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GOP cuts into Democratic majority

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

Winning 10 of 14 voting districts, Steven Grau defeated four-term incumbent Democrat Sy Mullman Tuesday night, giving Republicans a second seat on the Springfield Township Committee.

According to unofficial results released Tuesday by the township clerk's office, Grau collected a total of 2,563 votes, 53 percent, to Mullman's 2,238, 47 percent.

Grau said the election was a historic moment in Springfield's history. "It will be a major change for whatever is better for Springfield and its people."

Mullman declined comment, citing recent family health concerns that took precedence over the election.

Democratic Chairwoman Clara Hareluk, who also serves on the committee, thanked Mullman for his years

of dedicated service to the township. "Sometimes qualified candidates lose because people just want a change."

Grau's biggest support came from District 10 voting at Edward V. Walton School, where he received 312 votes, while for Mullman it was District 6 at James Caldwell School, with 283 votes. Grau said the GOP made its biggest strides in District 11 and 12 at Sandmeier School, coming out ahead by about 30 votes, as compared to losing by more than 100 last year.

Once Grau is sworn in on Jan. 1, the Democratic majority will be 3-2. The party had enjoyed control of all five committee seats from 1999 to 2003, when Harold Poltrok won election. With two Republicans on the governing body, they now have enough seat to second a motion and force a full vote of the committee.

The slim 3-2 majority also means "they can't ram the budget down our

throats," Grau said, since a four-vote super-majority is necessary for approval.

"We need to get an agenda together," Grau said, and expects to meet with Poltrok in the near future about presenting ideas to the Township Committee.

Serving on the governing body "has been a very positive experience for me," Poltrok said, "but there have been times when it's gotten lonely on the roll call."

Poltrok said the total returns were similar to last year but Republicans had lost several districts by wide margins. With Grau's home base in the Park Place development, in District 11, he said that helped neutralize the large margins.

Hareluk, who also serves on the committee, countered that, with very few exceptions, there have not been instances where the lone Republican

voted differently from the Democratic majority, or did not receive a second for a motion. "When a motion is made or a second is needed, the decision-making process should be what's best for Springfield, not by political party," she said.

Tuesday's returns also will signal a new mayor for the township. Voters do not directly elect their mayor in Springfield. Rather, the governing body selects a mayor each year from among their members.

There currently is a vacancy on the committee which was scheduled to be filled at a Township Committee meeting last night, after this newspaper went to press. The seat was formerly held by Democrat Steven Goldstein, who resigned last month. Whoever is appointed will have to run next year for the remaining year of the original term. That means three of the five seats will be up for grabs next Novem-

ber. In addition to the unexpired, one-year term, committee seats currently held by Poltrok and Democrat Ken Faigenbaum will be up.

In the gubernatorial race, Springfield residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of U.S. Sen. Jon Corzine, with almost 3,000 votes, while 1,973 votes were cast for Republican Doug Forrester.

The race for Township Committee

District	Grau	Mullman
1 - First Presbyterian	156	131
2 - Sarah Bailey Center	147	115
3 - Sarah Bailey Center	93	86
4 - First Presbyterian	133	119
5 - Caldwell School	156	112
6 - Caldwell School	234	283
7 - FMG Middle School	210	130
8 - FMG Middle School	163	183
9 - FMG Middle School	202	246
10 - Walton School	312	208
11 - Sandmeier School	211	235
12 - Sandmeier School	205	149
13 - Walton School	191	129
14 - Walton School	172	112
Grand total	2,563	2,238

Three nominated to fill committee vacancy

Governing body was set to fill seat

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Springfield Township Committee was scheduled to meet last night, after pre-time, to choose one of three candidates to fill a vacancy on the governing body.

The Springfield Democratic Committee submitted three names to the governing body last week: former Township Committeeman Roy Hirschfeld, Board of Education member Hugh Keffer and Mark Hurwitz. For a report on last night's scheduled meeting, visit the Echo Leader at www.local-source.com.

To find out who was appointed at last night's meeting of the Township Committee, visit the Echo Leader at www.local-source.com.

Hirschfeld lost a bid for re-election in 2003, when voters split the ballot between Democrat Ken Faigenbaum, a former school board member, and Republican Harold Poltrok. A psychologist, Hirschfeld had served three terms, including some one-year terms as mayor of the five-member governing body.

the 3rd New Jersey Regiment since 1774 and a member of the National Society of American Revolution, also served as commander of the board of directors.

An attorney with the firm of Dughi, Hewitt and Palancini in Cranford, Keffer was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1990 and holds degrees from Dickinson College and Seton Hall Law School.

Goldstein submitted his resignation from the governing body, effective Oct. 21. The Township Committee has 30 days from that date to name a replacement.

Keffer, 44, is in his first term on the school board, having won election to a three-year term in 2003. If he is chosen to fill the vacancy on the Township Committee, he would have to resign his seat on the school board. The Board of Education then would appoint someone to serve the remaining five months of his original term.

A resident of Meisel Avenue, Hurwitz is executive vice president of the Brotherhood at Temple Sha'aray Shalom on South Springfield Avenue.

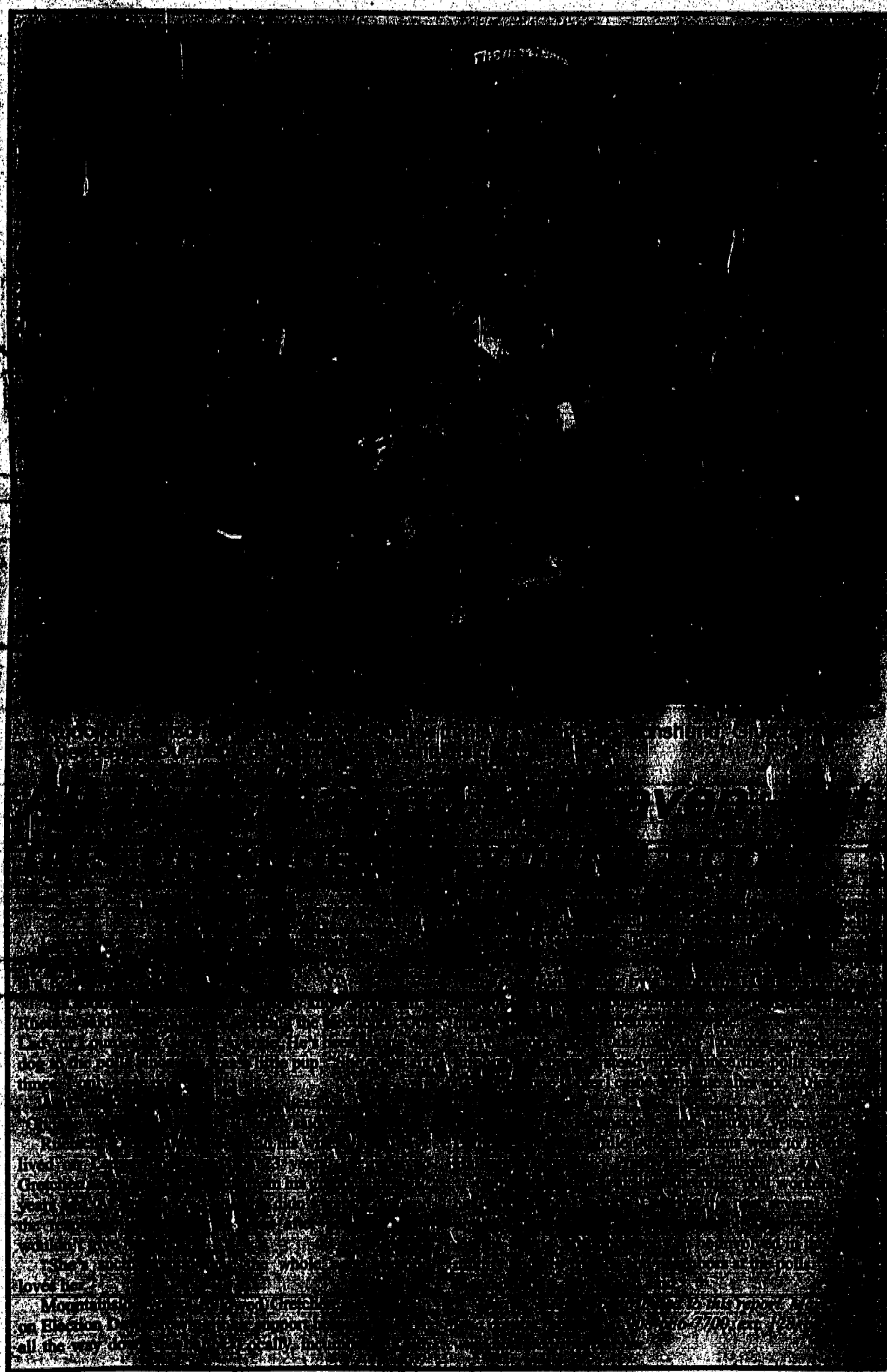
No money was found to have been misappropriated, according to Morrison. He cited a lack of internal controls in the district's business dealings, with only one board member writing and signing checks to vendors and other recipients of board funds.

"The easiest way to defraud the district would be to create a dummy vendor," Morrison said.

In general, Morrison found many times the

bookkeeping numbers did not add up at first calculation. Of the regional high school's district's dissolution, Morrison noted the board may be relying too heavily on the bi-annual payments from other townships in the former district. Stating the board used the \$1.3 million in funds to pay bills, Morrison said a tax increase was a possibility.

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Proposal heading for a vote

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

A vote that would allow a 93-unit housing development at the former Baltusrol Swim Club in Springfield could come at the next meeting of the Planning Board Dec. 7.

Attorneys for the applicant, Garden Homes Inc., and Baltusrol Golf Club, are expected to sum up their closing arguments at next month's meeting, followed by a vote of the board.

Garden Homes Inc. has proposed 93 condominiums, known as the Sky Club. The development would include a pool, tennis court, badminton court and a parking lot.

The units will be three stories high, the length of two football fields, and may have balconies. To accommodate their plan, the contract-purchaser has applied for four variances.

The first three variances seek to allow construction higher than 2 1/2 stories, more than 32 units in a single building and to allow living quarters on the third floor. The fourth variance seeks to build on what is considered a steep slope.

Vincent De Gaetano of Hawthorne Avenue warned the board against granting too many variances. "It's the same kinds application that was voted down the last time; they're asking for four very critical variances."

Things are getting out of control. If you grant these variances to this petition, you set the stage for a lot of this going on."

Residents raised other issues during the last meeting of the Planning Board on Nov. 2.

Stephen DeFronzo of Baltusrol Way expressed concerns about potential problems with rats after blasting occurs at the site. "We've had rat problems with other projects where only digging is taking place. This is a legitimate public health question."

Prior to any disturbance of land, extensive examination will be done, Bernard Aston, the applicant's expert on blasting, said. Blasting will not bring out any more rats than other ground disturbances, such as excavation, bulldozing or digging, he said.

Blasting is expected to take place once or twice daily for three to four months at the 8-acre site off Shumpile and Wilson roads.

Bruce Pitman, the attorney representing Garden Homes, said the developer would handle any extermination needed during construction.

Marilyn Stiglitz of Baltusrol Way criticized the applicant's attorney, Pitman, for representing residents the last time and now representing applicant, claiming she paid for Pitman's services along with another resident.

Pitman was retained by Nino Del Mauro, Stiglitz's Baltusrol Way neighbor, against the Pinnacle application that was voted down four years ago. Now he's representing Garden Homes. Stiglitz said she helped pay the legal fees for Pitman's services.

To represent the applicant this time, Pitman would have needed written approval from Del Mauro. The attorney has previously declined comment about his prior clients.

Frank Huber of Evangelical Baptist Church on Shumpile Road wanted the Planning Board that a backing be needed to the proposed development.

School board accepts audit report's recommendations

By Meave Sheehan
Staff Writer

Mountainside's 2004-05 audit report was presented publicly at the Board of Education meeting Nov. 1. Covering the period ending June 2005, the audit report was given by Robert Morrison, an accountant from Hobbins & Morrison, who works for almost two decades on the board of accountants recommendations for improving bookkeeping. According to Morrison, the audit had proven to be unexpectedly challenging to complete, despite the fact Mountainside is a small district.

Enough school nurses or if the guide was compiled from similar nursing plans that other districts use. Knodel also asked for a more specific breakdown of the different types of special health needs children in the borough.

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Knodel asked for a breakdown of each medically complex condition by the number of children with that condition.

Chief School Administrator Richard O'Malley also introduced new items to the district's policy on administering medication, mainly a new policy allowing children with severe allergic reactions, known as anaphylaxis, to be appointed a delegate, in case the school nurse is not available during an attack. The delegate, a teacher who will be trained to use an Epi-Pen, will administer epinephrine medication to the student.

Parents who want a delegate for their child will need to have a written order from a physician and provide a written request to the school. In addition, parents must sign papers agreeing there will be no liability on the district's part. The delegate status for students will be reviewed each school year and parents will need to make a new request at that time.

The board will review the policy changes again at its next meeting, before voting on it a final time.

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Mountainside and Garwood for a payment plan consisting of 20 installments over a three-year period.

Earlier in the meeting, the Board of Education approved a motion to accept the audit and its recommendations.

At the meeting, school board members discussed the auditing services plan for 2005-06.

Member Patricia Knodel questioned whether the plan had been written by the bor-

ough's school nurses or if the guide was compiled from similar nursing plans that other districts use. Knodel also asked for a more specific breakdown of the different types of special health needs children in the borough.

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The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings. To mail a schedule, send it to Echo Leader, Attn: managing editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.

Today: The Mountaineers Planning Board will meet in Council Chambers of Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 8 p.m.

Friday: The Springfield Veterans' Alliance will have its annual observance of Veterans Day at 11 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, Shunpike Road and Mountain Avenue, Springfield.

Saturday: The Handcrafter Group of the Women's Association of the Community Presbyterian Church, 1459 Deer Path, Mountaineers, will meet the second Saturday of every month in the church's Memorial Room at 10 a.m.

Springfield Recreation Department will host a "Kids Night Out" from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave.

Children will have the opportunity to play in the department's game room and enjoy sports in the gym. Parents can enjoy a few hours off while children play games under the supervision of staff that consists of Red Cross certified counselors.

Admission costs \$7 per child, per night. Children can attend either one of both nights. Register at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Hall.

The Widowed Persons Association of Our Lady of Lourdes, 300 Central Ave., Mountaineers, will meet the second Sunday of the month from 2 to 4 p.m. There is a program, followed by refreshments, consisting of wine and cheese, followed by coffee and cake.

Sister Rose's "Passion," honored as "Best Documentary Short" at the 2004 Tribeca Film Festival, will be shown at 7 p.m. in Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Drive, Springfield.

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield, will welcome the founder and president of the National Yiddish Book Center, Aaron Lansky, as its Scholar in Residence.

Dr. Peter Kalellis, author of several self-help books on spiritual healing will speak at Mountaineers Public Library, Constitution Plaza, at 7:30 p.m. His latest books, "Five Steps To Spiritual Growth, A Journey" and "Twenty Secrets To Healing Thoughts, Feelings, Relationships" will be the topic.

The Mountaineers Active Retirees will meet in Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 east, at 10 a.m. to discuss spiritual aspects of aging.

Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Donato D. Fornuto, professor emeritus of Music at William Paterson University, in a free lecture about Richard Rodgers at noon.

David Lerner Associates will host a free investment seminar at 7 p.m. at L'Affaire, 1099 Route 22 East, Mountaineers. Admission is free and includes refreshments.

RELIGION

'Passion' screened at Temple Beth Ahm

Sister Rose's "Passion," honored as "Best Documentary Short" at the 2004 Tribeca Film Festival, will be shown Sunday at 7 p.m. at Temple Beth Ahm, 60 Temple Way, Springfield.

Sister Rose, a key person in the scholarly and humanitarian struggle to actively combat anti-Semitism in religious and secular education, is profiled in the film for her efforts to repudiate the charge that Jews were responsible for the death of Jesus.

The charge, known as "deicide," has been a common misconception for centuries and has often been mirrored in Catholic teachings and religious texts, frequently nurturing the seeds of anti-Semitism. It was Sister Rose's mission to correct this widely held belief and she notes in the film that "Jews never crucified anyone. Romans crucified people."

Through her dedicated scholarship, perseverance and conviction, she was instrumental in convincing the Vatican to renounce the charge of deicide during the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, "Vatican II," 1962-1965. In the film, Sister Rose recalls the first questions she had as a young girl about Jews.

Sister Rose is still very active and lives in New Jersey near Seton Hall University, where she came to teach in 1968 when the Department of Jewish-Christian studies had just been established.

All public, private and parochial schools in New Jersey are required to follow a curriculum about the Holocaust, which is taught in grades kindergarten through 12. The curriculum incorporates the issues of racism, combating racism and lessons to be learned from the Holocaust.

The New Jersey Commission on Holocaust Education will be using

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Shooting hoops at one of the courts to be upgraded thanks to a county recreation grant are, from left, Mountaineers residents Matthew Cataldo, Katie Buteau, Anna Butler and Justin Amezcua.

Grant aids recreation upgrades

Union County awarded funds to Mountaineers and 18 other towns as part of the 2005 Kids Recreation Trust Fund grant program.

The Mountaineers Recreation Department received \$111,650 for field improvements and recreation equipment from the grant program, part of the county's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund. County officials announced the awards Oct. 27, with a total of \$897,708.50 in grant money countywide.

Mountaineers was the fourth highest recipient, with Scotch Plains receiving \$172,000; Summit, \$163,500 and Westfield, \$139,691.

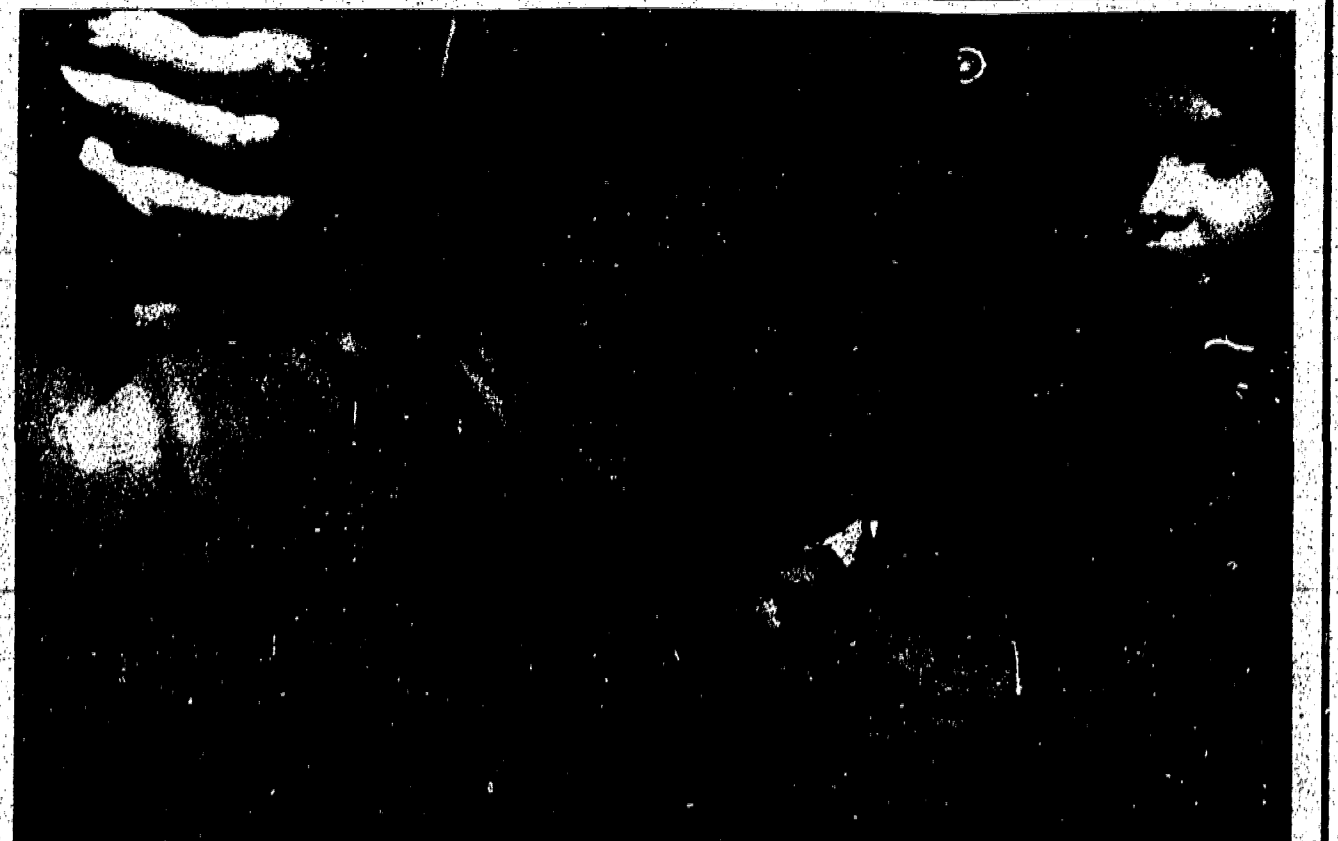
The Kids Trust Fund gives grants to athletic groups and recreation departments for equipment purchases, facilities improvements and funding for low-income participants.

This past August, the Mountaineers Borough Council authorized the application for the Recreation Trust Fund grant. Mountaineers asked for \$25,500 for equipment and \$230,000 for athletic field improvements from the county.

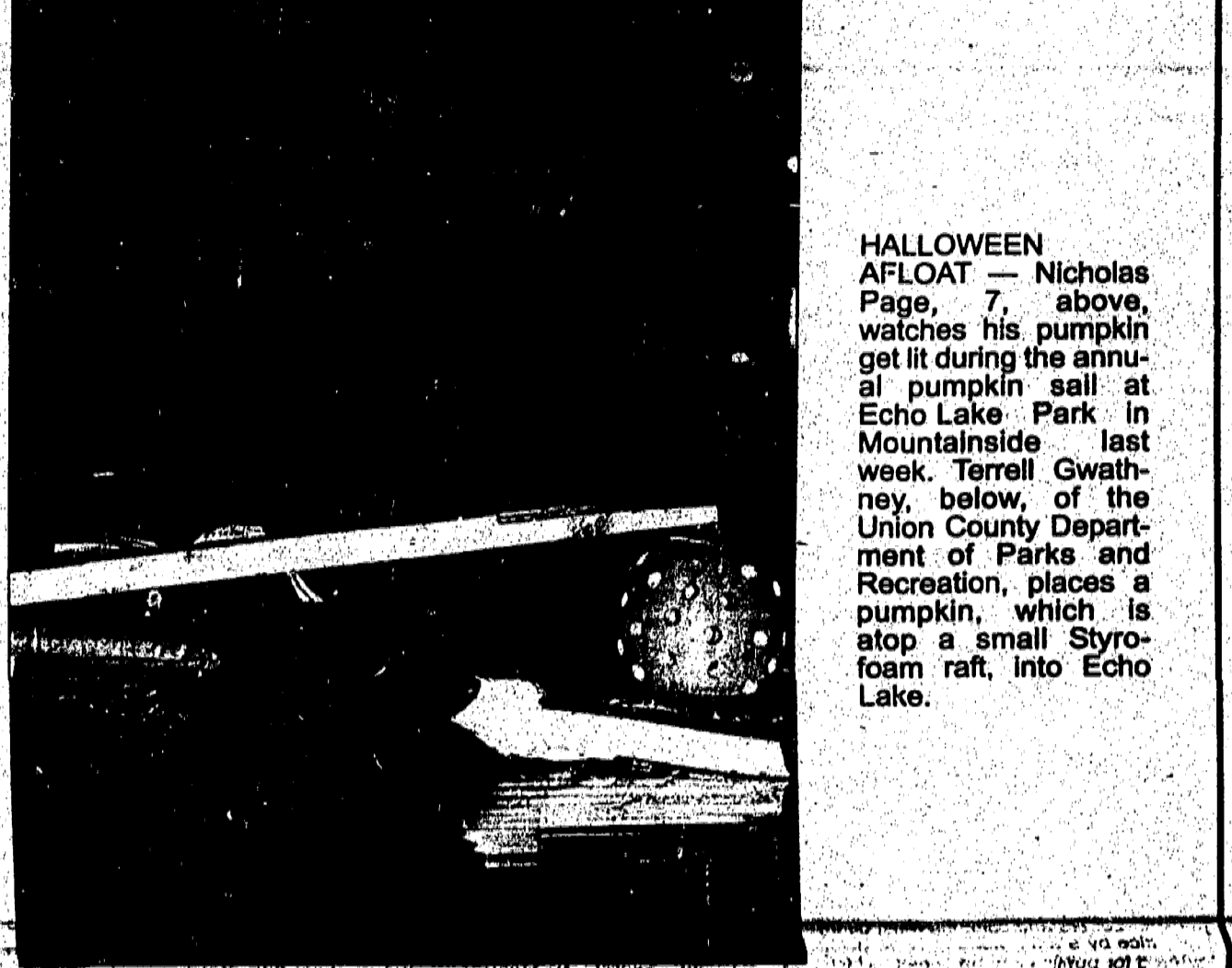
Previously, Recreation Director Frank Masella said the borough could have asked for up to \$500,000 from the county for field improvements and up to \$300,000 for equipment.

The grant requires a 50/50 appropriation of funds and Mountaineers will have to provide \$111,650 for the grant now that the borough's application has been approved.

For the field improvement portion of the grant, Mountaineers will have to provide the other 50 percent of the grant money.



HALLOWEEN FLOAT — Nicholas Page, 7, above, watches his pumpkin get lit during the annual pumpkin sail at Echo Lake Park in Mountaineers last week. Terrell Gwathmey, below, of the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation, places a pumpkin, which is atop a small Styrofoam raft, into Echo Lake.



At the school's Pony League baseball field, the right field line was adjusted to accommodate a more standardized playing field.

An 8-foot high fence and track were added to the field. The adjacent Little League field was also realigned accordingly.

Union County's Open Space, Recreation and Historic Preservation Trust Fund is a dedicated tax of 1.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value, established by referendum in 2000.

The average Mountaineers home pays approximately \$80 each year in property taxes for the trust fund.

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Walking can be fun



Fifth-graders, from left, Katie Condon, Rachel Usdin, Alyson Cohen, Amanda Stein, Lindsey Gorn, Jessica Sirokin and Rachel Sirokin, enjoy the annual walkathon last month at Thelma L. Sandmeier School in Springfield. The event raised money for programs at the school.

RECREATION

Basketball tryouts
The Springfield Recreation Department will have the following tryouts next week:
• Nettes Girls' Travel Program, Wednesday and Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. for grades five and six, and 7 to 8:30 p.m. for grades seven and eight in the Gaudiner School girls' gym.
• Minutemen basketball, which participates in the Bi-County League and competes against surrounding communities, Monday, Wednesday and Nov. 17, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for grades five through seven, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. for grade eight, at Gaudiner School in Gym 1.

See 'Disney on Ice'
The Springfield Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to see "Disney on Ice: Incredibles," on Nov. 25 at Continental Airlines Arena in East Rutherford. The performance will begin in the lower tier seats at 3 p.m. The bus departs at 1:30 p.m. from the Chisholm Community Center. The price is \$32 per person and includes bus transportation to and from the Continental Airlines Arena, parking fee, and seating.
Register at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, or call 973-912-2227.
Checks should be made payable to Township of Springfield. Register with payment by Wednesday, November 23, at 10 a.m. Registration is required.

British invasion lecture
On Friday, Veterans Day, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. history buffs, ages 18 and older, are invited to enjoy a slide presentation and lecture on the British invasion of New Jersey in late 1776, presented by distinguished author Arthur Lefkowitz at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside.
Discover just how close the British came to winning a military victory in the American Revolution. Light refreshments will be served. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the New Jersey Council on the Humanities.

Kids Night Out
Springfield Recreation Department will host a "Kids Night Out" Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Children will have the opportunity to play in the department's game room and enjoy sports in the gym at Chisholm Community Center, 100 S. Springfield Ave. Parents can enjoy a few hours off while children play games under the supervision of staff that consists of Red Cross certified counselors.
The event is for Pre-K, toilet trained children through grade five.

Tour Deserted Village
Adults and children of all ages are invited to take a walking tour of the Deserted Village of Felville to discover the history of this local treasure. Find out who inhabited the village and how it became deserted on Saturday

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AT THE LIBRARY

Fall activities for youngsters planned
Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, has the following activities planned for children in the community:
• Preschool Story time will be conducted on Wednesday from 10:30 to 11 a.m.
• Story time Theatre will be conducted for kindergarten age children on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:15 p.m.
Registration is required for all story time programs. Proof of age is required for first time registrants for the preschool and toddler programs.
Proof of age is a first-time only registration requirement.
Call the library at 908-233-0015 for information.

Professor to lecture on Richard Rodgers
Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will present Donato D. Fomuto, professor emeritus of Music at William Paterson University, in a free lecture Tuesday at noon.
Richard Rodgers was one of America's greatest songwriters joining forces with two major lyricists to write some of the most enduring popular music. Fomuto has also composed music, which has been published along with his pedagogical works.
In this program, he will trace the development of Rodgers' career from the earliest songs written for Columbia University variety shows with Larry Hart to the blockbuster hits written with Oscar Hammerstein II. He will include tunes from the Broadway hits "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and "The Sound of Music."
Fomuto will discuss Rodgers' life and impressive body of work, perform medleys of many of the tunes, and invite the audience to sing-a-long. The informative and entertaining afternoon will include a lively round of "Name that Tune."
This program is offered through the Horizons Speakers Bureau of the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
For more information, call 973-376-4930.

'Score Otar Left'
Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., continues its fall international film festival Nov. 17 with "Score Otar Left" at noon and 7 p.m.
Director Julie Bertuccelli deftly spins the delicate thread of familial conflict and maternal love into a bewitching tangle of intergenerational duplicity. This film is 102 minutes and is Unrated.
The series will continue on Dec. 15 with "Hero." Funding for the film festival has been made possible in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Department of State, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Friends of the Springfield Public Library.
Admission is free for all films. Space is limited to 60 people at each showing. Refreshments will be served.
For more information, call 973-376-4930.

Girls' basketball program begins
Springfield Recreation will offer a girls' basketball program for the 2006 season.
Register at Sarah Bailey Civic Center, 30 Church Mall, Springfield. Office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Levels are for: grades one and two, grades three and four, grades five and six and grades seven and eight.
Grades three through eight will play on Sundays at Gaudiner Middle School.
Grades one and two will play on Sundays at the Chisholm Community Center.
For information, call 973-912-2227.
The non-refundable registration fee is \$25. Checks should be made payable to: Township of Springfield. League format will be determined by registration. The registration cutoff date is Tuesday. No exceptions.

Self-help author speaks
Dr. Peter Kallellis, author of several self-help books on spiritual healing will speak at Mountainside Free Public Library, Constitution Plaza, Monday at 7:30 p.m. His latest books, both published in 2005, are "Five Steps to Spiritual Growth, A Journey" and "Twenty Secrets to Healing Thoughts, Feelings, Relationships" and will be the topic for the evening. A former Greek Orthodox priest, he has taught in the Graduate School of Psychology at Seton Hall University, and has a doctorate in clinical psychology, has a private practice in New Jersey.
The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library are sponsoring this program which is free and open to all.
To register or for more information, call 908-233-0115 or visit the library during regular library hours.

SCORE to discuss home-based business
SCORE, "Counselors to America's Small Business," will offer a workshop for people who are interested in starting their own home-based business at Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Many home-based businesses will succeed because their founders have learned an important secret to success in business: keep your costs down! There are many advantages to operating a business out of your own home. The list includes deductions on mortgage, taxes, utilities, etc., as well as the flexibility it provides. You can

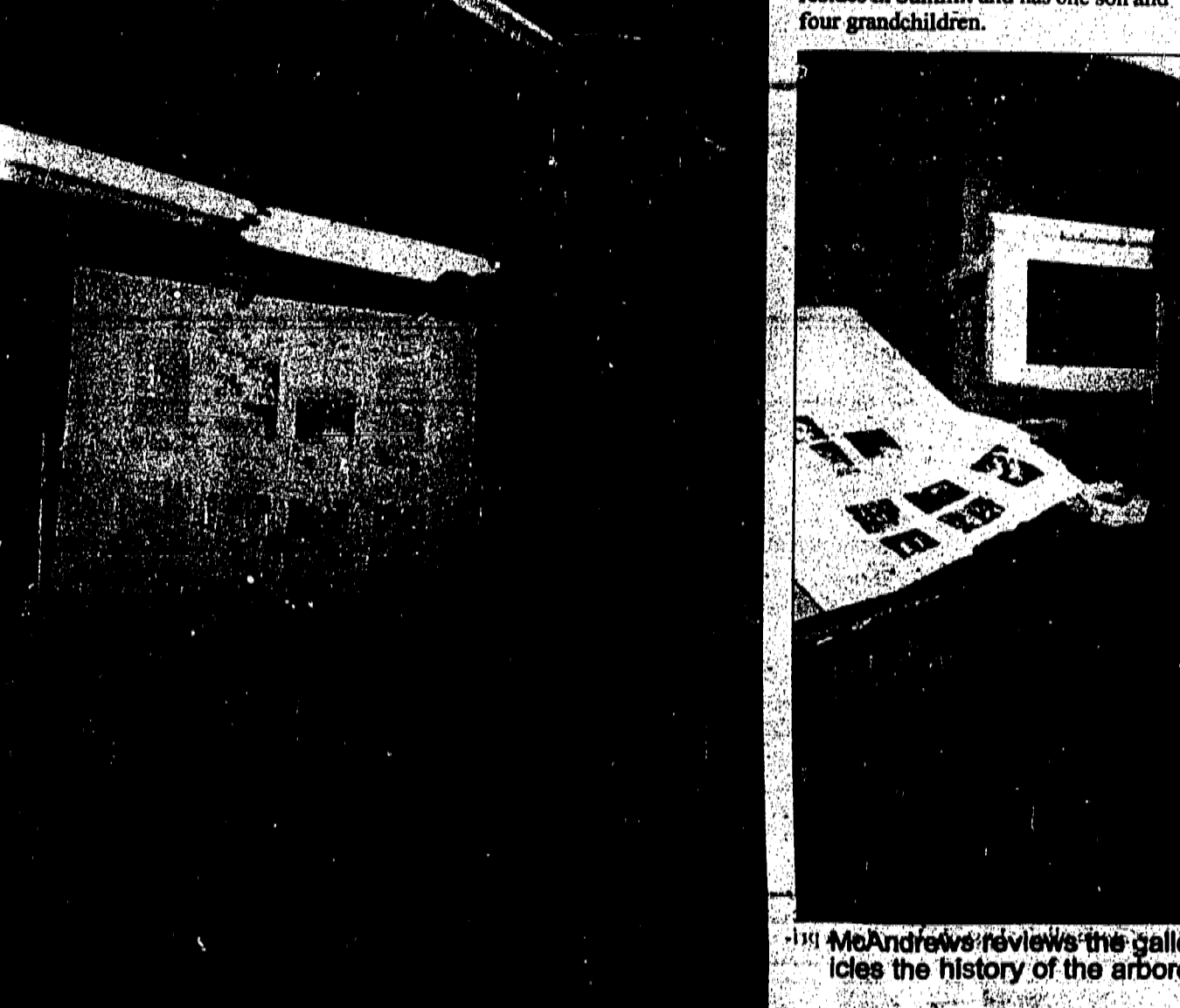
Recreation Department seeks lacrosse players
Springfield Recreation Department is planning to put together a lacrosse program in the township. They are looking for interested players, coaches and organizers.
If you are interested in seeing lacrosse in Springfield, stop by the Recreation Department to fill out a form or send an e-mail to Terry Curry at springfieldlacrosse@comcast.net, or call 973-379-6842.

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Author pens history of arboretum

Just in time for the holidays, Summit resident and author Betty McAndrews releases "The Clearing on the Hill: The Story of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum," a history of its house and gardens. The 325-page hardcover book chronicles the property from one-time country estate to a public arboretum that became a national and state historic site.
Some 230 color and black & white vintage photographs help visualize the story of life during "The Clearing" years and later as a conservancy. The beautifully illustrated book also features images by nationally recognized photographers Anne Tova and Dwight Hiscano, both of whom share a fondness for arboretum.
McAndrews, who spent five years compiling information for the book, knits together stories by family members and relatives, founders' notes, news stories, board minutes, arboretum directors' personal accounts and interviews with those involved in the earliest years of the arboretum.
Among the gems: who would have chased the property. Susie Graham Reeves, an avid gardener, is largely responsible for the landscape design that exists today. Reeves commissioned several renowned landscape architects of the 1920s to help shape the gardens. The last private owners of the property were Charles L. Reed Jr. and his wife Ann Reeves-Reed, niece of Susie Graham Reeves, who plotted the herb garden and the woodland trails.
The one-time edition is meant to serve as a tribute to the families who cared for the land and the people who have lovingly maintained and continue to preserve it as a national site. Funding for the book has been made possible in part by the New Jersey Historical Commission, a Division of Cultural Affairs in the Department of State, through a grant administered by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs.
McAndrews started her career in the newspaper business as a reporter, managing editor, and feature writer. Along with her husband Jay, she resides in Summit and has one son and four grandchildren.



Author Betty McAndrews shows a few pages of her book, "The Clearing on the Hill: The Story of the Reeves-Reed Arboretum," in production. A book signing will be Saturday at the arboretum.

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Open house Sunday at Kent Place School

The admission office at Kent Place School, an independent college-preparatory day school for girls and young women with a co-ed pre-kindergarten and nursery program, will host an open house for prospective families interested in nursery, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten and grades one through five, middle or upper School on Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m. on the school's campus.
Following a brief information session, attendees will tour the 26-acre campus and meet members of the faculty, administration, and staff.
The primary school provides a challenging and diverse academic program in a caring and supportive environment, in which children feel motivated to learn, take risks, and ask questions.
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Applications for the 2006-07 school year are now being accepted. For more information, call 908-273-0900, ext. 254, or e-mail admission@kentplace.org or visit www.kentplace.org.

Business women to hear from newspaper editor
The public is invited to join members of the Summit Business and Professional Women on Monday at the Grand Summit Hotel, 570 Springfield Ave. Summit, to hear Rosemary Parrillo talk about her successful career as a journalist and award-winning playwright and screenwriter. The subject of her presentation is "From Exit 4 to 13A, A Lot Farther Than You'd Think."
Parrillo is currently the features editor for "The Star-Ledger" newspaper. She also oversees the paper's medical and science desk. Parrillo is the author of "Welcome to Exit 4: Enter At Own Risk," a collection of creative and humorous stories which she published as the metro columnist for "The Courier-Post" in Cherry Hill. Her one-act play "Lou's 24/7" was a finalist in the Tennessee Williams One-Act Play Festival in 2003 and the Strawberry Festival in New York.
Parrillo holds a B.A. in English from Bryn Mawr College in Bryn Mawr, Pa. She began her journalism career with the "Burlington County Times" in Will-

ingboro. In 1976, she joined the Ganett-owned "Courier-Post" in Cherry Hill, where she held various positions including night editor, projects editor, features editor and metro columnist. In 1999, she accepted the position of features editor at "The Star-Ledger." Parrillo resides in Westfield and in Marlton with her husband, Ray, a sportswriter for the "Philadelphia Inquirer."
Monday's meeting begins at 6:15 p.m. with networking and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The cost of dinner for the general public is \$35. Reserve at meetingrsvp@summitbpw.org before Friday.
The Summit Business and Professional Women are part of the National Federation of Business Women's Clubs, an organization that promotes equity for all women in the workplace through advocacy, education and information. It is the largest advocate for millions of working women on work-life balance and workplace equity issues. Write to Summit BPW, PO Box 831, Summit, 07902-0831.

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COUNTY NEWS

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The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Union County is asking the public to join them in participating in their annual Holiday Star project.

Senior outreach

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Veterans Day ceremony

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Union County Courthouse Centennial Celebration Committee will host a Veterans Day ceremony today at 11 a.m. inside the Union County Courthouse, 2 Broad St., Elizabeth.

UCLSA dinner meeting

UCLSA, the association for legal professionals will hold its monthly dinner meeting at Famous Dave's Restaurant, 1443 Route 22, Mountaineer, Tuesday, dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the guest speaker for the evening will be Linda Ershow-Lewenberg, who will speak on "The Importance of Having Wills and Trusts."

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ID cards for veterans

As Veterans Day approaches, Union County Clerk Joseph Rajoppi would like to remind veterans living in the Union County that they can receive their free military discharge identification cards at the County Clerk's office.

NJABWO holiday charity auction

The Union County Chapter of New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners will have its annual holiday charity auction at L'Affaire, Route 22 East, Mountaineer, on Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m.

Blood drives scheduled

The Blood Center of New Jersey has announced upcoming community blood drives and is asking for the public's help in keeping enough blood on the shelves this fall.

Ice skating center opens new season

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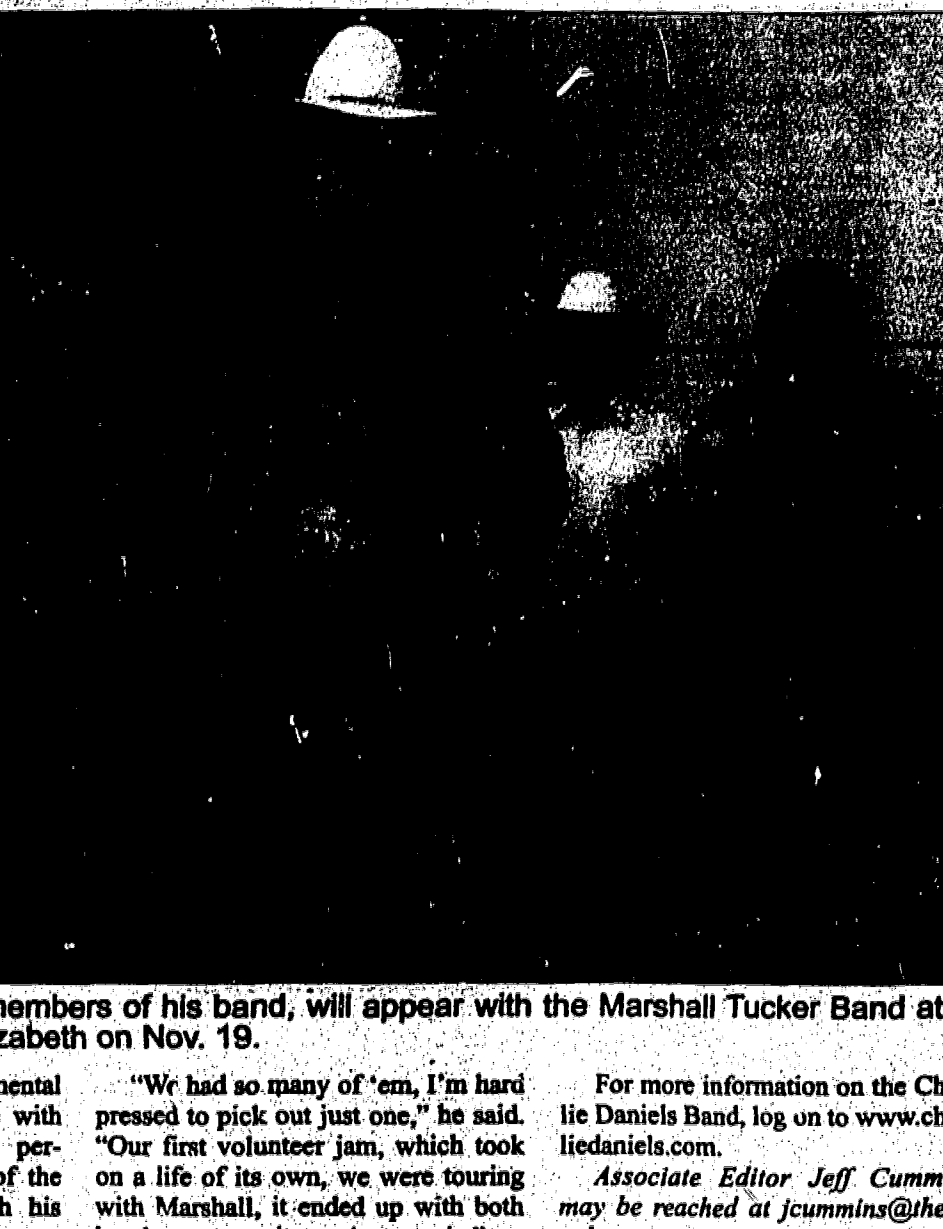
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Charlie Daniels, Marshall Tucker set to rock The Ritz

Charlie Daniels certainly ranks among the great story tellers in music history. More than 20 years have passed since songs like "The Devil Went Down to Georgia," "In America," "Uneasy Rider," and "Long-haired Country Boy," were heard frequently on the radio, but for people of a certain age, his songs come to mind in a heartbeat, songs that are as memorable for their stories as they are for their melodies.

That's not fair. Stuff that people never heard, that's not what they came to hear you for," said Daniels. "We'll play 'Long-haired Country Boy,' 'South's gonna do it again.' Also at the same time, we got new stuff, we got jammin' stuff, but the main thing is to entertain people. From the time we get on stage, we try to play the songs that people want to hear. Youburg Steelers football team, which conveyed much of Daniels' point.



Charlie Daniels, with members of his band, will appear with the Marshall Tucker Band at The Ritz Theatre in Elizabeth on Nov. 19.

Reading of play asks a larger question: What price is fame worth?

Ask yourself a question, and answer it as seriously as you can. If you were given the opportunity to achieve fame and fortune, at the cost of sacrificing every shred of ethics you have, would you do it?

"I've also converted it into a screen play," said Wagenheim. "It's out there, people are looking at it. There are no offers, but there have been some nibbles. The advantage to filming a movie is with the actors; they'll simply act one day and leave. With a play, you're paying the salary of all the actors every day, with a movie, so you use just one day and then they leave. Films can have much larger casts.

Most dramas on Broadway have fairly small casts, sometimes two or three characters. It's just an economic reality." Still, the question remained, did Wagenheim think that any lawyers would find it in bad taste, if he was alive today?

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Art at the children's hospital



The art of Marion Howard is being exhibited at Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside.



Treasures aplenty at church fair

Heavenly Treasures is the theme for the 41st annual Christmas Fair to be held by Grace United Methodist Church, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the church building, located at 555 Russell Ave., at the corner of Eder Avenue, in Wyckoff.

Popular favorites for the fair, as well as some new attractions, will be on hand — festive foods, craft items, bakery goods, tricky tray baskets, the general store, wreaths, plants, jewelry, new toys, photo-

graphs with Santa, face painting and white elephants. All items will make suitable gifts for holiday giving.

A special section at the fair will include home-based business vendors, including Pampered Chef, Avon, Tastefully Simple, Tupperware, Beijo Bags, Party Lite, Home Interiors & Gifts, and Southern Living Jewelry.

The drawing for the tricky tray items will be held at 1 p.m. on Dec. 3, with baskets featuring many different and interesting themes.

The church's Senior High Youth

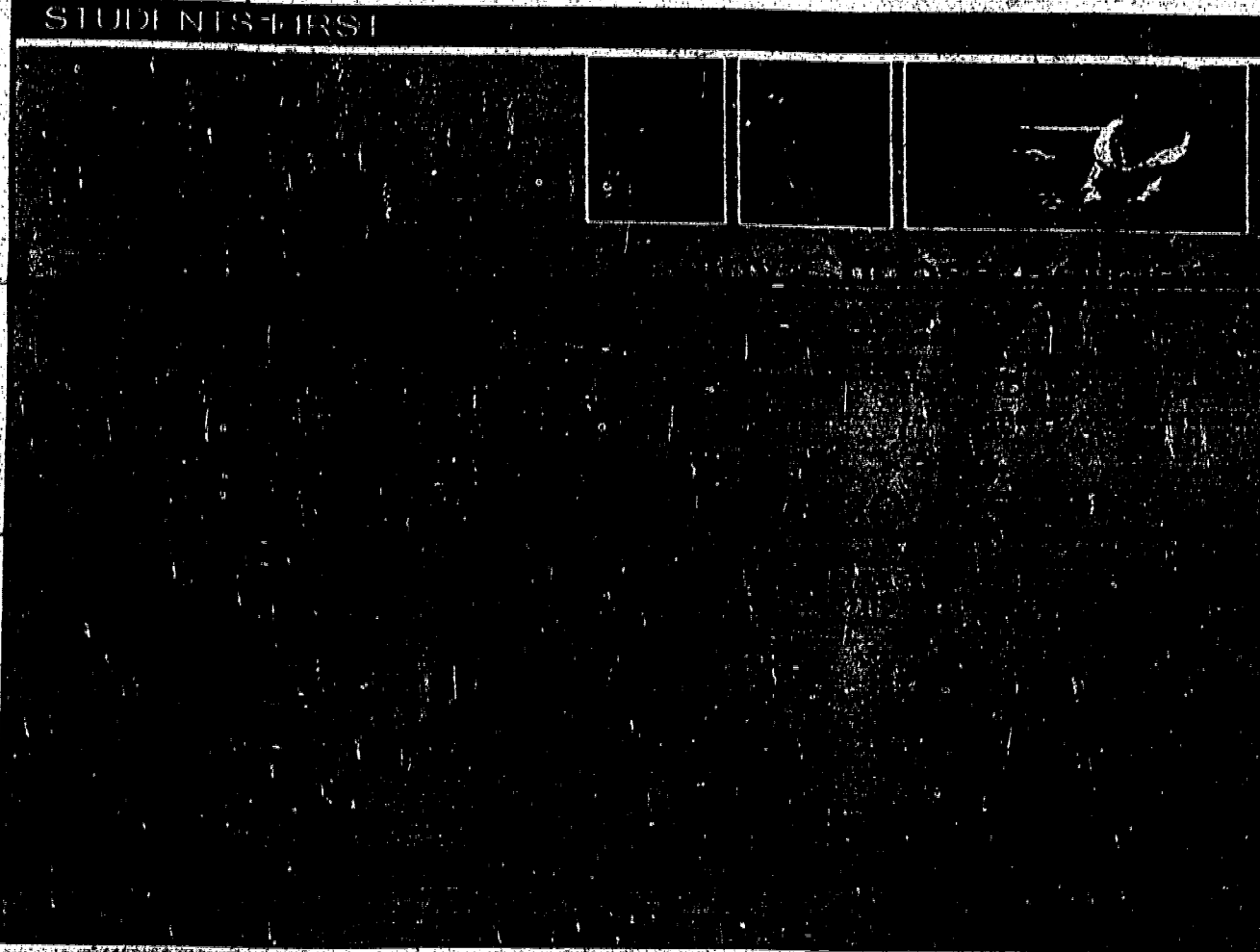
Fellowship will be selling Christmas wreaths. Proceeds will be used to fund a senior high mission trip this coming summer.

Photos with Santa gives children an opportunity to be photographed on St. Nick's lap on Dec. 2 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and on Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to noon.

The photos will be processed and will be available at the church.

More information on the Christmas Fair and Grace Church is available by calling the church office at 201-891-4595.

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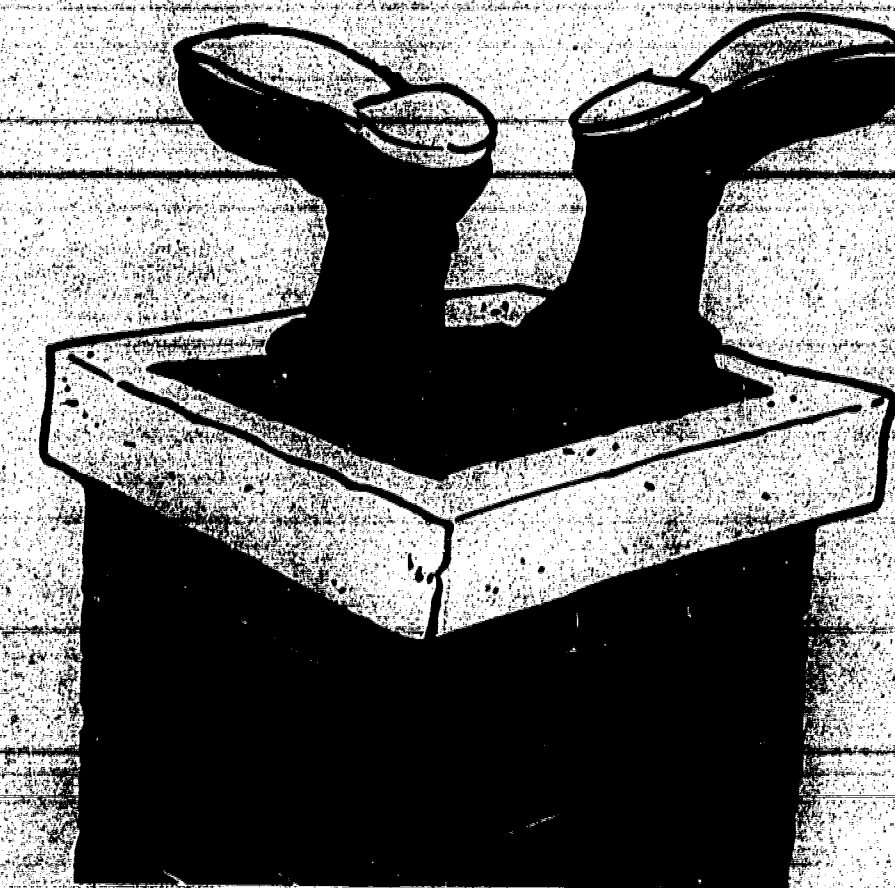
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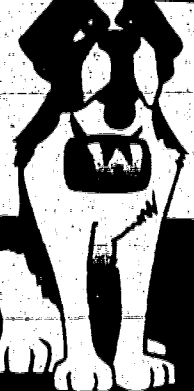
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<p>1998 DODGE RAM 1500 CONVAN 6 cyl. auto, p/str/bkrs/winds/lks, a/c, cass, tilt, cruise. 77,172 mi. Stk#51138. VIN#5M2K11404. \$6810</p>	<p>2000 CHRYSLER SEBRING CONVERTIBLE 6 cyl. auto, p/str/bkrs/winds, a/c, cass, alloy whls, cruise. 76,655 mi. Stk#50484. VIN#67241465. \$7910</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO SS 2DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/bkrs/a/c, cass/tilt, tilt, cruise, alloys. 80,697 mi. Stk#60236. VIN#67531894. \$8910</p>	<p>2000 CHEVROLET CAVALIER LS 2DR 4 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise. 26,455 mi. Stk#6655. VIN#67101853. \$10,610</p>	<p>CHEVROLET BLAZER 4X4 2DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds, a/c, cd, cruise, alloys, 134 mi. Stk#67403. \$10,919</p>	<p>2001 CHEVROLET S-10 CLUB CAB 4X4 2DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, a/c, alloy whls, cruise, 61,294 mi. Stk#50484. VIN#67241465. \$11,410</p>
<p>2005 PONTIAC GRAND AM SE 2DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise, sys. 36,951 mi. Stk#6656. VIN#5M2K11269. \$12,810</p>	<p>2001 DODGE DURANGO SET 4X4 4DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/seats, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise, alum whls. 41,895 mi. Stk#50838B. VIN#67181943. \$12,910</p>	<p>SPECIAL PURCHASE! 2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA 4DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/bkrs/winds/seats/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise, dual a/b. 15,928 mi. Stk#6633. VIN#69339597. \$13,910</p>		<p>2005 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS 4DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise, alloys, 40,771 mi. Stk#6652. VIN#67181943. \$13,810</p>	<p>2001 JESSAM PATHFINDER LE 4X4 4DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/seats/winds, a/c, alloy whls, cruise, 61,294 mi. Stk#50484. VIN#67241465. \$13,910</p>
<p>2000 CHEVROLET G2500 REFRIG EXPRESSVAN 2DR 8 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS, a/c, am/fm/stereo, refrig, sec sys. 36,951 mi. Stk#6656. VIN#5M2K11269. \$14,910</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER LS 4X4 4DR 6 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds, lks, a/c, cd, tilt, cruise, alloys, roof rk. 46,177 mi. Stk#51052A. VIN#Z2512283. \$14,910</p>	<p>2003 HONDA ELEMENT EX AWD 4DR 4 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/sunr, a/c, cd, alloys r spoiler. 19,193 mi. Stk#60037A. VIN#3D11089. \$16,810</p>	<p>2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO LS 2500 4DR 8 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/sunr, a/c, cass, r/r, alloys, tilt, cruise. 30,124 mi. Stk#6664. VIN#6719455. \$22,910</p>	<p>2002 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE 2500 4X4 4DR 8 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/seats/sunr, a/c, cd, leath, alum whls, lugg rk, alarm pkg. 41,670 mi. Stk#6284. VIN#Z530138. \$23,810</p>	<p>2002 CADILLAC ESCALADE 4DR 8 cyl. auto, p/str/ABS/winds/seats/sunr, a/c, leath, sunr, lugg rk, alarm pkg. 41,670 mi. Stk#6284. VIN#Z530138. \$32,910</p>



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