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HOUSTON BOASTS FINEST GAY CLUB IN US

We have arrived is an understatement. The Palace Club and Sky Terrace, 3400 Montrose, Penthouse, in its splendor equals any Houston Club. The Houston Club, Petroleum Club or Houston Racquet Club — any other in the city cannot compare to the posh atmosphere at the Palace Club.

The penthouse where the Palace Club is located was for many years "Top of the Mark", a well known "straight" club and restaurant.

In excess of \$100,000.00 has been spent in the new Palace Club and Sky Terrace to give the Homophile Society the finest club of this type in the country. There are three bars, two terraces, dance floor and clubroom. Crystal chandaliers, Roman pillars, statues, fountains, elegant furnishings all go to make up this fine club. Floor space, including the terraces is equal to one/fourth of a city block. The Houston skyline is seen to advantage from any section of the Palace.

This club is not new in name but operated for some months on Berry street before being destroyed by fire. All must take a back seat to the owners for their tremendous and splendid comeback.

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Houston mans Sodomy suit request $\stackrel{?}{\Delta} \stackrel{}{\Delta} \text{ denied}$

Houston .

On or about the 22nd day of September 1968 Jimmy Spencer Rose and Cyril James Dunn, committed acts of sodomy, in that Jimmy Spencer Rose did then and there place his penis in the mouth of another human being, Cyril James Dunn, for the purpose of carnal copulation with the said Cyril James Dunn.

This is the inditement handed down by the Harris County Grand Jury.

In July of this year U. S. District Judge Allen B. Hannay denied the request for a federal three-judge panel to consider the constitutionality of Texas sodomy law. Cyril J. Dunn, 45, charged with sodomy, filed the suit asking for an injunction to halt his trial in 177th District

asking for an injunction to halt his trial in 177th District Court. A jury was picked Monday and testimony was due to begin Tuesday.

Dunn was arrested in a downtown Houston parking lot September 22, 1968.

The trial held before District Judge Miron A. Love ended in a hung-jury, six for dismissal and six for conviction.

Disposition of Case No. 136774 is yet to be decided, watch the Nuntius for the outcome.

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THE EDITOR'S SPOT

We of the Nuntius wish to thank all of the advertisers and readers for their support of this publication. The paper has been generally well received in the Houston area as well as elsewhere.

We have and will continue to make mistakes, some pointedly and some because we do not know better. We will try to improve if our readers will bear with us. A new job is hard and this is what you might call the second day for us with this issue.

Letters received have been helpful in letting us know what you want. They also tell us what we do wrong. This criticism, good or bad, is needed.

There were two errors purposely made. Our paper is the Nuntius, not "tius", precident, not "pres." Your reaction to the two above was suprising. There were eleven letters regarding the name and thirty four about precident. Lacking is more intrest in our "Want Ads." This is a service that we would like you to use.

Our subscription rates have been revised as postage and handling was not what we anticipated. Check this and if you have a friend that might like our publication, send him or her one as a gift. This will help the outsiders know just what is going on in our area.

We have had numerous request about the paper from other cities in the state. As soon as possible the editor or a representative of the Nuntius will try to contact personally the people who have shown intrest.

If you live in Dallas, San Antonio, Corpus or any other section where the activitys are of intrest to our readers, drop us a line and tell about it. We also will need people to give us monthly news from out of our city, if you wish to do this let us know.

Below are two of the letters mentioned herein and one from an advertiser.

Thanks again, Phil Frank

Sirs (or is it Medames?)

I really hate to be pedantic, but if you will check your jim-dandy Latin dictionary you will find the Latin for messenger is NUNTIUS! Otherwise you're off to a great start.

Yours,

C. B.

Dear C. B.

Thanks for the note and lesson in spelling, not that we have too much use for Latin. Called the Latin department at U of H looking for the Latin for "informer" and was told there was none, is this correct?

Editor

Dumb-Dumbs

You must be like Jethro in the Beverely Hillbillies! The sixth grade must be where you graduated but if I am silly enough to enjoy this TV bit must say will look forward to another issue — if there is one.

Teacher

Dear Teacher,

We need all the help we can get, are you available? Had you given a name or phone number would like to have a few private lessons.

Editor

Dear Mr. Frank,

My small ad in the Nuntius has brought new people to La Boheme. You have my support in the paper even though I am a small business.

> Sincerely, Dennis

Dear Dennis,

THANKS

Phil Frank

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Dear R. W.

I very much appreciate the invite. Perhaps next time I will be able to make it. Understand from reliable sources what great fun was had. Would like to have seen some expressions when gifts were exchanged.

Hate to miss "fun", Phil Frank

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The Supreme court first pronounced a constitutional right of privacy in 1965 when it struck down Connecticut's birth control law. The court said the state could not forbid married couples from using contraceptive devices.

Att. Gen. Martin, in appealing, says states should be allowed to draw a line between "the martal union of intercourse from which off spring are born" and sodomy, which he said, "often leads to distaste, revulsion and divorce."

On the other side stand Buchanan, Strickland and their lawyer, Henry J. McClusky Jr. of Dallas, who is arguing that all adults, single or married, homosexual or hetrosexual, have a constitutional right of privacy that states cannot invade.

The three judges in Dallas, Sarah T. Hughes, Irving L. Goldberg and William M. Taylor Jr., seemed influenced most by the argument of a married couple, Dallas carpenter Michael Craig Gibson and his wife, Janet, that they, too, feared prosecution.

The Supreme Court does not have to rule in the case. Should the high court back away, the Texas Legislature presumably would be free to write a new sodomy law aimed more directly to homosexuals and clearly protecting married couples from prosecution.

Court Gets Sex Case

The routine arrest of Alvin Leon Buchanan, a homosexual in a Dallas restroom last year has wound up in the Supreme Court as a challenge to all state laws making "unnatural sex acts" a crime.

The explosive test case has been brought to the high court by Texas Atty. Gen. Crawford C. Martin in a defense of the state's sodomy law, found unconstitutional last January by a three-judge federal court in Dallas.

The confessed homosexual is cross-appealing with a second homosexual. Travis Lee Strickland, to broaden the district court's decision into an ironclad protection of private homosexual conduct.

Should the justices accept the dispute when the new term opens in the fall, all states could be barred from making any kind of private sexual conduct between consenting adults a crime.



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As you all know, Houston recently played host to softball teams from all over the United States, Canada and Mexico. The Invitational Tournament was played in Memorial Park Stadiums one and two on July 10th, 11th and 12th. The Regional Tournament was played on July 17th, 18th and 19th by teams from all the major cities in Texas.

I did not get to see all the games as I had wished to, but then again if we all had the time we wanted, to do the things we wanted, life would really be a bowl of cherries.

However, I did get to see the local teams. The "Comets" play the Atlanta, Georgia "Lorelie Ladies" in the final game of the Invitational. The Comets played one of the finest games I have had the pleasure to witness. Even though they lost to the "Lorelie Ladies" 4 – 1. All our hearts were rooting for them and our throats were sore from shouting.

The Roaring 60's Club had the pleasure to present again, a case of pink champaigne to the Lorelie Ladies to help them celebrate their victory. This is the third year the "Lorelie Ladies" have won the Invitational.

For those of you who are not aware of it, the Roaring 60's Club presents a case of champaigne to the winning team every year.

If any of our home teams ever won the tournament, I think the lease we could do is give them a Ticker Tape Parade down Westheimer Street. (Homo Heights) as it has been not so lovingly referred to.

This little note is being written on the patio under the cottage of the "Bear's Den" on the beautiful serene, tranquil Trinity River. We are located halfway between Liberty and Livingston, Texas.

"Poppa Bear" (Rita) is leisurely mowing the lawn, 50" x 100", while yours truly, "Momma Bear" (Ricci) is relaxing with a cool one in one hand and a pen in the other.

What a glorious way to spend a well earned, well deserved day off. Wish all our customers and readers of the Nuntius were here to enjoy all this.

I had not meant to deviate from the original subject, but nostalgia got the best of me.

Well, I'd better put my pen and my empty can down and say so long for now from the "Bear's Den."

Lovingly,

"Momma Bear"

Editors Note: Thanks "Momma", had some of the girls that had promised to cover this annual affair we would have had scores and pictures. With a little cooperation from the girls we can let readers elsewhere know that "gay girls" in Houston are active in many things. If you have a story or know anything of intrest to let the outside circle know. Let us hear from you!



sorcerer's corner

by
Don Petrulengro Estralito
(Spiritual Psychologist)

Since I began my work under Sybil Leek, internationally renowned witch and astrologist, I have found an attraction-link between the occult and the gay scene. I think this is because of the degree of sensitivity found in the gay individual, along with his unusual willingness to accept new and unique experiences.

Not long ago I discussed the matter with a famous psychic practictioner, astronomis Dominicus Rex (Who is now reading fortunes at Westheimer's new gay club, Bullseye). Rex's experience has been that gay people, by in large, possess a significantly higher degree of "inert Psychic preception" than the average male.

As a minority group, the gay crowd needs all the help it can get. Thus, we have inspired the interests of such sympathetic streights as Rex and Madame Leek, who feel that spiritual influences could greatly benefit this important, swinging sub-culture.

A suprising number of warlocks, sensitives, and mediums are gay or bi. (As a matter of fact it was a former trick who introduced me to this wonderful, exciting world of the occult).

So, beautiful friends, reap the benifits of my psychic experences and I invite you to submit your questions to this paper for future prediction.

YOUR HOMOSCOPE for AUGUST

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ARIES:

Bad cruising in August. Avoid deep emotional envolvments. Bend over backwards for your loves, or unreparable damange man result.

TARUIS

A tendency toward severing relationship through 5th to 12th. Try to get away from the 15th to 28th. Be firm.

Good cruising and tricking with old acquaintences. But don't expect permanent attachment to form. Relatives would enjoy seeing you during 3rd and 4th weeks.

CANCER

Serious love coming late in month. With a lot of work, a good, lasting partnership will result. Avoid changes in business.

LEO

Increased popularity in your social group. Possible envolvement with pursuer, but poor outlook for lasting relationship.

VIRGO

Beware of someone trying to steal the one you're after. You will need additional wardrobe this month. Don't droop.

LIBRA

Strong tendency to hurt someone, which you will regret later. Avoid unpleasentness to friends. End of month has tendency toward alienation.

SCORPIO

Proposal during first week. But this would be a poor marriage. Avoid promises, but improve friendships. Give a party.

SAGITTARIUS

You will enjoy increased popularity during August. Superficial romance from 8th to 16th. Do not get too serious.

CAPRICORN

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In a letter to the British Medical Journal, Dr. Claude Watson makes a plea for preventive action to save men from the painful predicament which occurs when they zip their pants carelessly.

He suggested that the answer could lie in the designing of a protective flap and warned that the danger was worse in hot weather because some men tend not to wear shorts in summer.

Dr. Watson, from Penrhyndeudraeth, Wales, referred to the unhappy plight of two boys he recently helped get unstuck.

"(Only by the exercise of considerable slight of hand was I able to perform the necessary maneuver to release them, and thus retain my reputation as the medical expert in the surgery,)" he said.

British men's fashion designer "Mr. Fish" said he has the answer - - SKIRTS.

HOMOSCOPE

AQUARIUS

Troubled emotions this month. The first week yeilds attractive marriage possibility which will be shown to be deceptive.

PICES

Resist the serious side of your feelings. Time to enjoy superficial relationships. August great for visiting outof-town friends.

SPECIAL FORCAST: LEO

Avoid being pushy and domineering. You are going to be concerned with finance in September, but November starts wonderful new social activities. You are a great host, but don't overspend. The coming year is happy and blessful, but watch your health closely. Good prospects for marriage in the winter.

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Great, isn't it, not to have to menu plan and be able to let at least the cook off on Wednesdays. You never know what to expect at the Tradewinds at 7:00. I don't think Payne knows til Wednesday morning — but you can bet it will be good.

"Camp Time" there is a boost to the budget and attracts a fun crowd worth looking over.

After three years the "6 ring, and do" your own steak bit at "La Caja" has become a Houston tradition. On a recent trip to Atlanta this traveling tyrant was asked if they still have this feature — answered that as long as pore ole Granny can prepare the great "fixins" to go with your own steak guess it will continue. While I had the chance I mentioned some of the new features of La Box and also told of the many new places opened in the old home town.

On the subject of new spots ran into some attractive goils from San Antonio the other PM, in town for the Annual Soft Ball Tournament. Recommended they visit a very attractive new spot for our crowd that started off very well. Got the nicer group that frequented the Chelsea. The bartender co-owner was standing at the far end of the bar descussing his love-life with a friend. Only two other customers in the place. The girls from S. A. sat near the front. Finally after waiting longer than most including this writer, one of the girls got up — went to the bar and ordered for the group. Needless to say — didn't stay for another.

Couplea years ago you could usually run into several fun and pleasant to look at groups from that city on week ends — think maybe this sort of welcome and service sends them elsewhere when they want to get out of town for a week end. Anyway it's a great way to build up a crowd in a new spot, isn't it?

To pitch in a rose after a garlic pod. What do you suppose is the reason the Galleon has for so long remained one of the most well packed and popular spots for a crowd noted, for being fickled in patronizing Bars? Could it be that wheather packed or just full — it is seldom that you can count to 69 without having your favorite beverage in hand.

I think that it takes good service and a fast greeting to keep them coming back. Might mention to your better half or your next Friday trick that the spread there at 7:30 is always a treat — They come up with some fine culinary shows.

There is another spot that tries on Friday nights, but think I'll save my next garlic pod for an individual



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and let the bars relax til next issue.

The garlic goes to an individual that recently without informing employers — landlord or the few friends he has left, decided he needed a vacation in Miami — and took same at the expence of the above mentioned. Understand he is back working in a spot recently opened. Think we should all drop in and let him know we appreciate his doing his part for our image — Most of us care!!:

Before sending this in to an editor who for all his charm and ability doesn't know a Payne from an agony and still isn't sure how he is going to spell the name of this publication. I have a couple of cheerful notes: Understand that a couple of our favorites have just returned from a months visit to points west. Haven't had a chance to have one of our afternoon sessions to discuss the trip but looking forward to it.

The crowd around Elgin and Louisiana are really glad they didn't back Mother up — we sure would miss her. Louisianas best looking export, now selling two wheelers in Huntsville managed a coupla trips down our way to do the rounds with his local wheeler (motor bike, that is) — tell ya — that Cajun always makes Houston look better.

Reading all this you would think that the fun spots are all the old home town has to offer — not so — look through this chronicle and you will see that you can get everything from a hair-cut to a free honeymoon or a bath (my ad will appear later) from your friends — the people you know and see at said fun spots — support them, they do you.

Tell me that the show at the Exile is the greatest. Don't know but it must be — I went by to check it out and the place was so crowded couldn't get in.

Nice to be able to drop in the Mid-Towne and chat with "Mother T."

Anything our readers or haters think Nanny should know about or check out — drop me a note at the publishers office. If the broomstick is out-of-order I'll get the "Black Widow" from the French Embassy to run me out on his motor — —

Do not be offended if your Club Owner doesn't let you in....JOIN

The State Supreme Court Wednesday cleared the way for the Texas Alcholic Beverage Commission to begin enforcement of strict new rules that would prohibit the sale of mixed drinks to "drop in" guests at private clubs.

The new regulations require that club guests be either accompanied by a club member or personally introduced by a member before they can be served mixed drinks. The rules also require clubs to have a complete food service available, and to make other bookkeeping changes.

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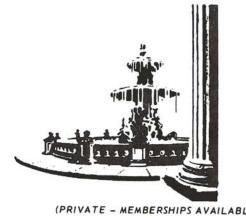
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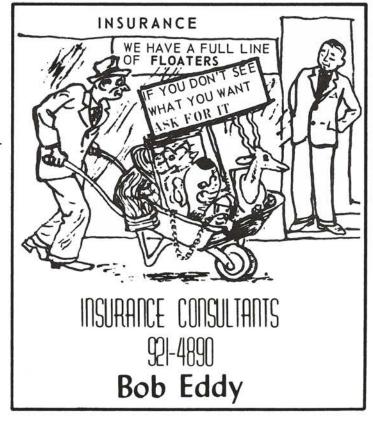
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It has been brought to the attention of the paper that the "Vice" are working overtime in Memorial Park. Careful "girls" action here could furnish you with a free ride downtown, cost you money, embarassment and perhaps a great deal of time away from home. It is our understanding that the state supported institutions are not at all what we hear they are! If you must cruse a toilet and your equipment at home is now working spend a dime and be at least a little safe. Public "johns" are just that - public - pay for what you get or charged for what you almost had.

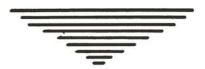
The round-robin at Lovett Boulevard, Roseland, Hawthorne, Stratford, California, Avondale - well, you know the area better than I. This is not risky but just dangerous as h---. There have been many, many crusy queens beaten, stabbed, robbed and almost killed from picking up tricks in this area. This bad news area is a definite "No-No".

It is difficult to understand the night window shoppers, Sunnyland Furniture, Main and Tuam. I hear they are selling more than buying, and if they do buy it will be with your money. If this is your bag, hit um Shirley, be a "Hungry Hanna", wind up a "Starving Faggot".

A prime example of the above is an incident which happened this past Monday about eleven PM. Two gays picked up at the Greyhound Bus Station two teen-age boys. After driving around for some time the two tricks pulled out knives and things began to happen. The driver of the car was robbed as was his companion. The driver was told to go on and leave his companion with them on a corner in the near North Side. He drove off looking for help of some kind. Returning to where he had left his companion, he found him lying on the ground with a stab wound in his back and his stomach cut open. Putting him in the car and rushing to a downtown hospital where treatment was not available he then went to Ben Taub. The stab victum was in very critical condition for several days, after much blood and stitching he will pull through. Is sex at this price worth it???



"PROVINCE" HOPPING



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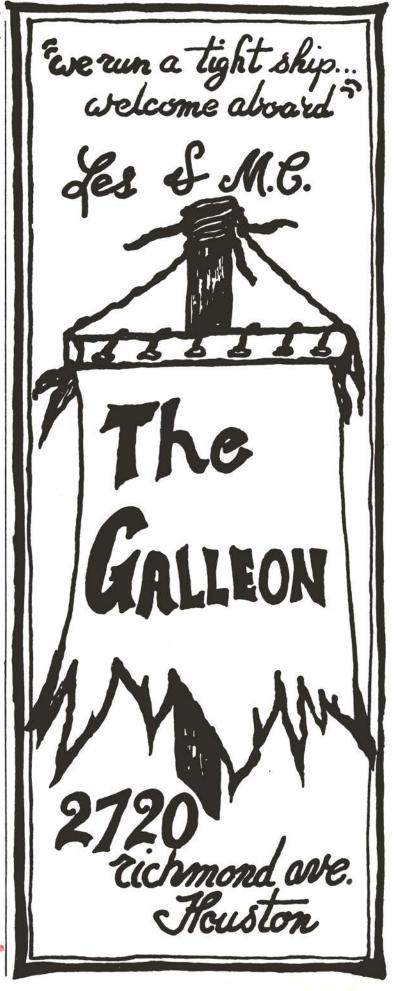
The Other Place, yes and what a place, in Beaumont across from a lumber store on South 4th Street. Have you heard about it? I sure hadn't until Payne asked me to contact Jody regarding space in the paper. Austin and I (Hic couldn't leave the Houston "Johns" long enough to accompany me) drove over on a Monday and the bar was packed. They have dancing, pool, and the friendliest people. There seem to be few strangers and the boys and girls get on well together at this bar. Austin is a swinger and danced almost every dance. Jody called Thelma at The Dump so dashed off downtown to see her. Do not believe the name as this spot is far from being a dump, and hosted by a "real lady". Met people from Lake Charles, Orange and had a ball. One fellow from Denver, Colorado - - do you think he was lost? Business on Monday here was also very good, just wonder what week-ends are like? The people in this area sure know how to enjoy everything and everyone - give it a try - a short drive for a real fun evening. Arrived home at daylight the next morning and Austin took the day off to - - rest?

GALVESTON-

Tired, gosh yes, three trips to Galveston, crazy, must be, but this is a summer must for everyone. Weekends! would you believe anytime, day or night, there is always activity on the "Isle".

At Robert's Lafittes, mid week, stopped in to talk with Bernard and was told to be quiet "Robert was on". About that time a big titted bitch came out on stage, sure enough, Robert was on, doing great with some Fanny Flagg stuff. I bet Fanny is jealous of this "girl" Robert was behind the bar at the LaCaja for almost a year before taking over Lafittes in May. If you like to be on stage, be upstaged by Robert, bring your best drag and music and you're welcome at this gay spot anytime. Thinking of seeing new faces, there were a few but felt right at home with all the "home folks". Dale does a swell job behind the bar, wonder how fast he is outside it? This exciting spot on the "Isle" is now open until 2am.

Had you heard that the Kon Tiki burned, well it did, seems strange, it not being in Houston and all. Out



of business? Not on your life, bigger and better now, just a few blocks from the old location, now at 214 – 23rd. Street. Don and Chuck have their hands full with the meb that was in there. Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, gee, do all the good looking people have to go to the same place. Dancing and mixed drinks and people with enough on to "protect their property but not enough to obstruct the view" — nothing lacking here!

Dancing, drinking and fruitless crusing makes one "soggy and hard to smoke" so went next door and up the stair to "Gym Baths" for a relaxing steam and shower. Sock it to um, would you believe, have you ever. Adjetives can't describe the enjoyment one can have here, upstairs? Yes- but the trip is worth it.

whoever will contact the paper we will let the readers know. I also hear about another place there called the "Show????, something or other located on the beach. Perhaps they will get wind of this and let me know what to advise our readers.

Texas is a big place, Houston being the larger of course comes first but will try in the very near future to take in some of the "provinces" such as Dallas, San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi etc.

If the information about places mentioned here is hard to believe — go see for yourself!

Phil Frank

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FORT WORTH-

The Old House! A gay club in Fort Worth? Yes there is such a place. Seems everyone knows of it except me but will pass on what I have heard until I can get up there and see for myself. Rock and Barry must sure get around as all the bar personel in Galveston say what fine fellows they are. The Old House is located 8 miles west on U.S. 80 out of Fort Worth and if there is need for directions call 244-9879. It seems everything is very convient and nice here, good food, just all one needs to have a fun time, can't wait to visit this club.

In "nosing" around have been told, now this is just heresay, you understand, that their are two boys from off the Isle working on a new swank bar on Broadway. Will it be gay? When will it open? If John or Jimmy or



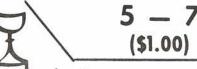
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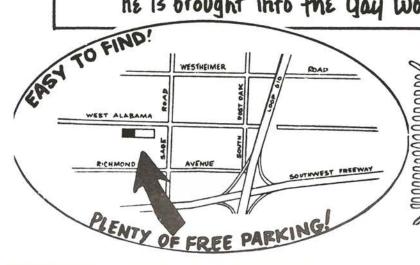
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Hic! What was M. C. talking about? More bar space! Saying Les had plans to do this, guess he will but can't see how. I'm going to watch for this improvement. The new rest rooms are wonderful, you two fellows sure work at keeping the place "ship shape". Your selection of help and your helps method of handling the bar is just great. Bill, you make baring a pleasure for sure, keep up the good work and we'll be seeing you through the crowd. What's this you say! Les is going to give The Galleon a new look! Looks great now.

700 people! That's what I thought she said too! I have been places before but this is just wall to wall people, can't understand why Ricci and Rita didn't have the after game show and party in the ball park and let them play ball in the Club. The games were great and attendance even better, girls from all over. At the Roaring 60's - all this happens - great shows too.

Paul at Scene I, yes he must have a temper! Everyone does. It is his job to smile and I don't know how he remembers everyone's name. Always a pleasure here. Keg party going well and everyone sure has fun. You say the school teacher is still at the pool table! She is getting better all the time. Uh Miss B.?

Dennis at LaBoheme, packing them in, had to squeeze in for a drink. This is one more cool place to spend time, there are no strangers here at LaBoheme. Your friendly fast service keeps everyone happy and if you're not careful, Dennis, you will bounce the ball into the "big league". Can't see what this kids got but it must be special.

Stop here! That's not Gay! Since when? Last night! Yes you will find the Bullseye Club gay as a goose from Dishwasher to operator. This new club on the circuit has everything. Organizing a place this size, getting cooks, waiters, etc., takes time. We'll bear with you Richard and have breakfast after all are closed. Dance floor cozy and warm, clubroom and bar comfortable and cool, quiet room, soundproof but glass where all activities can be seen. Welcome to the group "Bullseye".

Seeing Jack at The Numbers, was shocked, had no idea he had to have field glasses to see what was going on? What, you're watching the Palace Club, I just came from there, let me see! Well I'll be, you can see the penthouse and all the activity. What! 25¢ to rent your glasses! The Numbers is the most pleasant place to drink and relax even though you have to put up with the barten-



der who makes smart cracks all the time. Nose, where he gets all he tells will never be known. If you have a question about anything, just ask him and if he doesn't know the answer, will make one up.

He's done it again! dancing in a beer bar, yes this is what "Big George" is up to. The Red Room will be the first in Houston to have a dance lisence. What more can be done for this swinging bar. You just watch them, or should Lillian be warned that she may be moved out if this groupe keeps pushing.

On the "Square", Ken at Jaybird News is going great guns. Understand he is looking for another location expansion means good business. We are all behind you just advise us when and where so we can spread the NEWS.

Club Romulus is smart, what a gathering of desireables. Organization is not lacking in this well oiled operation. Like a good machine, the operator directs it, hats off to Scotty, an experienced director. Or should I say "Kelly?" This fine Club has good parking, ample dance floor, live band for dancing, beautiful people to look at and

Stumbling around by this time pass over to the Plantation Club on Montrose. Good crowd, fine music and service, always a fun time. Hi Gene, missed seeing you but your help is on the gogo.

Welcome home "Granny", did you get your nose out of

joint on your vacation or something happen here. Jerk the kink out, get back in the swing and we will all look forward to that good old "Granny greeting" to the gala LaCaja's many patfons.

The biggest happening has — Palace Club and Sky Terrace. I think just about everybody was at the opening, that is everyone except Jack at the Numbers and he didn't miss much with his glasses, just wonder what he thought of the music? If by any small chance you missed going, do so as it is a place to see and enjoy — you see faces from the other location that welcomes you with a smile (smug as it may be) from heads atop the smart new jackets with the PC on them. You see other faces too, Rosemary Cluney, yes that's her. Ron, that's too much booze in that drink.

Management of this swank Club have few request of the patrons. Sports wear acceptable, jeans and cut-offs on Sunday only. Ladies in socially acceptable attire at all times. See their ad for activities and times. At the Bingo parties they have already given away a trip to Mexic, and Nassau. There are four floors of parking in the building garage and 30 second express elevator service to the penthouse.

Frank, wish to appologize to you for the poor picture of The Exile Cowboy but promise will have someone take a good one for the next issue, one you will be as happy with as the one in your swinging bar.

Big George, the RR did not come out as we wanted it to but just watch from here on, we are trying.

RED ROOM to have "DANCING"

I don't know what to expect next! The Red Room is the first and only beer bar open to the public with dancing. Dancing is not new to Houston in the gay clubs but in beer bars where membership is required, unheard of.

There has been a sizeable investment as well as time put into this feature for your enjoyment. If you haven't been in lately go see the new additions in this going establishment.

Red Room has for years been a symbol in Houston's gay night life. I wonder if the management will have music that the older group might enjoy dancing to or will it be for the swingers only? Much luck "Big George".

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Thanks sweeties for all of the wonderful response to my first column in the Nuntius. Had several requests for and from some duzzies. This is to advise that there are no home demonstrations given unless you include a picture and furnish transportation.

The first request is for something new and very delicious:

CUCUMBER SPREAD OR DIP

1 cucumber - small firm (the only kind) peal and slice thin and dice on paper towel. Sugar and salt, just a pinch. 1 3oz package cream cheese, ¼ teaspoon lemon juice and soften with mayonnaise. Add white pepper an green cake coloring. 1 tablespoon onion grated fine. Fold in cucumber and add tobasco or horseradish to taste

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1 cup packaged dry bread crumbs

4 tablespoons butter or margarine

1 cup finely chopped onions

2 lb. ground chuck

1/2 lb. ground pork

Salt

Dill weed

1/4 teaspoon allspice

1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

1/4 teaspoon ground cardamom

1/3 cup flour

1/4 teaspoon pepper

2 cans (10½ oz. size) condensed beef broth, undiluted 1 cup light cream

1. In a large bowl, combine the eggs, milk, and dry bread crumbs.

2. In 2 tablespoons hot butter in large skillet, saute chopped onion until soft - about 5 minutes. Lift out with slotted spoon. Add to breadcrumb mixture, along with ground meats, 3 tablespoons salt, ½ teaspoon dill weed, the allspice, nutmeg, and cardamom. With a wooden spoon or your hands, mix well to combine.

3. Refrigerate, covered, for 1 hour.

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- 4. Shape meat mixture into 60 meatballs.
- 5. Preheat the oven to 325°F.
- 6. In remaining hot butter, saute meatballs, about onethird at a time, until browned all over. Remove as browned to two 2-quart casseroles.
- 7. Remove the skillet from heat. Pour off all but ¼ cup drippings; stir in flour, ½ teaspoon salt, and the pepper. Gradually stir in beef broth. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Add cream and 1 teaspoon dill weed. Pour over meatballs in casseroles.
- 8. Bake, covered, 30 minutes. Garnish top of meatballs with fresh dill sprigs, if desired.

Makes 20 servings.

ROMAN BOWL PUNCH

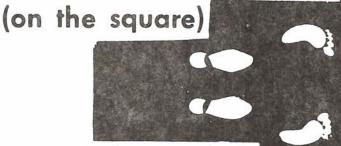
Place 2 cups of diced pineapple in a punch bowl with ½ cup sugar syrup, ½ cup lemon juice, ½ cup orange juice, 1½ cups unsweetened pineapple juice, 1 1/3 cups peach brandy, and 2 bottles of rum, one light and one dark. Add block ice, pour in 2 qts. of soda or 2 bottles of champagne and pt. of sliced strawberries. Magnificent! Serves 20 twice.

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Is it possible to enumerate the many and vast personalities that she may have helped along the way? She was eager to assist in matters of extreme degree . . . many were personal. "Did the sun shine on your day today? Or was it cloudy and non-profitable?" These were poised questions of concern that she felt for you and for me. Yes, you and I were as much a part of Verlon's everyday scale of living as she rightfully belonged to our own.

Parting with a good friend is a saddening experience but reality in life faces each of us as we must in turn face reality. When departing from a friend, how often you may ask yourself, "Shall we meet again?" I warmly treasure that good friend but did I leave a lasting impression with him?

Verlon had triumphed over that questionable fear in our hearts when she went away on June 29. She didn't say farewell or goodbye... just "so long," which we have heard her utter on occasion as we left her company. Perhaps, our compassionate eulogy may well be responsively voiced in "Rest, sweet friend."

Bob Eddy



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DAVY is a realistic film treatment of the daily lives of the young homosexuals of today. Too many times the screen, theatre, or literature has depicted the gay life in stereotyped concepts. Happy Birthday, Davy is a frank and revealing slice of life of the way today's youth face homosexuality, it's conflicts and struggles caused by it. This film is an insight to these lonely young men . . . the men that are often unable to find that other human being to relate with to grow to love with. Unable sometimes to find that missing half because they are forced into the shadows of secretive living.

This screenplay explores this man's plight and problems this man's secret need this man's hidden and often distorted life. This story explodes today's myth about homosexuality: the myth and popular concept that a homosexual can be catagorized to fit only one type of individual. It also reveals that homosexuals are as varied in their beliefs, characteristics, and desires as much as their hetrosexual counterparts.

The story about two such men portrayed by Chuck Roy (Bob) and Larry Neilsen (Davy).

Bob a confirmed homosexual meets Davy an unsure 'straight' in a notorious hangout for the gay set. Davy has stumbled into the bar by fate or mistake. Having just turned twenty-one, Davy has set out to buy his first birthday drink. Unknowingly he has stumbled into an apparent den of leather sadists, drag queens, and assorted so called social perverts.

Davy realizes his mistake when he is put upon by the frilly bartender named Butch. Comically portrayed by Carl Williams. Immediately Davy typifies Butch as what a homosexual is supposed to be.

Bob, observing the interchange between the two, introduces himself. Davy is put at ease thinking because of Bob's clean cut image that he too has stumbled into the bar by mistake.

Bob being adjusted in his homosexuality realizes Davy's dilemna and confusion as to what kind of place and personage that he has stumbled upon. Bob tries to explain the 'straight' side of being a homosexual he tells the young boy to open his eyes and see the



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inhabitants of the bar as they are, not what they have been colored to be.

During the course of the film, the boy's find their friendship growing. Each comes to respect the others beliefs and feelings. However, the story takes a turn when a willing seduction on the part of Davy takes place. The younger boy finds that he too might be a member of that secret circle.

Guilt ridden, the boy c, nfronts his sister (Judy Cuftis) with all the details. Fearfully, she accepts the fact that her brother may be different from all the other men she has known. Compassionately, she tries to give Davy advicc . . . but she is hindered by the fact that she does not know how to ease the boy's conscience. Davy leaves her after a very tender scene, each trying to reassure the other that everything will be all right. As Davy leaves Sis says: "You're still my brother, Davy. And I love you. I'm here. I'm here if you need me I love you." The boy leaves to hopefully come to grips with what and who he is.

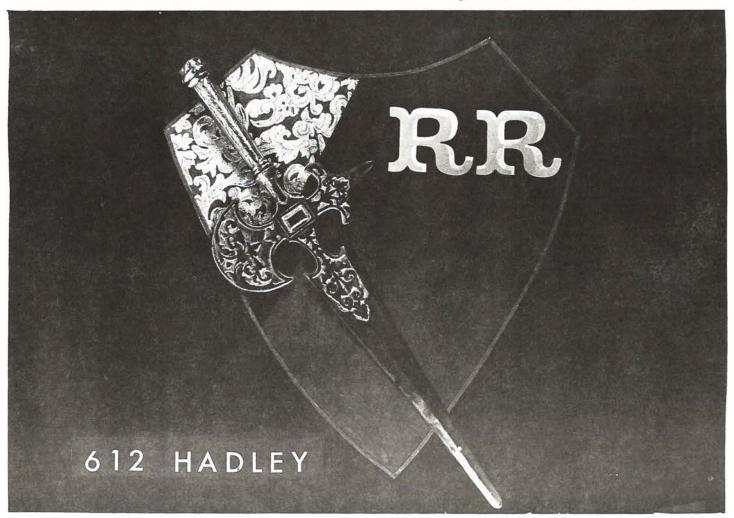
Larry Neilsen is Davy, he possesses enormous sex appeal, when he takes his clothes off in front of the lens he has something well worth looking at.

If you want to have good photography, consistent story lines, and point of view, see this full length gay film where you can watch them ——— and see a lot of ———.

Happy Birthday, Davy explores honestly the hidden gay world. It is sometimes shocking in it's total frankness. But it's honesty will hopefully throw some light on the life of a homosexual as it actually is.

This picture will be shown for one week only at the CINEMA WEST ART THEATRE — 5341 West Alabama. The showing will be from August 11—17, clip the coupon from the ad in this paper for special discount.

(Red Room)



WHAT OUTSIDERS SAY & THINK!

July 11, 1970. This Saturday AM myself and two friends were in the Sizzler Steak House on Richmond just off Kirby drive and overheard some of the conversation between two very distinguished men. This was not eavesdrooping as the loudness of their voices did not make it necessary. They were seated two booths from us and there was a couple in the booth between.

Their conversation was totally about the movie houses opening up in and around Houston. The bars and the activities of the bars in Houston. Their comments were something like this: "You just can't believe it!, everything is shown, they get the camera right down there and the action and all can be seen in detail. I heard of a couple of boys dressed as girls going to a club where there were some whores, they had on wigs, dresses and you couldn't tell them from girls. The police had occasion to pick up the girls and take them to police headquarters, it was not until they were told to strip that the disc, very was made."

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years of age. I thought to myself, what was this man doing going to places of this nature if he was offended by what went on. It brought to mind the recent programming on channel 13 when they were airing the morals of our city. This too was informative.

The mentioned above just gave dollars worth of publicity to the theaters showing film of this type. I don't ever recall passing by one of these theaters and being dragged off, the streets to watch the films. If I want to view these films or go to these bars, that's my business and my choice. I feel the men talking should have been of the same opinion.

I wanted to know if they were professional men or just what their interest was so as they left I approached them. I introduced myself as editor of the Nuntius, the Ikcal gay paper. The men introduced themselves, one was a Dr. Williams, the other an executive for an oil field equipment company.

I told them that we had overheard a part of their conversation and would like to know what had stimulated their interest in the subject. Dr. Williams said that he was just repeating what he had heard at the Downtown Rotary Club. I asked the other gentlemen and he had been to one of the theaters. My next question was about speakers etc., and was told that the Rotary had a weekly newsletter and that the meeting would be written up in this. I called and asked that one of the letters be mailed and am still waiting.

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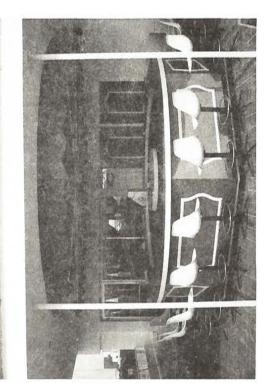


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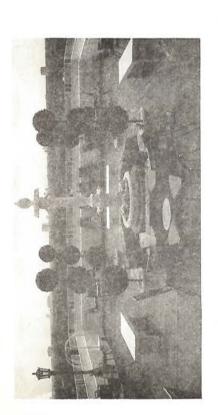
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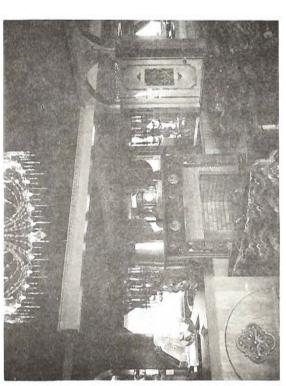
Carrousel Bar on the Sky Terrace — Palace Club. Note Houston skyline in background. Opening to main bar and dance area behind bar to the left.



Close-up of Carrousel Bar. Overhead lighting in gay red and blue give a lively air to this bright spot.



View of the Sky Terrace from behind the Carrousel Bar.

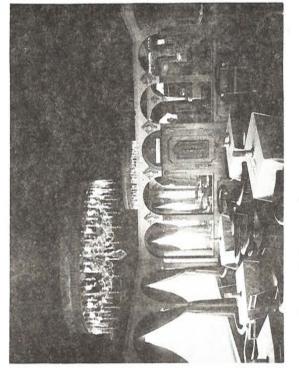


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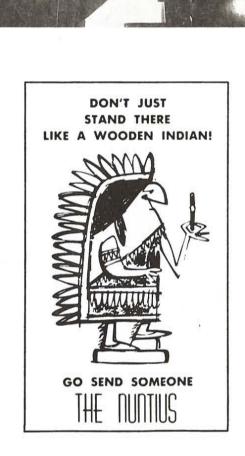


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