

# Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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From  
Mary Redman & The Staff of  
Houston Senior Citizens Newsletter



From the Editor, Frank Shaw:

The Staffs and I are getting excited to continue and improve our newsletter. Please send any news that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizen, ~~9954 Holman Drive~~ Houston, TX ~~77039-2207~~ or; email or fax to one of the following:

The fax numbers are:

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2. Mary Jo Stevens - email address: ~~MICSTEX@aol.com~~ - Fax : (713) 991-2244
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The deadline for sending news is the 18<sup>th</sup> of each month. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

We hope you all enjoy our newly redesigned newsletter!

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 ~~(281) 734-7007~~ (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: Billy Corum, Maurice Ford, Ruby Lavender, Elnora Morgan, Geneva Reagan, Frank Shaw, Esteline & David Stewart, and Alma & Glynn Whittemore.

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:

~~Mrs. Zelma Curbello~~  
~~9954 Holman Drive~~  
Houston, TX ~~77039-2207~~

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS: ☺

Thank you for the renewal: Haskel C. Arnold, Bernice T. Battlinger, Gordon Gibson, Delia A. Harris, Gorden Heywood, Inah Mae Jones, Joe Katz, Maxine O'Brien, Marie Ramos, and Burke Thornton.

NEW MEMBERS: ☺

Welcome to our new members: Dewey Adams, JR, Billy Buza, and LaRue Clifton.

## DEAF HISTORY

### *Bison Football and the Huddle*

From 1892 to 1895 Paul Hubbard who was the star quarterback at Gallaudet University invented the Huddle. The Huddle is a quick coming together of a team's players to receive instructions for the next play. It was a way for the deaf players on the football field to communicate without other team seeing what they were talking about.

After he graduated from college, Hubbard became a teacher at the Kansas School for the Deaf in Olathe where he used the huddle again in 1899.

By then using the huddle had spread to football teams throughout the Midwest.

A coach named Robert Zuppke from University of Illinois said that he took the idea from "a deaf team he saw somewhere."

Also, in 1888 William Ellsworth Hoy was a deaf outfielder who became a professional baseball player with the old Washington team. Because he was deaf and therefore unable to hear the call at the plate, Hoy and the umpires made some hand signals for balls on the right hand, and strikes on the left that Hoy could easily see from the outfield. That would keep him informed of the count.

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## HISTORY



**George Washington (1732-1799)**  
**1<sup>st</sup> PRESIDENT, 1789-97**

**Born:** February 22, 1732, Westmoreland County, Virginia

**Died:** December 14, 1799, Mount Vernon, Virginia

**Education:** Schooled at home and then trained in surveying.

**Family Life:** Married Martha Dandridge Custis and had two children.

**Political career:** Was elected first president, 1789, attempted to balance politics of new country; refused third term in office, 1796, and retired to Mount Vernon.

**Appearance:** Tall (6 feet 2 inches) and powerfully built, sandy hair, blue eyes.



**Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865)**  
**16<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT, 1861-65**

**Born:** February 12, 1809, Hodgenville, Hardin County, Kentucky

**Died:** April 15, 1865, Washington D.C. (fatally shot by John Wilkes Booth)

**Education:** Self-taught; studied law on his own

**Family Life:** Married Mary Todd and had four sons

**Political career:** Became known nationally and nominated for president, 1860; reelected 1864 because of Union successes in Civil War, but assassinated in 1865.

**Appearance:** Very tall (6 feet 4 inches) and rawboned, with black hair and beard.











## CALENDER OF EVENTS

- Feb. 9, 2000 (Wednesday)  
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray (between Waugh and Dunlavy) from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Feb. 15 & 16, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)  
Open captioning movie, "MAN IN THE MOON"  
At AMC Gulf Pointe (Check 'CC' on newspaper for the scheduled time)
- Feb. 17, 2000 (Thursday)  
Senior Citizen 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.
- Feb. 23, 2000 (Wednesday)  
Senior Citizen will meet at M.M.S.C. at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Feb. 25, 26, and 27, 2000 - RETREAT FOR THE DEAF  
Fr. Tom Coughlin will conduct retreat services at the following times:  
Friday - 7:00 PM - Formal talk, Questions/Answers & Refreshment,  
Saturday - 4:00 PM - Formal talk, Questions/Answers, Pot luck dinner, and Confessions,  
Sunday - 11:15 AM - Mass and Lunch  
Location: St. Domonic's Deaf Center on 2401 E. Holcomb St.  
  
*Fr. Tom, America's first DEAF priest, is eager to share his love for the Lord with you. Come and enjoy his wonderful talks and smile. Everyone is welcome!*
- Feb. 26, 2000 (Saturday)  
Illuminations... Theatre with the Deaf - OPTICA  
ASL Children's Story Hour - "AESOP'S FABLES"  
10:00 - 11:30 AM at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on 1475 West Gray  
  
All stories presented in ASL. Voice interpretation and assistive listening devices provided.  
Bring a blanket and come join us for a treat.
- Feb. 29 & March 1, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)  
Open-captioning movie - "THE GREEN MILE"  
(Check 'CC' on newspaper for the scheduled time)

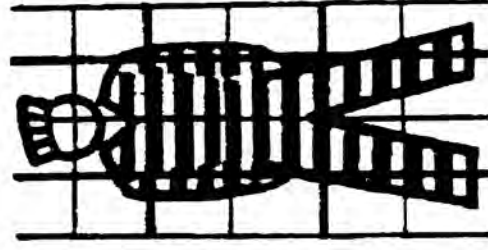
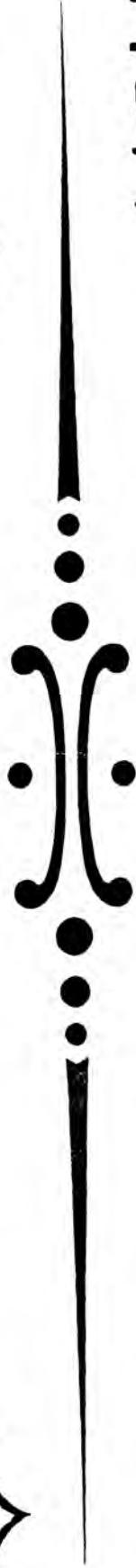


# February 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
6	7	1 PIP MEETING	2  Curtis & Pernella Smith - 1973	3	4	5
13	14 Happy Valentine's Day	8	9 S.C.M.M.S.C.	10	11	12 Abraham Lincoln Birthday
20	21	15	16 	17 S C SOCIAL WOODHAVEN	18	19  Geneva Reagan
27	28	22	23 S.C.M.M.S.C.	24	25	26  Jack & Hazel Richard - 1942
		29  Martha Quinn				
	Social Meeting		Birthday			Anniversary



# Deaf & Hard of Hearing "PIP"



## TEXAS PRISON SYSTEM

**They will come out and tell us all about the people they keep locked up.**

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

WHEN:.. **Tuesday, *February 1st 7:00 p.m.***

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

Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9073 For emergency dial 911 - then tap space bar !





# News

Joe Morton's sister Mabel (Morton) Pape is in Westside Campus of Care in Fort Worth, TX. She is pretty good. Joe and Lennie Morton visited her on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday November 8. Her address is 1950 Las Vegas Trail, Westside Campus of Care, Fort Worth, TX 76108. Joe Morton's cousin W. W. and Mable Morton are at Visa Nursing Home in Pasadena, TX.

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The Humana HMO-Medicare Program gave a presentation to the Senior Citizens group on January 12. They talked about what their program had to offer. They brought refreshments and door prizes.

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## Notes:

Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 W. Gray offers free workout gym and aquatics (swim classes) If you are interested in this, call (713) 529-4930 V/TTY.

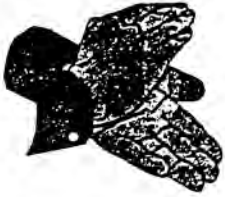
Houston Center for Independent Living, 7000 Regency Square, Suite 160 has received the Federal paper work on helping Senior Citizens with their medicine they have to take. Contact them to see if you are qualified. Call (713) 974-4621 V/TTY.

Harris County Tax Office has set up TTY for your needs for voter register, auto, property tax and "Over 65 Exemption". Receptionist will be happy to help you. Phone number you can call is (713) 755-4214. Paul Bettencourt is the Tax Collector and Assessor and has been very helpful to deaf and hard of hearing people in the county.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting January 1, 2000 the Weather Channel will caption 5 hours of programming: the 7:00 to 9:00 AM time period and the 8:00 to 11:00 PM prime viewing time. In June, the amount of closed captioning on TWC will double with expanded hours of captioning from 5:00 to 10:00 PM. Next January, they will establish a regular schedule of closed captioning for 20 hours of its programming day.



### CONGRATULATIONS . . .

To those who recently bought brand new cars:

The Hayes – 2000 Honda Accord, black

The Richards – 2000 Buck Regal, burgundy

The Stewarts – 2000 Dodge Straus, silver

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### “THE MEANING OF VALENTINE”

St. Valentine (Third Century) Christian Martyr, the patron of Lovers. Although is little known of Valentine, it appeared that he was Roman, who suffered persecution and died in 269. Another Valentine, a Bishop Martyr was often confused with him about the same time. The custom of sending Valentines on his feast day, February 14 is originated in the middle age.

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### WANT TO HEAR SOME JOKES ???

Recipe from the Kitchen of Guess Whom?

#### ELEPHANT STEW CASSEROLE

Serves 3,800

1 Elephant

950 (103) cans) Brown Gravy

1000 teaspoon Salt

Pepper (to taste)

2 Rabbits (optional)

Cut elephant into bite-sized pieces. This should take about 2 months. Cover with brown gravy. Cook over open fire for about 4 weeks at 465 degrees. This will serve about 3,800 people. If more are expected, two rabbits may be added but do this only if necessary as most people do not like to find hare in their stew. Of course, if you were not expecting a group, this recipe would work nicely for two. It should yield a sufficient amount to last you 1 year and 9 months, 10 days and longer if the hare has been added . . . Provided you have been able to keep it preserved in several freezers. GOOD LUCK!!!

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### “THE HEARING AID”

Seems an elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor for follow up and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.”

To which the gentleman said, “Oh, I haven’t told my family yet. I just sit around and listen their conversations. I have changed my will three times.”



**Rest in Peace**



**OBITUARY**

*Sent in by Dianne Ellidge from Arlington, TX.*

Charles M. "Mike" Wilkinson passed away on December 1, 1999 after a lengthy illness. His body was buried at Hickory Grove Cemetery, Vowels Mill, LA. A native of Natchitoches, LA, Mr. Wilkinson was a former resident of Dallas, TX and a resident of Shreveport, LA. He retired from the U.S. Post Office and was an avid fisherman and traveler. He was a member of the First Baptist Church Deaf Mission and the APWU. Survivors are his mother, Isabelle Page of Shreveport, LA; two sisters, Carol Giblin of Shreveport, LA and Jan Wilkinson of Oil City, LA; one brother, Harvey E. Wilkinson of Shreveport, LA; four nephews, three nieces, two great nieces and one great nephew.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

✓ **Notes from the Family of Charene Shadid Clark:**

*God hath not promised sun without rain, joy without sorrow, peace without pain . . .*

*But with God, dearest family and friends, we are able to endure the loss of our sweet Cherene.*

*It truly gives us joy to know that finally she can hear her mama's voice, her daddy's song, and the bells as they ring in Heaven.*

*Thank you for your kindness.*

✓ **Note from Clyde Clark:**

*Please extend my gratitude to the Members for their kindness and generosity.*

✓ **Note from Judy**

*Thank you so much for the beautiful potted plant to Senior Citizens.-  
The family of Evelyn Henderson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.*

Houston, Tx  
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**ACTION REQUESTED**

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Houston, TX 770

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**MOVING?** 

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