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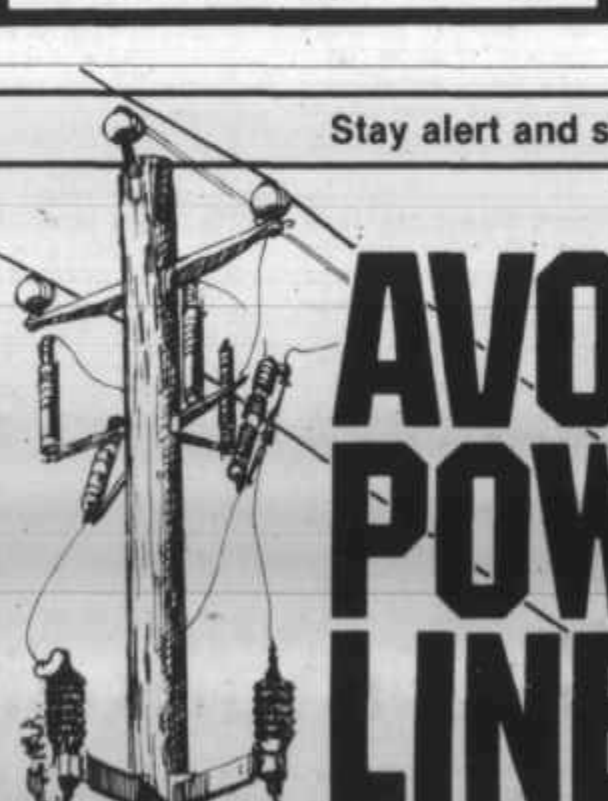
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Opinion

Journalism spotlights still on Mattox



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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Investigative journalism's spotlight again shined on embattled Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox last week, this time focusing on his beneficial intervention in a Galveston multi-millionaire's bankruptcy lawsuit.

Mattox stepped into the private lawsuit during his first month in office, and reversed a 12-year history of state litigation against Galveston financier Shearn Moody, Jr.

Ten days after his action, reports show Moody paid \$20,000 in legal fees to Mattox's former law partner and current business associate Don Crowder.

Moody was accused of fraud in connection with the 1971 bankruptcy of his Alabama-based insurance firm, and in 1979 a Dallas federal jury returned a \$5.3 million judgment against him. Moody was appealing the decision to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals when Mattox stepped in, filing a "friend of the court" brief arguing that certain legal decisions rendered in the Moody case would impair the decision-making power of Texas state agencies.

The Circuit Court affirmed the Dallas decision, but Mattox apparently is considering filing a similar brief on Moody's behalf before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Phone Conversation
Both Mattox and Crowder have acknowledged they discussed the Moody case by telephone, but denied any conflict of interest. Mattox also said he never benefited in any way from Moody's payment to Crowder.

Mattox also said he turned back a campaign contribution from Moody prior to his election because of possible conflict of interest. The court incident is the latest of a series of Mattox miscues and eye-lickers.

Last week's grand jury continued its investigation of alleged misdemeanor

violations in Mattox campaign funds report.

Voter Registration
Vice President George Bush represented Democrats Ted Kennedy and Charles Manatt sought to "capitalize on Texas' growing Hispanic bloc."

The trio spoke to more than 200 Hispanic activists in San Antonio last week during the Southwest Voter Registration Project.

The project aims to add 1 million Hispanic votes to the rolls in 23 states, including 200,000 in Texas.

Bush criticized the Carter-Mondale contributions to a poor economy that he said offered no opportunity for minorities, and Democrats countered by pointing out the high unemployment rate along the Rio Grande Valley.

Manges Lawsuit
The State, Exxon Corp.

and south Texas multimillionaire Clinton Manges apparently are about to settle the controversial oil and gas royalties suit on Duval County land.

Land Commissioner Garry Mauro expects Exxon to pay the State some \$4 million, but part of that sum, perhaps as much as a million, will go to Manges, owner of the land.

Mauro's attorneys are advising him to let the Attorney General decide Manges share. Both Mauro and Mattox received over \$50,000 each in campaign contributions from Manges, and Mauro's handlers are advising him to avoid potential conflict of interest.

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Property purchased
Summer revelations by the Capitol press corps have caused state officials to think harder before entering into situations which might put profit into their hands or those of their friends.

Last week Gov. Mark White dropped his opposition to the state purchase of land across the street from the Governor's Mansion, even though his campaign treasurer was representing a group of developers bidding against the state.

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This opinion page is meant to be a sharing of ideas, not just the writer's views. It's objective is to stimulate thoughts of readers about the positive aspects of the Eagle Lake/Colorado County Community.

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YES, I will be able to attend the Benefit Picnic on Aug. 27th, and have enclosed payment of \$_____ to cover the cost of _____ persons.

NO, I will not be able to attend, but I would like to contribute to the Benefit and have enclosed a donation in the amount of \$_____.

All Contributions are Tax Deductible.

This is the poster printed last week advertising the benefit picnic for the municipal building landscaping project. Cut the bottom portion off and send it with your donation.

4-H News
Coby Shorter attends Texas 4-H Congress

Coby Shorter, III, 4-H member from Eagle Lake, participated in the 1983 Texas 4-H Congress which was held July 19-21 at the Sheraton Crest Inn in Austin.

As a Texas 4-H Council member, Coby not only participated in the various activities but also was a number of assigned responsibilities at the event.

This year's theme at Congress was "Celebrate Citizenship." Congress participants were involved as citizens, learning more about the legislative process by writing bills, meeting in the House and Senate chambers of our State Capital, debating, amending and voting on bills.

It was an excellent opportunity for older 4-H members from each county in the state to visit and tour our state's capital and to learn how our state laws are made. Participants met several prominent people in state government and were involved in a party celebrating the 75th anniversary of 4-H in Texas.

Congress is for older 4-H members who are at least 15 years of age at the time Congress is held. Colorado County can send two members to the 4-H Congress. The Council assists with expenses.

This year District 11 traveled to Austin in a Continental Trailways bus, picking up more 4-H members and their parents along the way.

Congress is an educational event; one which more 4-H members need to take advantage of. It is a honor to go not only to gain individual experiences, but to represent the local, county and District 4-H program at the State event.

Funeral services were held last Friday at 3 p.m. for Mrs. Florence Catherine Painter at the Cole Funeral Home Chapel in McGregor, Texas, with Rev. Carrol Hambrick officiating. Interment followed at the Oage Cemetery.

Mrs. Painter, 86, a resident of the Heritage House in Eagle Lake for almost three years, died last Wednesday in the Eagle Lake Community Hospital.

She was born September 16, 1896, a daughter of the late Elijah and Della Yielding Sheffield, and lived in the McGregor area near Waco during her life.

She is survived by a son, Norman W. Painter of Rockville, Md.; a sister, Mrs. Alleyne Kurtz of San Antonio; three brothers, Van Sheffield of Marble Falls, Conn. Sheffield of

that we will take a moment and evaluate ourselves (not the other guy) and consider these aspects in our lives. I disagree with the philosophy that people cannot change. You can! It will take a concerted effort though to change the pattern of behavior we have developed over the years. But if we do, we will change ourselves and begin to change the world around us. It has to start with someone; why not let it begin with us!

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