



HEADLINES

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Headliners: David Richards & Larry York March 21, 2012

Two great story tellers with great stories to tell – speakers David Richards and Larry York.



If a member were to step into a time machine, no better ride could be had than the extraordinary evening provided by Larry York and David Richards on March 21, 2012. Larry York, himself a product of the “Camelot of Texas” in the 60s, deftly led Richards through the decades, referring to his recent book, “Once Upon A Time in Texas.”

“And what a time it was. The stories flew, starting in the 50s’ “turbulent times”, when David Richards was a “liberal” Democratic delegate to the State Convention in Dallas.”



Judge Lee Yeakel (right) had many stories of his own... some he shared with Sam Perry.



Judge Sam Sparks always enjoys an evening related to the law.

And what a time it was. The stories flew, starting in the 50s’ “turbulent times”, when David Richards was a “liberal” Democratic delegate to the State Convention in Dallas. Trying to be squelched by the LBJ Democrats, Richards and his fellow liberals had to sneak into the Convention through a ladies’ room window and use forged tickets to cast their votes. In 1960, he and his then-wife, Ann Willis Richards, helped to cut down an LBJ political sign hanging over Congress

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Please go to the website at www.headlinersclub.com to see all these photos in color!

Famous Austinites York & Richards *(continued from front page)*



Melissa Sykes had not heard all of law partner's Larry York stories, so she was pleased to attend with her husband Richard.

A respected member of the Bar, Richards has argued six cases in front of the US Supreme Court and championed many causes, including redistricting and a woman's right to work while pregnant. He also shared personal stories, the most amusing one involving his poorly considered decision to run the Buffalo River with a friend, leaving Ann behind



Roy and Barbara Minton so enjoyed catching up with Peggy Bradley and her and Larry York's son.



Mary Walcutt's (right) dad, Paul Holt (one of the first Headliners Members), would have really enjoyed the evening. Mary was joined by her son Paul Walcutt and daughter-in-law Kady Simkins.

to take care of the 4 children over Easter weekend. She offered to fix the food, and wound up "fixing" the river runners by providing canned beets and little else for them to eat.

The rest was, well...history. York and Richards provided members with their very own time capsule covering the last 50 years. Speaking of the present, Richards summed it up beautifully: "It's a changed world, and [will] probably change again if we live here long enough."

— *By Kay Allensworth*

◆ FAMOUS AUSTINITES ◆

“The Most Literate Band in Texas”



Judge Tom Price (right) started the evening by entertaining Wayne Prescott and Will Wilson.

WhoDo is a band comprised of Pulitzer Prize winner Larry Wright, Attorney at Law Brian Turner, NPR's John Burnett, Doctor of Psychology Rico Ainslie, Rock-N-Rollers Jimmy Umstadd & Christian Umstadd and 17 year-old fiddle phenom Ruby Jane Smith.

The group had everyone tapping their toes and smiling all night. We think we should make them Headliners own house band!

The Band:



Brian Turner



Larry Wright



John Barnett



Ruby Jane Smith, John Barnett & Larry Wright

Famous Austinites WhoDo *(continued from page 3)*



The Turners (Brian and Haddy) with their delightful family.



Jeanne Umstattd was thrilled to share her talented son Jimmy (guitarist) and grandson Christian (drums) (left) with the Headliners Crowd. She was also pleased to be escorted by her other grandson.

◆ CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRY ◆

Mark Morrison interviews John Montford



Senator Montford was delighted that his daughter Mindy and wife Debbie could share the evening with him.

It might seem odd to start an article about the highly accomplished John Montford with a negative, but it says a lot about the man. So here it is, he has tried to retire five times and has flunked every time!

From this starting point, Headliners' Captains of Industry moderator Mark Morrison began the evening leading Senator Montford down the road of "this is your life". Beginning with a UT undergraduate degree and a law degree (which he said was a super bargain at \$50.00/semester hour), Senator Montford told story after story about his many careers. In the Marines he was a judge advocate, military judge and company commander. Then he became a District Attorney in Lubbock where he earned the nick name "Maximum John" for the sentences he got. Senator Montford described something he got from one of the jails that

referenced another nickname of his "John T. 99": *If you can't do the time, don't do the crime, or John T. will give you 99!* This came from the long string of 99 year sentences he got from juries. He did promise that he was dealing with some really bad characters.



James and Lee Hilton were happy to join with Ellen Morrison in supporting our Captains of Industry moderator Mark Morrison.

Captains of Industry *(continued from page 5)*



New member Peggy Foreman (right) was happy to share the evening with her friend Christine Mize.



The best part of any Headliners event is when good friends meet to support a good friend: Harry McAdams and Gaylord Armstrong.



Shelley and Tom Forbes agree that spending a night at the Headliners overlooking the Capitol is about as good as it gets.



Coming to Headliners by way of NYC, new members Sandra and Walter Wilkie were interested in learning about Texas politics.



Barbara and Bob Norwood are regular attendees at Headliners events.

Captains of Industry *(continued from page 6)*



A good introduction by Headliners' special events chairman Brian Greig started the evening.

His career path led him to the Texas Senate, Chancellor of Texas Tech University during the Bob Knight/ Mike Leach era, an AT&T executive and most recently as the governmental relations and global public policy executive with General Motors. In the GM position he talked about his assignment in Russia, hiring Henry Kissinger and the bailout of GM.

So what is next? He is opening a lobby firm in Austin and writing a book. No time for retirement yet!



The interviewer: Mark Morrison



The interviewee: John Montford

Thomas Jefferson



Wine Committee Chairman Jo Anne Christian presided over a delightful evening of Monticello inspired food, European wines and the magical music of Anton Nel.



Ann and Jeff Bomer (An Alexander Hamilton history buff) enjoyed all aspects of the event.



Lee Gaddis added to the depth of the evening by relating the story of his family tree which includes Thomas Jefferson's uncle.

We can only imagine how much Thomas Jefferson would have loved the dinner organized around his love of music, fresh foods and European wines.

Jo Anne Christian welcomed the sold out crowd with a few words: "Thomas Jefferson had one of the most sophisticated palates in early America and wrote about the fruits of the vine with almost the same gravity as he did the fruits of liberty. Good wine, Jefferson believed, was a '*necessary of life*' not only to the life of the nation, as '*the only antidote to the bane of whiskey*', but also to the '*health and comfort*' of the individual."



A sold out crowd enjoyed our 2nd Thomas Jefferson Dinner.

Wine Dinner



Evie Hill and Genie Miller really enjoyed the whole experience.



Charming ladies, delicious food, terrific wine and wonderful Jefferson quotes make for a very good time.
l to r: Gay Gaddis, Ann Bomer, and Stanya Owen.

Throughout the evening, the dinner (all recipes from Monticello – inspired by Jefferson’s gardens) was paired with wine from France, Italy and Germany by wine steward Sam Hovland. (Jefferson traveled Europe learning about the many varieties of grapes and tasted fine wines along the way.) That alone would have made for a delightful evening, but this pairing was made magical by the exquisite musical selections and performances by concert pianist **Anton Nel**.

Interspersed between the food courses and the music were Jefferson quotes and stories told by Jo Anne Christian. *“I have lived temperately... I double the doctor’s recommendation of a glass and a half of wine each day and even treble it with my friends.”* Adding to the fabric of the evening those present learned an interesting relationship between one of Headliners’ members and Mr. Jefferson. **Lee Gaddis’** journey into the history of his family tree had led him to the discovery that he is a direct descendant of Thomas Jefferson’s Uncle. Lee guided the group with fascinating illustrations, photos and correspondence. He encouraged all to take the same journey into their own families’ history.

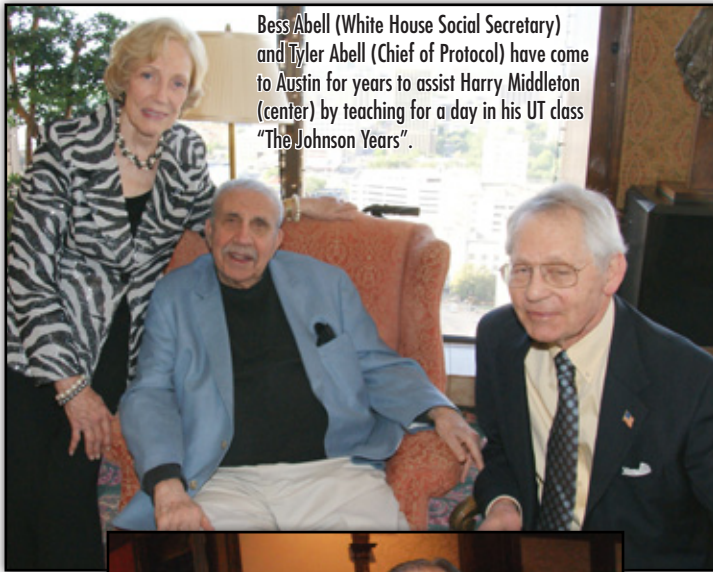
The dinner ended with a sinful chocolate ice cream dessert, Anton Nel at the piano and a perfect moon rising behind him.



Wine aficionados – Dwight and Cathy Thompson.

◆ FAMOUS AUSTINITES ◆

Harry Middleton Interviews Bess and Tyler Abell



Bess Abell (White House Social Secretary) and Tyler Abell (Chief of Protocol) have come to Austin for years to assist Harry Middleton (center) by teaching for a day in his UT class "The Johnson Years".



Pasty Hunter and Col. Getty had a lively evening listening to Bess and Tyler Abell reminisce.



Moderator Harry Middleton (right) gets ready to lead Tyler and Bess Abell in a lively discussion of their years in the LBJ White House.

Headliners members and guests gathered to hear the “behind the scenes” stories of the LBJ Whitehouse Years. The story-tellers were longtime friends and LBJ insiders: Former White House Speech Writer and Former Director of the LBJ Library Harry Middleton; Former Chief of Protocol Tyler Abell; and Former White House Social Secretary Bess Abell. Mr. Middleton opened the evening by introducing the Abells and then proceeded to interview them, prompting all the best stories from their time with the Johnsons.

Mr. Abell described accompanying President Johnson on an official visit to meet with the President of Mexico at the US-Mexico border. The two presidents were going to walk out, meet at the border and shake hands. As they began walking, President Johnson quietly asked Mr. Abell: *Where do I stop? How will I know when we get to the border?* Mr. Abell explained to the audience at Headliners that he had no clue where the actual border was, but wanting to seem confident he replied: *Just follow me Mr. President and I'll show you.* He walked ahead and winged it!

Mr. Middleton prompted Mrs. Abell to recount a carnival party she threw on the White House lawn for the children of the legislators during LBJ's time in office. She arranged for a merry-go-round, a Ferris wheel, carnival booths and the like, to be setup on the lawn. Mrs. Abell explained that there were tents with all sorts of games as part of the festivities and so she called a prop company to acquire all the items she would need.

Famous Austinites Harry Middleton/Abells *(continued from page 10)*



Carl Stuart (right) listened to more stories from the Johnson years from Jim Wilson and John Mobley.



Good friends enjoy being together at Headliners' events.
(from l to r) Sandy and Lottie Shapiro with J.D. and Babette Hughes.

Mrs. Abell: *I need a few crystal balls. Do you carry those?*
Prop Company: *Yes, we have a couple different sizes. What are you using them for?*
Mrs. Abell: *They are for fortune tellers to use.*
Prop Company: *We have those - we can send them to you. Where should we have them delivered?*
Mrs. Abell: *Send them to the White House please.*
Prop Company: *(long pause).... Um, Ma'am. The President does know they don't really work, right?*

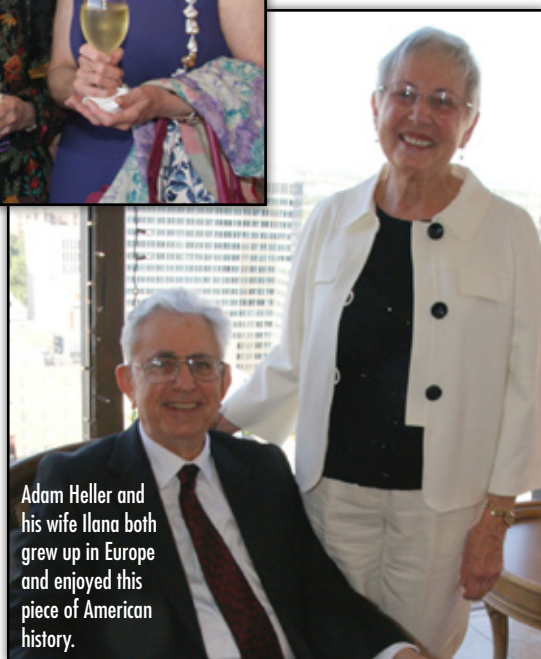
Mr. Middleton and the Abells had the crowd laughing and captivated with all their stories. It was a wonderful night with much reminiscing.



Tyrell Flawn came from Washington DC to visit her parents (Pete and Priscilla Flawn), and had a great time visiting with friends at dinner.



Charlie Morton (left) caught up with his friend Dale Lovell, one of LBJ's secret service men and his friend Laura Underwood.



Adam Heller and his wife Ilana both grew up in Europe and enjoyed this piece of American history.

Concert Series

ALL GREENS



"Let's Stay Together" good friends - Cassie Townsend, Missy Gray, Lolla Page, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick, Susan Parker and Gail Williams.



James and Jane Flieller agree *"You Ought to Be With Me"*.



Johnita and Bill Jones often say *"I'm Still in Love with You"*.



Cliff Ernst to wife Martha: *"Look What You've Done to Me!"*



Lisa and Burton Minton are a picture of *"Love and Happiness"*.



Sha La La *"Make Me Happy"*
Being happy is exactly what happens when friends get together: Sally Strickland, Cheryl and David Armbrust with John Strickland.

**Some of Al Greens greatest hits*



Frank Netherton and Sue Long (right) were glad to spend some time together with friends Tracy and Jean Warren.



Carol and Ken Nelson enjoyed being at the Club before Carol Burnett's performance.



Carolyn and Joe Osborn were ready for a night at the Long Center.



Mike and Gayle Roche always have a good time together.



Mike and Linda Barton (left) had a good excuse to bring their friends to the Club.

CAROL BURNETT

DOOBIE BROTHERS

This group was about to "Listen to the Music*" from left: Charles Morrison, Mary Teeple, Jan Burrow, Bud Shivers, Charlie Teeple, Susan Auler, Mary Lou Morrison and Ed Auler.



"You Belong to Me*": a perfect song for Peggy and Steve Ryder.



Mother and Daughter duo – Mindy Ellmer and Lynda Brown.



"Taken it to the Streets*" was what Ellen and John Elliot were about to do by walking from the club to the ACL-Live Moody Theater.



Donna and Steve Hicks (center) were talking to their friends about a "World Gone Crazy*".

*Doobie Brothers Hits



Whit Hanks (left) and Patrick Rose were looking forward to spending the evening with their "Wild Angels"* Kim Gerlovich and Anna Carbajal.



John Berra is happy to say "My Baby Loves Me"*.



"Safe in the Arms of Love"* are the Vaceks (Garry and Debbie).



Gary Farmer brought his "Happy Girl"* Susan to the concert.



Rae and Richard Hill with Mollie and Craig Hughes are definitely not "Strangers"*.

*Martina McBride's greatest hits.



◆ HEADLINERS FOUNDATION ◆



SAVE THE DATE

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Patti Kilday Hart, *The Houston Chronicle*

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Ross Ramsey, *The Texas Tribune*

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Foundation Scholars Continue to Make Headlines

Susannah Jacob, University of Texas

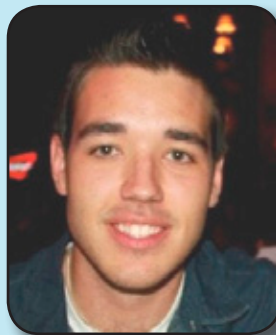
A history major at The University of Texas, Susannah recently completed her junior year and will be returning as a Headliners Foundation scholar next year. She has worked as an editorial intern at *Vanity Fair* and *The Texas Tribune*, and published articles in *The New York Times*. In March, UT students elected Susannah as upcoming Editor-in-Chief of *The Daily Texan*, where she has worked as an editor and reporter for six semesters.



Susannah says the Headliners Scholarship allowed her to accept unpaid internships and take on independent research projects as part of her coursework. "These additional activities have defined my undergraduate education, and the support from the Headliners Foundation makes me grateful, proud, and eager to prove myself as a Texas journalist worthy of the foundation's generosity."

Nick Dean, Baylor University

Originally from Taylor, Texas, Nick is a recent graduate of Baylor University majoring in journalism and political science. Last year, Nick was editor-in-chief of *The Baylor Lariat* when he earned "Editor of the Year" by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association. Last fall, he worked as a reporting intern for *The Church of England Newspaper* in London.



Nick recently accepted a job on the digital news desk with the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. He gives credit to the Headliners Foundation for boosting his confidence. "Knowing that the Headliners Foundation had faith in my skills and was willing to financially assist me through college bolstered my determination to become a thriving part of the Texas journalism community," Dean said.



Headliners Foundation Annual Awards Luncheon

Saturday, September, 15th, 11: 30 a.m.

Headliners Club

Featuring:



John Lumpkin

Director, Schieffer School of Journalism, TCU Formerly VP of Newspaper Markets, U.S. and Latin America for the Associated Press.

With special video presentation by **Bob Schieffer**, Host of CBS Face the Nation

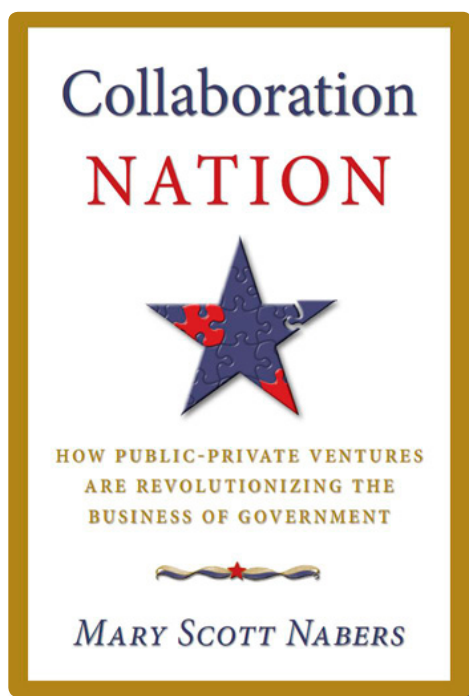


Tickets \$50

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◆ BOOKSHELF ◆

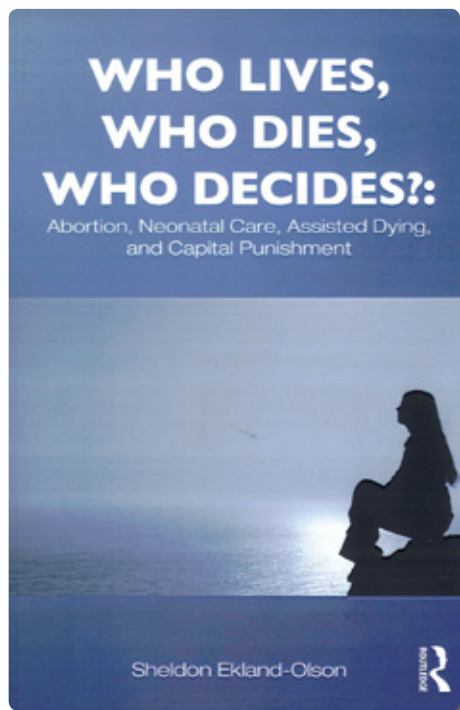
The following are fabulous new books written by Headliners members for our growing library:



Collaboration Nation – How Public-Private Ventures are Revolutionizing the Business of Government by Mary Scott Nabers

Collaboration Nation takes readers on a journey to what has, until recently, been a mostly contentious environment for veterans in both the government and business sectors. Nabers takes the time to describe in fascinating detail how best to begin building bridges between government and business. She then proceeds to enumerate the issues and pitfalls that must be avoided in building effective collaborations and partnerships, and offers practical prescriptions and solutions for each step along the way.

In the end, she delivers encouraging news about the future of private-public partnerships (P3s). “If they are done right,” she says, “these partnerships will not only help us weather the current financial storm, but the engagements also hold the potential for enhancing the efficiency of government for the long haul.”



Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Decides?: Abortion, Neonatal Care, Assisted Dying, and Capital Punishment By Sheldon Ekland-Olson

Issues of life and death such as abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, and others are among the most contentious in many societies. Whose rights are protected? How do these rights and protections change over time and who makes those decisions? Based on the author's award winning and hugely popular undergraduate course at The University of Texas, this book explores these questions and the fundamentally sociological processes that underlie the quest for morality and justice in human societies. The author's goal is not to advocate any particular moral "high ground," but to shed light on the social movements and social processes that are at the root of these seemingly personal moral questions.

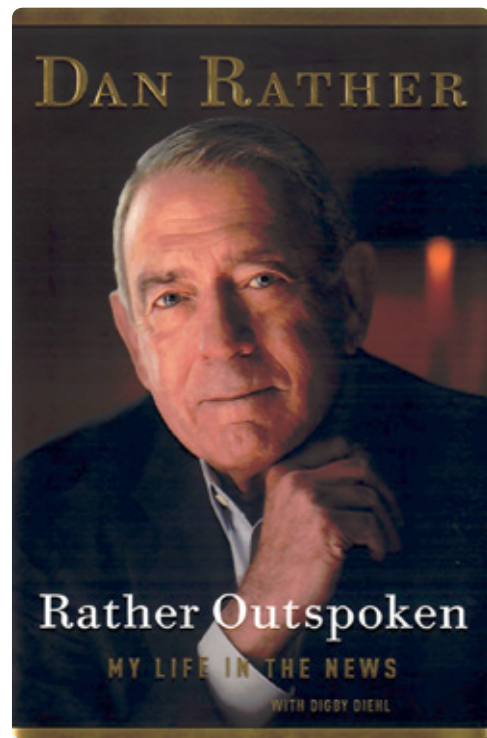


Rather Outspoken: My Life In The News by Dan Rather

For half a century, Dan Rather has covered the major news stories of our time: the civil rights movement, the assassination of JFK, Vietnam, Watergate, 9-11, Iraq, Afghanistan, Abu Ghraib. For 24 of those years, he was the network "face" of TV journalism as the anchor of the CBS Evening News.

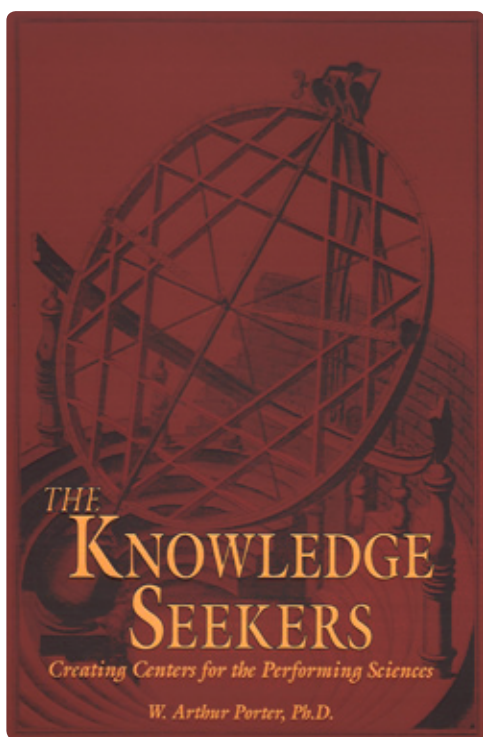
At the end of his tenure, he became part of the news himself. Now for the first time, Dan tells the real story of his final months at CBS, including his removal from the anchor chair in the wake of the controversy surrounding the story of George W. Bush and the Texas Air National Guard. He also exposes the frantic and secret behind-the-scenes machinations that followed. These clandestine maneuvers unmasked the "independence" of the investigation by the Thornburgh commission, revealing a News Division that had, Rather believes, temporarily abandoned its principles in order to enhance the bottom line of the parent company.

In *Rather Outspoken*, Dan looks back over his entire career, from his boyhood in Houston, Texas, through his coverage of every US President since Eisenhower, to his successful return to investigative reporting on *Dan Rather Reports* for Mark Cuban's HDNet.



Global Perspectives on Technology Transfer and Commercialization edited by John Sibley Butler and David V. Gibson

This edited volume is dedicated to the continued understanding of technology transfer. Technology transfer is a dynamic area of study that examines traditional topics such as intellectual property management, the management of risk, market identification, the role of public and private labs, and the role of universities. This volume reflects on how government, business and academia influence technology transfer in different countries and how the infrastructure of a country enhances technology and contributes to each country's overall economy. Interpreting and adopting the processes of technology transfer and commercialization – or, building innovative ecosystems – is critical to seeing success in this digital age.



The Knowledge Seekers: Creating Centers for the Performing Sciences by Arthur Porter

In this book Dr. Porter explains that a community's ability to create technology, turn it into a product, and get value from it will be the standard that determines its success in the 21st century. A highly competitive global marketplace demands that innovation keep pace with an accelerating rate of change. The shelf life for products and ideas keeps shrinking, and today, a technology may have as little as a few months to a few years before it becomes obsolete. Dr. Porter contends that the time has come for a new type of institution – one that can produce research products and get them to market before the window of opportunity is closed.

◆ A MOMENT IN HISTORY ◆



The following cutline appeared with this historic photo which was printed in the *Austin American* on March 30, 1971.

DIRECTOR AND CAST – Wally Pryor tries out the “director’s chair” presented to him, along with a special proclamation, Monday evening by the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee of the Headliners Club for use in the club’s award festivities. For the past two years, Pryor made special motion pictures featuring well-known local and state personalities in humorous situations. Posing with Pryor are some of the “victims” of his fanciful shots, from left, Sherriff T.O. Lang; Willie Kocurek, local appliance dealer; Ed Jungbluth, owner of some local pizza parlors; Vince DeNino, director of the University of Texas Band, and Gov. Preston Smith. (Staff Photo by Larry Murphy) – used with permission of the Austin American-Statesman.

Recently, Wally Pryor’s wife found his archives and had them transferred to DVDs. She has graciously given a set to the Headliners Club. Soon you too will be able to see Ben Barnes on the Zilker Train, Harry Middleton fishing in Lady Bird’s Fountain, Charlie Betts offering a grateful customer... (well you will just have to wait for this one), Louis Shanks, Willie Kocurek and a wonderful cast of Austin’s finest from politics and business.

◆ SIDELINES ◆

Honors



Jo Anne Christian was named a Woman of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas. This award is given to Women who have distinguished themselves as outstanding members of the community through individual excellence and high levels of achievement. She became a lawyer when women lawyers were a rarity. She was the tour de force behind the Long Center for the Performing Arts, a board member of St. David's Foundation, and a founder of the Austin Lyric Opera, just to highlight a few of her accomplishments.



On April 10th **Clarke Heidrick** was honored at a luncheon celebrating University Medical Center Brackenridge. Mr. Heidrick was recognized for his leadership and longstanding commitment to providing quality medical services to local residents, regardless of their ability to pay. Senator Kirk Watson (left) and **Jesus Garza** (right) presented the award.



Headliners' past president (1972) **Ron Rogers** was inducted into the Country Radio Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He was honored in Nashville along with Glen Campbell, who received the lifetime achievement award. Mr. Rogers was called the Father of Modern Country Music Radio in America. He entered the Texas Radio Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2004. He is photographed here with (from left) his wife **Pam** and daughters Kim Murray, Karon Shouse, and Angela Godby.



John Sibley Butler was inducted into the Louisiana State University Alumni Association Hall of Honor, shown here with his wife **Rosemary**. Dr. Butler is a professor of Management and sociology at UT Austin and the director of the Institute for Creativity Capital, or IC², which has produced more than 250 companies and generated more than a quarter of a billion dollars for start-ups.

Seen Around The Club



Dean Robert Hutchings and **Tom Granger** hosted former Egyptian Ambassador to the United States **Nabil Fahmy**.



Bob Campbell of Deloitte hosted former Florida Governor **Jeb Bush** and General **Harry Raduege**, Chairman of the Deloitte Center for Cyber Innovation.



Rubén Moreira Valdez has been the governor of the Mexican State of Coahuila since December 2011. He is photographed here with Texas' Secretary of State **Hope Andrade** and **Ambassador Rosalba Ojeda**.



Kerry Cammack was pleased to have the Junior Senator from Nevada – **Dean Heller** at the Club for a luncheon.



Sallie and **Glenn Opel** welcomed Former New York Mayor **Rudy Giuliani** to Austin and the Club.



Both **Sandy Gottesman** (left) and **Kirk Rudy** (right) are on the Board of Directors of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. They were pleased to host former President George W. Bush's Chief of Staff **Josh Bolten** (vice chairman of the museum) and **Michael Abramowitz**, (director of the Committee on Conscience of the museum) former White House correspondent from the *Washington Post*.

Celebrations



Carrie Frugé and **Lee Walker** were united in marriage on April 28, 2012, during a surprise nuptial at Fonda San Miguel in Austin. The couple greeted guests who thought they were attending an engagement celebration, then cleverly reappeared in wedding attire for their candlelight ceremony. Lee Walker is the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Hughes** and Mr. and Mrs. John G. Walker.



Headliners Club – Schedule of Coming Events

Wednesday, June 13, 2012

Fajitas & Ritas

5:30 pm Ritas

6:00 pm Fajitas

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

4th of July Celebration

Adults Party on the 21st Floor & Kids Party on the 20th Floor

5:45 pm Cocktails,

6:15 pm Buffet Supper

Summer Nights Kids Movie & Dinner

Thursday, July 19, 2012

Toy Story 3

5:45 pm Dinner Buffet

6:00 pm Movie Starts

Dinner and A Show Series

Sign up for your theater tickets through the Headliners Club

Wednesday, July 11, 2012

Boston

ACL Moody Theatre

Saturday, August 18, 2012

Crosby, Stills, Nash

ACL Moody Theatre

Saturday, August 11, 2012

Vince Gill

ACL Moody Theatre

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Bonnie Raitt

ACL Moody Theatre

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