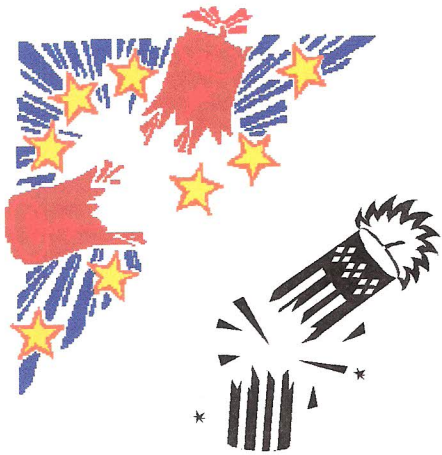


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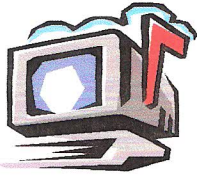
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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

The Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America, and to the Republic
for which it stands.
One nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.



FROM THE EDITOR:

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Newsletter

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I would like to share a bit about Senior Citizens' trip to Biloxi and New Orleans. The group had a good time, but some places we planned to tour had to be cancelled due to bad storm. We only went to New Orleans to go shopping at Riverwalk in French Quarter and also went at Harrah's Casino while we waited for our bus to arrive in early evening. (See the pictures on Page 8...) We were grateful to return home in time before the bad flooding hit from tropical storm Allison. Several Deaf people in Houston had their homes flooded. Two Deaf senior citizens had water in their houses. It was really unbelievable how bad the flooding was.

I again attended ASL-Social at Jax Grill on June 1st. There were 135 Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and hearing people including sign language students. The food was very good. There was a live band on stage. Some participants even danced. I see new faces each time I attend ASL-social. Congratulations to Christine McKinnon who won a door prize at this event. The next ASL social event will be held at 59 Diner on 8125 Katy Freeway on July 6th. Hope to see you there.



Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on 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 hdscnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. The deadline is on 15th of each month.

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

I appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you.

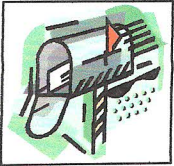
Frank Shaw

NEWS FLASH FOR NEXT FIELD TRIP

Tour of Johnson Space Center (NASA) in Clear Lake on July 18th

Houston Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center around 8:30 AM. The bus will leave at 9:00 AM. There will be discount admission for senior citizens group to tour the space center for \$13.95/person. If more than 15 people as a group go, the fee will be \$11.95 per person. Also, there is another plan for the group to dine out for lunch after the tour. Come and have fun together. See you on July 18th.

News



AUSTIN NEWS by Tennie Sessions:

Lillie Crockett turned 90 on April 24, 2001. But at an earlier date, April 14, her children, Renny Crockett of New Jersey, and Barbara Richardson of Tulsa, OK and the other from Santa Fe, NM invited only family members to observe her birthday at El Gallo Mexican Restaurant. They threw a party for her friends and family in honor of her. There were about 30 guests helped to celebrate Lillie's birthday at her home. Everyone had a grand time. Many of us have good fond memories of Lillie's late husband, Seth, who was a marvelous leader in the Deaf Community for many years. He was also with Texas Association of the Deaf and Congress Avenue Baptist Church.

The Senior Citizens went to Bastrop sightseeing around the historic district and dined at Texas Grill. Then visited with Ben Williams. His house took our breath away. Some of us thought it are one of the most magnificent homes we had ever seen. Ben and his wife had graduated from Kentucky School for the Deaf and had lived in Colorado for many years before moved to Bastrop, TX. They recently celebrated their 58th anniversary.

Glenn/Barbara Brunson went to Fredericksburg to visit Edwin/Joanne Easley who recently moved to a new home there from Austin. The Easleys really are enjoying the quiet life of a small town for a change. No more hustle and bustle like in Austin!

Billy Collins and Juanita Basham are busy making plans for their 50th class reunion during the TSD homecoming weekend on October 6, 2001. If you know of anyone in the TSD Class of 1951, please tell them to contact Billy Collins at **(512) 899-9288 TTY**, **(512) 441-0586 FAX**, or **email** (billdewa@msn.com). Thanks!

"THE GHOST AROUND MY HOUSE" by Thelma Jo Hays:

My children gave me a monitor for Christmas. I was thrilled to have it. My son, Bruce, put it on the stand under TV set. It's so handy for me to check out the front and back doors. Then three months ago I watched TV about 11:30pm. Suddenly I looked at the monitor and saw a white ghost with lighting flashing. I was so panicked as it stayed there at the front door for five minutes. I really didn't know what to do and ran to call my daughter, Beverly, on TTY. I told her about it, and she asked me if it was okay to call my neighbor across the street to check out my front door. "OH, No, No," I told her, "I am afraid that they may think I am crazy!" but when I looked at the monitor again, it disappeared! I was so relieved, but had been bothering me ever since. I wondered what it was. Finally about two weeks ago, it was showed up and at the same time again. My son, Bruce, drove up on my driveway. I ran to him and had him check on the monitor. Sure enough he saw it, then walked toward to the front door to open it as I was yelling out "Don't open". He went ahead and opened it; his head was shaking and he gestured me to come. I said, "Oh My God!" To my surprise there was a very tiny "Angel" bug perched upon the camera lens.

Ha! Ha! I laughed and want to warn anyone who has that kind of monitor not to be scared or worried about ghosts! There's nothing!

NEWS from Lennie Morton:

Joe Morton has been at Bayshore Hospital since May 29, 2001 with pneumonia and lung infection. The doctors give him cleocin phosphate every 8 hours and antibiotic to fight infections. Joe had surgery on his swollen elbow. His condition is improving. Please remember him in your prayers for a speedy and complete recovery.

SPECIAL EVENT – WILD ZAPPERS (May 17 – 20, 2001) by Susan Jackson:



We had a very exciting weekend with the *Wild Zappers*. We had 111 attendees for both Friday and Saturday performances, including 42 participants who attended the workshop with the troupe on Saturday. The workshop done in collaboration with North Harris College's Continuing Education Department.

The Event:

Thursday, May 17th was Ear News. This was groundbreaking Ear News in that it was the first time the entire cast and crew with the exception of one, the floor manager, were Deaf or Hard of Hearing. Seven OPTICA students were involved in the following positions: Technical Director, Floor Director, Camera 1, Camera 2, Camera 3, Sound mixer, and Host.

Friday, May 18th was the first performance. KUHF88.7FM was our official media sponsor for the event.

Saturday, May 19th was the workshop Artistic Signing and Expression at North Harris College. Fox 26 News interviewed Fred Beam, the Executive Director for the group, and filmed the group for two hours as they performed one song and led the workshop. The group pulled a full day, performing directly after the workshop with an electric show. Fox aired the piece the same day. OPTICA students, using an Electronic Field Production kit with assistance from Houston MediaSource, filmed the entire Performance to produce a near professional quality taping of *Wild Zappers: Live in Houston*.

NEWS FROM Melvin Hoffman:

I want to tell you a story about my quadruple bypass surgery. At first I went to see my regular doctor for a diabetic check-up on April 2nd and checked on heart valves. He said hadn't checked on me for a year. I told him that I have a shortness of breath so he sent me to another doctor on April 5th. This doctor put me on a treadmill with patches on my chest and checked on the graphs. He found that my heart was abnormal. He tried to use a catheter to fix the arteries without surgery, but the video showed I had three blockages. He said it required having heart surgery. It was done with four bypasses on April 19th. I stayed four days, then went home on April 23rd. Boy, I was glad to be at home and had a very good nurse -- my wife, Pat. She really took good care of me. After the surgery, I couldn't drive for six weeks. I may resume full activity two months after the date of surgery. I have therapy three days a week -- one hour per session. So far I feel great. Big thanks to my friends for prayers and cards!!!!

DEAF ONLINE - KMBC 9 News' Kelly Eckerman reported: (May 14, 2001 – 5:39 PM ET)

Newborn Hearing Tests Allow Early Detection:

A girl who was diagnosed as "profoundly deaf" at birth will be the youngest patient in the metropolitan area to receive a cochlear transplant.

NEWS from Jeanette Mortzfeldt:

First I want to correct one item of May issue. Mr. Wright's initial is E. R. Wright (not R. E.). Thanks!

Thought I would inform you that the Ronald Nomeland's daughter, Jamie, has been at Texas School for the Deaf for the last 3 years of internship there.

And finally I'd like to share my favorite recipe of Texas Hash Style that I got from my sister, Pauline, ever since I was young, perhaps 25 or more years ago. (See next page)... Sincerely yours, Jeanette.

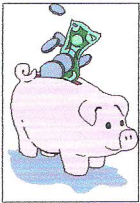


TEXAS HASH STYLE

Cook some ground beef
Add some chopped onions (I prefer purple one)
Add sliced green peppers

Add 1 can of crushed or diced (stewed) tomatoes
Add some salt and black pepper
About 1 – 1½ chili powder to your taste

Stir them well. Grease the bowl, pour the mixture in and add 1 cup of cooked white rice on top.
Finally, add some breadcrumbs on top to seal the mixture.
I tell you all, very delicious and happy eating!



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: *Doris Adams, Arlene Benham, Tracy Caldwell, Karen Clifton, Pauline/Billy Corum, Maurice Ford, Marie Hays, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Frank Shaw, Pernella Smith, and Damon Wright.*

Special thanks to *Mary/Emitte Corley, Gus/Zelma Curbello, Mary Jo Stevens, and Montie Strother* for their donations to **LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF Helen Bourque, Frances Gunter, Clyde Hays, Joy McKinnon, Alfred Wagner & Beatrice Wischkaemper.**

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,
Houston, TX 77075-4042.

NEW SENIOR CITIZENS MEMBER:

Welcome to SC member: Fred H. Duncan, Jr. and Audrey Leger-Wright

NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

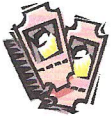
Welcome to our new subscribers: Virginia D. Buza/Fred Duncan, Jr., Walter/Gloria Richardson, Rochelle Simpson, and Mildred Williamson (gifted by Frank Shaw).

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: M/M Eugene Alaniz, Martin/Mabel Bienvenu, Allan/Lorena Bubeck, Irene M Burt, Kenneth Burkett, Tracy Caldwell, Melvin Hoffman, Harry/Mable Hutnance, Ina J. Martin, Raymond/Jessie Martinez, Jeanette Mortzfeldt, and Robert Southwell.



Calendar of Events



July 2, 3, 4 & 5, 2001 (Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs)

Open Captioned movie, "**What's the Worst That Could Happen?**" (Rated PG-13) starring: Martin Lawrence and Danny DeVito at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



July 3, 2001 (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: "**Pawn Shop Detail**". A HPD officer will come out and tell us about pawnshops. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

July 6, 2001 (Friday)



ASL Social at **59 Diner Restaurant, 8125 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024 (south of Katy Freeway (I-10) between Chimney Rock and International Blvd.)** from 5 to 9 PM. Come and join us for great social and delicious food. Great to meet old and new friends! Please contact **Earl Johnson** at **(281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice) either 711 or (800) 735-2988**; **Roger Spivey** (email) spivey39@ev1.net before 1st of July so we can inform the restaurant the number of people coming. Thanks!



July 11, 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. We, the senior citizens, will bring casserole or finger lick food for luncheon. If you wish to bring the food, please contact Christine McKinnon at **(713) 649-0033** and let her know what you will bring.



July 19, 2001 (Thursday)

Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point. There will be potluck for 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.



July 20, 2001 (Friday)



There will be no movie on 20th of July from Illuminations Theater with the Deaf at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on 1475 West Gray in Houston, TX. There will be a special Little Hands Theatre Activity and have children's performance on July 28th, opening to the public. And there will be taping for next TV Talk Show.



July 25, 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.

