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Drunk-driving awareness New Yorkers whose lives have been touched by drunk driving are welcome at the City Council Committee Room, at City Hall near Broadway and Murray Street, at 11 a.m. today for a hearing on naming Aug. 24 "DUI Awareness Day." The initiative was started last year by Ferrari Driving School, which held a similar event following a spate of celebrity drunk-driving busts. **METRO**

"The Muslims do not recognize Jesus Christ as God and I will be voting negative."

Pennsylvania state Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, blocking an attempt to recognize a Muslim group's convention in the Statehouse yesterday.



Just say no

New Jersey Sen. Robert Menendez is leading the charge against President Bush's proposal to lift a ban on offshore drilling for oil and natural gas, saying the plan will not give consumers relief because it would take at least 10 years to realize oil production from new offshore wells. **AP**

Seven sick as salmonella scares the 'Big Tomato'

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The city Health Department confirmed yesterday that seven New Yorkers have fallen ill with salmonella infections due to contaminated raw tomatoes, spreading the outbreak that has affected nearly 300 across the country and sent more than 40 to hospital.

But that hasn't dampened Gotham's appetite for the big red berries.

The city advised the public to stay away from certain raw plum, Roma and red round tomatoes grown in a handful of U.S. and Mexican states, which the federal

Trouble spots

States and territories NOT on the FDA's list of regions for Salmonella-free tomatoes:

- ✦ Arizona
- ✦ Florida (selected counties)
- ✦ Idaho
- ✦ Montana
- ✦ Nevada
- ✦ North Dakota
- ✦ Oregon
- ✦ Rhode Island
- ✦ South Dakota
- ✦ Wyoming
- ✦ Washington, D.C.
- ✦ Puerto Rico

Food and Drug Administration has fingered as the possible sources of the outbreak that began in April.

"Certain people are sus-



ceptible to very severe Salmonella: the young, the elderly, people with certain underlying conditions," the Health Department's Dr.

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The value of Florida-grown tomatoes that growers' groups say will rot because of the salmonella outbreak.

277 The confirmed number of Salmonella sicknesses cases caused by contaminated tomatoes according to the FDA.

\$1.28B The value of all tomatoes grown in the U.S. in 2007.

his tomato-heavy Greek fare. But Abraham assured diners his tomatoes are only from New York, a safe state. "If a customer wants paperwork to know where that tomato comes from, I'm glad to give it to them."

Business was brisk for Mahdi Morrocco, 28, from Jersey City, who sells tomato-laden gyros in the Financial District. Morrocco said his food cart garnished its fare with the same tomatoes as before the outbreak. "Some people won't accept tomatoes," he said, "but business hasn't changed."

Customer Patrick Smith, 40, said he's not worried, but still passed on the tomatoes. "I don't like them," he said. "Too much acid."

Sharon Balter said.

Raphel Abrahante, executive chef at swanky Tribeca restaurant Thalassa, said his customers worried about