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Photo by Jeff Grant

Ghosts and goblins help raise money for the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 2000's Project Graduation in the 'House of Ghouls.' Haunts and horrors are in the auxiliary gym and open to the public for \$5 through Sunday. Tours are available from 8 to 9 p.m.

High school horrors benefit seniors

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Think high school is frightening? Jonathan Dayton High School's "House of Ghouls" got off to a screaming start Tuesday night with beheadings, impalements, roaring chain saws and numerous other grim activities.

The annual event, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Student Organization as a fund-raiser for the high school's senior class, specifically Project Graduation, is a labyrinth of visual effects and gallows humor that runs through Halloween on Sunday, in the Dayton Auxiliary Gym.

"The tours run for 30 to 45 minutes," said Tony Smith, a set constructor for the Cranford Repertory Theater who has helped put the event together for nearly 20 years.

The gym, sectioned into various stalls by painted theatrical flats, indeed offers a tour — from a graveyard to a morgue to Dr. Frankenstein's lab to Dracula's crypt. Visitors spend approximately 3 to 5 minutes in each stall, according to Smith. Volunteers, from students to adults, act out the various horrors in hoods and capes and white faces.

Details are painted on the flats with yellow, red and

green fluorescent paint, and are brought up to their uneasy speed through the use of black light. Stone walls, test tubes and other laboratory gadgets are painted on "hands," "arms," "eyes," "organs," "legs," "feet," "torso" and "nails." The design offers a good deal of cobwebbing, blood-splattered walls, insects, arachnids, coffins and autopsy tables.

Visitors are welcomed by a performance on the guillotine, then ushered into Frankenstein's work space, where the monster is brought to life with a simple crackling electrical homager straight out of the 1931 "Frankenstein," as interpreted by Smith. The vampire's crypt is heavily overrun with crawling things, and the gypsy's room offers a memorable moment in which an impaled gentleman prides himself upon his astrological effect and begins stalking the onlookers — an effect enhanced with the familiar shrieking chords of the "Psycho" score.

The final stop, in Madame Tussaud's Wax Museum, is a tour through a Chamber of Horrors. The enshrined nasty murderous types give audiences a hearty send-off. The "House of Ghouls" is open to the public through Sunday. Tours are available from 8 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$5. A baby sitting service is also available on the premises.

Flood relief discussion continues

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Hurricane Floyd and water levels are still the talk of the town in Springfield.

Tuesday night's Township Committee meeting began with Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole presenting a check for \$215,000. Fifteen thousand of that amount is designated for a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Department, with \$200,000 going toward work involving the Rahway River.

Thermal imaging cameras, which are used to detect sources of heat in heavy smoke conditions, have been the subject of recent \$7.5-million legislation by Gov. Christine Whitman. The legislation would provide for at least one thermal imaging camera for each community in New Jersey.

As for flood relief, Weingarten was very direct.

"Since Floyd we've been expediting certain flood relief efforts," he began. "It's unconscionable for our people to go through such insurmountable tragedy. We find FEMA's

giving loans wholly unacceptable."

"This is a critical issue that can't wait," said Weingarten, who is up for re-election Tuesday. "The Millburn Avenue bridge and the Vauxhall bridge will both be done."

The Route 82, or Morris Avenue bridge, is a different matter. Mayor Gregory Clarke reminded those in attendance, many of whom were experienced extreme flooding in their homes, of the night of the storm when he watched the water rise under the Route 82 bridge, and how the bridge subsequently acted as a dam.

But the bridge, which is not scheduled for work, has a blockage relating to its history. According to Clarke, who was somewhat unsure of its exact history, the bridge was the site of a confrontation with the British during the Revolutionary War.

"The money is there, as the assemblyman said," Clarke told the gathering. "The blockage comes from another arm of the state — the historical society people say it shouldn't be removed."

David Ginsberg, a Marion Avenue resident who received 11 feet of water in his home as a result of Floyd, expressed his concern about the delay in starting the Route 82 bridge.

"The work will begin in the spring on the Millburn bridge," Ginsberg said, "and God forbid if there's a flood between the fixing of that bridge and the decision we're supposed to make on 82, we'll have a worse flood than before. We don't have a big window of opportunity here."

Ginsberg pointed out an extra danger for Marion Avenue: high water tables resulting from wells closed previously by Elizabethtown Water Company. According to Clarke, the wells were closed sequentially by the water company roughly 10 years ago. Negotiations between the township, Elizabethtown and the Department of Environmental Protection broke down a few years ago when Elizabethtown refused to put any money into pumping the water out of the wells.

"From a legal standpoint, the municipality has no leverage," Township Attorney Bruce Bergen said.

Challengers face off at debate

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Candidates for Mountainside's Borough Council squared off at Borough Hall Thursday night in a debate sponsored by the Westfield Area League of Women Voters.

With a TV-35 camera rolling, moderators presented previously submitted public questions to Republican incumbents Keith Turner and Paul Mirabelli and Democratic challenger Steve Brociner. Topics ranged from the borough's low tax rate to the salary ordinance to Recreation Department programs.

"We've sought outside sources for revenue," Mirabelli said, when asked how the municipal taxes are kept flat. "We were one of the towns to receive the Cops in School grant. We received a \$180,000 grant for construction of our new commuter parking lot. We've gotten grants for repaving and the Pocket Parks grant for recreational facilities, and also a grant for our community bus. Mr. Turner and I are both businessmen; we carefully review our expenditures as if they were our own money."

"We talk about low taxes," Brociner said. "I think of it as low services. We have no garbage removal, no leaf removal."

When asked what new programs the borough might need to add, Turner focused on recent achievements, citing the completion of the new Community Room at Borough Hall and the addition of a senior exercise class and Tai Chi class. He pointed out the importance of the new com-

munity parking lot, adjacent to the library, as a way of increasing access to the Community Room by making more parking spaces available at Borough Hall. The addition of a new employee to run TV-35 and the hiring of two new police officers also were highlighted.

"I don't see any heroic measures here," Brociner said in response to Turner's list. "These are the things the borough should be doing. And as far as TV-35 goes, I think it was the Democrats, with their constant pressure, that brought it to the borough." Issues of "volunteerism" came up several times during the course of the debate. In response to the low volunteer numbers for the Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Brociner said, "Lives are more complicated now. I think this town is doing as much as it can to accommodate."

"Mountainside has a long tradition of volunteerism," Mirabelli said. "With respect to the Fire Department, we're encouraging them by doing renovations to the fire house, increasing the clothing allowance, the benefits and the per-drill stipend. The Rescue Squad building has also been recently renovated, and their per-call stipend paid."

Turner spoke of his own volunteer efforts, and his founding of the Mountainside Police Athletic League with Mirabelli.

In response to a question concerning new programming for the access channel, Turner channeled his answer in terms of the council's new technological features. "We have a new

character generator and a new feed from Deerfield. They'll be able to broadcast over TV-35 in a professional manner."

Brociner was less confident about the new technology, citing the quickly changing face of technological advances. "We've committed ourselves to a technology for 15 years that will change quickly," he said, referring to the recent agreement between the borough and Comcast. "And we won't be able to negotiate our way out of it."

In regard to the issue of unvouchered expenses, Brociner said, "We talk about being businessmen here. I don't have any unvouchered expenses in my business and I don't know why we have any in our town."

A question about the committee appointed by Mayor Robert Vigilante to review the issue of unvouchered expense accounts and salaries drew responses from both Turner and Mirabelli.

"The monthly stipend, established about 25 years ago, was \$50 a month," Turner said. "That equates to \$192.31 in terms of 1999. What we get now is about \$100. We don't mind volunteering our time to the borough, but to spend countless hours figuring out mileage and phone calls is just too much. Being reimbursed is nothing new to municipalities in New Jersey."

"Fifty dollars — that was established about 25 years ago, and not even by us," Mirabelli said. "Business phone calls, photo copies — we

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Challengers aim to break through

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

This year's elections for two seats on the all-Republican Borough Council and for mayor have focused on a change of scenery.

As Republican Mayor Robert Vigilante's third term as mayor winds down, he is faced Tuesday with a Republican write-in challenger, 35-year resident Adele Magnolia. Her campaign was sparked by the controversy that began in February regarding the mayor and members of council setting salaries for themselves.

"It is important to draw people into government who have diverse backgrounds and differing opinions," Magnolia wrote in a candidate's statement. "The collective wisdom of the many is preferable to any one's single dictate."

Now retired, Magnolia is a director of curriculum and instruction in pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in the Rahway school system. She served on the borough's Recreation Commission and currently serves on the Planning Board.

Before running for mayor 12 years ago, Vigilante was a council member for nine years. "Rest assured that I am concentrating on the future of our

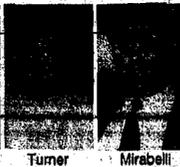
community, and that I recognize the importance of keeping a reasonable tax rate," Vigilante wrote in a candidate's statement. "I also realize that low taxes, without exceptions and an excellent education system, will not serve any community well."

Again this year, Steve Brociner, the challenger running to fill one of two seats on the Borough Council, faces an uphill battle. No Democrat has been elected in the borough's 104-year history.

In order to welcome more public input at regular council meetings, Brociner said he will "insist on monthly reports from each council member regarding his assigned area of municipal responsibility. In order to promote attendance and genuine discussion at monthly meetings, I would allow direct questioning of council members, a practice which is currently nonexistent."

Brociner said he would establish "six specific geographical sections in town" and assign council members to serve each district. That way, he said, residents will feel they have a direct connection to Borough Hall.

The incumbents, Keith Turner and Paul Mirabelli, both say their goal is to provide a local government that is "fully responsive" to senior citizens, young families and children. They have cited additional prog-



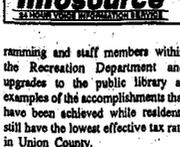
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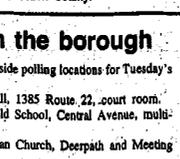
Turner



Mirabelli



Vigilante



Magnolia



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Polling places in the borough

The following is a list of Mountainside polling locations for Tuesday's General Elections:

- District 1 and 6: Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22, court room.
- Districts 2, 7, 8 and 9: Deerfield School, Central Avenue, multipurpose room.
- Districts 3, 4 and 5: Presbyterian Church, Deepshad and Meeting House Lane, assembly room.

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Cancelled debate ends campaign

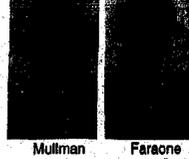
By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

Springfield residents returning from a short vacation may not even realize there is an election taking place for one seat on the Township Committee.

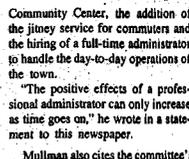
But Tuesday's outcome will determine whether the Democrats maintain total control of the committee or if a Republican, Florence Farone, will find her way into public office.

Incumbent Democrat Sy Mullman has served nearly six years on the committee, including last year as mayor and this year as deputy mayor. "I am committed to continue to make Springfield even better as we enter the new millennium and continue with Springfield's second hundred years," Mullman said.

He said recent accomplishments include renovations to the Chisholm



Mullman



Farone

Community Center, the addition of the jitney service for commuters and the hiring of a full-time administrator to handle the day-to-day operations of the town.

"The positive effects of a professional administrator can only increase as time goes on," he wrote in a statement to this newspaper.

Mullman also cites the committee's resolve against "out-of-town influ-

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ences," such as CVS and the Union methadone clinic, as a fight "to protect the families living in these neighborhoods and in every neighborhood."

There has been no local tax increase for Springfield property owners over the past two years. "This was possible because we have cut our costs and raised our revenues," Mullman said, adding that there has been a nearly \$200,000 reduction in annual garbage collection and disposal costs.

Although she is a challenger, Farone has remained mostly silent throughout the campaign. Farone cancelled a League of Women Voters-sponsored candidates forum that was scheduled for Oct. 20.

"We find it regrettable that a candidate who asks people to vote for her is unable or unwilling to appear before the public to state her positions," said Denis Rockman, a voter service spokesperson for the League of Women Voters.

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Photo By Milton Mills

Mountainside resident and cartoonist Harry Devlin and artist Sharon Schiller team up to provide relief for victims of Tropical Storm Floyd in Bound Brook. An art show will be Nov. 7 and 14.

Cartoonist donates works for relief

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

In many communities, Tropical Storm Floyd is long past. This is not so in Bound Brook.

The legacy of Floyd is represented by the words "Grant or Ghost Town" painted and plastered on the large sheets of plywood covering the doors and windows of the town's shops. Wood, sheetrock and carpeting are constantly being heaped on the curbs, another reminder of the long reach of the storm.

A group of artists, gathered by Green Brook frame shop owner Sharon Schiller, are coming together to bring some much-needed financial relief to the town. Harry Devlin, a longtime Mountainside resident and friend of Schiller's, is among them. Devlin, 81, donated his print "The Mill at Clinton" to Schiller's event. The show, scheduled for Nov. 7 and 14, will be held outdoors at Schiller's business, The Frame Shop, in Green Brook. Ten artists, most of whom are New Jersey-based, are expected to participate. Proceeds from the exhibition will go to the Raritan Valley Community Action Group.

Born in Jersey City, Devlin studied art at Syracuse University. In 1942 he enlisted in the Navy as an Ensign, producing aircraft identification art for the Office of Naval Intelligence. One of his illustrator friends from the Navy is cartoonist Hank Ketchum, creator of "Dennis the Menace," with whom Devlin remains in touch. After the war, Devlin began a 10-year association with Collier's magazine, providing advertising, editorial cartooning and reportorial illustration. He also began working for the Saturday Home Magazine and The New York Daily News. Devlin joined the National Cartoonists Society in 1948 and the Society of Illustrators in 1950. He became a life member of the Society of Illustrators in 1977.

Devlin's detailed naturalistic style, as evidenced in his aircraft illustrations, remained with him throughout his career, even lasting through his stint as a student with the noted abstract painter Hans Hoffman. The artist now specializes in architectural subjects, often rural structures of other eras, painted in clear, crisp sunlight. "The Mill at Clinton" is very much in this vein.

Devlin has received numerous awards. His work is included in a number of private, corporate and museum collections. New Jersey Bell, Chemical Bank of New Jersey, the Cram and Foster Corporation and the Jane Voorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick are among the collections in which his work appears. Earlier this year, the artist and his wife, Wendie, donated prints of their work to a fund-raiser for the newly-created Mountainside Education Foundation.

The current fund-raiser is Schiller's idea. "We were going to have an art show anyway," she said. "So we contacted Bound Brook to see what we could do for them. City hall gave us RVCAG's number."

"We've received all kinds of corporate and private donations," RVCAG president Karen Taylor said. "We've gotten donations from everywhere in the U.S., and from as far away as Singapore."

Taylor described the number of donations as "really overwhelming." Over 500 tons of used clothing, refrigerators from Frigidaire, products from Bristol Myers, Ortho and Johnson and Johnson, among other companies, all have been sent in. Items ranging from shampoos,

brushes, curlers, blow driers, teddy bears, footballs and basketballs have all made their way to RVCAG's current warehouse in Bridgewater.

"We have no administrative costs," Taylor said. "We're all volunteers. Unfortunately, we do have some overhead. We have two fork lifts — the one fork lift operator is the only one who gets paid because he has to be licensed — and the fork lifts cost \$495 a week. On top of that, we're still trying to compensate the owner for the time we've spent in the warehouse building."

The warehouse space is donated, but RVCAG is now past the donated termination date of Oct. 15. Proceeds from Schiller's exhibition will go toward paying RVCAG's expenses in these areas.

The exhibition and sale will be at The Frame Shop, 230 Route 22 West in Green Brook on Nov. 7 and 14 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Donations can be made directly to the Raritan Valley Community Action Group, 650 Hanken Road, Bound Brook, 08805.

People Garden performed at St. James

The children of St. James The Apostle School in Springfield celebrated Special Persons Day with an event called The People Garden. On Oct. 19, a professionally-produced performance was given for the children, who could invite up to two people to attend with them. These two invited guests were people that the children feel are very important in their lives.

The People Garden is a story about a lot of little stories: some are sad stories, some are happy and some are funny. Adult and child performers performed a 90-minute long performance geared to encourage the kids to get along with one another and "not tell lies," "well as other life lessons."

St. James the Apostle is a Catholic parish elementary school in the Archdiocese of Newark, located at 41 South Springfield Ave., drawing students from a wide geographic range.

Board sings praises of school song

By Joe Lugara
Staff Writer

Monday night's meeting of Mountainside's Board of Education opened with a song.

With friends and family in attendance, a group of first-graders — and some first-grade alumni — led with the "Pledge of Allegiance," followed by a rendition of a recently re-earched Mountainside school song.

The tune, written by one of the borough's teachers who worked for the district from 1953 to 1968, was praised by board member John Perrin as having "a lot of history to it. If we can build up school spirit through the song, then it has great value."

Vicki Jenkins, supervisor of special services, gave a presentation concerning inclusion practices for handicapped students. Full inclusion — the integration of the student, regardless of the disability, into full-time classes — is not, according to Jenkins, the state's legal mandate.

The legal mandate, Least Restrictive Environment, involves the basic instance of the child's inclusion in the classroom, but differs from full inclusion in that the student is sometimes recognized as requiring help on a separate, out-of-the-classroom basis.

Least Restrictive Environment is the practice followed by Mountainside.

"The law demands that we use inclusive practices, but not full inclusion," Jenkins said. "The law says you must be able to validate why you're taking the student out of the classroom."

"There are a host of reasons why a student might be taken out. But, in order for a student to be removed from a class, they have to meet federal eligibility criteria."

Jenkins said school districts currently are being mandated to use more inclusive practices. "The state says that if you want to get more money from us, you have to be more inclusive," she said.

According to Jenkins, one of the biggest challenges for the borough would be teacher training. "The program must match the child's needs," she said. "This isn't a criticism of the teachers. They just haven't been trained to deal with this kind of situation."

In the area of buildings and grounds, the board approved transportation routes with the Union County Educational Services Commission

for 18 students for the upcoming school year.

In policy, board members approved the formulation, adoption and amendment of policies, bylaws and administrative regulations. In regard to sus-

pension of policies, bylaws and regulations, it was stated, "If the policy or bylaw does not reflect the intent of the board, then the policy shall be waived by a majority vote of the members of the board present."

Candidates share insight about borough issues

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shouldn't have to sift through all that."

"For his part, Brociner said, "I don't believe anyone's in this for a couple of bucks."

In regard to the expanded parking facility by the library and Hetfield House, Mirabelli pointed out that the bulk of the work is being funded by a \$180,000 state grant. "Spending \$10,000 for a \$190,000 parking lot is what we call good government," he said.

"There's nothing spectacular about taking grand dollars and doing what should be done with them," Brociner said. "You're just doing what you're

supposed to be doing."

The candidates were asked if Police Chief James Debbie's role as the borough's acting administrator should be regarded as permanent, to which Brociner said, "That's really a question for the chief. If he feels that it works, then it's a benefit. But why did we pay people full time to do the job before?"

"It was a question of timing," Turner said. "Chief Debbie was the right man for the right job at the right time. It saves us \$70,000 a year in salary and benefits if it works."

"We needed a part-time administrator, but someone with administrative skills who would be here and available," Mirabelli added.

Election decides total control

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This is not the first year Republican candidates have not appeared at a scheduled forum. According to Rockman, in 1997 and 1998, they had not responded to the invitation to take part in Candidates Night.

Last week Mullman said he still challenges Faraone to a debate.

Despite cancelling the forum, Faraone has said two-party government is important at the local level and beyond. "Minority representation is an opportunity for Springfield to be rep-

resented by another segment of the community," he wrote in a statement to the Echo Leader. "An All-Democrat Township Committee is a single-party philosophy and, although its members claim independent thinking, there is more than a perception of 'rubber-stamp politics.'"

She said a priority must be to eliminate the "tension and discontent" at Town Hall. Dialogue, she said, will help stop the lawsuits and settlements that have been affecting the Police Department.

Borough holds family festival

All Mountainside residents are invited to a Fall Family Festival Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Mountainside Borough Hall soccer field. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Free attractions include pony rides, moon walk, trackless train rides, face painting and spin art.

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Sy Mullman

The one seat on the Springfield Township Committee should be filled by the committee member already sitting there, Democrat Sy Mullman has proven during the past six years that he should continue to lead the community.

During Mullman's two terms in office, Springfield has seen improvements — all of which Mullman has participated in, if not spearheaded. This week, the Chisholm Recreation Center celebrates a year since its grand reopening. Under the direction of the Township Committee, and with the support of the Summit Area YMCA, the facility transformed from an eyesore into a vibrant center for residents of all ages.

With Mullman's leadership, the Township Committee has hired a full-time administrator. A growing community needs a qualified administrator to handle day-to-day operations. This position clearly was a necessity for Springfield.

Commuters have been impacted by Mullman through the grant that provides the "park-and-ride" jitney service. This service is one that helps ease the commute for current residents and further attracts young families to Springfield. Mullman has consistently demonstrated his desire to improve the quality of life for all residents.

At the same time, residents have not faced a municipal tax increase in two years.

Mullman's years of service and his dedication to the "Take Pride in Springfield Program" further demonstrate his sincerity and devotion to the community. Mullman has lived in Springfield for 24 years. He is known to be a thoughtful businessman who does not hide his opinions; rather, he shares them with the community and speaks openly at meetings.

The plague that has darkened the Police Department during the past year is one that needs to be addressed. Mullman has said he wants to see sensitivity training for all township employees. While this may be effective, the Police Department needs a complete re-evaluation, starting from the top and winding its way down to even the newest officers. We urge Mullman and the entire Township Committee to make this a priority.

With only one party represented on the Township Committee, it would be easy for its members to become secure in their positions and let complacency reign. With Mullman's enthusiasm and innovative thinking, residents can be assured that this will not occur.

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, we encourage them to cast their vote for Mullman.

Turner, Mirabelli

Residents in Mountainside have little to complain about regarding the actions of their current elected officials. Council members Paul Mirabelli and Keith Turner certainly are contributors to the overall welfare of the borough. They should have the opportunity to continue to bring forth their ideas and insight during another term.

Taxes remain among the lowest in the county. Members of the council and the mayor continue to look for ratables that will keep taxes stable; as with Brighton Gardens, the movie theater, storage facilities and the cellular tower, they often are successful.

Increased programs in the Recreation Department, entirely new management at the community pool and an inexpensive, homemade ice rink in the winter all add to the quality of life for older residents and for families with young children.

The new commuter parking lot, currently under construction adjacent to the library, has been paid almost entirely with grant money. It is a much-needed addition to the community. The lot not only frees spaces at Borough Hall during the day, but also is a selling point for families looking for homes in proximity to their jobs in New York City.

During their years on the Borough Council, Mirabelli and Turner have helped make these visionary enhancements become realities. What they must recognize, however, is residents want to be listened to. They want to hear discussion and even debate among members of the council. Both council members admit there is a perception that the governing body consists of the mayor and six "nodding heads." It is time to change that perception.

The dialogue Turner and Mirabelli say takes place in workshop meetings must occur at regular sessions, in front of the audience and in front of the TV-35 camera. Invite the public to participate in these discussions and truly listen to them when they do participate.

Volunteerism has been dwindling in the borough. It has been seen and felt within the fire department and the rescue squad. Take more active measures to recruit volunteers.

With more volunteerism, public discussion and openness at meetings, Mountainside truly can be a special community. It needs to start with Mirabelli and Turner recognizing these issues as crucial to their re-election.



LION, WITCH, WARDROBE — In the front row, from left, Daniel Perez, Dana Meyerhardt, Jonathan Sagelow and Sara Alonso display their trophies for the best costumes at the Halloween Blast in Springfield's Chisholm Community Center Sunday. Jacob Weersinger, back left, Alexander and Diane Wisniewski and Barbara Weber display their costumes and prizes. Costumes ranged from a lion and laundry pile to a kitchen table.

Photo By Barbara Kokala

Re-elect Vigilanti for Mountainside mayor

For 12 years, Robert Vigilanti has served the borough as mayor. He is a powerful leader who should be re-elected to build on his accomplishments.

Thanks to Vigilanti's leadership, taxpayers have enjoyed the lowest effective tax rate in Union County, and the lowest in central New Jersey. His administration has created an increase in programs provided by the Recreation Department, added a facility for the Police Department and upgraded the library and downtown area. One of the latest projects includes the construction of a commuter lot adjacent to the library. This surely will ease the burden of commuting residents and clear the Borough Hall lot for those who need the services in that facility.

While his leadership has been effective, many residents have a perception of "closed-door" politics. Vigilanti must begin listening to the voters — at meetings of the Borough Council, at informal gatherings, while walking around the borough. During Vigilanti's next four years, he should listen to suggestions, comments and criticism with an open mind.

Vigilanti has said his one flaw is that he may have too much pride in Mountainside. The only flaw in that is not listening to every resident.

We encourage voters to re-elect Vigilanti to continue as mayor of the borough.

Al Dill, Nicholas Scutari and Wally Shackell

Two-party government serves the people best. Plain and simple. This country was founded on the idea of varied ideologies among its representative leaders and the idea of checks and balances.

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders currently has all nine seats controlled by Democrats. And while the board can point to many accomplishments, a 9-0 board best serves the party, not the people. This is true regardless of which party is in power. Not so long ago, it was the Republicans who had control.

Now the board needs Republican representation. That is why residents should vote for Republicans Al Dill of Summit and Wally Shackell of Cranford on Tuesday. They also should return incumbent Democrat Nicholas Scutari of Linden to the freeholder board.

Government works best when there is a dissenting voice and diversity of opinion. The current board lacks any dissenting voice. But dissent is not needed simply to create dissent. Differing viewpoints can bring about even better solutions and ideas than those originally proposed.

There may be some debate as to whether nine freeholder seats are truly necessary. But there should be no debate as to whether they should all be from the same political party.

Dill brings with him a healthy amount of government experience on the municipal level, having served on the Summit Common Council for nine years. He also served as a commissioner to the Union County Utilities Authority for several years.

What Dill may lack in county experience he makes up in philosophy. He advocates running government like a business; with dividends being money given back to taxpayers. Fiscal responsibility is Dill's middle name as he is a self-proclaimed "fanatic" about the need to go out to bid on any and all purchases.

Scutari is completing his first term on the board, having served as chairman this year. The Linden resident has gained a reputation for giving preference to Union County when it comes to selecting vendors. He believes in keeping Union County tax dollars local by awarding contracts and projects to local businesses whenever possible. The same goes for county jobs. The county is now embroiled in litigation because of the enforcement of a 1983 ordinance requiring employees of the county to live within the county. Scutari is right on both counts: county tax dollars should stay within the county, whether it's through jobs or contracts.

He has made economic development a priority, which is a key to providing a stable tax base in the county. In addition to seeing the culmination of years of planning in the Jersey Gardens mall during his term, Scutari's own Downtown Union County program provided grant money to help revitalize downtowns and stabilize the local tax base.

Shackell served on the Cranford Township Committee for one term, including one year as mayor. And it was a busy term in office as the township saw the beginning construction stages of a community center and golf course.

A healthy dose of skepticism and a clear philosophy of the role of a freeholder are what Shackell has to offer. Although 11 of the

county's municipalities saw their county taxes decline, Shackell's first thoughts are, "Why only 11?" It is this kind of thinking that can serve taxpayers throughout the county well.

When citizens step into the voting booth Tuesday, we encourage them to cast their ballots for Dill, Scutari and Shackell.

Approve questions

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they will be asked to accept or reject three questions presented by the state. We encourage voters to approve all three questions.

• Question No. 1, the Statewide Transportation and Local Bridge Bond Act of 1999, asks residents to authorize the state to issue bonds in the amount of \$500 million to rehabilitate and improve the state transportation system, including structurally deficient bridges.

As we move into the new millennium, we in New Jersey are quite aware of how deficient our highways, railroads and bridges are. We are a continually growing state, one dependent on transportation, and it would serve us well to have our infrastructure improved.

• Question No. 2, a constitutional amendment to increase the property tax deduction for veterans, is harmless in that merely asks residents to approve increasing the property tax deduction for veterans from the current \$50 to \$100 for the year 2000, \$150 for the year 2001, \$200 for the year 2002, and \$250 for each year thereafter. This property tax deduction has not been increased since 1963.

• Question No. 3, a constitutional amendment that provides that state lottery net proceeds will not be used to fund prison programs, is a no-brainer.

Approval of this question would mean that state lottery funds would not be used in any way to support prisons or prison programs. If residents wish to spend money playing games of chance sanctioned by the state, they should know that that money is not being used for prisons.

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The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

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Weingarten, O'Toole in the 21st District

With the layout of the 21st Legislative District, it can be difficult to serve all 13 municipalities consistently. The district stretches from as far as Summit and Roselle Park in Union County to the western part of Essex County to towns such as Verona and the Caldwell's. While the towns may have many similarities, the area they cover can become a challenge.

Both incumbents hail from Essex County, but they have been able to stay active and visible throughout Union County towns in the district during their last term.

Assemblymen Joel Weingarten and Kevin O'Toole have made their names known during their relatively short time in the Assembly, and they deserve to be re-elected to another term.

O'Toole has brought substantial experience to the state level from his years in municipal government, as a councilman and mayor in his hometown of Cedar Grove. Now an assistant majority leader in the Assembly, the Republican cites education as one of his top priorities. That is good news for the quality schools in the 21st district.

Weingarten has targeted HMO reform, taxes and infrastructure as key issues for the Assembly to tackle. While he may tackle the more mundane issues involved, such as budgeting and leases, it certainly can be said that is his forte.

HMO reform is critical in our state, where the senior population continues to grow. Decisions must be made by doctors and not bean counters. Many legislators seem to agree on this, yet it has not been accomplished.

Property tax reform will be the hot-button issue in the next governor's race, according to O'Toole. He concedes that the issue will require an innovative solution and the state may have to stop everything to get it done.

Weingarten sees a key to property tax relief as making the state completely assume the costs involved in schooling special education students.

Whatever the final answer is to property tax reform, the ball should get rolling as soon as possible. The next governor's race is not until 2001, and the Legislature must make reform a priority sooner than later. Like almost any kind of reform, everyone seems to agree property tax reform is needed. It's just a matter of who will take the first step.

When 21st district voters enter the voting booth Tuesday, they should cast their ballots for O'Toole and Weingarten. It will be in their best interests to do so.

Re-elect Bagger and Augustine in the 22nd

When voters go to the polls Tuesday, they will notice that Assemblymen Richard Bagger and Alan Augustine are running unopposed for their seats in the 22nd Legislative District.

We encourage all voters to cast a vote for these two Republican incumbents to show they appreciate the efforts they have given in their roles as state legislators. Bagger has worked tirelessly during his terms in office, and Augustine has displayed the support an assemblyman must give to effectively move an agenda forward.

As far as Bagger is concerned, he will not run for the 7th Congressional District seat if Rep. Bob Franks is successful in his

U.S. Senate bid. That means Bagger will remain a state legislator and continue to serve on the powerful Appropriations Committee, which he has been chairing, and keep his strong leadership in Trenton. That's a bonus for residents not only from the 22nd district, but for residents across the state.

We encourage residents — all residents — not to ignore the line for Bagger and Augustine when they go to the polls Tuesday. We encourage them to cast their votes for two men who have proven themselves as legislators. A vote in an uncontested race is one of support, and these two men deserve to know they are appreciated.

Linda-Lee Kelly for County Surrogate

The average Union County resident probably could not tell you what a county surrogate is or does. Citizens generally do not have to deal with a surrogate in their everyday lives. However, when the time comes, it would be fortunate to have someone like Linda-Lee Kelly serving the public's needs as county surrogate.

Kelly has a plethora of experience at the county level that would make her entry to office that much easier. She was assistant county counsel, serving in that position for six years. The Elizabeth resident was on the Board of Chosen Freeholders from 1990 to 1996 and its chairwoman in 1993.

Kelly oversees 750 employees in her current position of principal at Hamilton Middle School, Elizabeth's largest middle school.

In addition to her years of county government experience, Kelly is passionate about serving residents, particularly seniors, those most affected by the surrogate's office. She stresses the importance of estate planning and wants to demonstrate it to residents through public outreach programs and speaking engagements. At the same time, Kelly believes in the need to think innovatively in seeking to improve how things are done. She holds degrees in biological sciences, plant pathology and law.

We ask voters to support the candidacy of Kelly for Union County Surrogate in Tuesday's election.

Seniors host racetrack banquet

The Senior Citizens of Mountaine side will hold a banquet Nov. 16 at the Meadows Thoroughbred Racetrack Pegasus.

The banquet will include an extensive dinner buffet, fresh salads, appetizers, varied hot entrees including carving and pasta stations and a dessert table. A bus will leave from Gospel Chapel at 5 p.m. The cost is \$56 per person. The dress code is suits and dresses.

For more information and reservations call Loreta Buschmann at (908) 252-1404.

Newcomers Club holds new-resident activities

The Mountaine side Newcomers Club announced the following member activities for the upcoming months:

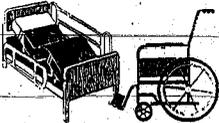
• Tomorrow, "Mommy and Me Halloween Party": Bring the kids to the Community Room in Borough Hall for an afternoon from 1:30 to 3 p.m. to celebrate Halloween. There will be pumpkins to decorate and goody bags for all. The cost is \$4 per child. Call Mary Doyle at (908) 654-7056.

• Nov. 13, "Daddy and Me Firehouse Tour": Moms and/or Dads can bring the kids to the Mountaine side Fire Department at 9 a.m. to see the fire trucks, gear and equipment, as well as the fire house itself. Call Mary Doyle at (908) 654-7056.

The Mountaine side Newcomers Club is a social and charitable organization whose purpose is to extend a friendly greeting to newcomers in town, to help them meet other newcomers and to do everything possible to make them feel welcome and part of the community.

Membership is open to new residents of Mountaine side or established residents who have experienced a change in lifestyle, such as the birth of a child, or a change in employment or marital status. For membership information, call Teri Schmiedel at (908) 301-0147.

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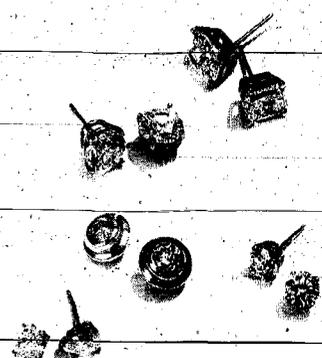
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Language doesn't make a candidate

To the Editor:

Both Vice President Al Gore and George W. Bush are addressing Hispanic groups in a "form of Spanish," not English.

What a sad day of our American heritage.

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Joseph Chioppa
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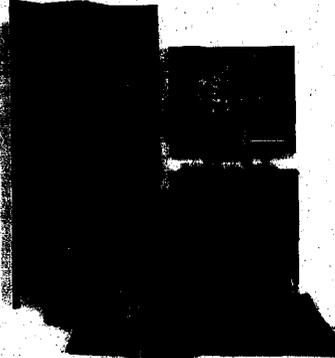
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Oak Knoll holds day of shopping

Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit will hold its sixth annual Royal Boutique in Tisdall Hall the Ashland Road entrance, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"This is a wonderful day of shopping for the upcoming holidays, your home and gifts," said chairperson Julie Feldmann of Summit. "There will be a wide variety of wares from carefully selected merchants to satisfy the most discriminating tastes and the most savvy shoppers. We will have something for everyone."

Returning this year are such vendors as Winning Woolies; offering hand-loomed children's sweaters; Simple Faith handcrafted stoneware jewelry; Sweet Nothings with hostess gifts for holiday parties; Lisa Begin-Kruysman custom framed antique postcards and Sports Minded sport collectibles, among others.

Many vendors will be making their first appearance at the Royal Boutique such as Josie's Posies, offering unique floral topiaries. Killly Creations handpainted decorative slates, Galen Mohler pen and ink lithograph drawings, The Banyan Tree holiday and home accessories and Kristin's Klox antique plate clocks.

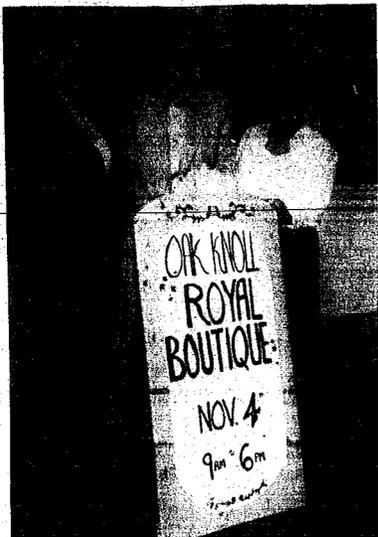
Once again, there will be prizes and the return of the popular Royal Cafe, providing light lunch fare.

All vendors will be donating a portion of their sales to Oak Knoll, so every purchase will help support the school. Admission is free.

For more information, contact the Oak Knoll Development Office at 522-8105.

Attention churches and social clubs

This newspaper encourages congregations, temples, social and civic organizations to inform the editors about scheduled events and activities. Releases should be typed, double-spaced, and include a phone number where a representative may be reached during the day. Send information to: Managing Editor, P.O. Box 3109, Union, 07083.



Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child Royal Boutique volunteers include, from left, Theresa Stafarow of Springfield, chairperson, Julie Feldmann of Summit and Kathleen Clark from Mountainside. The holiday-shopping boutique will be held in Tisdall Hall Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jack E. Green

Jack E. Green, 72, of Summit died Oct. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Orange, Mr. Green lived in Summit for the past 45 years. He was a mason with Local 46 in Summit for 40 years and retired 12 years ago. Mr. Green served with the Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Golden Age Club in Summit.

Surviving are his wife, Laura; a son, Jack D., and three grandchildren.

Ann Moran

Ann Moran, 96, of Springfield died Oct. 18 in Rumells Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Moran lived in Springfield for the past 22 years. Surviving are a daughter, Catherine D'Sole; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Phillip Wertz

Phillip Wertz of Springfield died Oct. 18 in Rumells Specialized Hospital, Berkeley Heights.

Born in Orange, Mr. Wertz lived in South Orange before moving to Springfield 20 years ago. He was employed by Hartford Insurance Co., New York City, for 35 years and retired in 1979. Mr. Wertz was an Army veteran of World War II.

Surviving are a sister, Florence Zwig, and a brother, James.

Lisa Binetsky

Lisa Binetsky, 47, of Springfield,

formerly of Union, died Oct. 23 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Newark, Miss Binetsky lived in Union before moving to Springfield seven years ago. She was a personnel manager for Prudential Insurance Co., Roseland, for the past 15 years.

Surviving are a son, Brian B. Jones; her mother, Harriet Binetsky Richter, and a sister, Beth.

Stanley M. Kroeger

Stanley M. Kroeger, 76, of Springfield died Oct. 21 in the Coral Springs Medical Center, Coral Springs, Fla.

Born in East Orange, Mr. Kroeger moved to Springfield in 1951. He was a salesman with Lipton Tea Co., Englewood Cliffs, for 30 years and retired in 1983. Mr. Kroeger was a Navy veteran of World War II. He was a member of the Lions Club and the Men's Club, both of Springfield. Mr. Kroeger also was a deacon in the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield, and a member of the Springfield pool and flood committees.

Surviving are a son, Jeffrey G.; a daughter, Janice L. Funicello; a brother, Donald, and three grandchildren.

Antoinette L. Hluchy

Antoinette L. Hluchy, 88, of Toms River, formerly of Mountainside, died Oct. 22 in the Green Acres Manor, Toms River.

Born in Newark, Mrs. Hluchy lived in Mountainside before moving to

Toms River two years ago. She was the owner and operator of Westfield Radio and Television Service Co., Westfield, with her late husband, John, from 1947 through 1977, when she retired.

Surviving are a brother, Richard Misurullo, and two sisters, Shirley Inga and Kathryn Guzzo.

Elsie Annese

Elsie Annese, 86, of Springfield died Oct. 24 in the Cornell Hall Convalescent Center, Union.

Born in Elizabeth, Mrs. Annese lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Springfield eight years ago. She was a sales person with Tony Dennis Men's Store, Elizabeth and Westfield, for 30 years and retired in 1980. Mrs. Annese was a 40-year member of the Roselle Golf Club and its Ladies Auxiliary.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis and Anthony, and a grandchild.

Aristoclis Joannides

Aristoclis Costas Joannides, 78, of Mountainside died Oct. 24 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Born in Strovolos, Cyprus, Mr. Joannides came to the United States in 1946 and lived in Mountainside since 1969. He was a chef and bartender with the San Francisco Restaurant, Mountainside, for 20 years and retired in 1985.

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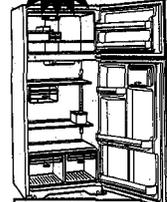
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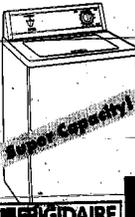
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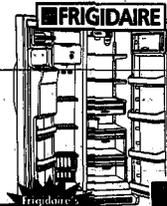
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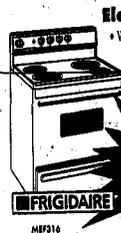


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Items reported stolen from vehicles

Six robberies involving motor vehicles were reported to the Springfield Police Department Oct. 20.

Three thefts also occurred on Cotler Avenue. In one incident, a 1989 Ford Probe, owned by a Summit resident, reportedly was stolen. Two thefts from inside vehicles also were reported: a car stereo valued at \$300 was taken in another incident, and a wallet containing \$21 cash, along with a driver's license, credit cards and a \$200 stereo, was taken in a third.

Brown Avenue was the site of two more incidents. A 1985 Pontiac, owned by a Roselle resident, reportedly was stolen, with a motor vehicle burglary resulting in damage to a driver's side door lock and a compact disc

POLICE BLOTTER

player. Another burglary was reported on Elmwood Street. A cellular phone and an early warning radar detector were taken.

No arrests have been made in any of the incidents:

- A Newbrook Lane resident reported a variety of items taken from the garage and car Oct. 19. A carpet cleaning machine, power vacuum, carpet repair tools, portable power drill and toolbox were among the items reported stolen from the garage, with a compact disc player, flash light and credit card terminal taken from the car. No arrest has been made.
- A Hillside resident parked in the

Sports Authority lot on Route 22 east reported a 1,200-watt amplifier stolen from the car.

• Brenda Nunez, 24, of Jersey City was arrested at Staples on eastbound Route 22 and charged with forgery.

Mountainside

• Stuart Simpson, 38, of East Orange, was arrested in Irvington Monday and found to have a warrant out of Mountainside for \$1,311.

• Herman Guevara, 24, of Clark, was arrested on Evergreen Court and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol. According to reports from the Mountainside Police Department, officers received a 9-1-1 cellular phone report of a drunk driver.

Firefighters fall while battling blaze

FIRE BLOTTER

All three men were assisted back up to the living room level. All interior firefighters then advanced to the second floor, where they were met by thick black smoke and high heat levels. A preliminary search of the second floor revealed no victims.

The house was ventilated by breaking windows on the first and second floors. Holes were cut in the roof, with several holes punched in the second-floor walls to check for fire

extension. A secondary search was undertaken for victims, but none were found.

The fire was declared under control at 10:55 p.m. Bilotti and Balke, indicating some pain from their fall, were transported to Overlook Hospital as a precaution. Both were released and eventually returned to the fire scene.

The Fire Investigation Team was notified and the Sheriff's I.D. Unit was called in to take photos. A copy of the fire investigation report is being prepared by Fire Deputy Chief Schwandt.

A blaze at a Newbrook Lane residence in Springfield brought out engine and truck companies from Union, Mountainside, Summit and Kenilworth Friday, and resulted in a fall for two Springfield firefighters.

According to reports, the department received the call at 9:21 p.m. Capt. Mastello of the Springfield Fire Department reviewed the condition of the house, noting, through a sliding glass door, heavy black smoke and fire at the ceiling level of the first floor.

Neighbors who had gathered on the street informed the department that the residents were away for the weekend, as the house was locked.

An engine company from Summit and a truck company from Union responded directly to the scene, with Mountainside and Kenilworth providing coverage at Springfield headquarters.

Heavy black smoke puffed from all second-floor windows. The department entered forcibly through the front door, with Springfield firefighters Bilotti and Balke advancing a hand line through the front hallway to the rear family room. All visible fire in that room was holed down.

Bilotti and Balke then retreated to the front hallway and proceeded up a half flight of stairs to the living room. In the heavy smoke, they stumbled down a half flight of stairs leading to a sunken dining room. A firefighter from the Union Engine Company, who went in to search for them, also fell.

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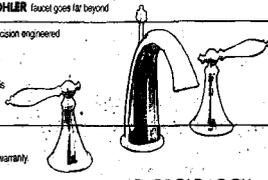
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Halloween maintains fright-night tradition

By Cheryl Hehl
Staff Writer

Halloween has caught the imagination of people throughout the ages. From ancient rituals honoring the dead to our modern custom of trick-or-treating, this one night has a history that goes back centuries and continues to be surrounded by symbols of the past.

In ancient times, people chose this time of year to celebrate the dead. Many of the old customs embraced on Halloween can be traced to the past and to the beliefs of our ancestors.

Although it is the custom now to carve pumpkins into jack-o-lanterns, turnips once were used to shield candles from the wind on All Hallows Eve. These "lanterns" were placed on the window sills to guide the dead back to their kin. This ritual continues today with many homes displaying carved pumpkins with a candle burning inside the faces.

The ancient Celts called the festival Samhain and observed it to celebrate the onset of winter. In Ireland, the festival was Samhain or La Samon, or the Feast of the Sun, while in Scotland the celebration was known as Hallowe'en. Even the Romans observed the holiday of Feralia, a day set aside to give rest and peace to the departed. Numerous folk customs connected with the pagan observances, for the dead have survived even into modern times, although the custom of trick-or-treating probably has several origins. There is an old Irish peasant practice of going door-to-door to collect money, breadcake, eggs, butter,

nuts and apples, in preparation for the festival of St. Columkille. Another was the begging for soul cakes or offerings for one's self in exchange for promises of prosperity or protection against bad luck.

While these ancient customs were associated with this time of year, the word "Halloween" originated in the Catholic Church. Although All Hallows Eve preceded All Hallows Day on Nov. 1, an observance in honor of saints, elements of the Samhain celebration rituals can be seen in many of the traditions honored today.

One story that had its roots during this ancient time tells of the disembodied spirits of all those who died throughout the preceding year coming back in search of living bodies to possess for the next year. It was believed to be their only hope for the after-life. Naturally, the living did not want to be possessed, so on the night of Oct. 31, they would extinguish all fires in their homes to make them cold and undesirable. Then they would dress in ghoulish costumes and noisily parade around the neighborhood being as destructive as possible in order to frighten away spirits looking for bodies to possess.

These practices would change throughout time to become more ritualized, but many of the same practices would continue. As beliefs in possession waned, the practice of dressing like hobgoblins, ghosts and witches took on a more ceremonial role.

The custom of Halloween was brought to America in the 1840s by Irish immigrants fleeing the potato

Pumpkin faces



Photo By Barbara Kockalis

Sandmeier School first-grader Erica Krause paints whiskers on her pumpkin. Decorating was part of the festivities at the Chisholm Recreation Center's Halloween Blast in Springfield on Sunday.

famine. At that time, the favorite pranks in New England included tipping over outhouses and unhooking fence gates.

The custom of trick-or-treating originated with a ninth century European custom called "souling." Christians would walk from village to village begging for "soul cakes," made out of square pieces of bread with currants. The more soul cakes beggars

received, the more prayers they would promise to say on behalf of the dead relatives of the donors.

Although some cults and devil worshippers may have adopted Halloween as their favorite holiday, the day did not grow out of evil practices but rather the rituals of many cultures and religions. This Sunday, millions will continue this ancient celebration.

Halloween spooks downtown Summit

Calling all ghosts, goblins and gremlins: Bring your mom and dad and come into Summit on Saturday for a full day of Halloween treats and tricks. The fun starts at 10 a.m. when the downtown stores open their doors to all kids in costume for "tricks or treats." Look for stores with the orange pumpkins on the doors or windows, and stop in for a treat. Trick-or-treating will continue all day, until 5 p.m., or until the candy runs out.

Face painters will be at work downtown between 10 a.m. and noon, adding an artistic touch to enhance the Halloween look.

At 10:30 and 11:15 a.m., the Beacon Hill Five Cinema will show "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Seats are free but will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Also, beginning at 10:30 a.m., children can watch for the Balloon Clown who will be strolling around downtown streets, making balloon animals, sculptures and hats.

Storyteller and published children's author Gwyn English Nielsen will weave her magic with "A Halloween Fable" at 1:30 p.m. at Elephanates, 26 Maple St. Call (908) 522-1700 to reserve a place.

The Summit YMCA will sponsor the annual Haunted House from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at 67 Maple St. Activities include games, arts and crafts, a costume parade, refreshments and a fright or two. Bring a nonperishable can or box of food as your entry ticket.

Finally, top off a full day of fun by marching in the annual PAL Halloween Costume Parade. Gather at the Kemper Insurance lot after 3:30, and parade at 4 p.m. through the downtown in costume. The parade ends at the Village Green, where prizes for the different costumes will be awarded and cookies and cider will be served.

For more information, call the Summit Chamber of Commerce at (908) 522-1700. All activities are free and open to the public, but kids must wear their costumes.

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Catch the Halloween spirits

Photo By Barbara Kockalis
Lion John, clown Maggie and baby dinosaur Stephen Keffer take a break from the Halloween Blast activities at the Chisholm Recreation Center in Springfield on Sunday.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

By J.R. Parachini
 Sports Editor
 The local schedule for Week Seven is spread out evenly as there are five games set for tomorrow night and five more for Saturday afternoon.

No. 1 Union remains the only unbeaten team in the area as the Farmers improved to 6-0 for the first time since 1994 with a 21-13 win over visiting Plainfield last Friday night in Watching Conference-American Division competition at Cooke Memorial Field.

Elizabeth and Linden rebounded from their first losses of the season and are now 5-1. The two are scheduled to meet tomorrow night at Williams Field in Elizabeth. Linden has not beaten Elizabeth since winning 26-12 at Williams Field in 1994, also the last season that Linden qualified for the state playoffs and the last year that Elizabeth did not.

Linden has two tough games remaining against Elizabeth and Union during the final two weekends that count toward the state playoffs. Linden hosts Union on Saturday, Nov. 6, which is the state playoff cutoff date.

The top records in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 4 include: Union (6-0), Elizabeth (5-1), Linden (5-1), defending champion Roxbury (5-1), Bloomfield (5-1), Montclair (5-1), Morris Knolls (4-2), Plainfield (4-3), Randolph (3-3) and Livingston (3-3).

Roxbury and Bloomfield had last weekend off and Plainfield has this weekend off.

 Rahway continues to impress and is now 5-1 and heading toward a playoff berth in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 3. The Indians have games remaining against Group 2 North Plainfield (5-1) this weekend and Group 1 Brearley (3-3) next weekend.

Rahway qualified for the state playoffs last year for the first time since 1984, making the grade in North Jersey, Section 2, Group 2.

 Cranford's game against Shabazz that was halted last Friday night due to a blown generator fuse at Newark's Unersmark Field was scheduled to continue Monday afternoon.

The game was scoreless early in the second quarter when the lights went out.

WEEK SEVEN
 Friday, Oct. 29
 Westfield at Union, 7:00
 Linden at Elizabeth, 7:00
 Summit at Parsippany, 7:00
 North Plain. at Rahway, 7:00
 Brearley at R. Park, 7:30
 Saturday, Oct. 30
 Dayton at Johnson, 1:00
 Hillside at New Prov., 1:00
 Bound Brook at Roselle, 1:00
 Immaculata at Gov. Liv., 1:00
 Kearny at Cranford, 1:30

WEEK SIX
 Friday, Oct. 22
 Union 21, Plainfield 13
 Elizabeth 28, Irvington 8
 R. Park 22, Bound Brook 21
 Saturday, Oct. 23
 Rahway 40, Roselle 12
 Johnson 19, Hillside 12
 Dayton 18, Gov. Liv. 2
 Brearley 49, Manville 7
 Linden 6, Westfield 0
 West Essex 21, Summit 13
 Monday, Oct. 25
 Cranford at Shabazz

 J.R.'s picks for Week Seven:
 Union over Westfield
 Elizabeth over Linden
 Summit over Parsippany
 Rahway over North Plain.
 Brearley over Roselle Park
 Johnson over Dayton
 New Providence over Hillside
 Bound Brook over Roselle
 Immaculata over Gov. Liv.
 Cranford over Kearny
 Last Week: 7-2
 Season: 48-13 (78%)

TERRIFIC THIRTEEN
 1. Union (6-0)
 2. Elizabeth (5-1)
 3. Linden (5-1)
 4. Rahway (5-1)
 5. Brearley (3-3)
 6. Johnson (3-3)
 7. Hillside (3-3)
 8. Dayton (3-3)
 9. Roselle Park (2-4)
 10. Roselle (1-5)
 11. Summit (0-6)
 12. Gov. Livingston (0-6)
 13. Cranford (0-5)

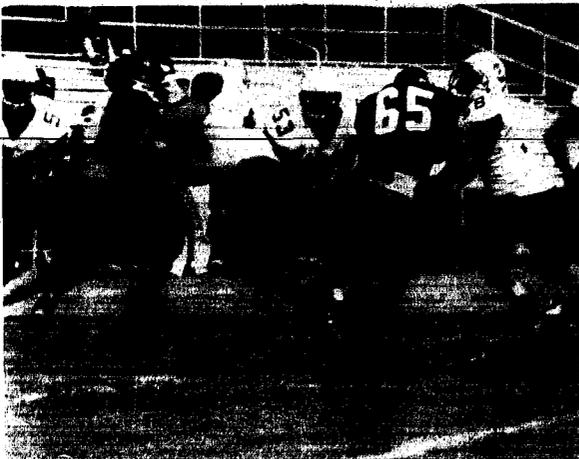
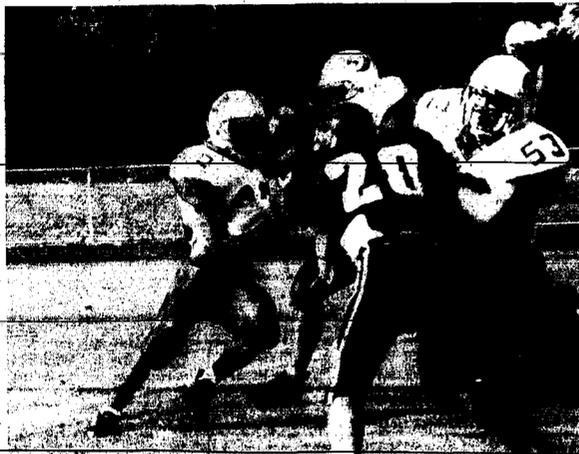


Photo by Charles Meyer

Dayton High School offensive linemen, from left, Justin Azran (No. 51), Charles Beyer (No. 53) and Russell Haywood (No. 58) provide blocking in front of Bulldog quarterback Lorenzo Williams (No. 1) during last Saturday's varsity football game against Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights. Dayton will remain on the road for a game at Johnson this Saturday at 1 p.m. at Nolan Field in Clark. Both teams are 3-3 and coming off road victories, Dayton over GL 18-2 and Johnson over Hillside 19-12.



Dayton senior running back B.J. Jones (No. 20) scored two touchdowns, one on a punt return, and rushed for 108 yards to lead the Bulldogs past GL 18-2.



Dayton senior fullback Matt Fischer (No. 48) scored on a one-yard run in the second quarter to help lift the Bulldogs past the Highlanders.

Dayton football evens mark with victory over Gov. Liv.

The Dayton High School football team evens its record at 3-3 and kept Governor Livingston winless by posting a convincing 18-2 victory in Berkeley Heights last Saturday. The Bulldogs scored single touchdowns in each of the first three quarters and their defense did not allow a single point.

Senior running backs B.J. Jones and Matt Fischer rushed for one touchdown and Jones opened the scoring by returning a punt 65 yards for his first of two scores.

Fischer capped a nine-play, 70-yard drive by going over from the one in the second quarter. After two failed conversions, Dayton led 12-0 at the half.

The Bulldogs went up by an 18-0 score in the third quarter when Jones broke loose for a 61-yard touchdown run. Jones led all ball-carriers with 108 rushing yards.

Fischer sparked a steady defensive performance by posting a team-high 14 tackles.

Governor Livingston's only points were recorded when lineman Mark Porzio sacked Dayton quarterback Lorenzo Williams in the end zone for a third-quarter safety.

The win snapped Dayton's two-game losing streak as the Bulldogs are now preparing for this Saturday's game against another Mountain Division foe, Johnson. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. at Nolan Field in Clark.

The Crusaders also evens their record at 3-3 by winning on the road last Saturday as they defeated Hillside 19-19 in Mountain Valley Conference-Mountain Division play.

Last year Dayton lost to GL, while Johnson lost to Hillside.

GL hosts Immaculata (6-0) this Saturday at 1 p.m.

Summit came very close to UCT final Hilltoppers edged in semis

By John Zucal
 Staff Writer

Valerie Wicks broke the hearts of Summit High School field hockey fans Monday when her goal in the final two minutes of the third overtime period gave host Westfield a 1-0 victory and a trip to the Union County Tournament final.

The Blue Devils, who improved to 12-2-1, will face Oak Knoll (9-5) in Saturday's 7 p.m. final at Kean University in Union. The Royals dropped a surprise semifinalist, Cranford 2-1 on two first-half goals by Andi Gibbons.

Oak Knoll was the tournament's fourth seed, Westfield was seeded second and defending champion Cranford advanced to the semifinals as the No. 9 seed, defeating top-seeded Kent Place along the way.

High School Field Hockey

Cranford defeated Westfield in last year's championship game.

Before Wicks' sudden-death goal, Summit goaltender Wendy Havourd faced a barrage of Blue Devil shots and made 22 saves for the third-seeded Hilltoppers. Jennifer Woodbury stopped four Summit shots for the shutout.

It was the second time Summit, now 8-4-2, fell to the Blue Devils in the past two weeks. In their previous meeting at Summit on Oct. 13, the Blue Devils used goals from Paige Corbett in the 16th and 23rd minutes to defeat Summit 2-0.

Corbett's first goal came off of Westfield's first corner. Taking the pass from Kristen Leonardis near the top of the circle, Corbett let fly with a lime-drive blast which sailed untouched past Havourd.

Her second score seven minutes later followed another Leonardis corner. Corbett's first attempt was stopped by Havourd, but she gained the rebound and fired to Havourd's left from about 12 yards away.

The Hilltoppers had two chances to score prior to Corbett's goal. Off Martha Bell's crossing pass, Libby Getzenanner got a shot on goal from four yards away, but Woodbury kicked the ball away for the save, which came in the ninth minute.

Three minutes later, Ali Ballantyne found her shot (ipped away by the Woodbury. Getzenanner attempted to tip the ball into the goal, but the Blue Devil goalie jumped into the butterfly position to kick the ball over the goal line outside the left post.

"All our 'go-to' player and she has one of our hardest shots," Summit head coach Sheila Dunne said about Ballantyne. "When you get into the circle, she's always around the ball."

Dunne noted her squad has some qualities which cannot be measured — as opposed to speed or stickwork — and may have been just as beneficial as any physical attributes.

"It's a pretty 'together' group that we have," Dunne said. "A lot of them had experience either substituting on varsity or playing together on the junior varsity team."

"They play very well together, they're confident, they have a goal in mind and they believe in themselves."

Summit can now look forward to the state playoffs, while Oak Knoll continues to prepare for this Saturday's UCT championship game.

Summit football drops close game to WE

The Summit High School football team gave an undefeated West Essex team all it could handle before falling 21-13 last Saturday in Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division play at Talbot Field in Summit.

Summit sophomore quarterback Keith Schroeder completed a 15-yard touchdown pass to Mike Nelson in the fourth quarter to pull the Hilltoppers to within eight points.

Summit, which has given up a lot of points this year, shut out West Essex in the second half after the Knights took a 21-7 halftime lead on the strength of one touchdown in the first quarter and two more in the second.

West Essex running back Nick Totaro scored on an eight-yard run in the first quarter before Summit tied the game at 7-7 when Ben Wheeler returned the ensuing kickoff 77 yards for a touchdown.

West Essex took the lead for good in the second quarter when Anthony Minceo scored on an 18-yard run and then Soon Phumstead added his second extra point.

Those were the last points Summit's defense would yield as West Essex scored its final touchdown on a 75-yard fumble recovery by Billy Zarco. The linebacker also recorded two quarterback sacks.

Schroeder, who has put up school record-setting numbers this year, completed 14-of-38 passes for 155 yards and one touchdown.

Wheeler caught five of Schroeder's passes for 73 yards.

West Essex improved to 6-0 with the Hills Division victory, while Summit slumped to 0-6.

The Hilltoppers are scheduled to play at Parsippany tomorrow night at 7, a battle of winless teams.

UCT girls' soccer semifinals Saturday

GIRLS' SOCCER
Quarterfinals
 Saturday, Oct. 23
 6-Johnson 3, 3-Westfield 1
 2-Cranford 2, 7-Union 1 (OT)
 3-Summit 1, 4-Kent Place 0
Finalists
 1-Union Cth. 4, 9-Rahway 0
Semifinals
 Saturday, Oct. 30
 at Roselle Park 5 and 7 p.m.
 5-Summit vs. 1-Union Cth.
 6-Johnson vs. 2-Cranford

High school harrisers excel

The Dayton High School boys' cross country team finished second in the Mountain Valley Conference-Valley Division race contested last Thursday at Pleasant Valley Park in Bernards Township.

Dayton finished with 66 points, edging Roselle for second. New Providence won the team title with 31 points.

Jeff Marx was Dayton's highest finisher, coming in third place in an impressive time of 18:18.1.

Cratory Prep's Dan Crum won the race in an outstanding time of 17:57.7.

Oak Knoll won the girls' title behind the performances of Catherine Dewey, third; Emily Devita, sixth; Katie Wagner, seventh; Megan McQuinn, eighth; Lindsey Ott, ninth and Bailey Doyle, 10th.

West Essex boys' team finished third in the Iron Hills Conference-Hills Division meet that was contested last Saturday.

Morris Hills was first with 29 points, Mount Olive second at 71 and Summit third at 72.

The Summit girls' were fourth in their race, the meet captained by Mount Olive Hilltopper standout Sarah Smith finished sixth in an impressive time of 21:54.0.

Springfield youth football team 4-0

The Springfield Mountmen B Team continued its winning ways as it blanketed Berkeley Heights 13-0 last Sunday at Melsel Field in Springfield to improve to 4-0.

Playing well on defense for the Mountmen were Jordan Gerber, Stephen King, Timothy Cubucki and Anthony Stivalo. Matt Parley recovered a fumble on the second play of the game to help set up Springfield's first score. A few plays later, Leo Ferrine ran 35 yards for the TD.

Springfield's second score came when QB Dave Tarullo handed off to Ferrine and the RB rused 15 yards to the end zone. Jesse Westervorn ran in the point after. Also playing well were Patrick Crocilli, Daniel Kabooni, Vincent Corallo, Kevin Johnson, Michael Nisco, Justin Molinari, Greene Mizear, Jonathan Rego and Mark Czorny.

Springfield's C Team fell to Berkeley Heights 6-0. Zach Silverman, Jimmy Guarnio, Jeff Feder, Brandon Clossy, Cornell Wolfe, Matt Byr, Jeff Foster, Ryan Johnson, Matt Noto, Michael Wallace, Daniel DiCocco, Matt Loffa, Jake Floyd and Joe Daleo.

Roast meal served to raise funds

A benefit Pot Roast Dinner will be held Monday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Springfield. This annual affair will be served family style in the Dining Room of the Parish House located at 37 Church Mall, Springfield.

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WHEREAS, the Borough of MountainSide (Borough) is desirous of consolidating the powers, duties and expenses of the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board;

WHEREAS, the Borough has determined that consolidation into one Planning Board under N.J.S.A. 40:25B-2(b) will benefit the Borough by reducing the cost and expense of conducting such proceedings and maintaining an appropriate level of service;

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SHERIFF'S NUMBER CH-753692
DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
PLAINTIFF: MANUFACTURERS & TRADERS TRUST COMPANY
DEFENDANT: MALI VASQUEZ ET AL
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
JANUARY 21, 1998
WEDNESDAY THE 17TH DAY OF NOVEMBER A.D. 1999

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COUNTY: UNION
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DEFENDANT: MICHAEL P. GELLER AND LAMIE R. GELLER
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OVERLOOK Hospital Community Health

ATLANTIC HEALTH SYSTEM

FALL 1999

Overlook Hospital and Atlantic Health System invite you and your family to take advantage of our community health events and to become more educated health care consumers.

To register for a program, or for a comprehensive brochure of all Atlantic Fall programs, call us at 1-800-AHS-9580 (1-800-247-9580) unless otherwise noted.

You may also visit us at www.AtlanticHealth.org to register for any of our free health education programs.

Registration is required for all programs.

ParentCraft
A variety of classes on pregnancy, prepared childbirth (in English and Spanish), infant care, a sibling class and others. Infant massage, prenatal and postpartum care, and "mommy and me" classes are new this fall. Call (908) 822-8246 for information.

Infant/Child CPR
Learn pediatric CPR and obstructed airway procedures. Monday, November 15 and Tuesday, December 7, 7 to 10 p.m. Fee: \$30 per person/\$55 per couple to register. call (908) 522-2365

Surviving Holiday Depression
Learn how to control holiday depression triggered by grief, illness or loneliness. Sunday, November 14, 2 to 4 p.m. Presented by Atlantic Home Care & Hospice. Free of charge.

Stroke Screening
Have your stroke risk analyzed and receive your personal stroke prevention plan. Program includes cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure screenings, carotid artery check, and stroke risk assessment. Friday, November 6, 9 a.m. to Noon. Free of charge. Appointment required.

Total Cholesterol Check
This screening uses the finger stick method and does not involve fasting. Wednesday, December 15, 10 a.m. to Noon. Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van/ Homecare America, 300 Main Street, Madison

Blood Pressure and Rhythm Strip Screening
Those with irregular cardiac rhythms tests. Wednesday, November 17, 10 a.m. to Noon. Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van/ Homecare America, 300 Main Street, Madison

Healthy Avenues Van
Overlook Hospital's expert staff is available to bring your community group a variety of screenings and programs through the Healthy Avenues Van. To arrange a visit to your community group, call (908) 522-8368.

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