



Building Bears, Rebuilding Lives



Members of Leadership SBOT, the State Bar’s leadership academy, built rescue bears during its meeting March 5–7 in South Padre Island. The class built the bears as part of a team-building exercise during a talk by Craig Waggener, south-east region instructor for The Leaders Institute. The bears were then presented to South Padre Island Fire Chief Burney Bassett to give to children to help alleviate trauma experienced during emergencies. The weekend was rounded out by a visit to the Port Isabel Detention Center in Los Fresnos and presentations on the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum Representation Project (ProBAR), the Texas Lawyers’ Assistance Program (TLAP), access to justice, and professional ethics and responsibility.



DINNER AND A BOOK

The Texarkana Young Lawyers Association presented the children of the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage with age-appropriate, legally themed books. Eighteen children participated and were rewarded for completing their books with dinner and music downtown followed by a stage adaptation of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. “One child was so excited to read his book that he finished three chapters before the presentation was over,” said **Cyndia Hammond**, secretary of the Texarkana Young Lawyers Association. Pictured are orphanage director Mike Watkins, left, and Texarkana Young Lawyers Association President **Cory Floyd**.



SHERMAN TO BE FEATURED

Max Sherman, former Texas senator and dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas, will be the principal speaker at the Texas Supreme Court Historical Society’s annual John Hemphill Dinner, June 5, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Austin. Sherman’s talk will be based on his book, *Barbara Jordan: Speaking the Truth with Eloquent Thunder*. The dinner will include memorials to Chief Justice John Hill and Justice James A. Baker and an award presentation by the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism. For more information or to purchase dinner tickets, call (512)481-1840, email tschs@sbcglobal.net, or visit www.texascourthistory.org.

LEGAL RESEARCH EXPANDS TO 50 STATES

The State Bar launched a major update to its free online legal research tool. Texas lawyers now have access to free caselaw from all 50 states, an improved search interface, and expanded federal libraries. Casemaker 2.1 is available on My Bar Page (**TexasBar.com**) and on **TexasBarCLE.com**. New features include options to email a case or save it as a PDF or Word document with “live link citations” to other cited cases.

ORAL HISTORIES FROM UT LAW LIBRARY

The Tarlton Law Library at the University of Texas School of Law published the oral history interviews of two alumni, **James W. McCartney** and **John F. Sutton, Jr.** To purchase Sutton’s oral history or to find McCartney’s online, contact tarltonbooks@law.utexas.edu, call (512)471-7241, or go to the Publications link at <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu>. For a complete listing of the oral histories in the library’s collection, visit <http://tarlton.law.utexas.edu/rare/oralhistory.html>.