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## Proposals for UAD Conference

The biennial UAD Conference will be held on June 13-14, 2003 at UCCD. There will be several proposals on the floor during the business meeting on Saturday. One of the proposals deals with decreasing the UAD membership dues because the quota fee to NAD has been replaced with an annual \$100 affiliation fee.

Please plan to attend. Your input is valuable!

The deadline for proposals on the UAD Bylaws and Constitution is May 15, 2003. Mail the proposals to Clay Crye, UAD Vice-President, 476 East 300 South, Lehi, Utah 84043-2250 or Email: clay@uad.org. The final proposals, prepared by the Law Committee, will be mailed to members on May 31, 2003.

## Deaf School Burns in Russia

State flags all around Russia's North Caucasian republic of Dagestan flew at half-mast as the republic's State Council, or the parliament, declared April 11 the Day of Mourning for the victims of fire in Makhachkala's boarding school for deaf children.

The fire at the boarding school killed 28 children and injured 109, of whom 22 are being treated in resuscitation units and 34 more suffer from more or less grave injuries.

Rescue efforts at the school in Makhachkala were slowed since each of the children had to be awakened individually because they could not hear alarms, NTV television reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent a message of condolences to Chairman of the Dagestani State Council Magomedali Magomedov, in which he wrote the Russian leadership would do everything possible to help the families of the victims.

Makhachkala is located near the Caspian Sea about 950 miles southeast of Moscow.

The UAD Board has agreed to donate money if the NAD is successful in establishing a fund to help the victims.

## Tour JMS Amazon Rainforest

Have you ever dreamed of touring the Amazon Rainforest? Now is your chance! Come visit the JMS 3rd grade classroom and have your own private Amazon Rainforest tour!

Tours will be given Tuesday and Thursday afternoons April 22nd – May 8th. Tours begin promptly at 2:30 PM. Reservations must be made one day in advance by calling the main office at 253-1331 (leave a message if no one answers the call). All tours are conducted by the 3rd grade students. The cost is \$.50; all proceeds go to the World Wildlife Foundation to help save the Rainforests.

## TOYS Theater KUDOS!

*By Petra Rose*

On Thursday, April 17th and Friday, April 18th, a Deaf theater troupe from St. Petersburg, Russia, gave its outstanding and hilarious performance at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing. Hosted by Jean Massieu School of the Deaf, the TOYS theater brought childhood memories to the audience with its toy-like costumes, props, and acting. The theater wowed the audience with its sense of humor and comic-like scenes, and involved the audience by playing beach balls with the audience and having some of the audience get on the stage and act with the actors and actresses.

Before and after the play, and during intermission, Chuck Baird, the world's renowned Deaf artist, had a



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booth displaying various artwork. The audience made huge purchases, and a percentage of the profit went to the Jean Massieu School for fundraising. In addition, the school had dessert and drink sales to keep the audience's stomachs happy.

After a large round of handwave applause as the play concluded, the TOYS actors and actress introduced themselves. The audience also enjoyed the intimate moment asking the actors and actress questions about their country, the Deaf community in Russia, and their families. In closing, the TOYS troupe had the Russian souvenirs for the audience to purchase and remember the TOYS troupe by.

## President's Message

*by Ron Nelson*



The Popcorn Coalition, represented by UAD, SHHH, ALDA, and AG Bell, had its first real test on April 23. We met with Doug Hinds, Director of Disabled Services for the LDS Church, to discuss accessibility issues in LDS facilities, especially the Conference Center and Temple Square and gave him a wish list. He said it would be a big help because it would show the decision-makers what the people want and that it is not his idea.

We met with Laurie Moyers, Adult Education Specialist at UCCDHH to discuss how to reach more deaf and hard of hearing people in Utah. We had a good brainstorming session and emphasized the need to use media such as TV, newspapers, etc to reach those who are not aware of UCCDHH.

We met with Steven McDonald of the Utah Department of Health about captioning public TV announcements on the West Nile Virus and other important health concerns. He invited us to the next training session in May, which would involve the heads of many state agencies in Utah. Steven repeatedly said he was glad to be aware of us because he and many state agencies are unaware of our needs such as captioning, etc. We explained our needs in depth and emphasized that 10% of the population in Utah are deaf and hard of hearing and should not be overlooked.

The meeting was instrumental in establishing communication with important organizations and educating them on the needs of deaf and hard of hearing people in Utah. This is a small but very significant step!

## 2003 Utah Association for the Deaf Conference

**June 13-14,**

**UAD Board Meeting**  
**2nd Saturday each month at UCCD**  
**9 a.m. : Board Meeting (open to public)**

# Society Page

## Obituaries

† **April 4, 2003** – Jay Anderson, 85, passed away after a brief illness in Salt Lake City. Mr. Anderson was a descendant of early pioneer families and was raised on the family farm established by his paternal grandparents in Sterling, Utah. He spent most of his adult years in Price, moving to Salt Lake City after an early retirement. Among his survivors is a daughter, Tracy Furlow of Minnesota.

† **April 8, 2003** – Ross Barker, 79, of North Ogden, passed away. He had worked for Defense Depot Ogden for 31 years and ended his career as a supervisor. After his retirement he drove the physically handicapped association bus. One of his sons is Ronald Barker of North Ogden. Funeral services were held in Ogden with burial following in North Ogden.

## Jottings

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## Tracking Our People

**Amanda Stewart**, coordinator for the last two years of Deaf PIP services throughout Utah for Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, is leaving. Before USDB, she was preschool teacher at Jean Massieu School. She will be married June 28 and will live in Sacramento, California. She will begin employment with Placer County Infant Development Center and will be their Deaf and Hard of Hearing specialist, birth to three. Amanda has loved working for JMS and USDB and will miss everyone.

**Chris Wakeland** has just begun his employment with Sorensen Media, after more than seven years (wonder if that was the seven-year itch?) as coordinator of Deaf Services at Brigham Young University. His position with Sorensen is director of video relay services for the deaf in Utah. He can be contacted at [chris@sorensen.com](mailto:chris@sorensen.com). The Sorensen Media web address is [www.sorensenvrs.com](http://www.sorensenvrs.com).

**Val Sturm** will coordinate needs of students and BYU regarding deaf and hard of hearing issues until a new coordinator is hired. You may contact Val at [vl2@byu.edu](mailto:vl2@byu.edu) or call her at 801-422-4472 if you have concerns or needs.

## UAD Board Meeting Highlights

**April 12, 2003**

\* Ratified an electronic motion to purchase food and drinks for the general meeting.

\* Allocated up to \$100 out of the Deaf Women's Conference Fund to be used for expenses related to setting up the Miss Deaf Utah Sorority.

\* Also allocated up to \$100 out of the Deaf Women's Conference Fund to be used for expenses related to setting up Junior NAD activities.

\* Authorized the purchase of seven messenger bags to present to LADHH graduates next month, at a cost of \$19.50 per bag plus set up fee for UAD logo.

\* Agreed on the theme for the 2003 UAD Conference: "UCCDHH: Our Second Home."

\* Approved to provide dinner at no cost to keynote speaker, two representatives from the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities, session speakers, UAD board members and LADHH graduates plus up to four family members each graduate; spouses of UAD board members and others will pay for dinner.

\* Assigned Rob Kerr and John Peebler to take pictures at the 2003 UAD Conference in June.

\* Reactivated the finance committee and empowered them to analyze UAD finances and determine where the money is going, and come back to the board in May with their findings.

*Note: UAD members may request a copy of the full text of the minutes from the secretary, Val Kinney.*

## Friendship Day at Lagoon

July 26, 2003 is the day! Since it's right after a state holiday, July 24, an excellent discount is provided on the tickets. Look for more details in the next issue on where to get these tickets. The MDUP will manage the food concession to raise funds for the MDUP on November 21-22, 2003.





## Local News/Articles

### Open-Captioned Movies

#### Salt Lake City

May 6-7, "Bringing Down the House", Ritz

May 13-15, "The Core", Ritz

May 20-21, "Agent Cody Banks", Ritz

May 27-28, "Gods and Generals", Ritz

June 3-4, "Catch Me If You Can", Ritz

#### Provo

May 13-15, "Bringing Down the House", Wynnson

May 20-22, "The Core", Wynnson

May 20-22, "Gods and Generals", Wynnson

June 3-4, "Agent Cody Banks", Wynnson

June 10-11, "Catch Me If You Can", Wynnson

For more information, see [www.uad.org/cmoviesutah](http://www.uad.org/cmoviesutah).

### Miss Deaf Utah's Report

by Rebecca Ann Davenport

Ask yourself "What does teamwork mean to you?"

Teamwork to me is people that work together and solve problems together. Can you imagine yourself dealing with six different problems? That is not a good idea to work out by yourself because it can break yourself down. You should let other people help and solve and work on it more quickly. Teamwork can be used daily in many ways.

I remember when I was eighteen years old and living in Washington state. I

attended a youth conference. I learned so many things from activities, especially how to use teamwork. There were some problems that I thought was impossible to solve. We did a wall flat about 20 feet tall. Everyone helped and I was shocked that we accomplished it. Another problem was doing flips but we accomplished it with teamwork safely.

Everyone is involved with various organizations and helping each other. For example, the Utah Association for the Deaf has a youth representative on their board. They work together to solve problems. Each person on the board has a skill that can help solve problems with teamwork.

As Miss Deaf Utah, I use teamwork. We can solve almost anything. I signed the national anthem, "Star Spangled Banner" with several Jean Massieu School students for the championship games in the Northwest Athletic Association of the Deaf basketball tournament. We



practiced together (teamwork) and the event was successful.

In conclusion, everyone has a skill. We can use these skills in various ways. This real world let us use teamwork. I recently became the president for the Deaf Wolverines Club at Utah Valley State College. hope that everyone will work together and make this club successful.

### 20 Years Ago

**May 1983** - At a recent meeting of the Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf, members elected a new slate for 1983-1984. They are: Jerry Westberg, president; Jay Hall, vice president; Glen Ross, secretary; and Randy Sobieski, treasurer. Board of trustees include LaRue Ross, Clara Kendall, Ronald Koss, Stanley O'Neal and Von Jones. Board of auditors include Alden Broomhead, senior; Ronald Koss, second and Gregory Rathbun, third.

### UACD Election

A new Board of Trustees of the Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf was elected by its members on April 15, 2003.

President : Justin Anderson

Vice-President : David Davenport

Treasurer : Johnny Peebler

Secretary : Chrystee Call

Auditor : Andrea Anderson

Auditor : JR Goff

Auditor : Ron Nelson

At-Large : Cami Wilding

At-Large : Sharelle Goff

Complete information on UACD can be found at [www.nwaad.org/clubs/uacd](http://www.nwaad.org/clubs/uacd).

### Free Legal Advice Clinic

Utah Legal Services will sponsor Free Legal Clinics here at the Utah Community Center for the Deaf every month. (5709 S 1500 W, Taylorsville). With the use of the Poly-Com Camera, the lawyers can also meet with people in Logan, St. George, and Provo.

The clinic is provided every third Wednesday from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Appointments are required and interpreters will be provided.

For appointments and questions, please contact Annette Stewart at 1-800-860-4860, 801-263-4891 (tty), 801-263-4892 (v), or email at [ajstewart@utah.gov](mailto:ajstewart@utah.gov). The first clinic will begin on May 21, 2003.

The lawyers can help with Employment Discrimination, Social Security, Food Stamps, Medicaid/Medicare, Landlord/Tenant Issues, Discrimination, Divorce, Custody, etc.

## UACD Teams Find Success

March 13-15, 2003 was the weekend for the 50th Annual Men's and 13th Annual Women's Basketball Tournament that was held in Salt Lake City, Utah. 188 players, coaches and scorekeepers along with 345 fans and 123 children/students, a grand total of 656 people, were in attendance at the Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City. The special 50th anniversary tournament was very well-organized and one of the best tournaments to date. It was hosted by the Utah Athletic Club of the Deaf, the oldest active athletic club of the deaf in USA, established in 1947. Ron Nelson was elected as the new NWAAD President. Keith Drown was elected as the new Vice-President.

The Utah "Golden Utes" men team placed third in NWAAD. All-Star 2nd Team honors went to Hester Wade, Bobby Richards, and Cory Fletcher of the "Golden Utes" team. They participated in the United States of America Deaf Basketball tournament in Washington, DC and lost both games.

The Utah "Provo" women team won the NWAAD championship and the Utah "Salt Lake" women team placed third. Andrea Anderson ("Provo" team), Michelle Gertino ("Salt Lake" team), Sarah Parker ("Provo" team) won honors on the All-Star 1st Team. Sarah Parker ("Provo" team) won Most Valuable Player and the "Provo" coaches Millet and Bailey won Coach of the Tourney awards. The "Provo" women team participated in the United States of America Deaf Basketball tournament in Washington, DC and won 6th place.

## MDUP

*by Kristi Mortensen, MDUP Adviser*

MDUP wants to express their deep appreciation to those who came to the Blood Drive recently and donated a precious one pint of blood. Several were first-time donors and many were loyal donors.

We were able to collect 28 bags with no rejections, that is a huge success. Alisa, American Red Cross coordinator, and I are making plans for a Blood Drive in January 2004. Alisa shared her appreciation with me towards the Deaf Center for being so willing to let them use the gym.

MDUP is going through some changes but the selection of a State Director has not been determined. We are hoping to announce it by the middle of May. We have several good candidates and it is hard to make a decision. As soon as we make a final selection, we will announce it on the UAD-announce email after the UAD Board's approval. For those who are not receiving UAD-announce email, you can leave your name with Val Kinney, Ron Nelson, or Clay Crye.

Once the selection of a new State Director has been posted, the State Director will announce the dates of meetings for those who are interested in joining the MDUP Committee. We need a lot of people. If you are interested, please contact Kristi through email at

KLMortensen12@aol.com or Ron Nelson, UAD President at [ron@uad.org](mailto:ron@uad.org).

We have several dates reserved for MDUP's fund-raisers. We hope to see many faces to help raise funds for the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant which is slated for November 21 and 22 at the Deaf Center. The new Miss Deaf Utah will go to Kansas City for the Miss Deaf America Pageant in July 2004.

\* Mr. Deaf Utah Fund Raiser - June 13, 2003 at the Deaf Center

\* MDUP is in charge of the food concession stand during UAD's Friendship Day at Lagoon on July 26 (we will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, and such.)

\* MDUP's 3rd Annual Halloween Bash on October 25, 2003 at the Deaf Center.

\* MDUP will continue to sell Salt City Candles at the Bazaar and online at [www.uad.org/mdup/candles](http://www.uad.org/mdup/candles).

\* Miss Deaf Utah Pageant on November 21-22, 2003 at the Deaf Center.

There will be flyers with full information for each event.

Last but not least, I am pleased to announce that we have money to start up the MDUP Sorority. To all those who are former contestants from 1979 to 2001, you are eligible to join! Please contact Ron Nelson at [ron@uad.org](mailto:ron@uad.org) or Val Kinney at [kinneyv@vii.com](mailto:kinneyv@vii.com) that you are a former contestant, what year you were a contestant, who was your State Director and leave your email and home address. We are looking forward to our first Sorority meeting sometime this summer.

I am looking forward to making MDUP the best and the biggest ever. We have a beautiful webpage created by Ron Nelson. You simply go to [www.uad.org](http://www.uad.org) and click "MDUP". We are looking forward to gathering former Miss Deaf Utah photos and add them to the list on the website. Let's make the Miss Deaf Utah Pageant proud -- we need to thank the Utah Association for the Deaf for the wonderful support they have given to MDUP and how valuable this program is to all Deaf and Hard of Hearing ladies in the state of Utah.

## Something Wicked This Way Comes

*by Kristi Mortensen*

Something's brewing, wickedly brewing and coming into the lives of young Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. We will post an announcement in the June issue. The most excitingly and wickedly event will take place on April 30.

The Utah Association for the Deaf, teachers in SLC - USDB, and I have been working very hard to make this happen among Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Be on the lookout for the June Issue.



## Sorenson Media Hires VRS Director

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## RIT/NTID's Robert Davila Retires

After seven years of dedicated service, Dr. Robert R. Davila, the first RIT vice president for NTID, is retiring June 30.

Davila, 70, has served as the first deaf CEO of NTID since 1996. Dr. Simone said a national search has begun for Davila's successor. "In my judgement, it will not be possible to find the equal of Bob Davila in all of this brilliant dimensions. Bob will be greatly missed, but he has made an impact at NTID that will be felt long after his retirement."

Davila's plan for retirement mirrors his career - to continue his unwavering commitment to disability advocacy. He has been appointed by President George W. Bush to serve on the National Council on Disability, a 15-member group that advises the president and Congress on matters affecting the education, rehabilitation, employment, and independent status of the country's 52 million people with disabilities. Davila is also the first person invited to sit in the Jerry C. Lee Chair of Studies in Technology and the Adult Learner at National University in California.

## Deaf Rally Succeeds in New Mexico

Many deaf rallies do not achieve the desired results. Some do - the most memorable one was Gallaudet's Deaf President Now rally.

The one in New Mexico succeeded. DEAFDIGEST last week reported that the deaf people were upset over a hearing person, knowing no sign language, being appointed as the Executive Director of the state commission for the deaf and hard of hearing.

Well, it took much political see-sawing back and forth but the politically-appointed executive director resigned and the new replacement is Tom Dillon, a deaf man who very certainly knows sign language.

All in fairness, the ousted executive director knows finger spelling but that was it. And the governor involved, Bill Richardson, is not aware of the existence of New Mexico School for the Deaf right in Santa Fe.

*(Note: Tom Dillon was elected as the NAD Treasurer last summer during the NAD Conference.)*

## Fight the Bite! Don't Give Mosquitoes a Chance

Reduce Your Risk of West Nile Virus During Outdoor Activity

### Protect at Dusk and Dawn

That is when mosquitoes that carry the virus are most active, so take precautions to prevent mosquito bites.

### Use Repellent With DEET

\* Use mosquito repellents that contain DEET (N, N-diethyl-m-toluamide) when doing any outdoor activity. (Follow the label instructions carefully).

\* For adults, use repellents containing DEET at 30-35% concentration.

\* For children 2-12, use repellents containing 10% or less DEET. Do not use on children under the age of 2.

### Take Cover

Wear protective clothing like long-sleeved shirts and long pants while outdoors.

### Remove Standing Water

Drain standing water, since that's where mosquitoes lay eggs. This includes tires, cans, puddles, barrels, etc.

### Repair Screens

Make sure screen doors and window screens are in good condition. Use mosquito netting when sleeping outdoors or in an unscreened structure and to protect small babies any time.

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MDUP sponsors the  
**Mr. Deaf Utah Fund-raiser**  
June 13, 2003  
UCCDHH

10 Men are competing for the  
**Mr. Deaf Utah crown**

### Contact:

Mr. Deaf Utah 2002-2003  
Christopher Palaia  
Mr. Deaf Utah 2001-2002  
David Davenport

More information in the June issue and  
UAD-announce email. 100% of the  
money will go to MDUP Fund.



## Fight the Bite!

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### Remove Standing Water

Eliminate standing water sources around housing areas (i.e., water in old tires, cans, birdbaths, poorly kept swimming pools, etc.).

### Cut Grass and Weeds

Keep weeds and tall grass cut short; adult mosquitoes look for these shady places to rest during the hot daylight hours.

### Clean and Repair

Clean out leaf-clogged gutters and repair leaky faucets and sprinklers.

The West Nile virus is rare, but if you have symptoms including high fever, severe headache and stiff neck, contact your health care provider immediately. Though anyone can be infected and become ill, severe illness or death is more common in people over age 50. For more information, visit [www.health.utah.gov](http://www.health.utah.gov).

## Deaf Education in a Fish Bowl

by Kristi Mortensen, Chair of Deaf Education

Battles about Deaf Education has gone for years and years. I have often wondered if it started at the Milan Conference more than 120 years ago or in the beginning of our youths?

The Deaf and hearing people have different ideas about how education should be developed for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing children. In the old days, it was a "one size fits all" instead of looking into different styles of education in the classrooms, looking into whether the Deaf and Hard of Hearing benefits more from the sign language or oral methods to develop better learning techniques.

My perspective is like a fish in a bowl. It is either that I am a fish swimming inside a small bowl (going in circles) doing the same thing over and over or that I am a person looking at a fish inside the bowl going in circles. Which one should I be? It is almost the same as deciding which mode of communication values is the best for Deaf and Hard of Hearing students or what kind of Educational Presentation is best for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing students. Why am I pointing at the mode of communication as opposed to educational presentations? Don't we all agree that using the right mode of communication will make education more accessible to Deaf and Hard of Hearing student's learning growth? How can they learn if they are restricted to certain modes of communication that are not designed for their needs? Will they become successful people after High School?

Should we decide which mode of communications fits the child? Should we let the child choose which mode of communication he wants? There is a famous quote in the Bible, it might sound strange but let me quote, "If we train a child the way he should go, when he gets old, he will not depart from it". I have thought of this quote to be so true about little ones. If we are not careful in what we teach, train, give the child with all the knowledge he needs

with appropriate modes of communications and appropriate educational presentations, especially to Deaf and Hard of Hearing children, the child will think he is a failure because he was placed in a different or "wrong" environment. We will have to guess who to blame. We tend to point fingers at the parents. Should we change our way of thinking? Maybe we should blame ourselves, deaf people? Should we be more involved in the classrooms where Deaf and Hard of Hearing students are? Should we stop swimming in circles in a glass bowl like a fish? Should we become the person looking at the fish bowl? Should we stop pointing fingers at the parents and the school administrators?

There are many "shoulds". We need to stop and think "How are we going to make a better education for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing?"

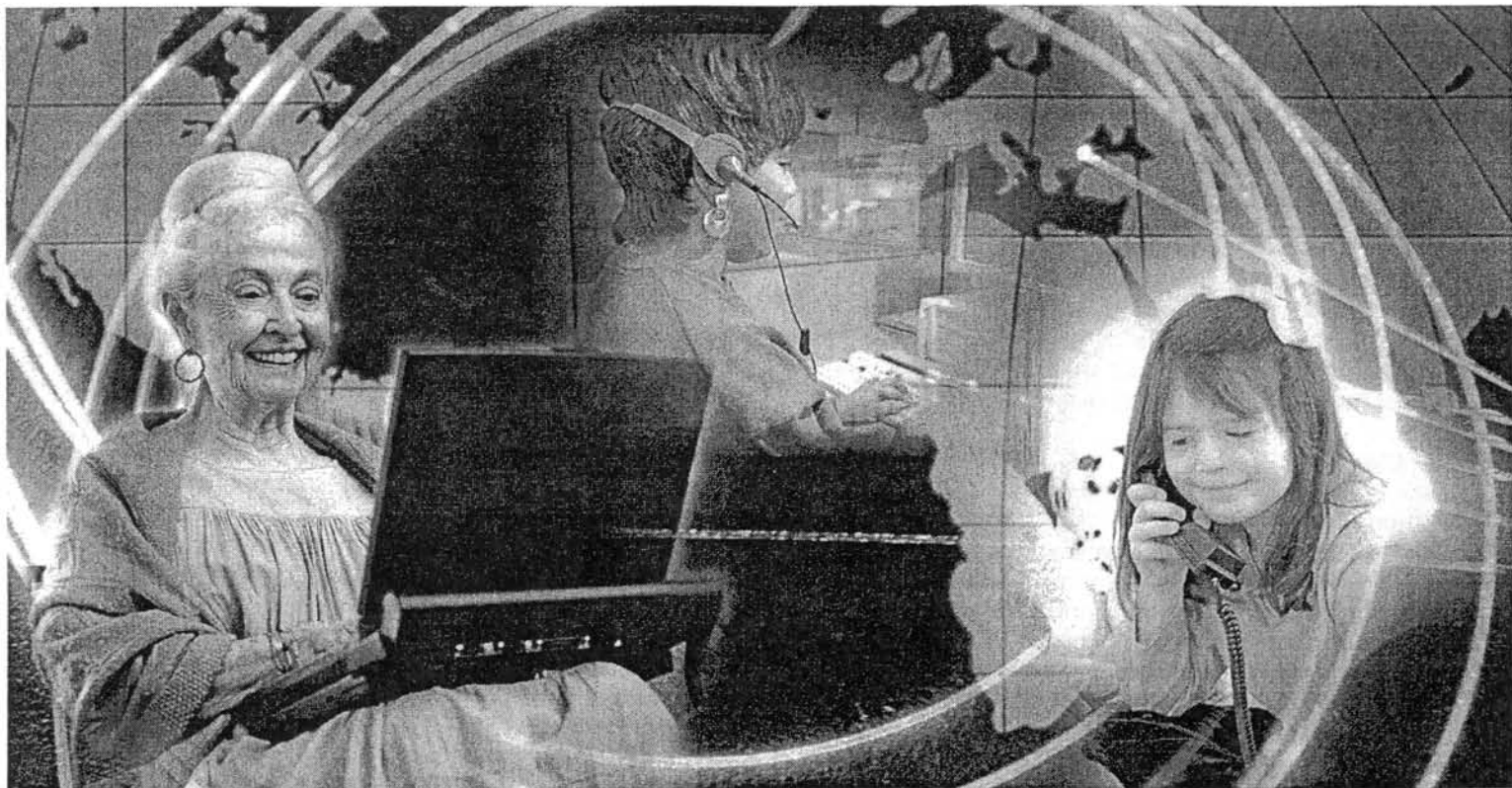
It is US. We have been there. We know the feelings of being frustrated. We know what we really want. We know what things we wish should have happened in school when we were students. Should we stop being like a fish in the glass bowl or outside looking in? How can we do that?

## Sorenson Launches VRS

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (April 22, 2003)-Sorenson Media(tm) today announced Sorenson VRS(tm), a free video relay service for the 28 million deaf and hard-of-hearing Americans. Once a Sorenson VRS account has been established at [www.sorensonvrs.com](http://www.sorensonvrs.com), both deaf and hard-of-hearing users can place video relay calls to family, friends, and business associates through a certified American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter and broadband Internet connection. The call is placed using the Sorenson VP-100(tm) videophone appliance and a TV or using a personal computer with Sorenson EnVision® SL video relay software or Microsoft® NetMeeting® and a Web camera.

The Sorenson VRS Call Center intelligently routes the incoming video relay calls to an available ASL interpreter, who has been professionally trained to handle the calls. The interpreter then contacts the hearing user via a standard phone line and relays the conversation between the two parties. Sorenson VRS captures the facial expressions, gestures, and emotions that are so vital in sign language communication. Dialog flows instantaneously between callers making it possible to communicate easily and as naturally as possible. Likewise, hearing users can call (866)-FAST-VRS toll free to place video relay calls to deaf or hard-of-hearing individuals.

Sorenson VRS exclusively uses the Sorenson VP-100 and Sorenson EnVision SL, which eliminate grainy images, jerky playback, or complex technology to install. Also, unlike ext Telephone (TTY) where people who are deaf or hard-of-hearing must type their responses, Sorenson VRS facilitates real-time communication, allowing for quicker responses between the hearing and the deaf or hard-of-hearing users. (continued on page 9)



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- Clear Screen
- Online Help
- Connection to Sprint Relay Customer Service
- New features continually being developed



All local calls from TTY payphones are free of charge. Toll calls can be billed through calling cards and prepaid cards.



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### Calendar of Events for May 2003

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Day	Date	Organization	Event	Location	Time
Every Wednesday	Continuing	Card Club	Cards	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Every Friday	Start May 9	GSACD	Volleyball	West Roy Park	6:00 PM
Friday	5/2/2003	SL Frats	Monthly Meeting	UCCDHH	9:30 AM
Friday	5/2/2003	Ogden Frats	Monthly Meeting	Chuck-a-Rama	3:45 PM
Saturday	5/3/2003	YFP/PIP	Spring Day Camp	UCCDHH	8:00 AM
Saturday	5/3/2003	UOD	Meeting	USDB/Ogden	10:00 AM
Fri-Sat	5/9-10/2003	LADHH	Graduation/Parlia Procedures	UCCDHH	TBA
Saturday	5/10/2003	UAD	Board Meeting	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Wednesday	5/14/2003	DSU	Meeting and Luncheon	UCCDHH	9:00 AM
Saturday	5/17/2003	SUCDHH	Tour	Zion National Park	9:00 AM
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5/26/2003</b>		<b>MEMORIAL DAY</b>		