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## National Association Of The Deaf Will Celebrate Its 100th Birthday

Cincinnati, Ohio will be the place to celebrate the 100th anniversary of NAD's existence June 29-July 5, 1980. It is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to participate in an event as great as that especially of the largest and oldest national organization of and by the deaf.

Most of the activities will be held in Stouffer's Hotel. Some of the events will be prepared by NAD, International Association of Parents of the Deaf, American Deafness and Rehabilitation Association, Junior NAD, and several other organizations which will provide more than 75 various activities, including workshops on Communication, Consumerism, Education, Legal, Rehabilitation, Sections (Education, Senior Citizens, Mental Health, SIGN, State Commission), Theatre, and Youth Related Programs.

Our own Ralph White is President of NAD. It is timely for us Texans to help celebrate the great event with our fellow Texan while he presides at the meetings there.

It is understood that at this time more than 5,000 persons have already registered for the centennial convention. What better time than that will be for us to join in the gala celebration!

## Employment Opportunities At Southwest Collegiate Institute For The Deaf

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6. Administrative Personnel: Directors for Pre-Campus (Admissions & Related) Programs, for Learning Development Program, for General Communications Program, SWCID Preparation Program, Vocational-Technical Program, Campus Life Program, Business and Finance Unit, Post-Campus (placement) Program.

Applicants should be trained and experienced in working with deaf persons, and able to communicate fluently with the deaf utilizing all modes of communication. Interpreter, instructional and administrative salaries will range from \$15,000 to \$28,000 depending upon expertise, experience, training, and communication skills. Anyone interested in additional kinds of work related to the deaf are invited to submit a resume. Although several positions may be filled later than September, all applications are being invited for processing. Requests for additional information regarding these positions may be made by writing or by telephone to: Douglas Burke, Executive Director; SWCID; Voice: 915-267-6311, ext. 29; TTY: 915-267-1813.

All applicants, including secretaries, are asked to forward all resumes and requests to: Mary H. Dudley, Personnel Director, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-6311, ext. 51.

## Miss Deaf Texas In Miss Deaf America Pageant

Miss Deaf Texas 1970-1980 Vicki Moseley will be competing against approximately 35 other contestants from various states in the Miss Deaf America Pageant which will be held at the NAD's centennial convention in Cincinnati, Ohio June 29-July 5, 1980.



Miss Moseley, 21 years old, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moseley, Jr. She was graduated from Skyline High School in Dallas and just received her B.S. in Education degree from Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, in May 1979. She was "Smile Sister" of Gamma Sigma Sigma in her freshman year at Stephen F. Austin.

She has dark blonde (rather a light brown) hair, blue eyes, is five feet seven and a half inches tall and weighs 113 pounds. At present she is employed by Texas Department of Human Resources in Houston. Her talent for the pageant will be signing a song. For the Deaf Texas Pageant which was held during the Texas Association of the Deaf convention in Houston June 22-23, 1979 she was sponsored by the AGAPE Deaf Fellowship of Houston.

For the Miss Deaf America Pageant, Vicki is sponsored jointly by the Texas Association of the Deaf and Parent-Professional Section of TAD.

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## Arkansas School For The Deaf Sued

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William F. Eckstein, President of the Arkansas Association of the Deaf, filed a class action lawsuit against the Arkansas School for the Deaf on account of discrimination against hiring and promoting deaf employees at the school.

At this time insufficient information has been received pertaining to this case, but if the suit is successful, there is a possibility that it will be a landmark case for the nation. Then hundreds or even thousands of doors of opportunity will be quickly opened to countless deaf persons across the nation.

Hats off to Eckstein for his courage in leading the way in bringing deaf people out of the Dark Ages of oppression, prejudice and exploitation. Does that sound familiar right here in Texas? When will we receive equal opportunity? When will there be upward mobility for deaf persons into administration of educational systems in this state?

More information about that fantabulous lawsuit will be printed in the next issue of "The Deaf Texan."

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## The Law And The Deaf Seminar

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The Total Communication Association and the Pre-Law Students Association at the University of Texas at El Paso hosted the "Law and the Deaf Seminar" April 11-12, 1980.

The speakers of the seminar discussed their involvement with various issues at hand, participated in a cumulative panel discussion and conducted various workshops for the students, parents and professionals working with the deaf.

The speakers and their respective topics were: State Senator Tati Santiesteban "The Recognition of American Sign Language as a Language in Texas"; State Representative Ronald D. Coleman "The Law and the Deaf"; Texas Commission for the Deaf Executive Director Dr. Larry Stewart "The Deaf in Texas."

National Center for Law and the Deaf Diane Shish "The Legal Rights of the Deaf"; Travis County Services for the Deaf Coordinator Texana Conn "Communicating with Law Enforcement Agencies"; National Interpreter Training Consortium Coordinator Annette Long "Interpreting in Legal Situations".

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## TSD Graduation Exercises

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Eighty Seniors from the Texas School for the Deaf received their diplomas at the Municipal Auditorium in Austin at 1:30 p.m. May 23. Todd O'Neal of Houston was the Valedictorian, and Mark Dorie of Dallas was the Salutatorian.

Three recipients of scholarships in memory of O. L. McIntire, Barney Heintschel and A. W. Douglas were Iris Easley of Austin, Darlene Qualls also of Austin and Alberto Ramirez of Laredo. Each

scholarship was worth \$200 which was contributed by the Parent-Teacher Organization of TSD.

Glynn Whittemore of Houston, chairman of the TSD Governing Board was the speaker who concluded his speech with the motto of his Class of 1945 when he graduated from TSD.

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## Staff Members Of The Texas Commission For The Deaf In A Nutshell

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Executive Director: Larry G. Stewart, Ed. D. graduated from TSD in 1953, from Gallaudet College in 1957, from the University of Missouri (M.Ed.) and the University of Arizona (Ed. D.) Dr. Stewart served with the Rehabilitation Center at the University of Arizona at Tucson and also as a psychologist in private practice.

Assistant Director for Administration: Fred R. Tamen graduated from the University of Illinois and the University of Missouri (M. Ed.) and has pursued doctoral level studies at the University of Oklahoma. Mr. Tamen's experiences include Administrator of Government Relations for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Greater New York, instructor and supervisor at East Central Oklahoma State University and Director of Government Relations for the National Rehabilitation Association in Washington, D.C.

Business Manager: Virginia P. Smith was employed with the Texas State Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences and has had the benefit of extensive continuing education training including workshops on women in Management, public Personnel Management, Implementation of EEO/AAP in State Agencies and Basic public purchasing.

Coordinator of Direct Services: Patricia A. Whitten was employed in a clerical role with the Criminal Intelligence unit of the Texas Department of Public Safety, with the office of the Texas Rangers as secretary, with the Investigative Division of the Texas Department of Human Resources and with the Leander Water Supply Corporation. She has a deaf daughter attending TSD.

Coordinator of Interpreting Development: Deborah Drummond served as an interpreter/secretary, interpreting program developer and lead tutor at Central Piedmont College, North Carolina. She has been active on the board of the N. C. Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and has been its president since 1978. She graduated from Meredith College, N. C.

Administrative Assistant to the Executive Director: Debi Richardson served as an administrative assistant at the University of Arizona and acquired her communication skills through undergraduate work at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and the University of Arizona.

Clerk-Typist: Claudia Horner has had prior experience as a clerk-typist with the Speaker's Office, House of Representatives and the library at Gallaudet College from where she graduated in 1978. She hailed from Waco.

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## Deaf Wacoan Receives Awards

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Walter Holder of Waco has been nominated for the "Outstanding Handicapped Wacoan" award for the second quarter of 1980. Then on May 28 at 1:30 p.m. at the County Courthouse Walter was announced as the "Outstanding Handicapped of the Year."

At a recent Waco Lions club banquet Walter was presented with a brand new portable TTY by the Lions Club for his service to the community and also as a dedicated employee as an assistant supervisor at a local meat-packing plant. Governor Clements was the speaker at the banquet. He remarked that the Deaf Awareness Week was an important occasion for the deaf community.

Walter and his wife attended school at TSD and have a son Shelby who is eight but already an expert in American Sign Language.

Congratulations, Walter!

## Golfer, Gary Morris, A Medalist

(From "The Lone Star" 5-15-80)

TSD's first golfer, freshman Gary Morris, has been a medalist in District 25 AA two years in a row. His parents, J. C. and J. B., were graduates of TSD and are residing in Austin.

"Gary started playing golf about six years ago," reports TSD Head Coach Billy Snowden. "With encouragement from his father and the local golf pros in Austin, he has become one of Austin's best junior golfers."

Gary spends his afternoons practicing at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course where he has work sessions with various golf pros who work there. "With dedication and ability, Gary has a chance to become TSD's first state golf champion. We at TSD wish him the best in his endeavors to become the best," added Coach Snowden.

## Austin News

By Eileen Brookes

One hundred twenty-two guests at the Travis County Services for the Deaf reception room on January 6 to congratulate Jack and Shirley Thompson on their 25th wedding anniversary. Shirley's mother, sister and niece from Albuquerque, N.M. were the out-of-town guests. The refreshments in the form of a three layer white cake, punch and coffee were served. The hosts were Jil Anne and Tim (children of the Thompsons), Maria Garza, Callie Frazier, Rhonda Ormand, Barbara Brunson, Dovie Hassell, Janet Morris, Carolyn Utzman, Wanda Butler, Wilma Evans, Dewana Lane, Hattie Blomdahl, Marie Poss, Beth Strain, Margaret Thompson, Donna Duve, and Cindy Duve. The guests brought cash gifts which the Thompsons planned to use to purchase a ceiling fan for their family room. Shirley bought a personal ring with Jack's name engraved on it as an anniversary gift. The couple was married in Albuquerque on January 8, 1955.

In February Jimmy and Eileen Brookes spent their eight-day vacation at Steamboat Springs, Colorado where they joined about 170 deaf skiers and fans, including 12 Canadians, during the U.S. Deaf Skiers Assn. Ski Week Convention. Newton Weatherly and his two teenage sons, all of Austin, accompanied the Brookes on the trip. Newton had a freak accident while loading the luggage in the auto trunk at the Denver airport. The accident caused him to be crippled and spoiled his vacation; however he managed to have some fun by riding in a snowmobile daily while the others skied.

The highlights of the convention were a sleigh ride up a mountain for a steak dinner in a heated tent and then a swim in a warm mineral spring swimming pool. Herbert Graves of Cincinnati, Ohio reported that his wife Mary Louise Flowers, formerly of Corpus Christi and their two teenage sons were doing fine. The next ski conventions will be held in Big Sky, Montana in 1982 and Lake Placid, N.Y. in 1984. Any Texan who is interested in attending the conventions may contact the Brookes for information.

The TTY Newsline offered by the Travis County Services for the Deaf has been installed and started to operate on February 23. The Austinites who wish to obtain the weekly TTY news can dial 282-5155.

A regular meeting was held at the Austin Club of the Deaf on March 22. New officers elected for 1980-81 were Pam Edwards, President; Larry Proffitt, Vice-President for Social Affairs; Garland Boren, Vice-President for Athletic Affairs; Lisa Gilbert, Secretary; Diana Clearman, Treasurer; and James Kallina, Parliamentarian.

A baby girl, Karen April, was born on April 21 and weighed 8 lbs. 12½ oz. The proud parents were Joe Ed and Meg Thompson who also celebrated their seventh wedding anniversary on that very day. Karen has a sister Regan Leitha aged five and half.

## Burke Obtains PHD From University Of Rochester

Douglas Burke, Executive Director of the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in Big Spring, received his doctorate recently after several years of working toward his goal.

With the completion of his studies, Burke is now allowed to give his full energy to developing the new college from scratch. he stated that SWCID has been getting two or three applications for employment every day which is a healthy sign toward erecting the school. Moreover, he has received copious information from all over the country inquiring about the college even before it opens its door in the fall of 1980.

## Center For Deaf Opens In El Paso

(From El Paso Times 2-27-80)

El Paso's Center for the Deaf will move to a permanent location at 400 E. Robinson by May 1. City Council voted to buy a former sorority house for \$206,835 to house the deaf center.

Sara Siler, director, said the 10-year-old building is twice the size of current quarters at 1101 Birch and also has more off-street parking. Buses stop right in front of the building, too.

The one-story building will house a language lab, interpreter services, sign language classes, offices and a place to show captioned films on Saturday nights. With the new center, Ms. Siler said, she wants to expand a program to put more telecommunications network systems in businesses and homes of the deaf.

The center serves about 150 deaf persons each week. With the permanent location, the number could increase greatly.

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## Next TAD Convention

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The next TAD convention will take place at Kahler Green Oaks Inn in Fort Worth June 18-21, 1981. All the essential information pertinent to the convention will be announced from time to time in *The Deaf Texan*. The General Chairman of the convention is James Eckber, Fort Worth Assn. of the Deaf, 3632 Longvue Ave., Fort Worth, Texas 76116.

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## State Models For Screening Interpreters For The Deaf Workshop

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Arkansas Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock made it possible for persons from New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana to attend a workshop May 21-22.

The purpose of the workshop was to become familiar with "Quality Assurance" for interpreters who do not have official certificates with the national and state interpreters groups. There were discussions on issues in screening for Quality Assurance and also to identify problems and resources. At the end of the workshop small groups worked on developing plan and action on the state-wide basis.

There were approximately forty participants at the workshop including nine from Texas who were: Austin-Mabel Brandenburg, Jerry Hassell, Patti Moore, Jon Robinson and Fred Tamen. Mesquite: Janealee Adams and Reva Pleake. Nacogdoches: Bill Weber. Waco: Melinda McKee.

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## Bundle From Heaven To Come Down Soon

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Around the first of July there will be a new addition to the Brown household in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The proud parents will be Bill and Billie Brown who have been instrumental in helping TAD along with approximately 30 sister association of the deaf across the country.

The Browns have a five year old girl named Teresa.

Billie is Production Coordinator Responsible for the Total Communications Concept at Heritage Publishing Company, Bill is the Director of Deaf Services. Bill and Billie have been very successful in promoting the deaf awareness throughout the nation by offering the printing and mailing-out of the newsletter plus other services at no cost to us.

Bill and Billie hope to attend the NAD Convention but it will depend on the timing of their blessed event.

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## 1-800-238-5544 Holiday Inn Offers Toll-Free TDD Reservation Service

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The recent installation of a new C-Phone-1-A telecommunicator unit in the Memphis central reservation office of Holiday Inns Inc. is enabling those hearing-impaired persons with similar telecommunicator units throughout the U.S. to make reservations at Holiday Inn hotels.

The new service, first of its kind to be introduced by a major hotel chain, utilizes the advanced technology of Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDDs), which a growing number of deaf persons have in their homes.

The TDD equipment consists of a cathode ray screen and keyboard unit. Typed messages are transmitted by the caller via a toll-free telephone line to a similar TDD unit at the Holiday Inn reservation center. A reservationist responds by typing a reply. The "conversation" is continued by the two parties on their keyboards and is visualized on the TDD screens.

The toll-free number established for this service is 800/238-5544. In Memphis, Tenn., the number is 794-4411.

"Until now, deaf persons had to ask friends to call and make reservations for them or take their chances on finding available hotel rooms," said Donna Nabors, administrator of reservations planning and control for Holiday Inns Inc. "Now they have the freedom and convenience of making reservations from their homes just as hearing persons do."

In the United States, more than 2 million people are deaf and another 14 million experience significant hearing impairment, Nabors said. Of these some 450,000 presently have access to TDD units, and that number is rapidly growing.

Recent legislation in California is paving the way for increased communications for hearing-impaired persons by providing TDDs for home use without charge, and more states are expected to do so in the near future.

Telephone toll charge reductions for TDD users, taking into account the increased time required to type and receive messages, have been approved in New York, Connecticut, Idaho and North Carolina. Similar legislation is under consideration in Maine, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Texas, North Carolina, Tennessee, Michigan, Maryland and California.

Holiday Inns Inc. is the largest non-government organization to provide special service for the deaf.

"The Holiday Inn System was a pioneer in making its hotels architecturally accessible to the wheelchair traveler, but until now we had no way of communicating with hearing-impaired persons," said Dick Hovermale, director of the Memphis reservation center. "Even with the current public interest in disabled citizens and their rights, the deaf population is often overlooked because theirs is an invisible handicap."

"This is the 100th anniversary year of the National Assn. for the Deaf, and 1981 has been designated by the United Nations as 'International Year of the Disabled Person.' The Holiday Inn System welcomes this opportunity to be able to do more to make travel easier for handicapped people."

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# Governor Clements Signs "Deaf Awareness Week" Proclamation



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Governor William P. Clements, Jr. signed a proclamation designating May 4-10 as "Deaf Awareness Week". Those who participated in the official signing ceremony in the state capitol were (from left to right): Ralph White, President of National Association of the Deaf; Gayle Lindsey, Board Member of Texas Commission for the Deaf and also of Texas School for the Deaf; Fred Tamen, Assistant Director of Administration with Texas Commission for the Deaf; Brian Roberts, President of Austin Interpreters for the Deaf; Gary Curtis, Director of Educational Program for the Deaf; Becky Bertelsen, President of Junior NAD/TSD; Dr. Larry Stewart, Executive Director of Texas Commission for the Deaf; Jerry Hassell, President of Texas Association of the Deaf. Hassell presented the Governor with a plaque thanking him for signing the "1880 Bills" which were like the "Magna Carta for the Deaf." (Not in the picture is Deborah Drummond, Coordinator Interpreting Development with Texas Commission for the Deaf.)

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## Kelly Caudell Honored in Austin



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Kelly Caudell (center) of El Paso was honored at the meeting of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission Board in Austin May 16. In presenting Mr. Caudell a special plaque, Commissioner W. K. Harvey Jr., cited his outstanding contributions to the deaf community of El Paso. Standing by Caudell are his wife Linda and Consultant for Texas Rehabilitation Commission Ralph White. Early this year the City of El Paso awarded the deaf community a \$200,000 grant to purchase a downtown building which will serve as a multi-purpose center. Mr. Caudell played a key role in obtaining the grant. He has worked very closely with private and state agency offices in the El Paso area and encouraging them to develop their capability in serving deaf persons.



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