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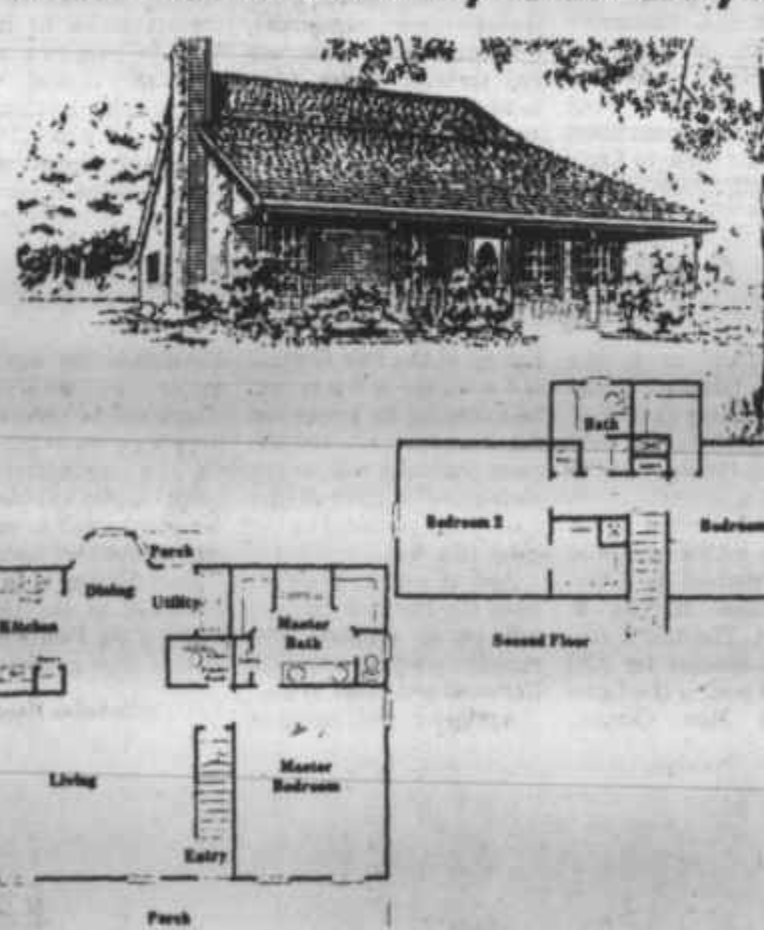
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Opinion

Grand jury indicts Mattox on felony charge

The Travis County grand jury last week indicted Texas Atty. Gen. Jim Mattox on a felony charge of commercial bribery, leaving him more tangled than ever in a snarl of legal problems.

If he is convicted, Mattox will have to resign, but he shows no signs of stepping down or aside while he resolves his legal troubles, even while other indicted fireholders cry out that he must.

Admittedly, the persons most eager for the liberal Democrat's ouster are Republicans, and a small handful of Democrats have even flocked to his side. But a citizens group which lobbies for ethics legislation, Common Cause, has suggested Mattox simply step aside and let others fight the state's legal battles until he resolves his own.



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams
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Mattox, however, is not moving aside for anyone. On the day of his indictment, he told reporters he was set up by "Big Oil," more specifically Mobil Oil, and that he expects to be a hero when the smoke clears after he is found innocent. To understand his point, Mattox last week filed lawsuits and restraining orders against five Houston companies alleged to have simply price-gouged victims of Hurricane Alicia. Mattox said the hourly fee charged in the alleged gouging amounted to \$1,800 an hour in some cases.
Legal snarl
The gouging lawsuits are small potatoes compared to some of the legal battles which Mattox must expect to fight as the state's lawyer, among them the massive lawsuit involving the state, Clinton Manges

the awarding of an artificial turf contract by Texas Southern University, and whether he used state workers to conduct personal legal research.

Commercial bribery
The commercial bribery indictment is unusual, but is explained by the district attorney this way: "Mattox threatened to put Fulbright and Laworki (Houston law firm) out of the bond business unless the firm stopped trying to question his sister."
Mattox responded in his usual tough-guy manner, he hopes the DA has the guts to try the flimsy case himself.

Brice out
In the race for U.S. Senate, former Gov. Dolph Brice announced he would not run because of extended drought problems on his large ranching operation, but would support the entire Democratic ticket. The door is open for a Brice endorsement.
His departure brought sighs of relief from the two conservatives in the fray, Bob Krueger and Kent Hance, who didn't want to split that bloc with the incumbent.

Bullock also announced
that legalized bingo has produced \$2 million in revenue for local governments, according to his collection records.
Anniversary
Last Thursday marked the 50th anniversary of the repeal of prohibition on beer in Texas. Today, Texas is second only to Wisconsin in the production of beer, producing 16.7 million barrels a year.

Excise taxes collected
in 1982 on the production, distribution and sale of beer in Texas amounted to \$78 million in state revenues. In addition, \$45 million is collected from a special gross receipts tax on some retailers and \$100 million from the general sales tax.

Although state-wide
repeal of beer prohibition is half-a-century-old, 74 counties are still totally "dry." In general, the southern half of the state is mostly "wet," while the northern and Panhandle regions are predominantly "dry."

Texas brewers are
located in Houston, Fort Worth, Longview, San Antonio and Shiner.

Constitution Week

24 Years Ago

By Proclamation of the President of the United States, and by Act of Congress, this is Constitution Week, September 17-23.
The Daughters of the American Revolution remind all citizens that the freedoms of religion, press and speech and the rights of petition and assembly are guaranteed to us by the Constitution. We must be vigilant to protect our rights and freedoms; for once lost to us, they can never be regained. Read your Constitution.
This announcement was provided by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution of the John Everett Chapter of Columbus.

Let's Look Back

[August 20, 1959]
Curtis Laughlin was the junior champion at the Eagle Lake Recreation Center golf championship matches last Sunday. Mrs. Howard Wiese won the women's division and Clyde Brown was the champion in the men's division. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Marshall and family are purchasing the D. Wallace home on the corner of Prairie Street and Strickland Avenue. Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Sosa have completed sale of their home on Davitt Street to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Merz. Mr. Merz is a member of the Eagle Lake school faculty. Mrs. Sue Briscoe will open a general insurance agency to be known as the Briscoe Insurance Agency, in conjunction with

Visitors in Kopecky and Janik homes

Visitors at the homes of Mrs. Marie Kopecky and Dick Janik, were Dick Janik's daughter, Mrs. Pat Crocker, and her son, Roy. Mrs. Kopecky entertained her guests with dinner. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roberts and Joyce from Fresno, California; Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Roberts of Houston; and Mr. and Mrs. Gene Roberts of Spring.
Over the weekend, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Kopecky, Carol and Greg entertained all of them with a barbecue at their ranch in East Bernard. Everyone enjoyed a wonderful time.
During her visit, Mrs. Crocker and Roy made a trip with Albert Janik to San Antonio and all enjoyed a scenic "boat ride" up and

UDC Columbus chapter has first meeting

Shropshire-Upton Chapter No. 361, United Daughters of the Confederacy began with its first meeting in the home of Mrs. Edgar Litzman, September 8 at 10 a.m. Assisting with hostesses duties were Mrs. Carl Matten, Mrs. W. R. Byrne, and Mrs. Cyril Gieger of Columbus.
President Mrs. Oscar Schade began the meeting with the ritual. Pledges were taken by patriotic chairman, Mrs. Homer Klobas. Among officer's reports, third vice president, Mrs. James R. Crane, announced the first Col. Charles W. Tait Chapter No. 669, Children of the Confederacy meeting would be September 25 in the James R. Crane home at 2 p.m. The chapter voted to help sponsor the Tait Chapter. Children of the Confederacy

CCA to meet Thursday

The Combined Community Action, Inc. (CCA), Board of Directors will be holding their monthly meeting at the CCA Central Office, 400 Smithville, Texas 78067, at 7:30 p.m. on September 22.

48 Years Ago

[September 13, 1935]
School plans for early organization of thirty-two place band with A. L. Lundgren, director. Mrs. Maude Matthews returned home from a delightful visit of six weeks, spent with her friends in Glendale, California.
Noland Nathan on duty in the grocery department of the Frank Stephens Co. Mrs. Rosanna Howard and two children, Nora Beth and Wendel, left for Shiner where she will teach in the public school. Jack Putney returned from Huntsville where he has been doing engineering work on a city paving project.
Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Stephens, Mrs. Frank Stephens and Miss Addie Johnson home from a month's visit west, with stops in San Diego, Los Angeles, Yosemite National Park, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Saint Paul, Kansas City and in Dallas. George A. Smith, well known farmer, buried at Lakeland.

Scholarships offered to seniors

High school seniors will have the opportunity to take advantage to apply for scholarships to two separate programs.
One is the 1983-84 Century III Leaders program and the other is the Texas Excellence Award for Scholarship and Leadership at The University of Texas.

Century III Leaders
program awards local, state and national prizes to students who demonstrate the leadership abilities and social awareness necessary to help meet America's needs during their third year, according to Doug R. Wright, Rice High School counselor.
One particularly outstanding senior will eventually collect the \$10,000 scholarship which goes to the

Century III national winner. That person is selected at the Century III National Conference next March at Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia.
Semifinalists earn \$500 awards.
Two students from each state and the District of Columbia — chosen from winners at each participating high school — receive \$1,500 scholarships and all-expense-paid trips to the Williamsburg conference. Two state alternates each receive \$500 awards.

Deadline for students
to apply is October 21. Students interested in participating in the program should contact the academic counselor for application forms. Students need to

pick up applications during September in order that they will have sufficient time to prepare for the current events examination and writing of their essay.

To be eligible for the \$10,000 scholarship to The University of Texas at Austin, students must rank in the top five percent of their class at the end of their junior year in high school. Beyond scholastic achievement, students must demonstrate leadership ability. Approximately ten finalists will be selected in a process involving University deans, distinguished alumni, and other UT officials.

U of T scholarship
The Texas Excellence Award for Scholarship and Leadership is the first of its kind in the state. Funded by alumni through The Foundation for Texas Excellence of The Ex-Students' Association, the award is based solely on academic accomplishment and leadership in extracurricular activities. Presented for the first time in 1982, five more such awards will be presented in March 1984. Each award will be granted over a four year period (\$2500 per year).

Dr. Ugarte is chairman Last rites for Consuelo Sosa

Final rites were held September 17 at 4 p.m. for Mrs. Consuelo Sosa from Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Eagle Lake with Rev. Ray Widacki officiating. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

Dr. Jose Ugarte will serve as chairman of the American Cancer Society's educational and fundraising Cancer Crusade in Colorado County.
In announcing the appointment, Mrs. Carol Williamson, public education chairman of the Society's Colorado Unit said that, "With Dr. Ugarte leading this Unit's Crusade we are confident our goals and aims will be reached."
Dr. Ugarte is enthusiastically devoted to the cause of cancer control. He is currently a member of the American Academy of Family Practices and the American Medical Association.
Dr. Ugarte belongs to the 409th U. S. Army Hospital Reserve Unit as Captain, U. S. Army Reserve. Dr. and Mrs. Ugarte and their four children have resided in Colorado County for the past seven years.

Survivors include: daughters, Susie Alanis, Hortencia Salazar, Yolanda Salazar, Jane Salinas, all of Eagle Lake; Delores Sosa of Rosenberg, and Debra Teague of Eagle Lake; sons, Gerardo, Pascual and Domingo, all of Eagle Lake; sisters, Carmen Simerky of Houston, Lonies Gonzales of Houston, Ester Mendoza of McAllen, Atelina Nieto of Dallas, Alvera Pena of Alvarado; brothers, Delino Gonzales of Houston and Juan Gonzales of McAllen; 25 grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.
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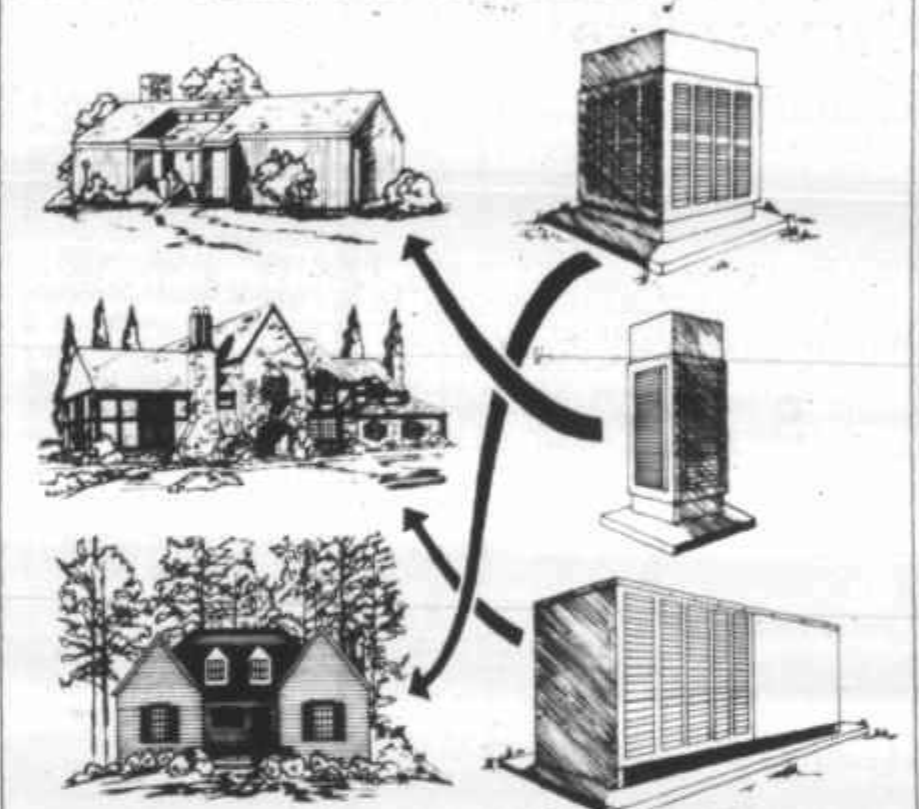
St. Anthony's PTC met Sept. 12

St. Anthony's P.T.C. held their first meeting of the 1983-84 school year September 12. The annual covered dish supper preceded the meeting held in the K.C. Hall in Columbus. Christine Grate presided at the meeting. Sister Cecilia, principal, presented the faculty. They are: Tibb McAllister, kindergarten; Mrs. Elva Schmidt, first grade; Mrs. Mickey Glueck, second grade; Mrs. Brian Crookes, third grade; Mrs. Elva Schmidt, fourth grade; Mrs. Mickey Glueck, fifth grade; Mrs. Brian Crookes, sixth grade; Mrs. Elva Schmidt, seventh grade; Mrs. Mickey Glueck, eighth grade.
The business meeting followed with various committees reporting on activities. Geraldine Streckfus explained the Library Fund Program whereby persons can donate to the library in memory of a deceased relative or friend, or to commemorate special occasions. Carolyn Jones reported on the upcoming Halloween Carnival to be held Saturday, October 29, on the school grounds. A girls volleyball tournament will be held in October. The P.T.C. will handle the concessions for that event. Thanks were expressed to those who helped with the clean-up and repairs during the summer. Two more classrooms were completed and kindergarten through sixth grade are now all in the main building.
Sr. Ruth Ann explained the computer program implemented at St. Anthony's this year. There are presently four in use and plans are to purchase two more.
The attendance prize for the meeting was won by Tibb McAllister's kindergarten class.
Reporter

Hospital News

ADMISSION:
Eagle Lake: Edna Mitchell, Lizzie Hill, Walter Wisbert, Ernestine Scott, Anna Kocurek, Ruby Mathis, Ethel LePort & Baby Girl, Alberta Norris, Ed McJannet, Ora Dell Baker, George Dale Stapleton, Bobby Hudson, Lillie Brune, Norma Hunsdon and Willard Shurt.
Houston: Jewel Starke; Rock Island: Frances Burda; Columbus: Mentha Williams; Fayetteville: Meta Johner; East Bernard: Carmen Lala & Baby Girl; San Antonio: Vincent Jones.
Dismal: Ruth Schillab; Eagle Lake: Lettie Richardson, Eva Jo Stephen, Sufonia Hemphill, Lula Mae Boone, McKinley Martindale, Charrie Davis, Alma T. Bailey, John Perkins, Darryl Justice, Debbie Vawter, Jessie Arnett, Ellie Kveton, M. J. Jones, Monica Poole, Tim Lueddecke, Ramona Torres and Ray Charles Coleman, Sheridan: Eutie Rowland, Rhine Heindol; Weimar: Olivia Wise; La Grange: Louis Masoch; Rock Island: Lydia

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Chuck Wagon BBQ supper set

Eagle Lake Rotary Club will stage its annual Chuck Wagon Barbecue Supper in the Eagle Lake Community Center on Tuesday, October 11 for the benefit of community projects, including sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 334.
Tickets to the event are now on sale with all Rotarians for \$4 per place. The menu will include barbecued chicken and the trimmings. Drinks will also be offered for sale; and the Eagle Lake Chapter of the American Association of University Women will sell cakes, whole or by the slice, during the event.
Donald Obenhaus is general chairman of the event and other Rotarians will assist in all phases of the event from cooking the barbecued chicken to clean-up details.
Wayne Shifflett, president of the club, and members invite one and all to make plans to attend. Tickets will also be sold at the door on October 11; and you may enjoy the meal in the air-conditioned center or there will be a curb service line in the pavilion area. Serving hours will be from 5 to 7 p.m.

Study Club "sets sail for the sea"

The Eagle Lake Study Club "Set Sail for the Sea" with a delightful social Tuesday evening, September 13, at the home of Mrs. John Matthews very capably served as refreshment chairman for the event.
This is only the beginning, there are seven more informative and entertaining programs and activities for 1983-84. The waves echo behind me. Please, Friends, Openness, is what the sea has to teach. Simplicity... Solitude... Intermittency... But there are other beaches to explore. There are more seas to find. This is only the beginning. Anne Morrow Lindbergh.
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