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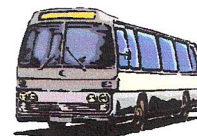
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MAY 8, 2005

Have a Wonderful Happy Mother's Day

We have planned the field trips next six months for Houston Deaf Senior Citizens.
(Attention: these places or dates may be changed if unable to reserve or time permits)



2005

June 10, 2005 (Fri) ~ Mexia ?
July 8, 2005 (Fri) ~ Shiner
August 3, 2005 (Wed) ~ Woodlands
& Tomball

September 9, 2005 (Fri) ~ Rockport
October 14, 2005 (Fri) ~ Kirbyville
November 2, 2005 (Wed) ~ Brookshire

December, 2005

– We are working to get a charter bus going to Burnet, Marble Falls, and Johnson City. We may stay there overnight. When arrangements are finalized, the locations and date will be announced.

HOME Safe Cleaning Solutions

There's no proof that using household cleaners correctly causes harm in humans, but "every time you avoid exposure to a chemical known to be a hazard, you've nudged your risk factor down," says Barbara Sattler, RN. Stay away from paint, paint thinners, and products containing ammonia, benzene, formaldehyde, mercury, and phosphates.

Try these nontoxic solutions:

To unclog a drain, pour in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup baking soda followed by a cup of vinegar, when it starts to fizz, cover the drain. When the clog is cleared, run hot water.

Clean your toilet by sprinkling baby powder around the bowl and scrubbing with a brush.

De-grease your oven by applying a paste of baking soda and water, and scrubbing. Wipe.

Spritz windows with a mixture of 3 tablespoons vinegar and 1 quart of water.

Scrub the tub with a mix of $1 \frac{2}{3}$ cups baking soda, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup liquid soap, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup water, and 2 tablespoons of vinegar.

Wash floors with Murphy's Oil Soap.

Polish furniture with $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon olive oil and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup vinegar or lemon juice.

Source: Environmental Health Education Center, University of Maryland, Baltimore ---

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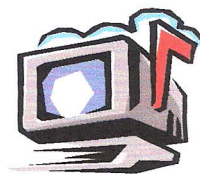
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From the Editor:



Dear Houston Deaf Senior Citizens and Friends,

Many thanks for sending news for the newsletter. Let's keep on sending more to share with all of us. Also thanks for your prompt payments for renewal. We appreciate that.

Early McVey and Houston Senior Citizens, I want to say many thanks for your thoughtfulness to honor me for my hard work for Senior Citizens with the tours and newsletter. I love working with everyone, especially the newsletter and staff. Without the computer class and staff I would not make it! I was truly surprised. Thank you again.

Every one of you, the mothers and grandmothers,
have a wonderful Mother's Day.

Audrey



**Flash News for next Field Trip
May 13, 2005
Bastrop, TX**

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX. The bus will depart no later than 7:30 AM.

10:30 AM – Central Texas Museum of Automobile History
Fee: \$4.00 per Senior Citizen & \$5.00 per Adult.

12:30 PM – Lunch at The Texas Grill (Buffet) Restaurant

2 PM – Bastrop County Historical Society Museum – Fee: \$2.00 per person

3 PM – To be announced

If you are interested in going on the field trip, please contact Zelma Curbello at 713-941-3247 or Audrey Leger at 281-437-6224 before the 12th. Come and let's have fun together. See you on the 13th.

Please send any news, information, jokes, pictures, recipes, sports or anything that you want to share with Senior Citizens. **Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. **The deadline is on the 15th of each month.** Items received after the 15th will be held until next issue.^s

NOTE: Unpaid subscriptions are discontinued after three months. In order to serve you better, a reminder will be sent during the second month.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at 281-437-6224 TTY / FAX or E-mail us at hdscnews@yahoo.com.



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND**: Arlene Benham, Thelma Jo Hays, William Hebert, Audrey Leger, Rochelle Simpson, and Pernella Smith.

Dovie & Jerry Hassell, and Christine McKinnon, thank you for your thoughtfulness donations to **LOVE FUND IN MEMORY OF OPAL PIERCY.**

Jenice & Tommy Wells, thank you for your donation to **LOVE FUND TO GET WELL WISHES FOR GUS CURBELLO.**

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

**Mrs. Zelma Curbello
9623 Tiltree
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MEETING		
May 3	-	PIP
May 6	-	FRAT
May 11	-	SC at MMSC
May 25	-	SC at MMSC

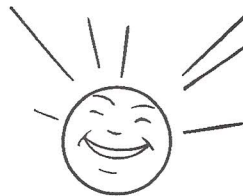
NEW SUBSCRIBERS:

Welcome four new subscribers:
Juan Bazan, a gift by Nancy Morris,
Betty L. Falke,
Mary Graves, a gift by Carole Allen,
Yvonne Killegrew, a gift by Margie Graham, and
Philo Theaux, a gift by Rita & Mark DeVries.

Subscription is a great gift for your loved family or friends.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Frank F. Clark, H.C. & Minnie Collins, Billie & William Dover, Richard & Pat Fair, Jerry & Dovie Hassell, Mrs. Mildred LeBlanc, Mary M. Longmore, Mario & Charm Montalvo, Ernest H. Morgeson, Esther L. Morris, John & Evelyn Norman, Martha P. Phillips, Herb & Joan Picou, Anna Reese, Shirley Simmons, Sydna F. Smith, and Alton Young.



**ASL SOCIAL
May 6, 2005
Memorial City Mall
Food Court**
**HOLIDAY
MAY 8, 2005
Happy Mother's Day**

**SC FIELD TRIP
May 13, 2005
Bastrop**

**HHT SOCIAL
May 13, 2005
Greenspoint Mall
Food Court**

**GHDC DEAFAIR
Saturday, May 14, 2005
Humble Civic Center
Humble, TX**

**SOCIAL
May 19, 2005
Woodhaven SC
Social - Potluck**

**ASL SOCIAL
MAY 21, 2005
Pasadena Strawberry Festival**

**HOLIDAY
MAY 30, 2005
Memorial Day**

Thank You Note

*Dear S.C. Newsletter Staff and
Houston Deaf Senior Citizens,*

*Thank you for your thoughtfulness,
prayers and get well cards while I was in
the hospital, and I'm now at home.*

I am improving and doing well.

*Thank you,
Gus*

MAY BIRTHDAY

- 9 - Lorenea Blomdahl
- 18 - Homer West
- 22 - Jean Harkness
- 24 - Hazel Richard

MAY ANNIVERSARY

- May 4, 1969
Arthur & Barbara Craig
- May 16, 1953
James & Lavern Fair

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 3, 2005 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will hold a meeting 7 PM at Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston. The presentation will be: 'This month we have the pleasure of the Houston Police Department's Alternative Dispute Resolution Unit coming to explain how a citizen can get their complain about an officer handled without going through the formal complaint process'. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

May 6, 2005 (Friday)



FRAT will have a meeting and luncheon from 11 AM to 3 PM at Golden Corral Restaurant (get off at the Hollister exit from North 290, and make a U-turn. Restaurant is on your right).

May 6, 2005 (Friday)



ASL Social will be at **Memorial City, Food Court, 900 South Gessner, Houston, TX 77024** from 3 to 9 PM. Come to meet your old and new friends. Any questions please e-mail to Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com.

May 8, 2005 (Sunday) – Mother's Day



Illuminations Arts will have **Hand Held Tales**, stories in ASL and English, at 2:30 PM at **Borders Books, 12788 Fountain Lake Circle, Stafford, TX 77477**. The presentation will be **Traditional American Tales**. Hand Held Tales is for everyone regardless of hearing or signing ability. Bring your family and friends to enjoy. For more information.....see their website at www.illuminationsarts.org or contact Illuminations Arts at 713-529-6909 TTY/VP or 713-529-6910 Voice.

May 11, 2005 (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. Jim Levy will be at our meeting and give a speech about Meadow Place Village Senior Citizen, which recently opened in Meadows Place, TX (Stafford). Come, learn more about the place, and enjoy chatting with friends!

May 13, 2005 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to Bastrop, TX. Meet at Woodhaven Baptist Church, 9920 Long Point Rd, Houston, TX at 7 AM. Hope you can join us. It's sure to be enjoyable. (See editor page 2, for more information).

May 13, 2005, Friday



Houston Hand Talk Social will be at **Greenspoint Mall, Food Court, 12300 North Freeway, Houston, TX 77060** from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come to meet your old and new friends. Any questions please contact Roger Spivey at spivey39@Yahoo.com.

May 15, 2005 (Sunday)



Bay Area Club of the Deaf, Inc will have a meeting at **Coffee Oasis (formerly Kenny J's Coffee House) 4650 Nasa Rd 1, Seabrook, TX 77586-5414** from 3 PM to 9 PM. They would like to welcome you to their deaf club. For more information, please contact Earl Johnson at ejohnson127@houston.rr.com.

May 19, 2005 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a fellowship and potluck at **Woodhaven Deaf Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact **Gertrude Sessions** at (281) 447-7575 TTY or **Jenice Wells** at (281) 442-8015 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

May 25, 2005 (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!

Recipes

Chocolate Pecan Chewies

- 1 ½ cups confectioners' sugar
- 2 ½ tablespoons cocoa
- 2 2/3 cups chopped pecans
- 3 egg whites at room temperature
- Pinch of salt
- ¼ teaspoon vanilla

Preheat oven to 350° degrees.

Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone liners.

Sift confectioners' sugar and cocoa together in a large bowl.

Add pecans and stir to combine well. In a mixing bowl, using a mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, whip egg whites until foamy, add salt and vanilla, and beat to soft peaks; do not allow mixture to get stiff or dry.

Gently fold egg whites into the confectioners' sugar mixture, using a rubber spatula, until thoroughly combined. Using a spoon, drop batter onto a cookie sheet (12 to a sheet).



Bake for approx.
10 minutes.

Makes
24 large cookies

LOOK, NO FLOUR: Chocolate Pecan Chewies are perfect for those on a gluten-free diet, and they're suitable for the Passover table.

Houston Chronicle 4-6-05 – *Kitchen to Kitchen* by Elizabeth Pudwill

Health Tip

Food on the Go

Our Lives are busier than ever. When we have a hectic schedule, we go to fast food restaurants. Most of us know that fast food is not the best diet choice. On the bright side, fast food places have added healthier foods to their menus. Try these eating tips to make your next fast food meal a little healthier.

- ✓ Instead of eating fried foods, try baked, roasted, broiled or grilled foods.
- ✓ Try not to use mayonnaise or any other extra sauces with your meals.
- ✓ Try a salad, but be sure to only use half the salad dressing!
- ✓ Sodas have lots of calories and sugar – drink diet soda, unsweetened iced tea, low-fat milk, 100 percent juice, or water.

Eating healthy on the go is not hard, and you can make small changes for a healthier life.

Source: CommunityOne Patient News – Spring 2005

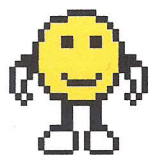
JOKES ON US

My Wife demanded that I take her out to an expensive place on our anniversary, so I took her to a gas station.

-- TRACY SCOTT,
Oak Ridge North

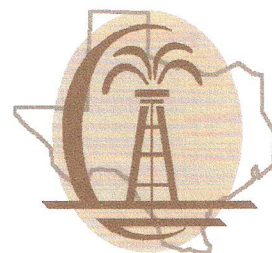
GREATER HOUSTON DEAF CONNECTIONS

Presents



The 2nd Greater Houston DeaFair

Spend the day and enjoy booths, food and fun

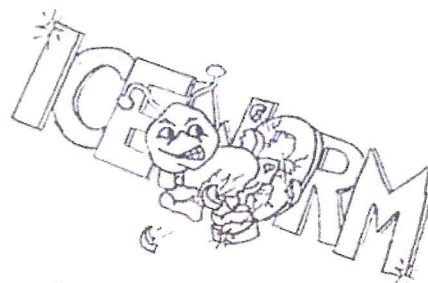


May 14, 2005

10am-10pm

Humble Civic Center
8233 Will Clayton Pkwy
Humble, Texas 77338

(Near Bush International Airport)



Featuring performances by:

← **IceWorm**

8pm-10pm



Pinky the Juggler →

Throughout the day 10am-5pm



← **Hand Held Tales**

3pm

Admission: Free until 5 PM

***Tickets for dinner and IceWorm performance - \$35**

Tickets for only IceWorm performance (no dinner) - \$20

*** Dinner reservations must be made before May 7th**
















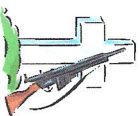
To make dinner reservations or buy advance tickets, please contact

Bill Koch, Sr. at ghdc2003@yahoo.com

Need more information? Check our website,

www.greathoustondeaf.org

May 2005

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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22 Jean Harkness 	23	24 Hazel Richard 	25 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day 	31				

NEWS



Letter received from Eva H. (Lozano) Anguelo -- 1954 graduate of T. S. D.

Submitting by Tennie Sessions

My husband, Cepriano Francis Anguelo (age 82), died of natural causes on Saturday, March 19, 2005 in San Jose, CA. He was born December 18, 1922 in Tempe, Arizona. Cepriano graduated from California School for the Deaf of Berkeley in 1943. He married Eva Lozano in 1954. Together, they raised 3 children and 10 grandchildren. Burial was on Thursday, March 24th at Burial Queen of Heaven Cemetery, 18200 Damian Way, Salinas, California.

James & Julie Spaulding are proud of their new grandbabies:

They had two new grandchildren within 7 days.

Benny and Laura Spaulding's baby boy was born on March 31, 2005. He weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and 20 ½ inches long. His name is Cade Egan. His big 19 months old sister is proud of her brother.

Andrew and Jenny Spaulding's baby girl was born on April 7, 2005. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and 19 ½ inches long. Her name is Ariana Lynn.

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens Meeting:

On April 13th HDSC had a meeting and luncheon at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center (MMSC) with three visitors from La Vista Retirement Community in San Marcos, TX. They're Dale Hovinga, Frank Clark, and Virginia Tennie Sessions. Dale spoke about La Vista where many deaf senior citizens live, the cost of renting, how they love their community friends like getting together for playing games, chatting, shopping and sharing hobbies. Frank Clark and Tennie Sessions explained their lifestyle after they moved in, and they would rather stay in La Vista for good. It was an interesting speech, and Senior Citizens are glad to know more and questioned them about their old friends down in La Vista. Then

Early McVey gave a speech about making and giving away a trophy on behalf of Houston Senior Citizens to award someone for several years of hard work. This time he talked about recognition of hard work for Senior Citizens, preparing the tours and working on the S.C. Newsletter. The award went to Audrey Leger, who was very surprised to get a trophy.



Dear Frank, Dale & Virginia,

Thank you for coming over & giving us your speech. Houston Senior Citizens really enjoyed having you with us.



Early McVey / Audrey Leger

Mt St Helens at sunrise: Received email from a friend in Baton Rouge, LA

What forms the "smoke rings" is the air flowing over the mountain getting pushed up higher as it goes up and over the top. The moisture content and initial temperature are just right so that the moisture condenses from a vapor to small particles at the higher altitude. When the moving air moves past the peak and comes down again, the particles evaporate back to an invisible vapor. The two "pancakes" describe that there are two layers of air for which this is happening, thus making this awesome picture possible. What a beautiful picture taken by Brent and Jan LeBaron.

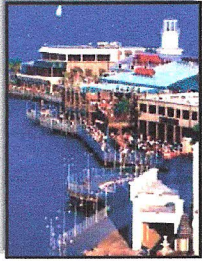


Houston Deaf Senior Citizens' Field Trip

Houston Deaf Senior Citizens had a field trip to Kemah, TX on a beautiful sunny day, April 8, 2005. On our way toward Kemah, we went onto Hwy 288 and exited West Bellfort to stop by and look around some sculptures of a rocket, giant animals, etc (see picture) made by Texas Pipe Co. An unknown welder did a great job, and they put sculptures down there one by one on the property ground. Senior Citizens thought that's amazing.



Roadrunner



Kemah BoardWalk

Then they arrived at Kemah BoardWalk, they spread out and went on their own way around that area. They split into two groups and each group went to Landry's Seafood and Joe's Crab Shack Restaurants. They walked, shopped, rode and went sightseeing. On their way back home, they stopped by McDonald to eat some ice cream or cold drinks to cool off. They really enjoyed the trip.

Thank You Note from SBCD President, Greg Johannsen

I was very pleased to have had the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD) Executive committee, Auxiliary Committee chairs, Board of Trustees, and Ad Hoc Committee on the Study of Business Week attend. We also invited Barry Wise, as the SPP Coordinator, to attend our bi-annual meeting at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church in Houston, TX during January 27-29. We appreciate the Ad Hoc Committee ideas that they presented during the Business meeting. We want to thank the Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church for transporting us during our stay with them. Also, we want to thank them for the wonderful food provided to us and for the use of their building for our meetings. (Picture: left to right – Jennie Hilferty, Jan Dermon, and Evelyn Autry)



The women of Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church prepared a TEXAS-style barbecue.

TOUGH QUESTION BY KIDS

Source: Unknown

Q: Are the streets of heaven real gold or just painted with gold?

A: All of heaven is real— none of it is faked. When we get there, it will be the most beautiful place we have ever seen. Will the gold be real? The Bible says the streets will be paved with gold. This may just be a way of saying that it's a great place to be, like saying, "It must be a million degrees out here" to describe a really hot day. Or it may refer to real gold streets running through town. It's hard to know exactly what heaven will be like because we really can't understand it now. Only when we get to heaven will we know exactly what heaven will be like because we really can't understand it now. Only when we get to heaven will we know exactly what it will be like.

Key Verse:

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure gold, like transparent glass. Revelation 21:21

Submitting by Alton Young

JOKES ON US

Last November, my five-year-old grandson said, "It's so hard trying to be good. I hope Santa doesn't retire this year."

Source: unknown — contributed by Lorraine Potter – Warwick, RI

Ed's Telecomm Alert: Received email from a friend in Austin, TX

See below. So it begins - like an unstoppable juggernaut, where there are interpreters available, VRS will eventually become a reality. Canada is looking to provide VRS.

A little bit of history here. Texas was the first one to provide VRS trials. Sweden was the first country to provide VRS fully subsidized by the government (the Sweden guy and I communicated quite a bit on this before he started VRS in Sweden). NC was the first one to provide VRS by utilizing public sites where deaf can go to make a VRS call that was fully subsidized by government. Texas was the first one to provide statewide VRS from any location - including homes fully subsidized as well. Texas was the first one to provide VRS through Internet with Washington State right behind Texas. USA was the second country to provide VRS for all of states fully subsidized by federal government.

Putting humility aside, I must I feel sense of pride in seeing VRS becoming more widespread and popular. I can still vividly remember discussing technical possibilities of VRS with Mark Seeger who was with Sprint at the time. I had wanted to utilize video conference in TRS environment. Mark and I discussed this and he went to the company's technical people then came back with info that indeed it is technically possible. VRS was born then; well actually I had to get Texas PUC agree to it, but once they agreed - and trials done - did VRS finally get going. The trials themselves were so revealing that we were both surprised and not surprised at how much Deaf and hearing persons loved the service. Once we got feedback from VRS users, we knew it was the wave of the future and we just simply knew that VRS will shake the world. The dream of ideal functional reality suddenly became a real goal; achievable.

Eyes Open & Thumbs Up, Ed Bosson, Relay Texas Administrator, TTY/Video Phone (DL-VP and S-VP): 512/936-7147, Voice User: 866-410-5787 Ext. 74430, FAX: 512/936-7428

Video Relay Service in Canada! - Monday April 11, 2005 - Press Release

Since the World Congress of the World Federation of the Deaf hosted in Montreal '03, the Canadian Association of the Deaf has taken the lead in exploring the possibility of establishing a Video Relay Service here in Canada! Video Relay Service allows a Deaf or Hard of Hearing person to communicate using ASL interpreters to call Hearing individuals whether they are a doctor, employer, recreation center staff, or anyone. Imagine not having to call through teletype relay services anymore, and instead use VIDEO Relay Service to make quicker calls and to communicate in our first language ASL/LSQ!

It's time Deaf and Hard of Hearing Canadians get this type of service in our country! The Canadian Association of the Deaf is working with the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf to establish VRS in Canada in the very near future!

At the present time, we are interviewing and meeting with prospective Deaf businesses in the USA who run their VRS in the States. It's our goal for the Deaf community in Canada to control the service here and to hire Deaf people and ASL/LSQ interpreters to work for us.

I bet you are now all excited about this, right? CAD and CCSD will be posting updated information on our website within the next couple of weeks. Please be sure to visit our site to get up-to-date information. Please share this release with others who will become as excited as you to benefit from this service. For more information please e-mail Evelyne Gounetenzi of CAD at Evelyne.gounetenzi@cad.ca and/or Joanne Cripps of CCSD at Joannec@sentex.net.

REST IN PEACE

OBITUARIES



Katherine Ann Corbett (Kathy), age 57, of Baton Rouge, died Monday, March 28 at Tulane University Hospital and Clinic. Born August 3, 1947 in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Edward E. and Dorothy (Sierpinski) Corbett, Kathy attended the Louisiana School for the Deaf. She graduated from Gallaudet University in Washington, DC with a baccalaureate degree in English, and from the Western Maryland College in Westminster, MD with a master's degree in Education of the Deaf. Kathy taught at the Louisiana School for the Deaf from 1970-1971 and the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf in Philadelphia from 1971 to 1985 and from 1985 until the time of her death. Kathy was one of the founders of the Deaf Women of Baton Rouge.

She is survived by her brother, Dr. Edward E. Corbett, Jr., and sister-in-law, Mary Ann Corbett of Columbus, Ohio. Interment was held at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport, LA. It was arrangements by Rabenhorst Funeral Home, 825 Government Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours at Rabenhorst were held from 5-8 p.m. Thursday and from 9:30-11 a.m. Friday. Memorial services began at 11 a.m. Burial was held at Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport at 11 a.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in her name to Deaf Women of Baton Rouge, c/o Mrs. Pauline Wood, 1339 Briarrose Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.



Wanda Myers Butler, age 79, of Austin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 3, 2005, at home surrounded by loved ones.

She was born on September 6, 1925, to Ralph and Ethel Myers in Cambellsburg, Indiana. She graduated from Indiana School

for the Deaf.

She married Gwendel D. Butler on June 12, 1949.

Wanda was preceded in death by her husband, Gwendel D. Butler, her parents, three sisters and three brothers.

She is survived by her daughter, Donna J. Alexander; son, Dennis Butler and wife Cheryl; grandchildren, Britani Alexander Currey and husband Scott, Robin Alexander Thompson and husband Chad, Gwendelyn and Owen Butler; two great-grandsons, Jacob Clements and Alexander Thompson; three sisters, Pauline Goen, Lois Patton, Mary Bridgewater and numerous nieces and nephews.

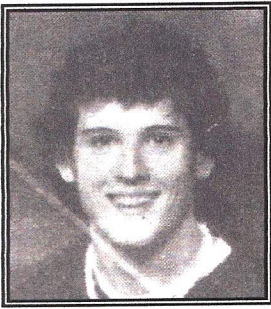
She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Possessing boundless energy and unyielding devotion to her husband, children and grandchildren, she found the children and great grandchildren to be the joy of her later life. Proverbs 33:25 Strength and honour are her clothing, and she shall rejoice in time to come.

No matter how cloudy her days were she always radiated a sunshine smile for others. This exemplified the encouragement and support for those she loved. She was an inspiration to both her deaf and hearing friends. She was loved and admired by all. Overcoming all her own personal difficulties, she constantly demonstrated a servant's heart. She will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to St. Mark's Episcopal Church or the "Gwendel D. Butler" Scholarship Fund at Texas School for the Deaf.

Memorial services were held at 10:00 am on Thursday, April 7, 2005, at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with Reverend William Bennett officiated.





Andrew David Craft, 21, died Tuesday, April 5, 2005 in college Station where he was a junior at Texas A&M University.

Craft was a 2002 graduate of J. Frank Dobie High School and had attended Thompson Intermediate and

Stuchbery Elementary. Craft was a member of Sagemont Church.

Survivors include his mother, Peggy Craft of Sagement; brother Jeremy and wife Lori; sisters Amy and Emily; father Dave Craft; and grandparents Thelma & Norman Rader.

Visitation was held Thursday, April 7, 2005 from 5 to 8 PM at Niday Funeral Home. Services were held at 1 PM Friday, April 8, 2005 at Niday.



Bessie Michel Wrigg (Judy Lorenz's mother), born Dec. 14, 1912 on her Mother's birthday in McComb, Miss., went to be with the Lord and her family on April 10, 2005 at 9:05 p.m.

Bessie was a loving, caring Christian woman and had a wonderful and beautiful life. She enjoyed spending time with her family, grandkids and great-grandson. She will always be remembered as a kind, loving housewife, mother, mamaw, worker, teacher's aide and bus driver for the deaf kids and a lover of books and poems. She retired from her last job at George Memorial Library in Richmond, Texas at the age of 75.

She spent a lot of her free time training and teaching her deaf daughter and found the best schools and college for her.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Sugar Land for many years and for a very short time with Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church to be with her daughter and family. She was also a

member of the Eastern Star.

Bessie was preceded in death by her wonderful husband, Herman, on Aug. 23, 1981; her 13-year-old grandson, Matt Lorenz; her parents, Samuel and Lula Michel; brothers, Joe and Dick Michel; and sister, Mary Jones.

She is survived by her only child, Judy Lorenz and her husband, Bubba; her granddaughter, Mardi Lorenz; great-grandson; Matthew Alvarado; sister-in-law, Nora Lee Michel; brother-in-law, Kermit Olson; along with many wonderful nieces, nephews and wonderful friends.

Funeral services for Bessie were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2005 at the Davis-Greenlawn Funeral chapel in Rosenberg. The Rev. Arthur Craig and the Rev. Dan Mustain was officiated the service. Interment was followed in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday, April 13, 2005 in the State Room of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were included Bill Sanchez, Eric Sanchez, Tommy Rush, Earl Day, Bobby Caruthers and James Sansing.

For those wishing, memorial donations may be made in Bessie's memory to the American Heart Association, Texas Affiliate, P.O. box 15186, Austin, Texas 78761-5186 or to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Road, Houston, Texas 77055.

Her daughter and family wish to thank all relatives, pastors and friends who have given such overwhelming support, time, energy, meals, phone calls, cards, smiles, hugs, prayers and love throughout her last four weeks in the hospital and hospice.

Also her family, relatives and friends would like to take this opportunity to thank Vitas' Hospice House at the Forum at North Post Oak Road for the excellent care given to Bessie during her final days among us. "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." Till we see you again, we will all miss you.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Home in Rosenberg.



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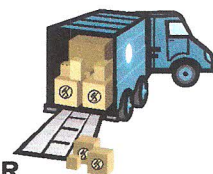
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