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Opinion

Artificial turf keeps Mattox in the saga



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams
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Governor Mark White last week urged a district attorney and grand jury to quickly resolve its investigation of Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox, but each week seems to bring a new chapter to the saga.

Last week, officials of Texas Southern University accused Mattox of intervening in a \$1.39 million construction project which led to a contract award to one of Mattox's contributors.

School officials allege they were seeking to buy artificial turf for their stadium and had made a selection, but switched to SuperTurf International after Mattox questioned their decision. The SuperTurf firm is headed by Bill Pascal of Garland, a former client of Mattox's law firm, a member of Mattox's church and a \$5,000 contributor to his '82 campaign.

University President Leonard Spearman, newly reappointed by White, said Mattox had contended they had not accepted the lowest bid on the turf, but Mattox

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did not complain when they accepted SuperTurf at \$64,000 higher than the lowest bid.

Also revealed last week was Mattox's attempt to resolve by telephone the bankruptcy lawsuit of a Galveston financier who had hired Mattox's former law partner to represent him.

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week filed suit against a Cuban travel firm for alleged violations of the Consumer Protection Act.

Bounced check Early this summer Land Commissioner Garry Mauro announced settlement of a state oil lease dispute which would have South Texas multimillionaire Clinton Mangas pay the state \$384,877.

The agency expects to work with offenders to correct problems, rather than result to litigation. A second check also bounced, and Mauro threatened to take Mangas to court, an interesting development since Mangas gave more than \$50,000 to Mauro's '82 campaign.

Last week Mangas delivered a certified check which has ended the matter, apparently.

Odds and ends In February the state Depository Board headed by State Treasurer Ann Richards adopted a new

traveling exhibit will provide the most current scholarship available on the history of Texas and serve as an important tool in explaining the interrelationships of Project 150 exhibition material.

The Texas Memorial Museum's collections contain anthropological materials documenting the Indians' arrival in Texas centuries before the Spaniards, while the Barker Texas History Center's holdings are one of the most important sources of documentation on the exploration and development of Texas by the Spaniards and the Anglos.

For the Project 150 exhibition, the Barker Center's collections of books, maps, newspapers,

and archival material will be augmented by the excellent collection of maps in the Special Collections Division of the University of Texas at Arlington. These maps, part of the Cartographic History Library, graphically reveal the evolution of the Europeans' knowledge of the New World. The Special Collections' Department also houses the Jenkins Garrett library, one of the nation's largest collections of books and documents relating to the Mexican-American War.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

In Eagle Lake on April 27, 1983, 6-16-83

MARRIAGE
Licenses issued
Irvin Riglow Brown, 59,
Hallettsville, and Jewel
Elaine Schultz, 35, Yoakum.
8-8-83.

COLORADO COUNTY COURT-JUDGMENTS
[August 1983]
Richard George Davidson, 400 block of E. 6th, Eagle Lake; probation revoked on a 1981 fine of \$150 levied on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Ronald Howard Watson, listing a LaGrange attorney's address; fined \$380 and given one-year probation on 30-day jail sentence on charge of driving while intoxicated.

Robert Lamar Whitman, listing a Beaumont attorney's address; fined \$260 and given one-year probation on 30-day jail sentence on charge of driving while intoxicated.

Robert Lamar Whitman, listing a Beaumont attorney's address; fined \$400 and given one-year probation on 30-day jail sentence on charge of driving while intoxicated.

David Arthur Lund, Columbus; fined \$390 and given one-year probation on 30-day jail sentence on charge of driving while intoxicated.

James Thomas Simpson, II, address not listed; fined \$320 and given one-year probation on 30-day jail sentence on charge of driving while intoxicated.

Jerry Wayne Hess, El Campo; forfeited \$500 bond on charge of driving while intoxicated.

James Hawley Kahke, Port Worth; found guilty of driving while intoxicated; in lieu of fine, subject committed to San Antonio State Hospital for a period of not more than 90 days.

Rolando Guman, address not listed; given 90-day sentence on charge of criminal trespass with a deadly weapon.

REAL ESTATE DEED TRANSFERS
Deed, The First National Bank of Eagle Lake, Texas to John Torres, et ux, lot 6 block 1, Mexican school addition, 8-3-83.

Gift deed, Carl Willis Austin et ux to Pamela Joy Austin Hengst, 0.589 acres, J.M. Steiner Survey, 8-4-83.

Deed, Mattie Johnson to Ethel B. Formby, lot 11 block 42, Garwood, 7-28-83.

Deed, Charles D. McDowell et ux to Henry Duval McDowell, 13.5525 acres, William Allen Survey, 8-8-83.

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