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Concentrating on problems of promiscuity, sex and friendship, though highlighting elements unique to pre-liberated Chicago of 1967, the book's broader concerns look at most problems of gay men throughout their lives.

The book, being published on a non-profit basis, is available for \$8 through the author at Box 4755, Austin, TX 78765.

AHRC Stages Meeting with Senator Doggett

The Alamo Human Rights Committee is inviting the gay community to attend what it hopes will be the first in a series of "Meet the Candidate" events at an informal meeting with State Senator Lloyd Doggett of Austin, a candidate for the U.S. Senate in the May Democratic Primary.

The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 5, at "Victoria's Indiscretion" in the Four Seasons Hotel, 555 S. Alamo, San Antonio.

AHRC is not making an endorsement in this race at this time.

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LOS ANGELES (IGNA)—Due to protests from officials and gay activists, paroled killer Dan White could be moved from California to another state where he has family ties, if he can find a job there.

Los Angeles County Counsel DeWitt Clinton said that earlier attempts were made to release White out of California to an unnamed state. But the receiving state, after conducting an investigation, concluded that White would not be employed until late spring 1984 and thus refused to accept him as a parolee for that reason.

Supervisor Ed Edelman won unanimous Board of Supervisors approval of a request to the state to transfer White out of California as soon as possible. In a prepared statement, Edelman said: "It is my understanding that in cases such as White's involving such publicity and notoriety, the state can arrange an interstate compact, under which the parolee would be located outside of California."

Edelman's motion also calls upon the County Counsel's office to find out why the interstate compact was not used in White's case and to provide an explanation of the procedure.

The Los Angeles Police Commission also voted to ask authorities to move White away from the greater Los Angeles area.

City Councilman Joel Wachs, who represents the heavily gay Hollywood Hills neighborhood, has formed a Committee for Dan White Out of Los Angeles. He likewise questioned Los Angeles police Chief Darryl Gates about the department's role in the decision.

Wachs and many gay leaders said the department, which often is at odds with both gays and liberal politicians, may have wanted White released in Los Angeles County as a way to upset the department's longtime foes.

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AHRC Stages Meeting with Senator Doggett

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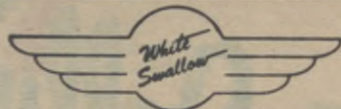
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Outside of the Bonham Exchange



Video bar at the Bonham Exchange

By Ed Martinez

Where else but the Hispanic center of Texas would you expect to find a classy, elegant gay nightclub? San Antonio, Texas' most sophisticated city, lays claim to what is probably one of the poshest gay clubs in the country.

The Bonham Exchange is a labor of love for the owner and staff of this luxurious entertainment center for both gays and straights. Built in 1892, the building which houses Bonham Exchange was

Fiesta Time Comin' Again in Old San Antonio

The annual San Antonio Fiesta will be April 20-29 and will include the traditional parade and carnival.

The 10-day celebration celebrates Easter tide and San Jacinto Day and includes street dancing and frolicking city-wide.

Trailriders to Invade San Antonio

Some 8,000 trailriders, each with his own horse or buggy, will invade San Antonio on Friday, Feb. 9, to help kick off the Fifth Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Horses and riders will be featured in a Western Parade that starts 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

The riders represent some 12 different trail rides coming from as far away as Laredo and Victoria, each ride lasting from four to seven days.

originally a German athletic center, and the ornate brickwork on the exterior of the building bespeaks the architecture of the period. Following the original use of the building, it became a USO center during World War II and then a U.S. Post Office. The Post Office removed the paint that had covered the exterior, and after the 70s, the Post Office moved out, and the building remained vacant for a time.

Located within spitting distance (for a good spitter) of the Alamo, Texas' sacred shrine to its admittedly brief history, the Bonham Exchange was then acquired in 1980 by its present owner, Hap Veltman, who also owns other businesses in San Antonio. Veltman spent the better part of

Womynspeak Seek Women's Grafitti

Womynspeak Collective is a group of feminists who have organized to create a newspaper of and for "womyn" to share information between the various women's communities.

"We welcome all kinds of non-oppressive articles, graphics, poetry, stories, photos, etc., as well as critical feedback," a spokeswoman said.

The group describes itself as radical—"some describe themselves as lesbians, radical Dykes, heretics and pagans, former Amazons, anarcho-socialist feminists and iconoclasts. We hope our newspaper is as exciting as our visions of ourselves as womyn, and we hope you like it," she said.

For information, write Womynspeak, P.O. Box 49576, Austin 78765-9576.

a year getting the building in shape, restoring much of the interior and doing the design work, himself, that would ultimately result in what the historic building has become.

The club abounds in stunning pieces that would stand out in any home or business. The floors have been stripped and exposed, disclosing gleaming hardwoods that beckon invitingly. Oriental rugs accent hallways leading from one room to another, and imposing armchairs stand like sentinels. Antique desks, glass cases displaying, for example, the photography of the owner, and old musical instruments suspended from the ceilings of the various bars further enhance the ambience of the place. The entire effect is harmonious and unified, with an air of hospitality that fits in perfectly with the reputation that San Antonio has always enjoyed.

There is a huge ballroom with an immense dance floor, surrounded by catwalks from which patrons can view the dancing. On the upper level, there is an intimate bar adjacent to the dance floor, called the Travis Bar. There is also a bar downstairs called the Bowie Bar. On the entrance level, there is the very high-tech Alamo Bar, with a huge video screen. The Crockett Game Room is across the wide entrance hall from the Alamo Bar, and still higher on the third level, another ballroom opens every Thursday, featuring female impersonators. Customers can spend hours just wandering around, enjoying the building, itself.

Originally, the management, ably headed by Rick Squillante and Joe Paolucci, featured live entertainment, such as Tina Turner, and live theater, i.e., Com-

munity Productions. This policy was discontinued, however, and now the emphasis is on the music. Jon Berge, the current DJ, and Randy Sills, the light technician, spend endless hours orchestrating the sounds and sights the customers are treated to every night at the Exchange.

There can be little doubt that the sound is the thing these days, and now, even more so, sight is the thing as well. Recent developments in videotapes of popular songs, such as those by Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney, have led to such things as videodiscos, where video jockeys mix and blend videotapes on huge suspended screens to which the customers dance while watching the screens. Joe Paolucci said that this is the coming craze, and that eventually the Bonham Exchange will have some form of videotape in the dance area of the bar.

One of the chief drawbacks to this type of entertainment is the cost, but in a nightclub like Bonham Exchange, cost is apparently a minor consideration.

Local events are frequently staged at the Bonham Exchange, among them are events for the San Antonio Gay Alliance, the Alamo Human Rights Committee, awards banquets for the San Antonio Conservation Society and benefits for Toys for Tykes. The Bonham Exchange is rapidly becoming a true community center.

While continuing and furthering a trend in gay night clubs, which includes many glittering spots in places like Los Angeles and New York, Bonham Exchange has managed to refine this trend, adding a patina of class and style befitting this old Spanish city.



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The Bonham Exchange: Alamo Elegance for the 80s



Outside of the Bonham Exchange



Video bar at the Bonham Exchange

By Ed Martinez

Where else but the Hispanic center of Texas would you expect to find a classy, elegant gay nightclub? San Antonio, Texas' most sophisticated city, lays claim to what is probably one of the poshest gay clubs in the country.

The Bonham Exchange is a labor of love for the owner and staff of this luxurious entertainment center for both gays and straights. Built in 1892, the building which houses Bonham Exchange was

Fiesta Time Comin' Again in Old San Antonio

The annual San Antonio Fiesta will be April 20-29 and will include the traditional parade and carnival.

The 10-day celebration celebrates Easter tide and San Jacinto Day and includes street dancing and frolicking city-wide.

Trailriders to Invade San Antonio

Some 8,000 trailriders, each with his own horse or buggy, will invade San Antonio on Friday, Feb. 9, to help kick off the Fifth Annual San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo.

Horses and riders will be featured in a Western Parade that starts 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10.

The riders represent some 12 different trail rides coming from as far away as Laredo and Victoria, each ride lasting from four to seven days.

originally a German athletic center, and the ornate brickwork on the exterior of the building bespeaks the architecture of the period. Following the original use of the building, it became a USO center during World War II and then a U.S. Post Office. The Post Office removed the paint that had covered the exterior, and after the 70s, the Post Office moved out, and the building remained vacant for a time.

Located within spitting distance (for a good spitter) of the Alamo, Texas' sacred shrine to its admittedly brief history, the Bonham Exchange was then acquired in 1980 by its present owner, Hap Veltman, who also owns other businesses in San Antonio. Veltman spent the better part of

a year getting the building in shape, restoring much of the interior and doing the design work, himself, that would ultimately result in what the historic building has become.

The club abounds in stunning pieces that would stand out in any home or business. The floors have been stripped and exposed, disclosing gleaming hardwoods that beckon invitingly. Oriental rugs accent hallways leading from one room to another, and imposing armchairs stand like sentinels. Antique desks, glass cases displaying, for example, the photography of the owner, and old musical instruments suspended from the ceilings of the various bars further enhance the ambience of the place. The entire effect is harmonious and unified, with an air of hospitality that fits in perfectly with the reputation that San Antonio has always enjoyed.

There is a huge ballroom with an immense dance floor, surrounded by catwalks from which patrons can view the dancing. On the upper level, there is an intimate bar adjacent to the dance floor, called the Travis Bar. There is also a bar downstairs called the Bowie Bar. On the entrance level, there is the very high-tech Alamo Bar, with a huge video screen. The Crockett Game Room is across the wide entrance hall from the Alamo Bar, and still higher on the third level, another ballroom opens every Thursday, featuring female impersonators. Customers can spend hours just wandering around, enjoying the building, itself.

Originally, the management, ably headed by Rick Squillante and Joe Paolucci, featured live entertainment, such as Tina Turner, and live theater, i.e., Com-

munity Productions. This policy was discontinued, however, and now the emphasis is on the music. Jon Berge, the current DJ, and Randy Sills, the light technician, spend endless hours orchestrating the sounds and sights the customers are treated to every night at the Exchange.

There can be little doubt that the sound is the thing these days, and now, even more so, sight is the thing as well. Recent developments in videotapes of popular songs, such as those by Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney, have led to such things as videodiscos, where video jockeys mix and blend videotapes on huge suspended screens to which the customers dance while watching the screens. Joe Paolucci said that this is the coming craze, and that eventually the Bonham Exchange will have some form of videotape in the dance area of the bar.

One of the chief drawbacks to this type of entertainment is the cost, but in a nightclub like Bonham Exchange, cost is apparently a minor consideration.

Local events are frequently staged at the Bonham Exchange, among them are events for the San Antonio Gay Alliance, the Alamo Human Rights Committee, awards banquets for the San Antonio Conservation Society and benefits for Toys for Tykes. The Bonham Exchange is rapidly becoming a true community center.

While continuing and furthering a trend in gay night clubs, which includes many glittering spots in places like Los Angeles and New York, Bonham Exchange has managed to refine this trend, adding a patina of class and style befitting this old Spanish city.

Womynspeak Seek Women's Grafitti

Womynspeak Collective is a group of feminists who have organized to create a newspaper of and for "womyn" to share information between the various women's communities.

"We welcome all kinds of non-oppressive articles, graphics, poetry, stories, photos, etc., as well as critical feedback," a spokeswoman said.

The group describes itself as radical—"some describe themselves as lesbians, radical Dykes, heretics and pagans, former Amazons, anarcho-socialist feminists and iconoclasts. We hope our newspaper is as exciting as our visions of ourselves as womyn, and we hope you like it," she said.

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- **IN 16 WEEKS:** Memorial Day, May 28
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- **IN 23 WEEKS:** Democratic

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 - Dirty Sally's—2828 Rio Grande—478-8782
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- Hidden Door—1003 Morgan Av—882-0183
 - Jolly Jack 2—413 Peoples
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- Old Plantation—219 S Ochoa—533-6055
- Pet Shop II—919 Palsano Dr—546-9629
- San Antonio Mining Co—800 E San Antonio—546-9903
- Whispers—601 N El Paso—544-6969

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 - Cahoots—435 McCarty—344-9257
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 - Club Heads or Tails—2526 Culebra—436-4450
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 - Faces—119 El Mio—341-4302
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Human Rights Campaign Fund—POB 1396, Washington, DC 20013—(202) 546-2025
Lambda Legal Defense—132 W 43rd, New York, NY 10039—(212) 944-9488
Media Fund for Human Rights (Gay Press Association)—POB 33605, Washington, DC 20033—(202) 387-2430
National Association of Business Councils—Box 15145, San Francisco, CA 94115—(415) 885-6363
National Association of Gay & Lesbian Democratic Clubs—1742 Mass Av SE, Washington, DC 20003—(202) 547-3104
National Gay Health Education Foundation—POB 784, New York, NY 10036—(212) 563-6313 or Dr. Greenberg at (713) 523-5204
National Gay Rights Advocates—540 Castro, San Francisco, CA 94114—(415) 863-3624
National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800
NGTF's Grassline—(800) 221-7044 (outside New York State)
Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 76201—(817) 387-8216

AUSTIN—

- Austin Lambda—POB 5455, 78763—478-8653
- Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus—POB 822, 78787—474-2717 meets 4th Tues. 7:30pm, Commissioners Court, Courthouse Annex; Valentine's Day Dance Feb 17; AIDS Awareness Week Mar 31-Apr 7; Janet Zumbun at 441-1130
- Austin Pride Week Task Force—POB 13303, 78711; meets upstairs 302 W 15th

CORPUS CHRISTI—

- Gay Bartenders Association—c/o Zodiac Lounge, 617 Staples—883-7753
- Metropolitan Community Church—c/o Unitarian Church, 3125 Horne Rd—851-9698; meets 5pm Sundays

SAN ANTONIO—

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- Dignity—349-3632; meets Sun 5pm, St. Patrick's Church, I-35 near New Braunfels & Pine
- Gay Switchboard—733-7300
- Integrity/SA—POB 15006, 78212—734-0759; meets 1st & 3rd Thurs
- Lambda AA—1312 Wyoming—674-2819
- Lesbian & Gay People in Medicine—Box 290043, 78280
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- **IN 15 WEEKS:** Texas Senatorial District Party Conventions, May 19
- **IN 16 WEEKS:** Gay Press Association 4th National Convention, May 25-28, Los Angeles
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- **EARLY JULY:** Lesbian and Gay Bands of America concert, Los Angeles
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- **IN 25 WEEKS:** "Hot Men, Hotlanta," annual raft race down Chattahoochee River, Atlanta, Aug. 3-5
- **IN 27 WEEKS:** Texas Gay Freedom Celebration, Dallas, Aug. 17
- **IN 27 WEEKS:** Castro Street Fair, Aug. 19, San Francisco
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National Gay Task Force—80 5th Av, New York, NY 10011—(212) 741-5800

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Texas Gay/Lesbian Task Force—POB AK, Denton 76201—(817) 387-8216

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- Austin Lambda—POB 5455, 78763—478-8653
- Austin Lesbian/Gay Political Caucus—POB 822, 78787—474-2717; meets 4th Tues. 7:30pm, Commissioner's Court, Courthouse Annex; Valentine's Day Dance Feb. 17; AIDS Awareness Week Mar 31-Apr 7 (Janet Zumborn at 441-1130)
- Austin Pride Week Task Force—POB 13303, 78711; meets upstairs 302 W 15th

CORPUS CHRISTI—

- Gay Bartenders Association—c/o Zodiac Lounge, 617 Staples—883-7753
- Metropolitan Community Church—c/o Unitarian Church, 3125 Horne Rd—851-9698; meets 5pm Sundays

SAN ANTONIO—

- Alamo Human Rights Committee—150 Terrell Plaza #186, 78209—654-0074, 655-5485; "Meet the Candidate," informal meeting state Sen. Lloyd Doggett, candidate US Senate, 1pm Feb 5, "Victoria's Indiscretion," 4 Seasons Hotel, 555 S Alamo
- Dignity—349-3632; meets Sun 5pm, St. Patrick's Church, I-35 near New Braunfels & Pine
- Gay Switchboard—733-7300
- Integrity/SA—POB 15006, 78212—734-0759; meets 1st & 3rd Thurs
- Lambda AA—1312 Wyoming—674-2819
- Lesbian & Gay People in Medicine—Box 290043, 78280
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