



HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 94

Services to Older Hearing-Impaired Texans



HO HO HO Y'ALL!



NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS, IN TEXAS, THAT IS

'Twas the night before Christmas
In Texas, you know
Way out on the prairie
(Without any snow).

Asleep in their cabin
Were Buddy and Sue
A-dreamin' on Christmas
Like me and you.

Not stockings, but boots,
At the foot of their bed,
For this was in Texas,
What more need be said?

When all of a sudden
From out of the still night
There came such a ruckus,
It gave me a fright!

And I saw 'cross the prairie
Like a shot from a gun
A loaded-up buckboard
Come on at a run.

The driver was "geein"
And "hawin" with a will,
The hosses (not reindeer)
He drove with such skill.

"Come on there, Buck, Poncho,
And Prince, to the right!
There'll be plenty of travelin'
For you-all tonight."

The driver in Levis
And shirt that was red,
Had a 10-gallon Stetson
On top of his head.

As he stepped from the buckboard
He was really a sight
With is beard and mustaches
So curly and white,

As he burst in the cabin
The children awoke,
And both so astonished
That neither one spoke.

And he filled up their boots
With such presents galore
That neither could think
Of a single thing more.

When Buddy recovered
The use of his jaws,
He asked in a whisper
"Are you Santa Claus?"

"Am I the real Santa?
Well what do you think?"
And he smiled as he gave
A mysterious wink.

Then he leaped in his buckboard,
And called back in his drawl,
"To all children of Texas,
Merry Christmas, you all!"





DECEMBER 6, 1994 POSITIVE INTERACTION PROGRAM Community Involvement in Crime Prevention meeting for Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons on FIRST TUESDAY of each month will be held at WOODHAVEN BAPTIST DEAF CHURCH, 9920 Long Point at 7:00 P. M. We will have a Christmas party with Police Officers and maybe Mayor Bob Lanier. Come on and join the happy fellowship. You will have a chance to meet Mayor Bob Lanier. Please bring the refreshments - goodies to the party. Interpreters will be provided. HOPE TO SEE MANY OF YOU THERE AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY. PLEASE, PLEASE COME!!!! December 6th.



DECEMBER 14, 1994, second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. for fellowship and Christmas party. Please call Lennie Morton at 675-3658 OR Opal Piercy at 481-2980 and let either know that you plan to attend Christmas party so that they can buy enough food.



I was asked to make an announcement about the members of Senior Citizens not making any donations to Love Fund for a quite long time. Please have heart to donate some money to Love Fund. Hope to see you with happy faces at MMSC December 14th.

ATTENTION! Please bring the dessert to the Party. Thank you!



DECEMBER 15, 1994, third Thursday for Senior Citizens with Happy Faces to meet at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church from 9:30 to 1:00 for HAPPY FELLOWSHIP AND CHRISTMAS PARTY with delicious snacks and delicious Christmas goodies.

COME ON AND JOIN THE HAPPY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH. Please call Juanita Gunn at 862-5130 and let her know what you plan

to bring to happy fellowship Dec. 15th. Hope to see you there!!



DECEMBER 25, 1994

MERRY CHRISTMAS



DECEMBER 28, 1994, fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. for fellowship. Talking, playing the games, etc.

Go out to eat with your friends.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZEN NEWSLETTER

Please send news of interest to Mrs. Evelyn J. Autry, 10,000 Emnora Lane Apt. 373, Houston, TX 77080-5130. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. Jack Autry Jr., & Jean and Gene Harkness are making it possible to keep the Newsletters going.

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Season's Greetings

Gilda Vidal and Julie Spaulding, members of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church visited Eloise Stuart at Nursing Home in Katy, TX recently. She is 90 years old and she is still alert. She is lonesome and she would like for someone to pick her up and take her to shop her needs. She will appreciate that. Her son does not have a time to take her out shopping.

Evelyn Henderson who lives in Splendora, TX is unfortunate at this time. Her house is flooded up to 10 feet high. It was reported that she is staying with her sister.

Alice Henderson's daughter, Judy of Conroe is unfortunate too that her two story house is flooded. She moved most of the things up to second floor. At present they now live in an apartment in the 1960 area for a while.

Henrietta Devine flew to Dallas November 21st to spend the holidays with her daughter. They drove to Edgewood, TX 1½ hours. She will stay with the family till December 31st.

Douglas Grady of Ft. Worth, TX was in Houston on business for several days from Nov. 17th till 20th. He attended Woodhaven Baptist Church and surprised many people. He recognized Evelyn Autry immediately but Evelyn did not for a few seconds. He looked great. They (Douglas, Sheila and two lovely daughters) are now in Houston spending the holidays with Sheila's parents.

Juanita and Fred Gunn motoroed along with their daughter, Sue to visit Fred, Jr and wife Betty in Crockett out in the country about three weeks ago for the weekend to see the new house they have built and they plan to move in when he is ready to retire by next year when he reaches 62 years old. WOW! their house is sooooo beautiful to be built out on the farm.

Our son, Van Gunn is now residing in Austin and is interpereting in a public school to deaf children and also interpreting to others that needs to be interpreting around the Deaf School campus. He is doing very well. Naturally he is greatly missed by his friends in Houston.

Food Addiction?

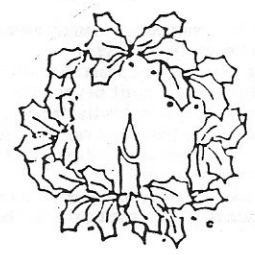
Tuesday, December 20, 1994 • 7:00 p.m.

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church

9920 Long Point



VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE SERVICE
A United Way Agency



Dear Senior Citizens:

I, Evelyn Autry need your help by giving me some news. You have not done anything lately. I had to ask some friends on the last day for some news as I needed to fill up the page.

You know that I do not know what you did in the past and I need your help by giving me some news. Please write the news what you did and give to me. I really need your cooperation! Thank you.

Dear Subscribers of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens:

May I ask you to cooperate with me by sending me your new address change?? Several Newsletters were returned to me with your new address changes. Many of you received Newsletters two weeks late. Who is the fault? I am anxious to see everyone to receive on time. Please be sure to let me know before the 20th of each month. Please do!! Thank you very much.
Evelyn Autry

PEOPLE

Westlake Picayune

Westbanker is dentist for the deaf
Jerry Katz improves patients' smiles, heightens self-esteem

By Nicole Wright
Staff Writer

Smiles are Jerry Katz's specialty. Every day, the Westbanker dentist uses his profession as an avenue to be an ambitious student, an empathetic listener and also a friend to his patients, many of whom are deaf. Katz was nominated as Outstanding Dentist of the Year in 1994 by the Texas Chapter of the Academy of General Dentistry.

Although not deaf himself, Katz was raised by two deaf parents. He said that the experience brought with it a set of unique responsibilities.

"One thing that happens in a deaf home when you're a hearing child is you take on a lot of adult responsibilities of communicating for the family," Katz said.

But, Katz has only positive memories of his childhood.

"I grew up in a very loving, supportive home and really, my parents never acted like it was a handicap," Katz said.

After many years of communicating with deaf people, Katz said he became fluent in sign language and also became sensitive to deaf people's disadvantages of living in a "hearing" world. He said that one of their biggest frustrations is not being able to thoroughly communicate with their doctors. Relieving this frustration is one of Katz's primary goals. In his dental practice, Katz treats more than 100 deaf patients for routine dental care. And aside from his regular schedule, for the past five years, Katz has provided preventative dental screenings for students at the Texas School for the Deaf once a month. Katz said the students are really surprised when he starts speaking sign language to them.

"It's a lot of fun because immediately they relate to me," Katz said, "because I can really communicate with them fluently."

Their instant connection usually eases the patient's anxiety, Katz said. "You can see how comfortable they get," Katz said. "It's almost beyond communicating just the facts. It's the fact that I'm assimilated into their deaf culture. I'm sensitive to how they feel and in a lot of ways to how they think."

Besides participating in dental care for the deaf, Katz is also on the board for the

Travis County Council for the Deaf, which provides interpretive services for the deaf.

"Our main focus right now is trying to create a community center for the deaf," Katz said. "We have an unusually large deaf community for a city the size of Austin, and we have no community center."

Establishing relationships with all of his patients is first on Katz's agenda. He commences each appointment by taking them into his personal office, filled with pictures of his family, and asking them to express their concerns. He said that being sensitive to their needs, hearing their concerns, and trying to react with treatment that's appropriate aids in lessening patients' anxiety.

"I think today people want to be informed of all their options," Katz said. "And they would like support from their doctor's experience to help them make a choice."

Part of being a knowledgeable professional, according to Katz, is staying up-to-date on technological advancements in dentistry and continuing to learn from experts in the field.

"Being up on the latest techniques, materials and practices that were going on always kept me motivated and very enthusiastic about my profession," he said.

After graduating from the University of Texas at Austin, then from the UT dental branch in Houston, Katz continued to take ongoing educational courses in dentistry. And his efforts were recognized by others in the field.

"In 1975 I earned my fellowship in the Academy of General Dentistry for taking over 500 hours of continuing education," Katz said.

Katz said he has taken to heart the teachings at a particular dental institute, L.D. Pankey, which was named after an exceptional dentist.

"It's about in your dentistry really striving for nothing but excellence," Katz said, "and always being more focused on what service you're giving to your patient than what you're receiving."

Raising a person's self esteem through dental treatment is something that Katz hopes to accomplish.

"It can be really disabling if a person



Carrin, Jerry, David and Steve Katz are all interested in the medical field. Jerry Katz is a dentist, Carrin Katz manages his office, David is a pre-med student at Rhodes College, and Steve Katz is a senior at Westlake High School, and will be starting college next fall.

doesn't feel confident about themselves because of their smile," Katz said. "It's a very important asset in the way they present, and I've found that if you can help them with that, there's an awful lot of appreciation on the patient's part."

Katz said he was always interested in seeking a profession in the medical field because he thought it offered a chance to succeed personally, and at the same time provided a service to the community. Choosing to become a dentist rather than a physician was based on his pleasant childhood dental experiences.

"I remember really liking my dentist," he said. "I felt very safe whenever I was in his chair. And I think that was probably one of the reasons that helped me make my mind up about going into dentistry."

Helping people feel better about themselves also makes Katz feel valuable as a person and as a dentist. Katz recalls one woman patient who told her husband for their 25th wedding anniversary she wanted a beautiful smile. After dental treatment, others noticed her higher self-esteem.

"Her family members called and said how much the dental work had changed her personality," Katz said. "They said she was more outgoing and more active."

"I find that very exciting; it's spiritually very rewarding," he also said.

Katz's wife, Carrin, and their two sons, David and Steve, have been influenced by Katz' profession. Carrin Katz handles the entire administrative aspect of the business, and both of Katz's sons are interested in pursuing careers in the medical field.

"Both of them are pre-med," Katz said. "I've tried to impart to them that I think a medical profession is really unique in that you can excel at your work, and at

the same time you're doing something to help others."

After days full of patients, nights of Travis County Council for the Deaf meetings, and twice a month attending continuing education courses, Katz takes a breath of fresh air whenever possible.

"I love spectator sports," he said. "I try to make a lot of Westlake and UT games—especially football."

And he may be seen 'cruising' to a game in one of his other hobbies, automobiles.

"I love old cars, classic cars," he said. "I have a '69 Mercedes roadster and a '69 Cutlass convertible."

No matter what the day, nor the activity, however, Katz doesn't lose focus of what's important to him.

"I think the strongest value I have is respect for my fellow man," he said. "I want to each day enjoy loving my fellow man and to enjoy being loved."



Katz uses dental imaging to view and discuss treatment options with his patients.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!! Dr. Katz and also his parents, Joe and Rosie Katz I know many of you subscribers know them well. We all are happy to hear that you, Jerry still works for the deaf. We know Joe and Rosie are proud parents and we already heard that their buttons are popping out.

EYEOPENER

Love is blind...ask the lady who colored her hair and her sweetheart didn't even notice anything different about her.

--The Saturday Evening Post

Post Scripts



Houston Police Department



Deaf and Hard of Hearing

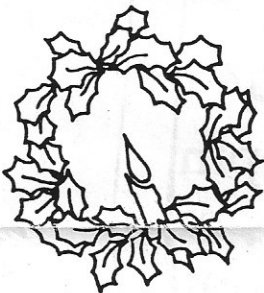
□ PIP □ Meeting



Christmas Time is drawing near.
A Time of friends, laughter
+ good cheer.
Our last P.I.P. meeting
of the year
Begins the season we often
hold dear.



So, Join with us on
Tuesday night
And start your Christmas
Season off RIGHT.
Bring your friend, your husband
or Wife,
And bring some snacks to share
that are light!



We'll be here and looking for you
on Dec. 6th at 7 PM!

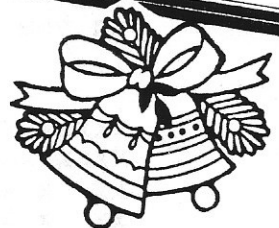
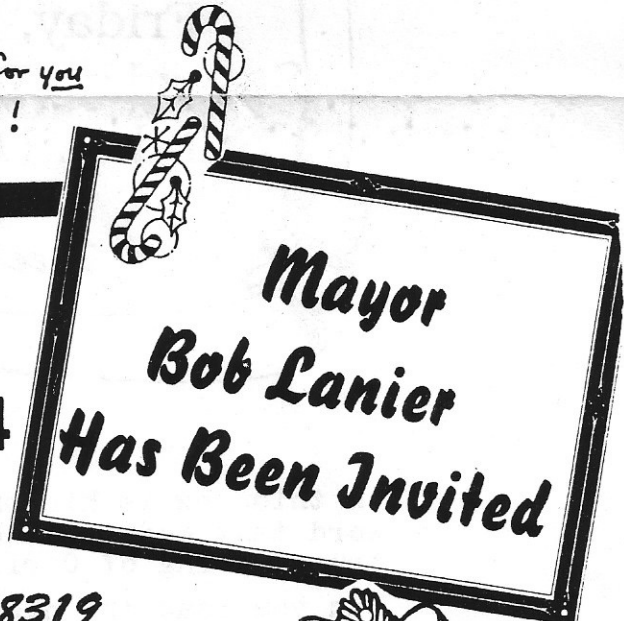
Where: . . . 9920 Longpoint
When: Tuesday,
December 6, 1994
7:00 p.m.



Officer Randy Melton NEW TDD □ 247-8319

For Police Emergency call "911"

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To wish you many blessings at Christmas time
and throughout the coming year.

Dave Ward

Michelle Bailey

Linda Lile

Bryn Autry

Thank You,
and
Happy Holidays!

Randy Melton

Donna Peck

Ophelia Simpson

Jack Autry Jr.

1994
Christmas Drama



"He Touched Me"

ASL and Voice!
Music! Large Cast! Live Animals!

Friday, December 9th 7:00 pm
Saturday, December 10th 7:00 pm
Sunday, December 11th 3:30 pm

Free! Donations accepted

In this box is hidden a
word that defines the
true meaning of Christmas
Can you read the hidden word?

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The Birth of Our Savior



GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS WISH: A LITTLE OF YOUR TIME

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Dear Readers: A faithful reader for more than 30 years who requested anonymity wrote the following:

Dear Abby: Around holiday time, you print suggestions about useful gifts for seniors. May I add mine?

For Christmas, I don't want another crystal bud vase; I have four under my kitchen sink. Besides, nobody brings me flowers anyway. I don't want a sausage and cheese tray; that's too much cholesterol for this old lady. I don't want another music box to find a place for - I have too many now. I don't want a silk nightgown, perfumed soap, a fancy bed jacket, dusting powder or a bird feeder.

What do I want? I have told you before what I really want for Christmas, but I never got it. Maybe this time I will.

I want you to give me a few hours. Take me and my cumbersome wheelchair to the mall so I can see the lights and hear the music. I would also like to be driven around town to see the Christmas decorations - then maybe stop for hot cocoa.

I would like a book of postage stamps, a writing tablet with lines and some plain envelopes. I would appreciate a ballpoint pen that works and some telephone coupons so I can make a few long-distance calls to people I will probably never see again.

I would appreciate a visit from you and other family members, especially grandchildren who call and say: "Hi, Grandma. How are you? I love you. Gotta go. See you later. Bye!"

I would like someone to pay my heating bill for one month. And I wish someone would come over and test my smoke alarm.

I dearly love all of you; that's why I can tell you what I really want for Christmas.

--A 91-year-old Grandma

Dear Grandma: I admire your honesty. Although it may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas, the pumpkins and witches have already been taken out of the merchant's windows and been replaced by Santa, nativity scenes, and all the trappings of the holiday season. November the 17th was a big day for Senior Citizens at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church with OH!!delicious turkey dinner with all trimmings. Many Seniors brought delicious covered dishes. They were happy to see Montie Strother and Estelle Cameron of Baytown at the church. Everyone really enjoyed playing the games and of course! delicious dinner. They were happy to see Officer Randy Melton, Officer Donna Peck and Officer Dave Ward at the dinner. 40 people attended the happy fellowship and happy dinner. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SHOWING UP AND YOU MADE THE DAY VERY HAPPY. HOPE TO SEE MORE OF YOU AT THE CHURCH AGAIN DECEMBER 15th.

PARENTS IN A DILEMMA OVER GREEDY KIDS

Dear Abby: My husband will be retired at Christmastime this year. We will then be on a fixed, limited budget, and our Christmas funds will be much smaller than in the past.

We have eight grown sons and daughters, and 15 grandchildren. The grandchildren are now getting married, so there will be wedding gifts to buy.

Our children protested the suggestion of putting everyone's name in a hat, then everybody buying a gift only for the person whose name he or she draws.

Some of our children ask for cash instead of gifts. We have ever been asked, "How much will you and Dad be giving us for Christmas this year?" And, "May I have it now so I can buy what I want?"

A couple of our grandchildren have already come over to get their money and gifts, and we probably won't see them again until it's their birthdays.

We had some big medical bills this year, and my husband's retirement benefits nowhere compare to his former salary. I said, "Let's forget the Christmas gifts this year - Dad and I want to invite the entire family out for a nice Christmas dinner." That idea was voted down. Do you have any suggestions, Abby?

--Worried sick

Dear Worried: Yes, I think you and your husband should treat yourselves to a nice trip somewhere; then telephone your children and wish them a Merry Christmas. And don't come home until you're good and ready.

--The Houston Post 11/15/94

WOMAN LEAVES \$612,000 TO 6 POLICE DOGS

Police dogs in Santa Ana, Calif., will be on the gravy train for the next half century, thanks to a wealthy old woman who left them \$612,000.

Antique dealer LaVerne Wheeler bequeathed the huge chunk of her \$2.1 million fortune to the six-dog K-9 corps.

Police Chief Paul Walters estimates the inheritance is enough to keep the pooches in dog biscuits for 50 years.

LaVerne, who died at age 79, had greatly relied on the local police, often calling officers to her home when she feared there were intruders.

The millionarie was survived by two brothers - who had to settle for just \$15,000 apiece after unsuccessfully contesting the will. The remainder of her fortune went to other charitable causes.

--National Enquirer (October 25, 1994)

Submitted by Hazel Richard:

My two granddaughters, ages 5 and 6, were told that their aunt was going to have a baby. They both were aware of "the facts of life."

Later, I overheard a conversation between the two of them that went something like this:

The 6-year-old said, "Do you believe Auntie Lu is going to have a baby? She is so skinny."

The 5-year-old replied, "I could believe it a lot better if it was Grandma." --Still laughing in California

AROUND THE HOUSE

HOLIDAY TIPS

I cut a hole in a piece of cardboard, made a "net" of yarn scraps, and attached it to an over-the-door clothes rack I had purchased for visitors.

Then I made small mock balls from foam scraps tied in mesh fruit bags. Now my grandson can play "basketball" on rainy days without breaking anything. (Besides, it was fun!) --Arlette Ware (Chicago, IL)

SAVINGS FOR FUN

MERRY CHRISTMAS! When do you do when the ornament boxes fall apart? Save your egg boxes! Most small ornaments and odds and ends fit in just great, and they're well-protected. Egg boxes are also good for storing buttons, pins, fishing lures, hooks - just use your imagination!! It's a great way to recycle. --June Adams (Sun City, CA)

The small town where I was a policeman was installing its first traffic light. The day the light went into operation, I drove through the intersection and saw city officials, including the mayor and police chief, admiring their accomplishment. I honked and waved. Later, when I returned to the station, the chief told me I'd earned a dubious distinction. I was the first person in town to run a red light, and I'd done it a patrol car. ---Reader's Digest

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

A Fourth-Grade Teacher was giving her pupils a lesson in logic. "Here is the situation," she said. "A man is standing up in a boat in the middle of a river, fishing. He loses his balance, falls in, and begins splashing and yelling for help. His wife hears the commotion, knows he can't swim, and runs down to the bank. Why do you think she ran to the bank?"

A girl raised her hand and asked, "To draw out all of his savings?"
--Reader's Digest

LETTING THE AIR OUT

Soon after I lost 35 pounds, I stopped in a Los Angeles thrift shop that sells clothing donated by celebrities. The salesclerk told me that the black stirrup pants I was trying on once belonged to Farrah Fawcett. "I'll buy them," I said. "I can't believe that Farrah Fawcett actually wore them."

"Oh, yes," replied the clerk. "Those are her maternity pants."

--Contributed by Linda Whitney
Reader's Digest



Evelyn, We are back in our winter retreat in Mexico now. Please mail our precious Houston Newsletters to our address. Many thanks in advance.

I'm doing great since stroke. No more paralysis - SMILE!

Our young daughter, Daril Lyn, lives with us since they were separated. She had her two children visit with her all summer. Fun!

I have some articles for Houston Newsletter, but I don't have a typewriter. Wonder if you could type for me? Thanks again!

Sure missed you both in Ohio. OK, you be good. Smile!

Love to allllllllllll!

Hugs,

Bon Bon, Wayne & Petunia (woof)
(Gough)

Bonnie, I will type the articles for you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!! *Evelyn*

Dear Evelyn,

Ooopps-gotta have the Newsletters which I really enjoyed so much - so just keep up with all the good work.

Sincerely yours,
Bill Collins, Sr.

Dear Evelyn,

We want to keep up with Houston Newsletter.

We, Juanita & Finice motored to Austin October 21st for TSD Homecoming Friday and Saturday. We had great time around TSD campus. Sunday morning we went to LBJ Ranch on Tour Bus for 2½ hours and then we motored to Fredericksburg and stayed there for 2 hours. After shopping we started going back home in Lubbock that night. We enjoyed a good vacation in Austin, Johnson City and Fredricksburg. Hey! we want to say HELLO to everybody who know us.

Love,
Juanita and Finice Taylor

Dear Evelyn, I am sending you a check early for the Newsletters. I really enjoy reading it very much. I had stroke last June 18, 1970. I am living at home by myself since my husband Lynn Jones of 54 years died May 27, 1987. He was TSD of 1933. I enjoy staying home myself. When I feel like to do something, I cut and sew tops from scrap pieces on sewing machine with one right hand. Also I am making any kind fruit jellies in the summer. Cooler and damp weather hurt me on left side and back. I have a daughter and son with families. I do not want to live with either one.

Love,
Inah Mae Ballard Jones

Dear All,

Oh, Yes! we really enjoy reading your very good Newsletters. Our daughter and son-in-law Rose & Huey Barbin of Baton Rouge stopped by to see us in Lake Charles and took us to Austin for the weekend of TSD Homecoming and Celebration of TSD 100 years of sport anniversary October 21, 22, and 23. TSD/TAD presented the awards to TSD students. One of them was Gus White, Jr. for his good football player during the years of 1932-1936-1937. We spent the weekend with our daughter and granddaughter Juliet. We all really enjoyed seeing many, many old friends. TAD served BBQ steak with delicious trimmings on TSD field Saturday noon. On our return back home on Sunday, we stopped to visit Helen and Murphy Bourque. We chattered about two hours and we had very wonderful time. We were so happy to see old friends of mine that we had not seen them for many years. We all expect to have our grandchildren Cary from Indianapolis where he works for AT&T. Juliet. head cottage supervisor at Austin and Steve from Gallaudet University to be home with Rose and Huey in Baton Rouge for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Best Wishes to you all!!!!

Geneva and Gus White

Evelyn got a long distance call from Dorothy Gunter Marvel Hollingsworth of Milpitas, CA sometimes in November one Sunday evening. She is doing dandy and she said how much she enjoys reading Newsletter and she loves to read news about her friends. Gee, she knows more than I do about the friends in Louisiana. She gave me some news for Newsletter. Thank you, Dorothy for your informations!

Dear Evelyn and Jack,

Just drop a few lines to let you know that I am doing fine and hope you both are fine, too.

I sent to Houston last October 27th to attend the funeral of Betty Dunn's husband who passed away. Poor Betty that she lost her husband. Hope she will be OK. I sure missed your friends that I have not visited you all. Next time I will go to Houston and will visit you all at MMSC as I hope so.

I will be so bus to do this 2 weeks. I will fly to Wichita, KS to spend almost 3 weeks with my sister and family for Thanksgiving, then I will fly back. I have a plan to fly to Atlanta, GA to spend 2 weeks with my younger son and family. I am so excited to see my two grandchildren.

Just give you little notes. I love your very good Newsletter. Please excuse that I had no mind to write good.

Give all of your friends HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS. Hope you all have good time. God Bless You all.

Love,
Billie Rae Fulbright

From Mrs. Virginia Shaw (T.J. Shaw) of Austin, TX :

The Senior Citizens had a trip to Salado, not far from Waco or Taylor November 3rd. They enjoyed browsing the craft shops and they had very delicious lunch.

Another News: November 10th the Senior Citizens rode in two small buses to "Lost Maples" near Kerrville. They enjoyed the sight of lovely country, rock mountains, cured winding roads and they stopped at Medina, TX to look around in Apple Goodies, the shop called "Love Creek Orchards", Cider Mill and Country Store. They stopped at the park and they walked around before they ate their lunches.

Mrs. Norma Hensley, retired teacher of TSD and her husband came to Austin from California for a short visit recently. They went back home in Ca. after Norma checked her house in Austin.

From Dorothy Gunter Marvel Hollingsworth:

Oliver and Della Mae (Broussard) Childress of New Orleans celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on October 28th. Their children gave them a big party. Wow! the children presented Oliver and Della Mae one thousand (1,000.00) dollars for their anniversary. Congratulations to Oliver and Della Mae!

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE RENEWALS!!

Ann Frazier, Bill Collins, Sr., Dorotha Altom, Ina Mae Jones, Finice and Juanita Taylor, Eva Rose, Billie Fulbright, Vera White, Gus & Geneva White, Faye Barnes, Melvia Nomeland, Oscar & Marjorie Rome, Darlene Derstine and Reuben McGill.

WELCOME TO NEW SUBSCRIBERS !!

Vann Gunn of Austin
Mary (Flowers) Graves of Cincinnati, OH.
Arnold Vogt of Victoria, TX (Gift from the Gene Harkness')
Betty J. Daigle of Houston
Fred & Cathy Simerka of Houston

NO KIDDING??

- 1) Calvin Coolidge - dropped 1st name of "John"
- 2) Woodrow Wilson - dropped 1st name of "Thomas"
- 3) William McKinley - dropped "Jr"
- 4) Dwight D. Eisenhower - was "David Dwight"
- 5) Lyndon Johnson - unnamed 1st three months

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Norman and Thelma Rader celebrated their 50th Wedding anniversary October 29, 1994. Their three children gave them beautiful anniversary party at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf with 20 round tables decorated so beautiful with lots of plants. The children and grandchildren showed lots of picture slides of Norman and Thelma. Their grandson and granddaughter dressed in sailor outfit that belongs to Norman and wedding gown that belongs to Thelma. Everyone had very enjoyable time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, DEAR NORMAN AND THELMA!!



Gene Harkness was at the farm in Coolidge, TX plowing the grounds for nearly three weeks. Poor Jean was so lonesome for him and they kept contacting on phone calls. Gene finally came home on November 6th. Believe it or not! Gene and Jean left for the farm on the 17th again. They went to pick up their grandson, Cody from his grandmother's in Mexia, TX. While there, they put up Christmas displays on the farm by the fence. They returned home on the 20th. When will you ever go back to farm again????

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Reader's Digest

Because of my fluency in American Sign Language, I was hired to be a Santa Claus in a mall. My employer wanted to provide deaf children with a Santa who could communicate with them.

I sat for hours, performing for the children who came to visit. But none of them was deaf. Then, two girls approached shyly. One explained that her sister was deaf and could not speak.

"What is your name?" I signed slowly. "J-A-S-M-I-N-E," she said with her fingers, grinning from ear to ear.

I was bubbling over with pride when I absent-mindedly signed, "My name is H-E-N-R-Y, nice to meet you."

The startled child pulled back and furiously began signing, "I thought your name was Santa Claus!"

--Contributed by Henry E. Lowe

Warren Tittle of Austin and Esteline Stewart of Corpus Christi were at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church November 17th. They enjoyed playing games and talked to their friends. We were happy to have them with us for Thanksgiving Dinner.

PRESENT PERFECT??

My wife wanted two gifts last Christmas: a metal detector and some jewelry. On Christmas Day, I presented her with a metal detector. Then just before dinner, I told her she had one more present. Immediately she guessed it must be the jewelry. "Where is it?" she asked.

"It's buried in the back yard." I quipped.

--Contributed by Bill J. Naivar, Jr.

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SMALL WONDERS

In the Roman Catholic Church seven is traditionally the age of reason, after which children are expected to attend Mass regularly and go to confession, being held accountable for their sins. One five-year-old girl was so impressed by the age of reason that when her brother turned seven she greeted him, "Happy Birthday, Matthew. Now you can go to Hell."

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My four-year-old Granddaughter, Caitlin, was impatient for a sibling. One morning she told her mother, "Maybe if we both prayed out loud, God would hear us."

So they prayed together. As soon as they finished, Caitlin asked, "What did he say?" Her mother explained that it doesn't work that way; sometimes it takes a long time to get an answer. Caitlin was indignant: "Do you mean that we were praying to an answering machine?"

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Obituaries



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

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

ANNIE MAE MCKINDLEY, 69, of Oak Grove, La. passed away last October 18th. She attended Louisiana State School for the Deaf. Survived by 4 children, 12 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. Her ex-husband was Hubert Turnbow and he passed away in nursing home several years ago.

--Dorothy Gunter Marvel Hollingsworth

During a first-of-the-month banking transaction, I asked the bank teller to give me my cash in dimes, quarters and dollar bills. "The coins are for my 13-year-old son's lunch and bus money," I said. "And he likes his allowance all in ones."

"It gets worse," the woman behind me in line interjected. "My son wants his allowance all in twenties."

--Contributed by Donna Fastle
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READERS SAY REACTION TIME TO 911 CALLS FAST, TERRIFIC

Dear Ann Landers: I read the letter praising the 911 service in Sacramento. This is to let you know that Stockton, CA., also has a lot to brag about.

Three years ago, my husband collapsed in the middle of the night. I called 911, and the dispatcher kept me on the line, giving instructions on what to do until the emergency vehicle arrived. Before she rang off, she said, "Keep your courage up, and good luck, dear." Her warmth and concern made me feel as though a strong arm were around my shoulders.

The paramedics were terrific. They had my husband breathing again in a minute and took him to the hospital. These same young men called the hospital later to see how he was doing.

My husband died four days later, but I will always be grateful to those wonderful people who tried to hard to save his life.

--Audrey in Stockton

FROM SAN PABLO, CA: You asked how many other cities could brag about their 911 emergency services. Well, I live in San Pablo, and ours, too, is terrific. Three times, my wife had to call 911 on my behalf. Each time, the response came within three minutes. Twice, the paramedics needed to use lifesaving techniques. Another time, our neighbors called 911 because someone had broken into our house. To make emergency service work, two things are required: a good emergency service and alert, caring neighbors. We have both.

FALL RIVER, MASS: My ex-fiance tried to get into my house through the window. I called 911 at 3 A.M. and the response was immediate. They arrested the so-and-so for violating a restraining order, and he never bothered me after that.

BIG LAKE, MINN: A thunderstorm knocked out our phone system. We live six miles from the nearest town, four miles from the main highway and 50 miles from the Twin Cities. Later that evening, a police car appeared. The officer asked if my husband and I were having "a domestic." I said, "No. My husband isn't even home." The officer said, "Well, we had a 911 signal from your phone, and the a dispatcher could not call you back, so we thought we'd better check it out." Our phone was fixed the next day.

GARLAND, TEXAS: My spouse and I manage an apartment complex. Recently, a child was playing with the phone and accidentally dialed 911 and hung up. Dispatchers called back and spoke with the mother. She said, "Everything is fine," but they kept her on the line and sent two police cars out to make certain. They arrived within three minutes. If our 911 service responds that well to a false alarm, you can rest assured they will be Johnny on the spot for real emergencies

LOUISVILLE, KY.: Several months ago I was awakened by a man who was throwing rocks at my bedroom window and tearing my screens. I am 29-year-old single woman and this scared me to death. I called 911, and the lovely lady stayed on the phone until the police arrived. I thank my lucky stars the dispatcher was there - not only for instructions on how to defend myself but also for the emotional support, as well.

DEAR READERS: Thanks for the hundreds who wrote to brag about their 911 services. With so much negativivism these days, these letters of praise were truly refreshing. --Ann Landers




DECEMBER 1994




Happy Birthdays!

- 1.....Jack Richard
- 6.....Philip Targac
Lucille Koehl
- 7.....Rubin Sims
Jerry Hassell
- 9.....Jack Autry, Jr.
- 15.....Marie Hays
Joy McKinnon
Lucy Chimelak
David Stewart
- 17.....Vera Henderson
- 19.....Martin Bienvenu
- 21.....Curtis Smith
- 24.....Sam Mangum
- 28.....Eugene Piercy










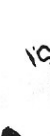






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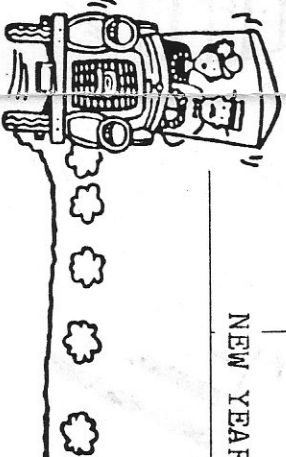
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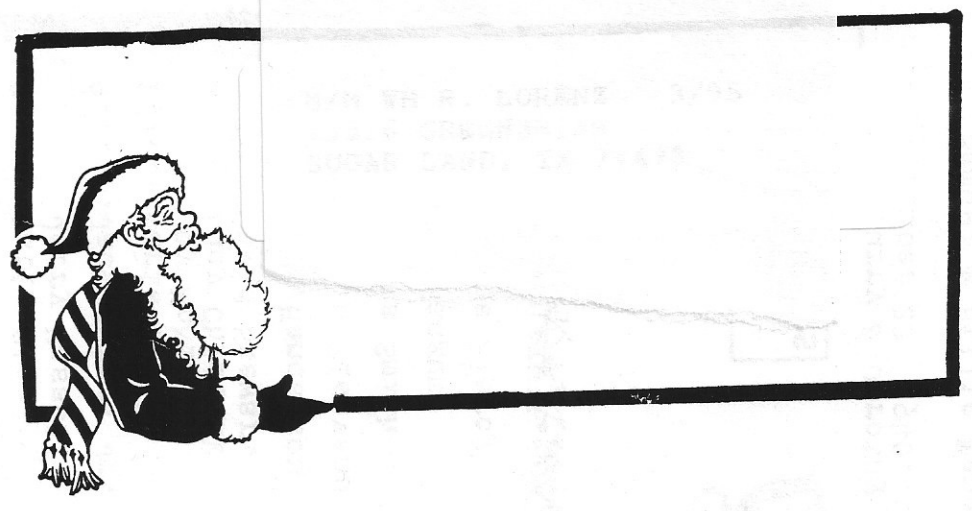
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