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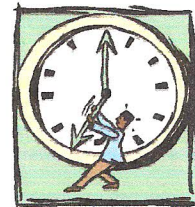
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At start of daylight savings period, move clock forward one hour at 2 am EST (Eastern Standard Time) on March 31, 2002.



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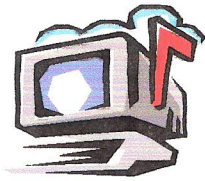
At end of daylight savings period, move clock back one hour at 2 am EDST (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on October 27, 2002.



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**Happy
April Fool's
Day!**





From the Editor:

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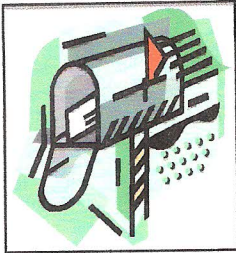
Frank Shaw

***Flash News for next field trip
Golaid – April 12, 2002***

Houston Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point between 7:15-7:30AM. The bus will leave no later than 8:00 AM since it will be a long drive. The group will visit the mission of Presidio La Bahia and Mission Espiritu Santo Mission. Fee is \$2.50 at Presidio La Bahia and \$2.00 at Mission Espiritu Santo. For lunch the group will eat at Empressario Restaurant.

Be sure to bring some extra money for lunch. Come and let us have fun together. See you on 12th.

News



News from Pauline Corum

Mother, Helen Padgett, and I, Pauline Garrett Corum, are very proud to announce my first great-grandbaby. Mother is now a great-great Granny! Wendy Garrett, wife of our grandson, Jason, gave birth her first baby girl on February 8, 2002. She weights 5 lbs. 14 ozs. Her name is Hailey Susan Garrett. Both Wendy and baby are doing fine.

News from Maurice Ford

Hello my friends down there! I am doing OK and hope you all are. I finally found the place where deaf senior citizens have been meeting. It's at Medina Library Building in Akron, Ohio. The meeting is on 15th of every month for both hearing and deaf people together. I have been there ever since I found the place. There are only 5 deaf senior citizens and one deaf black male. I have taught them how to play "Mexican Train" domino game. They played for the first time and loved it. We had a great time. The weather over here is really so cold and has snowed several times between 3 inches to 6 inches or more. I'd rather live in Texas than in Ohio. Hopefully some day I'll be moving back to Texas again. Miss you all and take care. Love, *Maurice*

News from Frank Shaw

I went to see the doctor recently who sent me for X-ray tests of my chest. The good news that the tests show my lungs are clear and have no pneumonia. Though I am still using the oxygen, I am doing OK. I am under doctor's orders, so still no heavy work.

My daughter, her husband and their baby girl from South Carolina came here during Spring Break. We gathered together for my granddaughter's birthday party at Checker Cheese Pizza. Then they went to San Antonio with my other daughter to see Sea World and stayed there one night. On the way to Houston, they stopped by Austin to tour the capitol. They have left Houston for home to South Carolina. Granddaughter had fun and was busy as a beaver!

Biographical Sketches of TSD Alumni No. 3 – Hazel Estelle (Newton) Bienvenu:



Hazel Estelle was born in Oklahoma in 1918 to a man who was half Cherokee/half Apache and to a woman who was full-blooded Irish. When she was two, her father left the family, and after that, the family struggled to have their ends meet. Hazel recalled living in a tent with a dirt floor and also remembered receiving only one doll for Christmas. Eventually her maternal grandfather went to Oklahoma to bring the whole family to Texas. The Flashback – Texas School for the Deaf Alumni Association

She graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in 1937. Later on she was married to Martin Bienvenu and gave birth three daughters, Jo Bienvenu, Hazel Pauline Wood, and MJ Bienvenu.

News from Zelma Curbello

Our good friends, Hazel Pauline and Ed Wood, are proud to be grandparents again in October 2002. Their daughter, Sophia, and son-in-law, Rory, will be first time parents around October 17th. Their son, Tim, has two boys, Dylan & Jesse, who will have a new cousin. Martin & Mabel Bienvenu, Hazel's parents, are proud to be great-grandparents again. CONGRATULATIONS! Love, *Zelma & Gus Curbello*

JOKES ON US: submitted by Zelma Curbello

A Middle-aged woman had a heart attack and was taken to the hospital, where she had a near death experience. Seeing God, she asked, "Is my time up?" God replied, "No, You have another 43 years, two months and eight days to live." Upon recovery, the woman decided to stay in the hospital for a facelift, liposuction and a tummy tuck. After her last operation, she was released from the hospital. While crossing the street on her way home, she was struck by a car and died. Arriving in heaven, she asked God: "You said I had another 43 years. Why didn't you pull me from the path of the car?" God answered, "I didn't recognize you."

Houston Chronicle of February 18, 2002 by Evonne Davis of Houston

Need an interpreter? Here are four groups of Communications Office.

When or if you need an interpreter for doctor or any appointment or place, call one of those near your home and request for an interpreter. All of those are more than happy to help any of you.

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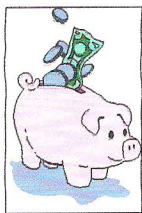
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From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** *Arlene Benham, Billy & Pauline Corum, Margie & Troy Graham, Christine McKinnon, Elnora Morgan, Helen Padgett, Jack & Hazel Richard, Pemella Smith, and I.D. & Floyd Wicker.*

Ms. Rhoda S. Clark, thank you very much for your donation to **LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF Hazel C. Davis.**

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:

Mrs. Zelma Curbello
9623 Tiltree,
Houston, TX 77075-4042

NEW SUBSCRIBER:

Welcome to our new SUBSCRIBER: Eva Anguelo, Cynthia Clifton, M/M. Dudley Mancell, (gifted by I. D. Wicker), Mary Jane Simpson, and Joe Ybarra .

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Regina Behne, Larry Butler, Lowell Carroll, Truitt & Mary Dunagan, L. T. Flanagan, Troy & Margie Graham, Emmett Hall, Delia Harris, Earl Johnson, Vaudia Kendrick, M/M Olon Lowrance, Evelyn Marek, Billie Moehle, Esther L. Morris, Elisa B. Neve, Connie Patterson, Thomas & Martha Pruitt, Hazel E. Reed, Mary Ann Ryba, Rochelle Smipson, Robert Smith, Don J. Sowell, and Franklin & Mary Faye Tippett.



Rest in Peace

OBITUARIES

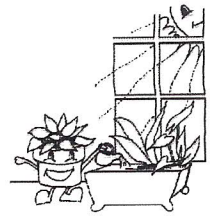


Sylvester 'Junior' Adams Jr, brother of Albert Roy Adams, 74, died February 26, 2002, at the hospital in Ardmore, OK. Graveside rites were held at 10:30 AM Friday, March 1, 2002, at Hewitt Cemetery, Wilson, with the Rev. Leroy Holman officiating. Mr. Adams was born June 5, 1927, in Houston, to Sylvester and Lillie Sanford Adams. He had been an Ardmore resident all his life and was employed by Pepsi Cola Company for 15 years working in receiving and deliveries. He was a volunteer for Meals On Wheels for five years and with the Southern Oklahoma Nutrition Program for seven years. He enjoyed country music, watching wrestling on TV and spending time with his family. Survivors include daughters, DeAnn Salas, Lisa Adams and Shirlene Stidham, all of Ardmore; a son, Thomas Adams of Healdton; a stepson, Monty D Herwick of Lawton; a brother, Albert Roy Adams of Houston; a sister, Marie Noble of Livingston, TX; numerous of grandchildren, stepdaughters and a great-granddaughter. His parents; two brothers, Floyd and Lloyd Adams; and two granddaughters preceded him in death.

Betty Clifton Dean, 55, passed away in Houston, TX on March 10, 2002. She was born July 6, 1946. She is survived by her husband Robert Dean, mother LaRue Childers Clifton; three daughters, Jacqueline Clifton, Kristy Dean, Jennifer Dean; three brothers, Fred Clifton, Mike Clifton, (twin) Jack Clifton, and also surviving, Alan Pitre. The Funeral services were held Saturday at 2:30 PM in the Chapel of Angels located on the grounds of Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. Interment to follow in Forest Park Lawndale Cemetery. The family received friends at 1:30 PM before services.



Calendar of Events



April 2, 2002 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, April 2nd at **Woodhaven Church for the Deaf** at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be: "**The Inspector General's Office**" This is the part of the police department that investigates all city employees of wrongdoing (except police officers they are investigated by Internal Affairs). The refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

April 5, 2002 (Friday)



The **FRAT** will have a meeting from 11 AM to 2 PM on April 5th at **Golden Corral on North 290 HWY and Hollister (from North 290 HWY (northwest freeway) exit Hollister Rd, and U-turns)**. Franklin & Mary Faye Tippett, and Travis & Gertrude Sessions will receive discount dinner for their wedding anniversary in April.

April 5, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at **Ellipse Food Court at Greenspoint Mall; from I-45 North Freeway, exit on Greens Road** from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends! Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; Roger Spivey (email) spivey39@ev1.net before 31st of March, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.

April 5 – 11, 2002 (a week)



Open captioned movie, "**We Were Soldiers**", **Rated: R**, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. Starring: *Mel Gibson*.

April 10, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

April 12, 2002 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to **Goliad, TX** to tour the fort and mission church. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Church**, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX between 7:15 & 7:30 AM. The bus will pick people up by 8 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information)

April 12 – 18, 2002 (a week)



Open captioned movie, "**Showtime**", **Rated: PG-13**, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. Starring: *Robert DeNiro, Eddie Murphy, Rene Russo*.

April 18, 2002 (Thursday)
















Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck 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 24, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.

April 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 April Fool's Day 	2 PIP Meeting James & Nadine Moore-1982 	3	4	5 ASL Social Greenpoint Mall Food Court 	6 Gus Curbello 
7 Virginia Mead 	8	9	10 S.M.M.S.C. 	11 Travis & Gertrude Sessions—1953 	12 Field Trip "Golliad, Tx" 	13
14 Roy & Joyce Adams—1956 	15	16	17	18 S. C. Social Woodhaven 	19	20
21	22	23 Robert Small 	24 S.M.M.S.C. Estella Cameron 	25 Ann Edgley 	26	27
28	29	30				



Social Meeting



Birth Day



Anniversary

Senior Citizens at MMSC



← Left to right:
I.D. Wicker and Pauline Corum gave Pauline's mother, Helen Padgett a surprise birthday party in February.

→ Helen Padgett was surprised for her 93rd birthday. February 20th is her birthday.



← **St. Patrick's Green Seating left to right:**
Lavern Fair, Gertie Sessions, Audrey Leger-Wright, Pernella Smith, and Nellie Bishop.
Standing left to right:
Floyd Wicker, Early McVey, Richard Brownlenoir (behind), Esther Brownlenoir, Pauline Corum, Billy Corum, James Fair, Elnora Morgan, Linda Page, and Jesse Dirdeen.

↓ **March Birthdays: Left to right:** Ann McFadden, Gertie Sessions, and Zelma Curbello.



↑ Billy Buza (right) got an award of clock from Early McVey (left) and Houston Senior Citizens for his hard work for the fund-raising at many Associations for the Deaf. Congratulations Billy! & Thanks Early for making an award!

Galveston - Kemah Field Trip

* March 8, 2002 *



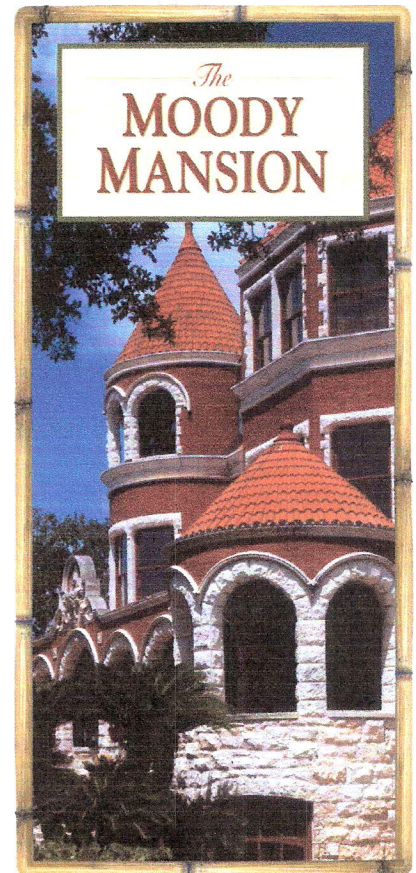
Mary Ella Redman
Our interpreter

THE MOODY HOME

Family residence, W. L. Moody, Jr. built about 1894, and for many years home of Mr. Moody, prominent financier and philanthropist who established the Moody Foundation.

Late Victorian architecture said to have been first Texas residence built on steel frame, has magnificent stained glass windows, ornate ceilings, rare handcarved woodwork, a large handsome home, famed for its hospitality.

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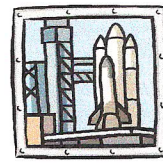
← Kemah BroadWalk

Top left to right: William Lambert, James Fair, and Tom Wells.
 Standing left to right: Lanier Pager, Craig Adams, Avie Alaniz, Albert R. Adams, Elnora Morgan, Joyce Adams, Esteline Stewart (San Marcos, TX), Jenice Wells, Joe Morton, Pernella Smith, Nellie Bishop, Pauline Corum, Lennie Morton, Nadia Moore, Lavern Fair, James Moore, Ann McFadden, Mary Ella Redman, Arlene Benham, Early McVey, Eugene Piercy, Opal Piercy, and William Hebert.
 Kneeling: Audrey Leger-Wright



Deaf History

Konstantin Tsiolkovsky 1857-1935



In 1957, a ROCKET blasted through the earth's atmosphere and a satellite slid into orbit. People stood back in awe. It was the first time human beings had thrust anything high enough into the atmosphere to orbit the earth. Until then no one had been sure it was even possible.

The Space Age had dawned.

In America, people were not only surprised, they were a little nervous and scared. Why? The satellite did not belong to them. The people who considered themselves the leaders of the free world had not yet succeeded in making and launching satellite. Instead, the Russians had done it. The satellite, Sputnik I, was Russian. The Russians were leading the world into space.

How did the Russians do it? The reason was partly Konstantin Tsiolkovsky. Deaf since he was nine years old. Tsiolkovsky had dreamed of traveling into space all his life and developed the math for the world's first spaceship and satellite. The Soviets called him the "Father of the Space Age."

Konstantin Tsiolkovsky was born in the tiny Russian village of Izhevskoye. His family was poor. His father lost his job and spent much of his time at home, tinkering with inventions and crafts. His mother was devoted to her family, stretching every ruble to make sure her family had food and clothes.

When Tsiolkovsky grew older, his family moved to Ryazan, a town on a river. Young Tsiolkovsky loved the river, swimming in summer, shoe-skating in winter, and jumping from ice flow to ice flow, making his way to next bank when the ice broke up in spring.

At nine years old, Tsiolkovsky became sick with scarlet fever. As he recovered, he realized he was deaf. At first, being deaf was hard for him. He was not sure how to act around the other children. He felt that they made fun of him. He felt embarrassed.

He stopped going to school and his mother taught him to read and write at home. When he was 13 years old, his mother died. Tsiolkovsky began to work on his own, studying his brother's schoolbooks. Then he passed the exam for high school. He struggled hard in high school. There were no interpreters and he could not understand the teacher.

He continued to read on his own, especially books about science. He also began trying his own experiments. Scraping together materials, he tried to make a carriage that would use steam power instead of horsepower. The idea failed, but Tsiolkovsky continued to experiment. He designed lathes and windmills. He made his own hearing aids, little metal funnels that curved out of his ears.

When he left high school, his father gave him a little bit of money and sent him to Moscow to study. Perhaps Tsiolkovsky was thrilled to be in Moscow, the capital of Russia, where the tsars lived in the Kremlin and famous professors taught at the university. But perhaps he was mostly scared.

He entered the big city alone, a poor country boy in search of a room. A lady who did laundry in a rich family's home agreed to rent him a room. The rent took almost all the money he had.

In Moscow, Tsiolkovsky set up a routine. Every morning he went to the public library, entering as soon as the doors opened. Inside the library, he gathered up some books, sat down, and read. When the day ended and the librarian turned off the kerosene lamp and closed the doors, Tsiolkovsky would get up slowly, put on his coat to protect himself from the Russian winter, and go home.

With almost no money, he lived on bread and water. He became thin. His hair was uncut. His clothing hung like rags. He didn't care. He lived to read, experiment, and explore ideas. In Moscow, people traveled by horse and buggy, but Tsiolkovsky was already planning space travel.

Sometimes his thoughts would make him so excited, he couldn't sleep. Then he would walk the streets of Moscow, sometimes all night long, figuring out how to make ideas work—how to drive a rocket out of the earth's orbit and into space.

With no teacher and no school, he read only what interested him. In his second year in Moscow, he taught himself calculus and spherical trigonometry.

At 22 years old, he went back home. He studied to become a teacher, passed the teacher's exam, and got a job teaching physics in a nearby high school. He married Varvara Yevgrafovna Sokolova. Like his mother, Sokolova did not care about money and believed that Tsiolkovsky's work was more important than financial success. Also like his mother, Sokolova knew how to keep her family fed and clothed with very little money. Tsiolkovsky and his family ate better when he began teaching. They could afford vegetables with their bread.

As a teacher, Tsiolkovsky had very little time for his experiments. He taught classes all day and came home at night exhausted. When school ended for a two-month winter vacation, Tsiolkovsky wrote his first article for publication. In the article, he described what life would be like for the human race in space. It was published in Russia's top scientific journal. In 1895, he wrote another article, "A Dream of Earth and Sky."

In 1903, he wrote about exploring space, focusing on how to get there. Tsiolkovsky wrote about rockets that would break apart in stages—just as rockets do today. He calculated the best angle and speed to get the rocket out of gravity and into orbit. He calculated how big rockets should be and what their shape should be. He devised a math formula—now called the Tsiolkovsky formula—to explain the motion of a rocket and its size. He also calculated the angle of blast off.

At the University in Moscow, the professors were pleased. In 1917, when the tsar was overthrown and the Communist Party took power in Russia, the Soviet government recognized the value of Tsiolkovsky's work immediately.

Tsiolkovsky became famous. He was elected to the prestigious Soviet Academy. As he grew older, the government gave him a pension, made him an honorary member of the Air Force Academy, and bought him a bigger house. All of his work—everything he had ever written—was published and republished. In competition was a superior form of government, the Soviets were grateful to Tsiolkovsky, whom they saw as the ticket to their country's success in space.

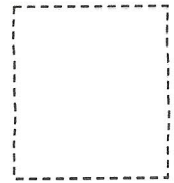
When a Russian reporter visited him in his home near the end of his life, the reporter wrote that Tsiolkovsky still talked of space travel. "...The two of us were living on two different floors—I on earth and Tsiolkovsky in the universe," wrote the reporter. "It seemed to me that I had met a prophet."

While most of Tsiolkovsky's dreams have come true, others remain to be explored. For example, Tsiolkovsky was very interested in energy from the sun. "We only use two billionths of it," he wrote, "and we should use more. As land on the earth becomes overused or committed to housing, perhaps we will want to take full advantage of the sun's light—and garden our vegetables in outer space."

When a nine-volume history of space exploration was printed, Tsiolkovsky's life filled one full volume. To this day, Russians honor Tsiolkovsky as the Father of the Space Age. In 1967, a crater on the moon was named after him.

In 1935, Tsiolkovsky died in old age. He was 78.

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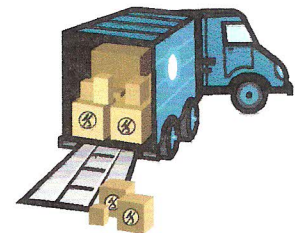
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