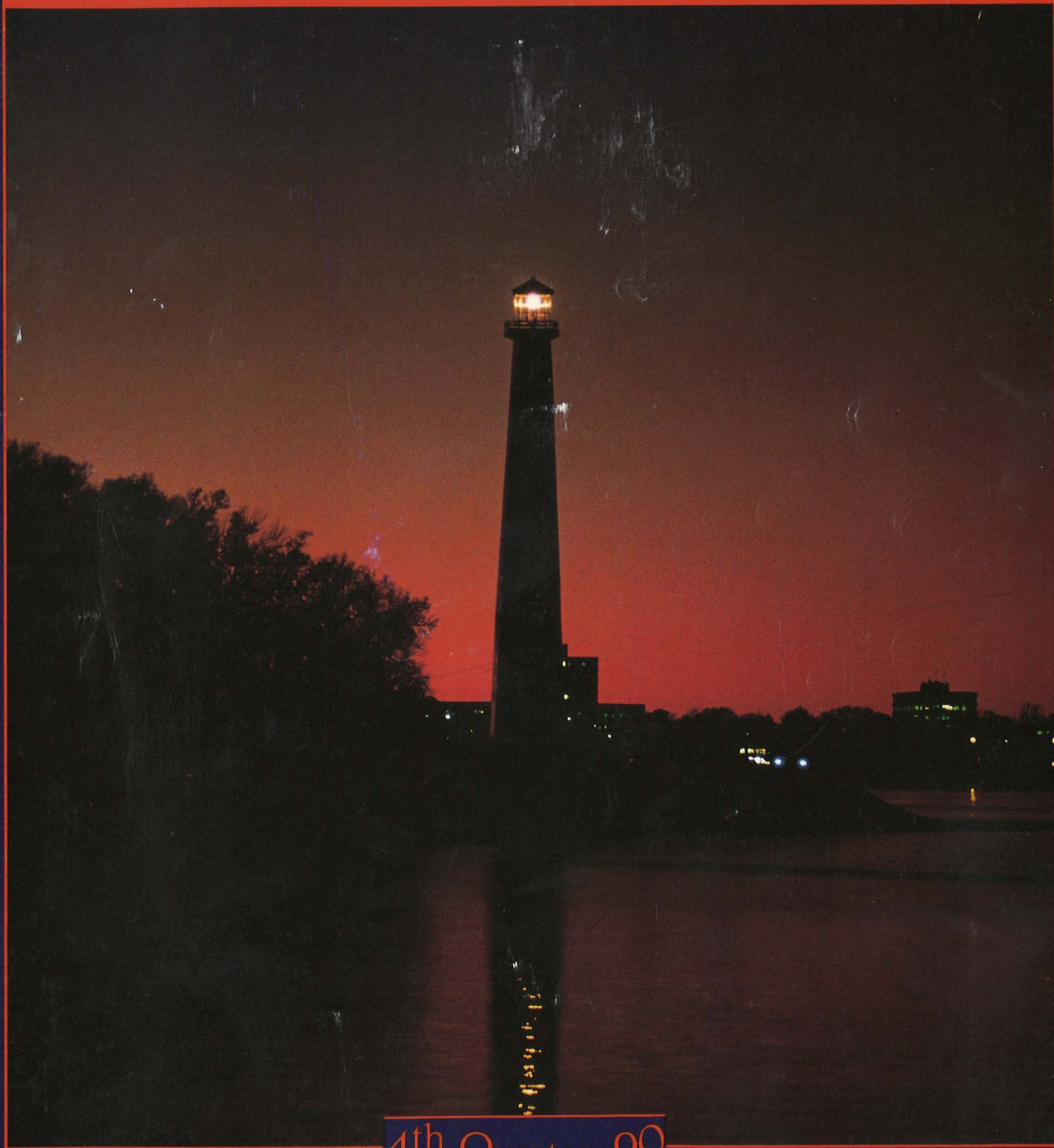


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are marked by water on three sides - Clear Lake, Nassau Bay and Cow Bayou. On the fourth side is a string of retail businesses, restaurants and banks and across the street is the Johnson Space Center. Some of the major businesses located in Nassau Bay are Lockheed Engineering and Sciences Company, Ford Aerospace and St. John's Hospital.

Besides being mostly surrounded by water, Nassau Bay also has Lake Nassau. A large city park is located between the Lake Nassau and Clear Lake and has picnic and playground facilities.

For other recreation, Nassau Bay has three marinas, the Bal Harbour Marina, the Nassau Bay Marina, and the Nassau Bay Hilton Marina, with over 200 boat slips. At the Nassau Bay Hilton Marina sailing lessons and jet ski rental are available, as are temporary and permanent boat slips. For the more daring, parasailing is available in the summer. A yacht brokerage located at the Hilton sells used boats.

An occasion for residents to get together is the annual 4th of July parade and picnic in Nassau Bay. The city also participates in several area-wide activities and festivals throughout the year.

Adding to the Nassau Bay business climate, will be a Sheraton Hotel, slated to open on NASA Road 1 in 1991.

Seabrook

Seabrook calls itself a family-oriented, affluent and educated community "whose inhabitants are content with their quality of life."

The city of Seabrook can lay claim not only to cool sea breezes, and lots of recreational opportunities, but also a pirate's treasure. In the early 1800s, the pirate, Jean Lafitte, used this part of Galveston Bay as his home port. According to legend, Lafitte buried treasure in the area of what is now Seabrook's Lakewood Yacht Club.

Seabrook got its start in the late 1800's as a resort village on the Southern Pacific Railroad line between Galveston and Houston. Its founding father was Seabrook Sydnor, president of the Seabrook Townlot and Improvement Company. A commuter train, the Suburban, carried wealthy Houstonians to their summer and weekend homes in Seabrook.

Seabrook covers an area of 12.5 sq. miles, 6.8 of those miles are water. Seabrook has more than 13 miles of waterfront property on Clear Lake and Galveston Bay and is home to eight marinas with over 2000 boat slips. The city shares the junction of Clear Lake and the bay with Kemah and lays claim

to one side of the 75-foot high-rise bridge that connects Seabrook to Kemah.

Seabrook has five city parks, including Pine Gully Park, which is on the bay. Area fishermen are attracted to the 900-foot fishing pier. There are also picnic facilities and nature trails. Community swimming pools and tennis courts provide additional recreational activities.

Old Seabrook is a collection of shops selling antiques, arts and crafts, specialty foods and restaurants in a neighborhood by the water. City Council members are planning the development of this area and the nearby waterfront by getting input from Seabrook residents.

Taylor Lake Village

Taylor Lake Village is a quiet, residential community of 3500 people that started as a country club development in the late 1950s. It incorporated in 1962 to stop large developments in the area and to keep from being annexed by surrounding cities.

Except for one business, a boat store, Taylor Lake Village is completely residential. With an average home value of \$128,000, the city has the fifth highest home values in Harris County, outside of Houston, says Mayor James Cumming.

Taylor Lake Village has some lakefront property on Lake Pasadena as well as property on both sides of Taylor Lake.

Webster

The small city of Webster, population 5315, has a lot of history behind it and a lot of active citizens keeping that history alive.

In 1992, the city of Webster will be 100 years old and the people of Webster are getting ready for the centennial celebration. The Committee for the Webster Historical Society is researching Webster's history

with the goal of erecting a historical marker near Webster City Hall. The committee hopes to obtain a copy of the original city plat, a map or plan showing a piece of land divided into building lots, for the centennial.

In 1825, the area was part of the original Spanish land grant given to Stephen F. Austin. In 1879, James Webster, the owner of a steamboat company, together with a group of English settlers, established Garden Town in 1879. When the population of Garden Town grew, a post office was established there in 1882 and called Websterville. A plat was filed with the Harris County Courthouse in 1892.

Thirty Japanese families lead by Seito Saibara settled in Webster in 1903. They brought with them 300 pounds of rice that was a gift from the Emperor. After rice farming was established in the area, yields were shipped to farmers in Texas and Louisiana. That was the beginning of the Gulf Coast rice industry.

Oil was discovered near Webster during the Depression. Originally named Webster Field, the name was later changed to the Friendswood Field. It became one of the largest oil fields in the country and the petrochemical industry became one of the largest employers in the Clear Lake area.

There is a lot of shopping available in the Webster area. Baybrook Mall lies just west of Webster and provides the community with several large department stores including Macy's, Dillard's, and Sear's. Three of the area's movie theaters are located in Webster. Webster is also home to the Clear Lake Medical Complex where Humana Hospital-Clear Lake is located.

The Webster City Park has picnic, playground and softball facilities as well as tennis courts.

Webster is preparing to meet the challenges that will be brought about by future area growth and the new Space Center Houston. ●

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