

SA election: Polls open 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

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A LITTLE BREEZE left Kenneth Smith, journalism jr., with barely a leg to stand on as he walked through the wet parking lot behind the Cougar office. **PATTY NAISER—**

Liggett sees potential in Fine-Teixeira slate

Students' Association (SA) Pres. Jim Liggett has endorsed Rick Fine and Gary Teixeira for SA president and vice-president because he said he feels they possess two important qualities, experience and initiative.

"SA's chief executives must know what is going on both within SA and within the rest of the university," Liggett said. "They must be strong advocates for the students and in order to do this they must know what is going on and how to do something about it," he explained.

Initiative is needed to put experience to work, Liggett said.

"Good intentions and good ideas are necessary, but they are not enough," Liggett said. "In order for these intentions and ideas to come alive and move toward fruition, they must have the best advocates possible."

Liggett said he considers Fine and Teixeira the most qualified candidates for president and vice-president. "From knowing, but not always agreeing with Rick and Gary for the past two years, I have come to believe that there are no students on campus better qualified," he added.

Liggett said he intends to brief his successor thoroughly on the programs now in progress. "I got about an hour and a half of preparation from Paul Rogers when I took over," Liggett said. "I plan to spend at least two weeks in briefing the new president," he added.

He said he feels this will prevent a loss of leadership momentum and will provide continuity of leadership.

"Whoever is elected will have their own programs, and some that we've begun," Liggett said.

Liggett stated he feels his administration has lived up to most of its campaign promises. Reading from an old campaign leaflet, Liggett pointed out all of his promises have been realized or are being worked on now.

Vote today

Students' Association elections begin today and continue through tomorrow. Students must produce a validated I.D. card, a current fee slip or a driver's license to vote. The polls will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and are located in the University Center, Engineering and Heyne buildings.

WATER DISTRICTS

CRC deliberates changes

By DIANE COPELAND
Cougar Staff

The way special districts and authorities are presently created enables private investors to legally "steal" millions of dollars from Texans every year, Jack Woods, director of Taxpayers' Rights Association (TRA), said.

The removal of Section 7, Article 9 from the Constitutional Revision Commission's (CRC) constitutional draft will allow private investors to continue using taxpayers' money Woods said.

This section of the CRC's proposed constitution deals with special districts and authorities. It was recently voted out of the proposed constitution by the Constitutional Convention committee on Local Government.

The section reads: "The Legislature shall provide by general law for establishing financing, consolidating, and abolishing special districts and authorities and shall define their powers by general law. No special district or authority shall be created if the service it is to provide can be provided by an existing political subdivision. The provisions of this section shall not be applicable to school and community college districts."

TRA was formed a few years ago to create a greater public understanding and awareness of the tax laws and tax policies which exist at all levels of government. This organization is working for reforms in the formation and control of water districts, Woods stated. TRA would like to see the following words added to Section 7 of Article 9 of the CRC's draft: "That no special district will be created without consent or approval of city and county or counties involved," he added.

Woods said the key words are "consent or approval." He said he believed if special districts can be created by only notifying the city or county, they have no real control over them.

He stated water districts can be a useful and necessary tool in providing water and sewer services in developed areas where bonds are approved by voters and sold to pay for improvements. The bonds, he said, are then retired by taxes levied on the property owners.

Woods added, some years ago, enterprising lawyers, engineers, and developers conceived the idea of creating a water district on the land belonging to the developer. The developer, he said, drills a water well, installs water and sewer lines and paves one street. He then builds two houses which he sells or deeds to employees, friends or relatives, Woods said.

An election is then called to create a water district and or approve bonds, Woods said. "Two, three or four people vote several millions of dollars to pay for the water and sewer lines and drainage system installed by the developer and to continue the development of the land," he said.

Many developers buy their own water district bonds, he added. They then get tax free municipal money with an interest as high as eight and one half to nine per cent he stated.

He said he believes one of the real evils of these developmental water districts is that they are used by developers to pay their developmental expenses. These developers are charging their capital costs to the public who will have to collect taxes for 30 or 40 years to pay off the developers' debts, Woods continued.

"A typical district will spend nearly half of its bond money for such purposes as issuing and selling bonds, engineering expenses, legal fees, and interest during construction," he added. The city of Houston may then annex these districts and the taxpayers of Houston are then responsible for paying back the bonds, Woods said.

Woods said 80 percent of the water districts in Texas are located in Houston or Harris

County, and an estimated 400 to 500 water districts in this county.

In a book highly recommended by Woods, called "Shadow on the Alamo," Harvey Katz said about one hundred water districts were created in 1969 in the state of Texas without the benefit of landowner petitions, court supervision, or rights of appeal. (See CRC, Page 12)

Law dean foresees challenge in expansion advisory post

John Neibel, dean of Bates College of Law, will be named to a newly created position as special assistant to UH Pres. Philip G. Hoffman upon his resignation as dean, effective August 31.

The appointment is subject to approval by the UH Board of regents.

Hoffman said Neibel would be specifically charged with coordinating relationships between existing and projected campuses in the expanding UH system.

"John Neibel is singularly qualified by training and experience to assume what I predict will become one of the more significant assignments within the university," Hoffman said.

"We will depend upon him to a major degree in establishing and maintaining arrangements that will combine the level of uniformity necessary to efficient operations with the obvious benefits of innovation, diversity and response to specific needs," he said.

Neibel expressed particular satisfaction over the new appointment which he said was, "a unique personal and institutional challenge to assist the expansion of UH to several campuses, offering as it does exciting opportunities for broadened service to thousands of Houston area students."

"I am pleased to be asked to help the university in this development and am eager to do all I can to see it achieve all the potentialities this expansion offers," he said.

UH now includes the central campus the Clear Lake campus and the Victoria Center. A fourth UH campus has been recommended by the Texas University and College System on a donated tract of land beyond the north

west side of the city in the Woodlands area.

Neibel will continue as a professor of law. He has been dean of Bates College of Law since 1964. Neibel has had seventeen years of experience as a university professor and administrator.

During Neibel's tenure, law school enrollment has increased from 400 to 700 and the faculty and library have more than doubled.

Gas ripoff

The energy crisis really hit home Monday when Charlotte Moye, business freshman, reported to Traffic and Security (T&S) that about 22 gallons of gasoline was siphoned from her car while she was in class.

Moye said her car was parked in the lot across from the McElhiney Building. She stated the gas was probably taken between 8 and 11 that morning.

T&S Lt. R.V. Johnson said siphoning of gasoline is a problem T&S has been watching. "This was the first reported incident, but, I think it's on the upgrade," he said.

Johnson said, "Officers have been alerted to watch anybody fooling around in the area of a car gas tank."

Inside the Cougar



Pages 8 and 9 contain every imaginable entertainment review the Cougar could dig up.



It's David Marrs, semi-superstar, speaking from basketball land on Page 6.



Get down on the Bayou—Armand Bayou—with a group that is sponsoring nature hikes. See Page 12.

EDITORIALS

Fine—Teixeira

The election of president and vice-president of the Students' Association is not a matter to be taken lightly. They run a vast complex which represents the student voice in the running of this university. Their jobs are tough, demanding ones which call for a vast knowledge of the workings of this university.

Only two of the available candidates qualify—Rick Fine and Gary Teixeira. They know how SA works and they know how the administration works. It's a tough combination.

It's the type of combination needed to implement programs and get things done. It's the type of combination that will give students effective representation.

So we ask that Rick Fine and Gary Teixeira be given the chance to give students an effective, dynamic Students' Association, a Students' Association with an over-weening desire to serve the students of this community.

When you go to the polls today, vote Fine and Teixeira for president and vice-president of SA.

Claiborn—regent

It has been the contention of the Cougar in recent years that there be a student member on the Board of Regents. This desire came close to fruition in the fall of 1971 when a place came vacant on the board.

We didn't get a regent with voting power, but we were given the concession of having a student elected to the board, who would sit in on the meetings with the board in an advisory capacity.

The first such regent was Mark Collins. The second was Reggie Hirsch. The third was Steve Claiborn. Claiborn is running for re-election this year. We feel it would be a wise move if the students sent him back for a second term.

Claiborn's programs as outlined in his platform are sound and bespeak a dedication to furthering the cause of the student at this university.

Claiborn, because of his dedication, is held in high regard both by his contemporaries and the members of the board. Such regard is not obtained without some merit.

So again we would like to urge students to consider re-electing Steve Claiborn as student regent. His re-election would be a great service to this community.

Candidates listed in order as they appear on ballots

PRESIDENT
Grieselda (Kris) Vasquez
James G. Magee
Rick Fine
Sonny Willis
John Edson

VICE PRESIDENT
Sara Johnston
Donna Peterson
Gary Teixeira
Steve Virgilio
Jeffrey Lash

President-

Vice-president

Griselda (Kris) Vasquez—
Sara Johnston

Education, Sociology
Young Socialist Slate

The Young Socialist Candidates feel the Students' Association should be more than a forum for individual student leaders to build their egos. We feel SA can be an instrument to help students at UH gain control over the institutions that are presently controlling us.

If SA continues the way it has in the past, we can expect continued non-participation by the students in the politics of the university. If, on the other hand, SA is utilized to build student concern and participation around issues and events that affect our lives, SA will benefit, as will the university community as a whole.

An example of the current leadership of SA and their poor leadership is the childcare issue, where SA confined its activity to hobnobbing with the administration, attempting to "convince" them that maybe UH really does need child care facilities. And when the administration offers next to nothing, they herald this as a great victory, trying to cover up for their own inability to win adequate facilities.

To understand what SA would do with Young Socialist candidates in office, we point to the initial work to remove scab produce from the UC cafeteria. The Students for the Farmworkers organized picket lines and protests which explained why the farmworkers should be supported and how we could support them. It was these demonstrations that forced ARA food services to withdraw scab lettuce from the UC cafeteria, not the backroom wheeling and dealing of the Student Service Party leaders.

Electing the Young Socialist candidates would mean the beginning of a very important change for SA. Instead of trying to cut student participation, we would try to involve students. Instead of snuggling up to the administration, we know we would have to fight against them and their stranglehold on this university.

Our strategy for SA is our strategy for the student body and society as a whole. Nothing is given to us by the good will of the administration. We have to organize to win what we need.

If you want SA to rubber stamp administration decisions, vote for some other candidate. If you want an SA that will organize students to win, vote Young Socialist.

James G. Magee—

Donna Peterson
Marketing, Journalism

As president and vice-president, we would like to see SA devote more of its time and student funds to campus issues, efficiently and actively supporting the students.

We will conduct a careful revision of proposed budget expenditures. Some campus organizations are overfunded; others are slighted. We want to shift some funds into areas more beneficial to the students.

We will establish an open forum where students may voice complaints, suggestions and opinions.

This is necessary to create a working rapport between the students and SA. Students deserve to know what SA does with their student fees. They should have a voice in campus politics.

We will work with the administration to establish programs and services beneficial to the entire student body.

We will strive to inform the student body of the programs and activities of student government. We want to encourage every student to take an active part in student activities and student policy formation.

Rick Fine— Political Science,

Gary Teixeira Business Admin.

On the basis of our working knowledge of UH, we intend to pursue a program of academic reform beginning with pass-fail options in courses outside one's major. Secondly, students should receive academic credit while participating in the cooperative education program. Academic advisement must be improved, particularly in Arts and Sciences.

Furthermore, the free SA peer tutorial service desperately needs beefing up. We plan to explore new avenues of financial aid, such as present dormant state laws allowing the waiver of building use fees to 5 per cent of the student body and student service fees to 10 per cent of the students on the basis of financial hardship. Moreover, we hope to increase student participation in departmental affairs, including the hiring and tenuring of faculty, as well as the determining of curriculum.

Providing a more reliable health center will be a high priority—one which we will approach by expanding hours and hiring additional staff including two gynecologists. A childcare center should, of course, be established on campus.

Veterans desperately need and deserve a counseling service to advise them on educational benefits. Finally, we plan to research and hope to implement a non-profit, cooperative student store.

Sonny Willis—Steve Virgilio
HPE, Optometry

There were several factors that we considered before choosing to seek office, but the credibility gap between the isolationist SA and the students they seek to serve stands most prominent.

SA has become a closely knit group of pseudo-intellectuals and power seeking individuals. This could benefit the students if it were properly channeled, but it has yet to be. Furthermore, how much power can a group of people obtain if there is no backing from the students they serve?

A classic example of this was the uni-senate proposal of 1973 which students voted down in a campus-wide election. Dr. Hoffman then ordered a mail-out vote and the issue was decided by one fourth of the student body. The conclusion to be reached from this action is frightening. The opinion of Dr. Hoffman superceded all else and despite protests from the SA "powers," the mail-out determined the fate of the uni-senate. So much for "student power."

The current direction of SA is strictly political. The sad fact is most students realize their powers are, and always will be limited as long as there is no unity among them. Politics is not a unifying factor, hence a politically oriented SA will do nothing to enhance student interests on campus. A service oriented SA would do much more than a political SA ever could.

Don't misunderstand me; there are some things SA has directed itself to that are quite beneficial to many students: the University Council now seats 10 students, the childcare

center should open this fall, efforts have been made to obtain course credit for co-op work, an academic bankruptcy proposal was presented, and many more.

For too long SA has been isolated from students. It has catered to the whims of a select few, while the majority of students went unnoticed. We want students to become involved in SA, but until SA changes its direction, no such involvement will come. Students feel they have no real voice in student government because no one has taken the time out to listen and find out their feelings and opinions on things other than major issues of SA.

We do not plan to fill the air with political rhetoric or make a multitude of campaign promises that look good on paper, but have little or no real meaning. We plan to begin work on areas that will benefit students and not just a select few. Some of these areas include:

1. Free eye examinations at the Optometry School
2. Improving the service at the Health Center
3. Lowering prices at the bookstore
4. Re-assignment of parking spaces
5. Obtaining better food service on campus
6. Improving CARPUL

These priorities come from students who knew little or nothing about SA, but now want to get involved. Steve and I plan to continue to spend most of our time with students, rather than in an office or meeting with political cronies.

We seek your support in the upcoming elections, and, win or lose, we plan to spend our time making SA a more viable and responsive organization, benefitting those who should reap the rewards — the students.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The platform of Willis and Vergilio was presented in Tuesday's Voters' Guide, but the bold-faced headline was left off. In the Guide, their platform immediately follows the platform of Fine and Teixeira as it does here.

John Edson—Jeffrey Lash
English, Political Science

The Edson-Lash candidacy represents an effort to introduce a new measure of both academic and philosophical freedom at UH.

We firmly believe we are equipped to deal with the issues of concern on campus without allowing ourselves to get bored or boring. When we speak of things like "creative atmosphere" and "forum of ideas," that is not to say we are unconcerned with the day-to-day efficient functioning of student government. It is just we would like to alter the focus of attention in such a way as to make the best creative challenges and ideas of our time more accessible.

As a specific illustration of this new direction in government, we point out our plan to establish a "speaker's corner" where every member of the university can come on Friday afternoons to hear and be heard. We also think it would be to some advantage for SA to sponsor and maintain a student-culture oriented coffee house where student art could be exhibited and discussed.

We also encourage elaborate childcare facilities. This would not only make the university more accessible to the community, but would contribute to the geniality and identity of the campus.

Throughout our campaign and administration, we intend to maintain the kind of flexibility that will make a broader range of considerations available to us all.

Voting figures from past elections indicate only a very small percentage of the students' voice. Someone observed that no one cared to vote because they did not think it would really make any difference. If this describes your outlook, consider the main point of our platform is that with new ideas, we can make a difference.

equal time

To the Editor:

Please put me in touch with the fellow whose bicycle wheel is pictured on the front page of your Tuesday paper. Since somebody obviously stole the bicycle off his wheel and somebody also stole a wheel off my bicycle, I expect that we can make some kind of arrangement concerning his wheel and my bicycle. You know, ride the assembled machine on alternate days. Of course, I figure that I ought to have riding rights two days out of three, since I have the major part of the assembly. Anxiously awaiting the results of your diligent search, I remain
your faithful reader,
Bob Chain

To the Editor:

In response to Rothermel, Cominsky and Mauer's letter of

given in The Cougar of a fraternity and sorority is why many a time they are grossly misunderstood. In defense of fraternal organizations, I would like to charge these three students with the following obligations, which the fraternities do take upon themselves. Have you ever participated in raising money for National Charity or have any of you ever participated in giving an entire Christmas to an orphanage? Furthermore, have any of you given annual contributions to a United Charitable Foundation?

Yes, fraternities do have fun, but they often involve themselves in worthwhile causes. An example of such causes would be the SAE-EX charity football game which will be held on March 1, 1974. I assure we will have a good time but at the same time the proceeds

antagonism toward fraternities, I can safely say that the description will be donated to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation. I hope to see you there!

Bruce Tough

To the Editor:

Thanking you again for the forthright stand taken by your paper.

W. James Kronzer

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Faculty members get research grant

The first awards under the new \$50,000 Research Opportunities Program have been received by 9 UH faculty members, Dr. Emmett B. Fields, executive vice-president and dean of faculties, announced Friday.

These awards will be used for exploratory research, equipment purchases, proposal preparation, travel to agency headquarters and conventions.

The program provides "seed money" for faculty members with specific plans for seeking additional outside funding for their research, the announcement said.

Faculty members were jointly recommended for the awards by the Office of Research and Sponsored Activities and by a faculty evaluation panel.

Fifty proposals were received and evaluated on the basis of quality of the proposed research and on its potential for attracting continued and increased funding, or seed money, from federal or other external agencies.

Dr. Roger L. Singleton, Assistant Dean of Faculties, said he feels this money will provide direct benefits to the students.

Singleton added, "If future grants are forthcoming, there will be opportunities for graduate, and even some undergraduate students to participate in the faculty research."

Faculty receiving awards are:

- Dr. John C. Allred, physics and biophysical sciences professor, \$7,000 for construction of a prototype instrument for automatic cancer cell detection;
- Dr. David E. Clarke, pharmacy professor, \$3,325 for initiating neuro-chemical research;
- Dr. Steven J. Cool, associate professor of optometry, \$4,600 for exploratory research on visual form perception;
- Dr. Theodore Gish, associate

professor of German, \$2,084 for planning a program to define criteria for foreign language competency-based teaching education;

• Dr. David Gottlieb; sociology professor, \$1,000 for organization of an interdisciplinary, interdepartmental research program in child-youth services;

• Dr. Samuel Lee, associate professor of electrical engineering, \$4,500 for purchase of equipment and research in refractory materials needed prior to submission of proposals;

• Dr. Gordon W. McKee, associate professor of optometry, \$3,919 for a study of the relationship between visual skills and academic achievement in young children;

• Dr. Keith Y. Wang, assistant professor of electrical engineering, \$2,400 for research and development on a biomedical acoustic imagery system;

• Dr. Frank L. Worley, Jr., chemical engineering professor, \$7,000 to build a facility for study of atmospheric dispersion of pollutants.

Singleton said by continuing these grants, the individual students will also benefit indirectly from the professor's accumulated knowledge.

'Invaders' funds trip to Mexico

"The Invaders" will be presented by Ripley House at 4401 Lovejoy Friday night at 8 p.m. A donation of one dollar is requested.

"The Invaders," is a play dealing with class struggles. It was presented Sunday at E. Cullen from 3 to 5 p.m.

The play was written by Egon Wolff and directed by Sidney Dorf to help fund a field trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, by Spanish department students.

The Institute of Hispanic Culture will sponsor the play March 5 at Rice University. It will be presented in the biology building, room 131, at 8 p.m. Donations are voluntary.

A Latin American dance will be held in the Houston Room from 8-12 p.m., Tuesday March 5. Beer, a live band and a floor show will be featured. Proceeds will help fund the trip to Mexico.



UH JOURNALISM students Nancy Perdue and Doris Moran receive scholarships from Barbara Van Horn.

AWRT awards scholarships

Houstonian Editor Nancy Perdue and journalism junior Doris Moran were each awarded a \$950 scholarship from American Women in Radio-Television (AWRT). Barbara Van Horn, president of AWRT, gave the students the checks February 20.

The scholarship gives these students the opportunity to work in radio and television stations for 10 weeks this summer.

Moran and Perdue will accompany a professional from AWRT to the various stations and observe her as she works.

ELECT
MIKE STACY
Position 10 A&S
Someone who will listen...

Vote
Rick Fine
President
Gary Teixeira
Vice President

- * pass/fail options in courses outside one's major
- * improved academic advisement, particularly in A&S
- * academic credit for students employed under the Cooperative Education Program
- * student participation in departmental affairs, including the hiring and firing of faculty and the determining of curriculum
- * new avenues of financial aid, including fee waivers and additional tuition scholarships
- * a more reliable Health Center, with expanded hours and staff
- * a Child Care Center established on campus
- * a Veterans' Counseling Service to advise on educational benefits
- * a non-profit cooperative student store
- * continued support for Ethnic and Women's Affairs programs
- * greater assistance to the free Peer Tutorial Service
- * reinstatement of Free Fairs, and installation of picnic facilities in Peoples Park II

Endorsements

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Room 201 Religion Center
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Catholic Newman
Association
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Room 122 A.D. Bruce Religion Center

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Energy forum planned by AEC

A free Citizens' Workshop focusing on the energy crisis will be conducted by the UH Energy Institute and Rice University March 4 through 7.

The workshops are scheduled for presentation in 43 cities across the United States under the auspices of the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC).

According to the AEC, public awareness and knowledge is needed so that constructive contributions leading to solution of energy problems can be made.

The workshops are divided into a question and answer period to explore current status and problems and an Energy-Environment Simulator practice session to attempt a balance between national energy resources and environmental needs. There will also be a slide presentation dealing with history of energy use and ways man has met energy needs in the past.

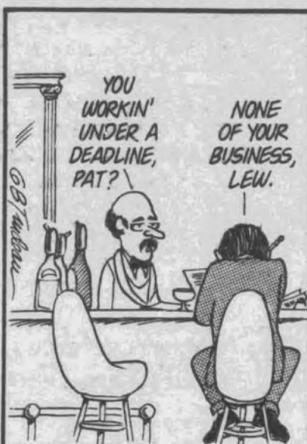
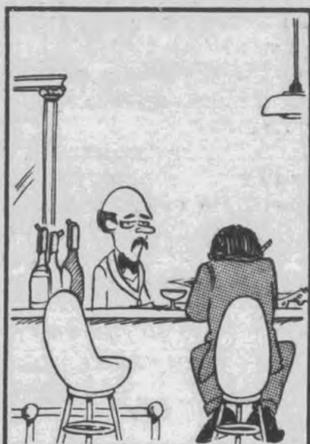
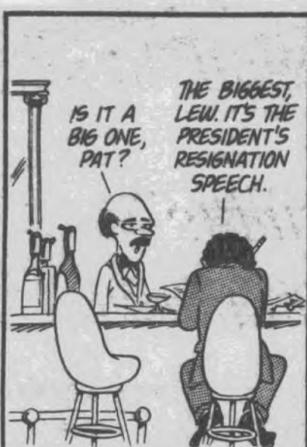
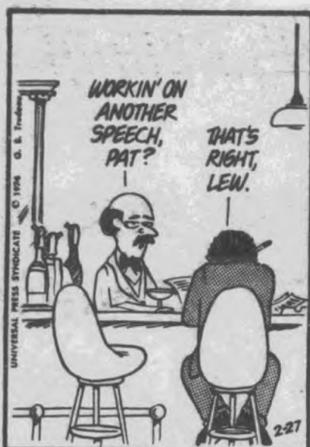
UH sessions will be held from 7:30 to 10 p.m., March 4 and 5, in the Atlantic and Pacific Rooms, UC Annex. Rice University sessions will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. March 6 and 7, in Room 309, Sewall Hall.

Correction

In Tuesday's Voters' Guide the Board of Regents and at-large pos. 1 candidate Nelson Wong's statements appeared in reverse order. His Regent statement appeared under at-large and at-large under Regents. The Daily Cougar apologizes for the error.

DOONESBURY

by Garry Trudeau



Change isn't always better

Students' Association (SA) presidential and vice presidential candidates spoke on campaign issues to nearly 100 dorm residents in the OB cafeteria at 6 p.m. Monday.

The presidential and vice presidential candidates to speak were, respectively: John Edson and Jeff Lash; Rick Fine and Gary Teixeira; Jim Magee and Donna Peterson; and Sonny Willis and Steve Virgilio.

The statements were serious and many claims and campaign

promises were made.

The informal conference went well for everyone except Jeff Lash.

In his plea for votes he said, "If you want change in your government, not necessarily a change for the better, but if you want change, vote for Edson and Lash."

Election apathy rises

By TONY CANINO
Cougar Staff

UH Students' Association (SA) Election Commission released the following figures of student participation in the SA election in Spring, 1973. The breakdown, compiled Jan. 29, 1974, shows that very few students voted in the election. SA elections are today and tomorrow.

NAME OF SCHOOL	NO. WHO VOTED	PERCENTAGE OF SCHOOL
Social Work	11 out of 100	11.0
Architecture	63 out of 403	15.6
Hotel and Rest. Mang.	45 out of 337	13.3
Optometry	22 out of 358	6.1
Pharmacy	46 out of 702	6.5
Law	51 out of 774	6.5
Technology	66 out of 1,498	4.4
Business	228 out of 4,837	4.7
Arts & Sciences	1,166 out of 12,843	9.0
Engineering	151 out of 2,020	7.4
Education	133 out of 3,739	3.5

Total number of people voting—1,982
Total number of enrolled students—27,611
University's total average—7.17 percent.

Homosexual VD rises

Homosexuals account for fully twenty-five per cent of the syphilis cases reported in males in Texas, according to the State Health Department.

Evidence suggests the incidence of gonorrhea in male homosexuals is even greater.

The 294 cases of syphilis reported in Texas last year reflect a crescendo rise of VD in male homosexuals, said Dr. M. S. Dickerson, chief of the com-

municable disease service of the health department.

Dickerson said homosexuals rarely state their problem openly and physicians untrained in this area of diagnosis may overlook cases of gonococcal pharyngitis and proctitis.

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Senate committee blocks raises

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Women's suit closes famous pub

HARTFORD—(UPI)—Mory's Tavern, the storied haunt of Yale men under fire by women's liberationists, lost its liquor license under a Connecticut Supreme Court ruling today.

The state's highest tribunal held that Mory's, the watering spot for Elis for 110 years and immortalized in the famous "Whiffenpoof Song" of 1909, fails to meet the legal definition of a club.

Unresolved by the decision is whether Mory's can retain its traditional restriction against women.

Richardson doubts Nixon impeachment

DALLAS—(UPI)—Former Attorney General Elliot Richardson disagreed with President Nixon Tuesday on grounds for presidential impeachment but predicted that Nixon will escape impeachment.

"I think the odds favor his conclusion that he won't be impeached," Richardson said at a news conference. "The evidence won't show direct criminal involvement in a criminal act, that he knew in advance of the Watergate break-in or participated in the coverup."

Henley granted April hearing

SAN ANTONIO—(UPI)—District Judge Preston Dial Tuesday set an April date for a pre-trial hearing for Elmer Wayne Henley, one of two teenagers charged with participating the worst mass murder in the nation's recent history.

Dial said he wanted to clear up questions on the admissibility of oral statements Henley made to police after his arrest and to determine if the 17-year-old youth was presently mentally competent to stand trial.

Henley is charged with six of 27 sex and torture murders of teenage boys in the Houston area.

Nader charges oil firms cut consumers

WASHINGTON—(UPI)—Ralph Nader said today the major oil companies were attempting to kill smaller competition at both wholesale and retail levels at the expense of the American consumer.

A group of FTC lawyers have recommended breaking up parts of eight big firms. Nader said the FTC aim was to increase competition and said that without it, consumer prices of gasoline and other fuels will soar.

Nader, the consumer advocate, contended that the big oil concerns are not importing all the oil they can because they can get higher prices in Europe, Japan and elsewhere in the world.

Nader said on the NBC-TV Today Show that there was "a contrived relationship between supply and demand to keep the domestic price of oil and gas high."

Egyptians capture Israeli tour bus

TEL AVIV—(UPI)—An Israeli bus carrying 28 American Jews on a tour of the Sinai frontlines Tuesday went too far down a narrow road looking for a place to turn around and was captured by the Egyptians near Ismailia east of the Suez Canal, the military said.

A spokesman for the military command said there may have been 40 persons aboard the bus, including Israelis.



THERE WAS A little grass smoking going on in the field across from UH Entrance no. 1 yesterday. . . Firemen managed to get things under control shortly, however.

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Marrs replaces scoring lack with 'plenty of enthusiasm'

By HORACE BUTLER
Assistant Sports Editor

"Maybe if I was scoring 30 points a game I could say that I was a great offensive threat, a super-star, but I'm not. So, I'll say I give the team a little enthusiasm," said UH cager, David Marrs.

The 6-8 Marrs shares the forward position with Sidney Edwards and occasionally, the center slot for Guy Lewis' Cougars. He is shooting at an 8.6 point game average, but currently boasts the third best percentage clip of the team at 52.4.

But the amiable sophomore is a more valuable player than his scoring clip alone might indicate. Probably the most exceptional performances he has turned in have been under supporting roles when the starting center or forward for UH had been needed with fouls.

Marrs took over the center slot in both the UH-Rice contest and Houston's first game with Centenary, when teammate Maurice

Presley left both games with foul trouble. Although Marrs couldn't placate the Gents 7-1 Robert Parrish, he did manage to stave off a persistent Owl surge by closing out the middle and effectively covering both boards.

More recently, the aggressive Marrs hit 12 of Houston's 14 points in a surge that left Centenary reeling in a 105-89 defeat, and which paved the way for a possible NIT post-season bid for UH.

"If we play as good together as we did against Centenary, I think we could beat anybody," said Marrs. "We had 31 assists against them and it was the best game we've played."

The business major is quick to point out that he doesn't have any particular way of 'psyching' himself up before the game—it all happens on the court.

"When I go out on the court I look at the crowd and I look at the opponents, and I automatically get psyched up," explained Marrs. "I'm not really playing it for anyone particularly, or the crowd—I just want to beat the opposition."

Marrs had set a personal goal this season to average about 13 points and 10 rebounds, which I haven't attained," but mentioned that a planned regular workout this summer with members of the Houston Rockets should put him closer to his goals.

With a bit more experience and more playing time to test that experience Marrs might even be able to forget his 7th grade debut to basketball—"I was terrible, I couldn't chew gum and walk at the same time." No doubt his opponents wish he would have stuck to gum chewing.



GREG JOHNSON—Cougars Staff

DAVID MARRS (50) shows no fear when it comes to challenging bigger players. Here he halts 7'1 Robert Parrish of Centenary singlehandedly.

UH netters notch victory over BYU

Lee Merry and Dale Ogden withstood a three set pressure match, and four of the six Cougar players won singles matches, to lead Houston to a 6-3 win over Brigham Young University yesterday at Hoff Courts.

Merry and Ogden beat Jim Robbins and Mark Berner 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 in the final doubles match of the afternoon to insure the Cougar victory.

Double-duo Matt Rainey and Jim McNairy won their doubles match 4-6, 6-3, 6-3, over Dwight Fredricks, and Bill Terrell, while Ross Walker and Bob Ogle were defeated 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, by Bruce Kleege and Alejandro Hernandez.

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Baseballers split twin bill

After the dust had settled around home plate and 37 runners had scored, it was determined (by computer) that Houston had managed to split a twin bill with the University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL) Monday afternoon.

The Cougars were never in the opener after USL unloaded for 10 runs in the third inning. Again the pitching fell through for Coach Hill and USL went on to win 13-2. UH's slugging right fielder, Dave Vinson, was not to be denied as he went 3-3 including two doubles. Pitcher Charles Barza was the victim of the USL outburst.

The nightcap proved a little better for Houston winning 14-8, but the pitching problems which have plagued the Coogs thus far

continued.

Trailing 2-0, Houston, with the aid of four walks in the second inning, scored eight times, seven coming after two were out. Two run doubles by Tommy Kaiser and Russ Schroeder were the key blows.

Trailing 8-2 through, USL fought back to knot the score at 8-8. Houston batters retaliated for their beleaguered moundsmen, this time scoring six times in the fourth inning. Vincent's second home run of the year got the Coogs rolling in the crucial fourth. For the day Vincent, a senior, went 6-7 raising his average to .454 Kaiser contributed four hits in the twin bill. Elroy Othold was given the win, his second in three decisions.

Houston is now 5-5 and travels to Austin this weekend to play the action begins. A single game is

Texas Longhorns (8-0) as SWC scheduled Friday and two on Saturday. All three games will be carried on KUHF-FM (88.7).

Van Zandt wins billiard tourney

Senior Scott Van Zandt won the Intramural Billiards title Monday night, defeating Pat Delmar of Sigma Chi.

Van Zandt represented White Wonder, and won the club division title. Delmar was the fraternity champ.

Don Kemp of Law hall won the dorm division and Jim York of Hotel and Restaurant Management took the Professional title.



COUGAR PITCHER Rick Mahoney collected his first victory of the season in Friday's victory over Nichols State. Mahoney and the Cougars split a double header yesterday with Southwest Louisiana.

BILL CALDWELL—

McMillan leads Rifle victory

In the National Rifle Association Sectionals held here at UH last Saturday, two rifle squads from Houston placed first and second.

The Cougar sharpshooters were competing against teams from Centenary University and Texas A&M.

The first team, lead by Roger McMillan, who fired 569, and Dana Weller, who also shot 569, compiled 2273 total points. The second UH squad, which totaled 2197 points, was led by William Douglas and Bob Bridges.

Houston was not as fortunate, however, in the big target shootout held one day later against TCU.

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'Alfredo...' loses little in comedic translation

By JAMES HARRISS
Cougar Staff

Although a little is lost in the translation, "Alfredo, Alfredo," now at the Windsor, is a very good comedy.

One warning: don't go if reading bothers you. The film is in Italian with English subtitles, but this doesn't hurt too much. It's balanced and well-acted.

Dustin Hoffman is in fine form as a wishy-washy bank clerk with a degree in architecture. See what I mean about being wishy-washy?

The opening scene has him in divorce proceedings; the movie

then takes shape as a remembrance of his wife and their life together.

He had been near 30, was still living with his father and had never been serious about a woman. Whenever he was attracted to someone, he couldn't handle the responsibility. He'd simply don a pained expression and sigh, "It's better this way."

Finally he meets the girl of his dreams: a beauty with an uncontrollable sex drive which causes the bashful Hoffman to break out in a rash.

The rest of the film follows this pattern of almost ridiculous oc-

currances, so extraordinary that the audience is often rolling in the aisles.

Director Pietro Germi shows a great flair for comedy here. He uses Hoffman to his full potential, which is quite good, making issues of little, supposedly unimportant items such as a pimple or a scream of passion.

Perhaps the fact that the movie is in Italian makes it even funnier.

One of the best laughs is at a point where the wife is wreaking havoc in general for at least a minute, then the subtitle reads: "You ingrate!"

Hoffman presents a different figure as Alfredo. He is, I guess, a conventional Italian, waving his arms and drinking wine, but still he's odd.

It's probably the novelty of seeing Dustin Hoffman's mouth moving without hearing his voice. The really good virtue is that the novelty doesn't wear off.

Even if I could speak Italian, it couldn't have been better.

A laugh's a laugh in any language.



DUSTIN HOFFMAN plays a wishy-washy (as usual) bank clerk in the Italian comedy, "Alfredo, Alfredo," now showing at the Windsor Theatre.

C&W singer toys with teen idolism

By LEON BECK
Cougar Staff

Apparently, Johnny Rodriguez has the appeal of a country David Cassidy or even teeny bopper-pop idol Donny Osmond. That is, if the "He's fantastic! Oh my God!" exclamations from the cowgirls at Monday's night performance of the Houston Fat Stock Show and Rodeo were any indication.

Rodriguez made his way to the revolving stage in the center of the Astrodome during KENR's night at the rodeo, dressed in white and waving to the cheering crowd from his convertible.

From the days when he was discovered while behind bars for goat rustling to his rise to the top of the country music world, Rodriguez has proven himself to be a consistently solid contender for super stardom. And Monday was no exception.

Rodriguez blends the Merle Haggard-Charlie Pride country into his own unique style.

Yet, with all the plus factors in his favor, Rodriguez's performance was a victim of sound and distance. At times the sound became extremely loud and distorted. He kept his between-numbers chatter to a minimum, commenting that he wouldn't talk too much, but just sing.

His numbers all reflected the pages of the Johnny Rodriguez songbook—"Pass Me By," "You Always Come Back to Hurting

Me," and the hit penned by Billy Joe Shaver, "Ride Me Down East."

Rodriguez told the crowd he used to hitch-hike to Mexico as a youth, then he gave the crowd a taste of those bygone days in his hit "Riding My Thumb To Mexico."

Rodriguez turned to the other spectrum of music when he treated the crowd to some '50's rock 'n' roll, "Johnny B. Goode," then moved into the contemporary rock field with "Your Mama Don't Dance."

He then slowed his pace with the Beatles' "Something," then his current hit "That's The Way Love Goes."

But country music is people's music and the half acre of Dome separating Rodriguez from his fans was a half acre too much.

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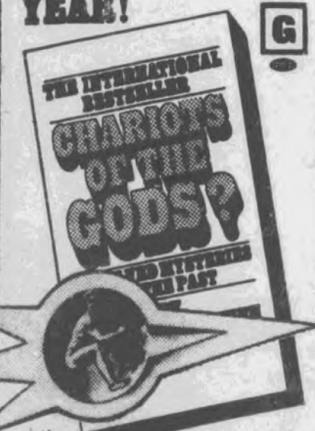
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'Fantastic Planet' mixes cartoons, SF

Filmmakers run out of imagination in plot

By ALLEN JONES
Cougar Staff

Although dazzling in its presentation of a macrocosm in which humans are exterminated as casually as roaches, "Fantastic Planet" remains somewhat obtuse in its allegorical conclusions.

Setting the survivors of earth's nuclear Armageddon on a world in which they are regarded as nothing more than animals, the film creates this world in bold strokes of imagination.

A wide variety of weirdly functional flora and fauna abound with predators and victims interacting in an alien, yet logical, fashion.

The planet is ruled by an advanced race of giant blue men who keep domesticated Oms (humans) around to caress and play with between sessions of strange meditation. Domesticated Oms are kept as pets and savage Oms fall prey to regular extermination on order to keep their population at "acceptable levels."

Placing in the role of hero an escaped domesticated Om named Ter, the plot concerns his efforts to educate the savage Oms and lead them in escape from the progressively more brutal Drog de-Omizations.

In detail, the film amazes, covering everything from Drog learning processes to Om mating rituals.

But as far as the messages which characterize so much of the best of science-fiction, it appears the creators of the film just plain ran out of imagination. Perhaps buried in the film there remain more profound statements than I was able to ferret out. But if they are buried that deep, the film failed to present them in a clear enough manner to affect many people.

There are several obvious themes to the picture. One of them concerns the stupidity of prejudice. This is evidenced by the almost fatal underestimation of the Oms by the Drog.

Another concerns the awful losses of human life when the Oms separated themselves into warring factions. But, of course, when they all band together to work for the common cause... presto! Instant victory!

The most worthwhile statements were those about the value of the human race. They seem to be saying that this value doesn't lie in any inherent favor bestowed upon us by the gods but upon our own vitality, sense of direction and the good ol' power to reason.

If moralisms contained some kind of a cumulative quality, perhaps these would be effective. But they don't. And what we are left with is a series of moral redundancies.

Beware of this review!

Please don't let my quibbling about morals and such destroy your desire to see the flick. Because while it may not be the deepest science-fiction movie, it certainly is one of the best.

Prize winner works by not making excuses

By STVEN CARLBERG
Cougar Staff

They're saying already that 1974 may be the year of the science fiction film. "Fantastic Planet," a Czech cartoon feature, is one of the things getting the talk started.

After winning prizes at Cannes and another half dozen film festivals around this particular planet, "Fantastic Planet" is

starting its American showings—in Houston, at the Park III, Gaylynn et al.

"Fantastic Planet" has two basic things working against its commercial success. The first—it's a science fiction story. And the second—it's a cartoon.

People seem to think that science fiction is the sole property of an imaginary type characterized as a skinny bookworm with glasses and a bow tie—unless

the SF is soaked in pop porno or something equally groovy before public airing. Thus Queerass Comix is cool and Star Trek is for kids.

I'll never understand the popular mentality, I guess.

"Fantastic Planet" isn't making any excuses about where it comes from. The movie is science fiction and not embarrassed about it. The story (See PLANET, Page 10)

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The PC Travel Committee is sponsoring two trips to Europe this summer at a considerable savings from what travelers normally pay.

PC's first trip—open only to UH students, faculty, staff and their families—leaves Houston May 19 for New York, then Luxembourg, and returns July 25. Cost-\$385.

In a different arrangement—open to the general public—PC offers the same trip leaving, leaving May 14 and returning anytime between June 9 and July 3 (you'll be back for the second session of summer school) for \$412.

Either way, travelers can save about \$100 from regular air fares,

PLANET—

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follows the adventures of Terran humans on another planet, many years after the apparent destruction of Life As We Know It on good old Terra Firma.

As science fiction, "Fantastic Planet" offers no real surprises. Given either the beginning or the end of the story, two-thirds of all the part-time SF fans in the world would immediately guess the other end. It is pleasant, still, to see how the plot develops.

The thing that makes it interesting is the animation. It's true that the same popular mentality cited above seems to think cartoons are supposed to be funny, or, if not, then just for kids.

"Fantastic Planet" is neither particularly hilarious nor particularly juvenile. But the best possible way to put this story on film was with a cartoon, and that's what was used.

Naturally, the animation is not up to the quality of old Walt Disney, Max Fleischer or Chuck Jones work—but for 1974, it's not bad at all.

The conception and illustration of the alien life forms and technology is the most interesting and impressive thing about the film. Even when the story is a little dull, the pictures are a lot of fun to sit and watch.

'Seagull' shows at noon today

The Houston Grand Opera will present two free previews of its world premiere "The Seagull," based on a play by Anton Chekhov, at noon today in the Houston Public Library and at 8 tonight in the College of the Mainland, Texas City.

The 60-minute previews will be fully staged and costumed. The opera will open officially at 8 p.m. Tuesday in Jones Hall.

PC Travel Committee Chairman Paul Dwight said.

The reason PC can offer such bargains, Dwight said, is they book the flights with Icelandic Airlines.

"Icelandic is the only major airline not a member of IATA (International Air Transport Association) who regulates all air fares," Dwight said, "so they can undercut prices."

"Also, we're able to give discounts to large groups—much more than the individual could get on his own," he said.

The energy crisis, which is threatening to put a damper on most vacations this summer, hasn't really affected overseas travel, Dwight said.

"The only time a tourist might be inconvenienced is if he wanted to drive himself."

The deadline for registering for the European trips is March 8 in the UC Ticket office, 749-1261.

In addition to the European ventures, PC has information on other trips, like an on-campus travel agency.

"We don't write out tickets, but we at least direct people to the right places," Dwight said.

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BAPTIST STUDENT UNION welcomes all to a spiritual growth study with Dr. Gary Strauss at 11:50 a.m. today in Room 204, Religion Center.

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS holds its meeting at noon today in Lecture 2D, Engineering Bldg. Bryan Erb, NASA Earth Observations Section, will speak.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST holds its noon luncheon today in the Upstairs Lounge, Religion Center. Open to all.

CHI ALPHA sponsors a Campus Action meeting and discussion on "The Exorcist" at noon today in the Cascade Room, UC.

YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM (YAF) accepts nominations for officers at its business meeting at 1 p.m. today in the Baltic Room, UC Annex.

NATIONAL CHICANO HEALTH ORGANIZATION holds a meeting at 7 tonight in the Caribbean Room, UC.

YOUNG DEMOCRATS invites all interested students to its business meeting at 7:30 tonight in the Cascade Room, UC. Bob Comeaux, candidate for county commissioner, will speak.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSITY GROUP will provide entertainment and information about Unitarianism at noon Thursday in the Pacific Room, UC Annex.

PHI GAMMA NU will hold a re-organizational meeting at 2:30 p.m. Thursday in the Caspian Room, UC

Annex. Open to all female business or economics majors.

UH FACULTY FEDERATION invites all members and interested faculty to a cocktail party at 3 p.m. Thursday at 4810 Rockwood.

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY will sponsor a study of Ecclesiastes at 4 p.m. Thursday in Room 109, Religion Center. All are welcome.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION will hold Vespers at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Upstairs Chapel, Religion Center.

CHINESE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION will provide free advanced Mandarin class at 7 p.m. every Thursday in the Cascade Room, UC.

CHURCHES OF CHRIST will hold Bible study at 7:30 p.m. and devotional at 9 p.m. Thursday in Room 101, Religion Center.

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MORTAR BOARD will conduct a monthly meeting at noon Sunday at 2714 Manila. Applications for Mortar Board membership will be evaluated.

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Bayou coalition sponsors hike

The Preservation of Armand Bayou Committee is sponsoring a nature hike Sunday to solicit support for the Armand Bayou Fund.

The hike will be lead by wildlife scientist Fred Collins and trained volunteers.

"The nature hikes, sponsored by the Houston Audubon Society, have been in existence for two years. The first Sunday of each month, experts in botany and trained volunteers lead hikers through the nature trails along the bayou to the nature center," Hanna Ginzburg, chairman of the Armand Bayou branch of the Houston Audubon Society, said.

"When the plans for the bayou are complete, a nature center, nature trails, pioneer craft center and museum, and an Indian archeological exhibit will be featured on the eventual 3000-acre park site," Ginzburg said.

"The craft center will be built in a restored ranch house on the property. It will be restored to its original appearance to portray to visitors what it was like to live in the wilderness in pioneer days," she said.

"The Indian archeological exhibit will be an example of how the Indians lived in similar surroundings in early America," she added.

The acreage for the Armand Bayou Preserve is being purchased through funds donated to the Armand Bayou fund, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Harris County Department of Outdoor Recreation.

"The leaves from the trees decay and provide food for marine

organisms. The breeding and fertility of Clear Lake and Galveston Bay are dependent on the delicate balance of nature retained in Armand Bayou," Ginzburg said.

Animal life is now plentiful in the bayou and surrounding park area. Alligators, possum, raccoon, armadillos, egrets, herrings, and many nocturnal animals can be found," she said.

"On the hikes the habitats of these animals are pointed out by the trail leaders and on occasion several owls and nocturnal mammals have been sighted," she added.

"It is really interesting to paddle out on Armand Bayou and Clear Lake in a canoe because many fish jump right into your boat. The wide variety of vegetation abounding along the bayou is scenic with pines, cyprus, and cedars," Ginzburg said.

"On one of the hikes we took along nets and caught some brown shrimp."

The two hikes planned for

Sunday will start at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. from the pavilion in Bay Area Park, which is off Bay Area Blvd. east of Clear Lake City, Ginzburg said.

Biology students interested in volunteering their time to lead nature hikes are asked to get in contact with Ginzburg at 664-4320. Donations for the Armand

Bayou fund are still being collected to purchase land. Donations can be sent to P.O. Box 2000, Pasadena, 77501. All contributions are tax deductible.

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"In every case," Katz stated, "this special status was obtained from the Texas legislature by means of a special bill that created the district and set forth a long list of exemptions from protective laws. . . These bills are automatically assigned to the 'consent calendar,' which means they ordinarily fly through the legislature without the benefit of committee hearing or record vote."

Katz said these districts are called "municipal utility districts" so they will not be subject to various statutory protections.

Woods said the Texas legislature also creates validating acts on the local and consent calendar. These validating acts state that if any laws were broken in the formation or creation of the water district they are legal, he explained.

He said he believes organized crime in Texas and Houston are heavily involved in water districts because the bonds are tax-free and not registered. Woods said money from gambling, prostitution and dope can be invested in bonds which can be sent to Switzerland and brought back into the country when they become due.

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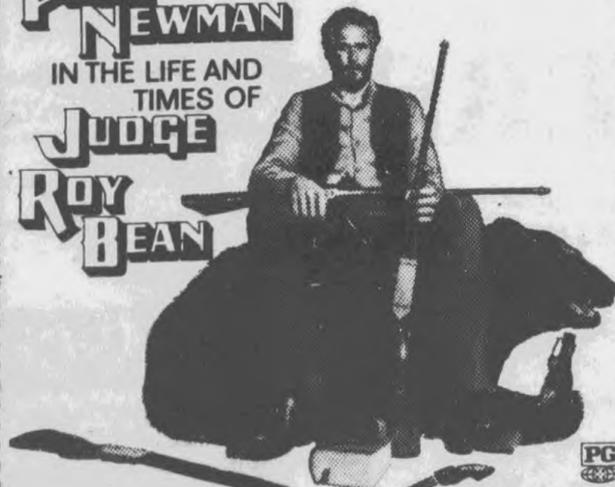
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