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News of the Week

Interestingly enough with Deaflympics coming up soon, do read this News of the Week that was posted two years ago!

(from two years ago)

Still on the same topic re deafness being viewed differently in Asia, the mayor of Taipei City in Taiwan is implying that we, the deaf, are not normal.

The mayor gave the opening speech at the World Deaf Swimming Championships. He said:

that this swimming championship is different from other games only normal people can participate in

Well, Jeff Float and Terence Parkin, these two famous deaf swimmers, have won medals at past Olympics. According to the mayor, these two elite-level swimmers are not normal!

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If deaf kids at Lexington School for the Deaf cover their ears, it is for a good reason.

The Jackson Heights, NY neighborhood, where the school is located, is having issues with the city regarding trucks that roar through the streets, designed to handle heavy traffic.

This issue was brought up in a recent newspaper story.

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The National Council on Disability (NCD) wants to hear from us, the deaf, on future issues of concern.

Our issues, and other disability-related issues will be compiled in a report that will be given to the President and Congress.

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Attention:

Deaf & Hard of Hearing Current or Former United Parcel

Service, Inc (UPS) employees

If you use sign language, worked for UPS or applied for a driving position at UPS at any time since June 25, 1997, please read the announcement posted in the Blue edition.

There is a proposed final settlement in a class action lawsuit brought on behalf of deaf and hard of hearing current and former UPS employees and applicants for driving positions who failed or would fail the hearing standard established by DOT for drivers of commercial motor vehicles.

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Join us on September 25th and 26th

For the WPSD Homecoming Weekend

&

140th Anniversary Celebration

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Enjoy the humor of CJ Jones on Friday evening and celebrate WPSD's long history at the dinner on Saturday evening.

For more information, visit the wpsd website at:

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Please note:

Hotel rooms in the Pittsburgh area are at a premium due to the G 20 Summit meeting we urge you to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible.

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SUBSTITUTE ORAL SCHOOL TEACHERS

All schools have a list of their own substitute teachers. DeafDigest editor remembers his young days at 47 School for the Deaf in New York City. It was an oral school, ASL was not permitted.

All of the regular teachers could be lipreadable. That was no problem in the classroom.

The problem was with the substitute teachers. Many of these subs were impossible to lipread!

We suffered in the classroom when the regular teachers were absent and substitutes hired to replace them for the day.

47 School for the Deaf has been ASL for the past 25 years.

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

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HOLLYWOOD CAMERA PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE DEAF

In some movies that involve deaf characters, we often see deaf actors without their hands. These cameras focus on deaf faces and deaf bodies but not deaf hands.

This is not good - because without deaf hands we can't see them signing!

Does it mean Hollywood camera people know nothing about the deaf?

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THE NORTH POLE FIRST AND ONLY DEAF?

Oliver Westbury, a deaf Briton, reached the North Pole on foot in April 2008.

He said he was the first and the only deaf person to reach North Pole.

The first? The only? North Pole, once thought to be inaccessible, has been more and more accessible in recent years.

Do we know if Westbury was the first (and the only) deaf person or if there were other deaf persons that we know nothing about?

DEALING WITH LATE-DEAFENED EMPLOYEES

The Royal National Institute for Deaf People (Great Britain) came up with a report.

It said that majority of British employers are not prepared to deal with late deafness among their older employees.

This is sad, if this is true.

A PERFECT QUOTE

We are waiting for the announcement of the new Gallaudet president. Also, the NAD will be seeking a new CEO.

Joel Trachtenberg, not deaf, was a former president of George Washington University, located in Washington, DC.

He said:

being president of a university is no way for an adult to make a living

This quote also applies to the NAD!

TAKING THE CLUNKER HIT

A certain hearing aid dealer has taken a hint from the "Cash for Clunkers" program. This dealers is offering a rebate in exchange for an old hearing aid. The rebate is to be applied towards a newer, and more modern, hearing aid.

HEARING AID VS CI (SHORT SERIES)

A Hearing Aid vs a CI, who wins?

A hearing aid wins at the start, but at the end of the race, the CI wins!

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

I delivered pizzas on the side while attending NTID/RIT.

I made good money on tips; I was aware that deaf customers do not tip that well, or at all. What I did was to educate them on the need to pay tips since I needed money to pay for my college education. I would charge them \$12.00 for a \$10.00 pizza and they all paid up with no questions!

This pay-up tip trick worked 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?

In the Netherlands, there is an abbreviation that is spelled DEAF.

DEAF as in deaf?

No. Spelled out in full, it is:

Dutch Electronic Art Festival

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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 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 finished. This was the world's longest group motorcycle benefit run.

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!

Hearing aids for the children will be covered in the Health Plan that the Congress is considering. But hearing aids for adults will not be covered!

As a "compromise" legislation in both houses propose to give a tax break for hearing aid purchases.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

What happens if a teacher of the deaf is not hired?

Do click on:
<http://deafdigest.com/not-hired/>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Heather Weil
assistant golf pro at golf course in South Carolina

<http://www.dataw.org/golf/golf-pros/heather-weil/>

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Question of the week:

Q. Do deaf people sign in their sleep?

A. Probably a few of them

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

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Wish List of the Week:

that our Deaflympics team will come home from Taiwan with a harvest of gold medals

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1911 - Cal Rodgers became the first deaf pilot to fly from coast to coast (New York to California).

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Deaf and the Money:

If you were at a race track and noticed a horse with a deaf name, would you place your \$2.00 bet on him?

Some years ago at a New York race track, a horse named "On Deaf Ears" was entered in a race.

Odds on that horse was 15 to 1.

On Deaf Ears finished last in the race

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

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the number of deaf individuals that own shares in Green Bay Packers, a famous football team

(yes, the Packers provide interpreters at the annual shareholders' meetings)

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Rochester Institute of Technology
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester, NY

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Nearly 1,450 deaf and hard-of-hearing students from across the United States, as well as other countries, study and reside at RIT with 16,000 hearing students.

The department of Science and Mathematics at NTID seeks faculty to teach/tutor deaf and hard of hearing students in the fields of chemistry, biology, mathematics and physics.

For detailed job descriptions please visit:
RIT Career Zone at <https://mycareer.rit.edu> and enter the IRC# or select National Technical Institute for the Deaf for College/Division.

Discipline	Job Category	IRC#
Chemistry	Non-tenure track	30317
Chemistry	Tenure track	30459
Biology	Tenure track	30318
Math/Physics	Tenure track	30301

Review of applications will begin Aug 31, 2009 and continue until position is filled.

All applicants must apply online at
<https://mycareer.rit.edu> Search under IRC#

We are seeking individuals who are committed to contributing to RIT's core values, honor code, and statement of diversity.

People who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information about NTID at RIT visit <http://www.ntid.rit.edu>

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position openings

- Coordinator, Statewide Services, D & HOH Children
- MS/HS Leader

Delaware School for the Deaf
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http://www.christina.k12.de.us/employment/Postings/2009/0720_CoordStwideSVCS.pdf

- MS/HS Leader
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seeking qualified individuals

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- Math Teacher (Must possess Deaf Ed certification)
- Speech Teacher (NYS Certification required- TSHH)

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EOE

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(ASLIE)
National Technical Institute for the Deaf
Rochester, NY

DESCRIPTION:

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KEYWORD SEARCH: IRC#30398

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