

# Hill vows fight over gas controls

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HOUSTON — Attorney General Bill Hill, the Democratic nominee for Texas governor, Monday promised members of one of the nation's largest petroleum associations he would fight to free the oil and gas industry from federal control.

Hill said Texas should continue to fight that point clear to federal officials.

"We are going to wage the fight to free up our oil and gas industry and we are going to wage that fight until we win it," Hill told members of the

Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association in their annual meeting.

"If the government would just get out of the way and let the industry operate free of price controls, we will solve the energy problems of this country."

Hill, who has won the Democrat governor's nomination, said the fight to keep Texas' intrastate supply of natural gas free from federal control is equivalent to the fight for the tidelands and for public lands when Texas came into the union.

## A&M to host seminar

Negotiating for the release of a stage is a high risk and precarious operation for law enforcement officers, one where education is more important than either impulsive or conservative approaches.

The Texas A&M University System, in cooperation with the FBI, is scheduled a special seminar on stage negotiation next Tuesday

through Thursday. Its content will assist police from rural to large metropolitan areas in understanding that preparedness and coordinated negotiations can save innocent lives.

Robert E. Wiatt, senior resident agent for the FBI in Bryan and a principal in several hostage cases that received national publicity, will teach many of the course subjects.



Battalion photo by Pat O'Malley

*'I want that one,' she says*

Buying Aggie t-shirts was first on the list of things to do for many of the 4-Hers here this week. The state roundup ended with an awards ceremony Wednesday.

# Airline, bus rate fight cuts Texas summer travel costs

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HOUSTON — Travelers willing to forsake their cars for public transportation may never find lower rates than this summer.

Stimulated by a new Civil Aeronautics Board chairman who is insisting on close regulation of the industry, airlines increasingly are using price cuts as a marketing tool.

And a major bus line has countered with price cuts of its own, and a rail attack on the wave of special count airlines tickets.

The conditions under which a traveler can get reduced air fares are restricted to the traveler has the odds of getting a ticket as winning a lottery," James Kerrigan, executive officer of Greyhound Lines said.

American Airlines' Supersaver fares, which must be purchased 30 days in advance, and Continental's Chicken Feed fares, since only a low percentage of available seating is allotted for reduced prices.

Texas International Airlines has announced the lowest discount price ever. During its first four days of service between Dallas and Kansas City, standby fares will be sold for \$1 one-way.

Jim O'Donnell, vice president for marketing, defended the "get-acquainted" fare against charges of gimmickry.

"Of course, there's a high degree of risk whether you get on, but this is all done in the spirit of fun," he said.

"We will have a total of 800 seats available daily between Dallas and Kansas City, and we're expecting half of them to be paid in the first several months of service."

"That means from June 15 to June 19, as many as 1,600 lucky people may get to fly standby between Dallas and Kansas City for a dollar," he said.

Texas International also has a fare called "Peanuts," which gives an across-the-board fare reduction of 35 percent.

Kerrigan announced that during the all interstate Greyhound trips Tuesdays and Wednesdays will be free.

This is a simple, no-gimmick idea designed to stimulate midweek bus travel," he said.

Kerrigan attacked such plans as

## Courts reverses decision

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AUSTIN — The Texas Supreme Court Wednesday reversed a Civil Appeals Court decision and ordered a court to reconsider a legal malpractice suit filed by a Houston man against his attorney.

A trial court had ruled Frank E. Montfort was entitled to collect \$10,000 in actual damages and \$5,000 in exemplary damages from attorney William B. Jeter because in 1965 agreed to a judgment against Montfort without Montfort's knowledge.

Montfort did not learn of the judgment until 1973, and filed suit in 1974 on grounds that Jeter had wrongfully agreed to the judgment against him.

The Court of Civil Appeals ruled there was no evidence to support the trial court finding of actual damages against Montfort.

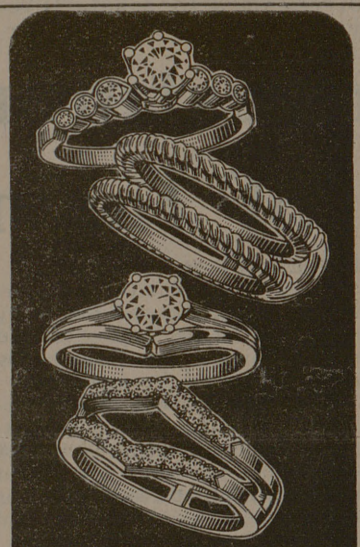
But the Supreme Court ruled the judgment against Montfort is evidence of actual damages.

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# Lawyers seek state bar reform

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AUSTIN — Disgruntled lawyers Wednesday announced they will file suit this month in federal court challenging the authority of the State Bar of Texas to force Texas attorneys to pay for a new \$8 million headquarters building.

"We feel that we are being coerced into paying for a foolish and illegal act," Laird Palmer, president of Lawyers for Bar Reform, said.

Palmer said his group now has more than 100 members in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, Dallas, Tyler, Huntsville, Bryan and other locations.

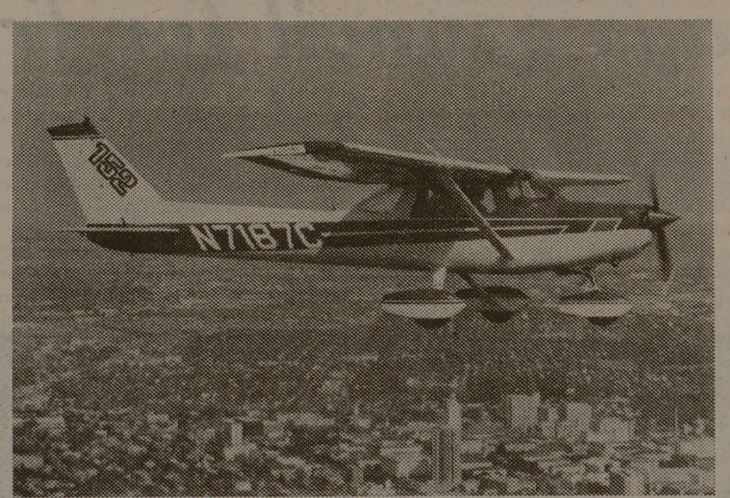
"We are of the opinion that the assessment for the bar center constitutes taxation without representation; that it is the equivalent of com-

pulsory unionization, in violation of the Texas right to work laws and other, federal statutes; that it constitutes the taking of property without due process of law, in violation of both the state and federal constitutions," he said.

Bar officials originally promised to build the new headquarters building with voluntary contributions, but ran into financial difficulties and were unable to obtain donations to cover a \$3.9 million note on the building this year.

Attorneys voted 12,696 to 8,686 in April to impose a one-time assessment — amounting to \$138 for most attorneys — to pay off the debt.

Palmer said 12,696 lawyers do not represent a majority of the 30,300 attorneys in the state.



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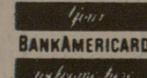
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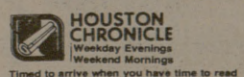
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