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## ALBATROSS

"BEHOLD! The Wandering Albatross, the expert and daring glider, the greatest of any living bird."

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WHY your publisher is called "THE  
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WHO ARE THE "PHANTOMS" OF AVONDALE?

Lurking in the shadows of darkness, attacking innocent citizens, especially after the midnight hour, who are these characters? One may assume they are unemployed, unwanted or purely incorrigible. The innocent--the victim-- should report any molesting act or threat to his personal safety to our local police. The law enforcement agencies are at your disposal at anytime. These officers will appreciate your cooperation in apprehending this type of person. What do the innocent have to hide? Do not conceal the identity of these "phantoms" who roam the streets at large and prey upon the good people of our community.

WHY your publication is named THE  
ALBATROSS

A great seabird remarkable for the length and narrowness of its wings and its consequent power of sustained, effortless flight. With hollow tubes over their nostrils, they live for months at sea, often hundreds of miles from the nearest land. They go ashore only to nest. They are expert and daring gliders. The Wandering Albatross has a wing-spread of 11 1/2 feet, the greatest of any living bird. The superstition that the Albatross brings good weather was long widespread, and was used by Coleridge as a starting point for "The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner."

COCKTAIL PARTY

The first edition of The Albatross bowed in with a sparkling champagne party for its formal introduction to sponsors and advertisers at Fiesta Club. Food was catered beautifully by Reed Bakers of Pasadena. Copies were available at this occasion and may be purchased through the advertising and sponsoring bars and clubs only. Support your favorite drinking establishment and buy your copies of The Albatross there.

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ON COURTESY

Courtesy or good manners as some people may think is a fine characteristic whether within a person's makeup and in the conduct of a business. Most bar operators strive to exercise courtesy toward the patron. But it applies both ways. The operator expects courteous treatment from the patron. A public drinking establishment is a qualified and licensed business that caters to its customers who respect the premises and what it offers for their pleasureable hours. Constant patronage is symbolical of their feelings for the owner and the help. Courtesy is a well-rounded and common trait for anyone. As Emerson wrote: "The greatest gift is a portion of thyself"

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## A TOUCH OF TEX

POPULAR  
MUSICMAN"THE ALBATROSS"

In olden days our mariners  
 Would never bless their trip,  
 Until they saw an "albatross"  
 Sail high above their ship.

They'd watch for days for this great bird,  
 This giant of the skies,  
 And when they saw it they'd rejoice,  
 Then rest their wind-burned eyes.

If in a storm, the bird appeared,  
 The crashing waves would cease;  
 The clouds were sure to break apart  
 And soon, there would be peace.

And so we took this giant's name,  
 In case you haven't heard,  
 And chose it as our mast-head  
 Above the printed word.

So when you see "The Albatross",  
 Rejoice--as we have said:  
 For it may bring us better things  
 In days that lie ahead.

Tex Kennedy

*Cross the stile of self-denial, over  
 the hill of Benevolence, cross the  
 stream of purity, and just beyond  
 the rock of resignation the nugget  
 comes in view.*



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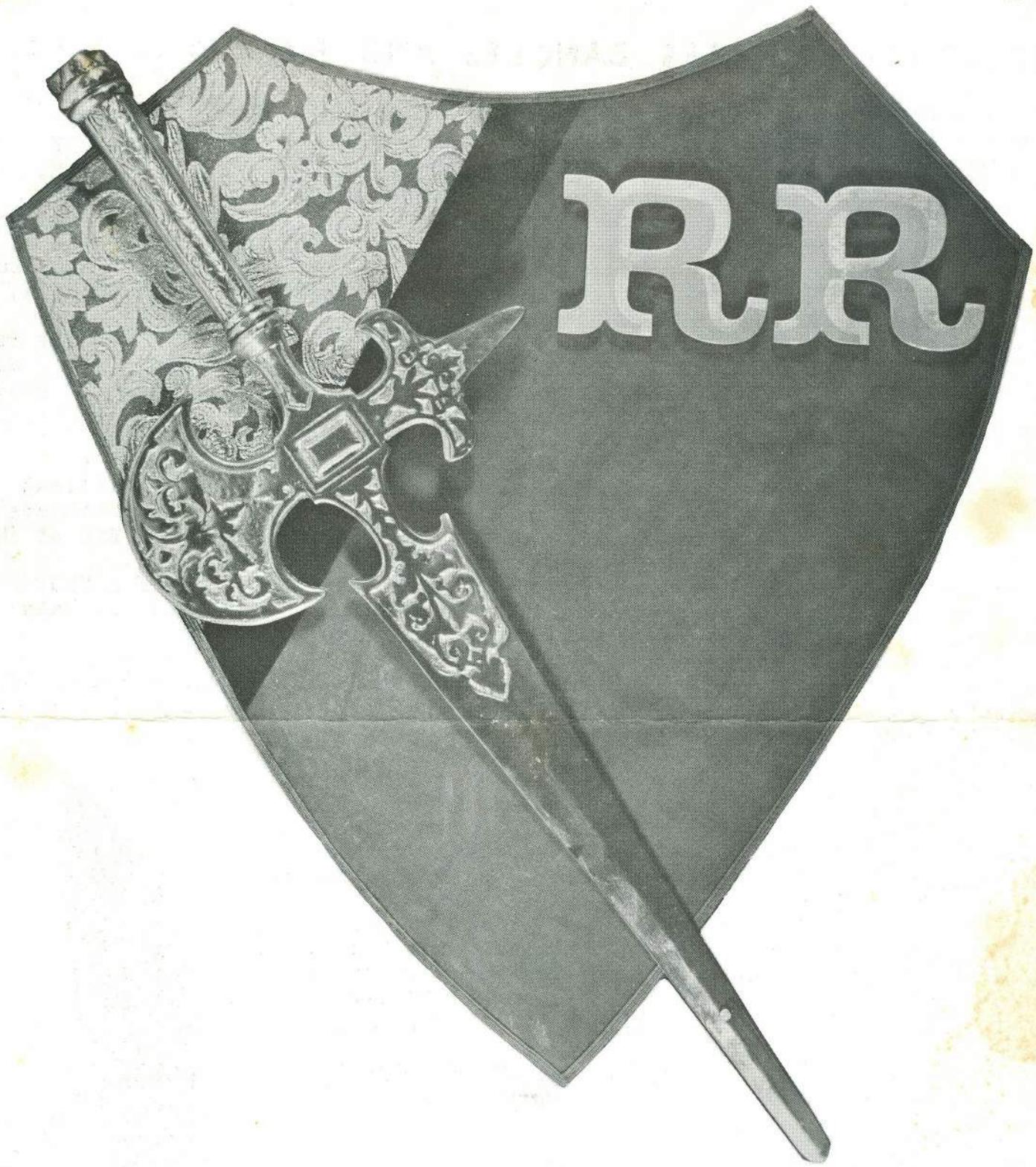
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## SPOTLIGHT

## BUBBLES BANGLES AND ME

by VIVACIOUS VIVIAN



This issue focuses its beam on the fine, friendly bartender of the SURF LOUNGE.

Known to many as a quiet, reserved individual, Jerry Pittman serves spirits with genial warmth. Jerry hails from our city originally but has lived in other parts of the nation.

Whatever your drinking pleasure, you will be served with gusto by the sparkling personality of Jerry.

Also, Verlon, the Grand Dame, is on hand to greet you and spot you on the green.

Write to: SPOTLIGHT  
c/o THE ALBATROSS

Who is your favorite bartender?  
Let's SPOTLIGHT him!

I hate to brag but I'm the original good time that was had by all! I'm a direct descendant of the "Tails of the Vienna Woods!" The only time I say NO, is when they ask if I've had enough. You won't believe this, but I was once so shy, I worked crossword puzzles vertically just so I wouldn't have to come across. I decided long ago, that if I ever got married I'll do it at noon. That way, if it doesn't work out I won't ruin the whole day. I'm not a virgin and I'm glad. Everyone knows what a virgin is, it's the ugliest girl in the third grade. All my life has been touch and go. All a guy has to do is touch me and anything goes! This has been going on for sometime. I don't tell my age anymore, I think it's bad enough when someone finds out my social security number is THREE. Listen, if we ever meet up don't think you have to pull that old line, "Come up and see my etchings," I'll be happy to read the handwriting on the wall. Don't miss the next installment when I tell all---"How to be subtle with a sailor on a six hour pass." Bye for now

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Virgil, Tex, and Melody



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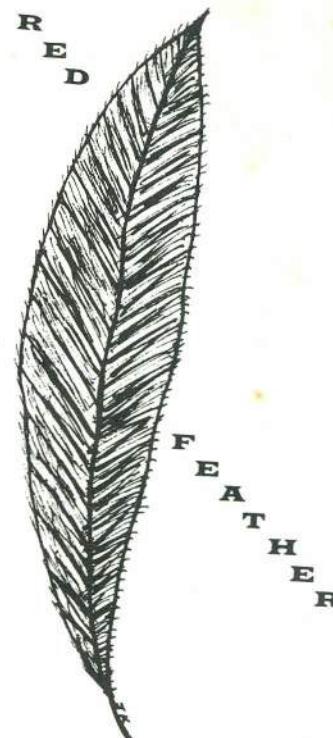
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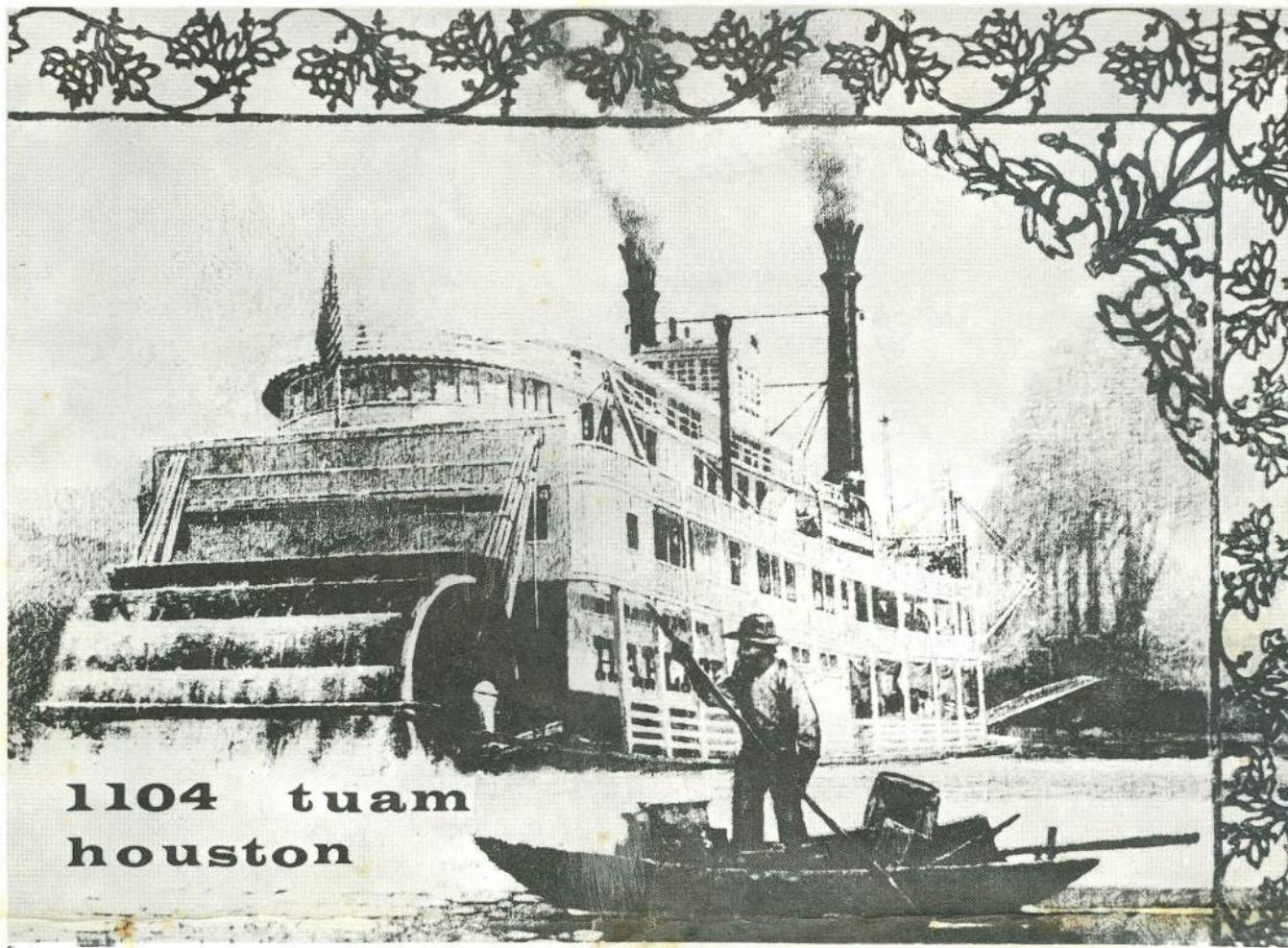
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**HOT WIRE**

Take a screwdriver, open a can of grapefruit juice and that starts a salty dog at FIESTA CLUB. Alton, the bartender will do anything to shake up the patron. For real after hours enjoyment, the curfew breakfast is terrific. For a \$1.50, where can us tired 'uns find a better place to relax and mouth at our co-hards. Where do all the flowers go? FIESTA, of course. Bill and John hosting, come see!

Elbowing around THE NUGGET, genial Paul on the door, trying to push you to the bar for a drink! A touch of New Orleans is the predominant atmosphere. At the tap is a real dyed-in-the wool bar-maid, little Jerry. Besides who can pull their brogans before a fire place for a cool one, winter or summer?

Rene', bartending at THE GASLIGHT in Lake Charles visited our city the last of July and was so impressed with the bars in the Grand Circle that he plans to return soon.

HOT WIRE reporter may be in your area next-WATCH for him! You may be in the next issue.....

**TELL IT TO TIZZIE**

for the lovelorn  
the forsaken  
write TIZZIE for advice:  
c/o THE ALBATROSS



Dear TIZZIE: I think love is just wonderful-but I met a Narcissus and I'm confused. In others words, I don't know how to respond. This person just stands before my full length mirror and admires the body. It cost me free food and drinks plus consumption of my valuable time. I do sleep alone--so here is my problem. Should I hock my mirror or search for a new Narcissus?

Bewildered

Dear Bewildered: Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet, but Narcissus are not for you!

Dear TIZZIE: Working a bar is not easy work and at showtime I become involved with lots of performers. There is a situation that disturbs me. The exotic dancer and the organist jive together on the shows and I love them both so how do I jive into the picture?

The Jivester

Dear Jivester: Since the exotic dancer and organist are jiving together, the only way you can get into the act is to Jazz it.

Dear TIZZIE: My favorite auntie lives in Chicago and wrote me for bus fare to Houston. I wired it. Next she called me from Las Vegas and needed bus fare to Houston. Then she called again from "Cut and Shoot" demanding bus fare to Houston. I keep wiring money anticipating her arrival. My problem is do you think I have an auntie?

Unrelated

Dear Unrelated: Must I go into detail--everyone has an 'Old Auntie'.

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