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VIRGINIA SCHOOL VIOLATED RULES 97 TIMES

The Virginia School for the Deaf, Blind and Multi-Disabled violated state regulations for children's residential facilities 97 times from 2001 to February 2004, according to a state Department of Education report obtained by the Daily Press (Hampton, Va.). The newspaper reported Dec. 29 that the school was given a reprieve last week after being told earlier that it must fix the problems or close by the end of 2004. The violations include unreported student injuries, understaffing, and workers who are unable to communicate with deaf students and staff. The school has been operating under one-year provisional licenses since 2001 instead of the standard three-year licenses, the only one of 34 children's residential sites in the state to operate under a provisional license. Superintendent Darlene White said the school has worked to erase violations over the past three years. "By no stretch of the imagination is this the same program it was three or four years ago," she said.

GUARDIAN CAN'T MAKE DECISION FOR BOY ON LIFE SUPPORT

A brain-damaged one-year-old boy who is blind, deaf and unaware of his surroundings cannot be removed from life support, the Ohio Supreme Court ruled Dec. 30, because the boy's parents have not given up their parental rights. Aiden Stein was diagnosed with shaken baby syndrome and has been kept alive at the hospital with a ventilator and feeding tube. Matthew Stein, 21, the boy's father, is suspected of injuring the boy March 15 and could face murder charges if the boy dies. According to the Associated Press, the court appointed a guardian due to a conflict of interest between Stein and the boy's mother, Arica Heimlich, 22,

over whether Aiden is kept alive. But last week's decision prevents the guardian from making the decision to terminate life support.

THREE PLEAD GUILTY TO BURGLARIZING DEAF MAN'S HOME

Three people have pleaded guilty to burglarizing the apartment of a deaf Conway, Ark. man, the Arkansas Democrat Gazette reported Saturday, and two others will face trial after rejecting a plea agreement. The victim, Scottie Graves, 37, "opened the door and he got beat up and things were taken" during the June 27, 2004 crime, said Crystal Barrett, 25, who was sentenced to six years in jail. James Adams, 22, was sentenced to seven years and Laura Lafleur, 23, was given ten years. A trial date of April 27 has been set for David Adams, 18, and Steven Adams, 21. All but one of the defendants lived in the same apartment complex as the victim.

NEW FLORIDA AGENCY MISLEADS PUBLIC, ADVOCATES SAY

Florida's Agency for Persons with Disabilities is only three months old, the Sun-Sentinel reported Jan. 1, but it's already coming under fire. Advocates say the agency's name is misleading, since it focuses only on people with cerebral palsy, mental retardation and autism, a population that comprises 2 percent of the state's population. Overall, 18 percent of Floridians are disabled, and some want the new agency to expand its scope. But with a staff of 4,000 and a \$1.2 billion budget, any plan to expand the agency won't win quick acceptance from Gov. Jeb Bush, the newspaper reported. One idea is to simply rename the agency to show that it serves only those with developmental disabilities.

COCHLEAR CORP. REPLACES CHILDREN'S STOLEN HEARING DEVICES

The Misso children – Matthew, 6, and Kailey, 4 – received something special in the mail last week – new cochlear hearing devices to replace the ones that were in the family van when it was stolen before Christmas outside their Henderson, Nev. home. According to the Las Vegas Sun, the \$6,000 devices were donated by the Cochlear Corp. in Colorado and arrived already configured to the children's implants. "We jumped right on it" when they heard about the family's plight, said Cochlear's Maeve Brown. A bank account established for the family has received more than a dozen donations. "We're very, very happy," mom Suzie Misso said. "We've come out pretty darn good."

BUSES, TRAINS IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY TO BE EQUIPPED WITH TV'S

Televisions will soon be installed on buses and trains in Oceanside, Calif. The flat-panel monitors will use sound and pictures to show what stop is next and where the bus or train is on its route, said the North County Times on Sunday. The system, which is expected to be installed in every train and bus in San Diego County, includes a one-hour video loop of news, sports and entertainment. It's being provided by Transit Television Network for free, and the transit district will get a percentage of the advertising income. Operations Manager Brian Graham said the new system will be especially helpful for blind and deaf passengers. "It's one less thing the driver has to worry about," he said.

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DEAF DIVER'S GROUP CAUGHT UNDERWATER WHEN TSUNAMI HIT

The Nov. 17th Deafweekly mentioned deaf divemaster Naomi Hayim and her plans for a Christmas-week sail and dive adventure in Thailand. It was a much greater adventure than they ever expected. Hayim and her fellow sailors were diving underwater when last week's devastating tsunami hit. "We realized that the wave went right over us as we were diving," she told Haaretz International via text messaging. The divers were swept away and hampered by poor visibility, but eventually all 14 surfaced and found one another. Hayim was not sure how long they were submerged, but luckily all 14 (including one other deaf diver) were unharmed.

THAILAND BADMINTON PLAYER LOSES PARTNER

Thailand badminton player Nattachai Unsomsri talks confidently of winning at the Deaflympics, but he is hiding the tragic loss of his doubles partner, The Age (Australia) reported yesterday. His partner was from Phuket, and he died in the Dec. 26 tsunami. Unsomsri will now play only singles, but the tragedy left him even more determined to win for his country and fallen teammate. "My mind is 100 per cent focused on winning the gold medal," he said.

TORONTO TEACHER SURVIVES DISASTER

Roy Lamanna, a deaf Toronto teacher, was standing on a beach in Thailand Dec. 26 when he saw a wall of water coming in from the sea. It wasn't until he saw people running and the wave almost upon him that he realized the danger, the Toronto Star reported Sunday. The water "just kept coming and coming and I realized, 'My gosh, it's coming right toward me.' " He was carried by the water to a small hilltop, where he and about a dozen others awaited rescue. "A lot of people fell off the hill," he said. "Many were just washed away." It took 10 hours for the survivors to be rescued by boat and helicopter. Lamanna would up at a small hotel in Kabri, Thailand, where a group of survivors gathered around a TV. "I began to realize how lucky I was compared to other people, to escape with such minor injuries," he said.

SEEKING INFORMATION ON EDUCATOR IN THAILAND

In the aftermath of the tsunami disaster, Theresa Carpenter of LaGrange, Ky. contacted Deafweekly asking

for help in locating Father Charles Dittmeir, who teaches deaf Indian children in Thailand. "I tried to contact his family, but no luck," she said. If anyone has information, please contact Carpenter at karybidly@yahoo.com.

PROGRAM TEACHES QUR'AN IN SIGN LANGUAGE

Islam Online reported Jan. 2 on an Egyptian charity, the Cairo-based Risala, that started a course last February "to teach the deaf-mutes the meanings of the Noble Qur'an." Risala means "message" in Arabic, and the charity caters primarily to the poor, blind, elderly and orphans. More than 100 volunteer teachers have been trained in sign language, and 130 deaf people have enrolled in the program. One volunteer, Heba Al-Samlawi, said that most deaf Egyptians don't know how to perform prayers. The new program would "reach out to this marginalized cross-section of Egyptian society," he said.

FRIENDS OF CHS HOPES TO REPLACE BOARD AT MEMBERS MEETING

The Canadian Hearing Society will hold a special members meeting on January 29, the first time the organization has faced the public since the controversial firing of President and CEO Kelly Duffin in November. A group called Friends of the Canadian Hearing Society is determined to replace the current board of directors with a new slate of candidates. They need at least two-thirds of voting members to agree with them. If they are successful, election of new directors will take place immediately. "We have recruited an outstanding group of individuals as candidates to serve on the Board," said a statement from the Friends on its website (<http://www.friendsofchs.com>). In order to vote, you must be a paid CHS member, but it's too late to join – yesterday was the deadline to be eligible to vote on Jan. 29.

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"A Deaf Artist in Early America" at Harris Communications

John Brewster was a deaf portrait artist living in America during the 19th century and his paintings are in many prestigious museums. In the book, "A Deaf Artist in Early America," award-winning historian Harlan Lane gives a multi-faceted glimpse of John Brewster and the culture, language and social institutions of the Deaf-World in America. This book is on sale now for only \$29.95 (Regularly \$35.00). Sale ends January 9, 2005. For more information, go to <http://www.harriscomm.com/link/?www.harriscomm.com?sr=deafweeklynews> or contact us at <mailto:info@harriscomm.com>.

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SIGN LANGUAGE VIDEO FOR KIDS FEATURED ON CBS NEWS

CBS News did a story last week on Rachel Coleman and the "Signing Time!" video series she created three years ago with her family after she and her husband discovered their daughter Leah was deaf. The three-video series, which feature Leah and her cousin Alex, is designed to teach young children how to sign simple words and phrases. Knowing some sign language can help ease the "terrible twos," Coleman said. "They don't have to scream and cry and throw themselves down on the floor. "They can sign exactly what they want – 'I want milk,' 'I'm tired.' "

DEAR ABBY COLUMN FOCUSES ON INFANTS AND HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss in infants was the topic of yesterday's Dear Abby column. The feature included four responses to an earlier letter from a nanny who suspected a child in her care has a hearing loss. Do not delay in testing the child's hearing, was the message of a pediatrician and two mothers of children with hearing loss. The fourth response, from "Briana of West Virginia," noted that parents need to be aware of deaf culture. "Many deaf people, myself included, do not consider themselves disabled." Said Abby in response: "I hear you loud and clear."

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CHICAGO INTERPRETING FIRM SIGNS ON WITH GAY GAMES VII

Deaf Communication by Innovation (DCI), a deaf- and gay-owned company in Chicago, has signed a sponsorship agreement worth \$90,000 to provide sign-language interpreting services at the 2006 Gay Games. DCI will oversee interpretation for athletes, artists and fans attending the Gay Games VII Sports and Cultural Festival, scheduled for July 15-22, 2006 in Chicago. DCI president Raymond Rogers served as a volunteer interpreter at the Gay Games V in Amsterdam. As a member of the marketing committee for the 2006 Games, he has been working to ensure the large LGBT deaf and hard-of-hearing community in Chicago is well represented in planning. "We will do our best to do great work for a great cause," he said.

NEW JERSEY COLLEGE HONORS NTID C-PRINT SPECIALISTS

Bergen Community College in New Jersey recently honored two individuals from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (Rochester, N.Y.) for helping to bring C-Print captioning technology to the college. At a recent luncheon, plaques were given to Pamela Francis, NTID's coordinator of C-Print development and training, and Michael Stinson, an NTID research professor. Some 2,000 students at BCC benefit from C-Print. "The work of Dr. Stinson and Pam Francis has far-reaching effects, said BCC's Beth Pincus, "and we are honored to be able to acknowledge them."

PROGRAM TRAINS MEDICAL STUDENTS TO SERVE DEAF COMMUNITY

The UCSD News at the University of California, San Diego reported Dec. 20 on a ground-breaking training program at Moores UCSD Cancer Center – the American Sign Language, Deaf Culture and Cancer Control program. Medical students receive training in sign language and deaf culture, allowing them to work as

cancer-control experts for both deaf and hearing patients. Funded by a five-year, \$1.6 million grant from the National Cancer Institute, the UCSD program is now in its second year. At least five students are trained each year, and participants are required to attend a summer immersion program in ASL and deaf culture at Gallaudet University.

DEAFLYMPICS PROMPTS UPGRADE TO AUSTRALIAN PAY PHONES

Half of the 3,600 pay phones in Melbourne, Australia have been adapted to allow text messages to be sent. The Deaflympics, which open today with thousands of international visitors on hand, is the reason for the upgrade. Eventually, all 32,000 public telephones in Australia will be text-enabled, the Herald Sun of Melbourne reported last week. Britain is believed to be the only other country rolling out SMS (Short Message Sentences) pay phones. "It's number one in the deaf community," said Carolyn McKnight, Australia's top-ranked deaf tennis player. The phone boxes provide one-way service only -- sending text messages to mobile phones.

MORE NEW MEMBERS REPORTED FOR NTID ADVISORY GROUP

The National Technical Institute for the Deaf in Rochester, N.Y. has reported a clarification to a news item in last week's Deafweekly. NTID's National Advisory Group has 12 new members, not five as reported. The seven members not already named are Scot Atkins, Timothy McCarty, Jennifer Olson, Ronnie Mae Tyson-Jones, Jeff Hutchins, Mark Milliron and Marilyn Smith. They join the five members mentioned last week -- Andrew Brennehan, Rodney Danco Jr., Kevin Todd Houston, Jon Levy and John Wyvill -- as well as current members Steven Bock, Juanita Rodriguez-Color (chair), Richard Burkhauser and Augustin Melendez. In addition, Dr. Merri Pearson, former director of the National Center on Deafness at the California State University, Northridge (CSUN), is the new project liaison officer from the U.S. Department of Education.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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FLYING WORDS PROJECT TO REUNITE IN ROCHESTER

Peter Cook and Kenny Lerner first performed together as Flying Words Project in the 1980s in a small Rochester, N.Y. coffee house called Jazzberries. Since then, they've toured the United States (even Alaska) and performed in Europe. Deaf artist Cook exercises control over every part of his body to tell a story, while Lerner's voicing brings understanding to those who don't know sign language. Their work has been called "one of the most amazing displays of eloquence in motion that you'll ever see!" Now they're coming back to

Rochester – for one show only. It takes place Saturday, Jan. 29 at 7:30 in the Panara Theatre of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf. If you need more information, call (585) 243-9413 v/tty or email mnldis@rit.edu.

PARTNERSHIP LINKS ARKANSAS SCHOOL, REPERTORY THEATRE

A partnership between the Arkansas Repertory Theatre and the Arkansas School for the Deaf in Little Rock was highlighted last week in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette. The partnership is in its fourth year and is paid for this year through a \$13,814 Arkansas Arts Council grant. During the yearlong program, performers from the Rep visit classrooms, and tickets are provided for students and teachers to see every play in the season. In addition, one national guest artist gets involved. This year's artist, Joseph Graves, said in an email from China, where he is presently working, "My visit with the students and teachers was a grand thing indeed for me and even a bit life-changing."

22ND ANNUAL MEDIA ACCESS AWARDS SET FOR JAN. 14

The 22nd Annual Media Access Awards ceremony is coming up on Friday, Jan. 14 at The Highlands Hollywood, the same complex on Hollywood Boulevard that hosts the Academy Awards. The event provides financial support for the Media Access Office, a program of the California Governor's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities that promotes the employment and accurate portrayal of persons with disabilities in the media and entertainment industries. Montel Williams is chairing the black-tie-optional event, and a special tribute to the late Christopher Reeve is planned. Information may be obtained from Gloria M. Castañeda at the Media Access Office, 818/752-1196, 818/753-3426 fax, 818/753-3427 tty, Gcastane@edd.ca.gov.

REAR-WINDOW CAPTIONING EXPANDING IN D.C. AREA

The Washington Post reported Sunday on the Rear Window technology, a "new captioning system that dramatically expands film offerings for deaf cinema customers." Eleven theaters in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. now offer the technology, and "It's an excellent way to see films," said Adam Schafer of Takoma Park. Schafer, 27, grew up watching movies without sound or captions, and now goes to the movies once or twice a month with his wife. Unlike open-captioned films, Rear Window allows deaf people to attend any showing of a film in a theater with the equipment. Deaf people "really prefer this system," said a spokesman for Crown Theatres. "They can see the film at normal showtimes with their friends and family."

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Instructor: Karen Beiter
Date: February 28-March 4, 2005
Place: NTID/RIT, Rochester NY
Cost: \$300

PC Hardware Maintenance and Repair

Instructor: Tony Spiecker
Date: February 28-March 4, 2005
Place: NTID/RIT, Rochester NY
Cost: \$400

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DIIT is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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SPORTS

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DEAFLYMPICS GET UNDERWAY TODAY IN AUSTRALIA

The Deaflympics in Melbourne, Australia gets underway today and runs through Jan. 16. The organizing committee reported Dec. 22 that a record number of entries have been received for these 20th Summer Games, with 3,655 athletes and officials from 78 nations due on hand to compete in 15 sports across Melbourne and Ballarat. If you'd like to keep up with the results, check out these websites: www.deaflympics.com and www.2005deaflympics.com.

DEAFLYMPICS BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

Elections were held yesterday to select board members for the Deaflympics, one day prior to today's opening ceremonies in Melbourne. Donald Ammons of the United States was elected president and David Lanesman

of Israel was elected vice president. Three members-at-large were also chosen: Siv Fosshaug of Switzerland; Yang Ting of China; and Dogan Ozdemir of Turkey. In addition, four regional representatives were chosen: Isabelle Malaurie, Chih-ho Chen, Peter Kalae and Maria de Bendeguez. The board members will serve a four-year term (2005-2009).

ACTIVIST SAYS HE WAS DENIED ENTRY TO CISS CONGRESS

Deaf sports activist Rafael Pinkhasov Pinchas issued a press release Monday from Melbourne, claiming that he was prevented by police and security officers from attending the 39th CISS Congress as an observer. This is the second time Pinchas has faced "such an annoying, intimidating and discriminatory treatment," he said, with the first occurring in 2003 at the 38th CISS Congress in Sweden. Pinchas blames CISS Interim President/Secretary General Donalda Ammons for the snub, and suggested that it is the result of his pending lawsuit in Moscow against Ammons and three others for property theft and defamation of character. Ammons did not reply by deadline to Deafweekly's request for a response.

AMAZING MARYLAND ENDS SEASON WITH 24-GAME WINNING STREAK

"This is the best team I've ever coached," Maryland School for the Deaf football coach Andy Bonheyo told DeafNation Sports in a recent interview. MSD scored a state record 577 points and allowed only 43 points, for an average score of 57-4, and kept opponents scoreless in seven games. Maryland hasn't lost a game since Oct. 19, 2002, running up a 24-game winning streak. This year's team was led by senior Martise Colston, who broke the state record with 554 career points while rushing 1,721 yards (15.1 yards per carry average) and scoring 30 touchdowns. Teammates Davon Cook (1,460 yards, 15.9 yards average, 24 touchdowns), Calvin Doudt (86 tackles) Joshua Doudt (54 tackles) and Derrick Williams (6 interceptions) also played key roles. Eleven seniors are graduating this year, and "You may never see such a dominant team ever again," said DeafNation's Todd Newman.

CSDR FOOTBALL TEAM FEATURED IN ROSE BOWL COMMERCIAL

Everyone from the California School for the Deaf, Riverside football team – coaches and cheerleaders included – received free tickets to attend this year's Rose Bowl game last Saturday courtesy of ESPN and Citi. As if that weren't enough, the Press-Enterprise reported Dec. 31, the team got together a day earlier to film a TV commercial sponsored by Citi that aired during the game. The commercial spotlighted superintendent Harold Kund talking about CSDR while coaches and players stood behind him. The team went 9-2 and earned the San Joaquin League championship, their first in 51 years, along with national attention from CNN, Sports Illustrated and NBC's "Today Show."

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COMING EVENTS

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POKER TOURNAMENT SET FOR MARCH 25-26 IN FLORIDA

The World Deaf Texas Hold'Em Poker Tournament has been set for March 25-26 in Lake Worth, Fla. There's a \$125 entry fee and \$4,000 in prizes, based on 100 entries. March 11 is the deadline to sign up. The Holiday Inn (866-270-5110 voice) is the official hotel. For more information, contact Tournament Director Barry Steinberg at judithbarry@adelphia.net.

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MILESTONES

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BETTE ELLIOTT, 83, LATE-DEAFENED TV HOST, REPORTER

The News Observer of Raleigh, N.C. reported the death Dec. 26 of Bette Elliott, 83, who hosted the popular Channel 5 program "Femme Fare" for 13 years before leaving the show when her hearing began to deteriorate. Mrs. Elliott eventually became completely deaf, though a cochlear implant operation in 1997 restored some of her hearing. She was born in Germany, where her father was stationed in the Army, and spent much of her adolescence living near the Panama Canal. After earning a degree in drama, she got a job with The Raleigh Times in 1954. In the early 1960s she became host of WRAL's "Magazine of the Air for the Modern Woman," a position she held until 1975. Later, she ran the Bill Kiser news service, dedicated to disabled people. She wrote a syndicated column, "The Handicapped Mailbag," until her retirement in 1993.

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READER RESPONSE

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Employment Opportunities (4 positions)
TDI Community Emergency Preparedness Information Network Project (CEPIN)
Regional Emergency Preparedness Specialist (2 positions)
– Mid-Atlantic and Southeast region (NVRC, Fairfax, VA, closes 1/14/05)
– New England and Great Lakes region (D.E.A.F., Inc., Allston, MA, closes 1/14/05)
National Coordinator - TDI/CEPIN, Silver Spring, MD, closes 1/7/05
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