

Young boy stabbed to death

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SAN ANTONIO — A 14-year-old boy wrongly accused of stealing a bicycle died Tuesday of stab wounds he received near his school, police said.
 Raul Quintero, a seventh-grade student at Harris Middle School, was stabbed in the stomach at about 10:15 p.m. Monday, police said. The youth staggered about 100 feet before collapsing in a gutter.
 Quintero died just after midnight Tuesday at Medical Center Hospital.
 Police said Quintero was allegedly stabbed by man who accused the victim of stealing his brother's bicycle. Witnesses said Quintero and his friends repeatedly told the suspect they knew nothing about the theft.

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Lawyers ask revival of Texas ban of homosexual activity

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NEW ORLEANS — A Texas law banning homosexual activity should be resurrected because "there is no constitutional right to engage in private, consensual homosexual conduct," attorneys for a Texas prosecutor said Tuesday.
 Lawyers representing Potter County District Attorney Danny Hill asked the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn a lower court ruling that threw out the controversial Texas statute, which never has been strictly enforced.
 Attorneys for Don Baker, a former Dallas teacher who successfully challenged the law, countered that the statute was unfair to the estimated 500,000 to 1 million gays in Texas.
 Baker's attorneys said homosexuals have a right to privacy. They claimed the law infringed on Baker's freedom, including

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what they termed "the right to engage in sexual contacts with loved ones."
 Louisiana civil libertarians at the hearing vowed to use the Texas case as a springboard for challenging a Louisiana law that makes sodomy a felony punishable by five years in jail.
 U.S. District Judge Jerry Buckmeyer of Dallas ruled in 1982 the Texas law was unconstitutional. He denied several appeals — some hatched during political campaigns — to reopen the case.

Attorney Roderic Steakley of Dallas said Baker had no right to challenge the law in the first place because he "did not lose his job or suffer as a result of (the law)."
 Charles Bundren, of Dallas, claimed that a similar Mississippi law prohibiting homosexual conduct was upheld by the 5th Circuit Court in the mid-1970s and said the U.S. Supreme Court has "not extended the right of privacy to consensual, homosexual acts."
 A lawyer for a group called

Dallas Doctors Against AIDS Inc. argued homosexual contact can and should be controlled because of the public's "compelling interest in the private and public health of its citizens."
 Representatives of Louisiana gay groups, who last week were stunned when the New Orleans City Council rejected a gay rights ordinance, said they plan to file a challenge to the state's sodomy law this summer.
 The law makes it a crime to have "unnatural" sexual intercourse — including oral or anal genital sex — with another person, including a spouse, officials said.
 Jim Kellogg, an attorney for a New Orleans gay coalition, said the law is often enforced against people engaging in such activities in public bathrooms, pornographic bookstores or cars parked on dark streets.

Court's search ruling criticized as 'open season' on Hispanics

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CORPUS CHRISTI — An Hispanic leader said Tuesday's Supreme Court ruling allowing surprise factory inspections for illegal aliens declares "open season" on brown-skinned Americans who speak with an accent.
 Attorney Tony Bonilla, former national president of the League of United Latin American Citizens now affiliated with the Rev. Jesse Jackson's "rainbow coalition," said, "This decision chips away at the civil liberties guaranteed to us under our constitution."
 The Supreme Court Justices ruled 7-2 that immigration officers can question individual workers about their citizenship without violating Fourth Amendment prohibitions against unlawful search and seizure.
 Bonilla said that Congress' passage of the Simpson-Mazzoli immigration bill, which includes

sanctions against businesses that hire illegal aliens is immaterial now. He said the Immigration and Naturalization Service "has been given a green light" to go into the work place and apprehend anyone who they suspect of being an undocumented worker.
 "This decision could open up widespread discrimination and abuse against brown-skinned,

accent-speaking American citizens," Bonilla said. "In addition, it could lead to discrimination against Hispanics, for employers will be reluctant to hire anyone who is brown-skinned or speaks with an accent."
 "In view of the fact that President Reagan has campaigned against government intrusion into the workplace, we call upon

the president to propose legislation that would set specific guidelines for immigration officials to follow in enforcing the immigration laws."
 He said the INS has a history of selective enforcement of immigration laws.

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