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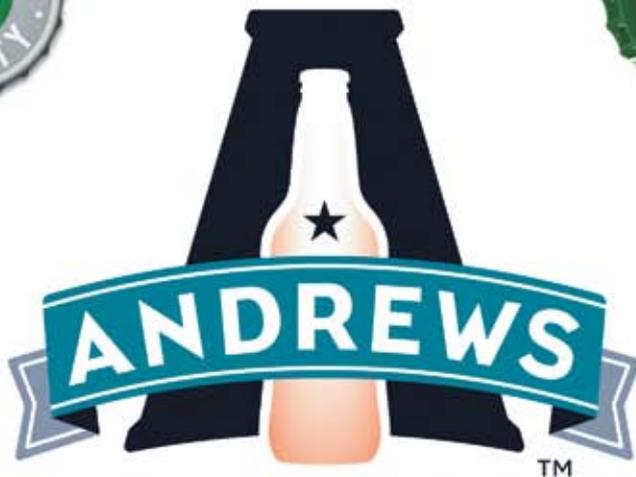
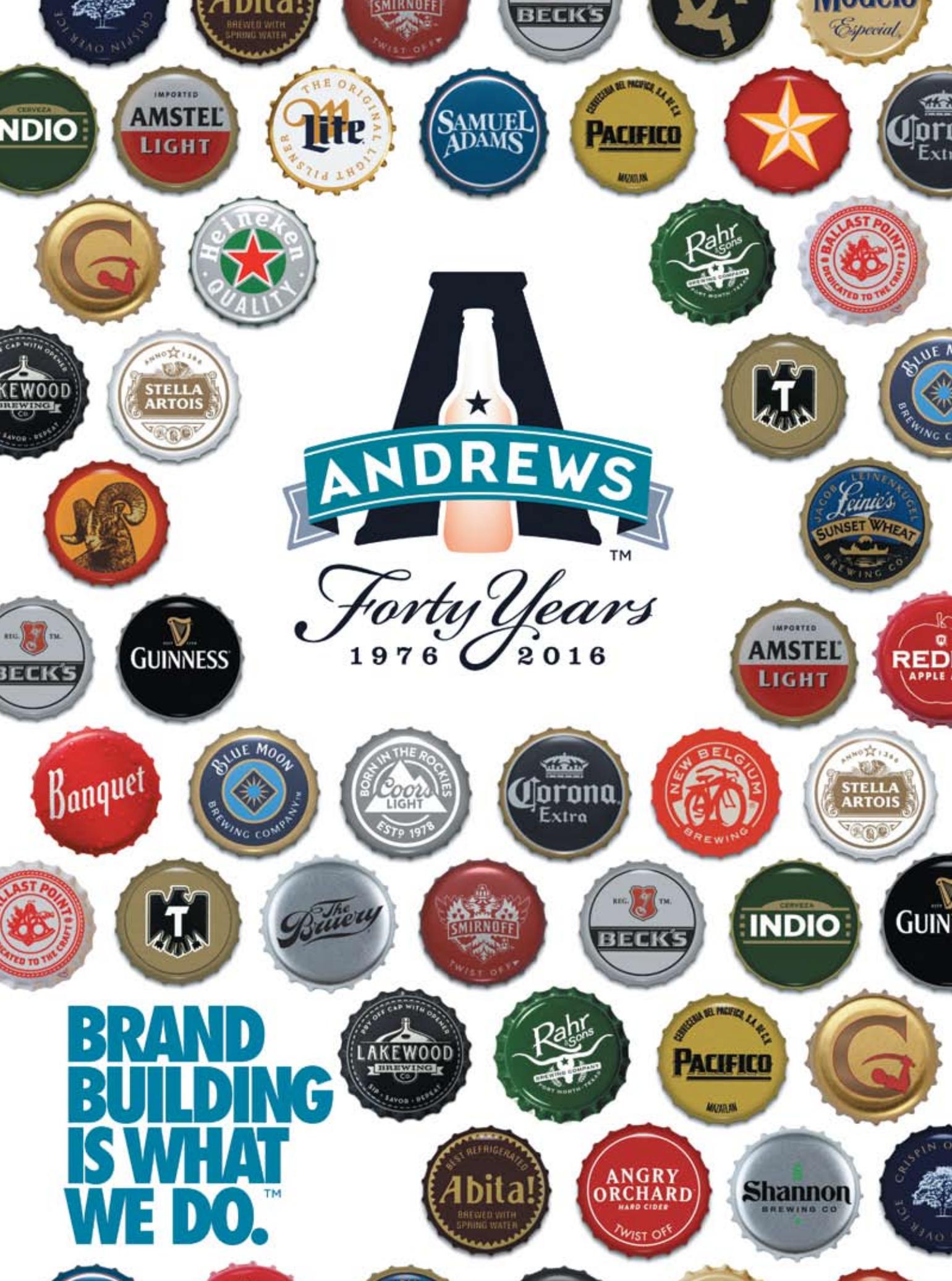
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MICHAEL DOUGHMAN



I want to welcome everyone to the 2016 edition of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade and Festival in the Park. We have worked long and hard in the past 10 months to make sure we have an exciting, fun-filled and safe week of celebration for our community and our friends visiting from around the world. All of the Dallas Tavern Guild members have rolled out the red carpet to welcome guests into their businesses and make them feel at home.

Hospitality is our stock in trade and it is the thing we are best known for. You are sure to find friendly faces, welcoming handshakes, big ole Texas hugs and an enthusiastic “Howdy” wherever you go. There are lots of great things to see and do in our city, and I hope you take in lots of them during your stay with us. From our dynamic Arts District, to our many museums, to the hundreds of awesome dining experiences and unequalled nightlife in any of our member clubs.

Whether you are here for the first time or a returning visitor to our city, you will find there is something for everyone. The heart of Cedar Springs is home to several of our clubs, along with great retail shopping and many wonderful new dining experiences. But that is far from all we offer. Our many clubs in the surrounding area feature some of the best entertainment in the Southwest. World-class drag divas, the sexiest male dancers, gifted live musicians, comedians and artists will be offering up their very best for you. Be sure to sample a bit of everything while you are here with us.

On a personal note, I want to say a huge thank you to my amazing Steering Committee for making this year’s parade and festival the best ever. Their attention to detail and commitment to hospitality are unsurpassed. To my amazing bosses, the Dallas Tavern Guild members, I say thank you for the opportunity to represent you each and every day. And last but by no means least, a huge thank you to our leaders at City Hall: Mayor Mike Rawlings, Dallas Police Chief David Brown, Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez and DART Police Chief James Spiller. Your leadership in the past months has been a beacon of light and hope for all of us in this great city. You offer up Dallas as a model for equality and opportunity for all.

And now, I invite you to go out and celebrate who you are, enjoy the many gifts our city has to offer, and when it’s all said and done, carry home the spirit that is Dallas, Texas and the proud LGBT community it honors. Happy Pride everyone!


Michael Doughman
Executive Director, Dallas Tavern Guild



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LONZIEHERSHNER

The year 2016 has given us many reasons to celebrate and be thankful. It has also shown our strength and resolve as a people to stand together and continue to fight for progress. With terrible tragedies in Orlando and like the senseless attack on innocent people and the shooting of our own police officers here in Dallas, it's more important than ever to come together and show that once again, "Love Wins" and we will not be deterred or scared away. As Dallas Pride continues to grow every year, we are looking forward to this year and see it as the ever-strengthening future of our community.

Lonzie Hershner
President



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MICHAEL S. RAWLINGS
MAYOR



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Welcome to the 33rd Annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade!

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the Dallas Tavern Guild on celebrating 33 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, its a celebration. It is a joyous time to celebrate the diversity in our city.

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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August 3, 2016

To the Dallas Tavern Guild

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Honorable mayor and the Dallas City Council would like to extend congratulations to the Dallas Tavern Guild on celebrating the 33rd anniversary of the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, "Solidarity through Pride" on Sunday, September 18, 2016. This annual event celebrates our shared commitment to equality in Dallas and all of Texas.

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 33rd anniversary!

Lonzie Hershner
President



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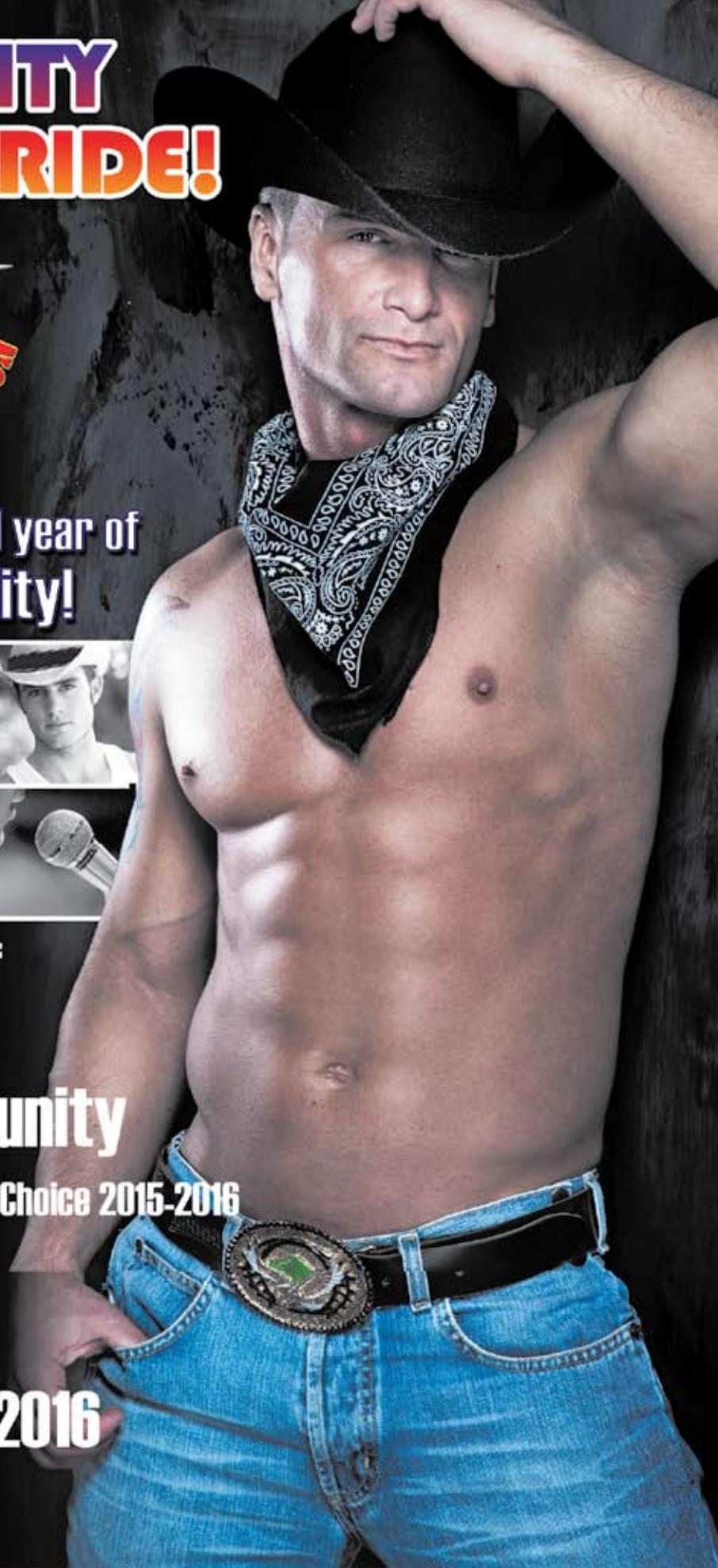
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Dallas Pride this year honors the memory of Jack Evans, a man who set as example not only as a businessman, activist and friend, but also as a loving and devoted spouse for more than 55 years.

Jack and his husband, George Harris, remain the epitome of the kind of love and commitment for which our community has always fought, and for that, we will always remember and honor their contributions to the LGBT community of Dallas and the world.





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Tin Room • TMC • Winslow's Wine Bar • Zippers



CALENDAR OF events

Sunday, Sept. 4

Broadway Brunch

Texas Discovery Gardens in Fair Park

11:30 a.m. VIP meet-and-greet,
12:15 p.m. brunch, 1:30 performance
Leslie McDonel performs to benefit
AIDS Services of Dallas.

Friday, Sept. 9

50 Shades of Gay Speed Dating Mixer

Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs
6-9 p.m.

Real Live Connection announces "50 Shades of Gay": Speed Dating Mixer for Gay Men, Bi Men and Trans Men Interested in Men | Monthly Fundraiser for LGBTQ Teen Organization will be held every 2nd Friday. No Cover

Saturday, Sept. 10

North Texas Pride Festival

Louisiana Street Grill

350 E. Louisiana Street
McKinney, TX
1-8 p.m.

The North Texas Pride Festival is an event celebrating bravery in being yourself. This family-friendly festival brings together North Texas citizens to celebrate the thriving LGBT community and its influence on sharing and expressing love. In downtown McKinney there is plenty of food, live entertainment, dancing and kids' activities in celebration of this loving community. No Cover

Sunday, Sept. 11

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Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs Road
8 p.m.

The staff and management say thank you to their customers with live entertainment, great BBQ, souvenirs and a balloon drop. A great kick-off to Pride Week. No Cover

Politics and Drag

Sue Ellen's

3014 Throckmorton St.
5-8 p.m.

Rainbow LULAC, HRC, Red and Stonewall Democrats present a political party hosted by Miss Red Foundation Raquel Blake with voter registration, HIV testing, food, drinks and special guests.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Mr. Bear & Mr. Cub Round-Up

Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs Road

9 p.m. registration, 10 p.m. contest

Cheer on your favorite fuzzy stud as the men and boys compete for the title and show off their hairy hotness!

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Thursday, Sept. 15

Project Funway: Pride Edition

Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs Road

10 p.m.

Would-be designers and fashionistas gather to create and compete in a couture competition to see who has the most prideful fashions.

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Friday, Sept. 16

The Tap Turns 2 @ Cedar Springs

Tap House

4123 Cedar Springs

All Day

Celebrate the second anniversary of the Tap House with great food and drink specials. Lots of surprises and special guests.

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Bear Happy Hour: Pride Edition

Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs Road

6 p.m.

Calling all bears, cubs, otters, foxes and other fuzzy creatures. It's time to sip a cocktail, do a few shots and throw back a few cold ones at this monthly celebration of the hirsute.

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After Dark –TCC at 3015 Trinity Groves

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8th Annual Red Party

6500 Cedar Springs Road

8-11 p.m.

Featuring Former Pussycat Doll, Jessica Sutta and hosted by Raquel Blake. This awesome party benefits Legacy Counseling Center

www.dallasredfoundation.org

Saturday, Sept. 17

Hangover Brunch and Pride Pool Party

Cedar Springs Tap House

4123 Cedar Springs

10 a.m.–2 a.m.

Partied a little too hard Friday night? We've got the cure for what ails you! Join us for our famous Cedar Springs Hangover Brunch!

We've got delicious brunch items as well as \$11.99 bottomless mimosas and much more.

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Teen Pride

Oak Lawn United Methodist Church

3014 Oak Lawn Ave.

2-7 p.m.

Teen Pride is a celebration for LGBTQ youth ages with youth speakers, an open mic, culture show-and-tell, a live game show, free food, an art competition (email art@rlc365.org for details), entertainment, prizes, games and more. Admission is free for LGBTQ youth and allies, with a suggested \$5 donation for adults accompanying youth. For information call 469-666-REAL or email pr@rlc365.org.

Pride and Fabulous Gaybingo

Rose Room at S4

3911 Cedar Springs Road

6-9 p.m.

Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place the third Saturday of the month at. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 214-540-4458 or email bscott@myresourcecenter.org.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade

Wycliff and Cedar Springs

2 p.m. Step-Off

Join us for the 33rd edition of this great celebration of community and LGBT Pride.

Pride Sunday at the Tap

Cedar Springs Tap House

10 a.m.–until

Join us for the best seats on the strip for the 33rd Annual Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade! The parade steps off at 2 p.m. and we are the first gay bar on the strip so be there with us all day.

Festival in the Park

Reverchon Park

Maple Ave and Turtle Creek

12 noon–7 p.m.

Come celebrate with us for great food, vendors, beverages, and live entertainment all day and our featured artist, from the Housewives of Beverly Hills and dance club celebrity diva, Erika Jayne. Admission \$10 for Adults. Children 12 and under accompanied by an adult free.

Family Pride Zone

Reverchon Park

Maple Ave and Turtle Creek

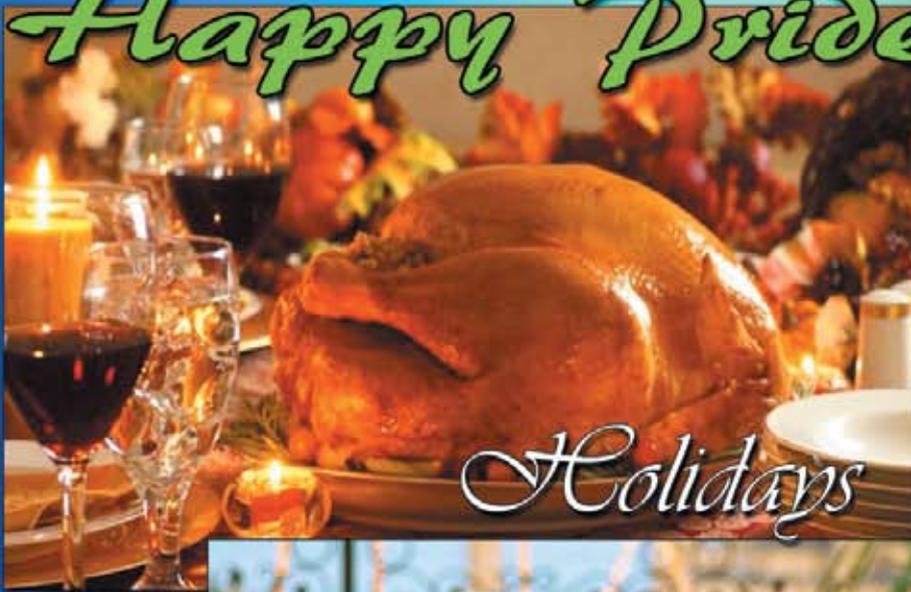
12 noon–7 p.m.

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Friday, Sept. 23

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5 Factor 7 For Parties 150 Turtle Creek Blvd #107 Dallas, TX 75219 Friday, September 23, 7-9 p.m. Join us for an evening in recognition of five honorees who have been valuable partners of the community.

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Saturday, Oct. 1

35th Annual Black Tie Dinner

Sheraton Dallas Hotel

400 N. Olive Street

Greg Louganis will receive the Elizabeth Birch Award, Dr. Steven Pounders will receive the Kuchling Award. Featured speaker, Connie Britton and entertainment by Deborah Cox. www.blacktie.org

Fort Worth Pride Parade and Festival

Main Street and Festival

Noon–6 p.m.

Fort Worth's We Are Family Pride parade

Sunday, Oct. 2

Fort Worth Pride Picnic

Trinity Park Arts Pavilion

2401 University Dr, Fort Worth

Noon–6 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Texas Latino Gay Pride 2016 "Azucar!"

Reverchon Park

Maple Ave. & Turtle Creek

Join us for the biggest event of the year!!! The 3rd annual Texas Latino Gay Pride! Be ready for a fantastic evening of music, entertainment and some of the best food around Dallas! We hope to see you there!

www.texaslatinogaypride.com

Sunday, Oct. 9

26th Annual LifeWalk

Robert E. Lee Park

3333 Turtle Creek Blvd.

Welcome to another amazing year of LifeWalk!

Last year, you helped raised over \$687,000 for the men, women, and children impacted by HIV/AIDS. Amazing! Those dollars are already hard at work; changing the lives and health of individuals all over the North Texas community.

www.lifewalk.org

Friday, Oct. 14

50 Shades of Gay Speed Dating Mixer

Round-Up Saloon

3912 Cedar Springs

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

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Saturday, Oct. 15

Bewitched GayBingo

Rose Room at S4

3911 Cedar Springs Road

6-9 p.m.

Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place the third Saturday of the month at.

Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 214-540-4458 or email bscott@myresourcecenter.org.

Saturday, Oct. 22

Texas Veggie Fair 2016 @ Reverchon Park

A FREE event celebrating plant-based lifestyle options of every kind...

www.texasveggiefair.com. Food, Speakers, Live Music, Clothing, Housewares, Veggies, Beer Garden, Chef Demos



Wednesday, Sept. 28

Andrew Bird @ The Majestic Theater

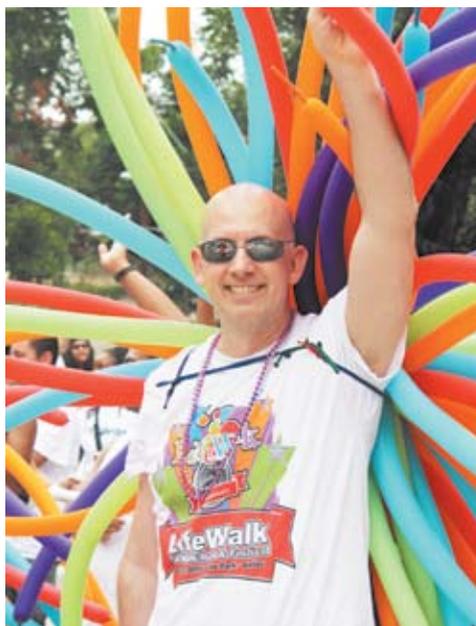
KXT 91.7 Presents: Andrew Bird with Sinkane at Majestic Theatre in Dallas on September 28! Doors open at 7pm, all ages welcome.

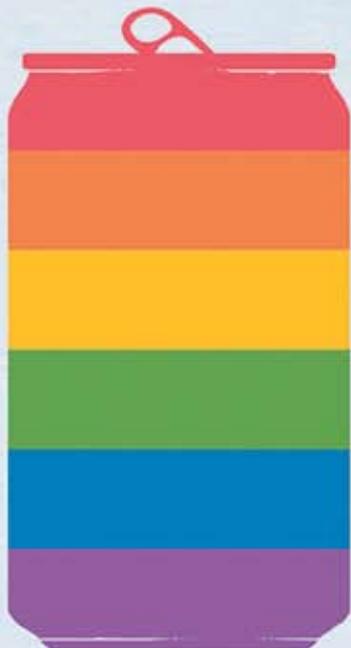
Tickets go on sale Friday, July 22nd at 10am www.andrewbird.net

Thursday Sept. 29–Monday Oct. 3

Dallas Southern Pride

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Ranch Hand Rescue fundraiser
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 1800 Hwy 26 East, Grapevine
 6–11 p.m.
 Benefit for the gay-operated center that uses rescued farm animals in therapy to help vets with physical disabilities and PTSD and children with mental and physical disabilities. RanchHandRescue.org. \$100.

Sunday, Oct. 23
25th Anniversary Hope Walk
Trinity Park Pavilion
 2300 W. 7th Street, Fort Worth
 The 25th annual Hope Walk benefitting AIDS Outreach Center in Tarrant County. For information or to register visit AOC.org/walk.

Tuesday, Oct. 25
GALA – LGB Family & Friends @ Durkins Pizza
 Monthly family friendly, networking, socializing, happy hour, rock n roll and the best pizza! Plus Michael Durkin donates 10% of sales to GALA Youth. Everyone is welcome.

Saturday, Nov. 5
The Sands
 2616 Commerce Event Center
 9 p.m.-midnight
 AIDS Interfaith Network presents a retro nightclub experience with open bar, live music, dancing and hors d'oeuvres from \$75-5,000.

Saturday, Nov. 19
Nutcracker Gaybingo
Rose Room at S4
 3911 Cedar Springs Road 6-9 p.m.
 Monthly fundraiser for Resource Center takes place the third Saturday of the month at. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 214-540-4458 or email Bscott@myresourcecenter.org.

Sunday, Nov. 20
Transgender Day of Awareness

Thursday, Dec. 1
World AIDS Day

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BURKE BURNETT



By Tammye Nasb

For Burke Burnett, just being nominated as grand marshal of the 2016 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade was “amazing.” But to actually have been chosen by a community vote to be grand marshal was “beyond amazing, a huge honor.”

“There are so many great examples of LGBT leadership in Dallas, so many great leaders who weren’t nominated, so I am tremendously honored to have been chosen,” Burnett said.

Burnett describes himself as “just a normal guy — a dad, a husband.” He works in the health care industry, and he and his husband, Justin Carrier, and their sons — 18-month-old Caleb and 8-month-old Cody — attend Lovers Lane United Methodist Church.

But Burnett never forgets how his own life was shaped by an act of anti-gay violence, and because of that he helped found and volunteers with Survivors Offering Support, a group that started last fall in response to a rash of attacks on gay men in the Oak Lawn area.

In October 2011, Burnett was at a Halloween party in Reno, just outside Paris, Texas, when he was attacked by three men who shouted anti-gay slurs as they beat him, stabbed him with broken beer bottles and then threw him onto a campfire. Two of the three were convicted on hate crime charges and are serving 10-year sentences.

That brutal attack, Burnett says now, “put me on a different path in my life. It shaped who I am now, in a sense. That attack was the catalyst for me moving to Dallas [in the fall of 2012], the catalyst for changing the way I live. I don’t drink now, and I don’t hang out at parties at 2 a.m. It’s not my fault that I was attacked then. But I am not the same guy I was in 2011.”

Burnett says he moved to Dallas a year after the attack “to kind of start my life over. I found a great set of friends here, a wonderful support system. And the gay community here has always been great to me. It really feels like home here in Dallas, especially in the Oak Lawn neighborhood.”

Burnett met Carrier shortly after moving to Dallas. The two were married in 2014 and almost immediately began building their family. Burnett says he and his husband were thrilled to be in the delivery room when Caleb was born in Nevada in February 2015, and again in December that year when Cody was born in Frisco.

He and Carrier “moved to the suburbs” when their sons came along, but Burnett admits that he really misses living in Oak Lawn, the place he first called home in Dallas. So when the attacks began last fall, he says, he was immediately moved to do something to help the survivors.

“Being attacked myself really lit a fire in me to help other people,” he says. “There are a lot of issues where LGBT people aren’t safe, a lot of situations where LGBT people aren’t protected.”

And knowing first-hand what it’s like to be on the receiving end of such violence is what prompted him to help found SOS and to remain active with the group.

“We’ve made great strides as a community in the past few years, but we’ve got a long way to go, still,” he says. “I like to think I’m part of the solution.”



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grandmarshal

TODDMARIA



By Tammye Nash

For Todd Maria, being chosen as grand marshal of the 2016 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade was a huge surprise, and an honor that has made him even more determined than before to contribute to his community.

Maria started playing rugby about 15 years ago, and he founded Dallas' Lost Souls gay rugby team in 2011, spending the last five years as both coach of and player for the team.

Even though it is a rough sport that, he admits, takes a toll on his body, it is also "a big part of who I am." And this year, that dedication paid off when Maria and his team traveled to Nashville to compete in the 2016 Bingham Cup tournament, bringing home the Challenger Cup championship.

The Bingham Cup, held every two years, is the international gay rugby championship tournament, named after Mark Kendall Bingham, a college rugby player who was killed in the Sept. 11, 2001 crash of United Airlines Flight 93, and is known as one of the heroes aboard that flight who fought back against the hijackers and kept from crashing the plane into the Capitol. The Challenger Cup is the Division 3 championship trophy in Bingham Cup competition.

Although some might see the Lost Souls as just another sports team, Todd says it has always been about more than just playing a game.

"Lost Souls has always been about community," he says. "We play hard, and we have a lot of fun. But we know we are bigger than just ourselves."

Noting that the team has always contributed through toy drives at Christmas, school supply drives and food drives, Maria adds, "It has been wonderful to see our community involvement grow through the years, just as our level of play has grown."

Maria, who describes himself as a nurse by trade, was born and grew up in Hawaii. His work took him first to Philadelphia — where he first got involved in rugby — before he eventually settled in Dallas. He went back to school, getting a master's degree from the University of Texas at Arlington, and gave up the life of a traveling nurse to work as an administrator in a Plano hospital.

Here in Dallas, he met his partner, Caleb Hand, and the two of them have been together for seven years.

"I have lived in Dallas since 2005, and I love it here," Maria says. "It's the best city I have ever lived in, just amazing. I don't think people who are from here really appreciate this city for it is — a unique environment filled with opportunity."

Being nominated as grand marshal was "just overwhelming," Maria says. And when they learned he had been chosen by the community vote, "Caleb and I both cried," he adds. "I think I was more surprised by it, and Caleb was more proud. It was so wonderful to know what I had been working for had been recognized."

But Maria is quick to add that winning public accolades has never been the real goal. "You don't start a project — any project — just for the notoriety of it. You do it to do good things for your community," he says. "Being recognized this way is just icing on the cake."



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Voice of Pride 2016 winner Alvaro Ramalho

By Arnold Wayne Jones

By day, Alvaro Ramalho, 26, works in the payroll department of Southwest Airlines. But by night — at least the night of Aug. 21 — he becomes a superhero of song. That's when he was crowned the 2016 winner of the annual Voice of Pride competition. Sponsored by the Dallas Tavern Guild, the VOP winner gets cash, a medal and bragging rights, but also the chance to show his stuff to the entire community. He'll ride in a float (with second and third-place finishers John Gilstrap and Colby Geyer) during the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, then perform before a huge outdoor crowd during the post-parade festival in Reverchon Park.

We chatted with the talented singer about his musical journey so far, as well as his plans for the future.

How did you get started singing? I began performing during high school when I joined a 12-piece salsa band. From there, I transitioned into musical theater and opera. And today, I'm a part of the Turtle Creek Chorale.

Where did you qualify initially for Voice of Pride, and what did you sing to break through? I qualified at Cedar Springs Tap House with "Pusher Love Girl" by Justin Timberlake, which I brought back for the finals.

What other songs did you sing to win? My second solo of the night was a song called "Stay" by American songwriter Scott Alan. I was introduced to the song through the Turtle Creek Chorale. I also had the privilege of singing it as a solo during the final main stage concert of TCC's 2015–16 season. It's a heartbreaking ballad about a love gone sour.

When did you decide what to sing ... or for that matter, what to wear? I had a hard time narrowing down my options — I didn't finalize my song selection until the week of finals. I chose songs that played to my strengths as a vocalist and that showed a contrast in tempo and style. And ultimately, I followed the advice of a friend and went with those two songs.

As far as what to wear is concerned, I did my best to dress for each song style in a classic way, including getting into character for my duet of the evening, "Suddenly Seymour" from *Little Shop of Horrors*, with local drag queen and fellow top 10 finalist Gloria Devine.

Who are your musical inspirations? I grew up with a wide range of musical influences and experiences which have shaped how I perform, including my mom. As a kid, I listened to artists such as Madonna,

Whitney Houston, Shania Twain and Prince. Meanwhile, my sister got me into artists like Alanis Morissette and Shakira. I was obsessed with pop music and R&B in the early 2000s, and by the time I was in high school, my taste broadened even more.

Any personal singing idols? My musical idols are Kelly Clarkson, Frank Ocean and Erykah Badu. I listen to everything from Adele to Radiohead, and my current obsession is an artist by the name of Gallant.

Have you ever entered VOP before? If so, what's the farthest you've gotten? This year was my fourth time competing in Voice of Pride. In 2014 I was first runner-up, which is the farthest I had previously made it in the competition.

Who designed your look? It was all me. I am far from a fashionista, but I managed to throw something together that seemed to work out okay.

Be immodest — what do you think put you over the top? Honestly, in a competition of this format, it is all about playing to your strengths, including song choice. The songs I chose showcased different parts of my voice and resonated with the judges and the audience. Neither of my songs from finals are particularly well-known, which to me allowed me to focus on the lyrics.

If it hadn't been you, is there someone you personally were rooting for? I'm friends with all of the finalists and they are all incredibly talented. I was definitely rooting for my Turtle Creek Chorale brothers, Colby Geyer and Steven Patterson. I was also rooting for my friends Mike Duane and my duet partner Gloria Devine. Basically, I wanted everyone to win. Each of those I just named I love dearly and their voices each have specific qualities that I wish mine possessed.

What will you do with the prize money? Winnings will likely go toward adult stuff such as paying off some debt, but I will definitely be setting some aside for travel!

What advice would you give to next year's contestants? Don't be afraid to sing a song most people have never heard of. If it is a great song for you and you know you kill it, you can sell it to the judges and win!

What will you sing at the festival in the park? I have not made a final decision, but I can guarantee it will be something fun and up-tempo!



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Mark Cuban: Mavs owner supports his city by supporting diversity

By Tammye Nash

Dallas Police were already understaffed and overworked, so when a rash of violent attacks on gay men began in the Oak Lawn area last fall, their resources were stretched even thinner as the police worked to find ways to keep the neighborhood safe.

Then came June 12, 2016, when a lone gunman walked into an Orlando gay nightclub and opened fire, killing 49 people and wounding 53 more before being killed himself by Orlando police. Dallas police pledged immediately that, as the city's LGBT community celebrated National LGBT Pride Month and started gearing up for the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade, the men and women in blue would be there to keep us safe — even though it would be even more of a strain on DPD's already tight resources.

Within three days, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban had stepped forward to donate \$1 million to the Dallas Police Department to be used to cover overtime pay for officers around the city, especially in Oak Lawn, where the LGBT community was on edge and in fear of attacks like the one in Orlando. Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings announced Cuban's donation on Wednesday, June 15, during an event at City Hall to celebrate LGBT Pride Month.

Cuban, in typical fashion, has side-stepped public accolades for his donation. It was, he recently told Dallas Voice, just the right thing to do.

Cuban's donation became even more significant when, less than a month after the Orlando shooting, the Dallas Police Department itself came under attack from another lone gunman. That attack happened on July 7, in downtown Dallas, following a peaceful Black Lives Matter march protesting the shootings two black men — Alton Sterling in Baton Rouge, La., and Philando Castile in Falcon Heights, Minn. — by police officers in recent days. The Dallas gunman killed five officers, including one DART officer, and wounded nine more officers and two civilians.

During a recent email interview, Cuban said while he is “very fortunate [and] I recognize that I can help those in need,” he typically chooses not to donate to charities. With charities, he said, “I think there is far too much overlap and overhead, and that means not as much money goes to those that actually need it.” Instead, Cuban said, he prefers to “contribute when I can cover expenses directly, or like with the Dallas P.D., pay for overtime and cameras in the Oak Lawn area.”

Cuban also said he wanted to contribute to the Dallas police because he knows that “idiots with a gun usually prompt copycats,” referring to the shooting in Orlando. “I knew that the Oak Lawn area had already had its share of senseless violence and [the Orlando shooting] could heighten fears and heighten the challenges our police department already faced.

“I respect the work our police department does. They are amazing,” Cuban said, adding that in the wake of the July 7 shootings, the character of both the Dallas police and the North Texas community have shown through.

“North Texas has been incredible,” he said. “The outpouring of support has shown how caring and supportive we are of those that put their lives at risk for us. Sometimes we lose sight of just how dangerous their jobs are. That attack, unfortunately, served as a real reminder.”

While Cuban's vocal support of the LGBT community, especially LGBT athletes, may seem rare in the world of professional sports, he said it's certainly nothing new or unusual for him.

“I was raised to treat everyone equally and to be supportive when I see people not being treated with respect,” Cuban said. “I think we all have to recognize that diversity is what makes our community special. And everyone can contribute in whatever way works for them.”





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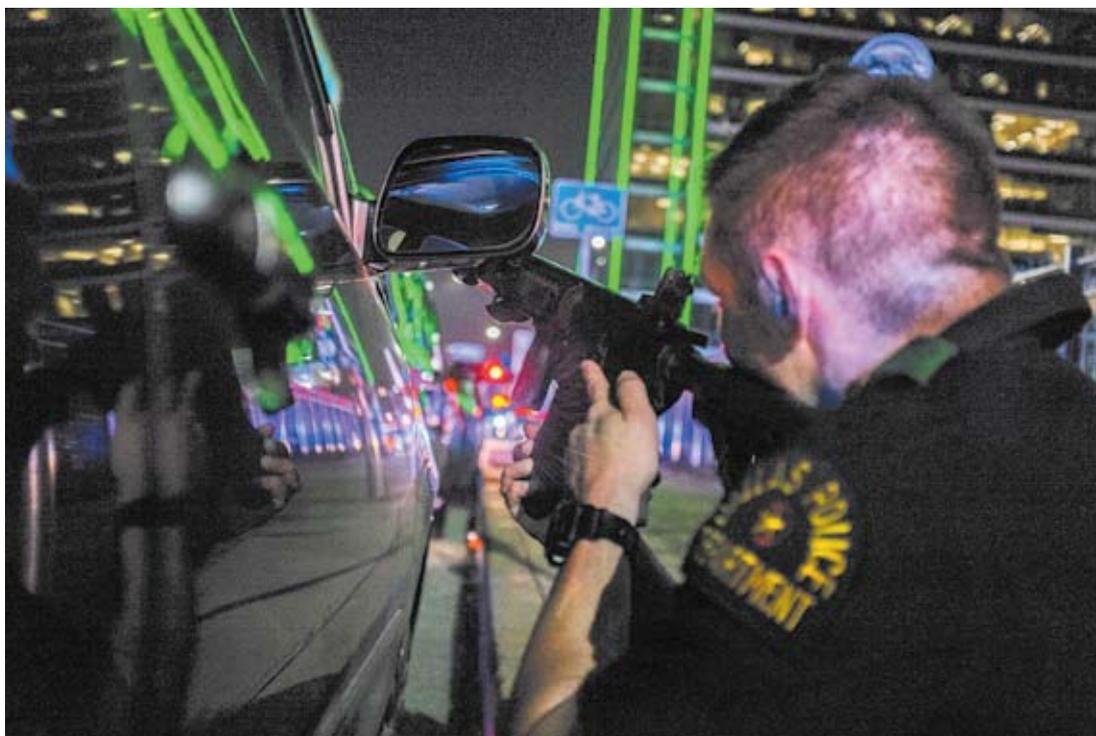


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A Dallas Police officer takes cover and protects a civilian during the July 7 mass shooting in downtown Dallas. Photos by Robert Moore.



Celebrating Solidarity through Pride

By Tammye Nash

When the LGBT community in North Texas gathered on Sept. 20, 2015, for Dallas Pride celebration, just three short months after a U.S. Supreme Court ruling made marriage equality the law of the land, we came together as a people united in celebration.

But in the days to come, our joy was tempered and our strength was tested as our community faced violence — in our streets, in our nightclubs and even in the halls government. And still, despite the attacks, despite the setbacks, the LGBT community continues to stand tall and strong, united in our pride in ourselves and each other and dedicated to continuing our progress toward full equality.

It began even before our 2015 parade day had ended, when a man walking home near Cedar Springs Road was pulled into a car, beaten and then left bleeding on the street several blocks away. After that attack came another, and then another. And soon we learned that the rash of violence had started much earlier in the month; we just hadn't heard those stories yet.

Dallas Police increased their presence in the neighborhood and formed a special task force to investigate. Business owners and law enforcement officials held meetings. New cameras were installed around Oak Lawn. A new organization — Survivors Offering Support — was formed to help the victims of the attacks and robberies.

Meanwhile, some of our community's most vulnerable members were being targeted not just on the streets, but by legislators, too. Transgender people have born the brunt of the backlash following the marriage equality ruling.

At least 21 transgender people — most of them women of color — were murdered in the U.S. in 2015. So far this year, at least 20 more have been killed. And right-wing lawmakers around the country have targeted transgender people with bills intended to keep them from using the proper public restroom facilities, among other things.

For instance, the North Carolina Legislature in March hastily passed a bill that prevents transgender people from using public restrooms congruent with their gender identity, and that also rolls back the city of Charlotte's LGBT-inclusive nondiscrimination ordinance while also prohibiting any local governmental agencies from passing such ordinances in the future. N.C. Gov. Pat McCrory, who signed House Bill 2 into law in March, has continued to steadfastly back the legislation, despite the hundreds of thousands of dollars it has already cost his state.

Here in North Texas, the Fort Worth Independent School District's Superintendent Kent Scribner earlier this year issued guidelines on implementing the nondiscrimination policies approved by the school board several years ago. But because those guidelines included explicit instructions on how the district should treat transgender students, the state's right-wing lieutenant governor, Dan Patrick, came to Fort Worth to interfere with the workings of the local district by rallying anti-transgender forces, causing FWISD to hold a series of public hearings after which district officials had to issue slightly revised guidelines.

The Obama Administration stepped up to offer protections for transgender Americans, with different federal agencies issuing guidelines on how public schools should interact with transgender students and declaring that the prohibitions on sex-based discrimination in Title IX

include prohibitions against anti-transgender discrimination. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued regulations noting that prohibitions against sex-based discrimination in the Affordable Health Care Act include protections for transgender people.

Then Texas' right-wing Attorney General Ken Paxton entered the fray, filing suit against the federal government challenging the Title IX guidelines and, most recently, the new HHS regulations. As this Pride guide went to press, a federal district judge in Fort Worth had issued an injunction halting implementation of the Title IX guidelines, but the issue is expected to make its way eventually to the halls of the U.S. Supreme Court.

But the most crushing blow came in June, National LGBT Pride Month, when a lone gunman walked into the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, shortly before 2 a.m. June 12, and opened fire. Before the night was over, 49 club-goers were dead, another 53 were injured and police had killed the gunman.

Some were intent to focus on the gunman's Middle Eastern heritage and the fact that he was Muslim, and they immediately labeled the shooting an act of terrorism by a radical Islamist. But the killer's own father's words made it clear that it was more likely a hate crime spurred on by the killer's own homophobia.

Even as we in the LGBT community around the world mourned our dead, we began coming together. Within hours vigils were being held in cities around the country, including here in Dallas. The outpouring of grief and consolation reached well beyond the borders of the LGBT community, bringing in not just our allies but even some traditionally known as enemies of equality.

We came together in our grief and pledged to fight back even harder against the kind of hate and discrimination that had driven this man to kill. Here in Dallas, our police department stepped forward immediately, pledging to do whatever necessary to keep our community safe. The same day that the city of Dallas held its annual Pride Month celebration at City Hall, Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban announced he was donating \$1 million to the Dallas Police Department to pay for overtime and other expenses to help keep the city safe.

But then, less than a month later, as we were still reeling for the attack in Orlando, Black Lives Matter activists organized a march in downtown Dallas to protest shootings of black men in Baton Rouge and in a St. Paul, Minn., suburb by police. As the peaceful protest drew to a close, yet another lone gunman with a grudge opened fire, targeting police officers. The night ended with five officers dead, and nine officers and two civilians wounded. And again, we mourned.

But we did not mourn alone. Once again, grief acted as a catalyst for action. Just as the Dallas police stepped forward with promises to do their best to keep us safe after the Orlando shooting, the city's LGBT community stepped forward to support our police department. Once again we proved that we are stronger when we are united. So this year, Dallas' Pride celebration may lack the giddiness of 2015 when we celebrated what was arguably our greatest victory yet in our ongoing battle for equality. But nothing will stop us from celebrating. We will stand strong together, showing the world that we remain united, proving our solidarity through our Pride.



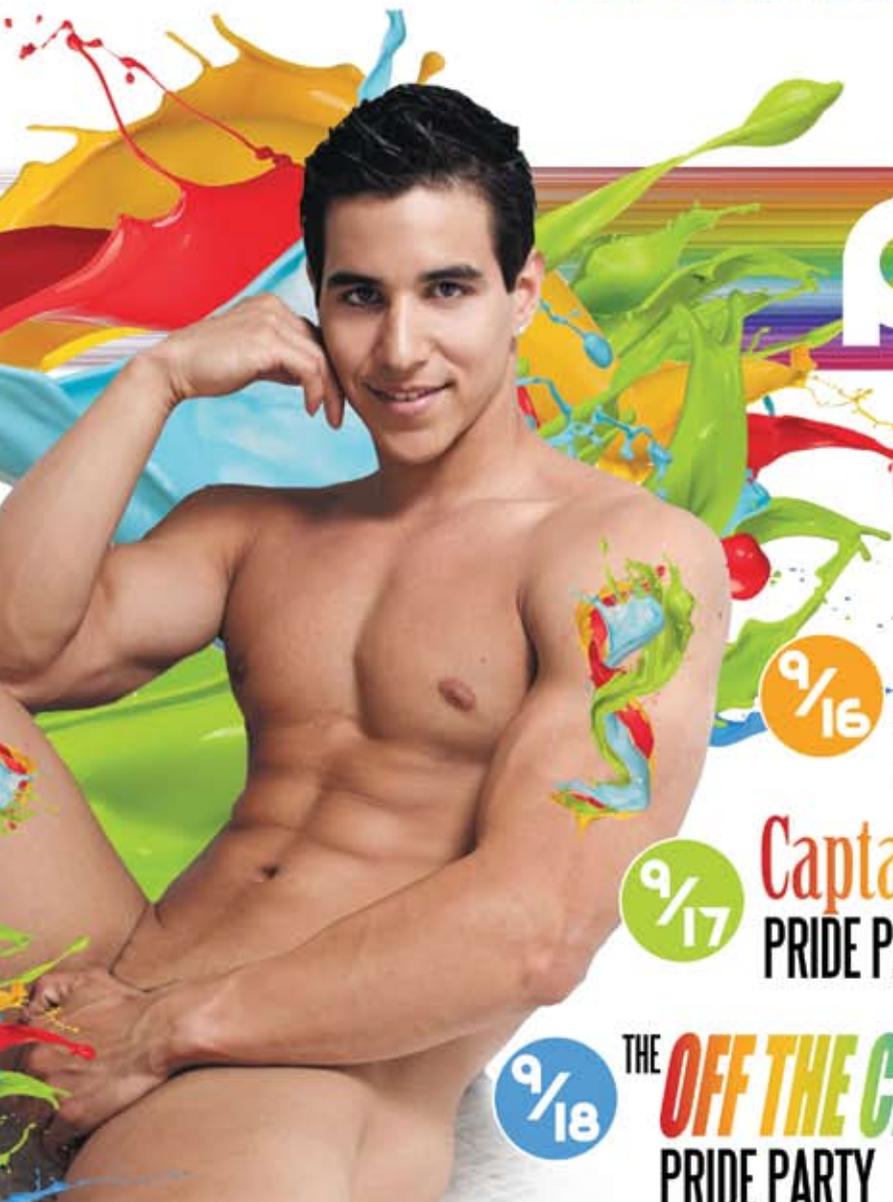


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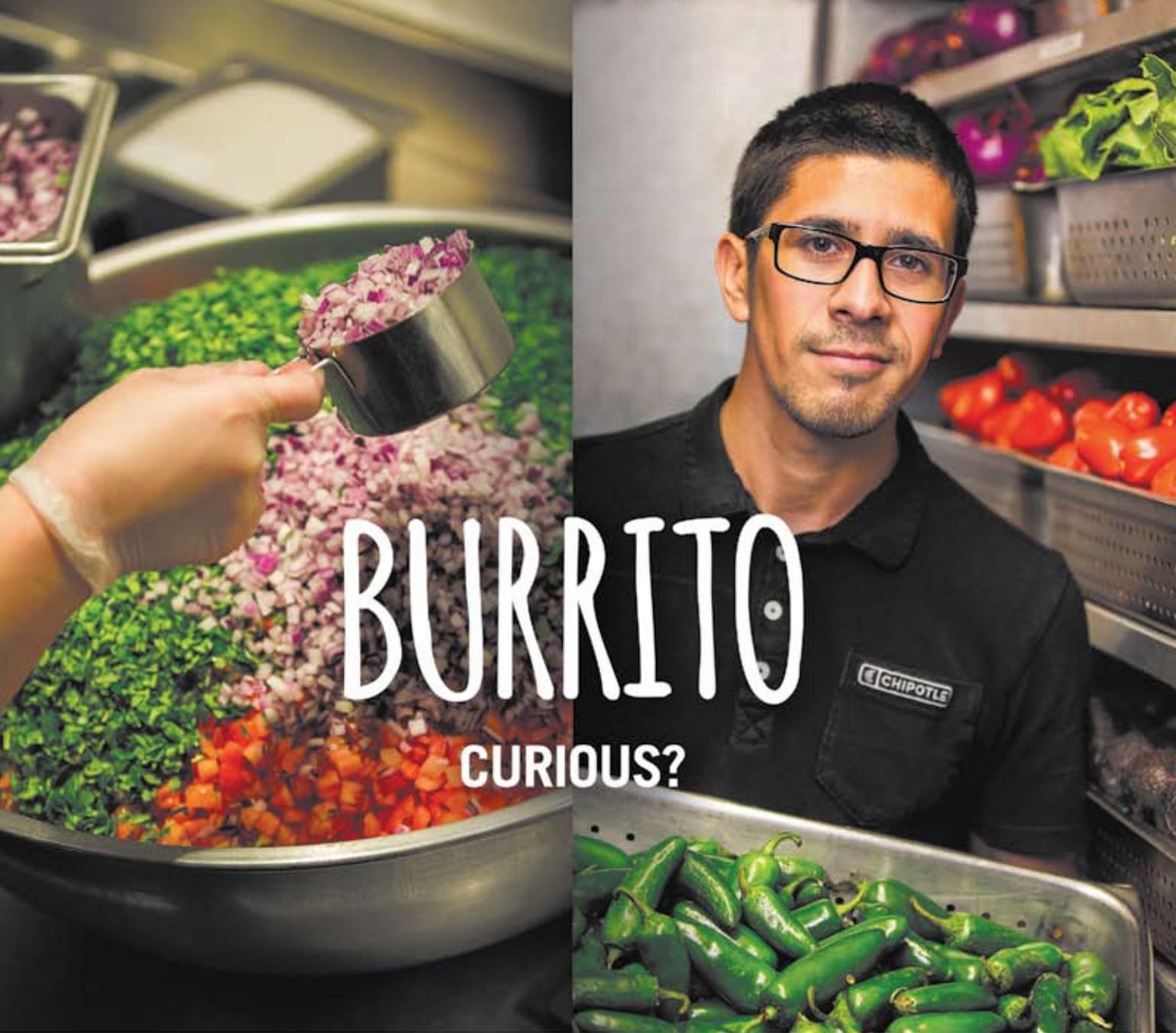
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AIN Executive Director Steven Pace, with Tim and Thom DeWitt at the Great Gatsby fundraiser.

AIDS Interfaith Network

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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. AidsInterfaithNetwork.org

ASD CEO Don Maison with Marie and Angel Reyes, Don Neubauer and David Nelson at No Tie Dinner

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.

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 Executive Director Melissa Grove with Ed Hill and Steven Dean at a fundraising event

Legacy Counseling Center

Founded more than 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., 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





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by David Taffet

After the successful return of the Family Pride Zone in 2015, this year's space will be bigger with more entertainment.

One addition to the Family Pride Zone is Choo Choo Express, a train that will circle the perimeter of the covered playground area throughout the day.

Puppeteer Dennis Lee will bring Nana Puddin for a show he calls edu-tainment. It's entertainment with a message. "Kindness matters," Lee said. "Words are important."

Lee said his anti-bullying message is personal because he was the skinny kid with big ears who played with puppets. He puts on more than 400 shows a year and has performed in Central America, Brazil and Canada, but Dallas is home and he's performed hundreds of shows in schools and churches throughout North Texas.

He said he's especially looking forward to parents coming over to say they saw him perform when they were kids.

Critterman presents two "safari encounters," his most popular show that features six or seven fascinating small creatures. The shows are at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. and are geared for children of all ages.

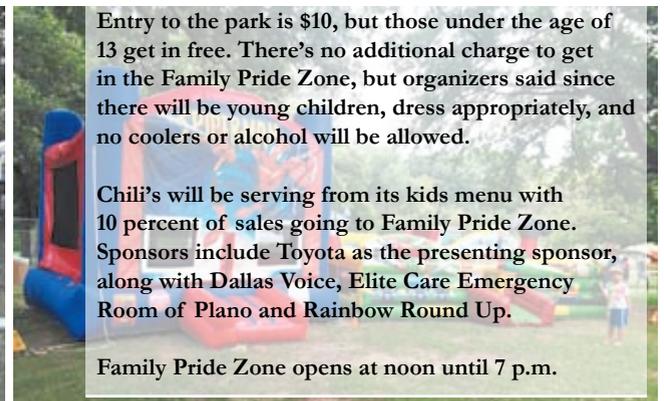
Among the most popular events last year were old fashioned picnic contests — tug of war, sack races, ring toss, soccer goals — and other activities like rocket stomps, oversized checkers and hula hoops.

Bubble machines, airbrush artists, balloon artists, sno cones, bounce houses and costume characters will keep kids and their parents busy throughout the afternoon. A face painter and glitter tattoo artist will be on site from 1-5 p.m.

Entry to the park is \$10, but those under the age of 13 get in free. There's no additional charge to get in the Family Pride Zone, but organizers said since there will be young children, dress appropriately, and no coolers or alcohol will be allowed.

Chili's will be serving from its kids menu with 10 percent of sales going to Family Pride Zone. Sponsors include Toyota as the presenting sponsor, along with Dallas Voice, Elite Care Emergency Room of Plano and Rainbow Round Up.

Family Pride Zone opens at noon until 7 p.m.





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.
- **September 2015:** The Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade moved from Lee Park to Reverchon Park.
- **September 2016:** After a year full of ups and downs, the North Texas LGBT community comes together in solidarity to celebrate our Pride.







Teen Pride is moving

by David Taffet

The event, targeting teens ages 13-19, takes place Saturday, Sept. 17, the day before the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade. And this year, Teen Pride is moving into the heart of the gayborhood.

Organizer Amanda Robinson said the move has a number of advantages. For one, Oak Lawn United Methodist Church hosts the event this year, and buses stop directly in front of the building, making it more accessible to youth.

“It’s closer to The Strip, so youth will feel more involved,” Robinson said.

Additionally, she said, the church area is fenced, giving young people attending the event more security. Last year, anti-LGBT protestors showed up to rally across the street from the site of the Teen Pride event at Cathedral of Hope. Organizers worked to create barriers to block the protestors from view and supporters were there to create a human wall between the youth and the protestors at last year’s event. But with security becoming even more of a priority this year, the OLUMC’s fenced facilities are even more welcome.

Robinson said the church has been helpful, welcoming and supportive, doing more than just providing a space. They’ve helped vet volunteers by running background checks for Real Live Connection, Robinson’s organization that stages Teen Pride.

This year’s theme is “Multicultural.” Robinson said that will be reflected in the food, the on-stage entertainment and the dancing, which will range from salsa to African to belly dancing.

Other features include a trivia challenge, a raffle and Teens with the T, which will be heard on AfterPartyRadio.com.

Real Live Connection is a non-profit organization that focuses on at-risk youth and provides emergency housing, a school supply drive, community classes and social activities like a Thanksgiving dinner and Teen Pride.

Last year, Robinson said 45 kids showed up at her house at 6:30 a.m. on parade day. Although she was still in her pajamas, she prepared breakfast for all of them before they headed out to Cedar Springs Road to put out trash receptacles and help move the barricades into place along the parade route.

They’re not doing the pre-parade work this year, but will have a table in the Family Pride Zone throughout the Pride Festival in Revershon Park.

Teen Pride takes place at Oak Lawn United Methodist Church, 3014 Oak Lawn Ave. from 2-7 p.m. on Sept. 17. The event is free to teens, \$5 for adults who are accompanying a teen.





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- Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage
- Community Council of Greater Dallas
- Cruise Planners
- CruiseOne
- CSLDallas
- Cutting Edge Pride
- Dabsswag, LLC
- Dallas Athletic Rugby Club Women
- Dallas Voice
- Dallas Wildlife Center
- Dark Hour Haunted House
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- El Churros
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- IKEA Dallas
- Illusive Apparel
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1986

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Jackie Baker
Don Baker

1987

Grand Marshals
Karen Herndon
DPD Sgt. Earl Newsom

1986

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 and
Sue Schrader (tie)
John D. Thomas
Special Grand Marshal
Patti Le Plae 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
Frances Stevens

2006

Grand Marshals
Leo Cusimano
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
Erin Moore
Honorary Grand Marshal
The Hon.
Annis 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
Robert Emery

2014

Grand Marshals
The Rev. Carol West
Rafael McDonnell

2015

Grand Marshals
Patti Fink
Evilu Pridgeon

previous**grandmarshals**



1991 - Grand Marshals
John Thomas and Sue Schrader



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



2015 - Grand Marshals
Evilu Pridgeon and Pati Fink





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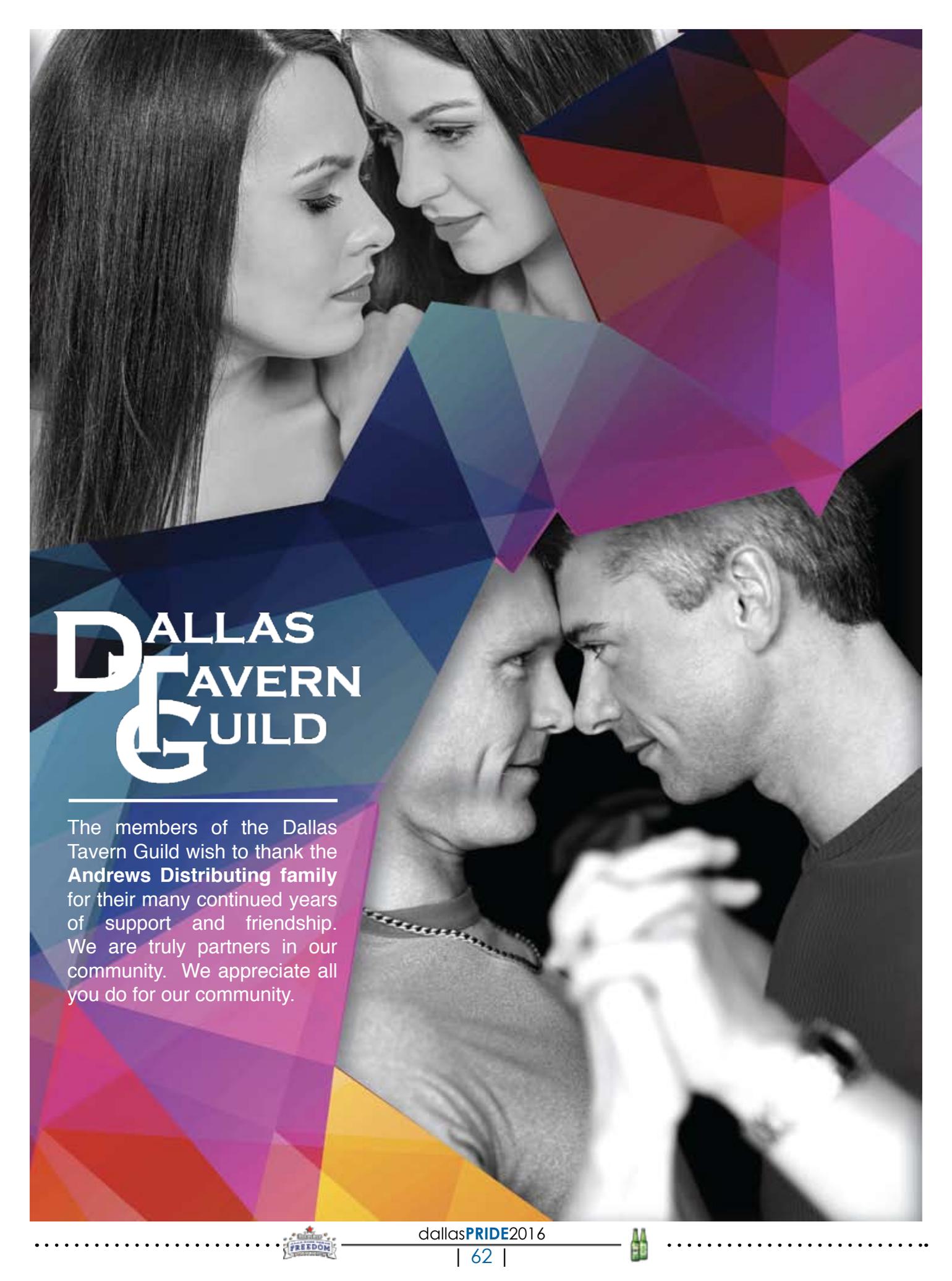
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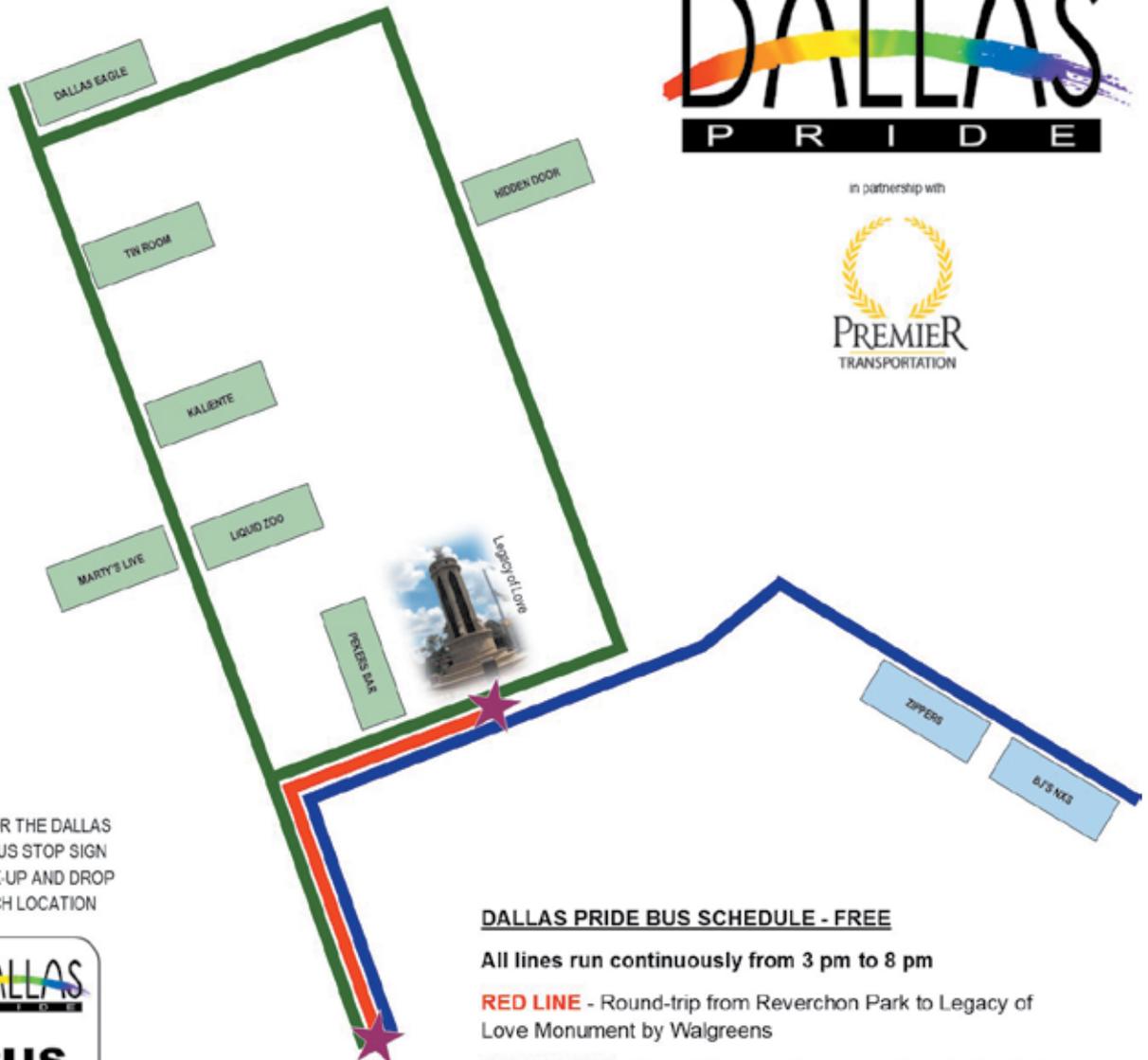
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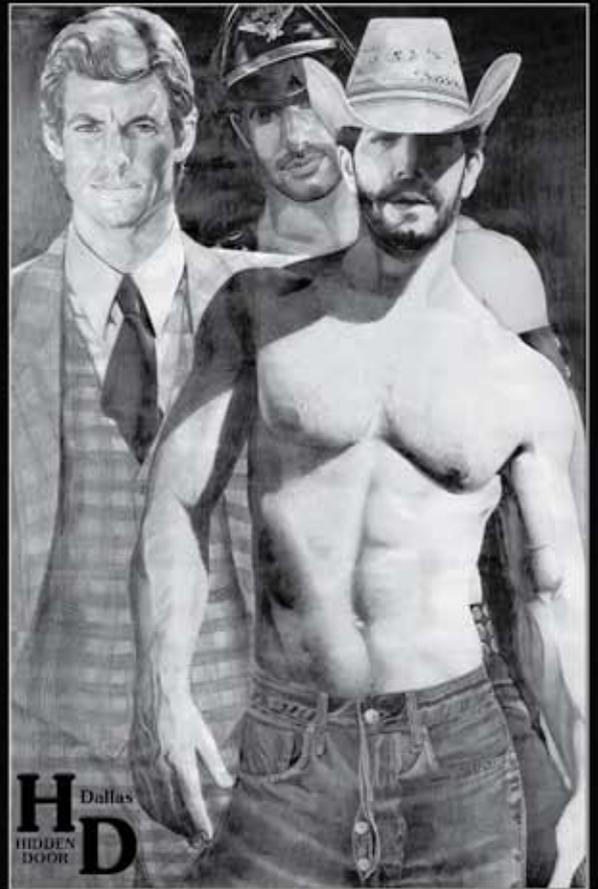
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