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**O**n December 5, Attorney General Peter C. Harvey held a press conference announcing a very exciting initiative to improve access to

health care in the State of New Jersey. In collaboration with the Office of the Attorney General, the Division on Civil Rights, the New Jersey Hospital Association, and the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, a joint initiative was



designed to ensure that patients who are deaf or hard of hearing are

provided, by hospitals, with assistance that ensures their ability to communicate effectively with nurses, doctors, and other hospital personnel. This was the result of a year-long collaboration that has established new guidelines for NJ hospitals to use, when needing to hire ASL interpreters, use assistive technology, or better inform patients or families of their medical issues. A report by the "NJHA Interpreter/ Translation Services Task Force" was also distributed.



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# NJAD Announces Focus for Two Years

New Jersey Association of the Deaf (NJAD) wishes you all a Happy New Year! NJAD is now focusing on four different advocacy issues within the state of New Jersey during the next two years.

- ✍ Family & Children Education
- ✍ Senior Housing for Deaf & Hard of Hearing residents
- ✍ NJ Emergency Management Agency with Deaf & Hard of Hearing resident
- ✍ Internet Access for Section 8 (HUD)

In order to achieve these goals, we need your support!!! Your membership in NJAD helps us strengthen our efforts to advocate within the state of NJ.

For NJAD membership information, contact Phil DiMaio, Membership Coordinator of NJAD

E-mail address: ([hidimaio@aol.com](mailto:hidimaio@aol.com))

We need your support!

Membership benefits -

- 1) Discounted events
- 2) Four COLOR newsletter issues
- 3) Immediate news about the advocacy issues within NJ and USA
- 4) Many more!

NJAD Web site is now under the renovation; look for it in the near future.

NJAD's General Meeting is open to the public. The next meeting is on Sunday, January 29th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. (SNOW DATE: February 5th - same time) The meeting will be held at the NJAD office on the campus of MKSD at the Tower Clock. Light refreshments will be served. Even if you cannot attend, you can support us by joining NJAD and make a difference!

Come and support NJAD!

NJADly yours,

By Sean Gerlis President, New Jersey Association of the Deaf

## READERS NOTE:

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[www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh](http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh)

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**Deadline for submissions: First of the month for the following month's edition**

# “Duck for President” Read by Election’s Director

The New Jersey Library for the Blind and Handicapped (NJLBH), located at 2300 Stuyvesant Avenue in Trenton, a division of the

New Jersey State Library, held its monthly Children’s American Sign Language Story Hour on November 15. New Jersey Division of Elections

Director Ramón

De La Cruz read the political yet humorous book Duck for President.



After Mr. De La Cruz’s presentation, certified therapy dogs from the Kindred Souls Canine Center joined the children for the Story Hour. Pete Campione, author and illustrator of The St. Bernard is in the Yard, demonstrated a new trick.

He selected two Katzenbach students, who sat on the floor with their arms out while Toby the therapy dog jumped over them. He gave a truly entertaining performance. The crowd loved him!

Attending the story hour were students in grades two through five from the Marie H. Katzenbach School for the Deaf (MKSD), home-schooled hearing children, and students with multiple disabilities from



three classes at the Hunterdon County ESC School in Lambertville. With over 85 people present, the story hour was a huge success.

Mr. De La Cruz was a captivating storyteller and gave an amusing presentation of the book, including authentic quacking noises. After finishing the book, he demonstrated how to use a sample ballot, and he also took time to answer some of the children’s questions.



This story hour was signed by ASL interpreters provided by the NJ Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and accompanied by a



PowerPoint presentation illustrating each page along with the reader. The story hour promotes English literacy skills for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing by enabling them to enjoy simultaneously ASL and English versions of books. Afterwards,

light refreshments were offered for all who attended.

Workshops and events such as the story hour are scheduled by Christine Olsen, Coordinator of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Awareness Program 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@njs-tatelib.org](mailto:colsen@njs-tatelib.org).



# Letter to the Editor

## Dear Editor:

Much has been written about the silent handicap of hearing loss and how the general public seems unaware (and sometimes uncaring) about how hearing loss and deafness affects a person's life. There is no more troubling a situation when a person is a young child in need of hearing aids and is denied them by the insurance company.



Most readers are aware that commercial insurance providers exempt hearing aids as a covered expense. This forces parents to buy them out of pocket. But what happens when a child is eligible for hearing aids under a Medicaid program and is denied them? How can this happen in New Jersey, a state known for liberal and comprehensive health benefits for needy youngsters? The answer is the MCO or managed care organizations that have taken over the state Medicaid program. These companies, often referred to as "HMO's", do not pay for hearing aids on a fee for service basis. Some readers may be familiar with the Unisys Medicaid program that used to pay for hearing aids. In all but rare instances, Medicaid eligible children have been forced into a health maintenance organization (HMO). HMO's contract with audiologists to provide hearing aids for Medicaid eligible youngsters. In the HMO system, the audiologist must contact the HMO for "prior approval" to fit a child with hearing aids. In all contracts with HMO's, "prior approval" does not in any way guarantee that the HMO will actually pay for the instruments.

The resulting deception on the part of these private insurance companies that are supposed to provide for eligible children is that most hearing aid providers-audiologists and hearing aid dispensers in New Jersey have opted out of these programs. The reason for the mass exodus is simple - the HMO's rarely if ever pay for hearing aids. My experience as an audiologist who deals with these companies, is the usual runaround. Excuses like the codes are not in their system or the patient was not eligible on that date (not true) or the provider is not eligible (not true again) have left a whole generation of poor hearing impaired children without help.

In my professional experience, I know that early detection and treatment of hearing loss is vital to long-term academic success. Children who are not aided early on become less able to function in school. That drives up the cost of special education for which we all, as taxpayers, pay a steep price.

In the meantime, the HMO's, which obtain funding from tax dollars, are playing a very bad game with our children. I have attempted to stop their deceptive practices by filing complaints, meeting with their executives and urging parents to beg and plead for help for their children. All of these efforts have failed to provide universal benefits for hearing impaired Medicaid recipients.

I urge any parent whose child is denied hearing aids and any adult caregiver, teacher or advocate to contact the state senator or state assemblyperson in the child's district. This has been the only effective solution for some of these children. It is time for state officials to investigate and correct the deceptive and questionably legal tactics that HMO's are using to deny children with aidable hearing loss the services they deserve.

*Granville Y. Brady, Jr., Au.D.  
Clifton, NJ*

# Jobs Available

**D**eaf Services Center (DSC) offers culturally competent, linguistically accessible treatment for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing and in need of behavioral health services. This is an opportunity for a motivated individual to join a dedicated group of professionals who give new meaning to the term “teamwork”.

## Full & Part Time Employment Opportunities

**Administrative Assistant:** (Full time position) HS diploma with three years of administrative experience with computer proficiency in MS word and excel; Must possess strong writing/proof reading, interpersonal and organizational skills; Fluency in American Sign Language a plus. Duties: Handle high volume voice and TTY calls, correspondence/minutes, coordinate projects and meetings, managing database information & spreadsheets as well as other administrative duties.

**Nurse:** (Part time/Per diem) BSN/RN/LPN current licensed; family and psychiatric medicine experience preferred; two years experience with Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers preferred; ASL skills a plus. Duties: Coordinate health care and management of Deaf and Hard of Hearing residential consumers; coordinate care with health care providers; provide information and training on health and management to program staff and residential consumers. Collaborate with Program Psychiatrist and DSC team. Insure performance improvement activities regarding health care are implemented.

**Residential Counselor:** (Full time, part time, and stand by positions available) HS + one year related experience or AA; valid drivers' license; advanced fluency in ASL; minimum of two years experience with Deaf Community; demonstrated competency in independent living skills; ability to teach, advise and motivate Deaf Consumers; strong interpersonal skills. Duties: Provide supported living and training to Deaf consumers with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities living in the community; promote consumers' independence and social relationships.

**Staff Interpreter:** (Full time & part time positions available) BA/BS with minimum two years experience working with Deaf individuals with mental illness and/or developmental disabilities or AA with a minimum of five years experience. Duties: Interpret in mental health evaluations, groups, staff meetings with hearing and deaf. Be able to work with team of hearing and/or Deaf interpreters translating with both children and adults. Current national certification and PA State licensure through ODHH required.



**Send your letter of intent and resumes to: Linda Sivigny, Office Manager Milestones Community Healthcare, Inc. - Deaf Services Center, 614 N. Easton Road, Glenside, PA 19038, [lsivigny@salisb.com](mailto:lsivigny@salisb.com), (215) 884-9774 Fax.**

# LIHEAP Begins Accepting Applications For '05-'06 Winter

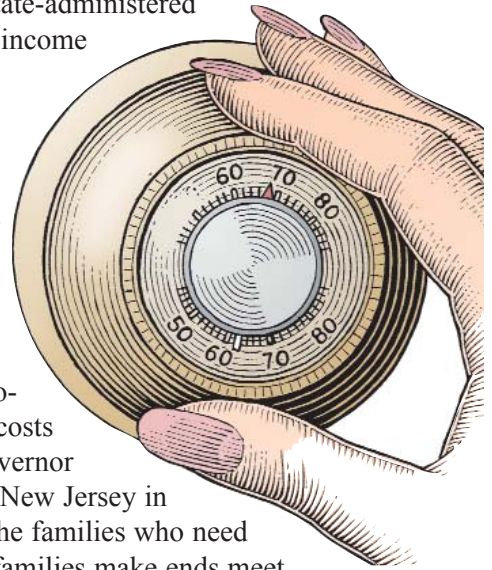
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program helps cover high heating costs

With home heating costs at sky-high rates and no expectation of a decline, Commissioner of Human Services James Davy is reminding New Jersey residents that there is help to keep warm this winter. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded, state-administered program that provides an annual grant to income-qualified people. Those whose income is 175 percent of the federal poverty level and under can qualify.

County agencies will accept applications for LIHEAP through March 31, 2006.

“LIHEAP is a life saver,” said Commissioner Davy. “By enrolling, a family on a very limited income will be warm this winter. Heating costs are going to be unbelievably high this year and LIHEAP can help make sure people do not have to choose between keeping warm and keeping fed.” Last year, New Jersey received \$72.4 million in federal funds for regular and emergency assistance.

This served more than 156,000 families at an average \$530 each. This year’s allocation, however, is only 95 percent of that, or \$68.5 million. This, while energy costs are estimated to rise 48 percent over last year. In a letter to Congress, Acting Governor Richard J. Codey called for the federal government to apportion more money to New Jersey in the face of rising costs and dropping temperatures. “We have to make sure that the families who need help receive it,” Governor Codey said. “We have an obligation to help working families make ends meet, and through programs like LIHEAP, we are fulfilling that commitment.”



For more information on LIHEAP, including where to apply, call 1-800-510-3102 Voice, or visit [www.energyassistance.nj.gov](http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov). Also, visitors to [www.njhelps.org](http://www.njhelps.org) can see if they qualify for this and other assistance programs.

## Monthly Communicator Guidelines for Submissions

Send an e-mail with information to: [ira.hock@dhs.state.nj.us](mailto:ira.hock@dhs.state.nj.us)

Text should be typed flush left.

No tabs, no fancy fonts, no art.

Clip art or photos can be put on CD and mailed to Ira Hock, DDHH, PO Box 074, Trenton NJ 08625.

Deadline - first of the month for the next month’s issue (July and August are combined).

Signboard ads - under 75 words, include contact information.

Generally, ads will not be repeated.

Publication is at the sole discretion of DDHH.

# DDHH and CCC Hold Workshop With Sam Trychin

On November 5, 2005, Dr. Sam Trychin, a nationally renowned expert on issues facing the hard of hearing community, gave a presentation to about 40 people at Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey.

The presentation, which was a collaboration between the MidAtlantic Post-Secondary Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, the South Jersey Evaluation and Employment Center (SEED), the Northeast Technical Assistance Center (NETAC) and the Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, was a rousing success.

The presentation, entitled, "It's OK to be Hard of Hearing: The Hard of Hearing Have Rights, Too!" was given in order to let the hard of hearing community in New Jersey know that their concerns are important, too, and that they should not be afraid to speak out and make those concerns known.

Dr. Trychin kept the audience, which consisted of students, faculty members, administrators, DVR counselors, and members from the community, entertained and informed during the day-long event.

Participant Patty Heiser said "The seminar was more than wonderful, and put a label on everything I have been feeling, especially during this past six years of my profound hearing loss. It was all so classy."



# Events Around the Town . . .

## South Dakota Camps

We are expanding our programs! Join us and enjoy the amenities at a deaf resort in Madison, SD. Check out

[www.campalakodia.com](http://www.campalakodia.com).

We are hosting a scrap-booking camp from February 17 through 20.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get away from it all and catch up on precious pictures. You will be pampered with delicious meals, quiet environment (**no kids**), plenty of supplies, and deaf consultants for assistance when needed as well as making new friends. Don't let your pictures be stuck in boxes and boxes! On March 16 through 19, we will have a deaf singles camp. It will include speed dating, team building, workshops and fun activities. Please e-mail Deb Skjjeveland at [dskjeveland@c-s-d.org](mailto:dskjeveland@c-s-d.org) if you are interested in either camps and she will send more information.



## Poetry Reading

The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College presents a poetry reading by Craig Challenger and Terrance A. Hayes, at the Hamilton Club Building, 32 Church Street, Paterson, NJ on Saturday, February 4, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. An open reading and reception will follow. Admission is free. A sign interpreter will be present. A poetry writing workshop is scheduled with Craig Challenger and Terrance A. Hayes at 10:00 a.m. at the Hamilton Club. Fee: \$10. Pre-registration is required.



The Distinguished Poets Series of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College is pleased to announce that it now has an FM Assistive Listening System available at all poetry readings. Poetry readings are held on the first Saturday of each month, except for January, June, July and August. The Poetry Center strives to maintain a barrier-free facility, including complete access for patrons using wheelchairs, large print programs, sign-interpreted performances, and the new FM Assistive Listening System. Open captioning is also available at selected programs. Interested parties should call in advance for information. The Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College has been accorded international recognition for many of its activities, including the Distinguished Poets Series, the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Awards, the Paterson Poetry Prize, the Paterson Fiction Prize, and the Paterson Prize for Books for Young People. The Poetry Center is unique not only for the number, variety and excellence of the services it offers, but also because of its commitment to persons with disabilities, and to the inner-city, multi-cultural, and multi-ethnic community.

For further information, contact Maria Mazziotti Gillan, Executive Director, at (973) 684-6555 Voice or visit [www.pccc.edu/poetry](http://www.pccc.edu/poetry).

## Photograph Exhibit - Peru

The Passaic County Cultural and Heritage Council at Passaic County Community College is pleased to present Color and Shadow at The Monastery of Santa Catalina, Arequipa, Peru, an Exhibition of Photographs by Laurie Moody. The exhibition is on view in the Broadway & LRC Galleries through January 21, 2006, Broadway at Memorial Drive in the downtown historic district of Paterson, New Jersey. Admission is free. The gallery is wheelchair accessible. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For information, call Jane Haw at (973) 684-5448 Voice or visit [www.pccc.edu/art/gallery](http://www.pccc.edu/art/gallery).

## Religious Access

Deaf Fellowship - meetings are held every third Monday at the Burlington Center Mall, 2501 Burlington-Mt. Holly Rd. Burlington, NJ in the food court area. Everyone is welcome including sign language students. For more information you can email [Teresa@tykillingsworth@yahoo.com](mailto:Teresa@tykillingsworth@yahoo.com)



## Deaf Senior Meetings

DAWN, Inc., Deaf Senior Citizens of Northwest Jersey would like to announce that there will be no meetings during January, February and March of 2006. Our next meeting will be a social gathering in April 2006. More information will follow.



# LaGuardia Community College Offers Courses that Teach Young Children Sign Language

**B**aby Fingers, a new and growing program where young children and their parents are taught to communicate through music and sign language, is being offered this winter at LaGuardia Community College. The Level 1 course begins January 20 and runs for ten sessions. In addition, Level 2 will be offered in April and Level 3 in July.

The three levels of Baby Fingers' Mommy & Me Sign Language courses are designed to improve communication between parents and their infants or toddlers in a safe and supportive environment with other families, while enhancing children's language skills and motivating their speech development. The program is geared to hearing youngsters and hearing parents, though deaf parents and/or deaf youngsters will benefit from these classes as well. Classes are offered in collaboration with Lora Heller, founder of Baby Fingers.

The young children, who range in age from one month to three years old, learn simple gestures through music, a combination that provides a natural means by which to practice and interact. Level 1 classes, which are designed for newborns through 12 or 15 months, covers "need based" vocabulary, such as "milk" and "apple." Level 2 classes target young toddlers, 12 months through two years and teach vocabulary that is "interest based" with review of the basic signs, such as animals, transportation, food, and color signs. Level 3 classes, designed for older toddlers, 16 to 18 months through age three, focus on combining words and signs, and developing more complex language. Examples are activities in story telling, games, songs and dramatic play.

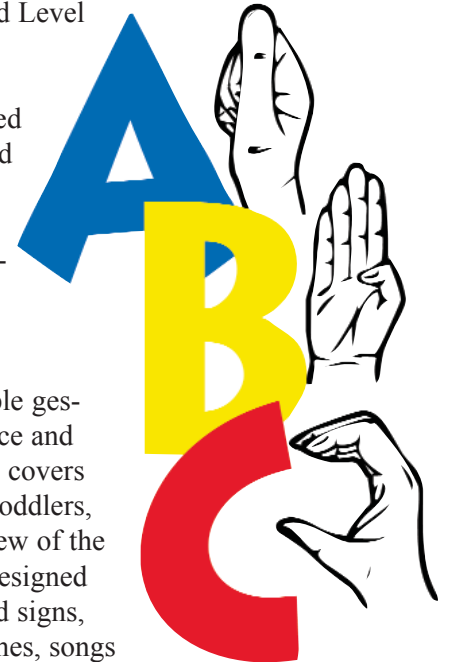
Classes will be held on Fridays from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the college's Main building at 31-10 Thomson Avenue, Long Island City, New York.

The cost for courses is \$150 per family (defined as one child and two adults) plus a \$10 registration fee. Those who are interested may register at the Program for Deaf Adults, (room C-203) or by calling Amanda Polania at (718) 482-5324 Voice or e-mailing Yakov Shifrin at [YShifrin@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:YShifrin@lagcc.cuny.edu). For travel directions and more information on other continuing education courses, visit [www.lagcc.cuny.edu/pda](http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/pda) and click on Continuing Education Program in the menu column.

Studies have shown that there are clear benefits to teaching sign to young children. One longitudinal study conducted by the University of California at Davis, which followed Baby Fingers participants through their eighth year, concluded that babies who sign tend to have a stronger command of verbal language and also begin speaking at an earlier age than babies who do not sign. The study also indicated that the interactive program strengthened the parent-child bond, increased the child's interest in books, and boosted I.Q.

"Signing is a normal part of language development," said Linda Acredolo, co-author of *Baby Signs: How to Talk With Your Baby Before Your Baby Can Talk*. "It is an absolutely normal way for babies to deal with the frustrations of not being able to say words."

Info: (718) 482-5024 TTY, (718) 482-5324 Voice, (718) 609-2069 Fax, [Katb@lagcc.cuny.edu](mailto:Katb@lagcc.cuny.edu), (718) 482-5525 VP, [www.lagcc.cuny.edu/pda](http://www.lagcc.cuny.edu/pda).





On December 1, the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing held its Holiday Tea in Ewing, New Jersey. Co-sponsored by Signs of Sobriety, people came together and brought many delicious food to share. Guest speakers from Sprint, Arthur Moore and Andrew Brenneman, presented information about the relay services they will be providing to New Jersey beginning 2006. It proved to be another educational and fun filled event involving the Deaf and hard of hearing community.

# Communicator Signboard

## All My Sons

By Arthur Miller

**January 19 - February 5, 2006**

A powerful drama about an American family caught in a moral struggle between economic gain and personal responsibility. As Chris Keller returns home to announce his engagement to his dead brother's fiancée, past wounds are reopened, illuminating the dark side of the American dream and the choices we make as individuals, families and society. It is as relevant today as when it debuted in 1947.

**ASL Performance Thursday, February 2 at 8 p.m.**

**Tickets only \$10**

**Reservations required**

Contact Lisa Fardella, Director of Audience Services at (732) 345-1400 Voice or [lfardella@trtc.org](mailto:lfardella@trtc.org).

This is the first ASL performance offered at our new state-of-the-art theater in Two River Theater Co., 21 Bridge Avenue, Red Bank, NJ 07701

[www.trtc.org](http://www.trtc.org)



UCC S.I.G.N. Club

## Super Bowl Social

February 5

Starts an hour before game  
time.

Hilton Hotel, East Brunswick

**All are invited**

Have fun, win door prizes, and good food!

Info: [uccsignclub@yahoo.com](mailto:uccsignclub@yahoo.com) or

visit [uccsignclub.org](http://uccsignclub.org)

Special thanks to coordinator, Guy Limato

# Communicator Signboard

## Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association 4th Annual Asian New Year Celebration

Saturday, February 11 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Minado Japanese Buffet Restaurant  
6 East 32nd St. (Between 5th and Madison) Ground Floor, New York, NY 10016  
Phone: (212) 725-1333 Voice

Sushi buffet, dessert is unlimited, includes guest speakers, entertainment, and door prizes.

**Required: Party attire. No blue jeans and sneakers.**

**Before January 11, - member \$35, non-member \$40**

**Jan. 11 to Feb. 10 member \$40, non-member \$45**

**Feb. 11 (at door) member \$45, non-member \$50**

**No Refunds**

Make check payable or money order to "Metropolitan Asian Deaf Association Fund".

On memo write: "MADA Asian New Year Party on February 11" and  
mail to MADA, Box 36-20323, P.A.C.C., New York, NY 10129

Directions: Subway: F,V,D & B at 34th Street. Walk two blocks to 32nd Street  
PATH: 33rd Street. Walk one block to 32nd Street

Info: Mee Eng, MADA President at [sunshuijc@yahoo.com](mailto:sunshuijc@yahoo.com) [www.mada-nynj.org](http://www.mada-nynj.org)

Garden State Bowler's League (Formerly Trenton Deaf Bowlers League)  
Proudly presents

## 5th Annual Moonlight No-Tap Bowling Event

**\$2,000 Prize Giveaway Based on 40 Couples  
1:4 Prize Ratio**

**Saturday, February 4  
10 p.m. to 2 a.m.**

Laurel Lanes, 2825 Route 73 South, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

\$80 per couple. Couple may be male/female or female/female.

Breakdown of entry fee: \$25 prize fee, \$12.75 lane fee, \$2.25 expense fee  
\$40 Per Person (\$80 Per Couple)

Admission will open at 8:30 p.m. and close 9:45 p.m.

Bowlers - please bring your own partner, we will not set up teams.

Info: Chairperson Loraine Kegerreis:

[Siam1@webtv.net](mailto:Siam1@webtv.net), (609) 499-3075 TTY after 6 p.m. weeknights

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## Gingo Night

Hosted by Deaf Ministry

**Saturday, February 11**

**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 and desserts will be on sale.**

Info: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, [deafministrynj@yahoo.com](mailto: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 **no later than February 4.**

**Adults only (21 years old and up). No Children! No refunds!**

## Deaf Ministry's 25th Anniversary Bowling Party

**Sunday, February 26**

**1 - 3 p.m.**

Playdrome, 100 Woodcrest Shopping Center, Cherry Hill, New Jersey 08003

**\$8.50 per person (include 2 games, shoes, pizza  
and unlimited beverages)**

**Children 3 years old and under - FREE!**

**RSVP before February 18.**

**50/50 Chances! Bring friends.**

Info: (856) 795-6481 V/TTY, (856) 482-5657 Fax, [deafministrynj@yahoo.com](mailto:deafministrynj@yahoo.com)

Directions: From north: route 295 south, stay on left at exit 32,

turn left at light. After passing another light,

turn left to Woodcrest shopping center before Lukoil gas station and light.

From south: route 295 north, stay on right at exit 32. Turn right at light. Turn left to  
Woodcrest shopping center before Lukoil gas station and light.

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## Atlantic County Society of the Deaf 40th Anniversary Dinner Buffet

Lakeview Manor, at Lenape Park, 753 Park Road, Mays Landing, NJ 08330

**Saturday, March 25, 2006 from 6 - 11 p.m.**

**DJ, Souvenirs, Comedian Show, & Prizes**

Cheese w/crackers, garden salad, stuffed chicken, tender roast beef au jus, stuffed pasta shells, sautéed green beans, oven roasted red bliss potatoes, fresh baked dinner rolls, cake, brownies, cookies, dessert bars, coffee, tea, soda, beer, wine and hard liquors

**Donation: Member \$25, non member \$40**

**Due: March 11, 2006**

Mail the payment to:

Atlantic County Society of the Deaf, C/O 40th Banquet, PO Box, 3088  
Margate, NJ 08402

Make money order/check payable to:A.C.S.D.

**No Kids, No Refunds, Formal Dress**

New Jersey Performing Arts Center

## CATS

**25th Anniversary Tour**

Open Captioned Performance: Wednesday, February 1 at 7:30

Tickets: G\$56 P\$56 A\$50 B\$42 C\$34 D\$20

## Chicago

Open Captioned Performance: Wednesday, March 29 at 7:30

Tickets: G\$56 P\$56 A\$50 B\$42 C\$34 D\$20

## Thoroughly Modern Millie

Open Captioned Performance: Wednesday, June 7 at 7:30

Tickets: G\$56 P\$56 A\$50 B\$42 C\$34 D\$20

[www.njpac.org](http://www.njpac.org)

1-888-GO-NJPAC - Voice, 1-877-886-5722 - TTY, (973) 642-5229 - FAX  
1 Center Street, Newark, NJ

# Communicator Signboard

## NJ-ASLTA

**New Jersey American Sign Language Teachers Association**

Presents

### **David A. Martin, M.E.D, ASLTA (Provisional),**

the Assistant Professor/Program Mgr of ASL Studies at Frederick Community College in Frederick, Md., and former ASL/Deaf Studies instructor and the ASL Lab mgr at McDaniel College in Md. He is the vice president of Frederick Chapter of ASLTA and resides in Fredrick with his wife and 4 children.

#### **How much ASL/Deaf Culture should be taught in the ASL Classroom?**

This workshop will be both lecture and hands-on and will discuss ASL and/or Deaf Culture. How much discussions/instruction of Deaf culture can be used in the ASL classroom? Instructor will share some different options and teaching strategies of using ASL/Deaf Culture in the ASL classroom. Participants will compare different levels of information to be used in various ASL 1-5 and other ASL related classes.

## **Saturday, January 14, 2006**

**9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Location: Rahway Library

2 City Hall Plaza

Rahway, NJ 07065

NJ Transit Train Station: 2 blocks away

**Cost: \$35 (NJ-ASLTA member only)**

**\$50 (Non-member of NJ-ASLTA)**

**Certification: 6.0 ASLTA Hours; 6 CEU Hours**

No voice interpreter will be provided. Please bring your own lunch .We will provide a continental breakfast. Contact Lynne Jacob for more information, at [NJASLTA@aol.com](mailto:NJASLTA@aol.com).

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# Calendar of Events 2006

## August 2006

### First Time Trip to Israel Jewish Deaf Singles Registry

Jewish deaf and hard of hearing singles  
and married couples.

Register early to get in.

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(908) 352-7395 Fax

## DDHH

### Advisory Council Meeting Friday, January 27

East Brunswick Public Library

Public invited, RSVP 800-792-8339 V/TTY

**DDHH Office Closed December 26, January 2, 16, February 13, 20**  
**Regular Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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