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SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL CLINICS, P.A. is a multi-specialty clinic that was formed in 1985 when Outlar & Blair Clinic and Rugeley & Blasingame Clinic joined together. Our name may have changed but we have been providing quality health care in South Texas for the past 50 years.

Our new series of health articles are intended to better inform the public on important health matters. Articles will appear every two weeks and will be written by staff physicians of STMC, courtesy of STMC's Patient Education Department.

SOUTH TEXAS MEDICAL CLINIC's Patient Education and Allergy Department is available to everyone, providing information, literature and programs as well as instruction to patients.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE AND MIDDLE EAR INFECTION

By BARBARA SNELLING, M.S.
 Language Pathologist

During winter, many children develop colds, sore throats, and allergies. Associated with these conditions there is often an inflammation or infection of the middle ear. This is called otitis media. It is one of the most common illnesses of childhood.

It occurs when the lining of the eustachian tube (the opening which runs from the middle ear to the throat) becomes swollen and will not open properly. The function of this tube is to equalize middle ear pressure with outside pressure. When the tube is not functioning, a vacuum is created in the middle ear and this vacuum results in a moisture being pulled from the lining of the middle ear cavity. The cavity eventually fills with fluid and may or may not become infected.

In 1/2 to 2/3 of cases of otitis media, a significant hearing loss also occurs. This loss may fluctuate depending on the status of the middle ear. Some speech sounds may be muffled, unclear or hard to hear. In serious cases, normal conversation sounds like a whisper.

Chronic or repeated episodes of otitis media may make it hard for children to learn. Young children, who are at a critical stage for learning the sounds, words and rules of our language, must hear well because they learn to speak from listening to other people talk. A lengthy bout with otitis media at this age can result in delayed speech and language acquisition. School-age children must be able to hear well to understand the teacher and to learn in class.

How can you tell if your child has otitis media?

- There are some signs that can occur alone or together:
- Ear pain
- Fever
- Discharge from the ear (may be clear)
- Pulling or scratching the ears
- Difficulty in hearing (for example misunderstanding directions or wanting the television to be louder than usual)
- Irritability, loss of energy
- Ringing, buzzing sensation in the ear.

Mrs. Snelling is available at both our Wharton and El Campo clinics for hearing evaluations, hearing aid assessments, speech and language diagnostics, speech and language therapy and swallowing evaluations.

Appointments can be scheduled by calling either 409-532-1700 or 1-800-635-4021 and asking for Operator "M".

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Colorado County's unemployment rate fell to 3.4% in January, down from 3.6% in December, the Texas Employment Commission reported.

The TEC said Colorado County had a civilian labor force of 7,209 in January, with 6,966 workers and 243 seeking work. That compared to a labor force of 7,196 in December, with 6,934 workers and 262 job seekers.

The Texas jobless rate remained at 5.8% — the same as last month. The U.S. rate was 5.9% up from 5.1% in December.

"We had expected this month's rate to go up because of the freeze in the valley," Commissioner Mary Scott Nabers said, "but that did not happen." Nabers pointed out, how-

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pictures and other information of geographical interest. I have not found a store in Eagle Lake that sells picture postcards of relatively modern times in Eagle Lake. (I am well aware of the cards that show our town square circa 1910). If they were available I would be happy to send Evelyn and her class cards that will soon be for sale by the Eagle Lake Study Club during the wildflower activities in April. These beautiful cards will certainly be advertising Eagle Lake for its future wildflowers grown in our community. The seeds for these natural beauties are planted, harvested and processed for sale by our local Wildseeds, Inc. I plan to send cards of different pictures to the students at Edgewood Elementary next month. Look around for postcards that you have received through the years and realize that you have at least a small collection of these attractive and informative sources of knowledge.

Be sure to call Vic Scott at 234-2792 if you would like to be a host or hostess during the Wildflower Tour activities. The headquarters will be at Prairie Edge. 1990 really seems to be going by in a hurry but so did 1989. Just think! March will be here this week. Our town and community should be very busy places during April.

The museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Call Bill Harrison at 234-2662 or Elizabeth Boothe at 234-3361 if you would like a special tour.

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Study Club's invitation to 'Look back and laugh'

The Eagle Lake Study Club invites members and guests to "Look back and laugh" with Roselyn Cogburn as she reviews *Elvis is Dead and I Don't Feel So Good Myself* by Lewis Grizzard.

If you remember the 50's, lived through the 60's, survived the seventies and endured the eighties — you will enjoy Cogburn's presentation of Grizzard's nostalgic look at our recent history.

Roselyn Cogburn, well known Houston speaker and book reviewer, says *Elvis is Dead and I Don't Feel So Good Myself* is one of her favorite programs. "It's fun" she says. "The book isn't really about Elvis. It's about us — the way we were and how we got to where we are now."

Grizzard, whose wry wit makes his syndicated newspaper column a favorite with readers of the Houston Chronicle, is the author of a number of best selling books of humor including *If Love Was Oil I'd Be About a Quarter Low* and *Shoot Low Boys They're Riding Shotgun*.

The review will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 14, at the Eula & David Winterman Library. Don't miss it!

Tour of Historic Churches

Don't forget — reservations and money for the April 12th Tour of Historic Churches must be in at the Library by March 14th. The bus is fast filling up; so don't miss out on this unique opportunity. Call the Library today to make your reservation and bring your money to the March Study Club meeting.

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