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Opinion

Grand jury subpoenas Mattox



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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Speculation that Texas
embattled Atty. Gen. Jim
Mattox should resign in-
creased last week as state
prosecutors questioned a
lawyer who has said Mattox
threatened to put his firm
out of the bond business.

Sources reported the
Houston lawyer gave grand
jurors a tape recording of
telephone conversations
containing the Mattox
threats. Thomas McDade, a
partner of the firm Full-
bright and Jaworski, has
alleged Mattox was ang-
ered when McDade refused to
pull down a subpoena for
Mattox's sister.

His sister was subpoenaed
to testify about a
\$125,000 energy loan she
and another brother ob-
tained in 1982, which may
have been diverted to the
Mattox campaign.

On the heels of the
alleged tape revelation,
came reports that Mattox,
who has been closely linked
to one of his major
campaign financiers, multi-
millionaire Clinton
Manges, drives a luxury
Cadillac which his sister
purchased at a discount
from a close friend of

He claims he is being
hunted down by "the big
oil companies" that he has
angered, but his own
temper has compounded his
recent problems, particu-
larly with the Capitol press.

"There's something you
can do to help," Mattox
told approximately 600

union members attending
the Texas AFL-CIO conven-
tion in Austin. "I tried to
talk to these folks and bring
them to the bargaining
table and tell them to pay
up... but they weren't
willing to do that. I think
you ought to think about
boycotting Mobil Oil's pro-
ducts."

John Flint, a spokesman
for Mobil's corporate head-
quarters, characterized the
attorney general's request
as an "outrageously im-
proper form of retaliation."

Bullock warns Congress
last week trying to persuade
Congress not to decontrol
natural gas, a move that
would cost Texas \$98
million on top of other
budget woes.

Decontrol would lower
natural gas prices by 2
cents to 11 cents, and lower
the state income from the
natural gas production tax.
Although revenues would
increase in '87 and '88,
Bullock warned that the
initial negative impact
would come at a time when
Texas' economy is hurt by
the oil industry slump.

Post for sale
The news that the Hobby
family was selling the
Houston Post started poli-

tical watchers looking
for hidden political motives.
Since Hobby is the
leading Texas backing John
Glen for president, some
thought he might be getting
ready to take the vice
presidential slot, or a
cabinet post, or make a run
for the U.S. Senate.

Taking it is stride, Hobby
noted that his daughter, a
recent law school graduate,
was getting married July
31, but quipped, "it is not
true that we have to sell the
Houston Post to pay for
Laura's wedding."

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24 Years Ago

July 23, 1959

Miss Martha Pidgeon,
former secretary manager
of the Eagle Lake Chamber
of Commerce has been
presented a certificate for
her support of the U.S.
Army Recruiting Service
activities. The Board of
Directors of the Eagle Lake
Community Center held its
annual meeting Tuesday
and re-elected D. R.
Wintermann president of
the board.

Sox Little League team
won the undisputed right to
be called champions of the
Farm Team League Mon-
day night when they won
the league play-off finals
from the Braves, a
thrilling 15 to 11 contest.
The Sox were undefeated

throughout the season.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E.
Evett, Jr. and family, Mr.
and Mrs. George Burke and
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee
McCreary spent two days
visiting in New Braunfels.
From there they went to
Hunt to visit their sons
attending La Junta
Boys Camp. Mrs. Herman
Boothe and her mother,
Mrs. H. P. Allen visited in
Edna Tuesday with their
daughter and sister, Mrs.
Gardner Baker and chil-
dren. Miss Madeline
Cearnal is back on the job at
Contractor R. H. Reese's
office after her brother,
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cearnal
and in San Antonio with her
sister, Mrs. Henry Esser.

Miss Ruby Walker left
for a two weeks' visit with
relatives in Smithville.
Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Haley
spent the week in Dallas.
Mesdames George Crim,

Walter Koehn, John
Chapman and Miss Mary
Waddell leave for a week's
visit at Corpus. Miss
Margaret Arnold and
Donald Arnold returned
home from a visit of several
weeks at Goose Creek and
other places.

Duncan Ranch rodeo
draws record crowd.
Thirty-five hundred people
swung best rodeo show
ever given in South Texas.
Miss Mabel Campbell un-
dergoes operation in
Houston. Mr. and Mrs.
Brown and Root make good
headway in city street
work.

Miss Clara Lillian
Kilgough underwent an
operation at the Houston
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

Hospital. Miss Ruth
Johnson spent several
days' visiting in Edna.
Mrs. W. W. Little returned
home after a three week
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