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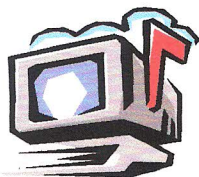
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*From the Editor:*

Dear Houston Senior Citizens & Friends:

Some Senior Citizens have talked with me about how they like the SC Newsletter lately. They also enjoyed viewing the memories of 2003 pictures on January issues. I hope you out-of-town readers are enjoying it, too. We, the staff, are still keeping up our good work for your reading pleasure.

Usually we have news about ourselves, Deaf Seniors, but maybe some of you would like your friends to know more about you and your family as well. Please send me your stories and pictures about your children and grandchildren for the SC Newsletter.

Now we are in the new year of 2004; hopefully, we will have the best year of everything. I hope you have a wonderful year!

*Audrey*

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Please send any news, information, jokes, pictures, recipes or anything that you want to share with Senior Citizens. **Please keep articles to less than 250 words, due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. **The deadline is on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Items received after the 15<sup>th</sup> will be held until next issue.

Note: Subscriptions are not paid within three months after the due date will be removed from our mailing list.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Audrey at 281-437-6224 TTY or fax at 281-416-0799 or e-mail at [audright@ev1.net](mailto:audright@ev1.net).



***Flash News for next field trip  
Houston, TX***

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray Dr, Houston, TX on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM or earlier. The bus will depart no later than 1:15 PM. The group will tour the Reliant Stadium.

9 – 11 AM – SC meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM - Lunch

2 PM – Reliant Stadium \$5.00 per person; approx. 1 hr full walking tour,  
Bring your wheelchair or cane if necessary

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 10<sup>th</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on the 11<sup>th</sup>.



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to LOVE FUND: Andrew & Martha Becham, Zelma Curbello, Thelma Jo Hays, Nancy & Jack Krone, Audrey Leger, Pernella Smith, Roger Spivey, Paula Szablowski, I. D. & Floyd Wicker, and Ruth Young.

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**NEW SUBSCRIBER:**

Welcome to our new subscriber: *M/M Hebert Picou*.

**RENEWALS:**

Thank you for your renewal: *Dorotha Altom, Martha & Andrew Beckham, Gordon Gibbons, Bobby Griggs, Doris Mae Jameson, Joe & Rose Katz, Mack E Malone, Robert E Miller, Jerrell & Betty Jo Quinn, Harry Richard, and Paul & Lola Richardson.*

**Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next four months:  
(Attention: those places or dates may be changed if unable to reserve or time permits)**

1. March 12, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Dane Vang and El Campo, TX ~~ Historical Museums
2. April 21, 2004 (Wednesday) ~~ Katy & Columbus, TX ~~ Forbidden Garden & Historical Museums
3. May 14, 2004 (Friday) ~~ Galveston, TX ~~ Bishop's Palace, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moody Mansion/Museum & Lone Star Flight Museum
4. June 2, 2004 (Wednesday) ~~ Lufkin, Weches & Crockett, TX ~~ Texas Forestry Museum, Downs-Aldrich House & Monroe Crook House

*December Birthdays*



**Left to right:** Jack Richard, Marie Hays, Billy Buza and Eugene Piercy

*January Birthdays*



**Front:** Sue Williamson  
**Left to Right:** Dorothy Curry, Elnora Morgan and Jenice Wells

# NEWS

## Brief News by Opal Piercy:

Those pictures are of R.B. & Joan Brubaker and their son, Dan. They slipped off to Utah where they used to live to see some of their dear friends then flew on to Seattle, Washington to see Dan. Dan is a treasurer for N.A.D. (National Association of the Deaf) and he's much like his father, R.B. as R.B. is very involved in N.A.D. I thought it was special for Joan to make the trip as she doesn't get out much here in Houston. They all had a great time and Joan talks as if she is ready for another trip. Joan, we are so glad you had such a good time & hope you can make another trip before too long. Wanted to share this with the other Seniors.



## Trip News by Montie Strother:

We, forty-eight Baytown Lee College Senior Citizens, flew to New York for 5-day tour from November 20 to 25 of 2003.

There was a reception after we settled down our hotel. That night we went to Broadway show and saw a very good show named "Aida." Broadway is a beautiful theater.

All day Friday sight-seeing tour: Greenwich Village, the Wall Street district, Little Italy Chinatown, the Empire State Bldg, United Nations with all Flags, Chryster Bldg, the Rockfellow Center Bldg, and the World Trade Center. On the Fifth Avenue, 16 miles longer, 2 stories white apartment house facing the Central park. Its rent is from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a month.

At the end Fifth Ave, we went to Belvedere Castle which built in 1865, sitting on the Vista Rock, the highest point Central Park.

Friday night: Went to Radio City Music Hall, Incredible Christmas Spectacular the high kicking Rockettes. The most fascinate performance they did was the life of Christ with their music and voice. So beautiful!

Saturday: Visited the Cathedral of St John, the Divine, the largest cathedral in the world, built gothic style, and visited the Metropolitan Museum of Arts. Saturday night: Broadway show, "Phantom of the Opera".

Sunday: Trip to State Lady Liberty and the Ellis Island; after that, a farewell banquet at World Famous Tavern on the Green. Then we stopped off at the Empire State Building, 80 stories. What a spectacular building!

Monday: At 6:30 AM we all went to NBC studio to view their show that we're in it. Then we caught our flight to fly back home. It was fantastic and great!

## DEAFDIGEST GOLD – JANUARY 11, 2004

### NEWS OF THE WEEK:

DEAFDIGEST dedicates this edition to James Randall, a long time teacher and media specialist at Washington School for the Deaf. He passed away recently. (See Obituary page 11)

In the full-length deaf-produced movie "Deafula" shown in the mid-seventies, James had a small acting role.

## **DEAFSPORTSHISTORY:**

**Q.** Who was probably the world's best walker never to take part in the Olympics?

**A.** Morris Davis, who was deaf, won a number of walking races in the thirties. Because of circumstances beyond his control, he never had the opportunity to complete in the Olympics. He, however, took part in the 1965 Deaflympics competing against walkers young enough to be his grandchildren!

## **DEAFDIGEST BLUE – JANUARY 11, 2004**

### **HOW MANY OF US ARE ATTORNEYS?**

We have a good number of deaf attorneys. How many really? According to one deaf attorney interested in such statistics, we have about 100 deaf and hard of hearing attorneys that are in actual practice. The numbers of those that have earned law degrees but are not in practice may be significantly higher. And at the present rate, we are gaining five to ten new deaf & hard of hearing attorneys each year. It was maybe just one new such attorney every two years.

How many hearing attorneys are out there? In excess of one million according to a recent USA Today Survey.

### **DEAF STUDENT IN SUPER BOWL OPENING:**

For all you football fans (and non-football fans) – watch the opening of the Super Bowl at Reliant Stadium of Houston. A deaf/hard of hearing student, Suzanna Christy from the Robert E Lee High School of Deer Park, TX will sign while Beyonce Knowles sings the National Anthem. What an opportunity for this girl!

### **TWO NEWS FROM TENNIE SESSIONS:**

On December 6, 2003 Jerrell & Betty Jo Quinn, Mario & Charm Montalvo, Sammy & Brenda Oates, Morris & Sandra Porter, Patricia (Beadles) Fair, J.C. & Janet Morris, Sandra Barnes-Smith and I went to Salado near Georgetown for 1958 TSD Class Reunion. After we ate breakfast at Uncommon Café, we went strolling along old Salado Town, shopping all day.

That evening we sat close to the big fireplace to keep us warm until our table ready. Then we went upstairs to Salado Mansion (Mexican Food) for dinner. We talked about memorable stories while growing up. It was a lot of fun. And the food was good. Then some went for a ride on the stagecoach to see the Christmas decorations and lights, while the others enjoyed walking through the town shopping. It was lovely. It was so cold outside; I couldn't ride on the stagecoach.

Next day we gathered together for breakfast at La Quinta Inn, and then we said our good byes to each other until we meet again in 2008. We had a wonderful time.

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I will never forget how beautiful the little deaf children from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> grades from TSD and San Marcos sang Christmas Carols with their hands sign to us at La Vista. We think they were cute and smart. Their teachers lead us playing bingo. The children loved it because they wanted toys for the prizes. The Sertoma Club brought pizza, cookies and soda water to us. We were glad to see Nell Davis there. She works part time with the deaf children at San Marcos.

It was great. We are looking forward for the deaf children come back next year.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February 3, 2004 (Tuesday)



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will be held on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Dr. Houston at 7 PM. The presentation will be: Houston Police Dept K-9 Bomb Dog. Come and learn what a useful asset they are to the city and how they help keep the airports and city safer in the time since 9-11. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

## February 6, 2004 (Friday)



**FRAT** will have a meeting and luncheon at 11 AM Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right).

## February 7, 2004 (Saturday)



**ASL Social's 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** at Knights of Columbus, Houston, TX 77024 Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 9 PM. There will be the booths and buffet. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at [spivey39@ev1.net](mailto:spivey39@ev1.net).

## February 10, 2004 (Tuesday)



**Chief's Citywide "PIP"** will have a meeting at 1200 Travis on Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. The presentation will be: Topic Workshop. Come hear HPD Command Staff share Legislative issues that are important to the department and you. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

## February 11, 2004 (Wednesday)



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

## February 11, 2004 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a tour at Reliant Stadium of Houston. Please be at **Metropolitan Multi-Service Center**, 1475 West Gray, Houston at 1 PM or earlier. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

## February 19, 2004 (Thursday)



















Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have fellowship and potluck at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. 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.

## February 25, 2004 (Wednesday)



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

# February 2004

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| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9   | 10 Chief's Citywide<br>"PIP" Meeting<br> | 11 S.C.M.M.S.C.<br> | 12 ABRAHAM<br>LINCOLN'S<br>BIRTHDAY<br><br> | 13 FIELD TRIP<br>Houston Area<br>Agnes Foster<br><br> | 14 Happy Valentine<br>Day<br><br>Pauline & Billy<br>Corum-2001<br> |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 16  | 17                                                                                                                         | 18                                                                                                     | 19 S.C. SOCIAL<br>WOODHAVEN<br>                                                                                                | 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 22 GEORGE<br>WASHINGTON'S<br>BIRTHDAY<br><br> | 23  | 24                                                                                                                         | 25 S.C.M.M.S.C.<br>  | 26<br>Jack & Hazel<br>Richard-1942<br>                                                                                         | 27                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 29<br>Martha Quinn<br>                                                                                                         |     |                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

# *Field Trip to Alvin & Lake Jackson, TX*

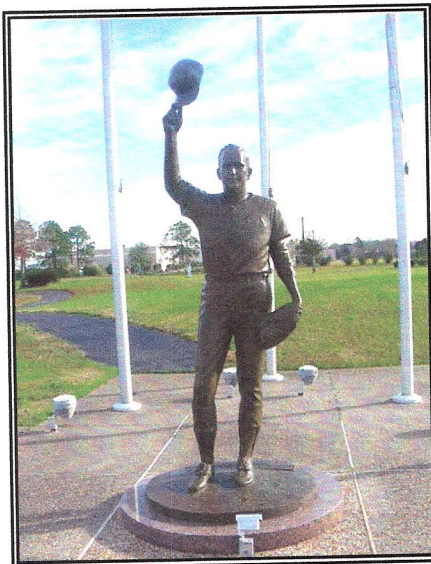
*January 9, 2004*

After a bad storm in Houston on Thursday, the Senior Citizens enjoyed a trip on a beautiful, sunny day on Friday, Jan 9<sup>th</sup>. We toured the Nolan Ryan Center in Alvin and learned more about the life of Nolan Ryan and his baseball career. Houston Astros and Texas Rangers are two of the teams that he has played for. Then after lunch, at Ryan's Steakhouse in Lake Jackson, we toured the Sea Center Texas. It was really interesting to learn how they raise fish before releasing them into the Gulf. There is an aquarium of some very unusual and beautiful fish that we haven't seen before. There are also some beautiful sea plants as well. The tour was enjoyable and relaxing for all of us. (See pictures below.)



**Picture at the right:**  
The group watching a video on the life of Nolan Ryan.

**Picture on the left:**  
Mary Ella Redman interprets in front of a young Nolan Ryan.



The statue of Nolan Ryan located in the front of the Nolan Ryan Center in Alvin, TX.

**Picture at the right:**  
Photo of Nolan throughout his career as a pitcher, with speeds in excess of 90 mph.

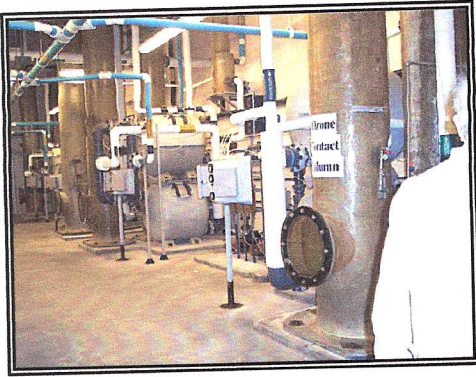


Lake Jackson, TX.



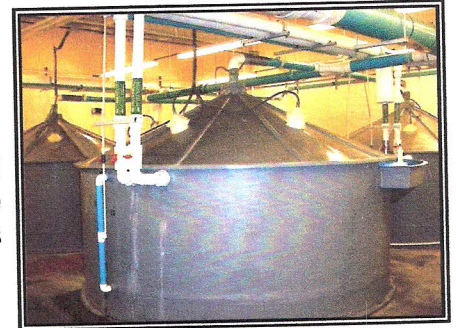


## Sea Center Texas Life Support Equipment

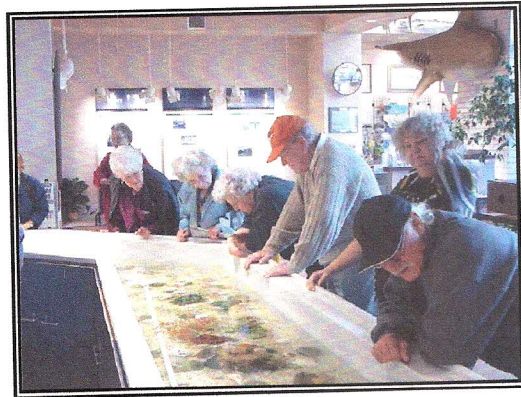


Those equipment are pumping the dirt out of the water. There are several kind of filters including ozone treatment that the pump has to process from fish tanks to fish tanks to get clean water for the fishes.

Those big tanks hold two to five fishes depending on the size of female and male that are to be mated. The eggs would be floating toward outside of the sink next to the tanks; the workers would then start taking care of the fishes to be grown four to six inches long before releasing them into the Gulf.



The group watched the jellyfishes, crabs and others floating in a large water tub.



BLUE LINKIA SEASTAR

## Wedding Anniversary



Z X & Dorothy Curry – 12-22-1940  
64<sup>th</sup> Anniversary..... Congratulations!

### Christmas Day Wedding Anniversary

Tom & Billie Holloway - 12-25-1963  
41<sup>st</sup> Anniversary..... Congratulations!

(No picture)



Raymond & Ann Edgley – 12-24-1977  
27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary..... Congratulations!

### New Year Day Wedding Anniversary

Gene & Jean Harkness - 1-1-1949  
55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary..... Congratulations!

(No picture)

# Deaf History



## Annie Jump Cannon 1863 – 1941

Curator of Astronomical Photography Harvard Observatory

Annie Jump Cannon catalogued more than 250,000 stars by studying the spectrum of each star from photographs. Her research restructured the classification system for stars - in the Henry Draper Catalogue - which continues to be used by astronomers to this day.

As part of the Draper Catalogue team, she worked with a large group of women at the Harvard Observatory to study photos of stellar spectral fields. After more than ten years working on the project she was appointed Curator of the collection of photographs.

Deafness, caused by an illness in her youth, was an advantage for her work. By removing her hearing aids she could work without distractions, enabling her to classify 120 stars every hour. She thinks of the stars' compositions as the architecture of the celestial mansions and their classification as the streaming of celestial tribes.

*This information is from McDonald Observatory Museum.*

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### DeafSportsHistory -

Year 1930 - a Club Canoe regatta at Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, NY was declared a default. Why? Because the race officials forgot to inform Scott Hutchins and Jack Ebin, both deaf, that were waiting in the club house that the race was to start and that they were to begin their positions. After the race, these angry deaf canoeists confronted the race officials, who immediately declared the race a default!

*DeafDigest Gold ~ January 18, 2004 Barry Strassler, Editor*

# REST IN PEACE

## OBITUARIES



**Ermine Bernice (Mores) Melancon**, a resident and native of Baton Rouge, she died Sunday, Dec 21, 2003. She was 79. Visiting held at Rabenhorst Funeral Home East chapel, 11000 Florida Blvd, from 10 a.m. until service at 1 p.m. Tuesday, conducted by Bill Dugas. Interment held in Resthaven Gardens of Memory. Survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Johnna Melancon, and Cheryl & Frank Hurstell; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Darryl Melancon, and Paul & Becky Melancon; a sister, Genie McAllister; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, John Melancon; parents, Michel and Alice Mores. She was a graduate of the Louisiana School for the Deaf. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 12090 S Harrell's Ferry Road, Suite B, Baton rouge, LA 70816 or the Catholic Deaf Center, 2585 Brightside Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820.

**Boyce Neely Jones, TSD '46, 78**, passed away January 5, 2004. He was born July 20, 1925. He lived in La Vista Retirement Community of San Marcos, TX. He was survived by their children, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Jones, Kathy Weldon & her husband, Frank, Patti Trofimenkoff, Jenny Jones, and grandchildren. The gravesite was held at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, 2800 Hancock Dr, Austin, TX at 10 AM, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Memorial Service/Pot Luck was held at La Vista conference on 1615 Redwood Rd, San Marcos that afternoon at 3 PM. The Jones Family thank you for your love, kindness, and support.

*"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."*

*St. John, Chapter 14, Verse 27*

**James Randall**, the class of 1954 at the Gallaudet University and formerly teacher at Louisiana School for the Deaf, collapsed and passed away January 7, 2004. The cause of his death was an aneurysm in his stomach which caused a heart attack. The service was held at First church of God, 3300 N.E. 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver, WA on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Lillian Watzlavick, (Mary Jo Stevens' aunt)**, beloved wife of Joseph Watzlavick, mother of Ellen and Anna, and grandmother of seven grandchildren passed away January 8, 2004. . Visitation held at 1 PM. Sunday, January 11, 2004 with a Rosary at 2 PM at Earthman Bellaire Chapel, 6700 Ferris. Memorial Mass 2 PM Monday, January 12, 2004 at Holy Ghost Catholic Church, 6921 Chetwood.

**Johnnie M Anderson, Stella Ashley's mother**, passed away recently. The visitation/family viewing on Thursday, January 15, 2004 from 6 to 8 PM at Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas, TX. The funeral service was held at 1:30 PM Friday, January 16, 2004 at First Baptist Church Dallas.

## BIBLE BASED HUMOR



There was this gracious lady mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten commandments," answered the lady.

Somebody once figured out that we have 35 million laws trying to enforce 10 commandments.

E-mail from a friend



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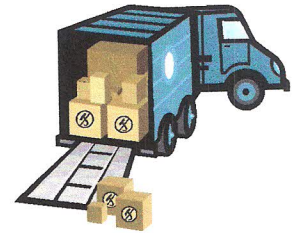
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