Travis Association of the Deaf Senior Citizens

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Marian Seale is 80 !!!

Marian Seale

Marian's family gave Marian a nice birthday party at La Vista Retirement Community Center on December 9, Friday. She has her sister who is 93 yrs, old was there. The refreshment served. She really enjoyed herself.

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON AT LAVISTA RETIREMENT COMMUNITY CENTER

On December 7, Thursday Travis Association of the Deaf-Senior Citizens gave Christmas Luncheon. Total 114 Senior Citizens joined to celebrate Christmas.

Brenda Mills and Beth Strain worked so hard o give many nice gifts for everyone.

Thank them!

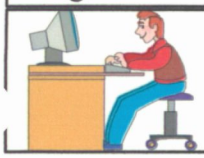
Mary Lynn White
Best Christmas Attire

Jerry McGaugh
Best Christmas Attire

We also want to thank Margaret Fewell, Barbie Vicencio, Juanita Basham, and Barbara Brunson for helping the party. Thank!

FIELD TRIP TO MARBLE FALLS

On December 8, Friday 33 Senior Citizens rode bus to Marble Falls to see beautiful Christmas lights by the Lake. We first arrived Marble Falls for dinner at Bluebonnet Cafe. There were High School students from Marble Falls to help waitresses with sign languages.



TIDBITS

Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Thrasher's oldest granddaughter's baby boy was born on December 16, 2006.

He weights 7 pounds and 4 ounces and his height is 20 inches. He has black hair. They are doing fine. He was born on their second son Ron's birthday on December 16th, 2006. Ron is now 49 years old. Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Thrasher are now the proud first time great grandparents of Adrian. They went to McKinney, Texas to visit with their son Ron and his family for Christmas and New Year's.

Tom and Edith Withrow of San Marcos will spend their holidays at home this Christmas. Their son Dale and his family (wife and two sons) will come and visit them on December ?7th.

Max Floyd of Midland, Texas is going to have 4-5 bypass heart surgery in the early morning of Friday, December 22nd. Max's wife Dorothy took him to the Emergency Room December 21st at 2:15 am to test his blood work, EKG & Ultrasound. Everything turned out ok but then they found out that all the blook work EKG and Ultrasound were all mistake and that the cardiologist found out it was more likely he has 99% blockage in 4 or 5 places in his heart area so he will have surgery in the morning. Please pray for Max and his family. His doctor told me that he was glad that he was brought in that early. Dorothy was glad that Max decided he was ready to go to the Emergency Room.

On November 10th, Lola Justiss' friend ?ellena Ja drove Lola's car to Kaufmann, ?exas for the funeral of her sister Ina Baker, 84, November 8th. They stayed two nights in Terrell, Texas after the funeral.

Mary Lynn White fled home to Atlanta, Georgia to spend time with her her husband Herbert and her son David for Thanksgiving Holidays but Lynn got sick. Herbert and Lynn drove back to Austin after Thanksgiving. They stayed until her daughter Debbie got her Christmas holiday. On December 22nd, Herbert and Lynn drove back home in Georgia again for two weeks. They wish you all a "Merry Christmas".

Ron and Beth Strain celebrated their anniversary by going to a trip to Fredericksburg for two nights after Thanksgiving. They stayed at the motel in Kerrville because all the hotels were booked in Fredericksburg. They enjoyed shopping and the Art Craft Show. They visited Mr. & Mrs. Robert E. Easley for a few hours.

Dorotha Altom had a catherization heart in December. She is getting better and is resting now at her home in La Vista Retirement Community.

Tennie Sessions went to a hospital in Austin for Laser gallbladder in December. She is now getting better.

Southwest Basketball Association of the Deaf & Little Rock Deaf Community Center would like to announce their host ship of 60th Annual SWBAD Regional Basketball Tournament in Little Rock, Arkansas on March 8, 9 & 10, 2007. Basketball tournament will be held at Arkansas School for the Deaf (Nutt Athletic Complex & Parnell Hall Gymnasium) on Friday, March 9 from 2:00 to 10:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Awards night will be at The American Legion on East Capitol Street on Saturday, March 10 from 7:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 20th.
Dale Hovinga's fever and blood sugar went down overnight on Monday, so he got out of the hospital yesterday. Had four hours of dialysis Monday afternoon/evening.
Today he is feeling much better and amazed at how far and how much he can walk without having to stop for breath. His feet and legs are much less swollen, but because of his sleep apnea, he still has to sleep in the recliner. He has a more positive outlook each day, with some down times.
His dialysis schedule is 3:15-7:15 pm Tues, Thurs. and Sat for now. It will change to better hours in January when they move some of the patients back to their north Austin office after it's renovated. He's hoping for 11:30 am - 3:30 pm.
One of the things we learned this week is that his phosporous is very high and that is very dangerous for kidney patients and strokes. No one ever told us to be concerned about this before, so we are going to have to drastically change our diet....no added salt of any kind, less processed and packaged food, no salted nuts or cheese (his two favorite snacks), etc. Basically, fresh fruit and vegs (he won't eat many) and more protein (his was very low, although he eats meat three times a day, practically).
For now, he is feeling much better and taking his usual early evening nap in his recliner with his electric blanket.
Again, thanks for your concern and prayers....
Sharon Hovinga

STATE TO SEEK DEATH PENALTY AGAINST WRIGHT

Prosecutors will seek the death penalty against Daphne Wright if she's convicted of killing or kidnapping Darlene VanderGiesen, reported the Associated Press. Wright, 43, a deaf Sioux Falls, S.D. resident, is accused of murdering and dismembering VanderGiesen, also deaf, in February over suspicions that the victim was trying to break up a relationship with Wright's girlfriend. If convicted, Wright would become the first woman to ever sit on South Dakota's death row, said KELOLAND TV. The trial is set tobegin January 2.

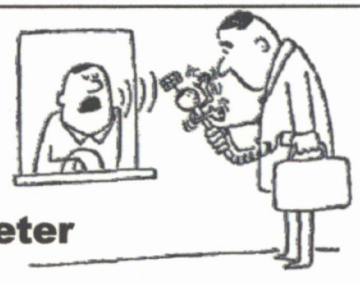
News of the Week

A PRO-DEAF CLUB IN ENGLAND

There is a name of a club in Blackpool, England. It is called "Pro-Deaf Club."
A deaf-related club. No. Not quite sure what it means. A recent announcement in a Blackpool newspaper said: The Blackpool Keyboard Club welcomes everyone to its monthly concerts held at the Pro-Deaf Club in Cornwall Avenue, North Shore. The evening starts at 7.30pm. Why a Pro-Deaf Club? *Just dunno.* *(Deafdigest Blue -Dec.2006)*

MAN MISSING 10 DAYS REUNITED WITH FAMILY

A deaf Massachusetts man who went missing for 10 days was reunited with his family last Wednesday, reported the North Andover Eagle-Tribune. Raymundo Richiez, 41, was picked up by North Reading police after they received multiple calls of a suspicious person in a residential neighborhood. He was identified from a news article about his disappearance. Richiez does not know sign language and his family is not sure what happened to him, but they believe someone made him perform hard labor. They are just thrilled to see him alive, said cousin Lupita Valdez. Before he was found, police thought he may have fallen into the Merrimack River and drowned. *(DeafNews in U.S. 2006)*



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OBITUARIES

Gilbert C. Eastman '57

September 12, 1934 - December 2, 2006
Gilbert Eastman, 72, a professor in the Theatre Arts Department from 1957 to 1992 and professor emeritus of the department, and co-host of the award-winning "Deaf Mosaic" TV show from 1985 to 1995, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2006. He is survived by his wife, June (AAS-'61), two daughters, Alison and Ingrid, four grandchildren, Jessica, Jordan, Daniel, and Emily, and many family, friends, and admirers. Mr. Eastman, a 1952 graduate of the American School for the Deaf (ASD), West Hartford, Connecticut, received his bachelor's degree from Gallaudet in 1957 and a MFA in Drama from The Catholic University of America. He was associated with the production of more than 50 plays, as a writer, actor, stage manager, translator, and director. He authored six plays and several books. He was one of the founding members of the National Theatre of the Deaf and taught in the NTD summer programs. He founded the department of Drama at Gallaudet University, which was subsequently renamed as Theatre Arts. Mr. Eastman received an Emmy Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C. Chapter, for his work on "Deaf Mosaic" and the Laurent Clerc Award from Gallaudet University in 1993. He also received an honorary doctorate from Gallaudet in 2001and was inducted into ASD's Hall of Fame on October 13, 2006, receiving an award of excellence for leadership, success, and achievements.

Retba Isla Morse

September 26, 1912 - December 5, 2006
Retha Isla Morse, 93, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2006, in Granbury.
Funeral: 3:30 p.m. Friday in Greenwood Chapel. Burial: Greenwood Memorial Park. Visitation: 1 to 3 p.m. Friday.
Memorials: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Goodrich Center for the Deaf, 2500 Lipscomb St., Fort Worth, Texas 76110.
Born Retha Isla Smoot in Grimes County on Sept. 26, 1913, to Oliver Hugh and Mary Myrtie Smoot, Retha resided in Houston for many years before moving to Fort Worth in 1960. She was an accomplished seamstress, making her own clothes for most of her life. She was also an expert leather worker, employed by Roy Smith Boots, L. White Boots (now Leddy's) and Justin Boots. She performed the delicate stitchery on the sides of handmade western boots, including a pair made for Roy Rogers. She was well known in the deaf communities of Dallas and Fort Worth, and was a longtime Baptist. She was preceded in death by her husband of 40 years, LeRoy Morse.
Survivors: Son, Larry Morse, of Olathe, Kan.; brother, Melvyn Smoot; niece, Linda Vaubel; and nephews, Gary Smoot and Marlin Smoot, all of Tucson, Ariz.

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Jerrell W. Quinn

Jerrell W. Quinn, 70, of Hewitt, passed away Thursday, Dec. 14, 2006, at his residence. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 18, at Pecan Grove Funeral Home, 3124 Robinson Dr., Waco. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Jerrell was born on Oct. 28, 1936, in Corsicana, to Edwin and Velma Simpson Quinn. He married Betty Jo Jackson on July 18, 1964, in Waco. He was an avid sports fan, and refereed sports for many years, but particularly enjoyed officiating basketball. He was an outstanding bowler, and he was a big fan of the University of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Betty Jo Quinn of Hewitt; daughter, Dottie Jo Allen of Riesel; son, Darrell Quinn and Diane of Hewitt; grandchildren, Justin, Nicholas, Stacey, Amy, Rachel, Brandon, and Hunter; and aunt and uncle, Thelma and Everett Smith of Corsicana. October 28, 1936 - December 14, 2006

Billy Basham

1926-2006

Billy Basham, the beloved father of Vonnie Lisa Basham, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 21st 2006 at the age of 80. He was born in Slaton Texas on August 23rd 1926 to Wayne and Birdie Basham. He lived most of his life in Wichita, Kansas; 10 years in Austin, Texas. He was full of wit, energy and loved his family and sports. He was preceded in death by his grandparents George and Elisa Parkhill, His father Wayne Basham, His aunt Zelda Parkhill and his nephew, Fred Basham. He leaves behind his daughter Vonnie Lisa, His wife of 50 years Nita Basham, his grand daughter Shu Swanson, His mother who is 109, his brother David and family, and numerous other family members and friends. Billy was known as an avid athlete at Texas School for the Deaf (TSD) from 1937 * 1947. He was employed at Beech Aircraft for 41 years in Wichita, Kansas. After his retirement he moved to Austin, Texas to be close to his daughter. He was on several bowling teams at both Wichita and Austin since 1960. His greatest joy was winning a perfect game in bowling, 300, in 1992. Vonnie wishes to thank the nurses at Granbury Elder Care Center for their wonderful support over the last three years, and the VITAS Hospice staff located in Fort Worth for their loving care in Billy*s final moments. Billy enriched our family's lives, and we will deeply miss him. A memorial service to celebrate Billy*s life will be held sometime in January in Austin * another memorial will take place in Wichita, Kansas at a later date.

Carol Jean Christ

Carol Jean Christ, 58, of Austin born March 19, 1948, In Belleville, Illinois, died at her home Tuesday, November 28, 2006, surrounded by her dear friends and cousin, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Ms. Christ was preceded in death by her parents, Erwin and Frances, Nee Rieder, her twin sister, Cathy Christ; and a sister, Ruth Ann Christ, who passed away at birth. Surviving are her special cousin, Frances Athy of Coulterville, Illinois; her dear friends,

Kallina of Austin; one aunt, Loretta Christ of Mascoutah, Illinois; one uncle, Alvin Christ of Belleville, Illinois; Many other cousins; and numberous friends. Carol graduated with a master's degree in Deaf Education from Gallaudet in Washington, D.C. Upon arrival in Austin, she taught high school students at the Texas School for the Deaf for seven years. She then worked at Travis County Services for the Deaf as a case worker for multi-handicapped adults, and was community outreach representative to various agencies who encounter deaf persons, including local police and fire departments. Next she took coursework at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos. She returned to Texas School for the Deaf as a diagnostician , where she remained until her Educational Diagnostician, where she remained until her retirement in the year 2000.

Mary Katherine Martino

Mary Martino, 64, retired dry cleaner, of San Marcos died Saturday, December 23, 2006. Buried Nordheim Cemetery in Nordheim, Texas. Services pending. Arrangements by Thomas, San Marcos.

News of the Week: October 22

DeafDigest decicates this edition to Glenn Williams who was killed in a tragic accident on a highway in Utah. Williams was employed as electronics specialist on assistive devices for the deaf at the Robert G. Sanderson Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. He and two other employees, both seriously injured, were enroute to a deaf-related seminar.

FOUR KILLED IN TEXAS HOUSE FIRE

A predawn house fire in San Antonio, Texas last Friday killed three deaf people and a 5-year-old girl. The victims were Rosa Bustos, 48, her two friends, sisters Olga and Yolanda Gonzalez, and her granddaughter, Samantha Medina, 5. Bustos' husband, Julio Bustos, who is also deaf, told the San Antonio Express that he and his wife were asleep when Samantha awoke to dogs barking and alerted her grandparents. The three tried to escape, but only Julio made it out. The house did not have smoke detectors, said a fire official, and the windows were covered with burglar bars. *(Deafweekly 12/13/06)*

TEXAS MAN CHARGED IN FATAL SHOOTING OF WIFE

A deaf Texas man was arrested on suspicion of murder last Wednesday after allegedly shooting and killing his estranged wife in their South Dallas home, reported the Dallas Morning News. Archie Smith, 44, was being held in the Dallas County Jail. Beverly Smith, 43, died at a hospital hours after the shooting shot. According to a police report, the victim's father heard two gunshots and his daughter screamed, "Daddy, he just shot me!" Smith reportedly fired two shots at the father, missed him and fled. He was arrested later in the day at a relative's home.

(DeafNewsin U.S.)

DEAF MOTORIST TELLS OF JAIL EXPERIENCE

Doug Bahl, the deaf Minnesota man who was allegedly beaten by police and jailed for four days, spoke of the experience last Friday with the Pioneer Press. "I can't begin to describe to you how discouraging and how demeaning it was," he said. Bahl was pulled over November 17 after allegedly going through a red light and was jailed on charges of obstructing the legal process with force. He was denied the use of a TTY and could not contact his family, he said. Finally, an inmate offered to make a call on his behalf. "I look at that person as sort of my hero," said Bahl. An investigation is underway, said Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher. "We're taking the matter very seriously," he said. *(DeafNews in U.S.)*

RECIPE

Prune Cake

by Marian Seale

Cake:
4 eggs
2 cups sugar
1 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp. baking soda
1 cup buttermilk
2 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. each nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon
1 cup bite-sized pitted prunes, chopped.

Frosting:
1 cup sugar
1/4 tsp. baking soda
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 tablespoon butter
1/4 tsp. salt
1 tsp. vanilla extract

1. Preheat oven to 350f. Grease 7 flour a 10-inch tube pan.
2. Beat eggs in a medium bowl. Add sugar & beat well. Mix in oil. In a small bowl, dissolve baking soda in buttermilk. Sift flour, salt, nutmeg, cloves & cinnamon. Add flour misture alternately with buttermilk mixture to egg mixture. Fold in prunes.
3. Pour batter into pan & bake about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.
4. To prepare the frosting, combine sugar, baking soda, buttermilk, butter & salt in a meduim saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat & stir in vanilla. Poke holes in cake with a fork or long toothpick and pour frosting over cake while both are still warm

Next Meeting

at 3911 Manchaca Rd

January 4, 2007, Thursday
at 1:00 p.m.

Be seeing you there!

EDITOR'S NOTES

Please send any news, announcement, favorite recipes to the Editor, Glenn Brunson, 7101 Hanging Oak Circle, Austin, Texas 78749 or e-mail gbrunson@austin.rr.com.

Renewal Members: , *Victor Galloway, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Withrow*
New Members: *June Greer of Ft. Worth, Mr. & Mrs. John Hesser of San Marcos.*

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WORDS SEARCH

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Try to find the words relating to **Martin Luther King, Jr.** from the list. Words may be hidden horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, or backward.

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

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