

# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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## Happy Holidays



### Christmas

by Lalia Mitchell

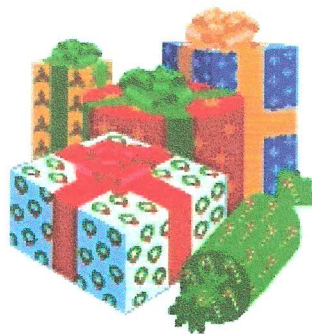
O merry is the Christmas time  
With holly berries bright,  
With festal board and treasure stored  
In stockings soft and white.

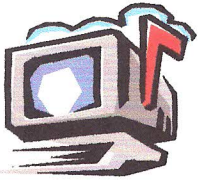


And blessed is the Christmas time  
With music such as rang  
A glorious strain o'er Bethlehem's plain  
When angel voices sang.  
O, joyful is the Christmas time,  
Each heart from grief beguiled,  
But all the year hath a Christmas cheer  
For him that loves a child.



<http://www.djmcadam.com/christmas.htm>





*From the Editor:*

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When paying for a new or renewed subscription, please make your check or money order to HDSC Newsletter or Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter instead of Audrey Leger. Thanks.

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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Audrey at 281-437-6224 TTY or fax at 281-416-0799 or e-mail at [audright@ev1.net](mailto:audright@ev1.net).

*Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.*



*Audrey*

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**Flash News for next field trip  
Houston, TX & Old Spring Town, December 12, 2003**

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr., Houston at 9 AM. The bus will depart no later than 9:30 AM. The group will tour the historical museums and view Christmas Decorations in Old Spring Town.

10 AM – Contemporary Arts Museum – free admission

11:30 PM – Health & Medical Science Museum - \$4.00 fee

1 PM - Buffet Lunch

3 PM – Old Spring Town

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 11<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next three months:**

1. January 9, 2004 ( Friday) - ~~ Lake Jackson and Alvin, TX ~~
2. February 13. 2004 (Friday) - ~~ Houston Area ~~
3. March 12, 2004 (Friday) - ~~ Dane Vang and El Campo, TX ~~

# NEWS

## **Ophelia J Simpson: by William Zan Buchanan**

On Saturday afternoon, October 11<sup>th</sup> I went to visit Ophelia in room # 203 at Kateland Square Geriatric Center, 1106 Golfview Dr, Richmond, TX 77469. She is improving and getting better day by day, but she may never drive again. She would like to ride with someone who goes to the Deaf Senior Citizens meeting and also to Woodhaven Baptist Church. She wants to enjoy having companion. She has very light stroke on her left side, but she is able to talk and looks like almost normal now.

Hello, I love every one of you, May God bless you! Love, Zan

## **"KIDS SAY THE DARNEST THINGS!"**

A cute story was told by Jean Harkness at Woodhaven Baptist Church Luncheon last month about her grandson Adams who was 7 years old at that time. He and his mother Donna went to a store to buy some artificial poinsettias for a holiday decoration. A young cashier seemed to be flirting with the 7 year-old's mother. Adams glared and said, "My mom is over the hill!" Donna dropped her jaw with an embarrassment, but the cashier said, "That is okay, lady. I understand."

Adams must have been seeing too many TV shows that where young men would fall in love with older women. He knew his mother was attractive. Jean was so proud of her grandson who protects his mother very well. He is now 9 years old.

## **News from Tennie Sessions from San Marcos**

There were great events for the Homecoming at TSD last October. Many alumniees attended a BBQ Dinner that night at Driftwood, and several awards were given. Joyce Adams and I got \$100.00 each and were excited. A deaf lady from Woodsville gets a new 27-inch TV. The dinner was delicious. We really enjoyed meeting and chatting with the friends.

Last week of September Sandra (Wright) Griffin drove to the airport with me to pick up Patricia (Beatles) Fair from Ohio. Patricia stayed with me at La Vista for a week. We went to San Antonio to meet Mario and Charm Montalvo at McDonald's, then went to the Mall shopping, riding on a Riverwalk boat, walking around the Alamo Museum, and eating at the Mexican Restaurant. After that, Mario and Charm invited us to their house and showed us the lovely things. We had a lot of fun!

Joyce Adams took her son, Craig, Lottie Marks, Patricia Fair and me to TSD for the Homecoming. We looked around many different things like crafts, ice cones, TDD equipments, clothes and food outside under the roof. There were also many old pictures, glass cases, ROTC, pep squad, sport uniforms, old newspapers, etc at the History Museum of TSD. It was very interesting. Patricia was glad to chat with her old friends, as she has not been there for 20 years. She enjoyed it very much then she went back home in Ohio.

Good News! There will be a big 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for the Homecoming in 2006. It would be nice of you to attend there to see the beautiful rebuilt buildings, gym, swimming pool, auditorium, shops and cafeteria. You know the campus is so big, I would suggest you to wear comfortable shoes such as tennis shoes for walking around. There are many steps on the campus that might be slippery if you have the wrong kind of shoes. We will have a program on the stage and a big banquet at the auditorium. That should have a lot of fun! Hope all of you can come to TSD and enjoy yourselves!

## THANK YOU NOTE

"Our family would like to thank you for all your support after the death of our father, Kyle C. Robinson. We are grateful for so many people during the loss of our father. We are slowly getting back to a normal life."

Thanks again, *Robinson Family*

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### News by Opal Piercy

The children and granddaughter of Mildred LeBlanc honored her on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Those two pictures (below) were taken at the party. A good time was for all of us. Some of us Deafies and many hearing friends and relatives attended even though there was a flash flood.



**Mildred's Family**  
Left to right: Granddaughter, Mildred,  
daughter, Becky, and son, Maurice Jr.



Left to right: Eugene & Opal Piercy, Pat &  
Roseline Stuckley, O.C. Lamb, Mildred LeBlanc,  
Lennie & Joe Morton, and Mildred Reeves

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### Brief News by Marlene Hanks

My daughter, Michelle and David LeFors with their children wore the Halloween costumes. See the picture on the left taken by Cheryl Simon at Gueydan Journal in Gueydan, Louisiana. Michelle dressed as the Fat Lady, visiting in Gueydan at the home of her grandmother, Margaret Finerty, on Halloween night. She was just on time for the Trick-or-Treating hours at various businesses with David LeFors and son, Alec and daughter, Kiva of Prairieville, LA.



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### Note from Anna Reese

Hello friends, this is to let you know that on November 4<sup>th</sup> I left Las Vegas and am now living in Lake Worth, Florida. I miss you all for not seeing so long time. Love, *Anna*

## Welcome Sybil to Texas by Mrs. Robert (Maxine) Sheffield Sr former Louisiana

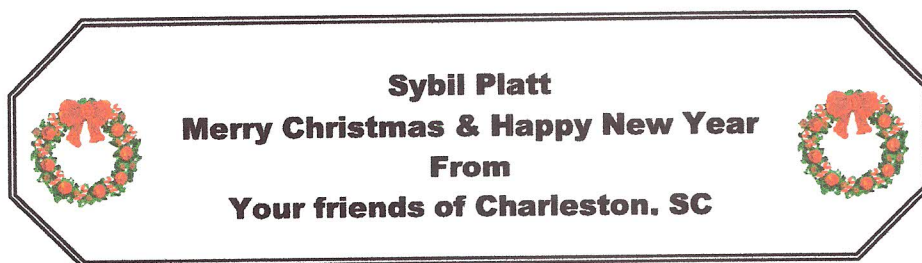
Sybil (Allen) Platt, a native of Clinton, South Carolina, had admitted the deaf school in Spartanburg, SC. She is 81 years old who recently had moved to New Braunfels, Texas from Charleston, SC to be with her son and family.

Before she left, we, the Charleston, SC deaf friends, gave her a farewell party and she was pleased. We all missed her very much.

If there is any deaf community in New Braunfels or nearby, I would appreciate you or they are welcome Sybil to the deaf community. Her address is:

C/o Angela Platt  
3060 Hunter Road  
New Braunfels, TX 78130

Sybil, welcome to a new subscription of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Newsletter. It's a gift by me and I know you will enjoy reading the newsletter as much as I do. We miss you! *Maxine*



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## I Like to be Deaf

*I was born deaf and I like the way I am.  
When I am sad I hear nothing to cheer me up,  
no music, and no company.  
I can't hear the birds chirp in the morning,  
neither the droplets of early morning dew.*

*I can feel, look at the sky, it's the color of love  
Love brings us together, I can communicate,  
even though I can't hear I use my imagination  
like if I were hearing,  
deafness makes no difference.*

*I am deaf,  
I accept it and I won't change it.  
Love mends your heart,  
I am deaf but the rest of me is like you!*



--Victor D. Valdez II



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS



## December 2, 2003 (Tuesday)



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Dr. Houston at 7 PM. The presentation will be: 2003 Christmas Party. Come join the fun! Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

## December 5, 2003 (Friday)



**FRAT** will have a meeting and Christmas luncheon at 11 AM Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right.

## December 5, 2003 (Friday)



**ASL Social** at Pappas BBQ Restaurant, 4430 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77022 Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5 PM to 9 PM. Directions: From North Freeway (I-45), exit on Crosstimbers, stay on the feeder and you will see Pappas BBQ on your right. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net).

## December 10, 2003 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be Christmas Luncheon after the meeting. Come and enjoy the luncheon and chatting with friends!

## December 12, 2003 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in Houston and Old Spring Town. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church**, 9920 Long Point Dr, Houston at 9 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

## December 18, 2003 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be a Mexican Dinner 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.

## December 24, 2003 (Wednesday)



















Due to Christmas Eve on Wednesday, there will be no meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray, Houston.

## December 25, 2003 (Thursday) ~~~~~Merry Christmas ~~~~~

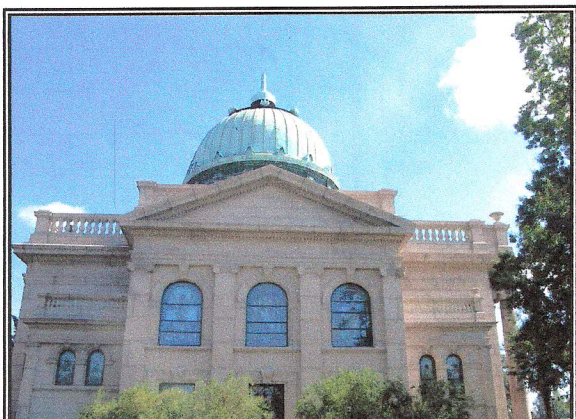


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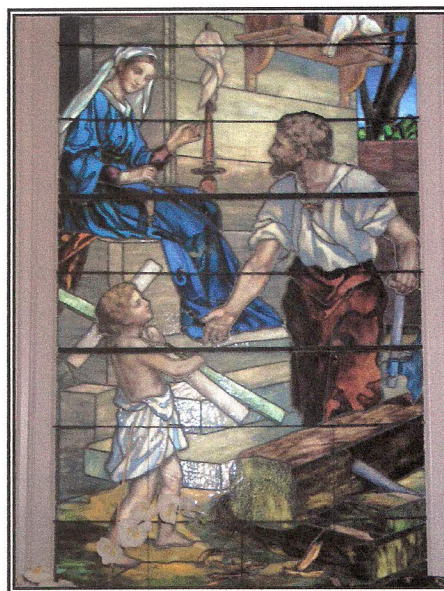
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14	15 MARIE HAYS 	16	17	18 S.C. SOCIAL WOODHAVEN Mexican Dinner 	19	20
21	22 JOAN WEST 	23	24 S.C.M.M.S.C. NO MEETING 	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS 	26	27
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# Field Trip to Orange, TX

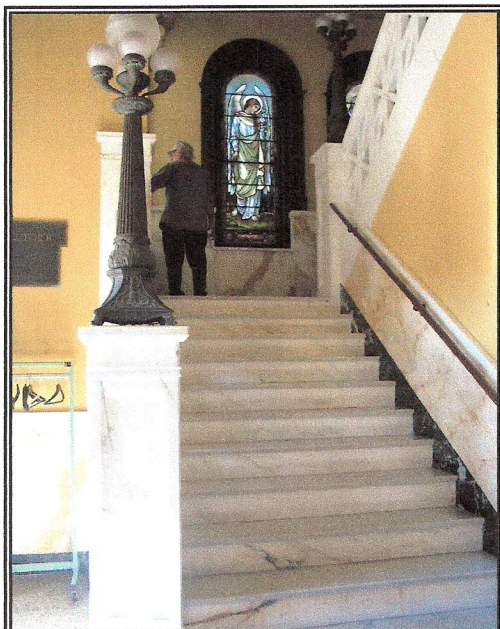
On November 5, 2003 Houston Deaf Senior Citizens really enjoyed their field trip to two places: the beautiful First Presbyterian Congregation of the Church, and the fantastic Stark Museum of Art.



This church is the only opalescent glass dome in the United States. It has 16 angelic figures, each bearing a Christian symbol inside of the 36-ft dome. What a beautiful scenic!



The beautiful stained glass window shows details that are an interpretation of religious paintings & portray the skillful techniques of glazing and the refined use of paint, stains, and glassy enamels.



On the foyer the stairway and panel side of wall are made of beautiful marble from Italy. It leads upward to the sanctuary.



The Star Museum of Art displaying many southwestern fine and decorative arts. Lutchter Stark collected paintings, sculptures, books, folios, & other items of importance to American art and natural history.



# RECIPE

## PUMPKIN DESSERT

Submitting by Mary Ella Redman, email from Mary Faye Tippett

1 pkg (18 1/4 oz) yellow cake mix

1/3 cup butter, melted

4 eggs

1 (29 oz) can pumpkin

1/2 cup brown sugar

2/3 cup milk

2 Tbsp pumpkin pie spice

1/4 cup butter, chilled

1/2 cup white sugar

3/4 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350° degrees and lightly grease a 9 X 13-inch baking dish.

Set aside 1 cup of cake mix.

Combine remaining cake mix with melted butter and 1 egg and mix until well blended; spread mixture in the bottom of the prepared baking dish.

In a large bowl combine pumpkin, brown sugar, milk, 3 eggs and pumpkin pie spice; mix well and pour this mixture over cake mix mixture in the baking dish.

In a small bowl with a pastry blender, or in a food processor, combine chilled butter and white sugar with reserved cake mix until mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Sprinkle over pumpkin mixture.

Sprinkle chopped walnuts over all.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes, until top is golden.

Makes 18 servings.

**Nutritional information:** 292 calories, 14 g fat, 5 g protein, 38 g carbohydrates, 65 mg cholesterol, 272 mg sodium, 3 g fiber.

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## POTPOURRI

Would make good gifts

Stuff old socks with the potpourri, tie and hang them in the closets for a wonderful smell.

Save the glass jars with the lids. Punch holes in the lids and fill the jars with the potpourri and screw the lids on.

# REST IN PEACE

## OBITUARIES



**Kyle Curtis Robinson, 67**, of Baytown, passed away Monday, October 20, 2003 in a local hospital. He was born to Ben Alton and Olga May (Champion) Robinson on September 22, 1936 in Alba, TX.

Preceded in death by his brother Coy Robinson, he is survived by his son Dennis Kyle Robinson and fiancée, Amy Hudson; daughters Linda Robinson of Baytown, Sandra Wolford of Highlands, and Jean Barber and husband Billy of Baytown; mother of his children, Peggy Miller; sisters Janice Wells and husband Tommy of Houston; and Cardelia and husband Paul Whitener of Paducah, TX; brother Alton Robinson; and 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Robinson attended Texas School for the Deaf from 1949 to 1956. He enjoyed working with his hands. Always active, he enjoyed bowling and spending quiet time outdoors fishing. He was dearly loved and will be greatly missed.

Funeral Services were held at 3:30 PM Friday, October 31, 2003 at L.A. Crespo Funeral Directors. The family received friends at the funeral home on that day from noon until service time. Arrangements are under the direction of L.A. Crespo Funeral Directors, 6123 Garth Rd, Baytown. [www.lacrespofunerals.com](http://www.lacrespofunerals.com)



**Ruby Sebastian, 79**, of Nederland, TX, died Sunday, October 26, 2003 at the Dubuis Unit at Christus St. Elizabeth Hospital in Beaumont.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2 PM Wednesday at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Nederland with Rev. Dan Malain officiated. Interment to follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Groves under the direction of Broussard's in Nederland. A Christian Vigil was held at 7 PM Tuesday at the mortuary.

Mrs. Sebastian was a native of New Iberia, Louisiana and lived most of her life in the Port Arthur and Nederland area. She was a homemaker and a devout member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Nederland.

She is survived by her two daughters, Norma Ezer and husband Leroy of Anahuac, and Donna Bouillion and husband James of Houston; one son, Tim Sebastian and wife Debbie of Fannett; three deaf sisters, Hazel Richard and husband Jack of Houston, Evelyn Floerke and husband Willie of Taft, and Jeanette Turnham and husband Billy of Dallas; one brother, Jim Fitch and wife Connie of Nederland; eight grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren.

**Bobby R Hallmark, 75**, a former Texas School for the Deaf student and a quite popular guy in the Fort Worth and Dallas Area, passed away at 12:15 AM on Thursday, October 29, 2003. He was on the 1948 TSD's undefeated football team in 1947 that won the National Championship. He was a long time active member of the Dallas Association of the Deaf/Dallas Community Center for the Deaf. He was an avid bowler and involved in sports until his health failed. He is survived by his wife, Melba of 50 years, two sons and one daughter.

His body laid in state at the Bean-Massey-Borge Funeral Home from 10 AM until 7 PM in Grand Prairie, TX on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and buried at 10 AM on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. The location is 733 Dalworth St. at N.W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. He will be greatly missed by his many friends in the Dallas area.

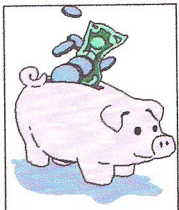
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**Wilfred Hoelschel** had passed away, and then about a week later the police found him dead in his chair. They figured out that he might pass away on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

The rosary service was held in Rosebud, TX, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The Funeral Service and burial were held in Westphalia, TX at 10 AM Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. He buried next to his wife, Elaine.

He graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in 1951. He loved to decorate the antique cars. He won some prizes during the Antique Contests. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**



We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Arlene Benham, Nellie Bishop, Gus & Zelma Curbello, Jerry & Dovie Hassell, Thelma Jo Hays, William Hebert, Audrey Leger, Elnora Morgan, Nancy Morris, Beatrice & J. C. Smith, Pemella Smith, Roger Spivey, Paula Szablowski, Tommy & Jenice Wells, I. D. & Floyd Wicker, and Damon Wright.

Maurice Ford, thank you for your generous by making the beautiful crafts to be sold and donated money to **LOVE FUND**.

Montie Strother, thank you for your generous donations **IN MEMORY OF BERNICE G. KEY**, mother to **VERDNELL BROWN**.

Gus & Zelma Curbello and Hazel & Jack Richard, thanks for your thoughtful of donations **IN MEMORY OF RUTH SEBASTIAN (Hazel Richard's sister)**.

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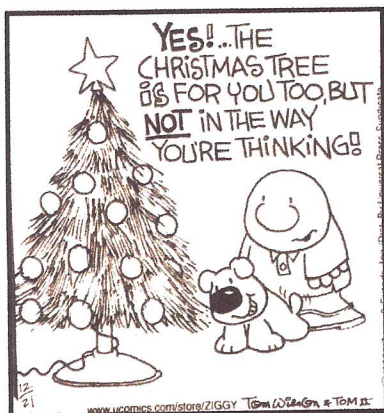
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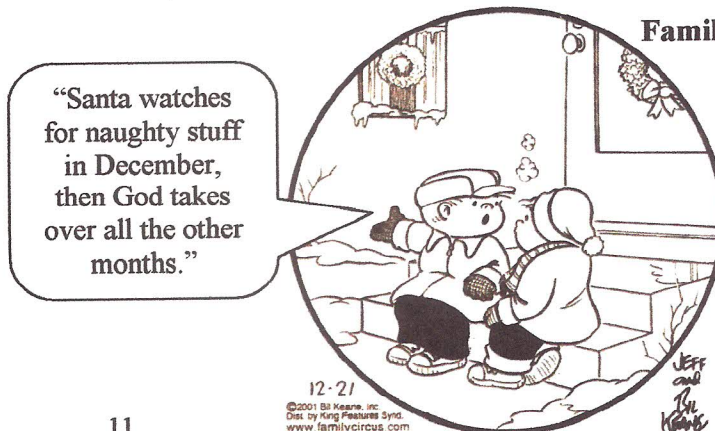
Welcome to our new subscribers: Fr. Len Broniak at St. Dominic Center, Joyce A. Council, Frank Roy Martino, and Sybil Platt, gift by Mrs. Robert (Maxine) Sheffield, Sr from Louisiana School for the Deaf.

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: Claudia Adkins, William Zan Buchanan, Richard J. Clark, Judy Griffin, Nathan Hester, Lottie Marks, Rosetta Newman, Walter Richardson, Tennie V. Sessions, John V. Solazzo, John & Betty Lou Stone, Andra Swick, Finice Taylor, and Miriam Thumann.

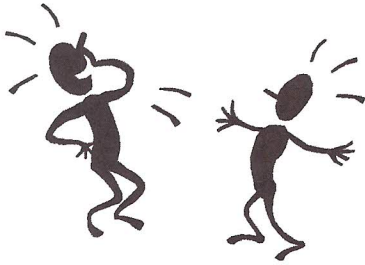


**Ziggy**



**Family Circus**

**POINT OF VIEW**



My husband was not happy with my mood swings, so...he bought me a mood ring the other day so he would be able to monitor my moods.

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When I'm in a good mood, it turns green.  
When I'm in a bad mood, it leaves a big red mark on his forehead.  
Maybe next time he'll buy me a diamond.....

Submitting b y Mary Ella Redman, received from one of her old Beaumont buddies



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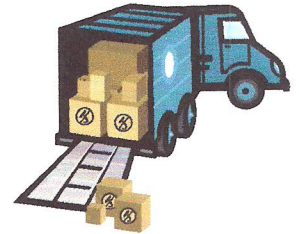
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