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How to shock those sheltered family members

If the gritty patrons don't scare your guests, the grimy interiors of these blessedly no-frills nightspots will. Gay bar **the Cock** (29 Second Ave between 2nd and 3rd Sts, 212-777-6254) has cleaned itself up in recent months following a move into the space that formerly housed the Hole, but, let's just say, uh, that nudity is not an uncommon sight. A block away is the notoriously smelly and graffiti-covered **Mars Bar** (25 E 1st St at Second Ave, 212-473-9842)—just look for scary people standing outside. In Williamsburg, a coffin propped on the porch greets you at heavy-metal bar **Duff's** (North 3rd St at Kent Ave, 718-302-0411); inside, horror-flick memorabilia surrounds PBR-drinking headbangers. —*Leslie Price*

HOLIDAY BARHOPPING

When holiday visitors come calling,
tell them where to go