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Historic Scarbrough Building Windows Dressed for the Holiday by Texas School for the Deaf



Want a unique opportunity to enjoy some holiday window gazing while learning something about the young Deaf artists who attend Texas School for the Deaf, their unique culture and the distinguished history of their school? Visit the Scarbrough building in downtown Austin on the Southwest corner of 6th and Congress.

For the month of December through January 12, the Scarbrough windows are adorned with large 4'x8' holiday multimedia posters depicting still photos of students "signing" holiday carols, hanging photo montages and Elementary student "holiday hand"

mobiles. Reflecting the technology that the school is known for, large flat screen TV's bring to life the work of Video Technology and digital Graphics students teamed up with

student's studying American Sign Language as a foreign language in a compilation of movies and animated holiday sequences.

Also on display in the 6th Street window is a winterized replica of the school's treasured "Mule Ears" building, which dominated the Austin skyline from 1877 to 1957. The building's 6th street interior lobby is showcasing pieces from the exhibit "The Greatest Story Never Heard" originally on display at the Austin Bergstrom International Airport in honor of the school's Sesquicentennial last year. The exhibit demonstrates "then and now" perspectives in school uniforms, educational approaches in the classroom, technology and athletics.

The exhibit includes informative decals, which provide interesting information about these young artist, their dreams and their thoughts about their art. Displayed to such a wide-reaching

audience, students' faces were overjoyed when they saw their artwork installed. Franna Camenisch, TSD alumna and curator of the school's museum, reflected on shopping at downtown Scarbrough's as a young girl, but commented, "I never in a million years thought I would one day be decorating these windows. It's truly spectacular for the Deaf Community."

WHAT: Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) Holiday Art Display
 WHEN: Though January 7, 2008
 WHERE: Scarbrough Building – Downtown Austin
 101 West Sixth Street, Austin, Texas 78701

NEW OFFICERS FOR TWO YEARS January, 2008 thru December, 2010



Earl Day, President, Ed White, Vice President, Joanne Brininstool, Secretary, and Glenn Brunson, Treasurer

CHRISTMAS AT LA VISTA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CENTER



Committees: Vivian Hesser, John Hesser, Earl Day, Barbara Vicencio, Sharon Wisnoski, Margaret Fewell, Interpreter (no name given), Elaine Withrow, and not pictured Winnie Harp and Marian Peacock

About 70 residents attended the Christmas Pot Luck at La Vista Community Center in San Marcos on Thursday, December 13.



La Vista Retirement Community Center



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT TRAVIS ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS



Brenda Mills & Beth Strain
 Barbara Brunson & Brenda Oates

After Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior citizens (TAD-SC) monthly meeting, members and visitors celebrate its annual Christmas party on Thursday, December 6. Refreshments were served.

NEWS & NOTES

Ed & Joanne Easley spent the week of



Thanksgiving in the Bay Area of California. They enjoyed a visit with daughter and son-law, Lynn and Toby Daniels; and grandkids, Dakota (12) and Adele (10). They went sightseeing and dined in many places of interest: Napa Valley, the Golden Gate area, and Fisherman's Wharf. Surfers were riding the waves in the chilly waters of the bay. Workers were cleaning up oil spilled by a ship, causing many birds to die. They drove down the famous Lombard Street that zigzags around immaculate flowers and shrubs, and opens up to a beautiful view of San Francisco. The weather was sunny and crispy cool. On Thanksgiving Day, Lynn created a traditional turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings, at their lovely home in Fremont. While there they also celebrated Dakota's 12th birthday at Zachary's Chicago Pizza eatery.

(By Mr. & Mrs. Robert Easley)

Glenn & Betty Thrasher of San Antonio, along with their daughter and son and grandchildren went to McKinney, Texas on December 15, to surprise their other son, Ron and helped him to celebrate his 50th birthday.

News from JeRose (Jerry and Rosemary McGaugh)

We flew and stayed in San Francisco, California from September 28th to November 2nd. We visited Rosemary's son, Butch. Also they were dog-sitting an aging cute Jack Russell while his owner went to Hawaii. They live in a condo on 11th floor near San Francisco Giants Stadium and have a grand view of Twin Peaks. We enjoyed staying at this condo very much even though one evening We had our first experience with an earthquake that was hit in Alum Rock near San Jose. The earthquake's Richter's was 5.6. We felt a huge shake/tremble like a train passing so close at first and then silence back to normal. Immediately we went toward the living room large window to see what other people did. Guess what... no one reacted to it then we went back to sit down and watched TV (?) calmly. No, we were stunned and talked about our reactions to the earthquake and then laughed at us. During our visit in the heart of San Francisco, we were lucky that most days were sunny and cool in 60-70 temps. In this kind of weather, we opted to walk around a lot to sightseeing many places also geocaching. Geocaching is a "new" game to us. To geocaching is to use the hand-held type of Global Positioning System (GPS) for the geocachers to seek and find the caches just like treasure hunt with a map. This game is FUN and good exercise as if you go on for a walk or hikina.

Since Butch works for CSDVRS, they had a booth set up at Deaf Nation Expo in Pleasanton. We decided to tag along and see if we will meet anyone we know there. Guess who we saw several former Texans, Martin Duve, Hector Brutal, Pat Duncan and Velma Hale and also current Texans, Paul Rutowski and Dan and Angela Barish.

When we returned home on 2nd of November., we were busy getting ready for our road trip to Maryland to visit Rosemary's daughter, Risa and her family for Thanksgiving holiday and stayed there until after our grandson Rory's (Risa's son) birthday on December 5th. On his 7th birthday we had snow up to 5 inches in Frederick. Now we are back home in Austin.

Ronnie White of Temple had been hospitalized for three weeks and came home December 12, 2007.

Ronald "Ron" Strain had been hospitalized for three weeks after he suffered a heart attack on November 16. Now, he is in the rehabilitation facility for therapy.

Ron, Hurry and get well.

Dewana (Lane) Collins was so excited to become a great -grandmother for the first time when her granddaughter, Michelle gave the birth to a baby boy His name is Lliam. He weighed 7 pounds 3 ounces and measured 20 inches long on December 16, 2007.

Congratulations, Dewana!

Lewis and Joan (Wright) Stovall rode on a train Amtrak to Dallas from San Marcos on November 20 to Lewis' daughter's home for Thanksgiving with all his family. Lewis will be a great-grandfather for the first time in July, 2008. They returned home by Amtrak on November 23. They had a good time.

Vilma DeBonis just moved at La Vista Retirement Community about a week in San Marcos from Florida but she passed away suddenly on December 13.

This is Sharon Hovinga, the person writing *the TSD history book*. I am so sorry for the delay. I want you to know that this last

delay is entirely my fault and not TSDAA or TSD. They have been very supportive. First it was the publisher, but now it is me. I am still working on it and it's mostly finished, but my husband was in the hospital a week in September, another week in October, and has been in the hospital since November 7th, in serious ICU condition. He is much better now. We are preparing to move Dale to a rehab facility closer to home next week, which will free me up to work on the book again. I really miss working on it and I understand perfectly the frustration some of you folks may experience with having paid for a book and having to wait so long for it. Thank you so much for your patience and for bearing with me a bit longer. I promise it will be worth the wait. *(By Sharon Hovinga)*

Dale Hovinga has been ill for a long time due to diabetes, and is still in the hospital His family will be with him for Christmas. *Wish him for speedy recovery.*

We will drive to our daughter in Florida on December 24. She let us to stay with her for at least one month. We will drive to Norfolk to visit our son and then visit our daughter in North Carolina before driving to Florida. *(Robert (TSD'59) and Linda Whitworth)*

OBITUARIES



Birdie Basham, 109, (Billy Basham's Mother) died November 9 at Gilmer hospital. Last December five generations were present when the nursing home honored her with a party on her 109th birthday. She was born December 28, 1897 at St. Jo in Montague County to George P. Parkhill and

Lizzy Cliff Parkhill. Birdie Parkhill was married to W.P. Basham in 1919 a St. Jo and they moved to the Lubbock area where they were cotton farmer. She was also preceded in death by her son, Billy Basham, and one grandson. Surviving are her son, David Basham of Gilmer; two grandchildren, three great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. *(Croley Funeral Home Gilmer)*



Year Book 1959

William Wallace Blackburn, 93, of Austin and formerly of Junction City, passed away Monday evening, December 10, 2007 in Austin. Mr. Blackburn was born in Junction on October 5, 1914. Viewing and visitation will be Wednesday, December 12 from 5 pm to 7 pm at Graham Funeral Home. Graveside funeral services will be at 1 pm Thursday, December 13, at the Junction Cemetery. Survivors include three daughters, Karen Sanders and husband, Glen, of Austin, Pama Wilhelm of Rockport, and Cheryl Steinhauser and husband, Edwin, of Columbus; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson and a number of other relatives. Complete obituary information and biography were not available at presstime.



Richard "Dick" Bell, 74, TSD '53, passed away Sunday, December 2, in Fort Worth. He was born in Troup, September 23, 1933 to the late Harvey R. and Thelma Clark Bell. He married Joan Dembski in Austin, August 30, 1958. She preceded him in death December 24, 2005. Mr. Bell and been featured in numerous magazine and newspaper articles recognizing him for the ability to overcome

his blind and deaf handicaps. These publications included the San Antonio Light, the San Antonio Sunday Express-News, and the Ostomy Quarterly.

Survivors include two sisters, Helen Keith, Tyler and Betty Ann Holloway, Cedar Park, and nieces and nephews.

Graveside services for 1:00 p.m., Saturday, December 8, at the Pinecrest Cemetery, Troup. *(Cottle Funeral Home, Troup)*

Edward Kronick, 74, of Boynton Beach, Florida passed away on December 7, 2007, Weiss Memorial Chapel. *(Published in the Sun-Sentinel on December 9, 2007.)*

Edward and his wife Ruth Kronick formerly lived in Austin for a long time before they moved to Boynton Beach, Florida.

RECIPE

Cheese Cookies

By Minnie Collins

1 stick oleomargarine, softened
2 cups grated cheese (Cracker Barrel-sharp)
1 cup flour
1 tsp. salt
Tabasco or Red Pepper or Cayenne to taste...
½ cup pecans, finely chopped.

Blend ingredients together
Divide mixture in half and roll in long roll about 1 inch thick.
Wrap in Wax paper and chill. Slice very thin or just about right slice thin...
Place on ungreased baking sheet and bake at 350f degrees for 10to 15 minutes.
*****Delicious to go with soup as same crackers or crumble and sprinkle on top of soup or just snacking. Happy Cooking!**

**January 1, 2008, Tuesday New Year's Day,
January 21, 2008, Monday Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day.**

NEW CALENDAR DAY

How did the days get their name? *The Romans named each of them after a planet.*



Sunday – named for the Sun

Monday – named for the Moon

Tuesday – named for the god of war

Wednesday – named for the god of peace

Thursday – named for the god of lightening

Friday – named for the goddess of love

Saturday – named for the god of harvest

And...it's time to get a new one for next year!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Sandra Griffin
- 3 Joan Stovall
- 10 Don Bradford
- 12 Sharon Hovinga
- 15 Billy McNabb
- 15 Jack Giacona
- 16 Mattie Goodman
- 16 Paula Harris
- 18 Marie Poss
- 19 Nathan Wallace
- 20 Nathie Marbury
- 21 Kenneth Burkett
- 22 Fred Newberry
- 22 Tennie Sessions
- 24 Dorothea Altom
- 24 James Bargsley
- 24 Juanita Basham
- 25 Charm Montalvo
- 28 Nicholas Garza
- 31 Rosemary McGaugh



EDITOR'S NOTE

Please send any news, announcement, note, or favorite recipes **Deadline January 21, 2008** to the Editor, Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749, or email to gbrunson@austin.rr.com

RENEWAL MEMBERS: *Dorothy Altom, Marian Seale, Richard Odom, Callie & Monty Frazier, and Robert & Joanne Easley.*

NEW MEMBERS: *Earl Day, Mr. & Mrs. H.C. Collins, Betty J. Hancock, Eva Nell Roach, Elma Usrey, and Mr. & Mrs. Carlos Holdridge.*

NEXT MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Road

January 3, 2008, Thursday

At 1:00 p.m.

Meeting

Be seeing you there!

WHO ARE THEY?



MAY, 1948 AT TSD

Row low first: Patsy Avant, Sarah Thompson
First Row (front) – Left to Right: Rita Sitton (Arnold), Charm McWhorter (Montalvo), Conection Diaz, Kathryn Wade (Fiscus), Shirley Stegall, Bobbie Crosby (Cheatham), no name given, Third Row back: Eva Lozano (Agnuelo) next 3 Row third: Joy Gibson, Patsy McBride (Hoffman), Evelyn Schulze (Norman), Betty Jo Jackson (Quinn), Virginia Lee Hammond (Holdridge), Mary Sides, Lavonne Allison, (Penny), 4. Third up row back (Left) Elva Threalkeld (Hurst), Peggy Dodd, Loretta Jones, Patsy Ruth Martin (Covington-Smith), Annabelle Roberson (Yassney). (Given Photo to TSD Heritage Center by Evelyn Norman)

THE 2ND ANNUAL RED HATS' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON IN AUSTIN

There were 52 Ladies from Austin, San Marcos, Salado/Austin, Dallas/Ft.Worth, and Houston in their beautiful red hats and purple attires attending the Second annual Red Hatter's Christmas Luncheon at Austin's Buca di Beppo (Italian Restaurant) December 8, 2007. There were also two other guests Glenn Brunson and Jerry McGaugh both Photographers. They enjoyed the Red Hatters' program booklet, napkins holders, the prizes for the delightful winners and the delicious luncheon including Mixed Green salad, Spaghetti meat sauce, Eggplant Parmigiana, Lasagna, Tiramisu, Homemade cheesecake and Tea or Coffee. Flying Hands of DFW will take over the third annual Christmas Luncheon in 2008.

RED HAT BEAUTIES (Co Host)



Janet Morris, Brenda Oates, Beth Strain, Sally Porter, Dewana Collins, Brenda Mills, Barbara Brunson, and Rosemary McGaugh

THE MAD RED HATTERS (Co-Host)



Gertrude Galloway, Betty Bounds, Ruth Seeger, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Anita Dalla, Franna Camenisch, and Joanne Brininstool

DOZEN ROSES RED HAT LADIES



Marian Seale, Juanita Basham, Virginia Ruebush, Lola Justiss, Betty Thrasher, Barbie Vicencio, Margaret Fewell, and Joyce Adams

THE ANTIQUED ANGELS



Susan Kallina, Mary Jane Casey, Robbin Stein, Celi Cartlege, Barbie Vicencio, and Sandra Barnes

RED HAT DEAF DIVAS OF TEXAS



Cathy Simerka, Chrissy Larspn, Dana Glasscock, Jody Rodenberg, Judy Becker, Karen Whitworth, Luci Sachs, and Jo Ellen Hall

FLYING HANDS OF DFW



Sara Harris, Betty DeVries, Donna Laird, Frances Grimland, Iris Goldstein, June Greer, Kathy Bianco, Kathy Murphy, Laura Hill, Linda Green, Margie Coggins-Peckham, Minnie Collins, Shirley Heffington Virginia Barlow, and Vivian Hesser.

Winter Word Find

Try to find the **Winter** words from the list. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

BOOTS
COLD
DECEMBER
FIREPLACE
FROSTBITE
HAT
HOLIDAYS
ICE
JACKETS
MITTENS
SCARF
SKIING
SLED
SNOW
SNOWMAN
WINTER

M	G	D	H	S	C	A	R	F	F	O	E	I	E	W
D	K	S	E	D	F	M	I	T	T	E	N	S	C	D
I	X	T	U	C	D	R	B	A	W	D	L	Z	U	U
O	E	S	P	N	E	H	O	L	I	D	A	Y	S	U
U	R	I	F	P	G	M	T	S	N	O	W	M	A	N
P	C	O	L	D	P	X	B	Z	T	A	H	K	U	B
E	B	A	Q	U	M	O	G	E	E	B	O	L	Y	V
H	C	Q	U	J	O	N	E	Q	R	I	I	S	S	F
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K	Q	X	S	Y	Y	J	L	F	S	O	E	U	E	I
F	O	N	Y	G	E	M	P	L	M	K	N	A	Y	Q
Y	O	C	N	T	Y	N	E	N	C	M	I	M	A	M
W	U	H	A	S	M	D	B	A	U	C	W	I	U	Z
C	Y	G	D	B	S	Z	J	D	J	U	L	Q	N	O
J	N	Y	A	E	B	L	Q	P	A	D	E	C	H	G

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

TAD-SC Membership Dues: \$10.00 a year

Please check (X)

New Member

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Renewal Members

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Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

TTY: _____ VP: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday (New Member only): _____

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.

