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EDITOR'S MESSAGE



Hi, everyone!

It's April Showers month! That's the reason for the picture of the Umbrella! Smiling.....

I was given the incorrect information concerning the trip to Hawaii. Fang and Don Hahn celebrated their 24th anniversary at the Pagoda Hotel. They did not attend a wedding there. Sorry for the confusion.

Also, Lone Star Deaf bowling made an error on their flyer sent to me. The Bowling Fee is \$8, not \$6.

If you have any information, jokes, recipes, event, pictures, sports, or news that you want me to publish, please send them to me by the 15th of each month. Please keep articles to less than 300 words, due to limited space on the newsletter. My E-mail address is nmorris726@comcast.net. Or you can mail to me at 15335 Falmouth Ave., Houston, TX 77084-1412.

Please note that Editor may, at her discretion, edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. I'm going to do the best I can and I appreciate your patience.

Nancy Morris

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## St. Patrick's Party

Our party on March 12 was a huge success. Thanks to Patsy Walker for planning it. The following winners were (1<sup>st</sup>) Linda Smith, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Jenice Wells, and (3<sup>rd</sup>) Zelma Curbello for the women and (1<sup>st</sup>) Dennis Smith, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Early McVey, and (3<sup>rd</sup>) Bubba Lorenz for the men. They each received a prize for decorating themselves for St. Patrick's Day!



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## April 1, 2008 (Tuesday):



**Positive Interaction Program (PIP)** will hold a meeting at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. on Tuesday by 7:30 PM. The presentation will have the Houston Police Dept's "Environmental Investigations Unit" outline their duty operation which includes illegal dumping. This will be a very informative presentation. Interpreter and captioning provided. Hope everyone can make it as there will be Door Prizes!

## April 3, 2008 (Thursday):



**Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas** will have their field trip to Independence, TX. Everyone needs to be at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, 9920 Long Point Rd. at 7:30 AM as Bus will leave by 8 AM. We will visit Old Baylor University (TX Baptist Historical Center) and Sam Houston Home site with Historical Center. Any questions, please contact Gertie Sessions at VP 281-447-757 or Julie Spaulding at VP 281-445-1072.

## April 4, 2008 (Friday):



**ASL Social** will be at Willowbrook Mall, 2000 Willowbrook Mall, Houston, TX 77070 from 3PM to 9PM. Let's come to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Earl Johnson at [ejohnson127@comcast.net](mailto:ejohnson127@comcast.net).

## April 5, 2008 (Saturday):



An evening with Nathie & Bryon at Texas School for the Deaf Auditorium, 1102 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704. The cost is \$10 as the proceeds benefit National Association of the Deaf. Pick up the tickets at Austin Community College, Rio Grande Campus, 1212 Rio Grande St., Room 201, Austin, TX 78701 or purchase at the door. Money orders or cash are acceptable. Free community reception at 6PM before event is shown at 7:30 till 9 PM. Voice interpreters will be provided for the signing impaired.

## April 9, 2008 (Wednesday):



**Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas** will have a regular business meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. At this time, please use Activity Room #2. Please attend to give us your ideas for this organization. You need to be present to vote on the motions handled during the meeting.

## April 11, 2008 (Friday):



**Houston Hand Talk Social** will be at Deerbrook Mall, 20131 Hwy 59 North, Humble, TX 77338 from 5 PM till 9 PM. Let's come to meet and enjoy chatting with your old and new friends. Any questions, please e-mail to Roger Spivey at [spivey39@yahoo.com](mailto:spivey39@yahoo.com).

## April 17, 2008 (Thursday):



**Houston Deaf Senior Citizens** will have a fellowship and potluck at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church at 9920 Long Point Rd. from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you wish to bring a covered dish, contact Evelyn Autry at 713-984-8186 TTY or Jenice Wells 281-442-8015 TTY or 281-442-8016 VP and let them know what you plan to bring.



**April 23, 2008 (Wednesday):**



**Houston Deaf Seniors of Texas** will have a regular social meeting at West Gray Adaptive Recreation Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX 77019 at 9:00 am till 1:00 pm. Michael Houston will be our Speaker. He is National Liaison of Deaf Link, Inc. Also a video of the Senior Citizens will be shown. Julie Spaulding has reserved a TV with VHS player for us.

**April 25, 2008 (Friday):**



Emergency Preparedness Workshop will be held at Cy-Fair Community College, ART #102, 9191 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX 77433 at 6PM. Meet and greet people for free pizza and drinks. Presentations will begin at 8PM by: Deaf Link, Harris County Office of Emergency Management, 211 of Texas, and Red Cross of Texas. This workshop is in ASL. If you need other communication access, please contact Sandy Evans at Sandy.Evans@Lonestr.edu.

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Zelma Curbello wants to thank Hazel Benefield for her general donation.

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Audrey Leger in memory of Franklin Tippet and Mary Boer.

Rochelle Simpson in memory of Mary Boer.

Pernella Smith in memory of Franklin Tippet, Enis Fontenot (Mother of Ellen Crockett), and Mary Boer.

Lavern and James Fair in memory of all friends.



“Thank you” card was received from Mary Jo Stevens. It says, “Thank you for blessing my day with your kindness. Thank you for the lovely sympathy card and it was so thoughtful. I miss my Mom very much. Love, Mary Jo Stevens”

Anyone who wishes to donate money to HDSC Love Fund, Inc. (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation) or HDST Newsletter should please make check or money order payable to either **Houston Deaf Senior Citizens - Love Fund** or **HDST Newsletter Fund**. And mail to:

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Angel Smith's subscription is a gift from Roger Spivey. Roger, thank you for your thoughtfulness.

DONATION TO NEWSLETTER:

Thanks to Betty Telfer for her hearty support in donating to the HDST Newsletter Fund.



REST IN PEACE

OBITUARY



Patricia Turner, 62, of Winfield, passed away on January 20th, 2008. Family services will take place at a later date. Swisher-Taylor and Morris Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Memorials can be made to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

Patricia was born December 3rd, 1945, in Oklahoma City, OK, to Gustave R. and Betty (Colvin) Falke. She was raised and educated in Oklahoma City. Patricia earned a bachelor of arts degree in biology and chemistry. She worked as a chemist, analyzing discharge water from manufacturing processes to ensure compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems, Environmental Protection Agency, and state regulations. Patricia worked in Houston, TX and Sanford, NC before moving to Winfield in November of 2006 to start a new career in medical claims processing. Survivors include a son, Scott D. McClure of Winfield; a daughter, Mauricia L. Turner of Houston, TX; her mother, Betty Falke (Senior Citizen member) of Houston, TX; a sister, C. Sue Ross of Helena, OK; and grandchildren, Kai, Ayla, Anika, Nikita, and Kadira McClure.



Services were conducted at Centuries Funeral Home Chapel for **Evelyn B. Scott**, age 76 of Shreveport, LA on Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. The graveside service was held in Centuries Memorial Park. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. Scott entered into rest on Monday, February 4, 2008 at Willis- Knighton South Medical Center after a brief illness. She was born in Crewland, LA and lived in Shreveport since 1970. She retired from AT&T with 24 years of service. She was a member of the Shreveport and Baton Rouge Association of The Deaf. Most of all, she was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mance and Blanche Bingham; one son, Ronnie Scott; and a sister, Durene Patrick. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years, Luther H. Scott, Jr.; one daughter, Wanda Dees and husband James of Austin, TX; two sons, Kenneth Scott of Shreveport, LA, and Randy Scott & wife Roxanne of Clarksberg, MD; seven grandchildren, Scotty Scott, Kristie Dees, Jamie Dees, Katherine Scott, Lauren Dees, Drew Scott, and Ashley Scott.



Nancy V. Becker, affectionately known as NVB in the Deaf Community, passed away peacefully surrounded by friends and loved ones at home in Winchester, MA on her favorite holiday, Valentine's Day. After living with Multiple Sclerosis for twenty-three years with courage and grace, she leaves her longtime beloved partner of 25 years, Alma L. Bournazian, and many friends on several continents. Nancy, a native New Yorker, leaves behind three half-brothers, one half-sister, several cousins, and eight nephews and nieces. She was the daughter of the late Barbara Blasser of Florida and James Becker of New York.

At 10:30 a.m. on February 14th, Nancy's spirit departed with a flock of birds which took flight outside her bedroom window. Each one represented the infinite contributions she made to the Deaf Community starting as a young student leader at the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York, then a proud graduate of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn, a 1971 alumna of Gallaudet University, and eventually as a graduate student at Western Maryland College where she received a Master's degree in Deaf Education. As a leader of the Deaf Community, Nancy received numerous awards and honors which truly reflected her love for the community she served. Nancy was a board member of Gallaudet University's Alumni Assoc. (GUAA), an active member of the National Assoc. of the Deaf (NAD), past President of the New England Athletic Assoc. of the Deaf (NEAAD) which saw a growth in sporting under her leadership, and the Massachusetts State Assoc. of the Deaf (MSAD) where she served on the board in numerous positions. In addition to her extensive contributions to the Deaf Community, Nancy also drew on her passion for and knowledge of art (especially

Deaf artists) to serve the greater Boston area as a consultant to numerous cultural organizations including the Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science.

The American Sign Language Program at Northeastern University in Boston saw a growth in standardizing the teaching of American Sign Language and Deaf Culture under Nancy's role as a Lecturer and Coordinator for the last seventeen years of her career. The work Nancy did ultimately led to the passing of state legislation recognizing American Sign Language as an official language in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as well as Northeastern University's acceptance of ASL to meet the foreign language academic requirement.

Although NVB has departed us in spirit, her body has been donated to the Harvard University's Medical School for scientific study which is true to her philosophy to teach, mentor, and encourage all. A memorial service is being planned for Spring 2008 and donations may be made in her memory to any of the following organizations: Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002, or Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf, 535 Franklin Street, Melrose, MA 02176, or Northeastern University c/o American Sign Language Program, 405 Meserve Hall, Northeastern University, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115.



Dave Palumbo of Muscular Development reports that former IFBB Pro Bodybuilder and former American Gladiator **Shelley "Siren" Beattie** died on February 16, 2008. She was 39 years old. Beattie played "Siren" on the original American Gladiators series. Beattie was one of very few and the most accomplished deaf female professional bodybuilders. She was an actress who appeared in the movie Hot Shots! Part Deux that starred Charlie Sheen. She was formerly married to John Romano, senior editor for Muscular Development Magazine.

Shelley was born in Santa Ana, CA and moved with her family to Oregon when she was 11 years old. She attended schools and college in Monmouth, OR. The last 10 years of her life was in Salem and she worked as a caregiver. She always was a caring and loving person to all and could light up a room with her energy and smile. Her joy in life was her artwork, her drums, her animals, her earth, and her life partner, Julie Moisa. She is survived by Julie; parents, Jack Beattie and Laura Mitchell; sister, Teresa Keizur; brothers, Jim and Matt Beattie; grandmother, Velda Jirges; step-parents, Sharyl Beattie and Bud Mitchell; 4 nephews; aunts and uncles; a large extended family; and her Native American Spiritual Family. A celebration of life in the Lakota tradition, a Native American Ceremony was held for 24 hours starting at 12 noon on Saturday, February 23 and continuing through Sunday noon. This celebration was held at 2595 65th Ave. SE in Salem.



Mary Louise Boer, 85, who resided in Weimar, passed away on Tuesday, February 19th at 11:15 AM at Brackenridge Hospital in Austin.

Born on August 15th, 1922 in Schulenburg, she was the daughter of Raymond and Sophie (Kneitz) Watzlavick. She attended Schulenburg High School. Her marriage to Hilbert E. Boer took place in Schulenburg on January 10th, 1944. She resided in the Weimar area for 25 years and lived in Pasadena for 30 years. She was a member of St. Michael Catholic Church in Weimar, St. Pius V Catholic Church in Pasadena, and the KJZT. She was a lifelong housewife and devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and aunt. She enjoyed working in her yard and flower beds, and playing Straight and 42 dominoes with her husband, brother and sister-in-law.

The funeral was held on Friday, February 22nd at St. Michael Catholic Church in Weimar, with burial in the church cemetery. Rev. John Bily officiated. Pallbearers were Matthew Irick, Ron L. Stevens, Kenny Schramek, Shawn Farmer, Werner Boer Jr., and Brent Boer.

Survivors include 2 daughters, Mary Jo Stevens of Weimar and Carol Farmer & husband Willie of Bellville; a son, William Boer & wife Kathy of Brenham; a brother, Joseph Watzlavick of Bellaire; 5 grandchildren, Shawn & Brandi Farmer, Ron Stevens, and Matthew & Maria Boer; and 3 great-grandchildren, Alex, Haley, and Jake Farmer. Preceding her in death were her parents; 2 brothers, August and Raymond Watzlavick; and a

daughter, Theresa. Memorail contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society, St. Michael Catholic Church in Weimar, or a charity of one's choice.

Della Mae Childress passed away on Feb. 20th. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 1st at the First Baptist Deaf Church, 2583 Brightside Drive, Baton Rouge, LA 70820 (it is located next door to the LA School for the Deaf). Visitation was held at 10:00 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m.

Michael A. Walker, born on March 30, 1961, passed away on February 22, 2008. He was born in Dallas, TX and graduated from W. W. Samuel High School in 1980. He attended college at TSTI in Waco, TX. Michael got best all national and international dart award in 1982 - 1984. He is survived by his two brothers Richard and David Walker; father, Jack Walker; daughter, Rosemary Walker; and grandson, Ethan Beyer. Submitted by Joel Hill

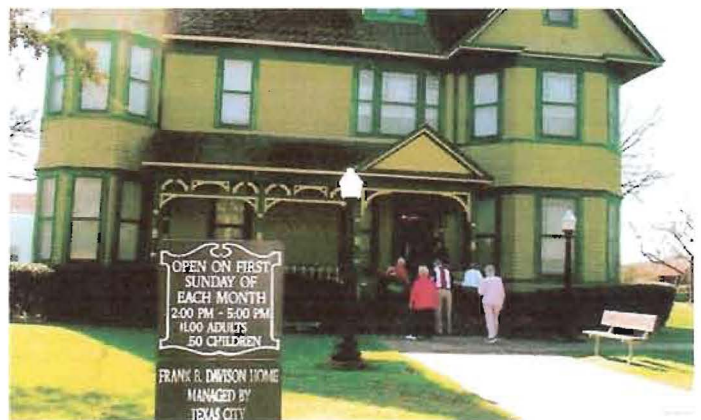
GERALDINE ROME passed away Friday, February 22, 2008 in Ohio. Her Son set the wake for Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 10 AM till 2:30 PM. Mass was held at 2:30 PM. Both services were held at Garden of Memories on Airline Hwy. at Metairie, LA.

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### Travel Committee

Submitted by Julie Spaulding

We traveled to Texas City on February 14th. We enjoyed watching trains with miniature people, houses, and many places. We went to the museum to watch video movie about The Texas City disaster on April 16 and 17, 1947. It was very touching and sad. Tour leader was with us in bus and showed us around Texas City. Then, we stopped by Memorial Park and Cemetery which was the burial site for the unidentified dead from the 1947 explosion. Lunch was very good.





# NEWS

## April 3-5, 2008 (Thursday - Saturday):

NAD Leadership Training Conference in Austin, TX. Moving forward through proactive leadership. Primary Sponsors are Texas School for the Deaf and Texas Association of the Deaf. Please check out more information on the website at [www.nad.org/NLTC](http://www.nad.org/NLTC).

## April 12, 2008 (Saturday):

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Mixed Individual Handicap Bowling Tournament at AMF Diamond Lanes, 267 N. Forest Blvd., Houston, TX 77090. Total cost is \$42 (cash only). It begins at 12PM with the last game at 4PM. This is sponsor by Lone Star Deaf Bowling.

## **Positive Interaction Program (PIP)**

Written by Nancy Morris

The meeting was held on March 4<sup>th</sup> at Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church. "Circulation Improving Resuscitation Care Auto Pulse Trial" was the topic. Dr. Chris Souders, Associate Medical Director of City of Houston Fire Dept. spoke and explain this new process. Auto Pulse is a new equipment that automatically provides chest compressions. This program started in 2008 and will last for 3 years. Dr. Souders explained that the Auto Pulse is good at saving more lives, improves blood circulation, prevents Rescuer from being fatigue, and improves safely. Dr. Soudes and David E. Persse, MD are the 2 Investigators on trial here in Houston. Equipment has to fit the person as band needs to wrap around the person. Therefore, it won't work on a very thin or overweight person. The equipment weighs 22 pounds. The only risks involved are broken bones, damage to internal organs, and bruising of the chest. Ms. Cynthia Edmunds is with the University of Texas Review Board overseeing this program. This Auto Pulse was invented by an Engineer in CA about 2 years ago. Any questions about this can be directed to CIRC Study Coordinator, c/o ZOLL Medical Corp., 169 Mill St., Chelmsford, MA 01824. E-mail address is [info@circtrial.com](mailto:info@circtrial.com).

## **Chief's Citywide - "Positive Interaction Program"**

Submitted by James Sobota

Starting this year, our Citywide meetings will take place every other month. The dates of 2008 are May 13, July 8, September 9, and November 18. The location is at 1600 State St. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor. These meetings begin at 7 PM. Interpreter and captioning are provided.

## **Southwest Deaf Bowling Association**

Flyer given by Billy Buza

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Mixed is sponsored by Waco Deaf Bowlers Association. It will be held on May 1 - 3, 2008. The address is AMF Westview Lanes, 4565 West Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76710. Combo is only \$25 per person. Please send Money Order or Cashier's Check payable to "SWDBA 2008/WDB" to Pat Hoffman, 481 E. Rocket Road, Lorena, TX 76655. For more information, contact Walter Holders, Chairperson, 311 South Rita, Waco, TX 76705 or Email at [Wholder1@hotmail.com](mailto:Wholder1@hotmail.com) or Pat Hoffman, Co-Chairperson, 481 East Rocket Road, Lorena, TX 76655 or Email at [plhoffman17@hotmail.com](mailto:plhoffman17@hotmail.com). Joe Ed Thompson is Secretary/Treasurer and his address is 8004 Isaac Pryor Drive, Austin, TX 78749 with Email at [JoeEDT@aol.com](mailto:JoeEDT@aol.com). Please make reservations at Clarion Hotel, 801 South 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waco, TX by calling (254) 757-2000 or fax to (254) 757-1110.

## **Texas Bass Club of the Deaf**

Submitted by Billy Buza

This is to be held at Sam Rayburn Reservoir on May 2, 3, 4, 2008. First place Team Winner will win \$2,500 which has been donated by HBCD. Second place Winner and down will be based on tournament team entries (3 to 1). Pre-Tournament is on May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6 AM till noon. Big Bass only. Pay the Entry Fee of \$10 at TBCD Tournament site - CASH ONLY. Tournament headquarter is at Lake Sam Rayburn Marina Resort, 4404 RR 255 West, Brookeland, TX 75931. Check out the Website at [www.twindikesmarina.com](http://www.twindikesmarina.com) for more information. For more information, contact Chairperson, Billy Buza at [bbbuza@aol.com](mailto:bbbuza@aol.com) or (713) 921-7073 VP/TTY.

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## **Waco Deaf Bowlers**

Submitted by Billy Buza

Second Annual MIXED Handicap Bowling Tournament (open to Deaf bowlers only) will be held on September 13, 2008 at AMF Westview Lanes, 4565 W. Waco Dr., Waco, TX 76710. Entry Fees are prize fee \$25, bowling fee \$10.40, and expenses \$4.60 which is total of \$40. (Editor's note: There is no contact person on the flyer that I received or address to send the money to.)

## **Galveston's Lifeguard LeRoy Colombo**

By Heber Taylor & Scott E. Williams, The Daily News

Galveston-area residents are raising money to put a state historical marker on the Seawall in honor of legendary lifeguard LeRoy Colombo. Colombo worked on Galveston beaches as a lifeguard for nearly half a century, starting in 1921, when he was 15. By the time a heart condition forced him to retire in 1968, he had saved 908 lives, a mark that landed him in the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the world's greatest lifeguard. Forty years later, Colombo's record still stands. Don Mize said he also hoped to raise enough money to rename the first block of 57<sup>th</sup> street to "Colombo's View" and to put a marker at Colombo's grave. Colombo died in 1974 at the age of 68. Anyone interested in contributing to the fund to erect a memorial for longtime Isle lifeguard can send checks or money orders payable to "Galveston Life guarding Association", c/o Peter Davis, 2504 Church St., Galveston, TX 77550. Mize estimated the cost of the marker at \$1,600.

## **Email from Dorothy Floyd of Midland, TX**

Forwarded from Ann Edgley

It is a small world like to share with you when I got called from Ann Edgley yesterday morning (Sat) March 15. I was surprised that she already had her cataract surgery on March 13. I told her the same thing that my husband Max already had his cataract surgery on Tuesday morning, March 11. They laughed each other and chatted for long time with him. Strange thing as it was fun that two people had cataract surgery and chatting with each other on VP. I am glad that both are doing great. I told her that Max will have other one on right soon, when the left is healing soon.

## **An Evening with Nathie & Byron in Austin**

Sent by Linda Smith from Deaf Network of Texas

Austin Community College proudly presents free community reception before the event at 6 PM. Come join us for an evening of fun as we share our life experiences, cultural highlights, ASL poetry, ASL stories, deaf comedy, ABC stories and much more with Byron Bridges and Nathie Marbury. Voice interpreters will be provided for the signing impaired. It will be on Saturday, April 5, 2008 from 7:30 till 9:00 PM at Texas School for the Deaf Auditorium, 1102 South Congress, Austin, TX 78704. The cost is \$10 for all ages and all proceeds benefit the National Association of the Deaf. Please pay using a money order payable to NAD or cash. Tickets can be purchased at the door or go to Austin Community College, Rio Grande Campus, 1212 Rio Grande St., Austin, TX 78701 in Room 201 (Ask for Amanda, Melissa or Nathie).

## **Hearing & Service Dogs Liberate Deaf & Disabled**

Sent by Linda Smith

Texas hearing & Service Dogs is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> year of training dogs to assist Texans living with deafness or mobility related disabilities by inviting even more people to apply for the dogs. Each dog is specially trained by THSD to help its partner live more independently. Hearing Dogs alert their deaf partners to important sounds such as the oven timer, knock at the door, telephone/TDD, baby's cry and smoke alarm. Service Dogs pick up dropped objects, open and close doors, nudge paralyzed arms and legs into position, push elevator buttons and perform other customized tasks. THSD provides the dogs and training completely free of charge. Donations and special events, such as the annual Mighty Texas Dog Walk, pay for the cost of training. The recipients attend a five day class at the training center in Dripping Springs. Then, THSD move the dog into the recipient's home and conduct 13 weeks of personalized training with them in their home and community. To apply for a dog, go to [www.servicedogs.org](http://www.servicedogs.org) and click on "Apply for a Dog" at the top of the home page. You can fill out the main part of the application and submit it online. Or call (512) 891-9090 to receive a mailed application.

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## **“Sweet Nothing in My Ear” movie with Marlee Matlin**

Presented by Linda Smith from Deaf Network of Texas

Playwright Stephen Sachs has adapted his original play, *Sweet Nothing In My Ear*, for a Hallmark Hall of Fame television movie set to air on CBS on April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 till 10 PM. The television version of *Sweet Nothing* is directed by Emmy Award-winning Joseph Sargent and stars Academy Award winner Marlee Matlin and Golden Globe winner Jeff Daniels. In *Sweet Nothing in My Ear*, Laura, who is deaf, and Dan, who is hearing, are an attractive young couple happily married for nine years. Their son Adam was born hearing, but by age six has also become deaf. When Dan decides to pursue the possibility of a cochlear implant for his boy - a tiny computer chip inserted in the brain that would allow him to regain his hearing - a divisive wedge is driven between husband and wife that threatens to shatter their marriage.

## **Call to the 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial NAD Conference**

National Association of the Deaf Website

NAD President Bobbie Beth Scoggins has officially issued a Call to the Conference. The 49<sup>th</sup> Biennial NAD Conference will be held at the New Orleans Marriott in New Orleans, LA on July 7-11, 2008. The twin themes are: “Let the Good Times Roll!” and “Together, We Move Forward.” Check out their website at [www.nad.org](http://www.nad.org) for more information.

## **ASL Social for May 3, 2008**

Submitted by Earl Johnson

We are planning to make reservation at Movie Tavern on Saturday, May 3, 2008 by 6PM. The location is at 15719 I45 North, Houston, TX 77090. The name of the movie is “Paycheck” rated with PG. It will be closed caption. The actors are Ben Affleck, Aaron Eckhart, and Uma Thurman. There will be an order of main food inside this theater. If you are interested to attend the movie theatre, please email at [ejohnson127@comcast.net](mailto:ejohnson127@comcast.net). If you have any questions, call Earl at 281-487-2921 (VP).

## **Texas HealthSpring - A Medicare Advantage Plan**

Speaker Veronica Gonzales

On February 26, 2008, Veronica came to speak to HDST. Rita Lee interpreted for her while she explained the plan for Medicare. She had 3 different booklets depending on our health. Once under this plan, each person is covered with various plans and services. They have “Helping Hands” which provides private transportation and are allowed 15 round trips a year. The plan covers Dentist, Vision Care, and YMCA for exercises. For more information, you can contact Veronica Gonzales, Sr. Field Sales Representative at [vgonzales@gulfquest.net](mailto:vgonzales@gulfquest.net) or call 832-859-8995 (voice). Her office is located at 2900 North Loop West, Suite 1300, Houston, TX 77092.

## **FRENCH TOAST**

Submitted by Rochelle Simpson

6 Extra Large Eggs

1 1/2 Cups Half & Half or Milk

1 Tsp grated Orange Zest

1/2 Tsp Pure Vanilla Extract

1 Tbsp Honey

1/2 Tsp Kosher Salt or other salt

1 Large Loaf of Challah or Brioche Bread

Unsalted Butter

Vegetable Oil

Preheat the oven to 250 degree. In a large shallow bowl, whisk together the eggs, half & half, orange zest, vanilla, honey, and salt. Slice the Challah in 3/4 inch thick slices. Soak as many slices in the egg mixture as possible for 5 minutes, turning once. Heat 1 TBSP butter and 1 TBSP oil in a large pan over medium heat. Add the soaked bread and cook for 2 to 3 minutes on each side until golden brown. Place the cooked French toast on a sheet pan and keep it warm in the oven. Fry the remaining soaked bread slices, adding butter and oil as needed until it is cooked. To serve, use Pure Maple Syrup, Raspberry Preserves, or sifted confectioner’s sugar.

Our trip on March 7<sup>th</sup> was spent at the Museum of Printing History and Houston Center for Contemporary Craft. It was very interesting and we admired all the things on display. When we arrived back to Woodhaven Baptist Deaf Church, we presented a Stain Glass with ILY on a flag and a Texas belt buckle to our Bus Driver, Lou. He has been driving our buses for years. He is retiring in August.



## HOUSTON DEAF SENIORS of TEXAS

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