

# Walk right in



Darts are a major attraction at Don Leo's Lounge.

# No video games at Y Cafe Lounge

By DYANNE FRY Staff writer

It's not easy to find, but that's no particular reason not to go there. The sign by the gas pumps in front of the Y Cafe says "Saloon open 11 a.m." But walk into the cafe, and there's no evidence of a saloon. Just booths and counter stools, respectable-looking waitresses and a few hungry quietly chewing down.

Stroll through the cafe. Take the door marked "exit" on the back right side. Make a U-turn around a paneled protrusion in the little foyer there, ignoring the door marked "Hiway Haus Hotel guests only."

Finally, there it is. A double door with an unobtrusive placard announcing "Welcome to the bar." That's what Don Leo's Lounge is, all right. A bar. And a pretty comfortable one at that, once you get there. It might be easier to come in through the cafe's back entrance, and regulars no doubt do. The uninitiated might be stopped by the sign that says, "Use front door," or the fact that the "Hiway Haus" door is the only one really visible from the porch.

"Yeah, we need to do something about that," said Willie, the bartender. "We're going to put up some more signs, I think."

Then again, maybe that's a bad idea. One of the chief attractions of a hole in the wall is that it isn't Grand

Central Station. "I've seen that sign on the door out there that says 'no minors,'" said a seasoned-looking patron who'd just wandered in in his work clothes. "Does that mean copper miners, coal miners, or ...?"

"Young minors," smiled Willie, who appears to have a smile ready at all times. When the place isn't too busy, he even has time to play pool with the customers.

The Y Lounge also offers darts (three boards set up with spotlights and plenty of throwing space), an old-fashioned pinball machine, and a jakebox with an unusually good selection of music. And — a miracle in this electronic age — not a single video game in sight. (The mini-arcade has a room of its own, on the other side of the cafe.)

Sunday is dart tournament day. "Singles, doubles and triples," said Willie. "We start at 3 o'clock, and we keep playing 'til we're finished. We set up a spread out here, where you can make real beef sandwiches and stuff."

"We're going to get our pool tournaments started up next week," he added. Don Leo's is open every night until 2 a.m., with happy hour from 4 to 7.

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is one of a series on no-cover night spots around Comal County. If you know of a good one, call us.

## Spotlight

### Playing the pipes

Musical impressions of London, a "Fantasy on Japanese Wood Prints" and Bach's unforgettable "Tocatta and Fugue in D Minor" will headline an organ recital Sunday night at First Protestant Church.

C. Richard Morris, the church's director of fine arts, will solo, assisted by New Braunfels High School senior Lisa Hendry on marimba. The 7 p.m. recital will be followed by an ice cream social on the front lawn. And Morris says everyone is invited.

"It's not a heavy, heavy recital," he said. It doesn't look like an especially "churchy" one either.

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### Spinning the disc

The local Norm Allen group has just cut a single, "Jamaican Beaches," and they're having a record release party at the Woodlands Country Club tonight and Saturday at 9.

Allen and his partner, Keith Layton, did their recording at Walk on Water Studios, with all local musicians on back-up.

Both "Jamaican Beaches" and the flip side, "Bringing It Home Again," are Allen originals.

### Old stuff

It's antique weekend at the Gruene Mercantile Building, as dealers from all over Texas convene for the Hill Country Antique Market.

This is the third weekend market to be held in Gruene this summer. All have had their share of vintage items, but this is the first to specialize in antiques. Stalls will be open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, and admission is free. When the sun goes down, there's plenty of entertainment available in this little riverside community.

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### Blow your horn

Spotlight Theater & Arts Group, also otherwise known as S.T.A.O.E., Inc. will present Neil Simon's *Comed Blow Your Horn* next week at the Bulverde Elementary School cafeteria.

Performances are at 8 p.m. July 28-31, with an additional matinee at 2 on the 31st. The show is directed by James Janssen, with Glynn Turner as assistant director.

## Nightlife

### On area stages

Circle Arts Theatre, Landa Park — *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, 8:15 tonight and Saturday; 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Gruene Mercantile Building — Austin on Tap, four shows Saturday, starting at 8 p.m.

Bluebonnet Palace, IH 35 South — Tonight: Clifton Jansky; Saturday: Western Union.

Faust Hotel Bar, 240 S. Seguin — Tonight and Saturday: Aaron & Beth.

Gruene Hall — Tonight: The Fabulous Thunderbirds; Saturday: Boyd Brothers Band; Sunday, 4-8: Townes van Zandt.

Chama Hill, Walnut Square — *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs* (G), with shows at 11:15, 8:15, 5:15 (discount show); 7:15 and 9:15 each day. Also *Staying Alive* (PG), with daily shows

at 1:30, 3:30, 5:30 (discount show), 7:30 and 9:30.

In area clubs

Bavaria Village, 212 W. Austin — Tonight and Saturday, 8-11: Entertainers from Wursthof in the burgier.

Something Good Restaurant, 2815 Union — Tonight and Saturday: Jami Turk on guitar, Sunday lunch: Woodwind trio.

Starting Gate, IH 35 South — Tonight and Saturday: Midnight Riders.

Texas Dance Hall U.S. 281 South — Tonight: Gordon Land & the Goolaks; Saturday: The Newton Brothers.

Texas Junction, 262 W. Jahn — Tonight and Saturday: The Max.

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