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Opinion

Mattox conducts own probe of panel's DA

Embattled Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox, himself the target of a grand jury investigation, is apparently conducting his own probe of the panel's district attorney.

Records revealed last week that Mattox's top aide has obtained financial disclosure reports from 1973-76 for then-State Rep. Ronnie Earle, now the DA investigating Mattox.

Mattox said the side, Tom Green ordered the financial statements on his own. Green did not comment.

"When somebody's being investigated, the first thing they do is investigate the investigator," Earle said, adding he has been the subject of such close scrutiny since taking office.

An interesting twist to this probe-counter-probe is that Earle charged himself last March with failing to file a disclosure on time, and he fined himself and paid \$212.

His voluntary action came on the heels of a similar plea and fine by House Speaker Gib Lewis. The probe seeks to find whether Mattox property



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams

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reported an '83 primary campaign loan. A Seattle bank loan to Mattox's brother and sister during that period is questionable in the jury's eyes.

Green appeared before the grand jury last week, the eighth Mattox staffer to do so, and denied he ordered state staff to research the confidentiality of loan documents under Washington law.

Old grain
A host of Texas officials, including Gov. Mark White and West Texas State Sen. Bill Sims are asking the federal government to release deteriorating corn stored during the Soviet grain embargo to feed drought-stricken herds.

White said he and Sims may take some West Texas ranchers to

Washington, D.C. to explain that even if rains come to parched ranges, it is too late to help grow grass. The pair is talking about corn that is unfit for human consumption. Meanwhile, the cost of grain has risen because of the federal payment-in-kind program which was intended to reduce crop yield.

Inflation votes
The White House has said valid hopes that the PKI program will stabilize the farm and ranch, and the gamble on releasing the grain is whether it will subvert the market price. Ranchers have been liquidating herds for some days now, and word from some is that liquidation is eating more and more into their equity.

Ever-humorous Texas

Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower didn't miss any chances to dig at the Reagan Administration last week: "Reagan's idea of a good farm program is 'Hee Haw'."

Meuro, gas sales
Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who two weeks ago closed an historic deal to sell gas from state lands directly to the City of San Antonio, said last week he is considering offering a similar deal to Corpus Christi.

Mauro expects the San Antonio arrangement to save ratepayers there about \$3.6 million a year, and the Corpus Christi deal could save consumers thousands of dollars.

As Land Commissioner, Mauro has the option of taking its royalty payments for wells on state-owned land either in cash or in gas. He said he can make more money for the Permanent School Fund by selling the gas instead of taking the cash.

Redistricting
The U.S. Justice Department last week approved changes in the Texas state senate district lines passed by senators in the past session.

The approval almost makes it two down and one to go in the redistricting package. Three weeks ago the House plan, and they still must rule whether to accept the congressional plan.

However, the senate plan was passed by the Texas Senate but was never acted on by the House, and the Associated Republicans of Texas intend to keep challenging it in the courts. The plan enhances Hispanics' chances of winning a senator from the Valley and from Houston.

The plan must be approved by a three-judge federal court which has jurisdiction over the redistricting lawsuit.

Coming session
House Speaker Gib Lewis handed out committee subcommittee assignments last week.

a hint of issues to come in future sessions. Among the issues Lewis wants studied and reported back to the full Legislature are white-collar crime, the conversion of closed military based to minimum security prisons, the conversion of irrigated farmland to water-efficient crops or dryland crops, and development of wine and grape industries.

Although rumors surface from time to time that Gov. Mark White intends to call a special session before 1984 to raise teacher salaries, no hard evidence arises. A blue-ribbon panel studying the issue has completed its work, for one thing, and state revenues haven't increased enough to avoid a tax hike for teacher pay.

If White calls a special session to raise taxes, he is asking legislators to vote for new taxes only a few short months before the '84 primary elections. Some observers believe such a session would backfire on White.

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9-583: Assisted with a funeral procession from Altair to Rock Island. Assisted a stranded motorist on IH 10.

9-688: Checked on a burglary near Rock Island. Checked on a burglary of an automobile near Columbus. Investigated a theft on county road 116. Assisted with a funeral procession in Columbus. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had grand jury. Had district court. Issued seven traffic citations and served four civil citations.

9-783: Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Checked on a disturbance in Sheridan. Issued 10 traffic citations and served six civil citations.

9-883: Assisted the Columbus police with a disturbance call. Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Had county court. Assisted a stranded motorist near Columbus. Issued eight traffic citations and served five civil citations.

9-983: Worked school traffic in the morning and afternoon. Assisted with crowd control at Rice and Columbus ball games. Checked on a burglary south of Altair. Checked on an abandoned vehicle east of Columbus. Assisted at

the scene of an accident on IH-10. Removed livestock from the roadway near Burden. Had JP court in the afternoon. Issued five traffic citations and served four civil citations.

9-1083: Checked on a disturbance in Nada. Checked on a criminal mischief south of Altair. Assisted at the scene of an accident on 71 North.

9-1183: Investigated a burglary near Altair. Checked on a suspicious subject south of Columbus.

Jim Broussard, Sheriff and Deputies Phones: 732-2368 and 732-2355 Home Phone: 732-9950

On September 9 at 10:40 a.m., Johnny Parker of the Sheriff's Department that is place of business in Vox Populi had been broken into. Entry was gained through a window by removing the screen for access.

The pool table and cigarette machines were pried open and an undetermined amount of change taken according to the Sheriff's office. Also taken was a black and white portable television and two cases of beer.

At 1:30 p.m. September 11, Jack Soap of Altair reported to the Sheriff's office a theft from his residence.

The investigation revealed no signs of forced entry, however, entry may have been gained through an unlocked window.

According to the Sheriff's Department, four rifles and one shotgun were taken.

Obituaries

Bill Appelt's mother dies

The community learned with sadness of the passing of Mrs. Willie (Lillian) Appelt, mother of Bill Appelt, of Eagle Lake, who died at 6:25 p.m. September 7 at Lavaca Medical Center in Hallettsville.

Survivors include her widower, Willie Appelt of Hallettsville; one daughter, Mrs. Mae Rother, of Victoria; one son, Bill Appelt, of Eagle Lake; one sister, Mrs. Hilda Hanslik, of Shiner; and four grandchildren.

A member of the ALCW group of the St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lillian lived her life loving her family and friends and never complaining what life sent her way.

Sympathy is extended to the family in the loss of their loved one.

Funeral services were conducted at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Hallettsville at 3 p.m. September 10 with Pastor James Boyd officiating at the services. Burial was in Hallettsville City Cemetery.

Mrs. Appelt was born September 9, 1906 in Lavaca County to Adolph Koehler and Josephine Reitorik Koehler. She lived in Hallettsville all her life.

Funeral services will be conducted from United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake at 2 p.m. Thursday, September 15 with Rev. Charles Bunk officiating. Interment will be in Masonic Cemetery.

Pallbearers are John Matthews, Davis Waddell, Tommy Whitington, Bob Ashby, Joe Laird, Robert Dehnisch and Dan Thornton. Honorary pallbearers are Drs. R. R. Thomas, J. C. Laughlin, J. R. Laughlin, Russell Thomas, Curtis Laughlin and Jose Ugarte.

Mrs. Luna was born to J. C. Westmoreland and Sadie Dehnisch Westmoreland August 6, 1905 in Eagle Lake. During her lifetime she resided in Eagle Lake except for a brief time when she taught school in the Rosenberg area.

On October 31, 1981 she was united in marriage to Joe D. Luna in Richmond. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Eagle Lake and the Clifford Wiesse Adult Bible class of the United Methodist Church and had served in many offices in the church. She was an active and past

president of the Eagle Lake Study Club, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Owen Wister Literary Society at Rice Institute and had taught school in the Rosenberg and Eagle Lake public schools. She attended the University of Texas before transferring to Rice Institute for three years and graduated in 1930.

Survivors include her widower, Joe D. Luna of Eagle Lake; son, Dick Luna and wife, Sally of Houston; daughter, Neelon Luna of

Colorado County Courthouse Report

MARRIAGE

LICENSES ISSUED

John Glenn Johnson, 21, Columbus, and Delmonica Patricia Jones, 18, Columbus, 8-23-83.

Adam Perez, 28, Columbus, and Marjorie Ann Farnell, 24, Cat Spring, 8-23-83.

Leslie Mae Jordan, 28, Sheridan, and Vernita Pauline Shupak Dopsiauf, 35, Sheridan, 8-24-83.

Randy Lee Schramm, 23, New Ulm, and Susan Marie Miller, 20, Cat Spring, 9-1-83.

Lupe Balder Ybarbo, 25, Columbus, and Raquel Garcia, 25, Columbus, 9-4-83.

Hector Lewis Cavazos, 20, Eagle Lake, and Marina Vargas, 16, Eagle Lake, 9-4-83.

Thomas Wayne Rau, 27, Columbus, and Theresa Agnes Steinhausen, 24, Alibon, 9-4-83.

Corbett Lee Williams, 23, Fayetteville, and Gladys Ann Noska, 24, Wharton, 9-12-83.

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Franklin to Louis Schott, lot 6, block 18; lot 10, block 18-83.

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Deed, Lee Roy Lundquist et ux et al to Veterans' Land Board, 12,1212 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, 7-31-83.

Deed, Veterans' Land Board to Arthur Mark Cannon, 12,1212 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, 9-1-83.

Deed, Lee Roy Lundquist et ux et al to Veterans' Land Board, 14,0350 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, 8-25-83.

Deed, Veterans' Land Board to Don D. Peak, 14,0350 acres, Joseph Grant Survey, 8-19-83.

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