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A large part of this issue is dedicated to 9-11. The students at JMS contributed stories and pictures. Two teachers at USD and one UAD board member also contributed stories.

JMS Students on 9-11



Jared, 13

"Disaster in Our Presence"

In memory of all the lives lost on Tuesday,
September 11's heartless and painful attacks
As buildings fall down
families look all around
fearing they'll never again
hear their loved one's sound
As our heart feel as if they were torn
we all start to mourn, as fire
and smoke is all we can see
terrorists try to ruin our great country
Thousands of lives were lost
but in our hearts they stay
Not even the greatest fire could take that away.
I think we can call this a "Disaster in Our Presence"

Kyra, 12

When this day happened, I didn't know that event happened but my friend told me the event and she recorded videotape about it. At first, I thought it was big deal but they are really, really serious. Firefighters were there, polices and peoples. They are dying. I felt bad for them. They died for no reason. Many people fell out the W.T.C. building. It was very tragic. It was on the news all day. They explained how it happened and showed 2nd plane crashed into W.T.C. building. They caught it on tape. Now U.S.A. is terrified. Some of them stopped going to plane. Everything is screwed up. All people hated Osama Bin Laden. He did that. If he wasn't here, none of this be happened.

Nina, 12

When I was getting ready for school, my mom said, "Come on, I want to show you something." My mom

led me to family room, I saw T.V. was on news. I saw World Trade Center was hit by airplane. I recorded it to show my school (Jean Massieu School of course!) I felt very sad. Here is my poem (for Sept 11).

Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
hard, hurtful, sadness,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
horrible, horrid, terrible,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
nasty, mischievous, unpleasant,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
spiteful, awful, vile,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
rotten, tragic, heart-breaking,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
tear-jerking, dreadful, grave,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
serious, tragic, upsetting,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
distressed, gloomy, glum,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
miserable, tearful, long-faced,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11,
troubled, down in the dumps, unhappy,
Sept 11, Sept 11, Sept 11.....



9-11-01 We will never forget
In honor of those that were lost & those who fight so bravely everyday

Kirstie, 11

I felt bad because many people dead in the house. I felt bad and I watch the TV and about the plane. What happen and then I go to my school and my teacher is cry and my class me too. I really sad for the house broke. So we will be fine.

Tyler, 12

I never forget it when I was age seven year old I been northtower. No more twin tower can't made back again. We will never forget. We kept in our hearted forgive to people who had died. That very sad story last year from New York. I not know thing to happen? We will kept this year.

Airiel, 14

I was sad about a plane crashed into the buildings called world trade center. And lots people died started last year Sept 11, 2001. All people lonely people who they dead.

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President's Message

by Ron Nelson



Join the new Email Service for Open Caption Movies in Utah! Just send your email to CMoviesUtah@yahoogroups.com or go online to www.uad.org/cmoviesutah. How did this all start?

The UAD Board and several members set priorities for the UAD Board to complete by June 2003. The #2 priority was to set up a coalition with SHHH and ALDA. I'm proud to report that the coalition is in place and several meetings have been held with Kathy Evans, SHHH President, and Linda Lewis, ALDA Leader. The current issue the coalition is working on is to increase the number of open caption movies and theaters and expand the number of people attending. David Samuelson has been very helpful in this effort with his knowledge and contact with the owners/managers of the theaters.

I believe that in this world of technology, we cannot afford to isolate ourselves. We must recognize that there are other groups of people who share our needs to communicate and interact with the world. We may use different modes of communication but our needs are the same. I enjoy the meetings with Kathy and Linda very much and we agree that we can work together. Approximately 10% of the people in Utah (about 220,000) are deaf and hard of hearing. The work we do will benefit all of them. Will you support the coalition? Will you respect the hard of hearing people as much as they respect us?

Nancy Bloch, NAD Executive Director, said "Attitudes within our own community make a world of difference. Our own attitudes on the subject of deaf culture, heritage, and language can either set us free to explore new challenges or put roadblocks in our way. Yes, we've to deal with the attitudes of others who are not deaf or hard of hearing like us. Still, we don't have to do ourselves in, by causing divisiveness within our community. This divisiveness can create walls between us and easily hurt our combined advocacy efforts for a barrier-free America. This is the time to say, "we're all in this together," and look for those things we have in common so that we can more effectively fight --together-- to protect, promote, and preserve our hard-earned rights, opportunities, and perspectives.

Please read Kristi Mortensen's article on USDB in this issue. The meeting with USDB top-level administration people was very good and long overdue. There are 140 deaf and hard of hearing students in USDB's Central Division; 67 in TC and 73 in Oral Programs. 17 students in the Oral Program and 3 students in the TC Program have cochlear implants. We look forward to more meetings in the future. Steve Noyce will speak to the UAD Board on October 12.

UAD Board Meeting
October 12, 2002 at UCCD
9:00 a.m. : Executive Session
9:30 a.m. : Board Meeting
(open to public)

Society Page

Rattles 'n' Powder



September 3, 2002 – Natalyn Rose, daughter of Drew and Shawna Miller of St. George.

Obituaries

(Full information may be found at www.uad.org/bulletin/obituary.htm)



August 12, 2002 – David West, 74, passed away suddenly. He was the only sibling of Varian (LaVearl) West of West Jordan. The funeral was held in Pleasant Grove.



August 31, 2002 – Cleo Thorup, 87, passed away not long after her husband, Verl Thorup passed away on August 8. She attended the Utah School for the Deaf and graduated in 1935. After funeral services, she was laid to rest beside her husband of 64 years.



September 10, 2002 – Ann Thatcher, a long time interpreter in Salt Lake City, passed away. She would have turned 66 on September 13. A memorial service was held in her honor. Among her survivors are her husband, Edwin Thatcher, and a son, Lynn Howell.



September 19, 2002 – Dora Laramie, 89, passed away in Fremont, CA. She was a long-time teacher at the Utah School for the Deaf in Ogden, and a member of Utah Association for the Deaf for many years. A memorial service was held in Fremont, with inurnment at a later date in the Bountiful City Cemetery. Survivors include her elder daughter, Celia May Baldwin, of Fremont.

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A thought...

"If every wife knew what every widow knows, no man would be without adequate life insurance."

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 Ogden Division 127

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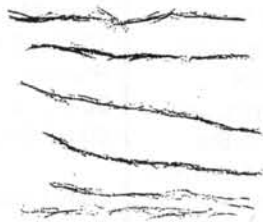
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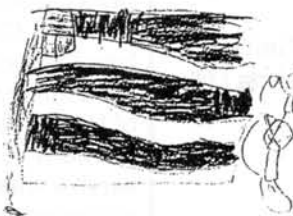
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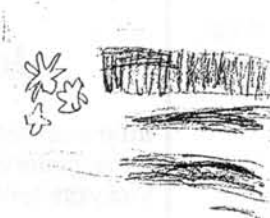
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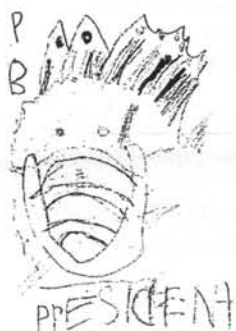
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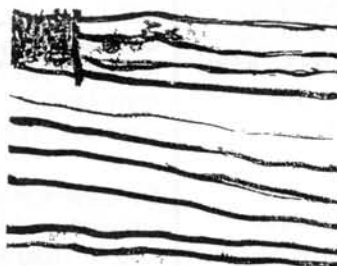
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Candice, 11



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UAD Board Member on 9-11

While I was getting ready to go to work that morning, I turned my TV on to watch news. What I saw seemed unreal, as if it was out of a movie. It was only after reading about the WTC, Pentagon and Pennsylvania crashes on AOL news from time to time during that fateful day that I came to realize it was for real.

Val Kinney, UAD Board Member, Secretary

USD Teachers on 9-11

I went to school early in the morning that day. I never watched the news in the morning, so I really did not know a thing until I got to the school. Between classes the school passed along some news. One hour later, I heard that the second tower was hit, the Pentagon was burning and President Bush was being evacuated. I started to worry that maybe we were not going to have a government by evening. When I was able to finally watch a little TV, I felt a little calmer. I had some meetings after school but asked to change them to another day. I knew that my husband and family were safe, but all I really wanted to do was to be with them. I was so thankful to know that they were safe. It seemed like family, more than ever, needed to be my focus. For the rest of the night, and the next few days, I was glued to the TV. I wanted to see that people could survive. I wanted to make sure that nothing else, no other horrible tragedies, were occurring.

It is amazing how much I was affected by 9/11, even though I did not know a single person who was hurt or killed. I wanted to get a flag so bad. Everyone had the same idea; they were ALL sold out. The next morning I discussed with my classes the Pledge of Allegiance and what it really means. I was sure to wear a flag pin everyday made by one of my students. I became more aware of world news. I tried to teach my students that we are more like other people than we are different and to find the good in others. Despite all of the bad things that happen in this world, I think we will be okay. I have hope for this up and coming generation. I was walking in the school building last week. I saw a group of three students standing around a trashcan outside. It was poor weather so I was a little surprised to see that they were standing outside. As I got a little nearer, I saw that they were upset about something and I saw something that really touched me. All three of them bowed their heads at the same time. One person was leading the group in a prayer. I don't know what the problem was, but I do know what their answer was. Perhaps there are things that we can learn, in spite of great destruction.

JodyLynn Tolley, USD-Bonneville Junior High teacher

When I arrived at school everyone was discussing in disbelief the horror of the morning. The principal called a faculty meeting before school began and asked that we as teachers say NOTHING. I was upset. I felt this was something that needed to be discussed and debriefed, but

I honored the principal's wishes. Throughout the day I, along with the rest of the faculty, made constant trips to the faculty room to learn of any recent events.

I remember that day for the horror that occurred, the loss we all suffered and the renewed sense of patriotism we all felt. I feel all the more grateful for all those men and women over the years who fought to give me the freedoms I enjoy. I am indebted to their selflessness and sacrifice for the blessings I have now. And this includes the thousands of people that died on September 11th.
Michelle Tanner, USD-Resource Specialist MeadowMoor Elementary School

Miss Deaf Utah on 9-11

by Rebecca Ann Davenport



What is the first thing that I remember about September 11, 2001? It was the awful news about the World Trade Center (WTC). In my life I had never heard that on the news show of a real life terrorist attack on America.

On September 11, 2001, I woke up and try to solve the problems that day. The next moment, my friend paged me and said, "Look at news on TV." I saw the airplane attack the World Trade Center. It was shown over and over on the news. In a few minutes, another airplane attacked the other building. I saw people try to flee to safety. They kept screaming. It shocked me and upset my stomach. In that moment it appear in my mind that they hurt our values in America that gave us freedom of speech and religion. There is no other country like America. I really love America.

Last July I went to Deaf Way 2. There were about 9,000 people from different nations to learn more about Deaf Culture. My friends and I decided to go to New York City for one day. We went to Ground Zero and it was a different feeling. I could feel pain and you can see the damage below ground and the buildings near the WTC damaged. It has been almost one year and there is still more mess to clean up. and it had to close and clean up and fix more mess. It is after one year damage and it still remove.

The September 11, 2001 changed America's life. We do still see the America flag all across America. I really love America.

Highlights of UAD Board Meeting

September 7, 2002 – No action was taken at this meeting.

SL Airport Captions Some TVs with CNN

Several CNN monitors are already displaying closed captions at the Salt Lake Airport, mostly in Terminal 2. All of the monitors can display closed captions but they have found that they will get complaints from the hearing public because the closed captions runs across the top of the screen and competes with the stock market, weather and daily news ticker which runs across the bottom.

Additionally, the closed captions interfere with seeing the anchor person completely (apparently it cuts off the top of their head (figuratively)). CNN suggested that the airport standard is to enable approximately 30% of the total monitors.

So CNN will enable monitors in the following gate-hold areas: A3, A8, B1, B5, B14, C3, C6, C12, D4, D7 and D13. With the addition of these monitors, approximately 30% of the CNN monitors will be displaying closed captions. CNN did mention, however, that not all of their programming is closed captioned. So if the monitor is enabled to show closed captions but the program is not, no closed captions will be displayed. CNN estimated that about 15% of their programming is not closed captioned.

20 Years Ago

October 1982 - The highly acclaimed play, "Children of a Lesser God" will be playing at the Capitol Theatre in Salt Lake City, November 9-14. It won the 1980 Tony Award. The play deals with the events that occur when a hearing impaired and a hearing person fall in love and try to construct a life together. The original stars of the show, John Rubinstein and Phyllis Frelich, received Tony Awards for their acting performances. The production coming to Utah will feature actor Rico Peterson and actress Freda Norman, who are husband and wife.

Favorite Website

by Ron Nelson

My favorite website on 9-11 is found at <http://911digitalarchive.org>. It is called "The September 11 Digital Archive; Saving the Histories of September 11, 2001" and features an ever growing collection of stories, emails, pictures (still and moving), audio, documents and links to other relevant websites.

USDB

by Kristi Mortensen, Chair of UAD Education Committee

I am sure many of you are wondering what's happening with USDB. I met with Supt Robinson and Program Director of the Central Area, Steve Noyce, along with our UAD President Ron Nelson and IC members, Bob Sanderson and Dennis Platt.

The meeting went more than 2 hours and we discussed several issues. Supt Robinson expressed his

desire for the oral and total communication programs to be balanced. Teachers should work closely with parents to ensure their deaf children's needs are met. Parent Advisors of the Parent Infant Program should be sharing different educational options without any bias or leaving information out. Parent Advisors work with parents with a child with special needs from birth to three years old. Deaf Mentors work with parents with a child with special needs from birth to six years old.

As the Chair of the UAD Education Committee, I am trying to visit as many parents of deaf children as possible to find out what they really want to see happening when they no longer have Deaf Mentor services and Parent Advisors services. There are a lot of things we need to do. The Deaf Community needs to get involved. Remember the famous quote "It takes a Village to raise a healthy and wholesome child." We are the Village and it is time that we put our hands into the life of a child. I am speaking of many children that are currently enrolled under the USDB system. We have given our attention to the JMS Charter School and they are doing well because the Deaf Community has given their hands to JMS. We also need to give our hands to USDB. Supt Robinson has expressed his desire to see deaf adults volunteering their time to visit the classroom. They could do storytelling, share experiences as a deaf adult, or many different things. Hearing teachers employed at USDB are not qualified to be role models for the deaf. It is the Deaf Adults, themselves, you are Deaf and you are the IT.

I have to admit that when I did my practicum at Meadowmoor Elementary School, the deaf students always smile when they see me walking into their classroom. Yes, they practically ignore the teachers and run up to me sharing all the news they had during the morning activities. It was so awesome to see these kids communicating with me. They need guidance with proper signing, how to take turns in communicating, and learn how to stop and let someone talk. The teachers have said, "These kids are learning and growing exactly what we expect. Thank you for coming to our classrooms." It really warms my heart. I hope you will take it to heart and contact USDB that you want to visit the classrooms, either in the Ogden area, SLC area, or Orem/Provo area. These deaf children need us more than ever. Let's be the person that can light up their lives!

Deaf Rookie Cheerleader for Miami Dolphins NFL Team

Lisa F. is a rookie cheerleader this year. Her profile can be found online at www.miamidolphins.com/cheerleaders/2002squad/cheerleader_lisa_f.asp. One of the questions asked was "What Animal Best Describes Your Personality and Why?". Her answer was "A gorilla, Koko. She is deaf just like me."



Open-Captioned Movies

Salt Lake City:

October 29-30, "Red Dragon", Carmike Ritz
November 5-6, "Four Feathers", Carmike Ritz

Provo:

October 29-30, "Four Feathers", Carmike Wynnsong
November 5-6, "Red Dragon", Carmike Wynnsong

Locations:

Carmike Ritz 3217 South Decker Lake Drive (2000 West), West Valley City
Carmike Wynnsong 4925 North Edgewood Drive, Provo

Deaf Mom Fights to Keep Kids From Cochlear Implants

Lee Larsen, a deaf woman from Wyoming, says she should not be forced to allow her two deaf children to undergo surgery for implants that could give them some hearing.

But a state social service agency is suing, saying the window of opportunity to install cochlea implants in the boys -- ages 3 and 4 -- is closing.

The case, in Judge Kathleen Feeney's court, is attracting attention from deaf activists from around the world, and involves two American Sign Language interpreters and four lawyers.

"I should decide," Larsen testified Thursday, the fourth day of the trial. "They are my flesh and blood. I am deaf. God made them deaf. I do not want them to have implants. It is not safe."

Larsen's voice shook with emotion and she punched out her words in the air as she spoke orally and signed her desires through an interpreter.

The boys are temporary wards of the court and in foster care as a result of negligence charges filed against Larsen by the state last October. The state investigated after someone reported that the boys were left in the care of a deaf woman with other disabilities in Baldwin while the mother traveled to Ohio for a week, according to court records.

During the children's time in state custody, administrators in the Grand Rapids Oral Deaf Program at Shawnee Park Elementary and the foster care program with Bethany Christian Services suggested the children receive implants.

Larsen's children are considered "profoundly deaf" and one child has cerebral palsy. She backed away after reading about the surgery and hearing from other deaf people who oppose the implants.

She told the court she has friends who tried the implants as teen-agers and adults and were unhappy because it made no changes to their hearing and affected their speech.

Larsen said the implants appear to be a good idea to the hearing world, but not to all deaf people.

"But I want them to grow up with a strong self-esteem, not trying to be something they are not," she testified. "I want them part of the deaf culture."

The Shawnee Park School is an oral school and does not teach sign language or lip reading. About half the students have implants.

Larsen, who does not have implants, said she attended the school as a child.

A school in Northview provides "total communication," which includes sign language, lip reading and speech, but did not have full-time openings.

Assistant Prosecutor Kevin Bramble asked Larsen how the children could get around in the hearing world without implants.

"Look at me," Larsen said. "I am deaf. I am in the hearing world and the deaf world."

The boys' father lives in California, and his attorney said he also opposes the procedure.

Joe Tevlin, the court-appointed attorney representing the boys, asked the court to order the children to receive the implants as soon as possible. He argued that there is a "window of opportunity" between birth and age 4 when the children would most benefit from the surgery.

Tevlin presented multiple expert witnesses who testified that the implants are important for a child's language development.

Feeney ordered the children to be evaluated to see whether they are eligible for surgery. An evaluation is scheduled Oct. 4, the same day the trial resumes in her court with a final expert witness.

Besides deciding whether the children will get implants, Feeney will determine whether the neglect charges against the mother can be terminated and if the family can be reunited.

Larsen's attorney, David Gersch, said a recent hearing showed the mother was making good progress with her court-ordered parenting classes. He argued that if Feeney approves the surgery before returning the children to their mother, she would be setting Larsen up for future neglect charges since Larsen does not want her children to have the surgery and the success of the implants is partially based on parents' teaching.

The case has garnered attention with deaf activist groups from as far away as New Zealand, with Feeney receiving more than 300 e-mails and letters.

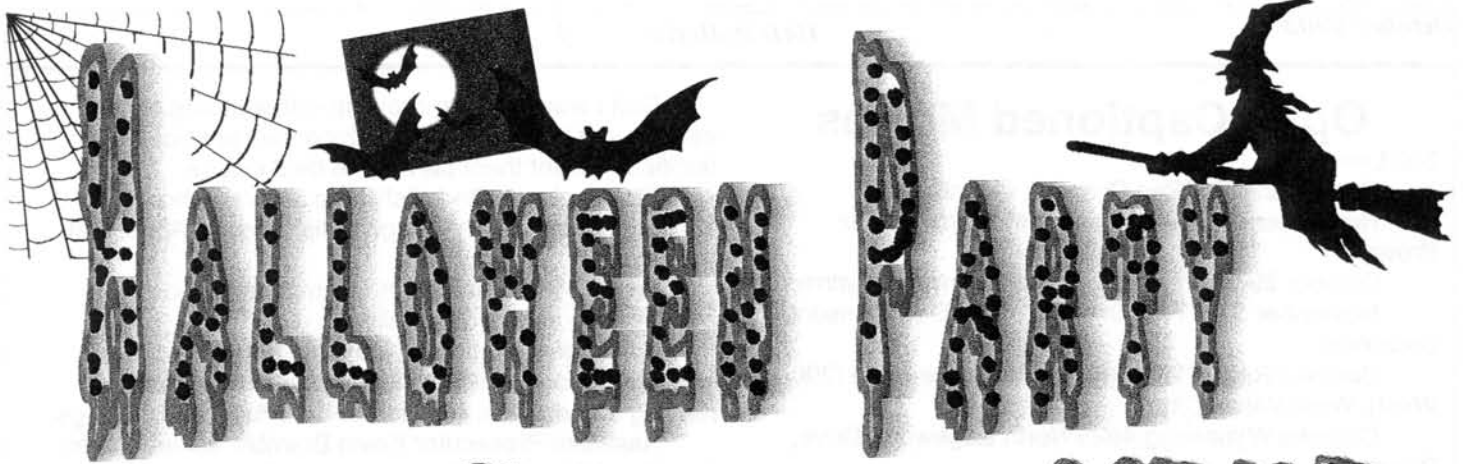
Legal briefs are also expected from civil rights and deaf rights groups.

"The cochlea implant is to a large degree a denial of deafness and the deaf community is quite torn on this issue," said Lois L. VanBroekhoven, an interpreter referral specialist for Deaf Inc., a neutral community resource within the deaf community.

As the mother spoke, deaf supporters signed to one another at times so intensely that the court interpreter told the judge it was distracting.

"I don't allow talking in my courtroom, and the same will go for signing," Feeney told the gallery.

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Halloween Party

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The judge then allowed the signers in the gallery interpreting for deaf court viewers to switch positions so their backs were to the court interpreter.

By T. McClellan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, September 6
 (Editors's Note: A rally is being held on October 4, the same day the trial will resume. NAD's Executive Director, Nancy Bloch, will attend the rally and give a presentation at noon. Comments and letters of support have been received from around the world and forwarded to the mother's attorney. If you would like to send your comments to the Editor of the Grand Rapids Press in the "Letters to the Editor" column, they can be e-mailed to: pulse@gr-press.com. Please Cc: the reporter handling the story in the Press at: tmcclellan@gr-press.com and also please Cc: claudialee@prodigy.net to have the letters forwarded to the mom's attorney.)

Interesting Facts

- * Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- * Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.
- * Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- * 23% of all photocopier faults worldwide are caused by people sitting on them and photocopying their buttocks.

MDUP Fundraisers

Bazaar:
 October 11-12
 at UCCD

Halloween:
 October 26
 (see full page flyer)

Sadie Hawkins Dance:
 November 16
 at UCCD

Salt City Candles (all year round!):
 Bazaar, UAD Bookstore
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United Organizations of the Deaf (UOD) Calendar of Events for October 2002

For further information, contact Valerie Kinney, UOD Calendar Keeper, at TTY 625-0161 or Email: kinneyv@vii.com

Day	Date	Organization	Event	Location
Mondays	October	BBCD - Seniors	Bowling	Bonwood Lanes
Wednesdays	October	DSU	Cards	UCCDHH
Wednesdays	October	UACD	Bowling	Valley Lanes
Thursday	10/3/2002	Ogden Frats	Meeting	Chuck-a-Rama
Friday	10/4/2002	SLC Frats	Meeting	UCCDHH
Saturday	10/5/2002	BBCD - Seniors	Meeting	UCCDHH
Thursday	10/10/2002	RUCC	Quarterly Meeting	UCCDHH
Fri-Sat	10/11-12/2002	UCCDHH	Bazaar	UCCDHH
Saturday	10/12/2002	UAD	Board of Directors Meeting	TBA
Saturday	10/12/2002	YFP	3rd Annual Arts and Crafts Day	UCCDHH
Monday	10/14/2002		COLUMBUS DAY	
Saturday	10/19/2002	YFP	Pumpkin Creation	UCCDHH
Saturday	10/26/2002	MDUP	Halloween	UCCDHH