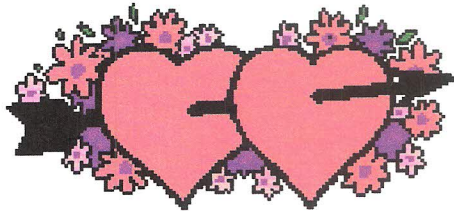
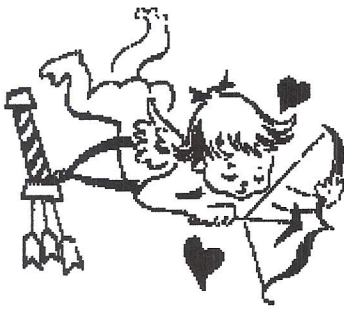


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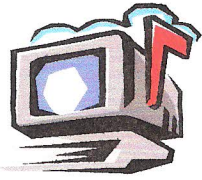


*Happy  
Valentine's  
Day*

*Comes within  
a gift compassion,  
a vision of heartlight.  
The essence of love.*

*Valentine's Day  
is a wonderful way  
to make "I love you"  
Easy to say.*





*From the Editor:*

Houston Deaf  
Senior Citizen  
Newsletter

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Frank Shaw



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Audrey  
Leger-Wright



## *Happy Valentine to you all!*

Bus service for field trips for April, May, and June has already been arranged. The events will be:

April 12, 2002 – Goliad  
May 17, 2002 - Caldwell  
June 14, 2002 - Waco

Details of each month event will be announced in the newsletter. If you are interested in going to any of these field trips, please contact Audrey by fax: 281-416-0799 or come to MMSC meeting to sign up. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to [hdsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hdsnews@yahoo.com), or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

**Note:** If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

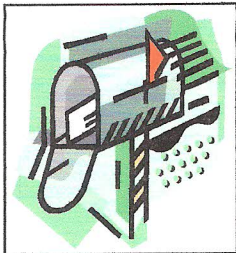
*Frank Shaw*

### **Flash News for next field trip Austin – February 8, 2002**

Houston Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr. at 8:00 AM. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM. The group will visit Governor's Mansion and Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. Fee is \$4.25 to 5.00 per person at the museum, and no charge to tour Governor's Mansion. Be sure to bring some extra money for lunch. Come and let us have fun together. See you on 8<sup>th</sup>.



# News



**Note from Joe and Rose Katz and Ray:** they wish you all "Happy New Year"!

**News from Audrey Leger-Wright:**

Frank Shaw was hospitalized with flare up emphysema and touch pneumonia on January 8<sup>th</sup>. By the time you read this, he should be out of the hospital. Pray for his speedy recovery.

**News from George T Joffrion**

Verlyn Williams had suffered a broken hip sometimes-late summer or last fall, but already returned home. She and her husband, Walter, are now residents at Coughatta nursing home in Coughatta, LA. They will appreciate to hear from you. Here's their address: **Coughatta Nursing Home, 1110 Ringgold Road, Coughatta, LA 71019**

**News from Maurice Ford:**

My sister, Geneva, who lives in Humble, TX, had a heart attack on December 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 AM in her mobile home. I flew to Houston from Cleveland Ohio Airport on the same day and visited her at Northeast Memorial Hospital. She was in ICU for 14 days before she returned home. I stayed there to take care of her until December 20<sup>th</sup>. My nephew and Alicia took me to Ft Worth, and then they took care of Geneva for one month. She is slightly improving. I flew back home to Ohio on 29<sup>th</sup> of December. God Bless you all.

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**News from Weldon Westmoreland**



**50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**  
(written by Elizabeth Rodriguez)



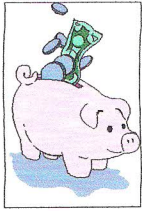
MARRIED **50** YEARS



WELDON AND JENNIE RUTH WESTMORELAND

**Weldon and Jennie Ruth Westmoreland** of Glendale celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary October 28, 2001 with a gathering of family and friends at the Friendship Auditorium in Los Angeles, CA. Weldon and Jennie met at a dance. They married six months later, on October 27, 1951, at St. Aloysius Church in Los Angeles. Jennie graduated from St. Mary's School for the Deaf in New York. She retired from Bank of America in 1991.

Weldon graduated from Texas School for the Deaf. He retired from Panavision as an assembler. The Westmorelands' hobby is bowling. They have spent a lot of their time bowling together; in fact, Weldon proposed to her at a bowling alley with friends. They have three children: Mary Ann Peterson of Eagle Rock; Philip Westmoreland of San Leandro, Carolyn Young of Houston; and nine grandchildren.



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** *Joyce & Roy Adams, Arlene Benham, Nellie Bishop, Karen Clifton, Billy & Pauline Corum, Zelma Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Elnora Morgan, Helen Padgett, Mary Jo Stevens, I. D. & Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.*

Thank you, *James & Nadine Moore*, for your donation to **LOVE FUND** from the proceeds of raffle sales for the wooden butterfly plague. *Dorothy Curry* won the raffle.

*Nell Shanefield*, thank you very much for your donation to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF YOUR SISTER, VERA FRANCES GUNTER.**

Anyone who wishes to donate **\$\$\$** to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:

**Mrs. Zelma Curbello**  
**9623 Tiltree,**  
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**NEW SUBSCRIBERS:**

Welcome to our new subscribers: *Palmer E. Gissler and Doris William.*

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: *Josephine Law Davis, Maurice Ford, Gordon Gibbons, Bobby Joe Griggs, Annabelle & Nelson Hays, Joseph & Rose Katz, Rosetta Newman, Marie Ramos, Nell Shanefield, and Bert & Avril Thompson.*

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**FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS (FAQ) from: [www.Tripod.org](http://www.Tripod.org)**

(About the captions (or subtitles) on the movie films.)

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing community has been talking about, and wondering why there are no captions (or subtitles) with black background as used to be the case. Here is the answer to the question below.

**Q.) Why are the words in white, sometimes they are so hard to read?**

**A.)** The process by which captions (or subtitles) are applied to a motion picture print is by use of a laser, which engraves the text onto each individual frame of the film. Burning away the emulsion layer of the film, allowing white light from the projector to pass through the film and project white captions on the screen. Addition of a drop shadow or gray or black box surrounding the titles would require a very costly optical process.





# Rest in Peace



## OBITUARIES

**Minnie Lee White, 87, (L. V. Thornton's sister),** passed away December 21, 2001. Ms. White was born on January 15, 1914 in Van Zandt County, TX. She was a well-known seamstress in the Dallas area. Proceeded in death by her husband, Ronnie D. White. Survivors include her children, Bobby L. White, Sr. of Oak Cliff, and Bonita Gray of Mineola, TX; 2 brothers and 3 sisters, 7 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews & friends. Funeral service on December 23<sup>rd</sup> was held at Oak cliff Funeral Chapel and then her body was buried at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Dallas.

**Robert Lewis Gearhart, 72,** passed away Sunday, December 30, 2001 in Georgetown, TX. He was born May 16, 1929, in Olive Hill, KY, to Arnold and Maxine Gearhart. Robert married his wife, Audrey of 50 years on August 4, 1951. He worked for Hart Graphics in Austin for 41 years until he retired in May 1991. His wife, Audrey Gearhart; son, Terry Gearhart and wife, Mitzi, grandson, Matthew Gearhart, granddaughter, Sarah Gearhart, all of Georgetown; two brothers, Eldon Gearhart of Belton and Charlie Gearhart of McAllen, and a sister, Harriet Whitworth of Houston, survive him. Family and quests visitation was held from 6 to 8 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2002, at Cook- Walden Davis Funeral Home in Georgetown. Funeral services were held on Thursday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 AM in the Chapel of the Cook-Walden Davis Funeral Home with Pastor Jack Earwood. Interment services followed in the Cook-Walden Capital Parks Cemetery in Pflugerville.

**David Bunch, 72,** of Corsicana, TX, passed away on Wednesday, January 9, 2002 after a lengthy illness. His wife, Patsy, three sons, and 5 grandchildren survive him. The funeral was held the following Saturday, the 12<sup>th</sup> and he was buried in Corsicana. Early McVey, William Buchanan, and his lady friend attended the funeral, and said that there was a good crowd. Our sympathy goes to Patsy and the children.



### Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Late Deafened?

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If not, please contact **Detra D. Stewart**, Deaf/Hard of Hearing Regional Specialist at Nightingale office to file a complaint.

Voice/TTY number: 713 981 1543 - 1 800 932-0009 - Fax: 713 995 6376



## Calendar of Events



### February 1, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at The Spaghetti Warehouse Italian Grill Restaurant, 12815 Southwest Freeway, Stafford, TX 77477 (from 59 SW Frwy exit on Corporate, stay on feeder and U turns underpass of 59 Frwy; continue the feeder a few blocks toward the restaurant) from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends. ASL Social plans to celebrate their 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary. Some nice door prizes will be drawn. Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; Roger Spivey (email) [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net) before 28th of January, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.



### February 1 – 7, 2002 (a week)

Open captioned movie, "Harry Potter", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.

### February 5, 2002 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held at **Woodhaven Church for the Deaf** at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be "CRIME STOPPERS". They will explain how those organizations do pay to recruit people that turn into crooks. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

### February 8, 2002 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to **Austin, TX** to tour the Bullock. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Church**, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX between 7:30 & 8 AM. The bus will pick people up by 8:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy the trip. (See editor page 2, for more information)



### February 8 - 14, 2002 (a week)

Open captioned movie, "I Am Sam", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.

### February 13, 2001 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!



### February 15 – 21, 2002 (a week)

Open captioned movie, "Joe Somebody", **Rated: PG**, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. Starring: *Tim Allen, Julie Bowen, Kelly Lynch*

### February 21, 2002 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck lunch. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Evelyn Autry** at (713) 984-8186 TTY or **Gertrude Sessions** at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.
















### February 27, 2001 (Wednesday)

Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.



# February 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ASL Social The Spaghetti Warehouse	2
					Italian Grill Restaurant	
		3 PIP Meeting "Crime Stoppers"	6	7	8 Austin Field Trip Bullock	9
						
10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday	13 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16
			Agnes Foster 	Pauline & Billy Corum - 2001 		
17	18	19	20 Helen Padgett 	21 S.C. Social Woodhaven 	22 George Washington's Birthday  	23
24	25	26 Jack & Hazel Richard-1942 	27 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	28		



Social Meeting



Birthday

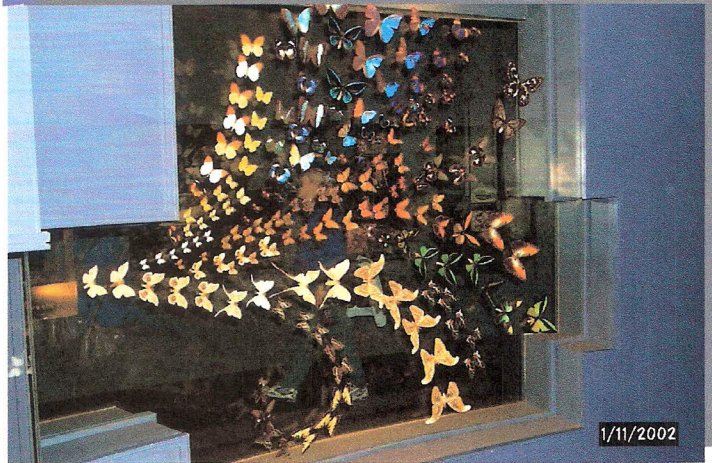
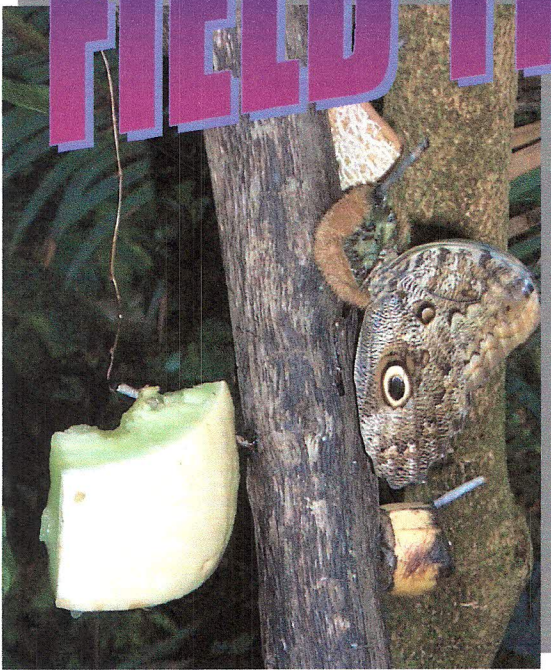


Anniversary



# FIELD TRIP

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens were on a field trip to tour Houston Museum of Natural Science, Houston Fire Museum, and Japanese Garden on January 11, 2002. The group went out at a fine Mexican restaurant for lunch between the tours.



↑ Cockrell Butterfly Center at the museum displays variety of colorful and eye-catching butterflies on the glass wall.

↑ At the Center is a six-story glass cone that houses some 2,000 live butterflies flying freely in the middle of a tropical rain forest. An exotic big butterfly lies on the branch to eat a piece of kiwi.



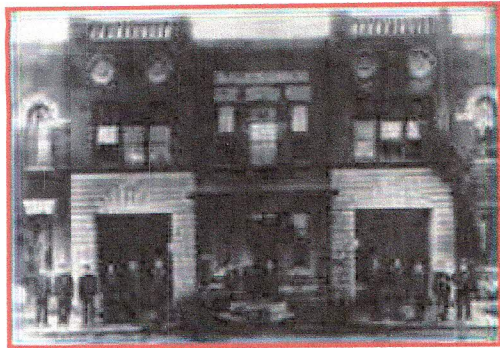
↑ Wow... **See the above photo** of the beautiful butterfly laying on Pauline Corum's head. How thrilled she was to know that the butterfly is attracted to her!



Ouch!!! Lennie Morton comforts Christine McKinnon who had a black eye on her left eye from accidentally falling down that morning before the field trip. Luckily, but for the black eye, she wasn't in any bad injury.

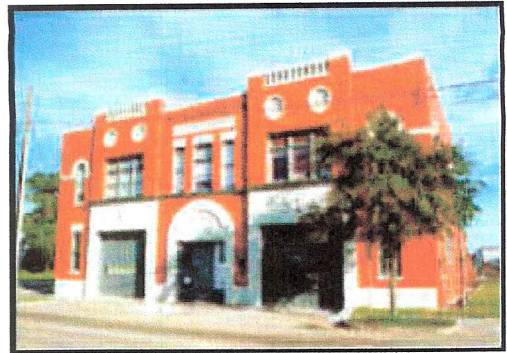


## Fire Station No. 7

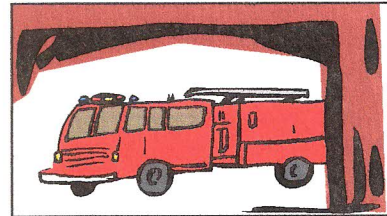
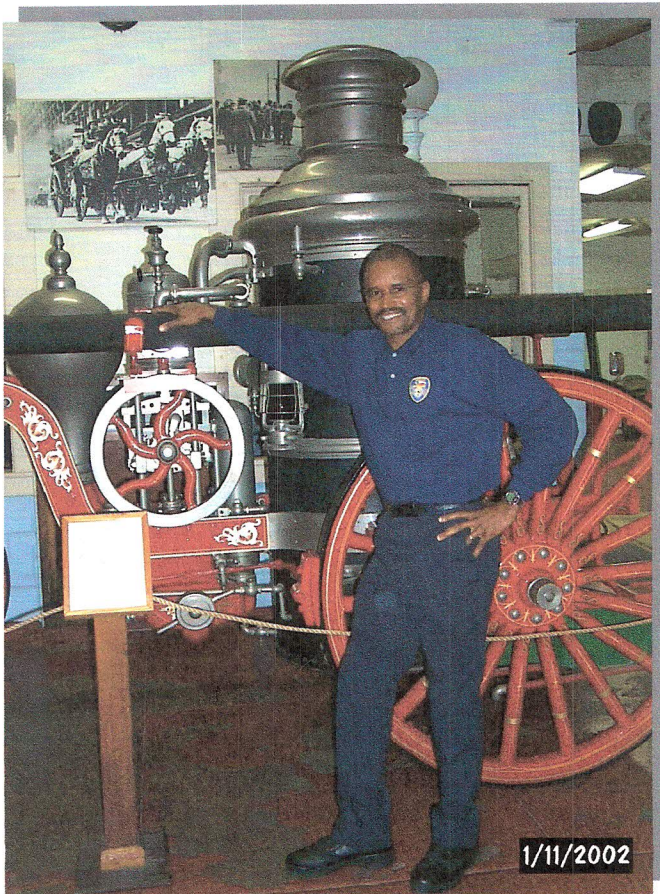


← 1899

Now ⇒



Station No. 7 was opened in 1899 with housing horse-drawn equipment, a steam engine, and a horse wagon. Then in the 1920's these pieces were replaced with motorized trucks. It was one of the city's busiest firehouses for 70 years before it closed in 1969. The firefighters moved to a new facility on Elgin Street at Austin. In two years from now a new firehouse will be built on Travis and Haley. The photo above on the right that used to be Fire Station #7 is now the Houston Fire Museum.



← Herbert L. Kimbrel, tour guide and also fireman, displaying to the Senior Citizens group a vast collection of artifacts relating to the history of Houston's fire service. The group really appreciated his painstaking effort to show and explain the history of the Fire Museum. They enjoyed the tour very much.





↑ On the back row from left to right: William Lambert, Pauline Corum, Lou, the bus driver, Travis Sessions, Karen Clifton, Herbert L. Kimbrel and Arlene Benham.  
 On the middle row from left to right: Zelma Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays, Christine McKinnon, Lennie Morton, and Gertie Sessions.  
 On the front row from left to right: Nellie Bishop, Audrey Leger-Wright, Freda Carter (interpreter), Lanier Page, and Annie McFadden.



↑ In Hermann Park the Japanese Garden has waterfalls in the middle of winding paths and lush exotic plants. Ken Nakajima, world-renowned Japanese landscape architect, designed the garden to symbolize the friendship between Japan and the United States.



↑ At the garden many colorful fishes and ducks in the pond waiting for more food after someone in the group threw them some crackers.



# Deaf History

## *FRANCIS HUMBERSTONE MACKENZIE* *SIXTH LORD SEAFORTH* 1754-1815

No one expected him to win, but Francis Humberstone MacKenzie was running for Parliament. It was 1784 and Scottish clan loyalty was very strong. MacKenzie—"Lord MacKenzie," the British called him—was determined to replace Lord McLeod. If he won the election, Lord MacKenzie would help the British rule a growing empire.

MacKenzie had become chief of the noble MacKenzie clan in 1781. Everyone knew him. To talk to him, they used fingerspelling, as MacKenzie had been deaf since birth.

When he was a little boy, MacKenzie went to an oral school in Edinburgh. He learned to speak a little bit, but he much preferred to talk with his friends using signs and fingerspelling. He taught all the hearing people he knew the finger alphabet and they often used it to converse with him.

One day he was invited to the house of Lord and Lady Melville for a dinner party. Before MacKenzie arrived, two of Lady Melville's guests entered the home and met each other just outside of the dining room. Having learned that there was a deaf dinner guest, each assumed the other was the deaf guest. They sat down and started talking to each other in fingerspelling.

When Lady Melville walked in and saw her hearing friends fingerspelling with each other, she burst out laughing.

"I thought you were deaf," each surprised guest told the other. The moment ended with lots of laughter. When MacKenzie arrived, he had quite a laugh, too.

MacKenzie wrote many letters to friends who lived far away. The letters, friendly and articulate, have been preserved to this day.

When the election was over, MacKenzie was declared the winner. He probably became the first deaf individual to win an elective office, and he was just beginning his career.

MacKenzie served in Parliament until 1790. Then he retired and returned home to earn money.

When war broke out against France, MacKenzie raised an army of soldiers in his Scottish homeland. They formed the 78<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Foot, Rose-Shire Militia. MacKenzie himself was the Lieutenant-Colonel Commanding. In 1794, he added another battalion of soldiers. In 1808, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant General. He ran for Parliament again and was re-elected by a large margin. When he returned to Parliament, he gave strong support to the government. In appreciation, the government named him the Sixth Lord of Seaforth.

In 1808, MacKenzie, now the Sixth Lord Seaforth, became governor of Barbados. He served there for several years. He is known for trying to improve the conditions of the slaves.

Afterward, he returned to Britain. Sadly, he ran out of money and had to sell his house and much of his land. He had a wife, four sons and six daughters. MacKenzie died in 1814.

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