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Dallas has Gay Church Wedding

Dallas' first gay church wedding was held in the First Unitarian Church on Preston Road, Friday December 11.

Betty and Dee held their reception at the Orchard Club in Dallas with a large cake and much champagne.

Best wishes and good luck.

A DOZEN of HOUSTON'S FINEST RESCUE BAR PATRONS FROM SLEEPING MAN!

ABOUT a dozen uniformed policemen descended upon the LOUNGE on the night of the 16th of December and saved the patrons from the public outrage of a man who was resting his head atop one of the tables. This person had become, it was alleged by the police officers, inebriated in a public place. Another patron, speaking unwisely to some of the policemen participating in this official visitation, was also removed from the premises and taken away. The public must surely rest more securely in the knowledge that the Houston Police Department is capable of dispatching some fifteen uniformed patrolmen and their motor vehicles to the in pursuit of Public Decency. While some of the patrolmen remained outside the

, inhibiting the free passage of patrons, a dozen or so of their colleagues entered the establishment with flashlights at the ready, searching for God knows what, finding THE SLEEPING MAN. The patrons all were vastly relieved when the policemen removed this outrageous spectacle from their troubled sight and packed the rascal off.

OF COURSE one can only wonder about the priorities obtaining a 61 Riesner St. when so many uniformed patrolmen can be marshalled for such an gratuitous example of law enforcement at a location which is hardly known for public disorder. We can only assume that wrong-doing of a more serious nature was suspended throughout the City while these patrolmen assembled at the LOUNGE and rescued the alarmed patrons from the indignity of viewing THE SLEEPING MAN.

IT IS NOT TO be denied that the City of Houston genuinely needs more and better trained policemen. That the present force has done an admirable job, overall, in maintaining the public order is, in our opinion, undeniable. That there are some men on the police force

GLF PICKETS GAY BAR

Saturday night, January 2 the Red Room at 612 Hadley, one of Houston's leading gay bars, was the scene of picketing by the Gay Liberation Front.

The Houston Police Department was called by the club management to quiet the disturbance on the sidewalk in front of the club. The two officers dispatched are to be complimented on the way this matter was handled. The sidewalks were cleared almost immediately and the business patroled the balance of the evening and night, police cooperation of this type is greatly appreciated.

In an interview with the bar owner and the manager the next morning we were told, "this bar and the people in this bar are not a part of this movement, The Gay Liberation Front."

The legal size white flyers being handed out to the customers going into the Red Room had the line drawings of two blacks, a girl and a boy, with the following: **BOYCOTT THE RED ROOM** - The Gay Liberation Front of Houston regrets that the gay brothers and sisters of Houston are not together. The management of a local Gay Bar, the Red Room unfortunately refuses service to blacks. The discriminatory actions of the Red Room management are clearly racist moves that are a continuation of the repressive and racist attitudes of white Houstonians. These racist attitudes oppress all gays as long as the Red Room and others discriminate against blacks. Disposal of oppressive attitudes is a necessity and demand. We are all prisoners of the American death culture.

Gays unite! Only through unified struggle can liberation be accomplished. We must build our brotherhood and act in solidarity to resist the forces that deprive and imprison all gays. The sisters and brothers of the GLF of Houston call on all gays to boycott the Red Room. Don't continue to finance your oppressors.

Power to the people!

HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION FRONT— BLACK POWER

Also were the meeting dates and location. This writer attended one of their meetings and nothing about gays was mentioned. We don't feel that an organization of this type is representative of the majority of the gays in Houston.

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**612 HADLEY
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who are less than admirable is also undeniable, but that is a condition of human nature not exclusive to Houston. The Houston Police Department is not, as are

some others, harbouring sadists and psychopaths. While not ever condoning the brutalizing of prisoners in the custody of any policeman and while protesting strongly such events when they occur, we would remind the public of the strain under which a policeman must work and that he deals with the most vile human creatures as well as with little old ladies crossing streets. His life is in jeopardy daily; he is frequently called upon to lay down that life in defense of the public welfare.

BUT HOW IS IT beneficial to the public welfare for so many armed and uniformed patrolmen (not Vice Squad officers) to be used in so futile an effort? What justification of the use of tax-payers' money can be made for this silliness? This sort of Keystone Cops spectacle has occurred before at the LOUNGE, with similar results for the policemen. On one occasion those policemen remaining outside the were seen to be holding machine guns at the ready! Highly dramatic and highly ridiculous.

ON THE LAST OCCASION of a Great Police Raid on the Wicked, however, there were present some gentlemen of great wealth and political power in Houston, who had heard about these police visitations and who did not believe such useless raids actually occurred. They were not at all amused at this flagrant harassment technique, at tax-payers' expense. And they are rather substantial tax-payers. They still believe such obvious harassment raids are not condoned by higher police authority or the Mayor, and doubt these authorities even know about them. They believe them to be the productions of lesser lights in the Police Department who labor under anxieties about gay threats to civilization and Mom. Perhaps they are correct in their assessment of the situation. Perhaps something can be done in higher places to call attention to this queer practice of sending so many uniformed patrolmen off on wild-goose chases, the sole purpose of which seems to be to harass peaceful citizens legally assembled on licensed premises for the delectation of said patrolmen. This is an abuse of legitimate police authority.

OBVIOUSLY, there are many persons in the Houston Police Department who, for one reason or another, fear and detest homosexuality, or who consider it all right to harass those citizens whom they believe to be gay. But these anxiety-ridden officers have no right to abuse the authority of their office as public servants just to give vent to their pettiness and prejudices: whether it is towards gay people or negroes or Jews or Catholics or stamp-collectors or any other law-abiding minority. They may not like such minorities, but they have no right to harass them. In fact, the allegedly heterosexual policemen engaging in such heroic acts might remember that the immense majority of crimes are committed by admitted heterosexuals, but we are not suggesting they turn themselves in as obnoxious persons. Rather we would suggest the Houston Police Department re-examine its priorities in the matter of future raids on gay bars, with an eye to providing other therapeutic outlets for those few neurotics on the force whose doubts about their own sexuality are obvious to first-year psychology students. And that they use the tax-payers' money more wisely in the area of law-enforcement.

AS FOR THE arrest and subsequent treatment of the, we cannot deny the legality of it. The Manager, under Texas law, was at fault for permitting a drunk to remain on the premises - assuming the young man was indeed drunk (This young man was NOT charged and may have been a plant!) However, this statute is rarely used and it is not beyond the realm of possibility to believe its use is discriminatory. And the shuffling of the Manager from city to county offices after bond had been posted and the possibility of a writ of habeas corpus being sought was simply a case of further harassment. It was legal but it was petty.

THE TECHNIQUE OF assembling so many uniformed patrolmen might be better used in such cases as seeking the alleged heterosexual rapist currently molesting SW Houston women, rather than harassing the whose management and patrons will co-operate with



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AND NOW THE so-called Gay Liberation Front has placed the on their off-limits list and have threatened to picket the place (with signs painted in Peking, no doubt). Ye gods! What next

YET NEXT, did happen promptly as was expected in this pattern of harrassment. The pattern beginning to look like a crazy patchwork pattern, as in steps the fire department. A couple of fire inspectors dropped in with a hand lettered poster stating that occupancy by more than 85 persons is dangerous and unlawful. The inspectors told employees to leave the poster up.

During the three police raids there were 25 - 30 customers there including the sleepy "drunk" who surely did wake up quickly during the raid and had no trouble whatsoever in walking or being affable.

YOUNG MAN ATTEMPS SUICIDE

At 1:26 A.M. Monday, December 28, Larry Bowman, a twenty six year old native of Dallas came in contact with a high voltage transformer located behind Club Romulus, 2151 Richmond Avenue, Houston.

According to witnesses he was trying to walk across a catwalk beside the transformer to reach the roof of the club when he came in contact with the transformer. Because of an argument he had had earlier that night the police have ruled out the possibility of this having been an accident and on their records show it as attempted suicide.

Bowman was taken to Ben Taub Hospital in critical condition with second and third degree burns over much of his body. His condition is listed as poor but recovery is expected.

Larry lives in Houston and is in need of financial aid. The employees of the Romulus beside having given a quantity of blood have collected about fifty dollars for Larry. If you would like to contribute to this fund mail your checks to the Larry Bowman Fund, % Nuntius, 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006.

Terry Ritter, manager of the Club Romulus is to be commended on his actions at the time of this unfortunate incident. The lights in the club were blown out, total darkness resulting. Not knowing immediately what had caused this Mr. Ritter in the center of the dance floor loudly requested that the patrons clear the building. This having been done he then assisted in getting the injured man from atop the transformer.



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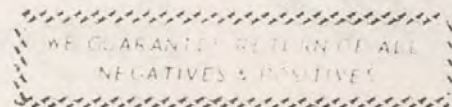
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Gay Liberation Wins UT Panel Backing

Gay Liberation has won a 7-2 vote from a faculty-student committee to register the homosexual group as a campus organization.

UT-Austin acting president Bruce Jordan still must review the action by the committee on student organizations, however.

The committee said it found no basis for expecting that membership in Gay Liberation would strongly influence the undecided in a homosexual direction.

Ed Price, assistant dean of students, had refused Gay Lib's second application in September because, according to "medical opinion on this campus the activities of groups bearing this or similar names have been such as to influence the confused and sexually undecided against seeking professional assistance."

The committee further said Gay Lib had testified it does encourage those with emotional difficulties to seek professional counseling.

Membership in Gay Liberation may be a "positive benefit," the committee's opinion said, for those who have adopted a homosexual life style "by permitting them to participate in a group where they can attempt to understand and accept themselves and reduce their sense of isolation and alienation."

"Thus, even if it were considered appropriate to screen organizations for their potential influence on the mental health of their members, Gay Liberation, on balance, would not seem to be unacceptable on these grounds."

University rules provide that proposed organizations, if their applications for registration are denied by the dean of students' office, may apply for registration to the committee on student organizations.

Serious hip disorders linked to heavy drinking

If you have a serious hip disorder and perhaps a liver problem, a University of Iowa medical research team suggests you evaluate your drinking

If you have a serious hip disorder and perhaps a liver problem, a University of Iowa medical research team suggests you evaluate your drinking habits.

The research team says it has gathered evidence showing a relationship between high alcohol use and some serious hip disorders.

The team was headed by Dr. Michael Bonfiglio, professor of orthopedics, who said the study was made in 50 patients treated during an 18-month period.

He reported that 37 of the 50 patients said they either habitually drank the equivalent of three or more drinks of hard liquor a day or had intermittent but intensive drinking bouts. Forty-four of the patients were men.

The hip disorder found in the study involves the death of bone tissue in the head of the femur — the part of the thigh bone located in the hip socket. The study did not include patients who have had a known infection or injury in that area.

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TASK FORCE on GAY LIBERATION MEETS

The September 13th meeting of the Task Force on Gay Liberation of the Social Responsibilities Round Table produced a working statement of goals. The text of the statement is as follows:

GENERAL: To work towards the repeal of laws which oppress the homosexual; To work towards changing social attitudes and social stigma attached to homosexuality; To have the freedom to be ourselves without fear; To support and encourage gay organizations in their efforts to accomplish the above goals.

AS LIBRARIANS: To have freedom from job discrimination based on sexual orientation; To revise classification schemes and subject heading lists, in order to remove homosexuality from the realm of sexual aberrations; To support members of other minority groups within ALA in their efforts toward freedom and equality; To provide bibliographic resources for libraries, individuals, and organizations.

Individuals interested in working in any of the above areas should contact the Task Force, c/o Isreal Fishman 340 E. 11 St., New York, NY 10003. In connection with the formation of the Task Force on Gay Liberation at the Detroit ALA Conference, GAY, a weekly New York publication, ran the following editorial on library reforms:

"At the turn of the century, Edward Carpenter, an English poet and a brave crusader for sexual freedom, wrote meaningfully about the many problems facing young homosexuals. 'That a veil of complete silence should be drawn over the entire subject, leading to misunderstandings and the most painful confusions of mind,' he said, 'is intolerable!'

"Now, seventy years later, the Social Responsibilities Roundtable of the American Library Association has given an ear to Edward Carpenter's plea. Many young people will undoubtedly benefit from the availability of objective books about homosexuality. Many parents, brothers, sisters, teachers and clergymen can also inform themselves!

"Our own experiences when seeking information about homosexuality in libraries has provided ample evidence of the unforgivable obstacles encountered everywhere by Americans who seek such knowledge. In one large city library, for example, we were forced to sign special forms to be eligible for perusal of scholarly works on homosexuality.

"Most libraries in the U.S. contain nothing enlightening to homosexuals or to their parents and friends. Reform of these libraries is long past due. The Social Responsibilities Roundtable's Task Force on Gay Liberation is a welcome sign to millions of American citizens. There can be no boast that this nation's library

system is in turn with the times until every library contains up-to-date, objective information about homosexuality, and until the homosexual's current classification under 'Sexual Perversions' or 'Sexual Aberrations' is changed."

In a related news item, District Judge Philip Neville ruled that the University of Minnesota may not refuse to hire a librarian merely because he is an avowed homosexual. This decision was handed down by Judge Neville in September after the University of Minnesota Board of Regents refused to approve a contract for a librarian employed by the University Library at the St. Paul campus. The University of Minnesota is currently appealing the District Court's decision to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit.

45 Britons' sex changed

LONDON — At least 45 British men and women have undergone sex-change operations, many of them for free under Britain's National Health Service, medical sources reported Monday. The service is financed out of general taxation. The average cost of an operation is \$720.

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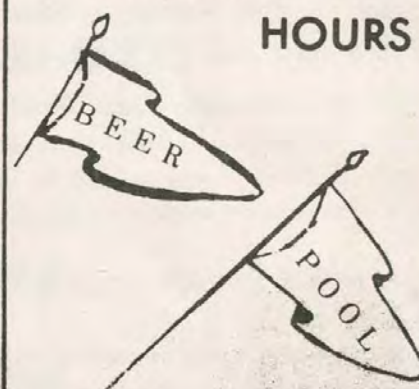
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BOOKS IN BRIEF

'Home is Where the Hard Is' - Jack Evans - Monkey Publications - \$1.95.

Viva la Incest would have been a better title for this family portrait of homoincestuous relations between sons and fathers, brothers and cousins, uncles and nephews, etc. If you like weak plot but page after page of unbelievable sex - - this one is for you.

'Stud' - Phil Andros - Beaumont Classics - \$2.25. Photo illustrated.

Phil is a charming Greek hustler (who does just everything in bed) and this opus of his adventures moves fast; is often funny - and is very graphic. The photos are of un-named models in black and white.

MOVIE REVIEW "LOVE STORY"

It has been a major legend of tinseltown that boy-meets-girl is hardly a blockbuster plot anymore. Occasionally a simple story with a simple message leaks out of the major studios and is labeled 'classic approach' by critics and movie buffs alike. However, these artistic gestures by the dictators of moviedom invariably come with big name stars and big name directors. All of this is to say that 'Love Story' is different. It is so unique in its film treatment that it absolves Hollywood for all the garbage it has produced in the past. It is hard to surmise how this phenomon of turning a beautiful book into a beautiful movie happened - but it comes off as a true labor of love.

Ryan O'Neil is not only a beautiful person - he is believable and easy to relate to for the viewer. The same is true of Ali MacGraw. In fact, it is true of the entire cast.

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??? HOUSTON GAY LIBERATION FRONT -- GAY OR POLITICAL ???

We have at last been in contact with one of the people attending meetings of the Gay Liberation Front. From this inside source we are told the interest is there but it lacks organization, planning, and support of qualified personnel for strong leadership.

A copy of the proposed charter has been circulated to a few of our large group here in the Houston area. The charter needs a great deal of work and revision for it to attract the majority and have the full support of the gays in our community.

We as a whole, and I think this media of communication is somewhat representative of the most, feel there is a definite need for an acceptable program. A program and charter that is well formulated to bring about full cooperation from each and every gay person in this area to protect our constitutional and human rights.

A definite need exists for counselling, direction and even legal and financial aid for individuals. Newcomers to this area need information as to housing, attorneys, doctors etc., and assistance in settling in a new location.

The growth in our area is greater now in all respects and a sensible, responsible and genuinely helpful organization is needed. But we doubt the naughty-child with 19th Century political ideas and approach is required or wanted by any but a very small number of gay people.

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The Supreme Court of the United States attempted to define obscenity in 1957 and ruled that a work is obscene when "... to the average person, applying contemporary community standards, the dominant theme of the material taken as a whole appeals to prurient interest." This is the definition currently used by the courts.

The word "prurient", as defined by Funk and Wagnalls connotes "having lustful cravings or desires." "Lust" is further defined by the same authors as "sexual appetite, esp. that seeking immediate or ruthless satisfaction; an overwhelming desire."

Accordingly, and obviously, the courts consider any direct appeal to such interests as being detrimental to society, otherwise they would not have defined obscenity in this manner. It is assumed that a person exposed to such material would then proceed to seek immediate or ruthless satisfaction of such alleged cravings and desires.

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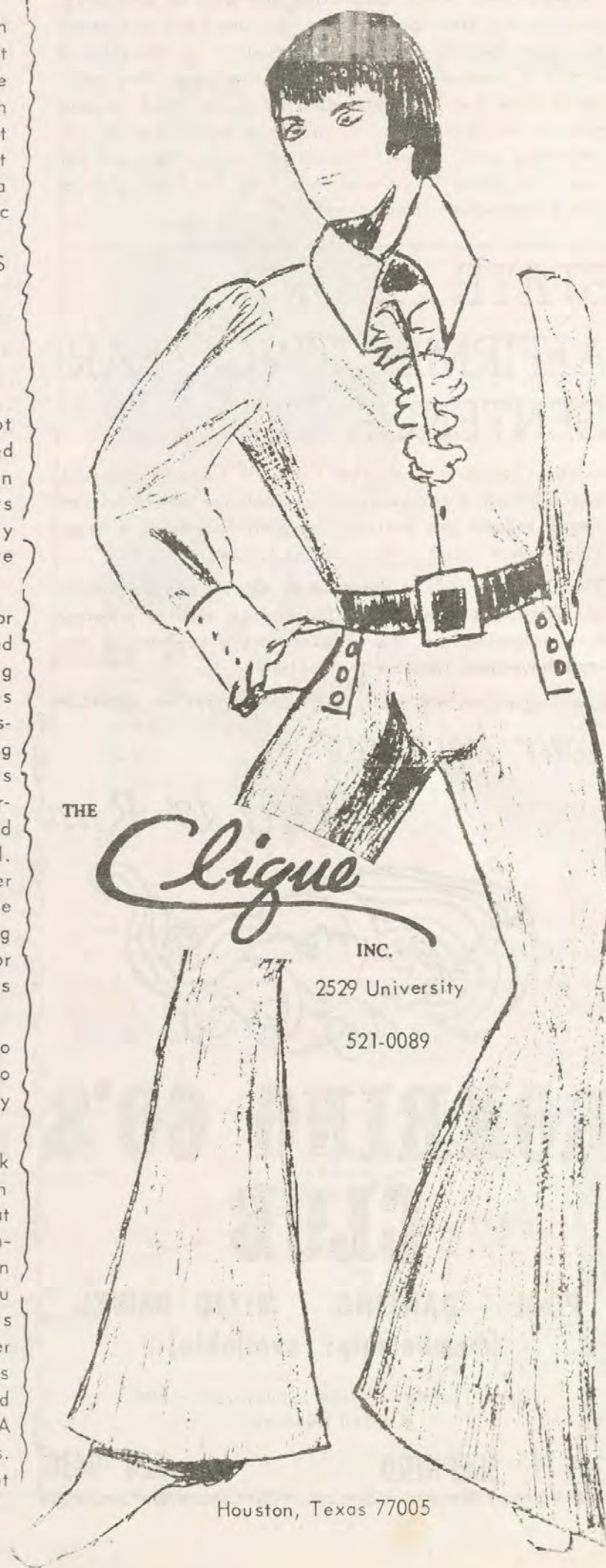
— POOL

How many times have you been in a crowded bar, not too near a pool table, when someone has goosed you, or asked you to move because his cue stick is in your way, and because he or she claims you are in its way? Now don't you think that billards can be perfectly marvellous for the small percentage of those who care to indulge?

This brings us to conditions of space in small or crowded bars. One downtown Houston bar has realized that the pool table plus its surrounding area of waving cue sticks occupies so much area that it occupies space for about twenty patrons. So, that bar has discontinued pool on crowded week ends, while allowing pool to occupy a money earning spot on week nights when there is no space problem. There are some particular smaller beer bars which are also very crowded which allow this uneconomic use of their space for pool. In addition to being uneconomic on weekends other customers 6 and 8 feet away in every direction are disturbed and asked to move several times an evening by the pool players. Now games are fun, but the 15 or more surrounding disturbees have, perhaps, their games going too.

No one writing wishes to abolish pool but only to remove it from those certain small bars who are so crowded and have not provided space on their busy week-ends.

It is significant that absolutely none of the New York gay bars have pool tables and that some of the main New Orleans ones don't. Is there any reason that Houston needs all gay bars to sport them? Many evenings there are more pool players waiting to play than the pool tables can accommodate. But please, all you marvellous barowners, consider your space and economics on crowded nights and customers disturbed for a number of linear feet around, which adds up to about nine times that figure on your floor space. Pool tables occupy and disturb about 400 square feet of your floor space. A relatively small bar cannot afford it on crowded nights. A lot of customers leave on such occasions and do not check back next week.



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This editorial is not suggesting that pool be abolished, as this is a free country. Can you who have not space for it on certain nights please limit it to the other 5 nights a week when you do have the room. How many times have you been disturbed by a cue stick in your face or elsewhere by a probably well meaning and courteous pool player asking you to vacate your bar stools to allow him precedence over the highlights of your conversation interrupted?

STATE COURT AFFIRMED TWO-YEAR SENTENCE

Austin, Texas — The State Court of Criminal Appeals has affirmed a two-year prison sentence based on the Texas sodomy law declared unconstitutional by a three-judge federal court in Dallas last January.

The Dallas ruling, in the case of Alvin Leon Buchanan, specifically enjoined only the Dallas district attorney from enforcing the law. Prosecutors elsewhere in the state have been ignoring the decision.

The criminal appeals court said state courts are not bound on constitutional questions by the rulings of lower federal courts.

It also noted that the Dallas ruling is on appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court and therefore not final.

The case before the criminal appeals court involved Johnnie Pruett, who was 18 years old last year when he allegedly forced a fellow inmate at the Gatesville State School for boys to submit to a homosexual act.

The Dallas ruling unsuccessfully cited by Pruett's lawyer was prompted by the conviction of Buchanan for a homosexual act in the restroom of a Sears department store.

A state-level appeal of Buchanan's five-year sentence is still in the judicial pipeline on the way to the state criminal appeals court, and it will be up to this court to affirm or deny the sentence if the Supreme Court reverses the Dallas court.

DALLAS OPENS ALL GAY THEATER/CLUB

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The Cruser

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Sincerely,
Lonely

Dear Lonely:

Thank you for your letter. I am sure many people are in your same situation. I do not think it is wrong for you to go out while your lover is out of town, but I do think you should discuss this with him and if he objects, find out what he does while he is out of town, in his spare time. Running around behind the back of the one you love and who loves you will only come to an end. Get yourself interested in some home hobby and time will fly.

Queenie

Dear Queenie:

I am married to the most beautiful man in the world. He is one of the very few that are physically and mentally wonderful. He is a top model and works both with and

without clothing. I know many guys have seen photos of him in the nude and he has something to be proud of and I am proud of it too. However, when we go places, I realize people are undressing him mentally and know just what I sleep with. This worries me. What is my solution?

Worried

Dear Worried:

Dont worry. Just remember the old saying "Just Looking", and as long as the merchandise is not being handled, be proud of what you have.

Queenie

Dear Queenie:

The other night I had to work late, and being considerate, I phoned home. So that I wouldn't be too late, I worked very fast and got home much earlier. When I arrived home, there was another car and when I went in, they were in bed making love. I didn't know what to do so I left and spend the night in a hotel. The next day I attempted to discuss this matter and was told I must have been drunk. Now I am wondering how often this goes on. Of course, my husband will never admit any of it. I still love him and I think he loves me. I do not want to break up our home. What shall I do?

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Dear Queenie:

I met my wife in a wild gay bar several years ago and we have been together ever since, and very happy. Now, when we go into any bar and see someone who looks lonely, we remember how we felt before we met each other. What should we do to help these lonely people, in that we enjoy life so much more with each other.

Yours truly,
Concerned

Dear Concerned:

In this day and age, I think it is admirable that you and your wife would like to help the lonely, but remember your situation and let nature take its course.

Queenie

(If you have any comments or situations you wish to discuss with Queenie, please address your letter to The Nuntius, 4615 Mt. Vernon, Houston, Texas 77006.)

ONE DEAD TWO INJURED IN ROBBERY of \$13.

Christmas night in Dallas, Texas about 1:30 a.m., two young men with stockings over their heads and guns in their hands walked into the Villa Fontana, a gay bar. The patrons were told to put their wallets and valuables on the bar and line up against the walls with their hands in the air. One shot was fired into the ceiling by one of the gunmen, the gun having a silencer was not heard or the holder of the gun taken seriously.

Tony Inman, a customer of the bar went over to the man and said, "you've got to be kidding." With this the gunman shot Tony, the bullet going through his wrist and lodging in his chest behind his heart.

Across the bar sat Don Hillis who was told to give one of the robbers his watch and being hesitant to do so was ordered shot by the lead gunman. This order not being carried out the leader of the pair then fired two shots, one hitting Don in the neck, the other his accomplice in the head. The shot gunman dropped dead at the scene.

The remaining gunman then asked for two volunteers to help get his buddy into the get-away car. When none

responded, he said, "I need two people over here to help get my buddy out of here or I'm going to shoot the first one that pops into my mind," they quoted the gunman as saying.

Two lounge patrons helped carry the dead gunman to the car, one of the patrons ran away from the scene outside the bar. The other patron was forced to go with the gunman and in the 5100 block of Live Oak the body of the dead gunman was put in an alley. The bar patron was let out on Gaston where he called the bar.

SUSPECT IN KILLING CAUGHT IN HOUSTON

Jimmy Lee Barnett, 24, accused of murdering his accomplice during a holdup in Dallas of the Villa Fontana, a gay bar, was arrested Tuesday, December 28, in Houston. Barnett, a mechanic, was found hiding in the attic of a house at 604 Gazin by Detectives W. J. Wehr and I. E. McComas.

They traced him there through an employment application he had filled out in Dallas, listing that address, the home of in-laws, as his residence.

Barnett is charged with the December 26 murder of Dennis Scholl, 21, of Dallas. Police allege Barnett shot Scholl in the head during a lounge robbery.

Seven witnesses told officers the robber shot two persons in the bar, then demanded that Scholl shoot one.

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ing. Detectives Wehr and McComas said Barnett told them Scholl wounded the two customers and handed him the pistol so he could collect their wallets. He said the gun fired accidentally and hit Scholl.

Ray Harden stated that business has not been affected - "this could have happened in an ice cream parlor," he said.

Don Hillis and Tony Inman are recovering in the Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

THE STAR CHAMBER



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TITLES & MONEY (real old family style, luv) were very much in evidence at so many recent Holiday parties given by our Beautiful People and we all know how THAT turns one on, don't we? and it's so much more

impressive than Jaycees. It's been just one beautiful party given by beautiful persons at beautiful places after another, sweets, and it's just too, too exciting, actually.. Day after night they go on and we wonder How They Stand The Strain, really we do. After all, it's so terribly IMPORTANT and all and one just MUST do them all -- the parties, that is, luv ...

AT ONE LOVELY party, H. S. H. the Prince de*** was chatting with his cousin, H. S. H. the Prince von *** about things Princes talk about to one another and just everyone there was really BP and titled or moneyed or both and unsalaried. Their Serene Highnesses were just thrilled over the recent accession to the title of a dear friend, now become a Marquis and that's much better than being merely elected to something, luv, and it lasts. We were all just thrilled about it too, and terribly impressed, don't you know. And then we peeked over the shoulder of the Prince de*** (which is very easy to do, see?) as he was showing his cousin the Prince von*** a Christmas card he had received from Their Serene Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Thingo (who still are employed in the Prince Business and have to WORK at it and have their pictures on stamps, see? and that's really SOMETHING to-day) and it was just too, too much luv! About that time the Count de*** wondered over and we heard them discussing the loud music and tribal dancing at The Palace (which the Prince de*** calls "Trash-ing" and that's cute, really) and planning to go over after the bash. They were deciding whom to invite to join them (they don't invite just ANYONE, see?) when your columnist had to go off in search of a drinkie-poo because he needed it after all that.

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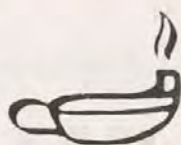
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THERE WAS ANOTHER beautiful party with many Beautiful People at a beautiful house on Lovett Boulevard and it was just beautiful, really. Everyone there was also titled or rich or both and terribly fascinating, actually, and so authentically Upper with an amusing sprinkling of Others for spice, see? including one gentleman of colour brought by a guest whose name has since been removed from the host's guest list, and it was all such FUN. (Outside it looked like a Rolls Royce rally, and that's not to be taken lightly by the locals, luv. For the Buy American set there were also numerous domestic motors using premium petrol, too, and that's a good thing, seem because it keeps the balance of payments balanced and we all know what THAT means.) The house was simply marvellously done up, with antique furniture and some antique guests and cute things and all that lovely food and booze and well-tailored BP's. The guest list was significantly exclusive of pretentious frauds and ribbon clerks and pedlars and electric organ players and dizzy young wonders and spiffed-up hustlers. And it was such a delight, really, to enjoy the company of ADULTS again, luv, and we knew it was going to be a grand evening when we saw so many of The Court (Titles & Money, remember?) attending -- and THEY just do not accept ANY invitation and that's a good thing, see? because everyone knows we need SOME standards. There were just so many BP's it looked like the Congress of Vienna during a drinkie-break and we all know how posh THAT little gathering was, don't we? At least those of us who can read and who don't think the world began with the birth of the Beatles ...

AT THIS SAME party the Right Honourable Dr. *** who is the Earl of *** anytime he wants to be which is

CLEVER when you think about it, luv, was talking (which he does SO well) with friends about someone he had met only recently and who is so titled and so aloof from eve fone except friends that guest-lists have to be presented to him in advance of his accepting invitations (well, after all, he can't associate with just ANY-ONE and you know it). Lord *** himself comes from ancient families who have been running things from La. to India for just scads of years and even had a Viceroy in their recent history and that's SOMETHING, luv. He and his long-time friend and companion have only recently arrived in Houston and just naturally fitted in at once with The Court and have a delightful town-house (a gift from his friend which must mean something is working right). It is just wonderful, really, the way a real Upper Group is forming and we're all just too, too thankful about it, really, and we really NEED it, see? And it's so much more fun than all those look-alike and sound-alike boozings one suffered for so many years, seeing the same zeros over and over again. Lordy! And then the gossip is so much better, actually --- it's so much more interesting to hear about those people who run the world from those who really know them, than to hear about last night's cozy casual commitment. (And lord knows we have NOTHING against an extra pair of legs in the beddy-bye, luv, but it's so DULL when that's the limit of one's world.) It's just a blessing to chatter away about art and international affairs and TIME's Man of the Year and Ari and Jackie and really KNOW something about it all. And that's IMPORTANT and you know it, luv.

THERE WAS AN ANNUAL A-Group party given that same night over on Lower Mason, with the usual collect-

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MCC mission in Dallas finally gets church home

Dallas, Texas — The MCC Fellowship's "orphan mission" has found a home.

Rev. Rob Willis, who founded the mission in July, announced that Dallas' First Unitarian Church has agreed to provide its Porch Chapel for mission services, with the pledge that a larger facility will be made available as the mission grows.

Negotiations with First Unitarian had been going on almost from the inception of the Metropolitan Community Church mission.

However, the mission leased meeting space in August at the Attic Window Bookstore — Actually a combination book shop, coffee house, and meeting place for disaffected young people which is operated by the Dallas Young Adult Institute, sponsor of Dallas' first homophile organization, the Circle of Friends.

But violent opposition from area businessmen caused the institute to back out of the arrangement before the first service could be held.

As a result, mission meetings had been held in the homes of various members up to mid-November, when space was provided by the Bon Soir Club.

The first service at the Unitarian church, which is on Preston Road in North Dallas was December 6.

Rev. Scott Odell is interim pastor. Rev. Willis is associate pastor.

"The prospects in Dallas are very good for a church, but it has been difficult because of the private home situation," said Rev. Odell. "But now that we're moving into a permanent home, I feel that by the middle of February, we should be having at least 100 active participants in the church.

"The people around here don't believe it, but this is my projection."

"I think this is a real breakthrough for us," said Rev. Willis.

Services will probably continue to be held at 1:30 pm Sundays. Either Rev. Odell or Rev. Willis can be contacted at (214) 824-0770 for information.

Rev. Odell said he hoped to be able to start a mission in Houston once the Dallas mission is on its feet.

Rev. Odell is a licensed minister from a small, independent Baptist sect. He now plans to seek ordination from the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. Rev. Willis is an ordained minister of Pentecostal background.

Although she provided the leadership to get the mission going with the blessing of the mother church, she has felt male leadership was needed and has deliberately chosen to take a secondary role.

"Let's face it, there are just a lot of people who don't feel right with a woman pastor," she said earlier.

Friends are necessary to a happy life. When friendship deserts us we are as lonely and helpless as a ship, left by the tide high upon the shore. When friendship returns to us, it is as though the tide came back, gave us buoyancy and freedom, and opened to us the wide places of the world.

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ion of persons. No-one important was there so we left early.

SOME OF THE COURT and other BP's were also at a recent smallish bash given by that dear old boy at his Montrose Boulevard flat. He's such a dear, and his English and piano-playing is flawed only by the late hours and drinkies and we all have problems sometimes, see? It was a musicale, almost, with the host offering a few bars of Chopin cum scotch, followed by a guitar and singing festival offered by the host's new whatever who could probably play pro-basketball. Although this party was not as Upper as some others this Season, it wasn't exactly non-upper, either, and that's a good thing, see? and not to be taken lightly.

(AND ACTUALLY, all considered, it's such FUN to mix your guest-lists occasionally, with all those interesting young unemployed persons and get it all together, as the brainless say nowadays.) It was also such a thrill seeing one of Houston's more active party goers and Social Leaders in his new hair-piece, which he got in New York recently to keep off the cold air, see? and we all know how important it is to keep your head warm, especially in New York in December. And it's a wonderful thing for him, too, because it makes him look YEARS younger and his own friends don't even recognize him at first, which is a COMPLIMENT, actually.

ALSO AMONGST THE guests at this little musicale was that dear boy from Victoria (which was NOT named for the English Queen, luv) and it was so good to see him again and to hear (for the umph time) about his simply dreadful experience in New Orleans some time back as a result of a tea-room offer of assistance. He swears NOTHING actually happened and that the handcuffs were not Tiffany and that they were UGLY.. Fortunately, the arresting officers seemed to have been somewhat financially embarrassed and the dear boy was able to assist them in their time of need and all the unpleasantness in the tea-room was then miraculously forgotten, expensively. Queer thing, though: although NOTHING actually happened in the tea-room to warrant the fuzzy accusations, only the night before the dear boy had been intimately received by a certain DA at which time he breached THE garrison with man's oldest weapon.. And no ugly handcuffs appeared THAT time, sweets, which only goes to prove that value systems in New Orleans are erratic to say the least. (However the dear boy's host for that memorable evening has recently been cited in National Review Magazine quoting a NY Times article telling about this same DA's having been accused of molesting a 13 year old boy in the New Orleans Athletic Club, and we guess that sort of thing would make it awkward for him to capture a co-felon post factum or de flagrante, see?

AMONGST THE BP'S seen on the party circuit was that dear boy from Beaumont (so many dear boys seem to come from Beaumont) who recently moved to Houston and now does legal things, legally. He is telling everyone about the rigours of preparing his newly-bought residence on South Boulevard for gracious living, which is IMPORTANT, really it is.. He's painting the whole place himself, which saves so much money (and we all should economise, really, because it's still sticky-wicket in the money-market, luv, thanks to years of dizzy financial policy in Washington and you know it). He's planning to entice friends in with booze and brushes for a paint-in and THAT will take diplomacy, sweetie.

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However, we just know he'll pull it off, for he was the Vice-Consul of the USA at a Far Eastern posting a few years back, from which post he left Under A Cloud and went into a very early retirement. Of course, we don't hold THAT against him and besides he is so amusing and chatty and comes from A Good Family and has the most lovely furniture and pictures and odd friends, which makes life spicy, see?

WONDERING ROUND THE cocktail paths also has been that dear boy who sells all that marvellous jewelery, with his cane and whatever, and whose own parties rival only those of his clients, whose parties are frequently paid for by his company, see? It really isn't that confusing, luv, it's just that his company picks up the tab for certain Society Matrons when they entertain,

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THE DOWAGER DUCHESS and her handsome new Duke entertained in their new town-house flat. The dear thing recently moved after many years in her Whitney Street location following A Little Chat with her landlord (whose own parties are Something Else) about a near-cremation which resulted in the hottest bed YOU ever saw, luv. The guests were the Duchess's usual marvellous mingling of The Court, A-Group and Others (some of whom were very, very Other, see? and it SHOWED) and the evening was so pleasant and the party was so lovely and some of the guests -- and Her Grace by immemorial custom -- got a bit potty-poo. Amongst the BP's was that dear old boy (who holds his age SO well and gets by on just five automobiles which is SOMETHING these days) from Corpus Christi, Houston, New Orleans and comfort stops in between. He walked over, actually, because he lives just around the corner and it saves on the petrol, see? leaving the Rolls Royce Phantom, the Marquis drop-head coupe and the World's Best Preserved Hearse at home, which is really terribly BRAVE, luv, considering the neighborhood see? Another well preserved drop head was left in C.C., which like its owner, APPEARS to have low mileage. Anyway, he's building a town-house (a REAL town-house, sweetie, and won't it be wonderful to see one, actually?) which is going to be fabulous,

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and it takes MONEY, LUV, and lots of it. WE'RE just all agog to see it completed, and just thrilled to know it will be an in-place for The Court and God knows they NEED an in-place after all those years in the wilderness.. The dear boy was chatting a Titled Person at one point in the evening whilst fluttering round them was one of the Other guests, a dear little dizzy of exotic ancestry who seemed to be in search of a padre sucre for the nonce. He didn't get too far with either the dear old boy or The Titled Person (both of whom loathe pushy little nellies and that's the truth, luv) and it was so amusing watching them fend the little twit off, really it was. It was really a beautiful party, really it was, and we just loved the interesting mingling of guests, including those dear young things who add pleasant sights if not brains to any gathering. And not one bed caught fire and that's IMPORTANT in some houses, let me tell you

ONE OF THE MOST cherished Christmas presents received by the lovely Lady K was a pair of cunning ear-plugs which permit conversation but keep out the raucous racket which passess for music in some of our clubs these evenings ("Trashing"). Anyway, Lady K was all atwitter to try them out at The Palace, see? and what better place, luv, unless it's the Romulous Club where the teeny-boppers and post-debs keep the noise up to teeth-drilling intensity and that's BAD for the inner ear and you know it, sweetie. Actually, the decibel level at The Palace is so atrocious we think it's actually driving away the Real Paying Patrons and not exactly proving a howling success with the teeny-bopper and unemployed set, and we're glad we said it, see?

ISN'T IT JUST wonderful the way so many BP's and Others come into Houston for the Holidays? Well, of course it is, sweets, and we're just thrilled by it all.

WELL, SWEETIE, it's been just too, too much fun this Season and we look forward with Great Expectations for the New Year and all those marvellous comings and goings of just everyone who IS anyone and their camp followers. As they say in darling San Francisco, "Don't just stand there with the trolly on your foot, luv, DO SOMETHING!" And we'll help just about everybody remember it

BEER OR FOOD — BAR OWNERS ASK?

An advance study has begun here in Houston by several people concerned with the States proposed bill making the serving of food in established beer taverns mandatory.

If this law is passed and adopted through a regional public vote the local tavern owners will face many serious problems in this changeover. Since most beer taverns are extremely limited in space the instillation of a full size kitchen would in many cases limit the bar space. Joe Public would have a hard time finding a place to sit and sip his suds much less eat. Another issue is the large financing and the tavern owner must bear for his state required, seldom used model kitchen. Commercial stoves, refrigerators, freezers, sinks,

dishwashers and steralizors, plumbing and electrical costs, and in many cases structural changes of the buildings interior would force the independent owner into financial chaos possibly even closure. There are just two of the more obvious problems he must face not taking into account the many smaller technical harassments.

There is an urgent need for the people affected to unite, study ways of defeating this issue in your area. Planning and advertisement campaign for the forthcoming meeting of all regional tavern owners are being worked out.

If you are interested or concerned with the future of this Bill, call the Nuntius Business Office (524-5612) at once and learn who to call possibly to help organize this task force.. You and I as sympathetic citizens are in some ways as involved as the tavern owners.

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Church urged to accept homosexual unions

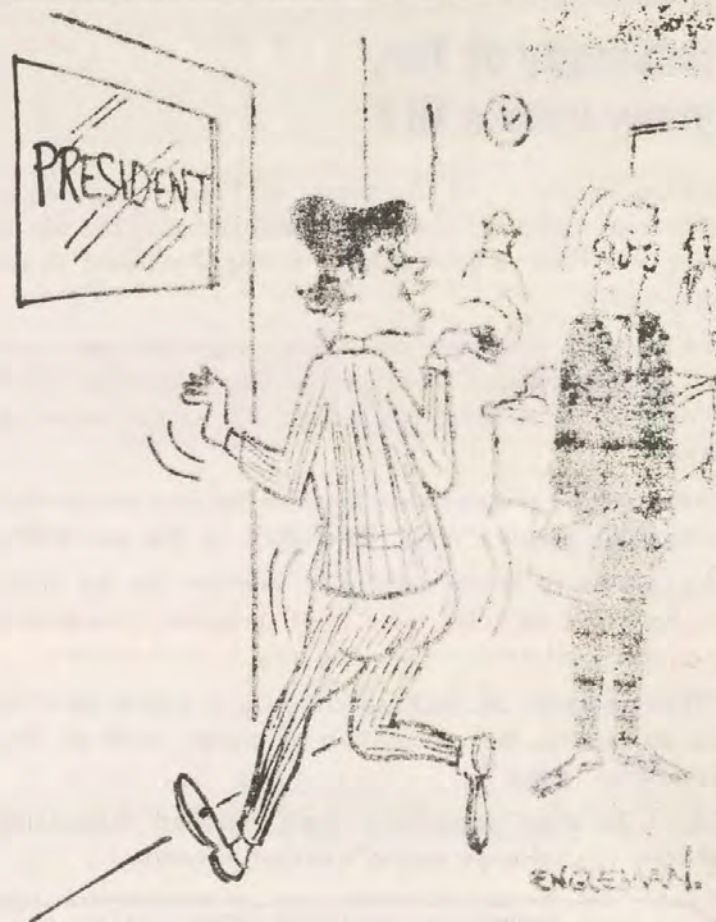
KINGS LYNN, England — The former press officer to the archbishop of Canterbury suggested Sunday that the church should consider blessing some homosexual relationships.

Michael De-la-Noy, preaching at Saint Margaret's Anglican Church here, said: "I am thinking of two homosexual men or women, who will be homosexual whether the

church likes it or not, who wish to establish a permanent, loving relationship, who happen to be Christians, and who want the church's blessing on their relationship."

De-la-Noy said that for centuries the church had made the "disastrous error" of teaching that man's sexual nature was intended entirely for procreation.

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Austin, Texas — The University of Texas is willing to provide psychiatric services to homosexuals, but not to recognize their organizations, acting President Bryce Jordan says.

The campus committee on student organizations voted 7-2 on December 7 to allow the Gay Liberation Front to register as an officially recognized campus organization.

Jordan vetoed the decision because he said recognition would "bring discredit" to the university.

The university is not lacking in concern for the plight of homosexuals" he said. "It provides psychiatric services to all students seeking help in such matters.

"The provision of such services is a proper role for the university; the recognition of groups such as Gay Liberation is not."

Gay Liberation organizers were reported discussing whether to challenge Jordan's action in court.



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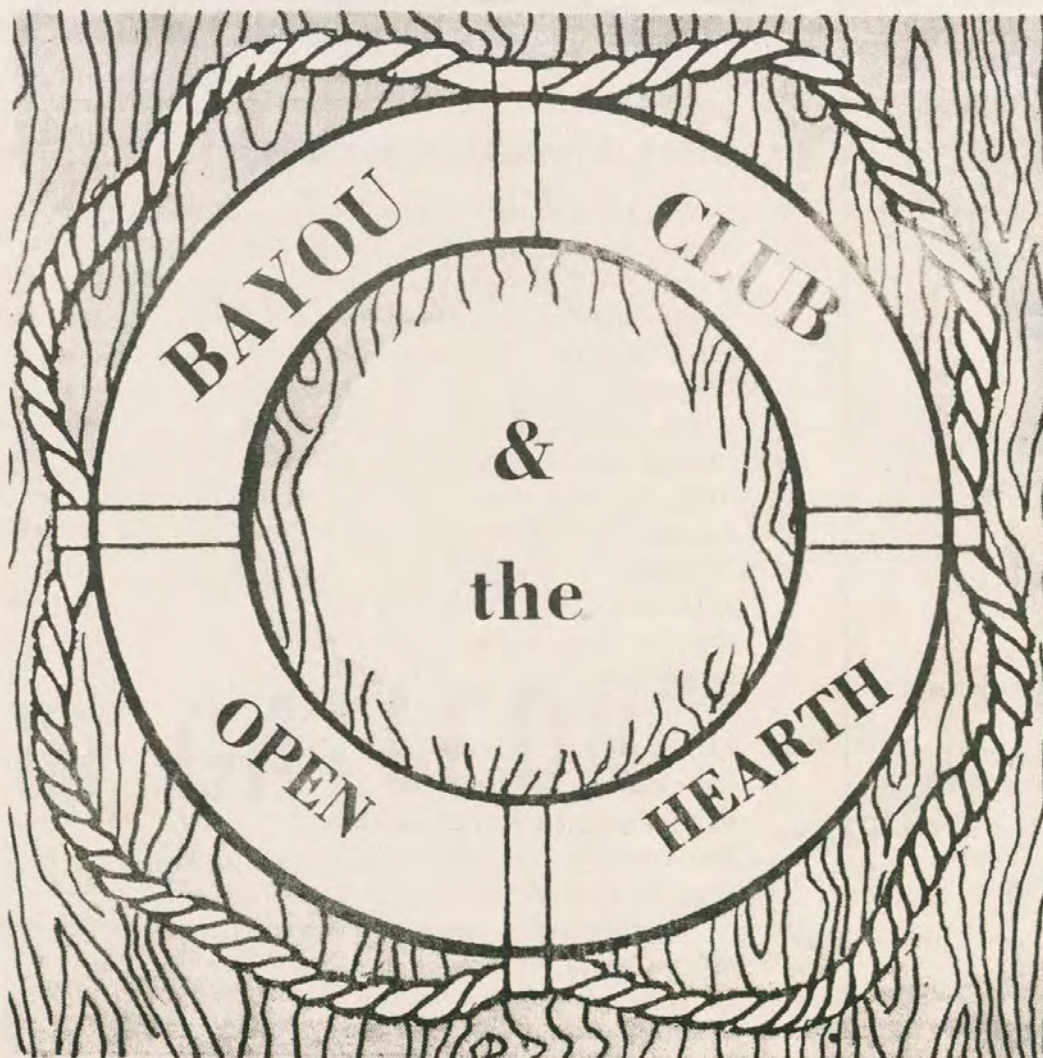
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Since heroin appears to be the narcotic used by most addicts today, these questions and answers deal mainly with heroin.



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WHAT IS NARCOTIC ADDICTION?

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One of the signs of addiction is withdrawal sickness. When the addict stops using the drug, he may sweat, shake, get chills, diarrhea, nausea, and suffer sharp pains in the arms and legs. Modern treatments help the addict through these withdrawal stages. Science has shown that the body's physical adjustment to the drug is much longer than previously believed.

There is another kind of drug dependency connected with the use of narcotics. This is psychological dependence. That is, taking the drug also becomes a habit. For example, the addict comes to rely on the drug as a way to escape facing life.

Narcotic use can become even more dangerous than expected, because large and unexpectedly pure doses can and not uncommonly result in death.

WHAT IS THE EFFECT OF THE DRUG?

Typically, the first emotional reaction to heroin is reduction of tension, easing of fears and relief from worry. Feeling "high" may be followed by a period of inactivity bordering on stupor.

Heroin, which is usually mixed into a liquid solution and injected into a vein, appears to dull the edges of reality. Addicts have reported that heroin "makes my troubles roll off my mind," and "it makes me feel more sure of myself."

The drug depresses certain areas of the brain, and may reduce hunger, thirst, and the sex drive. Because addicts do not usually feel hungry, their hospital care may include treatment for malnutrition. The drug may also reduce feelings of pain.

Withdrawal symptoms appear in the addicted person about 18 hours after the drug has been discontinued.

In general, effects of the drug are influenced by many factors. These include the user's personality, size and frequency of dose, and how the drug is taken.

that heroin addiction today is found chiefly among young men of minority groups in ghetto areas. Of the more than 60,000 known addicts listed by the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, more than half live in New York State—and most of these in New York City. Recent figures show that more than half of the addicts are under 30 years of age.



WHO TAKES NARCOTICS?

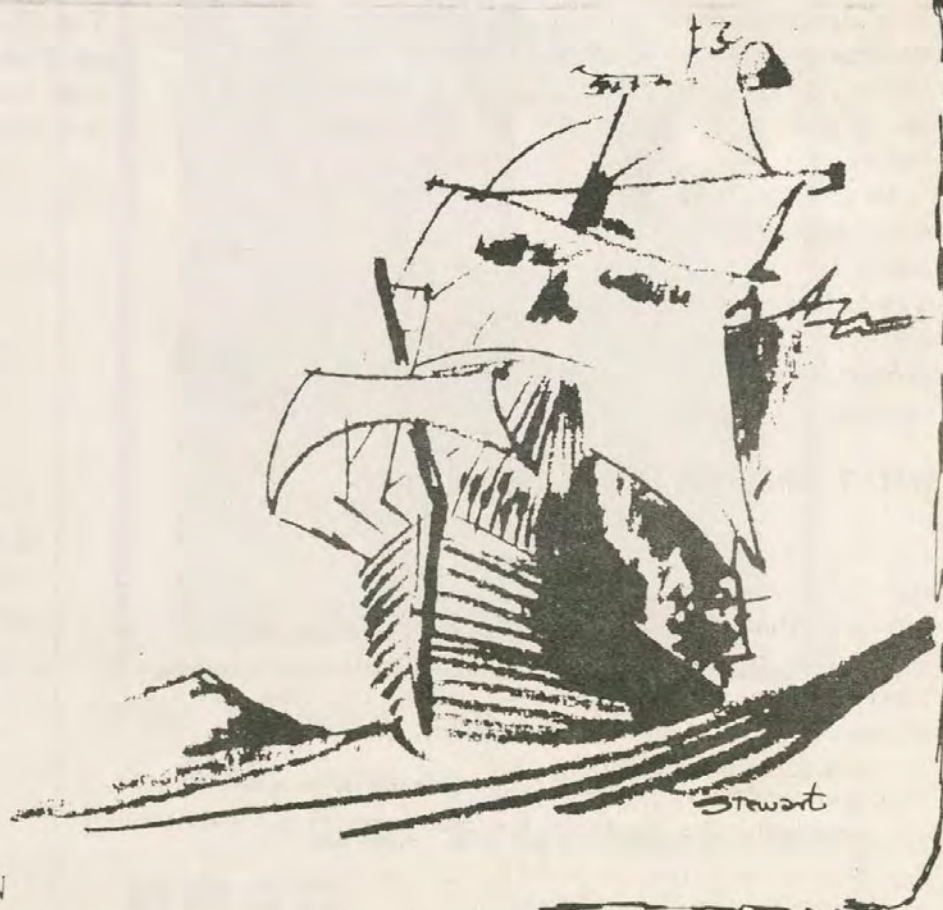
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WHAT IS THE LIFE OF AN ADDICT LIKE?

Many addicts admit that, once on drugs, getting a continued supply becomes the main object of their lives. His concentration on getting drugs frequently prevents the addict from continuing either his education or his job. His health is often bad. He may be sick one day from the effects of withdrawal and sick the next from an overdose. Statistics indicate his life span may be shortened by 15 to 20 years. He is usually in trouble with his family and almost always in trouble with the law.

DOES ADDICTION LEAD TO CRIME?

Some studies suggest that many of the known narcotic addicts had some trouble with the law before they became addicted. Once addicted, they may become even more involved with crime because it costs so much to support the heroin habit. For example, an addict may have to spend up to \$75 to \$100 to buy his day's supply of heroin.

Most authorities agree that the addict's involvement with crime is not a direct effect of the drug itself, but turning to crime is usually the only way he has of getting that much money. His crimes are nearly always thefts or other crimes against property, and not often crimes of passion or violence.

WHAT ARE THE LEGAL PENALTIES?

Federal penalties for illegal narcotics usage are established under the Harrison Act of 1914. It provides that illegal possession of narcotics is punishable by fines and or imprisonment. Sentences can range from 2 to 10 years for the first offense, 5 to 20 years for the second, and 10 to 20 years for further offenses.

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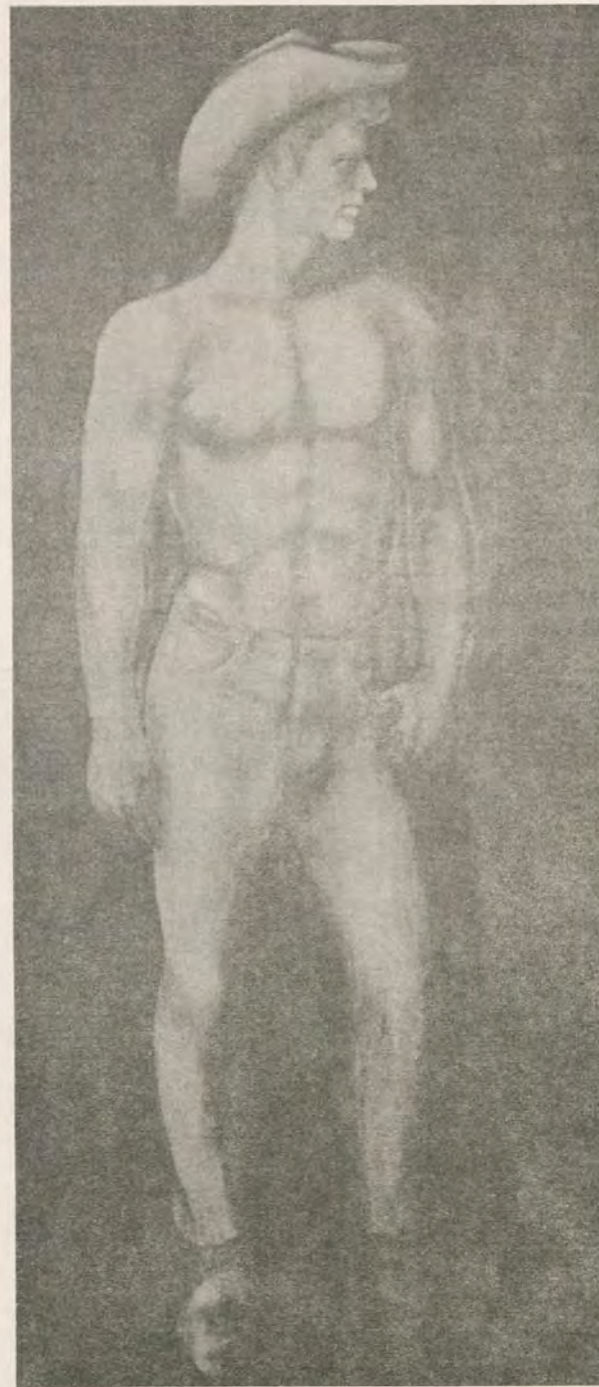
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