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# Erratum and Forum

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# ERRATUM

The name of one of the authors of the article "Mainstreaming the Young Hearing-Impaired Child: An Intensive Study" was inadvertently misspelled in the January 1985 (Volume 18, Number 3) issue. The name of the author should read, Anne K. Soderman, Ph.D. Our apologies to Dr. Soderman.

# FORUM

Hopefully, most readers of the JOURNAL have noticed that they have not received the July or October issues. The reason for this, very simply, is that the JOURNAL has not been printed for those two months. The reason the JOURNAL has not been printed is that there has not been enough money available to pay the printer for the job. The financial picture has improved, somewhat, so we are able to resume publication.

In order to keep things 'organized', among other reasons, we are publishing a July-October issue with this number and will be publishing a January-April issue with the next number. In this way, we will be able to catch up to our regular schedule, maintain some consistency in volumes, and effect a financial benefit to ADARA and, thus, ease the financial burden to a degree which will be, we trust, helpful.

We hope you, the ADARA member, JOURNAL subscriber, and/or reader, understand the necessity for this action and approve.

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## HOLIDAY INN HOTEL SYSTEM UNVEILS NEW VISUAL ALERT SYSTEM FOR HEARING-IMPAIRED GUESTS

The Holiday Inn hotel system has announced the development of a visual alert system (VAS) especially designed to assist the deaf or hard-of-hearing traveler.

The multiple-function system, the first of its kind in the hotel industry, alerts the hearing-impaired person to a smoke alarm, a door knock, or a telephone ring through use of a sound-activated receiver housed in a small, portable box. A strobe light encased in the electronic unit flashes when any of the functions are initiated.

"The visual alert system, which has been under study at Holiday Inns Inc. for almost a year, answers the special concerns of the deaf or hard-of-hearing traveler," said Alan Kirkpatrick, Washington Region vice president of the Holiday Inn Hotel Group. "Even with the current public interest in disabled citizens and their rights, the hearing-impaired population is often overlooked because theirs is an invisible handicap. The VAS is simple to operate and will provide an unprecedented level of comfort and security for our hearing-impaired guests."

Holiday Inns will place the VAS units in 123 company-owned or -managed hotels by July 1 and also will make it available to the chain's franchise hotels. There will be no charge to the guest for use of the system. Signage in the hotel lobby will inform guests when the VAS is available.

The alert system was tested at various Holiday Inn hotels and at several schools for the deaf over the past year by the company's research and development department. The system was developed by Customized Engineering Services of Laurel, Md.

The VAS is encased in a high-impact plastic and blends in with contemporary hotel room furnishings. The units are sized for a bedside table or credenza. A series of red lights on top of the electronic box indicate which alert function is in progress.

The Holiday Inn hotel system has been an industry leader in providing services for the handicapped traveler. Holiday Inn was the first hotel chain to equip special rooms for the wheelchair traveler and the first chain to make room reservations via Telecommunication Devices for the Deaf (TDD). Some 30,000 TDD users made reservations at Holiday Inn hotels last year.

# THE ELECTRONIC INDUSTRIES FOUNDATION SEEKS NEW ASSISTIVE DEVICES

The Electronic Industries Foundation Rehabilitation Engineering Center (EIF/REC) is interested in identifying new assistive devices, with and without electronic components, which could impact the lifestyle, productivity and health of persons with disabilities. Responding to a national need identified by the National Institute of Handicapped Research (NIHR), the Electronic Industries Foundation established a non-profit, NIHR-supported Rehabilitation Engineering Center. The Center works to facilitate the transfer of promising new devices to the marketplace by stimulating private industry participation in the production and marketing of assistive devices. A primary goal of the Center is to increase the availablility of safe, effective, reasonably-priced devices which can meet the needs of numerous persons with disabilities. Individuals or organizations who have developed prototypes with broad applicability are invited to contact Robert Mills, 1901 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20006, (202) 955-5825. Proprietary information will be protected. Suggestions should be limited to devices completed as working prototypes which are not already in production and which have not been licensed to a manufacturing firm.