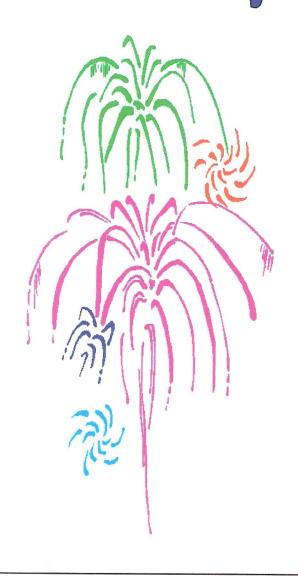
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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Have a wonderful 4th of July.





Boom Bang!

Boom bang, boom bang! Rumpty, lumpety, hump! Zoom, zam, zoom, zam! Clippety, Clappety, Clump!

Rustles and bustles
And Swishes and zings!
What wonderful noises
Fireworks bring!
And dance to the music



From the Editor:

Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens & Friends:

Houston
Deaf
Senior
Citizens
Newsletter

I would like to make an announcement about your addresses, TTY/fax numbers, and e-mail addresses.

We, the SC Newsletter staff, respect your privacy and will not give away if anyone ask us for your address or any other personal information. When they ask us, we will get your permission first, or have you contact them.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at 281-484-1347 TTY or e-mail – **cfshaw79@aol.com** or fax – 281-416-0799 (Audrey).

When you mail a check or money order for renewal, please fill out the form and mail it with your check/money order. Also please do the same way with the change of address

The Staff

form. We need the forms for our file. The forms are on the back cover of the SC Newsletter.

Thank you for your attention.

Frank Shaw

Frank Shaw

Karen Clifton Flash News for next field trip Houston, July 11, 2003

Zelma Curbello Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray by 9 AM. The bus will depart between 9:30 & 9:45 AM. The group will tour and lunch at Downtown Aquarium. If anyone interested there is a train ride through an acrylic tunnel of the 200,000 gallon Shark Voyage. Also visit the Houston Maritime Museum.

Audrey Leger 10 AM - Aquarium Adventure Exhibit at Downtown Aquarium - \$6.50 per Senior Citizen
 The Shark Voyage - a train ride (about 10 min) - \$4.50 per person
 Noon - Lunch at Marina Matinee Café at Downtown Aquarium
 2:30 PM - The Houston Maritime Museum - \$3.00 per Senior Citizen

Pedro Solis

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

Roger Spivey

Planned field trips for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens for the next two months:

Mary Jo Stevens August 8, 2003 – Liberty
 Visit their historical site, Sam Houston Regional Library,
 Geraldine D Humphrey Cultural Center

2. September 3,2003 – To be announced later.



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND:** Arlene Benham, Jerrie & Joe Cervenka, Emma R Cross, William Hebert, Billie & Tom Holloway, Frank Shaw, Roger Spivey, and Montie Strother.

Here are the lists of people who donated the money to LOVE FUND in memory of dear friends.

IN MEMORY OF:

SAM MANGUM by Rita Dominque DeVries

HAZEL PACE by Hazel & Jack Richard

ALL OF THE DECEASED FRIENDS by Early McVey

HELEN PADGETT by Christine Mckinnon, Janice Caraway, Joe & Lennie Morton

Rita, Hazel, Jack, Early, Christine, Janice, Joe and Lennie -- thank you for your thoughtful donations.

And again *Hazel* and *Jack*, thanks for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND** in **HONOR OF GERTIE & TRAVIS SESSIONS'** 50th **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**.

Anyone who wishes to donate **\$\$\$** to **LOVE FUND** should please make a check or money order payable to <u>Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund</u>. Please mail to:

Mrs. Zelma Curbello 9623 Tiltree Houston, TX 77075-4042

NEW SUBSCRIBERs:

Welcome to our new subscribers: Jerry & Peggy Capell

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Eugene & Martha Alaniz, Martin & Mabel Bienvenu Jr, Allen & Lorena Bubeck, Kenneth & Dinah Burkett, Janice & Rob Caraway, William & Billie Dover, Beverly R Duncan, Jerry Hassell, Raymond Martinez, Mildred Reeves, Larry Smith, Bonnie Tippett, and Jose G. Ybarra.

BREAKFAST FOR ANTS

I would never have believed this one had I not seen it myself! We had a bunch of ants gathered at the edge of our sidewalk garage area, and a friend suggested getting rid of them by feeding them oatmeal. They'd eat it, and the oatmeal would expand inside their bodies, and they'd die. This way there would be no smell or chemicals around for children or pets. So, I poured oatmeal on the ground for them. Yep, next morning, nearly every ant was dead. I understand that cornmeal is also effective.

Received E-mail -- Writer Unknown



Joe & Rose Katz:

Joe & Rose Katz celebrated their 65th Wedding Anniversary on May 18, 2003 in Austin, TX at the Austin Country Club. Over 140 friends and families attended the event and helped them recall 65 wonderful years together. Friends came from Fort Worth, Dallas, Houston, and San Antonio to honor the Katz's involvement in the Deaf Community as leaders, workers, and friends.

Joe attended the Minnesota School for the Deaf and met Rose 70 years ago (1933) when Minnesota football players played a game with the Iowa School for the Deaf where Rose was a student. They dated for 5 years and married in Omaha, Nebraska in 1938. In 1945 they moved to Fort Worth, TX.

Joe & Rose want to thank all who attended and send their loves & regards to all their close & long time friends in Houston.

News by Tennie Sessions from San Marcos:

On May 17, 2003 Ruby Kleberg, Dorothy & Max Floyd and I flew to Boston, Mass. from Dallas for the Deaf Senior Conference. The weather was nice and warm. We were fortunate to meet Jimmy & Elaine Brooks, Garcia Gonzales, Bonnie (Williams) Gough, Larry Smith, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Sandra Barnes Smith, Julius Seegers' son, Mark, Melvia (Miller) Nomeland at Marriot Copley Place where we attended seminars and workshops. Melvia and her husband, Ronald took a part in the workshop about the senior citizens. Melvia has lost 20 pounds in 10 months, and Sandra Smith – 28 pounds in 5 months. They both look great. The following day the five charter buses took us to Salem, Gloucester, and Clambake. It rained all day, but enjoyed the lovely, colorful flowers on the trees. We visited Salem Witchcraft, the old house built around in 1682's. We stopped at Clambake for lunch. They served two different baked chicken breasts and lobster. It was delicious. Boston is a very interesting, historical town. I am very anxious to return to Boston some day for more sightseeing because history is my favorite hobby. *Tennie*

Mary Dartz by Gertie Sessions:

Mary Dartz had a light stroke around the first week of June 2003. Travis and I visited her and she is doing OK, but her right side of arm and leg can't move, also her right eye is blind. Her interpreter told us that Mary has to stay at Tomball hospital for one month or longer, because no one takes care of her and her husband, Jerry. Jerry is now staying in the Special Care. Mary is lonesome and would like to have anyone to visit her. *Gertie*

DeafDigest Blue - June 15, 2003 - Blue Edition: Barry Strassler, Editor Est. 1996:

Never a dull moment in Gallaudet's neighborhood. A new Metro station; a possible location for a new ball park; a possible high tech sector (if the economy improves), possible gentrification, and now this - a battle over the old Uline Arena. The arena fell into decay and was last used as a waste processing plant. And developers are talking about demolishing the arena. Uline Arena was the site of the powerhouse Gallaudet University ice hockey teams of the late sixties. Practically the entire Gallaudet student body took a short walk to the arena to cheer on their hockey players in many contests.

LOUIS J. SCHWARZ'S DEAFMONEY TIP OF THE WEEK - DeafDigest Blue - June 15, 2003

Q. Why should I give my life insurance policy a checkup?

A. Yes, a family's life insurance needs may change every few years. A life insurance checkup may save you big, big money.

NOTE: Schwarz Financial Services LLC, the nation's first deaf-owned and operated financial services business can be surfed at http://www.deafmoney.com

THE SITUATION WITH TCDHH

The Texas legislature completed their session on June2. This was a session where they faced an expected \$9.9 billion revenue shortfall for the next two years. TCGHH (Texas Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing) went through the usual budget procedures and the funding situation for the two years, which starts September 1, 2003, will allow most of the agency's programs to function at basically the same levels as in the past few years. Travel will be restricted. We cannot pay travel expenses for task force meetings. The BEI may have to reduce the number of testing dates... There may be a freeze on hiring and other cost saving measures.

The really big impact of the legislative session involves the merger of health and human services agencies. All of these agencies, including TCDHH, will be merged into one of four new departments under the Health and Human Services Commission. TCDHH will be merged into the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services, along with the Texas Rehabilitation Commission (TRC), Texas Commission for the Blind (TCB), and Early Childhood Intervention (ECI). The Commissioner, Health and Human Services Commission, and the Governor will select an Executive Director for each of the new departments. Each new department will have an advisory council with members appointed by the Governor. A Transition Legislative Oversight Committee will be appointed and given the responsibility to draft a plan and make recommendations for the mergers. This Committee will have two Senate members, two House of Representatives members, and three members selected by the Governor. Their plan and recommendations will be due in December 2003 and will go to the Governor. This plan is expected to include some organizational structure and timelines for the mergers. At some point after December 2003, TCDHH and all the agencies being merged will be abolished. This will include abolishing the boards of all the agencies. This will be the largest government reorganization in the history of Texas and it could take several years to accomplish.

No information is available regarding what will happen to TCDHH services. However, the legislative intent was to cut costs and not to eliminate or reduce services. It is reasonable to expect that most TCDHH services will be retained and administered by the new department. It is also reasonable to expect that most, if not all, TCDHH staff will be retained by the new department.

The TCDHH staff and I will do what we can to encourage the establishment of an Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing within the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services. We are committed to seeing that the population of persons who are deaf or hard of hearing will continue to be served and that the new department will work with and be supportive of the contracted councils throughout the state. Albert Hawkins, Commissioner, Health and Human Services Commission, has assured me that he is committed to structuring the new Department so as to be responsive to the people it serves.

I will attempt to keep you informed, as new information becomes available to me. If you have questions feel free to contact me by email (david.myers@tcdhh.state.tx.us) or by phone at 512-407-3251 (TTY) or 512-407-3250 (voice).

Thanks to all who have been supportive of TCDHH in the legislative session by attending hearings at the capitol, by sending letters, emails, faxes and by making calls to legislators.

David Myers

NOTE:

Hurricane is coming around the corner and Hurricane Information from City of Houston, Emergency Management at http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/OEM/prepare.html gave out the information – "How to Prepare for a Hurricane" on page 9 & 10. Please read and it would help to save those pages for the further.



July 1, 2003 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, July 1st at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be: This month Sat. Klausner with the Houston Police Department Truck Enforcement Unit will give a presentation on his job and the training they receive. This will be an interesting topic. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join with them.



July 9, 2003 (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. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and eniov chatting with friends!

July 11, 2003 (Friday)



ASL Social at Woodlands Mall Friday, July 11th from 5 PM to 9 PM. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net.

Directions: From N I-45 HWY exit on Lake Woodlands Dr./The Woodlands Pavilion, continue on Lake Woodlands Dr. and the mall is on your left side.

July 11, 2003 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in Houston area. Please be at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston at 9 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

July 12, 2003 (Saturday)



ATTENTION: Due to the holiday of July 4th on first Friday, their usual meeting day, the FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon on Saturday, July 12 from 11 AM to 1:30 PM at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn). Restaurant is on your right. Come, and you can find out how you can become a FRAT, and have many more savings, as well as a discount toward your birthday or wedding anniversary. Besides getting all you want from the buffet, you can also find out who is getting the discount!

July 17, 2003 (Thursday)



ATTENTION: There will be no Senior Citizen fellowship or potluck lunch at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr., because the missionary people from Missouri will be stayed at church for three weeks in July. If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Autry at (713) 984-8186 TTY or Gertrude Sessions at (281) 447-7575 TTY.

July 23, 2003 (Wednesday)

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

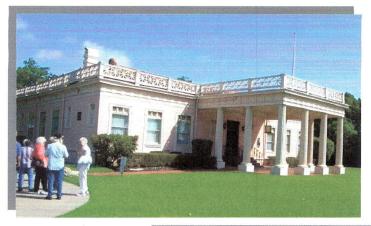
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Field Trip to Port Arthur

June 13, 2003

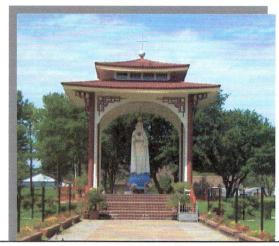


Pompeiian Villa

This building's history is almost as fascinating as the villa itself. Typically Pompeiian are the Doric Columns that support the portico as well as the latticework that rims the roof and the small windows that top the building's larger windows. That was an authentic copy of a Pompeiian home of 74 AD with the 20 rooms built around a traditional Roman peristyle. Also borrowed from ancient Pompeii is the deep pink color of exterior walls and lighter shade used for the columns and contrasting trim.

This is a three-sided courtyard of Pompeiian Villa to which each room has access.





Queen of Peace Shrine & Gardens

This Hoa-Binh (Area of Peace), featuring beautiful gardens and statue of *Mary* 3 time's life size was built by parishioners of Queen of Vietnam Marytyr's Catholic Church.

What a unique statue!



White Haven

Originally build as a New England colonial-style mansion in 1915, it was changed by a subsequent owner to a Southern Greek Revival style by the addition of large verandas and columns. The last owners of the house filled it with a large collection of Victorian furnishings and other antiques, which are so beautiful.

The home is now owned by Lamar State College-Port Arthur and used for a variety of campus meetings, gatherings, and functions.



Houston Senior Citizens group and friends from Beaumont really did enjoy their day and glad to return home after a wonderful day.



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HOW TO PREPARE FOR A HURRICANE

- 1. **LISTEN** to local emergency officials, and follow their instructions. Listen to local TV and radio. (KTRH_AM 740 is the designated Emergency Alert Station for the Houston Area).
- 2. **HAVE A PLAN** of action for any emergency. If you must relocate, have a predetermined destination, route and alternate route whether out of the area or to the nearest shelter.
- 3. PREPARE:

Have these emergency supplies:

- > Non-perishable foods and water containers.
- > More than one flashlight and extra batteries.
- > First-aid kit, along with any prescription medicine.
- > Stored plywood preferably heavy and pre-cut and pre-drilled to cover windows.
- Plastic sheeting for water leaks.

Know the difference between a hurricane WATCH and a hurricane WARNING.

A hurricane **WATCH** is issued when a hurricane becomes a threat to this coastal area within 36 hours. Everyone in the area covered by the watch should listen for further advisories and be prepared to act promptly if a hurricane warning or relocation is recommended.

A hurricane **WARNING** is issued when hurricane winds of 74 mph or higher, or a combination of dangerously high water and rough seas, are expected within this area within 24 hours. Precautionary actions should be completed immediately.

When a hurricane WATCH is issued:

- > Continue to monitor local TV or radio stations for instructions.
- > Check supplies, especially water (at least 5 gallons per person).
- > Fuel your vehicles and generators.
- > Cover windows with plywood.
- > Bring in ALL outdoor furniture, toys and tools.
- > Moor any boats securely, or move it to a safe place.

When a hurricane WARNING is issued:

- Continue to monitor local TV or radio stations for instructions.
- Move early out of low-lying areas or from the coast, at the request of officials.
- > Check tie-downs if living in a mobile home, and leave immediately.
- ➢ If you live on high ground, away from the coast and plan to stay, secure the building, windows and garages and follow all procedures listed above, plus store extra water in bathtubs and all available containers.
- > Turn off utilities, if requested.
- > Stay away from windows, doors and openings.

HURRICANE SUPPLIES

What supplies do you need in case of a hurricane? The Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Red Cross Recommend:

WATER

- Store at least one gallon of water per person per day in plastic containers such as soft drink or mild
- Keep at least a three-day supply of water for persons in your household. (Five gallons per person overall is recommended.)

FOOD

Store at least a three-day supply of nonperishable foods that require no refrigeration, little preparation or cooking, and little or no water, for example:

- Canned meats, fruits and vegetables
- Canned juices, milk, soup
- High-energy foods such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, granola bars and trail mix
- Vitamins
- Cookies, hard candy, cereals, instant coffee

TOOLS & SUPPLIES

This includes:

- Paper Cups and plate
- Plastic utensils
- Battery-operated radio
- Flashlight
- Batteries
- Cash
- Fire Extinguisher

- Pliers Compass
- Manual can opener (non-electric)
- Matches in waterproof container
- Signal flare
- Map of the area
- Sanitation items

FIRST-AID KIT

A first-aid kit for your home and each car should include:

- Sterile adhesive bandages
- Gauze pads
- Adhesive tape
- Scissors
- Tweezers
- Needle
- Antiseptic

- Thermometer
- Soap
- Aspirin
- Anti-diarrhea medication
- Antacid
- Laxatives

- **CLOTHING & BEDDING** This includes:
 - Sturdy shoes or work boots
 - Rain gear

- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Hat and gloves

DURING A HURRICANE

Remain indoors during a hurricane. Stay in the lowest level of your home well away from any windows. An interior hallway, bathroom or closet may the safest location. Remember to cover members of your family with a mattress or to seek shelter under something very sturdy like a well-constructed dining room table that could protect them from possible debris.

REMEMBER....

Make your hurricane plan a part of a family discussion. Share your plan with friends and relatives. Hurricane preparedness is a team effort for everyone in the neighborhood and community.

http://www.ci.houston.tx.us/OEM/prepare.html







Don Ray Hankins: Memorial services for Don Ray Hankins, 53, of Sulphur Springs were held at 6 PM Tuesday. May 20, 2003, at Murray Orwosky Funeral Home Chapel with Randy Miller officiated.

Mr. Hankins died at 2:55 PM Sunday, May 18, at Carriage House Manor. He was born on October 8, 1949, in Sulphur Springs to E. E. and Florence Sprague Hankins.

Mr. Hankins was a dairy worker. He was of the Baptist faith. Survivors include two daughters, Sudon and Colleen Hankins, both of Dallas; one son, Shane Hankins of Pickton; four brothers, Gerald Hankins of Winnesboro, F. O. Hankins of Denton, and Edward Hankins and Bobby Hankins, both of Saltillo; two sisters, Lavonda Gillen of Leesburg and Ovaline Lynn Barber of Pineview; and two grandchildren.

Helen Padgett, 94, rested in peace on June 10, 2003. Beloved Mother of Elizabeth, Jeanette of Maryland, Pauline, and the late George.

Visitation was held from 4 to 8 PM at Brookside Funeral Chapel. Services were held Friday, June 13, 2003 at 11 AM in Brookside Funeral Chapel; Brookside – Lauder Road, Cemetery, Funerals & Cremations, 13401 Eastex Freeway, Houston, TX.

Frank E. Duran, Jr, 70, resident of Austin, passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2003. He attended at TSD and was formerly a Golden Boxer of Austin. He is survived by his beloved sons, Tony Duran and wife Monica, Terry Duran and wife Norma; his grandchildren, and relatives, all of Austin. Recitation of rosary Friday, the 13th at 7 PM at the Mission Funeral Home Chapel. Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Saturday, the 14th at 9 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, officiated by Rev. Fr. J. C. Cain, OMI. Special Thanks to the Doctors, Nurses and staff of South Austin Medical Center for their care, love and support given to our father during his illness. His beloved sons, Tony and Terry Duran.

Pauline (Dudley) Salazzo, 67, passed away Tuesday, June 10, 2003 after a long illness including air bubbles in her lungs and was buried in Ridgecrest, California on Friday, the 13th. She attended at TSD. We apologize there is not much information.

THANK YOU CARD sent to Zelma Curbello by Billie Mangum:

On behalf of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens & friends:

Zelma, Hope this finds you and your family well. It is so good to hear from you, and to learn of the Love Fund gift in Sam's memory.

Rita De Vries is a lovely gal. I surely appreciate what she has done, and hope you can let her know.

My family and I are so grateful for all the cards, letters and gifts sent in memory of Sam.

We miss him so much, and it continues to be difficult for us.

Again, many many thanks! Billie

LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE

Suzanne was having an affair with a pest-control inspector. One afternoon her husband came home unexpectedly and found the man hiding in the closet.

"Who are you?" the husband demanded.

"An inspector from Bugs-B-Gone," came the reply.

"What are you doing in there?"

"Looking for moths,"

"And where are your clothes?"

The man looked down at himself and said, "Those tricky little devils!"

Submitting by E.T. Thompson; Reader's Digest –July 2003



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