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Senior Citizens Trip – Police Museum and AT&T Museum



We went on a trip to Houston Police Museum on Friday, March 11th. That was an interesting tour of how police department began. There were several uniforms on display.



Several badges were in a case with a note of who these badges belonged to and when the Police Officer passed away. There was a story of a Detective that was shot on the job. However, his badge saved his life.



Debbie Lokey was there to guide us through the Museum, too. She is a Police Officer that knows sign language.



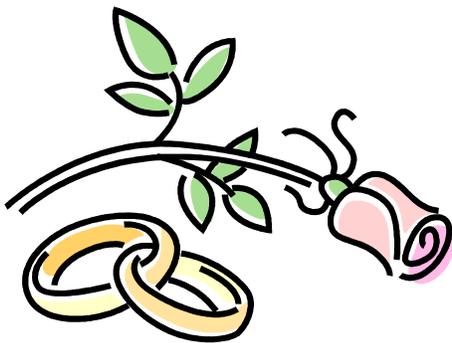
We went to Luby's for lunch. After that, we went to the Telephone Museum. A man took us on the tour of it and we had a blast learning so much from him. He explained how they had the telephone poles and now, they don't have to climb up those poles anymore. They even had a teletype machine. All the different phones that were made long time ago were on display. It was very interesting.





Birthday for April

6 th	Gus Curbello
9 th	Larry Fewell
13 th	Larry Butler
17 th	Carl Long
18 th	Floyd A. Wicker
23 rd	Robert Small Joe Kennedy, Jr.
25 th	Ann Edgley
27 th	Jan Dermon



No Wedding Anniversary in April

Calendar of Events

Friday, April 1 - ASL Social will meet at Romano's Pizza Italian Restaurant, 1628 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 4 pm to 9 pm. Please check out the website at www.romanoshouston.com for more information.

Wednesday, April 6 and Thursday, April 7 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Love Fund have planned a trip to Fredericksburg, TX. Everyone that has signed up with Nancy Morris needs to arrive at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf at 6:00 am as bus will leave at 6:30 am. We will visit LBJ Ranch and Museum, Pacific War Museum, and Wildseed Farms.

Wednesday, April 6 - Second Annual Financial Empowerment Literacy Forum for People with Disabilities is sponsored by the Mayor's Office and its community partners. Exhibitors and Speakers will share information concerning opportunities for asset building, maintaining benefits while earning other income, and other useful financial management topics. It will begin 9:00 am till 11:30 am at Metropolitan MultiService Center, 1475 West

Gray, Houston, TX 77019. For additional information, you may call the Mayor's office for people with disabilities at 713-284-1990 or email to mopdmail@houston.tx.gov. Requests for accommodation must be received at least 72 hours prior to the event.

Wednesday, April 13 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund will have their business/social meeting at Metropolitan MultiService Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9 am till 1 pm. Meeting begins at 10 am with President Don Hahn conducting. Larry Fewell announced that he will have a contest on the best Deviled Eggs. For those that want to participate in the contest, please bring 1 dozen of eggs already made. There will be 1 prize given to the best tasting eggs. We will have lunch that day as Larry and Sherry Fewell along with Patsy Walker will be contacting seniors to bring foods. This is an Easter celebration.

Friday, April 15 - Income Tax papers are due this day! Read page 4 for more information

Saturday, April 16 - Deaf National Expo will be held in Austin. Read page 3 for more information.

Saturday, April 16 - ASL Social will meet at Manor Texas Cafe 290, 11011 Highway 290 East Manor, Texas 78653 from 6 pm to 10 pm. This is held right after the Expo. Please check out the website at www.texascafe290.com for more information.

Wednesday, April 27 - Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund will have their social from 9 am till 1 pm. Amelia Guerra is willing to teach us how to make baby hats to donate to the Hospitals. Nancy Morris is contacting M D Anderson Hospital to get permission to make hats for teenagers and adults who are suffering from cancer, leukemia, etc. Please join us and learn how to make these hats. Or you can join a group to play games. Come and enjoy yourselves.

Saturday, April 30 - Communication Access will be held at Lillian Beard Deaf Connection Center, 9920 Long Point Road, Houston, TX 77002. The topic for this workshop is "Working With Interpreters". It begins at 1:00 PM till 3:00 PM. Jana Bielfeldt is the Deafness Resource Specialist at Communication Access Ability Group and has been making presentations on Deaf related issues for many years. Please contact her at DeafnessRS6B@dars.state.tx.us if you plan to attend this workshop as you need to reserve your seat.

Road Rage Shooting Near Dallas Deaf Club

Written by Reno Berkeley on March 16, 2011

A woman was shot dead in an apparent incident of road rage near the Dallas Association of the Deaf on Saturday evening. A security video belonging to the deaf club shows two SUVs turning off of Maple Avenue onto Douglas Avenue. The two vehicles stopped directly in front of the deaf club, in full view of the establishment's security camera. It's unclear what the exchange was about. Speculation is, that it may have been a case of road rage. After a few seconds, the victim's tan SUV swiftly rolled backwards onto Maple, which is a busy street just off the Dallas North Tollway. The victim was 28-year-old Martha Ramon, of Dallas. The perpetrator, who was in a black SUV, fired several gunshots through the passenger window, where she was killed. An unidentified man who was at his truck saw the exchange, but appeared uncertain of what happened, most likely because he is deaf and didn't hear the gunshots. As the man in the video appears to wonder if he should go and help, another man quickly runs out of the club to render aid. No suspect has been caught as of yet. A second deaf man who has spoken about the case says the local police as well as the FBI are involved. The area around the Dallas deaf club is notorious for its high crime rate, and many deaf in the D/FW area have felt uneasy about attending functions there in recent years because of this. This shooting most assuredly might keep even more away unless more police start patrolling the neighborhood more vigorously. A word of caution: if someone cuts you off, tailgates you, or otherwise makes you angry while driving, do not confront them. Doing so might end your life.

DeafNation Expo - Austin

This event will be held on Saturday, **April 16, 2011** at Travis County Exposition Center – Lueddecke Arena, 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, TX 78724. Free admission and parking. Hours are from 9:00 am till 5:00 pm. Free children activities. Post this on your Calendar if you are interested in attending.

T-Mobile to shut down Sidekick data service May 31

Submitted by Audrey Leger from Deaf Network of Texas

It's the end of an era as T-Mobile has announced that it will discontinue its Danger data service to all Sidekick models starting May 31, 2011. At that time, you will no longer be able to access data stored on Danger's cloud-based service, including contacts and photos. Internet and e-mail service will also be cut off. If you wish, you can still use the Sidekick for calls and text messaging. T-Mobile will begin sending out letters to current Sidekick owners to alert them of the change and provide information about transferring data and transitioning to a new device. If you're one of the affected users, the first thing you'll want to do is get all of your personal data from the Danger service. T-Mobile provides a couple of ways to do this. The first is through MyT-Mobile.com; there you will find a Web tool that can export your information, including contacts, appointments, photos, and bookmarks, to a new device, computer, or e-mail account. The second method is to use the data transfer application, which is available from the Sidekick app catalog, and export all your data onto the Sidekick's memory card. You can then bring that card to a T-Mobile store and have a representative transfer the information onto your new phone. The carrier said it will provide special offers on devices to Sidekick owners. More information is expected in the coming weeks. It is T-Mobile's goal, however, to have the new Android-based T-Mobile Sidekick 4G available by spring, ahead of the May 31 cut-off date.

Trudy and Bill Shofner

Written by Trudy

Bill had older and younger sisters to help him in School in Clovis, NM where he was born. After graduating, he left for CA to get a job working on airplanes where he got moved up to drafting. He met a girl named Ruth who told him to write to me. We wrote to each other for a year before he drove 5 days to Boston to meet me. We were married in CA in 1953. We have 3 children who gave us 13 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. I had whooping cough at 5 months which probable caused my deafness. I attended a boarding school for the deaf in Northampton, MA for 9 years. Then, I graduated from high school in FL. I worked for John Hancock Life Ins. Co. in Boston.

Tax Time Is Coming Up... Are You Ready? Due April 15th!

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It's that time of the year when we collect documents and decide the best way to file your federal and state tax returns. As you pull together the information, think about what would be the best way to file your taxes. Should you find a deaf tax preparer to do it? Would it be risky to use a hearing tax preparer and possibly overlook tax deductions because of limited communication? Every year the government changes tax laws and deductions. Some of these new laws are complicated and requires a tax expert to explain them.

Electronic filing is now the primary method of filing your taxes. Starting in 2011, the IRS will no longer mail tax forms and instructions. There are several choices to how you can file your taxes: (1) If you earned less than \$58,000 last year, you can file online using E-file at no charge. (2) Use tax software i.e. TurboTax, TaxACT, etc. Some are online services, others are software programs that you purchase and install on your computer. (3) Free tax preparation services, usually for low income taxpayers. Example: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA). Your local public library may also have this information. (4) VITA services are also available through the REI Tour/DeafTax.com for low-income Deaf taxpayers earning less than \$45,000 a year. (5) You also may want to consider having a tax preparer to prepare your tax returns instead. A Deaf-Owned Tax Preparer, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or Bookkeeper could prepare your returns. (6) Another option is to use a hearing tax preparer who uses sign language or has worked with deaf clients.

SALT in the kitchen

Submitted by Denis Tucker

***FRESHEN YOUR GARBAGE DISPOSAL** Is an unpleasant odor wafting from your garbage disposal? Freshen it up with salt. Just dump in ½ cup salt, run the cold water, and start the disposal.

***SOAK STAINS OFF ENAMEL PANS** You can run out of elbow greased trying to scrub burned on stains off enamel pans. Skip the sweat. Soak the pan overnight in salt water, Then boil salt water in the pan the next day. The stains should lift right off.

***KEEP OVEN SPILLS FROM HARDENING** The next time food bubbles over in your oven, don't give it a chance to bake on and cool. Toss some salt on the stuff while it is still liquid. When the oven cools, you'll be able to wipe up the spill with a cloth. The same technique works for spills on the stovetop. The salt will remove odors too, and if you'd like to add a pleasant scent, mix a little cinnamon in with the salt.

***CLEAN YOUR CAST-IRON WOK** No matter how thoroughly you dry them, cast-iron woks tend to rust when you wash them in water. Instead, when you're done cooking but while your wok is still hot, pour about ¼ cup salt and scrub it with a stiff wire brush. Wipe it clean, then apply a light coating of sesame or vegetable oil before stowing it.

***REMOVE LIPSTICK MARKS FROM GLASSWARE** Lipstick smudges on glassware can be hard to remove, even in the dishwasher. That's because the emollients designed to help lipstick stay on your lips do a good job of sticking to glassware too. Before washing your stemware, rock glasses, or tumblers, rub the edges with salt to erase lipstick stains.

***ERASE TEA AND COFFEE STAINS** Tea and coffee leave stains on cups and in pots. You can easily scrub away these unattractive rings by sprinkling salt onto a sponge and rubbing in little circles across the ring, If the stain persists, mix white vinegar with salt in equal proportions and rub with the sponge.

Love Fund Cookbook

The new cookbooks have arrived. For those that want to buy more, you can bring \$10 for each book to the Senior Citizens meetings. The cookbook contains 344 well-loved recipes including appetizers, main dishes, desserts, and many others. Recipes include the contributor's name. These cookbooks will make great gifts. For those that are out of town, please send your check for \$13 including \$3 for shipping to:

**Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund
c/o Love Fund Cookbook
P. O. Box 664
Missouri City, TX 77459**

The Committee will send the cookbook to you. For more information, please contact:

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Royal Wii lessons for Queen and Prince Philip at King's Lynn Deaf Centre

by DONNA SEMMENS (Submitted by Paula Szablowski)

The Queen and Prince Philip were given a quick lesson in the art of computer games during a visit to the West Norfolk Deaf Association in King's Lynn. Two young centre users were battling out a game of baseball on a Wii console and their antics attracted some close royal attention. Ryan Waller, 11, and Oliver Kenny, 13, showed the Queen how the system worked and she told Ryan he was a "good shot." The Royal party met staff, volunteers, trustees and centre-users during their 40-minute tour and association chairman Rick Cotton said everyone was honoured by the visit. "It is something they will all remember for many years. It's not every day you get a royal visit and it meant a great deal," he added. A Golden Jubilee portrait picture of the royal couple was signed by the Queen and Prince Philip and will take pride of place in the building. Young centre user Erin Vanhinsbergh, 9, had a very special day as she presented the Queen with flowers. Mum Rachel said Erin, who was born profoundly deaf, had been counting down the days to the Royal visit. Erin's sister Neve, 6, also uses the centre as it encourages family members to become involved and offers sign language lessons to help everyone communicate. Interpreter Maxine Sinclair, of Norwich, admitted to being nervous before the event as she had never worked with the Royal family before. "It was an honour to do it, although I was very nervous, they were both really lovely," she said. West Norfolk Deaf Association was founded in 1991 and moved into its current home in 1997 following a National Lottery grant. Mr. Cotton said hundreds of deaf or hearing impaired people from across the area had made use of the centre and it had made a real difference to their lives. Volunteer Geoffrey Williams, of Fairstead, has been helping out for ten years and said the centre was a vital part of supporting those with hearing problems. The centre has recently completed renovations at the Railway Road premises where the first floor now has a children's activity centre and computer room. The alterations have meant the facilities can be used by other groups and a new club for autistic children has been founded. Mr. Cotton has said that the association relied on grants and donations and is continuing to look for funding streams.



GRANDDAD

Submitted by Judy Lorenz

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly behaved 3-year-old grandson. It's obvious to her that he has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets in the sweet aisle, biscuits in the biscuit aisle; and for fruit, cereal and pop in the other aisles. Meanwhile, Granddad is working his way around, saying in a controlled voice, "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . Easy, boy." Another outburst, and she hears the granddad calmly say, "It's okay, William, just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy." At the checkout, the little terror is throwing items out of the cart, and Granddad says again in a controlled voice, "William, William, relax, buddy. Don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes; stay cool, William." Very impressed, the woman goes outside where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She said to the elderly gentleman, "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time, you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandpa." "Thanks," said the grandfather, "but I'm William. The little brat's name is Kevin."

Holy Humor

Sunday after church, Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. The daughter answered, "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilt." Needless to say, the Mom was perplexed. Later in the day, the pastor stopped by for tea and the Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about. He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... "Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

Some Children Are Quick!!!

Submitted by alldeaf.com

TEACHER: Maria, go to the map and find North America.

MARIA: Here it is.

TEACHER: Correct. Now class, who discovered America ?

CLASS: Maria.

TEACHER: Glenn, how do you spell 'crocodile?'

GLENN: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L'

TEACHER: No, that's wrong

GLENN: Maybe it is wrong, but you asked me how I spell it.

(I love this child!)

TEACHER: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water?

DONALD: H I J K L M N O.

TEACHER: What are you talking about?

DONALD: Yesterday you said it's H to O.

TEACHER: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.

WINNIE: Me!

TEACHER: George Washington not only chopped down his father's cherry tree, but also admitted it. Now, Louie, do you know why his father didn't punish him?

LOUIS: Because George still had the axe in his hand....

TEACHER: Now, Simon , tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?

SIMON: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

TEACHER: Clyde, your composition on 'My Dog' is exactly the same as your brother's.. Did you copy his?

CLYDE : No, sir. It's the same dog.
(I want to adopt this kid!!!)

Toning shoes might be worth it

Submitted by Margie Graham from Houston Chronicle dated March 7, 2011

Q: I've been wondering about those toning shoes that roll your feet forward with each step and claim to improve your balance. Are they a waste of money? --- Diane of San Diego

A: If these shoes motivate you to take a brisk 30-minute walk every day, they're already worth what you paid for them. And they may even help you stay upright. A team of University of Wisconsin researchers tested 3 brands of toning shoes, including rocker-bottom and regular ones, with active women. After a dozen 5-minute spins on the treadmill wearing different shoes, the scientists compared differences in muscle activity in the walkers' calves, quads, hamstrings, buttocks, back and abs, and found, well, squat. Doing lunges and squats and practicing one-legged standing, in addition to normal walking give you greater toning, more core strength and better balance

The Dying Nun

Sent by Paula Szablowski

In a convent in Ireland, the 98-year-old Mother Superior lay dying. The nuns gathered around her bed, trying to make her last journey comfortable. They tried giving her warm milk to drink, but she refused it several times. One of the nuns took the glass back to the kitchen. Then, remembering a bottle of Irish whiskey that had been received as a gift the previous Christmas, she opened it and poured a generous amount into the warm milk. Back at Mother Superior's bed, they coaxed her into trying a sip or two and held the glass to her lips. The frail nun drank a little and then a little more. And before they knew it, she had finished the whole glass. As her eyes brightened, the nuns thought it would be a good opportunity to have one last talk with their spiritual leader. "Mother," the nuns pleaded earnestly, "please give us some of your wisdom before you leave us."

She raised herself up in bed on one elbow, looked at them, and said, "Don't sell that cow."

Obituaries



Willie James "Scooter" Carthon, 60, passed away on December 11, 2010. He was born on October 28, 1950 at Monahans, TX to Farine Thomas and L. C. Carthon. Willie graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX. He worked

for the city of Monahans for 1 year, worked at the Houston Post Office for a few years, and worked at the Main Post Office in Dallas for 37 years until his death. He devoted his time serving in the deaf community as President of the Dallas Black Deaf Advocates and active with Blind, Deaf, and Orphaned Alumni. He is survived by 6 children, 3 grandchildren, 3 sisters, and 2 brothers. He is preceded in death by his father, sister, and brother.



Laura Jane Jantz, 82, of Severn Point, TX passed away at her home on Saturday, January 22, 2011. Laura was born May 15, 1928 to William Robert and Bessie Mae (Saluter)McCurdy. She was a graduate of the Austin

School for the Deaf. She worked for Johnson & Johnson for over 20 years manufacturing medical supplies. Laura is preceded in death by her parents, brothers, and sisters. Those left to celebrate her life include her husband, Lee Colvin of Seven Point, TX; brother, Robert B. McCurdy of Bellmead, TX; and sister Peggy Ruth Plemons of Wiggins, MS. Condolences can be extended to the family at andersonclaytonbros.com.

Editor's Message



Spring has finally arrived and it's time to spend time in the yard enjoying the flowers blooming. I've enjoyed seeing the colorful trees blooming with pink, white, and red buds. Lovely view and I appreciate nature. If you work in the yard, please be sure to drink plenty of water and take breaks. It's important to take care of ourselves and our bodies.

Our HDSCLF's Board had to accept the resignation of Larry Butler as 2nd Vice President. We are disappointed to see him go, but we thank him for working with us. We wish him the best in life. The position of 2nd Vice President is open for anyone that would be interested in becoming a member. Please let me know so I can send an application for you to fill in. That application needs to be sent to me after completion. The Board will review the application and make a decision.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, events, pictures, sports, or news that you want to have publish, please send them by the 15th of each month to nmorris726@gmail.com or mail the them to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens love Fund, P.O. Box 664, Missouri City, Texas 77459. If you want any pictures back, please let me know. I will be happy to return them. Please note that I, Editor may edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Have a Happy Easter

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