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The newsletter of the award winning Hearing Loss Association of Albuquerque

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50+ All hearing loss is not the same.....

There's hearing loss and then there's "senior" hearing loss and they may not be the same. The listening needs of baby boomers and of seniors are often unique to their age group. What makes such loss different, and the help that's available to deal with it, is the major clinical and research interest of Dr. Patricia Kricos, the president of the American Academy of Audiology and our very special guest speaker for the chapter's March meeting.

In her remarks, Dr. Kricos will focus on the many factors that create listening difficulties for those over fifty and offer suggestions for addressing those factors to lessen listening difficulties.

Dr. Kricos is a professor of audiology at the University of Florida in Gainesville and received her Ph.D. degree from Ohio State University (1973). She is currently President of the American Academy of Audiology and also serves on the Advisory Council of the Better Hearing Institute and the Ida Institute, and as a Professional Advisor for the Hearing Loss Association of Florida Board of Trustees.



March speaker Dr. Pat Kricos

In order for area hearing care providers to meet and visit with Dr. Kricos, following her presentation to the chapter, an informal luncheon and reception exclusively for hearing care professionals will be held followed by a presentation on the benefits to both hearing care professionals and their clients when they counsel those clients on loop technology and how, by using the telecoils already in most hearing aids, they can double the functionality of those devices and hear better. Be sure to attend to meet and hear from this very special presenter.....

WHEN: Saturday, March 19 - 10 a.m.

WHERE: Los Altos Christian Church - 11900 Haines Ave. NE

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Saturday, April 16

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Saturday, May 14



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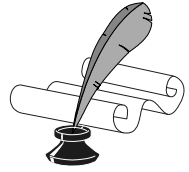
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president's message



by *Gloria Inlow*

It was with great pleasure that I assumed the responsibility of President of the HLAAbq. I had been attending meetings on and off for several years after my granddaughter started experiencing hearing problems.

I wanted to learn everything I could about hearing loss and the various associated assistive technologies in order to maximize her ability to be able to function in all aspects of her life.

During my short involvement with this organization I have come to appreciate the hard work and dedication of everyone having a position on the board as well as those who help to make things happen. It is energizing to work with these professionals to identify and plan interesting and timely topics for presentation by local and national experts.

We are blessed to have the opportunity to hear and participate in forums that provide such crucial information for our hard-of-hearing community. It is truly a testament to each person's unselfish dedication to our cause.

I have very mixed feelings about the fact that I will only be able to stay involved with HLAAbq until the summer. Until then, however, I will be very much involved with both completing the program schedule for 2011 and planning programs for fall of 2011 and spring of 2012.

I want to thank the board members and professional associates for taking me by the hand and teaching me so much. They deserve the highest praise for the wonderful priority they place on their efforts advocating for individuals with hearing loss. I will miss working toward our common goals and look forward to rejoining the organization again in the future.

We welcome your ideas for desired program topics or ways to improve our forums. In the meantime we will be busy with ongoing programs, which we believe will enhance your needs.

I look forward to having you join us at this month's meeting to benefit from that Dr. Kricos has to share with us. Her willingness to travel to new Mexico to speak to our chapter is a testament to the high regard that she and the American Academy of Audiology have for the work that we and other HLAA chapters do in providing education, outreach and advocacy for those with hearing loss.

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NATIONAL HLAA NEWS:

Access to the Airlines – Are We There Yet?

Condensed from the blog of Lise Hamilin at HLAA

EDITOR'S NOTE: With vacation season fast approaching, HLAA has been working to get you better treatment by the airlines..

To ensure better treatment for hard of hearing airline travelers, the Hearing Loss Association of America participated in the US Department of Transportation's (DOT) forum on the Air Carrier Access Act (ACAA), "Working Together to Improve Air Travel for Passengers with Disabilities".

HLAA joined other members of the disability community, airline representatives and staff from DOT, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and the Justice Department. All were people with a stake in access to air travel for those with disabilities and HLAA participate in a panel discussion of access issues.

People with hearing loss have seen some improvements over the last few years. Some airlines are providing more visual display of information at the gate. In newer planes, we are beginning to see visual display showing not only seat belt use, but when to shut down your electronics. That's great – it takes the guesswork out of figuring out when to shut off that cell phone. On some International flights we're beginning to see seat-back access to movies with a choice of captioning. When emergency information is provided on a video, that video is now required to be captioned.

HLAA strongly objects to rules that require self-identification of individuals with hearing loss at every point in the process. We object to self identification not only because it puts the onus on the individual to declare their hearing loss but because it doesn't work.

HLAA's position is that all audible announcements should be accessible via text – and not just canned announcements, but live announcements - at the gate, on the aircraft, and at the baggage area. In areas that can be looped, looping should be provided. In addition, when an airline provides videos, there should be an option to caption those videos. We know it can

be done. The technology is there. It's time for the air carriers to step up to the plate.

We also believe that better and more on-point training should be provided to airline staff. We have received reports that current training does a good job of informing staff about the law, but does less well letting them know how to interact with people with different disabilities.

At DOT's forum, it was emphasized that consumers need to send complaints in – or things won't change. **DOT says they receive very few complaints from people with hearing loss.** To file a complaint, go to:

<http://airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/escomplaint/es.cfm>

Young adults wanted for a survey about their use of hearing aids

A research team from the University of California , Auburn University, and the University of Arkansas is conducting a study about hearing aid use and satisfaction in young adults with hearing loss and has asked HLAA for help in finding participants. The survey is for 18 to 35 year-olds with hearing loss who either: currently use hearing aids; used hearing aids in the past; or, have never used hearing aids. To participate, to go:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9L9W87P>

The team will share the results with HLAA and we'll report the findings in a future issue of this e-News.

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Assistive Technology

by Steve Frazier, Hearing Loss Support Specialist

Use Your Smartphone to Adjust your CI

Have you ever dreamed that one day we'll have a single "remote" that interfaces to everything - TV, ATM, car, etc.? We're not there yet, but the folks at UT Dallas are making a start with a system to adjust a cochlear implant using a smartphone.

Many cochlear implant users may soon be able to easily modify the settings on their hearing devices using a smartphone interface, selecting one setting for a bustling restaurant, another for a hushed library.

Ten health-care and research facilities across the U.S. are slated to participate in clinical trials of the technology, pending Food and Drug Administration approval, says Dr. Philip Loizou, director of the Cochlear Implant Lab at UT Dallas and principal investigator for the \$2.5 million project, which is funded by the National Institutes of Health.

The technology, which centers on creating an interface between mobile devices and FDA-approved cochlear implants manufactured by Cochlear Ltd., replaces the speech processor that cochlear implant users wear behind the ear.

Loizou's research focuses on developing new speech- and sound-processing strategies that further improve the levels of speech performance, particularly in noisy environments. "The new technology will provide a great deal of flexibility to cochlear implant users to change the programs in their device as they please and thus to optimize their listening experience in different environments,"

Loizou (is) a professor of electrical engineering in the Erik Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science and holder of the Cecil and Ida Green Chair. Collaborating on the project are two of Loizou's electrical engineering colleagues, Dr. Nasser Kehtarnavaz and Dr. Hoi Lee.

Researchers at Arizona State University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison are also collaborating on the clinical trials. Clinical trial sites will include Duke University, the University of Washington, Arizona State, New York University and Ohio State University. The Cochlear Implant Lab is expected to be part of the growing amount of interdisciplinary research that results from the creation in 2009 of UT Dallas' Department of Bioengineering.

Condensed from an article in HOH-LD-News Vol. 46, Issue 7, 2/12/11

Hearing loss friendly meeting space available at no charge

Finding a rent free space for meetings is difficult for groups with hard of hearing members where an assistive listening system is needed or where other access problems are encountered.. The ATS conference room could be the answer to this problem.

The space is at ground level with close by disabled parking and is wheel chair or walker accessible. It is looped and has a projector, screen and grease board. (a "white board" or "dry erase board" to some). CART and/or ASL interpreting can also be arranged . The room size is 32' x 24' and it can seat anywhere from 24 to 60 people depending on the configuration desired.



The conference room adjacent to their new showroom at 3301 Menaul Blvd. is available at no charge for Board meetings, workshops, socials, etc.. Any group- or individual interested in

reserving the room or wanting more information on the room should contact Romy Pierce, Executive Director of New Mexico Relay Network, the parent company of ATS Resources at (505) 292-0298 or by email at rpierce@nmrninc.org.

ATS Resources is a 501(c)(3) non-profit provider of services to the hard of hearing, deaf, speech impaired and low vision communities.

Find Netflix InstantWatch movies with subtitles

Recent Netflix price increases for DVD rentals have caused many to turn to the InstantWatch feature of Netflix where an increasing number of movies and TV shows are available by video streaming through its InstantWatch service but not all of these movies and shows are captioned.

Now there's a blog that lists all of the movies currently known to be available via InstantWatch that have English SDH ("subtitles for the deaf or hard of hearing") as well as silent movies and popular foreign films with open subtitles.

<http://tinyurl.com/26n6ahp> is the address for the blog where you'll find the instructions and a well-organized list of movies available for viewing.



Coordinator's Comments

By Steve Frazier, NM HLAA State Coordinator

It's time to get with it !

Email is the greatest thing for the hard of hearing since hearing aids. It even works for those where hearing aids may not.....

Just a few years ago only about 25% of HLAA members had email (or at least shared their email address with us). Today that figure stands at over 76%. Those who have ventured into cyberspace, now have access to information, entertainment, friends and families like never before.

Email is the greatest thing for the hard of hearing since hearing aids. It even works for those where hearing aids may not, and lets the hard of hearing keep in touch with friends and family when the phone just can't cut the mustard.

Computers can be expensive but you can pick one up at a thrift store for just a few bucks that will be more than adequate for email. If you don't want to do that,

there are computers available for you to use free of charge at your local library or senior center and there are classes on email at those senior centers.

If you want to write to all your relatives you can do it with a single email. Want to receive a newsletter on hearing loss? You can do it via email. If you're ready for a little adventure, you can move on into the Internet itself and have a huge reference library right at your fingertips.

Want to know the mileage from Albuquerque to Kansas City? It's just a touch of the keyboard away. Want to watch that TV program you missed? It's probably available on the Internet.

Most movies are not captioned but there's a web site where you can find out what captioned movies are playing in Albuquerque. It's called Captionfish (<http://www.captionfish.com>) and you can even check it on your iPhone with an app (that's technospeak for "application") available on the Apple Store download site. You can stay on top of the latest in captioned entertainment by subscribing to the monthly Captionfish e-mail newsletter. Elsewhere in this newsletter is information on captioned movies and TV shows you can actually watch on your computer.

You're never too old to learn something new! Give it some thought, you may decide it's time to get with it and join the computer revolution.....

Advocacy for the hard of hearing - you can make a difference

The February meeting topic was advocacy - making the needs of the hard of hearing known and getting them addressed by individuals, business and government. The speaker, Joan Haber, is a national award winner for her own advocacy efforts in Florida.

Joan recommended that all hard of hearing people develop a "30 second elevator speech" to give to people in a position to improve hearing access for the HoH. She used such a speech when she found herself alone in an elevator with the Florida Governor Jebb Bush. That encounter resulted in the creation of the Florida Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

She has been joined by others in Florida to advocate for improvements in TV captioning and in making airports and other facilities more accessible to those with hearing loss.

Joan stressed that every voice counts and that everyone present at the meeting needs to speak up and

make others aware of the needs of the HoH whether it be asking that the captions be turned on on the TV in a sports bar or turning the music down in a restaurant.

Ask for an assistive listening device or system when attending city council or other government meeting and complain to the proper individual if it is not available.

She stressed that thanking those who do make accommodations is important - do it in that sports bar or restaurant. Ask for the manager and say thank you at the theater for running the captioned movie or for providing headsets for the HoH.

Beyond these simple steps, Joan suggested people take the Americans with Disabilities Act Basics online course (<http://www.adabasics.org/>) to familiarize themselves with the provisions of this landmark law.

Super Bowl captioning of commercials improving

There were some reports prior to the Super Bowl that all commercials on the broadcast of the game would be captioned this year. Those reports turned out to be mistaken and, although more commercials than ever were captioned, there were still many that were not.

This year there were 68 commercials on the Super Bowl broadcast according to www.captions.com of which 75% were captioned. That percentage is up from 66% in 2010 and only 49% in 2009. 2008 saw only 33% captioned so each year there has been improvement.

Each year there have been one or more commercials with no spoken words so they slightly inflate the number of uncaptioned commercials. Captions.com reports that it costs \$2.7 million to purchase air time for a 30 second commercial during the game. The cost to caption that ad is estimated to be \$200.

That \$200 would seem to be well spent when some

commercials are so loud that even those with good hearing turn them off. If, to accommodate a hard of hearing viewer or to be able to understand what's said over the roar of the crowd, viewers have captions turned on on their TCV, they'll still get the advertiser's message.

Want to know who didn't care to accommodate the hard of hearing and the deaf with captions?

[Dairy Queen](#)
[Chevrolet Cruze](#)
[Xfinity](#)
[Just go with it \(movie\)](#)
[Pizza Hut](#)
[Ford F150](#)
[Battlela.com](#) (movie)
[NFLrush.com](#)
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Hearing aids and dementia

This is not necessarily happy news and it's scary to learn that recent research indicates people who are hard of hearing have an increased risk of developing dementia as they age.

Reuters News says 10 percent of those over 70 have some degree of dementia but a recent study has raised the hope that wider use of hearing aids could actually reduce that percentage.

With funding from the National Institute on Aging, Dr. Frank R. Lin, an ear surgeon at Johns Hopkins University, followed more than 600 men and women over an average of 12 years. None suffered from dementia and all had a hearing test done at the study's outset.

During the next 12 years, 9 percent of the group developed some type of dementia - most commonly Alzheimer's disease. The study found that the worse their hearing was, the greater their risk.

Those with mild hearing loss had nearly twice the chance of developing dementia compared to people with normal hearing - even after ruling out the influence of age and other factors. The risk increased three-fold for those with moderate hearing loss and

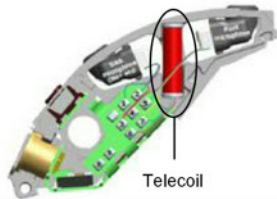
five-fold for severe impairment. When asked if hearing loss means you'll develop dementia? Dr. Lin said. "Absolutely not! But is your risk increased? You betcha."

- Three different possibilities all seem likely to be responsible for the link.
- Hearing loss and dementia might share a common, unknown cause.
- Hard of hearing elderly people might have extra difficulties coping with declining mental function.
- The social isolation and loneliness sometimes caused by hearing loss could fuel the dementia.

The last two possibilities have caused Dr. Lin to ask, "If you treat hearing loss, could you possibly delay the onset of dementia?" He is now running an experiment to get an answer as it could have a profound impact on public health and healthcare spending.

It's well known that only a minority of those who would benefit from hearing aids actually have and wear them. Dr. Lin said, "We really need to begin studying what the exact mechanism is. And we need to begin studying whether hearing aids could have an effect on the onset of dementia."

SOURCE: Could hearing aids delay dementia? Reuters News - Feb. 15, 2011



Invites you to GET IN THE HEARING LOOP

Loop New Mexico is a Hearing Loss Association of Albuquerque campaign to increase awareness and use of hearing loops in both public and private settings to improve their accessibility to those with hearing loss. If you have never experienced using a hearing loop, a visit to any of the facilities listed below will show you how beneficial the presence of a loop can be to your ability to hear the proceedings.

To learn more about hearing loops and telecoils, pick up a telecoils brochure from the information table or visit these web sites: www.HLAAabq.com/LoopNM.html, www.HearingLoop.org, www.hearingloss.org/learn/hearingaids.asp, www.audiology.org/resources/consumer/Pages/factsheets.aspx.

Venues known to Loop New Mexico to have some form of induction loop technology in use

(It should be noted that this list is never up to date as new systems are going on line regularly)

Albuquerque Center for Spiritual Living
Albuquerque Little Theater
Albuquerque Marriott
Abiding Word Lutheran Church
ATS Resources
Auditorium at the V.A. Hospital complex
Bank of Las Vegas
Bethlehem Lutheran Church - Los Alamos
Calvary Baptist Church - Alamogordo
Christ United Methodist Church
Christ Unity Church
Deaf Culture Center
Fair Valley Church
Faith Lutheran Church
Family & Community Services
First Methodist Church - Belen
First Presbyterian Church
First Unitarian Church
Good Shepard Lutheran Church

Hearing Loss Association of Albuquerque
Hispanic Cultural Center Journal Theater
Hispano Chamber of Commerce
Immaculate Heart of Mary RC Church –
Los Alamos
Las Cruces Church of Christ
LaVida Liena
Los Alamos National Labs
Los Alamos County conference room
Los Altos Christian Church
Metro Court - Room 900
Meadowlark Senior Center- Rio Rancho
Montgomery Church of Christ
New Mexico Relay Network
Northeast Church of Christ
NM Commission for Deaf and HoH
Our Lady of the Annunciation RC Church
Popejoy Hall
Prince of Peace Roman Catholic Church

Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church
Saint Andrew Presbyterian Church
Saint Anne's RC Church - Santa Fe
Saint John's United Methodist Church
Saint John's Episcopal Cathedral
Saint John the Baptist RC Church
Saint Joseph's Catholic Church –
White Rock
Saint Joseph on the Rio Grande
Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal
Saint Paul Lutheran Church
Saint Paul's United Methodist Church
Sandia Baptist Church
Taylor Ranch Community Center
United Church of Los Alamos
Universalist Congregation of Santa Fe
UNM Mental Health Center
Well Spring Church - Las Cruces

HEARING CARE OFFICES KNOWN BY LOOP NEW MEXICO TO BE EQUIPPED TO DEMONSTRATE LOOP TECHNOLOGY

- Advanced Hearing Care of NM - waiting room looped in Roswell and fitting room looped in Las Cruces
- Albuquerque Hearing Associates - waiting room looped, loop in fitting room, neck loop available for demo.
- Albuquerque Speech, Language and Hearing - waiting room looped, loop in fitting room, neck loop available for demo.
- Beltone (East Side location) - neck loop available to demo.
- Costco Hearing Aid Centers - all Albuquerque locations equipped with neck loop.
- Wendy Gallegos Hearing - office and demo room looped.
- The Hearing Group of NM - fitting room looped.
- Las Cruces Hearing Center - waiting room looped and neck loop available for demo.
- Miracle Ear (Sears location) - neck loop available to demo technology.
- Premier Hearing - Albuquerque waiting room looped, neck loop and/or chair loop available for demo in Los Alamos and Santa Fe.
- Sandia Hearing Aids - Menaul and Coors locations have looped demo room.
- Sandia Hearing Aids - Las Cruces - chair loop for demo.
- SoundChoice Hearing - demonstration area looped.
- UNM Hospital Audiology - Neck loop available to demo technology.
- VA Hospital Audiology - neck, chair loops available to demo technology.
- Worth Hearing Center - waiting room looped.

Get in the Hearing Loop

A Joint Project of the
Hearing Loss Association
of America and the
American Academy
of Audiology

The hard of hearing can now hear in the darndest places

Hearing loops are showing up all over the map and in some really surprising places. Ticket windows at



Yankee stadium have been looped recently as has the 14,000 seat basket ball stadium at Michigan State University.

Some NYC subway information booths and even some taxi cabs are being looped and the information desk at that city's Metropolitan museum has been looped.



Loops abound in Europe and, in Israel, even some supermarket check out stands have been looped.



Back here in the state, Indian Trails, Inc. believes itself to be the first U.S. company to install hearing loop technology in a motor coach.

The operation of hearing loops in conjunction with the telecoils in most hearing aids was discussed on National Public Radio's Science Friday in July, 2010. "I was driving between sales calls when I heard the Science Friday program," said Jeff Deason, sales director for Indian Trails. "My father suffers from hearing loss and I thought it was a natural fit for a coach. I did a little research and it turns out that Michigan is a hotbed of hearing loop systems, with **almost all the churches on the west side of the state having had the system installed.** As church groups make up a large share of our business, it just makes sense."



Deason contacted Todd Billin, president of Hearing Loop Systems of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Billin worked with

The engineering firm Contacta, Inc. to come up with a motor coach solution.

The loop transmitter is attached to the audio and video systems of the bus and a user of a looped bus said, "While I found the bus to be quiet overall, without the loop, I was unable to understand either audio source through my hearing aids. With the [loop] installation, I experienced clean, clear sound from both the onboard audio-video system and the microphone."

Deason says Indian Trails' services include charters, tours, shuttles, airport transfers, casino runs and daily scheduled routes throughout Michigan and into Chicago as well as Milwaukee. With both charter and intercity service, he feels it is a great asset to Indian Trails customers to have the ability to hear announcements. "The cost is relatively small and it appears that there is very little maintenance required. It is in operation when the coach is running."

Here in New Mexico, over 50 churches and other venues have had hearing loops installed over the last several years. A list of them appears on the reverse side of this page.

Hearing loops work with a simple flip of a switch on your hearing aids.

For any not familiar with hearing loops and how they work with the telecoils in hearing aids in place of using a headset, pick up a copy of the new "The Telecoil" brochure on the information table at meetings or call 401-4195 to have a copy mailed.

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Hearing Loss Association of America
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Bethesda, Maryland 20814

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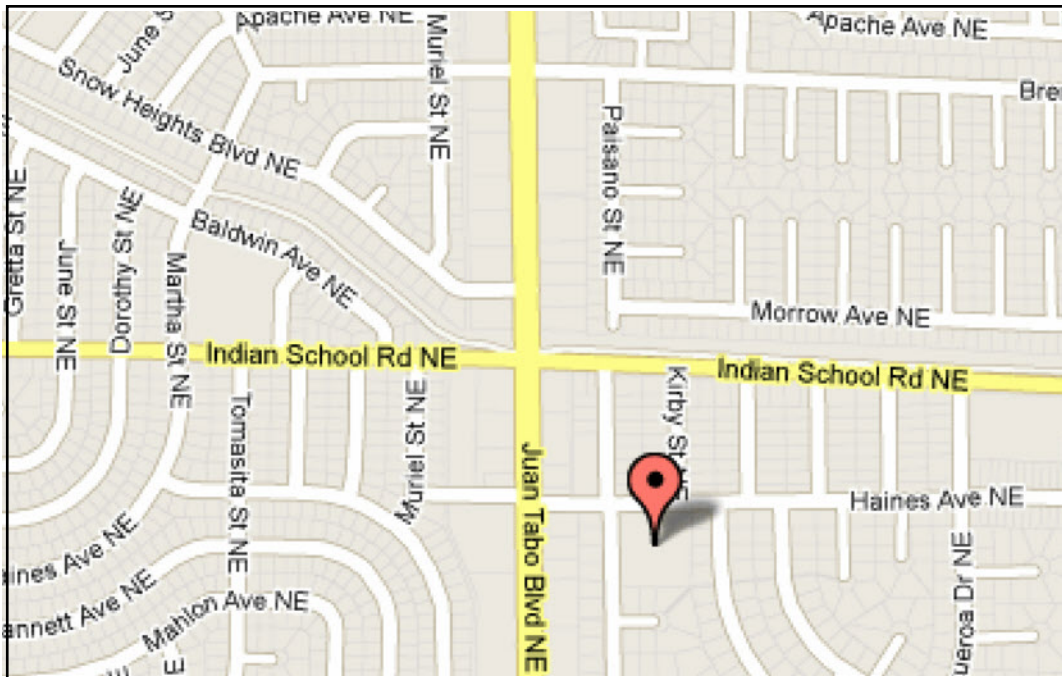
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