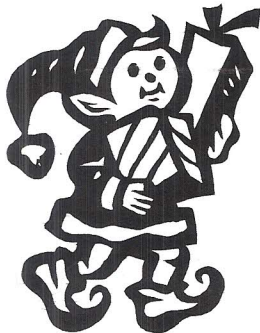


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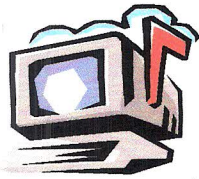
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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year





FROM THE EDITOR

Houston
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Newsletter

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Houston Senior Citizens sadly lost three dear friends who passed away this month. They are Clyde Hays, Alice Henderson, and Curtis Smith. Senior Citizens do surely miss them.

There will be **NO** potluck for lunch in December at Woodhaven Baptist Church.

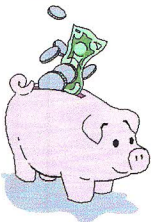
Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if any of you can write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items 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 the 15th of each month.** Your cooperation is appreciated.

Hope you all have a wonderful holiday with your family, children, and grandchildren.

Wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

FRANK SHAW

LOVE FUND from Zelma Curbello:



We wish to thank you very much for your generous donations to **Love Fund:** Dinah/Walt Anderson, Andrew/Martha Beckham, Arlene Benham, Berniedean Blackmor, Karen Clifton, Henrietta Devine, Maurice Ford, Thelma Jo Hays, William Lambert, Nadine/James Moore, Elmora Morgan, Martha/Jim Quinn, Frank Shaw, Beatrice Smith, Montie Strother, Betty Telfer, Floyd Wicker, and Audrey Wright.

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Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to LOVE FUND should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Fund. Please mail to: Mrs. Zelma Curbello, 9623 Tiltree, Houston, TX 77075.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS: Welcome to our new subscribers: Henrietta Devine, Verna Frances Gunter (paid by Faye Tippett), Roger Spivey, and Avril & Bert Thompson.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for renewal: Don Adkins, Dorotha Altom, Andrew Beckham, Jerrie/Joe Cervenka, Emmitt/Mary Corley, Sam Derstine, Judy Griffin, Marlene Hanks, Ruben McGill, Melvia Nomeland, Zane Owens, Ruth Phillips, Tennie Sessions, Rubin Slaughter, Finice Taylor, and Miriam Thurmann.

Q: When was the first national living Christmas tree planted in Washington, D.C.?
(See page 9 for an answer)



FAREWELL PARTY FOR MAURICE FORD

On October 25 at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center Senior Citizens gave Maurice Ford a farewell party. Cake and refreshments were served. The Senior Citizens group really appreciates Maurice's volunteer activities including making beautiful banners during events. Senior Citizens wish Maurice the best of luck in his new home in Abilene, TX. Here is his new address for anyone who wishes to contact him:

2132 Regent St
Abilene, TX 79605
1-915-795-0168 TTY
1-915-795-0162

Maurice, we miss you
and be sure to keep in
touch !

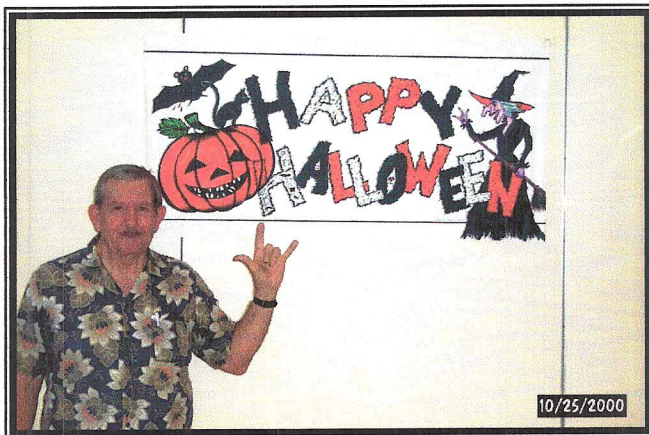
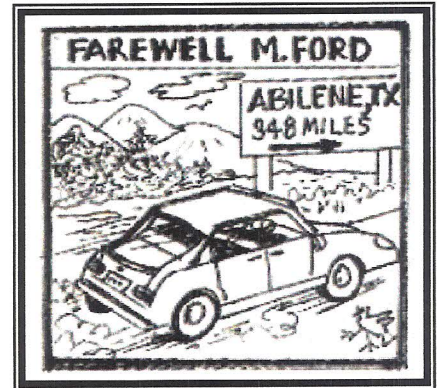
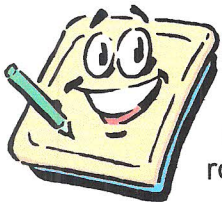


Photo: Maurice Ford drew Halloween banner. Senior Citizens group had a fun Halloween party. Refreshments were served. Door prizes were drawn and the winners were: Christine McKinnon, Nellie Bishop, Zelma Curbello, Gertrude and Travis Sessions.



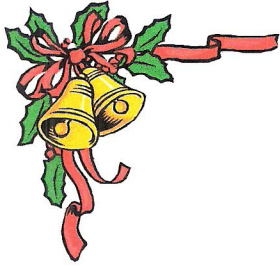
JOKE

A flying saucer was low on fuel, so it landed by a gas station on a lonely country road.

On its side were the letters "UFO." The gas station attendant was stunned, but his curiosity got the best of him.

"Does that stand for Unidentified Flying Object?" he asked.

"No", one of the other worldly travelers responded, "It stands for "Unleaded Fuel Only."



SMILE

S is for the smiles you always have on your face.

M is for the memories we share.

I is for the important part you play in my life.

L is for the love you always show.

E is for the excellent friends we'll always be.

Put them all together and they spell **SMILE**.

Author Unknown



From the newsroom of the Chronicle, Michigan,
Wednesday, September 20, 2000.
By Terry Judd, Chronicle Staff Writer.

GINGER: Saves owner, perishes..

For 10 years, Ginger, the black Labrador was Rosemary Douglas' ears. Monday night, the dog was her savior. But it cost the animal its life. As Rosemary Douglas, who is deaf, sewed by herself while waiting for her husband to return to their Grand Haven Township mobile home, flames were creeping from the stove up a wall. Ginger, a specially trained dog for the deaf, came to warn her mistress of the impending danger.

"Ginger came into the room trying to get my attention." Rosemary Douglas said. "I thought she wanted water. Then I asked whether she wanted to go outside. That wasn't it either. And she got real frustrated and started going around circles. "That's when I went into the kitchen and there was a small fire." Rosemary, 52, who must use a wheelchair, tried to find a fire extinguisher but was driven back by the increasing intensity of the flames that were now shooting up a wall inside the home. She and Ginger were forced to the back entrance. And when she opened the door, the fire exploded; she and Ginger were hit from behind with an explosive blast of hot air. She landed outside face down with the wheelchair on top of her. "When I got up, Ginger ran back inside looking for (my husband) Roger because that's the time he was supposed to be home from work. I never saw her again," she said.

Responding fire units from Grand Haven Township later would find the dog's body in the Douglas' bedroom next to the bed. "She wasn't trained to go after Roger, but that's what she was doing," Rosemary said. "She did it on her own." Close to 24 hours later, the Douglases buried Ginger, who was 14, in the back yard of Rosemary Douglas' parents home in Muskegon. "I'm really going to miss her," Rosemary said. "We were together all of the time."

According to Grand Haven Township Fire Lt. Wes Collins, the fire was reported at 8:42 PM Monday in the River Haven Mobile Home Park. By the time units arrive, much of the Douglas home was engulfed in flames. Although crews were able to quickly extinguish the fire, the \$60,000 home was destroyed. Also destroyed were the contents, valued at \$20,000. Roger Douglas, 42, who works at Grand Haven's Engine Power Components, said the structure was fully insured and he was confident they soon would be able to buy a new home. Through the American Red Cross of Ottawa County, they were staying for the next three days at a Grand Haven motel. "It could have been worse," Roger said. "My wife owes her life to that dog."

According to fire investigators, the blaze started near the oven, in which two pot pies were baking at that time. Collins said the fire exploded through much of the home after the back door was opened. Ginger died from smoke inhalation, Collins said.

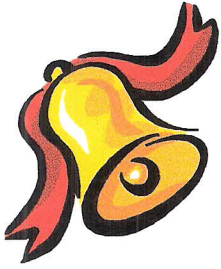
Roger said Ginger was obtained through the Paws with a Cause program in Grand Rapids, which provides specially trained dogs to the disabled. Ginger's training was extensive and included being taught to lift a ringing telephone off the receiver and to alert her owners to a ringing door bell. Ginger also was taught how to remove a baby from a crib in case of danger. Rosemary recalled that back in 1991, Ginger kept a youthful mugger at bay in Muskegon.

The two already have contacted Paws with a Cause and hope to have a new dog soon. "There typically is a year wait," Roger said. "We're hoping we can get one sooner."

Miriam Thurman, San Marcos, is proud of being a grandmother with her son's first triplets.



Photo: Cole, Cade and Caitlin with Halloween costumes on.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:



December 5 & 6, 2000 (Tuesday & Wednesday)

Open captioned movie, "**Bedazzled**", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale and Westheimer.

December 6, 2000 (Wednesday) Field Trip

Senior Citizens group will have a field trip to Katy Mill Mall. Anyone who plan to go on the trip need to be at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray by 8:30 AM. The bus will leave at 9 AM.

December 8, 2000 (Friday)

OPTICA, Illuminations... Theatre with the Deaf presents classic \$1 movie night, "**Magic Pasta Pot & Mars 2030**". The future of Deaf theatre – new artists are showcased with these two films produced locally in Houston!

December 8, 9, & 10, 2000 (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday)

Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Dr, Houston, will present Christmas play, **The Covenant**. Free admission and donation appreciated. Schedule for the play is: Friday night at 7:30 PM, Saturday at 2:30 and 7:30 PM, and Sunday at 2:30 PM



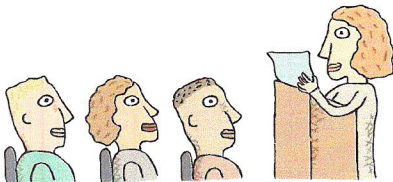
December 13, 2000 (Wednesday)

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

Merry Christmas

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NEW LOCATION OF MEETING



Meeting for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will move to St. Dominic Deaf Center on 2401 Holcombe in January 2001. Two meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays are still scheduled each month as planned.

The reason why the location of meeting changes is because rent due for a meeting room at Metro-Multi Service Center will increase effective January 2001. More information will be announced in the next newsletter.

December 2000

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					1	2  Jack Richard
3	4	5	6	7  Rubin Sims	8	9  Jack Autry
10	11	12	13 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	14	15  Joy McKinnon Marie Hays	16
17	18	19	20	21	22  Z.X. & Dorothy Curry - 1940	23
24  Sam Mangum Ray & Ann Edgley 1977	25 Christmas Day  Thomas & Billie Holloway - 1963	26	27 S.C.M.M.S.C. NO MEETING 	28  Eugene Piercy	29	30
31  Sam & Billie Mangum - 1946						

 Social Meeting

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 Anniversary



TWAS THE MONTH AFTER CHRISTMAS

Twas the month after Christmas, and all through the house

Nothing would fit me, not even a blouse.
The cookies I'd nibbled, the eggnog I'd taste
At the holiday parties had gone to my waist.
When I got on the scales there arose such a number!
When I walked to the store (less a walk than a lumber).
I'd remember the marvelous meals I'd prepared;
The gravies and sauces and beef nicely rare,
The wine and the rum balls, the bread and the cheese
And the way I'd never said, "No thank you, please."
As I dressed myself in my husband's old shirt
And prepared once again to do battle with dirt—
I said to myself, as I only can
"You can't spend a winter disguised as a man!"
So – away with the last of the sour cream dip,
Get rid of the fruitcake, every cracker and chip
Every last bit of food that I like must be banished
'Till all the additional ounces have vanished.
I won't have a cookie – not even a lick.
I'll want only to chew on a long celery stick.
I won't have hot biscuits, or corn bread, or pie,
I'll munch on a carrot and quietly cry.
I'm hungry, I'm lonesome, and life is a bore –
But isn't that what January is for?
Unable to giggle, no longer a riot.
Happy New Year to all and to all a good diet!



Author Unknown



CHRISTMAS PUNCH

4 c. orange juice
6 c. cranberry juice
1 c. water
6 oz. Frozen lemonade, thawed
½ c. brown sugar, firmly packed

3 tsp. Whole cloves
3 tsp. Ground allspice
1 whole nutmeg, crushed
Cinnamon sticks (about 3 inches)

Tie the spices in a piece of cheesecloth. Place the bundle in a saucepan & add the other ingredients. Bring to a boil, stirring often. Cover and reduce heat, letting the mixture simmer for 30 minutes.

This delicious blend of cranberry & orange juice, along with lemonade, makes a wonderful warm punch at Christmas time.



OBITUARIES

Clyde G. Hays, Jr., 84, passed away on October 28, 2000. He was a member of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf. He retired from Frank Gillman Pontiac and in recent years worked as a local craftsman and woodworker. Survived by his wife of 52 years, Marie Hays; daughters, Marie Ann Wheeler and husband David, Linda Sue Hays, Janet Desiree Hoffman; sons, Clyde G. Hays, III and wife Dorothy, John Patrick Hays and wife Deborah; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; his sister, Dorothy King; brother, Nelson Hays and wife Annabelle; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. Funeral Services were held at Woodlawn Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Arthur Craig officiating on November 1, 2000. Interment followed in Woodlawn Garden of Memories.

Ruth Whitake Smith, 82, died Thursday, Oct 12, 2000 in Amarillo, TX. Services were held at Paramount Baptist Deaf Church in Amarillo with Rev. Darrell Bonjour and Kelvin Jackson officiating. And buried in East Mound Cemetery at Matador by Schooler Funeral Home. Mrs. Smith was born in Whiteflat. A homemaker, she attended Austin School for the Deaf. She was a member of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church. She married Joe F. Smith in 1941 at Whiteflat. He died in 1970. Survivors include two daughters, Eulalia Dean of San Angelo and Judy Self of Abilene; two sons, Jim Tom Smith of Alva, Okla., and Bobby J. Smith of Fritch; and a sister, Fern Henderson of Matador.

Gustline Gamblin, 87, of Amarillo, died Sunday, Oct 15, 2000. Graveside Services were held at Llano Cemetery with Rev Darrell Bonjour of Paramount Baptist Deaf Church officiating. Arrangements were by Schooler Funeral Home. Mrs. Gamblin was born in Goldthwaite. She graduated from Barnard School for Girls in New York City, where she played basketball. She attended University of Texas in Austin, then returned to New York, where she attended New York Academy of Art in New York City. She moved to Amarillo in 1944. She was a member of Polk Street United Methodist Church. She married Rudy Gamblin in 1942 at Amarillo. He died in 1991. Survivors include two daughters, Cathy Snider of Maywood, Neb., and Mary Schrader of Amarillo; 10 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Alice Belle Henderson, 85, a longtime Houston resident passed away Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2000. Mrs. Henderson was born on Nov. 2, 1915 in Bluff City, TX. She was preceded in death by her husband, Olen R. Henderson. She is survived by her loving family, daughters and son-in-law, Judy and Bill Cline, Ruth Henderson; sons and daughters-in-law, Don and Sherry Henderson, Benny and Linda Henderson; 14 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; sister, Vera Schramme and numerous other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 1PM, Saturday, Nov. 11, 2000 in chapel of Brookside Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Craig of Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf officiating. Interment was followed at Brookside Cemetery.

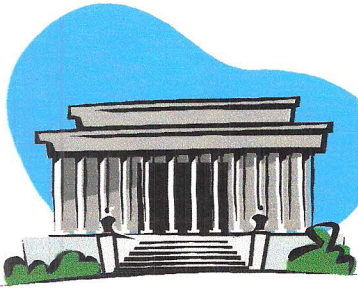
Curtis Smith, 80, of Porter, TX, passed away Monday, November 13, 2000. Mr. Smith was a member Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church and the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf, Houston Division Chapter 81. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, Pernella Smith; Daughter & son-in-law, Judy & John Roe; son & companion, Mark Smith & Theresa Prazuck; 3 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; sibling family, relatives, numerous nieces & nephews. Funeral Services were held at 10 am Wednesday, November 15, 2000 in Rosewood Chapel with interment to follow in Rosewood Memorial Park.

(question from page 2)

A: *It was 1924. Every year since, the president of United States ceremonially turns on the lights.*

FIELD TRIP TO NEW BRANUFELS

By Karen Hansen-Clifton, photographer and journalist



On Wednesday, November 15, 2000, about 24 Houston Deaf Senior Citizens had a field trip to New Branufels to visit New Braunfels Museum of Art. The museum, the former First Federal Savings and Loan building, opened to exhibiting Hummel collectibles and original paintings by Sister Maria Innocentia, the former Berta Hummel in October of 1992. A 30 minutes tape about a life of Sister Hummel in Germany and her talent artwork was displayed and then the group toured to see many beautiful collectibles of Hummel. Berta Hummel arrived at Siessen Convent in the late spring of 1931. She took her vows and become a nun in 1934. Her name was changed to Sr. Maria Innocentia after taking the vow, who loved to sketch, draw and paint children, often taking her inspiration from the children who lived near her convent. While at the convent, she taught art at a secondary school for girls and she often reward the children's good work with a religious picture she had created herself. At the young age of 37, Sr. Maria Innocentia had died of tuberculosis on November 6, 1946. Her artwork and the figurines still bear her name ever since.

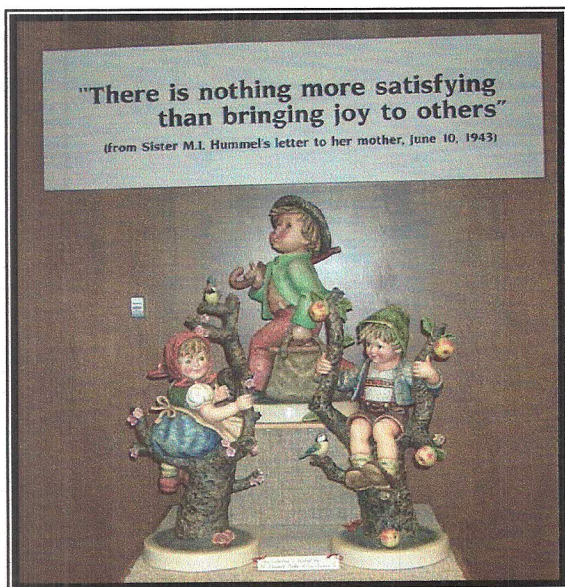


Photo on left: On a public display the world's largest collection of Hummel figurines are added to the collection by generous donors. A sign displays "There is nothing more satisfying than bringing joy to others" from Sister Maria Innocentia Hummel's letter to her mother, June 10, 1943.



Photo: Many beautiful Hummel figurines displayed at the museum.



Photo: Senior Citizens stopped by McDonald's for a break and had light breakfast at Oak Ridge, TX on their way to New Branufels.



Photos: The group stopped at a German restaurant, *Oma's Haus*, at New Branufels for lunch before touring the museum.

Photo: Senior Citizens had a great time and were anxiously returning to Houston.

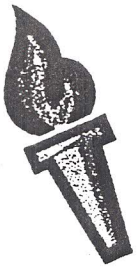


From Sandra Barnes-Smith of Austin, Texas

Marvin Zapalac, 78 yrs old, fell accidentally about 8 steps down from a top of the bench at a football stadium of Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) and hit his head. It happened during the Homecoming game on a weekend of October 14th. He was taken to Breckenridge Hospital in Austin and had a head surgery to remove the clot. He had been in the hospital for three weeks. Then on November 7, an ambulance transferred him to Health Medical Center in Dallas when I was with him. A few days later I went to visit and found that his condition has been improving. He will be staying there for several more weeks to have rehabilitation. He seems happy to stay in Dallas, his hometown and has enjoyed visitors. Please pray for him. He will appreciate a visit, note or get well cards. Thank you....

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