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On Friday the 13th, we had an unforgettable day of sights and eatery. On our itinerary, we had a spectacular waterborne tour of one of the busiest ports in the world aboard the Port of Houston Authority's public charter tour boat. The tour took 90 minutes to view some of largest oil refineries and cargo ships from the world docked throughout the ship channel. Then, we went off to Cleburne Cafeteria, established in 1941 by the Greek family, famously for their large portion of made-from-scratch dishes. We also admired the artworks painted by the owner, Nick, hung on the walls. Before returning to our meeting point, we stopped at Kegg's Candies factory. Their 11,000 sq. ft. state-of-the art customer friendly production facility has a 90 foot long glass wall exposing a clear view of the entire chocolate making process. Additionally, the facility have two large activity rooms for hosting birthday parties and adult chocolate making classes. And, a retail store. Historically, Kegg's Candies began humbly with the young



Kegg's brothers experimenting with chocolate candy recipes in the kitchen of their mom's home in the spring of 1946. Now they have many assorted handmade candies even molded ILY hand shaped candy.



Early Voting Schedule May 29, 2012 Primary Election

May 14, 2012 - May 18, 2012 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

May 19, 2012 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

May 20, 2012 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm

May 21 - May 25, 2012 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

Early Voting Schedule July 31, 2012 Primary Runoff Election

July 23, 2012 - July 27, 2012 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

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May

BIRTHDAY

3 Ellen M. Sias
7 Donald Hahn
14 Phillip Delozier
18 C. Homer West
19 Judy Becker

ANNIVERSARY

16 James/Lavern Fair
59 years (1953)

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Monday,
May 28, 2012

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FIELD TRIP**

Friday, May 11, 2012

VISIT

LBJ Museum (San Marcos, TX) - \$1.00

ON OWN LUNCH

Gristmill River Restaurant (Gruene, TX)

Shopping after the lunch

Please meet at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 6:30 am

Bus Departs at 7:00 am

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9920 Long Point
Houston, TX 77055

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wednesday, May 2:

Diabetes Workshop Session

The Lillian Beard Deaf
Connection Center
9920 Long Point Drive
Houston, TX 77055
10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Wednesday, May 9:

Meeting / Social

HDSCLF
Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr
1475 W. Gray Street
Houston, TX 77019
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday, May 4:

ASL Social

Katz's Deli & Bar
616 Westheimer St.
Houston, TX 77006
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Friday, May 11:

Deaf/ASL Social (Ft. Bend)

Chick-fil-A
20010 Southwest Freeway
Sugarland, TX 77022
4:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Tuesday, May 8:

"An Educational Field Trip"

Positive Interaction Program
Houston Transtar Center
6922 Old Katy Road
Houston, TX 77024
7:00 pm (*Please see page 5*)

Wednesday, May 23:

Social

HDSCLF
Metropolitan Multi-Service Ctr
1475 W. Gray Street
Houston, TX 77019
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hi Everybody!

We haven't seen ya'll in a long time. We just wanted to let everyone know that my husband Nicholas Gans, and I, along with my Mom, Nell Shanefield have left the confines of city life in Beaumont, TX for the country living in Elkhart, TX, population 1,263. We bought 10 acres of pasture/farm land 2 years ago and in September of 2011, we contracted with Franklin Homes in Alabama to build a new modular home. It was delivered and set up around Thanksgiving. We moved into the new place in December of 2011.

Mom loves it out in the country where the air is clean and breezy. Nell is 89 years old and doing fine these days. Harley, the family pet, is a young Blue Heeler and she loves the wide-open spaces. She has lately befriended a horse that grazes on some adjacent property.

For those who are interested, our new address is:

*505 ACR 110
Elkhart, TX 75839*

*Sincerely,
Ann Gans*



**Larry
Butler**

**Jan
Dermon**

**Floyd
Wicker**

Birthday

Surprised 80th-Birthday Lunch

Submitted by Audrey Leger



Zelma and Gus Curbello's daughter, Judella gave out the surprise birthday lunch for her parents the same time on March 25th, because Zelma turned 80 on March 15th & Gus turned 80 on April 6th. The birthday lunch was held at Gringo's Mexican Restaurant & invited all their family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, & close friends. Gus and Zelma planned to meet their son, Johnny & his children for lunch there. After they met & walked into the dining room, they were so shocked & surprised to see the people also their old close friends. There were 38 people in a dining room, which is hold limit 40 people. The delicious buffet was served & then had cake served. Some of them got some ice cream. They all enjoyed seeing & chatting with old friends especially Gus & Zelma. They also enjoyed opening the birthday cards & nice presents.



James & Lavern Fair

Another year of love has passed, but the love is still going strong.

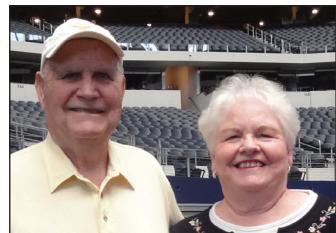
May you always stay in love.

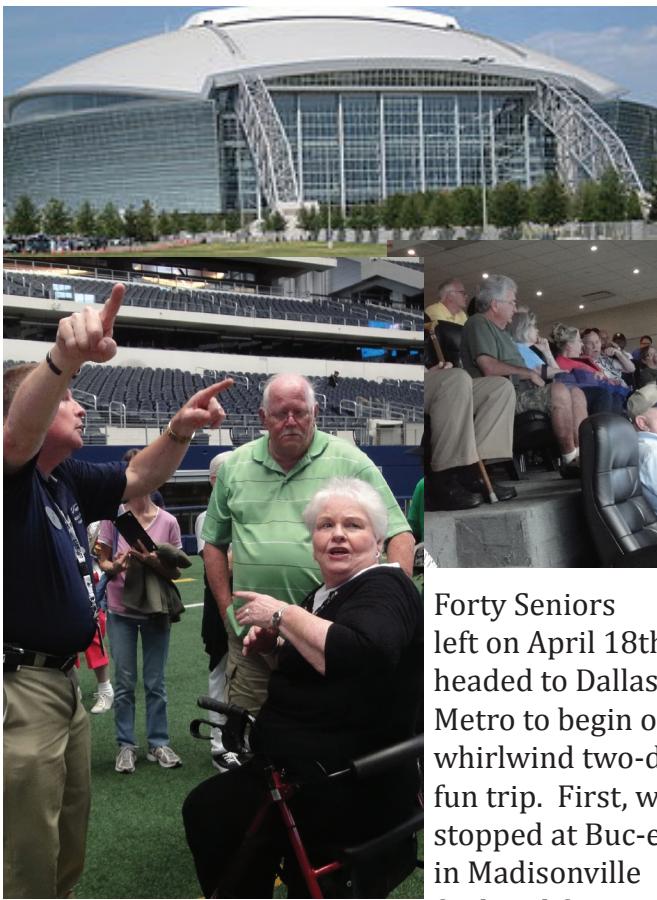
May God bless your love with care and warmth.

I wish you a happy life ahead, filled with togetherness and love.

Happy 59th Anniversary

Congratulations!

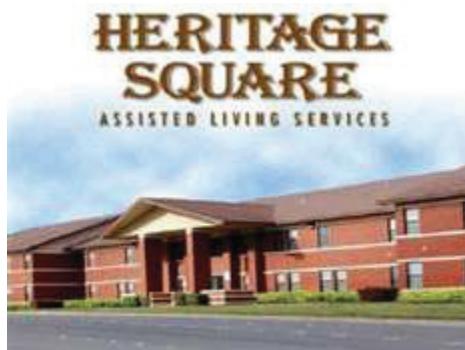




Forty Seniors left on April 18th headed to Dallas Metro to begin our whirlwind two-day fun trip. First, we stopped at Buc-ee's in Madisonville for breakfast,

refreshments and exercise. Delicious lunch stop at Furr's Fresh Buffet. Then, we toured Dallas Cowboys Stadium, constructed for \$1.15 billion, making it one of the most expensive sports venues

ever built. Our guide, Sid Johnson (deaf), gave us 3-hour grand tour. After that, we stopped by Heritage Square, assisted living



center, in Fort Worth where deaf and deaf/blind reside there. Guided tour of apartment models and recreation area. Finally, we checked into Hawthorne Suites in Arlington. After lite-dinner on the premise, we retired to our rooms. Next day, April 19th, we were up early for a delicious breakfast. Then, we stopped at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza in Dallas downtown.

Since November 22, 1963, the Texas School Book Depository building was the focus on the world's shock, grief and outrage when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dealey Plaza. Occupying the entire 6th floor, features films, photographs and artifacts that chronicle President

Kennedy's life, death and legacy. Then, we headed to Southfork Ranch, the famed mansion which was used as the filming location for the long-running "Dallas" series. The tour and barbecue lunch was highlighted is when we met other deaf seniors from North

Texas Deaf Senior Citizens. You can go to their website at www.ntdsc.org to view pictures taken that day. NTDSC President

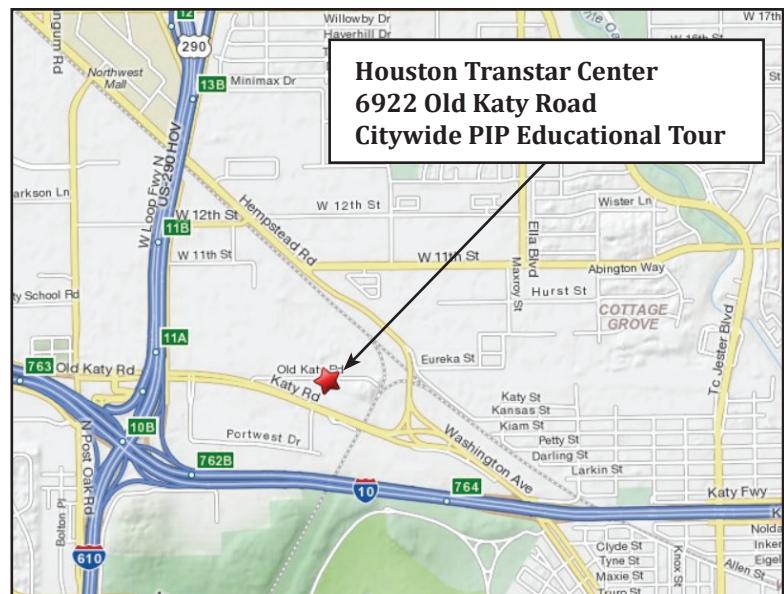


Mack Harris and Bert Hill took the pictures and downloaded them in their website. After that, we made a surprise stop at Collins Bakery in Corsicana before heading home. The trip was enjoyed by everyone!



On Tuesday, May 8th, in the place of our regular Citywide meeting, we will take an Educational Field Trip to the Houston Transtar Center starting at 7 PM, located at **6922 Old Katy Rd, Houston, Texas 77024**.

HPD staff & PIP members, who prefer to drive to the location, will need to arrive by 7 PM. Members, who would like to be transported by bus, will need to **meet at 1600 State St. by 6:15 PM** and will be transported to the Transtar Center via Metro bus at 6:35 PM Sharp. (Bus Seating will be limited). All members who would like to attend must contact their Divisional PIP Coordinators to get on the attendance list.



Titanic at the Houston Museum of Natural Science

Published by the chron.com



Alex Wang looks at the displays during a sneak preview of *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

*Photo: J. Patric Schneider,
For The Chronicle/Houston Chronicle*

A replica of the Titanic is on display. The exhibit opens to the public on March 16 and will run through September 3 featuring 250 artifacts recovered from the wreck site. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ships sinking.

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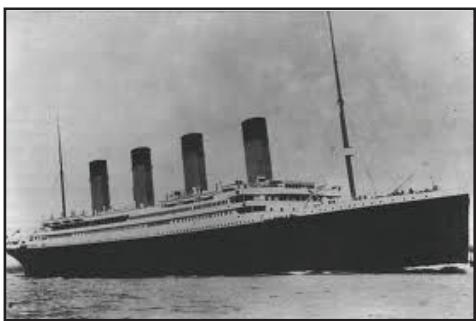
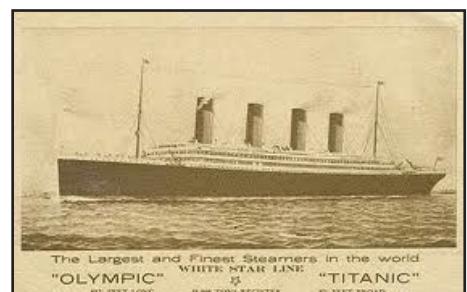


EXHIBIT INFO	
Mar 16, 2012 - Sep 3, 2012	
Public Pricing	
Adult Tickets	\$ 27
Child (3 - 11)	\$ 20
Senior (62+)	\$ 20
Membership Pricing	
Adult Tickets	\$ 12
Child	\$ 12



Deaf News Events

Could a deaf man, handcuffed behind his back upon arrest, file a lawsuit against the police on basis of his rights being violated? A judge in Maryland court said no. How and to what extent word a deaf man be able to communicate, while his hands were handcuffed behind his back was not addressed.

Submitted by Robert Yost

"Hello Darling," breathed the obscene phone called. "If you can guess what's in my hand, I'll give you a piece of the action." "Listen Dude," freaked the lil' Texas lady, "If y'all can hold it in one hand, I ain't the least bit interested."

Words To Live By

A birth certificate shows you were born, a death certificate shows you died ... a photo album shows how you have liveds.

If you want your dreams to come true, you must not oversleep.

Love people who treat you right and forget about the ones who do not.

Sometimes we get so caught up in who's right or who's wrong that we forget what is right and what is wrong.

Submitted by Robert Yost

Actress Mare Winningham working with the deaf again!

Famous actress Mare Winningham played the role of a Coda daughter in the 1985 TV movie "Love is Never Silent" that featured deaf actors Ed Waterstreet and Phyllis Frelich. And 27 years later, she is again working with the deaf-actor Russell Harvard in the play "Tribes" at a theater in New York. Hope Mare knows that deaf actors are very good to work with.



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Twice In An Hour

Ms. Williams,

Happy Easter to you.

Because of what CBS had done during the Masters golf broadcast, the weekend is room for me by this discrimination. At 4:00 pm and again at 5:03 pm CBS cut off the commentators sharing the golf highlights even though CBS did not kill the audio. CBS cut off the caption of the commentators to run a notice of responsibility. Such an action should have been done only at a time when there is no audio live. Because of CBS's continues discrimination against the deaf, I've sent you many examples of this being done, I'm requesting that CBS be dropped from Comcast lineup of program channels. Not to do this action would show that Comcast agrees and supports the discrimination against the deaf viewers. Please reply in the next couple of days to inform me of what action Comcast is going to take about the continuous discrimination.

*Thank you,
Robert Yost*

When you get old, your secrets are safe with your friends. They'll never share them because they can't remember them.

- Published by www.cleanjokes.com

Closed Caption News

Every person that watches caption programs knows (and has suffered through) bloopers and mistakes during programs. Possible the worst case of bloopers happened on the Great Britain TV program, Dancing on Iced. There were so many bloopers that the British Deaf Community lit our in anger. When TV stations scrimp on caption cost, they pay the price. Interesting that we, the American deaf community, laugh off these captioning bloopers on our programs but the British deaf community get very upset about it. Do you really care when TV captions are bad? Would you complain to your caption provider? If we stay silent in the deaf community, there will worst and worst service.

Submitted by Robert Yost

Special Glove To Help Deaf-Blind Communicate Via Mobile Devices

A Germany company is developing a technology that may help deaf-blind people send and receive text messages. The glove device, developed by Germany's Design Research Lab, is called the Mobile Lorm Glove. The technology basically allows the deaf-blind to decipher incoming text messages by converting texts into speech. The gadget works through tactile feedback to resolve the limits of the touch language sign alphabet known as Lorm.

*Partly published on 9th April 2012
by Romeo Castro (CFO World)*

A Bank Apologized Deaf Woman

Anne Gray, a deaf British woman, received a letter from a bank, saying that she has been declared dead. Also, she was told that the account was closed, and her checks allowed to bounce. Anne, very much alive, was very upset about it, and had to have family members go to the bank to straighten out the mess. The bank apologized and sent her a check as a goodwill gesture.

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OBITUARIES

André J. (Andy) Moreau quietly departed from us on February 12, 2012 after a year's battle with severe complications from Congestive Heart Failure, & Diabetes. He is survived by his beloved dog Shadow, mother Margaret Moreau of Nashville, TN, brothers Kip Moreau of Nashville TN, Chris Moreau (& wife Lisa) of Dallas, TX, and special friends (also known as his "second family") JoAnn & Le Ann Cayer, of Houston, TX. He was preceded in death by father Cedric L. Moreau, Grandmother Bernice Irene Trites & Grandfather George H. Trites.

Please send condolences/messages addressed to the family at thecayerpackage@yahoo.com. Also, if you prefer to donate in his memory or his name, please donate to the American Diabetes Association (<http://www.diabetes.org>).



Jerrye McKee Ray, 69, a native of Texas and a resident of Baton Rouge passed away on March 29th. Born hearing impaired, her parents found her a good school for the deaf to attend in New York City. In her later life, Jerrye was a substitute teacher aide,

a tutor, and office worker at the Louisiana School for the Deaf for 10 years. She & her late husband loved to travel around the world & enjoyed time-share resorts a few times per year. She was an accomplished artist, devout Christian, & had a generous and resilient spirit. She is survived by her children: Timothy Gordineer & wife Kellie, Brenda Gordineer, Tony Gordineer & wife Pam, and Rose Ray; 8 grandchildren; 1 great grandchild; and brother Raymond McKee. She is preceded in death by her husband Max Ray and her parents.

Partly published in The Advocate on March 30, 2012

Candice Parker passed away Wed., April 11th. She was a graduate of the Sign Language Interpreter Program at Tarrant County College. She had worked with Hired Hands, Inc as our interpreter coordinator since 2004. Candice loved the work she did, the interpreters she worked with and the community she served. Candice will be deeply missed by all.

A Memorial Fund has been established to help Candice's family. If you would like to contribute please contact Hired Hands, Inc at 817-236-3323.

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Danny and Cynthia, thank you for your generous gift.

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Thank you for your continuing support our HDSCLF.

Audrey Leger
Treasurer

EDITOR'S MESSAGE

May Day was also celebrated by some early European settlers of the American continent. In some parts of the United States, May Baskets are made. These are small baskets usually filled with flowers or treats and left at someone's doorstep. The giver would ring the bell and run away. The person receiving the basket would try to catch the fleeing giver. If they caught the person, a kiss was to be exchanged.

May 1 is also recognized in the U.S. as Law Day.

Don't forget to send me some news, anniversary, birthday, obituary and color photos (4" X 6"; high resolution like 150 dpi) before or on 15th day of each month. Thanks!

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