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**Mattox aide:  
Opinion puts  
no pressure  
on treasurers**

AUSTIN (AP) — An aide to Attorney General Jim Mattox said Monday that no effort was made to use a pending legal opinion to pressure county treasurers into supporting a possible 1990 Mattox gubernatorial bid.

"There's no way that an opinion could be manipulated," said Ron Dusek, spokesman for Mattox, who was returning from Central America and was not available for further comment.

The *Dallas Times Herald* reported Monday that Mattox's campaign solicited money and political support from county treasurers just days after Mattox told the treasurers a legal opinion that could erode their powers was pending before him.

The newspaper quoted angry treasurers as saying they believed the solicitation was improper because it implied the opinion would go against them if Mattox didn't receive widespread political support from their group.

"It infuriated me," Fort Bend County Treasurer Kathy Hynson said. "I told them in no uncertain terms I would not support Jim Mattox."

The legal opinion Mattox issues could be critical for county treasurers, who have been battling a statewide movement to abolish their offices.

If Mattox, whose decisions have the weight of law until challenged in court, decides for the auditors, it would mean one less duty for the treasurers and another reason their jobs could be abolished.

The office already has been eliminated in six counties, including Bexar and El Paso.

Green said campaign phone banks routinely call county officials to request their backing and may have contacted some county treasurers after the speech, but only by coincidence.

"There's just no correlation between what's going on in the attorney general's office over there and what that phone bank is doing," Green said.

Dusek said, "There's a phone bank that's been going on for four or five months. We're trying to call every county official, every city official, civic leaders, because Mattox is trying to gauge support for himself for a campaign. He's said that many times."

Several treasurers said they were already disturbed by remarks Mattox had made during his address and that their discomfort increased when they got calls asking for their political support.

"He said, 'You know if I go with you all on this opinion I'll be making the district judges and the commissioners mad at me, and there are a whole lot more of them than there are of you all,'" said McLennan County Treasurer Odessa Wells, recalling Mattox's remarks.

**What's up**

Tuesday

- STUDENT Y ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 102 Blocker.
- MSC ALL-NIGHT FAIR:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 407 Rudder.
- CLASS OF '90:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 209 Harrington.
- SOCIOLOGY CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 125 Academic.
- EL PASO HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
- WRITING OUTREACH:** Chris Ellery will discuss "Visual Aids in Business Writing" at 6:30 p.m. in 110 Blocker.
- TAMU HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.
- CLASS OF '89:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 202 Harrington.
- CLASS OF '91:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 203 Harrington.
- PI SIGMA EPSILON:** Team C, the "Dotted Lines," will play volleyball at 9 p.m. in the Read Building.
- DATA PROCESSING MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION:** IBM will present information about careers in data processing at 7 p.m. at the Ramada Inn penthouse.
- AMERICAN SOCIETY OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERS:** Darren Davis will discuss robotics at 7 p.m. in 204 Harrington.
- INTRAMURAL SPORTS:** Entries close for weightlifting and handball singles in 159 Read and there is a sports club meeting at 7 p.m. in 167 Read.
- MANAGEMENT 481 DISTINGUISHED VISITOR EXECUTIVE SERIES:** Kathryn Gray will be the guest at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.
- PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION:** will meet at 7:15 p.m. in 103 Zachry.
- CLASS OF '88:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 201 Harrington.
- SPEAKERS SEMINAR APPLICATIONS:** are available until Nov. 25 in 208 Pavilion.
- BAPTIST STUDENT UNION:** will have a hullabaloo fellowship at 7 p.m. in the MSC.
- NOW:** will present "AIDS: Beyond Fear" at 8:30 p.m. in 410 Rudder.
- MSC LITERARY ARTS COMMITTEE:** is accepting graphics submissions for the fourth edition of Litmus through today.
- TAMU COMPUTER USERS GROUP:** will meet at 3 p.m. in 230 MSC.
- T-CAMP '88:** Co-chair applications are available until Monday in the second floor of the Pavilion.
- POLITICAL ACTION:** The Texas Grass Roots Coalition will meet at 7 p.m. at 205-1 Sulphur Springs.
- AGGIE ABROAD:** will meet language partners at 8:30 p.m. in Rudder Tower.
- AGGIE DEMOCRATS:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.
- BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION:** will present a program by the Brazos Animal Shelter at 7 p.m. in 201 Veterinary Medicine Complex.
- WILDLIFE BIOLOGY SOCIETY:** will discuss the reintroduction of Bighorn sheep to Texas.
- ACM — IEEE/CS:** will have a Micro Fair from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., today and Wednesday in the Zachry lobby.
- WEST BELL COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 308 Rudder.
- AMERICAN WATER RESOURCES ASSOCIATION:** James Blackburn will speak at 5 p.m. in 110 Civil Engineering Building.
- HKN ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING HONOR SOCIETY:** Dr. Edwin Harris will discuss ethics in engineering at 7 p.m. in 223B Zachry.
- MSC CEPHEID VARIABLE:** will take pictures for *The Aggield* at 8:30 p.m. in the Zachry lobby.
- COOKE COUNTY HOMETOWN CLUB:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 27 MSC.
- RHA FRESHMAN LEADERSHIP PROGRAM:** will meet at 7 p.m. in 200 Harrington.

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**A&M animal clinic officials  
expect to treat more horses**  
Pari-mutuel betting seen as business boost

By Joy Swanzy  
Reporter

Officials at the large animal clinic at Texas A&M expect a 20 percent to 30 percent increase in its present caseload of 5,000 horses as a result of the legalization of pari-mutuel gambling, said Dr. R.J. Martens, head of the Department of Large Animal Medicine and Surgery.

The fact that more horses will be sent to the clinic means that the teaching and research program will be improved. Students, who are rotated through the departments to give them experience in each field of veterinary medicine, will get more practice dealing with cases involving infectious diseases, colic and lameness, Martens said.

The research program also should be increased, especially in the areas of exercise physiology, which

involves programs to help an animal reach its genetic potential to race, problems with heart and lungs and research into reproduction.

Martens said he hopes the state will make provisions to supply money for increased research and staff and a new large animal facility. He said that the main source of funding should come from racing.

The faculty of 45 veterinarians works with the students all day and sometimes at night when there is an emergency. Martens would like to set up a shift schedule so that faculty members can share emergency duties. He said a faculty increase of as many as 10 new veterinarians is possible. A faculty increase also would create more possibilities for research.

The 30-year-old facility is antiquated as far as state-of-the-art surgical procedures such as arthroscopic surgery are concerned, he

said. Martens said this could be a slight setback since the racing program is established.

Martens said the central location of A&M in the triangle formed by Houston, San Antonio and Dallas-Fort Worth should have a positive effect on the number of cases sent to the clinic. These cities could be the location of major race tracks and all have good access to the University.

"The Texas horse-racing industry should be first in the country once it gets going," Martens said. "Texans love their horses and do well with them; it's a natural thing for them. There are lots of Texans raising horses in different states who want to come home."

"Since pari-mutuel gambling was approved, they have the opportunity to do so. I'm excited about the effects it will have both on the state and the veterinary school."

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