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TWO PAGES

Former borough resident named to Homeland Security

By Brian Pedersen
and Rick Klittich

A former Mountainside resident has been appointed by President George W. Bush as the new secretary of Homeland Security.

Michael Chertoff, 51, once lived across the street from Mountainside resident Gary Whyte on Old Tote Road. Whyte remembered Chertoff fondly and had even invited him to be a master of ceremonies at a law enforcement and industry party in the early 1990s when Chertoff was the U.S. attorney in New Jersey.

"I am really happy that Mike Chertoff got it," said Whyte, who had heard the news when it was announced Tuesday morning. Whyte

works as the director of North America Maritime Security for Ecuadorian Line Inc. in Staten Island and often attends meetings of the Department of Homeland Security.

Whyte remembered Chertoff as someone who was friendly and always approachable.

Mountainside Mayor Robert Vigilanti also remembered Chertoff.

"He's one of the most outstanding legal minds that I have ever met," said Vigilanti about Chertoff. "He's very respected as being a forceful, methodical attorney."

"He had no direct association with the Borough Council," Vigilanti said, "but I followed his career. He's very highly regarded as a top notch attorney."

Vigilanti said that Chertoff lived just a couple doors down from Police Chief James Debie, up until about two-and-a-half years ago. At that point, Vigilanti said, Chertoff moved to Westfield.

Vigilanti said he would be the right guy for the Homeland Security position.

"He's quite an individual," he said.

Chertoff was born in Elizabeth in 1953, the only child of Olivia and Rabbi Gershon Chertoff.

Chertoff was also a member of Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, up until about two years ago. Audrey Napchen, executive director of the temple, said that Chertoff had his children bar- and bat-mitzvah there. "We're

very excited about it," said Napchen, on the morning of the announcement. She did not know anything further about him.

Rabbi Samuel Rosenberg of Elizabeth knew the family and said the senior Chertoff was a man of high intellect whose parents were also people of high intellect. "The rabbi," he said, "expected no less of his son, Michael."

Michael Chertoff's grandfather and uncle were also rabbis. Rosenberg said Gershon Chertoff's dream was for his son to become a judge.

"Unfortunately, he did not live long enough to see it," said Rosenberg, who added that the senior Chertoff passed away five years

ago. A graduate of Harvard Law School, Michael Chertoff worked as a law clerk to Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan before becoming an assistant U.S. attorney in Manhattan and then U.S. attorney in New Jersey in 1990. He also was a partner with Latham and Watkins in Newark.

Chertoff played a key prosecutorial role during the Whitewater investigation. In recent years, he was appointed by Bush as federal judge on the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, and was the director of the Justice Department's criminal division from 2001 to 2003.

Staff Writers Antone L. Herring and David Dankwa contributed to this report.

Walton contracts awarded

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

After awarding a bid to TriCon Construction in November 2003 for work to start on the Edward V. Walton School, the Springfield Board of Education never expected that it wouldn't be until January 2005 that plans for the project would be finalized.

At this week's Board of Education meeting, two contracts were awarded that mark the very beginning of a project that is a long time in the making. While G. Padillo Contracting was awarded a bid of \$3,658,000 and William Scotzman was awarded a bid of \$3,918,785, the bidding process and construction plans have gone a lot of ways since then.

TriCon submitted a bid for the bid, but it was not allowed to dig into the state Department of Education's encroachment application by Springfield.

Even after the March 2004 meeting, the board was still checking out the bid. The board was still checking out the bid. The board was still checking out the bid.

On Sept. 11 last year, the board was still checking out the bid. The board was still checking out the bid.

At that point, the board sent out requests for proposals to about 170 qualified contractors. Receiving the three proposals that led to the project was refused. The board was still checking out the bid.

On Dec. 6, 2004, the board was still checking out the bid. The board was still checking out the bid.

What remained was the board cutting out almost all of what they deemed were "unnecessary" additions and alterations at the pre-kindergarten school. The board was still checking out the bid.

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More importantly, it is Contract II that provides the additional modular classrooms, which are being built off-site and will be attached to the building upon completion.

The most drastic reduction in plans appears to be the multi-purpose room, which was supposed to be a separate building within itself. Costing more than \$2 million, the project was cut.

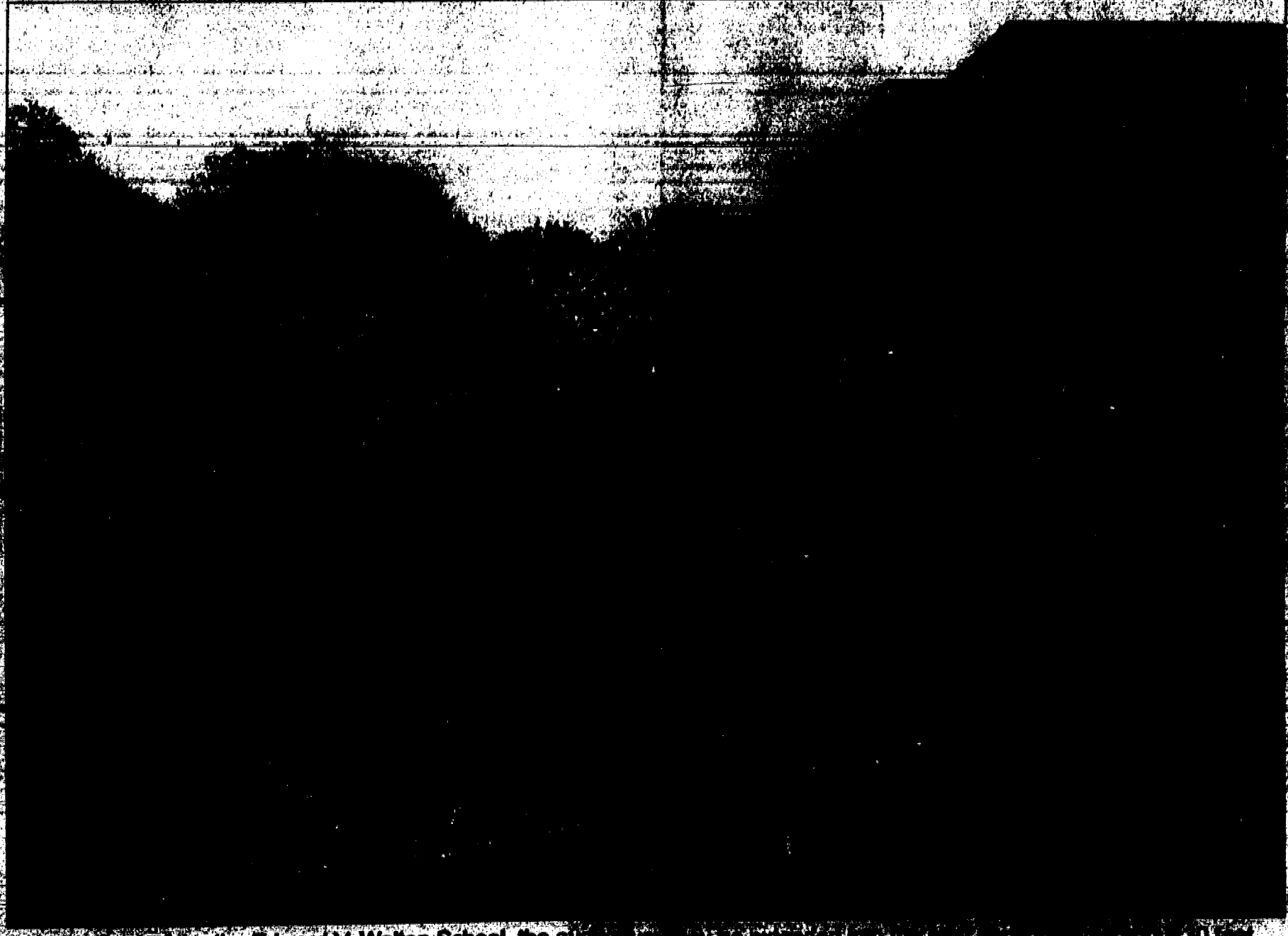
According to board members, considerations in the future will include extending the multi-purpose room, used for physical education and lunch, among other activities, by 30 feet.

Inside the crowded media center at Jonathan Dayton High School where the Monday school board meeting took place, many questions come forth from parents whose children will be affected by the construction, including inquiries regarding a timeline.

According to Board Administrator Matthew Clarke, the completion date given to the contractors is Aug. 15 of



At the site of the Edward V. Walton School in Springfield, an expansion is planned to go out to the back lot.



At the site of the Edward V. Walton School, the school building is planned to be extended into the back lot by 30 feet. The school was supposed to be a separate building within itself in the original construction plans, costing upward of \$2 million. The project has now been cut.

this year. If the deadline is not met, the recourse is \$400 each day it takes to complete the project after that deadline. Weather, along with other circumstances not within their control, does not count as working days toward the deadline.

The result of the project is a shifting in grade levels throughout the entire district. Walton will be home to first- and second-graders, as well

as their prekindergarten and kindergarten programs, while James Caldwell and Theima L. Sandmeyer schools will become third-, fourth- and fifth-grade buildings. Florence M. Gaudinier Middle School, which currently holds grades five through eight, will become a sixth- through eighth-grade facility.

"We still have all the things necessary for a fine building," said

Board President Irwin Sablosky, adding that most of the pieces of the project that were left off the list were aesthetic. The multi-purpose room, he said, was the most major project that will have to be done about in the future.

Superintendent Michael Davino said that more updates will be given to the public with each and every board meeting, adding that if prob-

lems do arise, they will be dealt with accordingly. While no guarantee was made that the building could be finished by the start of the next school year, the board assured the public they would inform parents of the progress being made.

The Walton project is part of the districtwide school renovation and construction referendum which was approved by voters in January 2003.

Downtown plan to be revealed

By Rick Klittich
Staff Writer

As something that has been part of recent township elections, the Springfield Township Committee has vowed to form some plan that could reshape the downtown area.

What that plan is, however, is as unclear as to when it could begin.

"We have to put a redevelopment plan together," said Mayor Sy Mullman. "It's going to take six months to a year just to get going in the direction we're going."

A representative of a man who has purchased much of the downtown property met with the committee Monday night, though not much progress seemed to be made. According to Mullman, it's unclear what the buyer plans to do with his acquired property.

Committee member Harellick said the committee is still extremely preliminary.

"The Township Committee is trying to move forward on the improvement of the downtown area," she said. "It's trying to find out the most realistic way of planning."

Harellick added that she still feels the best way to redevelop the area is with a combination of residential and professional condominiums, along with some small retail space, if possible.

Mayor Poltrook said bringing in a planner whose expertise is redevelopment may be the most essential step in the process. An attorney or planner who has been through the process may help put forth proposals, he said.

The problems with the entity who has purchased property, Poltrook said, may include two things. First, he is missing the developer component of a plan. Second, he is missing the "community" component.

"We're at the point of looking for a partner for the overall concept," Township Committee member Steven Goldstein said. "Then, we can look for interested developers."

Goldstein, who met with a contractor that is helping Livingston create a downtown area, said their scale is different from Springfield's. While Goldstein was shown a very rough drawing of plans, nothing was done professionally enough to further consult with them regarding the township.

Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said that, after the Monday night meeting with the buyer's representative, it appears no game plan is in place just yet. Much of the redevelopment process, especially in its preliminary stages, will depend on the legalities of the development.

Mullman said the committee looked to find out what the buyer wanted to do and what he wanted from the township. However, there is still much to be answered.

While he hopes to eventually put together a committee dedicated to the downtown's redevelopment, the next step, according to Mullman, is to defer the project to the Planning Board.

No drawings of possible plans have been presented to the Township Committee.

SENIOR NEWS

Speaker discusses spiritual journey

The Rev. Heidi B. Neumark will speak at the Tuesday meeting of the Summit Area Old Guard at the New Providence Municipal Center...

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SAGE receives grant to support SHIP

The New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services' Division on Aging will be awarding SAGE Eldercare a grant to support its State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)...

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SAGE Municipal Alliance host author

SAGE Eldercare and the Summit Municipal Alliance will host author Feather Schwartz Foster to discuss her book, "Ladies — A Conjecture of Personalities" on Jan. 21 at the Summit Recreation Center...

AARP meets monthly

The next regular monthly meeting of the Summit area AARP will be at 10 a.m. on Jan. 24 at St. John's Lutheran Church, 587 Springfield Ave. Coffee and social begin at 9:45 a.m.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities.

Caregiver group meets Wednesday

SAGE Eldercare, a major community resource for elderscare, offers a monthly support group for caregivers the third Wednesday of each month at SAGE's Spend-A-Day Adult Day Health Center...

WRC offers programs for personal growth

The mission of the Women's Resource Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization, has remained the same from the beginning: to provide tools to women and girls so they can meet the goals they have set for themselves in life...

The needs of women and girls are met through the wide variety of programs and services, including low-cost legal consultations, financial planning, support groups, personal growth workshops, programs designed for older women, literary discussions, parent coaching, career coaching, breast and gynecological cancer support groups, Girl Project programs and more.

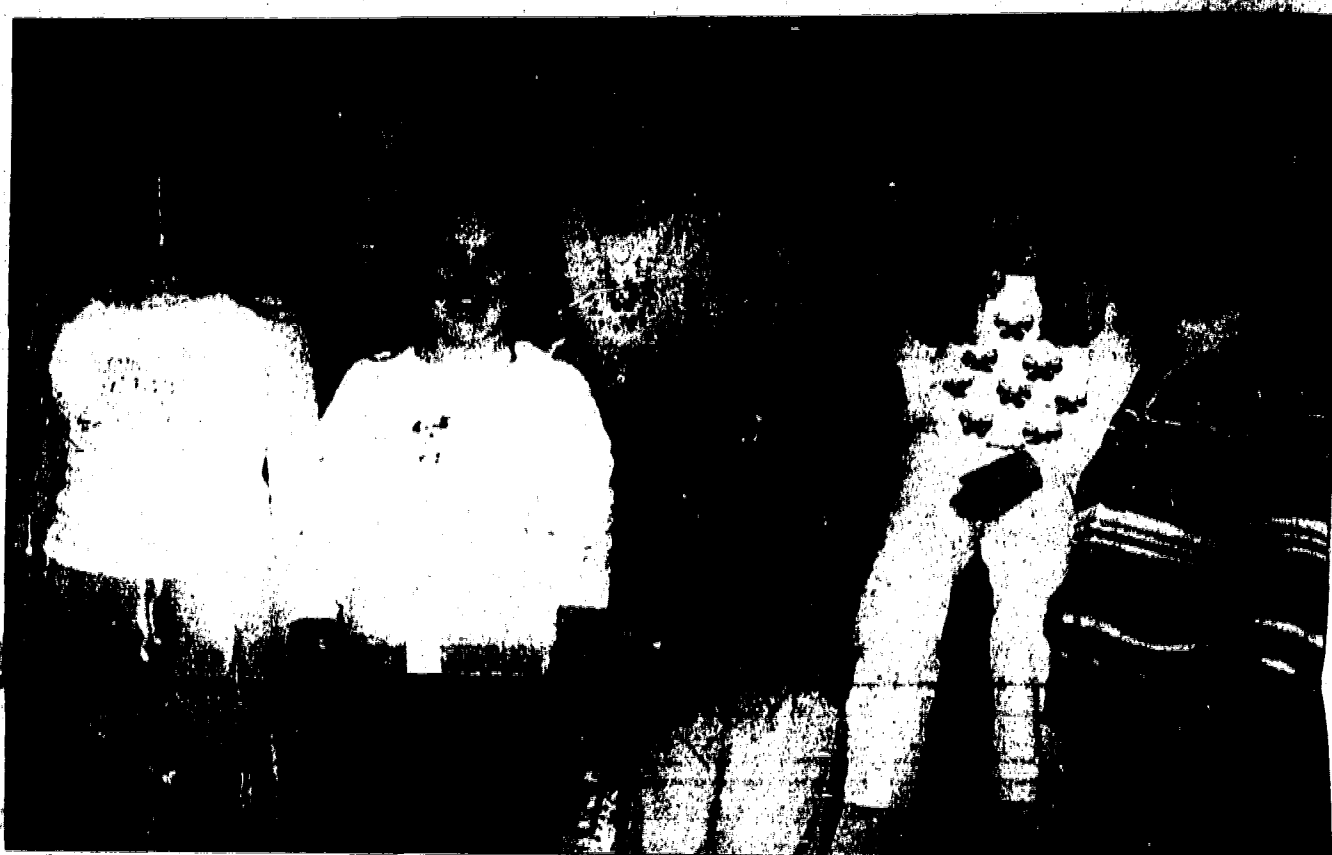
Informal club offers educational health seminars

True Health Chiropractic, based in Springfield, will offer an informal "True Health Chiropractic Club," educational seminars on current health and wellness topics, a strong support group/network of patients who share common goals, interactive workshops and the opportunity to embrace an alternative healthy lifestyle.

Current True Health Chiropractic patients are automatically members of the club and are invited to attend functions free of charge. Non-members are always welcome and encouraged to attend club functions for a fee.

Children's chorus performs

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Township prepares for historic re-enactment

The township of Springfield will commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Battle of Springfield on June 25 and June 26.

The two-day long event combines both the battle re-enactment by the well-respected 3rd New Jersey Regiment, also known as the "Jersey Blues," and the township's traditional July 4 fireworks.

According to Scott Seidel, Springfield Chamber of Commerce co-chairman and chairman of the 225th Anniversary of the Battle of Springfield Committee, the township is fortunate in having secured the 3rd New Jersey Regiment Regiment Recruit Commander Mark Hurwitz, a Springfield resident, to working closely with the committee to support the project.

Hurwitz stated that the purpose of the regiment is to accurately present the plight of the common soldier during the Revolutionary War while highlighting the importance of the role played by the soldiers' families.

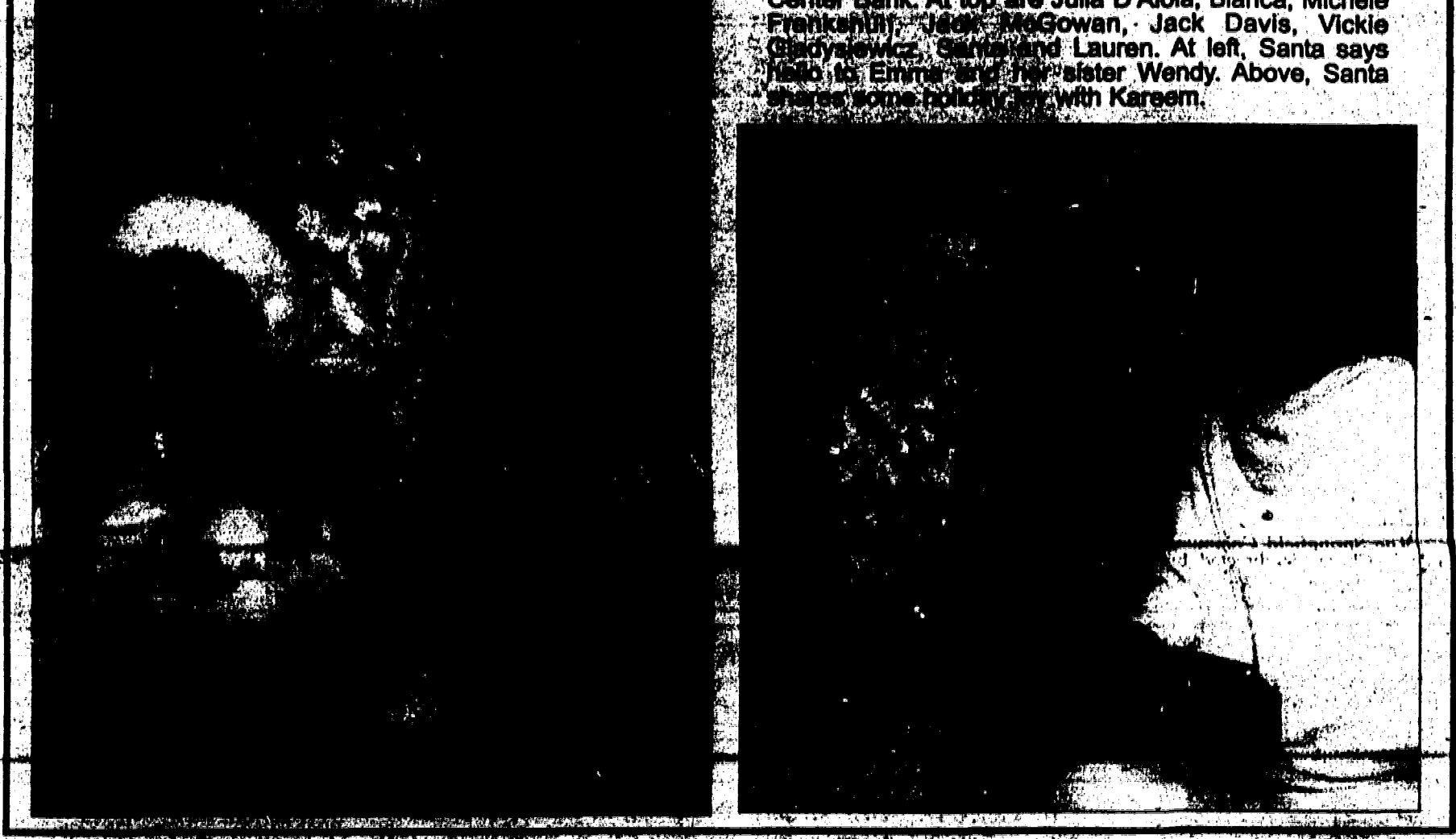
charge covers children's admission to the rides and games as well. On June 26, a parade will start at 11:30 a.m. The re-enactment site will open at 10 a.m.

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SANTA STOPS BY — Patients at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside enjoy a special visit from Santa Claus during the holiday party sponsored by the Barbara E. Gladysewicz Memorial Fund through Union Central Bank. At left are Julia D'Aiolo, Bianca, Michele Franks, and Megan McGowan. Jack Davis, Vickie Gladysewicz, and Lauren. At left, Santa says hello to Emma and her sister Wendy. Above, Santa waves some holiday cheer with Kareem.



Registration opens for new YMCA courses

Registration for all Spring 1 programs classes conducted at the Springfield YMCA, located at 100 S. Springfield Ave., will take place this month.

The fee for members is \$45 and for nonmembers is \$75. "Tell Me a Story" helps develop a child's love for reading with circle time and songs is for toddlers up to 2 1/2 years; "Little Chefs" is for the child who enjoys creating tasty food. Classes are conducted on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. for children 3 to 4 years old. The fee for members is \$75 and for nonmembers is \$105.

In addition, the community may enjoy fencing classes for pre-teens and teens. These classes will be held on Wednesdays, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee for members is \$135 and for nonmembers is \$165. Other classes include: "Preschool Hedgepodge," a combination of music, art and fun games for children ages 2 1/2 to 4. It will take place on Tuesdays, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Other classes for children being offered include: Ballet and Tap Ballet and Creative Movement for ages 3 to 8. The Y will offer a number of 45-minute sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The fee for members is \$75 and for nonmembers is \$105.

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Borough's ice rink opens at tennis courts

The ice rink located on the municipal tennis courts at Borough Hall will be open for skating this winter if Mother Nature cooperates with cold weather. The rink is on courts 3-4 and is lighted for night skating. A supervisor is on duty on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. A warning fire will be provided when the supervisor is on duty.

Learn how to create greeting cards

Learn to make your own greeting cards at the Mountainside Recreation Department's Greeting Card Stamp Camp. Make cards for birthdays, Christmas, Valentine's Day or any occasion. The class will meet from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Feb. 4 at Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east.

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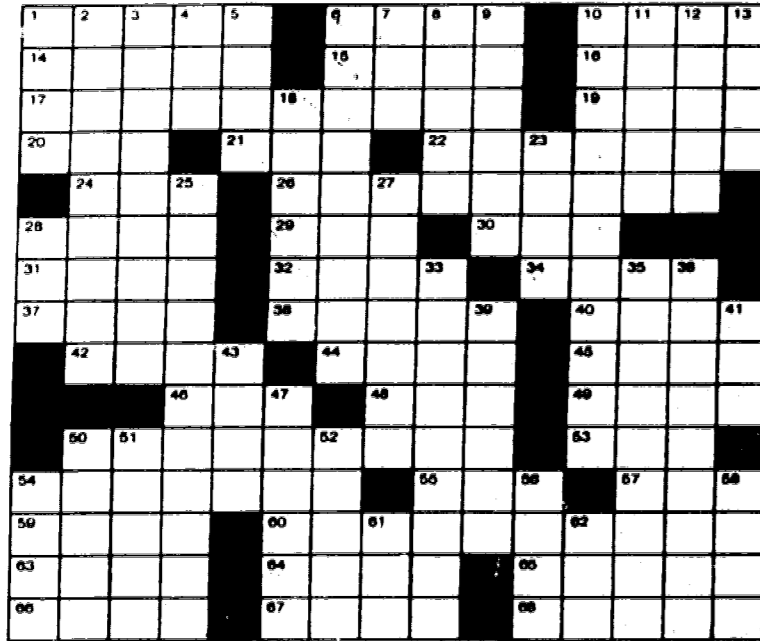
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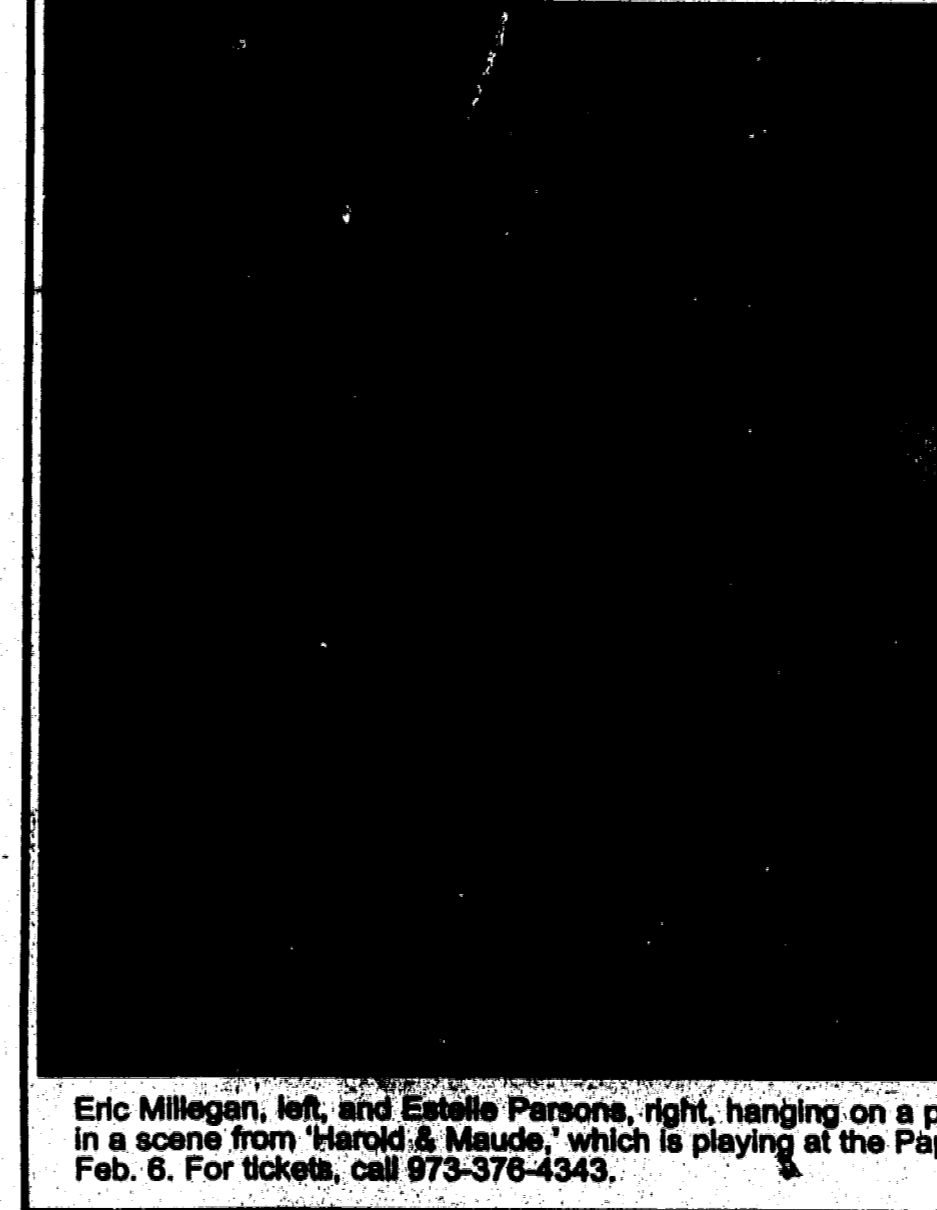
Acoustic music at arts center

The Watchung Art Center Acoustic-Folk Series has begun at Watchung Arts Center, 18 Sterling Road, Watchung.
Doors open at 7:30 p.m., and the shows start at 8 p.m. Admission is \$14.

Diversity Art Gallery to hold exhibition in Clark focused on quilts

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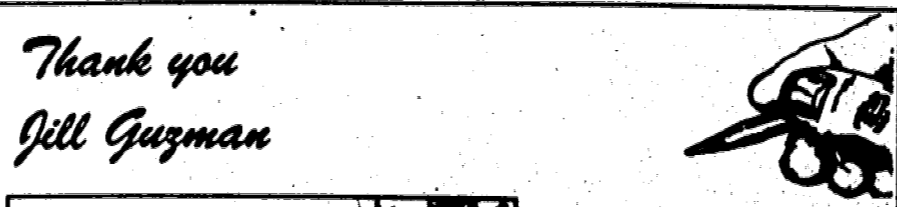


by Jill Guzman

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Sportster, a new Harley that meets the needs of bikers on a budget

By Jerry Garrett Copy News Service This is a tale of two Harleys: One is the bike everyone who wants to own a Harley wishes they could afford. The other is the Harley for people who can't really afford one.

At the top end of the scale is the humble 2004 Screamin' Eagle Electric Glide, or the FLHTCE in internal Harley-speak. It's the high-S character, limited edition, ultimate cruiser from The motor company's Custom Vehicle Operations division that lists for a heart-stopping \$28,785. It is loaded with virtually every go-fast, chrome-plated, aerodynamic-aerodynamic accessory Harley makes.

At the other end of things is the Sportster, which now comes in four flavors: the 883 XL, the 883 XL Custom, replacing the wretched little Hugger, the 1200 XL Custom and the 1200 XL Roadster. MSRP for these bikes range from \$6,495 to \$9,425 — prices that many more mortals can actually afford — at least until the inevitable accessorizing begins.

And while the Screamin' Eagle Electra Glide is Harley's halo vehicle and top attention-getter, the Sportster is actually Harley's bread and butter, and only all-new model for '04. The Sportster, an unpretentious, even remotely familiar, wily Harley bike knows, first appeared on the earth about the same time as the woolly mastodon. Unfortunately, the mastodon failed to adapt itself to world's changing environment and became extinct. The Sportster has learned to evolve, albeit slowly, and for the '04 model year, Harley makes the biggest jump in its evolution since 1957.

Rather than increase displacements to 984 cubic centimeters or 1350 cubic centimeters, Harley leveraged its association with Buell to incorporate XB9 components into the Sportster engine — high-flow heads, performance camshafts, new pistons and cylinders, plus bigger cooling fins. The engine runs so much cooler, riders no longer feel compelled to jump off and run away from the broiling engine heat, when stopped in traffic.

The result, besides about a 20 percent increase in the price of what is supposed to be a budget bike, is an added 15 horsepower and a broader, flatter torque curve. The two-tone blue Sportster we tried with this package on it, installed by the knowledgeable gearheads at Cycle World magazine, performed with all the force and panache of the Electra Glide, without the extra tonnage in fittings, bags, aircraft landing lights, chrome beehives and gaudy black-and-orange paint.

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