

1999 JULY 1999
HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

NEWSLETTER

Senior Citizens Program

THE AMERICAN ILLUSTRATORS HALL OF FAME

The Artists Go 4th

*"Such is the patriot's boast, where'er we roam/His first,
best country ever is, at home."—OLIVER GOLDSMITH*

When it came to celebrating a holiday as treasured as the one commemorating the signing of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776, *The Saturday Evening Post's* often playful illustrators did not fool around. Over the years their work centered not only on fireworks and parades, but also on patriotism, heroes, and memorable events.

How better to rekindle our feelings on this day than by reviewing *Post* covers of the past and recalling memorable lines from those a little closer to the action, immortal words that helped preserve the patriotism to our nation.

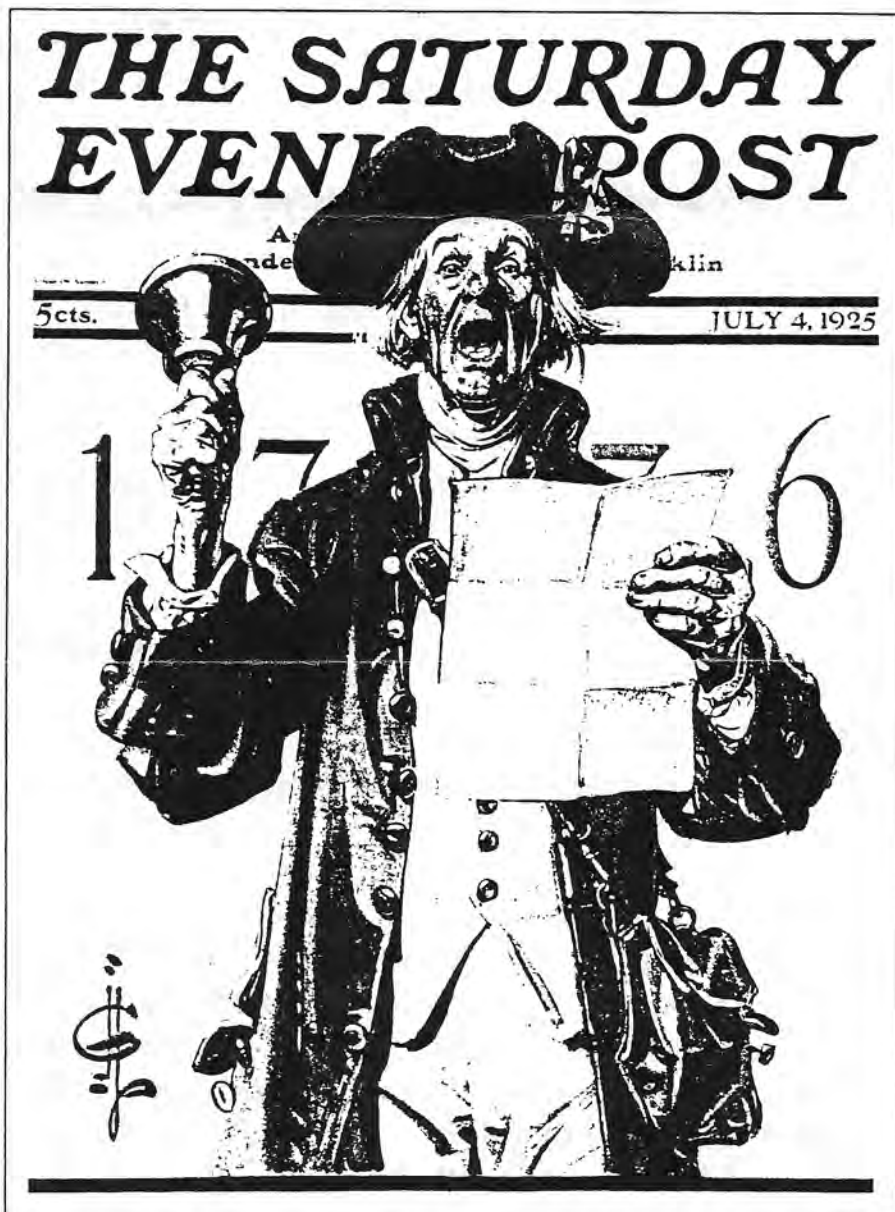
In December of 1776, Thomas Paine wrote in *The American Crisis*:

"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of men and women."

The solemnity of this holiday deserves also the words of John Adams, who wrote of this "most memorable" event in the history of America:

"It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward for evermore."

We leave the day to our *Post* illustrators to take it from here. ✱



Hear ye! Hear ye! "... We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights ..."



Deaf and Hard of Hearing "PIP" Meeting



Animal Control



Woodhaven Church for the Deaf
9920 Long Point

WHEN: 7:00 p.m. . . .

▶ **TUESDAY, July 6, 1999**

From: Officer **RANDY MELTON**

Hope to see you there. My TDD # 713-308-9071

Emergency # 911 - then tap space bar !

Voice # 713-308-9079 Fax # 713-308-9073

Signed Interpreters and Captioning Provided



July 14, 1999 - Second Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be a regular meeting. Lois Good will continue the exercises. Enjoy meeting and talk to your friends.

HAVE A GOOD DAY!!

July 15, 1999 - Third Thursday for Senior Citizens with Happy faces to meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point with oh! delicious covered dishes. Come and join lots of fun playing the games, talking to one another and enjoy good lunch. Please call Maurice Ford at 713-455-3507 or Elnora Morgan at 713-675-1531 and let either know what you expect to bring.

HAVE A NICE TIME!!

July 28, 1999 - Fourth Wednesday for Senior Citizens to meet at M.M.S.C. from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. There will be regular meeting for everyone. Come on enjoy the day to play games.

HAVE A NICE TIME!!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RENEWALS!!

Ruth Jones, Harry Huthance, Carter Beardens, Emma Cross, Hazel Davis, Martin Bienvenu, Alfred Wagner, Dorothy Nelson, Barbara Johnson, Eugene Alaniz, Robert Haydel, Jessie Martinez, Mary J. Simpson, Irene Burt, Ima J. Martin, Clyde Kelley, Lenora Heine, Norma Hensley, and Herbert Picou



From Van Gunn - son of Juanita and Fred Gunn

Home Sweet Home

I've been to my parents new apartment and feel a need to write to you and let you know what I've seen and experience.

Moving Day - The moving company met us at the new complex and so did the new neighbors, a couple from Arizona, a lady from Florida, a man from California as Mom and Dad sat outside on a beautiful sun filled day and the wind flowing across the top of the hill, the new deaf residents hands flowing and smiles never stopped.

As Mom, Dad, and I sat outside watching the beautiful sun set, off the front porch to the west change from a orange sun to clouds of lavender and pink with blue. The star started to appear, twinkling like little diamonds. I could see the calmness and beauty of Peace cover the rolling hill side and with Mom and Dad too and how their eyes twinkled like diamonds.

We went in the apartment leaving the front and side doors open, as we sat there. The fresh clean smell of country breeze. I drove home that night knowing that Mom and Dad are happy, safe, and peaceful. As I reflected on the day and remembering the friendly new deaf neighbors. I could help but think. This must have been the joy and Dad and Mom have, when summer was over and joy filled their hearts as they went back to the deaf school where they had deaf friends and communication.

The next day I drove back and I drove up the hill. Dad was walking around the property and Mom and her new neighbors sitting outside talking about everyone getting together to play cards.

I entered the sun filled apartment, and the living room which was so open and spacious with the beautiful view out and down the hill. Then the clean, easy to walk around kitchen with enough cabins space to make Mom happy and the dish washer. What a nice feeling to know there is enough room in the kitchen and the rest room enough room to dance in.

Mom and Dad were worried about closet space. Hey Mom can go shopping now at the Outlet Mall and fill up the rest of the closet space.

I never knew there was a deaf heaven and earth but at La Vista Deaf Retirement community in San Marcos, Texas. There is a deaf Heaven Home Sweet Home.

Big thanks to former and present American Foundation for the Elderly Deaf (AFED) Board members and John Hemenway.

From Zelma Curbello

St. Dominic Deaf Center gave Farewell Party for Miriam Thumann. She received nice gifts and beautiful plaque and lovely dinner and dessert. Miriam moved to La Vista Retirement Home July 11th. at San Marcos, Texas. Everybody will miss her and hope she will find happiness. We Houston will miss her very much.

Gene and Jean Harkness' grandson, Cody was a honor Cum Laude graduate from Jersey Village Senior High School May 29. He now works at Astro World through this summer. He'll plan to attend Texas A & M University this fall.

On June 5, Z. X. Curry took his wife, Dorothy to the emergency room at Spring Branch Memorial Hospital. The doctor said she was having a light stroke. She was lucky and got there in time and she stayed there for a week. She takes up therapy. We all wish Dorothy a speedily recovery.

Four days a year, every year, a special American flag flew from a tall loblolly pine in our front yard in the Memorial area.

Every Memorial Day, every Flag Day, every Independence Day and every Veterans

Homer Kelso '39 will fly to Washington, D. C. with his son, John on June 16th to be there for 3 days. Homer will receive one of the K V U E - T V 24's "Five Who Care Awards" and pay Homer's expenses because he worked for Capitol Area Food Bank Volunteer for many years. Congratulations to Homer Kelso!

Howard Pace's health has improved since heart operation. He is still walking a mile every day. This is a miracle!!

Morris '58 and Sally Porter were very excited to buy a new house at Kyle, Texas last year. Finally they moved there last week. Congratulations to them!

Lester and Norma Hensley - Naftally flew to Austin from California on April 22nd. Their car was shipped to Austin one week later. They will stay here until next September. They enjoy visiting, talking and playing the different card games at Senior Citizens' Place. They look very good.

Weldon Tittle '40 visited Jerry and Dovie Hassell on June 9. Jerry told him that he was still under treatment due to his failing kidneys three times a week at a dialysis clinic. He is little better from now on. We need to pray for him to get strength in the future.

Charm '58 and Mario '57 Montalvo of San Antonio visited Janet Britt '58 and J. C. Morris '55 in Austin on June 1. Charm is going to retire soon. Mario will retire next February. Mario and J. C. Morris were at the Golf Tournament last weekend.

On June 22 Glenn Brunson '59 will have a plan for Senior Citizen's Field trip to Elgin, Texas to visit a famous sausage factory. There will be 19 deaf people and two persons from San Antonio. It will be a very interesting trip.

Bob Barlow and his wife, Virginia (Rost) of Dallas stayed with Beth and Ron Strain during the Golf Tournament. It was fun! Also June and Don Greer of Dallas stayed with Beth and Ron Strain. William Lane won third place at the Golf Tournament.

Bennie Richardson Smith passed away May 20. Sandra Barnes -Smith '58 and Dorothy Miller Floyd '59 sang a song for the funeral. We will always remember her because she was a very wonderful person. We will miss her very much. The funeral was conducted at Wilke - Clay -Fish Funeral Home.

On May 22 Liz Sprouse and I traveled to Broomfield, Colorado to spend one week with her deaf parents. After returning from Denver, Colo to Amarillo, Liz sang some songs about Jesus while I looked at the mountains with snow as Liz drove my car on May 29. I was thinking how great God made it all! I will never forget how beautiful it was ! Next day we drove from Amarillo to Austin for 11 1/2 hours. We did enjoy traveling very much all day. I have been there three times a year. I don't know if I will go there again next year.

Letter - to - Editor

NOTE TO EDWARD KRONICK— Hello Ed, I just learned that you and your wife are now residing in Austin, TX. Thanks to the *Texas Communication*. That is the finest news I heard—you live across only two states from our home--Pleasant Grove, AL. I suppose you have grown to be tired of being a city slicker and decided to be Texasized. Remember you and I fished on Aurora Lake in Ohio? Well, there are nice places to fish in Texas area. I used to fish on Lake Hurst, Pedernales River, Dripping Ink Dam, and Buchanan Dam. I would love to hear from you. If you should have a computer, my e-mail address is <BONNICURLY1@juno.com>.

—Charles W. Burney, Jr.

Seattle, WA. 98115-4664

June 3, 1999

Mrs. Jean Harkness
1945 Lynnview Drive
Houston, Texas 77074

Dear Jean:

The object of this letter is to give you a wee bit of news about Texans (Deaf)visiting up here. I would like for you to know that Melba Beshears was a visitor in our home for a couple of hours a week ago. She was here as a fan of the local Bowling Tournament and as a guest of Ken and Sandra Gordon for a couple of weeks. Melba is the sister of the former Lois (Beshears) Duncan, but now divorced from Richard Duncan. Richard is the brother of Fred Duncan, Jr. That makes him the son of my wife, Katie (Rives-Duncan) Poe. That is to help you to know just who Melba Beshears is, as I do not know who she married. She did say whom she married, but I do not recall his name. Melba was a very witty person and also very entertaining. She has a very cute dog, that has a longer long family tree, that can go further back than Santa Ana and the Alamo! Too long for me to recall ... something like a Chihuahua with just enough hair to make one say she is/was bald!!! SMILE!!! I cannot recall half of the jokes she spoke of too many, and good clean ones, too!

I really wish she had Lois with her, because I am very fond of her son, Dale, who lives in Round Rock, Texas, and is a policeman in Georgetown, TX, also has two lovely daughters and a real cute dog. All individuals were brought up in the conversation, and we had a great deal of fun. I love that kind of company, but I guess I had better stop here and now and go upstairs to dinner while it is hot! SMILE!!! I wish we had a lot more company like those!

Love and deep respect,

Hugh and Katie, too!

HUGH and KATIE POE, TOO!!!!

"Dear Mom and Dad," a young college student wrote home to his family. "I haven't heard from you in a nearly a month. Please send me a check so I'll know you're all right."

It is not enough to have a good mind. The main thing is to use it well.

George Washington was the only president to receive all electoral college votes twice, in the 1788 and 1792 elections.



WITH OUR VERY DEEPEST SYMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING
THOUGHTS IN THE LOSS OF ONE VERY DEAR TO YOU.

HOUSTON DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS

Bennie Richardson Smith, 88, a longtime resident of Austin, Texas, died Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at her home in Abilene, where she had lived for the past three and a half years. Mrs. Smith was born on October 9, 1910, in Hallsville, Texas. She attended the Texas School for the Deaf and was a licensed beautician in Austin who owned and operated a beauty shop for many years. She married William Robert Smith on June 28, 1929, in Austin. She lived in Hallsville, Austin and Amarillo. She was a charter member of Les Sourdes, an Organization for deaf women. She was also the first deaf member of Congress Avenue Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert and her daughter, Peggy Bush. Survivors include her daughter, Bennie Ruth Davis, of Abilene; her son - in - law, Vernon Davis of Abilene, six grandchildren and six great - grandchildren. She was an integral part of the lives of her family and friends, and she will be dearly missed. Funeral services was 10:00 a. m., Friday, at Wilke, Clay - Fish Funeral Home on South Congress, with Dr. Vernon Davis officiating, Burial was Austin Memorial Park.

From Bennie Ruth Davis - daughter of Bennie Smith

Dear Jean,

Mother always looked forward to each issue of your newsletter and she read it all eagerly. We had enjoyed having her here living with us, and we will miss her terribly. She died May 18, 1999.

I am enclosing her obituary. I will appreciate your sharing with your readers. Thank you.
Bennie Ruth Davis

Letter - to - Editor

On June 4th. My son, Bob, and I drove to Lafayette, La. For the annual LAD Convention at the Lafayette Hilton Towers. We arrived there at 1:00 P.M. When we entered, I saw Jack Falcon and met with him for a while then my old friends and classmates from school met with me. After that, I had lunch and then met more of my old friends. I attended the LAD meeting until 5:00 PM. Many of the people caught the bus to Baldwin for Casino Night from 5:00 PM to 11:00 PM. I did not go, so Bob and I went to Don's Restaurant. Oh boy the dinner was good!! Saturday we had meetings all day. The comedy show was canceled because the meeting went too long. Also, the beauty pageant was canceled because there needed to be 4 girls, and only 2 entered. After the meeting, the people went to Bingo, but we did not go. So Bob and I went back to Don's again where we met with Mr. And Mrs. Robert Southwell and Effie Hill Miller. It was good to see them. Sunday the people went to the picnic, but Bob and I had to leave for home. I really enjoyed meeting with my old friends and classmates from school.

Helen Bourque



CONGRATULATIONS



The Seegers Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Julius and Ruth Seeger celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 29, 1999. Julius P. Seeger and Ruth M. Taubert were married in Washington, D.C. at the Gallaudet University Chapel on May 29, 1949.

After making their home in Austin, Texas, they were both educators at the Texas School for the Deaf for 37 years and retired 13 years ago. Mr. Seeger has been recognized for his leadership with various community organizations that provide services to people who are developmentally disabled and deaf. Mrs. Seeger has participated in and coached numerous sporting events with the World Games for the Deaf and continues to be active in the State and National Senior Olympics, holding several National records in her age category. They both continue to be active board members of the newly developed LaVista Retirement Community in San Marcos, Texas, focused on the unique aging and communications needs of seniors who are deaf.

Their son, Mark Seeger of Austin, is the National Customer Relations manager with Sprint Relay, a service that provides telephone interpreting services between people who can hear and those who are deaf, hard-of-hearing, deaf-blind or speech-impaired.

An anniversary reception for family and friends was held at the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. A family anniversary dinner was held later that same evening.



On April 23, 1999, Ben & Laverne Harmon's daughter, Sherry, Married David Sedberry in Huntsville, Alabama. The very handsome father was on hand to walk the very beautiful bride down the aisle. Congratulations!

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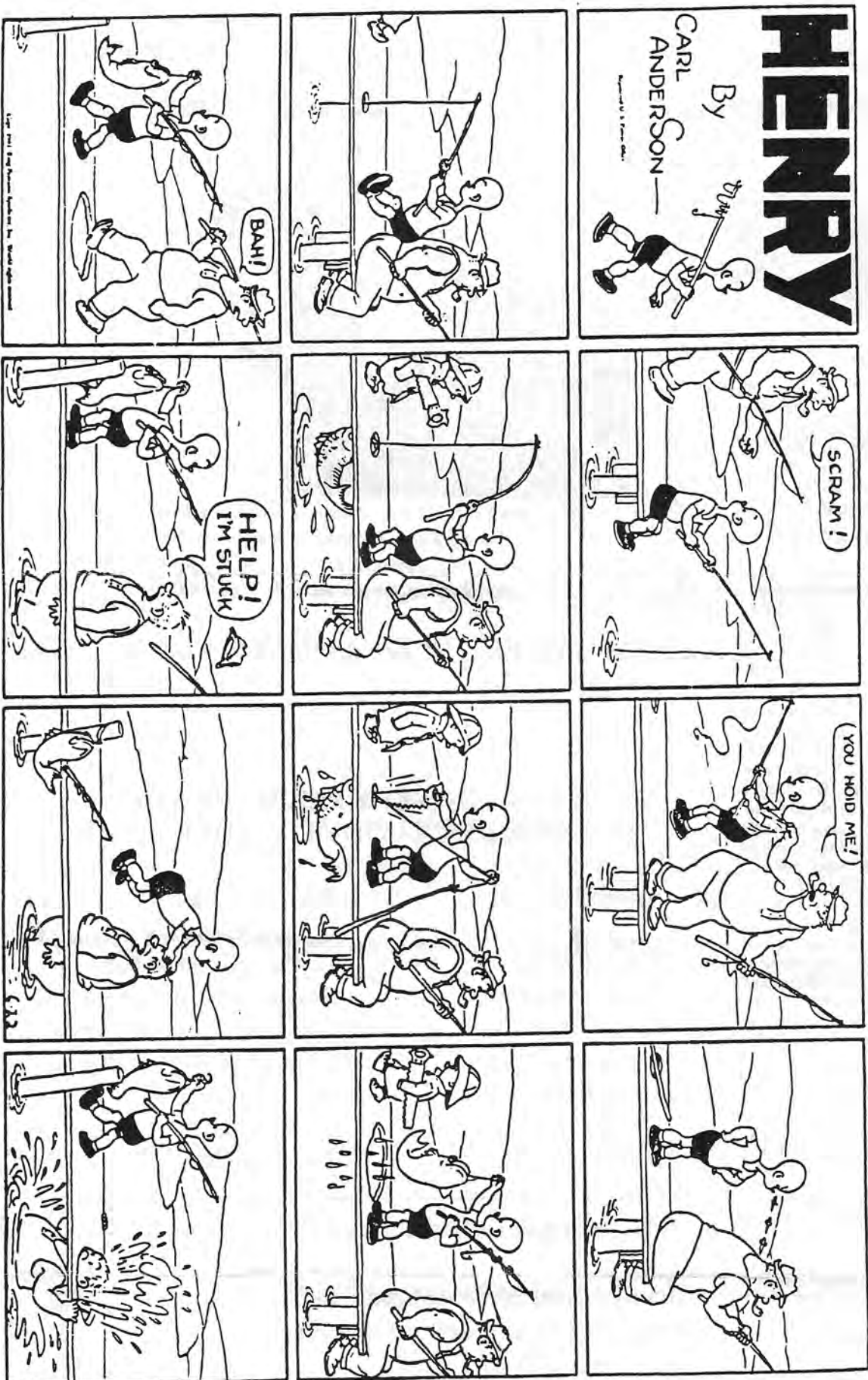


A Happy 4th of July holiday to one and all!! Please drive carefully and have a safe and happy holiday.

From Maurice Ford

Elnora Morgan and I went to Scott, LA on June 4 and 5 to visit Gracie Villemarette and Aaron Theriot in their mobile home. Then we attended the Louisiana Association of the Deaf picnic in Lafayette. Elnora ate five pounds of red crawfish at Pat's Seafood restaurant on the riverway. What a big appetite she had! But she enjoyed every bite of it. We returned home safely Sunday evening even after driving under bad lightning and heavy rain all the way. Wow!

Good Old Days Remembers Henry

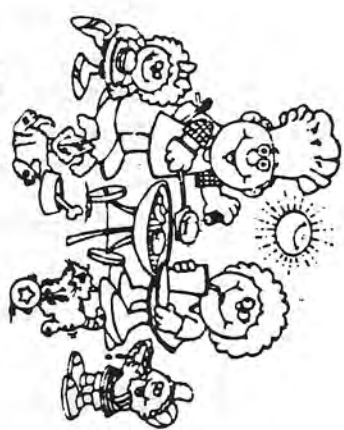


The Great Depression drained Carl Anderson of his saving. He decided to leave New York in 1932 and returned to Wisconsin where he worked with his father and taught cartooning at night. About to call it quits as a cartoonist, Carl made up a batch of gag cartoons about a bald, scrawny - necked Kid named Henry, and sent them to the Saturday Evening Post.

Anderson had a unique drawing style. He used simple outlines with solid blacks, mostly concentrated on Henry's shorts, which instantly caught the reader's attention.

This strip was popular because readers instantly recognized "gag". They didn't have to bother reading the balloons. Henry always managed to bring a bit of laughter when it was needed most.

Bad luck hit Carl Anderson in 1942, and he was forced to quit his work because of illness. He turned Henry over to his two able assistants, Don Trachte and John Liney. All in all this popular strip continued even after Anderson's passing on November 4, 1948.



BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



JULY 1999

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
				8	9	10
4 Independence Day	5	6 P.I.P Meeting	7	15 S.C. Social Woodhaven	16	17
11	12	13	14 S.C. M.M.S.C.	22	23	24
18	19	20	21 S.C. M.M.S.C.	28 S.C. M.M.S.C.	29	30
25	26	27				31

- 1.....Montie Strther
- 3.....Henrietta Devine
Joyce Hammons
- 4.....Early McVey
- 6.....William Lambert
- 8.....Arlene Benham
- 9.....James Spaulding
- 10.....Ruby Lavender
Lynwood Davis
- 11.....Evelyn Henderson
- 12.....Thelma Jo Hays
- 13.....Z. X. Curry
- 15.....Helen Bourque
- 18.....Clyde Clark
Arthur Craig
- 28.....Alma Whittmore



- Eugene & Opal Piercy
July 1, 1944.....55 years
- Albert & Joyce Hammons
July 1, 1944.....55 years
- Homer & Joan West
July 5, 1963.....36 years
- Rubin & Faye Simms
July 7, 1956.....43 years
- Lowell & Ruth Montogmey
July 14, 1955.....44 years
- Joe & Lennie Morton
July 20, 1941.....58 years
- Jack & Evelyn Autry
July 21, 1951.....48 years

Hello! Welcome to our Senior Citizen Fellowship at City of Houston Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. on second and fourth Wednesday. There are plenty of safe parking spaces.
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