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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



**Texas School for the Deaf – Primary Hall  
May 15, 1945**

Left to right:

Ronnie White, Peter Binnaggia, Larry Smith, Alfredo Guzman, Mrs. Cleo Culbreath (Teacher), Joe Mills, Sammy Oates, and Monty Frazier

*(Copied from Lone Star May 15, 1945)*



## NEWS AND NOTES

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *Please send any news, announcement note, or favorite recipes by September 22, 2009 to the Editor: Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or email to gbrunson@austin.rr.com*

Last month's Newsletters on page 8 "July and August are the hottest months for Texas weather" Here are pictures of us. Answer: Pictures #1 - Eileen (Kennedy) Brookes, #2 - Glenn Brunson, #3 Marie Todd, Juanita Easley, Dorisgean Mears, and Arron Theriot, #4 - Eileen (Kennedy) Brookes, Betty (Bell) Holloway, Bobby Varner, Nathan Wallace, Kermit Veazey, Paula Houghton, Gertrude (Kasper) Sessions, and Virginia Sessions, #5 - Edwin Easley, Roger Spivey, Glenn Brunson, Larry Smith, Joe Cervenika, and Kermit Veazey, #6 - Beth (Proffitt) Strain, #7 - Judy (Hardwick) Thomas, Janet (Britt) Morris, Charm (McWhorter) Montalvo, and Ann (Griswold) Perkins and #8 - J.C. Morris.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Dorisgean Williams
3	Billy Collins
4	Margaret Fewell
8	Janet Morris
10	Bobby Creed
10	Mary Harvard
12	Vera Butler
13	John Mills
14	Sharon Negrini
18	Audrey Brooker
19	Sally Porter
21	Ronny Taylor
24	Glenda Barale
25	Judy Hill
30	Patsy Compton

### NEXT TAD-SC REGULAR MEETING

South Austin Senior Activity Center  
3911 Manchaca Road  
Thursday, September 3, 2009  
at 1:00 p.m.



**Jo Bienvenu,** CSDVRS will again talk about the community interpreters and video interpreters and how it works!

***Be seeing you there!***

### TAD-SC NEW SUBSCRIPTION AND MAILING MANAGER

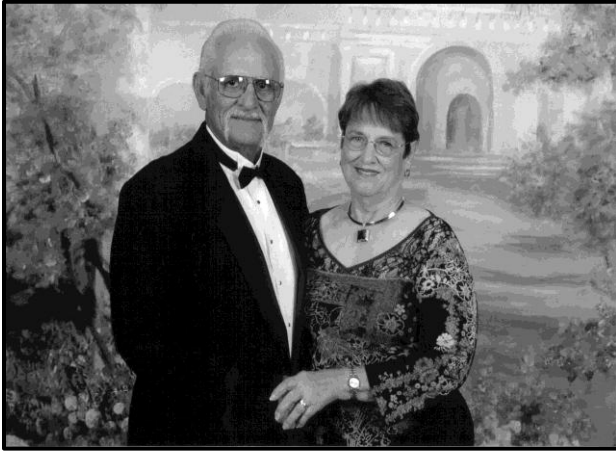


***Eileen and Jimmy Brookes***

Jimmy and Eileen Brookes are now managing the subscription list and mailing for Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens (TAD-SC) newsletters each month. I have been working as Editor and folding newsletters and making labels and envelopes to mail out in the past. From now on I will only be Editor and Jimmy and Eileen will do the other chores. **Thank Eileen and Jimmy!** (Submitted by Glenn Brunson)



## MARIO AND CHARM MONTALVO CELEBRATE 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Mario (Class of '57) and Charm (Class of '58) Montalvo celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 5, 2009. They



celebrated with their children: Cathy and Larry Wood of Cibolo; Corinne and Richard Valadez, Jr. of Corpus Christi; and Daryl and Sandy Montalvo of Boerne. Their grandchildren were also in attendance: Desirae

and Adam Ysasi, Richie and Lacie Valadez, Sean Valadez, Parker Montalvo and Nikki Montalvo. Mario and Charm say their marriage has been blessed with love, children, and happiness.  
*(Submitted by the Montalvo family)*



*Franna Camenisch and Peter Wright*

Franna Camenisch with Peter Wright's help, displayed a TSD Ranger football wrap for bad weather from 40 years ago. Peter used to be captain of the football team. Franna has received several recent donations of such items taken from TSD 30 or 40 years ago. Peter Wright wants to return football wrap to TSD Heritage Center. *(Photo by Glenn Brunson)*

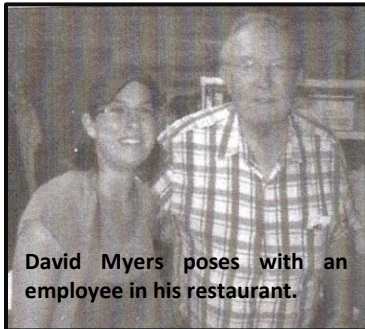
Paula (Plunkett) Harris TSD'63 of Laneville, Texas had been hospitalized almost a month in Longview, Texas since July 30. She is getting better and is looking forward to going home soon. *Wish her a speedy recovery!*

Deaf 411 Inc., a national public relations company focusing on the deaf and hard of hearing market, has named Olathe as one of America's "Most Deaf Friendly Cities" in their Deaf Friendly Cities Report. It is the only city recognized that is also ranked highly in Money Magazine "Best Place to Live issue. The Deaf Friendly Cities report is based on a national survey of over 3,700 deaf consumers from all 50 states. Other cities earning the recognition include Seattle, Boston, Washington, D.C., and **Austin**. The rating acknowledges Olathe's culture that truly embraces the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and offers services and programs for the community. Olathe rates at the top of nearly every category measured, including culture, access to medical care and community programs. To learn more about the award and Olathe's assessment, visit [www.deaf411online.com](http://www.deaf411online.com). Olathe has been home to the Kansas School for the Deaf since 1866. The Deaf Cultural Center and the Marra Museum is one of only three such facilities in the world and the only one in the United States. *(The Olathe News)*

## DEAF BUSINESSMAN OPENS RESTAURANT IN TEXAS

Nadelle Payne  
SIGNews Staff Writer

David Myers is the son of a businessman with inherited entrepreneurship and farming in his blood. Growing up in the midst of both wholesale meat and a farming operation, he followed his father and learned along the way.



David Myers poses with an employee in his restaurant.

When Myers reached college age, he went to Gallaudet and majored in business. While there Myer met Dr. Boyce Williams, the great deaf leader who became his mentor and friend and led him to a career in rehabilitation services. Myers has served the deaf population for 45 years in North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana, Michigan, Washington, DC, and Texas. As early as 1993, Myers and his son were discussing starting a business with an eye at a Gulf Coast location.

### **Partnered up with Son**

Edwin Myers, David's son is a CODA, and an interpreter who has always entertained the idea of a restaurant business. After many discussions with his father, and considering several investment possibilities, the father-son team, finally in 2002, made a purchase offer on a building in Port Aransas, an island near Corpus Christi, Texas, which fell through when the seller would not correct some serious defects. Then in 2004, a purchase was made, also on the island, but a different building. This building had previously housed a bar and a grill called Kodys, which the father-son team decided to retain for their business name. After a lot of discussions, set backs, discouragement, planning, hassles over building code requirements, etc., the restaurant was opened in January, 2009.

### **A Leap of Faith**

Opening a restaurant is a leap of faith for any aspiring owner, as restaurants have the highest failure rate of all business. David Myers said, "Being in the midst of the worst economy of my lifetime, and without any advertising, it was downright scary." A new president of the USA was taking office in the same month, and many businesses were bailing out.

To David and his son's surprise, the start-up was a blazing success, even without any advertising. The establishment is a seafood restaurant with walk-up food service and also a putt-putt golf course on the lot. Myers is not sure of the reasons for the restaurant's success, but states "for whatever the reasons, we had been so long in getting the building ready, getting the putt-putt course set up, and all else that comes with opening a restaurant, that when we finally opened, our first customers were curiosity seekers and 'locals' as the people who are permanent residents on the island are called who had watched our slow progress."

### **Saw Growth With Small Advertising Budget**

The goal all along was good food, good service, reasonable prices and a comfortable and friendly environment. The father-son team has accomplished this goal. The business has grown in five short months, dramatically, and without advertising except for one ad in a monthly magazine serving the Corpus Christi area, which is far enough away for word of mouth to not be a very effective advertising medium.

David Myers is not directly involved in the management of the business. He credits his son, Edwin and his wife, Amy Ramsey Myers also a CODA and an interpreter, who manage the day to day operations of the business and they have been nothing but successful. Dave Hix is the Chef at Kodys.

The restaurant also has 18 employees. In addition, David Myers is a public servant – Director of the Texas Office for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services under the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services in Austin. "This deaf involvement naturally translates (Kodys) into a deaf-friendly environment and attracts deaf customers," Myers said.

*(Sent by Billy Buza, TSD'56)*



*Callie and Monty Frazier*

The family of Monty Lee Frazier wishes to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy.

The many cards, flowers, food, and attendance at Monty's memorial service were sincerely appreciated and a great comfort to the family.

We find healing in knowing that other remembered and cared.

Thank for keeping us in your thoughts and prayers.

*Callie Frazier*

*Carrie Frazier*

*Diana McNair*

*Lori Tidwell*

*Patty Conner*



**SEPTEMBER 7, 2009 – LABOR DAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 22, 2009 – AUTUMN BEGINS**

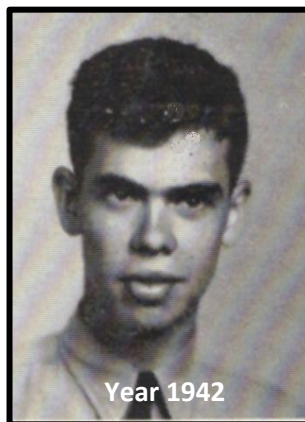
## OBITUARIES

**Donald J. Sowell**, 77, of San Marcos, Texas passed away on Friday, August 7, 2009. He spent his last five years living at the La Vista Retirement Community. He was born in Austin, Texas on October 16, 1931. He graduated TSD in



1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, D.B. and Lillie Sowell, his sister Mary Ellene (Sowell) Cunningham and her husband Charles Cunningham, and his brother Thomas Sowell. He is survived by his four nephews, 11 great nieces and nephews and twenty-two great great nieces and nephews. Buried followed in Austin Memorial Park.

**Howell Wright Templeton**, 87, of San Antonio, Texas passed away on Tuesday, August 4, 2009. He was born in Ft. Worth, Texas on March 3, 1922 and lived most of his life in San Antonio. His parents Howard Johnston and Myrtle Wright Templeton preceded him in death.



Survivors include his brother James H. Templeton and wife Lillian of Austin, cousins, nephew and niece. Howard was injured at Birth and was stone deaf all of his life. Howard attended Texas School for the Deaf in Austin from 1933 until January 1943. In January 1943, Howard and 11 other boys from TSD were sent to Dallas for training and work at North



American Aviation. Howard helped to build P51 "Mustang" fighter planes until World War II ended in August of 1945. Howard was very mechanically inclined and worked off and on in several "fix it shops" repairing small appliances and clocks. Howard was seriously injured when hit by an ambulance at the corner of St. Mary's and Travis Street in San Antonio. Being deaf, he could not hear the ambulance coming when he stepped out in front of a stopped bus. Howard worked for almost 30 years as handyman at Blanco road car wash for his dear friend, Harry Oliver. Howard helped to keep the mechanical equipment operating smoothly at the car wash. In September of 2005, Howard suffered a stroke which paralyzed his left arm and leg. He has been a resident of Northgate Health and Rehabilitation center since that time. Howard will always be remembered as a kind, gentle, caring and helpful brother, friend and neighbor services. Burial Park South. *(Published in Express-News on August 7, 2009)*

#### QUESTION:

*Who invented the Brownie?*

#### ANSWER:

*Nobody knows: One widely quoted legend attributes the invention of the brownie to a housewife in Bangor, Maine. As the story goes, she was making a chocolate cake but forgot to add baking powder when her cake did not rise properly, instead of tossing it out, she cut and serve the flat piece.* *(HEB Bakery)*

#### TRIVIA

##### WHERE IS THE WORLD'S CANDY CAPITAL?

*Chicago, Illinois is the candy capital of the world. Chicago has more chocolate manufacturers within a small radius than any other place in the world. This dates back to the 1800's when Chicago was a national hub for transportation and manufacturing, in addition to being very close to sources for key candy ingredients—milk and corn syrup, it was also convenient to ship candy products to either coast from Chicago.*

**RENEWAL MEMBERS:** *Etta Cabbage, Kathryn Caldcleugh, Bobby Creed, Giovanna Fiandace, Charles Melugin, Lavonne Penny, Jerry Smith, Sandra Turner, Rose Wade, Larry and Karen Whitworth, and Robert Whitworth.*

**NEW MEMBERS:** *William and Teresa Eckstein, Jessie Hargrave, Connie Jasson gifted by Anita Dalla, Rafael Martinez gifted by Marcus Vahalik, Yvonne Mireles, Earl Utzman, and LV Thornton.*

#### RECIPE

##### PIZZA HOT DISH



*(Glenn's favorite recipe from Taste of Home)*

2 eggs

1/2 cup milk

1 package (7 ounces) elbow macaroni, cooked and drained

1 pound ground beef

1 medium onion, chopped

1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed tomato soup, undiluted

1 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/2 teaspoon dried basil

1/2 teaspoon dried oregano

2 cups (8 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese

#### YIELD: 12-16 servings.

1. In a small bowl, beat eggs. Add milk and macaroni. Pour into a greased 13-in. x 9-in. baking dish; set aside.
2. In a large skillet, cook beef and onion until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in the soup and seasonings.
3. Spoon over macaroni. Sprinkle cheese over all. Bake uncovered, at 350 for 20-25 minutes.

## WHO ARE THEY? 1950'S



**Left first row;** Newton Weather, and Griffin Ray Hancock, **Back row from left;** Joe Dicksons, Marshall Parish, Ronnie White, Larry Smith, Gene Smith, and Bobby Stephenson. *(Donated Photo to TSD Heritage Center by Glenn Brunson)*



Houston Deaf Seniors Visiting the LBJ Library and Museum on August 4, 2009. *(Photographed by Steve Baldwin)*

## The Old West

AMBUSH	REDEYE
BLACKSMITH	ROPE
BOOT HILL	SALOON
BOUNTY	SHERIFF
CHAPS	SODBUSTERS
DANCE HALL	SPURS
DEPUTY	STAGECOACH
DRIFTER	TRAIN
DRYGULCH	UNDERTAKER
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