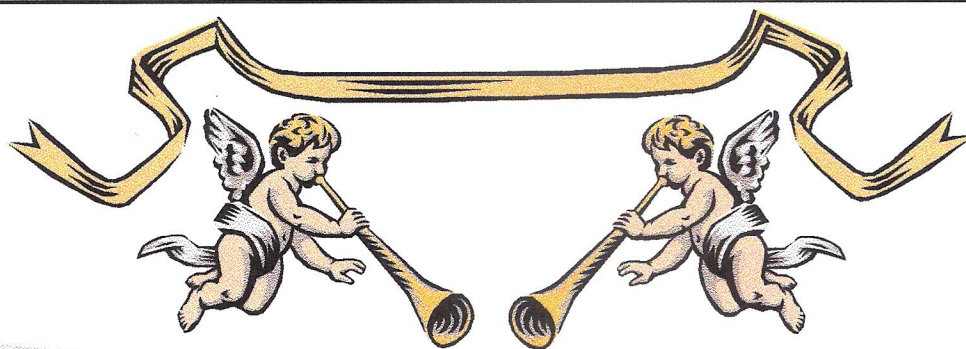


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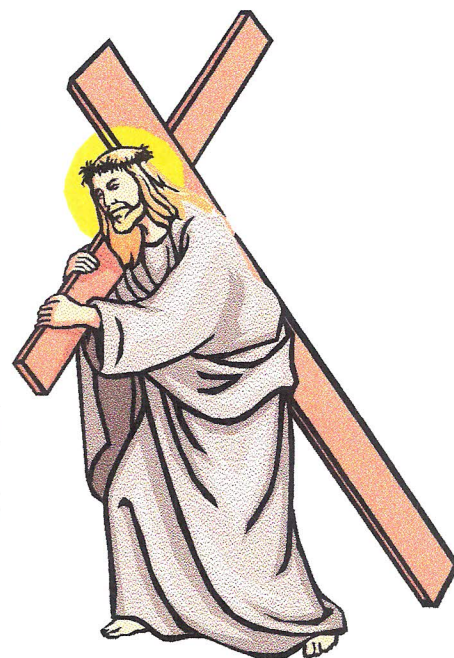
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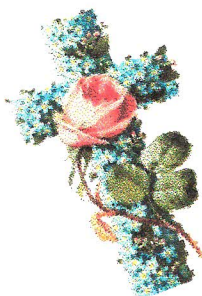
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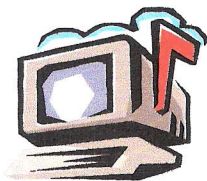
Easter is the Sunday that celebrates the resurrection of Christ, and is one of the most holy days in the calendar of Christian churches. The Easter message is one of hope and victory over death, for it recalls that Christ rose from the dead on the third day after his crucifixion. Easter symbolizes the love of God and the promise that man's soul is immortal.



Happy

Easter





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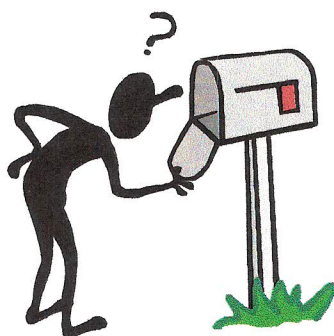
Audrey Wright



I would like to thank Maurice Ford for sending us a beautiful St. Patrick's banner. We, Senior Citizens, did like it very much. We hope Maurice will make some more for us in the near future. We would love to have Maurice's visit whenever he has the chance. We miss you!

On March 2nd at Pappa BBQ 154 people attended ASL Social. It is fun to mingle with old and new friends. The number of people participating has continued to grow lately.

On March 14th We, Senior Citizens, had a potluck St. Patrick's party. Opal Piercy won first prize for wearing the best costume with green color. Christine McKinnon won second prize and Eugene Piercy came third.



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 hdsnews@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

FINAL NOTICE!

Trip to Biloxi, Mississippi/New Orleans on June 5-7, 2001

There are few seats left. If you are interested in going, please contact Frank Shaw for a reservation at CFSHAW79@aol.com or (281) 484-1347 TTY for further information or questions. Deadline for final payment of \$239.00 per person is on May 2, 2001. Make money order payable to (and mail to) **Frank Shaw**, c/o Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089. This is on a first come first served basis.

Specialized Housing for Senior Citizens

From TCDHH newsletter of March, 2001

Senior Citizens who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing often face limited choices when in need of housing with or without specialized care options. Texas is fortunate to have several facilities that provide specialized services for persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing.

Granbury Care Center has the only skilled long term care program for persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing in Texas, and one of three in the entire U.S. Modifications for visual alerting were made in rooms, and staff are on duty who can communicate with Deaf or Hard of Hearing residents. The coordinator of the program is fluent in ASL and provides interpreting for daily activities as well as for case management services. The staff is enhanced by an attending physician who has a strong interest in working with persons who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and a psychologist who is late deafened and also fluent in ASL.

The Center ensures continuity of care by providing a complete realm of health care services. They offer a fully equipped therapy room with occupational, physical, respiratory therapies; specialized wound care program; speech therapists; complete respite care and day care. For more information, contact Clark Grundler, Coordinator of Deaf/HOH Services, direct TTY line 817-573-3680, Voice 817-573-3726, Email: clarkgrundler@hotmail.com, or their website at www.deafnetwork.com/granburydeaf/index.html.

La Vista in San Marcos was developed for the sole purpose of providing senior citizens who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing with the opportunity to live independently in a community that caters to their specific needs. La Vista proudly provides continuing care for senior citizens in a manner that respects their rights to independent living, yet provides services, activities and amenities that assist in their daily functions. The concept of this exceptional retirement community is to provide a world-class facility that seniors who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are proud to call home. La Vista residents have access to services that include a beauty salon, social activities, staff interpreter, transportation, and a spacious clubhouse with pool. All facilities and apartments have special visual/audio security, communications, and emergency systems especially designed for senior citizens with hearing loss.

For more information, contact La Vista at 512-396-2333 (Voice), 512-396-9923 (TTY) or visit their web site at www.lavistaonline.com.

D.E.A.F. Inc., at Westchester Plaza in Ft. Worth is an assisted living facility for senior citizens who are Deaf and other persons who are Deaf requiring assisted living. The facility is located in the heart of Ft. Worth's medical district. Westchester Plaza offers a variety of services including supervision of medications, laundry service, housekeeping services, and social activities. The Director of Deaf Services assists residents with scheduling doctor appointments, arranging for interpreting services, and scheduling transportation. D.E.A.F., Inc. has two certified sign language interpreters on staff, as well as case managers and other staff who communicate in ASL. This assisted living facility is licensed by the Texas Department of Human Services to provide financial assistance to those who qualify. For more information about D.E.A.F., Inc. call Renee James at 817-336-2593 (Voice), or 817-336-3323 (TTY).



Did you know???

Who invented the shorthand? It was John Gregg, who was Deaf.



Rest in Peace

OBITUARIES



Charles Przyborski, 76, (Pete's brother), died on Friday, February 2, 2001 at his home in Houston. His wife, Evelyn, daughter, Patricia Kurtz, and her husband, Michael, survive him. The Rosary was recited at Forest Park Westheimer Funeral Home on Sunday night, Feb. 4th and funeral service was held on Monday, Feb 5th at 11:30 A.M. Interment followed in Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery.

Mrs. Johnnie (Nichol) Davis passed away on January 23, 2001 and was cremated. Her ashes were brought down somewhere in Texas. (For more information see the page of "News").



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you very much for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Arlene Benham, Janice Caraway, Karen Clifton, Gus/Zelma Curbello, Marie Hays, Thelma Jo Hays, Sam/Billie Mangum, Christine/Joy McKinnon, Frank Shaw, Robert Small, Betty Tefler, Miriam Thumann, Ray Wilson, Audrey Leger-Wright, and Damon Wright.

New Subscribers:

Welcome to our new subscribers: Alamo Hearing Impaired Senior Citizens of San Antonio, Hannelore Khoury, Effie/Wanda Miller (gifted by Robert/Claudia Southwell), John/Wan-Exa Reynolds, Bonnie Tribble, and Gayle Willingham.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for renewals: Carole Allen, Regina Behne, M/M Rob Caraway, Truitt Dunagan, Annabelle/Nelson Hays, Lola Justiss, Mary Longmore, M/M Olon Lowrance, Fern Mears, Billie Moehle, Esther Morris, Dorothy Nelson, Martha Pruitt, Kennedy Slavin, Robert Smith, Betty Sparks, and M/M W. Westmoreland.

OLDEST DEAF MAN IN NORTH CAROLINA

The Bugler, a statewide magazine that serves the North Carolina Deaf community, did a short article on 96-year old Sam Brown, saying he is the oldest living deaf person in the state. Two interesting stories surface – he had a street named after him – Sam Brown Road, near Belmont, NC. Actually, he owned a large farm for many years and the road cutting through the farm was named Sam Brown Road. Even though he no longer lives on the farm, the road name remains as is.

And while he was tending to his crops one day, a helicopter buzzed over his head repeatedly. Puzzled, Sam continued to work on his plants. Suddenly several police cars confronted him!

A criminal? No way! He was tending to okra plants, which was mistaken for marijuana plants by the zealous police officers.



Calendar of Events

April 3, 2001 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) that will be held at **Woodhaven Church for the Deaf** at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & Captioning will be provided.

April 3, 4 & 5, 2001 (Tues, Wed & Thurs)



Open captioned movie, **"Thirteen Days"**, (Rated: PG-13) at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.

April 6, 2001 (Friday)



Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Chappell Hill. We will stop by McDonald for a light breakfast and then tour the Historical Museum and Historic Homes of Chappell Hill. The bus will pick up people by 8 a.m. at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center**, 1475 West Gray, please be there by 7:30 a.m. or earlier.

April 6, 2001 (Friday)



ASL Social at **Golden River Chinese Restaurant** at **12333 East Freeway, Houston, TX 77015 (East I-10 and 610 Loop area)** from 5 PM to 9 PM. come and join us for great social/fellowship and delicious buffet food. Please contact Earl **Johnson** (281) 487-2921 TTY or **Roger Spivey** (spivey39@ev1.net) for further information.

April 10, 11 & 12, 2001 (Tues, Wed & Thurs)



Open captioned movie, **"Along Came a Spider"**, at AMC Studio 30 at Dunvale & Westheimer.

April 11, 2001 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM.

April 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.

April 25, 2001 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center** at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM.

April 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 James & Nadine Moore—1982 	3 PIP MEETING 	4	5	6 Gus Curbello Trip to Chappell Hill 	7 Virginia Mead 
8 Palm Sunday	9	10	11 S.C.M.M.S.C.  Travis & Gerie Sessions—1953 	12	13 Good Friday	14 Roy & Joyce Adams—1956 
Douglas Whiteley 	16	17	18 Floyd Wicher 	19 S.C. Social Woodhaven 	20	21
15 Easter 	23 Robert Small	24 Estela Cameron Beverly Duncan 	25 S.C.M.M.S.C.  Ann Edgley 	26	27	28
22	29	30				



Social Meeting



Birthday



Anniversary



NEWS



News by Betty M. (Leggett) Sparks:

Last January I got a call with sad news from one of Mrs. Johnnie (Nichol) Davis' four children who informed me that their mother died from heart failure during her sleep on Jan. 23rd. Her body was cremated and brought down somewhere in Texas. She had been ill for long time and also had diabetes. We both grew up in Dallas and went to T.S.D. May God let her rest in peace. Her children and their families have my prayers and deepest sympathy.

P.S. I really enjoy reading Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Newsletter and knowing where my friends are. Bless all of you and keep in good health! Love in Christ, Betty Sparks

Email message from Mary Faye Tippet:

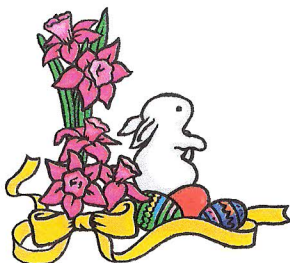
Hello everyone, I would like to let you know about my mother's (Frances Gunter) health condition. She is very weak and her heart beats very low. We, my family, have decided to let her go in peace. We requested the doctors and nurses not to treat her anymore with any medicine. She is in hospice care at Granbury Nurse Center right now. The doctor said that it could be few days, weeks, or even months, but we know it will be a few days at least before she goes. I will notify you all when it occurs. The funeral service will be held at Brookside Memorial Park on Highway 59. Thank you all for bearing with me and please pray for my family. Thank you all again....Mary Faye...

La Vista News by Juanita Gunn:

On Saturday of March 3rd Donald Williams moved to La Vista Retirement. And his daughter surprised him with a big birthday party here in the Community Center. He turned 88 years old. We are happy to have him here and he is our next door neighbor. We have about 50 deaf residences and are expecting 4 more during that week.

*****IMPORTANT*****

May 5, 2001 (Saturday) the field trip plans for Palestine has been dropped due to it takes four hours to drive there, so instead we decided to go to Old Spring Town. Be there at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray between 8 AM and 8:30 AM. The bus will be leaving at 9 AM.



Have a nice Easter!!

DEAF HISTORY DEAF HISTORY

A Successful Deaf Landscaping Artist

Granville Redmond, tall, robustly built, with very thick wavy hair and round-rimmed wire glasses, was born on March 9, 1871 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was profoundly deaf from infancy. Redmond went with his parents to California when he was three years old. He never learned to speak. While at California School for the Deaf, his art instructor, Theophilus Hope d'Estrella recognized Redmond's artistic talent and encouraged him to continue his interests. Also, Redmond had another talent in the art of pantomime and did some entertainments on stage platform in the school chapel. Students enjoyed his performances.

Graduating in 1890, he received a financial support to study at Mark Hopkins Institute of Art in San Francisco from the Board of Directors of the California School. The board was so impressed with his abilities and decided to sponsor his continuous studies in Arts. After three years of his studies at Mark Hopkins School, Redmond was sent to Paris, France at the expense of the State of California to continue his studies at Academic Julian. His painting, "A Winter Scene on the Seine" was one of 500 paintings selected for admission to the famous Paris Salon. This painting was one of the best of his works. Redmond presented this painting to the California School for the Deaf in appreciation of the school's efforts to send him to Paris.

In 1898 Redmond was forced to leave Paris when his financial support was terminated. Although he would have loved to stay in Paris to be able to compete in future salons, Redmond knew California landscape was beautiful and unique and decided to reside in Los Angeles. He concentrated on painting the landscapes. A year later he was married to Carrie Ann Jean, a graduate of the Illinois School for the Deaf. They had three children.

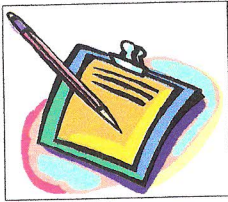
When his painting, "California Landscape", became well recognized, Redmond was claimed as one of the leading landscaping artists and a bold colorist in southern California. His arts had been acknowledged in published local newspapers. One day in wintertime he fell on the pavement and fractured his right hand. His injury did not stop him from painting. Being ambidextrous, he went on painting with his left hand.

During World War I, the sale of his paintings diminished so Redmond decided to try his luck in the movies. Gottardo Piazzoni, Redmond's old friend who doubled as an interpreter, introduced Redmond to Charlie Chaplin, a world-famous comedian. Chaplin and Redmond became good friends. Chaplin had a collection of some of Redmond's paintings. "Low Tide" was Chaplin's favorite. He said, "Isn't it beautiful! That moonlight - it makes you feel you ought to whisper!"

Charlie Chaplin made many popular silent movies. He learned gestures and expressions from Redmond's art of pantomime. Gestures and expressions resemble sign language that Deaf people use. Redmond was hired to play some roles in Chaplin's movies. Redmond's studio was at Chaplin's movie lot in Hollywood where he did most of his paintings.

Redmond was listed in Who's Who in America and one of the few deaf artists mentioned in Fielding's Directory of American Artists.

Redmond died in July 1935 in Los Angeles. In his life he earned some awards: W.E. Brown Gold Medal from California School of Design in 1891, Medal from Louisiana Purchase Exposition in 1904, and Silver Medal from Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition in Seattle in 1909. He was a member of Bohemian Club, California Art Club, Laguna Beach Art Association, and San Francisco Art Association. His public collections exhibit at Bancroft Library at University of California at Berkeley; California School for the Deaf in Fremont; Laguna Beach Museum of Art; Mills College Art Gallery; National Center on Deafness at California State University in Northridge; New York City Museum; Springville Museum of Art in Springville, Utah; and Stanford University Museum of Art. His life was full of productive efforts in his paintings and acting.



POEM

My ears can't tell me but my heart can!

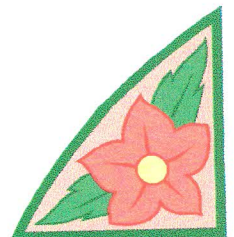
I talk with God
My ears can't tell me what God says
because I am Deaf.
How can I receive His answer?
My heart can tell me!

My ears can't tell me
How beautiful music is about God
People think I miss the best part of sounds,
But my heart sings to me.
I never really miss the beautiful music in my life.

My ears do not seem important to me
Because God made me Deaf.
God taught me to listen to my heart.
Yes, my heart, mind and eyes are most important to me,
Because I can feel and hear from my heart.

God sends His words,
promises, answers and music to my heart.
I am listening to my heart
because my ears can't tell me,
but my heart can!

By Candace Klein of Arlington Heights, IL



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