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Roosevelt's great-grandson is commencement speaker

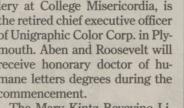
Tweed Roosevelt, great-grand- lery at College Misericordia, is son of Theodore Roosevelt, will the retired chief executive officer be the guest speaker at College of Unigraphic Color Corp. in Ply-Misericordia's 81st annual com- mouth. Aben and Roosevelt will mencement ceremony at 2 p.m. receive honorary doctor of hu-Saturday, May 19 in the Anderson mane letters degrees during the Sports and Health Center. A bac- commencement. calaureate mass will precede the ceremony at 10:30 a.m.

tured extensively about his great- have been the benefactors of grandfather, the 26th President Aben's donations. The walls of of the United States, who led a the state-of-the-art library are group of recruits called the adorned with the colorful paint-"Rough Riders" during the Span- ings of internationally-known ish-American War. He also settled the Great Anthracite Coal Strike in the Wyoming Valley and Pennsylvania and earned the Nobel Peace Prize in 1906 for brokering a peace accord between Russia and Japan.

Roosevelt, chairman of Roosevelt China Capital, Inc. and managing partner of The Roosevelt Investment Group, Inc., also inherited a fondness for history, adventure and travel from his greatgrandfather. In 1992, he represented the Roosevelt family in a re-enactment of Teddy's 1914 adventure into the unexplored Amazon jungle.

The Greater Wyoming Valley also holds a special place in the Roosevelt family because of Teddy's role in ending Pennsylvania's historic anthracite coal strike of 1902. The 160-day strike marked the first time a president personally intervened in a labor dispute and the "Square Deal" became the motto of the president's administration. In 2005, Tweed Roosevelt was the featured speaker during the annual Fourth of July observance of The Battle of Wyoming at the Wyoming Monument in Exeter.

Robert Aben, a member of the **Back Mountain Historical Asso**ciation and MacDonald Art Gal-



The Mary Kintz Bevevino Library at College Misericordia and Roosevelt has written and lec- any students, faculty and visitors artist Yankel Ginzburg, which Aben donated to the institution.



velt, greatgrandson of **Teddy Roosevelt** will speak at **College Miser**icordia on May

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New organization will provide rides

Reaching Independently Disabled and Elderly, a non-profit organization, is offering free transportation to elderly residents and people with disabilities. RIDE is looking for donations to quate transportation for those who cannot drive themselves.

RIDE is an organization located in Dallas created in response to Northeastern Pennsylvania's growing need to take care of the disabled and by driving them to cultural, sporting, gaming, and recreational events in the area.

A ride will be provided from a designated pick-up and drop-off location, Monday, April 2 is 674-RIDE (7433).

where sponsored vehicles will transport them to area events and locations in a timely manner. There is no charge to those who use RIDE services. Donations and sponsorships are imperahelp provide vehicles, drivers and ade- tive to help free the disabled and elderly from limitations. At the same time, a sponsor will be given acknowledgement on RIDE vehicles to spotlight their contribution to the community.

Sunday, April 1, 2007

For information about making a donation - or if you're someone who needs a ride - send an e-mail to cwachim@epix.net. The phone number, which will be available after noon

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