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Pulling the Rug Out From Under the Deaf

The Joint Appropriations Committee on Public Education has, on motion of Rep. David Irvine, R-Bountiful, to cut \$80,000 out of the Board of Education budget. This amount had been earmarked for services to deaf adults.

This has put the TTY maintenance and interpreting services in danger of being drastically curtailed. What it boils down to is that the Board of Education will be unable to keep Norman Williams, TTY specialist, on the payroll after June 30 to serve non-Rehabilitation clients, and similarly, Beth Ann Campbell, interpreter, will be unable to serve non-Rehabilitation clients after the same date. It is apparent that Rep. Irvine is not informed of the needs of the deaf for TTY maintenance and interpreting services. These two services have allowed the deaf to receive equal protection in many areas, especially with regard to the phone, the use of which has been denied to the deaf since it was invented.

The rights of the largest silent minority in the state and in the nation -- the deaf -- so easily get trampled on by well-meaning but misinformed or uninformed people who are not aware of the injustices inflicted on the deaf. To take away \$80,000 is like pulling the rug out from under them. How will the deaf maintain their TTYs, a link to others by means of the phone? How will the deaf be able to communicate with law enforcement officers, lawyers, doctors when accurate and precise information affecting their lives is of great importance, without interpreters?

Support services to maintain a semblance of normalcy in the lives of the deaf is a small price to pay in comparison with the thousands of dollars spent in supporting the deaf through welfare and social security disability payments.

UAD president David Mortensen urges all concerned citizens to send a letter of protest about the dropping of \$80,000 from the Utah Board of Education budget for TTY maintenance and interpreting services, to each of the following:

- * Rep. David Irvine, R-Bountiful
- * Haven J. Barlow, co-chairman of Joint Appropriations Committee on Public Education
- * And to your local representative and senator
c/o Utah Capitol Building
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114

Mountain Bell Expands Its TTY Service

Those TTY callers living in the Salt Lake Valley from Bountiful south to Draper can rely on the 911 emergency TTY service and the Information Center for their needs. For others outside of the Valley, there is no way to contact emergency services by TTY.

Now, Mountain Bell has come through with an offer to take calls of an emergency nature on a 24 hour basis, at their toll-free number 1-331-8640. It is emphasized that it is for those living north of Bountiful to the state line and south from Draper. Allow the phone to ring until it is answered. As with all emergency service calls, give your name, phone number, address and the kind of emergency.

Mountain Bell will continue to receive requests connected with phone repair, billing, long distance questions Mondays through Fridays. They do not take personal calls and do not act as an answering service.

Reduced Phone Charges a Possibility?

The Utah Association for the Deaf has proposed to the Utah Committee of Consumer Services that it request Mountain Bell to offer reduced long distance call charges to deaf Utahns who depend on TTYs to communicate.

Dave Mortensen, UAD president, Robert Sanderson, director of services for the deaf for the Utah Board of Education, and Rodney Walker explained about TTY communications being slower than oral communication. For long distance calls, this can be expensive.

The committee has agreed to hear a full Mountain Bell presentation on its side of the question at next month's committee meeting.

February Happenings

- Fri 2nd -- Ogden Branch Sunday School Movie, "Wrong Box" to be shown at 740 21st St. in Ogden, beginning 7:00 pm.
- Fri 2nd -- Valley Ward Relief Society bake sale and movie; see flyer.
- Sat 3rd -- "Jeremiah Johnson" will be shown by John & Arlene Lowell at the All Seasons Clubhouse, 290 N. Redwood, SLC, at 6:30 pm.
- Sun 4th -- The UAD board of directors will tentatively meet at 2:30 pm at the UBE Building, 250 E. 5th S., SLC. Contact Robert Sanderson, secretary, to make sure of the time and location.
- Sat 10th -- The URID will have a general meeting; see flyer. It is urged that deaf people attend.
- Tue 13th -- Governor's Advisory Council will meet at 6:30 pm at the UBE Building, SLC.
- Thu-Fri 15th-16th -- The Utah Board of Education will meet at its SLC headquarters on both days.
- Thu 15th -- GSACD will have "Night of Games" beginning at 7:00 pm at the USD Multipurpose Room in Ogden. Contact Dennis Platt for more information.
- Sat 17th -- UACD Outing; contact Norman Williams.
- Thu 22nd -- Utah Sportsman's Club movie; contact Jerry Roach.

Hospital Rounds

- December 26 -- What was meant to be a Christmas vacation with his sister's family turned into a hospital stay for Buddy Sconiers who underwent surgery at a Tacoma, Wn. hospital. He will return soon to resume work.
- December 27 -- John & Cleo Peterson made it a twosome at St. Benedict's in Ogden when John had surgery to remove a tumor on his right foot and Cleo to correct a carpal tunnel problem in her right wrist.
- January 13 -- Lee Kidman was sent from a Las Vegas hospital to Logan LDS Hospital where he underwent surgery to remove scar tissue from a previous surgery and a non-malignant tumor; again, on January 27, Lee had more scar tissue removed.
- January 23 -- Edwige Dunbar stayed at St. Benedict's for a few days after her varicose veins were removed from both legs.

Rattles 'n' Powder

- October 26 -- Marie, daughter of Evelyn Hardy of SLC, was blessed on December 2 at Valley Ward for the Deaf.
- November 13 -- David Anthony, son of Betty & John Hall; grandparents are Olive & Marvin Stanley of Ogden.
- December 4 -- Dean, first child born to Carl & Jeanette Farnsworth of Santa Ana, Ca.
- December 17 -- girl, born to Ronald & Anita Penman and the newest grandchild of Phyllis Penman of Ogden.
- December 29 -- Shauna, daughter of Richard & Christi Stanley; Olive & Marvin Stanley are grandparents.
- January 10 -- JoAnn Christensen Henster, born in Provo; latest grandchild of Heber & Knola Christensen of SLC.

Wedding Bells

- December 11 -- Pamela & Keith Stewart were married in Washington state and repeated their wedding vows at Valley Ward on December 20. A reception followed at the home of Wayne & Mae Stewart.
- December 20 -- Candice Nunn to Colin McConville in rites at South Lake Tahoe, Ca. Candice's parents are Beverly Nunn and the late Henry Nunn.
- January 12 -- After rites at the Salt Lake LDS Temple, Becky and Marlin Edwards were honored at a reception at the Winder 4th Ward in SLC. Becky is a daughter of Jerry & Donna Lee Westberg.

Obituaries

- December 17 -- Alice Smith Jackson of SLC, sister of Earl Smith, was buried in Bountiful after funeral service in the same town.
- December 18 -- Lillian Thatcher of Ogden, a music teacher at the Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, was buried in Ogden.
- January 2 -- Daniel Gines of American Fork, brother of Paul Gines.
- January 25 -- Harriet Steele, mother of Priscilla Burdett, passed away in Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

Special Events

Jason, son of Sophia Wilding from a former marriage, was formally adopted and now has the name of Wilding like the rest of the family. George is thrilled to have a son in the family.

Transplanting Roots

Vera Brubaker has sold her home in North Salt Lake, and with the help of her son Richard and grandchildren Danny & Joyce, moved her personal effects to Olathe, Ks. where the Brubaker family makes its home.

Visitors to Our Seago Lily State

The Christmas-New Year's Day holidays attracted a number of visitors to our state: Richard & Shirley Snow had an houseful with Shirley's mother from Florida and the Gamuche family from California ...Mike Ercanbrack of Denver visited his family in Ogden...Susie Wilding was home from Gallaudet to be with her family in Ogden.

Wanderlust

Attending the dedication of a building on the campus of the Indiana School for the Deaf were George & Dora Laramie of Bountiful, Ruth Roberts and Norman Brown of Indianapolis. The dedication was made on December 15 to the late Ola Benoit Brown, sister of Dora & Ruth, and wife of Norman.

The Christmas-New Year's Day week provided an opportunity for many Utahns to visit out of state: Fay & Dorothy Young and their family were with Dorothy's family in Hillsboro, Or....Stanley & Charlene O'Neal visited their Arizonan relatives...Norman & Karen Williams with their girls stayed with Karen's family in Idaho Falls, Id....Robert & Mary Sanderson with son Barry home from Edmonton, Alta., flew to join son and daughter in law Gary & Amy in Northridge, Ca....Florence & George Utley joined their son Brian and his family in Minneapolis, Mn. for the holidays, then flew on to Arizona where they visited daughter Janet and her family...Ruth & Rosemary Smith drove to Idaho Falls, Id. to join Roger and his family...Jerry & Nancy Taylor flew to Iowa on December 26 and surprised Jerry's parents, Ray & Ruth Taylor, by bringing their four children to help celebrate the elder Taylors' 50th wedding anniversary on the 30th.

Workshops, Seminars and the Like

Jim Hilber, who has been at the Central District Services to the Deaf Office in SLC, is now attending California State University at Northridge where he is taking an eight month course in Leadership Training Program. His field of specialization is the blind-deaf. He will return in September. In the meantime, the Central District office continues to serve clients, with Norman Roberts & Gene Stewart handling Jim's caseload. Val Woodbury, secretary, handles phone calls, by TTY at 533-4487.

Beth Ann Campbell attended an highly specialized workshop for professional interpreters in Tucson, Az. She returned with many ideas for the Utah Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and has called for a meeting on February 10 -- see flyer.

TTY Jottings

WARNING! Save yourself a lot of trouble! As mentioned in the last issue, phone numbers in the South Ogden and Washington Terrace area would change in January. They are in effect now.

Keith & Jean Nelson	479-4576	Washington Terrace
Dennis & Val Platt	479-5259	Washington Terrace
Jerry & Nancy Taylor	479-7498	South Ogden
Ned & Edith Wheeler	479-9558	South Ogden

Other changes and additions are:

Bruce & Barbara Aldridge	292-3883	Centerville
Patricia Jo Sims	392-5046	Ogden

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All TTY owners are reminded that they should have their TTY machines checked up every year. Check the maintenance tag which is attached to your TTY machinery for the date it was checked the last time and call the TTY Shop if it has been more than a year, to arrange for a maintenance check. Do it now! Although the service is free, parts to replace worn out ones can be expensive if not checked yearly.

Soon the TTY Shop will be offering a new service -- Dial-a-News. Pat Perkins, TTY secretary, will prepare a 4 minute tape of national news. After 5 pm Mondays through Fridays, TTY users can call 533-5997 and receive news on their TTY. The TTY Shop is awaiting word from the state purchasing agent for the go ahead to purchase the equipment, so wait for the service to be set up.

The new Utah TTY Directory is in the last stages of completion, and should be ready for sale before the next Spotlight issue is out.

News of Note

The Ririe-Woodbury Dance Company is holding the February 19 matinee performance at 2:00 pm open to special groups such as the handicapped, senior citizens and children. The performance will be at the newly renovated Capitol Theatre in SLC. The concert features Ririe-Woodbury's famed children's concert, "Dance is for Everybody" and a new work, "Collections" by Shirley Russon Ririe, as well as a number of special guests. Tickets are being offered at \$2.00 each and the dance company will ask local merchants to donate tickets as a gift to the many social services in SLC. They need to know how many tickets your group could use if you are interested in attending.

The Weber Vocational Workshop in Ogden is actively seeking people from our community who have any type of disability that prevents full employment or social development. The workshop can provide behavior modification programs for a multitude of desired responses. The Workshop is a private non-profit corporation designed to educate the handicapped to become useful, self-sufficient people.

If you have a person in your home or know of a person whom you feel needs our help, please contact Brent Petersen at the workshop -- 621-6595, or better yet, come on out to 2504 F Avenue (go west over the 24th Street viaduct to F Street, turn south to the old Hopkins Elementary School) and let us show you what we're doing. We can help each other!

News of Note, continued

Deaf senior citizens at the North West Multipurpose Center have been active -- and in the news. On December 8 the float which they decorated for the SLC Christmas parade won the Governor's Award. In January they started a creative dramatics class which will continue for six weeks. The Davis Close-up of the Deseret News, January 24, gives an excellent description of this activity.

A reception was held in January to honor Robert Tegeder, former superintendent of Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, in Ogden. He is now a full time consulting specialist in the area of hearing impaired in the Utah Department of Public Education. Mr. & Mrs. Tegeder with their children now make their home in Clearfield.

The Golden Spike Athletic Club for the Deaf in Ogden had its elections recently, with the following results: Dennis Platt, president; Nellie Sausedo, vice president; Cleo Peterson, secretary; Smiley Briseno, treasurer, and Edwige Dunbar, John Peterson, Steve Morlock, trustees.

A workshop, "Legal Challenges in Educating Handicapped Children" will be held February 8 in SLC. It is one of six workshops being held throughout the nation in November and February, and is being presented by the Public Law Division of Research Press. The Salt Lake City workshop will be at the Airport Holiday Inn.

Vibes from the Utah School for the Deaf

The boys' varsity basketball team had the thrill of winning its first game since 1963 when they played South Rich in a home game on January 17. Under the coaching of Don Warner and Jay Barker the boys are sharpening their shooting skills. Watch them play!

Thursday, 1st	California Classic	Away	TBA
Wednesday, 7th	Tintic	Away	4:15 + 6:00
Friday, 9th	South Summit	Here	5:30 + 7:15
Wednesday, 14th	Park City	Away	4:15 + 6:00
Friday, 23rd	Dugway	Away	5:30 + 7:15

The girls' basketball team, under the coaching of Sheryl Fox, will attend the California Classics for the first time. Both the boys' and the girls' varsity team will go to Berkeley to play 1st to 3rd of February.

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Deadline for March issue: February 15. Contact your area reporter or the editor, Val Platt, 112 W. 5150 S., Ogden, Ut. 84403 -- TTY 479-5259 (NOTE! new phone number!) if you have news for the Spotlight.

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