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BOGOTA -- In his latest attempt to find his wife, Patricia, who has been missing for more than two years, borough resident Jim Viola has started an Internet group, MissingLovedOnes.

“It’s another means to get the word out and to help other people,” he said.

The group can be accessed at <http://groups.msn.com/missinglovedones>.

Mr. Viola sees the group as another way to “keep Pat’s information in the public eye.” He said he hopes the group will allow for an exchange of ideas and suggestions about finding missing people.

“A lot of people are going through similar problems,” he said.

There have been no real tips in the case since March when a truck driver reported he had seen a woman matching Pat’s description in Montana. That tip dead-ended despite TV coverage in the area and the involvement of the Sheriff’s Office and the Montana State Police.

Mr. Viola is still circulating video CDs of his wife. He’s sent them to all the hospitals in New Jersey, hoping that perhaps Pat, an epileptic, had a seizure and suffered amnesia and is in a hospital some where.

“She could be lost in the system,” he said.

The video CDs are also available at Quick Chek and Master Pizza on River Road in Bogota.

Those interested in a CD can e mail Mr. Viola at <mailto:jim.viola@att.net>. He will either deliver or mail the CD to them.

Flyers, pocket summaries of the case or mailing labels can be downloaded from the website Mr. Viola has established: <http://patriciaviolamissing.homestead.com>.

Mr. Viola said he affixes a mailing label listing Pat’s information on every piece of mail he sends, hoping someone will recognize her. In March, he appeared on the radio talking about his missing wife. He’s made an audio CD of the appearance and one that took place earlier.

He said he remains optimistic his wife will be found. Meanwhile, life has returned to normal in his house. His children, Michael, 12, and Christine, 15, are coping with their loss. He’s planning a Sweet Sixteen party for his daughter in September at the VFW hall in Bogota.