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Halloween scaring up big spending



Ed Carafa of Jefferson shows off the motion-activated Halloween display on the front lawn of his home at 10 Mirror Place, which he has designed as a rock-'n-roll cemetery. This Halloween, we spent about \$1,000' on decorations and treats for the holiday, he said.

Horrors! Jefferson man plunks \$1,000 on holiday decorations

BY LARRY CLOW
DAILY RECORD

For Ed Carafa of Jefferson, Halloween isn't just a holiday — it's a major event.

"This Halloween, we spent about \$1,000" on decorations and treats, he said.

The front lawn of Carafa's Oak Ridge home is full of motion-activated skeletons, spooky sounds and more than 30 tombstones dedicated to dead rock stars. An animatronic goblin springs on guests walking to his front door. When unsuspecting trick-or-

Halloween spending
For Halloween, I spend:
■ More than I do for Christmas
■ Less than for Christmas
■ About the same as Christmas
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year went to maintaining his elaborate display, as well as paying for the 30 pounds of candy that he plans to hand out to trick-or-treaters and his neighbors.

"We try to limit our spending. We try to fabricate as much as possible," Carafa said.

"This year is a little lighter than last year, but it's still quite expensive."

Halloween means big business. According to the 2004 Halloween Consumer Inten-

treaters ring his doorbell, the hand of horror movie icon Freddy Kruger pops out to scare them.

The \$1,000 Carafa spent this

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Carafa looks at a Warren Zevon tombstone in his Jefferson front yard on Thursday.

Highlands exemptions vague work in progress

Granting waivers a prospect that may confuse applicants

BY ROB JENNINGS
DAILY RECORD

A proposed mega-church in Rockaway Township received a speedy exemption to the new Highlands law, but Dan and Rita Como of Montville weren't as fortunate.

The couple wanted to subdivide their 8½-acre property in Lake Valhalla by building a second house on a 6½-acre parcel. Their dream included selling their current home and living in the new one.

The Montville planning board granted approval two weeks ago, but because the Como property fell into a 395,000-acre Highlands preservation zone, an exemption was required from the state Department of Environmental Protection.

Dan Como, 57, traveling in Wyoming on Friday, said he was astonished to learn that the DEP had rejected their request.

"I think it's totally ridiculous. My attorney has written them a letter and said they made a mistake," Como said. Rita Como said that with their three children now grown and living elsewhere, it made sense to live on a smaller property.

Subdividing the property, she said, would have provided "a nice little boost for our retirement."

The Montville couple's plight illustrates some of the complexity and confusion surrounding the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act, signed into law by Gov. James E. McGreevey on Aug. 10.

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EXEMPTIONS IN MORRIS

The state Department of Environmental Protection has exempted four Morris County projects and proposals from meeting regulatory standards under the Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act:

■ Christ Church of Montclair's building proposal at the 107-acre, former Agilent Technologies site on Green Pond Road in Rockaway Township.

■ Seneca Woods, a 14-unit subdivision of single-family homes on Timberbrook Road in Rockaway Township.

■ The construction of a single-family home in Rockaway Township.

■ Upcoming construction at Mount Olive High School that voters approved in a referendum in March.

PSATs: No train, no gain for real thing

Exams help Morris kids prepare stress-free for SATs

BY LAURA BRUNO
DAILY RECORD

MADISON — Madison High School students walking into the PSAT test on Saturday considered it a dress rehearsal. It's the closest thing to a stress-free test, they said.

Their scores don't make or break a college acceptance and

no one remembers how they scored 20 years later.

Typically considered a practice exam that prepares sophomores and juniors for the high-stress SAT, the PSAT is one hour shorter at 2 hours and 10 minutes, but contains many of the elements that appear on the SAT.

The PSAT given on Saturday

was revamped, much like the new SAT looming with its scheduled debut in March. Students were told to expect tougher math questions, including fewer multiple choice. Instead, students had to write in answers, called grid-ins, that required some calculations. In the English section, analogies were replaced by questions based on short reading passages.

The only thing missing is the highly anticipated essay. The PSAT offered an optional essay, which high schools could choose to administer and score on their own.

"I figured it was good preparation for the SAT," said junior Sonali Teli, 17, of Hanover.

"I wanted to see what I know before I take a Kaplan course."

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Weapons ban allows cops to be above law

Wording in N.J. cloudy on their right to own illegal guns

BY TOM BALDWIN
GANNETT STATE BUREAU

TRENTON — New Jersey's assault weapons law, touted as the nation's toughest, is a bit off target.

The law contains language that leaves even judges at odds over a key provision. And that fact has enabled an undetermined number of the lethal guns — despite boasts of politicians — to be secreted in closets and attics.

The provision is so muddled that even the crafter of the measure, Attorney General Peter C. Harvey, holds an interpretation at odds with its most forceful proponent, former Gov. James J. Florio, who signed the ban into law in 1990.

The little-discussed issue has some county prosecutors baffled and angered that the law appears, at least, to create two classes of citizens — those who are subject to the law and those who ignore it and, for now, cannot be prosecuted.

Case history shows the latter group does ignore it. They are policemen.

The question is this: Under New Jersey law, can police officers possess banned assault weapons, registered or not, for private use if the possession has nothing to do with their police work?

Harvey says they can. Florio says no way.

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