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TWO SECT

BOE appoints interim school superintendent

By Rick Klitlich
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education approved the appointment of Thomas F. Butler as the new interim superintendent of schools at their meeting Oct. 9.

Butler, who is slated to begin his services Nov. 1, will be replacing Walter Mahler, who is leaving at the end of the month.

Butler retired in June 1994 from the Chester school district after 14 years serving as superintendent of schools.

"When I retired, I started looking at the possibility of taking an overseas assignment," said Butler, who currently serves on the Board of Directors of the International Schools Service. "I was looking at Europe, Africa, or Asia, but then I received a call to be an interim superintendent and I decided that I'd like to do it."

Butler began a string of interim superintendent jobs, working with the Livingston school district in Essex County, the West Windsor-Plainsboro School District in Mercer County, the South Plainfield school district in Middlesex County, the Long Hill, Denville, Wharton, and Chester school districts in Morris County, the Manchester Regional High School district in Passaic County, and the Branchburg, Bridgewater-Raritan Regional, Montgomery, Somerset Hills Regional and Watchung Hills Regional school districts in Somerset County.

"We're very fortunate to have him," said Board of Education President Larry Levee. "He's the king of interims and he'll be a perfect fit for Springfield."

"Wherever I go," said Butler, "I try to build on the education and the budget that are already in place. It's important for an interim to come in and keep things moving forward. My job is to see that that continues."

Butler will be leaving the Denville Township school district, where he is serving in Morris County.

"I graduated high school and actu-

ally joined the Army for a couple of years," Butler said, noting that education wasn't in his original plans. "I began majoring in business when I started school again, but eventually I switched to education."

Butler also served as superintendent of schools in Haworth in Bergen County, as a principal and assistant to the superintendent in Chatham, as vice principal in Middlesex Borough, and social studies teacher in Middlesex, Plainfield and Jersey City.

"I never planned on being the interim superintendent at so many places," said Butler, who has extensive administrative and teaching experience at all levels of schooling, and was also an adjunct instructor at Union County College as part of the staff teaching the Emergency Medical Technician certification course.

In his spare time, Butler enjoys reading, skiing, and traveling. He is also active with state and national professional associations. Butler is a former trustee of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, which includes an accreditation program that gives somewhat of an "educational audit" to schools. The organization is one of a little more than a handful of national agencies that accredit colleges and universities.

It is anticipated that Butler will serve as interim superintendent for approximately three months while the board continues its search for a new superintendent of schools for the township.

According to Levee, the search is going well and according to plan, interviews will start in a couple of weeks.

"We're looking at about six finalists," he said.

In the meantime, Butler seems to have both the right attitude and amount of experience to do what needs to be done.

"As long as I enjoy doing what I'm doing, I'll continue to do it," he said. "I never know when there'll be another opportunity."

Here they come



Photo By Barbara Kokkalis

Mountainside's fourth annual Cop Trot on Saturday drew lots of runners and walkers, who participated in the 5K run/walk in memory of Capt. Todd B. Turner, who was killed in a recent car accident. Many volunteers gave their time to help organize the event, which coincided with Community Day, held at Borough Hall, later that afternoon. The event also included a Tot Trot, for children age 6 and younger.

Contract dispute raises issues for Township Committee hopefuls

By Rick Klitlich
Staff Writer

With the contracts for the Springfield Police Department and Fire Department still in arbitration, many questions have been raised by both township officials and residents as to what is going to become of the problem, particularly as the November election race draws closer.

"Every weekend, I've walked a different neighborhood," said Harold Poltrok, a Republican newcomer for the Springfield Township Committee. "One of the things people talk to me about is the police and fire contracts, but on the same note, too many people don't even realize what's going on. They see the nice, new fire building and assume everything's fine," said Poltrok.

While the issues involve salary increases based on percentages, along with an increase in what seems to be necessary manpower within the Fire Department, the most recent police and fire contracts expired in December 2000.

The new contracts are expected to extend for at least four years, compensating for the past three years and making any increases retroactive to 2000.

"The main question has to be, 'Why three years?'" said Poltrok, who said that he recently sat down with police and fire officials to discuss what is going on. "I'm a lawyer, so I know what this must be costing both the town and departments for legal fees. Three years is a long time."

Victor Rajoppi, another Republican for Township Committee, said he understands there are two sides to every story.

"I look for my yearly salary increase each year," Rajoppi said. "Without it, I have to think it can be tough to raise a family. It's also bad for morale. We've got these guys risking their lives out there for us."

Rajoppi, who works as a senior regional Jiffy Lube supervisor, also mentioned the problem of the "two in, two out" rule, which the Fire Department has trouble following. The rule

states that for every two men who go into a building fire, two must be outside to cover them.

While this rule does not apply at a life is at risk, the Fire Department has still maintained that they are understaffed and would like this to be handled locally and as quickly as possible, said Rajoppi. "The money we have to be used for understaffed departments to work overtime is costly, and the legal fees are a lot, too. It doesn't seem like a win-win situation for anybody at this point."

"It's scary to have the police and fire departments unhappy," said Poltrok. "This is an issue that's really gone on too long and it's hard to believe that nothing is being resolved."

"If there's a lesson to be learned from this whole thing, it's that maybe next time we could resolve this without lawyers, and such," said Roy Hirschfeld, a Democrat and current Township Committeeman up for reelection.

"It's ridiculous that it has taken three years. Even though you have to be able to understand the nuances of contracts and lawyers and it seems necessary, I'm an advocate for more face-to-face negotiations to get things done."

Hirschfeld said that some of the major issues surrounding debates included health insurance and sick time.

"The costs of healthcare per employee that they wanted were outrageous," he said, noting that the unions were looking for healthcare outside of the more regularly used Preferred Provider Organization insurance plans.

"They wanted a package that paid for everything," Hirschfeld said, "which is just unrealistic."

"The percentage salary increase that they were asking for was also too high."

Another issue Hirschfeld commented on was the stipends that the



Fire Department was asking for.

"We thought that a lot of the stuff they wanted a stipend for was part of their job," said Hirschfeld. "They considered certain things as additional duties."

"It's hard to believe that municipalities can afford to pay them what they pay them," he continued, noting that with overtime and enough years experience, firefighters can make around \$100,000 per year.

"We have two positions here that are both responsible," said Ken Faigenbaum, a former Board of Education member, running with Hirschfeld. "It's very difficult to try and draw conclusions from the outside."

Faigenbaum, a Democrat, added that he was involved with the Springfield school board for 19 years and was on the committee that helped negotiate contracts each year.

"I know that you can't draw an accurate picture from outside of the actual negotiations, from second-hand and 'for-publication' information," he said. "Things will get done, but it's totally irresponsible to have an opinion regarding which side is at fault."

"It has to settle," Faigenbaum continued. "It defies all possibilities that this can continue on. In the end, nobody will be satisfied or feel as though they won, but you have to be able to shake hands and move on. I'm sure everyone will be able to."

Football field sought

By Rick Klitlich
Staff Writer

As the crowd slowly gathered outside of the Springfield Municipal Building Tuesday night, the Township Committee was well aware why there would soon be standing room only during the meeting.

Close to 80 parents and children packed the courtroom, with many children sporting their "Minutemen" football jerseys to further display the cause they were there to fight for.

With Meisel Field still being cleaned up because of contamination, parents and children are left wondering when renovations will begin.

More specifically, however, they want to know if and when their children will have a football field to play on.

"My family moved here in 1966," said long-time Springfield resident Dino DiCocco. "I moved back here in 1983 to start raising my family. Over the last couple of years, we've lost some heart and soul, some social aspects, and it's going to be a challenge to move forward."

The crowd was upset over the fact that surrounding communities have fields to play on, while their Minutemen football team, which consists of age groups preceding high school, is left to travel to Scotch Plains, where they've played nine games per season on two levels during the last two years.

"Obviously, we want a football field," said Committeeman Steven Goldstein. "Ultimately, this isn't a lack of effort on our part. We've met with officials and we've written to the county. We don't own the land and can't affect the pressure to put on anybody."

The members of the committee repeatedly told the members of the audience that the land is owned by the county, and that while the Township Committee can support the voice of the people, they do not have the power to make decisions involving how the land is going to be used upon renovations.

"The county is aware of the concerns we have," said Goldstein. "Just understand that we support the idea of a football field. That's clear."

The crowd was advised to take their concerns to the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders meetings where, in a time of elections, their opinions will be taken more seriously.

"It's election time and the freeholders are looking for votes," said Committeewoman Clare Hareluk, who also noted that the town has been given time frames and promises regarding the field's progress, but the county hasn't been accurate or resourceful in fulfilling what they say will be done.

"If you go to the freeholders meeting, you'll be heard more now before the election than you will after the election," said Hareluk. "I highly recommend you go there and bring the kids, too. We're out there fighting the fight," she continued, "but a lot of it just isn't in our control."

"It's embarrassing going to another town to play," said DiCocco. "We're missing out right now, but more important, it's all these little guys out here that are missing out."

Springfield citizen Pat Coyle also reiterated the importance of the town's youth.

"We want to keep the community somewhat young," he said. "Let's not turn this into a leisure village."

Board hears plan for Echo Lake project

By Rick Klitlich
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Planning Board listened to and approved a presentation Oct. 9 that outlined plans for renovations and construction work at Echo Lake Park.

Armand Fioritti of Harbor Consultants, located in Cranford, gave a conceptual review of the reconstruction that is to be done on maintenance facilities in the park.

The plans include the knocking down of sheds that are in the area surrounding the north bend of the main road around Echo Lake Park, connecting the two lakes.

With the demolition of at least one wooden building and another large metal shed included in the construction work, the county hopes to put up a maintenance facility that will hold all of the park's equipment, including dump trucks, plows and everything that is currently kept in the buildings, as well.

"The structure will be 33 feet by 143 feet," said Daniel Bernier, director of the Division of Park Planning and Maintenance in Mountainside. "Right now, it holds motorized equipment and any small maintenance

equipment, but plows and such are kept outside. We want to be able to keep the larger equipment inside the garages, too."

While the "courtesy" presentation was given approval by the Planning Board in regards to safety conceptual guidelines, when the county will hire to do the construction is up for bid.

Also in the plans is a new parking lot that will help employees of the park and local visitors no longer struggle to find a spot or have to park on the street.

According to Bernier, the lot will have 22 spaces, half of which should be designated for employees during daytime working hours.

While the money will come from the Union County capital budget, costs are unknown until a construction company is contracted.

The most recent project in Echo Lake Park was the Sept. 11 memorial that included a plaza consisting of two beams representing the World Trade Center towers. Sixty people from Union County are listed on a steel plaque and there is a torch that acts as an "eternal flame."

"This is an idea that's been in the works for several years," said Bernier.

Middle school students get hands-on lesson in urban planning

By Rick Klitlich
Staff Writer

Students in the Discovery Program at the Florence M. Gaudineer Middle School in Springfield are finding out what city planning is all about.

Students in the eighth grade are participating in the 12th annual National Engineers Week Future City Competition, teaming up with their teacher, Teri Craddock-Ponce, and Township Administrator Richard Sheola, in hopes of winning the local competition in January and advancing to Washington, D.C., for the finals during National Engineers Week, Feb. 22-28.

"Students test into the program," said Craddock-Ponce, who has been working with

the Discovery Program for three years at the "middle school." They're also recommended by teachers and parents."

The program has been around for 15 years and has tackled real-life projects and issues, including the environment, and soon, the stock market.

"The future city project is probably the second largest competition we've been a part of," said Craddock-Ponce. "The seventh-graders do a mock trial, with this year's topic being defamation of character."

While the school has an enrollment of about 560 students, only a little more than 10 percent of the students participate in the program.

Fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-graders meet

every other day for the program, but eighth-graders gather first period of every school day.

"The program also helps develop enrichment projects for other classes, as well," Craddock-Ponce noted. "Kids that meet for the program don't receive a standard grade, but they do get two yearly evaluations that comment on their reasoning skills and critical thinking."

Teams consist of three students that will move on to Rutgers University for the local competition. The winning team overall, decided at the end of February in the nation's capital, will receive a trip to U.S. Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala. Other prizes include a \$2,000 scholarship for the second place

national winners, school technology program, sponsored by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and a \$1,000 scholarship for the third place winning school's technology curriculum from the National Society of Professional Engineers.

"It's a great opportunity for kids to have a real hands-on learning experience," said Barry Baehenheimer, principal of the middle school. "It's also a good chance for career exploration, as well."

Each team is expected to create a city displaying residential, commercial and industrial areas, power plants, transportation systems, and communication systems. They will also be addressing important issues, including pollution, traffic density, taxes and budgets.

"Hopefully, they'll get a greater understanding of what government is about," said Sheola, who spoke with the class already about the balance of commerce and local government, along with having a budget, "and how it ties in with city planning and zoning."

"The teams will also choose their own latitude and longitude for the city," said Craddock-Ponce, "and the topography is up to them, too."

The project also requires developing a project plan, logical model of a city using award winning SimCity software that is provided to each registered school, a team-made physical model, an essay about design issues and a verbal presentation.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.
Tuesday: The Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment meets in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 100 Mountain Ave. at 8 p.m.
Wednesday: The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave. continues its "Out of This World Travel Video Series with 'Rome City Guide I: Land' at noon.

St. James looking for alumni

St. James the Apostle School in Springfield is looking for alumni. The publicity department of St. James is putting together a new promotional packet for the school.

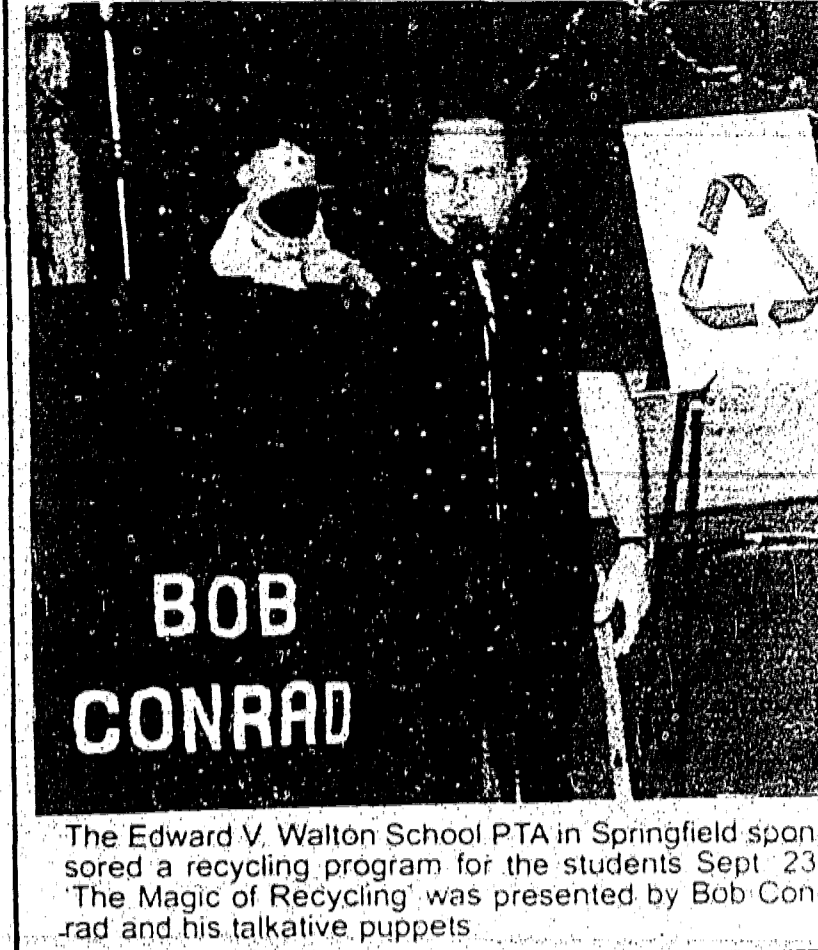
Revolution re-enactors lead tour

As part of the activities for Union County's Four Centuries in One Weekend, the Springfield Historical Society will have members of the Brigade of the American Revolution at the Historic Cannon Hall House, 126 Morris Ave.

Donated dictionaries open doors

Springfield's Rotary Club made visits to three Springfield schools and five Hillside schools Tuesday and Wednesday this week, passing out dictionaries to each and every third-grade student enrolled. The second annual "Dictionary Project" which provided New Jersey schools with about 55,000 dictionaries last year and plans to exceed another 100,000 this year, went to Springfield schools James Caldwell, St. James and Thelma L. Sandmeier to make their donations.

Magic of recycling



The Edward V. Walton School PTA in Springfield sponsored a recycling program for the students Sept. 23. The Magic of Recycling was presented by Bob Conrad and his talkative puppets.

Temple offers full schedule

Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave. in Springfield, offers a full calendar of events for the fall. Members and guests can stay busy through the High Holidays through Chanukah. Dynamic programming offers something for every age group and interest level.

Firefighters respond to vehicle accident

Springfield Fire Department responded to Route 22 West near Hillside Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries. At 8:27 p.m. Oct. 5, the Springfield Fire Department responded to Route 22 West near Hillside Avenue for a motor vehicle accident with injuries.

Shoplifting reported on Route 22

A reported shoplifting that took place on Oct. 5 on Route 22 East resulted in an estimated loss of \$311.88, including a dozen packages of Crest White Strips and the possibility of several Kodak disposable cameras.

Jewish Seniors sponsor lectures

The Jewish Seniors of Springfield are sponsoring a fall winter lecture series titled "Topics in American History" at Temple Sha'arey Shalom, 78 S. Springfield Ave.

FIRE BLOTTER

- At 2:35 p.m. Oct. 5, the Fire Department responded to a Morris Avenue business for an oil spill in the building.
At 6:20 p.m. Oct. 5, the department responded to Route 22 East near post 52 for a motor vehicle accident.
At 10:02 a.m. Oct. 6, firefighters responded to a Newbrook Lane residence for a medical service call.

POLICE BLOTTER

- Headlights were reported stolen from a 2003 Infiniti while parked in a driveway on Hemlock Terrace at 1:20 p.m. Oct. 8.
At 7:45 a.m. Oct. 8, a set of headlights were reported stolen from a 2000 Acura parked on Cypress Terrace.

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History comes alive for Calvary Church

In October, Calvary Episcopal Church, 33 Woodland Ave. in Summit, has scheduled events to interest history and culture aficionados.

At 7 p.m. Monday, Calvary Episcopal Church will present television star Frank Ryncom as a dramatization of "The Sermon on the Mount"...

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HEALTH

Brain tumor support group forms at Overlook. Coping With Change, a Brain Tumor Support Group is a biweekly support group for patients and loved ones coping with the issues related to living with a brain tumor.

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Seminar focuses on care for terminally ill

On Oct. 29 and Nov. 3, Overlook Hospital is hosting a program on the essentials of palliative care for clergy, pastoral care providers and other health ministry providers.

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SAINT BARNABAS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. Saint Barnabas Medical Center's Women's Health Initiative. Turning Confusion and Concern into Information and Insight. Saturday, October 25, 2003. Islami Auditorium at Saint Barnabas Medical Center. Registration and Breakfast - 9 a.m. Program - 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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THIS IS H.S. FOOTBALL

Union looks strong in Group 4 and Scotch Plains in Group 7
Group 7 squads Summit and Cranford left last weekend, as did Group 1 teams, Brearley...



Todd Kaiser (No. 2) and Pierce Talbot (No. 4) chase down West Essex quarterback Frank Cerza during last Saturday's game against West Essex.

Summit, West Essex play to 42-42 triple overtime tie

Brearley had a 1-1 game regular season winning streak snapped by Butler and Cranford a nine-game streak ended by Scotch Plains... Summit won its 12-game unbeaten streak (11-0-1) on the regular season tie against West Essex.

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Dayton athletes give gridiron squad a lift

The Brearley High School football team has had a lot of success the past two and a half years. The Bears went 5-5 in 2001 and 9-1 a year ago due in part to major contributions from Springfield resident players who attend Dayton High School...

The freshmen consist of Jim Guanno, Kyle Seeley, Michael Schwartz, Jason Cappa, Eric Dubeau, Jesse Alara and Ercan Sidar. Justin Pettino, Dayton's boys' basketball coach, serves as an assistant coach on Scott Miller's staff at Brearley. Pettino is also in charge of the freshman team...

Cubuku starts on the defensive line, with Hauknight also seeing a lot of time there as well. Floyd is the backup fullback and the team's starting linebacker and blocker...

In Brearley's 48-0 victory over visiting Mansfield on Sept. 25, Floyd scored the game's final touchdown on a one-yard run, while connecting on four-of-six extra points.

Floyd also ran in a two-point conversion. On an attempted extra point, the ball was snapped high over the holder's head. Floyd picked up the ball and racing down the right sideline, reaching the end zone for two points.

Bauknight also registered a sack in the contest. The Springfield players will look to help Brearley in its upcoming games. Brearley is scheduled to host New Providence tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Bears are then scheduled to host Roselle Park on Oct. 24 and play at Bound Brook on Oct. 27.

NOTES: Brearley had a 13-game regular season winning streak snapped by Butler. The streak was the longest in Union County over the past two seasons.

UCT field hockey semis include 3 Summit schools

Four field hockey teams all with the same goal. That goal is to win two more games and capture the Union County Tournament title.

The UCT semis are scheduled to take place tomorrow afternoon at 4:45 p.m. with the winners advancing to the final on Oct. 25 at Kean University at 7 p.m.

It will be top-seeded Kent Place hosting fourth-seeded Summit and second-seeded Johnson hosting third-seeded Oak Knoll. All four squads won in quarterfinal round play last Saturday.

Summit scored a penalty stroke goal from Jamie Greenman two minutes into overtime to lift the Hilltoppers past fifth-seeded Westfield, 1-0. Standout goalie SK DiRuggiero made seven saves to post her fifth shutout of the season.

As of Tuesday, Summit's record stood at 8-4-1. The Hilltoppers lost to Oak Knoll and Kent Place 1-0 in the beginning of the year and are coming off a tie by the score of 1-1 against West Essex last week after losing to the Knights by a 2-0 score earlier in the year. It was the first time ever Summit did not lose to West Essex.

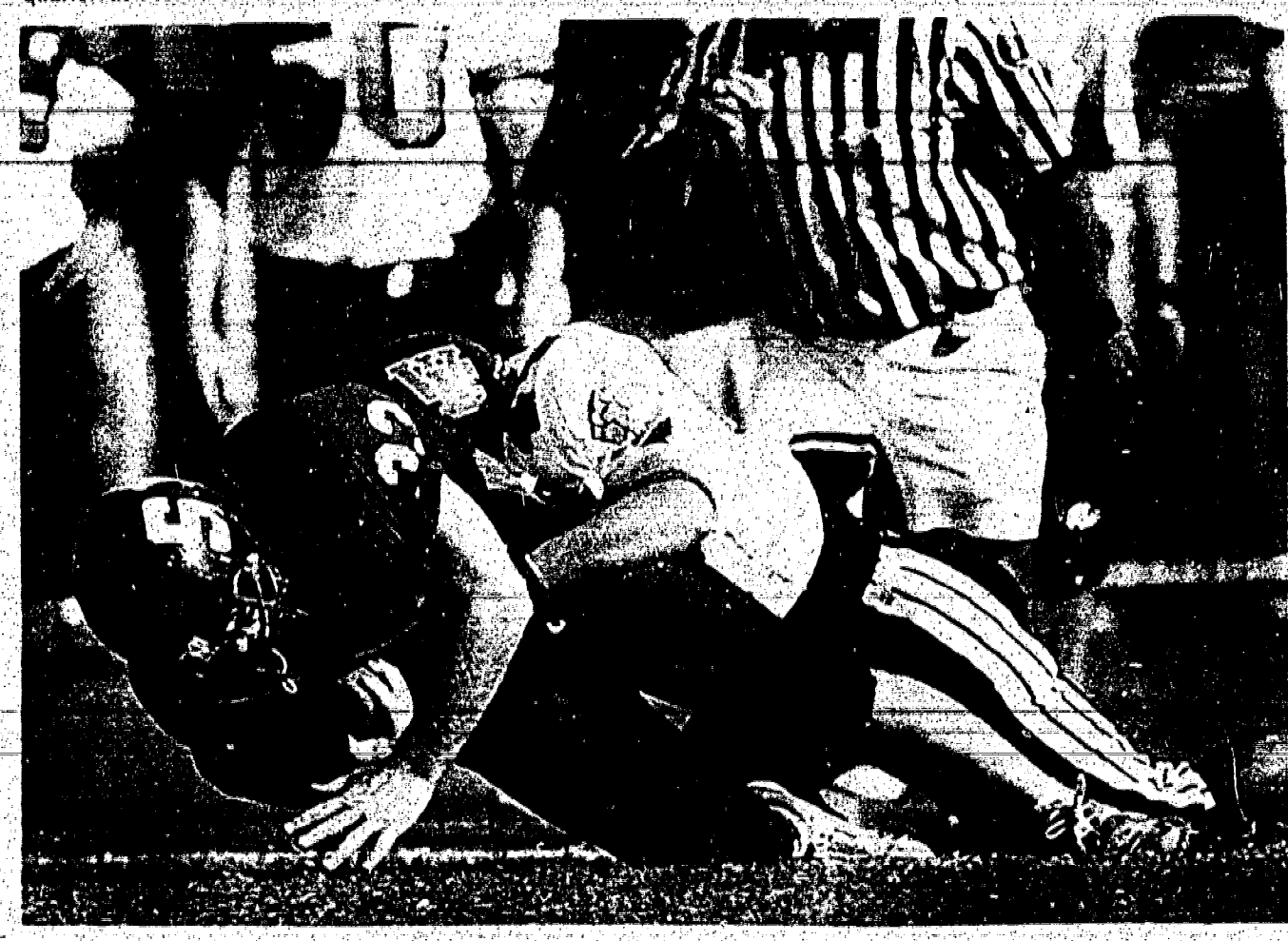
"They were coming off a loss to Eastern and I told my players, 'You never know,'" Summit coach Sheila Dunne said. West Essex entered the game with an 8-1 record.

Dunne liked the fact that her squad has faced teams such as Oak Knoll, Kent Place and West Essex, despite the results. "We're at a good point right now," Dunne said. "We had a tough schedule in the beginning of the year, but we seem to be jelling."

Summit's only other loss was a 2-1 setback at Randolph last Thursday. Cassie Bouchert scored the lone Summit goal. Bouchert is one of three captains, the others being Abby Breene and Rachel Turner.

"We are a senior heavy team, with only three of four juniors," Dunne said. In regular season play, Summit previously tied Westfield 2-2 at home on Sept. 25 as Taylor Tammaro and Kelsey Blagdon scored.

In the setback at Kent Place on Sept. 17, Dunne felt her team held its own against the Dragons. "We really challenged them, but couldn't put one in," Dunne said. "I think we outshot them."



Brad Dolny (No. 33) caught four passes for 45 yards in Summit's 42-42 triple overtime tie against West Essex at Tallock Field.

Newcomers Club meets for fall festivities

The Mountaineer Newcomers Club announces the following activities: A Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday. This event begins at all the guests gather in a Newcomer's home to enjoy appetizers and drinks...

Gadabout Group plans upcoming bus trip

The Mountaineer Gadabout Group offers an upcoming bus trip to the Duke Estates and Manor. For the park tour, a scenic drive through the property, your group will view the park's historic buildings, man-made lakes, lush meadows, ornamental fountains, woodlands bridge and waterfall...

Foothill Club meets for holiday decor

The Foothill Club luncheon will be held at noon Nov. 6 at B.G. Fields Restaurant in Westfield. Crafty Kitchen of Garwood will be presenting "Decorations for the Holidays."

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community. All clothes, coats and shoes collected will be donated to a local homeless shelter in the area on "Make a Difference Day," which will take place on Oct. 25.

Club hosts clothing drive

The "Yes U Can!" Teen/Supreme KeyStone Club is hosting a clothing drive for "Make a Difference Day," a National Day for helping others in the community.

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BUSINESS & SERVICE DIRECTORY

Advertisement for Business & Service Directory containing various service listings such as Air Conditioning, Caregiver Needed, Quality Air Conditioning, etc.

Advertisement for Fleet offering a \$20,000 prize for a smarter decision on vehicle purchase, with details on how to enter and terms and conditions.

ACROSS

1 Now more _____ ever
5 Noggin
9 Pitchfork time
14 Tiger Woods aims for it
15 Gumbo ingredient
16 Surmise
17 Cheer
18 What the
19 Jamaica rum
20 Stock item
23 Leader of the Family Stone
24 Highly regard
25 She played "Annie"
27 Snow bank
30 Goes with sugar on top?
33 Court procedure
36 Orange spine
38 Modern surgical aid
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41 Acapuzo appetizer
43 Actress Shilling
44 1992 pact
45 Debut
48 By birth
49 Type of chat
51 Northwest Indian creation
53 Camel fiber
55 Christmas decoration
59 It's the word
61 Start of many a play
64 Of the birds
65 Of wings
67 Draw a line in the sand
68 Take another stab
69 Peter, of the Monkees
70 Bert Lahr role
71 Countdown
72 They like to gambol
73 Jazz singer James

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2 Walks a beat
3 In flight
4 Cleared
5 Avant-garde one
6 Barely makes do
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8 The _____ and the Dead
9 Hazard
10 Genetic initials

11 Like a summer in Aspen
12 Rucker Young
13 Blue opponent
14 Trumpeter Albert
15 Rad
16 Ruckus
17 Implied
18 Dry as dust
19 Fortinbras's duck
20 Sorehead laugh
21 Guitari Krippeler
22 The eyes have it
23 Proceeds in and out
24 Steak order
25 Jim Hendrix
26 "You Experienced?"

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59 Guitari Krippeler
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63 Steak order
65 Jim Hendrix
66 "You Experienced?"

By Charles Preston

What's Going On?

Flea Market
SUNDAY
October 19th, 2003
EVENT: Flea Market, Craft & Collectible Show
PLACE: Bonahe, Vanhook Park, Park Drive, Valley Station, 510 Linden Place, Orange, NJ
TIME: 10 AM - 5 PM
ORGANIZATION: Dystonia Foundation

Auction
FRIDAY
October 17th, 2003
EVENT: Tricky Trax Fun Auction
PLACE: Community Center of St. Clemente, Helen Church, 510 Linden Place, Orange, NJ
TIME: 7:30 PM
ORGANIZATION: Daughters of Penelope

Bazaar
SATURDAY
October 25th, 2003
EVENT: Tricky Trax Fun Auction
PLACE: 174 South Valley Road, corner of Meeker Street, near bottom of Walker Street, West Orange
TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ORGANIZATION: Ridgeview Community Church

Rummage Sale
SATURDAY
October 18th, 2003
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: St. Joseph's Parish, National Catholic Center, corner of Porter Road and Summit Terrace, Union
TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

Friday & Saturday
October 17th, 18th, 2003
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: St. Joseph's Parish, National Catholic Center, corner of Porter Road and Summit Terrace, Union
TIME: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
ORGANIZATION: Blessed Sacrament Society

Lily Tomlin to bring laughs to the arts center

The Union County Arts Center in Rahway will present "An Evening of Classic Lily Tomlin" on Nov. 7 at 8 p.m.

Tomlin made her film debut in 1974 as Emma, a gospel singer and mother of two deaf children in Robert Altman's "Nashville." Her performance was so memorable that she was nominated for an Academy Award and voted Best Supporting Actress by both the New York Film Critics and the National Society of Film Critics.

She started as the happy homemaker who became "The Incredible Shrinking Woman" in 1981, and the eccentric rich woman whose soul escapes Steve Martin's body in "All of Me" in 1983. Lily teamed with Gene Wilder in 1985 to star in "Big Business" and in 1994 she starred in the film version "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe." Among her other film credits are the female ensemble pieces "9 to 5" and "The Untouchables."

Tomlin grew up in a working-class neighborhood in the outskirts of one of Detroit's most affluent areas. Although she claims she wasn't funny as a child, Tomlin admits she "knew who was and fixed their material right off the TV screen." Her favorites include Lucille Ball, Beatrice Lillie, Ingene Coope and Jean Carroll, one of the first female standups on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Lily Tomlin has enjoyed an extraordinary career spanning all facets of the entertainment industry including feature films, television and theater, and she continues to add to the impressive body of work.

Tickets for Tomlin's one-woman comedy concert at U.C.A.C. are \$75 for Diamond Circle and \$55 Diamond Circle tickets include a post-show gathering with Tomlin.

The Union County Arts Center is the hub of a richly diverse arts district. The theater alone just two blocks from the New Jersey train station is a jewel in the midst of the city.



Lily Tomlin — star of stage, screen and television — will bring her comedic performance to the Union County Arts Center in Rahway on Nov. 7.

Feeling blue? Time for a musical!

The Art of Laughter
By Helen Argers

Feeling blue? Don't know what to do? Save the counseling for real problems. For everyday life's ups and downs, try turning your life into a musical.

You've made a major mistake: You sent the wrong text to the wrong company. You gave the wrong stock market quote to your clients. You mistook your potential mother-in-law for her new Calvin Klein outfit in her new Calvin Klein outfit in her new Calvin Klein outfit. You have a variety of songs for these glooped occasions. Britney Spears' "Oops... I Did It Again" seems very appropriate. But the time you've done that number with all its gyrations, you'll either be laughing or admiring your own sexual potential. Either way, your sports will be definitely lifted up. Isn't that how it happens in the musicals? They're how they sing. Oh dance their way out of it.

It won't happen, make a group song. Get your bored and foot dragging life group to join you in a "Get Hunky" tune. Or sing "There's No Business Like Show Business" cleverly inserting the appropriate word for "show." Such as "There's No Business Like the Show Business" for a show about a manufacturer. Or that's a definite kick to it, especially if you all line up and do a "A Rockette's Orchestral" "check business" for stock brokers. "Drug business" for pharmaceuticals. "Business" for a handy all-purpose entry is "service business" that will work for waiters, cosmeticians, funeral parlors, politicians, comedians, reporters, Atlanta City Council members, party politicians or whatever service you generously provide your fellow man.

You say your whole department has been downsized? Obviously, the post-business tune suggested above would be highly inappropriate for a group of workers just given a huge, stinging kick in the rear. Try "Singing in the Rain" You may not remember

Recent renovations have transformed the RKD into a unique and vibrant performance arts center, complete with burgundy velvet curtains and gold leaf. Local restaurants within walking distance of the theater and represent the various cultures that are part of the district.

The Union County Arts Center is a not-for-profit organization that is dedicated to presenting quality performance arts and group discounts are available. Tickets may be purchased online at www.UCAC.org, by phone at 732-695-8226, or in person at the Union County Arts Center box office, located at 174 Irving St. in Rahway, MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Discover are accepted.

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REUNIONS

Are you missing a friend from high school or college? Reunions are a great way to catch up on the lives of old friends. The Cranford Dramatic Club is planning a reunion for its members on Nov. 15. For more information, call 908-276-7611.

NEWS CLIPS

Warwick will appear at UCAC this Saturday night
The Union County Arts Center in Rahway is announcing its opening night performance by Warwick on Saturday at 8 p.m. Warwick is a one-woman comedy concert at U.C.A.C. Tickets are \$75 for Diamond Circle and \$55 for Diamond Circle. Tickets include a post-show gathering with Warwick.

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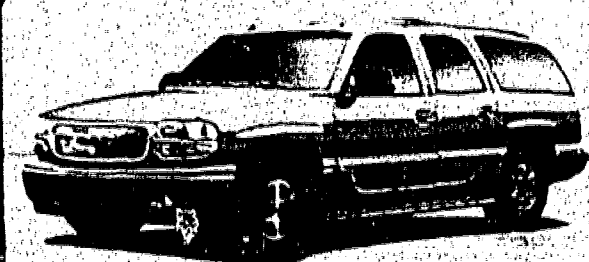


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