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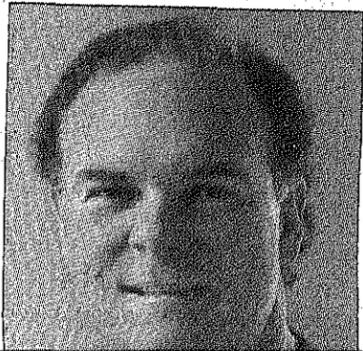
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Township woman still missing in Haiti

By John Tredrea
Staff Writer

John and Jean Gianacaci, parents of Christine Gianacaci, the 22-year-old Hopewell Township woman who still was missing in Haiti on Wednesday, have been

"unresponsive."

The Gianacacis "still have hope their daughter is alive. There are pockets in the rubble where they (the missing) can survive, but they need additional help from our government by sending in the necessary equipment and manpower for

at this hour on the site of the Hotel Montana in Port-au-Prince. Reports put the number of active search and rescue teams at seven. Efforts also continue this afternoon in the Dominican Republic where Lynn staffers are again visiting hospitals



needs approval by the state Senate to become official.

"I'm very excited and honored about the opportunity to head up the DEP," Mr. Martin said Monday night. "I'm a very strong advocate of protecting our environment and natural resources."

He said a key goal will be to "cut through red tape at the DEP" in ways that would lead to new jobs in New Jersey.

"We need to improve our economic environment, too," he said. "We can do that at the DEP by helping businesses get the permits they need quicker than they've been able to get them in the past."

Mr. Martin, who retired in 2008 as a partner from Accenture LLP, a technology consulting firm, served as an energy and environmental policy advisor to Gov. Christie during his successful campaign to unseat Jon Corzine.

Mr. Martin will replace Mark Mauriello, who has been serving as DEP commissioner for more than a year, since his predecessor, Lisa Jackson, was tapped to head the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

A Republican, Mr. Martin ran unsuccessfully for state Senate in Mercer County in 2007.

He lives on East Shore Drive with his wife, Brenda Martin, a teacher at the Cambridge School, in Pennington. They have a 24-year-old son, Andrew, and two daughters, Sara, 21, and Caroline, 12.

Christine Gianacaci was staying when the 7.0 earthquake struck.

"Teams have rescued nine people from the hotel thus far, and they will continue to search through tonight and all day tomorrow (Wednesday)," said Jeff Sagnip of Congressman Smith's office.

One of the seven teams at the hotel is from the United States. The other six teams are from elsewhere in the world, he said. A total of 43

day. "So the rescuers have to proceed even more cautiously. The road to the hotel is damaged so they're having some problems getting heavy equipment to the site. The work at the hotel is a top priority of the U.S. government now."

Mr. Sagnip, who said he got his information from the State Department and other sources in the federal government, said 72 people have been rescued thus far from the hotel and nearby

Va., and Los Angeles, Calif.

The Miami-based team working at the hotel has 27 personnel and two dogs, he said.

"They rotate shifts, going round the clock," he said.

He added planes from McGuire Air Force base in New Jersey have flown 579 U.S. citizens back home from Haiti since the earthquake struck.

New Hope man faces multiple charges

By John Tredrea
Staff Writer

With the help of a witness who followed a car thief while maintaining cell phone contact with a Hopewell Township police dispatcher, police were able to catch the suspected robber red-handed and send him to jail Jan. 14.

Lt. Lance Maloney said township Officer Joseph McNeil went to River Drive to investigate a report of a car burglary that had just taken place at 3:25 p.m.

"As Officer McNeil was responding to the scene, he was advised that a witness to the burglary was following a suspect, who was driving across the Washington Crossing bridge into Pennsylvania," Lt. Maloney said. "The witness was using a cellular telephone to talk to a Hopewell Township police dispatcher, who then relayed information to Officer McNeil."

Officer McNeil caught up with the suspect's car and stopped it on Route 32 in Lower Makefield Township.

Further investigation found that the suspect, Gualdemar Serrano, 31, of Adams Court, New Hope, Pa., had several stolen items in the car, including sunglasses, a CD disc changer and a handheld Nintendo game. These items had been taken from cars parked along River Drive.

Other items, which had been stolen from other jurisdictions, also were recovered from the car.

As the investigation continued, it was learned the Subaru Legacy Mr. Serrano was driving had been stolen out of Lambertville earlier in the day. The owner had not been aware the car was stolen until contacted by the police.

Mr. Serrano was taken into custody by Lower Makefield police and was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, which was on his person, and receiving stolen property.



Staff photo by John Tredrea

Shown from left are Christina Lioacono, of Princeton Design Guild; Hopewell Township Mayor Michael Markulec; Robert Stack, president of Community Options; Paul Pogorzelski, township administrator and engineer; and Svetlana Reptic-Qira, of Community Options. They are pictured with a ventilator taken from the roof of a barn on the site of a forthcoming group home for the developmentally disabled on Harbourton-Rocktown Road.

Home for disabled is coming

By John Tredrea
Staff Writer

A four-bedroom group home for the developmentally disabled is being built in a scenic, rural corner of Hopewell Township with the help of two nonprofit organizations — one that helps the disabled and one that preserves land in its natural state.

The four units will be applied toward the township's compliance with the state mandate to provide housing for low- and moderate-income residents. That mandate is monitored by the state Council on Affordable Housing.

The home will be on a 1-acre tract on the western side of Harbourton-Rocktown Road or county Route 579. The site is north of county Route 518 and just south of the Hunterdon County border.

The township has invested \$250,000 in the project.

None of that money comes from local taxes, township officials said. It all comes from affordable housing fees collected over the years from developers.

Work on the project has been ongoing for nearly five years, said Paul Pogorzelski, township administrator and engineer.

The Friends of Hopewell Valley Open Space, a key player in many open space preservation projects for more than 20 years, purchased a 30-acre tract that includes the 1 acre slated for the group home. The township purchased that 1 acre, which includes a farmhouse and two barns, for \$200,000.

"Consideration was given to restoring the farmhouse and using it as a group home," Mr. Pogorzelski said. "However, the magnitude of repairs necessitated their demolition."

The township then reached out to a number of non-

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RELIGIOUS NOTES

Titusville Presbyterian — On Jan. 24, Sunday school classes begin at 9:45 a.m. with classes for all ages. The worship service begins at 11 a.m. and will be led by the Rev. William H. Shurley. A nursery is available, as well as Junior Church. Immediately following worship everyone is invited to a soup luncheon/kitchen shower. Bring paper products for the church kitchen. The Junior/Senior High youth group

will meet at 7 p.m. Church buildings are fully handicapped accessible and are located at 48 River Drive. For more information, call 737-1385 or visit: www.titusville-church.org.

Hopewell Presbyterian — On Jan. 24, worship is at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Mike Capron will be preaching. Coffee and fellowship will follow. Education for all ages is

at 9 a.m. Child care is provided during the worship service. The church is wheelchair accessible from the West Broad Street ramp. Call the church office for weekly support groups, Bible studies and service opportunities (466-0758). Prayer requests may be received also by fax (466-4604).

Pennington Presbyterian — On Jan. 24, at the 10:15 a.m. worship service, the Rev. Nancy Mikos-

ki will deliver the sermon. A coffee hour is held each Sunday following the service. Church School classes for all ages are held Sundays at 9 a.m. There are four adult classes and a J.A.M.!! Jesus and Me!! program for kindergarten-grade five. Children participate in hands-on workshops. Examples include science, drama, music, art, cooking. Child care is available during the education hour as well as during worship. The church, located at 13 S. Main St., has a variety of services to accommodate those with special needs. Handicapped parking is available in the rear of the church building along with a ramp to provide easy access to the sanctuary. Heritage Hall has handicapped access from the Main Street entrance closest to Delaware Avenue. The church also has an elevator to all levels. Individual wireless hearing aids and large-print hymnals are also available. Speak to any Deacon on duty for assistance or questions. For more information, call 737-1221 or visit www.pennpres.org.

Hopewell Methodist — Morning worship begins at 10 a.m. Jan. 24. The morning message, "You Are My Delight," will be given by the Rev. Dr. Kenneth A. Robinson. During the service, Children's Sunday school meets and a nursery is provided for infants and toddlers. Adult Church School classes meet at 9 a.m. Youth Group meets from 6:30-8 p.m. Sundays. The church is open Wednesdays at 7 p.m. for prayer time. The church is at 20 Blackwell Ave. and is handicapped accessible. It provides a Telex FM sound enhancement system. Questions? Call 466-0471 or visit www.hopewellmethodist.org.

Pennington Methodist — Worship is at 10:15 a.m. Child care is provided throughout the morning. The church offers a variety of services designed to help those with special needs. The church is wheelchair accessible via the new elevator. Individual wireless hearing aids are available. Handicapped parking is also available. The church is located at 60 S. Main St., and has off-street parking. For further information, call the church office at 737-1374 or visit: www.pumcnj.com.

Titusville Methodist — Sunday worship begins at 10 a.m. Prayer time is offered prior to and following worship. TUMC is located at the intersection of Church Road and River Road (Route 29) in Titusville. All buildings are handicapped accessible and handicapped parking is available. Questions? Call 737-2622.

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 300 S. Main St., Pennington (across from Toll Gate Grammar School) holds three services on Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, 10 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II, and 5 p.m. Nursery care is provided during the 10 a.m. service for children under 3. On Wednes-

days, the Holy Eucharist that is typically celebrated at 7 a.m. will reconvene on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17. The Rev. John C. Belmont is rector; the Rev. Emily Griffin is curate; the Rev. Peter Stimpson and the Rev. Dr. Virginia Sheay are associates. Questions? Call 737-0985.

Second Calvary Baptist — The regular Sunday schedule is: Sunday School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship at 11 a.m. On Wednesdays, Bible study and prayer is at 7 p.m. The pastor is Rev. Michael Diggs Sr. The church, located at Columbia and Maple avenues, can be reached by phone at 466-0862. The fax number is 466-4229.

Calvary Baptist — Worship is at 11 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m. Nursery is offered for both Sunday School and worship. The Rev. Dennis O'Neill is pastor. Philip Orr is the minister of music. The church is located at 3 E. Broad St. in Hopewell Borough, near the corner of Broad Street and North Greenwood Avenue. A chair lift is available to the sanctuary. Call 466-1880 for more information or visit www.calvarybaptisthopewell.org.

First Baptist — Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. The Rev. Wayne R. Griffith is the pastor. The church is located at Crawley Avenue and Academy Street, Pennington. For more information, call 737-3317.

St. Peter Lutheran Church — Sunday worship services are at 8 and 10:30 a.m. with Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. The Adult Bible Class is focusing on "Christianity: the First Three Centuries." The church is located at the corner of Routes 518 and 579 in Hopewell Township. The Rev. Stephen Gewecke is pastor. Call 466-0939 for more information or visit: stpeternj.com.

First Assembly of God — The regular service schedule is as follows: Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Tuesday morning prayer meeting, 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday family night, 7 p.m. Special needs accommodations are available. Child care and children's church are held Sundays for infants through fifth grade beginning at 9:30 a.m. and on Wednesday evenings for all ages. The church is located at 87 Route 31, Pennington. Questions? Call 737-2282.

St. George's R. C. Church — The church is located at 1370 River Road in Titusville. Masses are Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. and Sundays at 9, 10:15, and 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass (Tuesday-Friday) 7:30 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is Saturdays from 4:30-5:10 p.m. Monsignor James Innocenzi is pastor. Sr. Dorothy Jancola is the pastoral associate. Religious Education Office phone is 730-1703. Parish phone is 737-2015.

St. Alphonsus R. C. Church — The church is located at the corner

of Princeton Avenue and East Prospect Street in Hopewell Borough. The Mass schedule is: Saturdays, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 7:30, 9, 11:15 a.m. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, Masses will be celebrated at 7:30, 9, and 10:30 a.m. The parish administrator is the Rev. Alex Enriquez, Sister Rosemary Hendry, O.S.F., is director of Religious Education and RCIA coordinator. Questions? Call 466-0332.

St. James R. C. Church — The church is located at 115 E. Delaware Ave., Pennington. The chapel is located on Eglantine Avenue. Masses are held on Saturdays at 5 p.m., Sundays at 8, 9:45 and 11:30 a.m. Daily Mass is held in the chapel at 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday. The sacrament of Reconciliation is held on Saturdays, 11 a.m.-noon. The Rev. Msgr. Ronald Bacovin, pastor; Deacon Moore Hank, pastoral associate (737-0122, fax 737-6912); Nancy Lucash, Office of Religious Education/Adult Faith Formation/RCIA, 737-2717.

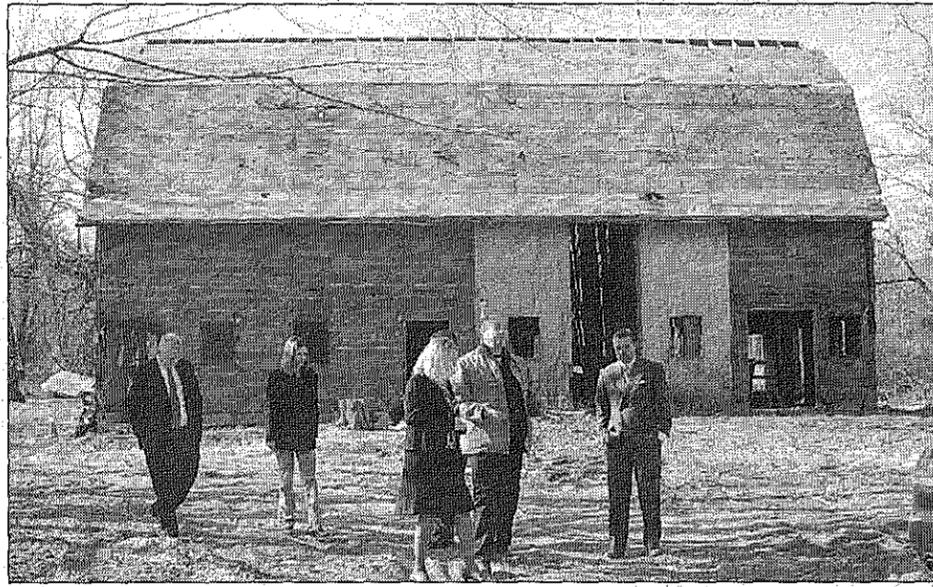
Har Sinai Temple is located at 2421 Pennington Road at Denow Road West in Hopewell Township. A Reform temple, it has regular Shabbat services on Fridays at 7:30 p.m. Religious School classes are Sundays from 9-11:30 a.m. Hebrew High School is every two Sundays from 9-11:30 a.m., with some exceptions. Midweek school is Tuesdays from 4:30-6:15 p.m. On Jan. 25, the Rosh Chodesh meeting "Rashi's Daughter" will begin at 7 p.m. For more information, call 730-8100 or visit harsinai.org.

Three courses designed to demystify the intricacies of Judaism will be held, beginning Jan. 28. Rabbi Stuart Pollack will conduct the trio of 90-minute lectures, "The Three Terrains of Judaism," that examine the prayerbook, synagogue and holiday aspects of Judaism. Each is free and open to the public and will be held at the temple. The rabbi says the series is geared toward "people who know nothing, know something but want to know more or are just confused." Each lesson in the series will be given on a Thursday from 7-8:30 p.m. and repeated the following Sunday from 10-11:30 a.m. The first in the series is "The Terrain of the Prayerbook" on Jan. 28 (7-8:30 p.m.) and Jan. 31 (10-11:30 a.m.). On Feb. 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) and Feb. 21 (10-11:30 a.m.), the focus will shift to "The Terrain of the Synagogue." The series will conclude on March 11 (7-8:30 p.m.) and March 14 (10-11:30 a.m.) with "The Terrain of the Holidays." For more information, call 730-8100.

Princeton Community — Service is at 10 a.m. Nursery care and classes for children through the fifth grade are provided. There are weekly programs for teens. The church is located at the intersection of I-95 (Exit 4) and Route 31 in Hopewell Township. Questions? Call 730-1114.

Unitarian Universalist, Washington Crossing — UUs pose no creed, believing that religious faith is unique and evolves as each person engages in an inner search. Child care is available. The church is located at 268 Route 546. For more information, call 737-0515. Web site is: www.uucwc.org.

Central Baptist — The church is located at 2015 Pennington Road (Route 31), Ewing. Call 882-0337.



Staff Photo by John Tredrea

This barn, which dates to the early 20th century, is being taken apart piece by piece to make room for a four-unit group home for the developmentally disabled on Harbourton-Rocktown Road. Ninety percent of the wood in the barn will be sold for re-use in other historic structures. At far left is Paul Pogorzelski, township administrator and engineer. With him are members of Princeton Design Guild and Community Options, an architectural firm and nonprofit agency, that are working with the township on the project.

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profits that advocate for the developmentally disabled, ultimately contracting with Community Options (www.comop.org) to construct the four-bedroom home.

The township deeded the property to Community Options at no cost and has contributed \$50,000 toward demolition costs. Initial site clearing has been completed.

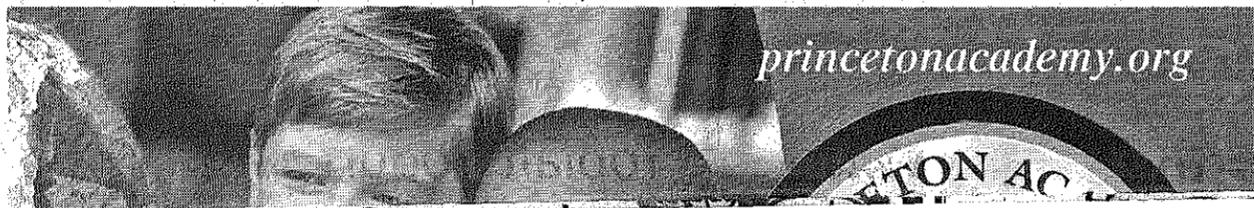
Asbestos shingles on the structures have been removed in compliance with state regulations.

The smaller of the two barns will be moved to a neighboring farm, said architect Kevin Wilkes, of Princeton Design Guild, which is designing the group home and overseeing the demolition of the three existing structures.

The smaller of the two barns will be moved to a

neighboring farm. The house and large barn will be dismantled piece by piece. Most of the wood — about 90 percent of it — will be saved and sold to individuals and organizations that are rebuilding historic structures.

"We hope to start construction this summer," Mr. Wilkes said at the site Jan. 14. "It should take about 10 months to finish the project. We hope to have the occupants moving in by the summer of 2011."



Charges

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He later was lodged at the Bucks County Correctional Institution.