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St. Patrick's Party March 12



Best Costumes
Earl Johnson, Gertie Sessions



Best Dessert
Ann Wheeler



Pres. Larry Butler thanks Cathy Simerka for planning a wonderful party.



Singing "Happy Birthday"

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The Danish Capital of Texas, Danevang, TX April 10, 2014

Please meet at 8:30 AM

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church ● 9920 Long Point Dr.
Houston, TX 77055

Bus departs at 9:00 AM

60+ Deaf Seniors—\$3.00 ● Under 60 are welcome — \$8.00
Contact: Jim Dermon, 936-828-4013

First Stop:



The Danish Heritage Museum is housed in a building constructed to resemble a Danish barn such as those built by the early settlers of the community of Danevang, TX. The Museum houses artifacts of the early Danish

settlement with displays of home and social life as well as exhibits showing the growth of farming in the area.

Second Stop:

Lunch at Los Cucos Mexican Café (your own expense)

Community Events

Wednesday, April 1

PIP—"Human Trafficking"
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055

Friday, April 4

ASL Social
Southwell's Hamburger Grill
Heights/Washington
1909 Taylor
Houston, TX 77007
4 pm to 9 pm

Wednesday, April 9

HDSCLF General Meeting
Metropolitan Multi-Service
1475 West Gray Street
Houston, TX 77019
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Thursday, April 10

HDSC Field Trip
The Danish Capital of Texas
Danevang, TX
See Above

Friday, April 11

Deaf/ASL Social—Ft. Bend
Chick-fil-A
20010 Southwest Freeway
Suagr Land, TX 77479
5:00 pm—9:00 pm

Wednesday, April 16

Senior Luncheon/Fellowship
Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church
9920 Long Point, Houston, TX 77055
10:00 am — 2:00 pm
RSVP

Friday, April 18

Baybrook Mall Silent Dinner
Baybrook Mall—Food Court
500 Baybrook Mall
Friendswood, TX 77546
6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Wednesday, April 23

HDSCLF Fun Games—Snacks
Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr
1475 West Gray Street
Houston, TX 77019
9:00 am—1:00 pm

Friday, April 25

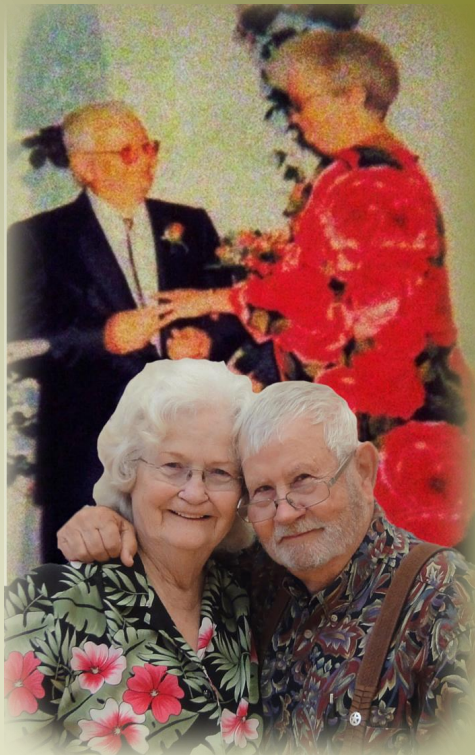
North Houston Monthly Social
North Houston Chick-fil-A
4410 North Freeway (I-45 N)
Houston, TX 77022
5:30 pm—Closing



Due to icy weather last March 4th, the Heritage Village Field Trip is postponed to **May 9th.**

Mark your calendar!

*Happy 12th Anniversary
March 23rd*



Earl and Marilyn Johnson first met through the internet. As they got to know each other better, their friendship turned to love.

*Happy 6th Anniversary
March 20th*

Rex and Luci
Ryan found each
other through
AOL-Love
internet.
They continued
to get to know
each other
through
webcam. And
they got married
at Reno!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April

- 3 Dana Glasscock
- 6 Gus Curbello
- 13 Larry Butler
- 23 Joe Kennedy
- 23 Robert Small
- 25 Ann Edgley
- 27 Jan Dermon



**Happy February
Birthday**

**Gary Pretzsch
Luci Ryan
Earl Johnson**

**Happy March
Birthday**

**Eunice Woodson
Lawrence Coleman, Sr
Marilyn Johnson
Gertie Sessions**

Handicap Parking for the Disabled in Houston



The very first parking meter in the world was placed in Oklahoma City, Ok. in 1935 and from there spread out to cover all of our 50 states and other countries in the world. The enforcement of the parking time limit was the responsibility of the local police departments and citations/tickets were given to people who violated the time limit.

In 1967 the first Handicap Parking Only spaces were set up in Chicago, Ill. but these were spaces posted by local businesses as a courtesy for the wheelchair people and not enforced by the police. These spaces gave birth to states and cities establishing legal enforceable handicap spaces for any person, not just for wheelchairs, with a permit. These permits could either be a state-issued special license plate or a placard that hung on the rearview mirror or placed on the dash of the vehicle. At first, the local police would enforce the privilege of using these handicap spaces. However, over time, there became so many spaces at all the different businesses and offices within the city that the police department needed volunteers to help enforce the law.

An Enforcement Officer will verify that these permits are displayed on the vehicle and are valid. After taking an accredited class, I have been an Enforcement Officer for 18 months. Should a vehicle not have a permit or be seen using an expired permit,

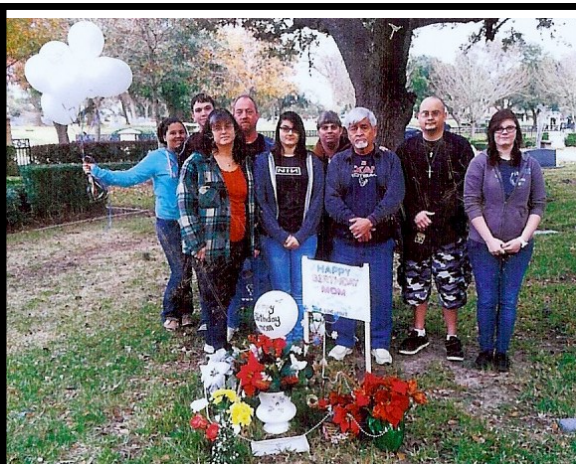
a citation for the amount of \$500 is written and placed on the vehicle. Since I became an Enforcement Officer I have written over 5000 citations. However, not every citation results in a \$500 fine. There are various reasons why the citation would be dismissed; one would be that the driver has a placard but it is out of sight. A special officer will listen to the reason for a request for dismissal of the citation and make that decision. However, over 80% of the citations are found to be valid and the fine has to be paid.

Should a Deaf person have a handicap permit? In my opinion, if the person is Deaf only, the answer is 'no'. But the Deaf are just as likely to have another disability that prevents them from walking far and have a need to park up close. Therefore, we must be reasonable to say that only those people, Deaf or hearing, which have a health situation that requires the person to use a handicap space, have the legal courtesy of using those spaces.

Since I have become an Enforcement Officer, I have seen many violations by individuals who disregard the law and prevent the handicapped from having the spaces. Often times, while I'm doing enforcement, a driver will stop to speak with me about having no parking space because the spaces are taken by illegally parked vehicles. I feel a tug on my heart for them but there is nothing I can do but to inform these handicapped persons that they will have to look for another available space.

Please be a kind and considerate driver and park and walk a little bit farther and leave the handicap spaces open for those who have a real need for the space. Walking 20 - 50 more feet is much better than a \$500 kick in your back pocket.

Robert Yost



Linda Keeton Garcia

12-28-1944—12-28-2013

The family went to the gravesite to visit and celebrate her birthday. We wrote messages on the white balloons and then released them into heaven for her. It was a beautiful site to watch and they went straight up above us for a long time. We love and miss her everyday!

From the: Garcia, Mercer and Mullins Family

In Memory of

James "Clay" Campbell



10/04/51—2/23/14

April Fool's Day Brief History



In sixteenth-century France, the start of the new year was observed on April first. It was celebrated in much the same way as it is today with parties and dancing into the late hours of the night. Then in 1562, Pope

Gregory introduced a new calendar for the Christian world, and the new year fell on January first. There were some people, however, who hadn't heard or didn't believe the change in the date, so they continued to celebrate New Year's Day on April first. Others played tricks on them and called them "April fools." They sent them on a "fool's errand" or tried to make them believe that something false was true. In France today, April first is called "Poisson d'Avril." French children fool their friends by taping a paper fish to their friends' backs. When the "young fool" discovers this trick, the prankster yells "Poisson d'Avril!" (April Fish!). In Spain this is called "Dia de los Inocentes" and it is celebrated on Decembre the 28th.

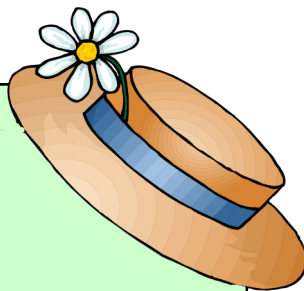
Today Americans play small tricks on friends and strangers alike on the first of April. One common trick on April Fool's Day, or All Fool's Day, is pointing down to a friend's shoe and saying, "Your shoelace is untied." Teachers in the nineteenth century used to say to pupils, "Look! A flock of geese!" and point up. School children might tell a classmate that school has been canceled. Whatever the trick, if the innocent victim falls for the joke the prankster yells, "April Fool! "

The "fools' errands" we play on people are practical jokes. Putting salt in the sugar bowl for the next person is not a nice trick to play on a stranger. College students set their clocks an hour behind, so their roommates show up to the wrong class - or not at all. Some practical jokes are kept up the whole day before the victim realizes what day it is. Most April Fool jokes are in good fun and not meant to harm anyone. The most clever April Fool joke is the one where everyone laughs, especially the person upon whom the joke is played.

<http://www.elalmanaque.com/English/holidays/april->

Fun Trivia—April

1. What is the gem associated with April?
2. April the first is April Fools' Day. We call someone who is tricked an April Fool. What do the French call such a person? (English translation will do)
3. Which of these flowers is considered the flower for April?
4. Easter is always in April. True or False?
5. This day, created to make people aware of environmental problems, was first celebrated internationally on April 22, 1970. What day is it?



Answer on page 6 — Don't Peek!

Rodeo Party—February 12



1st Place Cowboy—Earl Johnson, 2nd Place Cowboy—Dennis Smith
1st Place Cowgirl—Judy Lorenz, 2nd Place Cowgirl—Sandra Manley

CLEAN YOUR MATTRESS

Even if you change your sheets and pillowcases weekly, chances are you haven't thought about how to clean a mattress lately. Dust and dust mites accumulate in our bedding very quickly and can cause anywhere from mild to severe allergic reactions. Getting rid of dust mites is an ongoing battle and one effective way to fight them is to keep your mattress and bedding clean. Below are simple steps to help you clean your mattress on a regular basis.

What a great, inexpensive way to clean your mattress!



Use These Two Ingredients to Say Goodbye to Dust Mites and Hello to a Cleaner Mattress

Pour about **1 cup of baking soda** into a Mason jar & drop in **4 drops of lavender essential oil**. Put on lid & shake jar. Using a kitchen strainer, sprinkle the baking soda mixture all over the mattress & let it sit for an hour or more. Thoroughly vacuum the mattress. Bye, bye dust mites, & other nasty things. The baking soda helps draw up any moisture & deep dirtiness. It deodorizes & leaves the mattress smelling fresh & clean.

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SUNBEAM	PLYMOUTH	METROPOLITAN	HUDSON	IMPERIAL	OLDSMOBILE	PONTIAC
WILLYS						

American Cars



What model and year is this car?
Answer on page 8.

Fun Trivia—April Answers

1. Diamond—the diamond for innocence
2. April fish—Poisson d'Avril in French
3. Daisy—some sources also consider the sweetpea as also being April's flower
4. False—Easter is a moveable feast. It can be as early as March 22. The latest date it can be is April 25. Easter Sunday is the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs on, or after March 21.
5. Earth Day—Earth Day started as a student movement, as was originally held on March 21.

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Trip Down Memory Lane

13th Biennial Deaf Seniors of America

Asheville 2015 Conference

August 23-27, 2015

To register, go to www.DSA2015.org

Send some news, an announcement (newborn baby, birthday, anniversary, obituary), and color photos to me before or on **15th day of each month.**

Thanks!

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Mike Clifton

On the behalf of HDSC board, we want to thank you for your kind donation. Your generosity makes a difference in the lives of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens. Thanks again for your kindness.



Jim Dermon
HDSCF Treasurer

What is the True Meaning of Easter?

Answer

For the Christian, Easter is the celebration of Jesus' resurrection from the grave after his brutal murder by crucifixion. This coincides with the Jewish holy week of Passover. Ishtar was a pagan goddess festival that some who were converted brought to the Christian celebration, thus the eggs and bunnies. The festival dealt with fertility.

http://answers.ask.com/Society/Religion_and_Spirituality/what_is_the_true_meaning_of_easter?



Good Recipe for Left-Over Easter Eggs

Deviled Egg Boats

How to make it:

- Make your favorite deviled egg recipe.
- Next, make the sails. To do this, cut each bell pepper into 1-inch-wide strips, then cut the strips into 1-inch squares and slice each square in half diagonally.
- Fill the egg-white halves with the yolk mixture. Stick the sail upright into the filling and sprinkle with paprika.

Answer: 1955 Buick Century

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