

# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

 JUNE 1999

## NEWSLETTER

### My Dad, the Gentle One

By *Thelma Cranmer*

**M**y dad was a kind and gentle man, always patient enough to listen to anyone's problems and give them the best advice he could. He came from a poor but proud family and had to quit school when he was 12 years old to help out the family with extra money.

Kids back in those days were not required to attend school so they could drop out any time they cared to. The extent of Dad's education was being able to read, write and count money!

He went to work on his dad's farm as soon as school was over, and also went clamming out in the bay with his brothers to make extra money. Most of the men in our small farming town went clamming because their dads were doing it. They would take the clams and sell them so they always were paid at the end of the day and had the money to take home.

Sometimes they would tread the clams; then they had to wear canvas slippers so they wouldn't cut their feet. During the winter they would use a pair of tongs to retrieve the clams. That was very hard because the tongs were very heavy, and after doing that for a few hours it was all they could do to straighten up! Mom would always give Dad a back massage when he came home after a hard day!

In those days clams sold for \$10 a thousand. If they made that in a day they were lucky. Too, that was good money for a day's work back then. After he and Mom were married, Dad still made his living

the same way, only he worked longer hours. He'd clam two tides and farm our land besides. He never complained because he always wanted the best for his family.

It was difficult during the winter months. He didn't make as much but it was enough to keep the wolf away from our door. That was the time when he would take out gunning parties and make a few extra dollars. Dad had an old cabin out in the woods. He would take men up there to stay for a few days. He'd tell them the best place to look for ducks and the best hours to go looking for them. Each man would pay Dad a tidy sum and sometimes he'd come home with a hundred dollars, which seemed to be a small fortune back in those days.

Summertimes were our best times, because he'd plant a big garden and raise every vegetable one could think of. We kids learned to plant too, and we'd always have a small garden of our own.

Whenever there was a crisis or any problem to be solved, Dad would say, as we were going out the door to school, "Girls, be sure you both come right home from school because we are going to have a family conference."

This always made us very happy because it made us feel grown-up and responsible. He always said, "Well, you kids are a part of this family too, and since you do your share of the work you are entitled to help make the decisions!"

Years later when he died in his

sleep we realized just what a loving, caring person he was. At least a dozen people came to Mom and told her how he had helped them out of difficulties, with money, groceries, or some good advice.

And so I remember my dad with love and respect, for the good person that he was. He made his life worthwhile, and left a legacy of love and kindness. I think all of our family are more understanding, kinder people for having known my dad! ♦

#### Father's Day

I know today is Father's Day  
And your daddy isn't here  
To wish a very happy day  
To someone who was so dear.

His illness took him from us;  
We watched him day by day.  
The battle he fought  
was long and hard  
And we were with him  
all the way.

How sad it was for everyone  
When God chose  
to take him away  
But according to His Holy Word  
We'll all be together  
again some day.

And then you'll have  
your Father's Day  
When you're with  
your daddy once more.  
And how happy we'll all be  
Together again,  
on that golden shore.

By *Nita Scollin, Mike's mom*



# Deaf and Hard of Hearing "PIP" Meeting

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## Narcotics Division

How do narcotics get into Houston  
Who sells these drugs and how does the police catch them.

Woodhaven Church for the Deaf  
9920 Long Point

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. . . .

► **TUESDAY, June 1st, 1999**

From: Officer **RANDY MELTON**

Hope to see you there. My TDD # 713-308-9071

Emergency # 911 - then tap space bar !

Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9073

Signed Interpreters and Captioning Provided



June 9, 1999 - Second Wednesday will be the day for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be a regular meeting.

**HAVE A GOOD DAY!!**

June 17, 1999 is third Thursday for Senior Citizens with HAPPY FACES to meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point for happy fellowship covered lunch. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713-675-1531 and let either know what you expect to bring. Play games and talk to one another. So please come on and join us for happy fellowship and good lunch.

**COME ON AND JOIN FUN!!**

June 23, 1999 is fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be regular meeting for everyone. Come on enjoy the day to play games.

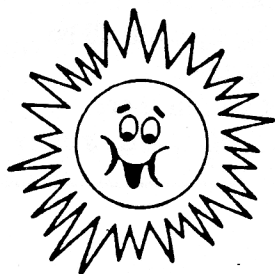
**HAVE A NICE TIME!!**

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!**

Bonnie Tippett, Kennedy Slavin, Mary Spanbouer, Vera Butler, Allan Bubeck, Shirley Dye, Lois Bramall, E. R. Ugarte, Ora Bolton, Sandra Griffin, Henry C. Collins, Howard Morgerson, Doris Hightower, Flora Perkins, Virginia Horton, Elvis Minshew, Marilyn Caudill, Hugh Poe, Josephine Davis, Houston Center for Independent Living, and Lucille Koehl

**WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS!**

Charles Warren



**SUMMER  
ARRIVALS**



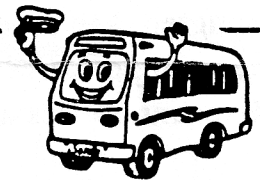
On Wednesday, April 28th eleven Beaumont Deaf Senior Citizens visited our Deaf Senior Citizens meeting at M.M.S.C. Chairperson, Arlene Benham did a wonderful job making plans for lunch and she thanked everyone for their wonderful cooperation in bringing covered dishes to the event. Opal Piercy gave a prayer before serving lunch. It was very good to see Beaumont Deaf Senior Citizens there. The list of the names from Beaumont Deaf Senior Citizens were Barbara Johnson, Bonnie Tippett, Eloise Markwith, Mildred LeBlanc, C. L. Blanco, Jean Shorkey, Synda Smith, George Ferrell, Shirley Bulgherini, Mary Faye and Franklin Tippett.

Mary Faye Tippett wanted to thank of us for serving them lunch. They did enjoy their visit and they made it back home safe.

James Fair, Minister to the Deaf at First Baptist Church in Beaumont, Texas was released from the hospital in Houston. He entered the hospital for an enlarged heart and the doctors injected him with alcohol, a new procedure, to kill the muscle that was enlarged.

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### TRIP



Thirty Houston Deaf Senior Citizens and their interpreter Mary Redman boarded a beautiful Pioneer Bus and took off for Ft. Worth on May 13th. Their first stop was at Westchester Plaza Assisted Living House which included a retirement place for the deaf. We had a very nice luncheon there and a tour of the center. Latonne Stout led the tour. The Senior Citizen group from Goodrich Center joined us for a nice and lively visit. We had a wonderful time chatting about the "good old days". Then Mont Stout led us to visit the Krown TTY Manufacturing where we witnessed the production of Krown TTYs and asked many questions about them. Refreshments were served. Then we headed to Dallas to stay at the Home Gate. The next morning we had a complimentary breakfast there before we went to Deaf Action Center where we were greeted by the residents. After they served coffee and donuts, we had a tour of the which we found was very interesting. Then we returned home, tired but happy.

Juanita and Fred Gunn, formerly of Houston, now of Austin moved to settle at La Vista, the new retirement community for the deaf in San Marcos on May 9. It is a very lovely and perfect place for the deaf Senior Citizens to live. We all wish the Gunns lots of good luck and fortune in the future.

Joyce Adams called Alta Mae Person who lives in Oklahoma City to see if she survived the tornadoes there. However she decided to leave her apartment there and moved to Central Christian Nursing Home in Oklahoma City.

Danny and Joni Bice said their home in Moore, Oklahoma was not hit by the tornadoes, too, but they reported that several church interpreters' homes were destroyed. We need to pray for them.

Clyde Hays had chest pains on April 27 and was rushed to St. Luke's Hospital. The doctors there preformed heart categorization and found three blocked arteries. Angioplasty was performed, and then he was sent home the next day. He was fortunate that his doctor permitted him to join the Senior Citizens on the trip to Ft. Worth and Dallas. At present he is doing very well.

It is only myth, doctors now say, that nosebleeds are caused by high blood pressure.

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WELCOME TO TWO MEMBERS OF HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS  
Clyde and Cherene Clark

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Austin News  
By Tennie Sessions

On April 16 Marilyn Moffett of Hanwave Interpreting Service of Austin and I traveled to Northeast Texas. After I dropped her in Lufkin, I was on my way to Alto. Next day Travis and Gertie Sessions visited our sister and me. They showed their new brand 1999 green Van. Then next day Travis and Gertie left Houston, and I picked Marilyn up to go to Austin. We saw many different lovely flowers on Hwy 21 and Hwy 290 as we enjoyed talking on the way.

On April 20 Glenn Brunson planned a tour for the Senior Citizens. Liz Baird, Donald Williams, Allison Lewter, Carl and Joan Brininstool, Beth and Ronald Strain, Nita Basham, Glenn and Brenda Brunson, Janet Britt Morris, Betty and Walter Ailstock, Fannie and Bob Lindberg and I rode on the small bus to Waco to see Texas Rangers Outlaws Museum. Then we dined at Luby's cafeteria. We were surprised to see Dorothy Goldsmith, Alma Scott, Lennie Blomgren, and Florence Vice there. After that we traveled to Dr. Pepper Museum and saw interesting pictures of the establishment of the Dr. Pepper factory and its long history. We read interesting stories and pictures there. We bought small glasses of Dr. Pepper to drink.

We have learned that Jerry Hassell is feeling a little better after he had flu since February. He needs to rest a lot.

On April 25 Sandra Barnes Smith was given a surprise birthday party at Austin Deaf Community Center by the hostesses, Ruby Kleberg, Brenda Oates, Betty Jo Quinn, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Joan Pate, Sally Porter, Beth Strain and Brenda Mills. Dovie Hassell couldn't make it due to her husband's illness. Morris Porter brought the balloons to her and danced like a clown. She got many nice gifts.

Claudia Miller Adkins of Florida had her gall bladder removed. She is improving very slowly. We pray for her to get well and have her health back.

Aline Hoes Foster's surgery was successful and she is getting better after she was in South Austin Hospital last month. She is going to have a radiation treatment for three more weeks. She looks very good. She is the manager of the Senior Citizens Group on Durwood street.

Edward and Ruth Kronick moved to Austin from New York to be near the Andrew Bonheoy family.

Amelia Duck and Ruby Kelberg flew to Atlanta, Georgia for the fifty Biennial Deaf Seniors of America Conference on April 7 - 11th. They were surprised to see Frances and Ralph White on the same plane. They talked a lot on their way to the airport. There were 1,500 deaf people at the conference. They all had a wonderful experience at the conference. Kathryn Caldcleugh and Anita Dalla also attended the conference. Everyone mentioned that the event was very enjoyable. Fannie and Bob Lindberg were there, too.

Sandra Nunnellee and Sharon Conner, daughters of Jerry and Dovie Hassell had their cars wrecked by careless drivers while their cars were in the parking area. Luckily they were not in these cars at that time. Both accidents happened within one week of each other. What a strange coincidence!

Jackie Pace got a certificate to do hospice work and is planning to apply to work at La Vista Retirement Community for the Deaf.



## O B I T U A R I E S

WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING  
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.

## HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

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Betty Jean (Cuthbertson) Foreman, 66, passed away Monday, April 26, 1999, after a lengthy illness. Born February 2, 1933, to John Clarence and Mary Lou (real) Cuthbertson in Baytown, she graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin and was an avid participant in the deaf community. She was a member of Baker Road Baptist Church. The family conveys its deepest appreciation to the staff to Faith Memorial Nursing Home in Pasadena for the care and compassion they provided during the past three years. She is survived by her brother, John Cuthbertson; sons Ronnie Hebert and family, Mike Hebert and family and William Hebert and family. Services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, April 29, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Marvin Rose officiating.

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William "Bill" John Royce, a 35 year Hayward, CA resident died Tuesday, March 16, 1999 of heart failure in San Francisco. He was 69. Born and raised in Dubuque, Iowa. Mr. Royce had worked as a journeyman printer for 37 years before retiring in 1989. He graduated from Iowa School for the Deaf in 1949. He came to California in 1983 and settled in Hayward with his family. He was hearing - impaired and a member of the Bay Area Coalition of Deaf Senior Citizens Inc. He enjoyed being a grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Leonor Royce; a daughter, Linda Royce; a grandson, Alexander Royce; four sisters, and one brother. He was brother-in-law of Gracia Gonzales Lorello of Las Vegas, NV.

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Penny Ann Dooley Harrell, 47, a resident of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died Thursday, May 6, 1999. She is survived by her mother, Ruby Dooley of Austin, Texas son, Ben Harrell and wife, Tracey of Rio Rancho, New Mexico; grandchildren Brandon and Christine Harrell; sister, Cherie King, of Lometa, Texas. She was preceded in death by her father, Fred C. Dooley, in 1987. Employed at Intel in Albuquerque as a new employee orientation Instructor for the last seven years, she was also an avid grandmother and gardener. Services were held Tuesday, May 11, 1999, 6:00 p.m. at Freanch Mortuary, Lomas Blvd Chapel, 10500 Lomas Blvd. NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Interment took place Friday, 1:00 p.m. at Cook-Walden Capital Memorial Park Cemetery in Austin, Texas. Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Humane Assoc. of NM, Inc., 615 Virginia SE, Albuquerque, NM 87108.

Stella Gertrude Hicks Rudolph, 88, passed away from this on May 18, 1999. She was born in Delta County, TX to Edgar and Ada Belle Hicks. She attended Texas School for the Deaf where she met and later married Harol Rudolph. She was preceded in death by her mother and father, her five brothers and sisters, her husband and her eldest son Robert Rudolph. She is survived by her daughter Anna Marie Tatum and her husband Don and their children Douglas and Joanna; her daughter in-law Sybil Young Rudolph and her sons Terry and Robert G.; and her son Harrell Rudolph and his wife Janice and their children Bradley, Tamra Stafford, Joel and Kimberly. She has three great grandchildren, Nathan Tatum, Justin and Logan Rudolph. Services was held at the Heights Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 20, 1999 at 11:00 A.M. The Rev. Arthur Craig, postor of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, where Mrs. Rudolph was a member for many years, officiated. She was a member of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.

Louis Mack Perkins passed away on Feb. 4. Mack attended TSD from 1932 to 1938 and then the New Mexico School for the Deaf in Santa Fe from 1938 to 1943 when his parents moved there. Louis was survived by his wife of 50 years, Flora Emily (Marti) Perkins of Dallas, one son, two daughters, eight grandchildren, one sister and one brother. Louis was cremated on February 8. Prior to that he had a stroke in 1996.



James Fair, Rylie Rolfe, Lavern Carlson Fair  
and Jerry Hassell

The Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf will celebrate its "50th" Anniversary on the campus of Baylor University, Waco, June 11 - 13. Make plans now to be with us. You will not want to miss this historical event. There is a tentative possibility that we will begin registration on Thursday, June 10, and begin the conference on Friday morning, but we are still working with Baylor at this time. Stay tuned for future information and details.

## Editorial by Robert Parrish

### Wow! Fifty Years of Ministry

Recently while searching for TBCD historical pictures I found the original minutes of the first TBCD, July 23, 1949, South Congress Baptist Church. I could not believe what I holding. As I looked at history I began to wonder, has anything changed over the past fifty years with TBCD? One thing compared with today's TBCD Meetings...the first minutes in 1949 covered in one page of hand written notes...today's meetings takes pages and pages and pages of computer notes. Yes, things have changed, but not the gospel. The men and women of 1949's TBCS, Carter Bearden, Miriam Johnson, Leon Matt, Jack Hinsley, J.D. Loflin, and Mr. Kolf, believed that deaf people were lost without Christ and with that in mind formed the first TBCD.

As we approach the 1999 TBCD 50th Anniversary, we can look with pride to say we have kept the faith. While extending faith to other cities, states and countries as we have had opportunity to go in the name of Christ to carry the gospel to all people, deaf and hearing.

God has blessed our churches, pastors and organization and I am grateful for the opportunity I have had to be a small part of our working together for His kingdom.

May God bless as we move toward another fifty years of gospel ministry in Texas. Pray that God will provide the workers.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
GENEROUS DONATIONS TO LOVE FUND**

David Stewart, Maurice Ford, Mary Jo Stevens, Miriam Thumann, and Thelma Jo Hays

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Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to Love Fund.

Please make the check or money order to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund.

Please mail to Mrs. Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075-4042.

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On Wednesday, April 19, 1999 an officer was killed in the line of duty in Houston, Texas. The department has lost a good friend and the citizens of Houston have lost a good Officer. Officer Troy Blando worked out of the HPD, Auto Theft Division was killed while trying to apprehend a auto theft suspect.

With this in mind I offer this:

**A Police Officer's Prayer**

Lord, I ask for courage, courage to face and conquer my own fears. Courage to take me where others will not go. I ask for strength, strength of body to protect others, and strength of spirit to lead others. I ask for dedication, dedication to my job, to do it well, dedication to my community to keep it safe. And please, Lord, through it all, be at my side..... Amen

We at the Houston Police Department have lost a good friend and fellow Officer. Officer Blando leaves behind a wife who is confined to a wheelchair because of Multiple Scucroses and a thirteen years old son that will have to grow up with out a father. He was a good man, a good husband, and a good father he will be missed by all that knew him.

Officer Randy Melton  
Houston Police Department  
Deaf and Hard of Hearing Specialist

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**Now That's Hungry**

About 25 years ago, I did the grocery shopping while my wife stayed at home with our newborn. One time I was hungry when I left and got hungrier as I shopped. It finally got the best of me when I spotted a box of animal crackers. I opened the box and started eating them right there. They seemed bland, but I was very hungry.

When I got to the register, the checker said, " you don't want these - the box has been opened."

When I told her what happened, she replied. " these aren't animal crackers for kids. These are doggie crackers. You've been eating dog food!

It was Saturday, and all the check - out lines were full. Everyone started to laugh, and my face was red as a beet. I got out of there as fast as I could and didn't go back for two years. When I did, no one remember me.

-Bob Homan, Chicago, Illinois

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A farmer, flying for the first time in his life, gladly accepted chewing gum from the flight attendant. "This will keep your ears from popping when we attain a high altitude," she said. After the plane landed, the farmer approached her, " Thank you for the gum. I have one question though. How do I get out of my ears?"

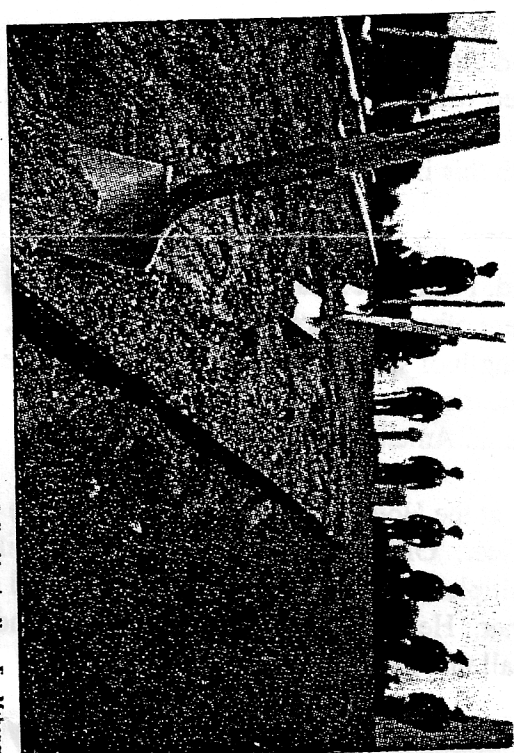
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# Fallen officers honored

## Groundbreaking held for memorial

By **Dave Michaels**  
Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Clayton Sides was 4 years old on the day in 1951 when he learned that his older brother, Dallas police Officer Johnny Sides, had been shot by a robbery suspect near Fair Park. He was too young to visit his brother in the hospital but old enough to interpret the news for his parents, who were deaf and mute. Officer Sides was a promising 22-year-old rookie who had been with the department for a month when he was fatally shot. So promising that former Police Chief Carl Hansson asked to be buried next to Officer Sides at Restland Memorial Park. So



The Dallas Morning News: Jim Mahoney

**Police Memorial Day on Wednesday included groundbreaking for the Dallas Police Memorial near City Hall.**

promising that the department's Rookie of the Year award is now named for him and his portrait still hangs in the police chief's office. Officer Sides was among the 69 Dallas officers killed in the line of duty who were remembered Wednesday outside City Hall at the groundbreaking of the Dallas Police Memorial.

The memorial will occupy Marilla Triangle and will pay homage to fallen officers with a wall that lists the name of each. Sunlight will project each badge number from a steel canopy on to the ground. "It's a great honor to be remembered for the job they did and their dedication," said Clayton Sides, now 52. "They put their lives on the line every day, and it can be a thankless job." The noontime ceremonies included the traditional elements of Police Memorial Day. Officers Please see POLICE on Page 31A.

# Police Memorial ceremony staged

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fired a 21-gun salute. One carnation for each officer was placed on a large floral badge, gradually forming a blue star. And tactical Capt. Mona Nell held off tears as she read the names of her fallen colleagues, the faint ring of a bell resounding after each.

Civic leaders, police officials and family members used gold-colored shovels to break a symbolic mound of dirt. Nine-year-old Michael Brown helped his mother, Edwina Brown, whose husband was the last Dallas officer to die on duty. Officer Henry Allen Brown was helping change a woman's tire on Interstate 20 when he was struck by another motorist in April 1997.

Michael, a second-grader, said he wanted to be a police officer. "They're there when you need them. It was rainy and windy, and she was probably scared," his mother said of the woman her husband helped. "He introduced himself as an officer." The woman wrote to Ms. Brown and "remembered how comfortable a feeling that was."

Although many in attendance said they were gratified to finally see evidence of the monument, Wednesday retained the feeling of a somber day. Some cried when their family member's name was read. Others were conspicuous by their absence. No one stood when Capt. Nell read the name of Officer John Glenn Chase, who was shot downtown in 1988 by a homeless, mentally ill man as some witnesses goaded him on.

"My wife has never really recovered from it," said Charles Maltese, a former New York City officer whose son, Chip Maltese, was killed in 1981. "We go to the cemetery every week, and we have been to every one of these" police memorial events.

Officer Maltese was 23 and engaged to be married when a drunken driver killed him as he set up cones and flares on a Dallas freeway. Although the service Wednesday recalled the tragedy, Mr. Maltese, 72, took some comfort in the memorial that will stand next year.

"This all means that we are not forgotten," he said. "Somebody better remember them because they are out there all the time, all alone."

Office Johnny Sides was sister of Zelma Curbello. Zelma is a member of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,



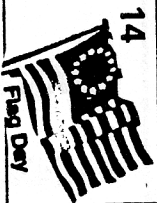



# FATHERS DAY



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JUNE 1999

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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6	7	8	9 S.C. M.M.S.C.	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day 	15	16	17 S.C. Social Woodhaven	18	19
20 Father's Day 	21	22	23 S.C. M.M.S.C.	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Hello! Welcome to our Senior Citizen Fellowship at City of Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on second and fourth Wednesday. There are plenty of safe parking spaces.  
Come on and join Happy Fellowship.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Have a great birthday just for the fun of it!

- 1.....June Moore  
William Buchanan
- 17.....Earl Luther
- 18.....Lois Good
- 19.....Cherene Clark
- 27.....Velma Harris



### Wedding Anniversaries

- Floyd & I. D. Wisker  
June 2, 1953.....46 years
- Daril & Sue Williamson  
June 9, 1989.....10 years
- James & Julie Spaulding  
June 13, 1970.....29 years
- Gus & Zelma Curbello  
June 19, 1954.....45 years

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