

Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens Newsletter *Austin, Texas*

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THE VIEW OF SOUTH CONGRESS AVENUE in 1934

Texas School for the Deaf



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It may be hard to believe what South Congress looked like in 1934. I am sure that some of you remember this when you were students walking the dirt road to Texas School for the Deaf from Downtown.



NEWS & NOTES

TSD School Calendar!!!

TSD Graduation Day—Thursday, June 5, 2008
TSD closed school June 6th for the summer.
TSD School begins August 25, 2008, Monday
TSD Homecoming will be on October 4, 2008, Saturday.

Stamps increasing by one cent May 12

Forever Stamp will still get your letter delivered. First Class Mail Letter from 41 cents to 42 cents.

Correction: February Newsletters on page 7, “Who Are They?” (no name) I received a letter from someone to give right name ***Elouise May*** in 1942. Thank you.

Correction: April Newsletters on page 6, “Who Are They? 1946” Wrong last name ***Sue Wright*** and corrected name is ***Sue Bright***. Thank you.

Correction: April Newsletters “The 3rd annual Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens Picnic” **\$5.00** not \$3.00 per person if you don’t bring a side dish or desserts. And also correct date **May 8, 2008** not May 8, 2007. Thank you.

Cancelled: Field Trip to LBJ Ranch on April 24 for the reason that Lady Bird Johnson’s family home not open until August 27 this year for LBJ’s 100th birthday celebrate so we hope to go again next spring 2009.

Texas School for the Deaf Hosts Seeger-Berg Track and Field Classic

April 5, Saturday, at 10:00 a.m. TSD honors two well-known pioneers in deaf track and field and hosts this first annual meet here in

Austin. Ruth Taubert Seeger and Thomas O. Berg will kick-off this exciting track and field event. Seeger and Berg are among many former and present. Deaflympians who will attend this inaugural event at the Texas School for the Deaf. With TSD’s educational excellence and a strong belief in culture and community, students form a unique identity based on their individual strengths and talents, rather than their disabilities. TSD is an environment where students learn, grow, and belong. High School Track and Field athletes from; Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, Talladega, Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Tucson, California School for the Deaf, Fremont, California School for the Deaf, Riverside, Indiana School for the Deaf, Indianapolis, Kansas State School for the Deaf, Olathe, Louisiana School for the Deaf, Baton Rouge, Maryland School for the Deaf, Columbia and Frederick Campuses, Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf, Fairbault, Mississippi School for the Deaf, Jackson, Model Secondary School for the Deaf at Gallaudet University, Washington, D.C., Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, Oregon School for the Deaf, Salem, Texas School for the Deaf, Austin, Wisconsin School for the Deaf, Delavan. (*Texas School for the Deaf Media Alert*)

Oldest Deaf Man in New York Turns 105

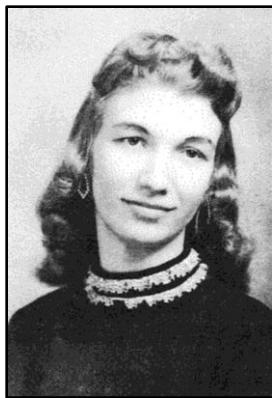
By Mark Schoenberger
January 26, 2008

It was a grand celebration for a man believed to be the oldest deaf man in New York State. Cliff Leach turned 105 years old the Advocates for Housing for Deaf Seniors, as well his friends and family put together a surprise birthday party for him. Cliff credits his health with staying active late into life. He regularly bowled and golfed until he was about 90 years old. He says he still wants to get out and play America’s pastime. “I

played baseball for many, many years, in the semi-pro league. More than 20 years, that's how I kept in such good shape," Cliff said. Longevity runs in Cliff's family. He has a 98 year old sister living in Virginia.

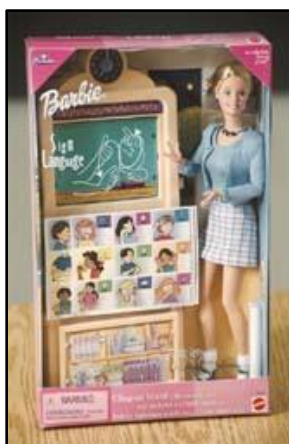
(From the newsroom of the R News (Cable TV), Rochester, New York.)

ATTENTION: WHAT'S BECOMING OF SUE BRIGHT?



7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749. Thank you.

Jerry Smith TSD' 60 of San Marcos had an surgery and spend a night at hospital in Austin on March 31. He is doing fine.



In 1999, Sign Language Barbie was developed in partnership the National Center of Deafness at California State University to ensure the doll instructed sign language accurately and was not offensive to deaf people or those hard of hearing. They are rare to be found at the store.

(Glenn and Barbara Brunson, TSD'59 donated ILY Barbie to TSD Heritage Center.)

Anyone knows some update information on Sue Bright, TSD'53 including her married name, address, and TTY/VP number(s), please contact Glenn Brunson at email gbrunson@austin.rr.com or mail TAD-SC %Glenn Brunson,

Austin's Russell Harvard stands up to Daniel Day-Lewis in "There Will Be Blood"



Actor Russell Harvard, TSD'1999 leads one of those charmed Austin lives one encounters almost every day; Somewhat adrift at 26, Harvard has locked arms with life, attending Texas School for the Deaf, then Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., performing major roles for DeafWest Theatre, teaching young children in Anchorage, Alaska, appearing in TV shows such as "CSI" and then, that miraculous opportunity: performing opposite Daniel Day-Lewis in one of the biggest movies of the year, "There Will Be Blood".

FCC ATTORNEY OFFERS GUIDANCE ON DIGITAL TRANSITION *(by William Roller, Yuma Sun Staff Writer) March 11, 2008*

An attorney from the Federal Communications Commission addressed the Yuma, Ariz. chapter of the Hearing Loss Association of America last week about the changeover from analog to digital broadcasts. Michael Jacobs, FCC consumer affairs legal counselor, spoke about plans to end analog broadcasting by February 2009. "Many think they have to get a flat screen high definition television to get reception after the transition," said Jacobs, "but that's not true." Consumers can still use their old analog sets, said the Yuma Sun, but will need to purchase a digital converter box to receive a TV signal. With deaf consumers

relying on closed-captioned TV for news and entertainment, "HLAA is an important partner of ours in getting word out about digital TV," said Jacobs.

SAFEPLACE WITH OPRAH

Ford and Oprah's Big Giveaway

April 16, 2008

By Steve Miller

Ford is trying to lure car buyers, bit by bit, through word-of-mouth and reputation as part of its "Drive one" campaign. The latest effort involves giving back to local communities in an Oprah kind of way.

As a sponsor of ABC's Oprah's Big Give, Ford hosted more than 1,100 viewing parties around the country on April 6. The events recruited Ford owners to call friends, neighbors and relatives and invite them over to watch the show.

The winner, Victoria Fernandez of Austin, Texas, will be featured in a 90-second video during a commercial break on the season finale of Oprah's Big Give. Fernandez received two Ford vehicles and \$25,000 to "pay forward" to SAFEPLACE, a local women's shelter. Ten other winners also got a Ford vehicle to donate to a person or charity of choice.

The effort with Oprah, via JWT/Team Detroit and House Party, Irvington, N.Y., is part of Ford's overall strategy to create brand ambassadors from its 750,000 force of employees, retirees and dealers. Ford is encouraging them to talk to friends and relatives about the merits of the Ford brand and urging them to "Drive one, a campaign that launched last week.

"The whole idea here is simple but powerful," said Connie Fontaine, Ford's experiential marketing manager. "Our idea is that having a neighbor tell you that Ford is good is better than Ford telling you that."

Ford spend \$1.76 billion on U.S. advertising last year (excluding online). Per Nielsen Monitor-Plus.

(Vonnie Basham from Deaf SafePlace)

OBITUARY

MARCENE (Phumphrey) DUNAGAN, age 87, TSD'38 passed away on Sunday, April 20, 2008 in Plano, Texas. More information will be next month Newsletter.

(She died of her cancerous blood in her system. She was truly a sweet lady who always gave warmth her spirit to us. She is sorely missed. Her closest friend Dorothy (Matthews) Altom, TSD'40 also former La Vista board member).

TRIVIA

Which soda was first aluminum cans?

The first 12-ounce aluminum soda can was introduced in 1964 by Royal Crown Cola. Coke didn't start using aluminum until 3 years later, and that same year Pepsi came out with a seamless can.

Weird City Names

Bong Bong, Wales
Cut off, Louisiana
Eyebow, Canada
Difficult, Tennessee
Who's Thought It, Texas
Eek, Alaska
Saint-Louis du Ha Ha!, Canada
Moron, Mongolia
Paint Lick, England
Matching Tye, England
Zzyzx, California

What did people use before erasers?

Pieces of bread were used to erase lead pencil before rubber came into use.

What did Kathy do after she visited Pikes Peak? (Colorado)

Katharine Lee Bates wrote the words to the classic American anthem "America The Beautiful" after her trip to the summit of Pikes Peak in 1893.

MAY BIRTHDAYS



- 1 Glenn Brunson
- 2 Betty Thrasher
- 6 Allison Lewter
- 18 Joan Montfort
- 30 Ruth Seeger
- 30 Ronald Strain
- 31 Wilma Lowry
- 31 Effie Mae Miller

RECIPE

POTATO CASSEROLE

By Glenn Brunson's sister

2 pkg. 12oz. shredded frozen hashbrowns
 1/2 cup melted butter
 1/4 tsp. pepper
 2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese
 1 tsp. salt
 1 can cream of chicken soup (undiluted)
 1/2 cup chopped onion
 1 pint sour cream
 Defrost hash browns. Combine in large bowl with 1/2 cup butter. Add salt, pepper, onion, and soup. Mix well. Add sour cream and cheese. Blend thoroughly. Pour into greased 9x12 casserole. Bake at 350 for 40 minutes. Can be fixed in advance & frozen.

WHO ARE THEY? March, 1945



Left top row; Robert Woodward, Billie Jean Nations, Teacher Miss Jessie Webster, Odis Hooper, Ruth Livingston, and Albert Mokry. Left sitting row; Julian Ortiz, Melvin Attebury, Mario Montalvo, and Richard Duncan. (Photo copy by Billie Jean (Nations) Strickland)

Primary Hall 1940's



Left first; Jerry Porter, Emilio Rios, Edelmia Montalvo, Eileen Kennedy, Joleta French, Carole Carpenter, Ava Lack James, Ray Barbee, Marie Porter, Elaine Weimann, and (Teacher) Ruth Ovenbaum. (Photo copy by Eileen (Kennedy) Brookes, TSD'54)

How many people would know who LeRoy Colombo was?

He was a legendary deaf lifeguard on the shores of Galveston, Texas who saved many

people from drowning many years before all of us were born!

To continue the memory of Columbo, The Galveston Lifesavers Association has raised funds to erect a memorial, and to have a street named after him! *(Copied from DeafDigest 4/2008)*

A NOTICEABLE CEMETERY GRAVE

Cemeteries have their own graves whose shape and design stand out among others on the same grounds.

At the Sunnyside Cemetery in Long Beach, CA, one such monument stands out it is the grave of Dr. Albert Rhea who was buried in 1907.

Rhea was a late deafened physician who was hit by a street car and was instantly killed. Being deaf he was not able to hear and move out of the way of the incoming vehicle.

Not sure if there were other cemeteries whose highly visible monuments were erected to honor the deaf.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY ON MAY 11, SUNDAY

In 1907, Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948), a Philadelphia schoolteacher, began a movement to set up a national Mother's Day in honor of her mother, Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis. She solicited the help of hundreds of legislators and prominent businessmen to create a special day to honor mothers. The first Mother's Day observance was a church service honoring Anna's mother. Anna handed out her mother's favorite flowers, the white carnations, on the occasion as they represent sweetness, purity, and patience. Anna's hard work finally paid off in the year

1914, when President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as a national holiday in honor of mothers.

(Copied from DeafDigest)

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please send any news, announcement, note, or favorite recipes Deadline May 24, 2008 to the Editor, Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email to gbrunson@austin.rr.com

RENEWAL MEMBERS: *Barbara Vicencio, Ron & Beth Strain, Marie Poss, Larry & Betty Evans, Patricia Fry, Helen Sewell, Thelma Stack, Carl & Joanne Brininstool, Billy & Glenda McNabb, Judy Thomas, Marcia Green, and Sandra Barnes-Smith,*

NEW MEMBERS: *Leonor Royce, Sammy Derstine, Glenda Alvarez, Tommy Smith Janet Hamilton and, Mary Wise*

NEXT MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Road

**Regular Meeting
May 1, 2008, Thursday
At 1:00 p.m.**

Liz Rentner from SorensonVRS will be speaking to us about technical problems.

Be Seeing you there!

**MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 26, MONDAY**

The 3rd annual Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens Picnic



*Last year 2nd annual
TAD-SC Picnic on
May 10, 2007*

MARY MOORE SEARIGHT METROPOLITAN PARK
907 SLAUGHTER LANE
AUSTIN, TEXAS



Thursday, May 8, 2008
At 11:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m.



Fried Chicken and Brisket Beef will be served.

Last Names starting with A to M to bring **a side dish**

Last Names starting with N to Z to bring **Desserts**

Bring your own drinks

Bring your own lawn chairs



\$5.00 per person if you don't bring a side dish or Desserts



DOOR PRIZES

Sign up at Senior Citizens Meeting on May 1 or with Vivian Hesser, Beth Strain or Brenda Mills or Glenn Brunson, email gbrunson@austin.rr.com or VP 512-892-7535.

COME ONE COME ALL

MOTHER'S DAY

ANNA M JARVIS	LOVE
ANNUAL	MAMA
BOUQUET	MATRON
BREAKFAST IN BED	MAY
CANDY	MOM
CARE	NO DISHES
CARNATION	NURTURE
CHILDREN	PARENT
CHURCH	PICNIC
CORSAGE	SECOND SUNDAY
DAUGHTERS	SONS
DAY OFF	SPECIAL
DINNER OUT	SUPPORT
FAMILY	TRIBUTE
FLOWERS	
FRIEND	
GIFTS	
GIVING	
HOME	
HONOR	
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HUSBAND	
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION SENIOR CITIZENS

(Above 55 years old)

TAD-SC Membership Dues

\$10.00 a year

Please check (X)

New Member

☐

Renewal Members

☐

Please print (*one person per form*):

NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIPCODE: _____

VIDEOPHONE: _____ TTY: _____

EMAIL: _____ BIRTHDAY: _____

Please mail the above from with a check or money order payable to Travis Association of the Deaf –Senior Citizens (TAD-SC) to Glenn Brunson, Treasurer, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749. *Thank you for your support.*

