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Eagle Lake, Houston and Texas

An economic perspective

Guest Editorial
By Paul Canaris

Recently, we have heard and read quite a lot about economic development. Why? Most of us understand the reasons and the importance of pursuing economic development. Of course, increased business activity helps to create new jobs, and expanding businesses generate larger cash flows through our community. Economic development also balances our tax base among a greater number of people and businesses. But why the push now for economic development? What do we hope to achieve by pursuing economic growth?

For starters, stability. We all know from individual experience, that if all of our eggs are in one basket and that basket breaks, we have lost everything. The same is true for communities, counties and states. Let's compare our local economic history with Houston and Texas.

In the early days of the state, the Texas economy was dominated by agriculture. About the time the Industrial Revolution was taking hold on the East Coast, Texas was the subject of increasing interest from geologists and drillers seeking oil. As our nation grew, and industry began to catch up with agriculture as the main component of our gross national product, Texas and Houston literally fueled the economy. While the East grew, the West awakened and the South languished, we became wealthy, taking a resource we found beneath our feet, marking it up and selling it to an increasingly dependent society. The challenge in Houston was to maximize the opportunities that surrounded us:

not to create industry, capital and marketing tools out of imagination and salesmanship, or later to overcome the debilitating effects of plants and worker obsolescence."

We can all see that Houston's growth has stemmed from the development of its natural resources. The Port of Houston began by first shipping basic agricultural products. Houston's petroleum products building market was in direct demand to the need to supply office space and homes for these basic industries. Houston's growth has a direct tie to us here in Eagle Lake. We have all heard that Houston was built upon the gravel from Eagle Lake. We are still, and will be for a long time to come, an agriculturally based economy. We have oil and gas. The conclusion that follows is that, as Houston and Texas, we have developed our natural resources to the exclusion of any other industry. "But the disciplines of our enterprise were different from those of the East or the emerging Far West. While our children became petroleum engineers, their kids acquired industrial or technical engineering degrees. Our employment base was dominated by Exxon and GM. When the unemployment rate can be measured by the fingers on one hand, it's hard to concentrate on reaching out to create new industries." We didn't plan for the future.

During the '70's, the farming industry took on a whole new perspective. We saw the removal of allotment systems. We entered into a whole new market. We were going to farm fence row to fence row and feed the world. We had entered into the world of international marketing and competition. We are still trying to cope and to survive in this new area of agriculture.

"Until the 1970's the Texas Railroad Commission was OPEC. The first steps have already been taken. Our city council has enrolled us in a program which will help our city to become more prepared to deal with economic development. The 72KTEL program will help us to attain ourselves to the task of enticing new businesses and industries to our area. The Industrial Foundation has been established and is actively seeking out new industry. The Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking to further the consumer appeal for shopping at home and increasing general local business activity.

What must come next is a general understanding by all of our citizens as to the pros and cons of economic development. We must seriously consider the opinions of each individual and must make an attempt to see that all pertinent information is disclosed to the public. I can comment. We must understand that economic development will not occur overnight. It is a long and hard road to follow. As I have said earlier, we have entered into a new era. "One where survival, then advancement, can only be achieved through joint efforts." As a nation, we are having to compete worldwide. As a community, our world is no less. We must develop one of our greatest resources. Our people. Eagle Lake is composed of many talented and resourceful people and the problems facing us can be overcome. Let's plan for the future.

Texas so dominated the world oil market that the TRC could set world oil prices by controlling prices and production quantities in Texas. With the coming of the oil embargo and the emergence of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, the global economic force in 1974, Houston and Texas began a boom that can only be described as feverish, while the oil-consuming states suffered." Now, we can see where the petroleum controls are being set and how they affect us here at home.

It is obvious that Eagle Lake is no longer in control of its own destiny. Our economy is based to a large extent upon the same factors that effect our larger state overall. Our economic history is basically the same.

So, back to the original question. Who do we hope to achieve? We hope to achieve some form of stability in our own economic environment. In return, this stability should help us to achieve some form of security in knowing that as some industries may be in a tailspin, others will be growing. Balance is the keyword here. Balance in the sense that not all businesses or firms are based in the same industry or market structure. By providing a balanced economy, our public services will not falter in times of stress. By providing a balanced economy, we are able to provide a higher degree of mobility for our citizens from one occupation into another more profitable one. By providing a balanced economy, we will be able to provide employment to our younger population; a sector of our citizens that are now leaving this area for brighter futures.

Next question. What must we do now? The first steps have already been taken. Our city council has enrolled us in a program which will help our city to become more prepared to deal with economic development. The 72KTEL program will help us to attain ourselves to the task of enticing new businesses and industries to our area. The Industrial Foundation has been established and is actively seeking out new industry. The Chamber of Commerce is actively seeking to further the consumer appeal for shopping at home and increasing general local business activity.

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Teacher group sues on racial discrimination on Tecat testing

The first Soviet fallout was recorded as minimal and no health threat in Texas last week, but the falling out between teachers and education reformers heightened. Reformers who thought teachers would be appeased by their 97 percent success rating on the competency test were wrong.

Instead, the state's largest teacher group, Texas State Teachers Association, sued to have the test thrown out for racial discrimination.

About 18 percent of black and six percent of Hispanic teachers failed. Only one percent of Anglo teachers failed.

State Education Commissioner Bill Kirby predicted the lawsuit would be thrown out of federal court because the state took every legal precaution in giving the test.

Worse news issued last week: nearly half of public school students failed at least one part of the three-part basic skills exam, a result of the 1984 school reform law.

Budget error found

State Capitol Highlights

By Lyndell Williams

candidate, strength unknown.

Gov. White and his opponent, former Gov. Bill Clements, clashed over the collection of a telephone tax that was repealed last session.

White told telephone companies to quit collecting part of the gross receipts tax which was eliminated when White signed a sales tax on some telephone services.

Clements criticized White and his utility commissioners for allowing the double taxation to take place.

Convicted serial killer Henry Lee



Lucas said Attorney General Jim Mattox was right for criticizing law officers who accepted dozens of fake murder confessions from him.

Last week Mattox's report accused Lucas of playing a hoax on the criminal justice system.

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Prairie Edge Museum Notes

Again, I want to write that "it pays to advertise." Two people have called about having a copy of the legendary poem concerning Eagle Lake's beginning. Mrs. Mary E. McClanahan has donated a copy of the long poem "Legend of the Lake" written by Mrs. H.W. Carothers, sister of the late Roy Towell of Eagle Lake, for the Chamber of Commerce and published in the Eagle Lake Headlight in 1922. I hope we can soon have the poem framed and placed in the museum at a place where you can conveniently read it. Mrs. McClanahan also donated prose accounts of the legend of Eagle Lake. One of which was reprinted from the Morning Star, Houston, 1939. Ask us about these copies at the museum if you care to read them.

Be sure to save a good part of next

Saturday to come to the museum, for there will be an interesting exhibit of arts and crafts by students of the Eagle Lake Middle School. Plan on a tour of the museum while you are there.

There is a book at Eula and David Wintemann Library entitled Texas Museums - A Guide Book by Paula Tyler and Ron Tyler. The book was copyrighted in 1983; so our museum was not even officially open then. Many of us more or less marvel at the progress made in a place where you can conveniently read it. Mrs. McClanahan also donated prose accounts of the legend of Eagle Lake. One of which was reprinted from the Morning Star, Houston, 1939. Ask us about these copies at the museum if you care to read them.

Elizabeth Boothie, reporter

About town...

The Eagle Lake Rotary Club only has four large Texas sequenential maps left for \$5 each. Anyone interested in obtaining a map should go by Laker Printing. Once these maps are all sold, the Rotary Club will not order another supply.

The Eagle Lake Garden Club will meet at noon on May 27 for a covered dish luncheon at the home of Mrs. George Longmire.

Mary T. Saucedo, 43, in the 200 block of Second Street in Eagle Lake, would like to make known that she was not the Maria Saucedo that was picked up for shoplifting at Wal Mart recently.

We understand an investigator for the Sheriff's Department can carry a tune in a basket, however, even though it was rumored he was singing in a church choir the night the Eagle Lake Police Department held its community burglary prevention seminar. If you need a clue to solve the mystery, call B. Ashley.

Deep sympathy is extended to the Fearing family on the death of Jeannine's father who died Tuesday morning.

Pilot Club installs new officers

The members of the Eagle Lake Pilot Club, Inc. and their guests met on May 14 at the Christ Episcopal Church meeting room. L.J. "Sonny" Spaniel was the guest speaker for the evening.

Special guests from the Wharton Pilot Club were Sue Hall, president of the club, Marjorie Yolland and Laverne Lutzinger.

Sue Hall installed the new officers for the 1986-87 year. They are: Linda Phillips, president; Barbara Harborth, first vice president; Nancy Lang,

second vice president; Lucille P. Lange, treasurer; Elizabeth R. King, recording secretary; and Bobby Johnson, corresponding secretary.

New members Doris Thomas and Jeanita Mayfield were initiated into the Eagle Lake Pilot Club by Sue Hall. Other new members, Bea Beth and Marion Weiland, were not present at the meeting.

Outgoing president, Owen Paschall, presented perfect attendance awards of Pilot charms to the members. Incoming president, Linda Phillips, presented Owen with a pin.

A delicious meal of chicken, pork loin, corn, peas and carrots, hot rolls and fruit tarts was served by Rowena Watkins.

Photographers exhibition in Columbus

The American Society of Photographers Exhibition of the finest photography in North America will be shown in Columbus through the month of May. The impressive collection will be at the Colorado County Art Center at 1014 Milam in Columbus. The exhibit is open to the public with no charge.

This award-winning photography is being shown in the historic Brunson Building in downtown Columbus. Recently purchased by the Live Oak Art Club, the building houses a variety of art exhibits for the area.

The exhibit is made possible by funds donated by Sam and Patsy Hodge of The Gallery of Columbus. The Hodge have been in the photography business for the past thirteen years. It is presented in appreciation for the area's patronage and support.

Patsy Hodge is a master photographer and member of the prestigious organization that makes the exhibit available to select cities across the U.S. "We are extremely excited about the caliber of this exhibit and invite area students and adults to visit this exhibition. Photography enthusiasts will be especially impressed with the creativity and technical skill represented in the exhibition."

Another collection of drawings and engravings created by Frederic Taubes also will be shown in the art center during May. Mr. Taubes, an international painter, writer and lecturer, has been exhibited in major museums.

The Colorado County Art Center on Milam Street is open weekdays and Saturdays, from 10-5. Sunday hours are 1-5 p.m.

Eagle Lake Study Club hosts open house

The Eagle Lake Study Club was host to the public for an open house at the Eula and David Wintemann Library from 2 to 6 p.m. on Friday, May 9. Study Club members, along with librarian Becky Mills, were guides and hostesses during the tour. Refreshments of lemonade and cookies were served in the conference room. Becky reports a good attendance.

Peter Canaris honored with graduate party

On the afternoon of Friday, May 16, Peter Canaris was honored with a graduate party given by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Canaris and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Canaris.

The guests enjoyed an afternoon of swimming and hamburgers along with a good luck horseshoe cake, baked by Patty Calk, with the words "Look out world, here we come!" written on it.

Upon leaving, Peter's friends were presented graduate cap pencils. Special guests were Peter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Canaris, and aunt, Mary Canaris.

Of special interest was The Texas Collection which is located in the very prominent part of the library.

Enlarging this particular collection is the Sesquicentennial project of the Study Club, and special funds were designated for this project.

The following books have been added recently: The Time It Never Rained by E. Kelton; Sarah, Sissy Weed and the Ships of the Desert by P.G. Paul; Turn Homeward, Hannalee by P. Beatty; and Clouds Over Texas by B. Matthews and V. Harburt.

There are a number of the beautiful bluebonnet and rain lily floral arrangements available for sale at the library. These were used at the Study Club luncheon May 9. The price is \$20.

Eagle Lake Study Club members may pay their dues for the 1986-87 club year by mailing checks to treasurer Betty (Mrs. Bill) Wegenhoff or by leaving them at the library in care of Becky Mills. Be sure to designate that the check is for dues.

Many thanks to the Eagle Lake Headlight for the wonderful amount of publicity given for the Eagle Lake Study Club luncheon and open house.

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