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“Half n Half” to Perform at DDHH Awareness Day June 3 at Six Flags

HALF N HALF comprise the talents of Sherry Hicks and Michael Velez both of whom are CODAS (Children of Deaf Adults) and have been collaborating and touring nationally and internationally since 1994. This dynamic duo delights

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and additional information.*



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HAPPY HANDS Summer Day Camp

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Four weeks of fun and friends filled with activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

Camden County College offers a 4-week Day Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children between 5 and 12 years of age. Come join the fun and excitement!

General Information

The Summer Camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children will be held on the Blackwood Campus of Camden County College. Located about 13 miles from Camden, the 320-acre campus is centrally located for students living throughout the South Jersey area. The Happy Hands Day Camp is staffed with fully qualified individuals who have years of experience working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children. Camp will provide snacks and beverages. Campers are responsible to bring their lunches. A \$10 deposit is required (non-refundable).



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Podiatrist Provides Communication Access

Daniel Margolin D.P.M., Podiatrist, New Jersey Foot & Ankle Center, 222 Kinderkamack Rd., Oradell NJ 07649, offers sign language interpretive services from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month. Assistive listening devices are also provided for people who need them.

2006-2007 Legislative Session

The following bills are related to hearing loss. To read the entire bill, go to: www.njleg.state.nj.us and type in the bill number.

A289 - Grace's Law; requires health insurers, State Health Benefits Program and NJ FamilyCare to provide coverage for hearing aids for covered persons 15 and younger.

A2145 - Requires movie theaters to install captioning technology for use by "hearing impaired" patrons.

A755/S897 - Increases Hearing Aid Assistance for the Aged and Disabled Program subsidy.

A1221/S1200 - Allows gross income tax credit for unreimbursed hearing aid expenses.

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American Sign Language Story Hour Promotes Deaf Literacy and Celebrates Black History Month

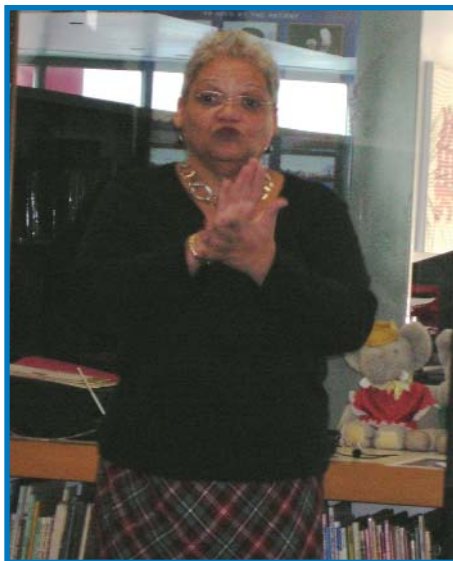
The New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped (NJLBH), a division of the New Jersey State Library, held its monthly Children's American Sign Language Story Hour on February 14. Deaf Storyteller Debra Fuller, the first president and founder of New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates (Chapter 23), signed the inspirational non-fiction children's book, Remember: The Journey to School Integration, written by renowned author Toni Morrison, in honor of Black History Month.

State Librarian Norma Blake introduced New Jersey Secretary of State Nina Mitchell Wells who called the story hour "a model program." NJN filmed the event which airs on NJN's Treasures series in March and April.

After Ms. Fuller's powerful account of school integration from a child's viewpoint, NJLBH Readers' Services Advisors Karen Carson and Gail Stokes told the story of Dr. Mae C. Jemison, the first black female astronaut in NASA history. Karen wore a fantastic space suit while she portrayed Dr. Jemison talking about her life and adventures. The children were fascinated and participated in a lively question and answer session afterwards.

Next, Mustafaa Shabazz, a former US Marine, and blindness advocate, talked about his life; becoming blind, how he dealt with his blindness. Providing encouragement to African American people with disabilities, he discussed the importance of communication and of reading for a successful life. Mr. Shabazz also shared techniques such as walking with a white cane and using stairs. After his

presentation, the children enthusiastically asked him questions, and Mustafaa responded to their curiosity graciously.



Following Mr. Shabazz's demonstration, certified therapy dogs from the Kindred Souls Canine Center joined the children. Pete Campione brought two new handlers with their Deaf therapy dogs, Emmett and Valentine, a tremendous Great Dane. The other handler, Maureen Kelliher, held a large hoop and Bear, the therapy dog jumped through it. The audience loved it!

Students in grades two through five from the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf, home-schooled hearing children, and students with multiple disabilities from three classes attended Hunterdon County ESC (Lambertville) attended the story hour. With over 63 people present, the story hour was a huge success.

This story hour was signed by ASL interpreters (provided by the DHS DDHH), and accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation illustrating each page along with the storyteller. The Story Hour promotes English literacy skills for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children by enabling them to enjoy simultaneously ASL and English versions of books.

Workshops and events such as the story hour are scheduled by Christine Olsen, Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program (DHHAP) at the New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped. For more information on the DHHAP program and story hours, contact Christine Olsen at 1-877-882-

5593 TTY or colsen@njstatelib.org.

For information on the NJLBH and its programs call Anne McArthur at (609) 530-3242 Voice.



The Benefits of Sign Language for ALL Children

By Christine Jones, PCD(DONA)

On January 29, 2006, I had the pleasure of presenting an introductory workshop on the benefits of using ASL signs with babies and toddlers of all abilities. The workshop was part of the Toms River Public Library's Grand Re-Opening Weekend festivities. This one-hour session entitled, *"Time to Sign: Using American Sign Language with Your Baby,"* was based on the idea

that, "Preverbal infants can tell you what they want long before they can talk!" and that, "Signs used in American Sign Language (ASL) build on a baby's natural tendency to gesture and are just as easy for baby to learn as waving, clapping and pointing." Using current evidence based research, my colleague, Cristen Gallin (a NJ Certified Teacher of the Deaf) and I created a fun, interactive program designed for parents and children with no previous sign language experience, to learn together.

A lively group of families enjoyed informal, hands-on demonstrations of simple ways parents, siblings, other family members, caregivers and teachers can incorporate basic ASL signs into their daily interactions and special activities with babies and toddlers. Attendees learned the many benefits of signing with their little ones, regardless of the child's ability and even if they had already begun speaking. Helpful hints and tips included everyday signs to get started, three simple songs to sing and sign with children, popular games and more. Parents were shown how to incorporate signs naturally, without pressuring children to use signs but recognizing when their child is trying to sign to them. Participants left feeling confident that signing can be a fun and rewarding way to bond and communicate with children. They were given a list of free or low-cost

resources they could use to continue their learning at home, as well as additional handouts.

In the last few years, the field of "baby signing" for hearing children and children with developmental issues has grown. While this has been applauded by most medical and childcare professionals, some see baby signing as a "fad" because they don't realize the true, long term benefits of signing with children. These benefits include enhanced bonding and communication, development of fine motor skills, and assistance with reading and comprehension well into the elementary school years. However, signing is not about creating "Super Babies" nor is it just a tool. Advocates believe that there are other important benefits, such as the promotion of ASL, the ability to learn about Deaf culture, and the ability to bridge the communication gap between hearing and some children with hearing loss.

Deaf parents have been teaching their children to sign from birth long before the mainstream baby signing programs we know today, so it should not come as a surprise that signing with children is beneficial in numerous ways. However,

recent interest in "baby sign language" generated by celebrities, media coverage, and movies like, Meet the Fockers is creating a demand for more high-quality ASL products that are being used successfully by hearing, Deaf and developmentally delayed children alike. Luckily there are companies meeting this need that care about more than just "cashing in." For example, the Signing Time! video series (now being shown across the country on PBS stations) was created by singer and actress, Rachel Coleman of Salt Lake City, Utah. Coleman and her family learned how to sign soon after they realized their daughter, Leah was Deaf. But they wanted more; they wanted Leah's friends at school to be able to sign with her. They saw that children enjoyed learning signs and were less hesitant to approach Leah if they could communicate easily with her. Coleman wanted all children to have a chance to know their daughter through signs. Two Little Hands was created, and soon after, a separate foundation that builds accessible playgrounds with portions of the proceeds from video



Chris Jones with 4 year old daughter, Aisling, and Cristen Gallin on January 29.

sales and special events. The fact that the Signing Time's! Yahoo! Group has over 1,000 parents (hearing, Deaf and hard of hearing) whose children are of all abilities proves that baby signing is more than just a passing fad - it is truly promoting understanding and compassion for children of all abilities through education, and the sharing of stories and experiences. It is dispelling common myths in the hearing community about deafness and signing, at the same time promoting the use of ASL and ASL signs vs. "modified gestures." Not only can the use of these signs be confusing, they are generally inconsistent and do not allow for further interaction with other children and adults who also sign. Furthermore, many members of the Deaf community have expressed the use of such gestures as substitutes for established signs as offensive and disrespectful. (Researcher Marilyn Daniel's comprehensive study of the use of signing programs for hearing children in mainstream schools showed that students who learned ASL signs vs. modified gestures experienced the greatest educational benefit.)

Perhaps you are wondering what my own experience with signing is? Well, I have a background in children's advocacy and counseling, and I am a certified postpartum doula. (I provide support to parents and families with new babies and children). I teach parents how signing is one way to help them be more responsive to their children. However, more important is the fact that I'm just a mom who began learning signs with my daughter when she was a few months old. I found that using signs truly bridged the gap between her preverbal and verbal stages. It also helped her learn to express her feelings in ways she could not do as easily without signs. My "baby" is now four years-old and knows hundreds of signs. What started as the two of us learning a few signs together blossomed into a genuine respect for the Deaf community and Deaf culture. It all started with "hot," "milk," "eat," and "more." My daughter went on to appear in a new Signing Time! video series for babies, and I become a member of the Sign2Me Presenters' Network. Sign2Me is an organization that promotes the use of authentic ASL signs, as opposed to modified or "made up" gestures, with preverbal babies and children. It empowers parents to interact with their children in ways that build confidence and self-esteem. Unlike other programs which simply require the purchase of a starter kit to become "certified," Sign2Me has a strict qualification process which includes professional experience working with children and a mandatory knowledge of ASL. A large number of individuals who are teaching these classes are



"Time to Sign" at Toms River Public Library

Deaf or hard of hearing, Child of Deaf Adult, ASL Certified Interpreters, Speech-Language Pathologists, Deaf Specialists, and Early Childhood Educators, just to name a few.

In April 2005 I had the pleasure of presenting a session on creating baby signing programs for approximately 30 children's librarians and staff members at the New Jersey Librarians' Association annual conference. I encouraged librarians to bring in more books and media promoting ASL and Deaf culture, geared toward children. And, this year I began a formal study of ASL at Ocean County College. Now, do all parents who use baby signs with their children continue the on with the language? Do many children "drop" their signs when they become verbal? Sure, but the less tangible benefits they have gained from the experience do not go away.

Additionally, some children continue to build on the basics of sign language in preschool and elementary schools, where signing is becoming a regular part of the curriculums of public and private schools.

So, what exactly is it that parents of hearing children hope to accomplish by using signs? Educated parents do recognize the difference between learning a few ASL signs and learning the full, complex language itself. They are aware that ASL is a living language that cannot be mastered with a few videos. Nor do they assume that learning signs grants them access to the Deaf community. What they hope to accomplish, as well as what educators myself hope to teach, is that communication takes on many shapes and forms. Signing is a natural, beautiful language that can be shared in ways that foster understanding and respect. That is one of the greatest, unpublicized benefits. Perhaps a baby learning signs today will be signing with your Deaf child at the playground tomorrow. One of those children, or maybe even their parents, will continue on with their learning, as I have. Most importantly, as Rachel Coleman has said so efficiently, "All children want to be understood." Supporting the use of sign language among all children can help us reach this goal.

AUTHOR'S NOTE: For a list of recommended resources for baby signing, please feel free to e-mail Christine at: chris_j8@tmail.com. For additional information on the benefits of signing with babies and toddlers using ASL signs, check out www.sign2me.com. To find out more about Signing Time's! ASL awareness projects, the annual children's summer camp in Utah, and "boundless" playgrounds, log on to www.signingtime.com.

Abused Deaf Victims Host Successful Workshop

By Kathryn Earp, Program Specialist, Camden County College, Center for Deaf or Hard of Hearing Students

On Saturday, February 18, Camden County College's Deaf Culture Club hosted a workshop presented by the Abused Deaf Victims Advocacy Network (ADVAN). The presenters, Aily Panzer and Emily Claveau, provided excellent information and resources to participants. The presentation included two videotapes showing domestic violence situations from the perspective of women who are deaf victims and survivors. The PowerPoint presentation and information session answered questions such as, "Why Doesn't She Leave?"

Audience members participated during the interactive portions and were provided with tools on how to identify domestic violence and how to develop a personal safety plan. Representatives of several local agencies, including the Voorhees Center for Family Services, its subsidiary group Services Empowering Rights of Victims (SERV), and Camden County College's Human Services Department, attended. Officers and members of the Deaf Culture Club Deaf recognized the importance of bringing this workshop to the College and were proud to be able to promote awareness about domestic violence.



ADVAN is the first domestic violence program in Southeast Pennsylvania that provides services for Deaf and hard of hearing abused women, teens, and children. ADVAN joined forces with Laurel House, a domestic violence program in Montgomery County in February 2001. ADVAN volunteers and staff are fluent in ASL and offer specialized assistance, which provides access to outside services while respecting and preserving the cultural identity of the Deaf and hard of hearing service recipient. If you or someone you know needs support, safe shelter, and/or options counseling, contact one of the numbers below.

For more information on Domestic Violence; (888) 883-0770 TTY, (800) 642-3150 Voice, www.laurel-house.org, Advan@dca.net.

Miss Deaf NJ Fundraiser

MISS DEAF NEW JERSEY PAGEANT COMMITTEE is pleased to celebrate "Good Luck! Party for Raymonda," 2005-2007 Miss Deaf New Jersey on Saturday, May 20 at the Somerset Hill Hotel, 200 Liberty Corner Road, Warren, NJ 07059 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The dress is nice casual. The cost is \$45 per person (non-refundable). Please RSVP by May 10. Your choice of entree is Chicken Vino Bianco or Tortellini Alla Panna. Included is salad, dessert, dinner rolls, butter, coffee, hot tea, iced tea and soft drinks. Fundraising proceeds to the MDNJP Fund for Miss Deaf America Pageant at the National Association of the Deaf being held in Palm Springs, California from June 28 through July 3, 2006. For information: MDNJPinfo@aol.com or www.members.aol.com/mdnjp/ and click on Fundraising and Events.

Access to Religious Events

Hands of Light, along with Judah Dance Ministry of New Hope Baptist Church in Hackensack, New Jersey, is sponsoring a Praise and Worship Concert through sign and liturgical dance. The choir will be the signers; Judah will be the interpreters as the drama unfolds. Come and enjoy a unique afternoon of worship and praise that will be more than a routine gathering of believers. The concert begins at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 30. Hands of Light Ministry provides American Sign Language interpreters every Sunday during 11 a.m. service at New Hope, as well as upon request in other Christian venues and is dedicated to serving the deaf community. To learn more about this concert or this ministry, please call New Hope Baptist Church at (201) 343-9449 Voice which is located at the corner of First Street and Berdan Place in Hackensack.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints has announced that the 176 Annual General Conference will convene on April 1 and 2 (Saturday and Sunday) and will be available to New Jersey's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community with captioning for all sessions on the BYU Channel of your cable network. Sessions may be viewed live by satellite transmission with captions at many conveniently located LDS Chapels. The two Saturday and Sunday general sessions will be held at noon and 4 p.m. The general priesthood meeting will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2006 at 8 p.m. All visitors are warmly welcomed, no donation is expected or solicited. Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.lds.org and clicking on "calendar," or by contacting Stephen A. Gregory, V/TTY/CapTel: (856) 589-5010, or c/o 515 Lakeview Avenue, Pitman, New Jersey 08071-1874, or listserv.gregory@gmail.com.

The New Jersey Folk Festival Celebrates its 32nd Anniversary

New Jersey's oldest, continuous folk festival is back again! Music and folklore lovers of all ages can enjoy traditional folk dancing, music, storytelling, and much more at the 32nd Annual New Jersey Folk Festival, which will take place on Saturday, April 29 rain or shine! This all-day, family event will be free of admission and will be held on the grounds of the Eagleton Institute, on the corner of George Street and Ryders Lane, on the Douglass campus of Rutgers, the State University, in New Brunswick, NJ. The New Jersey Folk Festival plans to showcase the Korean-American experience, past and present, through verbal, musical and artistic traditions such as traditional Korean paper folding and Korean calligraphy lettering.

This festival will be accessible with an ASL interpreter at various times and locations. The stage schedule for the interpreter is the following: 12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Skylands Stage) "Awards & Acknowledgements"; 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Pinelands Stage) "Why Produce Folk Festivals: Don Yoder & Charlie Camp"; 2:35 p.m. - 3:05 p.m. (Pinelands Stage) "The Lore of Atlantic City: Led by Jim Albertson"; and 3:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. (Pinelands Stage) "Korean Costume Demonstration: Led by Yong Kim and Jungah Lee."



Presented by Douglass College and produced by the American Studies Department at Rutgers, the New Jersey Folk Festival attracts more than 15,000 people annually. It is sponsored in part by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Korean Cultural Services N.Y., the Institute for Korean-American Culture and the Asian American Cultural Center at Rutgers University. For further information, please contact (732) 932-5775 Voice, njfff@rci.rutgers.edu, or visit <http://njfolkfest.rutgers.edu>.

Accessible Poetry Reading Offered

The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College presents a poetry reading by Geri DiGiorno and Leslie Heywood on Saturday, May 6, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, Paterson, NJ. An open reading and reception will follow. Admission is free. A poetry writing workshop is scheduled with Geri DiGiorno and Leslie Heywood for 10:00 a.m. and the fee is \$10. Pre-registration is required.

The Poetry Center strives to maintain a barrier-free facility including complete access for patrons using wheelchairs, large print materials, sign-interpreted programs, FM listening systems and open-captioning. Please contact (973) 684-6555 Voice for availability of services or visit www.pccc.edu/poetry for additional information.

The Poetry Center was named a Distinguished Arts Project and funded, in part, by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, and made possible, in part, by funds from the National Endowment of the Arts.

**NJDHS Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
and
Six Flags Great Adventure Theme Park & Safari**

proudly present

**22nd Annual
Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Awareness Day**

**Saturday, June 3, 2006
10 a.m. to 10 p.m.**

Enjoy thrills, chills, special entertainment, friends and fun.
Interpreters, captioning and assistive listening devices available.
Performance by Half n Half in the Showcase Theatre at 2 p.m.

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Miss Deaf New Jersey
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Ticket Prices

Before June 3

Theme/Safari: \$28 (regular price \$59.99 + tax)

Hurricane Harbor: \$26

On June 3

Theme/Safari: \$35

Hurricane Harbor: \$30

On sale at Deaf and Hard of Hearing Ticket booth 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

NOTE: Tickets can be used any day of the year of 2006 (except June 10)
Information: gatickets@aol.com or call (732) 613-8172 TTY or use relay service 7-1-1

DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AWARENESS DAY

Six Flags Great Adventure

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Six Flags Great Adventure Celebrates its 45th Anniversary

Thrill seekers at the World's largest regional theme park will challenge El Toro, an enormous, new wooden roller coaster. The thrill

ride, which incorporates the most daring features of the world's best wooden roller coasters combined

with the smooth speed of a steel coaster, will be the star of a vibrant, newly-themed area of the park, Plaza del Carnival. Just around the corner, families with young children will explore exciting, pint-sized adventures in the all-new Bugs Bunny National Park kids' area, featuring new rides and attractions designed just for them.



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Guest Relations/Safari Park
Photo Greeters
Photo Booth (photo pick-up)
Stroller Rental

Shows

Showcase Theater
Bugs Bunny Kids Show
Dolphin Show
Water Ski Show
Batman Stunt Show
Spirit of the Tiger Show

Pick up a flyer at guest relations for specific show times

Six Flags Great Adventure Directions

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Jackson, NJ 08527

(732) 928-1821 Voice

From New Jersey Area: Take NJ Turnpike to Exit 7A, I-195 East to Exit 16A or Garden State Parkway, Exit 98, I-195 West to Exit 16, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

From Philadelphia: Take the Ben Franklin Bridge to Route 38 East. Proceed to Route 295 North to NJ Turnpike North to Exit 7A. Take I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

From New York Area: Take the George Washington Bridge, Lincoln Tunnel or Holland Tunnel to NJ Turnpike South to Exit 7A. Proceed on I-195 East to Exit 16A, then one mile West on Rte. 537 to Six Flags.

Alternative Transportation: NJ Transit offers bus service from New York City, Newark, Camden & Philadelphia to Six Flags Great Adventure. For the bus operating schedule, call New Jersey Transit at (800) 772-2222 Voice in New Jersey, (800) 626-7433 outside New Jersey.

Ticket Sellers for DDHH Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day on June 3 at Six Flags Great Adventure

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Communicator Signboard

Career Options Day

will be held on

April 27, 2006

JFK Conference and Fitness Center,
70 James Street, Edison, NJ

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

It is an opportunity to meet with prospective employers and receive career information.

Workshops on topics related to work will also be offered.

Sign language interpreters provided.

Information: please contact Rose Anne Anthony,
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JFK-Johnson Rehabilitation at
(732) 321-7069 Voice.



Easter Dinner Party

Perth Amboy Catholic Deaf Club

Holy Spirit Church-Basement

580 Hazel-Brace Avenue

Perth Amboy NJ

Hot Buffet - Dinner

Desserts - Drink-Cake

Table Prizes 50 - 50 Banknote

Sunday April 30, 2006

12:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

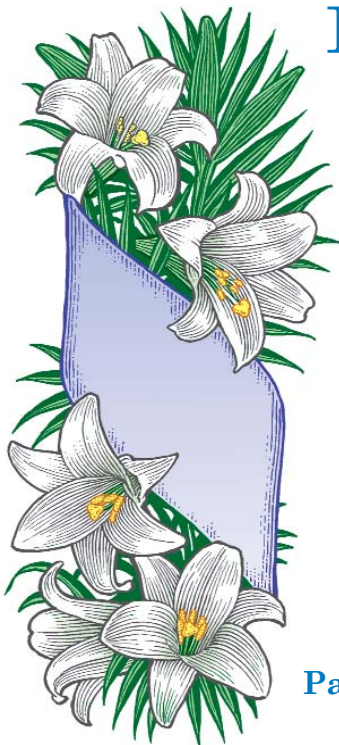
Admission: \$20 in advance only

Deadline: April 21- No Refunds

No Children Under 18 years Old

Payable By Check Or Money Order To: Ron Krushenski

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Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey

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Non-Seniors and Interpreter Students are Welcome!

Friday, April 7, 2006 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

Speakers and Topic: Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist -

Review policy established and approved by DAWN Board Members

Natalie Beckman, NJSD/MKSD Alumni President,

Alumni Class Reunion Special Event

She will speak about the upcoming class reunion on August 4 - 6, 2006.

Please bring photos, uniforms/clothing or any other items to the meeting.

You may donate these items to the alumni or they will make copies of the photos and the alumni will borrow the clothing and other items. ASL/Voice interpreter will be provided. Refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church parking lot.

(Please DO NOT park in the middle of the parking lot).

Special accommodations, all the office at the numbers listed below at least two weeks prior to the event.

Information, contact Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist, ltaylor@dawncil.org

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Brookdale Community College's Performing Arts Center
765 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, NJ

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

**Sign language interpreter provided on
April 9, 2006**

Call the Performing Arts Center Box Office at (732) 224-2411 Voice
for information or to purchase tickets or send e-mail to pac@brookdalecc.edu.

Communicator Signboard

Burlington County College American Sign Language Club

Welcomes Trix Bruce

April 15 7:00 p.m.

Burlington County College, Mount Laurel Campus, "Enterprise Center"

The Enterprise Center is conveniently located in

Mt. Laurel, NJ on Route 38, one-half mile from exits 40 and 40A of I-295,
and less than four miles from Exit 4 of the New Jersey Turnpike.

Cost: adults: \$10, students (with I.D.) \$7, under 5 years old Free

To reserve your tickets: email: anniseptk@earthlink.net or mail money order to:

Annise Hawkins, 10 Arden Lane, Eastampton, NJ 08060.

Include your name and address and the amount of tickets requested.

Please e-mail for confirmation.

Same price at door.

Children show: 7:00 p.m.

Adult show: 8:00 p.m.

Show will be voice interpreted. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

UCC S.I.G.N Club's Annual Interpreter's Forum

Join us on Saturday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m.

for our Panel Discussion on the Union County College Cranford Campus.

Our topic of discussion:

**"How did you get to where you are?
I graduated, now what?"**

See our panel explain their experiences coming up through the ranks
and how they developed their skills after graduation. A question
and answer period will follow their presentations.

Presenters to be announced. A social with light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Visit uccsignclub.org or e-mail uccsignclub@yahoo.com for more information.

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New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates Open Forum Meeting Saturday, April 22, 2006 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

New Brunswick Library, 60 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, NJ 08901
Fashade Afolabi, NJBDA President, encourages you to attend upcoming general meetings for personal feedback and support on improving the organization's needs.

NJBDA wants to listen to each of your concerns.

On behalf of your community participation and commitment,
NJBDA would be pleased to team up with you for any project.
Come and discover incredible benefits of a NJBDA membership!

FYI - Coming soon "Blackfest" in May

For more information, contact at NJBDA23@yahoo.com

NWJAD

(Northwest Jersey Association Of the Deaf, Inc.)

Saturday, April 22, 2006

8:00 p.m.

General meeting, social night & special presentation!

PAH! Meet Aparna Lele, NJ's New Sprint Relay Account Manager!

Aparna will provide a presentation on New Jersey's Sprint Relay Service

Members: free, non-members: \$4

Refreshments Will Be Sold

(alcoholic beverages are not served)

Everyone is welcome, including sign language students

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

For Information or directions: www.nwjad.org, NWJAD: nwjad@nwjad.org

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N W J A D (Northwest Jersey Assn. of the Deaf, Inc.)
Wallyball, racquetball & swim fun night!

For kids & adults!

Saturday, April 29, 2006

7:30 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight

For registration, sign up, etc. (do not come before 7:30 p.m.)

Game starts at 8:15 p.m.

Pool opens at 8:30 p.m. with lifeguard and interpreter

Chairperson: Joey Garth

Spa 23 & Racquetball Club, 381 Rt. 23 South, Pompton Plains, NJ

Cost: per person - (pay at door only)

\$10 - adults - 19 yrs & up: wallyball, racquetball & swimming

\$5 - teens - 13 to 18 yrs: wallyball, basketball & swimming

FREE - 12 years and under: swimming only

\$5 - spectators (fans): watch games, no swimming

Pool hours: 8:30 to 11:00 p.m. - with a lifeguard & interpreter

Information and directions: www.nwjad.org or www.spa23.com, nwjad@nwjad.org



Camden County College
MidAtlantic Post-Secondary Center
For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students

Open House

Come check us out!

Saturday, April 29, 2006

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Camden County College, Blackwood Campus,
College Community Center

Interpreters provided

For more information or directions contact: Camden County
College, Center for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students,
PO Box 200 College Drive, Blackwood, NJ 08012
(856) 374-4855 TTY, (856) 227-7200 ext. 4506 V,
(856) 374-5003 FAX,

djones@camdencc.edu www.camdencc.edu

Communicator Signboard

60th Annual Eastern Association of Deaf Bowlers and 49th Annual Eastern Deaf Women's Bowling Association

Bowling Tournaments

hosted by North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf, Inc.

May 4 - 7, 2006

New Brunswick, NJ Men's & Women's Bowling Headquarters,

Brunswick Zone Carolier Lanes, Carolier Lane (off Route 1) North Brunswick, NJ

Hotel Headquarters; Hilton East Brunswick, Route 18 at Tower Center Blvd., East Brunswick, NJ (off Exit 9 - NJ Turnpike)

Saturday Night Ballroom Event at Hilton - The Price Is Right

Admission: (To order tickets in mail only)

Fan Combo Tickets for \$65. Senior Citizen Combo Tickets for \$50 (62 years old or older).

Combo tickets cover registration,

Friday, Saturday, Sunday alley admissions, ballroom and program book.

Make a money order or cashier's check payable to NCCD, Inc. and mail to:

Timothy Golden, c/o NJCCD, 26 Thomas Street, Clifton, NJ 07013

Deadline: April 30

Information: General Chairman, Ronald Rozynski at RERBOWL44@aol.com,

Co-Chairlady, Jean Bonchack, JBonPup@aol.com, Co-Chairman, Timothy Golden,

TBGolden0206@msn.com, or www.njccd.org and click Bowling 2006 link

**Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey
Non-seniors and interpreter students are welcome!**

Friday, May 5, 2006

Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, 215 Boulevard, Mountain Lakes, NJ

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Carmela Slivinski (1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.)

Executive Director, DAWN CIL, Inc.

ASL/Voice interpreter will be provided. Refreshments served.

Parking is available in the church parking lot.

(Please DO NOT park in the middle of the parking lot.)

If you need any other type of special accommodations, call the office at the numbers below at least two weeks prior to the event. For more information,

contact Lila Taylor, Deaf Outreach Specialist, ltaylor@dawncil.org,

DAWN CIL, Inc., 400 S. Main St., Suite #3, Wharton, NJ 07885

Telephone: (973) 361-5666 Voice, (973) 361-7086 FAX, (973) 361-6032 TTY,

(888) 383-DAWN, info@dawncil.org

Communicator Signboard

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Day

Trenton Thunder Baseball Trenton Thunder vs. Bowie-Baltimore Orioles

7:05 p.m.

Thursday, May 11, 2006



Mercer County Waterfront Park, One Thunder Road,
Trenton, NJ 08611

Watch the Thunder take on the Orioles with your
family and friends and browse the

Deaf and hard of hearing exhibitions sponsored by the
NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing in the ballpark concourse.

Fireworks after the Game!

Ticket price: \$9

For information or to purchase tickets, contact Signs of Sobriety, Inc.
Lisa DeHart at (609) 882-7177 TTY, (609) 882-7677 Voice, info@signsofsobriety.org



Gingo Night

Hosted by Deaf Ministry

Saturday, May 13

6 p.m. - 12 a.m.

Game starts at 7:30 p.m.

\$7 per person if paid in advance

\$10 per person if paid at door

50/50 Chances!

No outside food & beverages allowed.

St. John of God School Gym, 1145 Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) Westville, NJ 08093

Door will open at 6 p.m. No early birds please!

If paying at door, cash only.

Food will be on sale.

Information: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 FAX, deafministrynj@yahoo.com

Make check or money order payable to Deaf Ministry and mail with your name, address and e-mail address
to: 525 Doe Lane, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034

NOTE: Adults only (21 years old and up)

No children. No refunds.

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NJBDA Celebrating its 10th Anniversary

“Caribbean Fever”

June 3, 2006

Cornucopia Princess Cruise Line, 200 Middlesex Ave., Carteret, NJ 07008

Boarding - 7 p.m., be there 6.p.m.

Admission: \$85 (BDA Member) \$90 (Non-Member)

(Includes food and beverage, souvenirs)

\$25 deposit to reserve your seats. Deadline is April 10.

Full payment due on May 15 or \$5 late fee.

Music By: NYC DJ SupaLee (Brooklyn’s Style Finest) Caribbean Steel Band

Dress Code: Dress to impress

Enjoy breathtaking Manhattan skyline on this luxury yacht.

Send money order to: New Jersey Black Deaf Advocates, Heather Ridgway, NJBDA Treasurer,
P.O. Box 24288 Jersey City, NJ 07304

NAME _____ DEAF () HEARING ()

ADDRESS _____

E-MAIL OR HOME PHONE (V/TTY) _____

HOW MANY WILL ATTEND?? _____ RECEIPT FOR DEPOSIT? Y/N

For those who need transportation, limo will be provided to you but there will be an additional charge Y/N.

For information or directions, contact at NJBDA23@yahoo.com

What the Butler Saw

By Joe Orton

Two River Theater Co., 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701

**Interpreted by Kymme Van Cleefe and Kathy Ferejohn on
Thursday, May 25 at 8 p.m.**

This hilarious farce, which pokes fun at sex, authority, family relationships and the world of psychoanalysis, remains as audacious today as ever. While attempting to seduce a prospective secretary, a sex-obsessed psychiatrist is confounded by the arrival of his nymphomaniac wife, a lunatic supervisor, a handsome bellhop, and a clueless policeman.

Orton’s classic comedy shows us a view of society with its pants down.

Tickets only \$10, RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contact, Lisa Fardella, Director of Audience Services at
(732) 345-1400 ext. 810 Voice, lfardella@trtc.org, www.trtc.org

Calendar of Events 2006

Friday, April 28

DDHH Advisory Council Meeting

East Brunswick Public Library
Public invited, RSVP (800) 792-8339 V/TTY

May 11

Trenton Thunder Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Awareness Day

Signs of Sobriety, Inc.

Lisa DeHart at (609) 882-7177 TTY,
(609) 882-7677 Voice
or info@signsofsobriety.org

August - First Time Trip to Israel

Jewish Deaf Singles Registry

Landau9optonline.net, (908) 352-7395 FAX

August 4, 5

NJSD/MKSD Class Reunion

Hyatt Regency Princeton and MKSD campus
NJSDMKSDReunion@aol.com
or (609) 387-7398 FAX
www.mksd.org, click Alumni News

September 29, 30, October 1

The Northern NJ General Service Convention

The 2006 Area 44, AA Convention

The Doubletree Hotel
200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873
convention@nnjaa.org or, (908) 757-7749 Voice

December 31

Northwest Jersey Association of the Deaf, Inc.

20 Anniversary Holiday Banquet

With John (Jay Leno) Maucere!
Sheraton Parsippany Hotel, Parsippany NJ
www.nwjad.org, cochairs@nwjad.org

DDHH Office Closed April 14, May 29, July 4
Regular Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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