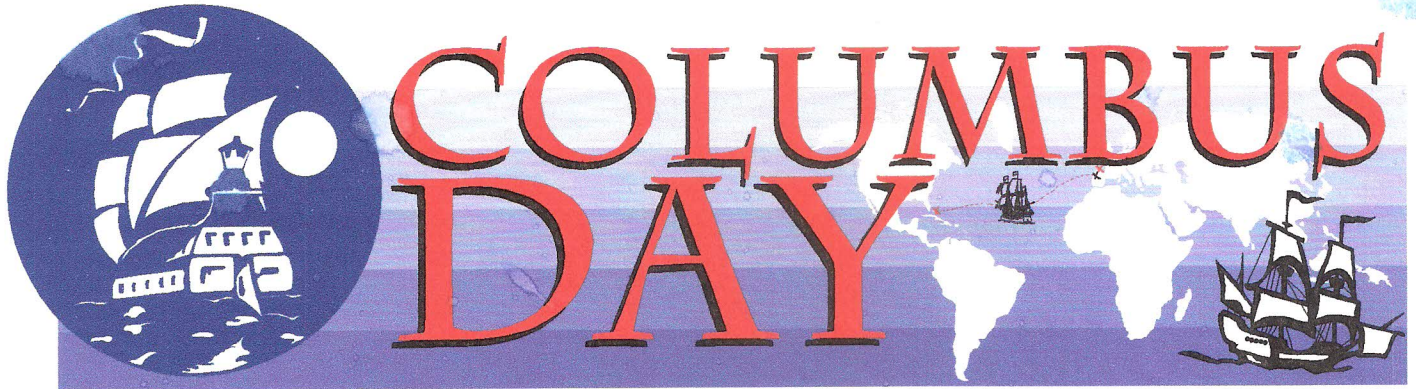


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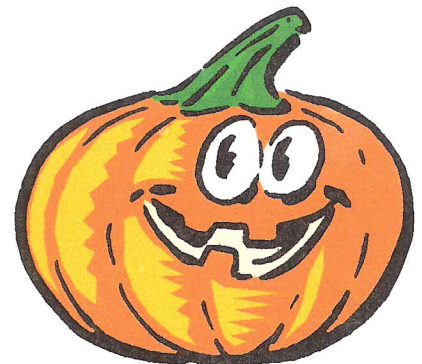
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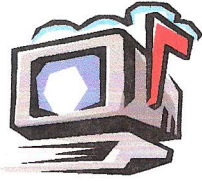


*The anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America in 1492, celebrated on October 12<sup>th</sup> until 1971 and now celebrated on the second Monday in October: "Discovery Day".*

October 31st

HAPPY  
HALLOWEEN





## From the Editor:

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My sympathy goes to the families and friends who lost their loved ones in New York City where the World Trade Center buildings collapsed by terrorist attack and the hijacked planes that crashed in Washington, DC and Pennsylvania.

I am excited to announce that at the Houston Deaf Senior Citizen meeting on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> we had closed captioning for Hard of Hearing seniors for the first time. There will be closed captioning on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month for general meetings. Hope to see more Hard of Hearing seniors join with us in near future.

I attended ASL social at Goode Mexican Restaurant on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. About 170 people showed up. It was really fun to mingle with old and new faces. The next social will be at PAPPAS BBQ on I-45 N and Crossimber on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if 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](mailto:hdsnews@yahoo.com), or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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Thank you,

*Frank Shaw*



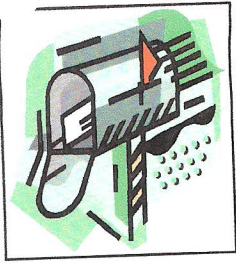
### **Flash News for next field trip Austin, TX – Oct. 6th**

**Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 8:30 AM. The bus will leave at 9:00 AM.**

- **Please arrive at Woodhaven on the parking lot before 8:30 AM so the bus can depart no later than 9:00.**
- **BBQ lunch will be served at Texas School for the Deaf around noon. (Don't forget to bring \$15.00 for lunch and game.)**
- **Football game starts at 5:00 PM**
- **Bring your brown bag for your snack or lite supper**
- **The bus will depart for Houston at 8:00 sharp.**

**Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated. See you on 6<sup>th</sup>.**

# News



## **Proud Great Grandparents from Gus/Zelma Curbello:**

*Gus and I* want to let all of you know that we are proud great grandparents again. We have two other girls: Riva and Celina, and now a third baby girl named Zada Jewel. Jewel is name after my mother, *Claudia Jewel Sides*. They all are so precious!

## **San Antonio Senior Citizens Newsletter: submitted by Mary Corley**

Rubin Schlather is confined at home with a broken ankle from a fall he had. We hope he will be back with us soon as he is greatly missed. He is one of the faithful senior citizen members who never misses our meetings. Rubin, hurry back, we miss seeing you around, and most of all, wish you a speedy recovery.

Lois (Autry) Kelly's mother passed away recently at the age of 94. She fell and broke her hip and leg. Lois has been taking care of her until she was admitted to a nursing home where she required around the clock care. After being admitted, she passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Lois and her family in their loss.

Xavier Montalvo is back from his vacation to Italy and the Olympic games. He reported a good time, but got tired due to the long trip. He reported that while he was there, he missed a train to Florence and Venice, Italy, because the agency gave him the wrong tickets. He misunderstood what they said in Italian. He still wants to go again and visit other countries next year. Welcome back home, you were missed.

Lesson on Life: It's better to "wear out" than to "rust out!" Live life to its fullest. Don't waste it.

## **News from Sandra Griffin:**

My daughter, Donna, and I moved to San Marcos on 15<sup>th</sup> of September. We are living in the public apartment, and live close to my deaf sister, Joan/Lewis Stovall. We are excited and happy with our new life, but of course, we will miss our Houston friends!

## **Lake Charles, LA News from Audrey Edgley:**

On July 15<sup>th</sup> there were great picnic at Catholic Deaf Center in Lake Charles, LA. We had a wonderful and good crowd over there. We all had fun!

Unfortunately M/M Gus White were not there due to Gus' recently hip surgery, injured by fell down on the sidewalk. The surgery was successful and he is doing fine, but needs to stay home until he's completely strong enough to be able to walk. His wife has been taking care of him. Also their daughter, Rose (White) Barbin, from Baton Rouge, LA, has been visiting them every week to check how her father's doing and helping her mother.

They sometimes come over to our house for visit. Wilson LeBlanc and I really are enjoying chatting with them.

I (Audrey) have been having health problems lately. My doctor found that I have a heart problem, so I have had a lot of tests this month. Also, I had both breasts biopsies sent for lab tests. Thank God, there is no cancer or tumor, just small cysts.

## **Message from Virginia Evans:**

Hello, my friends and to the people of Senior Citizens! I am doing just fine since Alfred Wagner's death. I have been in Austin since June under a new doctor. I am planning on going to blind school, which starts on 1<sup>st</sup> of October to learn to be independent. I believe I have to learn to use the cane - which's most important.

### ***A BLACKOUT, IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS***

The California energy crisis has eased up unless August weather proves unbearable.

Jim Potter, an old Gallaudet graduate, recalls these blackouts in the good old days (1950's) at the College Hall. The lights went out at midnight but the hallways and reading room lights stayed on. The students, instead of sleeping, congregated in these areas - and spent many hours in bull sessions.

Quipped Jim "We learned right there more than anything else."

Why was there a compulsory blackout at midnight? To save Gallaudet money in electricity bills? No! Reason was to make sure lights could be turned on in case of emergencies such as fire alarm. Recalls Jim "The College Hall was not equipped with emergency lights."

Such colorful low-tech days of the fifties!

### ***DEAFHISTORY - LOOKING BACK***

Year 1941 - Deaf astronomer Annie Jump Cannon passes away. She was an astronomer with the Harvard College Observatory, and catalogued over 225,000 stars in the sky.

### ***A LIST OF DEAF SUPERINTENDENTS are currently:***

47 School for the Deaf, NY - Martin Florsheim  
Baxter - Larry Taub  
Clerc Center complex, Washington, DC - Katherine Jankowski  
Idaho - Angel Ramos  
Kentucky - Harvey Corson  
Maryland - James E. Tucker  
New Mexico - Ron Stern  
New York - Al Pimentel  
Ohio - Ed Corbett  
Oklahoma - Ralph Hawkins  
Rhode Island - Reginald Redding  
Rochester - Harold Mowl, Jr  
South Dakota - Jon Green  
Western Pennsylvania - Don Rhoten  
Wisconsin - Alex Slappey

### ***ANOTHER DEAF DOCTOR JOINS THE RANKS***

We have a good number of deaf and hard of hearing physicians, and this ranks has been increased by one when Dr. Mike McKee received his medical degree from the University of Florida medical school.

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**Field Trip to Gonzales, TX from Audrey Leger-Wright:**



*Old Jail Museum and  
Chamber of Commerce Office #1*

On September 6<sup>th</sup>, twenty-five of the Houston Deaf Senior Citizens including an interpreter, Gladys Flores, had a field trip to Gonzales, TX. The group toured the Noah's Land Wildlife Park in Harwood near Gonzales, and rode through 275 acres to see rare and exotic animals. We were pleased to know that before the park owners have gotten more animals, some abused, now the recently added animals have access to therapy in their new home. They are planning to add more acres, make the ponds and add waterfalls, etc. to make the animals feel home.

After lunch we went down to Gonzales town and were amazed that this small town has lots of historic sites. First we went to Gonzales Memorial Museum. There are two separate rooms of in this museum. The first room was sights of the history of war before Alamo times, along with

rifles, uniforms, pictures and letters that the prisoners were written during jail time. The other room displayed bedroom furniture, sewing machine, butter maker, handmade dress, baptism dresses, and crystals. Then we toured the old log house called Eggleston House that was the first house built in Gonzales in 1845 which is furnished with antiques furniture. There are only two separate small rooms on the east and west sides between the breezeway with a full porch in the front under one completely covered roof. At the front, the west side room is a kitchen and the east side room is a bedroom. The thick timbers of the house were made from walnut and oak tree to protect from Indians and animals.

The last stop was the old jail building constructed in 1887 that was used as jail until 1975. We toured on the second story of small jail cell rooms and in the middle there was a stand for hanging criminals. Then we rode in the bus to see the historic houses with a tour guide that gave us a speech about old historic homes of famous people. In recent times people who bought these historic houses had remodeled them in the same old-fashioned way nothing was changed. That was amazing for sightseeing. There was some more, but we didn't have enough time. Though we enjoyed it, we were ready to go home. On our way home, we stopped by Dairy Queen for some *ice cream*.

**August birthday people are from left to right:**

Nellie Bishop, Lanier Page, Fred Duncan, Jr. and Raymond Edgley. **Not pictured:** Doris Adams, Avie Alaniz, Margaret Braquet, Jesse Dirdsen, and Menefee Holdern,



**September birthday people are from left to right:** Lennie Morton, Darrell Williams, Mary Redman, Roy Adams, and Travis Session. **Not pictured:** Beatrice Smith, Billie Mangum, James Moore and Glynn Whittemore.

