


If you have not read "Illegal Of The Day Illinois 24" you should. It makes a good case for the chips being Illinois Illegal's.

The fact that the only known chips were found in a Galveston, Texas antique store that was later destroyed by a hurricane has to play a part in the attribution but we all know the old illegal chips travel the country on the flea market circuit. It is just the way it is. I WANT ONE! <g>

Enough of that:
Texas:

Clock 1 O'clock T-mold

NAME <u>Paul Harris</u>				SPECIAL MONOGRAM				
Address								
Town State								
Per								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
606	Orange	Spec.	Clock	(Light Checks)				5/13/54
1009	Yellow	"	"	"	"			5/13/54
1009	White	"	"	"	"			5/13/54
404	Black	"	"	"	"			5/13/54

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It's interesting that virtually all of the Taylor Co. chip order cards for sales made in 1954 are type-written and have the name of the individual or business typed on them--but no address. As you know, a Taylor chip card with a name but no address is ordinarily thought to be a counter pick-up and therefore a good probability that the chip is from the Chicago area. I saw two order cards from 1954 which had the names of known Texas gamblers on them. The Clock chip was ordered in 1954 by a guy named Paul Harris and is attributed to the Clock Club in Galveston in the TGT.

My note: I have noticed the type written cards in the Taylor records but never made the connection to them being 1954. Suggests there was sanitation of the 1954 records. I did not go through them but at least one of the Texas gamblers mentioned above is Ivy Miller, one of Benny Binion's guys. Ivy has been in several "Illegal Of The Day" posts.

In fact all Texas orders in the Taylor records of "contacts" have been sanitized. There are none, NADA, zilch. IMO that means they were putting names but no address on chip records but maintained a separate address list of Texas contacts, somewhere away from prying eyes.

There was a gambler living in Galveston in 1954 named Paul L. Harris. He moved to Galveston around 1919 while in his late teens and lived there the rest of his life, dying in 1966 at the age of 63. Harris was busted numerous times for gambling violations. In the late 1930's early 1940's he operated the Majestic Hotel (at this time Paul's brother worked as a bartender at the Turf—part of the Turf enterprises which were operated by the Maceo's on the 2200 block of Market St).

Busted at the Majestic Feb.1940:

Man Fined \$50 In Tipbook Case

A fine of \$50 and costs was assessed against Paul Harris, charged with permitting intermittent gaming on the premises, by Recorder D. J. Wilson in corporation court yesterday after city officers testified they found a tipbook at his establishment at 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning.

The officers testified that Harris was arrested as a result of a raid on the Majestic Hotel, 419 1/2 23d, in which a tipbook was seized.

Those participating in the raid were Detectives A. J. Van de Geer and Monroe Cooper, Acting Sergeant Russell McManus and Officer M. Harvard.

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In the early 1940's Harris started operating out of the Panama Hotel where he ran a news stand and liquor store.

from 1943 (middle initial is wrong):

**PANAMA NEWS STAND (Paul A Harris),
Baseball Returns, Magazines, Daily News,
204 25th, Tel 2-7132**

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1943:

In the raids made yesterday morning police announced the following were charged with permitting intermittent gaming on premises: J. Calloway, 608 22d; Helen Johnson, 307 21st; A. D. Rizzo, 606 23d; R. Crawford, 301 21st; Paul Harris, 204 25th and Mary Tilley, 1928 E. City Detectives Burns and Kessel made the arrests at the first five named places and Officer Farnia at the last named one, according to police records.

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1947:

Arrests made yesterday included: Sally Miles, 20th and C; Hugo's Place, 2417 D; Mamie Keeler, 2821 C; O. Hogan, 414 24th; W. L. McMillan, 2226 C; Eddie Baker, 218 22d; Bill Deasy, 11th and L; C. Angelo, 201 14th; Pat. Bocock, 1917 1/2 45th; Mildred Russo, 416 24th; Vincent De Paul, 916 27th; Paul Harris, 202 25th; John Smith, 2527 Q; W. J. Rhine, 805 27th; W. L. Feigle, 1916 45th; Roy Hines, 23rd and E; L. J. Smith, 606 14th; Dorothy Tamam, 202 14th; Byron Everis, 1702 O; T. B. Baker, 2327 Church; O. Hogan, 415 24th; P. Micheletti, 721 24th; M. F. Burr, 1427 Strand, and R. Paoli, 2402 Postoffice.

Of the 24 arrests yesterday, all posted \$100 bond and were released pending hearing in corporation court this morning.

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My note: OK, there is no doubt Paul Harris was involved with gambling in Galveston. <g>
 No proof Paul was ever in Chicago but the sanitation of the Taylor records suggests he could have been sent the chips.

In 1950 these two chip orders were sent to the Panama Hotel building (which included store front addresses 202, 204, 208, 210, 212; the hotel lobby entrance was 206; Rosenberg=25th).

Interesting and odd similarity in the number of chips ordered for the different color chips: 303, 302.

NAME <i>Modern Music Co. (L.H. Morris)</i>		SPECIAL MONOGRAM						
Address <i>212 Rosenberg Avenue</i>		<i>LHM</i>						
Town <i>Galveston</i> State <i>Texas</i>								
Per <i>T-Design</i>								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
<i>303</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>LHM</i>	<i>Script</i>				<i>Gold</i>	<i>8-3-50</i>
<i>303</i>	<i>White</i>						<i>Silver</i>	<i>8-3-50</i>
<i>303</i>	<i>Lavender</i>						<i>Gold</i>	<i>8-3-50</i>
<i>303</i>	<i>Yellow (anti)</i>						"	
<i>303</i>	<i>Pink</i>						"	
<i>303</i>	<i>Green</i>						"	
<i>303</i>	<i>Black</i>						"	
<i>303</i>	<i>Orange</i>						"	
<i>303</i>	<i>Lo Blue</i>						"	
<i>302</i>	<i>Gray</i>				"			

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I need this chip! Cough it up if you have a trader.

Modern Music Co.'s business was coin operated devices. LHM=Louis Hayden Morris

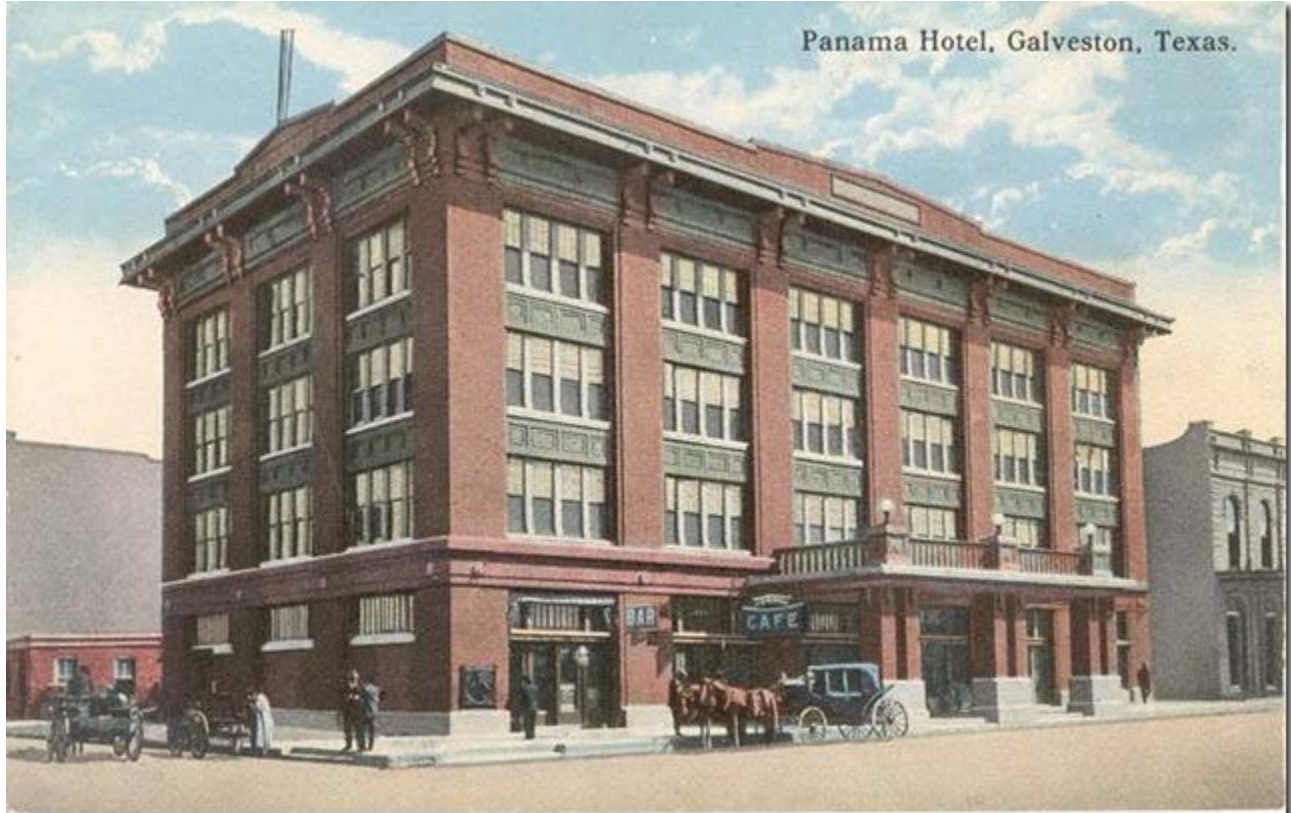
NAME <i>T. Paslovich</i>		SPECIAL MONOGRAM						
Address <i>212 Panama Hotel</i>		<i>JP</i>						
Town <i>Galveston</i> State <i>Tex</i>								
Per <i>T-Design</i>								
Amount	Color	Initials Both Sides	Style Type	Initials One Side	Other Side	Style Type	Monogram Color	Date Shipped
<i>303</i>	<i>Red</i>	<i>Black</i>					<i>Gold</i>	<i>10-10-50</i>
<i>303</i>	<i>Orange</i>	"					<i>Silver</i>	<i>10-10-50</i>
<i>302</i>	<i>oak Blue</i>	"					<i>Gold</i>	<i>10-10-50</i>
<i>303</i>	<i>Pink</i>	"	<i>US checks</i>				<i>Silver</i>	<i>10-10-50</i>
<i>301</i>	<i>Lavender</i>	"					<i>Gold</i>	"
<i>303</i>	<i>Black</i>	"					"	"
<i>303</i>	<i>Green</i>	"					"	"

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I need this chip! Cough it up if you have a trader.

The JT chip was sent to a well known gambling operator in Galveston at the time named Tripo Pavlovich. Almost a year after the chip order Tripo would commit suicide in his room at the Panama Hotel (he had lived for there for over two decades). The J on the chip probably stands for his long time friend and business partner Jimmie Alexander.

old post card of Panama Hotel; the building still stands (202 on far left, 212 on far right, hotel lobby entrance under porch):



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Unfortunately I wasn't able to find any direct connection between Harris and the Clock Club or what Harris was doing in 1954 other than managing an apartment house in which he also resided. He was associated with businesses at the Panama Hotel at least until 1949, perhaps longer. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge, Aerie 48, in Galveston.

My note: Not much help with the attribution.

The Clock Club was located at 2114 1/2 Market (or Avenue D). The address was in a two story building which also housed the address 2114. For many years these two addresses housed operations run by the Genna brothers: Tony & Vincent. The Genna's were big slot machine guys in Galveston and were involved with all kinds of coin operated devices.

During the 1940's and 1950's 2114 Market was the location of Happy's News Stand. Hertel lists a chip from there:

HAPPY'S NEWS STAND							Galveston	
denom	color	inlay	mold	notes	code	value		
\$100	white	HS-"HNS"	hub		TXHAP01	\$15		
	green	HS-"HNS"	hub		TXHAP02	\$25		



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My note: I think that is my scan in Ed's entry on his site. When I got the white HNS chip back in 1999, it was the only one known. No clue if others have been found.

Joe Rees
2114 Market St.
Galveston, Tex.

Chicago Style

HNS

10/13/45 1200 B-9 HUB CHECKS K 6812
1000 WHITE 200 RED
MONO HNS ON BOTH SIDES IN GOLD

10/27/45 800 HUB CHECKS K 7896
500 YELLOW 200 BLUE 100 BLACK
MONO HNS ON BOTH SIDES IN GOLD

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HAPPY'S NEWS STAND - GALVESTON

Joe Rees
2114 Market St.
Galveston, Tex.

(CHICAGO STYLE)

HNS

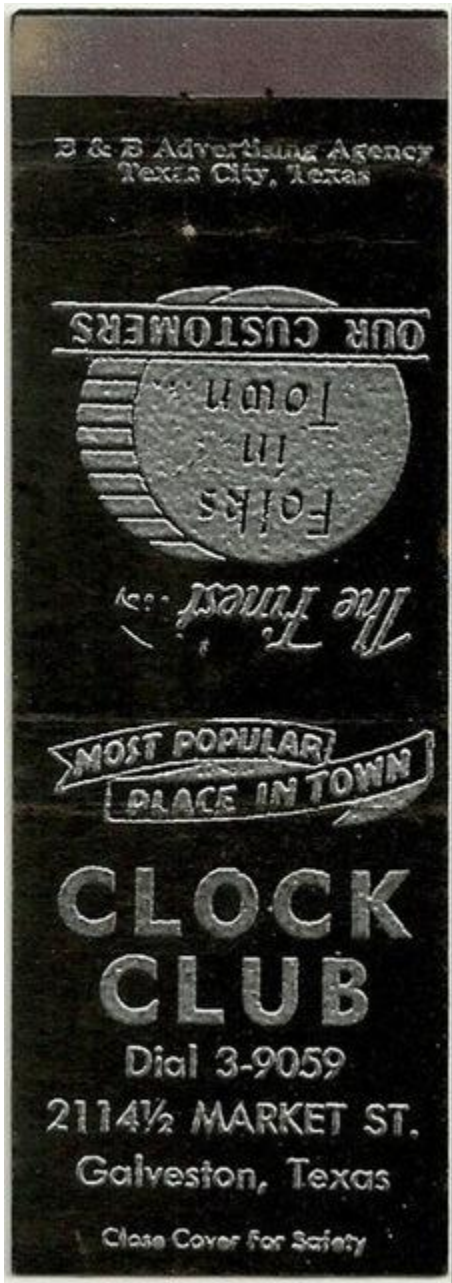
K-10558 12/5/45 100 Hub Checks
100 green 11.00
Mono \$100.00 on one side MO 11.00
on reverse side mono
H N S Chicago Style

\$10000

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The Clock Club appears to have opened in 1954--the same year as the chip order--and closed down sometime in 1957 (by Dec. 1957 a place called "The Showtime" was there). The Clock Club operated on the second floor and Happy's on the first. For several years prior to 1954, 2114 1/2 housed the M&M Music Co. which was the Genna's business front. When the Clock Club took over the address in 1954 the M&M Music Co. moved to 212 Rosenberg—the address in the Panama Hotel where the LHM chips were delivered in 1950.

matchbook:



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June 18th 1957, law enforcement visits Genna's M&M Music, Happy's News Stand and Clock Club (the Anthony Fertitta mentioned in the article is the great uncle of the Fertitta brothers of Las Vegas who own Station Casinos and Ultimate Fighting Championship as well as Tillman Fertitta who owns the Golden Nugget in Vegas and Atlantic City).

52 Machines Are Seized, 26 Destroyed

Rangers, Rotsch, Isle Police Raid 7 Places In Vice Crackdown

The arm of the city and state law flexed its newly-found muscles again Monday night—this time in a systematic seizure and destruction of gambling machines on Galveston Island.

At the end of the evening, the scoreboard read: Seven places raided; 52 machines confiscated; 26 machines destroyed.

Swinging the 10-pound sledge hammers were Asst. Atty. Gen. Cecil Rotsch, Texas Rangers Johnny Klevenhagen and Eddie Oliver, Chief of Police O. E. (Gene) Henson and Police and Fire Commissioner Walter B. Rourke Jr.

The raids were the continuation of the current state crackdown on gambling, prostitution and liquor law violations in Galveston county.

Last week, the law enforcement men destroyed 375 slot machines in a raid at Fort Travis on Bolivar peninsula.

22 Confiscated

The raiding Monday night started at 6:15 p.m. at the Galveston Novelty Co., 2005 23rd street, where 22 machines were confiscated.

At that moment, State Reps. Aaron Schwartz and Jenn Hoseny drove up to contest contentions by the Rangers that the machines were gambling machines, per se. Klevenhagen snapped he would get a destruction order Tuesday.

Then the party moved to the building at 210 Moody avenue owned by Maceo & Co. Anthony Fertitta, a prominent figure in the Maceo interest here, was called by Henson to open the building.

Fertitta came to the scene, but told police he had nothing to do with the company and the building had not been opened in five or six years.

Fertitta then called Albert Arena, a representative of the company, who brought down a key. Inside the warehouse, the officers found almost 200 boxes of tip books addressed to the Turf Cigar Stand, the top of a poker table, and some poker chips, but no gambling devices.

All There

Arena agreed all the equipment would be there in the morning, if the lawmen wished to seize it.

The raiding party's next stop was the M. & M. Music Corp., 212 25th street.

There the officers found and— with the consent of Vincent Genna, president of the corporation—destroyed 21 gambling machines.

The officers had examined a number of outdoor sheds—about the size of garages—without finding anything.

When Klevenhagen and Rotsch came to the last one, they glanced inside and almost turned away. Then Klevenhagen turned a flashlight through a crack in the door and saw the machines.

Rotsch turned to Genna and said, "You almost got by."

"I guess the boys didn't have time to move those," Genna said.

As a laughing crowd gathered to watch the Rangers, attorney general and police beat the machines to bits, Genna stood in the back doorway of his establishment and watched quietly.

Armed with a warrant, the officers searched the building extensively, and Rotsch found in the safe a photostatic copy of a deed indicating the transfer of the Fort Travis property to the M. & M. Music Corp.

Genna said he is the president of the M. & M. Corp., which, officers

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said owned the 375 machines destroyed last week on the Fort Travis property.

Genna said he did not know who owned the Oleander Junk & Saloon Co., the name listed on the packages which housed the slot machines on Fort Travis.

Break Himself

At Happy's News Stand, 2114 Market, raiders found two horse-racing slot machines and gave them the axe after Genna gave permission to do so.

Above the News Stand in the Clock Club, Rangers found some more tip books.

My note: This PDF was way too large to upload. If you don't have time to read it, bookmark it. If you collect Galveston chips it is a "MUST READ." Thanks to David Spragg for uploading and hosting it.

15 page "Orders" against County Clubs published in The Texas City Sun on June 11, 1957. It is a good read and mentions most involved in Galveston illegal operations. If you collect Galveston illegal's there is a lot of history here.

<http://www.marlowcasinochips.com/links/genetrimble/Clocksymboltexas.pdf>

Both cases for Illinois and Texas could be made from the research. As my favorite TV pundit Bill O'Reilly would say, we give you "Both Sides" and "You make the call."

Conclusion: If I ever get one of the chips I will have to make a decision on where I will attribute it! <g> Until then I am leaning toward the ??????? attribution. <g>

Special thanks to Doug, Ed, Rick, and our "Friend Of The Hobby."
The history of our chips is a never ending story. I for one would have it "no other way."