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ASL Videos of the Week:
<http://deafdigest.com/videos/tobacco/>
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Deaf Cartoon (Fogey) of the week:
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Go there to look at the latest Cartoon

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Hot Deaf News during the week:

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Because of inbreeding in the third world villages, more and more people have become deaf. The latest "deaf town" is located in Bali, an Indonesian island. Half of the residents in one Bali village is deaf. They joke about their deafness as if one is trying to hear a one-hand clapping!

- Thursday November 5th

Simon Wilkinson-Blake, not deaf, resigned as the CEO of

the British Deaf Association after being on the job just 18 months. There is a feeling of deja vu because of the CEO turnover intermingled with deaf identity issues (the same as what is happening here in USA).

- Friday November 6th

A Walmart Supercenter within easy walking distance of North Carolina School for the Deaf, Morganton, is one step towards reality. The City Planning and Zoning Commission rejected pleas from residents to rezone the area to prevent commercialization and traffic in the area

- Saturday November 7th

Toby Walker has won the Abbeyville Police Department officer of the year for the 3rd time in his 11 years with the force. It is in Louisiana. Toby is deaf and uses a CI.

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

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Deaf Miscellaneous stuff:

We are thrilled that our own Ashley Fiolek is a champion motocross racer. We may see another deaf champion motocross racer. Josh Waterman won the British MXY2 and BYMX Championships, and like with Ashley, he races by feel than by sound. He will be competing against top European motocross racers this coming season.

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A SWALLOWED TOBACCO

An article in a deaf school magazine explained how children become deaf. There were about 10 different reasons why the children become deaf.

One of the reasons was "swallowed tobacco."
This is not a joke. This article was written about 115 years ago!

Of course, nowadays doctors are better with finding reasons for deafness.

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

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AN UGLY INCIDENT

It often happens that a hearing person gets upset when a deaf person does not respond. The hearing person think he is being ignored, not realizing the deafness.

DeafDigest editor never forgot an incident about 10 years ago. A group of college students were selling donuts for their fund raising purposes. The DeafDigest editor passed by them on the sidewalk, and did not want to buy donuts.

The hearing student got very angry, thinking he was being ignored and ran after the DeafDigest editor. Luckily, a group of college students grabbed him and pulled him away.

It can be scary!

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THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE CLUB FOR THE DEAF

There was a story in a recent publication of California School for the Deaf at Fremont about the school partnering up with the San Francisco Club for the Deaf.

Normally schools for the deaf and the clubs for the deaf do not connect with each other, and so, the Fremont story is interesting.

It all got started when the club members made a donation to the school, and it led to students suggesting that their school reach out to them.

The school and the club both have joint activities planned in the months to come.

A DEAF PERSON IN FRAUD INVESTIGATION FIELD

We watch many cop stories on TV, and much of these plots revolve around white collar crime, or in other words - fraud.

Do we have any deaf individuals in the fraud investigation field? There was one in Illinois about 10 years ago but he is no longer in that field.

It has surfaced this week that we have one in Kentucky. There was a newspaper story written up on Eddie Runyon, who is deaf and is a Special Investigator working on Kentucky Employer's Mutual Insurance.

Like with almost all deaf professionals, discrimination and isolation are issues Eddie deals with on a daily basis.

COLLEGE EDUCATION IN GAMBIA

Gambia is Africa's smallest nation. And there was a newspaper story that said:

Gambia College has educated some people with mild hearing problems, with cooperation and collaboration with the St. John's School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Huh! What about the profoundly deaf or even the severely deaf or even of the moderately deaf? Are these groups being neglected in favor of the mildly deaf?

Possibly the newspaper reporter did not know what he was writing about!

A DEAF-OWNED CAFE IN VIETNAM

It seems that when ambitious deaf individuals seek employment and are discriminated against, they go into business for themselves as an alternative.

An example would be a cafe in Hue, Vietnam, owned and operated by a deaf family. A hearing newspaper reporter stopped by that cafe for beers and fried spring rolls.

The reporter made a very nice comment about that cafe in his newspaper article, but did not mention the name of that place.

THE LIPREADING FACTORY WORKERS

Years ago when mills were a way of life in the South, a group of employees in one milling factory were expert lipreaders, even though they were not deaf.

The noise from the milling machinery was so bad that these employees had to learn lipreading in order to communicate.

This is interesting. Why wouldn't they use hand gestures instead of lipreading? Maybe because it is hard to teach a gesture for every single word whereas lipreading was much easier?

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:

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Task Force (American Postal Workers Union)

The web site is at:
<http://www.apwu.org/dhohtf/deafhoh-about.htm>

TALES FROM FORMER DEAF PIZZA DRIVERS

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

in my years of delivering pizzas, I had to deal three times with females opening the door being inappropriately attired! I had to quickly give the pizza to them, take the money quick all while averting my eyes and then getting out of the premises.

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?

part of a newspaper story that said:

sparks fly between two people, literally without words but with lots of sign language

"without words" while signing. C'mon! Signs translate into words that deaf people read with their eyes

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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 last silent weekend, including the President of RID, Cheryl Moose.

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! Many of our current interpreters started out as novice ASL students at the Silent Weekend!

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 and register at www.DrSign.com

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 July, 2010?

Please browse our selection of signing greeting cards at: <http://www.DrSign.com>

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Hot DeafNews boring, but important!

Playing games on the computer is a serious hobby with many people, the deaf included. And there is a growing number of deaf gamers upset with the lack of captions or subtitles in some games. They turn to the web site at <http://www.ablegamers.com> to review new games for its accessibility features

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DeafLibrary Page of the Week

few weeks ago, David Pierce, DeafDigest's Fogey cartoonist, drew a great fogey which labeled different individuals in the "squabbling" Deaf Community.

What are these labels? Do click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/deaflabels>

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

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Deaf Picture of the Week:

Departure Lounge

http://bslbt.co.uk/drama/departure_lounge

It is a British captioned sign language movie that you can watch on your computer. Just bring your soft drinks and popcorn because the showing is 27 minutes long. A great movie and professionally done! And "admission" is free.

Signs are in British Sign Language but is captioned and it will be fun comparing our ASL with their BSL word for word.

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Question of the week:

Q. Gallaudet has the Office of the Ombuds? Exactly what is it supposed to do?

A. tries to resolve issues that surface on the campus, and in the process, create peace.

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 counseling services for the deaf, in need, are immediately available anywhere in USA.

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DeafHistory - Looking Back:

Year 1596 - Richard Carew, not deaf, wrote a letter mentioning two deaf men Bone and Kempe that communicated in sign language that was fascinating to those that were watching them

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Deaf and the Money:

\$800,000 - allocated by Fresno City College in California for services for disabled students, the deaf included

\$300,000 - allocated by same college for interpreters

above is 38 percent

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DeafNumbers of the Week:

107 nations

visited by the late Irwin Bosch, a deaf Californian traveler

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School Educator I
Eastern North Carolina School for the Deaf,
Wilson, NC

closing date - 11/17/2009

e. Assist in corresponding with parties involved in Outreach projects.

- Oversee the supervision and development of all staff
- Communicate effectively with all stakeholder

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attn: Human Resources
806 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, MD 21804

or

email <mailto:jdubunque@pkscpa.com>

Applications can also be completed on line at:

<http://www.dila.org>

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Search re-opened
Co-Science Directors
Science of Learning Center on Visual Language and Visual Learning
Gallaudet University
Washington, DC

for position description and application procedures, please click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/science>

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job announcement
Teacher (High School Math)
Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA

for position description and application procedures, please click on:

<http://deafdigest.com/hsmath>

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job announcement
Substitute Teacher (Part-Time/Hourly)
Georgia School for the Deaf
Cave Spring, GA

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Job Description
Director of Employment Services

Corliss Institute, Inc
Warren, Rhode Island

Overall job function: Agency liaison for all client work and business functions. To structure the developing Program into 3 separate services. To oversee Project staffing and performance. To monitor and assess Department activities/goals, and to research additional options. To assure that the Program services and goals result in meaningful work in settings that are not segregated or sheltered.

This position reports to the Executive Director.

Requirements: M.A. desired, B.A. minimum. Experience with State Rehabilitation agency procedures/policies for Supported Work. Knowledge of deaf adults with developmental disabilities, fluency in ASL required/capacity to gain these skills. PR/networking skills with employers, state and private employment groups and others. Business skills and supervisory experience as well as ability to assess viability in the areas of client need, project viability (revenue, expenses, etc.) and public response. Excellent writing skills, familiarity with Word, Excel and basic programs, and the ability to be productive in team and independent settings.

Examples of Job Duties:

1. Works with Executive Director, Senior Team and funders/partners to develop and refine Program.
2. Recruits and interviews needed consultants, staff, interns and volunteers.
3. Develops sales initiatives, customers, jobs and related Program components through research, email, phone/videophone/TTY and attendance at various events.
4. Develops Program promotional materials and events for increasing public and consumer use.
5. Liaison to external entities.
6. Internal and formal Reports other documents to track Program progress and outcomes.
7. Program and expenditure reports, revenue projections and other documents.
8. Other duties as determined by supervisor/agency need.

This is a full-time exempt position, and includes full agency fringe and benefits.

Salary - high \$40's. Limited relocation funds. Position funded for one year; contingent upon generated revenue.

Cover letter/resume to:
Jean Moniz, Director of HR
Corliss Institute, Inc.
290 Main Street
Warren, RI 02885

mailto:jmoniz@corliss.org
FAX to: 401-245-8023

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Position Available
Director of Student Admissions
The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Philadelphia, PA

Director of Student Admissions

This is a full-time 12-month position. At least a Master's Degree in Psychology or related field. Possess proficiency in sign language. Supervise a full array of clinical student/family support services. Collaborate with LEAs and families regarding enrolment and coordinate the PDE approval process. Coordinate the scheduling and completion of Biannual and Triennial multidisciplinary evaluations ERs, IEPs and standardized school-wide assessment services. Collaborate on the transition to school age process and the ESY/Summer Program.

Deadline for submission is December 11, 2009.

Send letter of interest and resume/vitae to:

Jane Homka
Executive Secretary
The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
100 W. School House Lane
Philadelphia, PA 19144

e-mail: mailto:jhomka@psd.org

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