

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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Issue 3

St. Patrick's Day

*It's green day on March 17th
Have a nice and happy day!*

from

*Mary Redman and the staff of
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens*



Officers learning sign language

About 20 Houston police officers have begun classes in American sign language (ASL) at the Houston Community College (HCC).

The class is the first full-credit college course in sign language to be offered to law enforcement officers, said Officer Randy Melton, who is taking the class.

Melton said his interest in better relations between police and the hearing-impaired began years ago when two officers told him of responding to a call at the Woodhaven Church for the Deaf, only to find that the people there were frightened by them.

Melton and other officers have attended monthly meetings at the church ever since.

*By S.K. Bardwell, police beat
In Houston Chronicle of Feb 2000*



From the Editor, Frank Shaw:

There will be a new "**Editor's Corner**" for anyone who has any question to ask. I will be more than happy to answer you. (See next page)

Remind you to send any news or information that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizen, ~~9084 Kildesire Drive~~ Houston, TX ~~77082-2207~~; email to ~~hdsnews@yahoo.com~~ or fax to ~~(281) 538-7646~~ or ~~(281) 286-6799~~.

The **deadline** for sending news is the **18th of each month**. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

From C.R.R.:

Career and Recovery Resources, Inc (CRR) provides instructions in Adult Basic Education for all levels of learners. CRR uses state-of-the art computers as part of their instructional system. All instructors are fluent in ASL. Please contact Kunle Adegboye at (713) 754-7042 (TTY) for more information.

From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We personally want to thank you very much for your generous donations to LOVE FUND: Arlene Benham, Fred & Karen Clifton, Billy Corum, Zelma Curbello, Maurice Ford, Troy & Margie Graham, Thelma Jo Hays, Frank Shaw, Mary Jo Stevens, Betty Tefler, and Audrey Wright.

Anyone of you wish to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND, please make your check or money order to payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Fund. Please mail to:

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RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS: ☺

Thank you for the renewal: Regina Behne, Lowell Carroll, Larry Flanagan, Lola Justiss, Robert Miller, Connie Patterson, Hugh & Katie Poe, Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Tippet and Mr. & Mrs. Welton Westmoreland.

NEW MEMBERS: ☺

Welcome to our new members: Richard Landers, Nira Lester, and Doris Nell Williams.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Question:

Dear Mr. Shaw:

*I noticed something in your January and February newsletters about **LOVE FUND**. What is the purpose of the fund? When did it start? Who started it? Keep up with newsletter!!!*

Answer: The Love Fund is used for donating flowers/cards to any family who loses their loved one (Senior Citizens), field trips and Christmas party. The Love Fund was established ten years ago by Opal Piercy and Lennie Morton.



CALENDER OF EVENTS

- **March 8, 2000 (Wednesday)**
Senior Citizens will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray (between Waugh and Dunlavy) from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **March 16, 2000 (Thursday)**
Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be pot luck for lunch. If you wish to bring covered dish, please contact Maurice Ford at (713) 455-3507 TTY or Elnora Morgan at (713) 675-1531 TTY who are in charge of covered dish and let them know what you will bring.
- **March 16, 2000 (Thursday)**
Workshop for deaf individuals - "The ADA & You" - (videotape in ASL from Gallaudet University & Handouts) 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, bring your own lunch. . .at H.C.I.L., 7000 Regency Square, Suite 160.
- **March 18 and 19, 2000 (Saturday and Sunday)**
Open captioning movie, "STUART LITTLE"
At AMC Gulf Pointe (on Beltway 8 and I-45) (Check 'CC' on newspaper for the scheduled time)
- **March 22, 2000 (Wednesday)**
Senior Citizens will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- **March 28 and 29, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)**
Open captioning movie, "THE HURRICANE"
At AMC 30 on Dunvale and Westheimer (Check 'CC' on newspaper for the scheduled time)



NEWS

AUSTIN NEWS SENT IN BY TENNIE SESSIONS

- There was a large turnover at the Senior Citizen meeting during the first week of January, 2000. The officers are Kathryn Caldcleugh, president; Glenn Brunson, vice-president; Jerry Hassell, secretary; and Julius Seeger, treasurer. The visitors were Beatrice Burke, Jerry Mikuso and Sandra Smith. Several Deaf senior citizen from La Vista Retirement Community attended the meeting.
- On January 16, 2000, Travis, Gertrude and Alan Sessions invited me to dine at Olive Garden Restaurant for my birthday. The food was very good.
- Claudia Miller-Atkinson of Tennessee faxed me a picture of a big birthday cake. I was so proud of her. My birthday was on January 22nd. Claudia said that she has been not feeling good. We need to pray for her.
- Aline Hoes-Foster won a Cash 5 Lotto prize of \$935.00. Congratulation!!!
- Homer Kelso's son is staying in the local hospital. He is having very serious illness. Let us pray for him.
- The next football homecoming at T.S.D. will be on October 14, 2000 at 7:00 PM. T.S.D. team will play against San Antonio Cornerstone.
- In Austin there were a Deaf bowling tournament last February 12, 2000. There was pretty good crowd. It always be fun to seeing and chatting with old friends again.
- On February 14, 2000, Aline Hoes-Foster and I drove to La Vista Retirement Community in San Marcos to attend the Valentine Party. The students from East Campus at Texas School for the Deaf gave us some performances and they were very cute. Charm McWharten-Montalvo, Janet Britt-Morris and Nell Davis, Carey Shaw's daughter, who is free lance interpreter were there. It was great to see old friends and classmates again.

HOUSTON NEWS SENT IN BY F. SHAW:














In February 2000 we had a speaker from the U.S. Dept. of Justice (Civil Rights Division) giving us the information about American with Disabilities Acts (ADA). The purpose of the ADA is to give people with disabilities civil rights similar to those now available on the basis of race, color, gender, national origin, and religion through the Civil Rights Act of 1964. It prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in:

- Public and Private Sector Employment
- Services Rendered by State and Local Governments
- Places of Public Accommodation
- Transportation
- Telecommunications Services

On the following day for the Valentine door prize winners were Nellie Bishop, Lorrie Blomdahl, Marie Hays, Lennie Morton, and Pernella Smith.

Recently, Z. X. Curry found his beloved wife, Dorothy (Wheeler) laying on the floor. He asked his neighbor to call 911 to take her to the hospital. She was hospitalized for two weeks to run some tests due to the problem of black out. She is doing fine now.

March 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  Glynn & Alma Whittemore-1947	2	3	4
5	6 7 Pip Meeting	8 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	9	10	11  Annie McFadden	
12  Betty Telfer	13	14	15  Zelma Curbello	16 S.C. Social Woodhaven 	17 St Patrick's Day  Albert Hammons	18
19	20	21	22 S.C.M.M.S.C. Meeting 	23	24	25  Maurice Ford Frank & Margaret Shaw -1954 
26	27	28	29  Tom Holloway	30  Raymond Wilson	31  Frank Clark Rufus Chappel	



Social Meeting



Birthday



Anniversary



Deaf and Hard of Hearing "Positive Interaction Program"

**The presentation will be:
HPD Identification Division
"Fingerprints"**



**How do the police use fingerprints to catch a thief?
When are prints good when are they bad?**

**WHERE: Woodhaven Church for the Deaf
9920 Long Point**

WHEN: Tuesday, March 7th 7:00 p.m.

**From: Officer Randy Melton
Hope to see you there.
My TDD # 713-308-9071**

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

For emergency dial 911 - then tap space bar !



BULLETINS!!!

Notes from Juanita Basham and Zelma Curbello:

Dear Readers:

For the **Class of 1951** there will be a celebration of 50th year of our Class Reunion at Texas School for the Deaf in Austin during the Homecoming football game on October 14, 2000. Billy Collins, Sr., Juanita (Easley) Basham and Zelma (Sides) Curbello need your help to locate the following people:

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| 1. Arnett Bennett | 7. Domingo Guedea |
| 2. Dickie Carver | 8. Patricia Hill (Virginia) |
| 3. Billy Ewing | 9. Glenn Kee |
| 4. Jodell Fincher (California) | 10. Thomas Pruitt (Dallas) |
| 5. Max Floyd (Midland, TX) | 11. Nimm Shelton (California) |
| 6. Robert Gearhart | 12. L.V. Thornton (Dallas) |

If any of you know where they live or have their addresses, please send the information to:

Juanita Basham

3909 Kandy Dr.

Austin, TX 78749

or

Zelma Curbello

9623 Tiltree

Houston, TX 77075-4042

Your cooperation in helping us will be greatly appreciated.

JOKE:



TRAFFIC STOP

A man who was driving a car with his wife was stopped by a police officer. The following exchange took place. The man says, "What's the problem, officer?"

Officer: "You were going at least 75 in a 55 zone."

Man: "No sir, I was going 65."

Wife: "Oh, Harry. You were going 80." (The man gave his wife a dirty look.)

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a ticket for your broken taillight."

Man: "Broken taillight? I didn't know about a broken taillight!"

Wife: "Oh Harry, you've known about that taillight for weeks." (The man gave his wife another dirty look.)

Officer: "I'm also going to give you a citation for not wearing your seat belt."

Man: "Oh, I just took it off when you were walking up to the car."

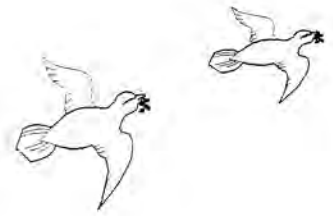
Wife: "Oh Harry, you never wear your seat belt."

The man turned to his wife and yelled, "SHUT YOUR MOUTH!"

The officer turned to the woman and asked, "Ma'am, does your husband talk to you this way all the time?"

The wife said, "No, only when he's drunk."

Rest in Peace



OBITUARIES

Sent in by Mrs. Betty Thrasher:

Ruby M. Matthiesen, born March 19, 1918 in Cuero, TX, went to be with the Lord January 12, 2000. Her body was buried at Mission Burial Park South in San Antonio. She was graduate of the Texas School for the Deaf in 1940. Her husband, Victor B. Matthiesen, preceded her in death in 1978. Survivors are two daughters, Karen Tipton, VA; and Donna Stout, San Antonio; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Sent in by Larry Whitworth:

John W. Lee, age 51 of former Houstonian, passed away on February 7, 2000 after a lengthy illness with cancer. He was a resident of Austin for 13 years. He is survived by his wife, Linda Aldridge; son, Erik Lee; daughter, Krista Lee and stepson, Joe Mooney, all of Austin. He is survived by his father, Bill Lee, of Conroe, TX; three sisters and a brother; and numerous nieces and nephews. The memorial service was held at All Faiths Funeral Chapel in Austin. His body was cremated.

Gaylord Meads, son of Estelline (Singleton) Stewart, passed away on February 5, 2000. His body was buried in Alice, Texas.

Sent in by Lanita Ugarte:

Ovaletta Cobb Cox, born April 26, 1921, in Ferris, TX passed away peacefully on January 19, 2000, after complications from a stroke in August, 1999. Deafened by a childhood illness three years after her birth, she attended Texas School for the Deaf. She later met, married and devoted 58 years of her life to Charles Arlington Cox. She is survived by her husband, four loving daughters and their families; one sister, Juanita Odum of Ferris, TX; many nieces and nephews. Her memorial service was held at Patrick Baptist Church in Ferris, TX on January 30, 2000.

DO YOU KNOW THAT??

Which two U.S. presidents died on the same day, month and year? (See next page for answer).

HISTORY

Answer: Both John Adams (2nd president) and Thomas Jefferson (3rd president) died on July 4, 1826.



Born: October 30, 1735 – Braintree (Quincy), Massachusetts

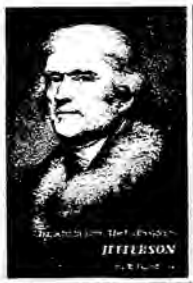
Died: July 4, 1826 - Quincy, Massachusetts

Education: Graduated from Harvard College in Cambridge, Massachusetts

Occupation: Lawyer, Dipomat, Public official

Religion: Untarian

Family Life: Married Abigail Smith (1744-1818) in 1764; they had three sons and two daughters.



Born: April 13, 1743, - Goochland (Albemarle) County, Virginia

Died: July 4, 1826 - Charlottesville, Virginia

Education: College of William and Mary (Williamsburg, Virginia)

Occupation: Lawyer, writer, public official; talented in music, languages, science, architecture; interested in education and political philosophy. Founded and organized University of Virginia; Designed its building as well as his own home, Monticello.

Religion: No formal affiliation.

Family Life: Married Martha Wayles Skelton (1748-1792), a widow, in 1772. They had six children; only two daughters survived infancy.

DEAF HISTORY



Erastus "Deaf" Smith

Smith had been deaf since he was a baby and was from New York State. He was 11 years old when his parents and sisters and brothers were moved to Mississippi. Then he headed to the West by himself when he was 23 years old and settled in San Antonio. He learned Spanish, married a Mexican lady, and became a Mexican citizen. Some of Smith's neighbors were angry that Texas belonged to Mexico, but Smith ignored their bad feelings between them. All he wanted to do was shoot buffalo, guide hunters, trade with his neighbors, raise animals and take care of his family.

When the war between the Americans and Mexicans started in 1835, Smith realized that he could not return to his family from hunting buffaloes. The American fighters defeated him so he went to Mexico and met General Coz, Mexican General for permission to enter San Antonio. As they talked, Smith noticed a group of Mexican soldiers racing toward him. He decided to escape and the Mexican soldiers chased after him. He realized that they were shooting at him. He decided to join the American soldiers to fight against the Mexican group.

Smith became famous as best scout and spy due of his frontier skills and knowledge of the countryside from hunting buffaloes. He helped General Sam Houston to learn about the Mexican troop movements. He sneaked and passed the enemy with six of his men to destroy the bridge where the Mexicans were trapped and could not go across to Texas. The Americans killed or captured all of them to win the battle. In defeat, General Santa Anna signed the treaty that made Texas independent. Smith was very brave. He kept fighting until victory was accomplished.

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