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## Senior Citizens Trip on Friday, October 8<sup>th</sup>

Sixteen seniors stopped to visit Sabine Pass Battleground. The grounds had been damaged by Hurricane Ike two years ago. Many of the statues were removed to Austin. Within the next year, they will be moved back to the grounds. In 1863, Union forces attempted an invasion of Texas at Sabine Pass, a primary port for Confederate shipments of supplies and vital to the war effort. In a battle lasting less than an hour, Lt. Richard Dowling and his 46 men defeated the Union ships' invasions. Their efforts prevented Union forces from penetrating the Texas interior. Today, the 58-acre site honors this small band of heroic soldiers with a stately bronze statue of Dowling and an interpretive pavilion illustrating the story of the battle.

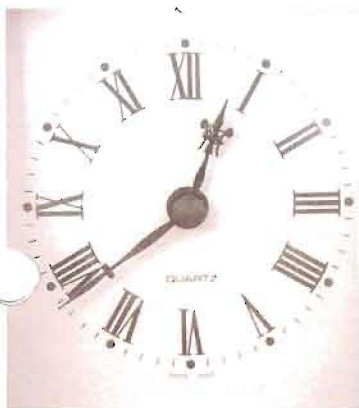
After a delicious lunch of Chinese food, we stopped at Museum of the Gulf Coast where it tells the extraordinary history of the upper Gulf Coast region with an amazing scope of exhibits. The first floor employs traditional themes to interpret the natural history of the Gulf Coast from pre-historic fossils to the incredibly diverse flora and fauna of today. The modern age is represented by exhibits featuring the post-war economic and cultural boom known as the Progressive Era, a time in which the discovery of oil and the building of rail and waterways transformed the region and integrated the gulf Coast into the larger national/international community. Sports enthusiasts will find displays that chronicle the lives of athletes such as Babe Zaharias, Jimmy Johnson, Bubba Smith, and Bum Phillips. A site dedicated to preserving Gulf Coast heritage, it is a quality museum like none you have ever seen! For more information, anyone can check their website at [www.museumofthegulfcoast.org](http://www.museumofthegulfcoast.org).

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## Daylight Saving Time

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Please do not forget to change your clocks and watches one hour back on November 6<sup>th</sup> before retiring for the evening. In August of 2005, Congress passed an energy bill that included extending the Daylight Saving Time by about a month. Beginning in 2007, DST will start the second Sunday of March and end on the first Sunday of November. This is also a great time to change batteries in your clocks and anything that is run by batteries. Don't forget to check fire alarms if you have them in your home.

## DONATIONS & NEWSLETTER DUES

### DONATIONS:

Thanks to the following people for their thoughtful donations to Love Fund in memory of Karen Jackson: John & Patricia Macke, Kenneth & Eleanor Macke, Lennie Morton, Joseph & Alice Schroeder, Sign Language Accessible Interpreters LLC, Dr Lloyd & Sue Shaw, Pauline E Spanbauer, Patricia E Wilson, and Pamela M Wojick.

Thank you, Melvia Nomeland, for your generous donation to Love Fund in memory of Lillian Beard.

Thank you, Thelma Jo Hays, for your thoughtful donation to Love Fund in memory of all loved friends.

Also thank you, Sidney J Braquet, and Lewis & Joan Stoval for your generous donations to Love Fund.

Anyone who wishes to donate money to **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, Inc. (a 501©(3) non-profit corporation)**, please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund. In the memo part of your check, please write down what the amount applies to or you can send a note. Please mail to address on back page. Thanks so much!

RENEWALS: Patsy M Bunch, Vera Butler (gift subscription from Larry Butler), Richard J Clark, Thelma Covello, DAC - Lafayette, Carolyn Dill, Juanita Gunn, Don & Fung Hahn, Harold & Mary D Kee, Alfonso Lopez & Maria Lopez (gift subscription from Nancy Morris), Shirley Cox Miller, Val Morton, Melvia Nomeland, Leonor Royce, Helen E Sellars, Betty Lou Stone, Rosalind Stuckey, and James Nathan Wallace.

Larry Butler and Nancy Morris, thank you for your thoughtful gifts.

## NEWS

### Extreme Home Makeover Edition at Oregon School for the Deaf

The episode is set to air on October 31's Halloween edition. Please check the TV guide for the time that this show will begin. The school received makeovers to their famous Haunted House and the Boys' dorm. The high school principal, Mike Boyd, expressed gratefulness and excitement to the crew.

### Austin Cops Bullies a 90-lb. Deaf Girl

A press release that was released by Amber D. F. Elliot, an attorney in Austin, TX on August 23 said that a young deaf Austin woman was arrested last June for resisting arrest when she and her girlfriend were walking down an Austin sidewalk. They were discussing subjects, using American Sign Language when an Austin Police Department officer saw them and mistook them for physically fighting. The officer yelled at them to stop, but they did not stop. On the spot, the officer arrested her by handcuffing her with her hands behind her back and putting her in the back of his patrol car – all the while ignoring both her and her girlfriend of the fact that she was deaf. A court date was scheduled for August 25<sup>th</sup> in Austin.

### Juanita Gunn: submitted by Van Gunn

My mother, Juanita, is doing fine and is still at the rehabilitation center in San Marcos. Please pray that she will be coming home soon. All your prayers will be appreciated. Bless your hearts for thinking of her. Thanks, Van Gunn

### **Happy Birthday to the following seniors:**

Gene Harkness and Bertha Moses - Nov. 13; Linda Smith - Nov. 19; Ocie Dorsey - Nov. 29; Darevis S. Hill - Nov. 29; and Mary Jo Steven - Nov. 30. We wish you many more Happy Birthdays!



### **November Anniversaries:**

Larry & Yvonne Butler – November 15, 1969 - 40 years

Bubba & Judy Lorenz – November 21, 1973 - 37 years

Have many more Blessed years!



### **"4 Stages of Senility" by Bob Hope: submitted by Audrey Leger**

1st Stage, You forgot "Names"

2nd Stage, You forgot "Faces"

3rd Stage, You forgot to "Zip Up"

4th Stage, You forgot to "Zip Down"

### **Keys to a Deaf Revolution** (Houston Chronicle)

Talladega, AL: Quietly over the past decade, phones that make text messaging easy have changed life profoundly for millions of deaf people. Gone are the days of a deaf person driving to someone's house just to see if they are home. Wives text their deaf husbands in the basement, just as a hearing wife might yell down the stairs. For the first time, a generation of deaf people can communicate with the world on its terms, using cell phones, BlackBerry or iPhones, of which some 260 million are in use in the United States. For generations, deaf people communicated mainly by sign language, gesturing, lip-reading, and writing. Telephone lines then allowed for TTY machines that deaf people could use to send printed messages electronically. Advocates for the deaf say life began changing rapidly after 1999, when the first BlackBerry was introduced by Canadian manufacturer Research in Motion.

### **Houston Bass Club of the Deaf**

Christmas Party and dinner will be held on December 4, 2010 from 11:00 am till 5:00 pm at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019. Admission is \$10 per Adult and \$5 for each child under age of 12. There will be door prizes and silent auction. Please bring a wrapped Christmas gift under \$15. Gifts could be crafts, fishing, or various items. For information, please contact Danny Hensley VP 832-413-5580. The fundraising will go to 2011 National Bass Association of the Deaf Team Tournament and Houston Bass Club of the Deaf.

### **National Bass Association of the Deaf**

This organization will have their 36<sup>th</sup> annual team tournament at Lake Sam Rayburn, TX on June 12 – 16, 2011. Check out Rayburn Country Resort at [www.rayburnresort.com](http://www.rayburnresort.com) or call 409-698-2444 or Sam Rayburn Marina Resort at [www.samrayburnmarinaresort.com](http://www.samrayburnmarinaresort.com) or call 409-698-5696 to make your reservation. For further information, please contact General Chairman, Juan Carrizales at 281-712-8605 VP or Vice Chairman, Billy Buza at 832-413-5746 VP. Check out [www.nbad.org](http://www.nbad.org) for more information.

## **School for the Deaf suspends football players for vandalism** (By Ray Cortopassi)

Indiana School for the Deaf suspended as many as five of the team's 16 players after a trip to the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. A handful of Indianapolis high school football players are facing disciplinary action for off-the-field behavior during a road game. "We were very disappointed in the boys' behavior and we took appropriate action," said Rose Hemmelgarn, ISD Director of Operations. "Mainly it was vandalism, some beds broke, some vents broke, and they trashed some of the dorm rooms." In a brief statement, the Texas School for the Deaf wouldn't say what happened, but acknowledged it "did not include TSD students"... and expressed confidence that "officials at Indiana School for the Deaf are managing the situation." The player suspensions means the school has to forfeit its last season game against Maryland. In addition, two assistant coaches were removed from the team, but will keep their jobs for failing to properly supervise the boys. School officials blame part of the negative behavior on frustration that the team hasn't won a game yet this season, but also the fact that two weeks ago, a team did damage to their dorms. They insist the behavior was not violent or directed at anyone despite rumors to the contrary. ISD officials hope their kids have taken an important lesson to heart. ISD will miss Saturday's game, but will take part in it's sectional tournament starting next Friday at Guerin High School in Noblesville. Copyright © 2010, WXIN-TV

## **Lavern Fair's Surprise 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**



It was a big surprise 80th birthday celebration for Lavern Fair at her daughter's house with 45 people including her sister, nieces and nephew. The foods and cake were delicious. She wore the tiara to be queen of her party. Also she went on a field trip to Port Arthur with the tiara on all day for her birthday trip on October 8. Everyone enjoyed the party. It was wonderful to have friends and families



celebrate her birthday. She will never forget that special day.

## **Announcement from CSD: Texas Interpreting Operations**

It is with great pleasure that we announce Kent Kennedy as the new Texas Operations Manager. In addition to continuing his role overseeing Centers of Excellence for Texas, Kent will be assuming the administrative functions of Interpreting. Kent will serve as CSD's state representative, manage and supervise Texas COE field office and Texas Interpreting Operations and will manage the departmental budgets to ensure quality of services for consumers, personnel resources and facilities within the day to day activities of the divisions while supporting the mission of CSD through the efficient use of the organization's programmatic, financial and human resources.

Sharon Morell will be assuming a role as Assistant Interpreting Operations Manager in which her main responsibilities will be to promote, direct and coordinate marketing and customer service activities within Interpreting Operations which includes networking and building CSD brand recognition. Sharon will serve as a liaison between interpreters and CSD's National Interpreting Referral Manager to ensure any and all areas of concern are addressed in a timely manner.

## **Life with a senior driver**



## Irena Sendler

Recently, there was the death of a 98 year-old lady named Irena Sendler. During WWII, Irena got permission to work in the Warsaw Ghetto, as a Plumbing/Sewer specialist. She had an 'ulterior motive'. She KNEW what the Nazi's plans were for the Jews (being German). Irena smuggled infants out in the bottom of the tool box she carried, and she carried in the back of her truck a burlap sack for larger kids. She also had a dog in the back that she trained to bark when the Nazi soldiers let her in and out of the ghetto. The soldiers of course wanted nothing to do with the dog and the barking covered the kids/infants noises. During her time of doing this, she managed to smuggle out and save 2500 kids/infants. She was caught, and the Nazi's broke both her legs and arms and beat her severely. Irena kept a record of the names of all the kids she smuggled out and kept them in a glass jar, buried under a tree in her back yard. After the war, she tried to locate any parents that may have survived and reunited the family. Most had been gassed. Those kids she helped get placed into foster family homes or adopted.



## Congratulations to Julie and James Spaulding on birth of another grandchild

James and Julie Spaulding are proud Grandparents of a 5th grandchild born on September 30th. She weighed 6 lbs. and 12 oz. Her name is Lacey Elaine. Mother and baby were doing fine. Our son Benny and his wife Laura have 4 children from ages of 7, 5, 3 and newborn. We will have 6th grandchild in April. Younger son Andrew and his wife Jenny have a 5 year old daughter. We have a big family. Written by Julie Spaulding!

## What's Fresh: The best and worst apples for eating, cooking & baking

**FOR COOKING AND BAKING: The Best** - In the EatingWell Test Kitchen, we're partial to McIntosh and Granny Smith for baking. When the softer McIntosh mixes with the more toothsome Granny Smith, presto! You've got yourself the perfect apple pie. **McIntosh:** The tender white flesh is crisp when freshly harvested, but soon adopts a softer consistency, making it perfect for cooking into pies or sauce. Macs are sweet and juicy with a pleasant tanginess. **Granny Smith:** This apple is sharp and tart and its flavor holds up well in recipes with spicy notes; the flesh is firm enough to retain its shape when cooked. **The Worst - Red Delicious:** These apples are sweet, crisp and grainy. They lack a tart element and a rich apple flavor, which is what makes apple pie so great. You're better off leaving them out of your pie.



**FOR EATING RAW: The Best** - So, what is the best apple to pack away for that perfect snack? That depends on personal preference, but I like Honeycrisp. **Honeycrisp:** This apple has exceptionally crisp, juicy, sweet-as-honey flesh with just a hint of tartness that makes it a tasty treat any time of the day. **The Worst - Red Delicious:** Some people actually like their texture—when eaten fresh, not cooked.



# OBITUARY



**Aquita Evone Brass McCloud** passed away on September 1, 2010. She was born on December 31, 1951 in Wisner, LA to Ruth Brass Faddis and Robert Lee Bolden. She graduated from Miller High School in Houston, TX. After discovering that she was born with a deaf disability, the family decided it was better that she attend schools in Houston where she could learn Sign Language and Lip Reading to better communicate in life. To cherish her memory, she leaves her 2 children, Becky and Christopher Brass; 2 grandchildren; her father, Robert Lee Bolden (Gracie); 3 sisters; a brother; and many family members.



**Sammy Marvin Oates** succumbed to complications from prostate cancer and died peacefully on Wednesday, October 6, 2010. He was born December 2, 1938 in Trinity, TX, the younger of two boys born to Jake Oates and Mae Gillaspie Oates. Sammy grew up in Austin where he attended Texas School for the Deaf. He was a star in almost every sport on campus. He entered Hardin Simmon University in Abilene, TX. After several trials at NFL team, he played semi-pro teams. He married Brenda Simpson on November 24, 1962. Sammy is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Brenda Oates; daughters, Toni and Jodi; son, Sammy, Jr. and his significant other, Priscilla Schultz; daughter-in-law, Deb Kuglitsch; and six grandchildren. He was an avid bass fisherman and hunter. Above all, Sammy was a humorous and most loved man full of smiles. The family would like send a heartfelt thank you to Hospice Austin for their wonderful care of our loved one. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in honor of Sammy to the Texas School for the Deaf Foundation, or the TSD Booster Club, 1102 South Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas 78704.



**Claudia Lucy (Miller) Southwell Adkins** 71, passed away of cancer on October 6, 2010. She is survived by her daughter, Robin (RC) Southwell, daughter in law, Mary Augustyn-Southwell, sister, Melvia Nomeland and husband Dr. Ron Nomeland and four nieces; and many friends. Donations will be given to her daughter, RC to help with funeral expenses.

**Billy Ray Cavazos**, age 48 of Austin, passed away on October 9, 2010. Billy was born April 1, 1962 to Rey Cavazos and Elizabeth Strain in Beaumont, TX. Billy spent most of his life working on the golf courses in the Central Texas area. Billy attended Crockett High School. Billy could make anyone laugh, he made jokes and was so well liked by everyone he met. Billy loved the Texas Longhorns and lived for the football season. Billy is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Oscar and Anne Proffitt and Preston R. Sanders and is survived by his mother and stepfather, Ronnie and Elizabeth Strain of Austin and father, Rey Cavazos of San Marcos, Mimi Sanders of Corpus Christi, brother, Anthony Cavazos of St. Paul, sister, Jerri Strain Scheibelhut of Buda, brother, Jami Strain of Austin, sister, Mindi Johnson of Kyle, sister, Frisca Cavazos-Martinez of Taft, brother, Ramiro Cavazos of Taft and one daughter, Carmela Cavazos of Sequin and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated for funeral expenses and scholarship for his surviving daughter, Carmela at any Wells Fargo Bank, to the account number 9553818718.



**Monique Ann Mouton**, 45, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at Lafayette General Medical Center. Survivors include her parents, John Ray and Myra Dumesnil Mouton of Scott; two sisters, Leah Savoie and her husband, Carl and Myra Louise Mouton; two brothers, Johnny Mouton and his wife, Cora and Martin Mouton and his wife, Cindy; her nieces and nephews, and her Godchild Hannah Savoie; one great niece, Jaden Mouton; and her canine and feline buddies. A native of Lafayette, LA and resident of Scott for most of her life, Monique was a loving daughter, sister, aunt, great aunt, and friend to all who knew her. She graduated from the Louisiana School for the Deaf in 1984 and went to Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., where she earned her Bachelor's degree in physical education; the University of Western Maryland, where she earned her Master's Degree in deaf education; and St. Thomas University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL earning a Master's degree in Pastoral Ministry for the Deaf. Monique worked for the Diocese of Lafayette at the Catholic Deaf Center for most of her life, taught sign language and was the Cajun Camp Director. She was passionate about running and loved to exercise at Red's, was a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, loved to travel and especially enjoyed her coffee from CC's Coffee House. She enjoyed spending time with her animals, family, and friends and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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**Tuesday, November 2 = Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will have a presentation on "Adult Protective Services". Door prizes! Interpreter and captioning are provided. The meeting is held at Woodhaven Baptist Church for the Deaf, 9920 Long Point, Houston, TX at 7:30 pm. You can contact Officer James Sobota at [james.sobota@cityofhouston.net](mailto:james.sobota@cityofhouston.net) for information and if you plan to volunteer to make a dish or bring chips or soft drinks for the meeting.

**Friday, November 5 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will take a trip to Baybrook Mall for Christmas shopping. We will eat lunch on the Food Court before heading to Butler Longhorn Museum in League City, TX. The fee for that museum is \$3 for group of 20-30 people or \$2 for group of 35 or more people. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX by 9:00 am as Bus will leave at 9:30 am. Please contact Margie Graham at 281-552-8321 (OJO) or Julie Spaulding at 281-249-5276 (VP) for more information.

**Friday, November 5 = ASL Social** will meet at Jax Grill, 1613 Shepherd Dr., Houston, TX 77007 from 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

**Tuesday, November 9 = P3 Day** will be held at Houston Center for Independent Livings, 6201 Bonhomma Rd., Houston, TX 77036 from 1:00 pm till 3:00 pm. Everyone needs to RSVP to [Geoffrey.moore@purple.us](mailto:Geoffrey.moore@purple.us).

**Tuesday, November 9 = Citywide PIP** meeting will be our 27th Year Special Divisional Awards for the end of year meeting. It is held at 1602 State St. (Auditorium), Houston, TX at 7:00 pm. Contact Officer James Sobota at [james.sobota@cityofhouston.net](mailto:james.sobota@cityofhouston.net) for information.

**Wednesday, November 10 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a Thanksgiving luncheon at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. We will have a brief meeting before getting in line for this delicious meal. Felix Guerra will be contacting everyone on what to bring. Come join us for a delicious meal.

**Friday, November 12 = Houston Hand Talk Social** will be at Northwest Mall in the Food Court, 9930 Hempstead St., Houston, TX 77092. It will be from 5:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Come and observe different ASL and learn more about the Deaf language. This is a great way to enjoy chatting in ASL.

**Saturday, November 13 = Texas Renaissance Festival Deaf Day** will begin at 9:00 am to dusk (sunset). It's located at 21778 FM 1774, Plantersville, TX. For more information, contact Rachele A. Guidry by calling her at VP 832-532-3629 or Purple 3 713-574-9124 or email her at [raraguidry@gmail.com](mailto:raraguidry@gmail.com). Buy tickets at the gate for \$23.00 or you can get discount tickets at HEB, Randall, Market Basket and Wood Forest Bank for \$19.00. The link to their website is <http://www.texrenfest.com/home.html>.

**Thursday, November 18 = Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd., Houston, TX from 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-249-5251 VP and let her know what you plan to bring. If you do not bring food, please bring \$5 to help cover the cost of food.

**Friday, November 19 = ASL Social** will meet at Phil's Texas Barbecue, 110 South Heights Blvd. @ Washington Ave., Houston, TX 77007 from 4:00 pm till 9:00 pm. Check out website at [www.philstxbbq.com](http://www.philstxbbq.com). Let's meet and enjoy chatting with your old & new friends.

**EDITOR'S MESSAGE**

I'm trying to work with a few people to help me out with the Newsletter. Rochelle Simpson is responsible to send me the birthdays and anniversaries of those 60+ seniors for each month. The Board is trying to find someone to take pictures and have them ready for me to put in the Newsletter. If you have any ideas to share with me, please do so. If you want anything returned, please let me know and I'll be happy to return them to you. Thanks!

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, events, pictures, sports, or news that you want to have publish, please send them by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to [hdsnews@yahoo.com](mailto:hdsnews@yahoo.com) or [nmorris726@gmail.com](mailto:nmorris726@gmail.com). Or mail the items to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Love Fund, P. O. Box 664, Missouri City, TX 77459. If you want any pictures back, please let me know. I'll be happy to return them when I'm done with them. Please note that the new Editor may, at her/his discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors.

Have a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving! Count your many blessings!

Thank you,

*Nancy Morris*

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