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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S CHAIR:

This summer simply sped by! It seems as if we just got used to the heat, and now we are into the Fall season and enjoying the cool autumn evenings again. It also means we are again open on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.; Saturdays usually are a good time to call because we are not as busy as during the week.

This summer was an eventful one for us—it seems as if we had one calamity after another. First we had a fire in the transformer and had to close down; next we lost electricity, and then the telephones stopped working. So if you had trouble getting through to us, you probably called on one of the days we were having problems. Hopefully we have had our share of problems, and everything will be operational from now on.

I learned about a new service that may be of interest to those of you who can't get out to shop. Its called the SHOP-IN SERVICE. You can call an 800 number for a catalog, then call the 800 number

and order your items. You can order food, appliances, even gift items. Everything is delivered to your door by United Parcel Service.

The service is guaranteed and there are no minimum orders and no service contracts. Their number is 800-484-3225 id # 1003. This service is available statewide.

In our last newsletter we listed some travel agencies and other travel resources. We made this into a separate publication so if you would like to have a copy, just give us a call.

If you are a fan of Oprah's talk show and are following her book club, we have many of her recommended titles available on cassette. Just give us a call on Saturday and order the title you want.

I recently talked to one of our readers who enjoys going to the theater, especially the Paper Mill Playhouse which offers audio described performances. If you

enjoy the theater, you will probably enjoy our collection of Theatre Works. This is a collection of plays performed in Los Angeles by noted performers such as Ed Asner, Jason Robards, and Sharon Gless. Give Judy a call on a Saturday and she will help you select a title.

Vianne Connor

OTHER NEWS FOR YOU:

FOR COMPUTER BUFFS

Do you need help with your computer? Here are two sources for you. For step-by-step instruction in popular computer programs contact: Talk-Me-Thru Tutorials at 888- 936-0001 or <http://www.onisland.com/vi/tmt>.

Magical Mist Creations has available in Braille or tape a publication to help you explore the Internet titled NAVIGATING NETSCAPE. Contact them at 888-936-0001 or <http://www.webit.com/magical-mist/tutorial.htm>.

HOME OWNERS

For a braille or cassette copy of A GUIDE TO HOME OWNERSHIP contact the Fannie Mae Corporation at 800-471-5554. The cost is \$10.00.

The Fleet Bank is introducing a new program called DISABILITIES ACCESS REHAB LOAN. Eligible projects are those that will modify

existing structures and improve access for people with disabilities. Landlords and tenants may apply. For more information call 800-225-5353 or visit your local Fleet Bank.

SKI FOR LIGHT

If you would enjoy a week of cross country skiing in New Hampshire give Annemarie Cooke a call at 609-520-8079 during the day; evenings call 908-247-2038. Experienced sighted guides are teamed with blind or visually impaired skiers for the week. Space is limited, so if interested contact Annemarie as soon as possible.

SELF-HELP GROUPS

There is a clearinghouse of self-help groups in New Jersey. This group offers workshops on how to start a group; how to attract members; and there is an annual conference. The clearinghouse will also help match you with a self-help group. For more information call 800-367-6274.

If you want to publicize your group, just give us a call, and we will list you in our next newsletter.

There is a new group trying to organize called UNISEX which is designed to enable the physically challenged to be introduced to other challenged adults. If you are interested in such a program, you

must write to: UNISEX, P.O. Box 593, Newfoundland, NJ 0743

BRAILLE NEWS

The Money Marker is a new invention that embosses U.S. currency, travelers checks, and foreign currency. It comes with an audio instructional tape. For more information call 800-345-6667.

For diabetics there is a braille edition of EXCHANGE LISTS FOR MEAL PLANNING. Its 82 pages and costs \$10.00. Call 1-206-776-4042.

The Technical Braille Center will produce highly technical materials in braille. For more information contact John Boyer at 1-608-257-5917.

Seedlings will braille articles from the World Book Encyclopedia free of charge. Articles will be mailed within five working days of request. Call 800-777-8552 with your request for an article.

The Jewish Heritage for the Blind has the following publications available for the High Holidays free of charge: Braille Rosh Hashana Machzor and Braille Yom Kippur Machzor. Call 800-995-1888. These two publications are also available in large print.

Carmela Cantisani, the 1986 alpine skiing gold medalist in the

Winter World Championship for the Disabled, was born blind, so when she introduced her new reduced fat gourmet dressing her labels will include braille printing, thus making it unnecessary for blind consumers to relabel her bottles once they bring them home.

2nd ANNUAL DISABILITY CONVENTION

On October 18, 1997, from 10:00 until 3:30, at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset there will be a Disability Convention. The convention will focus on the gubernatorial candidates' and legislature candidates' response to the New Jersey Disability Platform. There will also be 50 exhibits of social service agencies and organizations. As this cross-disability, grassroots political movement gains momentum, it is important that all disabled persons participate. If you would like to attend and you need transportation, call Donna Bensen at the Library, and she will put you in touch with your county Monday Morning representative. (Monday Morning is a grassroots disability advocacy organization with chapters in most counties.)

DOG LOVERS

Are you looking for a vacation spot that welcomes dogs? The

DogGone Newsletter is devoted to fun places for you and your dog. Its bimonthly and costs \$24.00. To order send payment with name and address to P.O. Box 651155, Vero Beach, FL 32965-1155, or call 1-561-569-8434.

Bergen County Builds Ramps

The Bergen County Sheriff's Department, through its Ramp Crew Program, builds ramps for Bergen County residents with disabilities in Bergen County at no cost. The ramps are built by inmates from the county's correctional facility. Make your request to Sgt. Deborah Lennon, Ramp Crew Program, Bergen County Sheriff's Department, Bergen County Justice Complex, Hackensack, NJ 07601.

New Bible on Market

The Out of Sight Bible on cassette has verse numbers and tones at the beginning of books and chapters. The four-track King James version is twelve cassettes and costs \$49.99 plus \$6.80 shipping and handling; the standard cassette format King James Version is 48 cassettes and costs \$59.99 plus \$8.75 shipping and handling. Call Out of Sight Publications at 334-705-0859.

Access America Travel Tours

Access America has two travel tours this winter: Disney in December, December 6 through 14, 1997 and Caribbean Cruise, February 1 through 8, 1998. These tours are designed to be interactive experiences so that visually impaired travelers can get the most out of them. Just call toll-free 1-888-302-2377.

Northern NFB Chapter

The Northern chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey invites blind and visually impaired persons to become members of the Federation. Monthly chapter meetings are held on the third Saturday in each month, except for July and August. The meetings are held at Bentley's Restaurant of the Hilton Gateway Hotel and begin promptly at 10:30 am. The Hilton Gateway is located opposite Penn Station, Newark. You may call President Dr. Edwin Lewinson at 201-675-3377 or Vice-President Tracey Hall at 201-678-8523.

BOOKWORM'S CORNER

By Judy

We had so much favorable response to our LA Theatreworks described dramas mentioned in the last newsletter that we thought

you would be interested in our three newest Blue Ridge Players selections—*Row for Your Life*, an original play based on the Johnstown Flood; *Jeff Peters vs. Matrimony*, by O. Henry; and *The Star Boarder*, an original play about a clever con man. Just call the Library for these or any of our other fine dramatizations.

We have several good titles to suggest to people who are newly blind or have low vision. *How Do I Do This When I Can't See What I'm Doing?* by Gerald Jahoda (RC36212 or BR9176) describes how visually impaired persons can gather and process information, including using assistive devices. *Coping With Low Vision* by Marshall Flax (RC38113) offers information for everyone coping with visual impairment, including friends, family, and care providers. *If Blindness Comes* (RC38282) encourages the newly blind to ask "How can I do it?" rather than "Can I do it?"

We have a collection of wonderful suggestions from all you "bookworms" out there this issue.

In the non-fiction area we have *Deep Water Passage* by Ann Linnea (RC42467). This is a true-life action adventure recommended by Arthur Carlson. Pat Ward assures us that *The Intelligence of Dogs* by Stanley Coren is not to be missed by any

dog lover. It's available in either cassette or braille – (RC40503 and BR10262).

One of our Readers Advisors, Rose Hinton highly recommends *True Women* by Janice Windle, (RC/FD37814). It's a family saga covering the years from 1831 to 1946, set in Texas, and Rose said she couldn't put it down!

Anna Thompson loved the historical romance *The Moon Below*, by Barbara Bickmore (RC39615, BR9820). A young mail order bride on her way to Australia falls in love with the ship's doctor.

I love historical romances, and one I can personally recommend is *The Cloister and the Hearth* by Charles Reade (RC40169). It's set in the late fifteenth century in Europe and it gives you a real feel for medieval life.

For those who prefer more modern romances, we have two good suggestions. Bonnie Weis-brot recommends *Paradise* by Judith McNaught (RC/FD33028 and LT18635). *Dear Emily* by Fern Michaels is a title enjoyed by Barbara Plocker. You can order it on cassette--RC40549. Both are about lost loves and remarkable recoveries.

Louis Bronstein says you can't go wrong with any mystery by Stuart Woods, especially *Heat* (RC40177 and LT18874). An ex-cop infiltrates

a dangerous and reclusive religious cult.

I hope the suggestions in this column give you all a lot of possible titles to carry you into the winter. Many thanks to all our kind contributors. It's always great hearing from you and passing along your choices!

You Should Vote!

There are 140,000 blind and visually impaired persons in the state of New Jersey. That number of people could make a difference in the vote! Why don't you make sure that you vote November 4th.

We have included in this newsletter:

- a voter registration application for those of you who have not registered
- an application for an absentee ballot for those of you who cannot get to a polling place
- a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of the county election boards to whom you should send the registration or the absentee ballot

We hope that you will vote this year!

THANK YOUs

Once again its time to say thank you to all of you who gave to the Library fund. We owe an

especially big THANK YOU to the Maxwell sisters who gave very generously to us this year. Here is a list of more generous folks who remembered us:

Abrams Foundation

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State of New Jersey
County Commissioners of Registration

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Voter Registration Application

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Check one:

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New Registration

☐

Address Change

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Name Change

2

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Jr. Sr.

II III

3

Street Address Where You Live

Apt. #

4

City or Town

County

Zip Code

5

Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from above)

6

Date of Birth- Month, Day, Year

7

Telephone Number (optional)

8

Name And Address Of Your Last Voter Registration

County

9

Declaration - I swear or affirm that:

- I am a U.S. citizen
- I live at the above address
- I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election
- I am not on parole, probation or serving sentence due to a conviction for an indictable offense under any federal or state laws.
- I understand that any false or fraudulent registration may subject me to a fine up to \$1,000, imprisonment up to 5 years or both pursuant to R.S. 19:34-1.

For Office Use Only

Clerk

Registration No.

Office Time Stamp

Signature or Mark

Date

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Name

Address

Qualifications of an Eligible Voter Registration Applicant

1. You must be a citizen of the United States and, by the date of the next election, at least 18 years old and a resident of New Jersey and your county for at least 30 days.
2. The Commissioner of Registration will notify you upon receipt of this form.
3. The Registration deadline to vote at the next election is 29 days prior to election day.
4. Check if you wish to be a board worker/poll clerk in future elections: ☐
5. Check if you are permanently disabled, unable to go to the polls to vote, and wish to receive information on an Absentee Ballot: ☐
6. If applicant is unable to complete this form, in Section 10, print the name and address of individual who completed this form.

CIVILIAN ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION

YOU MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

You must apply for an Absentee Ballot for each Election. I hereby apply for an absentee ballot for the (CHECK ONE).

____ Primary ____ General ____ Municipal ____ Special

____ Local School ____ Regional School ____ Voc. Tech. School

____ Other _____ To be held on _____
SPECIFY DATE

CHECK AND COMPLETE:

I live in the ____ City ____ Town ____ Township

____ Borough ____ Village of _____

My legal residence address including Street Number and Box Number is as follows:

STREET ADDRESS

_____/_____/_____
MUNICIPALITY ZIP CODE PHONE

Mail my ballot to the following address:

STREET ADDRESS

_____/_____/_____
MUNICIPALITY STATE ZIP CODE

***** PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE *****

CHECK REASON FOR BALLOT:

I am unable to vote at my regular polling place on election day because:

- ☐ I expect to be absent from the State of New Jersey on election day.
Departure date: _____.
- ☐ Of illness or physical disability including blindness or pregnancy.
- ☐ I am permanently and totally disabled. State reason
_____.
- ☐ Observance of a religious holiday on election day.
- ☐ Resident attendance at a school, college or university on election day.
- ☐ Of nature and hours of my employment on election day.

Under penalty of Law, I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true and correct.

☐ SIGN YOUR NAME AS IT APPEARS IN REGISTRY BOOK

PRINT OR TYPE YOUR NAME

If sick or confined a voter may apply for an absentee ballot by authorized messenger.

I designate _____ to be my authorized messenger.
(NAME OF MESSENGER)

(SIGNATURE OF VOTER)

Authorized messenger must sign application only in presence of County Clerk or County Clerk designee. (MESSENGER MUST BE A FAMILY MEMBER OR A REGISTERED VOTER. N.J.S.A. 19:57-4)

☐ (SIGNATURE OF MESSENGER)

STREET ADDRESS

MUNICIPALITY

ZIP CODE

*A voter may apply for an absentee ballot by mail up to 7 days prior to the election. He or she may also apply in person to the County Clerk until 3:00 p.m. the day before the election. Applications are to be returned to the County Clerk in the County of your last domicile in New Jersey.

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NEW JERSEY COUNTY CLERKS (21)

**Atlantic County Clerk
Clerk's Office
5901 Main Street
Mays Landing, NJ 08330
609-641-7867**

**Gloucester County
Clerk
Ct. House, 1st Fl.,
P.O. Box 129
Woodbury, NJ 08096
609-853-3327**

**Ocean County Clerk
P.O. Box 2191,
Court House, Rm. 105
Toms River, NJ 08754
908-929-2018**

**Bergen County Clerk
Bergen Co. Justice Center
10 Main Street, Room 117
Hackensack, NJ 07601
201-646-2082**

**Hudson County Clerk
583 Newark Avenue
Jersey City, NJ 07306
201-795-6112**

**Passaic County Clerk
401 Grand Street
Paterson, NJ 07505
201-225-3632**

**Burlington County Clerk
Court Complex
P.O. Bcx 6000
49 Rancocas Road
Mount Holly, NJ 08060-1397
609-265-5189**

**Hunterdon County Clerk
71 Main Street,
Hall of Records
Flemington, NJ 08822
908-788-1214**

**Salem County Clerk
92 Market Street
P.O. Box 18
Salem, NJ 08079-1913
609-935-7510
Ext. 212 or 206**

**Camden County Clerk
101 South 5th Street
Hall of Justice, Suite 150
Camden, NJ 08103-4002
609-225-7219**

**Mercer County Clerk
Court House
P.O. Box 8068
Trenton, NJ 08650-8086
609-989-6477**

**Somerset County Clerk
P.O. Box 3000, 20 Grove St.
Administration Building
Somerville, NJ 08876
908-231-7013**

Cape May County Clerk
7 N. Main Street
P.O. Box 5000
Cape May Courthouse, NJ
08210-5000
609-465-1013

Middlesex County Clerk
P.O. Box 1110
New Brunswick, NJ
08903
908-745-4202 or 745-3827

Sussex County Clerk
4 Park Place
Newton, NJ 07860
201-579-0900

Cumberland County Clerk
P.O. Box 716
60 W. Broad Street
Bridgeton, NJ 08302-2665
609-451-8000, Ext. 221

Monmouth County Clerk
300 Halls Mill Road
Freehold, NJ 07728-1254
908-431-7794

Union County Clerk
Court House
1st Fl. Rm. 105
Elizabeth, NJ 07207
908-527-4998/4999

Essex County Clerk
465 Kings Boulevard
Room 247
Newark, NJ 07102-1795
201-621-5178

Morris County Clerk
P.O. Box 315
Morristown, NJ 07963
201-285-6066

Warren County Clerk
Court House
Belvidere, NJ 07823
908-475-6214

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