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Downtown Developer Looks to New Partner For Stalled Project

The developer and general contractor of Princeton Borough's downtown development project, Nassau HKT Associates (NHKT), has brought on a new financial partner to mobilize the project that has, in essence, stalled since hitting some logistical snafus.

Jack Morrison, owner of Blue Point Grill and Nassau Street Seafood and Produce Company, has been confirmed as the proposed new partner in the venture, pending Borough Council approval. Mr. Morrison, whose name has long been tied to the development project as the proprietor of the not-yet-opened Witherspoon Grill on the plaza adjacent to the Princeton Public Library, is expected to be brought on as a partner with NHKT, providing a cash guaranty until the Borough can secure a letter of credit, according to Borough Administrator Robert Bruschi.

The developer's agreement that the Borough wrote with NHKT Principal Robert Powell for the entire redevelopment project made NHKT the ostensible general contractor both for building the Spring Street municipal garage and Witherspoon House, the mixed use commercial/residential complex that faces the plaza. Part of that agreement said that if NHKT were to sell its interest in the building, it would have to come before Borough Council for a transfer. The reason for this is that many stipulations of the agreement outline long-term resolutions, such as the developer's obligation to maintain cleanliness in the plaza. "We want to make sure that, as this case is a kind of refinancing, that the original intent will be fulfilled," said Borough Mayor Joe O'Neill in an interview Friday. Borough Council was expected to approve an amendment to the agreement Tuesday night after Town Topics went to press. Additionally, NHKT's Mr. Powell was expected to offer a presentation updating Council on the status of the project.

There are other concerns raised by some members of Council, however, Mr. O'Neill added, including the question of when the payments in lieu of taxes would begin, if the Borough has the opportunity to change the developer, or hold the developer in "default" if it does not fulfill the terms of the agreement.

Other concerns are the parking

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Report: Township P.D. Is 'Top Heavy'

An independent study examining the efficacy and quality of the Princeton Township Police Department sent a not-so-veiled message to Township Committee Monday: the force could be cut back.

The sobering report came at a time when crime activity in the greater Princeton area is on the rise, but in Princeton Township, which was cited as being one of the safest municipalities in the nation, the police department may be too crowded for its own good.

The report was compiled and submitted to Committee by Carroll Buracker & Associates, Inc, the Virginia-based public safety consulting group employed by the Township to offer an objective overview of the force.

The 400-page report, based on an 18-week study that included interviews with staff, officers, administration, as well as rides while officers were on-call, called for the removal of one lieutenant, two sergeants, one detective, and one Community Action Team (CAT), composed of three officers.

The report did not, however, call for the removal of street patrolman in a department that was deemed to be of high quality by Mr. Buracker.

The consultant used a "baseline staffing" model that essentially reduces the number of staff within the department. In this case, seven positions would be

removed from the force, all in department personnel.

Township Committee did not offer any indication that they would act on Mr. Buracker's recommendations.

"Every healthy organization needs a periodic review," said Committeeman Bill Enslin, who spoke after the hour-long presentation that was attended by nearly 25 officers. "Assumptions will not be made until we read the entire report," added Mayor Phyllis Marchand.

That said, Mr. Buracker labeled the department as "top heavy," and recommended a new structure. Among the areas of concern were that there were too

many staff officers, dispatchers, and administrative sergeant positions. The consultant went on to laud the municipality for having a low crime rate, and the department for having high confidence and good rapport. Mr. Buracker cited a statistic that put the Township's crime index at 9.65 compared to the Borough's 34.31. In the Township, there are 2.1 officers per 1000 residents and in the Borough, there are 2.38 officers per 1000 residents.

Mr. Buracker attributed the quality of life in the Township to the ability of the police officers and dispatchers, not to

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A Three-Year-Old Sapling Planted To Carry On a 300-Year Tradition

The cemetery might be the last place you would expect to find new life in Princeton, but that's exactly where it is. New life has been planted and an old tree supplanted, as the tradition of the Princeton Elm tree continues near the corner of Wiggins and Witherspoon Streets.

In April, when the Princeton Cemetery's stately 278-year-old American elm tree finally succumbed to a long, slow bout with Dutch Elm Disease — an affliction that has wiped out nearly 77 million elms since it first struck in the

early 1930s — the loss was comparable to the loss of another beloved, historic tree: the Mercer Oak. Now, like the great oak, the Princeton elm has been replaced by its own offspring. Last Thursday, just a few feet from the old elm's stump, a three-year-old sapling was planted to commemorate the history of the cemetery, Witherspoon Street, and the town.

"It's special because it's an offspring of the tree, and it's a link to the other elms throughout the country," said

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RETURNING TO ITS ROOTS: A three-year-old Princeton American Elm was planted in Princeton Cemetery Thursday just two months after its stately 278-year-old ancestor succumbed to Dutch Elm Disease. The new tree, near the corner of Wiggins and Witherspoon streets, comes from a long line of elms known for their resistance to the devastating disease.

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Stars and Stripes Abound as Town Gets Ready for July 4 Fireworks

Fresh from the annual Flag Day celebration, the Spirit of Princeton is getting ready to wave Old Glory yet again for this year's Independence Day Celebration Fireworks.

The fireworks will be held tomorrow evening, June 30th, rain or shine, at the Princeton University Campbell and Finney Athletic Fields next to the Princeton Football Stadium. People will be able to enter the fields as early as 6:30 p.m. to set up picnics. The actual fireworks will begin shortly after 9 p.m. No alcohol is allowed at the celebration, according to event organizers.

While the actual Independence Day does not fall until Monday, Spirit of Princeton's Mark Freda said that because the event is taking place on University facilities, the fireworks need to take place when full University staff is available. The University is largely staffed by skeleton crews on major holidays and cannot support a large-scale event such as the fireworks event, organizers said.

Faculty Road will close at 8 p.m. until after the fireworks, and University officials have asked that people keep from gathering on the Washington Road Bridge or the fields off of Washington Road in West Windsor. The Stadium's toilet facilities, the ones closest to the fields, will be open to the public. Princeton University is providing parking in: Lot 21 (near Jadwin Gym); the parking garage on Prospect Street; the lots off Ivy Lane; the lots off Washington Road.

"Glo-necklaces" and Spirit of Princeton T-shirts will be sold to benefit The Spirit of Princeton, a non-partisan community group organized primarily to enhance civic pride. Other Spirit of Princeton events include: the Memorial Day Parade, the Flag Day Ceremony, and the Veterans' Day Ceremony. For those who would like to donate to the organization,

send a check payable to PACF/Spirit of Princeton Fund, to: the Princeton Area Community Foundation, 15 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ, 08648. Donations can also be made on-line at www.pacf.org/donate.html.

The Spirit of Princeton is a volunteer group with no administrative costs, and all money raised goes towards

its sponsored programs. For more information, visit www.spiritofprinceton.org.

— Matthew Hersh

Leslie Burger to Address Chamber of Commerce

Director of the Princeton Public Library and President-elect of the American Library Association Leslie Burger will be the guest speaker at the Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce's monthly membership meeting on Thursday, July 7, at the Doral Forrestal.

The meeting is set to run from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Registration and a reception will be followed by a buffet luncheon and the talk by Ms. Burger, who has spent

much of the last five years planning and funding the new library building that opened in April 2004. Building partnerships with civic and community leaders, she convinced donors to contribute \$21 million to the library's capital and endowment campaigns. She also raised the profile of the library by challenging the community's notion of what a public library is all about and redefining what the public library means for local residents.

Cost to attend the meeting is \$30 for Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce members and \$40 for non-members. Reservations can be made on the Chamber's website at www.princetonchamber.org or by calling the Chamber office at (609) 924-1776.

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Princeton Borough Council will join **Princeton Township Committee** in a special session tonight, June 29 at 8 p.m. at Township Hall to discuss a report on a study examining joint police dispatching.

The **Zoning Amendment Review Committee** of the Regional Planning Board of Princeton (ZARC) will convene tomorrow, June 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Township Hall to discuss proposed changes to residential zoning standards currently being considered by Princeton Borough Council. Particular concern with the proposed ordinance is from residents living in the Borough's R-1 zone, which comprises the western section of town. Residents there have worried that placing building restrictions on homes will adversely effect property values. The proposed measure, however, has been lauded by residents living in denser parts of town as a means to control the building of so-called "McMansions." Once ZARC reviews the ordinance, it will likely return to Borough Council for introduction.

Road Paving Update: The **Great Road** will be using a one-lane alternating traffic pattern from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily until further notice. The road may have to close completely at certain times next week between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Drivers are asked to detour using Stuart Road to Cherry Hill Road to Route 206 to Mountain Avenue and back to the Great Road; Recent work on Harrison Street near the Princeton Shopping Center has been completed; **Terhune** and **Van Dyke** roads will be paved for the rest of the week, closing between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. until work is complete, possibly by next week; **Snowden Lane** will remain closed between Overbrook Drive and Franklin Avenue between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m.; **Grover Avenue** between Franklin and Clearview Avenues, will be closed through Friday, July 1, and beginning Tuesday, July 5, Grover will re-open with **Clearview Avenue** closing between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. for repairs until further notice; **Bunn Drive** will be subject to one-lane alternating traffic through next week; Finally, Princeton Township Department of Public Works will begin paving with the next 10 days **Baker Court**, **Woods Way**, **Beech Hill Circle**, and **Crooked Tree Lane**.

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A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES: Princeton High student Jessie Goodman stands with one of the good friends she made while studying abroad in Japan, Atsushi Saeki. The two are in front of the last building left standing in Hiroshima after an American B-29 bomber dropped an atomic bomb on the city in 1945.

PHS Student Follows Passion By Studying Abroad in Japan

The idea to study abroad came to Princeton High School student Jessie Goodman one afternoon when she was walking home from school and discovered a discarded flyer on

the ground. It was advertising the American Field Service (AFS), a program which places students in programs around the world.

Jessie knew right away where she wanted to go.

"For the first month it was horrible But by the end I was learning much more quickly," she said of her language skills.

Jessie took classes in Japanese, calligraphy, English, physical education, and calculus, which were all taught in Japanese.

Among the places she visited were Nara, Kyoto, and Osaka, all Southern cities in Japan, as well as Tokyo. But the best part of the trip, said the 17-year-old, were the friends she made while she was there.

"My [host] mother became

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Before she knew it, she was off to Hiroshima, Japan, where she spent six months of her junior year of high school.

Jessie, now 17 years old and ready to begin her senior year, first took an interest because her grandmother is from Japan, where she met Jessie's American-born grandfather during World War II. Jessie had visited her extended family in Japan twice, and had studied the country several times for school projects.

"I know more Japanese than my dad does. He can't speak any," she said, recalling that her father grew up in Kentucky and had little exposure to Japan.

Only a sophomore when she first learned about AFS, Jessie spent 10 months applying for the program, working with AFS and her school guidance counselors to accelerate her classes here so she would be prepared when she went abroad. She studied the Japanese language for two years at PHS before she left, and took an accelerated calculus course at Columbia University.

Jessie had several forms to fill out in order to study abroad: "In the end I had about 60 pages of paperwork."

It wasn't until she had to have her final papers signed by her parents that she clued them in on the trip: "It took me two weeks to convince them to let me go."

She enrolled in the Japan study abroad program for August 2004 through February 2005.

Once she arrived in Hiroshima, Jessie was situated with a host family: a mother and father with two grown daughters who no longer lived at home. While she was able to quickly form a bond with her "second parents," she had many difficulties in the beginning at her Japanese high school, since no English was spoken.

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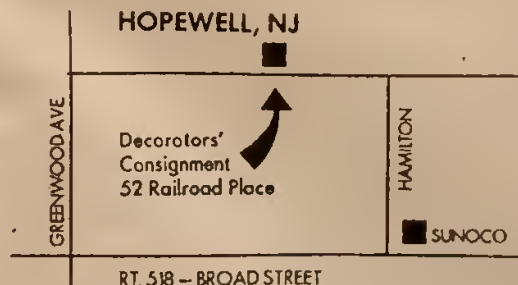
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A SECOND FAMILY: Princeton High School student Jessie Goodman spent the first half of her junior year studying abroad in Hiroshima, Japan. Pictured is her host family, from left: Hayato Kiji (host father), Mihoko Kiji (host mother), Jessie, Satoru Yamamoto (host sister's husband), Tomoko Yamamoto (host sister), and Kumiko Kiji (host sister).

Studying Abroad

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my best friend for the six months I was there," said Jessie, adding that she also made several friends at school.

Since returning to the states this spring, Jessie continued her language studies by taking a semester of Japanese at Princeton University, which she plans to follow up with another year of the language during her senior year.

Now that Jessie is getting ready to start her last year of high school, she is forced to think about the future, and how her experiences abroad will affect the decisions she makes in the coming years.

"I want to go to Princeton University," she said, adding that she would like to continue studying Japanese as well as business, and eventually wants

to work for a Japanese company, where she would have the opportunity to travel overseas.

She plans to study abroad again in college, and would like to become fluent in Japanese, as well as another foreign language.

"Language is very important. I'm now able to speak with a whole other country" she said, adding that while her father had been reserved about her passion for Japan, he seems to be excited for her.

Jessie said she would encourage all of her classmates to study abroad as well, because it changes your entire view of the world: "It allows you to see the world and not be as sheltered or ignorant of other people and cultures."

And while from the start Jessie was referred to as "the 24-year-old" in Japan because

her maturity level far exceeded Japanese teenagers her age, she grew up even more while she was there.

"I learned a lot about life and how you really have to live it in that moment," she said. "You should do something you're passionate about ... and that's what I did."

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Boychoir School Faces Charges From Another Former Student

A 48-year-old Philadelphia man and former student at the American Boychoir School recently filed a complaint against the private institution. He alleges that some of the school's faculty engaged in "reckless conduct" by ignoring the "extraordinary evidence" of sexual abuse at the school while he attended it in the 1970s, according to his lawyer, Marc J. Fliedner.

Robert Staab recently filed the complaint against the school in Mercer County Superior Court. He is seeking unspecified damages from the school and several former employees.

Mr. Staab was a student from 1970 to 1972, during the same time period as another former student, John W. Hardwicke, Jr., who has also filed a lawsuit against the school. Mr. Staab claims to have suffered from chronic emotional and physical problems after going through three years of sexual misconduct and assault.

The former student, who was 13 when he first enrolled at the school, claims to have been raped and sodomized by several employees, including former choir director Donald Hanson.

Currently Mr. Staab is unemployed due to "medical challenges he's facing right now," according to his lawyer. Mr. Fliedner declined to comment as to whether or not his client's unemployment was related to the lawsuit.

Mr. Fliedner of Kamensky, Cohen & Associates in Trenton, is a former head of the sex assault unit for the Monmouth County prosecutor's office.

The lawsuit follows on the heels of Mr. Hardwicke's case, which went to the State Supreme Court in November 2004. The lawsuit, which was first filed approximately four years ago, was dismissed because the school is protected under the state's Charitable Immunity Act. This law, which only exists in three states, protects nonprofit institutions against negligence charges.

Mr. Hardwicke's lawsuit was reinstated by the Appellate Division last year, and is currently pending before the state Supreme Court.

According to Mr. Fliedner, Mr. Staab's case may not have to contend with the same circumstances as Mr. Hardwicke's, as the plaintiff is citing that he has experienced injury due to previous incidents that occurred while he attended the school. In New Jersey, the victim has two years from the time he relates the incident to file the claim. Mr. Staab did so in 2003.

Mr. Fliedner added, however, that if the Supreme Court rules in favor of Mr. Hardwicke, it could aid Mr. Staab with his own case.

Jay H. Greenblatt, the lawyer representing the school in the Hardwicke case, said on Tuesday that he has not been retained to represent the school in the Staab case.

"I've never even seen this complaint," he said.

Calls made to the American Boychoir School were unreturned; however, in past interviews Boychoir President Donald Edwards has said that the incidents that took place in the 1970s were part of a "dark chapter in [the

school's] otherwise bright history."

He said the school currently enforces a child protection program for its students.

— Candace Braun

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Town Topics TV, the newspaper's new program on TV30, has a new schedule for the summer months. It will now air at 7 and 11 p.m. on Thursdays, and 9 and 11 p.m. on Fridays.

Be sure to tune in for this week's Princeton news!

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Vicky Bergman, of Leabrook Lane. Ms. Bergman, who is also running for Township Committee, pointed out that the old tree had been host to history that preceded most of what is on Witherspoon Street now. "I wish I knew what life was like in Princeton 300 years ago. That tree was a sapling then and it would be interesting to see how the town developed."

Of course the Princeton Elm, is special because it has a resiliency to Dutch Elm Disease that other elms

do not have. William Flemer Jr., of Princeton Nurseries did not know this in 1920 when he planted seeds from the cemetery tree that ultimately grew into the elms that now line Washington Road between U.S. 1 and the Washington Road Bridge.

Those trees would go on to survive the plague of the elm bark beetle, and so when the Princeton area was hit, it was clear that these were not just garden variety elms.

Princeton Elms can be found in New York City, as well as among a line of 88 recently-planted saplings near the White House, all

planted because of their ability to resist the disease.

Roger Holloway, who grows Princeton Elms at his Atlanta nursery, Riveredge Farms, said replanting trees such as the Princeton Elm has more than just a sentimental benefit, however. "It's very important, especially considering all the foreign diseases coming in affecting trees," he said, mentioning Sudden Oak Death disease, the Asian Longhorn beetle, and the Emerald Ash Borer as all having contributed to the demise of millions of trees. This is why, Mr. Holloway said, resistant strains

of trees need to be identified and propagated.

"The point is, you can't give up — all these diseases came from outside North America as foreign invaders and there's no immunity, so it's important that we plant the right trees and keep replacing them." Such is the ideology behind the Washington Road Elms Preservation Trust (WREPT), which is working on a long-range preservation plan by identifying and possibly removing some of the susceptible trees and replacing them with Princeton Elms. "We're hoping the public will support us on that," said Jean Mahoney, WREPT board member. The organization was formed during the deliberations about a design for the former Millstone Bypass. Until the state's Department of Transportation had released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement last year, one of the proposals would have demolished many of those trees. The line of elms along Washington Road was placed on the New Jersey and National Register of Historic Places in 1998. "We want the public to be aware of the importance of the street; it's an entryway for both West Windsor and Princeton," she said.

The old elm saw Witherspoon Street as a dirt road when General George Washington used to travel into Princeton and it was witness to the building of Princeton's new library. The old elm — and the stump tells the story — has also essentially uprooted the tombstone of Vice President Aaron Burr. The new elm will be witness to the renewal and expansion of another downtown institution — The Arts Council of Princeton — and should be around to see the story of Princeton for the next 300 years, Mr. Holloway said: "The American Elm is basically our national tree, and the Princeton American Elm is our first, best hope of restoring the lost heritage of the American Elm."

—Matthew Hersh

Six Gardens Featured On Kingston Garden Tour

The sixth annual Kingston garden tour will be held on Saturday, July 16, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Six different gardens in and around Kingston will be visited.

Featured this year are gardens with formal plantings, with many unique trees, bushes, perennials, annuals; water gardens; and, for the first time, an edible, completely organic garden.

The Kingston Garden Club is a non-profit organization that has been in existence for 10 years; its mission is community beautification, community outreach, and educational gardening.

The tour costs \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors, children free. It will begin at 7 Herrontown Road in Princeton. For further information, call Garden Club President Karen Linder at (609) 683-0483.

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Question of the Week:
What plans do you have for a summer vacation?



"I'm going for Vermont for a week, and also out to Ohio to spend some time on the farm for a family reunion."
— Amanda Wilkins, Humbert Street



"I just returned from Coast Guard Academy and I have classes all summer and am also working real hard from 3 a.m. to 11 p.m. delivering papers."
— Garrett Brown, Linwood Circle



"I'm teaching at the Princeton Day School Summer Camp, and then I am taking trips to Florida and South Dakota."
— Gabriella Salazar, The Great Road

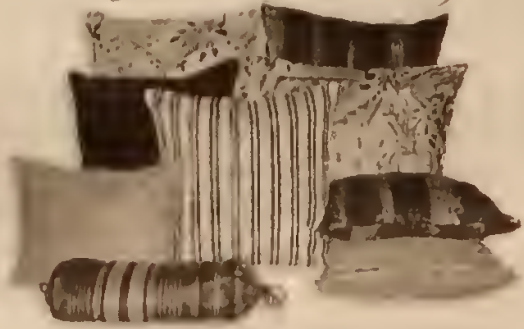


"I am going to visit the children and grandchildren in Colorado and Oregon, and then to Israel in September for the Bat Mitzvah of another grandchild."
— Gilda Aronovic, Franklin Ave




"I will be working at a day camp as a counselor for 2nd graders and then I will be going to the beach."
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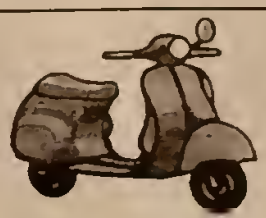
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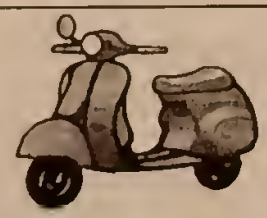
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the number of officers working within the department.

"The question we're often asked is if there is any positive correlation between the number of officers you have and the number of index crimes and I can say it's absolute zero: there is no correlation," he said.

One of the most common indicators of safety in municipalities is the crime rate, which is determined by how many index crimes occurred per 1000 people. Index crimes include: murder; rape; robbery; aggravated assault; burglary; larceny; and motor vehicle theft. The Township has one of the lowest crime rates in the U.S., Mr. Buracker said. "That is one of the lowest that I've seen since I've been in the business." A department-wide plan is also needed, Mr. Buracker said, adding that an external audit of the entire department is needed. He also recommended formalized crime analysis — unorthodox for a relatively small police department, but nevertheless recommended.

Mr. Enslin said Committee would "carefully" review the recommendations with "a lot of thought and a lot of discussion in context of continuing the police department's excellent service to the community," while enhancing efficiency. Mr. Buracker said the ratio of recommended cuts was not high related to comparable communities, and that cutbacks represent a "blueprint" that the Township can pursue over the next five years. That blueprint, he said, focuses on over 100 other recommendations, including suggestions for equipment, facilities, and fleet.

"It's not unusual for us to identify personnel in a police department," Mr. Buracker said.

Township Committee will meet this evening, June 29, with Princeton Borough Council at 8 p.m. at Township Hall to discuss another Buracker study, this time

examining joint dispatch services between the two municipalities' police departments.

—Matthew Hersh

Police Blotter

A Trenton man was arrested on June 23 in front of the Ivy Inn on Nassau Street for contempt of court after Princeton Borough police responded to the location for assault and possible domestic violence.

The domestic violence incident proved to be unfounded, police said. But subsequently Jesse Won Carter, 23, was arrested for an active warrant from Hammonton, N.J. He was processed and released after posting \$89 cash bail.

Twenty-four-year old Joel Antonio Gonzalez of Spruce Street was arrested on June 26 after police, responding to a noise complaint in the area, witnessed him punch a 20-year-old male victim in the face with a closed fist. The victim was also a Princeton resident. The accused was processed and released.

A Lawrenceville man was arrested on Nassau Street on June 26 for driving while intoxicated. Police stopped Raul Antonio Diaz-Bernal, 47, for a motor vehicle violation; and a subsequent investigation revealed that he was operating his vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

Two warrant arrests were made after police stopped drivers for motor vehicle violations. Steven Jaramillo of East Windsor was stopped on Harrison Street on June 21 and subsequently arrested for a warrant out of Hightstown Municipal Court for \$211.

Sherry Lynn Tucker of Trenton was stopped for a motor vehicle violation on North Harrison Street on June 22. She was subsequently arrested on an active warrant out of Trenton Municipal Court. She posted bail and was released.

Princeton-Library To Host Documentary Series

Two acclaimed documentaries set in Newark, as well as their directors, will be featured on Wednesday, June 29, at 7 p.m., at Films and Filmmakers, the first of a two-part series focusing on documentary films at Princeton Public Library.

Screenings of Marshall Curry's *Streetfight* and Sara Booth's *Urban Renewal is People Removal*, will be followed by discussions with the filmmakers and author Dr. Mindy Thompson Fullilove, whose work inspired Ms. Booth's film.

Each film looks at New Jersey's urban landscape from a different perspective.

Urban Renewal is People Removal, which will screen at 7 p.m., won Best Short Documentary at this year's Trenton Film Festival. It examines Newark's renewal projects since 1949 and the effect that they have had in uprooting residents. The film then brings the uprooted residents together to tell a people's history of Newark.

Street Fight, which will screen at 7:45 p.m., is presented in partnership with public television's award-winning documentary showcase POV and is a preview of the PBS broadcast, which will debut July 5, at 10 p.m.

The documentary series, held in the first floor Community Room, continues on August 31, at 7:30 p.m., when Mel Stuart's examination of the uncompromising curriculum in an inner-city elementary school in Los Angeles, *The Hobart Shakes-peareons*, will be screened in partnership with POV. The film will make its broadcast debut September 6, at 10 p.m. on PBS.

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Oakland Street Residents Want to See Roadwork Done as Soon as Possible

For some Oakland Street residents, there is a movement to reduce the width of the street and add grassy "green strips" with trees along the roadway to soften the road's appearance.

For others, there are major drainage concerns that need addressing. Chronic flooding around some inlets on Oakland has, according to at least one resident, caused significant basement flooding and wall cracking.

But the consensus is clear: what all residents on Oakland Street want is for Princeton Township's \$200,000 improvement project and \$12,000 sidewalk installation project to get underway—and the sooner the better.

Earlier this month, the Township introduced an ordinance for the \$12,000 sidewalk project that will cost \$315 per resident whose property is affected, to be paid over 10 years. At that July 13 hearing, Oakland Street resident R. William Potter said that if the Township were to approve the sidewalk installation on the Valley Road side of the street, (which it did Monday night with a 5-0 vote), then Committee should consider placing a green strip next to the sidewalk and narrowing the width of the road from its current 30 feet.

Committee did consider it and agreed to reduce the width of the road to no-less-

than 28 feet.

Dean Meade of Oakland Street said the Township should use the construction project to resolve some of the poor drainage in that area. Mr. Meade said the storm inlet in front of his house catches stormwater from more than two blocks away, starting at Hillside Road, coming down Ewing Street, across Valley Road, and flowing onto Oakland to "form a big pond" in front of his house.

"Not all that water goes down that storm sewer; a significant fraction seeps into the groundwater under my house," he said, adding that recent storms have caused \$1,000 of damage.

The construction, he said, "needs to be done, and needs to be done soon."

"I'm here because of my impatience with this project not getting going."

Mr. Meade added that the Township's proposal to install Belgian-block curbing "would do a lot" to prevent water from going onto his property.

Mary Stachowicz, a resident of nearby Walnut Lane, worried that reducing the width of Oakland would place spatial constraints on emergency vehicles. She added that there is increased parking on Oakland and surrounding roads when there are special events at John Witherspoon Middle School and that could also complicate access for emergency vehicles.

Mr. Potter said the road width reduction would not impede emergency vehicles, citing Moore Street as a 27-foot-wide collector road that provides access to emergency vehicles.

At the June 13 hearing, Mr. Potter had called on the Township to reduce the width of the street to 24 feet, a request that was quickly ruled out by Mayor Phyllis Marchand.

"There are many, many streets that are not 30 feet wide or even 28 feet wide," Mr. Potter said. "If there really is a safety issue...it's really not evident at all."

However, Ronald DiLapo, fire official at the Princeton Township Bureau of Fire Prevention, said a 30-foot width is "preferred" for emergency vehicle access.

The \$12,000 sidewalk installation will be split equally among 18 of the 19 property owners. Normally, only residents whose property is effected by the sidewalk installation are assessed a fee for installation, but, under a petition put together by resident Scott Glenfield, most of the property owners have agreed to divide the assessment.

In other business, Committee approved: a \$44,550 bond ordinance authorizing sewer lateral repairs for properties along Littlebrook Road

and Tyson Lane with a 100 percent assessment to residents; a \$44,000 bond ordinance providing for new sidewalks along Springdale Road with a 50 percent cost assessment to residents; and a \$6.72 million bond ordinance for sewer system rehabilitation throughout the Township.

Committee also approved an ordinance to establish a mutual aid agreement for emergency police services between the municipalities of Mercer County. In special situations, police services from other towns could be employed.

Committee introduced three ordinances: a \$25,000 bond ordinance to install or replace sidewalks on a portion of Sycamore Road with a 50 percent cost assessment to residents, with a companion \$26,175 bond ordinance to improve sewer lateral repairs along Sycamore; and a \$35,000 bond ordinance to repair or replace sidewalks along the north side of Clear-

view Avenue between Grover Avenue and Harrison Street with a 50 percent cost assessment to residents.

Public hearings for the three introduced ordinances will occur at Committee's regular July 18 session.

— Matthew Hersh

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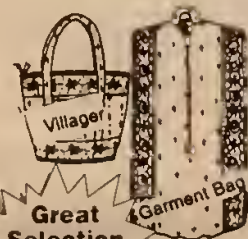
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BOOKS

Plainsboro Public Library

To Hold Summer Programs

The Plainsboro Public Library will host Franklin Fever! Discovery Summer 2005, beginning on Thursday, June 30. The summer programs for those of all ages will run through Saturday, August 6.

This summer, paralleling events in Philadelphia celebrating the Franklin Tercentenary, the library will focus on the many facets of founding father Benjamin Franklin. Story hours, programs, demonstrations, and competitions will celebrate Ben as an inventor, printer, chess lover, swimmer, musician, fireman, and book lover.

Two programs kick off the five-week program: The Pringle Posting Challenge and the Franklin Invention Workshop.

Inventors, engineers, and tinkerers of all ages are encouraged to gather on Tuesday, July 5, at 4 p.m., for a briefing by Dr. Franco Paoletti about the summer's Pringle Posting Challenge. Honoring Ben's role as the first Post Master of Philadelphia, contestants will be invited to pack a Pringle and mail it to the library. On July 19, at 4 p.m., all packages will be unwrapped to determine how many Pringles survived. Prizes will be awarded for those with the lightest package, the smallest package, that package that survived the longest trip, and the most creative/artful package (regardless of Pringle survival).

Numerous stations will be set up throughout the library on Friday, July 8, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., so that visitors can work with some of the more famous inventions and ideas that Franklin toyed with. For example, Gerry Hemingway, internationally-recognized improv drummer, will engage kids with the principles of Franklin's glass music. His armonica became popular in Germany, and composers no less than Beethoven and Mozart wrote music for Franklin's armonica.

There will also be opportunities to experiment with setting type and printing, making the kite of choice, checking out Franklin's swim fin inventions, and more. The program is a drop-in, come anytime event for all ages.

And back by popular demand, the Next Stage Ensemble of the Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey will perform *Coriolanus* on Wednesday, July 6, at 7 p.m. The play is named after Coriolanus, a military hero who leads Rome to victory on the battlefield, and is then elected consul. However the war hero has difficulty communicating with the public, who eventually refuses to endorse him. Playwright and poet T.S. Eliot considered this drama, which explores the conflict between the public and private faces of a national hero, Shakespeare's greatest tragedy.

A complete schedule of the summer's events is on the library's web site, at www.lmxac.org/plainsboro. Click on the green Summer Program button for details.

All programs are free and open to the public, however some require registration. The Plainsboro Public Library is located at 641 Plainsboro Road, in the Township's Municipal Center. For more information, call (609) 275-2897.

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The Lemon Tole

By Julian Barnes

Eleven witty and dazzling stories share the common theme of aging but diverge in time, place, mood, and social milieu.

The Half Brother

By Lars Saabye Christensen

In this epic Norwegian novel, commencing in World War II Oslo, an accomplished storyteller traces the lives of a matriarchal family over 50 years.

Birds Without Wings

By Louis De Bernières

The harmony of life in an Anatolian village, with its quirky mix of Greek, Turkish, and Armenian ethnicities, is shattered by the nationalist politics of the early 1900s.

I Soiled With Mogellan

By Stuart Dybek

Dybek connects gently ironic stories of growing up and getting out in Polish American Chicago in the 1960s and 1970s.

The Swallows of Kobul

By Yasmina Khadra

Kabul under the Taliban provides the backdrop for this riveting, intimate novel of human frailty and societal degeneracy.

The Madonna of Excelsior

By Zakes Mda

A family at the center of an apartheid-era sex scandal confronts racial and social issues as South Africa moves from oppression to freedom.

Claud Atlas

By David Mitchell

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The Plot Against America

By Philip Roth

In a chilling alternate history set in 1940s America, hero and anti-Semite Charles Lindbergh wins the presidency over FDR, and a Jewish family endures life in a new society.

Old School

By Tobias Wolff

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Beat The Heat This Summer: Expert Gives Parents Advice

As temperatures rise, the heat builds up not only out in the sun, but also indoors, when parents and children are forced to co-exist in the home during the summer months.

Author, educator, and parenting expert Naomi Drew recently held a workshop for parents, "Creating a Peaceful Summer With Your Kids: Practical Ways to Make it Happen," at the Nassau Presbyterian Church.

A frequent keynote speaker at educational conferences throughout the country, Ms. Drew raised two boys of her own for many years as a single parent. Her children were very different from one another, which often raised conflicts in the household. The difficulties she faced in her own family inspired her to seek out strategies to resolve them: "I've always felt that if I didn't have these strategies at hand, their childhood would have been very different."

Too often conflicts develop because parents are unsure of what to do. Many times this leads them to reprimand their children the same way their parents had reprimanded them, which isn't necessarily the best way to handle the situation, said Ms. Drew.

"A family really isn't a total democracy," she said, adding that parents should be willing to listen to their child's opinion, but keep the upper hand.

When a child misbehaves, parents should allow them to discuss what their punishment should be, and work on a compromise together. The mistake that most parents make, however, is asking the child during the heated argument, rather than sitting down and having a talk either before or after the situation arises.

One parent at the workshop on June 21 was concerned because her toddler always pushes the limits when it comes to getting ready for school, bedtime, and everything in between. Ms. Drew recommended that rather than argue with the child, the parent should repeat over and over what the child is supposed to be doing.

This situation is often not only frustrating for the child, but also the parent, Ms. Drew

suggested taking a moment to "stop, breathe, and chill." When parents change their behavior, children will often do the same, she said.

One problem that arises when there are siblings in a household is playful teasing that quickly turns to a hurtful argument. When this occurs, parents should go with their gut feeling; when things seem as though they are about to get out of hand, get involved, said Ms. Drew.

What could be a small argument sometimes becomes a big blow-up because parents are almost too patient with their children and let them cross the line, said the educator: "We all try so hard to be patient, kind, and loving... but sometimes we try to push that line."



Naomi Drew

She suggested establishing a line and sticking to it, so it doesn't provoke an eruption later on. Once the child approaches that line, parents need to say what they are feeling, simply and directly.

"They need to know our displeasure... they need to be held responsible."

Most important, parents need to learn to manage their anger when they are upset with a child, said Ms. Drew. Parents can't meet anger with anger, because it creates a wall between the two people and the argument escalates. Even a parent's body language can make a difference, and they should learn to take deep breaths when they feel the anger building, and come

up with a phrase to repeat to themselves, such as "I can handle this."

"Fake it 'till you make it: form follows thought," said Ms. Drew, adding that parents will be able to handle the situation once they've convinced themselves that they are capable.

And, if things do escalate to a heated argument, the parent shouldn't point the finger afterwards, but talk about their own feelings. And, if the child doesn't agree, just be willing and able to listen to them, said Ms. Drew.

"When you listen to them, they're more willing to listen to themselves."

A long-time Lawrenceville resident, Ms. Drew is well known in schools, community groups, and corporations for her programs on conflict resolution, peaceful parenting, stress reduction, and anger management.

She has written six books, some of which have been on the educational best-seller list. Her most recent book, *The Kids' Guide To Working Out Conflicts*, is available at local bookstores, and on the author's Web site, at www.LearningPeace.com.

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Participants can bring a picnic lunch and hike on trails in the adjacent Institute Woods. Barbeques and alcohol are not permitted in the park.

Princeton Battlefield is located at 500 Mercer Road (Princeton Pike) in Princeton Township, 1.5 miles south of Princeton University and 3.8 miles north of Routes 95/295. For further information, call (609) 921-0074.

"Peace is Patriotic" Event To Feature Iraq War Vet

The Coalition for Peace Action will hold its fifth annual "Peace is Patriotic" gathering from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., on Thursday, June 30, at Monument Park in front of Princeton Borough Hall.

After a Bring Your Own Picnic (no alcoholic beverages) from 6 to 7 p.m., there will be a keynote talk by Michael Hoffman, national coordinator and co-founder of Iraq Veterans Against the War. Serving with the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Hoffman was part of the first wave of the invasion of Iraq, code-named "Operation Iraqi Freedom."

The program will also include a presentation of the annual "Patriot for Peace" award to Princeton Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill for his leadership in supporting the Mayors for Peace resolution urging the initiation of negotiations for a global nuclear weapons abolition treaty in conjunction with the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Review Conference held in May at UN headquarters in New York.

The musical part of the program will be provided by the Solidarity Singers, a state-wide choir of volunteer singers from trade union, peace and similar organizations, and Tom Neilsen, "The Bard Insurgent," a folk singer/songwriter based in Massachusetts who has seven recordings out and has been described by Derrik Jordan of World Soul Records as "one of the most savvy political songwriters."

Rounding out the evening will be face-painting and crafts for children of all ages. Coalition T-shirts, buttons, and other paraphernalia will also be on sale.

After the conclusion of the program, everyone is invited to attend the Spirit of Princeton fireworks scheduled for 8:45 p.m. the same night in the field next to Jadwin Gym. For further information, contact the Coalition for Peace Action at (609) 924-5022 or visit the website at www.peacecoalition.org.

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GOLD STAR WINNER: Joanne Crain, a sixth grade math teacher at Community Middle School, received this year's Teacher of the Year "Gold Star Award." Ms. Crain has opened the doors of her classroom to her community through projects with The Crisis Ministry in Princeton and the Trenton After School Program. Pictured with the teacher is Tracy Shehab, project committee chair.

Area Teacher Receives YMCA Gold Star Award

The Princeton Family YMCA recently announced the winners of this year's Teacher of the Year "Gold Star Awards." This award was created to give extraordinary teachers the recognition they deserve, but rarely receive. This year's winners "found creative and compassionate ways to stimulate curiosity, engage the imagination, and pass the joy of learning onto each and every one of their students through innovative classroom experiences and dedicated community service work."

academic environment that fosters creativity, rewards individual initiative, and promotes positive communication of honesty, respect, caring, and responsibility within the classroom. Ms. Crain has opened the doors of her classroom to her community through projects with The Crisis Ministry in Princeton and the Trenton After School Program. She was awarded \$2,000, a laptop computer, a digital camera, and an abundance of classroom equipment and certificates. Runners-up this year were Donna Gil, also from Community Middle School in West Windsor/Plainsboro, and Jennifer Kunz from Village Elementary School in Montgomery Township. Ms. Gil has been teaching ESL for 28

years and considers it her responsibility to not simply educate her students, but to provide social and emotional support to her students and their families. Ms. Gil has coordinated a Christmas Drive at her church and has raised private funds to help needy families in her area with medical and living expenses.

Ms. Kunz is a third grade teacher who incorporates character education and respect into her classroom, and commits herself and her students to meaningful community service work. Her classroom has raised money for The Young Scholars Institute and local soup kitchens through class projects involving crafts, movies, and teamwork. Both Ms. Kunz and Ms. Gil received \$750, scanners, iPods, and numerous other classroom prizes.

The Gold Star Awards were sponsored by Comp USA, Canon USA, Best Buy, Princeton Nassau Conover Ford, La Jolie, LaRue Sunoco, Chevy's, Edgebrook Property Development, The Shehab Family, The Roth Family, and Art Craft Promotional Concepts.

The Princeton Family YMCA Teacher of the Year "Gold Star Award" is open to all kindergarten through eighth grade public school teachers with a minimum of three years teaching experience. For more information on supporting the "Gold Star Award" program, making a donation to the YMCA, or volunteering, call The Princeton Family YMCA at (609) 497-9622, ext. 210, or visit www.PrincetonYMCA.org.



IVY AWAITS THESE WALLS: The foundation and basic shape of Whitman College on the former tennis courts on the Princeton University campus are starting to take form. The school was named for eBay CEO Meg Whitman, the principal sponsor in the project, after she donated \$30 million to the University in 2002.

This year's first place winner, Joanne Crain, is a sixth grade math teacher at Community Middle School in West Windsor/Plainsboro. Ms. Crain has created a risk free

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Weddings and Engagements



Steven Wardell and Cecily Flemings

Flemings-Wardell. Cecily Alison Flemings, daughter of Professors Elizabeth ten Grotenhuls-Flemings and Merton Flemings of Cambridge, Mass., to Steven William Wardell, son of Dorothy and Dr. William Wardell of Princeton, on June 18 at Park Street Congregational Church on Boston Common. Dr. Daniel Verrengia, Minister of Pastoral Care, performed the afternoon ceremony.

The bride, 24, is the Managing Director of Cecily Celebrates, LLC, a consulting firm in the Boston area specializing in enhancing life through food and entertaining. She received her B.A. with honors from Harvard College, majoring in East Asian Studies.

The groom, 33, also graduated from Harvard College, with honors in economics. He received an M.Phil. from Cambridge University (Emmanuel College) in economics, and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. As a principal at CPP Advisors, LLC, a life-science boutique investment bank in Boston, he provides corporate finance and advisory services for the life-science industry.

The couple met in January 2004 at a charity ball. Both the bride and the groom have studied and worked in Japan. The groom described his experiences there in a book, *Rising Sons and Daughters: Life Among Japan's New Young*.

The bride's mother is Professor Emerita of Japanese Art in the Art History Department of Boston University. The bride's father is Toyota Professor Emeritus of Materials Processing at M.I.T., and Director of the Lemelson-M.I.T. Program, designed to encourage, honor, and support inventors in the United States and in developing countries.

The groom's mother is a certified financial planner; his father is president of Wardell Associates International, LLC, a consulting firm to the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device industries on drug and device strategy and development.

Engagement



Eric J. Mihan and Christine E. Bragg

Bragg-Mihan. Christine E. Bragg of Bangor, Maine, the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. John R. McGill, of Bangor, Maine, to Eric J. Mihan, of Princeton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Mihan, Jr. of Oxford, Maryland and grandson of long-time Princeton residents, Eric P. and Irma Mihan.

Miss Bragg received bachelor's degrees in French and Business Administration from Washington and Lee University in 1999.

She is currently employed by Masala Communications, Inc. in East Brunswick, New Jersey. Miss Bragg also teaches dance at several dance studios in Central New Jersey.

Mr. Mihan, a Princeton native, received his bachelor's in music from Hamilton College in 2000. He is currently pursuing operatic training and performance in the Metropolitan area and is an employee of the Princeton Corkscrew Wine Shop.

The couple currently resides in Princeton. A September wedding is planned in Cooperstown, New York, where they met while working at the Glimmerglass Opera Company.

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Replacing "Tear Downs" with MegaMansions Ignores Housing Needs of Working Families in Our Suburbs

To the Editor:

Smaller homes are being torn down at a rapid pace in many suburbs, particularly Princeton, to make room for MegaMansions. Is this best use of one of our most scarce and valuable resource - land?

Who needs a six bedroom, six bath home? In fact, the January 2005 homeless count did find 15 families with more than five children living with them. But MegaMansions are not aimed at meeting that community need. Yet inclusionary zoning can allow look-alike MegaMansions to house four or more families and still preserve the flavor of the neighborhood.

Princeton Borough Mayor Joseph O'Neill wrote a thoughtful piece on the size and costs of home construction since the end of WWII. Millions of homes were built across the country to house returning veterans and their families. They were frequently starter homes of 800 sq. ft. to 1000 sq. ft., with three bedrooms, a kitchen, dining room, living room and bath. O'Neill points out that basic systems such as kitchen and bathroom are what account for most of housing's cost. It is profit that drives the excessive bedrooms and other rooms, not community needs.

Today developers are not building houses to accommodate families who already live here and fill the service jobs that make our suburban living so comfortable. But acclaimed architect Michael Graves offered a design for basic family housing at 1200 sq. ft. that he can build for \$100,000.

The Mercer suburbs need to retain loyal service personnel and provide them with decent and comfortable housing. In Mercer County as a whole, 25 percent of the workforce earns less than \$23,370. But even "affordable housing" in relative abundance in Princeton, West Windsor, Lawrenceville, Hightstown, Hopewell, and Hamilton does not provide housing for any of these people. A family of three must earn \$31,474 a year to qualify for "affordable" rental housing.

Jobs that pay salaries below that range include: cashiers, teacher's aides, food service workers, childcare workers, home health aides, retail clerks, and lawn and cleaning service personnel. The very people we count on every day to provide a host of vital services and to take care of our children, our sick, and our elderly do not qualify for affordable low-income housing.

Many of these workers live in overcrowded shared apartments or houses, some in housing very far from their work, or some in motels, shelters or cots in church basements. It is not only their problem; it is also our problem.

Let us seize the opportunity to create workforce housing. We must consider the whole range of income needs not served by today's developers. Creative inclusionary zoning can allow for mixed-use housing, smaller lot starter homes, renovation of abandoned commercial, hospital and industrial property, and compact condos and town houses built to meet real working family needs.

The Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness proposes that the county purchase and preserve land for workforce housing. If we can do it for open space, we can do it to reduce the cost of housing. We must also develop a new Housing Trust Fund that can combine private, public, and corporate investments to help fund truly affordable permanent homes. A two-cent increase on the county tax would produce \$600,000 a year to support workforce housing. Incentives can be designed to induce businesses to donate to the new Housing Trust Fund. Individuals could increase the stock of affordable housing by donating their homes at death.

The Mercer Alliance has a vision of our county where no child or person lacks the security of a safe place to sleep, eat, and study and dream of a real future. You can make a difference; you can help us realize this dream by joining our efforts. Go to www.merceralliance.org to see how you can help us end homelessness.

Mary Ellen Marino
Interim Executive Director
Mercer Alliance to End Homelessness

Without Funds to Support Local Program Achievement Gap Is Seen Likely to Widen

To the Editor:

Princeton Young Achievers (PYA), among other not-for-profit agencies that serve children, has lost crucial funding. Without major financial support from the community, PYA will likely have to operate fewer days or serve fewer children, and neither solution bodes well for the children or the community.

For several years, the Princeton Regional Board of Education gave us \$65,000, but it cannot do so this year. This \$65,000 cut represents a 25 percent of our annual budget and the loss has thrown us into crisis mode. We were told new state legislation prohibits school board districts from funding not-for-profit organizations, even those organization which are longtime partners like PYA.

Princeton is a great community, but even here, some of our children don't have the support they need to succeed in school. Like it or not, Princeton has an achievement gap problem as recognized by our school board, administrators, and teachers. Princeton families share high aspirations for their children and want to do all they can for them. However, not all families have the income, educational background, or even time to give adequate homework support or access to enrichment activities that most Princetonians take for granted. Not every student in the system has computers at home or a parent who reads English.

This is where PYA comes in. We are a multicultural, academically-oriented, after-school program which works to improve the academic performance of low- to moderate-income elementary school children. Our teachers and community volunteers provide homework support, one-on-one tutoring, mentoring and academic enrichment programs in each of our three community learning centers. We have data to prove that our work makes a difference.

We need your help. Please send a donation to: Princeton Young Achievers, 25 Valley Road, Princeton, N.J., 08540.

For information about volunteering your services or other questions, please contact our Executive Director, Dr. Rebecca Johnson at the above address or by phone at (609) 806-4216.

JEAN GROSSMAN
President of the Board
Princeton Young Achievers

Arts Council Expresses Gratitude For Help From Fund-raising Supporters

To the Editor:

In the past week, the Arts Council of Princeton hosted a groundbreaking and was the beneficiary of "Breaking Ground, Breaking Bread," a magnificent fund-raising dinner at Mediterra. On behalf of the Arts Council and its Capital Campaign Committee, I would like to thank all the organizations and individuals whose generous support made these momentous occasions possible.

The official groundbreaking ceremony for the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts was a joyous occasion celebrated by Arts Council supporters from all walks of life. The Arts Council sincerely thanks Paul Robeson, Jr., and Michael Graves for their inspiring words; Michael Graves & Associates for donating the designs for the renovated building; groundbreaking grand sponsor N. T. Callaway Real Estate; Halo Pub and its staff; The Witherspoon St. Traveling Medicine Show for its live jazz performance; Hadley Reinert of NJ Opera Theater for her beautiful rendition of "God Bless America"; honored guests, Norman Callaway, Jr., U.S. Rep. Rush Holt, Mercer County Executive Brian Hughes, Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, Princeton University President Shirley Tilghman, and Borough Council President Mildred Trotman; our outstanding volunteers; and all the Arts Council members and friends whose attendance reflected their loyal support.

"Breaking Ground, Breaking Bread" was filled with fabulous food, exquisite wine, and a vivacious air. The Arts Council would like to recognize The Terra Momo Restaurant Group for its generous donations toward this fund-raising dinner for 140. Ardent thanks to Carlo and Raoul Momo; the tremendous efforts of the Mediterra's chefs and wait staff, who prepared and served more than 20 delectable courses; Cindy Besselhar for commissioning the chocolate coins for all the guests; and all those present whose contributions brought the Arts Council closer to its goal of a transformed cultural center for all area residents to enjoy.

Randi Lund
Public Relations / Events Coordinator
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Princeton Personality Albert Hinds Inspires Reader With His Presence and Strength

To the Editor:

What a wonderful story about our friend Albert Hinds who enriches our lives by his presence and strength [See Town Topics, Wednesday, June 8, page 30]. Birthday congratulations, Mr. Hinds, and thank you, Jean Stratton, for a fascinating interview.

Billie Emmerich
Dodds Lane

Photo of Nude in Painting Considered At Odds with Town Topics' Character

To the Editor:

As a Princeton native, I grew up receiving Town Topics at our house each Wednesday. Town Topics has always been a symbol of Princeton's families and businesses — a place to turn for information about local goings-on. Now a mother of two young children, I often thumb through the pages in search of new activities to incorporate into our days.

For this reason, I was astonished to find a picture of Paul Matthews' "Red Room" in the June 1 edition. Each has his own taste in art; however, nudity is, well, nudity, and in my opinion totally at odds with the character of Town Topics. I hope that in the future your staff will take into consideration the family nature of the paper before opting to publish another such picture that is accessible to the eye of both the discerning adult and the unwitting youth.

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TRIBUTE: Members of the Princeton Fire Department pay tribute to fellow firefighters who passed away during the fire department's annual inspection parade on Saturday. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

Fire Wire

Cooking equipment and unsafe cooking practices cause the largest number of home fires and home injuries. However, fires started by smoking materials caused 26 percent of the home fire deaths in 1999. Smoking has consistently been the leading cause of home fire deaths in the U.S.

The Princeton Fire Department has approximately 50 active members, who responded to more than 1,000 calls within the community last year. The Department is always looking for more members to join. If



FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR: Lt. Jamie Alkhatheeb (left), Hook and Ladder, is presented with the "Fire-fighter of the Year" award by Chief Pat McAvenia. (Photo by E.J. Greenblatt)

interested, call (609) 497-7645, or (609) 731-1314.

The Princeton Fire Department reports the following calls between June 21 and June 27:

The Department answered calls for false or malfunctioning fire alarm systems on Constitution Hill West, Derwent Drive, Herrontown Road, Witherspoon Street, and Bouvant Drive.

On the afternoon of June 20, crews from all three companies responded to a motor vehicle accident on Stockton Street. Engine 62 provided fire suppression while members of the First Aid & Rescue Squad provided patient care.

Another motor vehicle accident occurred on June 23 on Harrison Street. A crew from station 62 responded for fluids in the roadway.

On Thursday, June 23, the Squad responded to the intersection of Snowden Lane and Nassau Street for an unconscious elderly man. The 79-year-old man was being driven to his doctor's office when he started feeling ill and went into cardiac arrest. The driver of the vehicle pulled over, and with the help of a passing jogger helped remove the man from the car and begin CPR. The Squad arrived quickly and performed CPR, administered oxygen, and applied the defibrillator to the man. Despite all efforts, the man was pronounced dead at the University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP).

Later that afternoon, the Squad responded to the area of Harrison Street and Hartley Avenue for a motor vehicle collision. Upon arrival, the Squad found a 41-year-old female who stated that she was talking on her cell phone and "misestimated the turn," causing her to crash into a telephone pole. The impact deployed the air bag and caused significant front-end damage to the vehicle. Fortunately, the woman escaped without injury and refused medical attention.

Also that afternoon, the Squad responded for a construction worker who fell off a roof. The worker had bruising to the face and exhibited classic signs of a head injury: inability to remember the incident or date, repetitive questioning, and combative demeanor. The crew immobilized the man's spine and transported him to the trauma center at CHS - Fuld where he was diagnosed with a concussion and kept overnight for observation.

For more information on joining the Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad, including details on the upcoming EMT class being hosted by the Squad in July, visit www.pfars.org, or call (609) 924-3338.

Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 49 calls between June 18 and June 24. Thirty-three were located in Princeton Township, 15 in Princeton Borough, and one in Lawrence Township. Included in these numbers were five calls to Princeton University.

On Tuesday, June 21, the Squad was dispatched to the intersection of Route 206 and Quaker Road for a motor vehicle collision involving a car and dump truck. The driver of the car suffered from leg pain and had a serious laceration to her right foot causing a near amputation of her big toe. The Squad's technical rescue team was called to create sufficient access to the patient to allow the EMTs to remove the driver from the vehicle without compromising her spine. She was transported to Capital Health System's (CHS) Fuld campus.

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ART REVIEW

Thomas George and the Adventure of Art

Speaking about his most recent explorations of the art of the landscape, Thomas George, who has lived in Princeton since 1969, says that the series of "largely abstract images" he's been working on has given him "an assurance that life is worth living as long as there is still adventure." This particular adventure, a retrospective of the 86-year-old artist's work, opened Saturday at the Princeton University Art Museum and will be on view through September 11.

Placing Princeton

During a sneak preview of the exhibit last Thursday, I saw the 25 works before they had been tagged with titles and dates. The first image that catches your eye as you enter the room is a brilliant autumnal pastel so rich with the presence of Princeton you don't need a title card to tell you where it's coming from. Returning to it after the show opened, I discovered that the subject of that burst of color was the pond at the Institute for Advanced Study, where the artist had been at nine a.m. on October 11, 1993. The recording of a specific time suggested that this was one of many visits to that spot. In fact, another pastel devoted to the same subject informs us that he came back there again at seven a.m. on May 9, 1995 when he produced a cooler, softer version of the pond in another season. Once I knew the specifics of time and place, it was no longer so easy to look at those images objectively. Anyone who has enjoyed that particular Princeton scene will recall their own experience of it, probably along with some unique impression, like the memory of an exotic dog someone was walking, or the time your 5-year-old son fell in the pond. It's hard not to compare your personal sense of the scene with the artist's, and it gives the work a special resonance to imagine the painter venturing out day after day to explore and transform a place you may have taken for granted.

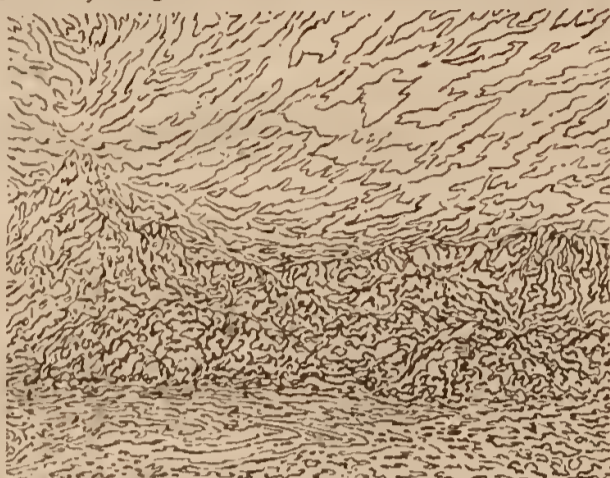
For people who know Princeton, the pen and ink drawing of a Norwegian Spruce in Marquand Park is more instantly recognizable than either of George's depictions of the Institute pond. Even so, it's tempting to look deeper into the surface image and imagine the complex natural tree form being

used to suggest the shadows, cross-purposes, conflicts, complex struggles, triumphs and tragedies of a human life; it reminded me of the way the conflicting, converging, overarching jets of water in the Woodrow Wilson School fountain suggest the triumphs and tragedies of Wilson's career. This sort of cross-referencing, chain-reaction dynamic of associations created by a single work is the essence of the art adventure.

When I was looking at the black-and-white scenes from Norway, China, and Japan at the center of the exhibit without knowing the titles, the viewing experience began to feel uncomfortably close to a Rorschach test. The Chinese

landscapes suggest Chinese scroll art, much as the Temple Garden, Kyoto, suggests a Japanese print. All these visions are rendered with compelling force, but one in particular shows the artist stirring the elements of a landscape into action. Lofoten was drawn in brush and black ink in Norway's Lofoten Islands, "one of my favorite places," the artist says in an interview with Richard Trenner featured in the brochure: "a wild landscape in which the turbulent movement of the sea and sky seemed to make the mountains move as well." The action here is so loose and fluid, yet intricate, that it seems on the verge of becoming intelligible, something the artist

himself suggests when he speaks of inventing "a calligraphic language" for the picture. In this context, it's interesting to note that George drew terrain maps used in coastal invasions when he was serving in the U.S. Navy in World War II. Here, the land mass looks complex and congested as the forms seem to expand into flight, almost as if the land was a maze the artist



CALLIGRAPHY IN ACTION: Speaking of the "wild landscape" he found in Norway's Lofoten Islands, Thomas George said that to "capture the effect of all-over movement," he had to "invent a calligraphic language."

France and England as "color laboratories" where he learned to "think and speak more fluently and expressively in color." The three garden scenes on display side by side are Monet's Garden, Giverny (a darker vision than one might expect), done in 1983, and two pastels from Wales in the early 1990s. The one simply titled Bodnant Garden, Wales, with its muted Turnerian sunburst, is one of the most striking pieces in the exhibit.

Finally, to show us the source of his continuing sense of adventure in art, one of the latest works, done in 2004, is on display. Executed in brush and black ink and gray wash, the landscape is unidentified. In

this instance, the white mass of hill or mountain looks at once austere and mysterious in contrast to the agitated black forms erupting onto it. If these later works are, in his words, "distillations" of what he has learned about the natural world, this particular landscape seems less a refinement than an intensification. Like much of Thomas George's best work, it does not wait for you to come find it or critique it; it comes right at you.

A World Class Museum

Such is the scope and depth of this museum, this Princeton treasure, if you have time, you can walk into another room on the same floor and see Giverny as Monet himself painted it a hundred years before. Or you can compare George's landscapes with Cézanne's Mont Sainte-Victoire. Or you can compare them with unique and unlikely landscapes by Klee and Kandinsky. Or, after admiring the deep green and black contrast in George's *Sky and Green Earth*, you can discover a similar blend in Emil Nolde's *Twilight*. And this extraordinary adventure in art can be experienced in a relatively compact, navigable venue a few minutes walk from the heart of Princeton.

Speaking of the museum in general, it was good to see that Red Groom's Cedar Bar tableau of the 1950s art life in New York has been moved from relative obscurity at the far end of the main floor to a prominent position in the front room. Now instead of looking down into the bar where Pollock and DeKooning are holding forth, you look directly into it, head on. It's almost as if you could walk inside and be part of the crowd.

You have all summer to take advantage of this world-class museum, which is open to the public without charge Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is closed Monday and major holidays. Tours of collection highlights are given every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. The museum is located in the center of the Princeton University campus, next to Prospect House and Gardens. For further information, call (609) 258-3788 or visit www.princetonartmuseum.org.

—Stuart Mitchner

LEGAL FORUM

THE DARK SIDES OF DIVORCE MEDIATION

Divorce is widely regarded, correctly, as an expensive and destructive process. This social awareness provided fertile ground for new varieties of professional experts who offer fee for service alternatives to the adversarial legal process. A popular option is divorce/child custody mediation, claiming the dual advantages of rationality and political correctness. This process involves joint and individual meetings between the divorcing parties and a trained mediator. However, before embracing divorce/child custody mediation, one should step back and examine the role of experts in our society and then review specific research on the effectiveness of divorce/child custody mediation.

Our society seems to have no shortage of experts. In our service economy, there is a niche market for every conceivable expertise. Whether purchasing auto tires, wine, computers or most other non-grocery store items, we tend to ask for advice about the best product. The vendor we ask for advice may have been unemployed a week earlier and may know little or nothing about tires, wine or computers. But the anxiety created by the lack of information and the need to make choices pushes us in the direction of relying on others for advice, even when they know no more than we do. Likewise, the attraction of being paid to be an expert is very hard to resist.

These socio-cultural forces make it imperative for consumers to resist the temptation to rush into a relationship with a purported expert and to be very careful in assessing the need for expertise and the qualifications of the expert.

All of the existing evidence on divorce/child custody mediation, such as there is, cannot be reviewed here. But some of the counter-intuitive research findings will repay one's attention. An early concern about divorce/child custody mediation stemmed from the power imbalance between men and women in traditional relationships. The premise is that men tend to prevail in divorce/child custody mediation because they are able to more forcibly promote their positions in mediation. This would be especially true in situations where the

marital history is one of the husband being the dominant person, sole decision maker, money earner and manager, or a mere petty tyrant. These marital dynamics can be magnified and reinforced by religious and cultural beliefs and practices. The upshot of this tradition is that divorcing women should be very circumspect in agreeing to engage in divorce/child custody mediation.

Recently, researchers from the University of Arizona and Virginia published a longitudinal study on the effects of divorce/child custody mediation. This study is unique because a large number of divorced persons were evaluated twelve years after their mediated child custody/divorce. Some of the findings are what one would expect but others are quite surprising. For example, the study identified men who had completed successful child custody mediation years earlier to be more hostile and less accepting of the divorce. In other words, the mediated men had more trouble making healthy transitions to their post divorce lives. These effects were not found for similarly situated women.

The main upshot is this. Divorce/child custody mediation in New Jersey is a relatively new enterprise and is far from one-size-fits-all. There are many very legitimate reasons for divorcing parents to decline the opportunity for child custody mediation. At the very least, a mediator-expert must bring something more to the process than common sense, folk lore and fancy language. The mediator has to have more than a professional license and a nice office. One way to determine what a mediator knows would be to ask about the differential effects of mediation on divorcing men and women. If you don't get a satisfactory answer, it might be better to look elsewhere.

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QUESTION: *Recently I woke up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat, sat up straight, and realized that I'm getting older and will one day die. I can't seem to stop worrying, the question that haunts me being: What is the meaning of my life? Does my life have a purpose?*

ANSWER: My belief is that the purpose of life is to make a simple choice between good or evil.

For those who are religious, that choice involves whether we believe in God or not. Our answer is shown less by what we say and more by what we do, our actions speaking louder than our words.

If you choose to view others as suckers of whom you can take advantage instead of potential friends, then you fail to learn how to be close to them, condemning yourself to be lonely, frustrated, and angry. When you are placed in the presence of God after death, never having learned how to be close to others, you do not know how to be close to God, nor to all who have died before you: your Mom and Dad, brothers and sisters, uncles and aunts, and all your friends. Then you look around and see many who are close, and, therefore, happy. Finally, you realize that this state of emptiness will last for all eternity. You are in Hell.

However, if, during your life, you give of yourself so as to receive love and friendship in return, you may not be rich or famous, but you will possess the secret of life, knowing how to love. When placed in the presence of God and of all your family and friends, you will be able to be close to them, your reward being eternal happiness. You are in Heaven.

God gives us free will. The judgment of God is to accept your judgment. The punishment for choosing to be selfish is to be selfish. It saddens God if you choose to not love Him or your fellow human beings, but that is your choice. You choose to be happy or sad, to be in heaven or hell. He provides eternal life. You determine how you will live it.

You should not wait to make this choice on your deathbed, but do so every day of your life. If you are on the wrong path, then wake up and change! If you are on the right path, then do not become smug and complacent, just keep going. Go to church or synagogue to continue to learn more about the purpose of life and be refreshed for the challenges of each day. Then love your family, give an honest day's labor at work, treat all people as you would want to be treated, and worry not about the end of this life. The next one will be very happy.

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**Sloan Is Blue Raccoon's
Artist-in-Residence**

Blue Raccoon, the award-winning home furnishings and lifestyle store in New Hope, Pa., recently cited nationally-recognized Bucks County artist William Sloan as their exclusive artist-in-residence, and announced that a special summer-themed collection of his work will be unveiled on Friday, July 1.

"We've developed a close and successful working relationship with Bill over the past year," says Blue Raccoon co-owner and President Nicholas Bewsey. "The quality and breadth of his talents and output dovetail perfectly with the look and philosophy that our customers have come to associate with the name Blue Raccoon."

She continued, "While Blue Raccoon is a home furnishings store and not an art gallery. We firmly believe that line art such as Bill's work naturally enhances the presentation of our primary product lines, namely furniture and accessories. Our customers, many of whom are avid and knowledgeable collectors, share our sense of style and understand how fine art, as opposed to simply 'wall décor,' contributes to the total environment of their homes."

Blue Raccoon's creative director and co-owner Nelson Zayas further explained their decision to formalize the relationship by appointing Mr. Sloan as the store's official artist-in residence. "Bill is probably the most versatile and prolific artist we have encountered in 25 years in retail, moving from oils to watercolors to other media, and producing landscape, still life, figurative and graphic pieces, with unique ease and ability. He keeps us constantly supplied with exciting originals and prints of his own work, as well as that of a select group of other artists and photographers which also complements the Blue Raccoon aesthetic."

A winner of many competitions and awards, Mr. Sloan's work can be found in numerous public and private collections throughout the U.S. and in several foreign countries. A Philadelphia native, Mr. Sloan is a B.F.A. graduate of the area's Tyler School of Art, where he also served as guest lecturer for 14 years. In addition to his diverse line art endeavors, he continues a professional career in marketing and advertising as a creative director, graphic designer, and illustrator working with Fortune 500 companies, major book and magazine publishers as well as leading names in real estate development, fashion and cosmetics, and the Broadway stage.

"After 30 years in both the line and commercial arts, my primary aim is to have my work seen, appreciated and enjoyed — and my association with Blue Raccoon Home Furnishings enables me to do that literally every day," said Mr. Sloan. "I have an innate need to be creative on an ongoing basis, matching the style, medium, and subject matter to my mood at the moment."

On his new work, the artist said: "I love the beach and the water and I was a lifeguard in my youth, so this new collection of paintings, which I've entitled *Shoreline*, is built around very personal passions and experiences. I'll be exhibiting pieces in a variety of media, styles and sizes, including a major series of figurative studies of lifeguards, evocative



"MORNING CALL": Nationally-recognized Bucks County artist William Sloan was recently announced as the Blue Raccoon's artist-in-residence. A special summer-themed collection of his work will be unveiled on Friday, July 1. Pictured is one of the paintings in the collection, "Shoreline." Blue Raccoon Home Furnishings is located at 550 Union Square, New Hope, Pa. The store is open daily, Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (215) 862-1200.

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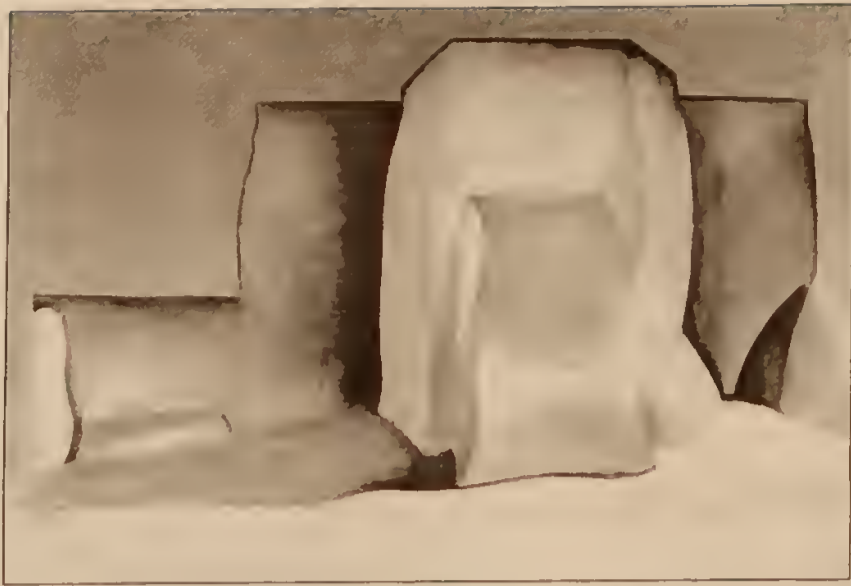

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"RANCHOS CHURCH": The newest exhibition at the Newark Museum, entitled, "In the American Grain: Dove, Hartley, Marin, O'Keeffe and Stieglitz," will be on display through September 4. A selection of 43 paintings by Arthur Dove, Marsden Hartley, John Marin, and Georgia O'Keeffe, as well as 11 photographs by Alfred Stieglitz will be part of the exhibit. Pictured is Ms. O'Keeffe's "Ranchos Church," an oil on canvas that was created in 1929. The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington Street in Downtown/Arts District of Newark, is open Wednesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call (973) 596-6550, or visit www.NewarkMuseum.org.

Newark Museum Exhibits Work of Modernist Painters

The newest exhibition at the Newark Museum, entitled, "In the American Grain: Dove, Hartley, Marin, O'Keeffe and Stieglitz," explores the work of a group of innovative modernist painters who transformed the course of American art at the beginning of the twentieth century. The exhibit is on display through September 4.

Through a selection of 43 paintings by Arthur Dove, Marsden Hartley, John Marin, and Georgia O'Keeffe, as well

as 11 photographs by Alfred Stieglitz, visitors can examine the history of the community of artists and critics known as the Stieglitz Circle; the art also tells the story of the complex relationship between Stieglitz and Duncan Phillips, the legendary critic, collector, and head of America's first museum of modern art.

This travelling exhibition was organized by the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C.

It was in 1905 that photographer Alfred Stieglitz fortified his role as the leader of modernism in America when he

began showing modern art at 291, the first of three galleries he owned in New York City. As the first to exhibit works by European modernists such as Cézanne, Matisse and Picasso, as well as the first to publish Kandinsky's writings on abstraction, Stieglitz introduced Americans to the revolutionary ideas being practiced by European artists.

This commitment to modern art drew four young American artists — Dove, Hartley, Marin and O'Keeffe — to 291 where they too were exhibited, supported, and championed by Stieglitz. Together these art-

ists shared an aesthetic impulse that led them to nature as a source of inspiration, hoping to capture its spirituality, vitality, and essence, often by using abstract forms that they believed could communicate their profound feelings and ideas.

"In the American Grain" features the work of this incredible group of pioneering artists working around Stieglitz as they created a distinctively American aesthetic," said the Newark Museum's Assistant Curator of American Art, Dr. Mary Kate O'Hare, who was the project manager for the exhibition.

When Duncan Phillips, the conservative patron who had dismissed abstraction and European avant garde art for years, finally began purchasing modern art, it was this circle of artists at 291 that he embraced. The Stieglitz Circle claimed the principal share of Phillips' commitment to living American artists, and he formed an alliance with Stieglitz to dedicate their lives and fortunes to exploring the frontiers of new American painting.

Phillips acquired the world's largest and most representative group of works by Dove. O'Keeffe's paintings express the close connection she had to the American land, and in the Phillips Collection are several of her masterworks, including close-up views of foliage and records of the architecture and landscape of the Southwest and upstate New York.

Phillips also collected a wide array of Marin's watercolors, works that evoke the "dynamic energy of New York City and rugged coasts of Maine." Hartley, like Marin, was drawn to paint his native state of Maine, and Phillips gathered examples of the artist's views of mountains and still lifes. Many of Stieglitz's creative photographs, which were aligned with his artists, were given to Phillips after his death in 1946 by O'Keeffe.

While this exhibition offers an excellent representation of each artist's work, it is together that the paintings, drawings and photographs present an even more profound strength, an original and uniquely American style of art.

All the works in the exhibition are drawn from the Phillips Collection. The Newark Museum's collection of American art, partially on view in the permanent exhibition entitled, "Picturing America," spans nearly three centuries and contains more than 300 works. A re-creation of Mr. Stieglitz's 291 gallery, which is a part of "Picturing America," is a unique addition to "In the American Grain."

The exhibit is part of the museum's celebration, "An American Summer of Art, Music and Film at the Newark Museum." In addition to the 40th Anniversary of Jazz in the Garden, the museum will host the Bank of America Newark Black Film Festival for the 31st year. A variety of complementary lectures, art workshops, tours and activities have been designed to enrich the visitor's experience.

The Newark Museum, located at 49 Washington Street in the Downtown/Arts District of Newark, is open Wednesdays through Fridays, noon to 5 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Suggested donations: adults \$7; children, seniors and stu-

dents, \$3. Members are admitted free.

For more information, call (973) 596-6550, or visit www.NewarkMuseum.org.

Small World Coffee Shows "Urban Wall Art"

Small World Coffee in Princeton will be exhibiting photographs by Princeton resident Barbara K. Suomi from July 5 through August 1.

Ms. Suomi has had a serious interest in photography for a

number of years, both as a viewer of other artists' works and as a creator of her own images. Using a 30-year-old camera with 50mm lens, she makes photographs that focus on strong colors and textures, as well as on interesting graphic design and compositional features.

"Recently I've been concentrating on a project I call 'urban wall art.'" said the artist. "This consists of finding and photographing graffiti, bulletin boards, and posters in cities

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HUMAN FACES: Princeton artist and resident Barbara K. Suomi will be exhibiting her works at Small World Coffee from July 5 through August 1. Some images in the exhibit focus on written words, and some focus on human faces or figures, such as this one. Small World Coffee is located at 14 Witherspoon Street. For more information, call Small World Coffee at (609) 924-4377, or visit www.smallworldcoffee.com.



"URBAN WALL ART": Small World Coffee will be exhibiting photographs by Princeton resident Barbara K. Suomi from July 5 through August 1. Recently the artist has been concentrating on a project she calls "urban wall art," which consists of finding and photographing graffiti, bulletin boards, and posters in cities around the world that have appealing textural, graphic, color, or compositional qualities. Small World Coffee is located at 14 Witherspoon Street. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

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around the world that have appealing textural, graphic, color, or compositional qualities."

Some images focus on written words, and some focus on human faces or figures, said Ms. Suomi: "This project reflects a refinement of trends seen in my earlier work and has been a very exciting experience for me."

Ms. Suomi was educated at Cornell University and the University of Michigan. She is a native of New Jersey, who currently works and lives in Princeton with her three children.

She has been part of a number of group shows in the area, including the Princeton Photography Club, and the Ebony & Ivory Gallery in Hopewell. She has also held solo exhibitions at the Educational Testing Service, Nassau Club, and Magic Moon Cafe in Pennington.

Small World Coffee is located at 14 Witherspoon Street. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Satur-

day, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

For more information, call Small World Coffee at (609) 924-4377, or visit www.smallworldcoffee.com.

Gallery 125 to Hold Artist Talks in July

Gallery 125 will be holding talks this summer for "365 Days Later," a juried exhibit of 33 artists, on view through September 5.

The gallery talks draw on the dynamic that comes from the diversity in a group show, using the differing styles and media to explore arts related topics and common themes. For the first time since the lunchtime talks began in February, artists from the exhibit have been invited to speak about their work in the show. The presentations will take place June 29 and July 6, from 12:30 to 1 p.m.

On June 29, sculptor Kate Graves and painter Eric Fowler will speak about their works, both of which focus on buildings in Trenton. While

the two approach the subject in differing media — she with meticulously detailed bronze, he with the saturated hues of oil paint — they both evoke the "melancholy splendor of fading or neglected beauty with studied reverence," according to their publicist.

On July 6, Cie Stroud will speak about the art and commerce of photography. Ms. Stroud, a photojournalist on the staff at the Trenton Times, will speak about her pieces in the exhibit, share work from her portfolio, and discuss the differences between the work she does for news publications, freelance clients, and for her own artistic interests.

Other gallery talks to take place this summer include Mixed Media: Materials and Processes, on July 13; Art Brut: Freshness, Spontaneity, and Raw Impulse, on July 20; The Portrait: Capturing the Human Subject, on July 27; and Sculpture in Motion: The Rhythms of the Artwork and the Artist, on August 3.

Discussions will be led by Amy Brummer, a staff member of the Trenton Downtown Association, the non-profit organization that runs Gallery 125. Ms. Brummer holds a B.A. in art history from Colgate University in New York, and has completed graduate level course work at the Folk Art Institute, a division of the American Folk Art Museum in Manhattan. Ms. Brummer was previously a staff writer covering Bucks County for the Princeton Packet's Time Off arts and entertainment section.

Gallery 125 is located at 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The gallery is supported by Wachovia, the Surdna Foundation, and the Trenton Downtown Association. All talks are free and open to the public.

For more information, call (609) 989-9119, or visit gallery125.com.

Gallery Is Accepting Entries for Contest

BoundlessGallery.com is accepting entries through August 15 for its scholarship contest.

Entries will be judged by a panel of art professionals. The contest winner will receive a \$500 scholarship, second place will receive \$300, and third will receive \$200.

All entries must be displayed on BoundlessGallery.com to be considered for the contest. The contest is open to any student enrolled in an accredited university in the U.S., and is limited to one entry per artist. Winners will be announced on August 31 on the BoundlessGallery.com web site.

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TAN DUPLEX WITH FLAG: This oil on canvas will be discussed by the artist, Eric Fowler, along with his other works, during a gallery talk at Gallery 125 on Wednesday, June 29, from 12:30 to 1 p.m. Sculptor Kate Graves will also speak as part of the series, based on the gallery's juried exhibit, "365 Days Later." Both artists' works focus on buildings in Trenton, including the one shown. Gallery 125 is located at 125 S. Warren Street, Trenton. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call (609) 989-9119, or visit gallery125.com.



"GRAVEYARD AT DURHAM CHURCH": Gallery 14 is currently exhibiting two photography shows: "Borrowing Light," by John B. Blackford, and "Patterns and Textiles," by Frank Magalhaes. Pictured is Mr. Blackford's photograph, "Graveyard at Durham Church." Most recently the artist has been photographing along the Delaware River during sunset and sunrise. The exhibit will run through July 10. Gallery 14 is located at 14 Mercer Street, Hopewell. Hours are Saturday and Sunday, from noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment. For more information, call (609) 333-8511.

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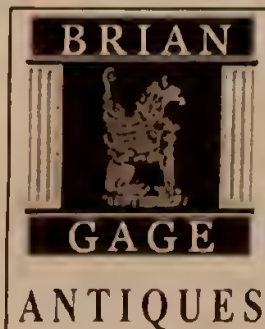
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A movie followed by a pizza dinner at a local restaurant is scheduled for Saturday, July 23 at the Montgomery Theater. Start time for the movie is 2 p.m. For reservations, call (609) 448-1337.

The club will host a breakfast meeting on Friday, July 8 at the Red Oak Diner in Montgomery at 9 a.m. For reservations, call (908) 874-5434.

Pitch 'n' Putt and brunch will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 23 at the Pitch 'n' Putt at Tara Greens, 955 Route 27, Somerset. For reservations, call (908) 232-5205.

The club will also host a noon luncheon meeting on Tuesday, July 26 at the Elks Club in Blawenburg. For reservations, call (908) 369-5208. Admission to each event will be the cost of the meal.

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Stalled Project

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spaces that remain unavailable in the parking garage because of excess water in the basement and the potential Borough revenue lost when a portion of the Tulane Street Parking Lot was closed when NHKT had preliminary crew equipment on-site to build "Building C" of the development on that lot. Building C, when built, will be a five-story building with 18 one-bedroom and 35 two-bedroom residential units with a grocery store on the first floor. However, the aforementioned flooding in the garage basement has posed a problem for the developer. Water is seeping up through the concrete slabs from the spring over which the garage lies. NHKT cannot acquire a permanent certificate of occupancy for the garage until that situation is corrected.

There are basically two ways to deal with the problem, Mr. O'Neill said: one would be to let the water come up and drain it off into a sump pump, or to put down another layer of concrete to further suppress the spring.

"Frankly, I have no idea which of the two methods is preferable, but until that's fixed, the permanent certificate of occupancy would not be issued," the mayor said.

There is a connection in the developer's agreement between the certificate for the garage and the start of constructing Building C, hence the significant delay to a project that was scheduled to get underway by Labor Day 2004.

Neither Mr. Powell nor Mr. Morrison were available for comment. NHKT could have been held in default by the Borough if it did not meet a June 15 deadline to fulfill its financial obligation. Holding the developer in default would have, in essence, allowed the Borough to remove the developer from the project, find a new developer, or take over the

project entirely. But the agreement was fulfilled when NHKT met with Council in a June 14 closed session. It was at that session that Mr. Morrison was introduced to Council as a prospective partner.

The letter of credit is effectively supplied in lieu of a performance or completion bond. The letter, according to Mr. O'Neill, is an alternative means of ensuring the completion of the project. The letter signifies assets that are held in escrow,

whereas a bond is more of an insurance policy.

—Matthew Hersh



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MUSIC REVIEW

Washington Crossing's Open Air Theatre Opens Its Season With a Patriotic Musical

Independence Day came early at Washington Crossing's Open Air Theatre this year. For the first musical in the Theatre's 2005 season, the Actor's NET of Bucks County presented Sherman Edwards' 1776, the musical story of the days leading up to the creation and signing of the Declaration of Independence. This is a musical with only 13 songs, and although the long segments of dialogue bogged down at times in Friday night's performance, there were a number of high points in the still-evolving production.

1776 is almost a one-person show, with the character of John Adams assuming most of the dramatic responsibility. Not surprisingly, this production was spear-headed by Actors' NET managing director Joe Doyle, who has made a theatrical career out of portraying John Adams, including performing at the National Archives and the residence of Vice President Cheney. A little heavy vocally with vibrato but strong in his conviction of Adams' character, Mr. Doyle had a capable theatrical partner in Michael Ashby, portraying Benjamin Franklin. Franklin's character was written as sardonic and satirical, which may well have been the case, and Mr. Ashby kept some of the mired dialogue moving along.

Also among the show's most interesting characters was South Carolina delegate Edward Rutledge, played by George Hartpence. Mr. Hartpence's portrayal had a sufficient amount of arrogance to give the character life, as South Carolina put up the most vigorous fight against the independence movement. As Thomas Jefferson, James Petro immediately demonstrated himself to be among the best singers in the cast, but was quickly overshadowed by his engaging wife.

There are only two women in this cast. Abigail Adams appears to her husband, John, as a theatrical aside, and Mary Liz Ivins was steadfast and solid in her portrayal of Mrs. Adams. A breath of fresh air came at the end of the first act with Kyla

Marie Mostello's portrayal of Martha Jefferson, the wife of Thomas Jefferson. Mrs. Jefferson's character has the best number in the show ("He Plays the Violin" nicely accompanied by violinist Deberly Kaufman) and Ms. Mostello's saucy interpretation gave a refreshing peek at a romantic side of early America.

The rest of the delegates came together as an ensemble for the chorus numbers. Collectively, they could have used a bit more precision and certainly more miking for the actors at the back of the stage. Accompanying the cast was a small ensemble of winds and brass conducted by Pat

1776 will continue at the Open Air Theatre on June 29, 30, July 1, and 2. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Open Air Theatre box office at (609) 737-1826.

Masterson. Although the winds faded a bit in the humidity, the ensemble kept the musical pace moving. An ensemble scene among Connecticut delegate Roger Sherman (Jeff Pilchman), New York delegate Robert Livingston (David DeFelippis), and Thomas Jefferson was especially well balanced and defined. A simple but creative set designed by George Hartpence served as the backdrop for most of the action, which takes place in the Chamber of the Continental Congress in Philadelphia.

1776 tries to be a lot of things to the audience. Besides a character study of the more than twenty delegates to the Continental Congress, the show offers commentary on slavery, pokes fun at the current Congress, and musically editorializes on war. All these concepts unraveled a bit in this production, and the story seemed to bog down in endless stretches of slow-moving dialogue, especially in the second act.

Actors' NET also chose this play as the first musical of the Open Air season to coincide with the July 4th weekend. Although it seems to be a signature show of this particular theater company, 1776 has not been done that many times at the Open Air Theatre, and will certainly have audience appeal at this time of year.

—Nancy Plum



JUNGLE MAGIC ON STAGE: Actor Rob Walsh as Mowgli protects himself and his friends from foes in a Princeton Summer Theater production of Tim Kelly's *The Jungle Book*, based on the "Mowgli" stories of Rudyard Kipling. Performances will be held at the Hamilton Murray Theater for two weekends from Thursday to Saturday, July 7-9 and July 14-16.

Summer Theater Readies "The Jungle Book" for Kids

Princeton Summer Theater will present Tim Kelly's *The Jungle Book*, based on the "Mowgli" stories of Rudyard Kipling, at the Hamilton Murray Theater for two weekends from Thursday to Saturday, July 7-9 and July 14-16.

The story is a retelling of the children's classic, complete with music and audience participation. All of the jungle's animals drink in peace, and quarrels are forbidden during the season of the water hole.

Peace and cooperation are abundant until the announcement of some frightful news: Shere Khan, the man-eating tiger, has returned to the jungle in search of Mowgli.

Upon hearing this, the man-cub Mowgli and his friends Kaa the snake, Baloo the bear, and Bagheera the panther must outwit Shere Khan and send him away from the jungle.

The cast features Rob Walsh (*Dial M for Murder*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*) as Mowgli, Amy Widdowson (*Picasso at the Lapin Agile*) as the

Great Wolf, and Jed Peterson (*Dial M for Murder*, *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*) as Shere Khan, with supporting performers: Jonathan Elliott, Marisol Rosa-Shapiro, Craig Jorzak, Carly Voigt, Kyle Booten, Jonathan Bulava, and Tim McDonough.

The Jungle Book is the first of two plays in PST's Family Entertainment Series. The second show in the series, *Tales of Wonder*, by Jonathan Elliott, will run July 21-23 and July 28-30.

Thursday performances will be held at 2 p.m., and Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 11 a.m.

Both shows are recommended for theatergoers age

three and up. Tickets are \$5, and may be purchased by calling the box office at (609) 258-7062.

PST also offers a series of educational theater workshops for young performers, recommended for children ages 7-12. The workshops will run July 1 (Design), July 8 (Movement), July 15 (Improvisation), July 22 (Performance), and July 29 (Musical Theater). Each workshop is held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To register, call (609) 258-7062.

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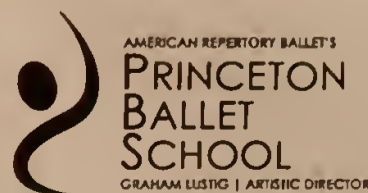
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TWO AT TWO: Phyllis Alpert Lehrer, left, and Ena Bronstein Barton will present a duo-piano recital entitled "Two at Two Pianos," on Wednesday, July 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College.



TREASURE KEEPERS: Canadian-based Gryphon Trio will perform as part of Princeton University's free summer concert series on Thursday, July 7, at Richardson Auditorium. Among selections performed will be a newly commissioned piece written and conceived by Canadian composer, Christos Hatzis, "Old Photographs" from his work titled "Constantinople." The players named themselves after the Gryphon, a mythical creature that was reputed to be a guardian of treasures.

Gryphon Trio Concert Features Hatzis Music

Canadian-based Gryphon Trio will perform as part of Princeton University's free summer concert series on Thursday, July 7, at Richardson Auditorium in Alexander Hall.

The 8 p.m. concert will include the Trio in B flat by Mozart, Dvorak's "Dumky" trio, and a newly commissioned piece by the trio, which was written and conceived by Canadian composer, Christos Hatzis, "Old Photographs" from his work titled Constantinople.

Founding members of the Gryphon Trio, Annalee Patipatanakoon (violinist), Roman Borys (cellist), and Jamie Parker (pianist) named their group after the Gryphon, a mythical creature that was reputed to be a guardian of treasures and a symbol of the connection between psychic energy and cosmic force.

The Gryphon Trio regularly tours throughout Canada and the U.S., and has performed in Mexico, Europe, Russia, and Egypt. Since 1998, the trio has been Ensemble-in-Residence at the Music TOR-ONTO chamber music series, and they are on the faculty of the University of Toronto.

They have recorded extensively for the Analekta label. In addition to recordings of works by Haydn, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Dvorak and Lalo, the Trio recently released a disc of commissioned works by Canadian composers Chan Ka-Nin, Gary Kulesha, Kelly-Marie Murphy and Christos Hatzis.

The concert July 7 is free and open to the public. For the first time this year, tickets will be available at a later time, 7 p.m. at the Richardson Auditorium Box Office.

For information about tickets for those with disabilities or general information, call (609) 631-7884.

Choir College Hosts Summer Concerts

Westminster Choir College will continue its annual summer concert series starting on Tuesday, July 5, with an audi-

ence sing-in of the choral masterpiece *Magnificat* by J.S. Bach.

On Wednesday, July 6, a duo-piano recital will be held; and on Thursday, July 7, a piano recital will be held.

All of the concerts will be held in Bristol Chapel on the Westminster campus at 7:30 p.m. and they are free and open to the public.

The *Magnificat* will be conducted by Elizabeth Schauer. Participants are encouraged to bring their own scores, although a limited number will be available to borrow at the door.

On July 6, Ena Bronstein Barton and Phyllis Alpert Lehrer will present a duo-piano recital entitled "Two at Two Pianos." The Barton and Lehrer duo has been performing regularly throughout the U.S. since 1984.



Crystal Torres Downtown Trenton Hosts Latin Jazz Festival

An evening of Latin jazz and dancing in downtown Trenton will feature music by Philly Fusion Project and Crystal Torres, among others on Friday, July 8.

The event, called Trenton2Nite, begins at 5 p.m. and will include music, salsa dancing, art, and food.

Crystal Torres

The Crystal Torres Trio will appear at Gallery 125, located at 125 S. Warren Street, between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tuesday, July 5, with an audi-

appear on S. Warren Street, between Front and Lafayette streets, between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Born in Philadelphia, Crystal Torres started to play trumpet when she was 10 years old. Under the guidance of Kenneth Melton, Crystal became one of Philadelphia's top young jazz performers. In the spring of 1999 she was featured at the NAACP Jazz Festival in Bucks County.

Over the next few years she played with the Mid-Atlantic Grammy Band, the Mellon All-Star Jazz Band, and the Merion Anderson Memorial Big Band.

Catch a Rising Star Hosts Pete George

Comedian Pete George will perform at Catch a Rising Star with feature act Ray Pennetti on Thursday, July 7, at 8 p.m. The show can also be seen on Friday, July 8, at 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and on Saturday, July 9, at 6 p.m., 8:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Mr. George, a comedian, actor and kid at heart, looks at comedy through the eyes of a child. His biography in entertainment shows he has headlined some of the top comedy clubs in the country including The Improv, Funny Bone, and Hilarities.

He has appeared on CBS as a deputy D.A. on the show "Family Law," as well as on Lifetime, FOX, and Viacom networks. His movie credits include *The Mojestic* with Jim Carrey and *The Showshonk Redemption* with Morgan Freeman.

Tickets for Catch a Rising Star, located at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton, are \$15. Seating begins 30 minutes prior to show time. The first show on Friday and Saturday is a non-smoking show.

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THE INK IS STILL WET: Pianist Marvin Rosen, a member of the Westminster Conservatory of Music faculty, will present a recital Thursday, July 7, that will be devoted to music composed within the last 10 years. The recital will be held at Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College, at 7:30 p.m.

"Meshuggah-Nuns" Opens At Off-Broadstreet Theater

The musical *Meshuggah-Nuns!* will open at Hopewell's Off-Broadstreet Theater on Friday, July 8, for a seven weekend run.

The zany nuns from *Nonsense* are back and find themselves seabound on a "Faiths of All Nations Cruise." *Fiddler on the Roof* is the slated entertainment, but rough sailing causes all but the actor playing Tevye to be seasick.

The shenanigans begin as the sisters and Tevye are called upon to offer the shipboard entertainment; and they put together an all-new variety show for the ship's passengers with a Yiddish twist.

Dan Goggin, author of all the *Nonsense* shows, again offers a humorous situation and tuneful songs for these adventurous nuns and their newfound Jewish friend. Off-Broadstreet's artistic director Robert Thick will be directing production with musical direction by Ken Howard.

Mr. Thick will also lead the cast as Howard, the character slated to play Tevye. Opposite Mr. Thick will be Lillian Israel of Princeton in the zany role of Reverend Mother Superior.

Ms. Israel has played in many area theatres including McCarter Theatre and Playhouse 22. She appeared at

Off-Broadstreet as Ms. Smythe in *Move over Mrs. Morkhon*.

Off-Broadstreet veteran Lauren K. Brader of Hillsborough appears as Sister Hubert, the nun second in command and waiting for her turn in the spotlight. Ms. Brader just appeared as the leading lady in house comedy *Shody Business*.

Making Off-Broadstreet debuts are Michelle Russell of Raritan and Angela Sytko of Garwood. Ms. Russell's powerhouse belt voice has been heard at many area theatres. Ms. Sytko has recently appeared at Papermill Playhouse and Rider University.

Meshuggah-Nuns! will run weekends July 8 through August 20. On Friday and Saturday evenings, doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert, with curtain at 8 p.m. Sunday matinees feature dessert at 1:30 p.m., with curtain at 2:30 p.m.

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CINEMA REVIEW

Bewitched

Kidman and Ferrell Put Twist on Familiar Formula in Adaptation of Classic TV Sitcom

Bewitched (1964-1972), starring Elizabeth Montgomery, was a hit television series which enjoyed a long run on ABC. The program revolved around Samantha, an attractive witch who couldn't keep the promise she made to her mortal husband, Darrin, that, after they were married, she would never use her magical powers. Each week, the sitcom placed her in situations where she couldn't avoid twitching her nose and casting a spell.

What made the show so endearing was Montgomery's personality combined with a colorful, talented cast. Two of the supporting actresses received Emmys for their performances: Alice Pearce as the easily-alarmed, nosy next-door neighbor Gladys Kravitz, and Marion Lorne as the absent-minded Aunt Clara.

Equally unforgettable were Endora (Agnes Moorehead), Darrin's mother-in-law, Darrin's boss, Larry Tate

(David White), Uncle Arthur (Paul Lynde), and Abner (George Tobias), Alice's husband. Actors making guest appearances included Raquel Welch, June Lockhart (Lassie), Jimmy Mathers (*Leave It to Beaver*), Bill Mummy (*Lost in Space*), Peggy Lipton (*The Mod Squad*), Vic Tayback (Alice), Norman Fell (*Three's Company*), Isabel Sanford (*The Jeffersons*), Bernie Kopell (*The Love Boat*), and Tom Bosley (*Happy Days*).

The screen adaptation of *Bewitched* pays homage to the original, resurrecting many of the familiar roles while putting an intriguing twist to the plot to give the remake a soul of its own. The film's cast includes Academy Award-winner Nicole Kidman, Will Ferrell, and Oscar winners Michael Caine and Shirley MacLaine.

Bewitched, the movie, has the Ephron sisters behind the scenes, with Nora directing and collaborating on the script with her sister Delia, and Adam McKay.

The story unfolds as a fiction within a fiction, and is essentially a romantic comedy. The movie starts when a witch named Isabel (Kidman) materializes in the San Fernando Valley, wanting to lead a normal life. At the same time, Jack (Ferrell), a fading, Hollywood matinee idol, is trying to get his career back on track.

He signs on as Darrin in a remake of the television series *Bewitched*, even though he considers television a step down from movies. When he spots Isabel in a bookstore, he asks her to play his wife, Samantha. Isabel accepts, not because she wants to be an actress, but because she thinks he might make a good mate.

She quickly learns that Jack is narcissistic and is incapable of appreciating anyone but himself. Frustrated, Isabel turns to sorcery to get her man. And, even though her spells do work, Isabel realizes that she



MOTHER, DON'T TURN HIM INTO A TOAD! Jack (Will Ferrell, right) is in danger of being changed into a toad or something worse by the witch Endora (Shirley MacLaine, center), Isabel's (Nicole Kidman, left) mother, after he makes the mistake of angering her. Fortunately, Isabel is able to persuade Endora to spare him from her spell.

(Photo by John Bramley)

only wants him if he wants her, too.

Therefore, we have a witch pretending to be a witch while hoping to win the affections of her television spouse. As the film unfolds, a coterie of side players appear, mimicking familiar characters from the original show.

The movie has some hilarious moments, mostly thanks to Mr. Ferrell's slapstick comedy, mugging, and other antics. If you approach *Bewitched* as a series of *Saturday Night Live* style skits, it makes for a pleasant, mindless diversion.

Very Good (★★★). Rating: PG-13 for sex, expletives, partial nudity and drug references. Running time: 100 minutes. Studio: Columbia Pictures.

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AT THE CINEMA

The Adventures of Shark Bay & Lava Girl in 3-D (PG for mild action and rude humor). Robert Rodriguez (*Sin City*) wrote and directed this escapist adventure about an unpopular 10 year-old (Cayden Boyd) who creates a couple of imaginary friends to deal with his loneliness. With David Arquette and comedian George Lopez.

Apres Vous (R for profanity). French farce about a well-adjusted walter who ends up in a messy love triangle with the suicidal man whose life he saves and the attractive woman who had recently dumped him. In French with subtitles.

Batman Begins (PG-13 for violence, disturbing images, and mature themes). Christian Bale is the latest incarnation of the Caped Crusader in this IMAX prequel which retraces how, as an orphaned young lad, Bruce Wayne abandoned Gotham City to study martial arts in Asia, returning to defend the metropolis as his crime-fighting alter ego. Expanded cast includes Michael Catne, Morgan Freeman, Katie Holmes, Liam Neeson, Ken Watababe, Gary Oldman, Tom Wilkinson, and Rutger Hauer.

Bewitched (PG-13 for sex, expletives, partial nudity, and drug references). Nicole Kidman brings the Elizabeth Montgomery role to the screen in this adaptation of the television series (1964-1972). Plot has a real witch unknowingly cast to play a witch on a television sitcom about a witch married to a human. With Will Ferrell as husband Darrin, Shirley MacLaine as mother Endora, Steve Carell as Uncle Arthur, Jim Turner as Larry Tate, and Amy Sedaris as Mrs. Kravitz.

Cinderella Man (PG-13 for profanity and graphic boxing violence). Ron Howard and Russell Crowe (*A Beautiful Mind*) reunite for this Depression-era bio-pic about the life and times of the legendary Jim Braddock, an unemployed New Yorker who turned to boxing to feed his family. With Renée Zellweger as his wife, Craig Bierko as title fight opponent Max Baer, and acclaimed character actor Paul Giamatti.

Crash (R for sex, expletives, and violence). This slices-of-lives melodrama revolves around an assortment of social issues faced by an ethnically-diverse set of strangers who cross paths by chance in the wake of a car accident. Cast includes Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle, Brendan Fraser, Tony Danza, Thandie Newton, Matt Dillon, Jennifer Esposito, Terence Howard, Ryan Phillippe, Ludacris, Kelth David, Larenz Tate, Loretta Devine, and Nona Gaye.

George A. Romero's Land of the Dead (R for violence, gore, sex, expletives, and drug use). Fourth in a series of horror films (*Night of the Living Dead*, *Dawn of the Dead*, and *Day of the Dead*). This installment is set in a fortified, walled-in city inhabited by humans surrounded and badly-outnumbered by cannibalistic zombies.

Herbie: Fully Loaded (G). Disney casts Lindsay Lohan as the new owner of Herbie, an anthropomorphic auto with a mind of his own and determined to race on the NASCAR circuit.

Ladies in Lavender (PG-13 for brief profanity). Dames Judi Dench and Maggie Smith share the title role in this costume drama, set in England in 1936, about a couple of spinster sisters living in seclusion in a seaside Cornish cottage whose peace and quiet is disturbed when a wounded Polish violinist floats in with the tide and triggers a round of sibling rivalry.

The Longest Yard (PG-13 for crude and sexual humor, profanity, violence, and drug references). Adam Sandler stars in this remake of the 1974 Burt Reynolds' romp about a pro quarterback behind bars who leads a rag-tag team of fellow convicts in a game of football against their prison guards. Cast includes comedian Chris Rock, gangsta' rapper Nelly, SNL's Tracy Morgan, NFL alums Brian Bosworth, Michael Irvin, and Bill Romanowski. Burt returns, but in a different role.

Madagascar (PG for crude humor, mild epithets and mature themes). Animated family adventure about four animals raised in captivity at New York's Central Park Zoo who escape but end up crated and carted off to Africa where they have to fend for themselves in the wild. Starring Ben Stiller as a lion, Chris Rock as a zebra, David Schwimmer as a giraffe, and Jada Pinkett-Smith as a pregnant hippopotamus. Supporting voice cast includes Cedric the Entertainer and Andy Richter.

Mad Hot Ballroom (PG for mature themes). Dance documentary retraces the inspirational rise of eleven year-old New York City public school kids from humble circumstances who master the tango, fox trot, rumba, swing, and merengue in preparation for the annual, citywide competition.

Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13 for sexual content, expletives, and intense violence). Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie share the title roles in this crime thriller about a seemingly sedate, suburban couple who are unaware that they are both assassins and under contract to kill each other. Support cast includes Vince Vaughn, Angela Bassett, Kerry Washington, and Keith David.

The Perfect Man (PG for suggestive content). Romantic comedy with Hilary Duff as a match-maker who pairs up her recently-divorced mom (Heather Locklear) with a charming secret Internet admirer. Hi-jinks galore ensue, since this cyber Mr. Right's missives are all a product of the concerned daughter's imagination.

Rebound (PG for mild epithets and mature themes). Martin Lawrence stars in this comedy as a hot-headed college basketball coach who finds himself demoted to the junior high school level where he tries to learn to control his temper. Cast includes Wendy Raquel Robinson and Saturday Night Live's Horatio Sanz.

Saving Face (R for sex and expletives). A comedy about a forty-something widow (Joan Chen) who shows up at her lesbian daughter's (Michelle Krusiec) doorstep after being shunned by the rest of the family for getting pregnant out of wedlock. In Mandarin and English with subtitles.

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity, and mature themes). Coming-of-age film, based on the Ann Brashares novel of the same name, follows the trials and tribulations of four 16 year-olds forced to spend their first summer apart. Featuring Amber Tamblyn, America Ferrara, Blake Lively, and Alexis Biedel as the jeans-sharing life-long friends.

Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (PG-13 for violence and intense images). The curtain comes down on the prequel trilogy with this third installment which ends exactly where the original George Lucas adventure began. Jedi Knight Anakin Skywalker (Hayden Christensen) must morph into Darth Vader and turn on Obi Wan-Kenobi (Ewan McGregor). Returning cast members include Natalie Portman and Samuel L. Jackson.

War of the Worlds (PG-13 for disturbing images and frightening sequences of violence). Steven Spielberg directs this remake of the 1953 sci-fi film based on the 1938 radio play narrated by Orson Welles adapted from the original H.G. Wells classic novel about a Martian invasion of Earth. Tom Cruise stars as a dockworker struggling to save his family. Cast includes Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto, Tim Robbins, and Gene Barry.

—Kam Williams

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MAD HOT BALLROOM
Daily 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30 (PG)

APRES VOUS
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Daily 2:30, 7:00 (R)

SAVING FACE
Mandarin/English Subtitles
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LADIES IN LAVENDER
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Cinderella Man (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 2:30, 5:30, 8:30
Crash (R): Fri.-Thrs., 4:45, 9:15
Ladies in Lavender (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 2:35, 7
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Saving Face (R): Fri.-Thrs., 4:55, 9:15

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Rebound (PG): Fri.-Thrs., 12:30, 2:45, 7:15, 9:30
War of the Worlds (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 12, 1, 2:35; 3:40, 5:10, 6:20, 7:45, 9, 10:20
Bewitched (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 12:25, 2:45, 5:05, 7:25, 9:45
George A. Romero's Land of the Dead (R): Fri.-Thrs., 1, 3:15, 5:30, 7:45, 10
Herbie Fully Loaded (G): Fri.-Thrs., 12:30, 2:50, 5, 7:30, 9:50
The Perfect Man (PG): Fri.-Thrs., 9
Batman Begins (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 1, 4, 7, 10
Mr. & Mrs. Smith (PG-13): Fri.-Thrs., 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45
Madagascar (PG): Fri.-Thrs., 12, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45
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6 p.m.: Registration for ETS Firecracker 5K Race Benefiting YWCA Princeton and Princeton Regional Chamber of Commerce Foundation; Educational Testing Service campus, Rosedale and Carter Roads. Race starts at 7:30 p.m.
8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The Shanghai Quartet; Richardson Auditorium.

Thursday, June 30

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.
6 p.m.: Blawenburg Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.
7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of *Shattered Glass*; Princeton Public Library. Free.
7 to 9 p.m.: Zoning Amendment Review Committee; Township Municipal Complex.
7:30 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Summer Concert with soprano Tatyana Grushinskaya; Bristol Chapel.
8 p.m.: *Picasso at the Lapin Agile*; Hamilton Murray Theater, Princeton University. Also Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m.

Friday, July 1

9 p.m.: Jerry Rite's Rhythm Kings; St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 2200 Genesee Street, Hamilton.
9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *A Fish Called Wanda* and *The Big Lebowski*; Pettoranello Gardens. Free.

Saturday, July 2

8 p.m.: 7:30 p.m.: Westminster Choir College Bach Festival; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary.
9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *The Natural*; Pettoranello Gardens. Free.

Monday, July 4 Independence Day

Tuesday, July 5

10:30 a.m.: Toddler Sing-along; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.
7:30 p.m.: Borough Council; Borough Hall.

Wednesday, July 6

10:30 a.m.: Party Animals Petting Zoo; Mary Jacobs Memorial Library, Rocky Hill.

Thursday, July 7

11:30 a.m.: Storytime for Children 2 to 4; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair, Route 1.
6 p.m.: The Tone Rangers country-blues band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.
7 p.m.: The Media on Film Series, screening of *The Insider*; Princeton Public Library. Free.
8 p.m.: Princeton University Summer Concert with The Gryphon Trio; Richardson Auditorium.

Friday, July 8

7:30 p.m.: Progressive Movie Night; The Princeton Unitarian Church. Free.
8 p.m.: Comedian Pete George; *Catch a Rising Star*. \$15. Also Friday at 8 and 10:30 p.m., and Saturday at 6, 8:30, and 10 p.m.
9:45 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.: *Nosing Around With Boked Oranges*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.
8 p.m.: *Exhibit This!* Swig Arts Center, Peddie School; Hightstown. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.
8 p.m.: *Meshuggah-Nuns*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *North by Northwest*; Pettoranello Gardens. Free.

Saturday, July 9

6 p.m.: 22nd annual Bastille Day Ball; Drumhwaquet; to benefit The Child Intervention Project of Trinity Counseling Service
9 p.m.: Thomas Sweet Outdoor Cinema, *E.T.*; Pettoranello Gardens. Free.

PEOPLE



Shirley M. Tilghman
Shirley M. Tilghman, president of Princeton University and professor of molecular biology was awarded the 2004 Benjamin E. Mays Award by A Better Chance, the national resource for identifying, recruiting and developing leaders among academically gifted students of color.

The award memorializes the late Dr. Mays, a civil rights figure and president of Morehouse College. Ron Allen, an NBC-TV news correspondent, emceed the June 15 gala luncheon at the Waldorf Astoria where the award was presented.

Dr. Tilghman served on the Princeton faculty for 15 years before being named president in 2001. She is recognized for her research in mammalian developmental genetics, for her role on behalf of women in science, and for promoting efforts to ease young scientists into their careers. A member of the American Philosophical Society, the National Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Medicine, and the Royal Society of London, Dr. Tilghman also serves as a trustee of the Jackson Laboratory and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"Dr. Tilghman's passion for education, joy of discovery, and unflinching self-confidence helped propel her through the glass ceiling as the first woman to head Princeton in its 259-year history, but it is her admirable talent for nurturing and inspiring others that make her a great leader," said Sandra E. Timmons, president of A Better Chance.

A Better Chance has made contributions to promote educational diversity since the 1960s, said Dr. Tilghman: "A Better Chance Scholars have left their mark on Princeton University before assuming leadership roles in American society, and it is on their behalf, as well as my own, that I am delighted to accept the Benjamin E. Mays Award."

A Better Chance was founded in 1963 by 23 private schools aiming to diversify their student populations. It has expanded its network to 250 affiliated college preparatory schools. Past recipients of the A Better Chance Benjamin E. Mays awards include: Lee Bollinger, president of Columbia University; Lloyd G. Trotter, president and CEO of GE Industrial Systems; Tim McChristian, general manager of IBM Global Computer Services Industry; Steven Rogers, clinical professor of finance and management of the Kellogg Graduate School of Management; and Theo Kilian, vice president of Human Resources of The Limited, Inc.

Princeton Borough resident **Hendricks S. Davis** has been named executive director of the Newark operations of Habitat for Humanity (HFHN). He replaces Jim Tierney who moves up to the Board of Directors for HFHN and will continue his personal involvement in the organization's cause.

Mr. Davis has been with the Habitat for Humanity program since the organization's inception. In 1970, before Millard Fuller had officially launched HFHN, Mr. Davis worked with him and other volunteers clearing tree stumps on Kiononia Farm in Americus, Ga. In Americus, Mr. Fuller directed a project to build new low cost housing for area residents. From there, Mr. Fuller went on to establish HFHN. "I went on to find a calling working mainly with at-risk minority youth from urban areas," Mr. Davis said, adding that he is now "returning to the concept that got me started in the first place."

For the past 11 years, Mr. Davis has been executive director of the Princeton Blairstown Center, a 97-year-old outdoor-adventure experiential education and youth development organization.

HFHN has built over 50 homes in Newark's Central Ward. "Our partner families earn some of their down payment with 400 hours of sweat equity," Mr. Davis said. "With them, plus donations from companies, churches, organizations, private individuals and an army of volunteers, we are able to build affordable single family homes that improve not only our partners' lives but also the life in the Newark Community in general."

Paulina Duker, manager of the Diabetes Management Program and Dialysis Services at University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP), was named a finalist for Nursing Spectrum magazine's 2005 Nursing Excellence Awards.

A native of Ghana, West Africa, and now a resident of South River, Ms. Duker was nominated in the category of Community Service for the magazine's Greater Philadelphia/Tri-State region. The Community Service category recognizes nurses who have made significant professional or voluntary contributions in community-based settings or

community outreach efforts.

On her own time, Ms. Duker helps organize health education events for the African-American community, speaks with and conducts health screenings for community groups, works with the New Jersey Commission for the Blind, and educates local Girl Scout troops and other youth organizations about health issues. She also annually coordinates employee participation in the annual American Diabetes Association's walk to raise funds for diabetes research.



Paulina Duker

Ms. Duker left Ghana at 17 to participate in a student exchange program. She returned home after a year, but came back to attend The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. where she earned a bachelor of science in nursing in 1989. She earned her master's degree in public health from The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore in 1993. She joined UMCP in 1998.

Ms. Duker was among the regional finalists honored at the Nursing Excellence Gala on May 10 at the Sheraton Society Hill in Philadelphia. Winners were named in six excellence categories. All finalists were featured in Nursing Spectrum and NurseWeek, and online at www.NursingSpectrum.com and www.NurseWeek.com.



Stephen Oxman

Princeton University trustee and graduate of the University's 1967 class, Stephen Oxman, will succeed Robert Rawson as chair of the University's executive committee.

Mr. Oxman, a Short Hills resident, was the recipient of the Pyne Prize, the University's top award for undergraduates, when he was a senior. He received a J.D. from Yale Law School, where he was an editor of the Yale Law Journal, and a Ph.D. from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.

Currently a senior adviser at Morgan Stanley, Mr. Oxman has spent most of his

career in law and in banking and investment. He also served as assistant secretary of state for European and Canadian affairs for a year during the Clinton administration and worked with the State Department during the Carter administration. He is a trustee of the Robertson Foundation and a member of the advisory council of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.



Cindy Chessler

A retirement party was held for last month for Cindy Chessler, head of Nassau Nursery School since September 1981 at the Nassau Club in Princeton. The party paid tribute to her tenure at the school as more than 100 current and past parents and friends turned out to honor Ms. Chessler for the impact she had on her students over the years. Ms. Chessler and her husband, Mason, now plan to spend time with their grandchildren and traveling the world.

Phillip Gerard Garza, son of Dr. and Mrs. Francisco P. Garza of Princeton, has completed his medical school course of study from the Universidad de Navarra, Pamplona, Spain. The younger Dr. Garza is a 1992 graduate of Princeton High School.

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"I didn't want to let that get in the way," said the 6'0, 235-pound Gallagher referring to his asthma. "I wanted to prove I could be good at sports. I always keep hustling."

Gallagher certainly made that point as a three-sport star during his Hun School athletics career. He starred as a tireless lineman in football, almost never coming off the field as he anchored both the offensive and defensive lines.

He carried his intensity onto the wrestling mat where he won titles for the Hun wrestling team. In the spring, he sparked the lacrosse team with his hard-nosed approach to the game.

Gallagher's pursuit of excellence at Hun wasn't confined to sports as he was chosen as a 2005 Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Leader-Athlete Winner. Gallagher was involved in the school's diversity club, served as a senior Peer Leader, worked on the school's TV station, and wrote for the Hun yearbook and newspaper.

The fiery Gallagher's combination of athletic accomplishment and extracurricular achievement has him headed to Princeton University this fall where he will be playing defensive line for the Tigers.

This week, Gallagher will be giving his all one more time on the high school level as he competes for West all-stars in the annual Sunshine Football Classic this Thursday at The College of New Jersey.

"After what he has been through health-wise, Gallagher is especially proud to be playing in the Sunshine Classic, which raises money for the Sunshine Foundation, a charity dedicated to granting the wishes of

seriously ill, physically challenged, and abused children.

"I know a lot about this game, I've been to it the last couple of years," said Gallagher. "It's us playing football for kids that probably won't ever get to play. That means a lot to me."

Being part of a Hun football team that won the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title last fall for the first time in history meant a lot to Gallagher.

"That was exciting, it had been in the works for a while," said Gallagher, noting that the program had nearly won title in

both 2002 and 2003.

"It was tough coming close but we had some tough kids and great leaders. You can't just give credit to the seniors; a lot of credit goes to the former players. I learned a lot about selflessness and seeing things through. You can't let things get in the way of goals."

Incorporating that straight-forward, goal-oriented approach served Gallagher well at Hun both athletically and academically.

"Different sports have different size balls but sports are sports," explained Gallagher. "Hard work and leadership translate no matter what sport you are playing. I'm a lot more focused now. As a freshman I had awful grades; this year I had 90s."

Hun head coach Dave Dudeck, though, saw a special focus in Gallagher from his first preseason with the team.

"I've never been around anyone who worked harder to improve himself physically," said Dudeck. "Whether it was in the weightroom or running, he was relentless. I remember when he was a freshman, we'd be in double sessions in the summer and he would go into the weightroom between practices to lift. You don't see that too often from a freshman."

In addition to his work ethic, Gallagher displayed an unselfishness not always seen in star athletes. "Pat did everything we asked of him," recalled Dudeck. "He played linebacker, defensive tackle, guard, and

center. He played both ways his last two seasons. It was nice to have a kid who put himself second and the team's needs first."

Gallagher is bringing that same team-first attitude as he looks to make the grade at Princeton.

"I don't know where to start," said Gallagher, when asked what factors led him to choose Princeton.

"The facilities are ridiculous; the academics are great. I was impressed by the players. They didn't talk about themselves. They focused on the team and what they need to do to win the Ivy League title."

As a relatively short defensive lineman, Gallagher is currently focused on getting the most out of the Princeton preseason workout plan.

"I'm lifting, running, and being even more careful with my diet," said Gallagher, who considered such colleges as Bucknell, Holy Cross, Lafayette, Lehigh, Dartmouth, Cornell, and Brown.

"I spend 2½ to three hours lifting. I'm doing 220s on the Hun field turf on my hard running days. My weight is at 235 now but ideally I want to come in at 245. Height is an issue for me, it impacted my recruitability. I'm going to use my hustle and speed to make up for that."

Dudeck, for one, doesn't think that Gallagher's height is going to keep him from making an impact at Princeton. "When I talk to college coaches and they are looking at a shorter lineman, their question is always about the player's motor," explained Dudeck.

"When they watch a kid, they want to see if he's goes hard. Patrick was non-stop. His wrestling background helped him with leverage in getting under people and moving them. That coupled with his strength makes him special."

Gallagher believes the special experience he is gaining from the Sunshine Classic



DOWN PAT: Former Hun School star Pat Gallagher enjoys himself at a practice this week as he gets ready to play in the Sunshine Football Classic all-star game this Thursday at The College of New Jersey. Gallagher, who played both offensive and defensive line for the Raiders, will be playing for the Princeton University football team this fall.

(Photo by Bill Allen NJ SportAction)

practices should help his transition to the next level.

"It's going to be like spring football for me," asserted Gallagher. "I get to work with some really good players; that should keep me from getting rusty."

Gallagher knows that he will need to be sharp to take advantage of what he will be working with at Princeton.

"I'd like to get into medicine; I want to help people recover from injury," said Gallagher. "Coach [Roger] Hughes says you can go to a big school and have the next four years planned or you can go to Princeton and have the next 40 years planned."

If Gallagher can excel at Princeton over the next four years like he did at Hun, he should be looking at a lifetime of success.

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Talkpa's Steady Growth as Player, Leader at Hun Has Him Headed to Sunshine Classic, then Maine

From the day he walked into the Hun School four years ago, Wellington Talkpa knew how to keep his head in the heat of competition.

Whether it was on the football field in the fall or the baseball diamond in the spring, Talkpa distinguished himself as an unflappable character.

Talkpa's gritty work at full-back and linebacker helped the Hun football squad win the Mid Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) title last fall while his timely hitting and solid glove work at third this spring sparked the Raiders to the

state Prep A championship finals.

For Talkpa, the ability to come through in the clutch isn't something he developed overnight. "I've been playing baseball and football for a while," said Talkpa. "I've been in a lot of big situations. I have a lot of experience."

This week, Talkpa is getting a special experience as he plays for the West squad in the Sunshine Football Classic on June 30 at The College of New Jersey.

"I never expected to play in a game like this," said Talkpa, who is heading for the Univer-

sity of Maine this fall on a football scholarship. "It's been great. This will help me for Maine. Like in college, everybody here is an all-star. We're already building team chemistry."

Talkpa learned the value of chemistry last fall when the Hun football team broke through to win its first MAPL title after just missing the crown in 2002 and 2003.

"It meant a lot for us," said Talkpa reflecting on the championship which highlighted Hun's 9-1 season. "Since my sophomore year we had been pretty close. It was a good

group of seniors. We had everyone working together."

In the view of Hun head coach Dave Dudeck, Talkpa emerged as a pivotal figure in that group of seniors. "Welly evolved each year into a better and better player," said Dudeck. "He was one of the true leaders of the program. He had an ability to communicate with everyone. The younger kids and the older players both gravitated to him. He stood up for the right things."

Talkpa's progress at Hun was not confined to the gridiron or baseball diamond. "He grew into a 'Hun kid,'" asserted Dudeck. He showed what the school was all about athletically, academically, and socially. He's just a person who grew and grew over his high school years."

While Talkpa's coolness under fire has set him apart, the 6'0, 235-pound Talkpa acknowledged that he has become more fiery over his Hun career.

"My attitude towards the game has changed," said Talkpa. "I wasn't energetic or rah-rah at first. It has helped me to become more emotional."

The emotional bonds that Talkpa developed with his teammates enriched his Hun athletic career. "The biggest lesson I've learned at Hun is understanding how important friendship is and how much good chemistry helps a team do better," asserted Talkpa. "It really lifted us in both football and baseball."

Talkpa feels like he is already developing a good chemistry with the people he has met at Maine.

"The coach that recruited me, Bob Wilder, was well-mannered and really friendly," recalled Talkpa, whose final college choice came down to Maine and Georgetown. "The football coaches said it is perfectly fine if I go out for baseball in the spring. They really made me feel welcome."

Dudeck, for his part, believes Talkpa won't wear out his welcome. "When he gets to college and gets with a



MAINE MAN: Former Hun School star Wellington Talkpa takes a break at practice Monday as he prepares to play in the Sunshine Football Classic on June 30 at The College of New Jersey. Talkpa, who also starred in baseball for Hun, is headed to the University of Maine on a football scholarship.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

trainer and a program, there's no telling what his body might grow into," said Dudeck. "He has power, he has soft hands, and he hits."

Talkpa is looking to become a hit when Maine's football camp opens on August 7.

"There is a lot of lifting and running in the preseason conditioning program," said Talkpa, who has been keeping his

baseball skills sharp by playing for the Princeton Post 218 American Legion team. "I'm still learning some of the lifts. I will need to really push myself a lot over the next few weeks."

Based on how Talkpa pushed himself during his Hun career, he should emerge as a quick learner for Maine.

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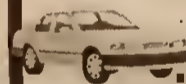
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Johnson Overcame Injuries, Weight Problems In Road from PHS to Sunshine Bowl and Kean

T.R. Johnson first got a taste of the Sunshine Football Classic all-star game as a spectator three years ago.

Johnson was only a Princeton High freshman at the time, but he already decided that when his time came three years later, he would be playing in the annual summer game held at The College of New Jersey. After all, he had already endured a full season as a varsity football player at PHS.

Typically, high school athletes enjoy their seasons more than they endure them, but when you play for a team that was looking to break through with a victory, games can become more punishment than play.

Nevertheless, Johnson endured, enjoyed, and flourished in his four years at PHS and will be rewarded when he

steps onto the field at The College of New Jersey this Thursday to play for the East team in the 2005 Sunshine Football Classic.

Despite the individual glory of being selected to compete in the annual all-star game, Johnson is most excited about making a name for the PHS program.

"I was really happy when I heard I got picked," said Johnson, who will be joined on the East squad by PHS teammates Vinny Giacalone and Vance Slocum.

"It's been a goal of mine to play in this game since I was a freshman. Now that I get to go, I'm excited because not only do I get to show what I can do, but I also want to show that people from Princeton can play football. We're not just some team you can just run over anymore."

Johnson's demeanor and physical stature suggest he was born to play in the trenches. At 5'10, 320 pounds, he can overpower some of the best linemen in the state, but judges his success based on victories rather than pancake blocks.

Based on Johnson's method of evaluation, he had an outstanding year. The powerful lineman helped lead perennial doormat PHS from the bottom of the standings to a more-than-respectable 5-5 campaign in 2004.

PHS head coach Steve Everette, the engineer of the turnaround, credits Johnson with having a major impact on the program's progress.

"T.R. was our muscle guy," Everette said. "He is a dominating presence. At 290 pounds, he can run pretty well, so we liked to pull him. That was an important play in our offense and he allowed us to run it very effectively."

Although Johnson has proved in his four years that he can manhandle or at least block all comers, his road to Kean University, where he will play next year, has not been an easy one.

After breaking his ankle at the end of his freshman season in 2001, Johnson's inac-

tivity caused him to balloon to around 370 pounds.

"All I did was eat," recalled Johnson. "I couldn't do anything else, so I just watched TV and ate. I didn't even realize I was gaining weight."

Johnson suspects that he reached about 400 pounds before he decided to re-dedicate himself to getting in shape. Although he showed promise in the limited time he was on the field in 2002, Johnson and his coach knew his football days were numbered if he didn't lose more weight.

"Coach Everette had me just sweating any way I could," added Johnson. "It was really tough but not playing as much in my sophomore year really motivated me and Coach Everette was there with me the whole time. Without coach, I probably would have given up."

Everette's efforts may have sparked a fire in Johnson, but the soon-to-be fourth-year head coach deflects the credit right back to his senior leader.

"It took tremendous dedication to accomplish what he did," said Everette of Johnson. "That experience really helped him grow as a player and as a person and you could really see it."

One year later and nearly 100 pounds lighter, Johnson was a full-time player again. Sprints became easier, games felt shorter, and the quarterbacks and running back he chased after didn't seem quite as fast as they used to.

Even with his greatest challenge behind him, Johnson still faces the criticisms that most players of his physical stature face.

"I've been to Division I camps and I always hear the same thing: 'He's too small, he's too short, he's going to get dominated by guys who are half-a-foot taller. I just want the chance to show what I can do. I've been dominating guys who are taller than me all my life and I know I can do it at the next level if I get the chance.'"

It's hard to believe a young man the size of Johnson is too small for anything, but when going up against similarly talented players who are 6'4 and 340 pounds, it is certainly understandable that there are concerns about his size.

Johnson, however, is tired of hearing the knocks against him and is champing at the bit to put on a show Thursday night and force those critics to throw their old scouting reports out the window.

The way his football career has played out, it would be unwise to doubt Johnson when he lays out his plans for this game and beyond. His passion for the game has been the driving force in everything he does and has taken him all the way up to this point.

"Football has been my life," Johnson said. "It's the reason I get up in the morning. Without football, I don't know where I'd be."

His life might have been different, but two things are certain. With football Johnson has a chance to display his skills with the best players in the area, and without Johnson's efforts, the PHS football program wouldn't be on the right track.

—Matt Manley



IMPACT PLAYER: Former Princeton High star lineman T.R. Johnson pushes through a drill last week as he prepared to play for the East team in the Sunshine Football Classic on June 30 at The College of New Jersey. Johnson's dominant play on the line helped PHS go 5-5 last fall, the program's first non-losing season since the mid-1990s. Johnson will be continuing his football career at Kean University this fall. (Photo by Bill Allen NJ SportAction)

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Giacalone's Perseverance at QB for PHS Football Earns Sunshine Honors, Shot at Carnegie Mellon

Vinny Giacalone has learned the value of perseverance during his Princeton High football career.

During his first two seasons at PHS, Giacalone was sidelined much of the time due to serious knee injuries. As a junior, the quarterback started to make progress despite being bothered by knee pain.

The strong-armed Giacalone's persistence paid off big time last fall as he put together a superb senior season which saw him pass for 1731 yards and 16 touchdowns to help spark PHS to a 5-5 record, the program's first

non-losing season since the mid-1990s.

This week, Giacalone is reaping the rewards of that stellar campaign as he competes for the East squad in the 2005 Sunshine Football Classic on June 30 at The College of New Jersey.

For Giacalone, playing in the Sunshine Classic represents the ultimate achievement for his high school career.

"I learned about the game as a sophomore and it was a goal I wanted to get," said Giacalone, who will be continuing his football career this

fall at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh. "It is the final piece of my high school goals."

The Sunshine game will have a very different feel where now Giacalone's arch rivals from around the area will be his teammates.

"It is hard to realize that my teammates are the ones I hated," added the 6'2, 220-pound Giacalone. "At the practices they will become my teammates. It is very exciting and it will be tough competition. It is a gateway to college football."

In the view of PHS football

head coach Steve Everette, Giacalone has what it takes to excel in just about any competition.

"Vinny's dedication to football and as a student puts him over the top," said Everette, who guided the renaissance at PHS which saw the program go from 1-9 in 2003 to nearly qualifying for the state tournament last season. "It is what allows him to be not just good but great."

In Everette's view, Giacalone's progress in and out of the classroom during his PHS career sets him apart.

"It is hard to pick any player that has grown as much as a person and a player as Vinny," said Everette of Giacalone, whose excellence on the field and in the classroom resulted in him being named a 2005 Delaware Valley Chapter National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame Scholar-Leader-Athlete Winner.

"He is a leader; he gave the entire team a confidence to play with any team in the conference. Vinny knew every position; players would go ask him instead of asking a coach."

Giacalone's achievements off the field were as impressive as what he accomplished for the PHS squad. In the classroom, he carried a 3.9 GPA. Giacalone won the President's Leadership Award, was nominated as an American Legion Boys State delegate, and was chosen to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence, and Diplomacy in Washington. He was also involved in Habitat for Humanity and served as a peer leader within the school.



ARMED FOR SUCCESS: Former Princeton High quarterback Vinny Giacalone hones his passing skills in a practice session last week for the Sunshine Football Classic which will be played on June 30 at The College of New Jersey. Last fall, Giacalone passed for 1731 yards and 16 touchdowns to help spark PHS to a 5-5 record, the program's first non-losing season since the mid-1990s. He will be taking his skills this fall to Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

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Giacalone's leadership was crucial as PHS turned heads in local football circles as it went from doormat to playoff contention.

Sparked by Giacalone's passing ability and presence in the huddle, PHS got off to a 2-0 start. The team got plenty of attention after it knocked off perennial nemesis Trenton 22-19 in mid-October.

While the team sputtered a bit down the stretch, it produced one more memorable victory when it rallied to beat Holmdel 34-33 in overtime in a stat consolation game.

For Giacalone, the highlight of his final fall was the win over Trenton. "The home game as a senior against Trenton was incredible," recalled Giacalone of the triumph which was PHS' first over the Tomatoes in more than 10 years. "I had never beaten them and it was always said we couldn't beat them and the win gave us a chance at the playoffs."

After competing in the Sunshine Classic, Giacalone will turn his attention to engineering some memorable wins for Carnegie Mellon.

Although he is a Jets fan, he is looking forward to his life in the home of the Pittsburgh Steelers. Giacalone joins the program as the only quarterback recruited this year and hopes to see some playing time.

"There are a few quarterbacks in front of me but I am looking to travel with the team and get in to a few games," said Giacalone in assessing his prospects in the upcoming season.

"My first year really depends on the first impression I make. Sophomore and junior year will depend upon how well I learn the system and perform."

If Giacalone can persevere at Carnegie Mellon like he did at PHS, he could make quite an impact at the next level.
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Slocum's Emergence as Go-To Receiver for PHS Sparked Little Tigers and Now Sunshine Team

Every team, no matter the sport, needs a go-to guy, someone who can be counted on to take the team on his back and produce a game-changing play.

Princeton High head foot-

ball coach Steve Everette wondered who would emerge as his team's go-to guy late in the 2003 season. Everette had done all he could to light a fire in his players in hopes of turning them into winners. Now it

was their time to perform.

Struggling to put his stamp on the PHS football program, Vance Slocum had one last chance to make some noise as a junior in 2003.

PHS squared off against Holmdel in its final game of the season and much like the Little Tiger program, Slocum was still in his developing stages, but not far from taking the next step.

The junior wide receiver proceeded to take his game and his team to another level in that final game as he made three receptions for 113 yards and a touchdown to spark PHS to a 16-12 victory. Since then, he has been one of the best pass-catchers in the Colonial Valley Conference.

More importantly, though, Slocum's emergence as a legitimate number-one option for fellow senior, quarterback Vinny Giacalone, has coincided with Princeton's resurrection as a program.

In 2004, the Little Tigers improved to 5-5 under third year head coach Steve Everette, marking the program's first non-losing season since the mid-1990s and igniting what looks to be a promising future.

Slocum's efforts have earned him a spot on the east team for the 2005 Sunshine Football Classic at The College of New Jersey this Thursday night where he plans to showcase his talent with the best players in the Mercer County area.

Even among the best players in the area, Slocum, a first-team, All-CVC selection at wide receiver last fall, figures to emerge as a standout in Thursday's game.

"It's an honor and a privilege to be recognized with the best players around," said Slocum, reflecting on his selection for the Sunshine game. "The practices have been great, but I'm looking forward to getting out on the field."

More than just displaying his skills, Slocum made it clear that he and his East teammates want to come away with a win on Thursday.

"It's a new team for everyone and were all trying to form a new brotherhood with each other, and I think we're starting to overcome that," Slocum said. "We're looking better every practice and we're ready to go put a whooping on the West."

The brash confidence that Slocum exhibits has become a stereotype of the wide receiver position, but it has also been the source of the senior wide-out's success.

Before his breakout game in 2003, Slocum had not yet demonstrated his entire prowess on the field to his coach and teammates.

"At first, Vance didn't seem to know exactly what his place would be here," recalled Everette. "But he worked extremely hard from day one and one day it just seemed to click for him. The light bulb went off in that last game and that really propelled him to be one of our team leaders."

But while Everette was unsure of his young receiver's development, Slocum always knew he would blossom once his time came.

"At first I knew I had the tools, but I had to put the time and effort into becoming a better player," Slocum said. "I

had to step up for myself, but more importantly for the team. I wanted to be a guy that my team could count on to help us win."

Slocum has indeed stepped up and Everette did not hesitate to identify him as the team's go-to guy.

"Vance was kind of our heart," Everette said. "When we needed a big play, he was always there for us. With the game on the line, he wanted the ball in his hands."

This fall, Slocum will look to become the playmaker for another team when he attends Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa. which is playing its inaugural season of football this fall when it faces several teams from Divisions II and III.

Some might see joining a first-year program as a burden, but Slocum has been there before.

"We got the program off the ground here (at PHS) and I wanted the challenge of getting another one off the ground," Slocum said.

If Slocum can rise to the challenge and emerge as a go-to guy for Seton Hill, it may not take long for its program to become competitive.

—Matt Manley



RAPID ADVANCE: Vance Slocum goes through a drill last week as he prepares to play in the Sunshine Football Classic this Thursday night at The College of New Jersey. After playing in the all-star game, the former PHS star receiver will continue his football career at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, Pa.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



FAST TRACK: Former Princeton High star Vance Slocum speeds up the field for the Little Tigers in action last fall. Slocum's emergence as a go-to receiver last season sparked the Little Tigers to a 5-5 record, the program's first non-losing season since the mid-1990s. This Thursday, Slocum will play for the East team in the 2005 Sunshine Football Classic at The College of New Jersey.

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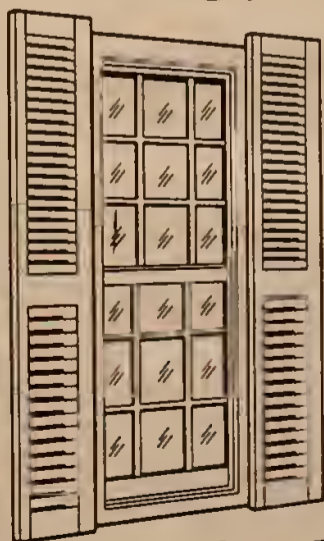


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Nester Celebrates 30th Birthday in Style With 7 Gold Medals at Special Olympics

Many people dread their 30th birthday but not Robert Nester.

Earlier this month, Nester approached his 30th with aplomb, determined to vault, tumble, and twirl himself to success in the gymnastics competition of the New Jersey Special Olympics Summer Games at The College of New Jersey.

The longtime Princeton-area resident left the competition with some extra birthday pre-

sents as he earned seven gold medals.

For Nester, his medal haul was the latest chapter in his long history of success at Special Olympics which began when he competed in track and field at age eight.

Recalling his special birthday effort, Nester was happy to spend the day in competition. "I feel happy," said Nester, who has Down syndrome. "I'm not nervous."

When he is competing, Hes-

ter's focus is on his routine. "I do my cartwheels, my squat and handstand," said a smiling Nester, who punctuates his conversation with frequent bursts of laughter. "I like my routine."

Nester hones his skills with the Reality in Motion program which is based in Pennington. He typically does one two-hour session a week with that group. Nester has advanced to the point where he is the only Level 3 gymnast in the New Jersey Special Olympics program (There are four levels in gymnastics with Level 1 requiring the least difficult moves and Level 4 requiring the highest level of skill.)

The indefatigable Nester also works on general conditioning with sessions three times a week at the Princeton branch of the New York Sports Club (NYSC).

As with his gymnastics, Nester has created quite a routine with his NYSC workouts. "I use the bike, I use the weights, I do the treadmill," said Nester earnestly. "Then I take a shower and I go to the steam room."

Nester's success is due to more than his diligent routines, according to his mother, Joan Nester.

"He always excels at competition," said Mrs. Nester, who notes that her son also competes in the Special Olympics' fall, winter, and spring games. "He wants to do his best whenever he's competing."

Stuart Altschuler, one of the coaches with the Reality in Motion program, will tell you that Nester knows how to rise to the occasion.

"The thing about Robert is that when it's time to compete and the people are in the stands and the judges are scoring, he turns his level up several notches," said Alts-

chuler, who has been working with Nester for three years. "He puts on a game face. He's clearly one who brings his best effort in competition."

Nester's involvement with the Special Olympics program is not confined to competition. He is a member of the group's Athletes Congress and he serves as "Global Messenger."

"The Athletes Congress includes people nominated as representatives of the other athletes," explained Mrs. Nester, noting that her son is also involved in the Boy Scouts and has reached the level of Life Scout.

"They make decisions and recommendations on behalf of the athletes. As a Global Messenger, Robert talks to groups and presents information about him and why he likes the Special Olympics."

In Altschuler's view, Nester has made a special impact on both his team and the Special Olympics program in general.

"He is the oldest gymnast on the team and he's asserted himself as a leader," noted Altschuler.

"He leads by example. He recognizes that he is the oldest and that requires an extra responsibility. He also has a great rapport with the other athletes. I've seen him at competitions, he knows so many athletes to go up and shake hands with. He has introduced me to a lot of athletes and coaches."

In Mrs. Nester's view, the Special Olympics set the rhythm for her son's year, athletically and socially.

"He's been very active and he is interested in doing different things," said Mrs. Nester, who pointed out that her son is a longtime acolyte at the Trinity Cathedral Episcopal Church in Trenton. "He's made friends through Special Olympics that he has had for years. A big part of it is going away for a weekend. He loves to see his friends."

Clutching his seven gold medals from the Summer Games, Nester made it clear that he enjoys the tangible reward from those quarterly competitions.

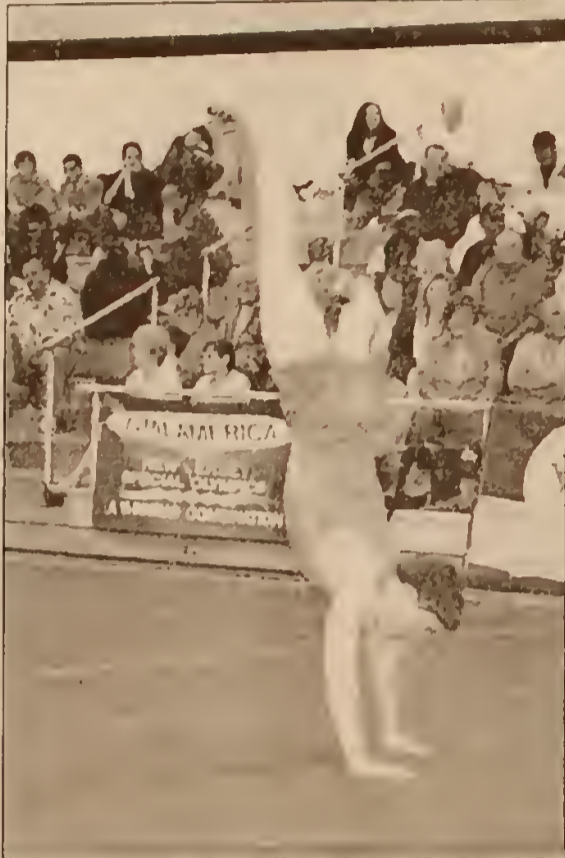
"My drawers are full of medals, I don't know how many I have," he said with a broad grin when asked to estimate how many medals he has won over the years.

It's no wonder that Nester looked forward to hitting his 30th birthday.

—Bill Alden



SPECIAL DAY: Robert Nester readies himself for a tumbling pass during the floor exercise event at the New Jersey Special Olympics Summer Games on June 4. Competing on his 30th birthday, Nester left the competition with some extra birthday presents as he won seven gold medals at the event.



GOLD RUSH: Robert Nester performs a handstand in his floor exercise routine earlier this month at the New Jersey Special Olympics Summer Games held at The College of New Jersey. Nester, a longtime Princeton-area resident, won seven gold medals at the competition.

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Then there was the 16-13 Mets win over the Braves on July 4, 1985, which lasted 19 innings, endured three rain delays, and ended at 4:00am on the 5th. What a night. New York's Tom Gorman allowed two extra-inning game-tying home runs — the second when Atlanta pitcher Rick Camp had to bat with two out, one on and down two runs in the bottom of the 18th because all the position players had been used. With two

strikes on him, the lifetime .074 hitter belted the only homer of his career. The Mets scored five runs in the 19th and put down a final Braves rally — at which point fireworks terrified neighbors, who thought Atlanta was under attack and flooded local police with calls.

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Summer Hoops League Has Logjam at Top; Weidel, Upper Makefield, Merrill Lynch All 3-0

It has been a three-horse race so far this season in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league.

With the regular season about one-third complete, the trio of Weidel 5-Stars, Upper Makefield, and Merrill Lynch have each gotten out of the gate with 3-0 records.

Weidel showed its balance in improving to 3-0 last Friday with a 53-46 win over SMB. Kyle Carmichael and Marques Keith each scored 12 points for Weidel while Pierre Downing chipped in 11.

The 2005 debut of Jeff Stewart gave Upper Makefield a lift as it topped Hoagie Haven 45-38 last Friday. The powerful Stewart poured in 19 points while Hunter Bretschneider added 13. The Haven which fell to 1-1 with the defeat was led by Bryan Miller, who scored 11 points.

Princeton University junior star Luke Owings continued his hot play for Merrill Lynch as he fired in 21 points to lead Merrill to a 46-39 win over two-time defending champion The Cafe/Change Clothes. Former Tiger star Ahmed El-Nokali added 12 to help Merrill to the victory. Chris Hatchell led The Cafe with 12 points.

The Cafe, at 1-2, is surprisingly lodged in the middle of the pack. Other teams hovering around .500 include George's Roasters and Ribs (1-1), SMB (1-1) and Hoagie Haven (1-2).

Still looking to break into the win column is the trio of Whole Foods (0-3), Where2Ball (0-3), and Dr. Palmer/Princeton Orthopedics (0-1).

—Bill Alden



WELL DONE: The players and coaches of the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) Under-10 softball squad savor the spoils of victory after recently winning the Amwell Tournament. Princeton edged Amwell Valley 11-9 in the championship game. The PGSA squad included Charlotte Gray, Rachel Gilmore, Byrne Fahey, Mary Cate Pittman, Helen Eisenach, Beth Henneman, Anna Kaplan, Taylor Craine, Hannah Hargrove, Charlotte Heller, Airy Taylor, and Lauren Ullman. The team was coached by the trio of Mark Eisenach, Paul Gray, and Alan Kaplan.

Princeton U-10 Softball Team Gets Offensive to Win in Amwell

Playing in the championship game of the Amwell Tournament earlier this month, the Princeton Girls Softball Association (PGSA) produced some offensive fireworks to come out on top.

After slugging its way past Delaware Valley and Lambertville, the Princeton squad advanced to the final where it took on host Amwell Valley.

After having lost to Amwell earlier in the four-team event, Princeton was determined to turn the tables on its oppo-

nent. Through four innings, however, neither team could seize the momentum as the contest was knotted at 2-2 entering the fifth.

In the top of that frame, Princeton broke through with a five-run rally. Beth Henneman, Helen Eisenach, and Charlotte Heller delivered at the plate to help spark the Princeton outburst. Amwell, though, wasn't about to roll over as it answered with five runs in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the sixth,

Princeton produced the decisive rally of the game as it pushed four runs across the plate. While Amwell added a run in the bottom of the sixth, it wasn't enough as Princeton hung on for an 11-9 win and the title.

Other Princeton players who came up big in the title game included Rachel Gilmore, Charlotte Gray, and Mary Cate Pittman. The squad was coached by the trio of Paul Gray, Mark Eisenach, and Alan Kaplan.

—Bill Alden



HEAVY TRAFFIC: Kyle Brown of Where2Ball.com gets stymied by a defender from Weidel 5-Stars in action earlier this month in the Princeton Recreation Department summer men's basketball league. Weidel topped Where2Ball 59-45 on its way to a 3-0 start. Currently, Weidel is locked in a three-way tie for first place with Upper Makefield and Merrill Lynch.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Tiger Fencing Coach To Retire in 2006

Princeton University fencing coach, Michel Sebastiani, one of the top figures in the history of intercollegiate fencing, will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2005-06 season, the Princeton Athletics department said last week.

Sebastiani, who will be 68 at the time of his retirement, has guided the men's program to a 199-84 overall record and the women's program to a 126-82 record in his 24 seasons at the helm.

Under his guidance, the teams have combined to win nine Ivy League championships and six IFA national championships. He has coached three NCAA individual men's champions and one NCAA individual women's champion. Sebastiani's men's teams have finished in the top four of the NCAA or IFA 16 different times. The men's

team has had 19 straight winning seasons, while the women have had a winning record 11 of the last 12 years.

Sebastiani, a native of France, holds two master's degrees from the National Institute of Sports in Paris. Before becoming a fencing coach, he was a member of the French national modern pentathlon team for the 1960 Olympic Games and an officer in the French Foreign Legion paratroopers.

He formerly headed the top fencing academy in the country in Houston, and in November of 2001, Sebastiani opened the only existing fencing center in Princeton, N.J., the Cercle D'Esime de Princeton-Sebastiani.



REACHING OUT: Princeton Post 218 first baseman Andrew Davidson lunges for a ball in recent action. Last Saturday, Post 218 fell 11-4 to Trenton Post 93 to drop to 6-6 on the season. In upcoming action, Princeton plays at Hopewell Post 339 on July 2.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

Bike Event Set for July 24 To Aid Armstrong Group

A charity cycling event is being held on July 24 in Hopewell in conjunction with the Peloton Project, a grassroots fundraising group associated with the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF).

The event, which will include circular routes of approximately 15, 35, and 65 miles, is being organized by Princeton resident Joseph Campisi and several of his colleagues at Bristol-Myers Squibb. Their goal is to raise \$10,000 for the LAF, which was formed by the famed cyclist Lance Armstrong to help people with cancer obtain the resources they need to live strong.

The circuits will begin and end at the Hopewell Elementary School. A registration fee of \$10 (\$20 on the date of the event) and a donation to the LAF of \$50 is required to participate in this event. Registration forms may be obtained

through an e-mail message to pjcr56@yahoo.com.

The Peloton Project's objective is to raise awareness and funds in their communities to help the LAF support people affected by cancer through advocacy, research, education, and public health programs.

To learn more about LAF or the Peloton Project, please contact the LAF at (512) 236-8820 or visit its website at www.laf.org.

Princeton Over-40 Men's Softball Results

In action last week in the Princeton Over-40 men's softball league, the Outlaws defeated Larini's Sunoco 7-4. The Outlaws' attack was keyed by right fielder Lou Marchetta who had two hits including an RBI triple. Chuck Moni, Jeff Schattin, Joe Susan, and Bill Scheese each chipped two hits for the Outlaws. The Outlaws improved to 3-1 on the season with the victory while Larini's fell to 0-4.

In a crucial game pitting the league's two undefeated teams, Ivy Inn remained perfect as it topped Dewey's Upholstery 14-8. The win moved Ivy to 4-0 while Dewey's dropped to 3-1 and into a second-place tie with the Outlaws.

Forest Jewelers defeated Able Bagel Boys 21-5 to improve to 1-3 and move into a fourth place tie with Able whose record fell to 1-3.

Rec Department Holding Hoops Camps

The Princeton Recreation Department will be running three weeks of basketball camp for boys and girls this summer.

For boys, there will be two one-week sessions directed by Princeton High boys' hoops coach Dave Kosa. The first camp will take place from July 5-8 with the second one scheduled for August 8-12.

For girls, there will be a one-week session directed by PHS girls' basketball coach Nikki Inzano. That camp is slated to run from July 18-21.

The camps are open to students that will be entering grade 6-10 this September. All sessions will take place in the new gym at John Witherspoon Middle School. The camps will include general skill work as well as live game play. Campers will be able to swim at the Community Park pool after each daily session.

For more information, contact the Rec Department at (609) 921-9480 or log onto its website at www.princetonrecreation.com.

ETS Firecracker 5k Run Being Held June 29

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) is hosting a 5k run/walk on the evening of June 29.

The first annual ETS Firecracker 5k will start at 7:30 p.m. with the event taking place on the ETS grounds adjacent to Carter and Rosedale Roads.

Participants can register prior to the race by downloading an entry form at www.ywca.org. In addition, registration can be accomplished online by logging onto www.active.com. Registration is also available on the night of the event from 6 p.m.-7:15 p.m. at Conant Hall on the ETS campus.

Prizes will be awarded in age-group categories and participants will receive T-shirts while they last. The event will also feature entertainment from a rock band and a hot air balloon launch.

The fee for those registering prior to the race is \$20 with race-day registration costing \$25. For more information, call the race hotline at (609) 631-9211. All proceeds from the race will be used to benefit YWCA Princeton and the Princeton Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

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Princeton Special Sports Running Soccer Program

The Princeton Special Sports (PSS) group is now accepting registrations for its upcoming fall soccer program.

PSS provides youth sports programs for special needs children ages 4 through high school. The program will take place on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., starting on September 11 and running through the end of October.

Registration materials are available from the PSS website, www.princeton.speciasports.com, and at the Princeton Recreation Department. The registration deadline is August 5. For more information, please e-mail speciasports@aol.com, or call Deborah Martin Norcross at (609) 279-0191 (English) or Marisela Teles at (609) 799-8584 (Spanish).

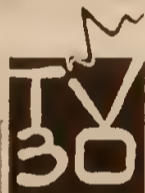
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PAW PRINTS: Members of the Princeton Paws, a Princeton Soccer Association Under-11 girls' travel team, display their trophies after taking second in a JAGS tournament held earlier this month. In the championship game, the Paws fell 3-2 to Long Valley in sudden-death overtime. Janie Smukler and Jenna Kalwa scored Princeton's goals in the title game. Pictured in the front row, from left, are Katie Killeen and Mollie O'Kane. In the middle row, from left, are Mason O'Brien, Jordan Schwartz, Shelby Yvon, and Leila Schochet. In the back row, from left, are Marisa Edwards, Jenna Kalwa, Roni Nagle, Mia Houghton, Katie Reilly, and Kelly Baylis. Not pictured are Colleen Baker, Amanda Orlak, Kelsi Smith, and Janie Smukler.

OBITUARIES

John T. Henderson

John T. Henderson, Jr., 75, of Skillman died June 22 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick.

Born in Yonkers, N.Y., he graduated from the Trinity School in Manhattan, and following submarine service in the Navy, he went onto Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y., where he received a bachelor's degree in psychology. While at Hamilton, he earned letters in varsity football and track & field, and was a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

After college, Mr. Henderson attended graduate school at Columbia University and went on to become a script writer for various radio shows, including *The Shadow*.

His knack for writing led to various jobs as an advertising executive with N.W. Ayer, Dancer Fitzgerald Sample, and Lynn Baker. It was during his tenure there that he met and married Margaret Ann Harrison.

Having lived in Manhattan and Philadelphia, the Hendersons settled in the Princeton area during the summer of 1965 where they eventually took over John T. Henderson Realtors, Inc., founded by John T. Henderson, Sr., in 1953.

Using his advertising background, Mr. Henderson built the company into a 12-office organization, which was sold in 1998. Perhaps his proudest business achievement was in 2001, when he and his family re-entered the real estate business as The Princeton Real Estate Group, LLC.

Outside of the office, Mr. Henderson was an avid student of Scottish history, a collector of maritime paintings, and happiest, spending time with his family and atop his beloved John Deere tractor.

A seasonal resident of Nantucket Mass., as well as a member of The Bedens Brook Club, The Nassau Club, The National Rifle Association, and MENSA, he is survived by his wife Peggy; daughter Jane Henderson Kenyon; three sons, John T. Henderson III, Matthew C. Henderson, and Judson R. Henderson; and six grandchildren.

A mass in celebration of John's life will be conducted by Father Thomas Hagan, a friend of the family, on Monday, June 27, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Alphonsus Church in Hopewell. Interment will be private.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Cromwell-Immordino Memorial Home, 71 E. Prospect St., Hopewell, N.J. 08525

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hands Together, Father Hagan's mission in Haiti: Hands Together, P.O. Box 80985, Springfield MA., 01138.



Paul R. Chesebro

Paul R. Chesebro, 99, of Hendersonville, N.C., former headmaster of The Hun School and leader in the Princeton community, died June 20 at Four Seasons Hospice and Palliative Care Elizabeth House.

Headmaster of The Hun School from 1951 to 1976, he was a member of the Hun community from the time he became a dormitory proctor in 1927 until the time of his death at which time he remained Trustee Emeritus of the school.

During his tenure he participated in many local Princeton professional organizations including 22 years service as magistrate of the Princeton Municipal Court and 24 years as a trustee of the YMCA Princeton.

"[He] placed his primary emphasis on the development of the intellect but did so in the conviction that intellectual growth must go hand in hand with moral and spiritual growth, the development of character, and the establishing of a sound and lasting ethical and social values," said Dr. James M. Byer '62 headmaster and former student of Dr. Chesebro's.

Born in Mystic, Conn., he resided most of his life in Princeton. He graduated from Amherst College in 1926, received a three-year Rockefeller Foundation grant to Princeton University, earned a master's degree in chemistry, and completed work toward his Ph.D.

Later, he was awarded an honorary Doctor of Science

degree from the Lawrence Institute of Technology in Detroit.

In 1950, after teaching at Princeton High School for 11 years, he accepted an appointment to the board of trustees at The Hun School. The following year he assumed the position of headmaster.

As headmaster, he strengthened the curriculum and teaching staff, and oversaw six new buildings constructed, the growth of enrollment from 80 to 500 students, and the admission of girls to the previously all-boys school.

One of his missions was promoting diversity in the student body. To that end, graduates include students from 44 countries, and he also recruited students from the inner city who might not have had the opportunity of attending The Hun School without support.

A Dr. Paul R. Chesebro Scholarship Fund was established to continue this program. He was quoted as saying, "I have always found it important to consider what the whole student can offer — not what he or she can afford."

Other community activities in which he participated were the Princeton Chamber of Commerce, American Heart Fund, the American Red Cross, American Schoolboy Rowing Association, and the First Presbyterian Church.

For his lifelong commitments to these organizations, he was awarded Princeton's Man of the Year Award, the Gerard B. Lambert Award to both he and his wife, Florence, for Meritorious Services, the Hearts of Gold Award by the American Heart Association, and numerous others pertaining to his interest in schoolboy rowing and other athletic activities.

Following his retirement, he continued to devote himself to other interests, including board responsibilities at the American Boy Choir School, the Chamber of Commerce, the Mercer County Heart Fund, and the United Way. A member of Rotary International since 1950, he went through the chairs in the Princeton Club, served as president in 1957-58, as district governor in 1963-64 and received the Paul Harris Award in 1971.

Preceded in death by his wife, Florence, who died in 1986, he is survived by two daughters, Polly Clinton of Hendersonville, and Dotti Sayre of West Grove, Pa.; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

More information on his life and legacy are available online at www.hunschool.org. Click on A Portrait of a Leader.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, August 31, at 2 p.m. at the Nassau Presbyterian Church. A burial will take place at Princeton Cemetery, followed by a reception at The Hun School of Princeton.

Contributions in his memory may be made to: Paul R. Chesebro Scholarship Fund, The Hun School. Contact Director of Institutional

Spalding Memorial Service

A memorial service will be held for Elenore Louise Spalding at the Nassau Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 16, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served following the service.

All friends and family of Elenore are invited to attend.

Advancement at (609) 921-7600, extension 2215. Testimonials can be sent to RememberDrC@HunSchool.org.

Glen B. Miller Jr.

Glen Barkalow Miller Jr., 80, a longtime resident of Princeton, died earlier this month at Stonebridge after a brief illness, according to his family.

Born in Buffalo, N.Y., he was the son of Ann and Glen B. Miller Sr., a chemist who rose to become chief executive of Allied Chemical Co.

Mr. Miller was raised in Bronxville, N.Y., graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and its N.R.O.T.C. program, and was commissioned as an ensign in the Navy. He served in the Pacific during World War II.

He then graduated from Columbia Law School and worked for the law firm of Carter, Ledyard & Milburn in New York City before moving to New Jersey to join Johnson & Johnson.

He spent his career in the legal department of J&J, where before his retirement he served in roles including corporate secretary and assistant general counsel, and handled personal legal matters for the founder, Gen. Johnson.

He served from 1965 to 1969 as the Magistrate of Princeton Township, where, known for his desire to do good works, he once had six character witnesses for a dog, three for and three against. He also served as a member of the New Jersey State Commission of Investigation from 1969 to 1971.

Mr. Miller, who was divorced, is survived by a daughter, Gay Sands Miller Clifford, of New York City; a son Glen B. Miller III (Peter), who is attending medical school in the Philippines; longtime friend Patricia Delaney; and a brother Derek Miller, of Wilmington, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that contributions be made to a charity of the donor's choice in honor of Mr. Miller, who asked that no memorial service be held.

Arrangements were handled by Mather Hodge Funeral Home.

Edna G. Van Zandt

Edna G. Van Zandt, 76, of Plainsboro, died June 24, at her residence at the Princeton Windrows Community.

Born in Albany, New York, to the late Roy and Gertrude Nelson Gillett, she had resided in Plainsboro for the last five years, having previously lived in Flemington, Raritan, and Princeton.

She received her B.S. in home economics from Cornell University. She was formerly credit manager for Van Zandt sales and services and the former volunteer director at Hunterdon Medical Center.

She was an active member of the Flemington Baptist Church and Nassau Presbyterian Church. Additionally, she was a member of the League of Women Voters, the Citizen Housing Corp., a board member of Habitat for Humanity in Trenton, and on the board of the Flemington Free Public Library.

Surviving her is Ed Van Zandt, her husband of 53 years; two sons, David E. of Chicago, and Thomas R. of Redondo Beach; two daughters, Mary V.Z. Wachterhauser of Havertown, Pa., and Shirley E. Van Zandt of Baltimore,

Md., and six grandchildren.

Memorial services will be held at Nassau Presbyterian Church on Saturday, July 9, at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the Windrows Community. Interment will be in Blawenburg Cemetery under the direction of the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions can be made to Habitat for Humanity, 601 North Clinton Avenue, Trenton, N.J., 06538.

David J. Rose

David J. Rose, 82, a longtime Princeton resident, died June 21 at home from complications of melanoma.

He attended Syracuse University and was a graduate of NYU Medical School in 1946.

Dr. Rose was in the U.S. Medical Corps, stationed in Okinawa. He interned at Morrisania City Hospital and Fordham Hospital in New York. His residency in Obstetrics-Gynecology was completed at Mt. Sinai Hospital between 1950 and 1953, and the Klingenstein Fellowship at Sinai from 1953 to 1955.

He moved to Princeton in 1955, where he practiced his specialty for 42 years before retiring in 1997. He was chairman of the Ob-Gyn Department of the Medical Center at Princeton for 25 years; and for 25 years, he chaired the Quality Improvement Committee, to which he was devoted.

He had served as president of the medical staff, and was also a member of the Board of Trustees at the Medical Center at Princeton, Trinity Counseling Service, Princeton Chamber Orchestra, and Planned Parenthood Princeton.

He was the physician in charge of the PPF Clinic when it was located on Nassau Street. He was also a consultant to the McCosh Infirmary at Princeton University, a member of the Old Guard of Princeton and president of Henryville Flyfishers, where he was a member for more than 40 years.

He is survived by his wife Edith S. Rose, with whom he fell in love at Camp Oriskany in 1939; a daughter, Elizabeth Stanton, of Hanover, N.H.; and two sons, Lawrence of Pennington, and Michael, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services and burial in Princeton Cemetery were private.



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Theodore Lazarus

Theodore Lazarus, 81, of Boca Raton, Fla., died June 21 at University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Brooklyn New York, he had been a longtime resident of New York City, where he was president of Lazarus Jewelers.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, having served in the Philippines.

He is survived by his son, Andrew of Princeton; his sister Phyllis of Princeton; two grandchildren; and his longtime companion, Brenda Glasberg, of Boca Raton, Fla.

A funeral service was held June 24 at Kimble Funeral Home.

RELIGION

Feldman New Senior Rabbi At Princeton Jewish Center

After a 16-month search, The Jewish Center of Princeton has selected Rabbi Adam Feldman as its new Senior Rabbi. He succeeds Rabbi Dov Peretz Elkins, who has been at the Jewish Center for 13 years and is retiring at the end of this month.

Born and raised in southern New Jersey, Rabbi Feldman is a 1987 graduate of Rutgers University in New Brunswick. Since receiving his rabbinic ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York in 1999, he has served as assistant rabbi and then associate rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom in Roslyn Heights, N.Y., a congregation consisting of over 950 families.

Prior to rabbinical schools, he served as program director of the Highland Park Conservative Temple & Center in Highland Park, where he obtained extensive experience in both adult and youth programming. He also worked in the International Office of United Synagogue Youth, as the director of USY on Wheels, the USY International Convention, and the director of Staff Development.

Music Director Retires At Nassau Presbyterian

Dr. Kenneth B. Kelley, Director of Music at Nassau Presbyterian Church, has announced his retirement effective June 30. His final worship service as Director of Music on June 26 will be followed by a reception in the Church Assembly Room.

During his 26-year tenure, Dr. Kelley built one of the largest and most distinguished church music programs in New Jersey. When he came to Nassau in the summer of 1979, six years after Princeton's two Presbyterian churches — St. Andrew's and First Presbyterian — had merged, the church had an adult choir, one children's choir, one bell choir, and a part-time choir director and organist. Dr. Kelley was the first full-time professional church musician in the church's history.

The Princeton Church of Christ, at 33 River Road, will host three divorce recovery support groups during July, on Friday, July 1 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 8 at 7:30 p.m., and Friday, July 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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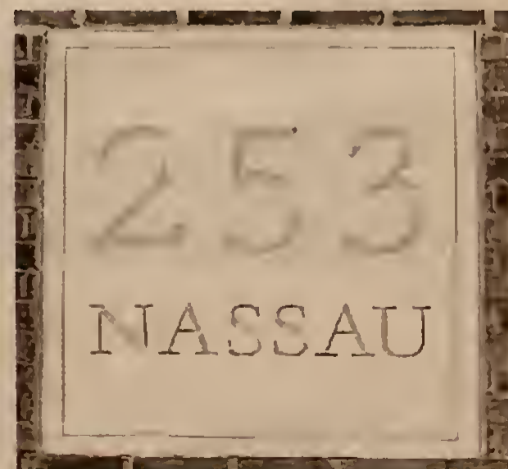
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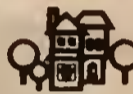


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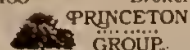
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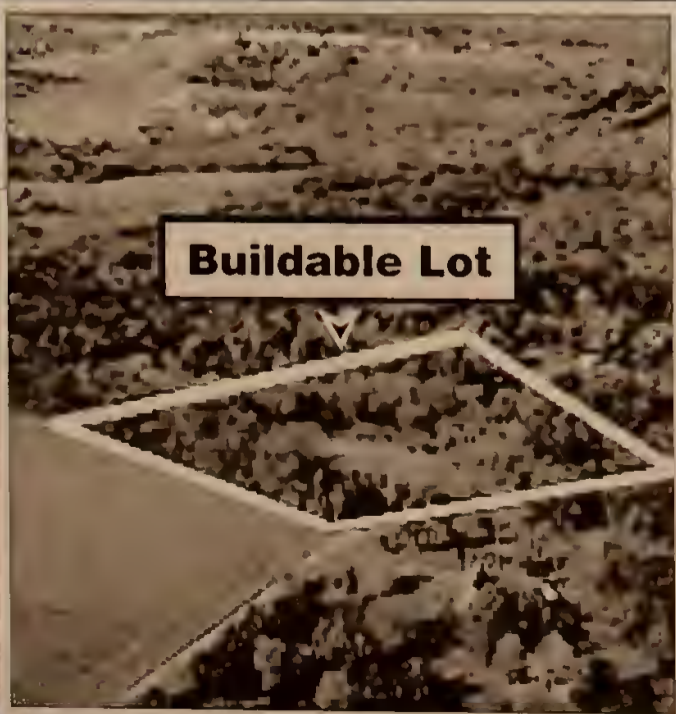
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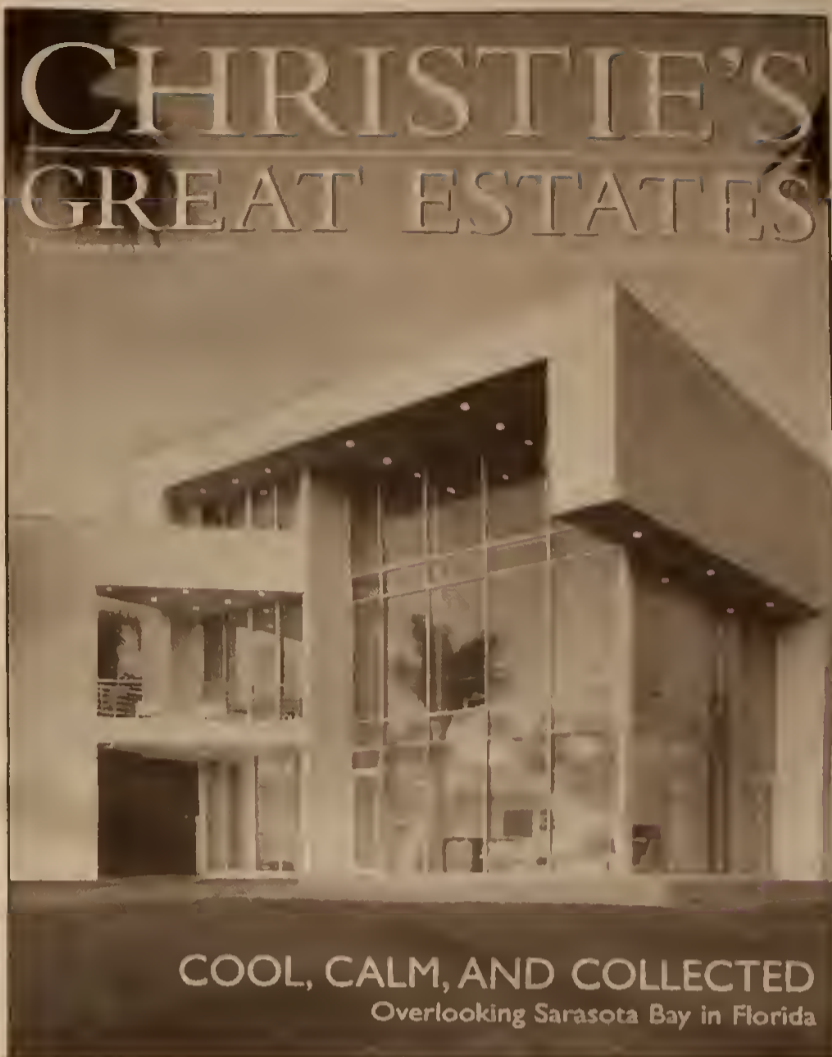
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The Princeton Senior Resource Center is a private, non-profit organization serv-

ing the greater Princeton area. Its mission is to offer affordable opportunities for support and engagement to older adults, their families, and care-givers. Programs, services, and volunteer activities are designed to empower individuals to age in place with grace and dignity.

Services are provided at two locations: the Suzanne Patterson Center and Spruce Circle. One of the most popular programs is the exercise class held at the Suzanne Patterson Center Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings under the auspices of the Princeton Recreation Department. It includes an hour of low-impact aerobics and strength training geared to the mature adult, and classes typically include 17 to 24 participants.

Certified fitness instructors lead the classes, with free weights and resistance bands provided in the spacious room, which features a hardwood floor. It was formerly the gymnasium of Miss Fine's School.

"We have dance steps, leg lifts, boxing movements, modified jumping jacks, and coordinated motion of arms and legs. Also, proper breathing is always emphasized," notes Princeton resident Suzanne Hunt, who has been attending the classes for the past nine months.

"I'm a relative newcomer to the class, and I have been impressed by the skill of the teachers and the strength and agility of the class members. The instructors are all different, and while the classes are basically the same routine, each teacher brings her own style and emphasis to it.

"I am finding that my stamina is increasing as the months go by," continues Mrs. Hunt. "And I also have been impressed with how welcoming the members of the class are to the newcomers."

"There are a lot of newcomers in town, and this is a great way to meet people," points out Ms. Tyler.

Brief Break

After a brief break and opportunity to register pulse level, the second half-hour of class consists of floor exercises, which include the use of mats, free weights, and exercise bands.

"We do exercises that identify and strengthen certain muscles, such as the biceps, triceps, abdominals, and in the shoulders and legs," notes Mrs. Hunt.

At the end of class, a series of stretches are incorporated to keep muscles from tightening.

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Frequent Exercise

"Older people are more active than ever," points out Ms. Tyler, "and people are very good about coming regularly. They are aware of the cardiovascular benefits of frequent exercise."

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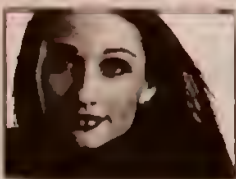
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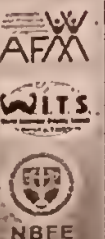
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It can also evoke images of times when smoking was considered cool, glamorous, sexy, even daring. In our day and age, however, the risks have come to outweigh the perceived benefits, and even most die-hard smokers have usually tried more than once to quit.

And, indeed, there are many ways to go about it. Group support, professional organizations, such as SmokEnders, therapy from physicians, psychiatrists; also products, including nicotine replacement patches, chewing gum, and inhalers, are all available. Of course, there is always sheer will power.

Some people are willing to try anything. One dedicated smoker went so far as to have staples placed in her earlobes, while listening to soothing tapes — all to no avail.

Another avenue is hypnosis. Hypnotherapist and coach Martin Seehuus practices in Kingston. Having earned a masters degree in psychology from Duquesne University, as well as a certificate in hypnosis from the National Guild of Hypnotists, he has worked with many people who suffer from a wide range of addictions.

"I want to help them break the compulsion and give them a choice," he explains. "It can be a lot of things that are a problem. Maybe they can't focus on their school work or career or on what they need to do; maybe they bite their nails; maybe it's a situation with drugs or alcohol, or a sexual issue. If it's a smoking addiction, there are things we can do."

Natural State

Mr. Seehuus points out that there should be no fear of hypnosis as a therapeutic tool. "One of the most frequently-asked questions I get on my website is 'Can I be hypnotized?' The answer is yes. It's a natural state, like being in a trance, an altered state of consciousness.

"It's something like when you go to a movie. You notice the Exit signs and the seats in front of you when you go in. But later, as you become involved in the movie, you see them, but don't see them. This is actually a type of trance."

When a patient arrives at his office, Mr. Seehuus initially spends time talking with the person and discussing the problem.

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"I would continue by saying, 'now if you give up smoking, let's find another way to achieve that relaxed state.'

Relaxed Time

"One of the powerful things

about hypnosis is that we can draw upon a memory of a relaxed time and guide the person into it," continues Mr. Seehuus. "In hypnosis, we can explore those thoughts. 'What were you doing when you were relaxed? Where were you?'"

"Then, we might suggest riding a bike, taking a walk, or engaging in another activity to achieve that relaxation. We try to paint a realistic and believable picture of what life will be like after they stop smoking, and that this possibility is very real. They have the choice to change their life."

Smoking is an extremely difficult addiction, adds Mr. Seehuus "because cigarettes are everywhere — in stores, advertisements, in your face all the time. Trying to convince the smoker that cigarettes are disgusting doesn't work very well. Ultimately, they know they are being fooled. It's more helpful to get them out of the physical act of smoking and the habit of smoking.

"One of my methods is taking the person back to the time when they first started smoking and asking, 'What if you had not headed down this path? What would your life be like now?'"

Mr. Seehuus says that peo-

ple usually come to him after having tried other means to stop, including doctors, support groups, or on their own.

"When people come to see me, they want to stop their behavior on some level," he explains. "Psychiatrists and psychologists have recommended hypnosis. The studies are very solid. A number of publications, including Scientific American, have done articles on the benefits of hypnosis. It can also be very helpful in sports. I recently helped the U.S. Rowing team with pain management."

Ericsonian Method

Mr. Seehuus uses the Ericsonian Hypnotism method, developed by Milton Ericson in the 1970s. "He believed that people respond better to suggestions than to commands. Allowing the person to lead and then presenting them with options can be productive."

Sessions are one hour, and anywhere from three to five meetings over six weeks are generally needed to break the smoking addiction.

"Typically, we talk for 20 minutes, then have a 20-minute trance, talk for another 10 minutes, and then another 10-minute trance," he explains. "People come out of

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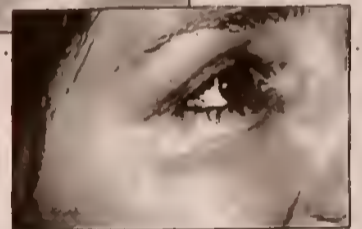
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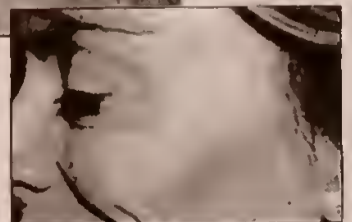
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"After a session, the person can feel both relaxed and energetic. They remember things they want to remember from it. Their reaction is usually. 'Wow! Gosh, hypnosis is real. It really works!'"

"Hypnosis really does offer the possibility of dramatic and effective change. In the course of three or four sessions, we can effect long-lasting change."

He recommends follow-up sessions in case of cravings, and for regular maintenance. "It's massage for the mind."

Mr. Seehuus can be reached at (609) 921-0733. Website: alzarius.com/hypnosis

Responsible Decisions

Mr. Seehuus sees all ages in his practice, but the HiTOPS anti-smoking program in Princeton specifically targets smokers aged 16 to 24.

HiTOPS (Health-Interested Teens' Own Program on Sexuality) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote adolescent health and well-being. In addition to its focus on providing adolescents with the knowledge and risk-reduction strategies they need to make responsible decisions about their sexual health, HiTOPS education programs teach teens to respect themselves and others.

Educational classes and workshops teach decision-making, negotiation and refusal skills, and recently, QUITPALS, a smoking cessation program has been offered to those aged 16 to 24.

In collaboration with the American Legacy Foundation, HiTOPS is piloting this innovative program, using individual assessments, friend and family support groups, free gifts and incentives, and facilitated group sessions.

Ivy Pearlstein, MSN, APRN-C, who is the director of the anti-smoking program at HiTOPS, is optimistic about the ultimate success of this 3-month program.

"If we can get them to participate, I know it can work. I have also been working with the Trenton Quit Center, and it has been very successful."

Support System

She points out that the QUITPALS program allows participants to be very proactive in their treatment. "It encourages smokers to set up



FRIENDLY PERSUASION: "Helping people who have perceived addictions is a big part of what I do. People come in for a variety of reasons, but one thing they have in common is that they feel they are out of control." Hypnotist Martin Seehuus, MA, MBA, is a hypnotherapist and coach, who uses his professional skill and experience to help patients stop destructive behavior.

a support system of two to five specifically designated people to be there for them. It's like having a buddy.

"If a client comes in and identifies him- or herself as a smoker, we encourage them to quit. First, there is a half-hour of individual counseling face to face. Then, after they have quit, there are follow-ups one week after, one month after, and three months later, by phone or in person.

"In addition, we have group sessions, which I facilitate," she continues. "I have a specific curriculum I like to cover, including identifying triggers, managing cravings, alternative social activity, and role modeling refusal skills. Generally, 15 to 20 people are in the group, and it can vary."

Ms. Pearlstein, who in addition to being a nurse practitioner, is a tobacco dependence treatment specialist, notes that focus on long-term health concerns is not especially productive for people in this age group.

"They are more concerned with their hair smelling or their teeth not being as white.

However, if they have an abnormal pap test or genital warts, this can be aggravated by smoking, and that gets their attention.

"Also, teens and people in their early twenties may want to quit because of sports. Smoking is a definite negative for sports, and it also certainly makes asthma worse."

Positive Sign

In addition to attending sessions at HiTOPS, which meet for one hour every other week over three months, the participants are encouraged to set up their own group, including their designated support people, and meet regularly.

"I've had a couple of kids come in who are very verbal and actively involved in trying to stop," reports Ms. Pearlstein. "When they say, 'All my friends smoke,' they are surprised to learn that according to a 2004 Youth Risk Behavior Survey, which questioned 15,240 teens in 43 states, only 15.8 percent of teens actually smoke overall. This is a positive sign. The percentages are going down.

"Also," she adds, "we use a carbon monoxide monitor to determine the extent of their smoking. It's a breath test to find out how much carbon monoxide they retain in their lungs. Carbon monoxide takes the place of oxygen. This is very impressive to them. They can actually see the effect of smoking on their body. The good news is that when they stop, the carbon monoxide level goes down to zero."

Ms. Pearlstein says she is proud of the effort these smokers make and wants them to know the support is there. "We don't underestimate the difficulty of smoking cessation. It's a chronic problem, and so many people later say, 'I just wish I had never started.' But it is wonderful when people see how much they can accomplish, and that they can stop."

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be ready to think of yourself as a non-smoker."

Hats off to all those who can make that transition!

Here are some additional tips from the experts to help during tense times.

*Make your house/room/car tobacco-free zones.

*Keep sugarless gum, mints,

SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 29 – Wednesday, July 6

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108
 SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St
 Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB), Spruce Circle (SC); Redding Circle (RC),
 Borough Hall (BH), Henry F Pannell Learning Center (HPLC)
 Information about resources for the older adult Call 924-7108

Wednesday, June 29:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
 1:30 p.m. Let's Talk in English; SC.
 3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

Thursday, June 30:

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too; RC.
 1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
 3:00 p.m. Pilates; SPB.
 5:30 p.m. Memoir Writing, SC.

Friday, July 1:

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
 10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
 1:00 p.m. Art; SPB.

Monday, July 4:

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Tuesday, July 5:

11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
 1:00 p.m. Social Bridge; SPB.
 1:00 p.m. Scrabble; SPB.
 1:30 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, July 6:

9:30 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
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 3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.

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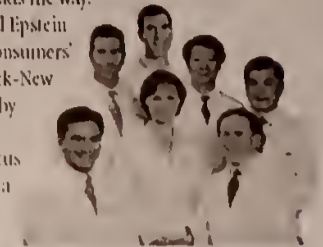
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Life at Stonebridge, with its weekly housekeeping, restaurant-style meals and other amenities leaves this altruistic couple with time for what is really important. Mrs. Drake works with women who are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction while Mr. Drake is



David and Delia Drake

pursuing a master's degree in divinity and works part-time as a chaplain in a nursing home.

Like Cathy and Chet Stroup, the Drakes saw value in moving sooner rather than later. "We felt that now was the time to come," Mr. Drake said, "when we could still enjoy all the amenities Stonebridge has to offer."

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The Attachment Disorder Network and Attach-China/International are hosting a two day seminar entitled "When Love Is Not Enough." The event will take place on Friday and Saturday, July 22 and 23, from 8 am-5 pm. at the New Jersey Hospital Association Conference Center located at 760 Alexander Road in Princeton.

Nancy Thomas, an internationally known therapeutic parenting specialist and trainer will present a focused plan for caregivers and professionals working with severely emotionally disturbed children. Ms. Thomas has trained over 15,000 parents, social workers, therapists, and other professionals in therapeutic parenting techniques that promote attachment and bonding.

For the last 25 years, Ms. Thomas has shared her life and home with children who have been diagnosed with conditions that include Reactive Attachment Disorder, ADHD, Bipolar Disorder, Tourette's, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and others. She has an 85 percent success rate with high risk children placed in her therapeutic foster care home.

The Attachment Disorder Network (ADN) is a national parent support group providing education, advocacy, and resources for families of children with Attachment Disorder. Every year, hundreds of adoptive and foster families are served by ADN's workshops, newsletter, list serves, and crisis phone lines.

Attach-China/International (AC/I) is an internet based parent network, consisting of a web site and on-line support group for families whose internationally adopted children suffer from attachment impairment, trauma, and the effects of institutionalization. AC/I was founded by Lynne Lyon – an adoptive mom and attachment therapist based in New Jersey.

The cost to attend the seminar is \$225 for ADN members and \$250 for nonmembers with reservations required before July 1. Discounts are available for couples attending the conference together. Lunch for both days is

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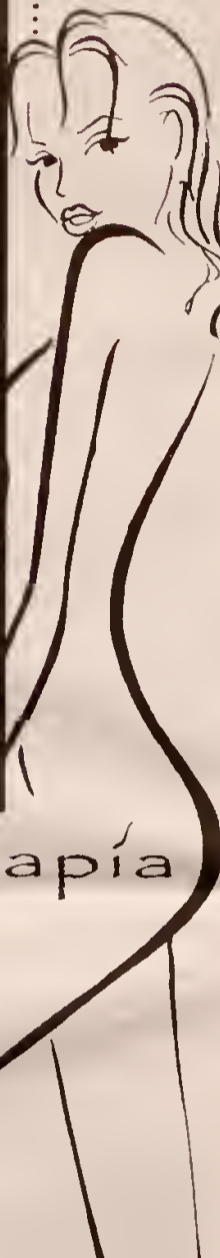
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HealthGrades assesses hospital quality and publishes hospital ratings annually, said Sarah Loughran, HealthGrades Executive Vice President, emphasizing the importance of public reporting as an "effective tool" that can be used to improve the quality of health care. She added that women can use the public information to make decisions regarding where to receive health care.

The complete maternity care ratings are published on the HealthGrades Web site at www.healthgrades.com. Ratings for 28 other medical procedures and diagnoses—including cardiac, pulmonary, vascular, stroke, orthopedics, critical care and gastrointestinal services are also available on the HealthGrades site.

8 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported eight births to area residents during week ending June 21.

Sons were born to Wendy and Simon Richmond, June 15; Kara and Jeffrey Kling, Princeton, June 16; Maja and Michael Klysinski, Hopewell, June 16; Beth and Jeff Mitchell, Lawrenceville, June 16; and Gabrielle and John Shamsey, Pennington, June 20.

Daughters were born to Mania Martinez and Delphino Gonzalez, Princeton, June 15; Elizabeth and Michael Kuzma, Pennington, June 16; and Jennifer Pitts and Sankar Murthu, Princeton, June 16.

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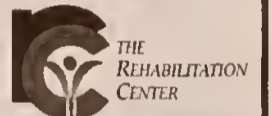
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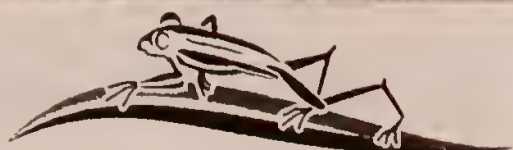
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