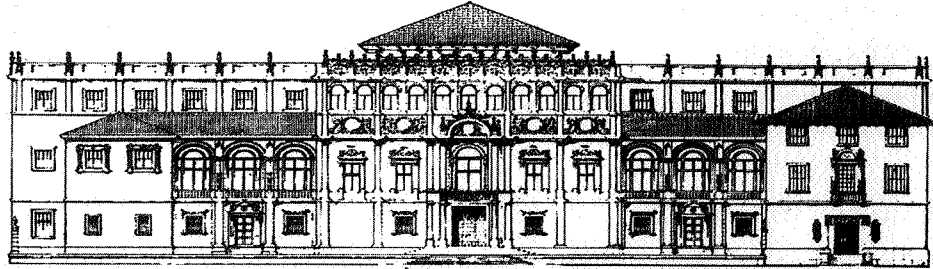


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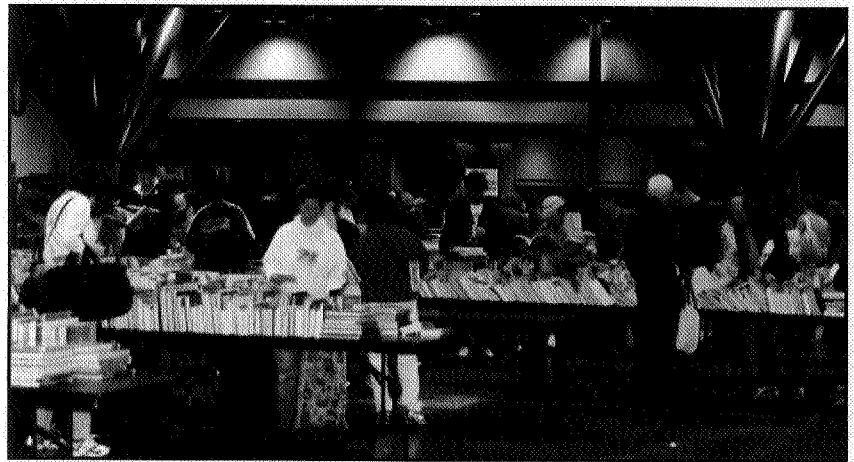
by Diane Durbin

Neither Cirque de Soleil in the parking lot nor heavy road construction all around could deter more than 5,050 bargain-minded book shoppers from attending the Friends of the Houston Public Library's 25th Annual Bargain Book Sale in March.

By previous standards, the book sale was a success. Patrons snapped up about 80,000 of the 90,000 books that were taken to the convention center, totaling \$132,000 in sales over the three-day period.

More than 250 volunteers kept the books straight, tables filled, and the floor cleared of books. Some of those hearty volunteers even smiled while they counted endless piles of books and the rest of the volunteers eagerly took money and said "thank you."

Profits from the sale go to the Houston Public Library for scholarships, programs and



Eager book buyers flocked to the Friends' Annual Book Sale this year.

special needs at both the branches and Central Library.

Though the sale itself lasted only three days, its success was due to the year-long efforts of Book Sale Chair Margaret Farmer, Warehouse Manager Wayne Picard, book sale veteran Don Gray, and their stalwart volunteers.

We are already sorting and packing for the next Bargain Book Sale which will be March 26-28, 2004 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We

are also getting ready for the Children's Book Sale in September.

If you have not had the pleasure and delight of sorting books and being in great company with fellow bibliophiles on an occasional Saturday morning, then you are missing a good thing.

If you are ready to have some fun, then call the Friends office at 832-393-1387 to get directions to the Friends warehouse.

