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We should seize opportunity to help ourselves

It's easy to sound pessimistic, considering the difficult state of affairs in our town.

Looking for the positive though, there are times in life where it is easier to have an effect on our environment.

"Today" is one of those times.

If we—not the next guy or your neighbor, but all of us—take action we can see that the picture improves.

Where we are

Sometime today, say before 5 p.m., look out the window. The sun may be shining, but looking from the

prospective of viewing the future, it actually pitch black. For Eagle Lake, the past half decade or so has painted that black picture.

We want it to improve, but how? Ask yourself why someone would want to move here, let alone remain here.

• Would they come for the economy? Ask a merchant how he or she is doing.

• Would they come because it is a pleasant looking community? Look around.

• Would they come because of our

EAGLE LAKE AT THE CROSSROADS

Where we can go

From one perspective, I think one point on which the city's future can pivot concerns city government. Council soon will be hiring a new city manager. What better time would there be to change the focus of city government here, and thus provide the spark that could ignite us all?

The change needed at city hall is

that the city should establish goals, rather reacting to "what broke" or who complained yesterday.

We have seen that our local government with a "caretaker" focus is akin to standing still at the edge of a street. You're safe as long as you stand there. You don't ever make it across though unless you venture ahead, and while standing there you run the risk of getting run over by a mis-directed vehicle.

The city is making slow progress at improving itself, and could become more run-down by the efforts of other

communities who have learned to work together.

With the attitude that council can and should establish a goal-directed city government, it then would have a much easier job of finding the right person to match the job that needs to be done in our community.

Next week: Don't think for a minute any of us should believe city government can be our salvation. But, if it isn't one of the most active players, the game continues on other fields. Is that what we want?

New prison to serve as model for more to come

Providing what may be the first positive sign that Texas' drawn-out conflict with federal court orders may be nearing its end, the prison system displayed a new unit housing 2,250 inmates which was built in 13 months.

Inspecting the new prison near Palestine, Gov. Bill Clements said overcrowding problems should be

solved by 1991 by adding new prisons quickly without a tax increase.

Clements also said the new prison will serve as a "cookie cutter model" for more fast construction, and asserted that money is not a problem.

"We can get the money," and with no tax hike, he said.

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State Capitol Highlights
By Lyndell Williams

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Border boycott

A new insurance law which mandates that foreign motorists driving in Texas must carry auto liability insurance has caused hundreds of angry Mexican nationals to boycott Rio Grande Valley shopping.

Retail sales in Texas border cities have since dropped as much as 20 to 60 percent. Reports indicate Mexican shoppers account for millions of dollars in the retail market.

Mexican officials are calling for some changes or repeal of the law. Border retailers seem to favor some modifications in order to regain the lost business.

The insurance for a two-day weekend auto policy costs between \$25 and \$40, and a year's premium costs as much as \$400.

Gulf drilling bids

The oil and gas industry is beginning to show renewed interest in drilling for oil in the state-owned waters in the Gulf of Mexico, Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, reported last week.

Mauro said such interest indicates "confidence in the recovery of the energy industry," and it also would add many dollars to state coffers.

His observations came following a school land board lease sale, chaired by Mauro, which netted almost \$14 million for the Permanent School Fund, a 77 percent increase over a similar sale one year ago. Bids this year more than doubled last year's.

PUC bans Mattox

The Public Utility Commission ruled last week that the Texas Attorney General can no longer represent state agencies in electric and telephone rate cases before PUC.

One new commissioner, Mara Greytak, said it was "unacceptable, untenable, and otherwise despicable," for the A.G.'s office to represent both the utility and state agencies in the same case.

Attorney General Jim Mattox was visiting the Soviet Union to meet with legal officials there when the PUC made its ruling.

Officials invest, lose

Mauro was included in a list of top state officials and former officeholders who lost money in Houston ventures now plagued with bankruptcy.

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Eagle Lake Primary School News



The kindergarten classes from Eagle Lake Primary School went to Wilcox Minimax on Monday, September 14 to help their letter 'M' and were treated with M&M's. When the children returned to their classes, they had macaroni with Mr. M. Pictured at left is Mr. Wilcox welcoming Mr. M. to Minimax and at right are some of the children carrying food beginning with the letter 'M'. In the bottom, left picture, firemen Ray Oberhaus, Lupe Almanza and Chuck Stephens properly instructed the first and second graders in the areas of fire prevention and safety during an assembly program at Eagle Lake Primary School. In the bottom, right photo, Smokey the Bear visited the school last Thursday and also instructed the pupils in fire safety. Mrs. Keuneker, one of the first grade teachers, is standing behind Smokey.

Photos courtesy ELPS



Heritage House News By PATRICIA A. HORNDT

Worship services, held this past Sunday afternoon at Heritage House, were conducted by Rev. Al Flathmann, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. Residents attending enjoyed the wonderful sermon and visit by Rev. Flathmann and congregation members.

Monday afternoon movie enthusiasts enjoyed viewing "Caddyshack," a comedy everyone enjoyed. Refreshments of popcorn and soda pop were enjoyed during intermission. When it comes to movie time, everyone loves popcorn!

Bible study was cancelled last week due to the vacation of Les Stewart, Bible study teacher. Those that usually attend the study really missed Mr. Stewart and are looking forward to having class again on October 20.

A pizza party was held Friday afternoon and what a way to end the active week. Pizza lovers enjoyed "full-house" pizzas during a movie showtime and enjoyed watching Cheech and Chong's comedy movie. To quench our thirsts, soda pop was served to everyone attending. Domino players Edith Morris, Dorothy Burrow, Edna Nohavitz and Evelyn

San Antonio, Ms. Pompa arrived here October 7 and has been actively making contacts in our wonderful community. If you have not met Ms. Pompa, please come by our facility and welcome her to Eagle Lake.

Janelle Klein capped at WCJC

Janelle Klein, of Rock Island, was among eighteen students at Wharton County Junior College to reach a significant milestone in her goal to become a registered nurse Wednesday, September 30 when she received her nurses' cap during ceremonies held in the Outlier Auditorium of the Johnson Health Occupations Center.

Graduates of the two-year ADN program at WCJC are eligible to write the examination of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas for licensure as RNs.

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Colorado County Courthouse

MARRIAGE LICENSES
Raulito Roy Stancik, 29, and Evelyn Ann Till, 27.
Shannon O'Dea, 24, and Delores Moore, 33.
Wayne Scott Walters, 35, and Susan Michelle Kresak, 23.
Jose Rodriguez, 23, and Theresa Marie Cardenas, 18.
Juan Antonio Velazquez, 31, and Elba Veronica Palos, 30.

DIVORCES FILED
Regulo R. Sierra vs. Glenda Teague Sierra.
Susan Marie Trojacek vs. Glenison Lee Trojacek.
Raby Johnson vs. Utah Johnson Jr.

DIVORCES GRANTED
Michael Edmund Merten and Malvina Maricic.
Susan Sherwood and Joe Marvin Sherwood.

DISTRICT COURT
Sherman Kestey vs. Clyde Waters and S&C Trucking Inc., suit on account; filed 9-24-87.
Royal Insurance vs. Elmer Ray Loftis Jr., workman's compensation; filed 10-5-87.
Eliel B. Hammons, Stephen E. Esig and Camille E. Kincad, individual and d/b/a B.F.E. Property a Partnership vs.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS
Deed, Walter Pawelick to J.D. Ward, 1 acre, Samuel Kennelly Survey, 9-14-87.
Deed, David Louis Trebit, LeRoy Landquist, et al. to The Landquist Family Partnership, various tracts in I&GNRR Co. Survey #33, et al; 9-14-87.
Deed, Michael Earl Thompson to Shannon Ray and Marilyn Thompson, part of original lot 1, block 71, Columbus; 9-14-87.
Deed, Mark A. Hill, James H. Whitcomb, trustee, et al. to Henry L. and Sui Thi Polasek, 30 acres, S.M. Williams Survey; 9-14-87.
Deed, James Parks and Nancy Sue Mark Christensen to Veterans' Land Board of Texas, 11,7615 acres, N. Whiting and Wm. Osborne Survey; 9-14-87.
Deed, Kasper's Meat Market Ltd. to Marvin F. and Anna Gilbreath, two acres, 9-14-87.

Oil, Gas Leases
Anne Allen Brown to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BSAFF Co. Survey, Section No. 7, 9-24-87.
Edwin J. and Kathryn Weselaki to Shell Western EAP Inc., 100 acres, Conrad Gargena Survey; 9-14-87.
Susan Lindsey to Carnes Oil Corp., 100 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey; 9-14-87.
Leland E. Butler to Carnes Oil Corp., 100 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey; 9-14-87.
Thomas A. Butler to Carnes Oil Corp., 100 acres, Samuel M. Williams Survey; 9-14-87.
Ella Mae Banks, estate, to TXO Production Corp., 10.55 acres, Joseph Grant Survey; 9-14-87.
Lillian K. O'Brien to Triad Energy Corp., 62.9 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey No. 62, et al; 9-24-87.
Michael H. O'Brien to Triad Energy Corp., 160 acres, I&GNRR Co. Survey No. 62, et al; 9-24-87.
Weldon J. Allen to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BSAFF Co. Survey Section No. 7, 9-24-87.

Birth Announcements

Stacy Lynn Navarro
Mr. and Mrs. Mateo Navarro Jr., of Eagle Lake, announce the birth of their third child, a daughter, born on Thursday, October 1 at 3:53 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake. The baby was named Stacy Lynn and weighed nine pounds, five ounces. Dr. Jose Ugarte was the attending physician.

The baby is welcomed home by a sister, Stephanie Nicole, four years old, and a brother, Mateo III.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Teodoro Mancias of Garwood. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mateo Navarro Sr. of Eagle Lake. Great grandparents are Evelyn Rodriguez and Asilano Cardenas.

The new mother is the former Kimberly Annette Hewitt.

Crystal Rashelle Ward
Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bernard Ward, of Columbus, announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, born on Thursday, October 1 at 5:53 a.m. at the Eagle Lake Community Hospital in Eagle Lake.

The baby was named Crystal Rashelle and weighed seven pounds, 10 ounces. Attending physician was Dr. Jose Ugarte.

Maternal grandparents are the late Cynthia M. Hewitt and Henry R. Coleman. Paternal grandparents are Mr. Lorraine Gamble and David Fells.

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