Galveston Mardi Gras underway

ars ago in Galveston was almost ir last. He took her to Mardi

"I was from Southern California, and I'd never seen such crazy behav-"Questa Elizondo said on a recent loval, advice return visit as she and her husband, bead-bedecked veterans, he group is a strolled the island streets.

Braless women lifting their Tess, under shirts and plastic trinkets pelting her acceptance from all directions made Questa wonder why she'd been brought to CT facilitates such a free-for-all by her future husong class caleband. The couple even got mooned. es in Higher But that's normal for two weekthen given ends each year in this island city of groups. Som 60,000. The traditional Roman Understand Catholic festival of feasting and merrymaking in the days leading up to ne ascetic season of Lent may be more famously linked to New Orleans, but Galveston has a long hisracts them tory of staging its own revelry on a smaller scale

torian shops, restaurants and hotels.

"To be safe, it's best to get on the balconies above the crowds and throw the beads," Johnson said Saturday. "On the street it can be a bit

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This year, Mardi Gras — Fat Tuesday in French — falls on Feb. 27, followed by Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Galvestonians began celebrating Saturday and Sunday with parades, balls and concerts.

On the streets, revelers devoured crawfish sausage, fried alligator, "It's a controlled crazy," said Jan turkey legs and roasted corn. Work-

GALVESTON (AP) — Joe and Johnson, a tour guide who works in a ers deftly steered dollies packed high candy shop on a street lined with Vic- with cases of beer through the with cases of beer through the crowds. People tossing beads from balconies and windows drew screams as if from Beatles-smitten teen-agers for the plastic strands of purple, green or gold.

"I've come here every year for the past 10 years," said Elaine Underhill of League City, a sedate HMO representative in her non-Mardi Gras life.

Adorned with a red and black feather boa she bought during Mardi Gras in New Orleans last year, Underhill, in her 40s, said she prefers the

confined," she said. "And there's a lot less nudity. You'll go to jail for that here — they don't like that in Galveston.

Police said they made more than 30 arrests over the first Mardi Gras weekend, mostly for misdemeanor charges of public intoxication and minors in possession of alcohol. Officers on horseback described crowds

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as raucous but lawful.

West Texas Jury finds bar partially liable for '97 drunken-driving death

LUBBOCK (AP) — A bar in this West Texas city is rtially liable for the 1997 death of a Texas Tech student a drunken-driving crash, a jury has ruled.

The verdict against SMCA Inc., which operated a bar alled Einstein's, found that the company was negligent serving alcohol to a man who left the bar and caused

e crash that killed Ryan Jones. The bar is no longer open and is not affiliated with the

estaurant in Lubbock by the same name. Jones died Feb. 14, 1997, when his vehicle, stopped a traffic light, was struck from behind by a pickup drien by 19-year-old Justin Petty of Lubbock

A witness to the accident said Petty's truck could have een going as fast as 60 mph.

Petty had a blood-alcohol level of 0.16. At the time, ne legal limit was 0.10; the limit now is 0.08.

The jury determined Thursday that Jones' mother, Sue toe of Richmond, deserves \$1 million in damages for the oss of her son and mental anguish.

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Jurors found Petty 70 percent negligent and SMCA 30 percent negligent in Jones' death. Roe's attorney, Fred Bowers of Lubbock, said the division makes SMCA responsible for about 30 percent of the damage award.

Petty, originally named as a defendant in the suit, settled with Roe last summer for \$50,000, according to court documents. Petty, now 23, has nearly completed a twoyear prison term for killing Jones

Lubbock attorney Floyd Holder, who represented SMCA and its president, George Mayer of Lubbock, said his client has not decided if he will appeal.

Roe's suit blamed a bartender for serving alcohol to Petty after Petty showed obvious signs of intoxication. Petty was drinking with friends at Einstein's, which is

The bartender was charged with criminally negligent homicide for serving alcohol to Petty before the fatal crash. Prosecutors dismissed the felony charge when he pleaded guilty to two misdemeanors.

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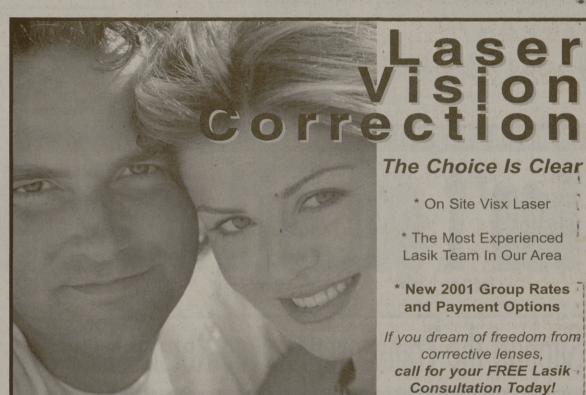
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