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Park in New York City, located at West 83rd Street and Riverside Drive.

Registration begins at 9 am and the walk will start at 10 am.

Join as a walker or support a team member by making a donation.

Either way, help Team Mill Neck by logging on to <http://www.walk4hearing.org> - Click on NYC, NY under the 2009 Walks side bar, and then "find a walker or team"; and type in Mill Neck.

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#### AUTO CONTEST JUDGE

A deaf man was a judge at hearing automobile  
show contests.

All judges must listen to the running engines to  
decide if it is a good or a bad engine.

How could a deaf judge know if it is a good or bad  
engine?

He would feel the vibrations and then give points  
to the contestants (few points means bad engine; many  
points mean good engine)

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<http://deafdigest.com/videos/video-judge/>

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#### TWO GROUPS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS OF THE DEAF

Psychologists always disagree on many  
things. It is the same with psychologists  
that work with the deaf.

One group of psychologists working with the  
deaf would look on the deaf from a cultural  
point of view. Another group of psychologists  
that work with the deaf look on the deaf from  
a medical and audiological point of view!

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#### DON'T DRIVE A CONVERTIBLE

Every week there is always an announcement that something may cause deafness. An example was golfing may cause deafness, only because noise generated in a club hitting the ball may be bad for ears.

Now this - driving a convertible at top speeds may equal the noise of a pneumatic drill (110 dB). The journal Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery ran a piece on convertible-induced deafness.

Next week, something else that we discover could cause deafness.

And so on.

#### PARAQUAD'S CHANGES

Parquad is an agency in St Louis that serves the needs of the disabled, the deaf included. It was founded in 1970.

There have been changes with the Deaf Services.

Colleen Burdiss - Coordinator, Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

Anne Geary - Youth and Family and Independent Living Skills

Karen Lister - Employment Consultant

Jeff Prail - System Advocacy and Independent Living Skills

Mike Boyd - continues as Benefit Specialist

#### OLD ENOUGH TO REMEMBER THE S&H GREEN STAMPS

If you remember these S&H Green Stamps, you are not a kid!

These S&H Green Stamps were popular during the sixties before tapering off.

What about it? In Pennsylvania, during the sixties, parents of the deaf in York and Lancaster counties collected these green stamps. Purpose was to get a new school bus to transport the deaf kids to the Pennsylvania School for the Deaf.

Were the efforts successful? Yes, the bus, obtained with these stamps, transported the kids in 1964 and continued right up to the early eighties.

To read up on these stamps, do click on:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S&H\\_Green\\_Stamps](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/S&H_Green_Stamps)

#### A DEAF COMMERCIAL PILOT?

Do we have a deaf person that is a commercial pilot? No, only because of the need to communicate on the radio with the tower.

Matt Herrman, a deaf man, is an instrument-rated pilot, a difficult license to achieve. His goal is to become a flight instructor in order to teach the deaf to fly.

While in flight school, he earned his commercial



pilot's license. Not sure if it would lead to a career in commercial flying for reasons stated above.

#### A DEAF BUFFET

We know all about Deaf Coffee sessions, that take place at many coffee houses everywhere in USA.

But what about Deaf Buffet? Well, it is a new one, and it is taking place soon at a restaurant in Horn Lake, Mississippi!

#### USING BOUNCE INSTEAD OF FABRIC SOFTENER

If a deaf person uses Bounce instead of Fabric softener for use in clothes drying machine, is it for a reason?

Many dryers have the buzz sound to alert hearing people to the end of the drying cycles. We, the deaf, cannot hear the buzz, and so, the Bounce may be a better choice?

#### TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

our store policy is not to deliver pizzas to unlighted houses during the evenings. I went to a house that had no lights on; I did not want to return to the store without making that delivery so rang the doorbell.

A man came out from the backyard to take the delivery. He was blind!

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?

Hearing-impaired Listeners

Huh! Are we, the deaf, also called deaf listeners?

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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!

Early bird registration is due October 15 at <http://www.DrSign.com> and begins at \$129.

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!

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!

NAD arguing; Netflix denying and defending themselves over the noncaptioning of the Oz video lead-ins.

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

if a deaf person moves to a new city, knowing no one, how could he make new friends?

Do click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/newfriends>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

deaf professional auto racer Luke Padfield

<http://www.bigmike.net/Racing.htm>

he's the one with the flag

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Question of the week:

Q. I have the same hearing loss as my hard of hearing friend, yet he is able to communicate on voice telephone and follow the stories on the radio, while I can't. Why?

A. Very tricky question - best left to audiologists, but a quick response may be that some deaf people can

discriminate sounds whereas others can't.

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 Netflix would caption everything they produce

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1900 - attitude in the American society at that time  
was that deaf people were to be grouped with the mentally  
ill, the physically challenged, and to be denied rights  
to marry or to do business with the public

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Deaf and the Money:

Real estate developers are everywhere; they become rich  
during real estate booms and go broke during real estate  
busts.

Why we do not have a Deaf Real Estate developer, or in  
other words, a Deaf Donald Trump?

Because it costs money. Plenty of money, that is.

When a new development goes up, there is no cash flow for  
months or years until the building vacancies are filled.

A Hearing Donald Trump has plenty of money to wait for  
cash flow to come up. A Deaf Donald Trump would go broke,  
just waiting and waiting!

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

51 percent

this is a magic formula to assure a majority;  
for example - at least 51 percent of Gallaudet board  
of trustees votes would be needed to select our next  
president!

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DeafDigest Sports

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closing date - October 16, 2009

Job Opening  
KRC Outreach Coordinator (Kansas)  
Hamilton Relay, Inc

state of Kansas

Hamilton Relay, Inc. currently has a full-time position open for  
KRC Outreach Coordinator for the state of Kansas.

Applications and Job Descriptions may be picked up from and returned  
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(Any questions concerning the opening can be directed to Cindy/Human  
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Equal Opportunity Employer

Position summary: This full-time position is responsible for  
coordinating and implementing outreach activities designed to promote  
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Service (CapTel®) for Kansas  
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Preferred education, experience and skills:

- Knowledge of American Sign Language is preferred.
- Knowledge of and ability to understand various communication modes used by current and potential relay users.
- Direct work experience with Telecommunication Relay Service or knowledge of Captioned Telephone Relay Services is helpful
- Experience in public relations activities.
- Ability to organize and prioritize work and meet deadlines.
- Strong written, analytical and interpersonal skills.
- Hold a valid driver's license.
- Individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing are encouraged to apply

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position opening  
Faculty, American Sign Language Job #0909001  
Austin Community College  
Austin, Texas

Closing Date: 01/08/2010

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For information contact Haydeana Gaviria at:  
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Serves as full time faculty member in the American Sign Language and Interpreter Preparation Program. Responsible for teaching American Sign Language I-VI. Participates in ongoing curriculum development, implementation and evaluation.

Utilizes innovative teaching strategies to meet the learning needs of a diverse student population.

Responsibilities include advising students, maintaining office hours, serving on program and College committees, maintaining professional competence, and participating in professional development activities.

Seeking candidates who can demonstrate creativity, innovation in the field, and service in the profession and/or the community.

Qualifications:

Three years work experience in Deaf Services. Candidates must demonstrate effective teaching techniques adaptable to a variety of learning styles. Candidates must have effective planning, organization, communication, and interpersonal skills. Candidates must be able to assist and assess student learning; be punctual for classes and office hours and be able to maintain an established schedule, including possible evenings and weekends. Candidate must possess intermediate knowledge of Microsoft office and be able to learn specialized software.

Education:

Candidates must have Master's degree or above in American Sign Language; or Master's degree or above and 18 hours in American Sign Language/Deaf Studies/Linguistic-related coursework.

Preferred: PhD in American Sign Language; ASLTA Certified

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Employment vacancies

School Educator I (2 positions)  
Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf,  
Wilson, NC

closing date for both positions - 10/15/09

to view these vacancies please visit our website at:

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Position opening

Full-Time Staff Assistant (Project Coordinator)  
Gallaudet University Regional Center  
at Northern Essex Community College  
Haverhill, MA

FULL-TIME STAFF ASSISTANT (PROJECT COORDINATOR): Gallaudet University Regional Center at Northern Essex Community College:

(Twelve-month, MCCC unit position.) This position is grant funded on an annual basis by Gallaudet University's College of Professional Studies and Outreach. Gallaudet University Regional Center serves

the Northeast states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island and Vermont. As necessary on a periodic basis, the individual appointed to this position will be expected to work during evening and/or weekends to accommodate the requirements of the work area.

Anticipated start date: November, 2009

**Responsibilities:**

In collaboration with Gallaudet University's College of Professional Studies and Outreach, the Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center and other Gallaudet University departments, initiate, plan, organize and implement projects across the region in support of Gallaudet University's strategic plan, including conferences, training, and courses to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people, their families, and professionals who serve them. Coordinate identified projects through a complete development cycle from project definition to development, dissemination, and evaluation. Coordinate the process for determining project goals, budgets, and timelines, in collaboration with other stakeholders. Prepare project communications including regular status updates.

Remain abreast of current trends and issues in education, rehabilitation, culture, and linguistics as they relate to deaf and hard of hearing individuals. Develop professional networks across the region. Actively pursue collaborative opportunities, identify and respond to training needs and requests throughout the region. Be proactive in creating new opportunities for Gallaudet University to have an impact in the region. Handle multiple projects simultaneously. Support the GURC's public relations role, representing Gallaudet University and providing information about the academic, service and support programs at the University as well as all training, publications, outreach, partnership, enrollment, and recruitment initiatives. Assist with other GURC activities as assigned, including the Regional Academic Bowl and Shared Reading initiatives.

**Minimum qualifications:**

A Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution (deaf education, rehabilitation or related field) required. Master's degree in related field preferred. Two years of work experience in deaf education, rehabilitation or related field, Fluency in sign language required. Demonstrated ability to form partnerships and working collaborations with a diverse group of people including teachers, educational professionals, parents, and members of the deaf community. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to communicate clearly and effectively across great distances through a variety of media. Demonstrated ability to work independently, self-motivate and initiate and manage programs. Communicate clearly and concisely, in writing. Computer skills sufficient to manage workload efficiently, produce professional materials, and manage data. Ability to be flexible with work schedule. Willing to travel extensively throughout the region. Possession of a valid driver's license and ability to drive a motor vehicle.



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Salary:  
Salary is commensurate with experience and background. The approximate salary range for this position is \$36,560 - \$43,000 with full fringe benefits.

Deadline: October 30, 2009

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call for nominations  
Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer  
Lexington School and Center for the Deaf  
Jackson Heights, NY

The Board of Trustees of the Lexington School and Center for the Deaf seeks an experienced and proven innovative administrator to join us and lead as Superintendent/Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

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3. The Lexington Vocational Services Center which offers supported employment and independent living skills to Deaf and hard of hearing adults throughout the metropolitan area.
4. The Lexington Hearing & Speech Center, which provides audiological and speech services to the community including an Early Intervention Program for families with young children who are Deaf or hard of hearing.
5. The Lexington Child Care Center which operates a Universal Pre-K program for children in the local community.
6. The Lexington School for the Deaf Foundation, which serves as the fundraising arm of Lexington Center.

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Cave Spring, GA

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