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'Beatlemania' opens at Rudder Monday

By STEPHEN BONIN
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"Beatlemania" comes to life on the Rudder Auditorium stage Monday night at 8:00 p.m. as part of MSC Town Hall's 1981 Broadway Series. So far only 700 of the 2,500 seats are filled. That is unusual considering the show's history of standing-room-only crowds both on tour and on Broadway, where it opened in 1977.

Though the show doesn't have a recognizable plot as their coming attraction "A Chorus Line" does, "Beatlemania" is a critically-acclaimed musical that has captivated audiences across the nation.

"Beatlemania" is much more than another showcase for the Beatles' music, unlike the disastrous "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band," which highlighted MSC Aggie Cinema's first annual bad movie festival last

spring. And it is not a cheap exploitative device packaged to capitalize on John Lennon's tragic death.

Instead it is a tribute to the four men from Liverpool and the generation they touched.

"Beatlemania" has been described as "the most ambitious theatrical audio-visual entertainment to date," with 4,000 slides, films and overhead projections serving as backdrop for the Beatle look-a-likes who play and sing 29 Lennon/McCartney tunes.

The score of Beatle hits coupled with pictures and headlines of the decade tell the story: "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds" and the drug generation, "Come Together" and the civil rights demonstrations, "Let It Be" and the group's breakup.

Tickets are available at Rudder Box Office.

Cable franchise contract causes anti-trust suit

United Press International
HOUSTON — A lawyer for former Texas Democratic Party Chairman Billy Goldberg Thursday told a federal court jury an illegal conspiracy among city officials and influential businessmen violated federal anti-trust law and denied Goldberg a cable television franchise.

In final arguments after the five-week trial of a lawsuit, defense lawyers representing the City of Houston, Mayor Jim McConn and Gulf Coast Cable Television replied there was no illegal conspiracy and Goldberg was seeking revenge because his influence failed to win him a share of the business.

Goldberg and his Affiliated Capital Corp. charged in a lawsuit that federal anti-trust law was violated. They seek \$2.6 million damages from Gulf Coast, the city and McConn. If the jury finds an anti-trust violation, the law provides treble damages, or \$7.8 million.

"This lawsuit means a lot more to Mr. Goldberg than money," Sussman argued. "It involves a matter of principle. He didn't want to have to join a conspiracy to get a franchise."

Sussman said McConn and City Council in 1978 approved private franchise deals dividing the city among five companies without competitive bidding. He charged the officials went along

with the inside deals because it was in their political interest. Some of the private dealers were powerful businessmen.

"They were willing to sacrifice the interest of millions of Houstonians to save their political necks," Sussman charged.

Sussman charged the conspiracy violated not only Goldberg's rights and anti-trust law but the interest of the citizens of Houston in a cable television franchises process accomplished in an open manner.

"What we have here is a classic anti-trust case with two victims," Sussman said. "The first is the citizens of Houston. The second is Affiliated Capital."

Attorney Rufus Wallingford, defending the city and McConn, charged Goldberg's main interest was not competition but a piece of the business. Wallingford charged Goldberg would have dealt with the alleged conspirators and only raised legal questions after he was excluded.

"Don't be misled by these sweet-sounding thoughts of the merits of competition," Wallingford said. "That's fine in a vacuum. He (Goldberg) wanted a franchise and he thought he could get it because of who he was (state Democratic chairman)."

Camp Day will offer summer job ideas

Texas A&M University's Recreation and Parks Department is sponsoring Camp Day on Monday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the basement of Goodwin Hall.

Representatives from camps such as Camp Longhorn, Camp

Grady Spruce, and Camp Soropomist will be providing information about summer-camp counselor opportunities.

Anyone interested in teaching outdoor activities and working with children is invited to attend.

CS City Council tables Raintree rezoning change

By BELINDA McCOY
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The question of rezoning a 53-acre tract of land near the Raintree subdivision was tabled by the College Station City Council Thursday night until a public hearing could be held on the issue at the next council meeting Feb. 26.

City Secretary Glen Schroeder presented a petition signed by College Station residents asking for a referendum election to change a Jan. 8 decision by the council which rezoned the land to allow an industry to build near the subdivision.

David Stasny, an attorney representing the Raintree residents, asked the council not to table the decision.

"There is no need for a public hearing (according to the city charter)," he said.

Nevertheless, several council members said they would rather wait until a public hearing could be held.

Mayor Gary Halter said he wanted to consult with the city attorney before the next meeting.

"I do not have the opinion of our attorney ... It's not just a question that we repeal the ordinance. There are various legal questions," Halter said.

In other business, the council passed an ordinance ordering a general municipal election April 4.

The council also passed an ordinance for the codification of city ordinances. This codification will group the various city ordinances into categories, provide an index and cross-reference of all city ordinances, and eliminate from the city code any ordinances which are no longer in effect.

The council tabled consideration of an ordinance adopting the 1979 building code with the 1980 revisions and amendments. The council failed to reach a decision because of an amendment that the city building office added to the standard building code allowing for fire sprinkling systems in buildings over 15,000 square feet.

In closed session, the council approved the reappointment of the present Tax Board of Equalization.

Daniel hearing set for today

United Press International
LIBERTY — A hearing was scheduled for today to determine whether allegedly revealing letters found in a minivarehouse belong to Vickie Daniel or to the estate of her late husband, former Texas House Speaker Price Daniel Jr.

But attorney Andrew Lannie, defending Mrs. Daniel against a murder charge in Daniel's Jan. 19 shooting, said Thursday the hearing may be unnecessary because he has put the letters in the custody of Liberty County Judge Dempsey Henley.

Jean Daniel Murph, executrix of Daniel's estate, filed suit last week asking that State District

Judge W. G. Woods order Mrs. Daniel to return 200 personal letters Daniel exchanged with others, some reportedly women.

Lannie said he will ask Woods to dismiss Murph's suit because property found in the minivarehouse with the letters has been turned over to Murph and Henley could "preserve and protect" the letters for use as evidence.

"We are not trying to keep the letters from her. We just had them sealed as exhibits in a criminal case," Lannie said.

Lannie said Mrs. Daniel locked the letters and other property in the minivarehouse in anticipation of filing for divorce. She filed for divorce Dec. 31.

Woods said before he can decide what to do with the property, he must determine who owns it and that determination might require going ahead with Friday's hearing.

"We hold the marbles until we find out who they belong to," he said.

Lannie said that, although the letters are sealed in Henley's possession, he would not object to District Attorney Carroll Wilborn or his aides inspecting them. Lannie said Mrs. Daniel had nothing to fear from them.

"There are nothing in those letters that would concern us if it was made public," Lannie said.

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