

## AROUND TOWN

**This Joint is Jumpin'**

**T**n the three years following the 1991 overthrow of Haiti's elected Aristide government, hundreds of thousands of Haitians attempted to flee their poor and repressive island home. Many were stopped at sea by U.S. authorities and eventually returned to Haiti. About 40,000 were allowed to continue on to the United States, where they joined hundreds of thousands of similar safety-seekers from Central

America and Eastern Europe. All but the Haitians are being allowed to stay in the United States as permanent residents. That discriminatory treatment needs to be rectified, soon. When Congress passed an important immigration reform bill in 1996, it made permanent residency almost impossible to obtain — not only by the Haitians, but also by the Guatemalans, Salvadorans, Cubans, Nicaraguans and Eastern Europeans. Without corrective legislation, mass deportations appeared likely of people who had put down

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