

Opinion

Democratic national convention quieted Capitol halls

Capitol complex halls fell quiet last week while Texas government officials, all of them Democrats, attended their party's national convention in San Francisco.

In the hall, reporters examined the six-month financial reports listing officeholder contributions and expenditures.

Lt. Gov. Bill Hobby spent the most, using \$2.5 million of his own money to retire his 1982 campaign debts.

Governor Mark White reported spending almost \$375,000 on travel, dinners and gifts. His file showed he accepted \$240,000, mostly from 18 businessmen and

two political committees, and he borrowed another \$200,000.

Other officeholders spending over \$100,000 were Texas Land Commissioner Gary Mauro, House Speaker Gib Lewis and Attorney General Jim Mattox.

Among those officials, Lewis caught press flak for not reporting the direct source of some of his contributions, and Mattox drew criticism for using political contributions to pay income taxes and his legal defense of a commercial bribery charge.

Lewis' report listed a Dallas law firm as the contributor following a fundraiser, when actually the law firm organized the bash and gathered money from several individuals.

Mattox spent \$99,700 on legal fees, and \$14,140 to pay income taxes.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

Rate cut offered

In what is a good sign for homeowners among rising mortgage interest rates, the staff of the State Board of Insurance last week recommended a \$64 million statewide reduction in property insurance rates.

If enacted by commissioners, the proposed cut could lower homeowner's insurance by about 11 percent. The insurance industry still has to study the proposal and comment.

Land office
The General Land Office last week drilled a second well on controversial Duval County state oil lands. The first well drilled three months ago is producing a monthly income of about \$160,000.

The state must drill those wells as part of the legal solution to taking back the lands from Mobil Oil Corp.

Utility chief quits
Meanwhile, the chairman of the Public Utility Commission, Al Erwin of Austin, resigned to go into public relations.

Erwin, a former journalist, was appointed in

Woman appointee

The governor last week appointed what some believe is the first Texas woman to chair a major state board or commission.

San Antonio attorney Margaret Meyer Maisell will chair the Industrial Accident Board. Maisell, a woman familiar with being "first," was reportedly the first woman to be admitted to St. Mary's Law School, where she graduated first in her class.

AG computer
The Texas Department of Agriculture plans to use about 100 microcomputers installed in offices around the state to put farmers and ranchers in touch with buyers.

The database is called AGNET, a federal program which contains up-to-the-minute information on worldwide buyers searching for particular products.

The initial cost is \$500,000, which might be supplemented by federal grant money.

By state law, McNamara cannot be replaced on the ballot under such conditions. His resignation thereby gives the victory to his Democratic opponent, Gonzalo Barrientos.

Political drop-out
On the campaign scene, a state Senate hopeful from Austin announced he is dropping out of the race because he can't get any cooperation or support from his party.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

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George Tillman Jr., 32, Eagle Lake, and Shirlene Wilson Aubrey, 27, Wharton; 7-9-84.

Fred Scott Jr., 44, Eagle Lake, and Joeline S. Shropshire Robinson, 36, Altair; 7-9-84.

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Let's talk.
Information about your changing telephone service from Paul Johnson, Manager-Community Relations

New "Premises Work Charges"

There has been an important change recently regarding telephone wiring. The change involves the installation and repair of jacks and "inside wiring."

Inside wiring is required from the point where our lines end in a "network interface." On most new homes, this interface—a large plastic box—is usually installed near the power meter. (In new apartments, it's usually located near the circuit breaker box.)

If you don't have a new home, you probably don't have a network interface (we just started installing them in 1982). Instead, you have a similar device called a "protector."

Like a network interface, the protector is the point where our line ends and your inside wiring begins.

Until recently, we did all the installation and repair of wiring inside our customers' homes. We will still perform that work if you ask us—but the way the work is charged has now changed.

If we do the wiring, we'll now bill you "Premises Work Charges." These charges are billed for each 15-minute period required on the job. Charges cover all costs associated with the work, including materials, but costs differ for installation and repair.

Here's how the charges break down if we do the work for you:

	PREMISES WORK CHARGES FOR JACKS AND INSIDE WIRING			
	Initial 15 Minutes	Each Additional 15 Minutes	Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.	Sundays and Holidays
Installation	\$18.50	\$12.50	\$22.75	\$27.00
Repair	\$18.50	\$12.50	\$22.75	\$27.00

If you don't wish to have Southwestern Bell Telephone perform the work, you now have two other options. Those are hiring some one else (such as an electrical contractor), or doing it yourself (materials are available from many retail stores).

New rates — Small increase to you

By now, you are probably aware that Southwestern Bell Telephone received final approval for a rate increase effective June 1, which included the change in Premises Work Charges. I say you are "probably aware," because most customers will hardly notice it on their local exchange phone bill.

The rate award sounds like a lot of money—and it is, but the increase for residence flat-rate local exchange service is only 30 cents per month, or less.

Most of the increase (about 85%) was put on one group—Texas' long distance customers (who pay for access to Southwestern Bell Telephone's network).

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