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TSD TOWER AT CHRISTMAS



Look at the picture of Christmas decorations in the old Tower's auditorium on third floor about 1914. The two cedar trees look like some students went out to cut them down and brought them back to TSD from a farmland. The center red brick fireplace is on the front stage. *(Copy of picture from TSD Heritage Center).*

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SENIOR CITIZENS LUNCHEON

December 2, 2010
Christmas Luncheon
at 11am to 3pm
At Matt's El Rancho
2613 S. Lamar

SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

January 6th, 2011
February 3, 2011

Happy Holidays



Best Wishes for the Holiday Season
and the Coming Year.

TAD-SC Staffs



Left to Right: First row; Elsie Broussard, Genevieve Cummings, (Pumpkin Hearing lady), and Carol Craghan. Back Row; James Maxwell, and four hearing ladies from La Vista Residents.

Four deafies from La Vista joined five hearing people in a Halloween costume contest at the La Vista Community Center in San Marcos on Saturday, October 30, 2010.

Sixty (60) residents attended the Halloween Party. They served refreshments. There were many colorful Halloween decorations. Everyone joined in the fun.

James Maxwell and Elsie Broussard won first place for the best costume in that costume contest.

*Submitted by Barbie Vicenico
Photo by James Maxwell*



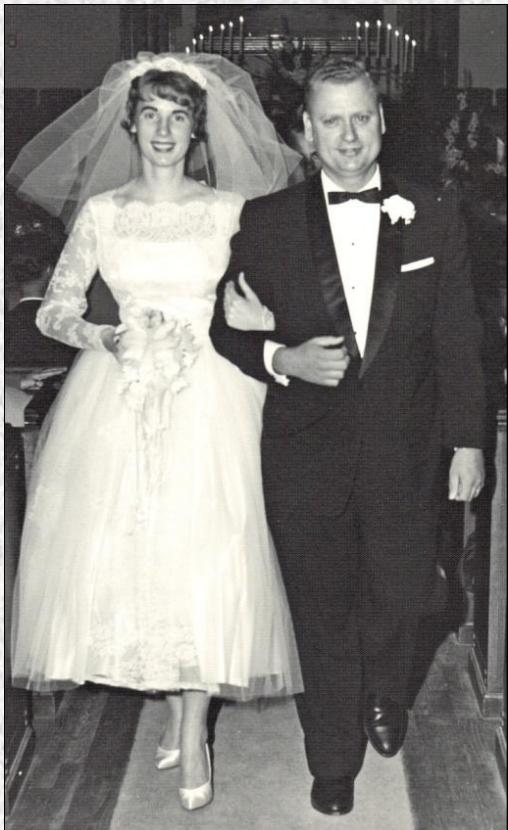
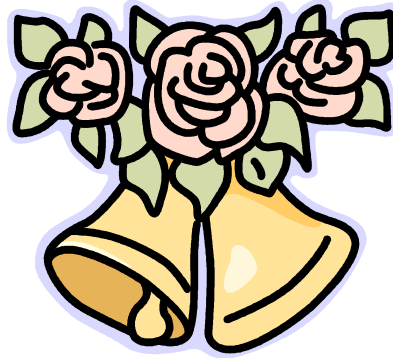


NEWS AND NOTES

50th Wedding Anniversary



Weldon TSD 1955 and Molly (Spence) TSD 1957 Seely of Greenville are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married at Molly's parents' home on September 24th, 1960 at Terrell, Texas. He is retired from the Tyler Tribune after 25 years. They do not have any children. *Congratulations on the Seely's 50th Anniversary! (Submitted by Weldon and Molly Seely)*



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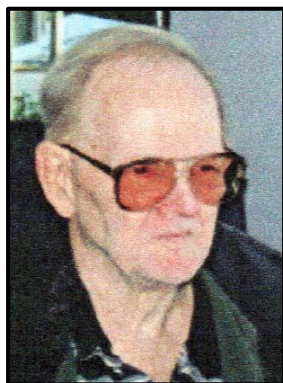


J.C. (Class of '54) and Janet (Class of '58) Morris celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on November 19th. They were married at South Congress Baptist Church in 1960 and they went to New Mexico for their honeymoon. They have one son, Gary. They celebrated their anniversary at Bess Bistro, owned by the famous actress Sandra Bullock. They had a wonderful time. *(Submitted by the Morris)*



In Memoriam

Robert J. Arnold
1937 - 2010



Robert James Arnold, 73, of Irving, Texas passed away on July 28, 2010. He attended Texas School for the Deaf from 1942 to 1944 and then transferred to public school in Ft Worth, Texas where he graduated in 1955. He faithfully attended Homecoming events at TSD every year and was remembered as a guy who

liked to ask for TSD football scores. He was well known among the deaf community and was active in the Dallas Association of the Deaf. No additional information is available.

Billy Ray Cavazos
1962 - 2010



Billy Ray Cavazos, age 48 of Austin, passed away on October 9, 2010. Billy was born April 1, 1962. Billy was born to Rey Cavazos and Elizabeth Strain in Beaumont, Texas. Billy spent most of his life working on the golf courses in the Central Texas area; he could make grass grow just by

being there. 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's presence in the room made everyone smile. Billy had a nickname for everyone he cared about. 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 and uncles and nieces and nephews and friends who loved Billy. Visitation was held from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, October 11, 2010 at Mission Funeral Home at 1615 E. Cesar Chavez in Austin. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be donated for funeral expenses and scholarship for his surviving daughter, Carmela, donations are being accepted at any Wells Fargo Bank, to the account number 9553818718. Published in Austin American-Statesman on October 11, 2010

Dorothy H. Sefcik
1926 - 2010



Dorothy H. Sefcik rejoined her husband on Sunday, October 31, 2010 with the same dignity, courage and sweet disposition as she lived her life for 84 years. Dorothy was born on September 23, 1926 in Taylor, Texas. She was married to Raymond J. Sefcik for fifty-seven years. After working during WWII, she

dedicated her life to raising her children and her home. Her special love was working in her gardens and quilting. Dorothy is survived by her son Douglass Sefcik and wife, Dayna, daughter, **Connie Kennedy and husband, Kent**, her wonderful granddaughters, Sasha Kennedy, Jasi Kennedy, and Amy Saunders, and great-granddaughter, Jeanique Kennedy. The family wishes to express their gratitude to Dr. Sonstein, Dr. Kina and in particular to the staff at Hospice of Austin and Visiting Angels for their loving care. Dorothy asked to say a special thanks to her considerate neighbors. Funeral Services was held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 3, 2010 in the Chapel of Cook Walden/Forest Oaks Funeral Home.

More Obituaries see page 6

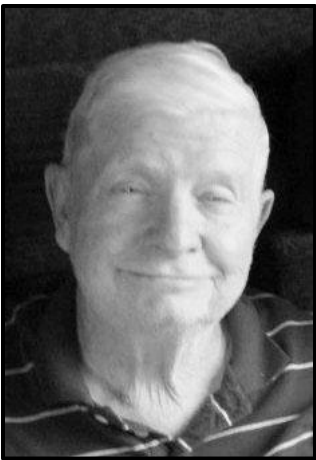
David Arthur Brewer
1933 - 2010



David Arthur Brewer, age 77, of Austin, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. He was born on June 25, 1933 in Plainview, Texas. He graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in 1954. One of David Brewer's proudest moments was winning a blue ribbon for showing his Grand Champion

Jersey Heifer at the Austin Area Dairy Cattle Show at the Austin Coliseum on September 9, 1949. He worked for many years at TSD as a maintenance man and was retired. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Lois Brewer and is survived by his two sisters. His funeral was at the Harrell Funeral Home and he was buried in the Live Oak Cemetery in Manchaca, Texas, just outside Austin.

Denzil Fewell
1940 - 2010



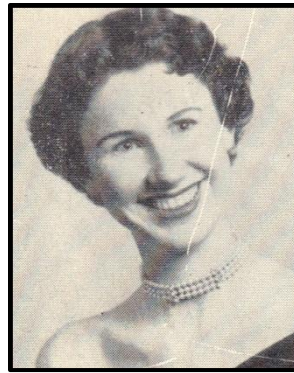
Denzil Ray Fewell, age 70, of San Marcos, Texas passed away on Saturday, November 6, 2010. He was born on July 10, 1940 in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in 1959 and attended Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. He was preceded in death by his parents Willie Lorraine and Ila Denzil Fewell; his sister-in-law

Mary Elmore. Denzil is survived by his cherished wife of 47 years, Margaret (Elmore) Fewell; son James Fewell and his wife, Tina of Driftwood, Texas, daughters Cynthia Love and her fiancé, Jeffrey Chamberlain of La Grange, Georgia; daughter Beverly Odum and her husband Donald, of Sandy, Oregon; sister Lorrinda Alexander and her husband, Joe, of Oviatt, Texas and brother Larry

Fewell and his wife, Sherry, of Dallas; three grandchildren, Jennifer Love, Michael Love, and Samuel Odum. The family held a celebration of Denzil's life and reception at La Vista Community Center.

Billie Jean Macon
1932 - 2010

Billie Jean (Graham) Macon, age 78, of Alvin, Texas passed away on Friday November 19, 2010. She was born on June 20, 1932 in Stowell, Texas. She graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in 1953. Billie was



preceded in death by her husband John Macon; and her parents Harry and Annie Graham; 3 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. Billie is survived by her daughter Annie Estes, sons, Joe Shaver and wife Santos, Ray Shaver and wife Charlene, Harry Thomas Shaver, and Jeffery Shaver, 21 grandchildren, 24

great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. Visitation held from 5:00-8:00 PM Sunday November 21, 2010 at Scott Funeral Home. Funeral Services held be at 10:00 AM Monday November 22, 2010 at Scott Funeral Home with Pastor Arthur Craig officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Scott Funeral Home, 1421 East Hwy 6. Alvin, Texas 77511. (281) 585-1000. In lieu of flowers the family request that memorials be made in her honor to Heart to Heart Hospice 12929 Gulf Freeway, Ste. 300 Houston, Texas 77034. (713) 984-2100

Alma Lee Whittemore
1925 - 2010



Alma Lee Whittemore, age 85 of Houston, Texas passed away on Monday, November 15, 2010. She was born on July 28, 1925 in Lubbock, Texas. She was sent to the New Mexico School for the Deaf and later to the Texas School for the Deaf. She was

preceded in death by her husband Glynn Arvin Whittemore and her three siblings: Bill, Jack, and

Lorraine Aydelott. Alma survived by her daughter Jo Baker, son Gregory Whittemore and his wife Laurie, and son Glynn Lee Whittemore and his wife Renata, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The family will make arrangements in mid-December in Houston for a memorial for Alma and Glynn.

George Letcher Finch 1938 – 2010



George Letcher Finch born on July 29, 1938 in Sioux City, Iowa to Clinton Danford Finch and Helen Propst Finch. He received a Bachelor of Science in Education from Pan American University in 1963. Mr. Finch was a teacher at the Texas

School for the Deaf in Austin for 25 years. President of Sons of American Revolution, Past President of Exchange Club of Austin, Scoutmaster of Boys Scout Troop 10 for over 40 years. George was also one of the original trainers for the Chaplain Program for the Capital Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Mattie Elaine Finch; son, Benjamin Letcher Finch; and his mother and father. George is survived by his wife of 28 years, Bonnie Henry Finch; his sister, Patricia Ann Finch; his six children, Brenda Cary, Clinton David Finch, James Melville Finch, Christopher Danford Finch, Leland Rex Henry III and Mattie Gene Finch; thirteen grandchildren; two great-great children. Interment was held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 27, 2010 at Blue Ridge Cemetery, Blue Ridge, Texas (near Melissa, Texas).

Internet

TELL NETFLIX: NO CAPTIONS, NO MONEY

Why leave Netflix? Because Netflix thinks it can decide how customers receive entertainment and charge some of them more money for less value. Customers like those among the 36 million Americans with hearing loss and other people who depend on captions for varying reasons have just been notified that, at Netflix's discretion, they are stuck with the more expensive DVD plans. Here's the Nitty-Gritty. (*Deaf Politics Blog*)

DRIVERS USING

SIGN LANGUAGE MUST STAY SAFE

Dear Abby: A woman driving the car ahead of me was swerving and weaving in and out of the next lane. She would slow down, then speed up; I thought she might have been drunk.

As I pulled up beside her, I realized she was using sign language to communicate with her passenger. She would turn her head toward the passenger, sign with both hands and ignore her responsibilities of being a good driver. Is this legal?

I don't think she should have been driving if she couldn't pay attention to the road.

-Safe Driver in Lexington, S.C.

Dear Safe Driver: According to the Beverly Hills, Calif., Police Department, the use of sign language is legal as long as it doesn't interfere with safe driving. The state of California has a basic speed law that states: "No person shall drive a vehicle upon a state highway at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent having due regard for the weather, visibility, the traffic, the surface of the highway, and in no event endangers the safety of persons or property."

In the case you have described, the person who was signing to her passenger was in violation of this law. I'm sure your state has similar regulations. (*Copies from Austin American-Statesman, November 7, 2010*)

Corpus Christi, Texas



GRID GREAT, DEAF CENTER BENEFACTORS SPOTLIGHTED



Heroes abounded at the Omni Marina Hotel on October 27 as the friends of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Center gathered to honor Sheryl and Frank McMillan III, the recipients of the Floerke Family Wall of Honor award, and to get to meet and greet with another great Hero, Houston Oilers coaching legend Bum Phillips. The McMillans were making everyone feel at home as they entered the VIP party, where Phillips was seated near a great backdrop of goal posts and footballs. We could meet the man himself or take a picture with him, and he was very cordial and friendly. (*Corpus Christi Caller Times November 21, 2010*)

Do you know who they are?

Christmas Party in Texas School for the Deaf – 1950's



Left to Right: Front row; George Aguilar, Willis Qualls, Morris Porter, (no name), Billy Emanuel, (no name), Ronnie White. Second Row; Mrs. Evelyn Billingsley, James Goolsby, Manuel Garza, Claudie Griffin, Joe Dickerson, (no name), Jerrell Quinn, Genaro Mosqueda, Mr. Billy Billingsley, Back row: Clifton Newby, Carlos Hollis, Griffin Ray Hancock, (no name), Joe Cervenka, Larry Smith, and (no name).

(Copy Photo from TSD Heritage Center)

EDITOR NOTE: Please send any news announcement, note, or favorite recipes by December 20, 2010 to TAD-SC Editor, P.O. Box 41134, Austin, Texas 78704 or e-mail to gbrunson@austin.rr.com Thank you!

TSD Schedule Holidays
December 18, 2010 thru January 2, 2011
Christmas and New Year Holidays

IT'S SAFETY PIN DAY

Before buttonholes, the world got dressed with pins. The Romans fastened their robes at the shoulder with a straight pin that had a coil in the middle allowing it to bend. This evolved into a U-shaped pin about 1000 B.C. – and pin makers eventually started to cover the sharp end with wire. During the late Middle ages, the British decided pins should only be sold on certain days of the year. Women began saving “pin money” to go to the shops to buy their pins.

RECIPE



Rice Krispy Treat

By Beth Strain

- 1 LB. White Almond Bark
- 1 cup peanut Butter
- 1 cup Salted peanuts
- 6 cups Rice Krispy

Melt almond bark in a pan over low heat. Add peanut butter when almond bark is smooth. In a separate bowl combine peanuts and Rice Krispies. Pour almond bark mixture over rice Krispies and Stir. Pour into 9 x13 pans. Let set until firm.

NEXT TAD-SC REGULAR MEETING

South Austin Senior
Activity Center
3911 Manchaca Rd.

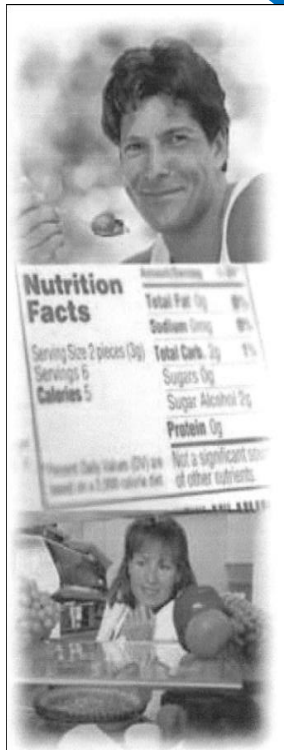
Thursday,
January 6, 2011
at 1:00 am –4:00 pm



"BODY NUTRITION"

Presenter: Larry Umberger

See you there!



RENEWAL MEMBERS: Audrey Brooker, Carol Craghan, Sallie Curtis, Dale & Sharon Hovinga, Nicholas Garza, and Nicholas Martz. Welcome back Renewal member: Edna Smiley and Etta Rhea Cabbage.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIBERS: Dorothea Altom, Jeanette Proctor, Melvin & Ruby Rueffer, and Joan Pate.

NEW MEMBERS: Mark Gunderson, Bonnie Harper, and Judy Ricca.

NEW GIFT SUBSCRIBERS: Odis Trotter (Lorene Royce) Thank you.

DONATIONS: TAD-SC from Lorene Royce (Thank you), TAD-SC from Fred Newberry in memory of Sammy Oates and Billy Cavazos/Strain (Thank you), TAD-SC from Billy Buza in memory of Sammy Oates (Thank you), TAD-SC from Evelyn Kamuchey in memory of Mary Elmore and Denzil Fewell (Thank you).



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



- 2 Jerry McGaugh
- 2 J.C. Morris
- 3 Brenda Oates
- 8 Darlene Polson
- 9 James Maxwell
- 10 Doris Eads
- 11 Earl Day
- 12 James Ed White
- 18 Carol Cranghan
- 23 Eva Anguelo
- 23 Callie Frazier
- 25 Marian Seale
- 27 Margie Bridges
- 27 Fiandance Giovanna
- 27 Silvia Jaech
- 28 Genevieve Cummings
- 30 Jimmy Brookes
- 31 Joe Ed Thompson

ALL OF ME
ANNIE HALL
BABE
BEING THERE
BIG
BOB ROBERTS
BULL DURHAM
CARS
CAT BALLOU
CITY SLICKERS
CLERKS
CLUBLESS
DUCK SOUP
ELECTION
FLETCH
GHOSTBUSTERS
HAPPY GILMORE
HARVEY
HOLIDAY
HOTSHOTS
LEGALLY BLONDE
LIAR LIAR

LOCAL HERO
MALLRATS
MANHATTAN
MEATBALLS
MOONSTRUCK
OH, GOD!
PLAZA SUITE
REPO MAN
RUSHMORE
SHREK
SLACKERS
SLAP SHOT
SLEEPER
THE RUTLES
TOOTSIE
TRADING PLACES
UNCLE BUCK
YES MAN

Comedy Movies 1

Find and circle all of the comedy movies that are hidden in the grid.
The remaining letters spell an additional comedy movie.

S C F R B O B R O B E R T S L O K L
T N L E S R E K C I L S Y T I C R L
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L C H A I B A O N I L L A U R G E I
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