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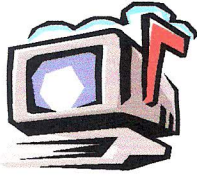
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Happy Halloween



Reminder:
Don't forget to turn one hour backward
on Oct. 28th!!!





FROM THE EDITOR :

Dear Ruth Jones:

No, I don't live in Austin, but I did attend Texas School for the Deaf at Austin. Also, I am still waiting to receive a new address of Mary Frances Spanbauer.

Frank Shaw

Dear Fred & Juanita Gunn:

Thank you for your renewal. I would love for you to send any news about La Vista Retirement and events what they have done for our Senior Citizens newsletter. I would appreciate it very much.

Frank Shaw

I remind you that I do really need your help to locate **Mary Frances (Sheppard) Spanbauer**. If any of you know where she lives or have her address, please do send it to me at 9954 Kirkshire Dr., Houston, TX 77089-2207.

Please send any news, information or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. 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 15th of each month.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Thank you.

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From C.R.R.:

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From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We personally want to thank you very much for your generous donations to Love Fund: *Doris Adams, Arlene Benham, LaRue Clifton, Marie & Clyde Hays, Elnora Morgan, Frank Shaw, and Pernelle & Curtis Smith.*

Thank you, **Nadine Moore**, for your generous donation to Love Fund from selling raffles. Opal Piercy won the prize, Tea Pot.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for renewal: *Carter Bearden, Rita DeVries, Larry Fewell, James Ford, Fred & Juanita Gunn, Ben Harmon, Glenn Kee, Clyde Kelly, Ellen Konoski, Charlene Mullen, Leonor Royce, Weldon Seely, Wesley & Betty Stone, and Nathan Wallace.*

THANK YOU

From the Editor:

I want to thank to three employees of Office Max: Monica Branch, Supervisor; Jessica Rocha, Associate manager; and Ereka Robinson, manager at Office Max for their wonderful job of helping to print our newsletters. Ereka even helped to fold the newsletters free of charge!



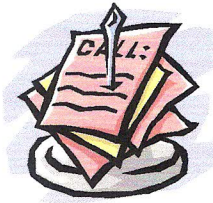
Why is The Dog With A Fire Truck?

There were 3 young kids who noticed that a fire truck that was passing by with it's sirens sounding. On the front seat was a dog. Of course, they had their own explanations for this.

Little girl, "The dog is there to keep the people away from the fire while the fireman put the fire out."

Another little girl, "No, the dog is there to give the fireman good luck."

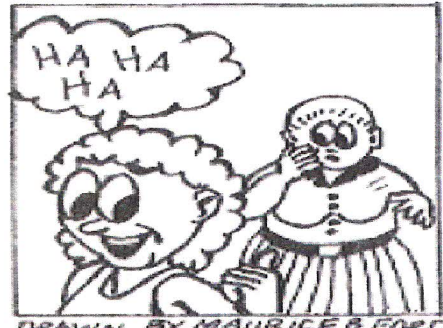
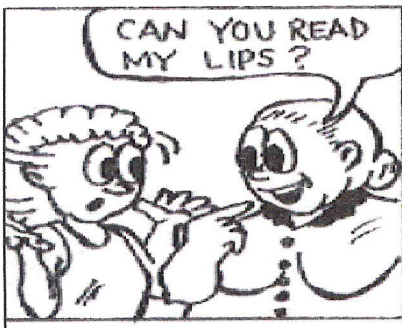
And last but not least a little boy firmly ended the discussion by saying, "No, no, no! !! The dog is needed to find the hydrant!"



Recipe: Pork Casserole

- 4 to 6 pork chops (or pork steak)
- 2 Tablespoons - butter or margarine
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1-16 oz pkg frozen corn
- 1-10 oz can cream of chicken soup
- 2 or 3 handfuls of croutons

Brown pork in butter in a large skillet. Remove and arrange in a 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Brown onion in pork drippings in skillet, add soup, corn, and croutons. Mix lightly. Pour mixture over pork in baking dish. Bake uncovered in a 325 degrees F oven for 30 minutes or until pork is thoroughly cooked.



DRAWN BY MAURICE S. FORD

My World

By Alicia Johnson

My world and your world, it is totally different
Your world, I am lonely in your world.
My world, I am not lonely in my world.
My world is my world.
My world is my life.
My happiness is all in my world.
Your world is not my world because my world is deaf.
Your world should understand my world.
My world lives in your world.
It would be totally nice if your world lived in my world.
Your world is full of hearing people with more than a million deaf people.
Both my world and your world are not perfect.
Your world's a hearing life.
My world's a deaf life.
I am not always fortunate and sometimes have hard time
Communicating with your world.
In my world, I love communication very much.
I communicate and am very fortunate with my world.
I communicate using sign language and my hands are my voice to speak.
Being deaf, I am very grateful to be still able to hear with my eyes to listen.
My world is all I have.
My world, it is a deaf world!

Happy Birthday Fred



On September 9, 2000 there was a big celebration to honor Fred Gunn's 90th birthday at La Vista Retirement Center, San Marcos, Texas. About 86 people including his family attended his birthday party and furnished the buffet. Fred received many nice gifts and was thrilled to get a screen TV. A man, who is employed at La Vista, took this picture and gave it to Fred and his wife, Juanita. Fred surely had a great time.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct 3 & 4, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

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

Oct 6, 2000 (Friday)

OPTICA, Illuminations Theater With the Deaf presents classic movie night, "**Festival of Signed Music**" at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center on 1475 West Gray, Houston - 7:00-9:30 PM. Sherri Hicks will be a guest to share the signed music with us. She has toured extensively throughout the United States and will present the art of translating and presenting music visually.

Oct 11, 2000 (Wednesday)

Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be a celebration to honor Joe Morton and Emory Watson's 90th birthday.

Oct 13 & 14, 2000 (Friday & Saturday)

Texas School for the Deaf will have a homecoming game on Saturday afternoon. The TSD Class of 1950 will celebrate its 50th reunion at homecoming. Claire Bugen, the TSD supt. will present them with "Golden Diplomas". They will be recognized at the Friday evening event at Salt Lick Bar B-Q Restaurant at Driftwood, Texas.

Oct 17 & 18, 2000 (Tuesday and Wednesday)

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

Oct. 18, 2000 (Wednesday)

There will be a field trip to Bryan to visit George W. Bush Library. Any of you who plan to go on the trip need to be at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point by 8:30 AM. The bus will leave at 9 AM.

Oct. 19, 2000 (Thursday)

Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point. There will be potluck for lunch. If you wish to bring covered dish, please contact Maurice Ford at (713) 455-3507 TTY or Elnora Morgan at (713) 675-1531 TTY who are in charge of covered dish and let them know what you will bring.

Oct 25, 2000 (Wednesday)

Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray from 9 AM to 1 PM.








Oct 28, 2000 (Saturday)

Southeast Texas Association of the Deaf will have 4th Annual Individual Bowling tournament at Park Central Recreation Center, 3500 Regional Drive {at 9th Avenue}, Port Arthur, Texas all day. There will be a social night at Knights of Columbus Hall, 700 Central, Port Neches. They will sell hot meals.

"The best and the most beautiful things in the world can't be seen or event touched. They must be felt with the heart".

By Helen Keller

October 2000

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Pauline Garrett 	2	3 PIP Meeting	4	5	6	7 Faye Sims 
8 Opal Piercy 	9	10	11 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	12	13 Joe Morton Emory Watson 	14
15	16 Parnella Smith 	17 Frank Shaw 	18 Lillian Beard Field Trip 	19 S C SOCIAL WOODHAVEN 	20	21
22 Richard Burbaker 	23	24	25 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	26 Randy Melton	27	28
29 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS 	30 Ruth Montgomery 	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 				

Social Meeting

Birthday

Anniversary

School For the Deaf Students Walk Out in Protest (September 6, 2000)

Story by MSNBC - 41KSHB Station, Kansas City, Mo.

Okathe, Kansas - Their classmate was killed and some Olathe students blame two teachers. Now, one of those teachers has been given the okay to return to class.

The students at the Kansas School for the Deaf can't hear themselves but they know what to do to be heard. On Wednesday they walked out of class to prove a point. Some say they may never go back.

You can't hear it in their voices, but you can see the pain in their faces. The students at the Kansas School for the Deaf are wearing their emotions on their sleeves, or at least their backs.

"I feel just sick because Mr. Marsh said that it wasn't his fault, it wasn't his fault, and I feel it was his fault. These were teenagers and they were following orders of an adult," signed Shana Daniels, a protest organizer.

In March, their classmate Justin Barnett was run over and killed by a train. He was helping two teachers move railroad ties from one teacher's property. Justin walked out on the tracks, but because he's deaf, he couldn't hear the train coming.

"Now I'm wondering, would those teachers, would they allow their own kid to come and work on a railroad track? I'd like to know what the answer is," said John Barnett, Justin's father.

The lawyer for the two teachers says the incident has haunted both men. "Charles and Chris both have had many sleepless nights, not just over the decision of the hearing committee, but the tragedy of the death of Justin Barnett has weighted heavily on their minds," said Scott Long, the teachers' attorney.

Just last week a panel investigating the incident said the teachers weren't responsible. It wants both men reinstated at the school. But if the teachers do come to class, some students question if they'll be able to.

"I just can't. I mean I'll leave. I'll go to another school. There's just no way. I cannot face him," Daniels said.

With the panel's decision, Charles Marsh, a teacher with more than 30 years experience, could return to class within a couple of weeks. It doesn't look like the other teacher, Chris Kurtz, will go back. There is also a civil suit underway surrounding this case.





NEWS FROM Daughter of Esteline Stewart:

Hi there, my name is Martha Percival. I live in Guthrie, Oklahoma. I thought you might like to know that my mother, Esteline Stewart has moved to La Vista Apts. In San Marcos, TX, she recently went to visit while she was living with me in Guthrie, OK. She went to visit her friends, Juanita Gunn and Mary Ewald and many others for two weeks. When she returned, she told me that she loved it there and would like to move there. So my sister, Esteline, from Edmond, OK, my husband and I packed her up and moved emotions about leaving my sister and me.

We knew she would be much happier living there among her deaf friends. She had met some deaf people here in Okla. City at the senior citizens and enjoyed visiting with them, but that was only once a month. So the rest of the time she was very lonesome. She also missed all her friends in Houston. We were very concerned about her living alone in an apt, but we know she has enough friends there that are very willing to help her. We moved her on August 17, and I have heard from her several times. She says she loves it there and is very happy. So naturally we are happy for her even though we miss her a lot. If anyone wants her new address, it is: **La Vista, 1615 Redwood Rd. Apt 4-C, San Marcos, TX 78666.** Sincerely, Martha Percival

NEWS from Audrey Wright:

My sister, Lou, and her friend, LauralLee, took me to the West Coast from Sept. 8th to 17th. We went to several places in Arizona and New Mexico to visit some museums and parks. We camped at Ramsey Canyon in Hereford, AZ. We all hiked up the mountains, but Lou stopped halfway while LauraLee and I continued for 1.5 miles. The trails were so steep that it took us one hour to go up and 30 minutes to come down. We had fun and enjoyed ourselves. It is so beautiful nature to look at many mountains. We enjoyed watching some hummingbirds. Also, we saw some deer and fawns. The weather at night was really so nice and cool, such that we didn't need air conditioning. Then we went sight-seeing. We saw San Peblo River Valley, Sonora Desert, Saguaro Cactus National Park, Tucson Wildlife Museum, Tucson Rock Shop, Montezuma Castle, Sunset Volcano Crater and Lava Flow National, Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest National, & Painted Desert in Arizona. We learned a lot about rocks, lava, petrified woods, etc from LauraLee, a trained geologist. My oldest son, Dana, from Las Vegas came down and spent two days with us in Grand Canyon. It was so good to see him and we had a great time together. On our way to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico, we spent the night in Roswell, the place where the famous rumor story about UFO landed. We didn't have time to see the UFO Museum and place. In Carlsbad Caverns, there're several caverns and we looked around one of them that is called "Big Room". The Big Room has bats, but unfortunately we didn't see any during the daytime. Bats normally come out during the night. We walked for about a half mile inside of the cavern. It was really beautiful and so cool down there. After that we went back home and arrived on Sunday, the 17th. I love some places in Arizona. It is so fantastic and enjoyment for me as it was my first time out West! We had wonderful time, but it was such a short vacation.

THE COOL VACATION – contributed by Tennie Session:

Sandra Barnes-Smith of Dripping Springs, TX (TSD '58 and is teaching Home Economics classes) went to Oregon for 2 weeks and to Columbus, Ohio for 1 week last July. While in Oregon, she visited with Dorothy Johnson, formerly TSD counselor, formerly Houston resident, formerly Texas Relay supervisor and just retired from Oregon Relay. Dorothy and Sandra went on many interesting points all over the state of Oregon. They drove over about 2,500 miles just in Oregon and two big towns in

Washington. They drove up and down the beautiful mountains and stopped at several places just to relax, browse and shopped around. The places they saw were the famous mountains & volcano named Rainer, St. Helen's, Mount Hood, and the most beautiful Painted Hills near John Day Fossil Beds. They also stopped to see the oldest largest historical Dalles Dam and museum which they were watching the salmon fishes "fighting against the Current water" underwater & the Fish Ladder. By the beaches in the Pacific Ocean, they went all the way from Astoria Bridge across Washington to Oregon where the Columbia River Gorge meets the Pacific ocean and then went on to Newport to just browse around. One interesting place in Tillamook was a famous Tillamook Cheese factory where they bought some cheese and little gifts. They visited a very old historic lost shipwreck of the Peter Iredale. On the way to the beach, they stopped at the Camp 18 Restaurant that used to be a place for timer workers met many years ago and saw many old huge saw tools. Dorothy took Sandra to Tacoma and Seattle, Washington for two days visiting with Dorothy's sister. They also toured the Space Needle in Seattle and it was very interesting view from the Tower. The Pike Place Market was the other interesting place to browse and shop. And then they returned to Dorothy's home for the last couple of days. Dorothy lives most of her life in Oregon and was glad she finally toured some places she had never seen. The weather in Oregon was so cool and the temperature was 65 at nights and 75-80 at daytime. Then Sandra flew to Columbia, Ohio for another week volunteering as the Interpreter at the 25th Anniversary American Deaf/Blind Convention. Over one thousand people registered at the convention and it was a broken record. Twelve Texans attended there. Sandra was one of the 20-team leaders helping small groups of participants. Then after a long week of volunteering to help at the convention, she found out that her mother had 3 strokes and she flew back home to be with her for few days. Her mother was recovering pretty good. Then Sandra returned to Austin and started to work at Texas School for the Deaf without any rest between. However Sandra will never forget the wonderful vacation with Dorothy up there.

AUSTIN NEWS by Tennie Session:

Last July Liz Sprouse and I motored to Colorado to visit with her deaf parents who live at Boulder, CO for three weeks. We enjoyed chatting with them very much. Then we traveled to Durango to see the beautiful mountains, and looked downtown at the valley in Silverston, CO. We could see pretty different colors through the rainbow while it was drizzling in the high mountains. We took some pictures of lovely mountains. Wow!!! When we got back home, we will always remember that we had wonderful time in Colorado and New Mexico.

About fifty deaf people attended the 80th Anniversary of National Frat Society for the Deaf (NFSD) banquet in Houston on September 2, 2000. President Franklin Tippet asked Z.X. Curry to give a presentation about the history of the Frat. He accepted. It was interesting. We had a buffet at Ryan cafeteria and then had a big cake to celebrate the anniversary. We had a great time to chatting with friends. I spent the visit with Travis & Gertrude Sessions for 3 days. We were so glad to see Wayne Southwell and his wife from Little Rock, Ark. They are the N.F.S.D. members, too. They looked good.

On August 26, 2000 there were about 25 deaf people from different states but mostly from Texas went on touring at Canadian Rockies for 8 days. The most thrilling experience was that we rode on the helicopter over the glacier mountain. Also, it was so much fun to ride on snowcoach over the glacier and then walked on the glacier. It was pretty slippery. Other things were rafting and riding up on gondola and cruise. The trip was so great. I would love to go back again and ride on the copter and snowcoach.

Congratulations to Texas Silent Cyclists! ! !



From left to right: Jack Pate, Houston; Gary Preztech, League City; Larry Glasscock, Seabrook; Mickey McKenzie, Pasadena; Tony Rameriz, LaPorte; Larry Whitworth, Austin; Mark Hansen, Austin; and Judy Becker, Pasadena.

On September 9, 2000 the Texas Silent cyclists gave their pledge to ride for 66 ½ miles to support Leukemia & Lymphoma Society with other hearing cyclists. At 7:00 AM all the cyclists took off the start line at Sam Houston Race Park (northwest of Houston). They rode to go through Baytown and Seabrook. Mark Hansen was the first deaf cyclist to arrive the finish line at Kemah Broadway around 10:30 AM, and then later Larry Whitworth on 2nd, next to Tony Rameriz on 3rd, then Mickey McKenzie on 4th, Larry Glasscock on 5th and Jack Pate on 6th. All of them made it all the way without giving up. Judy Becker was volunteered to drive a truck and followed the cyclists in case for any need of maintenance like replacing flat tires or health reason. She also served them some energy drinks. Most of them are in 50's and still in good shape. Wow... The cyclists thanked the Sprint for sponsoring them at the event.

On Oct. 14 & 15th most of them plan to join "Alamo Challenge" to ride two days from Houston to San Antonio (overnight at Gonzales) for 215 miles. Wish them GOOD LUCK!

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