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From Ileen's Desk

The Iowa Association of the Deaf Convention will be held at the Starlite Village Motel, Jct. Hwys 169 and 7, Fort Dodge, Iowa from August 13 to the 15th. The Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) and the library at the Iowa School for the Deaf in Council Bluffs (ISDL) will be jointly exhibiting at this meeting. On display will be books, videos and handouts. These materials were purchased with funds from the State Library of Iowa and are available to all of Iowa's deaf and hard of hearing citizens through the NWRL and ISDL libraries. The materials to be exhibited will include closed and open captioned videos, books on social issues and education, and works on sign language. Persons attending the convention are encouraged to stop and visit the exhibit.

Silent Network is now being shown in Sioux City on Channel (Cable) 12, on Fridays at 7:30 P.M. This television network for the deaf is broadcast all over the United States. Sioux City, however, is only the second Iowa community to have this program. Dubuque is the other.

The two hour program features four (4) different segments: OFF HAND is a celebrity talk show with deaf host Herb Larson; FESTIVAL is an exciting show for deaf children hosted by Ed Waterstreet; SAY It

with SIGN is sign instruction in your home; HEAR DOG teaches you how to make your dog your ears, and MUSIGN is a musical variety show. Plans are being made to show on this network a weekly news program, a game show, and a soap opera.

Deaf Mosaic, the television magazine program for and about deaf people, has received an EMMY award from the Washington chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The program, a production of Gallaudet University's Department of Television, Film and Photography, was recognized as the outstanding independent production of 1986-87.

In its third year of production, it has significantly expanded its availability to the deaf community with the addition of regular broadcasts on the Discovery Channel cable network. Deaf Mosaic continues to be seen on nearly 100 PBS affiliated broadcast stations and selected cable television systems throughout the U.S., Canada, and Japan.

The half hour program features personalities, issues and cultural events of interest to deaf people. Each monthly edition includes stories about interesting people, significant cultural and artistic achievements, deaf history, and social and political issues that affect millions of deaf and hearing impaired Americans.

Deaf Mosaic is also available on videocassette for individuals, schools, libraries and other organizations. For more information about these tapes contact: Department of Television, Film and Photography; Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE Washington, DC 20002. (202) 651-5115 (v/td)

This is a reminder that the Northwest Regional Library has a tdd and its number is 712-279-6186. Please feel free to call us or contact your local library for answers to factual questions such as how to treat stains, the ingredients in a recipe, directions to any place, historical data, how to build a house, obtain a phone number, an address, or any other piece of information. I am in the Northwest Regional Library office every Wednesday from 9:00 AM -2:30 PM. Other regional staff members can take your tdd request any time from 8:00 -5:00 Monday through Friday. Other Northwest Iowa libraries that have tdds are Storm Lake 712-732-2125, Pocahontas 712-335-4471 and Rock Valley 712-476-5651.

My husband Bob and I were fortunate to be able to attend the National Association of the Deaf Convention that was held last year in Salt Lake City. A device that helped to make the proceedings more enjoyable was the simultaneous captioning of the presentors. The captions then were displayed on a large screen. Therefore those who sat way in the back were able to follow the presentations. There were three workshops that I particularly enjoyed at the Salt Lake Meeting. One was the "Library, the Flavor of Freedom for the Deaf Community" given by Alice Hagemeyer, Librarian for the Deaf Community, D.C. Public Library and President of Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action. The second was "Financial Planning" by Lois Schwartz, the only deaf person who is licensed as a financial planner. The third was given by

Vicky Hurwitz. This last workshop was recorded for the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. They wanted our ideas and suggestions about health care access for deaf people. Subjects discussed were how to improve access, increase awareness of health care, decrease communication barriers, and expand understanding of health issues and topics.

I strongly encourage deaf people to go to their state and national conventions. The next national meeting will be held in Charleston, South Carolina in July 1988.

In addition to the many closed captioned videos that the region has, there is also a collection of 77 books about and on deafness. If you wish a listing of these titles call the Northwest Regional Library at (712)279-6186 (v/td).

Gallaudet University Press has announced that it will be selling 5000 sign language books--designed primarily for "hearing" children--to B. Dalton Bookseller and Waldenbooks nationwide. The two books, I Can Sign My ABC's, by Susan Gibbons Chaplin, and My First Book of Sign, by Pamela J. Baker, contain brightly-colored illustrations of the American Sign Language alphabet and 150 dictionary-style alphabetized signs, respectively, to help young children learn the language of the hearing impaired population. First published last fall, both books are now in their second printing--with more than 15,000 copies in print. These titles were recently featured on ABC's Good Morning America and in an article in the May 10, 1987 issue of the Washington Post Book World.

## Hearing Impaired Notes

Hearing Impaired Notes or Hi Notes is an excellent practical newsletter useful to the general hearing impaired public as well as for the librarian or other service professional committed to serving this special population. In its first issue dated November 1986, Hi Notes states its purpose is to contain "new materials announcements, purchase recommendations, articles on libraries which have special services for hearing impaired people, contributions and questions from readers of this newsletter, and news items from special publications for the deaf." Hi Notes is one of the services of the Awareness Project of the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville, Illinois. The publication is quarterly and copies of it can be obtained by contacting the Northwest Regional Library in Sioux City, Iowa. Following are sample news items that were printed in the November '86 and Jan. '87 issues.

**TOO MANY BOXES:** Now deaf TV viewers can have two boxes in one: a caption decoder built into a VHS video recorder. For more information, call or write: Instant Replay, 2951 South Bayshore Drive, 8th Floor, Miami, FL 33133. The Telephone number is (303)448-7088.

**DESCRAMBLERS ZAP TELECAPTION 11 DECODERS:** Certain cable TV descrambling systems are interfering with some Telecaption 11 decoders. However, any decoders now being assembled will work fine with pay TV descramblers. If you know someone with a cable pay-TV problem who has a Telecaption 11 decoder you should tell that person to write to: Cable TV Scrambling, Nation Captioning Institute, 5203 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Va. NCI needs to know name, address, name of cable TV company, and decoder serial number.

**PARENTING PUBLICATION:** "Confident Parenting: a Behavior Management Guide for Parents of Deaf and Hard of Hearing," written by Roberta Thomas and published by the Action Alliance for Parents of Deaf is now available from the American Society for Deaf Children, 814 Thayer Avenue, Silver Spring, Md 20910. The price of \$6.00 includes postage and handling.

**BOOKLETS AND A BIBLIOGRAPHY:** The National Information Center on Deafness (NICD) has three new booklets about deafness written for children, as well as an annotated bibliography of children's books about deafness, hearing loss, or hearing impaired people. Contact the NICD at Gallaudet University, 800 Florida Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. 20002 or call (202) 651-5108 (v/td)

**DEAF PARENTS?:** Children of Deaf Parents (CODA) is a recently established organization which focuses on subjects related to hearing children of deaf parents. Their goal is equal rights for deaf individuals and their families. For more information contact CODA.c/o M. Brother, P.O. Box 30715, Santa Barbara, CA. 93130.

**INEXPENSIVE SIGN LANGUAGE TAPE:** "Say it by Signing" is as good an introduction to sign language as we have ever seen, and the price is right. This hour-long video tape costs around \$30.00 and is available from Crown Publishers, 34 Engelhard Avenue, Avenel, NJ. 07001. Dramatized lessons show sign language in use in common situations.

**SIGNED STORIES FOR CHILDREN:** A videotape of 10 children's books has been produced by the Hearing Handicapped Program of the Dayton Public Schools. Seven of the stories are signed and three use Cued Speech. A split screen showing

the signer and the book are presented on one tape. The tape (VHS or Beta) is available for purchase for only \$35.00 (shipping included) from: Dr. Robert Wood, SOITA Instructional TV, Miami University, Oxford, Oh. 45056.

**FUTURISTIC INTERPRETER?:** A researcher at the University of Northern Illinois has developed a system which uses a computer to recognize spoken words and then present those words on the video screen in American Sign Language.

Since the region began circulating closed captioned videos, they have circulated over 700 tapes. In response to that demand the region has purchased additional videos. Following is the list of new titles:

Aerobisign  
Against all Odds  
All the Right Moves  
Bachelor Party  
Bandolero  
Breakheart Pass  
Cats Eye  
Children of a Lesser God  
A Chorus Line  
Deafula  
Doll Maker  
8 Million Ways to Die  
Extremities  
Festival  
Star Trek III.  
The Great Whales  
The Graduate  
Heart is a Lonely Hunter  
Hunters Blood  
Indian Jones and the Temple of Doom

The system can also be used without voice input by typing words on the computer keyboard. The program runs on Apple II computers and animates over 2100 words.

The above are just a small selection of the many interesting items covered in the first two issues of HI Notes. If you are interested in seeing a copy of this publication contact: the Northwest Regional Library, 6th and Jackson St., Sioux City, Iowa 51105 or (712)279-6186 (v/td).

Iron Eagle  
Its Music to Your Ears  
Jane Fonda's New Workout  
Man Hunter  
The Man with One Red Shoe  
The Morning After  
Musign  
Oxford Blues  
Please Don't Hit Me Mom  
Police Academy  
River  
Run Away  
St. Elmo's Fire  
Strawberry Shortcake and Baby  
without a Name  
Teachers  
Top Gun  
Where Did I Come From?  
Year of the Dragon



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## RESOURCE LISTS

Following are two lists of business addresses; one is on aids and devices for the Hearing Impaired and the other is on materials related to sign language. The first list includes the addresses of companies that supply a wide range of aids and devices to assist the Hearing Impaired. Interested persons may wish to contact them to get their catalogs, brochures and flyers on items such as tdds, telecaption decoders, bed vibrators, wake-up alarms, baby criers, doorbell signalers, fire/smoke alarms, burglar alarms, phone signalers, answering machines, and etc.

### AIDS AND DEVICES

Lee Communications  
1108 S. Grandview  
Papillion, NE 68046  
402-592-4453

TDD Representative  
Charles G. Doering  
1046 Mayfield Ave  
Omaha, NE 68132

Harris Communications  
3255 Hennepin Ave. Suite 55  
Minneapolis, MN 55408  
612-825-5867 (Voice)  
612-825-8791 (TDD)

National Flashing Signal System  
8120 Fenton St. LL-100  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-589-6671 (Voice)  
301-589-6670 (TDD)

KE Notifier Series  
2801 Berry St.  
Sioux City, IA 51103  
712-255-6642 (V/TDD)

Iowa Tel-Com Company  
1940 A Ave. NE  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
319-363-3776

Dunnington's TDD &  
Signalers Sales  
3621 Alsace  
Sioux City, IA 51104  
712-277-3176 (V/TDD)

Sonic Alert, Inc.  
209 Voorheis  
Pontiac, MI 48053  
313-858-8957 (V/TDD)

Potomac Telecom, Inc.  
1010 Rockville Pike  
Suite 401  
Rockville, MD 20852  
301-762-4005 (Voice)  
301-762-0851 (TDD)

National Catalog House  
of the Deaf  
4300 North Kilpatrick Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60641  
312-283-2907 (Voice)  
312-679-5021 (TDD)

Deaf Factory Store  
6100 Westchester Park Drive  
Suite T-2  
College Park, MD 20740  
202-244-8529 (Voice or TDD)

Krown Research, Inc. Inc.  
6300 Arizona Circle  
Los Angeles, CA 900459  
213-641-4306 (Voice or TDD)  
1-800-344-3277

Phone-TTY, Inc  
202 Lexington Ave.  
Hackensack, NJ 07601  
201-489-7889 (Voice or TDD)

American Communications Corp.  
180 Roberts St.  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
203-289-3491 (Voice or TDD)

HiTec Group  
801 North Cass Ave. Suite 21  
Westmont, IL 60559  
312-654-8833 (Voice)  
312-825-8791 (TDD)

Ultratec, Inc.  
6442 Normandy Lane  
Madison, WI 53719-1119  
608-273-0707 (Voice or TDD)

## SIGN LANGUAGE SPECIALTY SHOPS

Alinda Press  
 P.O. Box 553  
 Eureka, CA 95502-0553  
 707-443-2510 (Voice/TDD)

D.E.A.F., Inc.  
 108 East 7th St.  
 St. Paul, MN 55101  
 612-224-2515 (TDD)  
 612-224-3156 (Voice)

Fantastic Images  
 P.O. Box 2310  
 Hayattsville, MD 20784  
 301-345-4539 (Voice)  
 301-731-4669 (TDD)

Sign Language Shoppe  
 P.O. Box 371  
 East Islip, NY 11730

Revelt Specialities  
 4155 Rocky River  
 Cleveland, OH 44135  
 216-476-0798 (TDD)

Gallaudet College Bookstore  
 800 Florida Ave  
 Washington, D.C. 20002  
 202-651-5176 (Voice/TDD)

Sign-n-Spell  
 Dunnington  
 3621 Alsace  
 Sioux City, IA 51104  
 712-277-3176 (Voice/TDD)

Harper Crafts  
 P.O. Box 212  
 Ft. Atkinson, Wisc. 53538  
 414-563-6189 (TDD)

Joy Enterprises, Inc.  
 3800 North Fairfax Dr. #1301  
 Arlington, VA 22203  
 703-528-4220

Avraham Enterprises Company  
 P.O. Box 372  
 Fort Washington, PA 19034  
 215-641-0930 (TDD)

Center Gift Shop  
 10100 Dee Road  
 Des Plaines, IL 60016  
 312-297 1022 (Voice/TDD)

Finger Talk, Inc.  
 5104 Cedar St.  
 P.O. Box 1138  
 Bellaire, TX 77401  
 713-660-9053 (Voice)  
 713-660-9068 (TDD)

The Glad Bookstore  
 616 S. Westmoreland Ave.  
 Los Angeles, CA 90005  
 213-383-2220 (Voice/TDD)

LCTOM Studio  
 4109 Dahill Road  
 Wheaton, MD 20906

Sign Up Bookstore, Inc.  
 2490 Channing Way, #516  
 Berkeley, CA 94704  
 415-845-7715 (Voice/TDD)

National Ass'n of the Deaf  
 814 Thayer Ave.  
 Silver Spring, MD 20910  
 301-587-1788 (Voice/TDD)

White Mare, Inc.  
 1 Hilcrest Ave.  
 Woodstock, NY 12498  
 914-679-7604 (Voice)  
 914-679-5405 (TDD)

Manual Alphabet Quilt Pattern  
 % Helen Sewell  
 3311 Doolin Dr. Apt. A  
 Austin, TX 78704  
 512-442-2677 (TDD)

The Sign Language Shoppe  
 1307 South Sterling Street  
 Morganton, NC 28655  
 704-433-5110 (Voice/TDD)

Charlie's Associates  
 5884 Johnson Street  
 Hollywood, FL 33021  
 305-963-5043 (TDD)