

LISA CHASE

Thank you so much for your presentation. Really a great job. Mr. Brick, I think you've provided a lot of food for thought for this coalition. You did some really great explanations and there is some important information that we're going to put into action. Hearing it is not enough. We need to start working and find people to do the work. We just found some keys in the lady's room. It has a safe center bonus reward card and a giant bonus card, giant bonus card and some cartoon character, Betty Boop key chain. Do we know who these are for? I'll bring it to the front desk.

For lunch, those who have the green badges, you're not permitted for lunch, please see Kathy Stewart. We may be able to provide lunch tickets for you because we have some people who have not shown up and if they don't show up by 10:45 we'll cancel their lunch reservation. People who do have the numbers and most of us have numbers on our registration cards, those of us who showed up yesterday, those people are permitted to join us for lunch. We think we have enough that people will be able to go into the luncheon or we have more lunches available for people who have not yet registered for lunch. Please go enjoy your break. There is water, tea and things available out there by 10:15.

LISA CHASE

I need your attention please. Good morning. This is our second workshop of the day. I'm going to introduce Phillip Moos. He's the deaf presenter from New Jersey. He works as a senior program analyst for the Office of information technology, OIT in New Jersey for the government. He's worked there for 20 years. The way I found out about Phillip is through the Texas association of the deaf, at their convention I saw his name on a program book and then I also am a subscriber with USA L news from which you can get information from all throughout the country. I was impressed that we needed this kind of a person to come speak to us about the world full of technology. It's a way to get information in an instant other than waiting for several months to get the news. So I wanted to introduce Phillip and I think it will be easier for him to give his own background. He's going to talk about how technology affects our lives. Thank you so much Phillip for being here.

PHILIP

I can't dance. Hello everyone, good morning. Yes, it's still morning. Do I need to really talk about my background? I was a little boy, born deaf, to hearing parents, and was labeled mentally retarded. Oh, come on. I don't belong here. Am I retarded. No.

Anyway, I went on and went into the school for the deaf for 5 or 6 years and then transferred to the public school system where I learned to lip read. There was no interpreter support services. Now, I am an old man. You have to remember that at that time there was nothing for me, no services, but I made it through and went on to Gallaudet University and went to on play quite a bit. My social life at Gallaudet was so different from the social life growing up. I had an opportunity to talk and play and my studies were forgotten and I ended up with a report card full of F's so I dropped out. My father was an engineer. He was an electrical engineer and I grew up watching my father's life as an engineer and I really believe it affected my own background and I really have to thank my father for his engineering skills. At the time they didn't use the word technology but really it is a parallel to the idea of what I do in my own life. Is that enough of a background for you guys? Oh, who am I? I'm an old man. She said well, how old are you? I'm an old man. That's enough. That's all you need to know.

I never graduated. I left Gallaudet and started working as an electrical drafts man. We didn't use windows at the time. We had actual blue prints that we worked on. I thought that drafts men made a whole lot of money and I thought at that time when I went into that field we used the old computers, not PC's, the large compute computer that took up a large room. The sign we used was the sign on the arm, not the one by your brain. The reason for that is because computers were dumb. They're dumb until you feed them information. So I'm sorry, I don't use the other sign for computer. It has to do with power. We used the big main frame computer that it were, oh, I'd say about 1969 when I started working there in New York city. I worked as a travel agent for a while and moved on to other jobs and I lost my job. I went for 6 months without work and I received unemployment. Now, it's a strange thing. I had finally gotten a job working for the state and I was working at unemployment. I was paying myself unemployment, anyway. It was a strange thing. That's why I call myself a senior, because I have a lot of experience. Sometimes I think that I have too much experience, but anyway, let's turn on this overhead. Oops. This floor keeps moving. Where is it? Where did it go? Now you'll see, in your book, Phillip spelled with 2 L's. I always debate that issue. I am not Phillip. My mother spells it with 1 L so that's as it is spelled in the Bible. Anyway, let's move on. Who knows this? Who knows what's technology? Raise your hands. Now, I tend to use workshop titles meaning you have the right, do you have the right? I'm going to stop talking and ask you questions and I want you to answer me. That's my style of presenting. We're going to play, whatever. Who knows the answer to this question? No one? One person maybe. Come on up here. No. Up here. Come on. So what. What's your first name.

THE SPEAKER

My name is Mark and I'm from New Orleans. Technology, I guess, started with the tell types, the big bulky machines and now they've gotten smaller. We have computers, TV's, telephones. That's technology. It's how we communicate. So communication is only 1/10 of technology. What else is out there?

THE SPEAKER

Visual technology, being able to see ASL. What else?

THE SPEAKER

I can't think of anything. Okay. What I want to do is start with a definition, to define the word technology and once you can understand the basic concept of technology, it's a very simple one and we're going to laugh at ourselves later. Let's move on to the next slide. This is one definition of technology. Can you move it down. Down. Okay. I cannot dance. Okay. Can you see? Oh, I'm sorry. Kathy. Move it down please. Over, over. Communication is one part of technology, but what else? Medicine, health care, war such as the war that's going on right now. What else? Automobiles. What else? It's simple things you do right now, writing. What are you doing right now? Computers, okay but what are you doing right now? E-mail, pagers,. Think, think, think. What are you doing now? Meetings? Watching you. I like that. Learning. There you go, bingo. Come on up here. Stand up. Watch this.

THE SPEAKER

A chair is technology. It is technology. Why? Because it's a tool to comfort your feet, get your feet up off the ground, to make your butt do the work. That is technology. You never thought of that did you? One lady back there said all our lives or since I was born. In your time, you're a young lady. It has not just been your length of time, your life span, but way back. Since cave man days. That's the correct answer. Move it down. Time. Time. When you talk about periods of time these are some. As you said, the cave days, the Stone age and then we moved on to the next period of time and so on. Some of the words have varied and changed throughout the years but these are some of the time periods that people have gone through. What do we call the time period now we live in? Space age? Space age has been since the 60's. What do we call 2002? Bring it to now, not what happened yesterday, but

today. Electrical cars? Well, what do we call the technology though? The technical word we use for today? What is it? Come on, change the slide. I cannot reach that high. Thank you. I need platform shoes to lift me up off this stage. My daughter is beginning to wear those today. This is what we call today, the information age. As, oh gosh, it slipped my mind, as Lisa said, Lisa. As Lisa said we disseminate news via U.S. LA news. That's all I do, share information. I find something and ask for permission to print it and I disseminate it because you have a right to know what wheels are spinning. For good or for bad it's your choice. Do you read the newspaper or listen to the radio? We're deaf, right? So what do we do? There is a lack of some information we don't receive. Instead, we receive our news by U.S. LA news and that helps us to get the information as equal to the hearing community receives it. Actually sometimes we know more information than the hearing community. You like that idea don't you?

Turn that light off. Thanks. I was beginning to get a little dizzy in my eyes. Maybe I had too much wine last night. Maybe a little bit of both. Maybe. One time in the past I was an MC and I had to think about how I would kill time, you know, they're bringing in the food and setting up tables. The show must go on. So I gave, I guess an MC show I guess you would call it. It was called, what -- what exactly did I call that? Is it a myth or fact? So you know how things could be a story about how Alexander Graham Bell invented the phone. What was his intent? It was for his wife. Right. It became a hearing aid but at that time they didn't call it that. They had the loop that went this way. If you remember when you were a little kid and you'd make these cans that had the string on them and connect to your friends so you could talk to them. It was not wire, it was cloth. Hearing people understood the concept but deaf people never did. Before bell invented the phone it was truly a result of attempting to find a way, basically develop technology for his wife.

As time went on, like Henry Ford when he invented the automobile. He started with the Ford and it had no head lights. There were no head lights on his model T. Deaf people complained? I can't drive at night. I have to go visit my deaf friends and other people can talk and talk with different things but the deaf people were not able to see that. Henry Ford said the deaf people need to be able to communicate at night so head lights were added. There was a young couple making out at night when they couldn't see each other, left, right, trying to tell each other which way to go. Henry Ford saw this and said poor deaf people are not able to make out at night. He said why not put a dome light inside the vehicle? Do you believe this? Oh, the other one. Trains. The railroad crossings, they didn't have the bars that came down. The train had to blow its whistle and many deaf people died because they couldn't hear it. They developed these gates that came down to keep them from going across there. The police department used to not have a red light. It was just a siren. They were told they need to have a flashing red light and the deaf person would know to get out of your way. Do you believe it? You have to think carefully of everything I just said and how technology applies.

There are many things you could say or dream, but much of technology is a result of something else that has occurred. For example, the light bulb. Why do we have light bulbs? What is it the result of? What caused someone to invent the light bulb, this thing here? So we can see each other? But what caused it? You don't know? It was dark. Candles, they don't continue to burn forever. After a while they go out and you have to keep bringing in more candles. They said wait, wait, we're going to run out of wax. You're laughing? They are laughing over there. We can't run out of wax. Truly, this is what we're saying. Before this -- I mean all of this occurred before you were even born so it's hard to explain. I've done research and I've read history books. I have to make sure the interpreters can interpret exactly what I'm saying because I don't have handouts to give them. They have a hard job because Northern signs tend to be different from Southern signs. That's like computer. That's one example. Let me back up. Technology is the result of something that has occurred. We are communicating in the dark, candle lights not being safe, not going long enough so that was invented. Do you know where the first town in the USA or in the history is? I don't live there but I'm proud of it. What was the first town that had electricity or lights on the street? New Jersey. What was the town? Edison New Jersey was the first town in New Jersey to have lights on their street. What are you saying over there? Excuse me. Oh, he's from New Jersey. Edison New Jersey?

THE SPEAKER

I don't know. Ask him. Information technology. Now when we think about deaf technology, what is that called? Do you know? Let's have the overhead please. You agree or disagree? Someone over here had just said when we talked about communication, all things listed were communication. All things we're doing now with deaf, hard of hearing, deaf/blind, we have 2 women doing tactile interpreting for the deaf/blind lady here. That's wonderful. I applaud that. Interpreting there is technology. Deaf/blind woman is using technology, they are her hands and the ability to communicate tactilely. Y'all are beginning to understand. Good. The TTY. You remember the old ones? What do they look like? They were huge and they took up so much space, they were noisy, made all kinds of vibrations, the neighbor's dog next door would start barking when somebody decided to use the TTY. It was just very noisy. That was before your time, but -- this is not a good picture here, but you have to understand what I say it's not a good picture, is technology perfect? No. That's the correct answer over there. Sometimes there is a communication breakdown, I guess you could call it. You sign it this way? I sign it this way, communication breakdown. What was my point? My brain is breaking down. Okay. Technology is not perfect. I wanted to use the PC with the projector. It wasn't ready. That was communication, almost a year ago or at least 8 months ago so I went ahead and made transparencies for the overhead projector. Last night they said do you have a disc and I said no, I wish I did because with the technology available -- I mean the overhead is fine but I can't have all the fancy decorations and all the things that go in and

everything fixed ahead of time. If I could put background music on the computer. I know that would be hard for the interpreters. The PC is such a powerful tool. A tool is technology, correct? Moving on.

Hold it right there. This is called a pocket PC. A PC, laptop? No. Look at this. This is -- oh, here it goes again. Stop it. Do you know what this is? TV? No. It's a cell phone with a video screen. I call a video. This here, you have to be very careful. It's a camera. This woman knows exactly what you're saying right now so be very careful. Bring it down. This is a cochlear implant. There are people up in Washington D.C. who complained about this. They said this sign looked like Dracula. I said, it doesn't suck blood. It's implanted here. It's a magnet. It doesn't bite you or, so it's your decision on how we sign it but I kind of like this sign. This is kind of new. Many of the cochlear implants, most of them had a wire that would run down to your belt loop and connect. This now hooks on to the back of your ear. It's like a hearing aid, it's wonderful. You don't have this cable running down your body. Moving on. Now, it's your turn to share. Is that all? They said it's done a lot. Okay. List out what it has done.

THE SPEAKER

It's made working easier. Yes. It's made our job easier. Be more specific than that. For example, let's see, I don't see it here. Upstairs in my room or going to my room I saw a fire alarm mounted on the wall. I looked at it and it has a flashing strobe light. It has that. So in my mind I was like okay, my life is easier now. When or if you're foolish with fire, it's going to come and tell me to get out of here and then I'll go back home to New Jersey. What else?

THE SPEAKER

Communication with your daughter. How? Through E-mail, pager. What about life?

THE SPEAKER

It's made it easier on me. She keeps talking about communication, deaf technology, hearing. Deaf/blind can't drive but with automobiles. Captioning. The wonderful sentences that you're able to read, such as -- wait, I was going here but actually it's over here. My eyes go crossed. The CART system, C A R T, computer aided real-time transcription. Who benefits by using this? All people? Deaf/blind don't benefit from this? Brail? Yes. It could be used.

Why not have this, truly, have a screen for us, but then have a brail machine that connects to it and perhaps the interpreter would be able to rest. Why not have that. To make it happen, who is going to do it? You? You. At lunch time when we have presentation, when I speak at lunch, we'll speak about that issue, technology and leadership. When you came here -- let's talk about microwave ovens. When you came here in your vehicle, that is technology. I flew here. Lisa, she and I communicated through E-mail, computers.

What else? The lights. Lights we have now. Transparencies, being able to use the overhead projector. I see you sitting back here and you're reading then I know you understand what the speaker is talking about. It's a visual sale I guess you could say. Visuals say a thousand words. Selling 1,000 words, it's more like 10 thousand words today. If I'm using the PC with overheads and all the fancy things and bells and buttons, you can play with this kind of thing and that sells the 10 thousand words and you can understand better. Some say yeah. It's not time for tired yet. So who would be willing to speaking up and say something? I don't want to lecture all morning. I'm getting tired. We have the doorbells now, right. Those are wonderful. Oh, you have a question? Okay. Time out. You're asking too many words. You need to come up front. Get your exercise. Tell us your first name and then your question.

THE SPEAKER

My name is Joseph Paradin and I'm from Lafayette, Louisiana. Okay. Thanks. I want to talk about how electricity today feeds our government and tax monies. We spend money at the mall, we buy gas, we have utilities going all over these places. I'm wondering if all of these things ran out, if we ran out of all the resources, would we go to solar power. Would we get energy outside? That's my question. What if the sun runs out? I'm more concerned about this electricity thing. If I know that that would happen tomorrow, I'm taking a rocket to another planet, but that's my consideration. You can do what you think. I think I would get away from earth. Not here, but away from earth. Does anyone know the answer to this question? Getting signs of no. Somebody is saying what about robotics? We have robotics, we've been using it. It's a tool, it's technology because it's doing something to save our time, to save our manual labor. Machines do it then that means we have less physical work to do. He's dreaming now thinking we would be able to speak to cars and tell it where to do go and it would be able to guide itself without steering it. To me, that's discrimination. You should be able to go to Kelby Brick's class and he'll tell you that's discriminatory because most deaf people cannot speak. What? We'd type something into the keyboard? It's still discriminatory because hearing people can look around and talk at the same time. Can you imagine our faces in the keyboard, we're going to run into something while trying to program the car. Maybe we can use an interpreter. TV cameras. A minute ago we saw the cell phone where she had a camera on it and she was watching you. I meant to bring some paper work with me but I don't know where I put it. There was recently a boy, 18 years old won an award of 1 hundred thousand dollars -- I'm going to stop talking. What was that for? It was a Science Grant, a Science project. Oh, he invented a hand glove, you know when you go to

McDonald's, they were talking about having computers there. I think this is ever interesting. I think it won't be perfect technology but that's coming. Somebody else said something about robots.

About 15 years ago in a University, as a Science project, they tried that but at that time they didn't have sufficient computer power. No computers have come such a long way and proved so much, other technology they improved, I'm sorry interpreters, interpreters you may be out of a job before long. When a person speaks into this PC and a video of an interpreter appears on the screen, it across not perfect. You're right. It looks like a robot, but I would say in 2 to 5 years, that may smooth out a whole lot and you may think that woman looks better than the woman here interpreting, someone I have not met yet and you would never have known this person. That's a form of robotics but that's future technology. What are other things we have at home? Your wonderful home life. What wonderful technology will be there? Does nobody dream? Oh, a television. Television is going to become wireless. That's old technology. Televisions? Back in the old days they had rabbit ears, remember? Electricity came through. That's all wireless. Everything requires electricity, either plugged into a wall outlet or some sort of battery. Are you talking about with hearing aids? I use 2 and I get stereo. It's kind of nice. Back in the old days batteries lasted 2 or 3 days. Now they last as long as 3 weeks. I'm still not happy. You know, I want a one year battery. Hey, why are you laughing? You know, your flashlights, those are good for 2 or 3 years. If they have that technology there why can't they put that in my hearing aid batteries. Y'all are nodding your heads. You agree with me. Thank you so much.

Let's find out some more of what technology we have that we can share. How about hearing aids that are waterproof? I remember when I was little I had the body aid that was wired and you walked hunch over because it was so heavy. I'm not kidding. That's why my back is kind of humped the way it is now from carrying around that body aid. Where was I going? Oh yeah. I was walking along the jersey shore and it was near wild wood, a place called wild wood New Jersey and there was like my cousins, my uncle, my grandfather and I'm walking in the water, I guess about knee high and I didn't see what was in front of me. The jersey water is dirty and I sank into a hole with my hearing aids. I was completely deaf. The hearing aid was all wet, it didn't work. My grandfather, he was a funnyman. No, he was not very good with technology. He was tech no stupid. He said I have an idea. He said bring it to a beach chair, there is a little shade over it, leave it a couple hours and let the sun dry it out. After 3 hours he said try it. It worked. It was real interesting. You know, I wish too that hearing aids, however you sign it, were wireless and to the implants. You know the implants can't be worn into the shower. You have to take them off. Why do we sign take off the hearing aids. It should only be from the ears. Have you noticed that before too? They always sign take off the hearing aids but we only sign the implants for the back. I just love people and the way they talk. I think some day they will become water proof. Is that how you sign that? How do you sign that I sign that proof. I want to know. It's water proof before it's water protected.

There is nothing wrong with having fun today, right? Okay, getting some thumbs up back there. It keeps you from nodding off, falling a sleep back there. Talking about technology and I'm warning you it is scary. Take a look at this. This is very scary. This could happen. You know, with a cochlear implant that's one example. Instead of an implant there could be a computer chip implanted into your arm so the FBI knows where you're going. I saw something today, a man outside, he's an exhibitor, he had a small compact disc that has all of your medical information on it that you tuck in your pocket and ladies carry in their bag. That will, somewhere down the road, if we're all still here, could be internal. We could be computerized with a disc inside our brain or body. That's one thing I'd hate is for somebody to be able to control my life. I like to make my own decisions. I don't mind the computer giving me informations but I don't want it making choices for me. That may put you on some mental disability list. Those that have no mind, can't make a decision on their own. If people were not able to live or make decisions maybe we could give them assistance. I'm not comfortable with that technology but it could happen.

Is Mr. Brick here, Kelby? I guess he's gone to take a nap. This morning he was talking about working together, you know, with legislature, several different entities. I wanted to show him this diagram, this logo. This symbolizes what we're doing here. At lunch time, when I'm presenting there, you know, we can't do everything with technology. We have to put people in there. People have to be involved. Thank you. In your program book, last night I was thumbing through it and I saw there was a pretty good list here, a list of issues from deaf sympo 2. When was that? 2 years ago? 3 years ago? 4 years ago? People forgot the time? She says 1998. December or February, 98. You know, you want to look back and see what's happened from them. Okay, for September, from September, 2 years ago to now. Demanding TTY's in rest areas plus travel centers like bus stations, train stations, like am track. Do y'all have am track here? We have New Jersey transit, we have am track, we have trains that overlap. They share track space with one another. More than 2 or 3 companies. We have path, we have several different -- I don't know what you have here. I don't know if you're limiting TTY to places like just the am track station. I guess maybe it would need to be broader than that. I see a lot of people talking about rest areas. Where is that? Is that only on toll highways or is it on the interstate? What is the main interstate around here? Interstate 10? I don't think there are rest areas on interstate 10. You have to go off. Gas station with a bathroom. That could be considered a rest area.

It's important for you to work to meet all your requests and demands, see that you've accomplished everything you demanded. I just want equal access. In very simple terms I want equal access. Are you permitted? Is someone permitting you to use something? That's the way it is for all of us. You have to ask permission. You have to explain that you're deaf and there is something wrong with your leg. You shouldn't have to. We need to force these people to look at us. You provide services for the public and we're a member of that public. Rather than having to explain I'm deaf and all of that. That's just my opinion on that. Oh,

and requiring all TV's to have live captioning like for government announcements. I'm in support of that. You know, New Jersey has had a problem. The New Jersey network is a member of PBS and often there are captioned programs but when New Jersey news comes on, there are no captions. I think about writing a letter or I have written a letter to our Governor but I have not gotten an answer yet. I think it's important when your people have a presentation, and you have a camera, ask if you plan to caption that, if not shut the camera down. That's my thinking along those lines. I don't mean it's going to be perfect but that's really just how I feel.

Emergencies. Emergency preparedness. If a tornado or a hurricane, I sign hurricane a little differently than you. If a hurricane were to come, hurricane warnings, okay, we have pager alert, my pager will warn me if a bad storm or bad weather is heading this way. I'm a member of a national alert system through a web page that alerts my pager. It goes to my county, Mercer county in New Jersey. Now understand on the TV I had not received any warnings. I received my warning on the pager before I saw it or before it ever came on TV. Within 2 minutes it did hit my home. I paged my ex-wife because I was worried about my daughter who was playing outside. It was summer time and kids always play outside. I wanted to warn my daughter because I looked at a map of the storm and it was heading my way and then her way. Sure enough, it did but the TV didn't give us that warning. It came on the news after the storm had passed. Whether a person is deaf or hearing, it's irrelevant. The pager system is a good system and there is a national warning system. You might want to think about that. To continue to receive information that way. Now there is nothing wrong, nothing wrong with preparing people, but the cost, it costs time and money to prepare. Using all of your creative knowledge and learning, it doesn't matter, but you have to come up with other ways to reach out to the people of your community. There are many people who have pagers. Who does not have a pager? Raise your hand. Most of the older people here. I don't mean to insult you but it's most of the older people. Older people hate technology.

Time out. For your information, beginning Monday. I'm sorry. Let her come up here. I'm old too. Share it with everyone. On Monday, we are ahead of you in what you're saying about the pagers because on Monday, everyone in this room will have the opportunity to get a pager free from LCD. They pay the service, only 14 dollars an month, unlimited. So we're really ahead. Should I move here? Come on. We have some free stuff. Good. I won't repeat what he just said. That is technology. Starting on Monday. Great. That's fine. I'm really happy to hear that. I heard it through my eyes. What made that happen? What made that happen here? Deaf sympathy? No, I'm sorry, I disagree. Equality. What really made that happen? At lunch I'll share my thoughts about that issue. So please come to lunch. Don't go home to eat or go to McDonald's. How many of you prefer to eat McDonald's food? Good. Okay. I have oh, 10, 11, 12, 13.8 minutes left to kill. What are you laughing about? I have 13.2 minutes now. I know I'm a weird guy.

Good question. This gentleman just asked me will I speak while you're eating, staring down at your plates. We're going to eat first and then you can pay attention to the talk. I'll give you one piece of advice. Please don't eat slow. Eat quickly and then look up. Okay.

Great question. He's asking me where do I find that U.S. LA news. Send me an E-mail or go into Yahoo E groups. It's called Yahoo bought this group called E groups. E groups were started on its own and Yahoo -- what do you use for that. One time I did this for at and people before like really, African? Signs get so confusing. I know signs are funny. In Boston they said the word water different than the way water is pronounced in Florida. There is a drawl in South Carolina. That's why South Carolina people are so slow. It's not too bad here. This is a good group of people here. The people from up North move down here. I have seen 2, 3, 4. Who else is from the North in here? 4, 5, 6. This is how I say New York, rub my butt. Have you ever been in a subway? That's what it smells like really. I sign it down here. Okay. I have 11.3 minutes. Getting back to Yahoo. I'm sorry, I never finished my response. U.S. LA news is under scored. It's under scored -- it's USA under score L, O, hyphen, news. Tell me what is the difference between a minus and a hyphen. Are they the same? That's a good answer. When you see it, it looks the same but I functions in a different manner.

THE SPEAKER

A hyphen is longer. Sometimes. Harry said a hyphen is longer than a minus. Whatever. Technology is not perfect. Now remember that. We talked about that. Do you know why that is? Because humans feed incorrect information into it. Who made this program book, Lisa? My name is correct, my add dress is correct. My town is correct. My E-mail is wrong. It should be phil.moos. It's not IP, there is no IP. Sorry. Anyway, that's all right. That's all right. But I was glad that I noticed it so I could bring it to your attention. Phil.moos@comcast.net. Okay. Is there anything else? What's next?

What's technology for tomorrow? You've seen it. The computer implanted in a brain. What else is technology of the future? Years ago I saw a movie called soil lent green. Have you ever seen that movie? There was no sun. Do you understand what I'm talking about? Someone was standing up here asking about that question. Oh, about if the sun were to go out. In the movie there is no sun, no food, plants can't grow so they had nothing to eat. It turns my stomach. They ate wafers. Do you know what they were made of? Dead bodies. I'm not kidding you. They were recycling the bodies. It was a form of technology. I would just not want to be here if that were happening. For sure I would move to another planet. Generations change.

THE SPEAKER

We already have that technology. We have rockets available. It was only 6 or 7 months ago someone took a trip. It was a millionaire who paid money to take a trip into space to ride the rocket. So for me to qualify to go, you all have to give me 10 dollars right now. Come on. Are there anymore questions ever anything you'd like to share. Can a deaf person go in a rocket? The answer is yes in my opinion. I met a man who had passed away, what's his name? Steven Ryan from Gallaudet University. Anyway, he was -- up in Washington D.C. at that time, he's passed away now, but he had gone to New Jersey as an MC one time and he was standing there telling stories and he was so funny I almost wet my pants he was so funny. He was talking about outer space and rockets and if there was 2 rockets that met by radio and if the radio was to break, you know, then they would be able to sign through the window maybe, at each other, if they were to meet up in space. I mean it can happen. That's a true story.

At Gallaudet, I think it was my prep I didn't remember * prep year, I sign navy this way, they learn how, when they dive they learn how to sign. I mean that is technology. That is a tool. The tool is replacing another tool. Learning to sign, to be able to communicate under water rather than having to write on a board or something under water. That is technology, truly. They're using it now in public schools, for slow learners, they year using sign. They're using sign. It gives them a visual communication. They have the years but their ears but their mind is not being able to function. They have found with the visual aid they're using the technology. There are so many people stealing our ideas. You laugh but they're basically becoming an interpreter. They communicate and becoming our voice. They're stealing our business, interpreters are. Now I have a PC and who's going to speak for me? Who is the voice? The computer. The interpreters may not be able to do their jobs one day. Don't cry and don't blame me y'all. What was your question? We'll ask one question and go to the next person and then we'll close. You were raising your hand for her? That's very interesting. There's a form of technology I've never seen. She's short and this other man started waiving and flagging me down. He was actually helping her. Bra volunteer Br A V O. 3 minutes she'd been waiving and I didn't know.

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My name is Dorothy Rodriguez, since you've been speaking and like the implants in the brain in the future, does that mean our sign language could actually disappear from the world? Is that a possibility? How many of you know like E S P where you're able to -- you know what E S P is when you can communicate telepathically, maybe they'll be able to use that wire less stuff and people will be looking at you going what the hell are you talking about and nobody is going to understand you. That is a good positive thing. The reason being is because many

times I'm signing to someone and somebody else is watching and it's not your business and I tell them you're nosey. There is a woman in the next to me in the airplane and I hear her voice going on and on and I look at her and go who is she talking to? I don't know how to describe it but the woman thought I was trying to check her body out but I was trying to identify who she was talking to. I didn't realize she had a cell phone up to her ear. It was a small one. She was actually listening to another person who had a cell phone. It was not E S P. That's one way to beat the system. No one would know what I was saying unless they were able to pick up on those wire less radio system, brain waves or whatever you call it. Transparency please. I'm sorry I'm making you walk. We were talking about technology. This is my technology.

