

Getting Exercised in Washington, Tilted in New York

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Nasser Zahedi, cousin of Iranian Ambassador Ardeshtir Zahedi, and second secretary of the embassy, is fuming over his public pilloring by the Pisces Club in Washington.

He and socialite Jan Cushing have been suspended for "nonpayment of bills" and their names posted under the heading "delinquency suspensions."

Says one club official, "We don't want to embarrass people, but Nasser hasn't paid anything since he joined."

Zahedi retorts, "I'm not going back there 'till I get an

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apology. Pearl Bailey and I helped that club get started. Once they made it, that's the attitude they have."

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"It's fashionable now to say Jim's books weren't really dirty. But when I was a young man they were the dirtiest books I'd ever read." Kurt Vonnegut Jr. was saying recently when admirers gathered in New York to honor James Farrell on publication of his 50th book, "The Dunne Family."

Ardent fan Norman Mailer was there with Brunette Beauty

The Chatter Box

Norris Church. "I was a schoolteacher in Arkansas, Norman was lecturing there, and he took me home with him," said the schoolteacher-turned-model.

Farrell, a ladies' man in his own right, was lionized by the women. "I loved him, and still do," announced Dorothy Butler Farrell, wife No. 1 and 3. "But," triumphed Cleo Sauris, editor of *American Girl*, "he dedicated his book to me."

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Elton John, the bisexual rock star, is in London, claim-

ing he's laying low from the pop scene to avoid becoming another Elvis Presley.

"I might end up like him, hidden away behind iron gates. Over the past few years I've been protected like the crown jewels. And it's funny, because originally I just hoped to be a songwriter, earning \$54 a week."

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Richard and Pat Nixon plan to visit England in the fall of 1977 to coincide with the release of the former president's memoirs.

That's the word from his literary agent, Swifty Lazar, who came to negotiate with interested British publishers.

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