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We should seize opportunity to help ourselves

Its 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, its 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 because of 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

schools? Maybe they are a bright spot.

• Would they come because of our progressive local government? Um?

Are we who live here going to let the situation remain unchanged. If we don't take action, it won't get any brighter.

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.

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 the PUC.

One new commissioner, Marj Greynak, said it was "unacceptable, untenable and otherwise despicable," for the AG's office to represent both the utility commission 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 officials who lost money in Houston ventures now plagued with bankruptcy.

Eagle Lake Volunteer Fire Dept. Stew Supper

5-7 p.m., November 7 Community Center

Let's Look Back... 24 Years Ago

(September 12, 1963)

Colorado County Commissioners' Court approved a \$914,381.60 budget for the year 1964. Blood is needed for young Billy Joe Simcik, 4, of this city. Billy Joe is confined to the Caney Valley Hospital in Wharton. Final rites for Mrs. John Mazze, retired rice farmer and long time resident of the Eagle Lake community, was held at 10 a.m. Thursday, September 12. Mr. and Mrs. Werner L. Denehlis, formerly of Columbus, have completed purchase of the Nu Courts in Eagle Lake. The Denehlis purchased the 18-unit motel from Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hanly who built the courts and have operated them for the past 11 years.

The Eagles will face one of their toughest foes when they entertain the Weimar Wildcats, this Friday in a non-district contest on the local gridiron at 8 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Wiese, owners of the Wiese Drive-In Grocery on East Main Street, have purchased

the building which houses the grocery and property. The Wieses have been operating the grocery store in that location for the past four years.

Jimmie Meechka, 17, of Shendan, was killed in a highway accident 1.1 miles southeast of Hallettsville on the Vienna Farm-to-Market Road 530 Sunday, September 1.

Captain and Mrs. Ronald Janow of Charleston, South Carolina, announce the birth of their daughter, Judith Ann, on September 3. Lana L. Denehlis, formerly of Columbus, and Mrs. Kenneth Mahalik, were honored on the occasion of their second birthday anniversaries last Wednesday, September 4 with a party at their home. Brent Roggess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Roggess, and Joe Herbert McCreary, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. McCreary, are among the almost 600 boys and girls registered this semester at San Marcos Baptist Academy. The Academics' new John Deere "3020" and "4020" tractors go on display Friday, September 20 at Eagle Lake Implement Co.

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marine corps office at Dallas, announced.

Little Tommie Wilcox celebrated his fifth birthday on Tuesday, and during the late afternoon hours invited in a group of his playmates for a round of lawn games and refreshments.

The first sales of puma rice, sold through the American Rice Growers' Assn. at Houston yesterday topped the season's rice market at \$4.37 and one half, when 50,000 barrels of puma rice were sold to the Standard Rice Mill at J.D. O'Leary, officer in charge of

the tribute to Dr. J. Schuhmann

Education has always been a priority for Dr. Schuhmann and he has served since 1939 on school boards, first in Eagle Lake and now at Wharton County Junior College. Dr. Schuhmann has taught many, many lives during the past 51 years and organizers for the tribute hope that many of these people will join them in letting him know how much he is loved and appreciated. Tickets for the event can be purchased in the Eagle Lake area at the City Hall and the First National Bank.

Dr. J. Dan Schuhmann has been practicing medicine in East Bernard for over 51 years and the East Bernard Lions Club is heading up an areawide tribute to honor him on Sunday, October 25.

The tribute will be held at the Riverside Hall at 12:30 p.m. A barbecue dinner is being prepared and tickets will be \$7.50 per person. The proceeds from the sale of these tickets will go toward two scholarships that have been established in Dr. Schuhmann's name.

A bipartisan coalition of Black Texans endorsed the "Build Texas" amendments proposal on the Nov. 3 ballot. The coalition, Blacks for Economic Development, will put together a list of minority-owned companies qualified to receive public works contracts if the amendments pass.

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Eagle Lake Primary School News



The kindergarten classes from Eagle Lake Primary School went to Wilcox Minimex on Monday, September 14 to help their letter friend, Mr. M. find different foods to munch with his munching mouth. The children looked for foods that start with the letter 'M' and were treated with M&M cookies. When the children returned to their classes, they had macaroni with Mr. M. Pictured at left is Mr. Wilcox welcoming Mr. M. to Minimex and at right are some of the children carrying food beginning with the letter 'M'. In the bottom, left picture, freeman 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. Kourouka, 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 Flathman, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church. Residents attending enjoyed the wonderful sermon and visit by Rev. Flathman and congregation members.

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Redmond enjoyed the pizza snack while they played their daily rounds of dominoes in the dining area, while the movie watchers asked for second helpings of the delicious pizza. All in all, residents enjoyed the afternoon and the refreshments served.

This week's agenda consists of peach cobbler on Tuesday, cookies and coffee time on Thursday and happy hour on Friday afternoon.

We take great honor in introducing Heritage House's new administrator, Mrs. Mary Pompa, formerly of

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 diploma from the State of Texas for nurses' cap during ceremonies held in

the Outer 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 Report

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Randall Roy Stancik, 29, and Evelyn Ann Gill, 27.

Shannon O'Dea, 24, and Delores Moran, 33.

Wayne Scott Walters, 35, and Susan Michelle Krenk, 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

Susan Marie Trujack vs. Glenon Lee Trujack.

Ruby Johnson vs. Ulah Johnson Jr.

DIVORCES GRANTED

Michael Edmund Merten and Maivan Merten.

Susan Shores and Joe Marvin Sherwood.

DISTRICT COURT

Suits

Sherman Kearney vs. Clyde Waters and SAC Trucking Inc., suit on account; filed 9-23-87.

Royal Insurance vs. Elmer Ray Lohm Jr., workman's compensation; filed 10-5-87.

Elbert B. Hammons, Stephen E. Esig and Carle E. Kincaid, individual and the B.F.E. Property a Partnership vs.

P&A Materials Inc., security agreement; 10-6-87.

Rulings

Arne Allen Brown to EP Operating Co., 100 acres, BSAFF Co. Survey, Section No. 7, 9-25-87.

Edwin J. and Kathryn Wraselski to Sholl Western E&P Inc., 100 acres, Conrad Gurgens Survey, 9-14-87.

Jackie Robinson, plead guilty to burglary of a building and was sentenced October 7 to 15 years in the Texas Department of Corrections by Judge Strauss.

REAL ESTATE DEEDS

Deed, Walter Pawelek to J.D. Wied, 1 acre, Samuel Kennedy Survey, 9-14-87.

Deed, David Louis Treib, Lekoy Landquist, et al. to The Landquist Family Partnership, various tracts in IAGNRR Co. Survey #35, et al; 9-14-87.

Deed, Mark A. Hill, James H. Whitcomb, trustee, et al. to Henry L. and Sue Thi Polasek, 30 acres, S.M. Williams Survey, 9-14-87.

Deed, James Parke and Nancy Sue Marek Christensen to Veterans' Land Board of Texas, 11,761.5 acres, N. Whiting and Wm. Osborne Survey, 9-14-87.

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