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1951 Easter Party Delights TSD Primary Children



Names Listed – See Page 4

Miss K.D. Gullette carried out the part of a real Easter Bunny and brought squeals of joy from the little tots as she appeared in costume at the Primary Easter party Wednesday, March 21, 1951. After hopping around and shaking hands with the children, she presented them with beautifully colored Easter eggs. Miss Hope Tisdale was in charge of the games, and tasty refreshments were served by the teachers.  
(Copied from TSD Lone Star-April 1, 1951)  
Names listed See Page 4



Linda (Keeton) Garcia and her twin sister Glenda (Keeton) Alvarez



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#### SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING (Wednesday) at 1:00 p.m.

South Austin Senior Activity  
Center

3911 Manchaca Road  
Austin, Texas 78704

April 3, 2013

April 9, 2013

#### Field Trip to Kerrville Texas

May 1, 2013

#### TAD-SC Picnic

at McKinney Falls State Park

June 5, 2013

July 3, 2013

August 7, 2013

## HISTORY: THE MYSTERY OF THE BARGSLEY FAMILY PLOT



**How did two women die on May 4, 1922?** This mystery begins in a graveyard. Amid a grove of junipers in a Southwest Austin park sits a family plot guarded by a high mesh fence. Four legible stones stand among the rubble. Three of the same family design-decorated with bas-relief garlands-face the trail. "Father: John Bargsley: March 13, 1828-October 13, 1904." "Mother: Sarah Bargsley: September 2, 1823-May 4, 1922." "Ada Lena Bargsley: July 6, 1877-May 4, 1922." Why did family members of different generations die on the exact same day? During one of their frequent trips to Longview Park, Kevin Davis, who lives nearby, noted the death dates to his wife, historian Chantal McKenzie. They drew no conclusions. Later, however, McKenzie was browsing through the Austin History Center website when she ran across an arresting picture: In harrowing grays, a funnel cloud swirls around the dome of the State Capitol. The date for the

How did two women die on May 4, 1922?  
By tornado over the Capitol May 4, 1922.

The Bargsley family plot in Austin's Longview Park includes headstones for two women from different generations who died on the same date: May 4, 1922.

tornado: May 4, 1922. Did the Bargsley die in the double tornado that killed 13 people on that day, McKenzie wondered.



The date for the tornado: May 4,

I must admit that, aside from the famous image of the Capitol, I knew almost nothing about the city's deadliest tornado. Time for an always-welcome trip to the history center. Preserved there is Frederic William Simonds' 24-page "The Austin Tornadoes of May 4, 1922," published in the University of Texas Bulletin for Feb. 15, 1923.

Simonds was a professor of geology who

(more story next page 3)

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Dale Hovinga
- 4 Alice M. Jarma
- 11 Alan Stein
- 15 Tim Jaech
- 18 JT Newman
- 19 Richard Barnes
- 22 Sandra Barnes-Smith
- 24 Beverly Duncan
- 25 Mary Ann Giuntoli
- 25 Pearl Wallace



### March Birthdays



Left to Right:  
Betty Bounds  
Sharlene Carter  
Beth Strain.

witnessed the more westerly of the two twisters. "About four o'clock, the writer was suddenly summoned from home," Simonds writes, "a block and a half north of the campus of the University of Texas...by excited shouts directing his attention to an unusual cloud display in the north. Reaching the street, he saw in a direction west of north, a quickly advancing, dark and threatening mass of storm clouds which pended a rapidly whirling funnel so characteristic of tornadoes." Simonds calmly, chillingly records their paths. The first touched down in four places, starting six miles north of Austin near Spicewood Springs, then a mile to the southwest. After that it smacked ***the State Institute for Deaf, Dumb and Blind Colored Youths on Bull Creek Road between 38<sup>th</sup> and 45<sup>th</sup> streets***. It finally belted the Deep Eddy recreational camp. Copious photographs published in the Bulletin – and others housed at the history center-show smashed buildings. One person died in the first tornado. The second tornado split off and raked the Texas State Cemetery in East Austin before bouncing in a "hit and miss" action over Travis Heights. It severely damaged three buildings on the St. Edward's University campus, and then destroyed businesses around Penn Field, including Woodward Manufacturing and a big water tower. It roared south to damage the school in the town of St. Elmo and the Hartkoff Dairy. "From appearances after the storm, a veritable rain of timbers, planks, splinters and roofing must have swept over the Post Road leading from Austin to San Antonio," Simonds writes. "As automobile traffic on this highway is, as a rule, quite heavy, it is nothing short of miraculous that no lives were lost." The tornado was not finished. "Two and a half miles southeast of Oak Hill, eight or more miles from its origins in Austin, the tornado completely destroyed the Bargsley home, causing the death of six persons," he writes. "The violence of the storm at this point is shown by the fact that, of the house, scarcely a vestige remained, barring the stones used for the chimney. ...Visitors on the scene were amazed to find that even the fowls had been plucked of their feathers." All told the second twister killed 12 people, half of them at the Bargsley house. Today, one can explore Longview Park and the attached preserve to find stacked stone fences and other evidence of farming or ranching. A few small private ranches survive nearby, although the surrounding neighborhoods were developed as early as the 1970s. On May 5, 1922, headlines for the Austin Statesman read: "13 Dead, 44 Injured, Property Loss in Storm in Excess \$700,000: Tornado Leaves a Trail of Ruin in its Path." Remembering the paper's response in

a 1960 report, William J. Weeg said he was working at the Statesman offices at Eighth and Brazos streets. Managing editor E.J. Walthall, "was just fixing to leave when he saw the twister coming. He yelled, and we both got on the phones, calling the composing room crew and the stereotypes back to work and checking for information." After reporting on Travis Heights damage, Weeg took other first-hand accounts by phone. On the front page back in 1922, the Statesman listed among the dead: "Miss Ada Bargsley, 46" and "Mrs. John Bargsley, Sr., 89." The others who died at their home that day were "John Thompson 26," "Mrs. Alta Thompson, mother of John Thompson," "Maria Kinchion, 70," and, in a sad sign of the times, "Harper, girl, negress, 10." Over the following decades, this newspaper published the living memories of survivors, including a story written by J. Frank Dobie and rendered in flinch-worth dialect. Historian Mike Cox gave a clean account and interviewed experts for a 1970 newspaper article. "In 1922, Austin only had about 20,000 residents," meteorologist Davis Barnes told Cox. "If you think what could have happened if that tornado had hit this year, the death rate might have easily been 10 times as great." Now imagine that today. (By Michael Barnes, *American-Statesman Staff-Sunday- February 3, 2013*)

### Tornado Safety Tips:

- ✓ **Look & Listen for:** ...large hail, heavy rain, strong winds, frequent intense lightning...bulge with a rotary motion at the base of the thunderstorm cloud...loud roar like the sound of a jet or train.
- ✓ **Seek Safe Shelter: A basement is best.** Otherwise choose ground-floor center rooms surrounded by other rooms. **Never choose upstairs** locations because tornadic wind speeds increase with height above the ground.
- ✓ **Choose rooms on the north and east sides of your shelter if no interior rooms are available. Stay near the innermost walls.** Avoid rooms on the south and west, because tornados usually travel from southwest to northeast.
- ✓ **Choose a small closet or bathroom,** because small rooms are less susceptible to collapse. Take shelter within the bathtub *if there are no glass tub enclosures or large mirrors nearby.*

### How to Protect Yourself and Your Family:

Stay calm, Seek shelter IMMEDIATELY!, Keep a portable TV/radio & flashlight in your shelter, Wear shoes to protect your feet from broken glass and other debris left by the storm, Protect head & chest-crouch, face to

floor, hands behind head, Cover yourself with blankets, pillows or coats. Hide under sturdy furniture, Avoid candles, gas lanterns and oil lamps, In schools & offices: seek designated shelter in interior rooms or hallway's on ground floor, or lowest floor possible. Avoid auditoriums and gymnasiums, In shopping malls, seek the smaller interior shops on the ground floor, In shopping centers, avoid large open rooms as well as the south and west walls, Evacuate mobile homes & vehicles! Seek shelter in substantial structure, ditch or culvert. **STAYING SAFE IN A TORNADO**



## NEWS AND NOTES



**FYI – SO FAR IN AUSTIN ONLY.** Believe it's only in Austin

Austin City Council passed an ordinance last year to ban the use of plastic bags in retail stores within the city. The ban is set to take

effect starting in March, 2013. Austin is the first big city in Texas to make such a ban.

## 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday



Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. her families and friends celebrated on Beth Strain's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at the Austin Association of the Deaf. She enjoyed the party.



*Morris Porter dance and sing Happy Birthday to Beth!*

## SAM LANE KILLED IN PICKUP ACCIDENT

Sam Lane, age 54, died early Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, when a pickup fell off a 45-to-60 foot cliff onto the Lake Travis shoreline. There were two other men with him. One man age 42 was also killed. A younger man, age 21, survived and called 911 for help. The accident happened near a marina at the Resort Ranch at 1300 North Pace Bend Road as the men drove through heavy rain on a dirt road inside the Resort Ranch property where all three lived. *(American-Statesman)*

## DEAF SENIOR TEXAS (DST) Sympo 2014

TAD-SC President Earl Day announced that we have found a place for DST Sympo 2014. It will be held at the Embassy Suites/San Marcos Conference Center in San Marcos on April 8-9, 2014.

## Quiz Question??

*By James Ed White*

How many deaf mechanics own their business in Austin, Texas? See Page 7 "Answer".

### From Front Page 1- "1951 Easter Party Delights TSD Primary

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 – Julie (Hiriart) Spaulding  | 8 – Earl Wilson Day             |
| 2 - John Davis                 | 9 – Linda Kay (Williamson) Nunn |
| 3 – No Name                    | 10-Michael Priday               |
| 4 - No Name                    | 11.-Jack Giacona                |
| 5 – Darlene (Woodward) Giacona | 12 – Marcia (McGregor) Green    |
| 6 – Andra (Ann Davis) Swick    | 13 – Earnest Morgan             |
| 7 – John Williamson            | 14 – Tommy Proctor              |

## SUSAN KALLINA'S TRIP TO SWEETWATER, TEXAS WITH NORTH TEXAS DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS



Susan Kallina went with Sandra Barnes-Smith to join the North Texas Deaf Senior Citizens group on a field trip to Sweetwater, Texas on March 8-9, 2013 for the Rattlesnake Festival at Nolan County Coliseum. She saw a cute dummy at a retail store and posed with it for a picture.

## 75th BIRTHDAY



Morris and Sally Porter

Morris Porter celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday party at Casa Garcia Restaurant in Kyle, Texas on Friday noon, March 22, 2013. Sally Porter asked fourteen friends to help celebrate with Morris. Sally Porter served cake. Everyone enjoyed the party. (Photo by Glenn Brunson)



## SAN MARCOS NEWS

La Vista Deaf Seniors of San Marcos are having a meeting on April 11, 2013 Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at La Vista Retirement Community Center. Refreshments will be served. **Mark your calendar!**



## FAREWELL PARTY FOR GENEVIEVE CUMMINGS



On Thursday, March 14th, 2013 La Vista residents gave Genevieve Cummings a farewell party after La Vista Deaf Senior of San Marcos regular meeting. She is moving to Tennessee to live with her son in a new home. She will be missed by her many friends at La Vista as she has lived there 13 ½ years.

## LOLA JUSTISS

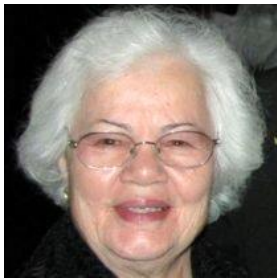
A memorial service for Lola Justiss was held on March 9, 2013 at the La Vista Retirement Community Center. Several persons spoke about Lola Justiss. It was a very simple service. The hostesses were Mary Lou Whitsit, Sandra Griffin and Marian Seale. Lola's neice was also present and met everyone.



**LOLA JUSTISS MEMORIAL SERVICE:** Sandra Griffin, Marian Seale, and Mary Whitsit



## In Memoriam



**Mrs. Frankie (Chaffin) Widner**, 72, passed away February 16, 2013 in Tyler. She was born August 22, 1940 in Canadian to Samuel and Matilda Chaffin. Frankie retired from the pharmacy department of Trinity Mother Frances Hospital after 25 years. She taught sign language as a deaf

instructor for 30 years in the Continuing Education Sign Language Program which led to the establishment of the current Interpreter Training Program at TJC by Dr. Judy Barnes. Frankie was a member of the East Texas Deaf Ladies Club and former President and member of the Tyler Metro Association for the Deaf. She attended Shiloh Road Church of Christ. Her beautiful spirit and her sweet, precious smile touched so many lives. She loved her family very much and was proud of each one. She will be deeply missed. Frankie is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her loving family including her husband, Bobbye Widner; daughters, Cynthia Buchanan and Darlene Winsett; sister, Mildred Thrasher; grandchildren, Christy Buchanan, Blake Widner, Preston Winsett and Piper Winsett; and by great-grandchildren, Kent Clark and Jaysen Hicks. Services for Frankie (Chaffin) Widner, 72, of Tyler, would be held on Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 1:30 PM at Stewart Family Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Cathedral in the Pines Cemetery in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations in honor of Frankie Widner may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 841125, Dallas, 75284-1125.

**Ruenell Eloise Hegwood**, 86, passed away February 27, 2013 in Athens, Texas. She was born June 20, 1926 in Arlington, Texas to John Jay and Ann Eason Jay. She attended Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, Texas. She was employed as an inspector for Justin Boot Company



and loved travelling, gardening, and enjoying time with friends. Ruenell was a member of Central Baptist Church in Athens. She was preceded in death by her parents. Ruenell is survived by husband Gordon Hegwood of Cross Roads; children: Joe Ford and wife Alicia of N. Richland Hills, Ginny Stockton of Cross Roads, Gene Ford of Athens, Rocky Ford of Athens; two step-children Charles Johnson & wife Sandra of Mercedes, California; seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren. Memorial Services at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 2, 2013 at Central Baptist Church in Athens, Texas.



**Steve Springer**, 61, of Sulphur Springs, passed away Saturday morning, March 9, 2013, at his residence. He was born in Sulphur Springs on September 13, 1951 to Howard Paul and Olcie (Scott) Springer. He attended the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin and later worked for the Motorola Company. He was of the Baptist faith. Mr. Springer is survived by: son, Brady Springer, of Arkansas; three sisters; two brothers. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Charlene Springer. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.



### Our Condolences

to Kermit Veazey for losing his wife, Annie (McWhorter) Veazey of Rockwall, Texas on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.



### Our Condolences

to David, Julie, and William Lane for losing their brother Sam Winston Lane IV of Spicewood, Texas on March 10, 2013.



### Can you guess who she is?

*Does it look like she has a wig??*

(See Page 7 to find out who she is.)

## TSD's April Fool Day 1941



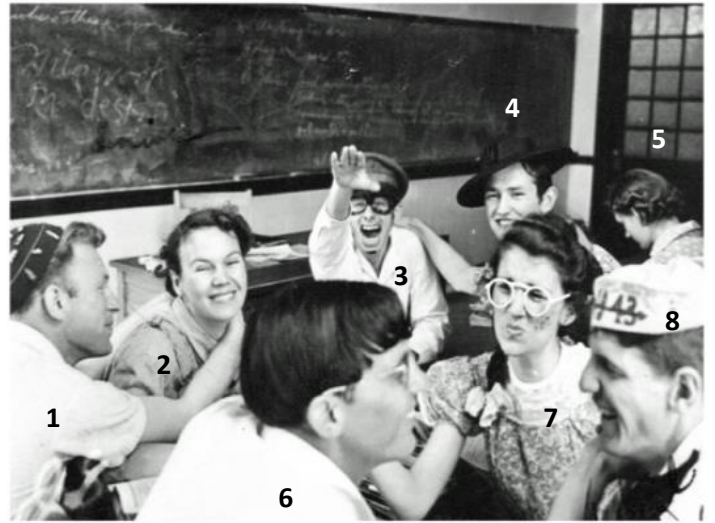
### RECIPE

#### Pineapple Angel Cake

By Mary Ryan

1 box Betty Crocker white angel food cake mix  
1 can (20 oz.) of crushed pineapple with juices  
Mix both together, and then pour into pan for 30 minutes at 350f

**Option:** for Icing if you want to. Whipping Cream or 1 can 20 oz. pineapple and 1 pkg. (3.4 oz.) vanilla flavor Instant Pudding & Pie Filling mix in medium bowl. Gently stir in whipped topping, spreading pudding mixture. Refrigerate 1 hour or until ready to serve. Garnish with your favorite topping such as strawberries.



They are Senior Classmates: 1. Alton Young, 2. Montie Bradbury, 3. Billy Farmer, 4. James Taylor, 5. Earlene Becker, 6. Robert Taylor, 7. Margy Marler, and 8. Harold Massoletti. (Give to TSD Heritage Center by anonymous).

### RENEWALS AND NEW MEMBERS/SUBSCRIBERS:

George Aguilar, Vera Akers, Linda K. Ainsworth, Andrew Beckham, Eileen & Jimmy Brookes, Sharlene Carter, Larry & Betty Evans, Patti Fry, Gertrude Galloway, Linda Keeton Garcia, Sandra Griffin, Delia A. Harris, Sharon Hovinga, Thomas Jarma, Virginia Mead, Brenda & John Mills, Theodore Mohlenhoff, Jr., Douglas Phillips, Susan Pochop, Amanda Ross, Gertrude Sessions, Connie Stockton, Billy Stout, Beth Strain, Billie Jean Strickland, Dale E. Tice, Jeanette Turnham, Barbara Warren, Madeline Watkins, Arlen & Mary Whatsit, Karen Whitworth, and Tommy Wells.

**NEW GIFT SUBSCRIBERS:** Melba Beshears (gifted by Joe Arrington), Jerrie Cervenka (gifted by Judy Holder), Alica Chavez (gifted by Reynaldo Carrillo), Sylvia Colburn (gifted by Virginia Strain & Patsy Compton), Alberta Henness (gifted by Amanda Ross) Sandra McCann (gifted by Joe Arrington) Dixie Parr (gifted by Joe Arrington) and Pamela Parrell (gifted by Joe Arrington) Thank you.

**DONATIONS TO TAD-SC:** from Glenn & Barbara Brunson in memory of Vera Butler & Lola Justiss, Thank you.

(Page 4) Answer: Silent automotive was set up by two deaf men.



Brenda (Fogg) Mills  
(from Page 6)  
TSD' 1963



### EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please send any news announcement, note of favorite recipes by April 15, 2013 to TAD-SC Editor Glenn Brunson, P.O. Box 41134, Austin, Texas 78704, or [gbrunson@austin.rr.com](mailto:gbrunson@austin.rr.com) Thank you.

### NEXT TAD-SC MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center  
3911 Manchaca Road  
Austin, Texas 78704



### REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, April 3, 2013  
At 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Crystal Wiltz will speak on TYPE 2 DIABETES

SEE YOU THERE!

### The Texas State Flower: Bluebonnet



Named for its color and, it is said, the resemblance of its petal to a woman's sunbonnet, the bluebonnet is the state flower of Texas. It blooms in the early spring and can be readily found in fields and along the roadsides throughout central and south Texas.

Scientifically named *Lupinus texensis*, the bluebonnet is also called buffalo clover, wolf flower, and (by the Mexicans) el conejo. It was adopted as the official state flower by the Texas Legislature in 1901.

## Tool Box

Find and circle all of the tool box items that are hidden in the grid.  
The words may be hidden in any direction.

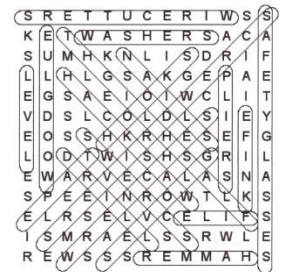
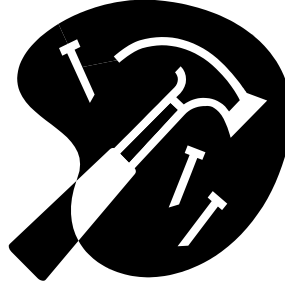
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