 8, amending the constitution to outlaw gay marriage.

Two years later, however, a federal district judge in California ruled that Proposition 8 violated the U.S. Constitution. State officials refused to appeal the decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, and when the Supreme Court ruled that anti-gay forces did not have standing to appeal the ruling, marriage equality once again became law in

California.

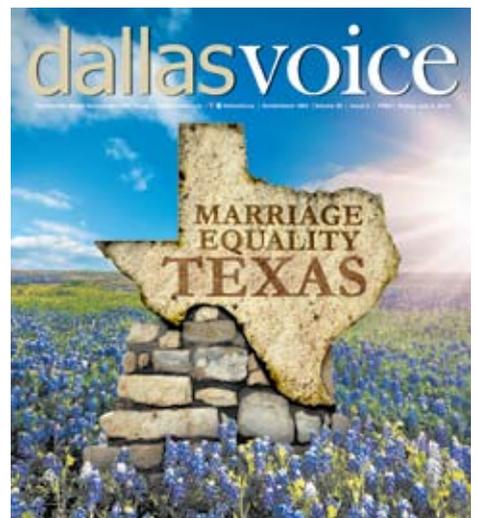
In 2009, President Barak Obama signed into law the Mathew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act, including crimes based on anti-LGBT sentiment, and in 2010, Congress repealed Don't Ask, Don't Tell.

Marriage equality took another step forward in 2011 when Obama's Department of Justice announced it would no longer defend the Defense of Marriage Act, which was under fire in courts around the country.

The U.S. Supreme Court struck down parts of the Defense of Marriage Act in 2013 — on June 26, the 10-year anniversary of *Lawrence v. Texas* — and the anti-equality laws began to crumble. And this year — again on June 26 — marriage equality became the law of the land when the Supreme Court struck down same-sex marriage bans as unconstitutional.

While many victories through the years have come in the courts and in the halls of state legislatures and Congress, it has been the marches and the protests and, yes, the riots in the streets that have paved the way for those court rulings and laws and policy changes. Pride parades have gone from riots to protests to celebrations — and back again.

But this year, the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade is, without a doubt, a celebration — a celebration of how far we have come and the huge victories we have won. But that doesn't mean we don't have work left to do to achieve full equality. And even while we celebrate, we march. And we stand ready to take to the streets to demand the equality we deserve. □



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One person told her he'd drive north from Baylor, in Waco, to Hillsborough every week, to get to a point where his radio could pick up *Lambda Weekly*, just to be able to listen to the program. Patti said she is proud to be part of a show, named Best Talk Show in Dallas by Dallas Observer in 2014, that can make such a difference in people's lives.

Patti joined the board of the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance in 2000, and within a year she had become president of the organization. She still serves in that position.

Her main focus as DGLA president has been sensitivity training programs for local police, a project begun in 1993 in which every trainee going through the Dallas Police Academy participates. Over the years DGLA has been called on to work with groups other than the Dallas police.

In 2009, after the raid on the Rainbow Lounge in Fort Worth, while Fairness Fort Worth was just organizing, Patti met with FWPD Chief Jeff Halsted to arrange sensitivity training for his officers. What they created was a train-the-trainer program, so Fort Worth city employees and members of the newly-formed Fairness Fort Worth could train police on LGBT sensitivity issues.

Also under Patti's leadership, DGLA began a project to look at Dallas city policies and ordinances to find ways those ordinances and policies could be changed to better include and protect LGBT residents and employees. Former Councilwoman Delia Jasso took over the project and created the LGBT Task Force, now known as the Mayor's Task Force. Patti and Erin both sit on that panel.

DGLA also issues endorsements in nonpartisan local races and runs various training sessions.

On top of all her activism and volunteer work, Patti does have an actual job that pays the bills. She works for QuadraMed Corporation, a healthcare IT company, as a senior business analyst for Enterprise Master Person Index product suite. She's also an "incredibly rusty classically trained pianist" who began studying at 5 and studied at the Conservatory of Music in Geneva during high school.

Just being nominated for grand marshal, "especially alongside such amazing fellow activists," was an incredible honor, Patti said, adding, "I think most of us do this work because it needs to be done. But it's really wonderful to be appreciated by the community this way. I'm looking forward" to the parade. □

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After leaving OLCS, Pridge went back to teaching. She began working at the Art Institute of Dallas part time, and is still there as an administrator. Drained by those desperate years of the AIDS epidemic, she took a vacation from activism — but only until The Dallas Way came along.

The Dallas Way is an organization created to preserve the history of Dallas' LGBT community, and Pridge described the group as many dedicated individuals invested in preserving that precious history. "At my first meeting, I saw Rebecca Covell, Mike Anglin, Mike Grossman," she said. "I looked at those people and said, 'What the hell am I doing here?' These people kept the community going. I was so impressed and in awe."

Today, she's president of the organization. "We struggle some because there's so much we want to do, but we're limited to what we can do," she said.

One of the organization's goals is to create an award for someone who's done something for the community. From the pictures and artifacts amassed and stored at University of North Texas, Pridge said she'd like to see curated exhibits designed to educate the public about the accomplishments of the LGBT community. "There are so many more people we want to tape," she said. "We want to get everyone's stories. And we've got to get the youth involved."

In addition, The Dallas Way collects written accounts of groups and events. "It's the winners who write the history," she said. "We're the minority. If we don't write it, it's not going to be written."

Pridge said that she is honored at having been chosen as grand marshal of the 2015 Pride parade. But she also said she did not earn that honor on her own.

"I'm very humbled to have been chosen as grand marshal for these accomplishments made so long ago," she said. "I'm proud of the fact that I was a part of something so great that came from something so tragic. And I will never forget that any accomplishments for which I might be honored were completed by a village, and that I stood on the shoulders of very brave people who came before me. I never forget that there were many people who helped me achieve anything good I've done in my life." □





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The agency was initially a mobile response system for people with AIDS. But the organization's focus has shifted over the years to today's goal of providing quality health care to those with HIV/AIDS. AIDS Arms' services include testing, prevention, research, outreach, education and case management.

AIDS Arms education efforts center on teaching the community to stay HIV-negative or — for those who already are HIV-positive — how to lead a healthier life with HIV. The agency offers testing for HIV, syphilis and hepatitis C, and counseling to help clients recognize and reduce harmful behavior.

Other services include psychosocial support to link HIV-positive people to other resources, and free condoms and lube. AIDS Arms' HIVE (HIV Empowerment) is a support group for anyone 18 or older living with HIV/AIDS.

AIDS Arms has two clinics: Peabody Health Center at 1906 Peabody Avenue and AIDS Arms Trinity Health and Wellness Center, 219 Sunset Ave., Ste. 116-A.

AIDS Arms also offers opportunities to participate in clinical trials.

John Carlo, M.D., is executive director of AIDS Arms. His office is located in the agency's headquarters in the Jefferson Tower, 351 West Jefferson Blvd., Ste. 300.

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AIDS Interfaith Network

Founded in 1986, AIDS Interfaith Network directly serves more than 2,000 men, women, and youth with HIV/AIDS. It's HIV/AIDS outreach and prevention efforts begin with enrollment and client advocacy. Client advocates also help clients access and remain in medical care, provide care coordination, collect data and make referrals.

The HIV Prevention Program establishes a base of knowledge and skills to help targeted individuals and communities reduce or eliminate their risk of acquiring

or transmitting HIV/AIDS. And direct care services include outreach to identify at-risk individuals, groups, and/or communities, evidence-based prevention education and risk reduction sessions and HIV testing.

AIN also collaborates with other programs to ensure newly-diagnosed individuals access medical care, offers Spanish language assistance to monolingual individuals, and offers HIV/AIDS and sexuality education within churches, religious organizations, denominations and other faith-based programs.

AIN's direct care services include a transportation program for clients with limited financial resources who need help accessing treatment, a nutrition program that provides meals on site daily for adult clients, the Daire Center adult day care for people with HIV/AIDS and linguistic services that provide verbal interpretation and written translation for HIV-positive monolingual Spanish speakers.

And AIN's Manos Unidas initiative targets the Hispanic/Latino population and provides outreach, prevention education, testing, and linkage to care for these communities.

AIN is led by Executive Director Steven Pace, MSSW. The agency is located at 2707 N. Stemmons Freeway, Ste. 120.

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AIDS Services of Dallas

Founded in 1985 as the People with AIDS Coalition of Dallas, the agency changed its name in 1989 to AIDS Services of Dallas.

In the beginning the PWA Coalition focused on giving jobs, through the Oak Lawn Mail and Message Center, to those who had lost theirs after being diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. By 1989, the agency had broadened its mission to focus on providing housing for people with HIV/AIDS.

Today, ASD is the largest licensed provider of medically supportive housing for people with HIV/AIDS in Texas. The agency currently has four facilities: Ewing Center, with five one-bedroom apartments, 15 efficiency apartments and two special needs beds/rooms; Revlon Apartments, with 20 one-bedroom apartments and seven two-

bedroom apartments; Hillcrest House, with 64 single-unit efficiency apartments for formerly homeless individuals; and Spencer Gardens, with housing for 12 low-income families affected by HIV.

ASD's nutritional program provides morning and noonday meals five days a week, and dinner meals through the Supper Club volunteer program. The Food Services Program also assists residents in getting supplies to cook their own meals and provides carryout meal services.



Dr. John Carlo • AIDS Arms



Stephen Pace • AIDS Interfaith Network

ASD provides transportation when necessary, using a 15-person van for trips to the food pantry, supermarket and used clothing store, and to transport clients for medical appointments and recreational activities.

ASD provides case management services through a professional social work staff and medical case management and home health care via full-time registered nurses and personal care aides on staff.

Don Maison is president and chief executive officer.

AidsDallas.org



Legacy Counseling Center

Founded 25 years ago, Legacy Counseling Center provides mental health care, substance abuse treatment and special care housing services for people with HIV/AIDS.

Legacy's mental health program, located at 4054 McKinney Ave.,



Don Maison • AIDS Services Dallas



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Cece Cox • Resource Center

Ste. 103 in Dallas' Uptown area, offers one-on-one private counseling sessions for those with HIV/AIDS provided by licensed professional counselors specially trained in areas related to HIV/AIDS. Legacy also offers group therapy sessions for groups comprising

members with similar needs and characteristics.

The agency also includes Legacy Founders Cottage, a licensed, seven-room special care facility with a home-like environment for people with AIDS in critical stages of the illness that require 24-hour supervised care. Founders Cottage offers both hospice and home healthcare services based on individual needs, and all meals are prepared in-house by staff and volunteers.



Melissa Grove, M.S., LPC, is executive director of legacy counseling. Contact the agency's main office at 214-520-6308.

LegacyCares.org

Resource Center

In June of 1983, an organization known as the Dallas Gay Political Caucus incorporated the Foundation for Human Understanding, with a focus on education and service toward the goal of equality for LGBT people. The caucus eventually changed its name to the Dallas Gay and Lesbian Alliance.

The foundation created the AIDS Resource Center in 1985, intended to become a source for community awareness, prevention education, legal services, food pantry services, clothing, household goods and emergency funding for people with HIV/AIDS. In 1988, the foundation established the Nelson-Tebedo Health Clinic to offer HIV/AIDS treatment, access to clinical drug trials and HIV testing.

The center was renamed the John Thomas LGBT Community Center in 1989, and in 1994 the center opened the Phil Johnson Historic Archives and

Research Library.

The agency changed its name to The Resource Center of Dallas in 1998 and then in 2013 became Resource Center. Today, services include the Nelson-Tebedo Clinic, which offers rapid HIV testing, HIV RNA testing, STD testing and treatment, HIV/STD prevention counseling, screenings for Hepatitis A, B and C, physician-ordered lab draws, Hep B vaccinations, full service dental care for Resource Center clients and a transgender health clinic.

Resource Center's HIV services include case management, medical case management, a food pantry, the hot meals program, health insurance premium and medication copay assistance, oral health care and empowerment and support groups.

The John Thomas LGBT Community Center provides a number of services to the public and to other nonprofit community organizations, including the David Bohnett Cyber Center, conference room rental and mail service.

In conjunction with Southern Methodist University's Master of Science Counseling Education Program, Resource Center offers financially-accessible counseling services for adults, teens and children in individual, group and family settings. Clients pay for services on a sliding scale and daytime and evening appointments are available.

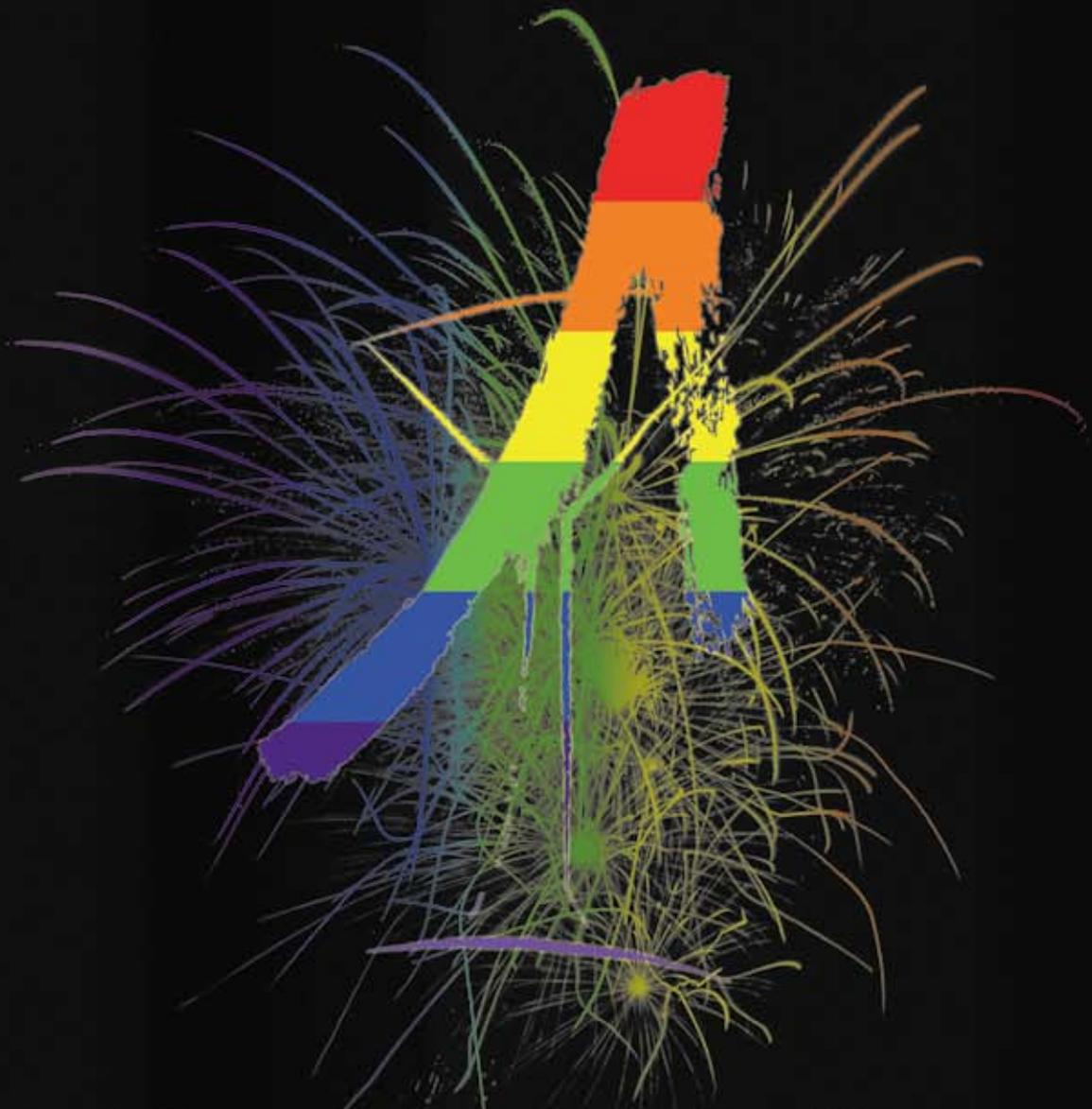
Other programs include Fuse, for young gay/bisexual men ages 18-29; United Black Ellument for African-American men ages 18-29; Valor Latino educational program for Latino men; Gray Pride for LGBT seniors, Gender Education, Advocacy and Resources (GEAR); and the JEWEL Program (Joining and Educating Women through Empowering and Learning).

Resource Center is also committed to education and training and to ongoing advocacy for LGBT equality.

The center is currently in the midst of a capital campaign to build new facilities near the intersection of Cedar Springs and Inwood roads. Resource Center is led by Chief Executive Officer Cece Cox, J.D. For information call 1-866-657-2437.

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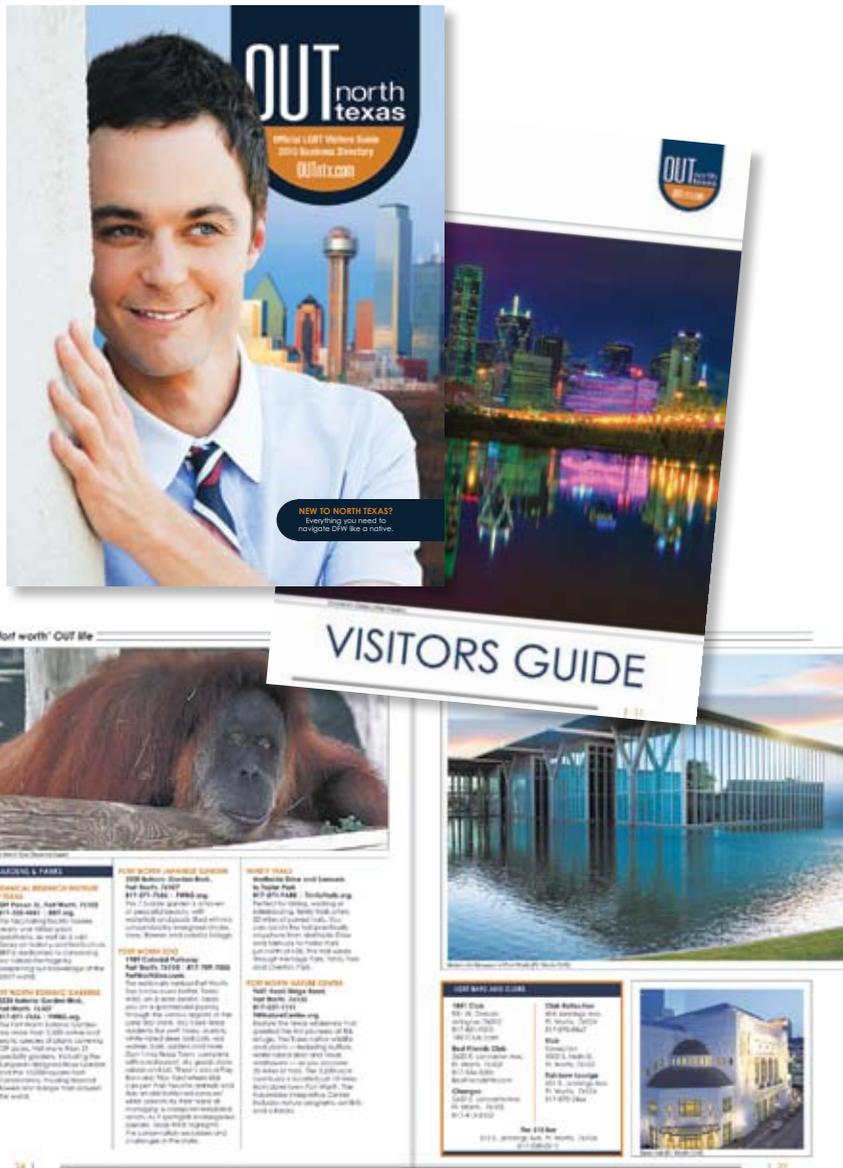


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Family Pride Zone returns



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By David Taffet

Family Pride Zone returns to Dallas' Pride celebration this year, and will take place inside the Festival in the Park during and after the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade on Sept. 20, from noon - 7 p.m.

A fenced-off space inside the fenced-off park will mark the Family Pride Zone as an area set aside specifically for families. It will include activities to entertain kids, from toddler age up through 12 years old.

Family Pride Zone was a big hit when it was introduced in 2013, organizers said. But it wasn't offered in 2014 because funding fell short.

This year, however, Family Pride Zone is back in full force, with Toyota having signed on as its sponsor. The car company, which recently opened corporate offices in Plano, has committed to a multi-year deal, meaning that Family Pride Zone will definitely be a part of Pride celebrations to come.

"We wanted to create a welcoming place for both LGBT parents and their kids to connect, play and enjoy Pride," Family Pride Zone Director Leo Cusimano said, explaining why organizers worked to bring the Family Pride Zone back to the Festival this year.

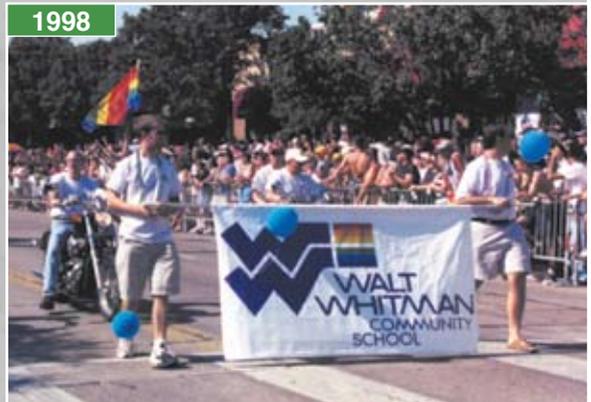
"It is important for kids with LGBT parents to meet other kids in similar family structures," Cusimano said. "In addition, it gives LGBT parents the ability to connect with other LGBT parents. Our goal is to create a more cohesive LGBT parenting community."

The canopied area set aside for Family Pride Zone is located in the center of Reverchon Park, and boasts all sorts of playground equipment. In addition, vendors and sponsors will offer games and entertainment, including face painters, bounce houses and balloon artists to keep the young ones entertained. And old-fashioned potato sack and relay races will keep them active throughout the afternoon.

Entry to the Festival in the Park is \$5, but those under age 13 get in free. Entry to Family Pride Zone is free. Organizers ask that those who plan to enter the Family Pride Zone keep in mind that young children will be attending and so dress appropriately.

Family Pride Zone Eagle Sponsors:





1999



2001



2003



2011



what does **Pride** mean to you?



Dreanna Belden
Pride means feeling joy about equality and having the same rights as everyone else.



Brad Pritchett
For me it's a time to engage with the LGBT community and educate about our growth and struggles over the years.



David Broughton
The norm.



Lorie Burch
It's an opportunity to celebrate how far we've come.



Jaime Duggan
It's a celebration of equality.



Neil Cazares-Thomas
For me it's a symbol of our diversity, unity and desire to make the world a safer place.



Kamesha Gibson
Pride means waking up everyday, taking the world and saying, "Here I am. Deal with it."





BillScott
Being able to walk down the street with my head held high knowing I'm as equal as the next person.



DavidAndrews
Achievement and progress.



DougFrankel
Pride to be who you are at all times.



ScottPharr
Freedom.



JohnnyMowad
Community spirit.



CandaceThompson
It means the opportunity to express myself without having to hide.



ToriOsborn
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previous grand marshals



1991 - Grand Marshals
John Thomas and Sue Schrader



1987 - Grand Marshals
Karen Herndon and
Dallas Police Sgt. Earl Newsom



1994 - Honorary Grand Marshal
Bill Hargis (left)

1985
Grand Marshals
Rita Mae Brown
Howie Daire

1986
Grand Marshals
Jackie Baker
Don Baker

1987
Grand Marshals
Karen Herndon
DPD Sgt. Earl Newsom

1988
Grand Marshals
Lory Masters
Alan Ross
Honorary Grand Marshal
Mike Richards

1989
Grand Marshals
Kathy Jack
Bill Nelson

1990
Grand Marshals
Gloria Goodwin
Gary Swisher

1991
Grand Marshals
Carolyn Dunbar
Sue Schrader (tie), and
John D. Thomas
Special Grand Marshal
Patti lePlae Safe

1992
Grand Marshals
Jan Barton
City Councilman
Chris Luna
Special Grand Marshal
Michael Lee

1993
Grand Marshals
Deb Elder
Tom Davis
Special Grand Marshal
Sheri Powers

1994
Grand Marshals
DPD Sgt. Lynne Albright
Tim Seelig
Honorary Grand Marshal
Bill Hargis
Special Grand Marshals
Karen Thompson
Sharon Kowalski

1995
Grand Marshals
Cece Cox
Rex Ackerman
Special Grand Marshal
Denis Wier

1996
Grand Marshals
The Rev. Michael Piazza
Feleshia Porter
Honorary Grand Marshals
Dennis Vercher
De'An Olson

1997
Grand Marshals
Joe Elliott
Robert Moore

1998
Grand Marshals
Jose Plata
Harryette Ehrhardt
Honorary Grand Marshals
Walt Whitman Community
School and Women's
Communities Assn.

1999
Grand Marshals
The Rev. Mona West
Steve Atkinson

2000
Grand Marshals
Alan Gellman
Christy Kinsler

2001
Grand Marshals
Unfilled; in place of the
marshals was a card reading:
"Dedicated to the victims lost
in the tragedy" of Sept. 11.
Special Grand Marshal
Miss Texas 2000 Tara Watson

2002
Grand Marshals
Brady L. Allen, M.D.
Karen Estes
Honorary Grand Marshal
The Hon. Laura Miller,
mayor of Dallas

2003
Grand Marshals
None; instead, all the
grand marshals,
honorary grand
marshals and special grand
marshals from the previous
20 years were honored.

2004
Grand Marshals
Dee Pennington
Jim Gadiant

2005
Grand Marshals
Don Maison
Louise Young
Honorary Grand Marshals
Mark Tewksbury and
Frances Stevens

2006
Grand Marshals
Leo Cusimano and Veletta Lill
Honorary Grand Marshal
Bruce Vilanch

2007
Grand Marshals
Ed Oakley
Melissa Grove

2008
Grand Marshals
Laura Miller
Mark Frazier
Honorary Grand Marshal
Jeff Key

2009
Grand Marshals
Jesse Garcia
Lupe Valdez
Honorary Grand Marshal
Larry Kramer

2010
Grand Marshals
Paul Lewis and Erin Moore
Honorary Grand Marshal
The Hon. Annise Parker,
mayor of Houston

2011
Grand Marshals
Chris Bengston,
Gary Miller and Alan Pierce
Honorary Grand Marshal
Joel Burns,
Fort Worth city councilman

2012
Grand Marshals
The Rev. Jo Hudson
Gene Voskuhl

2013
Grand Marshals
Cece Cox and Robert Emery

2014
Grand Marshals
Rev. Carol West
Rafael McDonnell





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Teen Pride makes history fun

Real Live Connection bringing back Teen Pride events

By James Russell

The LGBT community has a lot to be thankful for this year, with marriage equality becoming the law of the land. But even as activists ask what's next and are pushing for federal nondiscrimination ordinances, one local group is instead asking, "Who's next?"

That's the question Dallas-based Real Live Connection wants to see answered.

Amanda Robinson helped found RLC with the intention of bringing LGBT youth into the Pride celebration fold. She realized that not all Pride events are suitable for teenagers, so on Sept. 19, RLC and other organizations, including the Dallas Voice, host the third annual Teen Pride from 2-7 p.m. behind the Interfaith Peace Chapel at Cathedral of Hope.

This year's theme is "All Lives Matter: Peace, Love and Teen Pride." It's a throwback to the wild and free-spirited 1970s, but also a serious reflection on the current state of movements for peace and justice, including the recent #BlackLivesMatter movement.

You can't have a present without a past, after all.

"It's important to introduce young people to history," Robinson said. "Young people aren't activists anymore. I feel this is the first civil rights movement to forget young people."

She wants youth — whether lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning — to be active and involved in LGBT activism, making the "All Lives Matter" theme a perfect fit for the group's mission.

According to a press release, Teen Pride creates a safe space for LGBT youth ages 13-19 who are more likely to be at-risk for suicide than their heterosexual peers. It's about creating an atmosphere where youth can find their voice. Events like Teen Pride give LGBT youth direct access to community resources they might otherwise not know about.

"We're about bringing people together," Robinson said. Teen Pride may be the most notable of all their current programming. It comes at the right time of year, too. The youth-

only zone allows LGBT and allied youth the opportunity to find like-minded peers.

The day's event includes a resource fair with HIV testing, opportunities to get library cards and to learn about the North Texas Job Corps and other area resources.

But the event can't just be like a college fair; it has to be fun, too. When thinking about the '70s, Robinson and her team concluded that meant tie-dye.

"We're going to tie-dye everything," she said.

Tie-dye, too, ties in nicely with their work.

There will be free food, drag performances, water games, and a trivia show, too. Participants can submit art to a competition beforehand as well.

Don't expect Robinson and her volunteers to take a honeymoon on Sept. 20, however. They have a whole roster of programs and events scheduled throughout the year events, including a new collaboration with youth in Fort Worth and even in Mississippi.

Upcoming programming includes certified safe space and sensitivity training at the Oak Lawn Public Library.

"People will be trained to work with our core demographic and get a certified safe space sticker identifying them and their space as LGBT-friendly," she said.

After the Sept. 19 event, however, she just wants kids to leave with a toolkit chock full of resources to prepare them to confront obstacles.

She wishes she had that toolbox when she was as a teenager. It wasn't easy then.

But she has no time to reflect.

"I just always think [our youth]," she said.

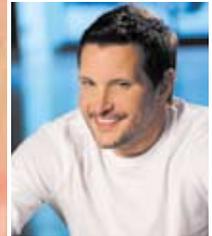
And she always thinks how to make it better for them, too. □



Honorary Grand Marshal tyherndon

Gay and proud in country music

By Tammye Nash



It was less than a year ago that country music star Ty Herndon sat down with *Entertainment Tonight*'s Nischelle Turner to tell the world he is an out, proud and happy gay man. Since then, Herndon has wasted no time becoming a very visible member of the LGBT community.

In May, he was the headliner at the music festival held as part of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association's Texas Tradition Rodeo in Dallas. He is coming back to Dallas this month to perform at the Festival in Lee Park after serving as honorary grand marshal of the 32nd annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. Then he returns in November to perform at the DFW Black Tie Dinner.

But being out and proud wasn't always so easy.

Herndon, now 53, was raised in Alabama. He started playing the piano and singing gospel music as a teenager, and after graduating high school, he headed to Nashville to try and make it as a country singer. Ten years later, Herndon came to Dallas, where his career began to blossom. In 1993, Herndon was named Texas Entertainer of the Year, and later that same year, was signed to Epic Records. Herndon first hit the country music charts in 1995 with his single "What Mattered Most," releasing his debut album with the same name in April that year. The album hit the top 10 and Herndon was on his way to stardom.

It was also in 1995, though, that Herndon was arrested for alleged indecent exposure and possession of methamphetamines. The indecency charge was dropped after Herndon agreed to community service and drug rehab.

Over the next four years, Herndon released four more albums for Epic, charting 17 singles including three No. 1 hits and four more top 10 hits. But by 2000, Herndon's career had begun to slump. He divorced his second wife, left Epic and endured a string of financial battles. In 2004, he entered rehab for the second time. And his career turned to a new path.

In June 2010, Herndon released an album of contemporary Christian songs, *Journey On*, under the FUNL Music label. He was nominated for a Grammy for Best Southern, Country or Bluegrass Gospel Album and won a Dove Award for Best Bluegrass Recorded Song for *When We Fly*.

Then in November 2014, Herndon publicly announced what his friends and family had known for some time, that he is gay. Although he continues to rebuild his career in music and build his life with partner Matt Collum, Herndon now has a new mission, too. As he told *People Magazine* in a November, 2014 interview, he decided to come out as a gay man publicly because "I realized I had an incredible story that could possibly help someone's son or daughter or grandchild's life not be as difficult as mine has been. Maybe they wouldn't have to go through as much pain and suffering. It's time to tell my truth."



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History comes to life at The Dallas Way
By David Taffet



Candy Marcum at Outrageous Oral

utrageous Oral has become the hit centerpiece of The Dallas Way, the LGBT history project.

The organization that's now several years old has made lots of progress in collecting and documenting the history of the LGBT community in Dallas and the surrounding area.

Working in conjunction with University of North Texas, The Dallas Way is collecting artifacts such as T-shirts, posters and fliers, documents including board minutes, letters and diaries from the community's vast array of groups and from its leaders and photographs.

The LGBT collection at UNT includes donations from The Dallas Way as well as the Phil Johnson Library and Archives from Resource Center and newspapers and photos from Dallas Voice.

In addition to printed materials, The Dallas Way is collecting oral histories in two ways.

Some people are sitting down for an extended interview. Others are telling their stories as a segment of Outrageous Oral.

The Outrageous Oral evenings are held four times a year in The Rose Room. Each program includes four to six people telling a personal story about some facet of the community.

Some storytellers, like Randy Roberts Potts, tell stories about their families. Potts' grandfather was TV evangelist Oral Roberts. He discussed his custody battle for his children and having been sexually abused as a child with his extreme religious background blocking his coming out as gay.

Others, like Karen McCrocklin talked about how she ended up at the Supreme Court the day the Prop 8 and DOMA decisions came down, held hands tightly with a younger gay man as she made direct eye contact with Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg and broke down in tears as she heard the decision read.

The 2014 Black Tie Dinner Kuchling Award winner Mike Anglin told the story of how The Black Tie Dinner came into being and what his role was in creating the event. Since that first dinner in Dallas, the event has grown and been repeated more than 30 times and copied in one form or another in more than 50 cities around the country.

Each story segment is recorded by Jimmy Bartlett.

The Dallas Way was founded by Jack Evans and George Harris, a couple who've been together for more than 50 years and who recently became the first same-sex couple married in Dallas County. Evans hit upon the idea while he and Harris were planning their 50th anniversary celebration.

UNT is helping The Dallas Way archive and inventory all of the pictures, documents and artifacts. The school had recently built new cold storage facilities to hold whatever the community had to offer.

While the school has a number of different specialty collections, its LGBT archive is among its most active. UNT librarians report that Dallas Voice is accessed more frequently than all of its other local and specialty publications it keeps. From among the archives, the filmmakers gathered their background information for the Academy Award-winning movie *Dallas Buyer's Club*.

"Recording history is not just telling stories of things that happened," former Dallas Way president Buddy Mullino said. "It can also be a learning experience for those who are hearing the stories for the first time. Sharing stories from the many segments of the large and diverse Dallas gay community provides us the opportunity to benefit from the experiences of groups outside of our own, each of which have contributed in their own way to the community we have today." □



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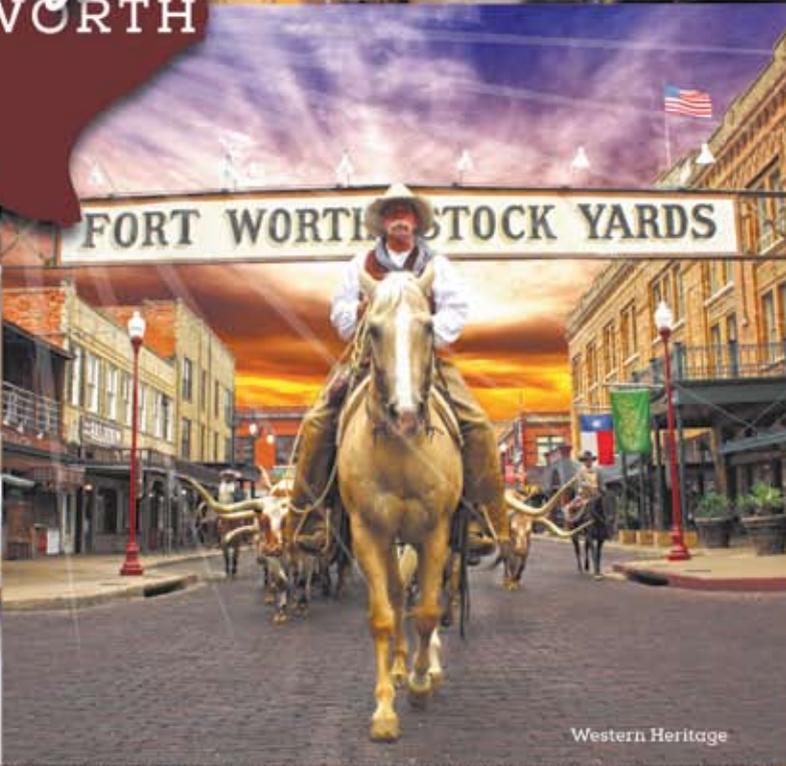
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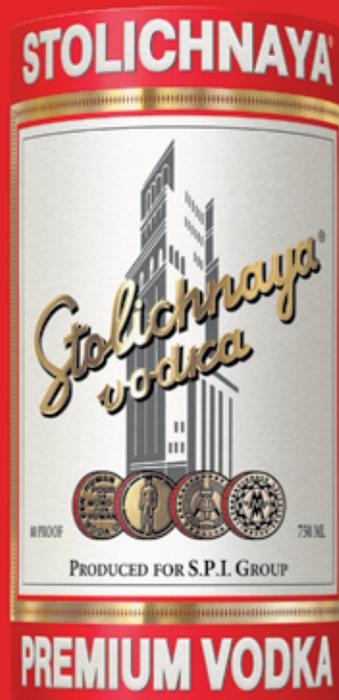
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The MillerLite Festival in the Park presented by T-Mobile and the Family Pride Zone will open at noon. There is a \$5 per person general admission fee. Cash only. Children ages 13 years old and younger can enter for free when accompanied by an adult. The festival will end at 7:00 PM.

PARADE

The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade will kick off at 2:00 PM. Streets will start to close at 10:00 AM for parade set-up. The parade is approximately 2.5 hours in length.

FESTIVAL MAIN STAGE

- Noon DJ Brandon Moses
- 1:30 PM Chaz Marie and the Band
- 3:00 PM Mi Diva Loca
- 4:30 PM Grand Marshals speak
 - Announcement of Parade Awards
 - Voice of Pride
 - Winners Perform
- 5:00 PM Ty Herndon

BUS SCHEDULE

Free bus shuttles from the parade to the festival. Busses will run a continuous loop between the pick-up locations.

PICK-UP LOCATIONS

- Legacy of Love Monument (Cedar Springs & Oak Lawn Ave.)
- Reverchon Recreation Center (Maple Ave, next to Reverchon Park)

START/STOP TIMES

- 3:00 PM
- 8:00 PM





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PRIDE



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2015 parade executive team



David Berryman
Event Coordinator



Jaron Turnbow
Parade Director



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Parade Director



Vaughn McCauley
Festival Director



Corbin Collier
Festival Director



Kent Owens
Festival Director



Brian Foster
Festival Director



Kathleen Schraufnagel
Volunteer Coordinator



Matthew Harrington
Entertainment Coordinator



2015 parade executive team continued



Brandon Slovak
Stu Cheung
Parade Director

Jeremy Fox
Volunteer Coordinator

Michael Devore
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Jeremy Liebke
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Eddie Campbell
Kevin Lively
Food and Beverage Coordinators

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5pm-11pm monday & tuesday

5pm-12am wednesday-friday

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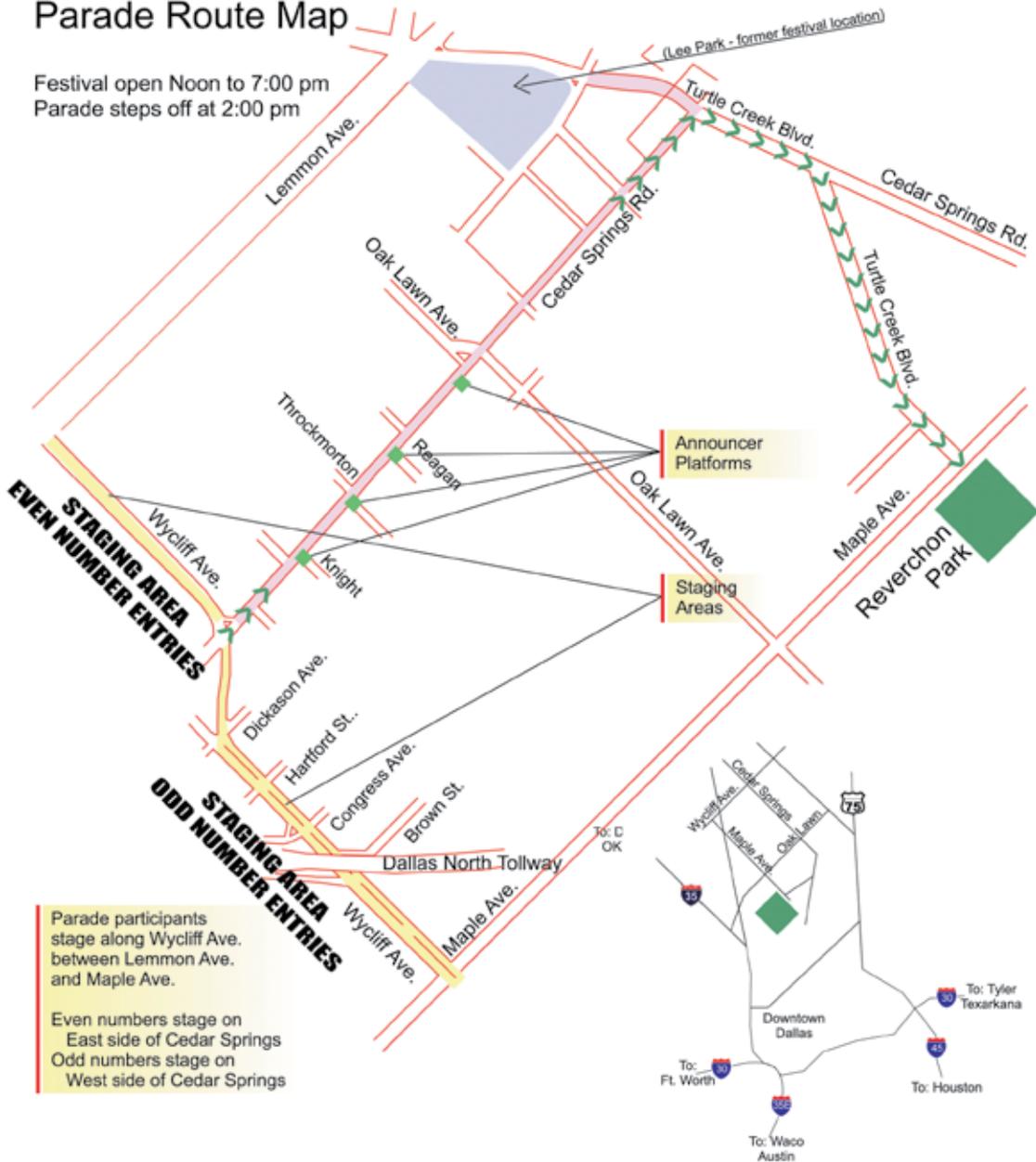
10:30AM - 2PM SAT/SUN

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where you're
among friends!*



Parade Route Map

Festival open Noon to 7:00 pm
Parade steps off at 2:00 pm



Parade participants stage along Wycliff Ave. between Lemmon Ave. and Maple Ave.

Even numbers stage on East side of Cedar Springs
Odd numbers stage on West side of Cedar Springs



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Best Performance

Best Walking Group

Best Costumes

Best Social Commentary

Best Theme Representation

Best Overall Entry

Best For-Profit Entry

Best Non-Profit Entry

Judge's Choice



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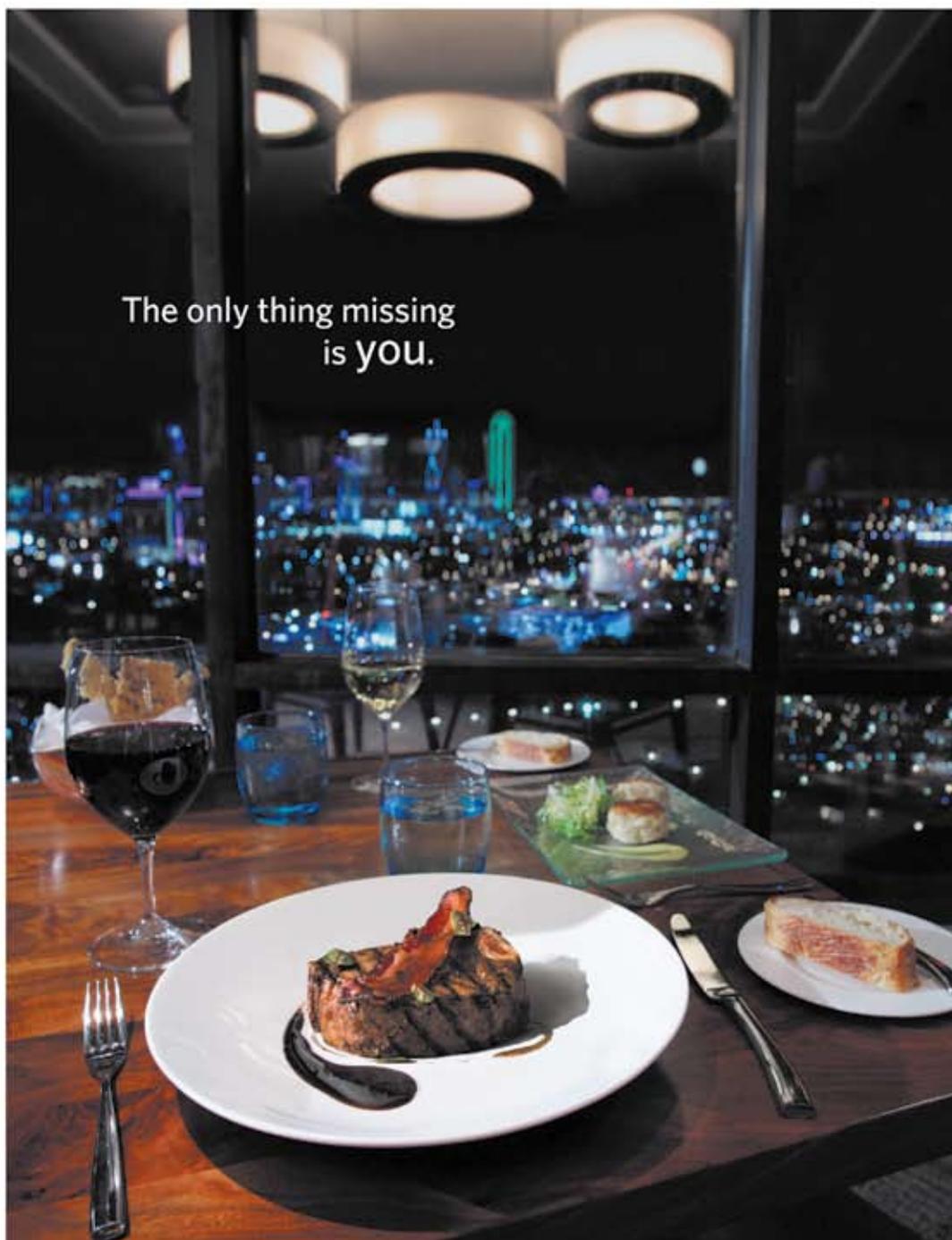
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