

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens

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**LABOR
DAY**



Labor Day Officially Ends Summer

Labor Day officially ends summer,
As those who work enjoy one final
fling.

Blessed are those who bear the
daily burden,
Of whom few savants speak or
minstrels sing,
Returning to the shallow of
September.

Days of ease give way to hours
certain,
A long routine that wends its way
towards winter,
Yearning for the promises of
spring.

By Barry Taylor

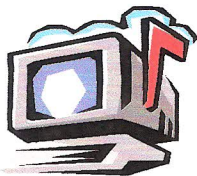
ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

America, pierced with tragedy, responded heroically. A major task in need of being done, all rushed quickly to the call of 911. As souls were humbled to God in prayer, praises burst forth through the air. Those known before as having no care, heartily said, "your pain we share".

God Almighty truly does reign. This we know by healing of the pain. Because God surely yet reigns, America is yet standing, and forevermore will proclaim

ONE NATION UNDER GOD!

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From the Editor:

Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens & Friends:

Due to my illness, as of August 31, 2003 I resigned as Editor of Houston Deaf Senior Citizen Newsletter. I do enjoy working with the staff for 4 years, and I want to thank people who had sent me some news or informations for the newsletter lately. Audrey Leger will replace me as Editor. *Frank Shaw*

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If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Audrey at 281-437-6224 TTY or fax at 281-416-0799 or e-mail at [audright@ev1.net](mailto:audright@ev1.net).

Effective as of today, when you mail a check or money order to HDSC Newsletter with the forms for renewal or change of address, please mail to Audrey Leger at this address below.

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***Flash News for next field trip  
San Marcos, TX - September 3, 2003 (Wednesday)***

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Dr., Houston at 7 AM. The bus will depart no later than 7:30 AM. The group will stop by Aquarena Center and La Vista Retirement Community.

11 AM – Aquarena Center - Ride in the Glass Bottom Boat - \$4.00 per person

12:30 or 1 PM – Lunch at Luby's

2 PM – La Vista Retirement Community to visit old friends and tour La Vista apartments and the amenities that are available there.

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Come and let's have fun together. See you on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

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

1. October 10, 2003 (Friday) ~~ Nacogdoches ~~ Millard's Crossing & Old Stone Fort Museum
2. November 4, 2003 (Wednesday) ~~ Orange ~~ First Presbyterian Church & museum
3. December 12, 2003 (Friday) ~~ Old Spring Town ~~ to be announced later



**From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:**

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Nellie Bishop, Ann & Ray Edgley, William Hebert, Elnora Morgan, Lennie & Joe Morton, Hazel & Jack Richard, Montie Strother, and I.D. & Floyd Wicker.

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

**Mrs. Zelma Curbello  
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Houston, TX 77075-4042**

**NEW SUBSCRIBERS:** Welcome to our new subscribers: Kathryn Fiscus and Donald H. Hahn.

**RENEWALS:** Thank you for your renewal: Donnell Bryan, Sherrian Fewell, James E. Ford Sr, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Shirley Jackson, S. J. Jackson, Leonor Royce, James W. & Marian J. Seale, Rochelle B. Simpson, Malcolm Tate, M/M L. V. Thornton, and Mildred Williamson, gifted by Frank Shaw.

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**ON TV  
Channel 8 - KUHT**

**Houston Mayoral Candidates Forum**

**With Closed Captioning  
~~~ A first for Houston ~~~**

Next in Series
Thursday, September 25, 2003 at 7:00pm
And to re-air
Tuesday, September 20 at 9:00pm

3rd and Final Forum
Thursday, October 23, 2003 at 7:00pm
And to re-air
Tuesday, October 28 at 9:00pm

--Exact times may be subject to change--



Happy 42nd Wedding Anniversary

Tommy & Jenice Wells



August Birthday

Top: Ray Edgley, James Fair, Esther Brownalenoir, Jesse Dirdeen

Bottom: Christine McKinnon, Nellie Bishop, & Lanier Page

Liberty Field Trip

August 8, 2003

The group of Houston Deaf Senior Citizens went to Liberty, TX and toured three historic buildings that include 2 homes and a church: Gillard-Duncan House, The Norman House, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, and Jean & Price Daniel Museum including The Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center in one big area. That was amazing and a pleasure sightseeing at those places. Then we stopped by Golden Corral Restaurant where the delicious food was like homemade! On our way back home, we toured Geraldine D. Humphrey Cultural Center where her old house used to be. There is a Liberty Bell Tower, erected for the 1976 Bicentennial, in the back yard. We had a good time & enjoyed the trip.



Gillard-Duncan House

Dr E J Gillard (1808-75) brought his family to Texas from Louisiana in 1845. About 1848 he built this home on his plantation east of Liberty. Constructed of native woods. It features Greek Revival styling with creole influences. Unique features of the home include a traveler's room and an upstairs schoolroom. The residence remained in the family through the descendants of Capt. William B Duncan, who was married to the Gillard's daughter, Eliza until her death in 1856 and then to her cousin, Celima. William and Celima's daughter, Julia Welder, later cared for the house, which was moved here in 1980.

Recorded Texas Historic Landmark - 1981

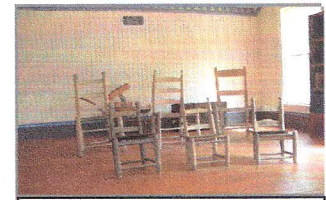
St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Served as early as the 1850's by visiting clergy, local Episcopalians worshiped in temporary quarters before erecting this structure in 1898. The oldest church building in Liberty, it stands on property donated by George W. Davis and Judge William F. Hardin. This parish was known by several names before it became St. Stephen's in 1952. Stained glass windows were installed in the frame church in the 1960s.

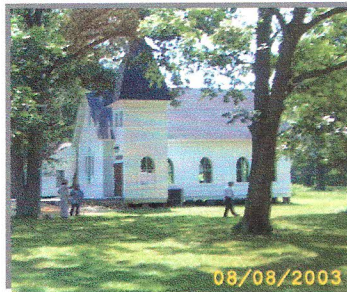
Recorded Texas Historic Landmark-
1977



1898



An upstairs schoolroom



08/08/2003

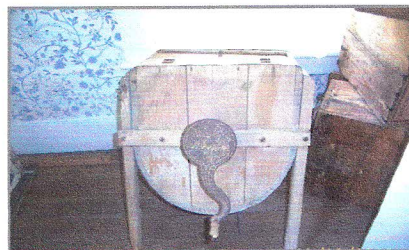


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The Norman House

The Norman House typifies Texas residences built between 1850 & 1890 and is an example of vernacular Greek Revival architecture, reduced and simplified in a one-story house.

W T Norman, a prominent Liberty Attorney, purchased the house in 1910. His family owned the home until his daughter, Edna Norman donated it to the Atascosito Historical Society in 1988. The house was moved to the grounds of the Sam Houston Regional Library & Research Center on May 20, 1992.



Wooden washing machine at
The Norman House.

The Jean & Price Daniel House

The exterior of the Jean & Price Daniel House is patterned after the Greek Revival style Texas Governor's Mansion, built by Abner Cook between 1854 & 1856. Although Cook's plans for the Austin mansion included wings on either side of the house, they were not added due to insufficient funds. The wings of the Price Daniel House were constructed in the Greek Revival style; the balustrades and Ionic columns of the house were patterned after those built by Cook. Except for the entry hall and stairs, the interior of the Price Daniel House is unlike that of the Governor's Mansion.



The Jean & Price Daniel House

The entry hall and archway stairs with the beautiful maroon velvet runner carpet.



President Kennedy came to town for business used to sleep in that room.



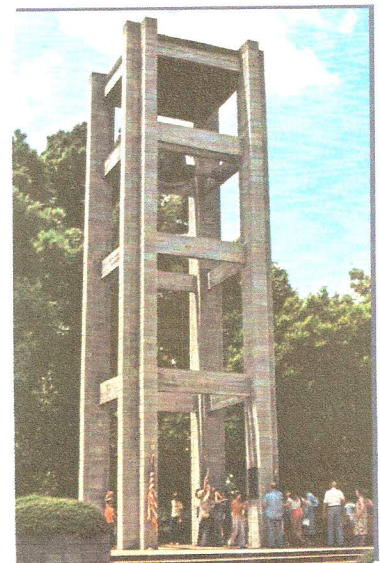
**The Sam Houston Regional Library
And
Research Center**

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Geraldine D Humphrey

Liberty Bell Tower



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2, 2003 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2003, to celebrate 16th Anniversary Party at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church at 9920 Long Point Dr. Houston at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join with them.

September 3, 2003 (Wednesday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip in San Marcos. Please be at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church**, 9920 Long Point Dr, Houston at 7 AM. Let's join us and enjoy ourselves. (See editor page 2, for more information).

September 5, 2003 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon Friday, September 5th from 11 AM to 2 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.

September 5, 2003 (Friday)



ASL Social at Baybrook Mall at Food Court, Hwy 45 South at Bay Area Blvd, Houston, Friday, September 5th from 5 PM to 9 PM. Please e-mail to contact Roger Spivey at spivey39@ev1.net.
Directions: From I-45 South down and exit on W Bay Area Blvd, turn right on W Bay Area Blvd, turn right on Baybrook Square Dr toward Baybrook Mall.

September 9, 2003 (Tuesday)



Chief's Citywide "Positive Interaction Program" will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 1200 Travis, Houston at 7 PM. The presentation will be: Sgt. Ricky Campbell, from the Financial Crimes Unit of the Houston Police Department, shares with us how your identity can be stolen and what to do to protect yourself from this growing crime problem. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided. Come and join with them.

September 10, 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. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

September 18, 2003 (Thursday)










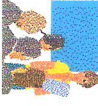









Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck lunch. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Evelyn Autry** at (713) 984-8186 TTY or **Gertrude Sessions** at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

September 24, 2003 (Wednesday)



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

September 2003

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16th ANNI VERSARY
 | 3 Field Trip
"SAN MARCOS"

Ethel Chappel
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BAYBROOK MALL
 | 6 Richard/Joan
Brubaker—1958
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Woodhaven
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| 21 Billie Mangum
 | 22 | 23 | 24 S.C.M.M.S.C.

Glyn Whittemore
Daril Williamson
 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Josephine Davis
 | 29 Travis Sessions
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NEWS

'Texas women survive harrowing slide off I-40': submitting by Christine McKinnon

Joe Kolb, Staff Writer of The Truth Well Told Independent Web Edition - July 16, 2003

Traffic officer Owen Pena of the Gallup Police Department in New Mexico looked down onto Maloney Avenue from Interstate 40 and pondered the what ifs as he watched rescue crews extricate two women from an overturned car which slid down the freeway embankment, overturning and finally coming to rest on its side against a traffic light pole early Saturday evening.

"The women could have been hit by an oncoming tractor-trailer or crashed into the freeway street sign," Pena thought aloud, making the outcome much worse.

At about 6:20 PM a rented maroon Ford Taurus driven by Lisa Fowler (Christine's granddaughter, Janice's daughter), 31, of Alvin, TX was traveling westbound on I-40 between near Mile Marker 19 when, for reasons being investigated, she lost control of her vehicle causing it to jump the median, skid sideways across the eastbound lane and crash through the fence on the freeway's shoulder. Their skid was evident by the four pronounced tire marks across the freeway.

Pena assumed the car slid about 250-300 feet down the embankment backward when it may have flipped over some bushes eventually resting on its side against the traffic light pole at the corner of Ninth Street and Maloney Avenue.

"They must have been going about 65 mph," said Pena. "On the median there is very little traction," he said, which further contributed to the harrowing skid across the freeway. Rescue crews from the Gallup Fire Department and Med-Star Ambulance were on scene. "We were coming back from a call and saw a cloud of dust," said Matt Leekity, an Emergency Medical Technician from Med-Star Ambulance. "We thought it was a street cleaner." Leekity and three other EMTs had to standby until a team of seven firefighters removed Fowler and passenger Lisa Robertson, 39, also of Alvin, TX.

Compounding the difficulty of the rescue effort was the position of the vehicle with its partially crushed hood resting against the light pole. The oppressive heat didn't seem to affect the rescuers in their efforts despite sweat soaked clothing and streams of sweat on their faces. After about 15 minutes of firefighters using extrication equipment ranging from axes to the Jaws of Life, the pair was finally removed from the vehicle. One rescuer said they did not sustain any loss of consciousness but were complaining of neck and shoulder pain.

Fowler sustained a head laceration, which was evident by bloodstains on the top of her driver's seat. Both victims were carefully placed and secured to backboards as they were cautiously removed from the vehicle, which was still positioned on its side. They were transported to Rehoboth Memorial Christian Hospital in Gallup.

News by Beverly (Fair) Duncan

On July 1st I visited my daughter, Patricia Bernstein in Fremont, California. She and I went to Miami, Fla. For riding in a cruise to Nassau, Bahamas, Dominican Republic, and St. Thomas, Virgin Island, then around back to Miami from July 6th to 13th. Then we were back California before I left California for 2 days to back San Marcos, TX. We had a wonderful time.

Email message from Merl Byrd: submitting by Zelma Curbello

Hello there friends,

I wanted to let you know that Jerry Dartez is living with CJ and me. His wife, Mary passed away on July 13th. I was in Houston that week and Jerry was very helpless...

I know most of you do not know where he was staying at and that is why he did not receive any visitors, except Pastor Arthur Craig, a social worker, Angela and some other interpreters. He has been in the nursing home for 3 months. He has been losing so much weight. I am not used to him being skinny. He is adjusting very well and knows his way around the house. I hope and pray that he will do well and behave.

If you would like to send him a sympathy card and I will give you his address (below). You can pass it around and let them know that Jerry is doing great. Pray for me and give me the strength to handle him, smile. I surely could need this.

Thanks and love you, *Merl Byrd*

**Jerry Dartez
122 Salacoa Highlands
Jasper, GA 30143**

Were our Parents good or mean or very, very strict? Submitting by Montie Strother

Taken from Madisonville Meteor Newspaper

We are quick to look for the bad rather than look for the good in people. (turn on your local news) so why shouldn't kids do the same? We're quick to pass laws that invade the family structure, so why shouldn't a kid file charges against his parent?

Now granted, we do have child abuse in families, and that needs attention, but the pendulum has swung so far to the right, that parenting almost has a different definition than it did only 20 years ago.

Back then, we had mean Mamas, and I think we need mean Mamas today. Kids would be happier, society would take on its own responsibility and perhaps we could focus on the good in people before looking at the bad in them. Don't know who gets credit for this prose, but it's a good one. Just for the record, they were writing about my Mama!

"Was your Mom mean? I know mine was. We had the meanest mother in the whole world? While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs, and toast. When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less. We were ashamed to admit it, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, empty the trash and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do. She always insisted on us telling the truth the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds.

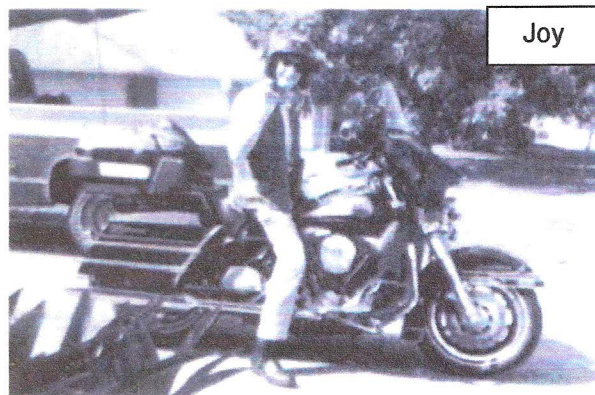
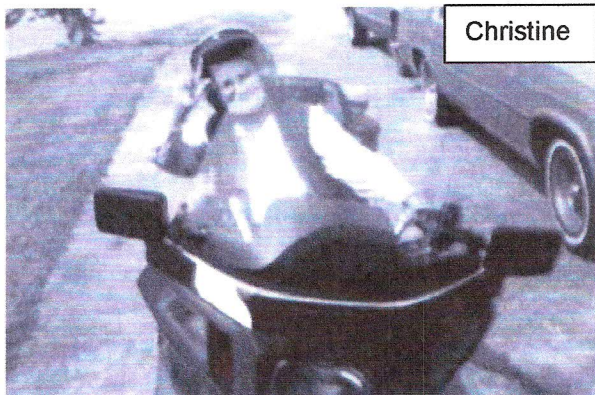
Then, life was really tough! Mother wouldn't let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them. While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16. Because of our mother, we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced.

None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other's property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was. I think that is what's wrong with the world today. It just doesn't have enough mean moms anymore."

Profile of Successful Alumni: Joy and Christine McKinnon by Jerry Hassell, TSD Alumnus

Journal of the Texas School for the Deaf



Probably the most unusual trait that Joy Frank McKinnon, TSD '50, and his wife Christine Boyd McKinnon, TSD '43, have is that while being parents, then grandparents, and finally great-grandparents with 10 great-grandchildren, they took motorcycle vacations all over the country.

The most enjoyable trips they had were their four visits to Ruidoso, New Mexico. Their other favorite trips were to Arizona, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, and nine other states. Once, they even traveled in Mexico. They were members of a motorcycle association called the Road Riders Club for 18 years and attended four national motorcycle conventions.

After leaving TSD, Joy attended Huntsville College to study mechanics. He was then employed by Berger Iron Works in Houston until his retirement in 1987. Christine worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone, National Bank Insurance, Agency Record Agency, and Brown-Root Co. until she finally retired in 1985.

Throughout all these years, they purchased and traded in a total of five models of motorcycles---Suzuki, Italian Motor convert, Harley-Davidson, Kawaski, and finally Moto Guzzi, which was their favorite.

Joy and Christine were married on August 31, 1962. Right away, both started to ride a motorcycle perpetually, although they also always had an automobile at the same time. Due to Joy's declining health, they had to cease owning a motorcycle in 1995. Joy passed away on April 6, 2001, and was buried in Taylor, Texas, his hometown.

On August 4, 2002 more than 200 persons surprised Christine with a party for her 80th birthday in Houston.

Joan Stovall: submitting by Zelma Curbello

Joan started having the Physical Therapy recently and she is doing pretty good although she still has the pains in the shoulder and ribs, which will be taking longer to heal. Here is the address if any of you are interested to drop her a card or letter.

JOAN STOVALL
C/O Sheri Christianson
2598 Spindle Top Trail
Frisco, TX 75034

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Angeleen E. West

Born in Mason, TX on Dec. 9, 1910

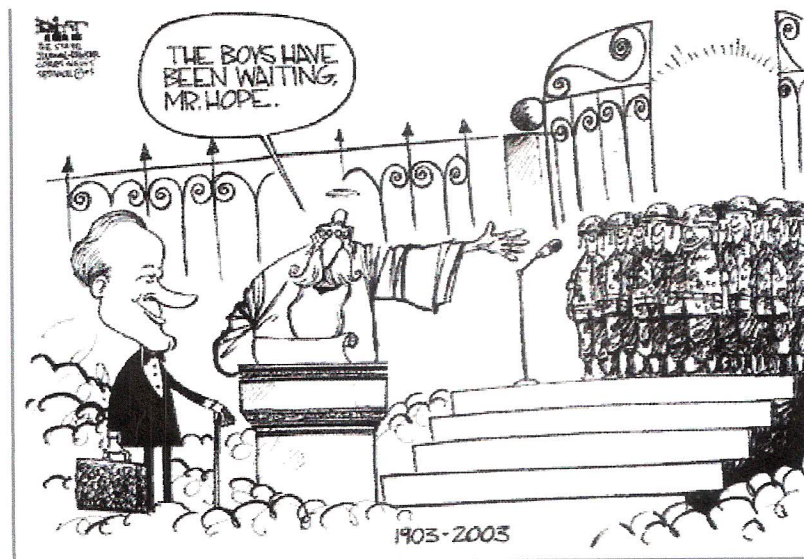
Departed on Aug. 14, 2003 and resided in Cedar Creek, TX

Angeleen E. West, 92, of Cedar Creek, died Thursday, August 14, 2003. She was born in Mason, TX to Oliver and Markie Eastman. Angeleen was a member of Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for Women Educators and she also taught at the Texas School for the Deaf. Her husband, C.F. "Pete" West and sister Mildred Eastman Barnett preceded her in death. She is survived by three sons; Steve West and wife, Dixie of Cedar Creek, Jay West and wife, Emily of Plano, TX and Cleve West and wife, Linda of Port Neches, TX. She is also survived by 8 grandchildren.

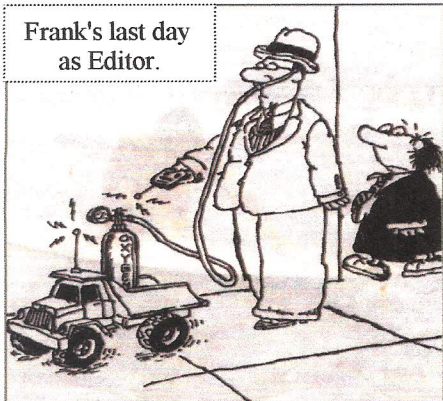
Visitation was held from 6 to 8 PM, on Friday, August 15th at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home. Services were held at 10 AM, Saturday, August 16, 2003 at Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Chapel with Reverend Billy Hudnall Officiated. Burial to follow at Austin Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wyldwood Baptist Church General Fund, 398 Union Chapel Rd, Cedar Creek, and Texas 78612.

Robert Steven's mother, Florence Harper Crist -- God and His Angels called her home on Tuesday, August 12, 2003. She was born in Las Vegas, New Mexico on January 19, 1922. She is survived by her loving husband, Farrell Crist of 39 years and her two precious sons, Jay Stevens, Robert Stevens and wife, Cynthia. She was a beautiful human being who was surrounding with love by her family. She had a beautiful smile that would brighten the room. She will be greatly missed. We shall be with her someday when God calls us home.

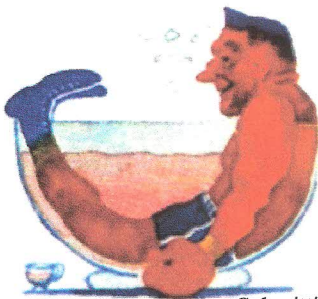


Frank's last day
as Editor.



IF YOU TOOK THEM TO HAPPY HOUR...

Would a...



- Computer whiz get pixil-ated?
- Short-order cook get fried?
- Aquarium owner get tanked?
- Boxer have too much punch?
- Laundromat user get three sheets to the wind?
- Gun dealer get loaded?
- Paratrooper take a drop too much?

Submitting by Mary Lou Healy, Reader's Digest - August 2003



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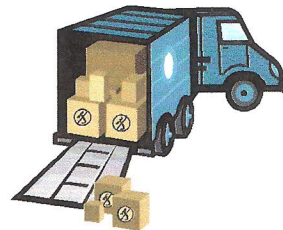
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