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News of the Week

An outrage took place this week. The USA Deaflympics contingent is struggling to raise funds to take part in the Taiwan Deaflympics.

In the meantime the US Olympic Commission "donated" \$500,000 to the Paralympics group. Not a cent to us.

But - there is more to it than what meets the eye. There is a law (PL 110-389) that authorizes the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs to give funds to the USOC, which in turn passes it on to the Paralympics group.

Bottom line - not a cent to our deaf athletes!

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We have quite a few libraries of the deaf in USA. The bigger and the best known ones are on the Gallaudet and RIT campuses.

There was none in Turkey until this week. The nation's first deaf library opened its doors in Bursa, Turkey.

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Hearing aids are expensive. Can't afford a new one (approximately \$5,000)?

Well, there is a solution - your iPhone can be converted to a hearing aid.

An accessory, costing just \$10.00, may be the trick.

DeafDigest is somewhat skeptical.

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At the recent hearing World Magic Championships at Beijing, China, there were 2,500 hearing magicians that participated.

Four of them were deaf (one American, two Italians and one Japanese).

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TO FAKE UNDERSTANDING WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Many of us, the deaf, nod our heads and fake understanding what the hearing person says to us.

We smile, and walk away, hoping the hearing person will leave us alone.

Many hearing immigrants are also guilty of the same thing. Many of them do not know English but they may nod, and smile, and the hearing person thinks the immigrants understand them!

Deaf person. Hearing immigrant - same thing, nod and smile and fake understanding!

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

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A TENT AT SOME DEAF CONFERENCES

If you attend a meeting at some national deaf conferences, you may see a small tent near the meeting platform.

The tent is used by the meeting parliamentarian. This is to prevent nosey eyes when the president asks the parliamentarian some important meeting questions.

The idea of a tent was invented by Bummy Burstein, the famous Deaf Parliamentarian.

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TO BE POLITICALLY CORRECT OR TO BE IN DENIAL?

A hearing person was telling a friend that her daughter is the one with the electrical scooter.

That daughter has a medical condition that prevents her from being able to walk.

Is it the same as a hearing mother of a deaf child telling a friend that he is the one with the hearing aid?

Either one wishes to be politically correct while making a conversation or to be in a state of denial?

ORAL DEAF NETWORK

Is there such a thing as Oral Deaf Network?

Yes, very much so, and very much thriving.

Reason for bringing this up was because a DeafDigest subscriber disagreed with the editor, saying there is no such a thing as Oral Deaf Network.

DeafDigest strives to serve all parts of the Deaf Community, regardless of differences among all of us - ASL, oral, CI, Cued Speech, Late Deafened, mainstreamed products, residential products, etc, etc.

Ain't an easy task, declares DeafDigest!

MASS PRODUCTION METHODS

Many of us know that Thomas A. Edison, who was deaf, won 1,093 patents for his countless inventions.

What many of us do not know was that he invented a new concept - that is widely used in factories all over the world - mass production methods.

Many things - automobiles, television sets, computers - are built via mass production.

A BALLPARK INCIDENT

DeafDigest editor and a deaf friend was watching a ball game at the Nationals Park in Washington, DC. Sitting one row behind was a very young couple.

All of a sudden this young woman leaned over and flashed dollar bills at the startled DeafDigest editor. She was saying something that could not be understood. Yet she persisted in waving the dollar bills. It was puzzling.

Suddenly it was realized she wanted either DeafDigest editor or his friend buy beers for them since they were underage.

The DeafDigest editor and his friend refused, forcing the young woman to look elsewhere for a volunteer beer buyer.

Scary because when hearing people are desperate and when their request could not be understood, it could lead to violence.

Fortunately, it was not to be.

THE POWER OF THE PERSONAL CONTACT

Terry Care, not deaf, is stepping down as a senator in the Nevada legislative body.

Knowing nothing about the deaf beforehand, he and his wife were close friends with a family, whose two children were born deaf.

Having a chance to observe how the family dealt with the deaf children, Terry took the initiative to introduce the Hearing Screening bill and it passed.

From time to time he speaks at events hosted by the local AgBell chapter.

Possibly Terry would have still supported the bill even if he did not know the deaf, but knowing the deaf helped him push the bill even harder!

This is the Power of the Personal Contact.

DEALING WITH DEAF AIRLINE PASSENGERS

A deaf American was flying home from China, where he visited on a business trip.

On the trip back home, the flight attendant gave the deaf passenger a thick book on airline safety instructions.

This gesture was great, except that it was in Braille!

And compounding this incident was the sarcastic comment by the deaf passenger. He said:

You forgot to give me a wheelchair.

Much to his surprise and dismay, the flight attendant said:

Oh, yes, and I would do that!

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

As a late-deafened person, I realized when I used my voice while speaking with customers, they would respond so fast that I could not understand them.

I then stopped using my voice and used gestures with the customers. Two things happened; first, they either gestured back or spoke slowly, and secondly, most important of all, they tipped WAY better!

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?

he "half hears you"

Does it mean the person is hard of hearing?

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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: <http://www.DrSign.com>

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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, which is to Canada what FCC is to us, laid down the order that all cellphones and text messaging pagers must be deaf-friendly.

This order will be phrased in segments within the next few years.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

Deaf Culture's 10 Commandments

Do click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/deaf-culture-10-comandments/>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Trudy Haselhuhn

Gallaudet's deaf landscaper

<http://pr.gallaudet.edu/otg/Article.asp?ArticleID=15795>

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Question of the week:

Q. We have a good number of deaf Americans that own businesses, either full time or part time. Not that so in Canada. Why?

A. Paperwork is worse in Canada because of so many tax forms. Keep in mind, it is not a Deaf Problem, but a Canadian Problem.

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 PL 110-389 would be amended to allow USA Deaflympics group to get money from USOC

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1648 - pistachios were called Deaf Nuts.

Why? No one knows.

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Deaf and the Money:

Do we have "Deaf Money" that was used as real currency?

Yes, but it was in the past.

- 1840 Republic of Texas \$5.00 bank note with a picture of Deaf Smith
- 1861 North Carolina \$1.00 bank note with a notation "N.C. Inst. Deaf & Dumb" printed on it
- 1861 North Carolina \$2.00 bank note (same as above)
- 1860 Connecticut \$5.00 Hartford Bank bank note with a picture of the old American SD campus and a portrait of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

6, approximately

the number of deaf blackjack dealers we have in casinos across USA

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Shared Reading Video Outreach Project (SRVOP) Program Specialist
Washington State Center for Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss
Washington School for the Deaf
Vancouver, WA

Requires: 4-year degree, technology-savvy, American Sign Language

See job recruitment at <http://www.wsd.wa.gov>

Closes: Open until filled

position openings
- Coordinator, Statewide Services, D & HOH Children
- MS/HS Leader
Delaware School for the Deaf
Newark, Delaware

please click on these links to get job description and application procedures

- Coordinator, Statewide Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
http://www.christina.k12.de.us/employment/Postings/2009/0720_CoordStwidesVCS.pdf

- MS/HS Leader
http://www.christina.k12.de.us/employment/Postings/2009/0720_school_leader_dsd_grade_7_12.pdf

position announcement
Itinerant Field Operations Support II

Deaf and Disabled Telecommunications Program
position is in Northern California area

starting salary: \$51,937 with benefits

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- School Psychologist
- Physical Therapist

Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf
Mill Neck, NY (on Long Island)

PT position available.

School Psychologist:

Must possess MA degree in School Psychology. Successful prior
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Must have excellent communication skills and be fluent in American
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Physical Therapist:

Seeking a certified physical therapist to provide services to
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Must possess State Certification.

Knowledge of sign language a plus.

Fax resume and cover letter to Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf,
LI, N.Y, to:

K. Lagalante (516) 922-0093 (FAX)

seeking qualified individuals

- Science Teacher
- Math Teacher
- Speech Teacher

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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

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

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position opening
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Position Vacancy Notice
Department Chair: American Sign Language and Interpreting Education
(ASLIE)
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester, NY

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

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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

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Cave Spring, GA

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- Residential Advisor
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- Teacher (Blind/Deaf)
<http://www.deafdigest.com/lcs.doc>

- Substitute Teacher (P/T-Hourly)
<http://www.deafdigest.com/sub.doc>

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Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA

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- Teacher - Middle School Science
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Los Angeles, CA 90041

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