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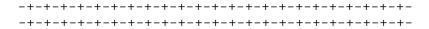
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News of the Week

Newly minted deaf Hungarian parliamentarian Adam Kosa is off to the races. In his very first speech at the European Parliament he blasted Slovakia's new language

He is saying that Slovakia is trying to suppress the rights of the minorities in choice of languages.

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We have deaf people that ride horses; we have deaf pilots; we have a world champion deaf motocross racer; we have deaf auto racers, and even two deaf players in the National Football League. These are "dangerous" sports, that even people that can hear also can get hurt.

This being said, Walt Disney World is saying that Segways is too dangerous for the deaf to use and is trying to enforce

Disability Rights Advocates for Technology is fighting this ruling in Florida.
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The government of Manitoba, in Canada, announced its commitment to supporting people with disabilities, the deaf included.  The government, while saying it supports the deaf, has not mentioned anything about helping the deaf while outlining its ambitious plans to help other disabled groups.
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their anti-deaf ruling via the courts!

NO INTERPRETER AT AUCTIONS

Could a deaf person participate at a hearing auction without an interpreter?

There is fast action at auctions, and it is easy for a hearing person to get lost!

But what about a deaf person? A deaf businessman told DeafDigest that he goes to auctions without an interpreter!

How? The auctioneers know him. And they use their fingers to tell the deaf person the price being bid, and will make sure the deaf person knows the price that has been bid.

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National Deaf Business Institute Re-launches Website Highlighting Deaf Business Owners

Media Contact: Ronald Sutcliffe, Executive Director mailto:execdir@ndbi.org

National Deaf Business Institute Re-launches Website Highlighting Deaf Business Owners

Washington, D.C. [July 4, 2009] - The National Deaf Business Institute (NDBI) is pleased to announce the re-launch of its website www.ndbi.org as developed by Viable, Inc, a deaf-owned and deaf-operated company that develops communication access technologies and provides video relay services. "This updated, user-friendly site allows us to share news of interest about deaf business owners," said Ronald Sutcliffe, NDBI executive director. "It'll also have a blog and allow us to bring together

deaf business owners around the nation to share ideas, thoughts and experiences."

NDBI was founded in 2002 with the purpose of helping deaf people develop skills to start, manage, and grow successful businesses. With the mission of advancing entrepreneurship by deaf people through education, research and outreach, NDBI's vision is to build economic power among deaf persons by helping increase business productivity. In order to instill a solid entrepreneurial spirit among deaf people, NDBI believes that it is critical for the community to have strong leaders and visible role models.

Experienced deaf entrepreneurs are also able to volunteer a few hours every week for any of our various programs for youth, college students, or

professionals.

"NDBI offers a variety of services to not only deaf business owners, but also to all deaf persons who work in the field of business, in both the public and private sectors," NDBI President Louis Schwarz said. "We strive

to develop and serve a community of deaf business leaders by offering programs that provide equal access to the resources available to any business owner. The programs also will provide tools deaf people can use to overcome barriers imposed by society."

Sutcliffe added, "We are really appreciative of the generosity exhibited by Viable, and are pleased they are equally committed to promoting the expansion of deaf business ownership in this country. This website is only one of many steps to this accomplishment, and we're very excited about the possibilities ahead of us."

Deaf business owners are encouraged to visit www.ndbi.org , enter their businesses in the directory, and share news about their businesses or professional accomplishments.

http://www.ndbi.org

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#### ALMOST A DEAF CIGARETTE

Many years ago a deaf chemist worked for a big cigarette company. He was analyzing the Virginia Slims cigarette and he had a great idea - a new cigarette that tasted like a bubble gum.

The chemist's supervisor liked the idea and formed a new research team to see if a "bubble gum-tasting cigarette" could be successful.

Unfortunately for the deaf chemist, the bubble gum cigarette was not successful because it would easily get spoiled quickly on the market.

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#### TAKING A HINT

Matt Roloff is well known for his Little People, Big World reality TV series.

He is an advocate for the rights and the needs of Little People, especially at hotels.

He would invite the hotel general managers to observe him and his wife, Amy, while they struggle to use the hotel room amenities - TV sets, bathrooms, closets, beds, etc.

Instead of lecturing, a simple demonstration of their daily struggles, is worth more than 10,000 words.

What about us, the deaf? We need interpreters, captions,

visual devices, etc.

Yes, we have ADA, but ADA does not replace attitudes!

## SHOCKING REVELATIONS ABOUT THE DEAF?

Do the hearing people need to be shocked about their deaf descendants?

The Mesa Regional Family History Center in Mesa, Arizona is just about the world's biggest archive of family history records.

A story was written up about this center in a newspaper not too long ago.

It mentioned that a hearing researcher discovering much to her surprise that her descendants, way back in the 17th century, were three deaf sisters accused of being witches and that one of them was found guilty and hung to death. Said the researcher:

I'm not anybody's judge. You really accept the people the way they are

She is correct. There are Deaf Skeletons in the Closet, just the same as Hearing Skeletons in the Closet!

# THESE GOOD OLD PRINTING DAYS

A newspaper headline was this:

San Francisco Chronicle Outsources Its Printing

In these good old (ITU) days of fifties and sixties, inexperienced deaf printers would move to San Francisco just to get jobs at the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper plant.

That newspaper had a reputation for leniency towards inexperienced deaf printers, and it was called the "school" job. Printers could learn enough after few months and then move on.

# YOUR PREFERENCE ON TV

Some programs are shown at the same time on two different cable channels.

And more often than not, on one channel, the captions are clear but the picture was bad, and on another channel the captions are lousy but the picture was clear.

Your preference? We, the deaf, would probably pick clear captions though being stuck with a lousy picture!

#### AHEM, SAY THAT AGAIN!

Tyson Gillies, also mentioned in yesterday's Blue edition, was given a good write up in the

newspapers for his participation in the minor league baseball all star game.

One newspaper said:

he has 35 percent hearing in one ear and 55 percent in other ear

The other newspaper said:

he has 70 percent hearing loss in one ear and 40 percent in the other ear

Huh! Loss in decibels was not mentioned; and is there a difference between having hearing in percentages and a hearing loss in percentages.

So much newspaper jumbo-mumbo.

#### SOAP OPERA VS REAL LIFE

An upcoming soap opera episode in "All My Children" involves two characters - Kendall and Ryan that bicker over their deaf son, Spike. Both Ryan and Kendall could not deal with their son's deafness and seek counsel of a family doctor.

In ending the mother refuses to call her son deaf and accuses her husband for being defeatist because he has accepted the deafness.

Pretty much sounds, sad to say, true in real life. DeafDigest editor has a distant cousin who split with his wife - because of the same issue - their son's deafness!

#### TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

(series to be run on a weekly basis until list of tales run out)

I had a very large order, approximately 20 pies to be delivered to a hotel. I knocked on the hotel room and all of a sudden many college kids swarmed all over me.

It was the Princeton University lacrosse team, staying overnight at a hotel before a big game the next day. They won the NCAA championship that year.

Yes, they tipped me very well

If you are a former Deaf Pizza Driver and have an interesting tale, please share it with:

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WHAT IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
it is like LeBron James beating a bunch of deaf mutes in wheelchairs in a game of basketball
this inappropriate comment was posted on a sports-related blog.
31st World's Largest ASL Silent Weekend in 2010 Signing Greeting Cards ASL and Interpreting DVDs

We had over 600 at the recent silent weekend.

The venue for the June 24-27, 2010 event will handle 700-1000 participants and include a medical interpreting track. Novice, beginning, intermediate and advanced ASL and ITP students, as well as interpreters (CEUs offered) will have around 150 hours of seminars to choose from.

The 31st Silent Weekend is at the Florida Hotel at the Florida Mall in Orlando with its huge food court allowing you to have a complete meal for \$5.99 instead of paying \$20-30 at other conferences' hotel prices. The room costs are even lower next year ... just \$105 with free parking and unlimited free internet!

Students and professionals seeking to improve their skills can bring family members and they can take novice sign language classes for just \$89 per person!

There will be group registration opportunities online after July 1 at www.DrSign.com . There are simply no other local, regional or national conferences offering you so many hours of classes as inexpensively as the Silent Weekends. Just

check them out!

Final details will be online beginning in August but the cost per person is as low as \$149 per person and exhibit tables at \$150.

Sign language DVDs are available online at http://www.DrSign.com - A brand new DVD "When 'Duck' is not Enough" to show you how to represent inanimate objects is now available.

The 8th Florida/Alaska Motorcycle Charity Run for deaf babies is currently under way.

See http://www.deseretnews.com/article/1,5143,705315218,00.html for an article from a newspaper.

See http://www.AlaskaBikeRun.com for updates and photos. These trips will take place every year so why not make plans to join us now in 2010 for a Bed and Breakfast tour?

Please browse our selection of signing greeting cards at: http://www.DrSign.com

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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

The North Carolina legislators are debating on a new piece of legislation that would allow the deaf to serve on the jury.

An issue raised by the opponents was the inability of the deaf to hear voice inflections among the witnesses.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

We have a few locations in USA that have a Deaf name.

Do click on:

http://deafdigest.com/deaf-names/

(on a rotating basis, a different DeafLibrary Page topic
will be featured every week)

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Hayk Hobosyan

deaf dancer, Albania

http://armenianow.com/?action=viewArticle&AID=3921&CID=3727&IID=1243&lng=eng

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Question of the week:

- Q. I have seen the word "lipspeaker". Is it the same as lipreading?
- A. No. It is the same as oral interpreting; this phrase is mostly used in United Kingdom.

send your questions to mailto:barry@deafdigest.com

the most interesting questions may be answered in future DeafDigest editions. Thank you.

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Wish List of the Week:

that all state commissions for the deaf provide the same high quality of services for the deaf and the hard of hearing.

some state commissions are great; other state commissions are not so great.

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1999 - after a run of nearly 20 years, the AMRAD, an organization of radio and electronics hobbyists based in Northern Virginia, but serving the Washington, DC area, unplugs the HEX BBS.

HEX BBS was a primitive e-mail service that served a small number of users in the Washington, DC area - for years - before the Internet became wildly popular.

This project was funded by Department of Education, and intended to provide email service for the Washington, DC deaf and disabled community. After the funding stopped, AMRAD continued operating it for years!

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Deaf and the Money:

\$3,000 - raised by the national Deaf Baseball Team of Cuba, by selling boxes of cigars at the 2000 World Deaf Baseball Championships that took place in Washington, DC.

The Cuban players needed hard cash to bring home hard-to-get consumer goods and which was why they, on the sly, sold these illegal Havana cigar boxes. Needless to say, these boxes sold like hot pancakes!

The World Deaf Baseball Championships is no longer being staged. Logistical and monetary issues prevented staging of future international deaf baseball classics.

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

 $10,000 \; \text{fans} - \text{expected}$  to attend the Deaflympics in Taiwan this coming September

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Superintendent position Arkansas School for the Deaf Little Rock, Arkansas

The Arkansas School for the Deaf invites applicants for the position of superintendent.

## Scope of Duties:

This position is responsible for planning and directing the development, delivery and administration of the educational and residential life programs and services of the school.

The Superintendent is responsible for establishing a residential and community environment conducive to learning and to the social and emotional development of children who are deaf/hard of hearing, or multi-handicapped, enrolled in specialized parent-infant, pre-school, elementary, secondary and pre-vocational programs.

The Superintendent reports to and advises the five member Board of Trustees and directs and coordinates all business and facilities management activities, and community relations activities. Consults on educational and technological issues and initiatives associated with the growth and development of children who are deaf/hard of hearing.

#### Minimum Requirements:

- Must hold a standard teaching license and a Building Level or Curriculum/Program Administrator License
- Must have four (4) years teaching experience with, preferably, Building Level or Curriculum/Program Administrator experience
- Must hold an Advanced Degree or have completed an Advanced Program of Study reflective of the Arkansas Standards for District Level Administrator
- Successfully completed the School Superintendent Assessment (SSA)

#### Special Requirements:

- Superintendent may be required to live on campus (if required, room and board is furnished)
- Ability to converse proficiently with deaf children and adults in American Sign Language
- A background check may be conducted on applicants

Salary: \$85,536

Resumes will be accepted until August 15, 2009 or until filled. Please apply to:

Lucy Cockrell, Personnel Manager Arkansas School for the Deaf 2606 W. Markham/ASB Duplex Little Rock, AR 72205

Phone: (501) 603-3529 (V/TTD)

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AREA: ONE FOR GIRLS DORMITORY
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- 2. Proficiency in Sign Language.

- 3. Knowledge of child growth and development and behavior.
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REPORTS TO: DIRECTOR OF STUDENT LIFE

SUPERVISES: Students in the dormitory and students in the after school programs.

#### JOB GOAL:

- 1. To assist the student in group living, personal hygiene, interpersonal relationships, social graces and spiritual and moral development.
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#### PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. To care for the student at all times outside of class time.
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- 6. To guide and assist the students with planning of recreational activities and the utilization of their leisure time.
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- 8. To advise and counsel both the student and the parents.
- 9. To provide an area and time for studies and intellectual pursuits.
- 10. To support the philosophy and objectives of the school.

Submit your resume to:
Peter Keller
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St. Rita School for the Deaf
1720 Glendale Milford Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215-1258

E-mail mailto:pkeller@srsdeaf.org

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Phone (352)735-9500.

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Position Vacancy Notice

Department Chair: American Sign Language and Interpreting Education (ASLIE)

National Technical Institute for the Deaf Rochester, NY

# **DESCRIPTION:**

NTID is one of the eight colleges within Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), a national center of educational excellence.

It is located in Rochester, New York, which is home to a large and vibrant Deaf community and has been named as one of the top 100 American cities in which to raise a family.

The RIT community is diverse, dynamic, and excellence-driven. Within the college of NTID, the ASLIE department provides American Sign Language instruction to the university's faculty, staff, and students. In addition, the ASLIE department educates students

seeking a baccalaureate degree in the field of ASL/English interpretation.

Chair responsibilities, in addition to traditional faculty responsibilities, include: Provide strategic direction for the design, delivery, and on-going evaluation of curricula; manage the composition, evaluation, and development of the department's human resources; monitor budget and maintain departmentally-assigned resources; represent the department to internal RIT and NTID stakeholders as well as national stakeholders; and provide programmatic and curricular leadership to a nationally recognized faculty in the fields of American Sign Language instruction and ASL/English Interpreting education.

Review of applications will begin Sept 30th and will continue until position is filled.

For a complete job description and to apply online, visit the RIT Career  $\left( \frac{1}{2} \right)$ 

Zone: http://mycareer.rit.edu

KEYWORD SEARCH: IRC#30398

Candidate must be eligible to work in the United States

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position openings Georgia School for the Deaf Cave Spring, GA

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  http://www.deafdigest.com/lcs.doc
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more position openings Georgia School for the Deaf Cave Spring, GA

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