

**Deaf Culture Question of the Week** – June 2 – 6, 2008  
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A current event, Deaf culture question, and a bizarre, interesting deafness-related story to share.

Question of the week:

Who is the first deaf person to play in a National Basketball Association (NBA) game?

(Scroll down for answer)

*and*

*Bizarre deafness-related story*

People have been trying to "cure" deafness, probably since the Middle-Ages or before. Do you know that there was a 19th century "cure" for deafness? See this little story from Deaf Digest newsletter. Amazing that the "empty bottle" of Dr. Cooper's magic oil to cure deafness is on sale for \$375.00. Check it out at the "bottles4sale" website. Bizarre!

*DR. COOPER'S DEAFNESS CURE*

There was a 19th century "cure" for deafness. It was Dr Cooper's bottle, some kind of a magic potion. Do click on:

<http://www.bottlebooks.com/bottlesforsale/bottles4sale.htm>

Dr Cooper's bottle is located on the right side, fifth frame from the top.

*Now for the answer to the Deaf Culture Question of the Week*

**News of the Week:**

It is now official. A deaf basketball player got to play in an official NBA game. **Lance Allred**, after not playing in two games since he was called up by the Cleveland Cavaliers, entered the game with 17 seconds remaining against the Orlando Magic. The stats will show that he missed the only shot he attempted. He played for the USA National Deaf Team that competed at the World Deaf Basketball Championships.

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