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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FAIR OAKS RANCH

From the Mayor's Desk...

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25TH ANNIVERSARY 1988 - 2013



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25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Our motto above has never been truer than Saturday, September 21st. Absolutely perfect weather welcomed our residents to the City's 25th Anniversary Celebration after many days of much needed rain for our area. Folks are still talking about what a great event plus being enjoyable from its start to its end for everyone in the family.

It takes many people to plan, organize and execute such celebrations plus volunteers to help with the various details needed from the start to the finish of the evening. The City's 25th Anniversary Celebration Steering Committee members were Jesse Martinez, Baron Houser, Heather Tessmer and Cheryl Landman. The reward for the steering committee members is seeing big smiles and hearing lots of laughter throughout the evening. The professional video photographer hopefully caught each of you smiling and sharing laughs.

Chow Down Alley buzzed all evening offering various food specialties; Fun Zone kept the younger residents entertained with the inflatable rock pyramid, super slide, castle bounce and the special train rides; Hot Wheelz enticed many to check out the fire truck, ambulance robot and police car with the parents checking out the Harley-Davidson bikes plus new Mercedes Benz, Toyota and Chevrolet models. Exhibitors throughout congratulated the City on its 25th Birthday and showed their

wares whether products or services. The Quality of Life area highlighted landscaping suggestions for our semi-arid area, oak wilt issues, recycling, the white-tail deer research progress, energy and water conservation, etc. Gary Younglove, author of VISION to REALITY, Brief History of Fair Oaks Ranch was available to sign books. Books are available for sale at City Hall; it's the perfect Christmas stocking stuffer!

The Official Welcome segment had Presentation of Colors by Champion ROTC with the National Anthem trumpet solo followed by the Invocation from General/Chaplain Robert Herring (Retired). General Herring along with Boots Gaubatz and Don King are the founding fathers of our city. And I feel confident that both Boots and Don were smiling down on us Saturday with special pride. Council members, previous Mayor Dan Kasprovicz and June Gaubatz were introduced and recognized. The Brother Fork Band took the stage shortly thereafter to welcome the World War II "War Birds" fly-over playing God Bless the USA by Lee Greenwood. It was quite moving as the pilots did four unique formation passes!

Truly appreciate everyone's participation and commitment to make this a memorable 25th Birthday for Fair Oaks Ranch. Stage co-sponsors were Frost Bank and Toyota of Boerne. GVTC sponsored

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To submit an article for the Fair Oaks Gazette, please email it to fairoaksranch@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

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GIRL SCOUT WRITES CHILDREN'S BOOK ON CANCER WITH CTRC'S HELP

By Elizabeth Allen

"I know children are very curious," said Olivia Martin, 15. That's because Olivia had lots of questions herself eight years ago when her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer. The experiences of Olivia and her little brother inspired her Gold Award project for the Girl Scouts of Southwest Texas a short children's book called "C is for Cancer: A Guide for Children Whose Family Members Have Cancer." She presented the book to a group of patients Aug. 21 at the Cancer Therapy & Research Center, part of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

Children want to know "Adults might think, 'Oh, they're young, they don't really know what's going on,'" Olivia said. "Even if you don't tell them anything, they can tell by body language." Olivia's book gives short, simple explanations about cancer, its stages and its treatment. She describes side effects like hair loss and vomiting in the gentlest terms, and also includes a section on what kids can do to help. "Helping wash the dishes, fold the laundry, and clean the house are some things you might have to do," she writes. "Do not be embarrassed if your family member is bald. Do not be afraid to ask questions. You do not have to be afraid of catching cancer. It is not contagious like a cold."

Helpful resource for parents Her mother, Jeanine Martin, recalled her own attempts to educate and reassure her small children when she was diagnosed. Both Olivia and her little brother had a lot of questions, she said. "Why won't the cells stop growing? Why do you have it and not somebody else? It was very difficult to find the answers to those questions at a child's level," Martin said. She also realized, after explaining the diagnosis and surgery, that they still faced chemotherapy and radiation. That brought more rounds of questions. "I don't think it was until I got to twice-a-year visits that they really started to relax," Martin said.

CTRC faculty and staff helped with the book CTRC faculty and staff members were among those who helped Olivia. They include Steve Weitman, M.D., Ph.D., director of the Institute for Drug Development; Mary Jackson, director of Patient and Family Services; and Kayla Jackson, senior research coordinator. Olivia is planning to publish her book online, and it is now posted on the CTRC website where people can access it for free. "It's a book you can give to kids, but it can also be a guideline for adults with younger children," Olivia said. "By children knowing what to expect, they won't be as fearful."

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the light towers covering the entire venue – City Hall premises, FOR Elementary play field and adjoining open spaces. Numerous businesses and individuals provided door prizes (87 prizes) with a total value almost \$8,000. The donors' generosity continues with promotional items in the Welcome bag as well as given out at the exhibitors and food booths.

Upon arriving at the Welcome entrance, volunteer residents greeted everyone. Cibolo Creek Community Church volunteers helped at the Fun Zone as well as handled the shuttle bus needs at the church. In addition, cadets from Champion ROTC began working at 8:00am on Saturday and did not stop until 9:30pm doing everything and anything needed. Top notch job by all! My personal thanks to all city staff members who contributed before, during and after the event.

Our FOR Elementary and Cibolo Creek Community Church made this milestone possible by sharing their properties.

Numerous attendees gave us pats on the back for using the City Hall campus as well as the new landscape project in front of the City Hall building. Plants are drought resistant and adapt well. The Maintenance Staff did a great job in the selection, planting and now caring for the landscape.

A expansive thank you and deep appreciation goes to each of our

residents as you are the City of Fair Oaks Ranch!

On behalf of Council, City staff and I, we are pleased and honored that you call Fair Oaks Ranch home.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

The regular meeting held September 19th dealt with new fiscal year needs primarily. Council approved ratifying the 2013 property tax, approved the balanced 2013-2014 General Fund and Utility Fund Budgets, levied the property tax rate at .2663 per \$100 valuation same as 2012-2013 and included dates due, delinquent and applicable for early payment discounts. The exemptions were approved to remain as previous years. In addition, Council approved the 2013-2014 Staffing, Compensation and Benefits Package. The City is prepared to continue its operation activities effective October 1, 2013 for another year! You can view all budget materials on the city's website.

In closing, please thank those who participated in our 25th Anniversary Celebration to make it the event of the year.

Respectfully,

Cheryl Landman, Mayor

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Silly Billy

The City of San Antonio Shelter staff thought I was really special and they asked if CARE could help, so CARE saved me. My name is Silly Billy because they think I am a silly guy, curious and sweet. I am Lab mix, 2 years old and 35 lbs, which is a great size. I am very happy to be around people and be scratched. I am good with other dogs. I walk pretty good on a leash and 35 lbs is pretty easy to handle. I am neutered, vaccinated and micro-chipped.



Girly

My Foster Mom says I am such a happy, sweet girl. You should see me in person; my tail is always wagging. It was even wagging when I was at the city shelter, but now I am rescued and it is wagging even more in my Foster Home. I absolutely adore being loved on but I don't beg for you to pet me, so I am not annoying. I have a long list of wonderful characteristics: rides well in the car, walks easily on a leash, is potty trained, gets along



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extremely well with other dogs and kids, enjoys playing but is also content just hanging around. My Foster Mom can't find one thing that would need "fixing"! Oh, I also sleep through the night without a crate and obey the occasional "no". But you don't have to say it too much, because I am a good girl. My name is Girly. I am a German Shepherd mix about 45-55 lbs & 1 year old approximately. I am spayed, vaccinated and microchipped.

Gabby

My name is Gabby which might imply chatty or outgoing, but I am quite the opposite. I am shy and not getting noticed here at the City of San Antonio Shelter. But I am friendly, it just takes a few minutes for me to know if you are a good person or a bad person. Unfortunately, sometimes when you are a stray dog in San Antonio, you come across some bad people, so you never know.

I am a friendly but shy female terrier mix. I need a patient person to help me warm up. I am 35 lbs approximately 1 1/2 years old. The CARE ladies think I am cute and would love to

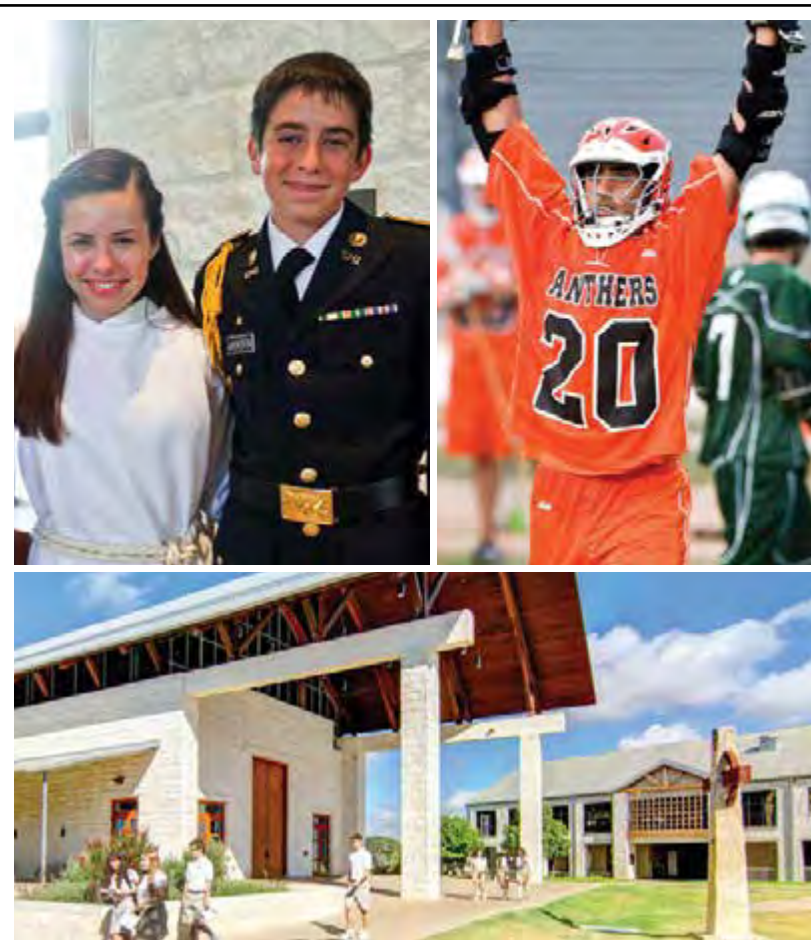
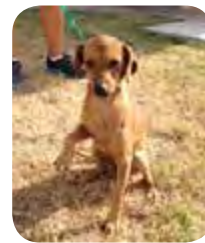


get me into a foster or adoptive home so that my true personality can shine.

I will be spayed, vaccinated and microchipped. Please call Peggy at 210-313-3600 or email her at pbrink@caretx.org if you can foster or adopt me! CARE is a San Antonio, Texas, based organization that saves dogs/cats from local shelters that would otherwise be euthanized. Their website is www.caretx.org.

Cinderella

Man do I wish fairy tails, yes spelled tails, were true. I wouldn't ask my fairy Godmother for a Prince, I would ask her for a family. I was at the City of San Antonio shelter and CARE is a local rescue group that got me out of there. I am a sweet girl and they named me Cinderella because they think I am as perfect as a princess! Easy going & sweet. I would make a great nap dog, oh wait, I think they said lap dog. Whatever, I like naps too and especially naps on laps. They have me labeled as a Chihuahua mix, but I look a little Doxie-ish too in my coloring and ears. I am about 8 months and weigh around 10 lbs. I am spayed, vaccinated and micro-chipped.



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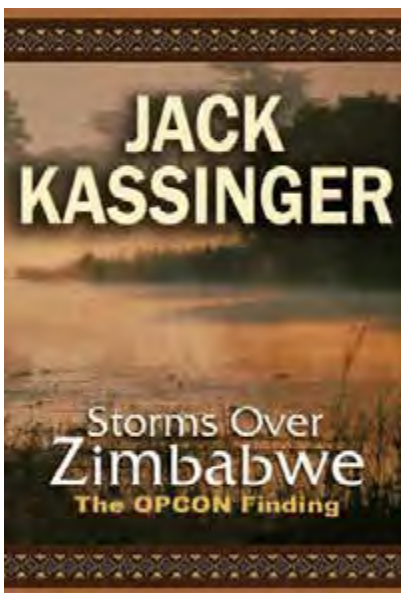
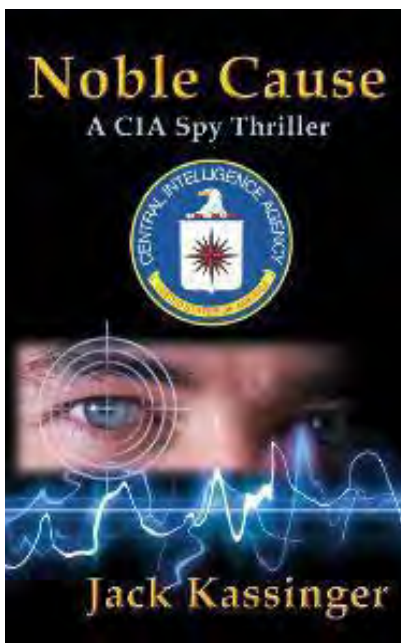
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Local Resident Turns Author



Jack Kassinger was born in Henderson, Ky, and grew up in nearby Livermore where he graduated from high school in 1967. In January 1968, when he was invited to be drafted into the U.S. Army, he elected to join the U.S. Marines.

Jack served one tour in Vietnam where he was wounded in action on Memorial Day 1969. Later, after returning from Vietnam, he served as a Marine Security Guard at the United States Embassy in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. He left the Marine Corps in 1972 and went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency. Since his retirement from the CIA, he has worked as the principal executive overseeing the construction of the American Embassy in Moscow, Russia, and the American Embassy in Beijing, China.

Jack is the recipient of the Intelligence Star and two Intelligence Medals of Merit awarded by the CIA and numerous other citations by the Department of Defense.

Jack began writing his memoir, "*Holding Hands with Heroes*," to give his children an appreciation for the work he did as a CIA employee. He discovered he enjoys the creative outlet writing provides. He has now authored two novels that draw heavily on his experience in the CIA - *Noble Cause* and *Storms Over Zimbabwe: The OPCON Finding*.

He has done presentations at the Marine Corps Heritage Museum in Quantico, Virginia, local Rotary Clubs and the Assistance League of San Antonio.

Jack resides in Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas, with his wife, Cherie. They have two children, Emily Rose married to Scott Rose and Jesse Kassinger married to Michelle Nichols Kassinger. They are the proud grandparents of five grandchildren. In addition to writing, Jack enjoys golf and travel.

His books may be purchased in printed or electronic form from Amazon.com or most major online retailers. For more information, contact Jack at 210.241.2111 or kassingerj@aol.com.

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