

## Job Growth in May

Governor Rendell said last week that Pennsylvania's job count rose by 2,900 in May, while the statewide unemployment rate went up just two tenths of a percent to 5.2 percent.

"The 2,900 new jobs reported in May marks our second consecutive monthly gain and our unemployment rate remains below the national rate of 5.5 percent," Governor Rendell said.

"With two consecutive months of net job gains, Pennsylvania is faring better than much of the nation," he said. "However, Pennsylvania's future is in the balance as we fight against the faltering national economy while families and businesses struggle to deal with the sharply rising cost of fuel and energy.

"We would be in an even stronger position to add jobs and grow our economy if the General Assembly takes action now on the economic stimulus proposals I presented in February," Governor Rendell said.

"Oil and gas prices seemingly reach new highs on a daily basis, and the cost of groceries and other goods is stretching household budgets to the limit. Add to that the shock families and businesses will get from electricity rate increases that will soon go into effect, and it is clear that we need to act now to provide relief for workers and business.

"Car dealers and other private companies are offering cost-saving economic incentives as a form of relief from rising prices, while our General Assembly has yet to approve my Energy Independence Strategy and Rebuild Pennsylvania initiatives that provide the tools consumers need to mitigate energy price increases, invests in clean and renewable energy sources, funds bridge and dam repair projects and creates thousands of skilled jobs that pay family-sustaining wages," Governor Rendell said.

"Key portions of my Energy Independence Strategy have

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### What's going on This Week.....

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#### **"One on One Resume Assistance"**

By Sharone G.

Mon. June 23rd 9-11:30 am

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#### **"Intro to CareerLink Services"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, June 24th, 10:00-11:00 am

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#### **"Interview Basics"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, June 24th, 12:00-1:30 pm

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#### **"Career Exploration"**

Presented by Sharone Glasco

Wed, June 25th, 9:00-2:30pm

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#### **"Computer Basics"**

Presented by Ken O.

Fri, June 27th 3-4:00 pm

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passed the House overwhelmingly but have languished in the Senate. We have made progress with the legislature in the past couple of weeks and I urge the Senate to pass these measures now because the longer it delays, the more difficult it's going to be for their constituents to manage the full force of the energy price increases that are just around the corner."

In particular, the Governor pointed out Special Session House Bill 1, which has yet to be acted upon by the Senate, targets \$850 million in new state resources to attract \$3.5 billion in private investment from the alternative and renewable energy industries to create 13,000 new jobs.

In addition to the Energy Independence Strategy, Governor Rendell noted how the "Rebuild Pennsylvania" portion of his stimulus package will improve our economy – almost immediately.

"If the economic stimulus package I offered were passed today, \$750 million in new capital spending for the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program and an increase the job creation tax credit from \$1,000 to \$3,000 per employee would get projects moving and create jobs now.

"We've made much progress in Pennsylvania," the Governor said. "But my Rebuild Pennsylvania initiative will do more to jump start infrastructure restoration, invigorate the economy, and keep residents, communities and businesses safe by investing \$700 million over the next three years putting residents to work building and repairing infrastructure assets – bridges, dams, airports, rail freight lines and flood mitigation projects. This investment will help keep our state competitive for decades to come.

"As energy costs continue to rise, we must also raise our level of attention to this issue," the Governor said. "Just as with rising gas prices, our citizens cannot afford to wait any longer for some form of economic relief from state government. The time is now. We must take action."

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## Vigon International, Inc. Receives Loan Funds From NEPA Alliance

Officials gathered recently to present a check for \$120,000 in loan funds to Steve Somers, President, Vigon International, Inc., East Stroudsburg for the purchase of machinery and equipment.

Vigon International, Inc. is a certified manufacturer and supplier of high quality flavors, fragrances and ingredients. The company also develops and maintains partnerships with larger ingredient suppliers providing ingredients and servicing customers in flavor and fragrance market segments. Vigon's products encompass over 1,700 items including essential oils, oleoresins, botanical extracts and natural and synthetic aroma chemicals. Their comprehensive manufacturing capabilities coupled with their ability to successfully partner with major multinational flavor and fragrance houses has firmly established Vigon as one of the most progressive companies in the industry.

The loan referral was made to NEPA Alliance by **Michelle Bisbing**, Director of Marketing, **Pocono Mountains Economic Development Corporation**. The Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance offers a variety of financing programs for businesses. For more information, contact NEPA Alliance at (570) 655-5581.



Pictured, from left: Monroe County Commissioners Suzanne McCool and DonnaASURE; Steve Somers, President, Vigon International, Inc.; Jeffrey Box, President & CEO, NEPA Alliance; Representative John Siptroth and Bob Phillips, Greater Pocono Chamber of Commerce and NEPA Alliance Board Member. Absent from photo: Dave Nat, Business Finance Manager, NEPA Alliance.





# TEAMOLOGY

*TEAM: A number of persons associated together in work or activity to perform a common goal.*



## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



**Delivery of USA TODAY direct to our door will begin on Monday, June 30th and last through the summer!** We will receive 10 copies, Monday through Friday as part of the NIE (Newspapers in Education) program . There will be a daily lesson guide, "Inside USA TODAY" sent by email each and every day that provides lessons and activities based on news articles from that day's newspaper. On Friday's, the graphic organizer is based on reading with a focus on careers. There is also access to the website-[www.education.usatoday.com](http://www.education.usatoday.com)-for educational resources and activities online that focus on Career and Technical Education; ESL, Reading/Literacy strategies, and Multicultural resources that are free of charge and complement the newspaper. This will be a great resource for our customers this summer and I encourage all to explore the possibilities!



## Business Services TEAM



**Coming Soon....Look for the next issue of the "Business Services Newsletter"**. If you would like to subscribe, email **Donna Gerrity** at [dgerrity@state.pa.us](mailto:dgerrity@state.pa.us). Check out previous publications of **PA CareerLink Monroe County** newsletters at our website, [www.monroecountycareerlink.org](http://www.monroecountycareerlink.org).

**EXPRESS EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS** will once again be recruiting for temporary help (8 - 10 weeks) to renovate the Wal-Mart in East Stroudsburg. They will be here next Wednesday, July 2nd, interviewing scheduled appointments from 9 - 11 and conducting an open job fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. using the small conference room and a cubicle. Job order 575895 applies. Public advertising will appear in Sunday's and next Wednesday's Pocono Record.



## Social/Events TEAM



**Mark Your Calendars!** The 4th annual **CareerLink Staff Picnic** will be held at Mountain View Park (in Tannersville) on Thursday, July 17th, at 12:00 noon! The social committee will meet soon to plan the menu. Once a menu has been planned, there will be sign up sheet with suggestions of other items for staff to contribute. If anyone has any ideas, please relay them to the social committee. We look forward to having another fun event, so please make every effort to attend!



# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Weiler Corporation

—Buyer Planner  
-web 575185

## SUBWAY

—Manager Food  
-web 569202  
—Counter Worker  
-web 569200

## Pleasant Valley Manor

—Registered Nurse  
-web 572335

## Carbon Monroe Pike MHMR

—CAS System Project Coordinator  
-web 571915



## Burnley Workshop of the Poconos

—Catering Menu Planner  
-web 575295



## Advantage Automotive

—Automotive Mechanic B  
-web 575680



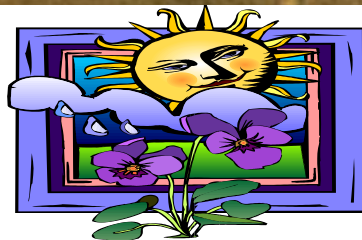
**WRITING ON THE WALL**

**Success is going from  
failure to failure  
without losing your enthusiasm.**

**-Abraham Lincoln**

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