



## Tougher Times Ahead

Reacting to last week's announcement that Pennsylvania lost 7,300 more jobs in October, Governor Edward G. Rendell expressed concern that mounting losses could put a strain on families and businesses and continue to depress state revenue collections.

"The nation's economic downturn is affecting the lives of workers across the country and here in Pennsylvania," Governor Rendell said. "The fact that Pennsylvania's unemployment rate remains well below the national rate shows that we are weathering the storm better than many states, but economists are predicting things could get worse before they get better.

"We need to remain vigilant about cutting and controlling state spending wherever possible, while we continue strategic investments that can provide immediate economic stimulus that will create jobs for hard working Pennsylvanians.

"We have already identified hundreds of millions of dollars in spending cuts without significant negative affect on services. This week, I directed my cabinet to look more closely at their budgets because we need to cut more. We will try to do this with as little harm as possible, but some cuts will be painful.

"Fortunately, Pennsylvania is already focusing on infrastructure investments to stimulate our economy and keep people working. Thanks to our historic infrastructure investment this year, workers are busy repairing and replacing more than 400 bridges, fixing water and sewer systems and making communities safe from floods.

"We can do more. Voters overwhelmingly approved the \$400 million clean water bond referendum on Nov. 4, which will produce a significant level of new economic activity.

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

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#### **"Resumes & Cover Letters"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Monday, December 1st, 9:00-11:30

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

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 2nd, 10:00-11:00

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

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 2nd, 12-1:30 pm

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#### **"Salary Negotiation"**

Presented by Sharone G.

Tue, December 2nd, 1:30-2:00 pm

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

Presented by Sharone G.

Wed, December 3rd, 9:00-2:30pm

"In addition to using the resources approved in this year's state budget, I continue to push for increased federal infrastructure funding that will create jobs and provide an immediate stimulus to our economy.

"Working with our federal partners we can take the steps necessary to turn the nation's economy around," he said.

Earlier this week, Governor Rendell met in Washington with members of President-elect Obama's transition team and key legislative leaders to discuss the nation's infrastructure needs.

"If we don't act quickly, we will see our infrastructure fall further into disrepair," the Governor said.

"Now is the time to make infrastructure investments that will support tens of millions of jobs. These are good-paying jobs that put steel and concrete into the ground. They will stimulate our economy now and pay dividends for our economy and society for decades to come."



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## UC EXTENSION ACT OF 2008

On November 21, 2008 the president signed into law an extension of federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) benefits. Claimants currently filing for EUC benefits and claimants who have exhausted their EUC benefits and are still totally or partially unemployed may file for up to 7 more weeks of EUC benefits. Over the next two weeks, potentially eligible claimants will be contacted via mail with information and instructions on filing for the extended EUC. As the volume of calls continues to rise, it is asked that claimants allow at least two weeks for the delivery of the eligibility notices. If claimants have not received a notice by December 8, 2008, and believe they are eligible, they can call their Unemployment Compensation Call Center.

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## TALKING TURKEY



If last year's numbers are any indication, some 46 million turkeys across America will be trussed up for Thanksgiving dinner this Thursday. The turkey that will be served this year is a very different bird from the truly American original. Turkeys were found only in the Americas until the 1600s when the Spanish carried a few of them back to Spain. The wild turkey was once considered noble. In the early days of our republic, it was a leading contender for the title of national bird, proud symbol of our nation. But alas! When the votes were counted, the bald eagle had edged it by a beak.

If not for this defeat, the turkey might now be displayed on the presidential seal. And when our astronauts touched down upon the Moon they might have spoken the immortal words: "Houston ... The turkey has landed."

When Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr. ate their first meal on the Moon, their foil food packets contained...roasted turkey with all the trimmings.

Ben Franklin, a leading lobbyist for the turkey, did not take its defeat kindly. "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country!" he wrote in a bitter letter to his daughter. "The turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America." He went on to lambaste the eagle as a bird of "bad moral character" and to lavish praise upon the turkey with adjectives such as "beautiful," "cunning," and "courageous." But the bird Ben Franklin praised, the one the Pilgrims (probably) served at that famous first Thanksgiving, was the wild turkey. And that bird is so different from the huge pile of meat on legs we call turkey today, it might as well be a different creature.



# TEAMOLOGY

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



## Business Services TEAM



Christmas is just around the corner, and **United Parcel Service** is once again looking for **holiday season truck driver helpers**. These jobs are part-time, 30 hour workweeks, lasting from approx. Dec. 8th to just after Christmas at \$8.50 / HR. Job order # 602147 applies. All applicants **MUST APPLY VIA THE UPS WEBSITE** [www.upsjobs.com](http://www.upsjobs.com) and complete the application for driver helper to be considered. Selected applicants will be directed back to the website to complete the application process and will then be scheduled to attend an orientation session to be here at the PA CareerLink Monroe county on Monday, December 1, 2008.

## Customer Information & Resource TEAM



**Phew!!!** After a hectic fall season that included 4 special programs in addition to the usual full schedule of seminars and workshops, the December Workshop and Seminar schedule is now available. To say the numbers in attendance have been incredible is an understatement. Right now there are no available seats for any scheduled **Career Exploration** workshops in December. Encourage all job seekers you are working with to sign up early for "Resume Writing", "Interview Basics", "Five Secrets of Successful Job Hunting" and more. Also, the Computerized O'Net Assessments-Work Importance Locator and Interest Profilers can be done in the CRC.

## Careerlink Social Committee TEAM



The Social Committee has finalized all the details for this year's holiday Festivities! It will be at Mt. Airy Resort Casino-starting at 5 pm for a pre-dinner drink with a 6 pm seating at the Buffet. The cost will be \$20 per person with a cash bar. Any questions-please see any member of the Social Committee (Debbie H., Donna G., Donna S., Charlie or Mary).



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# JOB ORDERS Spotlight



## Griswold Special Care

—Care Giver  
-web 606638

## Home Health Aide

—Loving Care Agency Inc  
-web 603214

## RX Home Care Inc

—Home Health Care Aids  
-web 598243



## Carbon Monroe Pike MHMR

—Caseworker I & II  
-web 601035



## Knight Well Drilling Inc

—Well Driller Assistant/ Truck Driver  
-web 606865

## Advanced Door Technology

—Customer Service & Sales  
-web 606464



**To All CareerLink Staff, Partners, and Friends....  
Have a Safe and Happy  
Thanksgiving.  
Our Office will be  
Closed Thursday and Friday in  
Observance of the Holiday.**

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