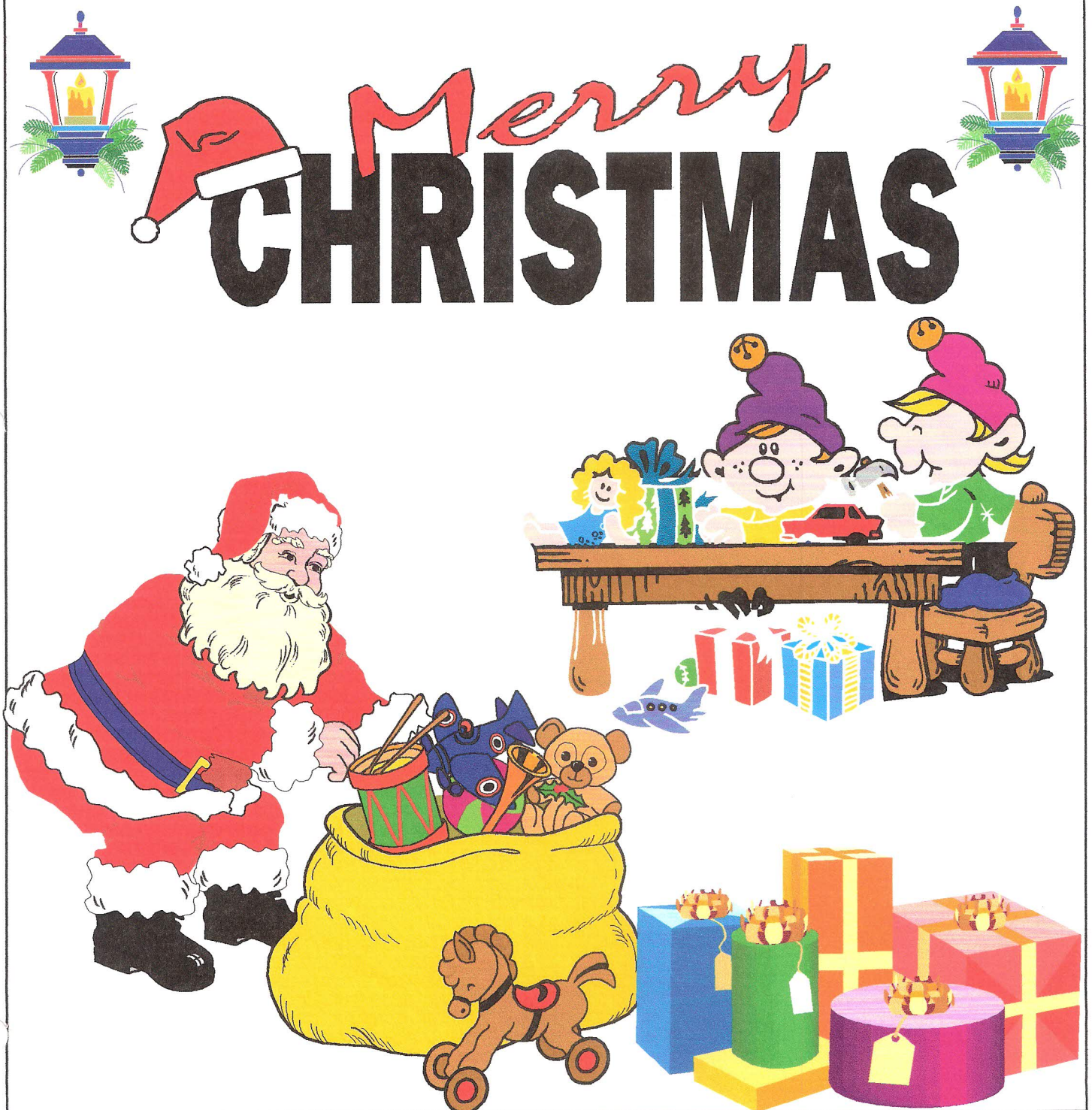


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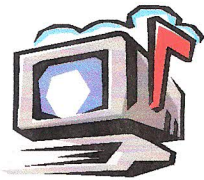
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## *From the Editor:*

Houston Deaf  
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Frank Shaw



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Christmas holiday is coming. Everybody is very busy shopping and buying gifts, baking cookies and arranging big dinner to invite their families. I wish you all Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Have a safe holiday.

One of our staff, Audrey Leger Wright had a brain surgery to remove a tumor sized of eyeball. The surgery went well. She is recovering.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could 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 [hdscnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hdscnews@yahoo.com), or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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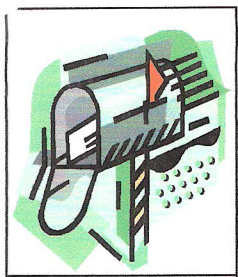
Thank you,

*Frank Shaw*

### ***Flash News for next field trip Salado – December 7, 2001***

Houston Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Church on 9920 Long Point Dr at 10:00 AM. The bus will depart at 10:30 AM. The group will visit Central Texas Area Museum. And dinner will be at Stagecoach INN. After the dinner, the group will see Christmas decoration lights around the town. Be sure to bring extra money for light lunch at McDonald and dinner at Stagecoach INN. Come and have fun together. See you on 7<sup>th</sup>.

# News



## **NOTE from Reuben McGill**

I really enjoy reading the Senior Citizens Newsletter and it is good to know some old friends in it. Keep up with good work! Bless you all. God is Love. *Reuben McGill*.

## **NOTE from Henrietta Devine:**

I am excited to be a great grandmother. I have a great grandbaby, named Taylor Kim, who was born on January 2, 2001 at 1:45 PM. I also have another great grant baby girl on Sept. 19, 2001. Her name is Katelyn Naye and one month old now.

## **NOTE from Tennie Sessions:**

After moving to La Vista Retirement Apartment in San Marcos on July 31, 2001, I do like to live there very much. I do enjoy talking with the Deaf people, playing cards and going shopping. There are around 46 Deaf people living at La Vista now. It is so much fun to be around.

Fred and Juanita Gunn's son, Van, has been improved a lot. He went back to work last two weeks ago. It is really a miracle that he got his full recovery from a bad injury!

James Walter Seales' wife, Marian, was at Central Texas Medical Center Hospital in San Marcos on October 19<sup>th</sup> for her knee surgery. Her knee is improving now. It is good to hear that she went home recently. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> she started physical therapy three times a week for a month.

## **DEAF CITIZEN BECAME A MEMBER OF LIONS CLUB: by Mary Corley**

Ace Robertson is from Alabama, but is now a resident of San Antonio, TX and a Board member of the Senior Citizen also. Some of you may know him. He is a former Gallaudet student, but he received his degree from Rice University in Houston. Then he joined the Lion Club.

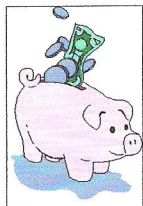
Here is an interesting story about Ace and his interest in the Lions Club:

Ace Robertson became a probationary member of the Highland Hills Lions Club. He went to a regional convention of Lions International and the annual statewide convention of Lions International. He said it is very interesting to meet and talk to people from all walks of life: *bankers, CPA's, doctors, truck drivers, dishwashers*, all with one purpose.... to make the world a better place for everyone. The best part for Ace was meeting folks from all over Texas. There are at present, invitations from Corpus Christi, Del Rio, Laredo, Wichita Falls, and San Angelo on the table for a visit later this year to talk to prospective deaf members. As far as can be found Ace is the first deaf member in Texas in the history of the Lions. Last June was big for Ace: Induction ceremonies made him a full Lion along with two other "cubs". A really heart-felt "thank you" is owed to Jose Echeverri, one of our board members and one of the owners of GPM Life Insurance. Jose was the sponsor and driving force behind all of this and remains a close and valued friend to Ace. There is the Lions Youth Ranch in Kerrville with 900 rolling acres with buildings for dorms, supervisor lodgings, administrative offices, gym and cafeteria. This camp was offered to the Lions when they didn't have enough money, A rich man offered to put up the money for escrow. His check was never cashed and is on display in their "museum".



They welcome kids with diabetes, handicapped, deaf, blind, and combinations, plus any thing else you can come up with for the camp. Lets give Ace a standing ovation and congratulate him on his being a member of the Lions Club and the first deaf Lion. Something to be really proud of and who knows, he could be well known in history some day.

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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, Marie Hays, Thelma Jo Hays, Audrey Leger-Wright, Helen Padgett, Pernella Smith, Mary Jo Stevens, Tommy & Jenice Wells, and Damon Wright.

Special thanks to Janice Caraway, Zelma & Gus Curbello, Christine McKinnon, Faye & Rubin Sims, and Mary & Franklin Tippet for their donations to **LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF Jennie Day, Frances Gunter, Joy McKinnon, and Emory Watson.**

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**

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**NEW MEMBERS:**

Welcome to our new members: *Marlene Hanks and Joan West.*

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS:**

Welcome to our new subscribers: *Paul & Lola Richardson, gifted by Christine McKinnon.*

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: *Kathryn Caldcleugh, Henerietta Devine, Joy M Gibson, Blanche Keith, Oceal Lamb, Reuben McGill, Ruth Phillips, Gloria Slates, and Fince Taylor.*

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**Season's**  
**Greetings**





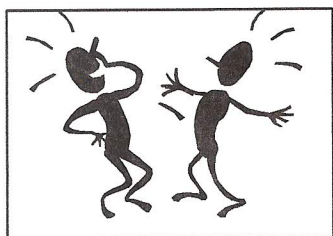


## BROCCOLI CORN BREAD

1 box Jiffy corn bread mix  
4 eggs  
1 large onion, chopped

1 stick margarine, melted  
1 pkg (2 cups) Kraft grated cheese  
1 box Frozen broccoli, thawed and chopped

Mix all ingredients. Pour into a 9 X 13- inch glass pan. Bake at 350 degree for about 45 minutes. This can be frozen.



## A GOOD JOKE

### 'FORGIVE US, LEAD US'

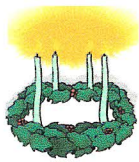
A minister parked his car in a "No Parking" zone in a large city, because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. So he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: *I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. FORGIVE US OUR TREASPASSES.* When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note: *I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket, I'll lose my job. LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.*

*Received from e-mail: November 7, 2001*

## WHO KNEW? Things you didn't Know About Things You Know Well

- 1) In the early 1920s, taxicab company owner John Hertz (who would later go on to start a rental car business) funded a University of Chicago study to determine which color in the spectrum was most visible from a far distance. When the answer came back "yellow," he had all of the cars in his fleet painted exactly that, beginning a tradition that would catch on nationwide, and carry over to school buses and traffic signs.
- 2) In terms of area, Juneau, Alaska, is the largest city in the United States, yet it can only be reached by boat or plane.
- 3) On the average, we forget 80 percent of what we learn on any given day.

*Author: David Hoffman*



## Calendar of Events



### **November 30 – December 6, 2001 (a week)**

Open captioned movie, “**Captain Corelli’s Mandolin**”, Rated: R, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



### **December 4, 2001 (Tuesday)**

**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at **Woodhaven Church for the Deaf** at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. There will be a Christmas party and refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.



### **December 7, 2001 (Friday)**

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to **Salado, TX**. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Church**, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX by 10 AM. The bus will pick people up by 10:30 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information)



### **December 7, 2001 (Friday)**

**ASL Social** at Logan's Roadhouse Country Restaurant, 12950 Northwest Freeway, Houston, TX 77040 (off Northwest Freeway (U.S. Highway 290) near Jones Road, a few miles north from Beltway 8) 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](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net) before 3rd of December, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.



### **December 8, 2001 (Saturday)**

**Deaf Fiesta 2001** will be held at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, TX on Saturday, December 8, 2001. The center has 44,000 square feet of unobstructed exhibit space; teak parquet floors, and can accommodate banquets to 1,800. Raffle tickets will be selling for the prizes. There are several good prizes including electronic things and the drawing will be held at 7PM.



### **December 12, 2001 (Wednesday)**

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



### **December 14 – 20, 2001 (a week)**

Open captioned movie, “**Life as a House**”, Rated: R, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.



### **December 25, 2001 (Tuesday)**

**Merry Christmas & Have a Joyous Seasons!**




















### **December 26, 2001 (Wednesday)**

**ATTENTION:** There will be **no meeting** at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX



# December 2001

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 Jack Richard 	3	4 PIP Meeting Christmas Party 	5	6	7 ASL Social Salado Field Trip  Rubin Sims 	8 
9 Jack Antry 	10	11 Billy Buza 	12 S.C.M.M.S.C. Christmas Luncheon 	13	14	15 Marie Hays 
16	17	18	19	20	21	22 Joan West  Z.X. & Dorothy Curry- 1940 
23	24 Sam Mangum  Raymond & Ann Edgley-1977 	25 Christmas Day  Thomas & Billie Hollway-1963 	26 S.C.M.M.S.C. No Meeting	27	28 Eugene Piercy 	29
30	31 Sam & Billie Mangum-1946 					

Social Meeting

Birthday

Anniversary



# OCTOBER EVENT

## Halloween Party



Christine McKinnon and Arlene Benham volunteering to fold the Senior Citizens newsletters. Aren't they cute in their Halloween costumes?

Lennie Morton, Opal and Eugene Piercy helping to put stamps on the newsletters. Teamwork gets done faster.



Halloween costume contestants with their prizes.

Left to Right: Joan West, Christine McKinnon, Gertie Session, Pernella Smith, Jean Harkness, Arlene Benham, and Billy Buza...

Right Photo: Travis Session's wife, Gertie and Travis give a short skit. Travis said, "WOW how attractive you are as a monster lady".





## NOVEMBER EVENT

### Field Trip to Round Top



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens take a field trip to Round Top to tour several antique stores.

Left photo: William Lambert and Christine McKinnon waving.

At Henkel Square several dwellings and structures were building between 1820-1870. The art store on this photo collect Anglo-and German-American furnishings, utensils, and quaint decorative art of the period. Next block from the square the group browse around the block. Unfortunately some stores were closed due to a big show at the Red Barn area (five miles away from Round Top).



Next to Henkel Square in this picture are the original log cabins and the wooden fence around block built in the 1820's.





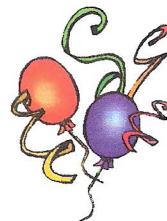
**Left photo:**

The bus driver, Lou, discovers this interesting sign, "Round Top – Public school 1878-1912 and Colored school 1912-1953."

Last stop at an antique store the group found many interesting and reasonably-priced things to buy. This picture was taken just before leaving for Houston.

**Left to right on the front row** – Jenice and Bob Wells, William Lambert, Pauline Corum, and Lou, the bus driver.

**On the back row from left to right:** Thelma Jo Hays, Frank Shaw, Zelma Gurbello, Jack and Evelyn Autry, Pernella Smith, Christine McKinnon, Arlene Benham, X.Z. Curry, Rubin and Faye Sims, Elnora Morgan, Gertie and Travis Session.



**November birthday group:**

**Left photo:** Darwin Scott Hill.

**Not pictured:** J C Smith, La Rue Clifton, Gene Harkness, and Joyce Adams.

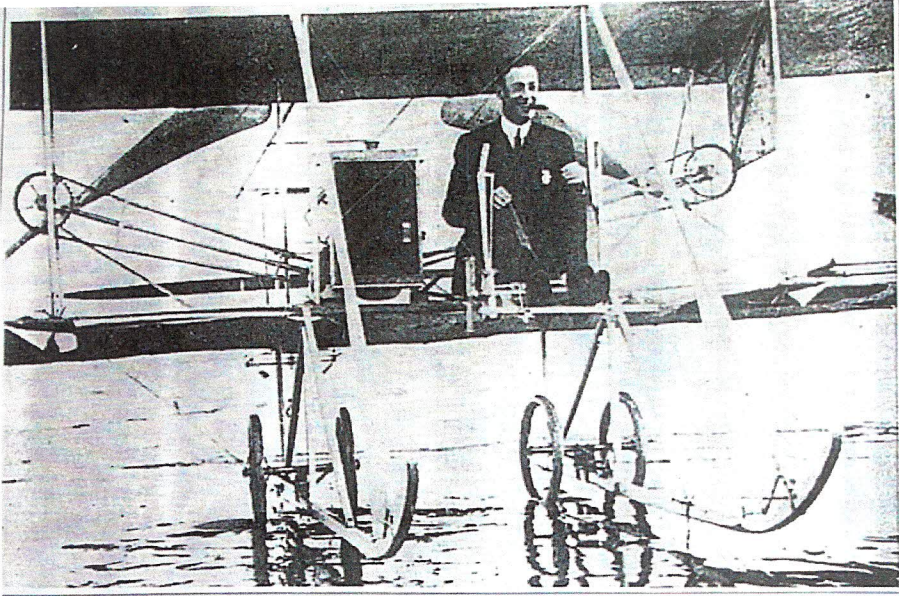


# Deaf History Deaf History

## Calbraith Perry Rodgers

(1879-1912)

*"I Endure, I Conquer."*



Cal Rodgers with Vin Fiz at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, N.Y., September 17, 1911

Calbraith Perry Rodgers, severely deafened at age 6 thanks to scarlet fever, learned to fly at the Wright Brothers' aviation school in Dayton, Ohio, during the summer of 1911. Immediately thereafter he participated in a big international air meet at Chicago, where he won a prize for flying the longest during the nine-day event.

He then accepted the challenge of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst, who offered \$50,000

to the first pilot to fly across America. On September 17, Cal took off in Vin Fiz, his Wright Model EX, from the Sheepshead Bay race track in Brooklyn, N.Y. Over the next six weeks he landed 73 times. Half a dozen of those landings were complete crashes, after which Vin Fiz had to be rebuilt from the ground up.

In October the time limit for the Hearst prize ran out, but the stubborn Rodgers pressed on. He survived the explosion of his engine over the California desert and limped into Pasadena, the official last stop of the flight, on November 5.

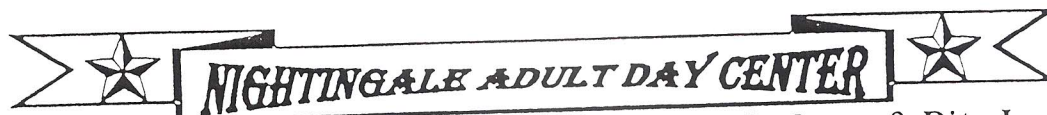
He wanted to complete his journey to the Pacific Ocean, and on December 12 flew to Long Beach, where he at last dipped Vin Fiz's skids into the surf.

On April 3, 1912, he was killed when his airplane dove into the surf off Long Beach. He was the 127<sup>th</sup> pilot to die since records had been kept. He is buried in Pittsburgh and is remembered by pilots everywhere.

*Submitted by Frank Clark*

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