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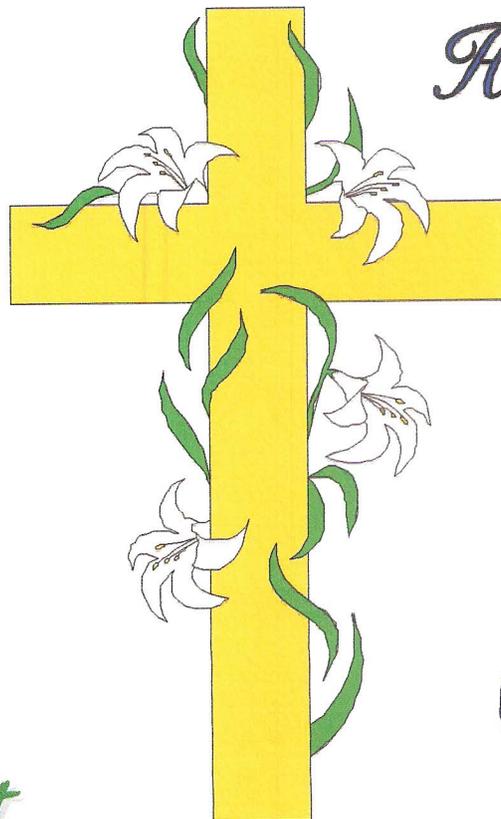
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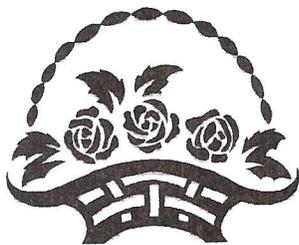
HAPPY
ST. PATTY'S
DAY



March 17th



He Is Risen



March 31st





From the Editor:

Houston Deaf
Senior Citizen
Newsletter

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Leger-Wright



In January I was in the hospital for 17 days in a special care unit. Before that I was not feeling good for a few days. Then on January 8th, I blacked out and was sent by emergency to the hospital. They took a lot of tests and x-rays, and they said I had emphysema and a touch of pneumonia. But after studies on the tests, they found that my problems were caused by an attack in my brain due to not enough oxygen. Now I have to use oxygen more hours. Under my doctor's orders, whenever I go anyplace I have to bring an oxygen tank with me until my next visit with the doctor in March. When I went home from the hospital, I was surprised to see a new recliner chair that my children gave me to replace the old one. It's comfortable and nice, but I miss my old recliner chair.

Please send any news, information, picture or recipe that you wish to share with other Senior Citizens. **We would appreciate if you could write no more than 250 words of any news due to limited space on the newsletter.** Please note that the editor may at his discretion edit articles or news items for brevity and to correct errors. Mail to: Houston Deaf Senior Citizens, 9954 Kirkshire Drive, Houston, TX 77089, email to hdsnews@yahoo.com, or fax to (281) 416-0799 or (713) 781-4576. **The deadline is on 15th of each month.**

Note: If your subscription is not paid within three months from the due date, your name will be removed from our mailing list.

Thank you,

Frank Shaw

***Flash News for next field trip
Galveston – March 8, 2002***

Houston Senior Citizens will meet at Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray at 8:30 AM. The bus will depart at 9:00 AM. The group will visit The Great Storms, Grand 1894 Opera House, and Moody Mansion and Museum. And then stop by Kemah Broadway for early dinner.

Be sure to bring some extra money for admission and dinner. Come and let us have fun together. See you on 8th.

News



News by Opal Piercy

I got a call from Dinah Anderson to let us Senior Citizens know that her husband, Walt has been real sick since January 25, 2002. He had a brain stroke and is not doing well at all. He says he misses all Senior Citizens and sends a big Hello to all of us. Let all of us say a special prayer for him as well as Dinah.

Our First Great-Grandbaby: Opal & Eugene Piercy

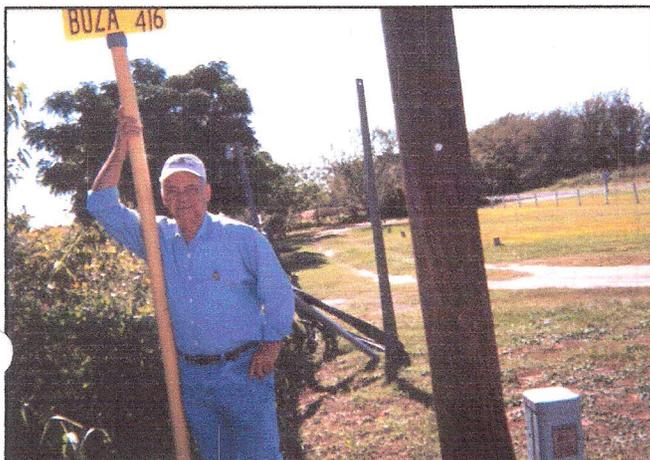
Sherry Walton, wife of our grandson, Critt, gave birth her first baby boy on February 5, 2002, at 4:10 PM in Woman's Hospital – Houston. His name is Critt Daniel Walton, has dark hair like mommy's and looks so much like his father, Critt, when he was born. Both Sherry and baby are doing fine. Critt is doing great and proud to become a daddy. Polly Walton and Peggy Wilson are proud grandparents. We are proud to become first great grandparents. We all are walking on air and floating on the cloud 9.

Billie Holloway by Zelma Curbello

We have heard the news about Billie Holloway had a bypass heart surgery on January 15, 2002. We decided to go and visit her and Tom on Friday, January 25th. Billie looks good and doing fine as well as Tom. She explained to us what was going on. She said that after came back from the homecoming football game in Austin, she had problems with both veins in the neck. Then she had a surgery in November 2001, and her doctor told her that she needs another surgery on her shoulder if it still has problems. In December she got flu, and then in January she felt her throat stuck like couldn't breathe that well. She thought that was the vein problems on her shoulder, so she called her doctor. He said to come in to check up and he found that she was having a heart attack. He sent her to the heart doctor, then went ahead had three bypass heart surgery on Jan. 15th. Everything went fine with her, but she has to watch out for her veins by her shoulders because sometimes they are blocked. She misses all of Senior Citizens friends and us.

News from Christine McKinnon

Lennie Morton and I went to Pearland to visit Regina Behne, who had left Texas School for the Deaf in 1935. She had been living in Rosebud, TX for years; then she and her sister, Bernice Kaufler, moved to Pearland in August 2001. They live next door to Regina's niece. We haven't seen her for years. She looks so good. She is sending a big hello to her old friends who know her! She would like to have any visitor come or write to her. Here's her address: **2115 Willow Blvd., Pearland, TX 77581.**



Brief story from Billy Buza

Here's short story about myself and my sibling family. My heritage began in Bremond near Hearne, TX. I was born there in 1935 and have seven brothers. Our parents are gone; my father in 1974 and my mother at 96 years old died in 1999. I have wonderful twins of a boy and a girl. I was formerly a board member of TADAA for six years, and now in 2002 I am a fund-raiser for TSDAA. People of Bremond named a road as "BUZA ROAD" after our family's farm. What a privilege to have a road named after my family! (See a picture of me standing up with the road signpost, the land in the back of me is our family's farm.)

60th Anniversary



Jack and Hazel Richard

The Richards' 60th Anniversary by Christine McKinnon

February 26, 2002 is Jack and Hazel (Fitch) Richard's 60th Anniversary. A Justice of Peace in Port Arthur, TX married them on February 26, 1942. They made their first home in the area of Port Arthur and Beaumont before moving to Houston. Hazel had worked at Brown and Root and then retired after 33 years of service. Jack had worked at Houston Chronicle after 34 years before retired. Congratulations and Best Wishes for many more years!

Congratulations!

ASL SOCIAL 2ND ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Friday, February 1, 2002 ASL Social was held at The Spaghetti Warehouse from 5PM to 9PM and there were 368 people. Wow!

Here are six raffle winners:

1. RCA 25" TV --- Rochelle Simpson
2. Sony DVD Player --- Frank Shaw
3. HP Digital Camera --- Billy Buza
4. HP Scanner --- Bill Scales
5. Logitech PC Camera --- L. E. Reyes
6. G. F. Grill Machine --- Trey Ingram

Congratulations!

"HYMNS TO DRIVE BY"

45 mph	God will take care of You
55 mph	Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah
65 mph	Just a closer walk with Thee
75 mph	Nearer my God to Thee
85 mph	This World is not my Home
95 mph	Precious Memories
100 mph	Lord I'm Coming Home

Which Hymns are you singing lately????

Be Sure to Leave on Time.

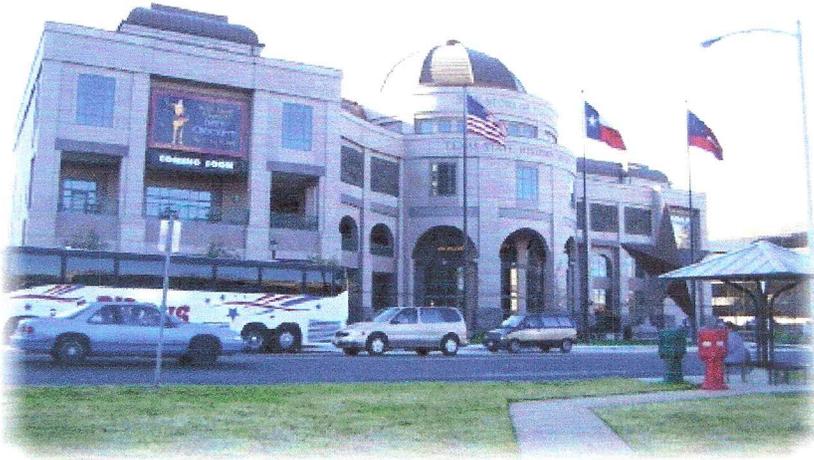
Watch your Speed.

STAY SAFE!

Pray every time you get behind the wheel.

From Janice Caraway & Christine McKinnon
(Received email from friend)

February 8, 2002 Field Trip



The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum

← Houston Deaf Senior Citizens enjoyed a tour to The Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin on February 8th. There are three floors in the museum: Civil War exhibit, IMAX Theater, Texas Spirit Theater, and the Story of Texas. There is a crescent-shaped café on the second floor, which includes an al fresco eating area (Family-style eating with Texan treats). Overhead, read Bob Bullock's favorite phrase: "God Bless Texas."

INTERPRETERS: →

Left to right: Cynthia Brown and Buddy Bauer from Austin, and Freda Carter from Houston



← **Standing Left to Right:** Freda Carter, (interpreter), Jenice Wells, Betty Tefler, Tom Wells, Nellie Bishop, Arlene Benham, Albert R Adams, Elnora Morgan, Christine McKinnon, Montie Strother, Joyce Adams, Hazel Richard, Rubin Sims, Pernella Smith, Esther Brownalenoir, Thelma Jo Hays, Richard Brownalenoir, Annie McFadden, Craig Adams, Marie Hays, Janet Hamilton, Lanie Page, and bus driver, Lou Hickman. **Kneeling Left to Right:** William Lambert, Zelma Curbello, Pauline Corum, and Audrey Leger-Wright.



Calendar of Events



March 1, 2002 (Friday)



ASL Social at Jax Grill Restaurant, 1613 Shepherd Road, Houston, TX 77007 (South of I-10 'Katy Freeway') from 5 PM to 9 PM. Come and join us to meet old and new friends. Please contact Earl Johnson at (281) 487-2921 TTY / Relay TX (voice), either 711 or (800) 735-2988; Roger Spivey (email) spivey39@ev1.net before 25th of February, so they can inform the restaurant the number of people.

March 1 – 7, 2002 (a week)



Open captioned movie, "Collateral Damage", Rated: R, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. Starring: *Arnold Schwarzenegger & John Leguizamo*.

March 5, 2002 (Tuesday)



Positive Interaction Program (PIP) will be held at *Woodhaven Church for the Deaf* at 9920 Long Point at 7 PM. The presentation will be "BIG TRUCKS", the regulations of the big trucks that travel through Houston. Like the hug 18-wheeler trucks. An officer will come out and tell us what HPD is doing to make our Houston roadways safer for all of us. Refreshments will be served. Interpreter & captioning will be provided.

March 8, 2002 (Friday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will have a field trip to *Galveston, TX*. Please be at **Metropolitan Multi Service Center, 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX**. between 8:00 & 8:30 AM. The bus will be leaving by 9 AM. Let's join us and enjoy the trip. (*See editor page 2, for more information*)

March 13, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a general meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Closed Captioning will be provided. Come and enjoy chatting with friends!

March 15 – 21, 2002 (a week)



Open captioned movie, "Return to Neverland", at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer.

March 21, 2002 (Thursday)



Houston Deaf Senior Citizens will meet at **Woodhaven Baptist Church** at 9920 Long Point from 9 AM to 1 PM. There will be potluck lunch. If you wish to bring a covered dish, please contact *Evelyn Autry* at (713) 984-8186 TTY or *Gertrude Sessions* at (281) 447-7575 TTY and let them know what you will bring.

March 27, 2002 (Wednesday)



Houston Senior Citizens will have a meeting at Metropolitan Multi-Service Center at 1475 West Gray, Houston, TX from 9 AM to 1 PM. Volunteers are needed to help with folding Senior Citizens newsletters. Your help is greatly appreciated.

March 29 – April 4, 2002 (a week)



Open Captioned movie, "John Q", Rated: PG-13, at AMC Studio 30 on Dunvale & Westheimer. Starring: *Denzel Washington*

March 2002

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 ASL Social JAX Grill Glynn & Alma Whittemore-1947 	2 
3	4	5 PIP Meeting 	6	7	8 Field Trip Galveston 	9
10	11 Annie McFadden 	12 Betty Telfer Gertrude Sessions 	13 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	14	15 Zelma Curbello 	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Albert Hammon 	18	19	20	21 S. C. Social Woodhaven 	22	23 J. D. Wicker 
24 Palm Sunday 	25 Frank & Margaret Shaw - 1954 	26	27 S.C.M.M.S.C. 	28	29 Good Friday Tom Holloway 	30 Raymond Wilson 
31 Easter Rufus Chappel Frank Clark  						



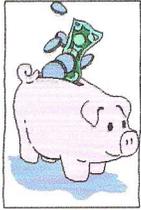
Social Meeting



Birt'y



Anniversary



From Zelma Curbello of LOVE FUND:

We wish to thank you for your generous donations to **LOVE FUND: Arlene Benham, Billy & Pauline Corum, William Hebert, William Lambert, Billie & Sam Mangum, Elnora Morgan, Helen Padgett, Cathy & Fred Simerka, and Betty Tefler.**

Billie & Tom Holloway, thank you very much for your donation to LOVE FUND: IN MEMORY OF ALL OUR SENIOR CITIZENS WHO ARE NO LONGER WITH US.

Anyone who wishes to donate \$\$\$ to **LOVE FUND** should please make check or money order payable to Houston Deaf Senior Citizens-Love Fund. Please mail to:

**Mrs. Zelma Curbello
9623 Tiltree,
Houston, TX 77075-4042**

NEW SENIOR CITIZENS MEMBER:

Welcome to our new Senior Citizens members: Lavern and James Fair.

RENEWALS:

Thank you for your renewal: Don Adkins, Patsy Bunch, Gordon & Ruenell Hegwood, Lola Justiss, Robert & Karen Miller, Janice & Wayne Southwell, Burba Thornton, M/M Gus White, and Thomas & Elaine Withrow.



Rest in Peace

OBITUARIES



James B. Watson, 74, of Post, TX, died Saturday, January 12, 2002. Hudman Funeral Home Chapel with Bo Jackson officiating was held at 2 PM on Sunday, January 13th. He was buried in Spur Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Hudman Funeral Home. He was born Sept. 24, 1917 in Spur. He was Baptist and in 1949 he was graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin. He retired from Jackson Brothers Meat packers after working there for many years. Survivors include a sister, Sandra Neaves of Belton.

Hazel C. Davis, 87, of Walnut Creek, California, formerly of Austin, TX passed away January 24, 2002. She was born on October 28, 1914 in Austin, TX to Robert L. Davis and Edna C. Davis. Both have preceded her in death. She graduated from Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX. She worked for Texas Instrument Checking Company for several years before serving as a house parent at several schools for the deaf. After her retirement, she was a coordinator and active in the Senior Citizens programs for the deaf in California. She was always loved and admired for her support of the deaf. She will be missed by all that knew her but would have fond memories of her. Memorial services were held at 2 PM, Saturday, February 9, 2002 at Congress Avenue Baptist Church with the Reverent Jack Earwood officiating.

Russell Clint Corum, 42, of Houston, passed away January 24, 2002 as a result of a tragic accident. His mother, Barbara Corum, precedes him in death. Russell is survived by his wife, Jean of 14 years; children: Cody Clint and Casey Marie; parents Billy and Pauline Corum; brothers: Tim Corum and wife Sherry and Jarrell Corum; sister Marsha Hoffnagel and husband Steve; parents-in-law Betty and John Winkler, and numerous other relatives and friends. Russell was employed by Thermon Industries for 10 years and was an avid outdoorsman. The Funeral Service was held at Niday Funeral Home on Saturday, January 26th at 11 AM, with interment following in SouthPark Cemetery.

Eloise Laverne Markwith, 80, of Orange, TX, died Thursday, January 24, 2002 at Memorial Hermann Baptist Beaumont Hospital. Visitation was held at Claybar Funeral Home in Orange from 10 AM to noon on Sunday, January 27th, and Graveside Funeral Services took place at 2 PM with Mr. Tony Fitzgerald of the Kountze Church of Christ in Kountze, TX officiating at Evergreen Cemetery. She was native and lifelong resident of

Orange. She was employed as a carrier for the United States Postal Service. Her sister, Barbara Bockmon of Walburg, TX, seven nieces and nephews survive her. (News from Mary Faye Tippett)

Ernest Clarence Thomas, born in Little Elm, TX on August 14, 1921, passed away January 31, 2002. He is survived by Grace, his loving wife of 56 years, two sons, Ernest C. Thomas, Jr. and his wife Vickie, Bobby Thomas and his wife Terri; one daughter Ann Emmett and her husband Paul; two sisters Betty Peebles and Joannie McSpeddan; seven grandsons, four granddaughters, and fourteen great-grandchildren, sister-in-law Anita Hudson and brother-in-law L. T. Smith. Ernest was loved very much and will be missed. A visitation was held Sunday, February 3rd at Metrocrest Funeral Home in Carrollton, TX. Funeral Services were held Monday, February 4th with interment following at Little Elm Cemetery. He died in bed while taking a nap in the morning. He and wife, Grace had attended Texas School for the Deaf. They were involved in the Deaf Community of Dallas. Grace is now in a nursing home in Carrollton, TX, a suburb of Dallas.

Bertha Castillo, 83, passed on to be with the Lord on February 7, 2002 in Sugar Land, TX. She was born on December 25, 1918. She is survived by her son, Antonio and wife Lydia; daughter, Romelia and husband Richard; grandchildren, Michelle, Vanezza and husband Anthony, Desare, Romie, and Richard; great-grandchildren, Andres, Victoria and Julian; host of family and friends. Memorial Service was held at Alief-Sharpstown Funeral Home at 7 PM, Saturday, February 9th.

Verlyn Williams passed away Tuesday, February 12, 2002. Services were took place at Wellman Funeral Home in Shreveport, LA. Viewing was scheduled for Thursday, February 14th from 4 PM to 8 PM and Funeral Services were held Friday, the 15th in the Chapel of Wellman Funeral Home. She was retired from Libby Glass and a very loyal supporter of the Deaf Action Center. She put in countless hours cleaning and cooking for major events. Due to her positive influence and her selfless dedication to the deaf community: *The Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center of Louisiana in Shreveport, LA*, her family and friends certainly will miss her.

Kelly D Morgan, Elnora Morgan's daughter-in-law, born June 4, 1964 in Houston, TX went to be with the Lord on February 17, 2002. Her loving husband, Stephen Morgan; daughters, Amanda, Stephanie, and Samantha; granddaughter, Kennedy Dawson; parents, Johnnie Wheat and Glenda Brasher; grandmother, Melba Wheat; three brothers, a sister, and many loving family members and friends survive her. Services were held at 1 PM, Thursday, February 21st with Pastor Scott Townley officiating and with interment following at Brookside Memorial Park.

Heart Attack Warning Signs

Uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and come back.

Pain that spreads to the shoulders, neck or arms.

Chest discomfort with lightheadedness, fainting, sweating, nausea or shortness of breath.

Not all these warning signs occur in every heart attack. If some start to occur, don't wait. Get help immediately!

Heart attack is a medical emergency----call 9-1-1.

American Heart Association

Stroke Warning Signs

Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.

Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.

Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.

Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.

Sudden, severe headache with no known cause.

Not all these warning signs occur in every stroke. If some start to occur, don't wait. Get help immediately! **Stroke is a medical emergency---call 9-1-1.** **American Stroke Association**

"I have goals for myself," says Dean Gates, "and I'll do what it takes to reach them." One of Dean's goals in life was to become a lawyer, and in May 2000, he graduated from Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College (NWSL) in Portland, Oregon.

Several years ago, Dean read a newspaper story about a lawyer who was skilled in sign language. He helped many deaf people with their legal problems. Dean was ready to change his career plans. He applied to different law schools, but NWSL met his needs best. His family lives in Alaska, so he could visit them during school breaks. Also, he was awarded a scholarship for \$3,000 toward his law school education.

Dean was very excited and honored to receive the Jane L. Wiener Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship, named in the memory of a very brave woman, helps other law students with disabilities. It gives them a chance to reach their goals.

In 1964, Jane Wiener was in a terrible car accident which caused her to become paralyzed from the neck down. She was only 18 years old. Years later, she was determined to get her law degree at NWSL. When she got her degree in 1972, she worked as an attorney. Sadly, at the age of 48 she died from pneumonia.

Dean says that Jane Wiener's life taught him an important lesson: "Don't let your disability or the cost of education discourage you from reaching your goals. I want to follow the spirit of this scholarship. Jane Wiener didn't give up. That is a good message for us all."

Dean Gates was born in Birmingham, Alabama in 1969. His dad was a doctor in the U.S. Air Force. His family lived in Alabama, Colorado, Texas and Alaska. Dean's parents always gave him a lot of support. They also encouraged him to work hard to achieve his dreams.

When Dean was about five years old, he started losing his hearing. Doctors don't know why. He also developed weak muscles in his legs and serious problems with his feet. These conditions made life a challenge for Dean, but he knew he had to overcome them. There was nothing else he could do.

While attending mainstreamed classes in public schools in Alaska, Dean learned sign language in the 5th grade. Then, when he was in the 6th grade he had a full-time interpreter in his classes.

In high school, Dean was active in sports and student government. His best sports were swimming and wrestling. After graduating from West Anchorage High School in 1987, Dean attended California State University, Northridge (C.S.U.N.). He majored in journalism and public relations. In 1992, he graduated from C.S.U.N. and moved back to Anchorage. He got a job working for Relay Alaska.

Relay Alaska is one of many special telecommunication relay services across the United States. It helps people who used TDD's or TTY's communicate with people who use regular telephones. Calls can be made to relay operators anytime, anyplace and for any reason. Dean's job at Relay Alaska was to help educate people about using the relay. He traveled all over Alaska giving people information. He also gave TDD's and other special telecommunications equipment to those in need.

A few years later, Dean changed jobs. He went to work for Ameriphone, Inc. in California. He sold TDD's and other telecommunications equipment. While working at Ameriphone, Inc., Dean kept hearing terrible stories from customers and co-workers about police and lawyers who refused to take time to communicate with deaf people.

One shocking story was about a deaf man who was arrested by the police. He was sent to jail for five days. He was not given an interpreter. He could not understand his rights, and he could not communicate with people who could help him. Dean heard other stories about deaf people being arrested without knowing why. He decided helping deaf people understand their legal rights would be his goal once he became a lawyer.

Attending law school for three years was a big challenge in Dean's life. He feels it is very important for deaf students to be aware of special services and their rights to have these services. He says, "I know the services I need. I know how to find the information and resources and what questions to ask to make sure I'm getting the quality of services I need to be successful, not only in school, but in life."

In law school, Dean used interpreters and sometimes a real-time reporter who typed what his law professors were saying. When he used the services of a real-time reporter, a cable was connected to his laptop computer. Dean was able to read everything on his computer system screen that was said in class. Dean exclaims, "I couldn't live without my laptop!"

Once Dean passes his bar exam, he wants to practice law on the west coast. He is interested in two kinds of law: environmental law and disability law. Environmental law helps fight against air and water pollution. It also helps protect and save our forests and wildlife.

Disability Law is important to Dean because he wants to help deaf and hard of hearing people deal with legal problems. These problems could happen on the job, in schools, in hospitals, in court or in prisons. Legal problems can pop up at almost any time and any place, so deaf people need to know their legal rights.

The best way to find out about the law and your rights is to ask a lawyer, someone like Dean Gates. This amazing young man says, "I want to be one of those people who helps others, rather than one of those people who is helped by others."

Dean's List of Important Federal Laws

These laws have helped improve the lives of many deaf Americans:

REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973, TITLE V

This is called a "bill of rights" for disabled people. It makes sure that programs that receive federal money can be used by all disabled people. It forbids discrimination. It promises equality in the work place, education, health, welfare and social services.

PUBLIC LAW 94-112

This law was passed in 1975. It was called the Education for All Handicapped Children Act. In 1990, it was renamed Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Congress passed this law for four important reasons:

1. To make sure that all handicapped children get free and appropriate education to meet their special needs
2. To make sure that the rights of handicapped children and their parents are protected
3. To help states and local schools pay for the education of all handicapped children
4. To make sure that all education programs are evaluated to offer handicapped children the best services possible.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

ADA became a law when President Bush signed it before Congress in 1990. It allows disabled people to receive the same services and opportunities as other people without disabilities. The law says that disabled people must have access to the work place, transportation, education, health care and housing.

Toole, Darlene, "Living Legends III", pg. 45-50

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