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Opinion

The women of Eagle Lake providing a future

A Local Column By John F. Fearing

For some part of the last two weeks, I've sat down to write a column about the women of Eagle Lake, and the large role they play in the community here. But the words just haven't come out right. This is a third attempt. All I really want to point out to those who might be missing it was that here, the women of the community have taken on one of the most active roles of any city I've lived in. It all centers around the Revitalization Committee, and I want to tell you, I'm impressed. If that committee continues as it has started, Eagle Lake is in for a great future. What impresses me is not only that the organization is

functioning mostly because of the women who share an interest in the future, but that it is filling an important void that other organizations here cannot do. The committee is providing the community with the information and network of people needed to help us all realize what it means to stand still...that if nothing is done as a group, deterioration is a real possibility. Revitalization doesn't just mean restoring a building or two, but it encompasses the total business environment of the city, which means it has an impact on everyone. Because you are either making your living by owning a business here or working for one. For those of you in the third category of living here and working elsewhere, you should be concerned about local business, because if it doesn't flower then the local tax base erodes, and your taxes go up while your quality of living environment goes down. Can we call on the city to do the things the Revitalization Committee is doing...NO, we can't. The

business of the city is to provide a local government with certain services. If those services are not on a sufficient level, the attractiveness of a community as a place to live suffers. So the local government can be asked to only make sure it is doing the best job possible at a reasonable cost to taxpayers...to ask more is to dilute the tax dollars available. Then there is the chamber of commerce, whose business it is to foster business growth. Many of the things the Revitalization Committee is doing...NO, we can't. The

either for men, such as Rotary Club, or for women, such as Xi Pi Phi. The revitalization committee encompasses all of those, and more...since it can act to tie everything together. But the important fact is it was begun and has become a solid group because of the women of Eagle Lake. Please understand that by not mentioning much about the men who are helping I don't mean to slight them. But I felt the reader should realize that the women of Eagle Lake are taking an important, aggressive part of the future.

doing could fall under the wing of the Eagle Lake Chamber of Commerce, and the chamber here has pledged to support the committee's efforts. In this instance, the committee is not part of the Chamber, but to someone who doesn't live here, looking at the both is a sign of a strong community. Thirdly there is the Industrial Foundation, whose job it is to bring new business and industry to town, to provide jobs for local residents who then increase the tax base. Of course the other major factor in the community is the many civic organizations designed

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Capitol fire scene 'grim'

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Lyndell Williams TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION

The hull that has characterized these opening weeks of the Legislature was unfortunately disturbed last week by a fire that ravaged the East Wing of the State Capitol. The flames that destroyed the Lt. Governor's offices and apartment on the second floor licked around the door frames leading into the Senate chamber, but firefighters brought it under control and senators are still meeting in full session. In fact, one of the Senate's first items of business last week was to approve an emergency appropriation of \$7 million to rebuild the damaged heart of the Senate. The appropriation was

outlaw the pass-through, but White said "No." "I made it very clear when I said I wanted the fuel pass-through abolished. That's simple English. I don't want them to hide it. I want them to abolish it." **Battleship Texas** The Battleship Texas moored at the San Jacinto State Park near Houston is like "a slave galley," according to Galveston Representative Lloyd Criss. Criss blasted officials of the Battleship Texas Commission for consistently mistreating its employees and ignoring the safety of its workers and tourists. He pointed out the case of one employee who was fired for repairing a leak in the ship's hull. The report was later confirmed and cost the state \$70,000 to repair. "You have to recognize that these things exist. I don't say it lightly," White said. In January, the national unemployment rate decreased while Texas' rate increased to 8.2 percent, the first time that has happened in years, he said. "No" to PUC White also criticized the Public Utilities Commission's attempt to eliminate the controversial automatic fuel cost pass-through. Commission officials said their new emergency rule adopted last week would

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24 Years Ago Let's Look Back

February 5, 1959 Mrs. Charles Schamhorn has leased the Rice Theatre and will take over operation Thursday as manager of the movie. She will succeed J. C. Ricketts. Three aldermen will be elected April 7 to serve on the City Council. Councilmen whose terms expire this year are: A. H. Seaholm, H. E. Tate and Alvin E. Wise. Approximately 600 members of the Texas Trail Riders Association are expected to make the fifth annual Trail Drive to help promote San Antonio's 10th Anniversary Stock Show and Rodeo Feb. 13-22.

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Colorado County Courthouse Report

COLORADO COUNTY COURT ACTION
Francisco Tapia, forfeited \$350 bond on DWI charge.
Barbara Silva, plead guilty to theft by check; fined \$50 plus court costs plus ordered to make restitution.
Lillian Cain plead guilty to forgery by false pretext, ordered to make restitution.
Clem Rivera, plead guilty to theft by check; fined \$75 plus court costs plus ordered to make restitution.
Mary Coronado, plead guilty to theft by check; fined \$75 plus court costs plus ordered to make restitution.
Steven Gosnel, plead guilty to theft by check; fined \$75 plus court costs plus ordered to make restitution.
Victor M. Castellanos, plead guilty to DWI, fined \$300 and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence.
Horace Lee Hodges, plead guilty to DWI, fined \$100 and given a 1-week suspended jail sentence.
Emma Woods, plead guilty to two charges of theft by check, fined \$75 plus court costs and ordered to make restitution on each charge.
Domingo Ramirez, plead nolo contendere to a charge of DWI; fined \$500 and sentenced to 14-days in jail.
Leonard J. Zienkiewicz, plead guilty to driving with a suspended license; fined \$500 plus costs plus sentenced to 90 days in jail.

DISTRICT COURT SUITS FILED
Janice Kaye Nead and Dean Robert Nead, divorce, 1-25-83.
Sharon K. Theriot and Francis Paul Theriot, divorce, 1-27-83.
Barbara Sue Edda and David Lee Edda, divorce, 1-27-83.
State of Texas vs Eugene Seydler as guardian of estate of Martha S. Richards, seeking reimbursement of \$25,013.50 for services, 1-27-83.
Lewis Robert Kubesch, Jr., and Evelyn Ann Till Kubesch, divorce, 2-1-83.
Eloise Martinez and Vicente C. Martinez, divorce, 2-2-83.
First State Bank of Weimar vs John Moody, Denton, Tex., seeking payment on past due note of \$2533.90, 2-7-83.
Gulf Coast Horse Center, Inc., vs George Perry, seeking payment on account of \$2431.37 for boarding and care of animals, 12-1-82.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED
Humberto Felix Ramirez, 34, Galveston, and Consuelo Garcia, Gonzales, 36, Houston, 1-27-83.
Clarence Reynolds, 30, Columbus, and Sandra Kay Chastain, 29, Pearland, 1-27-83.
Randal Darrel Frka, 29, Eagle Lake, and Barbara Denise Poble, 23, Eagle Lake, 1-31-83.
Horace Wayne Bell, 33, Columbus, and Sharon Lynn Halcomb Sneed, 23, Columbus, 1-31-83.
Scott Freeman Hooper, 20, Columbus, and Denise Ann Graham, 22, Columbus, 2-2-83.
Patrick Sainz, 27, Weimar, and Linda Louise Cunningham, 27, Weimar, 2-9-83.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS
Deed, TKRD Investments Inc. to Lamar Jobe, 14.25 acres, Howard McElroy Survey et al., 1-14-83.
Deed, Fred R. Lyle, Jr. to J. L. Obenhaus, Jr., 8.275 acres, Martin Ramsey Survey, 1-24-83.
Deed, Frank Roberts et ux, undivided interest to wit, 36.855 acres, J. H. Ryan Survey, 1-22-83.
Deed, Louise Morton to Hugh S. Morton, undivided interest, 1.0 acre, J. M. Steiner Survey, 1-17-83.
Schroeder, Sr., Trustee to Terrence Sabatara, Lot 21 Garden Oaks Subdivision, 1-19-83.
Deed, Harold G. Prochnow et ux to Jodie L. Scott et ux, 0.883 acres, P. O'Daugherty Survey, 1-21-83.
Gift Deed, Ebyl Moebes Dibert to Howard Town

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