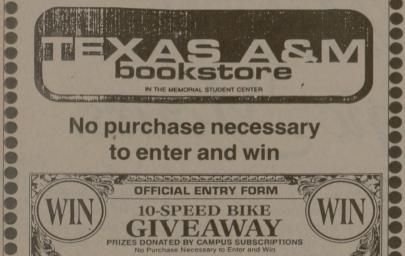


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Gays "angry" Reinstatement of sodomy law stirs protest in Dallas

Associated Press

DALLAS — Saying there is "a lot of anger" over a recent federal appeals court decision upholding the Texas sodomy law, more than 1,000 opponents gathered on Dallas City Hall plaza and promised to fight for its abolishment

"I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take it any more," the crowd chanted at the Dallas Gay Alliance rally Monday night held to protest the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Alliance president Bill Nelson, urging, "don't let anybody tell you you are a criminal," applauded the large turnout in a city of predomi-nantly white-collar, non-militant gays who still shy away from television cameras at rallies.

The gathering came only hours after an anti-pornography rally, led by the Rev. Jerry Falwell to protest the sale of adult magazines in 7-Eleven stores, marched down Dallas streets singing hymns and shouting anti-porn slogans. Ironically, both the Falwell and

gay groups sang the civil rights song, "We Shall Overcome."

"There's a lot of anger," Nelson said. "We're going to take that anger and try to get some positive results. We're going to raise a hell of a lot of money and do a lot of education and organizing." organizing." The New Orleans-based appeals

court reinstated Texas' sodomy law, overriding its own three-judge appellate panel and a Dallas federal judge who said in 1982 that the law is unconstitutional.

The judges said the law is consti-tutional "in view of the strong objection to homosexual conduct, which has prevailed in western culture for the past seven centuries. . ." "In 1½ pages, the court of appeals

decided a major constitutional issues of our time," said Neil Cogan, a con-stitutional law professor at Southern Methodist University.

"We have been waiting — those of us who teach law and those of us who do civil rights work - for many, many years for a learned court of appeals opinion about this subject,

he said. The 9-7 appeals court vote de-lighted groups such as Dallas Doc-tors Against AIDS, which had kept

up the long-running legal battle. Nelson and Don Baker, who filed the 1979 suit challenging the state sodomy law, said that a petition to be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court

will be filed within 90 days. "No agency of government has the right or ability to tell any American who they can love or associate with," said Ken Gjemre, a Dallas Civil Liberties Union spokesman. "The issue is as simple and profound as that.

The Rev. Don Eastman, pastor of the Metropolitan Community Church, told the crowd Monday night that "there comes a time when we have to say, 'Tradition is wrong let's change tradition.

What's up

Wednesday

AGGIE SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: has a meeting to plan the fall semester at 7 p.m. in Rudder Tower.

TEXAS A&M BOWLING CLUB: is meeting to elect officers at 8 p.m. in 404 Rudder. Team tryouts will be held at Chimney Hill Bowling Center September 7 at 9 a.m.

STUDENTS AGAINST APARTHEID: will have an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. in 308 Chemistry Bldg.

RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION: has its first general assembly meeting at 8:30 p.m. at 301 Rudder. MINORITY ENGINEERING COUNCIL: will meet at 7

p.m. in 205-206 MSC for a reception

TAMU MOO DUK KWAN TAE KWON DO CLUB: has a membership drive today through Sept. 12 from 8:30 p.m until 9 p.m. in 266 G. Rollie White.

Thursday

LA TERTULIA (SPANISH CLUB): has an organizational meeting at 7 p.m. in 502 Rudder. New members welcome.

KANM STUDENT RADIO: has a D.J. meeting at 7 p.m. in rm. 301 Rudder Tower. Be a part of free radio TAMU.

TAMU ART FILM SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in the MSC lounge to discuss plans for the semester. All interested persons are invited

DELTA SIGMA PI: has a general meeting at 7 p.m. in 301 Rudder

CO-OP STUDENTS ASSOCIATION: is meeting at 7 p.m. in 305 Rudder to hold officer elections and discuss fall activ-

MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE: is showing the movie ALIEN at 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Rudder Theater

DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION will have information at 7 p.m. in 402 Rudder on careers in data processing with United States Automobile Associa-tion. For BANA degree candidates only.

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San Antonio comes up short in recent census

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — San Antonio residents are the poorest, the least educated and live in more crowded conditions than citizens living in the state's other 10 largest cities, revised U.S. Census figures show.

The figures also show Austin residents are the best educated and Arlington has the highest median in-

The figures, released by state Comptroller Bob Bullock's office, are based on a combination of U.S. Census figures and state tax records.

San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros said he believes the statistics are a reflection of the "legacy of neglect"

on the part of the city when it failed to expand its educational facilities and manufacturing base more than 40 years ago.

Cisneros said he doubts San Antonio can make up the lost ground and obtain comparable levels of educa-

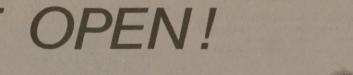
tion and wealth. "Even though we work hard to catch up, they are moving ahead also," he said.

nanufacturing jobs among big cities.« Low median income is a result

San Antonio School District Su-perintendent Victor Rodriguez said the low percentage of college graduates in San Antonio explains why

household incomes are low. "Historically, cities with large His-panic populations have always been behind other areas in levels of edu-

Population with college education — 1. Austin, 16.3 percent; 2. Arling-ton, 15.0 percent; 3. Houston 13.0 percent; 4. Dallas 12.8 percent; 5.



San Antonio's high population density is caused by high levels of public housing, Cisneros said. "Those statistics are the price for not building up San Antonio's indus-trial and educational base "he arid trial and educational base," he said. The mayor also said San Antonio has "one of the lowest percentage of

caion," he said. San Antonio is more than 52 percent Hispanic. The figures released by Bullock's

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