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News of the Week

Physical Education has always been part of the agenda at Rochester School for the Deaf (RSD). And now, it is being greatly enhanced, thanks to a \$110,000 grant, called PROJECT D.E.A.F.

What is the difference between traditional Physical Education and PROJECT D.E.A.F.?

A RSD spokesman said:

PROJECT D.E.A.F. is simply a major enhancement to existing

physical education, wellness and fitness classes at RSD for students. In addition to traditional class offerings, deaf students will have more focused and accessible choices, like kayaking, rock climbing and new technology allowing students to assess and monitor their own, custom fitness goals.

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Reality TV makeover programs are popular with the viewing audience. But not all makeovers are on TV; one such non-TV makeover is greatly benefitting the Clarke School for the Deaf.

It is the Whalley Computer Associates announcing Clarke as the winner of the Virtual Technology Makeover Contest.

What this means is the school will be getting loads of computer equipment earmarked for classroom purposes.

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Jumping on the Newborn Hearing Screening is the province of Quebec.

Mandatory testing of all newborns in Quebec will start in the fall of 2010.

DeafDigest wonders why cannot it start now, instead of waiting more than a year? At any rate better to have this law than no law at all.

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AN ANGRY VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION COUNSELOR

Way back in the 1960's, a deaf vocational rehabilitation counselor was angry.

He worked very hard to find jobs for his deaf clients. The problem was the pay was \$60.00 per week. His deaf clients turned down these jobs because they found other jobs that paid \$85.00 per week.

These deaf clients had a choice between \$85.00 per week jobs that will remain \$85.00 per week for many years or working up the ladder from \$60.00 per week but with \$5.00 per week raises every six months. In 3 years this \$60.00 per week job would become \$90.00 per week.

Yet, these deaf clients would not wait. That made the deaf VR counselor angry.

- for ASL News version, please click on:
<http://deafdigest.com/videos/video-angry-counselor/>

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IRONY ABOUT CLARKE SCHOOL

Clarke School for the Deaf is one of the world's most famous oral schools for the deaf.

Many years ago, Grace Goodhue taught at Clarke. She then married Calvin Coolidge, who became the president of USA.

There was a newspaper story that was written up about Coolidge's wife teaching at Clarke. The story said that she taught at a school for the "deaf and dumb."

The dictionary says "dumb" means a person cannot use speech at all!

The newspaper reporter did not understand the word "dumb"!

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THE SELF-TAUGHT THOMAS EDISON

Thomas Edison, the man of 1,093 patents, was deaf. He did not seek counsel of doctors to see if an operation could help him.

He also never went to college, and simply stayed home and taught himself.

Why? He felt schooling and a medical operation would disrupt his powers of concentration while thinking of things to invent to make our world better!

DEAFNESS AS THE CINDERELLA OF DISABILITIES?

A newspaper story was titled:

DEAFNESS is the Cinderella of disabilities

It said:

One in seven people - 14% of the population - has a problem with hearing, but they can find others treating them with impatience and a lack of understanding.

DeafDigest does not understand why Deafness is the Cinderella? A Cinderella is a mythical woman, who overcame oppression, to become a huge success. Is this story saying that Deafness is the most successful disability?

Some writers make no sense!

NORTH CAROLINA HELPING A DEAF MAN START A BUSINESS

There was a newspaper story of North Carolina investing \$40,000 to help a deaf man start a new business - as a crabber.

The money was for crab traps. And for this expenditure, the state Vocational Rehabilitation agency was criticized by Senate minority leader Phil Berger for wasteful spending.

This is interesting. Crabbing is practically a dying industry. Wouldn't the state be better off investing \$40,000 in a different kind of business to help the deaf client?

Just wondering.

100 THINGS YOUR KIDS MAY NEVER KNOW

A story was posted on a yahoo site, titled
"100 things your kids may never know."

It mentions things like a VHS tape, shortwave
radio, Starbuck (as a man, not as a coffee),
swimming pool diving boards, etc.

What about us, the deaf? Our future deaf children
may never know about the following:

- TTY
- hearing aid (if CI completely replaces the hearing aid)
- deaf newspapers (Silent News; NAD Broadcaster)
- clubs of the deaf
- betting at basketball tournaments
- Frat divisions
- linotype & hot type as top profession for the deaf

The list is longer but above is enough.

ILLEGAL TO BE DEAF?

Matt Roloff, the leading character in the
popular "Little People, Big World" reality cable
TV series, said in one episode:

it is illegal to be a dwarf

He was expressing his frustration at being
unable to have a home builder modify the
local building codes in order to make the
facilities dwarf-friendly.

He wanted the staircase railings lowered
to match the heights of himself and his wife,
but doing so, would be illegal.

What about us, the deaf? So many things we
want, but can't have - leaving us with the
feeling that it is also illegal to be deaf!

10-DIGIT QUESTIONS YOU WANTED TO ASK, BUT DIDN'T

The FCC, knowing that there many people that
wanted to get answers to questions they didn't ask,
has set up a web site at:

<http://www.fcc.gov/cgb/consumerfacts/tendigit-faqs.pdf>

This deals with 10-digit issues which continues
to confuse so many of us!

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

I knocked on the door with a pizza delivery. A young kid, maybe 10 years old, opened the door, gave me the money (exact amount owed), took the pizza and closed the door.

I was a little upset about not getting a tip, but drove away. I spotted in the rear view mirror of my car, the angry mother chasing after me. I backed up my car to her, opened the window and got the tip that her son would not give me!

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?

a deaf/mute phone communication system

what is so wrong about just calling it "telephone relay system"? This phrase was written up in a newspaper in California!

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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:
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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

Even though the Obama Inauguration is history, the The Australian Communications and Media Authority is angry.

This Australian agency has scolded Network Ten (Sydney) Pty Ltd for not captioning the inauguration

on TV.

DeafDigest fails to understand why it took the Australian agency seven months to point its finger at Network Ten.

At any rate, a late scolding is better than no scolding at all.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

We so many Deaf Issues. What are these issues?

Do click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/deaf-issues/>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Evelyn Glennie, famous deaf British percussionist; most recent picture

<http://deadlinescotland.wordpress.com/2009/07/16/7550-1417/>

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Question of the week:

Q. I am confused between the roles of FCC's Disability Rights Office and the state relay office. Could you clarify?

A. If you have a problem with the relay service itself, contact your state relay administrator. If you are not happy with a relay policy, then contact the FCC's Disability Rights Office

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 interpreters are available on minute's notice instead of giving 5 days notice or 2 weeks notice

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1953 - the first transistor hearing aid came out on the market. Actually the transistor was invented in 1947, but it took six years before the hearing aid manufacturers picked up on it.

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Deaf and the Money:

How are budget cutbacks impacting on schools for the deaf?

Let us take Alabama School for the Deaf as an example.

The school relies on state funding, and when there are cutbacks, there may be no other resources to get more money. If this deaf school was treated like a local school system, they could push for raising of local taxes.

What is true for Alabama, may or may not necessarily be true for other schools. Every state operates differently when it comes to funds.

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

A hearing engineer had a successful consulting practice; he suddenly became deaf, and as a result, lost 60 percent of his business.

He was able to retain 40 percent of his business; these clients told him that sudden deafness could happen to them as much as it happened to him!

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position announcement
Employment Specialist/Job Developer, P.R.I.D.E. Program
Rochester School for the Deaf
Rochester, New York

Full-time grant position

DATE POSITION TO BE FILLED:
As soon as possible

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:
The Employment Specialist/Job Developer will perform the
following duties: complete informal interest, functional
or situational assessments with participants referred for
supported employment services; assist participants with
employment goals and creating or updating resumes; develop
job placement sites for individual participants referred
for placement; develop a variety of sites to allow
participants to experience work tryout activities; and
build and develop relationships with a variety of employers
in the Rochester area for future job placement activity.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:
Bachelor's degree in Human Service, Social Work, Counseling,
Special Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, or Marketing

Prior experience working with deaf adults with additional
disabilities

Proficiency in American Sign Language preferred

FILE APPLICATION WITH:
Harold Mowl, Jr., Superintendent/CEO
Rochester School for the Deaf
1545 St. Paul Street
Rochester, New York 14621

Applications received will be screened and the most highly
qualified will be asked to interview.

RSD is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate in employment on the basis of non-qualifying disability, race, religion, color, sex, marital status, age, national origin, and veteran status.

position announcement
Itinerant Field Operations Support II
Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
position is in Northern California area

for position description & application procedures,
click on:

Superintendent position
Arkansas School for the Deaf
Little Rock, Arkansas

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 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.

- 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)
Fax: (501) 603-3533
mailto:lucyc@asd.k12.ar.us

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position opening
High School Math Teacher
Washington School for the Deaf
Vancouver, WA

The Washington School for the Deaf is seeking a highly qualified High School Math Teacher.

If you are a qualified math teacher, know American Sign Language, and want to be part of a dynamite teaching team - YOU need to contact us today!

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- City of Portland: <http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?c=26013>

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<http://www.tsd.jobs>
 Texas School for the Deaf
 Austin, Texas

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St. Rita School for the Deaf is an academic 10-month program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing impaired children from birth

through 20 years of age. St. Rita School is an equal opportunity employer/educational private institution. Skills in Total Communication are required of all personnel.

TITLE: RESIDENT ADVISOR - WEEK

AREA: ONE FOR GIRLS DORMITORY
ONE FOR BOYS DORMITORY

NATURE OF WORK: This is a live-in position.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Psychology, Special Education or related Field.
2. Proficiency in Sign Language.
3. Knowledge of child growth and development and behavior.
4. Physical stamina, emotional maturity and patience needed for residential living.

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.
- 2 To create a healthful living situation in which the student can mature and develop as an individual with unique needs and personality.

PERFORMANCE RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. To care for the student at all times outside of class time.
2. To maintain a neat, clean and pleasant dormitory and social area
3. To provide a good health care program including: appropriate diet, rest and exercise, personal hygiene, care of sick student.
4. To assign and monitor student duties.
5. To assist the students in caring for and managing their money
6. To guide and assist the students with planning of recreational activities and the utilization of their leisure time.
7. To discipline inappropriate behavior according to school policy

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
Director of Student Life
St. Rita School for the Deaf
1720 Glendale Milford Road
Cincinnati, OH 45215-1258

E-mail <mailto:pkeller@srsdeaf.org>

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position opening
Mental Health Technician
National Deaf Academy
Mt. Dora, Florida

Responsible for the daily supervision and monitoring of residents safety, activities of daily living, school attendance and recreation activities.

Requires high school diploma or equivalent.

Experience working in behavioral health setting preferred.

Fluent in ASL preferred.

American Sign Language training provided on site.

FT and Per Diem, all shifts available.

Competitive salary and excellent benefits.

Fax resume to Human Resources: (352)735-4939

or send resume to:
National Deaf Academy,
Attention: Human Resources,
19650 US Hwy 441,
Mt. Dora, Florida 32757.

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 Zone: <http://mycareer.rit.edu>
KEYWORD SEARCH: IRC#30398

Candidate must be eligible to work in the United States

Rochester Institute of Technology is an EO/AA Employer.

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(updated 7/19/09 - revised posting)

position openings
Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA

for position descriptions and application procedures
please click on any of below:

- Assistant Director of Residential Services

Fax #: (323) 550-4204

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