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- Hot News during the week

- Thursday October 22nd

a corporate sponsorship flap is going on in Fiji. The Fiji Rugby Union (hearing) has a sponsorship deal with Digice. This organization agreed to fund the national deaf rugby team's trip for games with deaf teams from Australia and New Zealand. But the deaf team agreed to a sponsorship deal with Vodafone, a bitter corporate

rival of Digice. As a result, the Fiji Rugby Union pulled out their funding of the deaf team's trip!

- Friday October 23rd

The Jefferson County (Colorado) school board approved application by the Rocky Mountain Deaf School to establish a charter high school

- Saturday October 24th

A story ran in a Dublin newspaper of the Merlin Motor Group, which operates car rentals, car auctions, new car dealership and a small factory. Two brothers operate the business, and one of them, Patrick O'Reilly, is deaf and has Usher Syndrome. He is responsible for the business computer operations.

(please go back to the Blue edition for the Sunday-Wednesday Hot Deaf News)

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Deaf Miscellaneous stuff:

Krishneer Sen, a deaf native of Fiji, but a resident of New Zealand, and a leader in the Deaf Community, has won a scholarship to attend Gallaudet University. He had to move to New Zealand because opportunities for the deaf were limited in Fiji.

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A RECENT DEAF CONVENTION

A deaf convention took place recently. There were no laptops, no paging devices, no computers. Many deaf people spent time in the lobby chatting with each other.

No laptops, no paging devices, no computers? Are we talking about 1940 or 1950?

No. The power was out at the hotel. So instead of using computers, laptops and pagers, deaf people just chatted with each other.

Which is better? 1950 without electronic devices, but making face to face friends or 2010 with electronic devices but not making face to face friends?

You decide!

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A GOVERNMENT AGENCY HELPDESK

A deaf person worked at the HelpDesk of his government agency. Deafness was not a problem; he used the computer chat to deal with the clients to help solve their problems.

That deaf person wanted to transfer to another HelpDesk job at a different government agency. They told him they could not hire him because of his deafness!

Huh. One government agency telling him deafness

is fine at a HelpDesk while another government agency telling him a deaf person cannot work at a HelpDesk?

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THE BORING LECTURE AND THE INTERPRETER

All interpreters are stuck with boring lectures that put most of the audience into sleep, be it the deaf or the hearing listeners.

There is a twist, however. The lecture was so boring to a hearing neighbor of DeafDigest editor.

She does not know ASL but said that instead of listening to the boring lecture she watched the interpreter and found the signs fascinating!

PARTYING IT UP IN BOTSWANA

It does not matter where in the world, many people like to party, especially in Botswana, a nation in Africa.

A popular nightclub in Gaborone West, Botswana's largest city is Grand West.

Making sure order is maintained among the revelers is bouncer Moffat Setume.

He is deaf. Been bouncing ill-behaved revelers at the club for eight years.

A PROTEST IN SIERRA LEONE

It is almost always that members of an organization do not like the officers.

The most common way to deal with these officers is to vote them out of the office.

Maybe it is different in Sierra Leone. Members of the Sierra Leone Association for the Deaf felt that the officers were corrupt and needed to be replaced.

Instead of asking for a special election, the members marched up and down the streets of Freetown, a city in Sierra Leone, demanding ousters of these officers!

A COMPLAINT IN KLANG VALLEY

Klang Valley is a region in Malaysia. And there is a complaint among the deaf residents in the region.

Signs at public transportation facilities (buses and trains) are so dim that it is hard to read from afar. This is important because the deaf cannot hear these Public Announcement messages and must rely on displays.

This form of compliance is actually a non-compliance as far as the deaf are concerned!

ECONOMICS AND THE DEAF

For fun reading among non-economics (or even among economics, for that matter) is the book - Freakonomics.

The authors have come up with a new book that has hit the bookstore shelves - SuperFreakonomics.

DeafDigest editor cannot help but wonder if a Deaf Economist could come up with a book titled Deafonomics?

Would be interesting reading? It could deal with such questions like:

- why is it expensive to be deaf?
- value of hearing aid vs value of a cI
- value of Gallaudet & NTID versus hearing colleges
- monetary breakdowns: residential versus mainstreamed programs

and so on

OUR ORGANIZATIONS SERVING THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

We have many, many organizations, both national and local, that serve deaf and hard of hearing people.

One such organization is:

Association of Medical Professionals With Hearing Losses

The web site is at:

<http://www.amphl.org/>

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

I've made several pizza runs to a hotel near a major airport and these customers were air pilots and flight attendants that get together and have a great time (between flights)

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 newspaper story said:

she is married to a fellow sign-language user

Hey! Does not say if the fellow sign-language user
is deaf or is a Coda with sign language skills
or an interpreter or a hearing person that picked
up sign language.

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31st World's Largest ASL Silent Weekend in 2010
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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
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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.

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These trips will take place every year so why not make plans
to join us now in July, 2010?

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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

A scandal is going on in Dallas, Texas. The police have,
over a 3-year span, ticketed 39 drivers for not speaking
English.

While it is not deaf-related, it could might be. Were
any of these drivers, deaf and ASL-speaking, which may not
be considered English by the police?

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

DeafDigest editor saw this article off a web posting, on how the
disabled,
the deaf included, try to deal with the college life, this one at
University
of Texas.

This article was written by Israel Perez, of the Daily Texan
to read this article, click on <http://deafdigest.com/texas>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

football ASL?

<http://www.idsnews.com/news/story.aspx?id=71004>

#13 is saying shoulder

#17 is saying out

#14 is saying "I threaten you physically"

Of course, ASL purists would not agree!

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Question of the week:

Q. I love to watch the soap operas. Have there been any soap plots involving the deaf?

A. During the seventies, "Search for Tomorrow" involved a deaf character (Linda Bove) who fell in love with her doctor, and they "lived happily forever." The other one was "Guiding Light" where the leading character fell in love with Abby, a deaf Amish woman (Amy Ecklund).

There may be others. DeafDigest is not sure.

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 some newspaper reporters stop saying that we, the deaf, are "not normal."

A newspaper, in Fuji, said:

These are not normal people that we are dealing with. We have to treat them specially

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1576 - Thomas Filsby, a deaf man, married Ursula Russel, a hearing woman, in a church ceremony in Leicester, England. This marriage was duly recorded in the church books, and is known to be one of the

earliest known church weddings involving the deaf,

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Deaf and the Money:

Deaf athletic groups need to take notice of the lesson learned by the national deaf Fuji rugby team. If the team is being funded for an overseas trip by the national hearing rugby governing body, then all other offers for corporate sponsorships may need to be turned down - to avoid corporate conflicts.

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

A deaf activist, who has requested anonymity with himself and with the location of his residence, loves junk food but was constantly frustrated with the hassles of being able to order food from the comfort of his car.

Over a period of time he went to thirty different fast food outlets in a mid-sized American city, to see if he is able to get his orders through from his car.

the results are:

13 - successful orders from his car
12 - unsuccessful orders from his car

for reasons of his own, he did not want to involve the area advocacy organizations of the deaf

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Gallaudet University
Washington, DC

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Part-time Non-Exempt

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job announcement
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Cave Spring, GA

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job announcement
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Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA

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Job Description
Director of Employment Services
Corliss Institute, Inc
Warren, Rhode Island

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