10/40  It is this month that Dr. Cornelius Olcott, Jr. comes to work at the VBH on F Street. Born in Fort Worth on 4/25/11 he will be graduated from Princeton University in 1931 and Harvard Medical School in 1935. He leaves Harlingen in 1941 to see military service as a doctor on a hospital ship. Later he will rise to the rank of Lt-Col. and Chief of Surgery in hospitals in England and France. He returns here in 1947 and practices until 1977. This St. Alban's Episcopal Church member is to die 11/15/84 at age 73.

1952  Thomas Henry Morrison, Jr. is administrator of the Valley Baptist Hospital on F Street. In the years to follow this effective leader will oversee the hospital's transition to its modern facilities across town near Ed Carey Drive. By 1956 it is a reality, and in 1962 administrator of the Reber Memorial Radiation Center is added to his title. In 1969 in line with the hospital's continued growth his title becomes executive director. He ably serves the community in this position until departing Harlingen with his wife Violet after 1977. He was also a president of the Texas Health Association and a recipient of the Earl M. Collier Award.

1953  Authorized this year and opened in September 1955 is the Harlingen State Tuberculosis Hospital on Rangerville Road. It serves 20 south-most Texas counties and costs $2.368 - 2.5 million to construct. The facility has 600 beds. Its first patients are received 1/9/56, but it does not reach its full occupancy of 550 until 6/57. Dr. Ellison F. White is its superintendent from its start, and at least through 1960. When it celebrates its 7th anniversary with an open house on 1/11/63 Dr. White notes that 3,738 patients have been treated including 40 children under 12 and that the current in-patient number is 402.

7/54  The $2 million Valley Baptist Hospital and Sams Memorial Children Center combination is under construction. The goal is a completion date by late 1956.

1954  The Valley Diagnostic Clinic in Harlingen commences service to South Texas. It covers a wide range of medical specialties including rheumatology, internal medicine, nephrology, cardiology, radiology, gastroenterology, dermatology, endocrinology, occupational medicine, and family practice. Still going strong in 2004 it celebrates its 50th anniversary. At that time 21 doctors are practicing at the clinic.

1/56  The new Valley Baptist Hospital on Ed Carey Drive is completed and occupied at a cost of $2.25 to 2.5 million. It occupies an 18.5 acre site. In 1959 the Reber Memorial Radiation Clinic is added through the gift of John O. and Louranne Reber in memory of their sister Winnie Reber. On 5/16/59 the hospital opens a heliport facility.

4/16/61  The Valley Baptist Hospital now has a full time chaplain, 44 doctors, and 25 other doctors with staff privileges. Its physical therapy unit is the largest in South Texas., in part due to a $1/2 million grant by the Sams Foundation. It treats 150 to 200 monthly and has about 10 bed patients.
6/22/62 At its 6th annual open house Valley Baptist Hospital releases some statistics. Its current payroll is $52 million. In 1956 at its new location the value of services was $707,000 and is now $1.25 million. There are 85 doctors and dentists on the staff. The Sams Foundation polio clinic, original cost $483,000, has been transformed with the addition of $29,000 to a general children's unit. $10,000 has been spent on a laboratory, $250,000 applied for construction of a nurse's training school and dormitory, added storage and an incinerator cost $33,000, and other changes $30-40,000 annually.

2/6/63 The Harlingen State Adult Mental Health Clinic, one of four in the state, has an open house to publicize its several weeks existence at the old HAFB. Dr. Ignacio Magana is director of a small staff of psychiatrists and clinicians.

6/65 Dr. Garner Klein commences his Harlingen practice. He comes to specialize in cardiology and be associated with the Valley Diagnostic Clinic before retiring after 36 year and six months of practice on 1/1/03. He then becomes Medical Director for Valley Health Plans.

1970 At the Valley Baptist Hospital an expansion and remodeling program is completed to bring it to a 190-bed capacity. The campus includes a dormitory and teaching facility for nurses and a 20-unit apartment complex having a $9.5 million replacement value. The yearly payroll is in excess of $2,250,000.

1971 The Harlingen State Tuberculosis Hospital on Rangerville Road has its name and purpose changed. It becomes the Harlingen State Chest Hospital.

7/71 Dr. Marion R. Lawler, Jr. establishes Cardiovascular Associates of Harlingen for the practice of cardiovascular and thoracic surgery. He is joined in this practice in 8/78 by Dr. Thomas A. Clark. In May 1999 Dr. Ruben M. Lopez becomes an associate and on 11/11/01 Dr. Jamie F. Villareal does. It is on 7/12/77 that Dr. Lawler performs the first open heart surgery ever conducted in the Rio Grande Valley.

3/72 Former HAFB Hospital now houses Rio Grande State Center, a 20-bed unit for treatment of drug addiction and alcoholism. It has 210 employees and a budget of $1,475,111 to serve 12 South Texas counties. It also serves outpatients. It had started in 1962 with a staff of eight and a budget of $72,000.

6/1/72 State opens 200 bed facility for the mentally retarded in buildings leased from the Harlingen Chest Hospital. With 50 crises beds, 45 additional personnel will be needed. The hospital on its 78 tract on Rangerville Road was built as a 262 bed facility in 1955 to serve 19 South Texas counties in the diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up of persons with TB. It has 185 employees and a $1.7 million budget.

1983 The Rangerville Road Chest and TB hospital becomes the South Texas Hospital to treat other diseases as well as lung ones.
10/86 Golden Palms Retirement and Health Center, an upscale complex associated with the Valley Baptist Hospital, opens at 2101 Treasure Hills Blvd. It is a senior citizen living and assisted-living facility with a health center clinic, all housed in six floors which include luxury apartments.

1987 Ruben and Linda Salazar commence what is to evolve into the very successful Sunglo companies. These include Home and Health and CBA programs, Primary Health Care, Adult Day Care, and Group Homes.

6/87 The biggest employers in the city at this time are:

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1987 Valley Baptist Hospital initiates a hospice program named in honor of Sandi Jo Funk. This middle age woman had died of cancer and her family contributed to this memorial in her name.

1994 A Ronald McDonald House is planned on Treasure Hills Blvd. near the Valley Baptist Hospital which has donated the land. It will house parents and relatives of children receiving treatment at the hospital. In 2/98 the $800,000 facility is completed. The six bedroom complex averages a stay of 9-10 days and the charge is $10/night. In a four-year period 620 families will be accommodated.

1999 June Toland, whose son George survives cancer, organizes the first American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. Over the years the fund-raiser increases the awareness of cancer and helps raise funds for research. Mrs. Toland, the wife of pediatrician Dr. George Toland, is recognized for her work at the event's 10th anniversary when the city honors her with a proclamation.

2001 James (Jim) Springfield, 37, joins the Valley Baptist Hospital System as executive vice president and chief operating officer. Prior to coming to the Valley he held a variety of positions with the Houston-based Memorial Hermann Healthcare System from 1988 to 2000. He is named president and chief operating officer in 2003. In early 2004 it is revealed that Springfield has been named the nation's "Young Healthcare Executive of the Year" by the American College of Healthcare Executives. This former financial analyst is board certified in health care management. He and his wife Teri have four children.

6/28/02 The University of Texas Academic Regional Health Center opens at the 2000 block of Treasure Hills Blvd. It is a 94,000 sq. ft. building costing $25 million and sits on 18.5 acres donated by the Valley Baptist Medical Center. In its initial year it will be a teaching school/hospital for 24 third and fourth year residents. Dr. Leonel Vela of the Valley is the first dean of the facility. The project was initiated in the 75th legislative session by Sen. Eddie Lucio, who was helped by Valley legislators such as Jim Solis, Robert Gutierrez, Juan Hinojosa, Eddie de la Garza, and Renato Cuellar.
The center is projected to provide 75 direct jobs and 136 indirect ones having salaries/stipends of $20 million per annum. The economic output will be $25.7 million per year benefiting the city and HCISD $184,275 and $51,738 in taxes annually.

10/02 The Harlingen Medical Center at 5501 S. Expressway 77 opens. It is a full-service hospital developed by community physicians in partnership with the Med-Cath Corp. of North Carolina. The general acute hospital is a $64 million state-of-the-art facility with 112 private patient rooms and additionally six labor and delivery suites, 16 day patient rooms, and a nine bed emergency center. It starts with 100 employees and will eventually have a staff of 500. Its payroll is expected to be about $17 million in FY 2003. Mid-Valley Truss and Door Co., with Frank Klinger its president, opens a new facility at 5820 Millenium Drive, Harlingen Industrial Park. It has been enticed here from Los Fresnos where it has been for twenty years. A year and a half later it will be employing 110 people in its 63,000 sq. ft. building.

10/18/02 After 15 months of construction, Su Clinica Familia opens its 61,000 sq. ft. $6 million facility at 1706 Treasure Hills Blvd. It has 54 examining rooms. Dr. Elena Marin is executive director of the facility which will have a drive-through window for an outside pharmacy. This non-profit organization provided service to more than 24,000, primarily low-income, patients in 2000 and generated about 119,468 medical visits and 10,314 dental visits through 15 physicians.

2/21/03 The Children's Center at the Valley Baptist Medical Center is dedicated. This unit is the first of its kind in the Valley. The 42,000 sq. ft. facility offers comprehensive pediatric service with its 62-bed unit designed specifically with children in mind. The facility cost $8 million with the community raising $1 million of this. It is located on the fourth floor of the East Tower. Its state-of-the-art facility is designed to accommodate children and parents.

5/3/03 The Treasure Hills Country Club is gifted to the Valley Baptist Medical Center. In an exchange for an annuity Gene and Bettye Estillette donate 273 acres of land which includes 55.87 acres of undeveloped land, 22 developed lots, and the golf course. Part of the land will be used for the development of a wellness center and the construction of a conference and meeting center. The property was purchased at an auction for $1.85 million in July 1999 by Banco Nacional de Mexico and then from it by the Estillettes that same month. The VBMS will likely lease the golf course.

6/1/03 The steel framework is up for a three-story structure adjacent to the Harlingen Medical Center. The new building developed by McAllen architect Alonzo Cantu is the first of its class. Called Medical Office Building or MOB it will additionally house condominiums in its 66,000 sq. ft. The offices and condos will range in size from 1,500 to 6,000 sq. ft. Medical doctors have already purchased 60-70% of the units. Completion was set for August 2003 but goes to November for the $1.5 million building.

7/03 Smith Family Clinic opens a new facility at 707 W. Sesame Drive. Its staff includes Dr. Ray Smith and Dr. Ricardo Alaniz. The Canterbury Court Assisted Living, 900 Camelot Drive, opens Hibiscus Gardens, a dementia and Alzheimer's community.
Employment in Harlingen has grown from 23,604 jobs in 1998 to 28,015 in 2003. In the same period new building permits have averaged $79 million annually. The top ten employers at the end of the year were:

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1/15/04 Valley Baptist Health System announces that it has acquired a 23 acre site at the Sharyland Plantation, south of Mission. It plans to develop another hospital there in Hidalgo County. In Harlingen it has purchased a building to provide additional services, including an out-patient diagnostic center and a new pharmacy. The Valley Baptist Hospital currently is a 611-bed facility. It employs about 2,200 people and generates about $680 million in revenues annually.

5/16/04 The Harlingen Medical Center unveils its chronic wound treatment center in which $300,000 has been invested. Four employees have been hired to run it. Four days later the VBHS announces an agreement with the Driscoll Children's Hospital of Corpus Christi. The latter will bring specialize children's treatments here.

5/18/04 It is announced that the Valley Baptist Health System will purchase the Brownsville Medical Center from the California-based Tenet Healthcare Corp. Founded by the Sisters of Mercy, BMC has been serving Brownsville since 1923 and currently has a 243-bed facility and 900 employees. The sale is expected to be completed by June 30.

6/29/04 The Valley Baptist Health System becomes owner of the Brownsville Medical Center. While the acquisition price was not announced, Cameron County shows it with a market value for land and buildings of $15,825,679. The Center has 243 beds and was founded in 1923 by the Sisters of Mercy and is Brownsville's largest hospital.

7/25/04 Gary Souffrant, M.D., a native of Haiti, becomes director of Su Clinica Familiar. This board certified physician is an internist and specialist in pulmonary diseases. He arrives in Harlingen with his wife and two sons.

9/1/04 The Rio Grande State Center and South Texas Health Care System hospitals close to one another on Rangerville Road are merged by the state. Dr. David Moran, the center's clinical director, said the medical center offers general medical services for men
and women on an outpatient basis, in-patient mental health care, and residential care for
patients with mental retardation. A 12-county area is served with an annual budget of
$18-20 million. Its 452 employees put it seventh in the top ten employers in Harlingen.
By mid-November protests about the closure arise.

9/15/04 Shane Spees is named CEO of Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen. He
comes from Memorial Southwest Hospital in Houston. He served there as Assistant VP
of Operations and has had 10 years experience in healthcare administration as well as
legal background. This Mississippi native earned his under-graduate and law degrees at
the University of Mississippi and his Masters in Healthcare Administration at the
University of Houston-Clear Lake. James Eastham moves to the position of Executive
Vice President and CEO of Valley Baptist Health System under its President and CEO
James G. Springfield. On October 4 Randy McLelland is to become chief financial
officer. He previously served as chief operating officer for Lone Star National Bank,
following many years of executive leadership at JP Morgan/Chase and its predecessor
bank, Texas Commerce Bank. Meanwhile Greg Harb, formerly of Houston, takes the
position of CEO for Valley Baptist Health Center-Brownsville, previously the Harlingen
Medical Center while Jim Salyer is senior vice president for corporate services.

10/04 Harlingen's healthcare industry continues to expand as 60,000 square foot strip
mall-type building is being erected on Victoria Lane to house medical offices. Alonzo
Cantu, a McAllen architect, is building the facility.

11/15/04 VBMC opens the Harlingen Heritage Program which offers senior citizens help
with mental and emotional problems. The facility is at 2121 Pease Street.

4/8/05 The VBMC through its Valley Baptist Health System acquires the Athletix Gym,
a six year old business owned by Wendy Brons. A new center to open in the spring next
year will have about 30,000 square feet.

1/10/06 The Valley Baptist Health System announces two major developments. The first
is the groundbreaking of the Valley Baptist Wellness Center on a 273 parcel owned at
Treasure Hills. The facility will have an indoor exercise pool, workout areas, exercise
studios, multi-purpose gym, baby sitting, etc. The second announcement is a $20 million
strategy investment on 12/28/05 by the VBHS in the Harlingen Medical Center, which
had an initial investment of $60 million. The owners of the latter, MedCath, indicated the
loan would be used to pay down debt.

1/11/06 VBHS in partnership with Solara Healthcare, a Dallas-Ft. Worth long-term
healthcare facility, breaks ground for a $9 million 41-bed hospital just north of the
Harlingen Medical Center. It is said to employ 120 and have a $6.3 million annual impact
on the community.

9/22/06 The Harlingen Medical Office Building II on Victoria Lane opens for business.
The 80,000 sq.ft. complex with 22 units was built by Alonso Cantu, owner of Cantu
Construction Company. One unit is the new Harlingen Medical Imaging Center with a MRI room and a 64-slice CT scanner.

10/17/06 Solara Hospital, a long-term acute care facility with 41 beds and owned by Solara Healthcare of Dallas, opens on Victoria Lane near the Harlingen Medical Center. It has 40 employees but this is expected to rise to 120.

6/30/07 The Valley Baptist Health & Fitness Center in Treasure Hills has its Grand Opening. The state-of-the-art 38,000 sq.ft. health club has numerous amenities. Dr. Marion R. Lawler, Jr., surgeon and cardiovascular specialist, retires after 36 years practicing medicine in the Valley.