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**By GREG MARX**  
**THE RECORD-PRES**

# Scotch Plains teen to lead Sunday worship service

By GARY GOVELITZ  
STAFF WRITER

EDISON — It will be the children who will lead Scotch Plains Baptist Church when the church turns over all services to its children and youth on Sunday, June 9.

Led by the Rev. Charles "Chaz" Hutchinson, minister of Christian Education and Youth, the children of the church will participate in the service as ushers, greeters and scripture readers. High school graduating seniors will be honored and Danielle Todman, a graduating senior at Bishop George Abbot Catholic High School in Edison

will present the sermon.

Danielle can remember a time when once a year the children would run the Sunday services, however, she was 9 years old the last time that she can recall a young person giving the sermon.

"I was impressed and it was very interesting to see a young person at the pulpit."

Now the custom of letting the children lead the service is back and Danielle is excited about speaking to the congregation.

"I have a couple of ideas. I was thinking about talking about the future and how your future is secure if you have God in your life,"

she said. "I may speak about God's unconditional love for all of us."

A student ambassador for the school, Danielle goes to Catholic elementary schools to speak of the benefits of going to a Catholic high

school. She also participates in her church's youth group and teaches at its vacation Bible school.

Danielle will attend Bucknell University on an academic and athletic scholarship in the fall.

Following the service, the congregation will pack into their cars to go to the Baptist Camp and Conference Center in Lebanon for an old-fashioned church picnic.

The service begins at 11 a.m.

The Scotch Plains Baptist Church is located at 333 Park Ave. (at Grand) in Scotch Plains, two blocks south of Route 22. The service and picnic are open to the public. For more information call (908) 322-5487.

## Westfield High is sending 9 to Governor's School

WESTFIELD — Nine juniors from Westfield High School have been accepted into the Governor's School programs this summer.

Christopher Lynn and Jordan Hyman are slated to attend the Governor's School of the Arts, held at The College of New Jersey in Ewing. Christopher, a tenor, is one of 16 high school singers in the arts division. Jordan is among 12 student actors in the theater division who will present "The Laramie Project" and the musical "Assassins."

Angela Kim and Marisa Lau are slated to attend the Governor's School on the Environment, based at Richard Stockton College of New Jersey in Pomona. They will visit a number of habitats within the Garden State.

David Eisenberg and William Masket are slated to attend the Governor's School of International Studies, based at Ramapo College of New Jersey in Mahwah. They and nearly 100 others are scheduled to participate in mock debates in Quebec.

Kate Lechner is slated to attend the Governor's School of Public Issues, located at Monmouth University in West Long Branch. She plans to study domestic politics in her particular program.

Emily Chen and Tyler Patla are slated to attend the Governor's School in the Sciences, held at Drew University in Madison. Emily plans a career in medicine.

Governor's School applicants are selected based on a recommendation from their teacher and the content of at least two essays. Visit [www.govschool.org](http://www.govschool.org) for full details.

## JCC plans its annual meeting

SCOTCH PLAINS — Wilf Jewish Community Campus, 1391 Martine Ave., will host its annual meeting at 7 p.m. Sunday. The following JCC Officers will be installed: President Steven Tripp; First Vice President Marcia Wasser; Vice Presidents Allen Barkin, Linda Goldberger-Weissbrod and Sharon Rockman; Treasurer Mitchell Siegel; Secretary Janie Phillips; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Erica Needle; Parliamentarian Cathy Tabak; and Past-President Joan Schiffer-Levinson.

In addition, the following members will be installed on the JCC Board of Directors: Janice Baker, Louis Beckerman, Randy Belfer, Adam Derman, Merrill Engelhardt, Nan Fechtner, David Feldman, Sheri Finver, Sondra Gelfond, Mindy Goldberger, Heidi Minuskin, Grossman, Elaine Hochheiser, Lori Kaplan, Karen Kaplowitz, Judy Mandel Lasher, Scott Lazar, Julie Lipsett-Singer, Eileen Muisel, Susan Mazursky, Stacy Meyers, Lisa Moeckler, Leonard Posnock, Rhonda Riesenberger, Debra Rosenberg, Scott Schaffer, Mark Shottland, Fredda Siegel, Barbara Simon, Suzanne Tucker, Audrey Wilf and Jennifer Wirtshafter.

The program will also include the presentation of special volunteer awards, recognition of staff anniversaries and will conclude with the Super Raffle drawing. Refreshments will be served and the community is invited. Please phone the JCC at (908) 889-8800 to reserve a seat or to purchase a Super Raffle ticket.

## Optimists pick teachers

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education from Seton Hall University.

White-James, a guidance counselor at Edison Intermediate School, came to Westfield in 1997. She has a total of 32 years in education.

"She has been, and continues to be, a safe haven for youngsters

from the often-stormy seas of adolescence," said Cheryl O'Brien, Edison principal, of White-James.

Called an exceptional advocate for children, White-James was also described as having "boundless energy, enthusiasm, caring, knowledge, skills and practical common sense."

She received a master's degree in education from Rutgers University, a master's degree in student personnel services from Seton Hall University and a Bachelor of Science degree from St. Paul's College in Virginia.

The Optimist Awards were presented to Martin and White-James at the organization's May 8 meeting.

Members of the Optimist Award selection committee included: Optimist president Howard Trickett and member Marla Hewitt; Superintendent of Schools William Foley; Edison Principal Cheryl O'Brien; and Roosevelt Principal Kenneth Shulack.

## Crafts

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ed her to turn to writing. Winston said she woke up with a story in her head that wouldn't go away until she put it down on paper.

"I wrote a lot as a kid and didn't write anything after freshman year," said Winston who graduated from Tyler Art School, a division of Temple University, with a degree in graphic arts. "I had a dream one night that started invading my daytime. I wrote that story and started on another one."

Winston said that the writing and design complement each other. When she is not working on design projects she is writing, hoping to sell that first manuscript.

"My ultimate goal is to be on the New York Times Bestsellers' list," Winston said. She is currently waiting to hear back from a publisher who liked her work but requested some revisions.

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Briefs

Fanwood GOP hosts wine, cheese social

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Republican Club sponsors a wine and cheese social with Republican Party candidates for elected office.

The fundraising event is 7 p.m. Friday, June 14 at the Oak Court home of Sophie Kauchak. This meet-and-greet takes the place of the club's June 3 meeting.

Scheduled to attend are Borough Council President Joel Whitaker; Councilmen Stuart Kline and David Trumpp; council candidate Andrew Calamaras; and freeholder candidates Anira Clericuzio and Elyse Boichichio Medved.

Mayor Louis Jung and other councilmen have been invited as well.

Cost is \$25. For reservations, phone Kauchak at (908) 322-3241 or John Gurley at (908) 889-5082.

Church planning talent auction

SCOTCH PLAINS — A "Time and Talent Auction" takes place 8 p.m. tomorrow at All Saints' Episcopal Church, 559 Park Ave.

Goods and services are featured. Bids will be taken for computer troubleshooting, babysitting, yard cleanup, classes in decorating Easter eggs, exotic cuisine, golf lessons, sports tickets and other services.

Admission of \$4 includes hors d'oeuvres at 7 p.m. For more information, phone (908) 322-8047.

Library drawing winners named

SCOTCH PLAINS — Winners have been announced in a children's book and video drawing held as part of the Scotch Plains Public Library book sale.

Recipients and the prizes won: Nirmitt Damania, the book version of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

Matt Postolowski, "Shrek" on video.

Liz Nardone, "The Princess Diaries" on video.

Zachary Chuba and Anna Czomaj, "Spider-Man" coloring books.

Christina Jackson, a print copy of "The Monkey and the Panda."

Antonio Mancini, a print copy of "The Knot in the Tracks."

The book sale was sponsored by the Friends of the Scotch Plains Public Library and the Scotch Plains Junior Women's Club.

Cannonball House marks 30th year

SCOTCH PLAINS — Almost 30 years ago the Osborn Cannonball House welcomed its first guests as a local historical museum.

The Historical Society of Scotch Plains and Fanwood maintains the white clapboard house at 1840 Front St. All are welcome to visit the dwelling 2-4 p.m. Sunday, when docents in period dress will conduct tours.

A colonial flower and herb garden is also on the grounds. Admission is free.

Church to honor township firemen

SCOTCH PLAINS — Volunteer firemen in the township are being honored within services 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Willow Grove Presbyterian Church.

All firemen from all Scotch Plains fire companies are invited. A luncheon and reception in the church's social hall follows services. Reservations are required for the luncheon; phone (908) 232-5678 by noon today.

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Township to kick in \$95G for squad

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — In what could be the first step in a transformation of the way emergency medical services are provided, the Township Committee Tuesday unanimously authorized a \$95,000 emergency appropriation to pay salaries, wages and operating expenses for emergency medical responders.

Township officials would provide few specifics on how the money would be used, pending further discussions between the township and the independent Cranford First Aid Squad; the two sides were expected to meet again Wednesday.

But from the information disclosed, it appears the township will use the money to hire full-time, civilian emergency medical technicians during daytime hours. Those EMTs would be on the township's payroll, not the squad's, and would

be responsible to Police Chief Harry Wilde, but would operate the two ambulances owned by the First Aid Squad.

The \$95,000 will pay for the EMTs through the end of 2002. Township officials said there was no interest in hiring a private contractor to provide the services.

The proposed scenario could eventually mean the end of the squad's new billing program, said township officials, because it would be improper to bill residents for calls on nights and weekends, responded to by the First Aid Squad, and not bill for calls during daytime hours, responded to by township EMTs.

"There's no interest in the township to pursue billing at this time," said Commissioner of Public Safety Tom Denny. And Commissioner George Jorn confirmed billing would be eliminated, though when that would happen had not been

decided.

The new full-time EMTs, who may include current volunteers at the squad, should be hired within two weeks. In the interim, the First Aid Squad will continue to respond to all calls. Squad Capt. Charlie Miller assured residents during Tuesday's meeting there will be no interruption in emergency medical services.

But it was the squad's perceived inability to respond to those calls that prompted the township to get involved. In recent years a dwindling volunteer base, especially during daytime hours, has occasionally led to slow response times and has forced the squad to hire per-diem EMTs during daytime hours. The resulting cash crunch — revenues, mostly from donations, have remained steady, while expenses have doubled — prompted the squad to institute a billing program earlier this year.

But with the first revenues from the billing initiative not due until Friday, the squad had effectively run out of money. Squad vice-president Amy Davidowitch said the per-diem employees have contin-

ued to man their shifts without pay, and will be paid retroactively when funds become available.

The crisis has led to speculation that township public safety officials would attempt a full takeover of the squad, and there is some history of turf battles. But following a meeting last Friday, representatives from both sides said the township and squad are embarking on a "new partnership." Township officials said there are no plans at this time to supplant the volunteer squad for night and weekend services.

And Denny urged residents to

continue supporting the squad, both by donating money and volunteering as EMTs.

But it remains unclear what the long-term resolution will be. Denny said first aid is "clearly an area where county government or regionalization of services could step in."

And Jorn said while the new approach is the best solution at this time, the cost of providing emergency medical responders — possibly in the neighborhood of \$200,000 for a full year — is a "budget buster" for the Township Committee.

Size does matter: 1 inch dooms plan

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

GARWOOD — The Borough Council's plans for a senior citizen and teen center and Rankin Avenue were dealt a setback last week, but borough officials are hoping it is only a temporary one.

To offset the cost of the building, the borough hopes to sell some vacant, wooded municipal property at the southeast corner of New Street and Myrtle Avenue. The Borough Council had applied to the Planning Board for permission to subdivide the 12,000 sq. ft. property into three equal lots.

But at its May 22 meeting, the board rejected the application by a 5-1 vote, citing the small size of the lots and their orientation toward a dead end on Myrtle Avenue.

Though the board was concerned with the lot size, two of the proposed lots would have been 4,000 sq. ft. That is the minimum permitted size in the zone, and would not have given the board grounds for a denial.

But the council had to seek a

variance because the third lot would have been 3,999.99 sq. ft. — a one-square-inch triangle in the corner of the lot was cut off by the municipal border with Cranford.

Despite the minuscule size impact the variance would have had, the council decided not to appeal the board's decision to Superior Court. Mayor Michael Crincoli said the council has decided to submit another application seeking to divide the property into only two lots.

The new proposed lots will measure 50 ft. by 120 ft., he said, and will face New Street rather than Myrtle Avenue.

Because the new lots will be larger, Crincoli said, "we don't feel that there will be a loss in revenue" when the properties are sold to a developer. The council originally sought the three-lot subdivision, he said, to ensure there would be no construction of two-family houses in the one-family neighborhood.

The council hopes to make its applications for both the subdivision and the center site plan at the Planning Board's June 26 meeting.

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## Cranford committee to weigh Citgo appeal

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD PRESS

CRANFORD — The zoning Board of Adjustment may have made its decision to allow a controversial gas station and sandwich shop at North and Orchard avenues, but that doesn't mean the dispute over the development is over yet.

At Tuesday's Township Committee meeting, Commissioner Dan Aschenbach said the committee should review the board's decision and the grounds for appealing it.

"I think (the development) is a traffic problem. It's a hazardous development," said Aschenbach.

Aschenbach's comments came after Frank Krause, who owns the professional building next to the proposed development and has been its most outspoken

opponent, called on the committee to appeal the board's decision.

"The concerned citizens look to you as our elected public officials, with no one else to turn to," Krause said.

Krause has repeatedly criticized the zoning board's handling of the application at Township Committee meetings; Tuesday, board chairman Marc Brown spoke in response for the first time. Brown said the board "had very little latitude" in the case because both uses are permitted at the site.

No other commissioner commented on the case during the meeting. But later, Phil Morin said while an appeal by the township would likely be allowed, it would be difficult to convince a Superior Court judge to overturn the ruling.

## Police Log

### WESTFIELD

Joseph Rodriguez of South Brunswick was charged Friday with possession of a prohibited weapon and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes.

Rodriguez was arrested at 11:33 p.m., and held overnight.

Roselle Park resident Clinton Priliszh was charged May 21 with unlawful possession of a pellet rifle. Priliszh was arrested at 8:33 p.m. at Lenape Park.

Scotch Plains residents Brian Broderick and Kevin Schenk and Fanwood resident Peter Mosko were charged May 22 with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The three were all arrested at Brightwood Park at 8:55 p.m.

Daniel Gruen and Joseph Petrosic, both of Westfield, were charged Wednesday with possession of a controlled dangerous substance (believed to be marijuana). The two were arrested at 3:13 a.m.

Roselle resident Arron Lee was arrested May 21 on a Westfield contempt of court warrant, and held on \$1,030 bail.

Plainfield resident Donne Burton was turned over to

Westfield police on a \$915 criminal warrant May 23 after being arrested in Fanwood. Burton was later released after posting a bond.

A Roselle Park resident reported Monday someone had pried the Port Authority marker off the headstone of his son, who had been buried at Fairview Cemetery.

Two town residents reported Monday their bicycles had been stolen from the bike rack at the South Avenue train station.

A local contractor reported Tuesday his carpet cleaning machine had been damaged by juveniles while he was working on First Street.

### SCOTCH PLAINS

An East Second Street business owner reported Saturday that as she was closing her store about 5 p.m., an unknown male grabbed from her hand a money bag containing about \$480 and ran away.

The business owner was not assaulted or injured in the incident.

Steven Zander, 32, of Detroit, was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated.

Zander was arrested at 11:45 p.m. after being pulled over on Route 22.

Peter J. Ross, 48, of Wayne, was charged Sunday with driving while intoxicated and leaving the scene of an accident.

Ross was arrested at 12:40 a.m. on Route 22 after he allegedly struck a parked vehicle on Montague Avenue and drove away. No injuries were reported.

A resident reported May 22 a wallet containing cash and credit cards had been stolen at a Park Avenue drug store. The wallet was later recovered in Westfield, with \$100 missing.

A Mountain Avenue resident reported Friday a wallet was taken from his car about 2:15 p.m. while it was parked at the high school.

A Raritan Road resident reported Saturday several items of clothing and a gift set had been taken from his house.

The thief apparently entered the home by forcing open a basement window.

Police received a report Saturday a duffel bag had been stolen overnight from a vehicle parked on Beverly Avenue.

A Park Avenue business owner reported Sunday a block of granite had been taken from the side of his business overnight.

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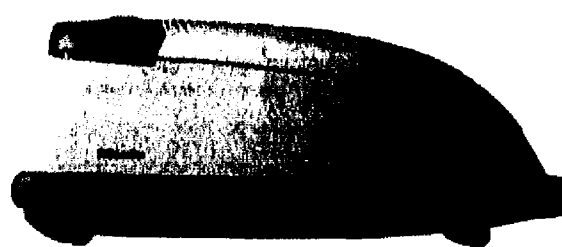
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(NAPSI) They come into your house uninvited and unannounced, terrorize your home, and take whatever they want for their own gain.

No, it's not time to start building

a panic room. These invaders aren't burglars—at least, not the human kind. They're ants.

When the weather is warm, homeowners are more likely to see the creepy crawlers around the

kitchen and anywhere else there's a food source.

Ranging from merely annoying to downright deadly, some of the most common ant varieties include:

Odorous House Ants. They get their name from the unpleasant odor they give off when crushed. You're most likely to find these in your home during rainy weather, when they'll nest in wall voids and

crevices. They prefer sweet foods.

Pharaoh Ants. Pharaoh Ants also prefer sweet foods, and live in extremely large colonies. When indoors, they keep warm near artificial heating sources.

Argentine Ants. Argentine Ants have the least discriminating of ant palates. They eat nearly anything. They generally nest in moist soil.

Thief Ants. These ants are so small that they're hard to see. During warm weather is when you'll most often find them in your house. Unlike many other household ants, they prefer to eat proteins.

Carpenter Ants. So called because they hollow out their nests from wood. Carpenter Ants usually come into buildings through cracks around doors, windows, or through exterior holes for plumbing, electric wires, TV cables, or phone lines.

Fire Ants. These unrelenting

predators deliver a painful, burning sting. At least 32 deaths in the U.S. can be attributed to severe allergic reactions to fire ant stings each year. Fire ants can chew through the insulation around electrical wiring and have also been known to kill small animals.

They currently infest 14 states throughout the Southeastern U.S. and have been spreading since the 1950s.

"There are as many ways to treat ants as there are species," says Cindy Mannes, director of public affairs for the National Pest Management Association (NPMA), near Washington, D.C. "Because some ants eat grease, others prefer seeds, other insects or leftovers from dinner, proper identification is a critical part of treatment."

For further information, NPMA provides a national online referral service for homeowners to find a pest control professional on its Web site at [www.pestworld.org](http://www.pestworld.org).

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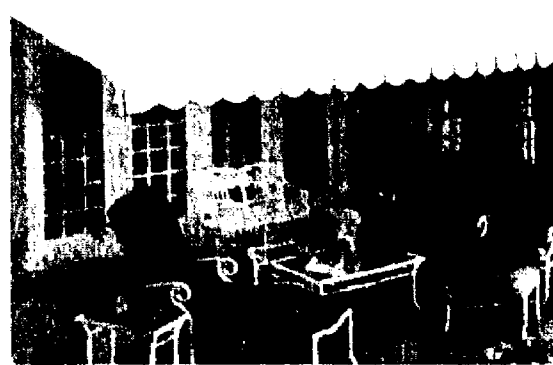
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# Residents urged to be wary of mosquitos

Residents are being reminded that the West Nile Virus season is here and to take precautions to reduce the risk of mosquito bites. "Last summer, 12 New Jersey residents were infected with West Nile Virus," said Freeholder Nick Scutari.

The West Nile virus is a disease transmitted through the bite of a mosquito that has contracted the virus by feeding on an infected bird. The virus is not directly transmitted from birds to humans or from person to person. West Nile virus generally causes flu-like symptoms, but the elderly are at higher risk of more severe reactions to the disease.

"It's important for people to report any sightings of dead birds in their yards or neighborhoods," said Freeholder Rick Proctor.

In an effort to eliminate a major mosquito breeding source, the freeholders and the Division of Environmental Health are sponsoring a tire recycling program from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the Union County

**What you can do**  
The following are tips to help eliminate mosquito breeding areas and avoid bites:  
— Eliminate standing water, including clogged rain gutters, neglected pools, old tires, bird baths, wheelbarrows, etc.  
— Wear long sleeves and pants and use insect repellent on exposed skin.  
— Avoid being outside at dawn, dusk and during the evening and avoid mosquito habitats including areas with heavy underbrush.  
— Repair window and door screens.  
— Fill ornamental pools with mosquito-eating fish.  
— Properly maintain open compost piles.

Conservation Center on Shunpike Road, Springfield. County residents can dispose of up to six auto tires at no charge.

Local health departments in Union County will work with the State Department of Health and Senior Services to report, collect and submit for testing bird specimens. The West Nile Virus Task Force is also requesting local police, fire and public works departments to report any stagnant water pools.

For more information, call the Bureau of Mosquito Control at (908) 654-9834.

# Westfield Rec Department lists Music in Park schedule

WESTFIELD — The Recreation Department has announced the schedule for the Music in the Park Series.

Music lovers are asked to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the show at Mindowaskin Park. The events are 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday nights.

Following is the schedule:  
June 6: NJ Workshop for the Arts (Early bird special is 6:45-7:15 p.m. — Alp Horns)  
June 13: Westfield Dance Band  
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# Approval sought for 43 townhomes

By GREG MARX  
THE RECORD-PRESS

CRANFORD — As downtown Cranford attracts more and more apartments, another area of town may soon see a different type of residential development. A Brooklyn development firm has applied to build 43 townhouses on the eastern edge of town.

Twin Oaks Realty Development, LLC, a majority share of which is owned by Pennsylvania resident Steven Fishman, has filed an application to build the houses in the neighborhood of Hale and Heinrich Streets and Meeker Avenue, just off South Avenue East and adjacent to the Ashley Business Park. The Board of Adjustment will begin hearing the application July 8.

The developer will need a number of variances from the board before beginning construction. Though the townhouses are a conditional use in the area, the proposed density of the development far exceeds what is allowed in the township's ordinances.

Township regulations would allow only 28 units on the 140,000-square-foot site, a condition the applicant said "would render this development economically unfeasible" in a statement to the zoning office.

Beside the density, the developer seeks a variance to exceed the permitted building height and number of stories. The ordinance allows 30 feet and 2.5 stories; the proposed units are 38 feet tall and three full stories.

The developer is also seeking variances for construction with

less than the required tract area, less than the required minimum frontage, less than the minimum distance to a minor arterial and less than the required minimum distance to an adjoining zone.

The proposed units would have three bedrooms, three bathrooms, a living room, dining room, family room and denette. The exterior of the building would include Victorian and colonial elements, and the grounds would be lit with Victorian streetlights similar to those downtown.

Other townhouse developments in the area, such as the proposed 18-unit development on Fourth Avenue in Garwood, have drawn opposition from neighbors who argue the dense construction will depress property values, strain local schools and exacerbate traffic safety problems.

Twin Oaks representatives tried to address those concerns in the statement that accompanied the application, and to cast the townhouses as an alternative to the increasingly expensive homes in Cranford. The development

"would promote the public health, safety, morals and general welfare by providing much needed housing for a segment of the Cranford population that cannot afford or has no desire to continue to reside in a typical one family home," the statement says.

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# Commentary

## Gimmicks are waste of time

New Jersey is a state with myriad problems. It is broke, polluted, congested and populated by overtaxed residents. But rest assured, our legislators are on the case.

Sen. Richard H. Bagger has introduced a bill in the Senate and Assemblymen Thomas H. Kean Jr. and Eric Munoz, all Republicans from District 21, have introduced a similar measure in the Assembly that would allow state residents a choice between a Bill of Rights license plate or New Jersey's official Garden State slogan. The \$50 initial application cost and subsequent \$10 renewal fee for the Bill of rights plate would support grants for history museums and education.

The idea for the license plate came from a history class at Madison High School, which wanted to change the state's slogan. The students wanted the slogan to reflect that the state was the first to ratify the Bill of Rights on Nov. 20, 1789.

Historical Commission grants are worthy and deserve funding, but another specialty license plate is not the answer. Legislators must tackle the big problems and not be distracted by nickel-and-dime gimmicks.

## Congratulations to Project Graduation

Most teenagers graduating from high school are understandably tired of hearing the same dire warnings and sermons from their elders.

At graduation the teenagers will be target of finely polished cliches from speakers, well-intentioned words of advice that will be forgotten in a few days like a summer thunderstorm. And in the days surrounding graduation, teenagers will be receiving a barrage of admonitions about the dangers of drinking and driving, the same message they have been hearing for years. While those words are always worth repeating, actions are sometimes more effective than syllables.

That's why Project Graduations have become so successful.

In most school districts, Project Graduation provides graduating high school seniors with a safe, alcohol-free, drug-free environment in which to celebrate their accomplishments. The seniors are bused after the graduation ceremony to a facility that throws an all-night party for the teens. It's a big night for the young adults and everybody has a great time without alcohol or drugs. Parents don't have to worry about where their children are and police don't have to put extra patrols on the roads.

The best part of Project Graduation is that the party is a culmination of a community effort to provide a secure environment for the graduates. No student pays to attend the soiree; the cost of the event is covered by donations from residents and businesses and fund-raisers held throughout the school year. The money is an expression of the pride the community has for its young graduates; more importantly, the support is an indication of how much the community values the well-being of young people.

If Project Graduation did not exist, chances are too many teenagers would be drinking and driving on the night of their graduation, no matter how many times they are told that alcohol and gasoline do not mix. The graduates, though they may never have an opportunity to articulate their feelings, are appreciative of all the volunteer efforts required to make the Project Graduation a reality. The graduates will carry away from Project Graduation not only fond memories of their last bash with their high school friends, but a special memory of a community that cared for them.

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## Jersey Boy

Mike Deak

## Are we a nation of boors?

There's been much beating of the nation's collective breast in the last few years over the loss of civility in the United States.

Blowhard conservatives wall about loud stereotypes on the subway and baseball caps worn backwards as signs of the apocalypse. Liberal newspaper columnists wring their hands about deteriorating manners in everyday social situations and the easy escalation of public disputes into violence. These are all symptoms of fin-de-siecle decadence, they say, and how far we have slid in our hand-basket toward Hell.

Yes, civility has gotten worse. Just take a look at the way people dress; the tide of sloppiness was so strong we were forced to institutionalize casualness. Profanity has entered normal conversation; just a few decades ago people were shocked whenever a forbidden word was uttered on television or crept onto the family dinner table. Strangers address us by our Christian names as if we were longtime pals. If first names are not used, then we are just addressed by our last names, as if we're back in gym class. Too many able people still park in spots reserved for the handicapped. Every day we have to endure small acts of rudeness; it has become so commonplace that we don't expect people to exhibit manners anymore. In fact, we are pleasantly surprised when we are treated with courtesy and respect.

But civility has also gotten better. No longer is it socially acceptable to say derogatory racial, ethnic or sexist terms; less than a half century ago such ugly language was as common as the discrimination faced by minorities. We now no longer joke about domestic violence or alcoholism. Such changes have not come easy; in most of these cases, the government had to step in where the culture had failed. There are now strong laws against discrimination and bias crimes are treated seriously. Cigarette smokers have been successfully corralled. Sexual harassment is a serious offense, punishable by both fine and embarrassment. You can't legislate morality, but you can legislate better behavior. There are now laws against boors.

So there's both good news and bad news on the civility front. The barbarians are not at the gates and our society is strong enough to withstand the adventures of Ozzy Osbourne on television. But that doesn't mean we should stop working on improving our etiquette.

What we need is a massive infusion of respect. With that should come an awareness that we do not go through life in a bubble where our actions have no impact on other people. Every day we have to remind ourselves of the Golden Rule, which is just as valid today as it was when Christ first gave it: "Do unto others as they would do unto you." If you treat people rudely, you should not be surprised if you receive rudeness in return. If you respect other people, perhaps you will receive respect yourself.

This is not easy. Our society is obsessed with the maintenance and the assertion of the self. We are taught to battle for our rights and privileges. But in this worship of individualism we are losing contact with our obligations to mend the holes in the social fabric. We seemingly believe it is a perk of adulthood to ignore the lessons of behavior we learned as children. We believe it is acceptable as an adult to do what we want to do — which is, after all, the fantasy of every child.

It is sad that children and adults alike are encouraged to commit "random acts of kindness." Kindness should not be random; neither should be respect. It does not take much effort to practice good manners and etiquette; how difficult is it to call people Mister, Missus, Miss or Ms.?

All it takes is willpower and discipline, but that, unfortunately, may be asking too much.

## Letters to the editor

## Revive Clean Communities Act

### To The Record-Press:

Our state Legislature is currently examining legislation which deserves to pass.

Assembly Bill 2110 and Senate Bill 1373 cover the Clean Communities and Recycling Grant Act. Under this act, the Clean Communities program will be revived. The loss of the program this year has caused many communities to cancel activities which for years were largely funded by the program.

The recycling grant program was a part of the Recycling Act which dates back to the 1980s. It established recycling goals for the state and help fund the costs each municipality incurred in its

recycling efforts. Communities recycling a greater percentage of their solid waste received a proportionally larger grant. In 1996 funding for the grant program was lost, even though the recycling program remains in effect and the state is asking our towns to give more effort to recycling. Under the act the recycling grant program will be revived.

It is noteworthy that the sponsors and co-sponsors of the bills include members of both parties.

Both the Clean Communities and recycling grants are worthy programs. They deserve strong support.

ROBERT H. SOMMERICH  
Fanwood

## Library sale was a huge success

### To The Record-Press:

The Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library would like to express our gratitude to all the people who supported our record-breaking annual book sale. We would like to thank those who backed the sale by donating books, those who purchased books and especially those who gave their time and labor before and during the sale. Once again, the sale was a huge success and all of the profits will be donated to the library so that all Westfield residents will benefit from your generosity.

We would also like to thank all the residents who

have joined the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library. We have had a wonderful response from the town as we celebrate our 30th anniversary. Memberships help to pay for various programs offered at the library, such as the symphony program held recently and also children's programs.

SADIE SCHOSS  
LINDA KOLTERJAHN  
Westfield

The writers are book sale chairman and membership chairman, respectively, for the Friends of the Westfield Memorial Library.

## Revelations test the faith of Catholics

### To The Record-Press:

The recent revelations of sexual abuse by Roman Catholic priests are sad, depressing, yes, tragic. This is a time for introspection by the leaders of the church, a time to test the faith of the Roman Catholic laity.

That said, it is not time now, nor is it ever time, to disparage symbols of the Catholic faith, or to demean the thousands of priests who are conscientiously performing their priestly functions.

The cartoon which appeared in The Record-Press (May 3) is an insult to Catholic beliefs in the Sacrament of Penance (now called the Sacrament of

Reconciliation), the place where the sacrament takes place, the confessional, and the wonderful priests who offer the opportunity for reconciliation with their God to their communities.

That The Record-Press would choose to print this is disheartening. It shows either a strong lack of knowledge of important elements of the Catholic faith or what effectively amounts to an insult to your Roman Catholic readers. I hope they have considered that.

JOSEPH W. DUFF  
Scotch Plains

## Do you plan to fly on vacation this year?



"I'm driving on my vacation this year, but I would have flown."

Lynn LaMonte  
Flemington



"I would have flown, except I flew and returned just before Sept. 11, so I'm not flying this year."

Chris Humphreys  
Flemington



"I don't think I'm traveling, but if I did, I would take a car."

Timothy Cailands  
Roselle Park



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## School Notes

### WHS seniors named national merit finalists

WESTFIELD — Westfield High School seniors Robert Freundlich and Anura Patil have been named finalists for National Merit Scholarship awards.

To reach finalist standing, semifinalists' high school academic records, SAT scores and school principals' recommendations are considered. Each semifinalist and a school official also must submit a scholarship application. The application includes a self-descriptive essay and information on participation in school and community activities.

Finalists who become Merit Scholarship winners are chosen on the basis of academic skills, extracurricular accomplishments and potential for success in college.

### 50th Pre-K class graduating

WESTFIELD — Wesley Hall Nursery School will hold its graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. Friday. It will be held in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, located at 1E. Broad St. One hundred preschoolers will be graduating and looking ahead to kindergarten. This class celebrates the 50th birthday of Wesley Hall.

The graduates will present singing performances accompanied by Trent Johnson on the piano and Alison Power on the guitar. Mary Pembridge is the director of Wesley Hall. For more information about the graduation ceremony or the school, contact the school office at (908) 233-9570.

### Acts of kindness benefit ill youths

WESTFIELD — On a warm April day, the second- and third-graders at Washington School took steps to join the Acts of Kindness Club.

This year, each class is making a special effort to show its collective spirit of kindness — and thereby join a club that honors the qualities of caring, giving and sharing. The second- and third-graders chose to raise money for the Valerie Fund, a New Jersey-based organization with a mission to provide medical treatment, counseling and child development activities for children with cancer and blood disorders.

The children raised money by selling paper artistically decorated sneakers for \$1apiece and by soliciting pledge money for each lap they completed around the school grounds. Their efforts were cheered by the rest of the schoolchildren, parents, teachers, and staff. Sweaty, tired — but proud of what they had accomplished — these young volunteers had learned the value of contributing to a worthy cause.

Later that week, they were honored at a luncheon. To date, Washington School second- and third-graders have collected more than \$7,000.

### Terrill students excel in math test

SCOTCH PLAINS — Sixth-grade math students at Terrill Middle School placed third in the region and 16th out of 341 schools nationally in the Continental Math Contest.

The contest is a series of five math tests made up of 30 brain-teaser problems given to schools nationwide. The Terrill students' scores placed them in the top 5 percent of all participants.

Terrill students who received first-place medals for their point totals include: Noelle DeGregorio, Joanna Naugle and Kathleen Yan. Students receiving Certificates of Merit include Dave Chapman, Sky Cheung, Carina Gerveshi, Colleen Hagerty, Cathy Harley, Brian Hessemer, Brendan Kirby, Andrew Livingston, Casey Marks and Cecilia Osterman.

The students' teachers are David Blackman and Michael Klimko.

### WHS production wins Rising Star nominations

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Drama Department has received six nominations for Paper Mill Playhouse's Rising Star Awards. More than 90 schools competed for the honors.

Westfield High School's musical production "Children of Eden" has been nominated for Outstanding Production, along with teacher Joe Nierle for Outstanding Direction. Lorinda Haver received the Outstanding Choreography nomination. Lindsay-Rose Sinclair was nominated for Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble Member. "Children of Eden" also received a nomination in the Outstanding Chorus category as well as an honorable mention nomination for Erica Cenci as Outstanding Leading Actress.

Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards acknowledge outstanding school musical theater productions. Paper Mill sends panels of judges to see the productions. They then write critiques and comments. Those considered outstanding are given final nominations.

Because Westfield was one of seven schools nominated for "best production," the cast will perform a number from the show on the Paper Mill stage at the awards ceremony on June 11.

### Roosevelt students making 9/11 gift

WESTFIELD — The motto around Roosevelt Intermediate School these days is: 711 on 6/11 for 9/11.

According to Roosevelt Principal Kenneth Shulack, the numbers represent patriotism and caring for the community. "The 711 students enrolled at Roosevelt have pledged a \$1 donation that will be brought into school on June 11. We will donate all the proceeds to the memorial being built in Westfield to remember the victims of September 11."

Shulack also noted that teachers will be donating \$2 each to the cause.

# Westfield Foundation grants \$300G

tion, included Doug Black of Westfield TV Channel 36; Karen Stark, Westfield High School

year. Retiring Foundation Board of Trustee Thomas Phelan was

*The generosity is "a tribute to the agencies whose joint attempts make Westfield a better place to live."*

**-Dr. Gerald Glasser**  
Board of Trustees president

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation awarded more than \$300,000 in grants during the past year, Dr. Gerald Glasser, president of the Board of Trustees, told the foundation's 27th annual meeting.

He called the generosity "a tribute to the agencies whose joint attempts make Westfield a better place to live."

Since its founding, the foundation has provided more than \$3 million in more than 400 community grants. The grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations in the areas of social services, health, civic, education, art and culture.

Gail Cassidy, chairman of the Grants Committee, gave an overview of grants awarded this past year. "You all deal with kindness in some way," she said.

Grant recipients who spoke at the annual meeting, which was the fifth public one held by the founda-

teacher in charge of the student "Archives Project," Tom Hornish, Westfield High School teacher in charge of the Fed Challenge program which "promotes economic literacy" (student participants published what may be the only high school economic newspaper in the country); and Lou Franz, president of the Board of The Westfield Symphony. These four speakers represented four of the 45 grants made by the Foundation in 2001-2002.

Grants funded by the foundation helped people ranging from young children to senior citizens. In addition to the \$300,000 awarded in grants, the foundation distributed \$70,300 in scholarships last

thanked for his services over the past six years. Barbara Doyle Frantz joined the board for a three-year term. Board of Trustees officers include Gerald Glasser, president; Gail Cassidy, vice president; George Lewis, treasurer; Margaret Cimei, secretary. Trustees include Ellen Albertson, Carter Booth, Roberta Federici, Barbara Frantz, Thomas Jardim, Henry (Mike) Kelly, Geoffrey Mann, David Molowa, David Owens, Susan Pepper and Margaret Sur.

During the past year, the foundation received \$285,000 in donations and contributions to more than 82 individual funds. These funds include unrestricted ones (to meet compelling current needs

through foundation grants) temporarily restricted ones (to meet a specific need, such as scholarship awards and to address a specific area, such as cancer or battered women) and managed funds (these are owned by nonprofit organizations and managed by the foundation, at a 1 percent administrative cost).

"As a statistician, I am always happy to talk numbers," Glasser stated. "However, money alone is not what the foundation does. We also have what is known as 'psychic income' which is the smiles and good feelings brought about by grants that help carry out our mission: to enhance and support the quality of life of the citizens of Westfield."

For more information, call Executive Director Betsy Chance at (908) 233-9787, visit the office at 300 North Avenue E., or the website at foundation@westfieldnj.com.

## Campus notes

Four area students have graduated from Providence College in Providence, R.I. Receiving degrees at the college's 84th commencement exercises May 19:

**Kristy Feil** of 27 Traveller Way, Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in history.

**Melissa Francz** of 507 Wychwood Road, Westfield, bachelor's degree in English.

**Jessica Rodino** of 2384 Bryant Ave., Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree in quantitative education, magna cum laude.

**Eric Schoenberg** of 1130 Wychwood Road, Westfield, bachelor's degree in social science.

Five area students have graduated from St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Receiving their degrees at the college's 111th commencement, held May 19 at the PNC Bank Arts Center in Holmdel:

**Kamran Syed Ahmad** of Fanwood, bachelor's degree.

**Abayomi Olufemi Akinode** of Scotch Plains, master of business administration degree.

**Thomas P. Kelly** of Westfield, master's degree in accounting.

**Stephen John Minarik** of Westfield, master's degree in education.

**Christine Marie Welsh** of Westfield, master's degree in

## Edison School pupils consider careers

WESTFIELD — Edison Intermediate School students in Westfield took time to think about future careers on May 22, during the school's fifth annual Career Awareness Day. More than 25 adults addressed the students in small classroom groups, talking about their occupations and their previous training and education.

The speakers included: A biochemist, FBI agent, Cardio Kickboxing instructor, advertising manager for New York Magazine, Westfield Municipal Prosecutor, dentist, costume designer for television commercials and film, actor, attorney, physical therapist, doctor, U.S. District judge, certified public accountant, fashion merchandiser, radio reporter for WCBS, research chemist, concert promotion executive, court reporter, National Football League player, graphic design-

er, sound designer, pilot, social worker and photojournalist.

Adult participants began their presentations to classes at 8:30 and continued for a total of three periods. The format was designed to introduce every sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grader to at least three careers.

Gloria White-James, guidance counselor at Edison, welcomed the speakers and thanked them for volunteering.

"We feel it is our responsibility to provide as much information as possible to guide our students in becoming productive and self-sufficient members of our society," said White-James. Guidance counselors Carol Gerson and Donald Heaney also help in coordinating the event.

## 5 students win \$2.5G in aid for college

Five area students have been awarded scholarships of \$2,500 each by the Fanwood/Scotch Plains Service League.

The students are: Jay Cordes, Scotch Plains, a freshman at American University; Jacqueline Dempsey, Scotch Plains, a senior at Worcester State College; Katherine L'Heureux, Scotch Plains, a senior at Rutgers; Jennifer Perryman, Scotch Plains, a senior at the University of Delaware; and Jennifer Stearns, Fanwood, a sophomore at James Madison University.

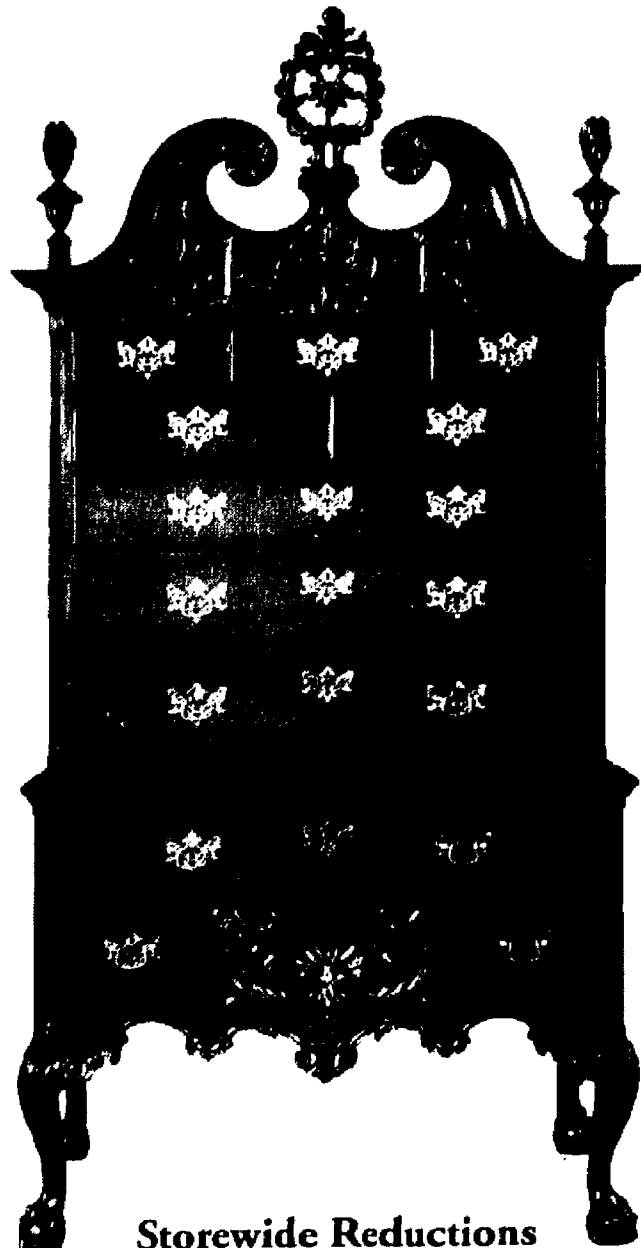
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# Community Life

## Briefs

### 3 artists to exhibit at Children's Hospital

**MOUNTAINSIDE** — Children's Specialized Hospital, the largest pediatric rehabilitation hospital in the United States, will exhibit the work of artists Sylvia Glesmann of Bridgewater, Jane Lux of Little Silver and Lise Masson of Howell throughout the months of June and July.

Monthly exhibits are sponsored by the Auxiliary at Children's Specialized Hospital. All artwork is available for purchase with a portion of sales benefiting the Auxiliary. Admission is free and exhibits can be viewed from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. by entering through the hospital's East Wing entrance, 150 New Providence Road. For more information, call (908) 233-3720, ext. 5379.

### Open lunch report on board's agenda

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Board of Education will hear a report on the open lunch policy at Westfield High School at its next meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday in the high school cafeteria.

Superintendent of Schools William Foley recommended the formation of a committee in response to concern raised by parents regarding possible abuse of open lunch, a privilege intended for only juniors and seniors, that permits them to leave the school campus during lunch period.

### Volunteers needed to clear trails

**SUMMIT** — Volunteers are invited to help maintain the trails at Reeves-Reed Arboretum on National Trails Day Saturday, June 1, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers will clear invasive non-native plants, and especially energetic volunteers will help build check dams to control erosion on hillsides. Lunch will be served to all volunteers.

Call the Arboretum's woodlands manager, Karen Moore at (908) 273-8787 extension 18, to volunteer.

Reeves-Reed Arboretum is the only arboretum in Union County. It is located on Hobart Avenue in Summit just off Route 24. The grounds are open every day from dawn to dusk. Admission is free.

### Recycle old tires Saturday morning

Trying to get rid of your old car tires?

Don't take them to the dump. Bring them to the Union County Conservation Center in Springfield 8 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow so they can be recycled.

The county Division of Environmental Health sponsors this recycling event for families that live in the county. Each family may bring up to six tires; do not bring any wheels. Commercial customers are not welcome.

For more information, visit [www.unioncountynj.org/oem](http://www.unioncountynj.org/oem) or phone (908) 654-9889. The county Conservation Center is on Shunpike Road near Interstate 78.

### Westfield UNICO makes 11 donations

**WESTFIELD** — The Westfield Chapter of UNICO has approved donations to 11 area organizations.

Recipients of UNICO grants are the Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association; the Policemen's Benevolent Association in Westfield; the Fraternal Order of Police; Deborah Heart and Lung Center; the Westfield Rescue Squad; the Westfield Y; the Police Athletic League; the American Legion; the Fibrodysplasia Ossificae Progressia Society; Monsignor John M. Walsh Council 5437, Knights of Columbus, in Garwood; and the Westfield Memorial Fund for victims of the World Trade Center collapse.

The UNICO chapter is in its 25th year and has donated more than \$320,000 to area organizations, according to a UNICO press release.

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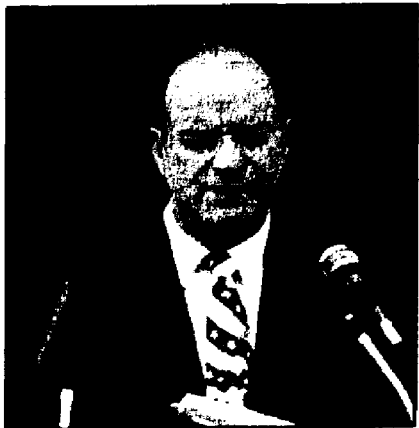
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Grand Marshal and World War II veteran Tom Denitzio waves to the crowd who lined Park Avenue in Scotch Plains during the Memorial Day Parade Monday. At right, Scotch Plains Baptist Church Pastor Gary Rothwell delivers the invocation before the ceremony and, below, Joe McCourt, member of the Scotch Plains Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion posts arranges the wreaths.



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## Madalyn June Burr

WESTFIELD — Madalyn June "Peggy" Burr, 93, died May 21, 2002 at Genesis ElderCare-Westfield Center. She retired in 1973 after 35 years as a hostess at the former Clara Louise Tea Room in Elizabeth.

A native of Philipsburg, Pa., she lived in Westfield and Cranford before moving to Whiting in 1975.

Mrs. Burr served on the executive committee of the Ocean County Christian & Missionary Alliance Church in

Lakehurst, of which she was a charter member. She also was a member of the Cranford Alliance Church.

She worked at Niles Auto Parts in Elizabeth for six years before becoming a hostess.

Her husband, Robert, died in 1983.

Surviving are a sister, Betty Jean Bubb of Clark; and 13 nieces and nephews.

Services were held Friday at Gray Memorial Funeral Home in Cranford. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

## Lawrence Riddle

WESTFIELD — Lawrence P. Riddle, 80, died May 21, 2002 at his home. A public relations executive, he worked for the former GTE Corp. for 30 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Riddle was born in Mattoon, Ill. He served in the Army during World War II and lived in Detroit before moving to Westfield in 1957.

He began his public relations career with the former Burroughs Corp. in Manhattan and the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. Mr. Riddle received a degree in journalism

from the University of Illinois in 1949.

His wife of 54 years, Dorothy Harris Riddle, died in 2000.

Surviving are two daughters, Jeri R. Miller of Kauai, Hawaii, and Kristi Riddle LaRosa of Nice, France; a son, Hamilton Paul Riddle of Las Vegas; a sister, Louise Hutchinson of Geneseo, Ill.; and three grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Riddle was a member. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery with arrangements by Gray Funeral Home.

## Cynthia Rasmus

WESTFIELD — Cynthia J. Zurawski Rasmus, 43, died May 18, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. A registered nurse, she spent 17 years on the staff of Clara Maass Medical Center in Belleville.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Westfield before moving to Colonia in 1990.

Mrs. Rasmus more recently was on the staff of the Pediatric Urgicare Center in Summit. She graduated in 1978 from the nursing school at Middlesex County College in Edison, where she received special training in neonatal care.

She was a member of the Parent-Teacher Organization

at Pennsylvania Avenue School in Colonia.

Her mother, Clara Zurawski, is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Paul W.; her father, Patrick S. Zurawski; a triplet son, Justin; triplet daughters, Alexandra and Miranda; and two sisters, Coleen Zurawski and Gail Zurawski.

Mass was offered Friday at St. Agnes Roman Catholic Church, Clark, following services at the Werson Funeral Home in Linden. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to the J.A.M. Rasmus Educational Trust.

## Beauty

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## Obituaries

### Anna P. Arbes

WESTFIELD — Anna P. Andrianos Arbes, 97, died May 24, 2002 at her home. She was among the founders of the Estiades Society, a Greek Orthodox organization in Elizabeth formed by 10 women to teach Greek to their children.

Mrs. Arbes was born in Sparta, Greece, and settled in Elizabeth when she came to the United States in 1920. She had resided in Westfield since 1999.

She was a member of the Trinity Circle and Philoptochos Society at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, of which Mrs. Arbes was among the first parishioners. She worked for many years at Goerke's Concession, the Regent Sweet Shop and Atlantic Restaurant in Elizabeth along with Clare &

Coby's restaurant in Old Bridge.

Deceased are her husband, Peter; two sons, Steven and John; a son-in-law, Paul Stamas; and a daughter-in-law, Athanasia.

Surviving are a son, Andrew and wife Sophia of Manasquan; two daughters, Bess Stamas of Baltimore and Cynthia Ladas and husband Ernest of Westfield; 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

A Divine Liturgy was celebrated Wednesday at Holy Trinity Church, following services at Higgins & Bonner Echo Lake Funeral Home. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery.

Donations may be sent to Holy Trinity Millennium Fund, 250 Gallows Hill Road, Westfield, NJ 07090.

### Alice Lea Stalgaitis

FANWOOD — Alice Lea Marshall Stalgaitis, 77, died May 22, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was an executive secretary with the Metal Textile Co. of Roselle until 1952.

A native of Boston, she lived in Orange before moving to Fanwood in 1955.

Mrs. Stalgaitis had interests in gardening, animal welfare and antiques. She graduated from the former East Orange campus of the Berkeley School.

Her husband, Albert G., died

in 2000.

Surviving are a son, Robert A. of Upper Black Eddy, Pa.; a daughter, Patricia S. Courtright of Jersey Shore, Pa.; a half-sister, Jeannie Franklin of Glastonbury, Conn.; and a grandchild.

Private arrangements were by Memorial Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to Lycoming Animal Protection Society Inc., 3510 W. Fourth St., Williamsport, PA 17701 or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 815, Elizabeth, NJ 07207-0815.

### David W. Kopelman

WESTFIELD — David William Kopelman died May 27, 2002 at New York University Medical Center in Manhattan. He was a golfer and a corporate executive.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, he lived in Elizabeth and Westfield before moving to Warren in 1989.

Mr. Kopelman was a past governor of the Mountain Ridge Country Club in West Caldwell and played on the Lesley Cup team in New York state. He was a director of the New Jersey Senior Golf Association; the Metropolitan Golf Association; the Jewish Federation of Central New Jersey; and the New Jersey

Jewish News.

He was the chief executive officer of W.B. Wood Co. in New Providence, where Mr. Kopelman worked for more than 30 years. He graduated from Ohio State University.

Surviving are his wife, Jill Nathan Kopelman; three sons, Michael, Steven and Jeffrey; and a grandchild.

Services were held Wednesday at Temple Emanu-El. Burial was in B'nai Abraham Memorial Park, Union.

Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Union, in Millburn.

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## Jill Louise Palentchar

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jill Louise Duebert Palentchar, 51, died May 21, 2002 at her home in Washington Township, Morris County. A registered nurse, she was a nursing supervisor at Union Hospital and active in the Warren County 4-H Leaders Association.

She was born in Elizabeth and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Washington Township in 1986.

Mrs. Palentchar began her nursing career with 10 years on the staff of Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She graduated from the Muhlenberg nursing school in 1971.

As a charter member of the

New Jersey Civil War Heritage Commission, Mrs. Palentchar helped create the Long Street monument of Gettysburg.

Surviving are her husband of 30 years, David Steven Palentchar; her mother, Alma Fechko Duebert; a daughter, Holly; a brother, David Cody; and a sister, June Thalheimer.

Services were held Friday at Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown. Burial was in Pequest Union Cemetery, Great Meadows.

Donations may be sent to Warren County 4-H Leaders Association, 165 Route 519, Belvidere, NJ 07823 or the New Jersey Civil War Historical Preservation Trust.

## Elsie M. Byrnes

SCOTCH PLAINS — Elsie M. Byrnes, 83, died May 24, 2002 at Carolinas Medical Center-Pineville in Pineville, N.C. A native of Central Falls, R.I., she had lived in Scotch Plains from 1958 until she moved to Edison in 1984.

Mrs. Byrnes had resided since February in Charlotte, N.C. She was a longtime parishioner of All Saints' Episcopal Church.

A daughter, Lynne E., died in 1998.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas P.; a son, Robert S. of Charlotte; a daughter, Deborah Anne of Boston; three grandchildren, a niece and a nephew.

Services were held Wednesday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Burial was in Fairview Cemetery, Westfield.

Donations may be sent to Fanwood-Scotch Plains YMCA, 1340 Martine Ave., Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

## Kathleen Chuffo

WESTFIELD — Kathleen J. Chuffo, 49, died May 24, 2002 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had been a telecommunications specialist for the past three years with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

Ms. Chuffo was born in Plainfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Westfield in 1985. A former employee of Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountainside, she received a degree in business administra-

tion from Union County College.

Surviving are her parents, Anthony B. Sr. and Kathleen J.; a son, Christopher J. Kelly and wife Lisa; three brothers, Anthony B. Jr., Dennis W. and Wayne D.; her partner, Harriette Waltner; and seven nieces and nephews.

Services were held Tuesday at Memorial Funeral Home in Fanwood. Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091.

## Marjorie Schmidt

SCOTCH PLAINS — Marjorie D. Schmidt, 83, a registered nurse who spent her career with the Army Nursing Corps and a division of Exxon Corp., died Tuesday at Overlook Hospital in Summit.

She joined the Nursing Corps for World War II duty in 1943. As a member of the 158th General Hospital in England and France, Ms. Schmidt was in charge of the isolation ward and worked as an orthopedic nurse. She held the rank of captain on her discharge in 1946.

After the war, Ms. Schmidt joined the Esso Research and Engineering Co. and worked at its Linden plant for 27 years before retiring as its supervisor of nurses. She was named the Schering Occupational Health Nurse of the Year in the administrative and supervisory category in 1973.

She received the Florence Murphy Nursing Award from Seton Hall University, where Ms. Schmidt earned a Bachelor of

Science in nursing and a master's degree in education. She graduated in 1939 from the nursing school at Jersey City Medical Center.

A past-president of a statewide industrial nurses society, Ms. Schmidt was a charter member of the North Central Occupational Health Nurses Association and published articles in the Journal of Occupational Health Nursing. She was a member of the Exxon Annuitants Club and the Catholic Golden Age Club.

Ms. Schmidt was born in Jersey City and lived in Roselle Park before moving to Scotch Plains. She was a parishioner of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church.

Surviving are a niece, a nephew and two grandnephews.

Mass was offered yesterday at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield.

## Maria de Abreu

SCOTCH PLAINS — Maria L. de Abreu, 74, died May 21, 2002 at her home. She was born in Odemira, Portugal, and lived in Newark before moving to Scotch Plains in 2001.

Her husband, Josao C., is deceased.

Mrs. de Abreu is survived by a son, John F.; a daughter, Maria

Clara Marley; three sisters, Edite Lucena, Aida Faria and Odalia Antunes; and three grandchildren.

Services were held May 23 at Memorial Funeral Home, Fanwood, followed by a Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary Roman Catholic Church. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

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• "See How They Run," comedy by Philip King in a dinner theater setting. 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday, to June 22. Admission \$49.50-\$38; group rates available.

## STONY HILL PLAYERS

Community Congregational Church, 200 Hartshorn Dr., Short Hills  
(908) 464-7716

• "HMS Pinafore," Gilbert & Sullivan operetta. 8 p.m. June 1, 7, 8, 14, 15; 5 p.m. June 2; 3 p.m. June 9, 16. Adults \$15; under 12 \$6.

## COMING UP

## CIRCLE PLAYERS

416 Victoria Ave., Piscataway  
(732) 968-7555

• "Jake's Women," Neil Simon "dramedy." 8 p.m. June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; 3 p.m. June 16. Admission \$13 opening night, \$12 other nights; \$11/one, \$20/two for matinee. Discounts available.

## PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE

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• "Fiddler on the Roof," local production of Broadway/movie musical. 8 p.m. June 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29; 2 p.m. June 9, 16, 23, 30. Adults \$16; students, seniors \$14.

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## Events

## BRITISH CAR DAY

Red Mill Museum Village  
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• Seventh annual exhibition of motor vehicles from the U.K., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 2. Adults \$6; seniors \$5; children 6-12 \$4; museum members, children under 6 free.

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## Concerts

## AMERICAN FARE

8 p.m. May 31, June 1  
Hillside Avenue School  
Hillside Ave., Cranford  
(908) 276-6846

• Spring concert of the Celebration Singers tinged in red, white and blue. Adults \$10; seniors, children under 12 \$5.

## AMERICAN GOTHIC

8 p.m. Wednesday, June 5  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190;  
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• Improv-style comedy show. Admission \$5.

## MELANIE

8 p.m. Friday, June 7  
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7:30 p.m. Friday, May 31  
Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Rd., Mountainside  
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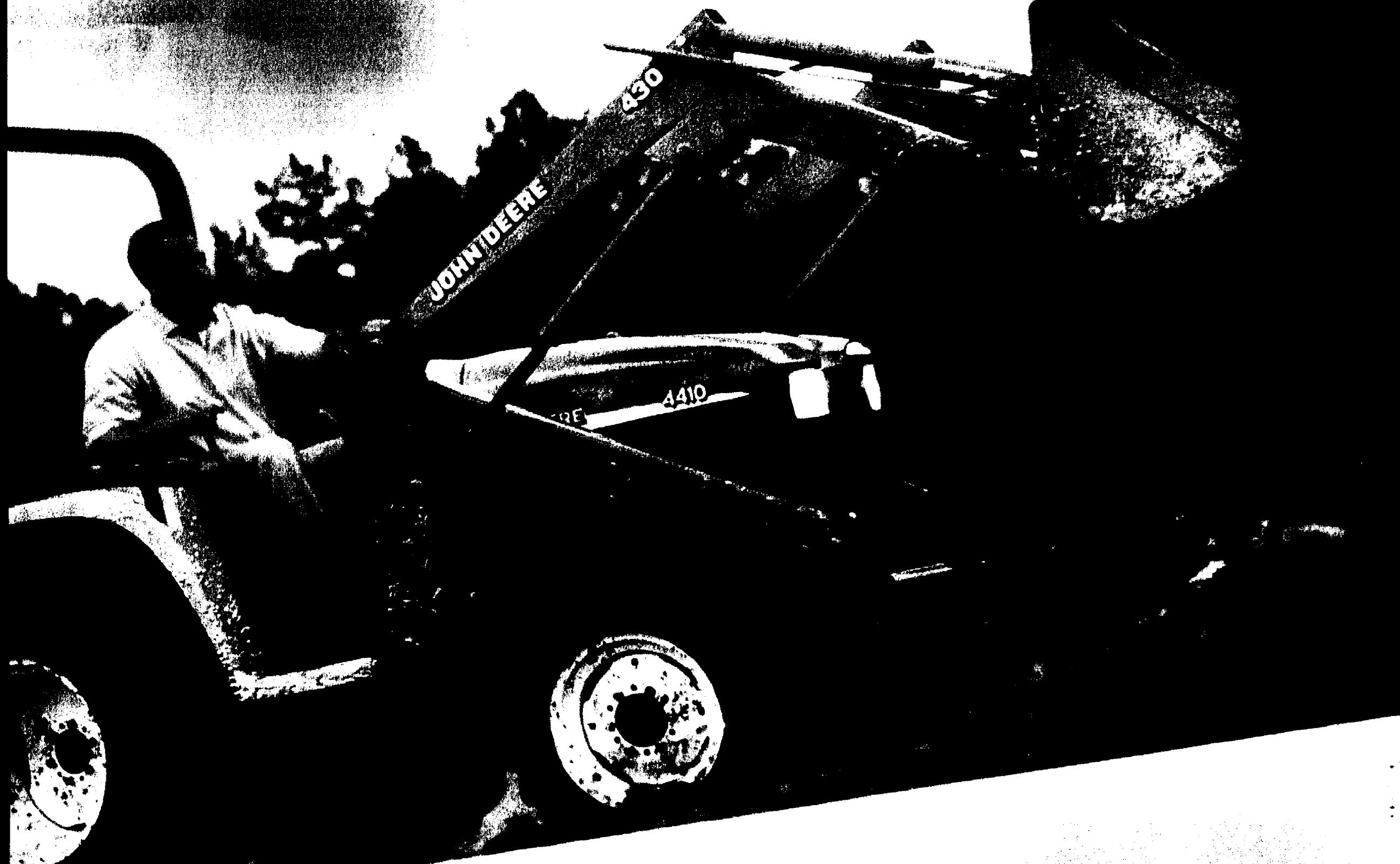
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# Sports

## Devils top Johnson for UCT championship

McKeon drives in three runs, Cook dominates final five innings

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

LINDEN — A dream they've shared since grade school came to fruition Saturday for the seniors on the Westfield High baseball team as the Blue Devils combined timely hitting with near-dominant pitching to win the Union County



Senior captain Josh Ludmer (left) celebrates Westfield's Union County Tournament championship with seniors Brett Picaro and Blair Richardson.

Tournament championship 7-4 over Johnson.

After years of playing together and experiencing success all the way up through the youth levels and into the senior ranks, including last summer's Union County Senior American Legion championship, the senior corps of the team — who made up eight of

Saturday's nine starters — finished it's run together by parading the championship trophy down the first baseline and dousing Head Coach Bob Brewster with buckets of water, celebrating Westfield's return to the top of the county and its 11th UCT title, the most by any school in the 49-year history of the tournament.

Westfield's strength this season was its strong starting pitching and ability to hit throughout the lineup — and that power was never more evident than Saturday when ninth place hitter Jim McKeon was 2 for 4 with three runs batted in and starter Jay Cook dominated Johnson over the final five innings, retiring 14 of the final 15 batters.

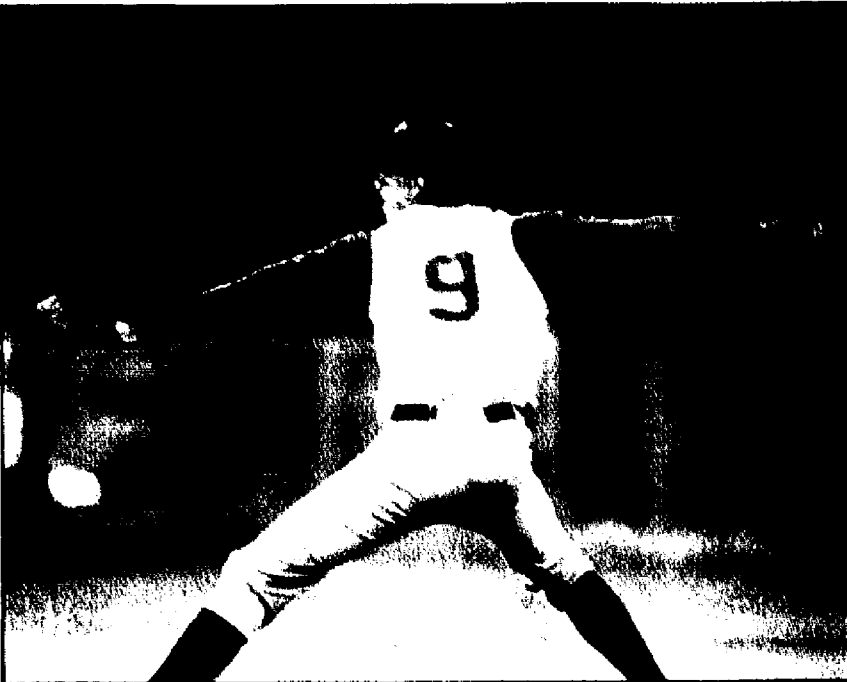
"We knew we were going to come out and win this game," said McKeon. "We had our best pitcher on the mound and a good defense behind him. We didn't feel pressure, we knew we're going to come out here and play as hard as we could. We were more anxious than anything."

"We were a little down after we lost the state game (May 21)," said Brewster. "But we came back with a four-run rally in the seventh the next day to beat Piscataway and we knew then we were going to win."

A team that had made late-game comebacks a habit over the final two weeks made sure that wouldn't be the case Saturday night, seizing control of the contest early, with two runs in the first and three more in the second against Johnson starter Drew Thomas.

Seniors Ben Koket and Mike Sofka started the first inning rally with identical doubles down the leftfield line for a 1-0 lead. Sofka took third on a wild pitch and scored when Cook grounded a 0-2 pitch to shortstop.

Westfield (21-5-1) looked like it was going to blow the game wide open in the second, when Matt Rothstein singled, John Leonardis



Jay Cook retired 14 of Johnson's final 15 batters to lead Westfield to the county title Saturday.

doubled and McKeon laced a two-run double down the rightfield line and took third on a throwing error to build a 4-0 lead. Brett Picaro followed with a walk and Koket brought home McKeon with a sacrifice fly.

But Johnson didn't go away, sending nine men to the plate during a four-run rally in the bottom of the second inning, capped by a two-run home run by Mike Vicci to leftfield. Cook almost worked his way out of the jam unscathed, but Bill King hit a two-out 0-2 pitch for a two-run single before Vicci ripped his home run.

But Cook, who was waiting weeks to finally get this start, wasn't going to let the game slip away.

Johnson put two runners aboard with one out in the third, but Cook then retired the next 11 hitters, before Vicci singled to start the seventh. Cook answered that single with two straight strikeouts then Koket snared the final out deep in centerfield.

Cook finished with seven strikeouts, allowed six hits and walked three in upping his record to 6-0 on the season. His single in the third extended his hitting streak to 40 games.

"Towards the later part of the game I was becoming more of a pitcher and not a thrower," said Cook. "Throughout my whole

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## Raiders win girls' sectional, boys aim for group title

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

Jayne Ferraro and Jill Koscielceki turned in a pair of superb performances to lead the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls track and field team to a sectional championship but Ray Williams' incredible performance wasn't enough to lift the boys squad to the title.

Ferraro and Koscielceki combined to lead the Raiders to 47 1/2 of their 67 1/2 points as Scotch Plains won the North Jersey Section 2 Group 3 championship for the third straight season. Cranford finished second with 54 points.

"We knew it was going to have to be that way," said Head Coach Jeff Koegel. "They've been scoring most of our points all season and we didn't expect it to be any different."

Williams was purely dominant, winning the 100 meter dash, 200, 400 and long jump to score 40 points for the Raiders, but Scotch Plains fell two-and-a-half points shy of its fourth straight title and ninth in the past 10 years. Morris Hills won the meet with 70 points, and took fourth in the meet ending 4x400 relay, while the Raiders didn't place, to seal the victory.

Ferraro had missed three weeks with a strained hamstring but showed no ill effects in finishing third in the 200 (26.5), tying for sixth in the high jump (4-6) and splitting 59.9 on the first place 4x400 relay team (4:00.1) all in a span of 30 minutes. She also took second in the 400 intermediate hurdles on the first day of competition in 1:05.50.

Koscielceki was just in front of her in the intermediate hurdles, winning the event in 1:05.0. She

also took second in the 400 (58.8), fourth in the long jump (15-10), and ran anchor on the 4x400 squad.

The two inseparable seniors plan on rooming together next season when they'll both run at East Stroudsburg University. Their friendly rivalry on the track pushes each other and sparks the team. In the opening race of the meet they finished 1-2 in the 400 intermediate hurdles and set the tone for the meet.

While the Raiders' dynamic duo led the charge, a third straight sectional title wouldn't have been possible without several other key contributions. Freshman Jenna Balestriere took second in the long jump with a leap of 15 feet 10 1/4

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inches. Colleen Coyle took third (100-5) and Lauren Bianco fifth in the discus. Bianco was also sixth in the javelin (91-7).

Mary Shashaty took sixth in the 1600 (5:41.2), Stephanie Heath was sixth in the 800 (2:33.3) and Rachel Jones was fifth in the 400 (1:00.9).

Ferraro will hope to qualify for the Meet of Champions at the Group 3 championships today and tomorrow in Egg Harbor in the long jump and the hurdles, while Koscielceki will also hope to advance in the hurdles and the 400. The 4x400 team of Koscielceki, Ferraro, Jones and Aja Bundy will look to challenge for the title while running a sub-4:00 time to qualify for nationals.

The Scotch Plains boys' squads hopes to replace the disappointment of having it string of sectional championships broken with the thrill of winning its second Group 3 title in 30 years. Williams is fully capable of duplicating the performance he had at sectionals, and with a little help from his friends the Raiders will be in position to claim the title.

Williams, who is on the verge of joining the company of All-American Renaldo Nehemiah as the best to ever run for Scotch Plains, should be able to score at least in the mid-30's, and with Bob Wallden coming on strong in the distance events and Chris Feighner in the throws, Scotch Plains is among the favorites to win the meet.

"If we could win that it would make up for everything," said boys Head Coach Rich McGriff. "I think

(Williams) can score 40, the hardest is going to be the long jump. Usually you need something between the mid-40's and 60 to win. He gives us a good shot. If he can score between 35 and 40 points, with Feighner capable of taking a second or third in the shot, and Wallden capable of scoring points also we'll be right in there."

Williams put Scotch Plains right in the hunt at the sectional meet, winning each event he entered, but the Raiders just didn't have their usual depth behind him. Scotch Plains other 27 1/2 points came from Wallden's second place finish in the 3200 (9:44.5) and third place in the 1600 (4:25.3), Feighner's second place in the shot put (49 feet 9 3/4), Brian Kopnicki's fourth place in the 3200 (9:52.9) and Shawn Doyle's sixth in the shot (45-5 1/4).

## MacNeil wins sectional title

Emily MacNeil won the 800 and Matt Andzell placed in two events at the North Jersey Section 2 Group 4 championships last weekend.

The Westfield High boys track and field team finished eighth at the sectional championships Friday and Saturday, scoring 33 points.

Andzell led the way with two medals, placing fifth in the javelin with a throw of 149 feet 10 inches, and sixth in the discus at 133-4. Joe Hubbard finished second in the pole vault at 13-0 feet, and the Devils took second in the 4x400 relay in 3:22.5.

LaQuan McCoy took fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.4 and Adam Wendel took fourth in the high jump with a leap of 6 foot 2. Richard Miller was third in the long jump at 21.4 ft.

The girls squad finished in a tie for 11th place, but MacNeil, a freshman, dazzled once again as she scored 12 of the Blue Devils 15 points. She won the 800 in 2:19.2 and also registered a fifth place finish in the 400 in 59.5.

Sara Burke took fifth in the long jump, leaping 15-5 1/2 and the Devils finished sixth in the 4x400 relay in 4:09.1.

### Softball

Livingston grabbed a 3-0 lead over the Devils in the first round of the state tournament May 23 and

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cruised to a 5-2 victory. Rachel Wagner was 1-for-3 and scored a run.

### Girls Lacrosse

Westfield fell behind 11-4 in the first half, and despite six goals from Morgan Lang fell to West Morris 20-9 in the North Public A quarterfinals May 23.

### Baseball

John Boyle scattered six hits and Brett Picaro singled and scored on an error as the Devils topped arch rival Scotch Plains 1-0 May 23.

**Westfield 6, Piscataway 5** — The Devils rallied for four runs in the bottom of the seventh to come back from a 5-2 deficit. Ben Koket doubled in two runs to tie the game then scored on a wild pitch. Brett Picaro was 3 for 4, with two doubles and three RBI.

### SCOTCH PLAINS

### Baseball

Josh Wexler's 4-for-4 day keyed a 10-6 Raiders' victory over Cranford May 22. Marcus Dockery drove in two runs and scored twice.

### Softball

Lindsay Pennella drove in a run and stole home, but the Raiders fell to Cranford 4-3 May 22.

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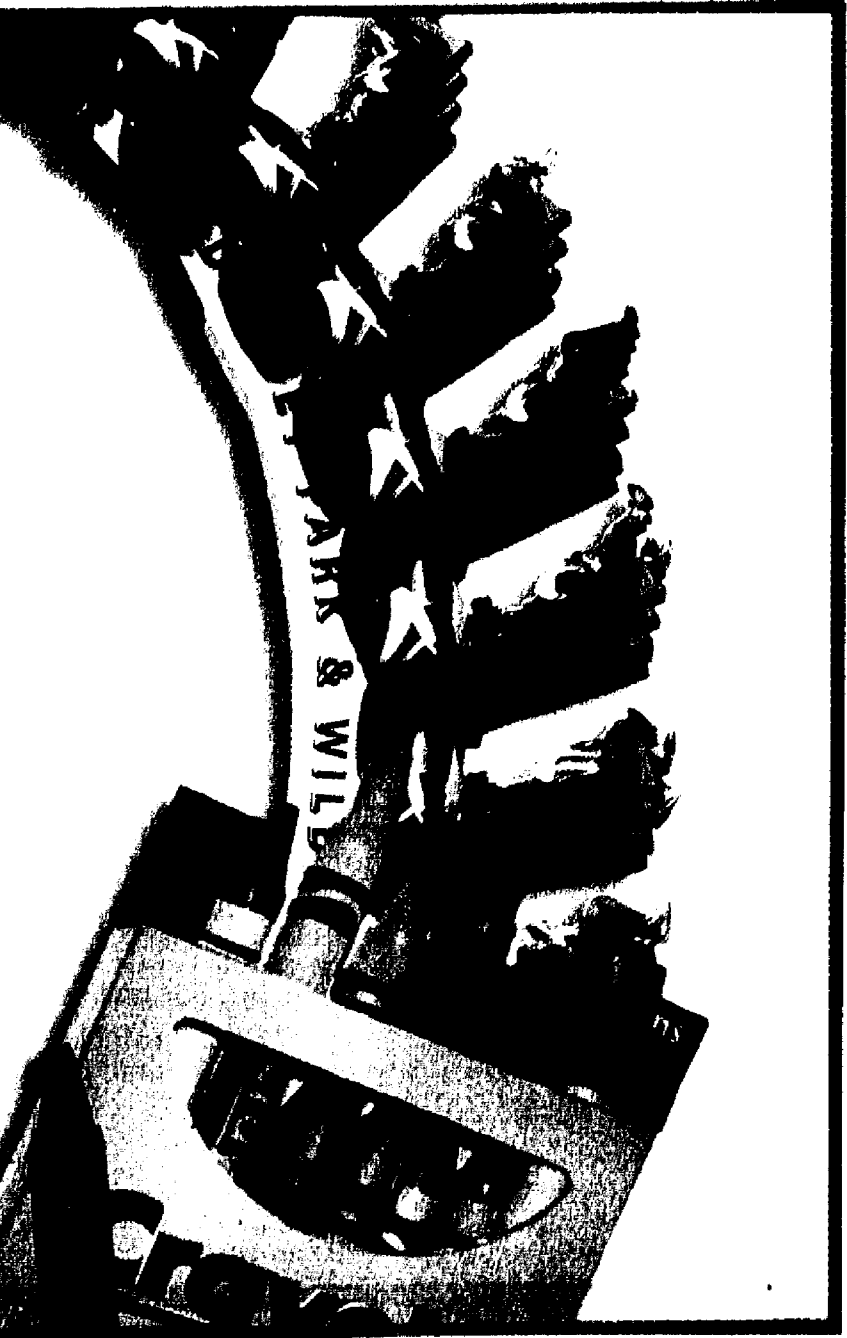
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**Results from week ending May 24**  
**St. Joseph 15, St. James 5** — St. Joe's scored nine times in the first inning to put the game away early. Ed Belford had four hits and two runs batted in and Rick Wustefeld and Pet Vanderheyden chipped in with three hits. Bob Brennan and Bill d'Eustachio had two hits for St. James.

**St. Patrick 16, St. Jude 2** — Terry Gallagher went 4 for 4 for the winners with an RBI. Tom Reade had two hits and four RBI and Frank Chupko tossed a seven-hitter for St. Patrick. Dave Rothenberg drove home both St. Jude runs.

**St. Louis 20, St. Paul 9** — The St. Louis lineup was potent on a night when everyone else was cold, romping St. Paul 20-9.

**St. Michael 6, St. Blaise 4** — In a closely contested ball game St. Michael pulled away in the seventh to top St. Blaise 6-4. Pete Chemidlin led the way with two hits and four RBI. Frank Pope, Mark Friedlander and Tom Maher had two hits each for St. Blaise.

**St. James 19, St. Paul 12** — The battle of the non-winners turned into a slugfest with St. James emerging on top. Tony Perconte played a good game at shortstop in addition to being the offensive hero with three hits and six RBI. Jim Hoelzel and Fran Celardo added four hits each. Dom Valenzano had a big night for the losers, driving in five runs.

**St. Michael 6, St. Anne 4** — In

another tightly contested game St. Michael's led 4-2 after six innings. Once again Pete Chemidlin led the way with three hits and one RBI. Karl Grossman added two hits and an RBI. Norm Hanson, Tom Kucin and John Reynolds had to hits each for St. Anne.

**St. Patrick 14, St. Joseph 7** — Nick Baratucci pitched and battle St. Patrick to victory in a Friday night game at Brookside with three hits and an RBI. Mat Holzel had three hits and two RBI. Kelly Larson and John Chupko had three RBI. For St. Joe's seven players had two hits.

**St. Blaise 8, St. Thomas 2** — Mark Friedlander had a perfect night at the plate and drove in two runs. Stan Lesniewski had two hits and four RBI. Jerry Rites, Harry Stratton and Tim Deegan had two hits each for St. Thomas.

## SPORTSCENE

### BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Union County Baseball Association invites young baseball players — boys and girls — ages 8 to 15 to register for its Summer 2002 Youth League baseball teams. Sign-ups for the summer league will be held at the Warrinanco Park Boat House in Roselle on five Saturdays, beginning May 11 and continuing May 18, June 1, June 8 and June 15 from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Each player is required to bring a \$25 registration fee and birth certificate to the sign-up. Players must be at least 8 years old by June 25 and cannot be 16 before August 2.

A new feature this year is a skill level evaluation at the time of registration, so all players must bring a glove when they show up to register. This is not a try-out or draft — all those who register will participate in play.

The Summer Youth League is divided into three divisions: a Teen League for 13, 14 and 15-year-olds; a Major League for 11 and 12-year-olds; and a Minor League for 8, 9 and 10-year-old players. The Summer League plays from June 24 through Aug. 1. There will be no refunds after Team Assignment Day, June 24. For more information call (908) 527-4910.

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"Baseball Like it Ought to Be" under the direction of Westfield varsity coach Bob Brewster, has expanded its 2002 camp schedule to include sessions for teenagers on the 90-foot diamond and a weekend session for parents and children together. Two sessions for boys and girls entering grades 4-9 remain as does a session for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. The schedule is June 24-28 9 a.m.-Noon, boys and girls entering grades 4-9 June 29-30, 9 a.m.-Noon for parent and child to work together. July 1-3 9 a.m.-Noon, for boys and girls entering grades 1-3. July 1-3 12:30-3:30 p.m. for older players entering or already playing on the 90-foot diamond. July 8-12 9 a.m.-Noon for boys and girls entering grades 4-9. For more information contact Larry Cohen at (908) 889-0097.

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Westfield tacked on two more runs in the fifth when Josh Ludmer walked and scored on a double by Blair Richardson. Richardson went to third on a bunt-single by Leonardis and scored when McKeon lined a single to left-field.

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## YOUTH SPORTS

## SOCCER

In a contest of many strange occurrences before the game even began, the most peculiar was a rare defensive breakdown by the Scotch Plains Power U12 Girls Soccer team in a 3-1 loss to the Cranford Rockets on Thursday May 23 at Orange Avenue School in Cranford.

The game that was supposed to originally be played May 4 but was rescheduled to May 9 because of a Cranford Girl Scout trip. Rain took care of the rescheduled game so the teams tried again on Thursday at Orange Avenue Middle School which replaced Hillside Avenue School as the venue because of soccer tryouts.

But the field was deemed unsafe to play on because of softball games that impeded part of the field so another goal was brought in from another field and the field was shortened by 20 yards. This delayed the start by an hour and when play finally commenced the Power was unable to convert numerous opportunities and trailed 1-0 at the half.

Desperate to tie the game, the Power brought extra defensive play-

ers forward and became vulnerable to Rocket counterattacks which resulted in two breakaway goals. The Power finally converted in the final minute on a goal by Cecilia Osterman and Courtney Baines. It was impossible to tell which player scored. It was that kind of game.

## Sparx pitch shutouts

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood U-11 Sparx won their last two games by shutouts, topping the Flemington Red Dragons 3-0 on Mothers Day and the West Orange Hurricanes 6-0.

The Sparx leading scorer, Jenny Altman, once again ignited the offense against Flemington, scoring off a cross from Olivia Francavilla. Flemington tried to answer back off a corner kick but was denied by a phenomenal diving save by Sparx goalie Jaclyn Law. Allison Goldberg added the Sparx second score off an assist from Saxony Nielsen. Again the Flemington offense rallied only to be denied by a leaping save in front of the goal by Brittney Veeck. Jenna McGarry sent a huge pass from the backfield up to Sheryl Markovitz, who fired in the final goal.

The Sparx then took on West

Orange and Jaclyn Law started the scoring with a high shot from 25 yards out. Law followed up with another huge shot from the side and the Sparx took a 2-0 lead. Superb defense by Samantha Bremer, Kim Shelus and Stephanie Glover kept the ball out of the backfield and up to the Sparx offense. Olivia Francavilla's shot on goal was bobbed by the goalie and was quickly knocked in by Jennie Altman. Jenna McGarry took a corner kick which bounced around in front of the goal until Allison Goldberg punched it in the corner.

The Hurricanes tried to put together offensive pressure and were denied a chance to score when Saxony Nielsen made a great save on a penalty kick. Strong midfield play by Corrine Walker, Becca VonLangen and Erika White continued to allow the Sparx offense to apply pressure. Olivia Francavilla continued the scoring with a shot finding the far corner of the net. Jennie Altman finished out the scoring on an unassisted shot to put the Sparx up 6-0.

## Rebels crush Spiders

On May 19 the Scotch Plains-

Fanwood U-10 Rebels girls soccer team crushed the West Windsor Spiders 4-1. The Rebels dominated from the beginning with beautiful precision passing from Colleen Sweeney to Kim Many to Morgan Burke who sent in the first goal. Burke followed with an unassisted high arching goal from the right side to put the Rebels up 2-0.

Excellent defensive play by Ally Prestridge and Becky Krakora kept the ball pushed up in Rebel territory. In the second quarter, excellent mid-field play by Jen Kickenweitz and Devon Daly kept the ball up on the front line where Michelle Goldberg and Lindsey Douglas answered back off an assist from Colleen Sweeney. Strong defense by Sarah Canfield, Kathryn Dimizo and Cassie Zito continually frustrated the Spider offensive attempts. Colleen Sweeney finished out the scoring for the Rebels by converting a pass from Lindsey Douglas to put the Rebels up 4-1.

## TRACK

Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield was victorious in the

23rd annual Holy Trinity Invitational Track Meet held at Gary Kehler Stadium May 18. The home team defeated 10 area parochial schools in winning the boys, girls and overall team titles. Over 300 students from 11 schools took part in the annual meet.

The Holy Trinity 8th grade girls led the way for the home team. JoAnn Mathew was the team's outstanding girls performer, winning the 200-meter dash in 29.96, placing third in the long jump at 12 feet 3 inches and anchoring the winning 4x100 meter relay in 1:00.57. The other runners on that relay were Jen Kujawski and seventh graders Rose Gregory and Alexa Baird. Lisa Rauch won the 800 in 2:58.8. Mathew and Rauch teamed with Gregory and sixth grader Lauren Brunhofer to place second in the McCabe Distance Medley in 5:21. Baird also won the 1600 in 6:30.

Many 8th grade boys also contributed to the victory for the home team. The top point scorer was Andrew Brunhofer, who was first in the shot put (36-4) and second in the 400 (1:04.7). Patrick Muldoon won

the 800 in 2:36.3. Jay Johnson was third in the shot put in 29 feet. Brunhofer, Muldoon and Johnson team with 7th grader Matt Stanczak to win two relays: the McCabe Distance Medley in 4:50.9 and the 7th/8th grade medley in 3:07.

Other first place girls individual winners for Holy Trinity were Cate Munkittrick in the 3rd/4th grade 80, Katie Greifield in the 3rd grade 100 and Lauren Brunhofer in the 5th/6th grade 200. Brunhofer combined with Megan Rauch, Mary Kate Manganiello and Meghan Boogel to win the 5th/6th grade medley relay.

Trinity's other boys winners included Gus Gibbons in the 5th/6th grade 800 and Evan Gingrich in the 3rd grade 100. The boys team won three additional relays. Robert Granstrand, Adam Berge, Matt Berka and Ben Camargo won the 5th/6th grade 4x100 relay; Cate Munkittrick, Ricky Knapp, John Serzan and Dylan Boogel in the 3rd/4th grade mixed medley relay; and Gus Gibbons, Luke Granstrand, Scott Muldoon and Andrew Kilduff in the 5th/6th grade medley relay.

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# 2002 may be the year of the townhouse and condo

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Year 2002 is shaping up as "the year of the condo." Sales of condominiums and town houses are breaking records.

There are several reasons for the strong market for condos. One, of course, relates to prices. Condo values are on the upswing, even more so than single-family detached home prices, but condo prices are still considerably lower.

These housing units have long been particularly popular with singles, young married couples, empty-nesters and retirees. They are now increasingly popular with couples in their middle years — the move-up home buyers. And the

number of empty-nesters and retirees keep growing.

The exceptionally mild weather in most regions of the country has also helped pushed up sales of condos in recent months.

Looking at cold, hard figures, sales of existing condos were up by 16.6 percent during the first quarter of this year, compared with the previous quarter. And it was up by 12.3 percent over the same period last year. The seasonally adjusted annual rate of sales nationwide during the first quarter of this year was a record 838,000 units.

"After setting an annual record for condo sales last year, the jump during the first quarter of this year — even with a boost from unseasonably mild weather — is really incredible. It shows we have exceptionally strong market fundamentals," said Martin Edwards Jr., president of the National Association of Realtors.

"However, if it weren't for low mortgage interest rates, we'd have fewer first-time buyers and it would be a much different story. This is why it's important now to expand programs for lower-income buyers so there will be less of a shock to the market in the future when interest rates eventually rise."

A strong price performance is now a clear trend in the condo market, it was noted by David Lereah, chief economist for NAR. "For the last couple of years, condo prices have been rising faster than single-family home prices and that trend is even more evident now," he said.

"What we have here are two market extremes — the lower price ranges attractive to first-time buyers and luxury units that appeal to families seeking a simpler lifestyle after their children

rise in today's median condo prices."

A major factor in the increasing sales of luxury condos is the rising popularity of units in high-rise structures, often in or near the downtown areas of large cities. It's becoming something of a status symbol to live in one of these condos, close to dynamic city life activities. These units are particularly fast-selling in California, Nevada and Florida.

To be marketable in today's market, those luxury condos must have ample amenities, according to the architectural firm of Weber and Thompson. Many buyers base their decision to purchase a luxury condo on the offered amenities, such as an upscale lobby, exercise facilities and high-quality furnishings. Some developments even offer gourmet restaurants, concierge, room service, maids and limousines.

These luxury units are often purchased by mature couples who are moving up to a more classy residence as their income rises. However, an increasing number of single professionals and younger families are selecting a home in a vertical complex. They're looking for a "good life" residence, and one that will show the world their success.

## FRANCHISING

This column recently reported on news and trends in the world of real estate franchising.

As noted, one key objective motivating many of today's major brokerage firms to join a franchise operation is to increase their share of business in their local market. And franchise-affiliated firms are indeed taking an ever-larger share of real estate brokerage business in most areas.

Franchise executives are taking note of this motivating factor. For example, GMAC Real Estate, now with 1,300 franchised and company-owned brokerage offices, recently announced they are committing \$100 million to help their franchisee member firms grow their businesses.

GMAC Home Services, the parent company for the franchise group, reported that the initial multimillion-dollar commitment will be used specifically to help real estate franchisees and company-owned firms increase their respective market shares by acquiring other companies and opening new offices, according to John Bearden, president and chief executive officer of GMAC Home Services.

"We are proactively making a significant financial commitment that is an unqualified endorsement of what we have already accomplished. It's solid evidence of the confidence we have in the long-term potential of these real estate businesses," he said.

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5/1-30 YR	5.750	0.00	5.443	5%	75 DAY	7/1-30 YR	6.250	0.00	5.740	10%	75 DAY	1 YR ADJ	5.000	0.00	5.000	20%	75 DAY
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10/1-30 YR	6.625	0.00	6.171	5%	90 DAY	1 YR ADJ	4.500	3.50	5.180	N/P	30 DAY	10/1-30 YR	6.375	0.00	6.300	10%	60 DAY
Incentives Savings Bank						National Finance Mortgage						One Stop Mortgage					
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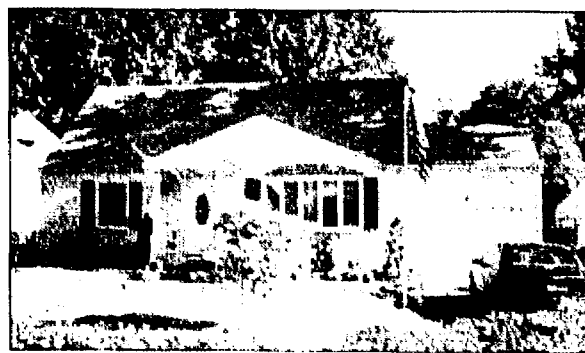
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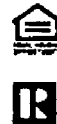
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# Automotive/Classified

## Suzuki's Aerio SX is both snazzy and affordable

BY JERRY GARRETT  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

The new Suzuki Aerio SX, unlike many of the fantasy cars described in these pages, is actually something readers might buy.

"I could see me buying this car," reasoned one of our colleagues on a recent test drive. "For my wife!" he added impishly.

While we can debate whether or not this guy is gonna wind up sleeping on the couch if his comment ever gets back to his wife (and we're trying to assure that it will), his point is well taken:

The SX would make a handy vehicle for a homemaker, a teen-ager or even a commuter. It would fill those roles well.

Suzuki might not realize how close it has come to hitting a home run with the SX.

Rick Suzuki, American Suzuki's jolly president, senses it though — because he believes new vehicles like the SX will propel Suzuki over the once seemingly unattainable 100,000 sales mark in America this year. (American Suzuki's annual sales have more than doubled in the past five years, to about 70,000 last year.)

The Japanese parent company still needs some convincing.

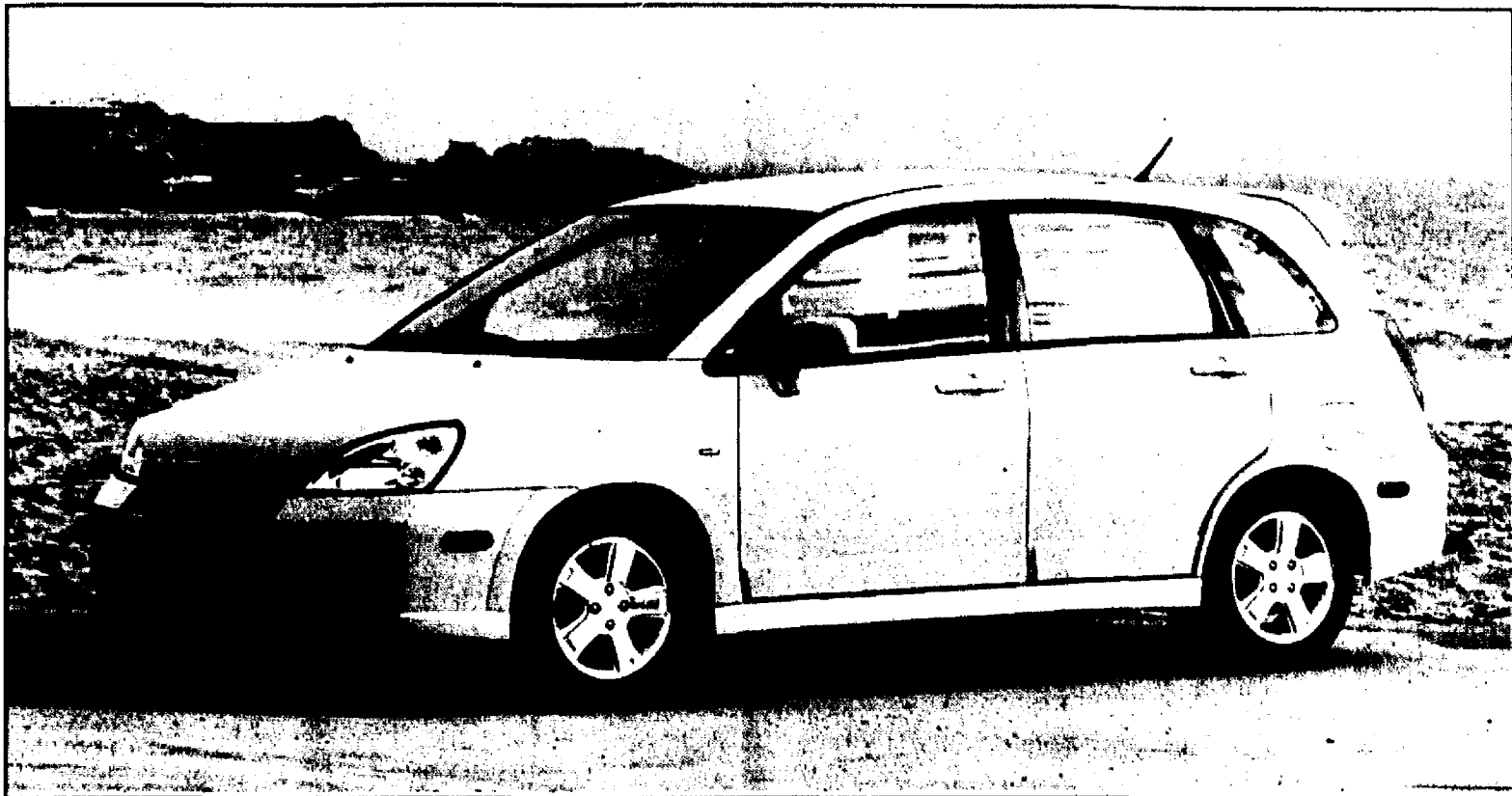
The Aerio, which technically is a replacement for the under-loved Esteem, debuted as the "Liana" in Japan and worldwide last year. But its launch in America was delayed until this summer, while American Suzuki pressed for more pizzazz to be added to the U.S. models.

The wait was worth it.

The Aerio sedan and particularly the SX, its crossover station wagon/utility vehicle stablemate, will command notice upon their debut — if for no other reason than price.

Base prices start at \$13,500, and even the compelling SX can be had nicely equipped for under \$15,000. Air conditioning and a six-CD stereo are among many desirable features that come standard.

The Aerio sedan is up against stiff competition, from the likes of the Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra and Ford Focus. Likewise for the SX in the new but rapidly growing crossover segment



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staked out by the Toyota Matrix/Pontiac Vibe, Mazda MX5 and Focus SVT.

But the SX, in particular, compares well because it's a straightforward execution of a design that does most things well — and none badly. It handles and rides confidently, accelerates faster than most of the competition's base engines, shifts smoothly, and stops without drama.

And, did we mention that price thing?

Also, Suzuki is very proud that both sedan and SX have class-leading cargo and passenger room. Particularly headroom. There is less headroom in some Gothic cathedrals. George Strait could wear his Stetson in here. Bob Vila could install shelves.

Focus groups told Suzuki they would like more headroom, and did they ever get it.

Some of the vaulted, vaulted ceiling clearance could be compromised if and

when Suzuki offers a sunroof option. But for now, that is one of several possibilities still in the Aerio's bright future.

All-wheel-drive is another looming option — probably this fall, when the model year clicks to 2003.

Unlike the Matrix/Vibe, which offers an all-wheel-drive option now, the Suzuki version probably won't come with the same kind of horsepower penalty as its rivals. Suzuki estimates that its 141-horsepower four-cylinder will churn out the same amount of power and torque in front-wheel or four-wheel versions.

But, for now, an automatic transmission is all you're likely to get with the 4WD option (like Matrix/Vibe).

Too bad, because four wheels turning, 141 ponies galloping and five speeds pulling would really make this little stagecoach fly. While still getting very good gas mileage.

The one and only engine now offered, the 2.0-liter four, could benefit certainly from even more power, but it is livelier than most competitors' base engines. And it provides its power in a reasonable, utilitarian way: in the power band that most drivers actually use.

Honda and Toyota have offered variable valve timing on their costly, up-rated engines. But the RPM range when it kicks in — between 6,600 and 8,200 revolutions per minute — isn't really something you would use away from the drag strip, or filming a remake of "The Fast and The Furious."

The Aerio's driving position is more than adequate, although not as form fitting as the Honda Si seats, or as bolstered as the Matrix/Vibe. Interior appointments are a notch above fleet-runk, but won't be confused with an Eddie Bauer version. Leather is another option possible in the future — but not

offered now.

The target demographic — Gen X, Y, Z, etc. — for this car might possibly want to fit the seats with cow covers, Grateful Dead T-shirts or faux zebra anyway. The Aerio is a blank palette, awaiting the customizer, for sure.

And that's an area where Suzuki certainly could have gone further than it obviously did — beyond the Japanese spec model.

What if, instead of pushing for 15-inch aluminum wheels, they had gone totally tubular with 16-inchers, with really low profile tires? Wilder paint colors than even Suzuki yellow — or even bovine paint panels like the Smart. Or leopard-print seat covers!

And what if they had named the stolid little sedan the Aerio, and thought of something wild, crazy and over-the-top to name the well-deserving SX? Something completely different, like Da Zook!

What if ... what if ... Suzuki had really made a statement here?

Suzuki needs a "halo" car, like it has with its Hayabusa bullet bike.

But the Aerio is a real vehicle, like our readers might actually buy. That other stuff's all fantasy ... isn't it?

### SPECS

**2002 Suzuki Aerio**  
Body styles: Compact sedan and crossover utility vehicle  
Drive system: Front-wheel  
Engine size and type: 2.0-liter, 16-valve, DOHC inline 4  
Horsepower: 141 at 5,700 rpm  
Torque: 135 foot-pounds at 3,000 RPM  
Transmission: 5-speed manual (4-speed automatic optional)  
Acceleration: 0 to 60 mph, n/a  
EPA fuel economy estimates: 26/32 automatic, 26/31  
Fuel capacity: 13.2 gallons

### PRICING

Base: Sedan, \$14,000 and SX Crossover, \$15,000, including \$500 destination charge (Add \$1,000 for a 4-speed automatic transmission)  
Options on test car: None  
The competition: Honda Civic, Toyota Corolla, Nissan Sentra, Mazda Protege  
Where assembled: Japan  
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MINUSES: Digital gauges, bland sedan styling

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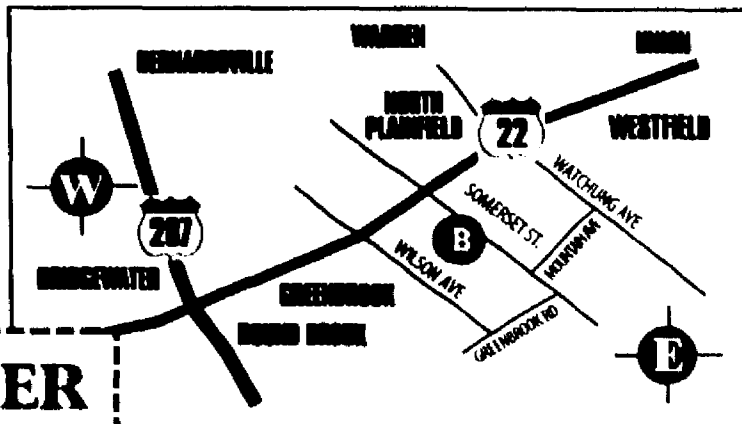
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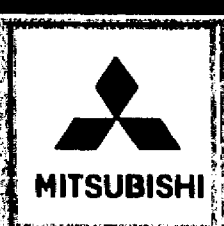
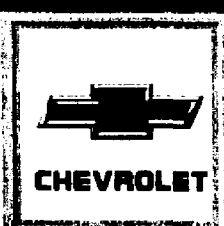
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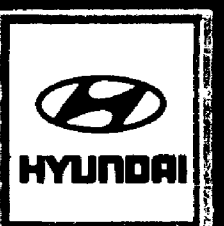
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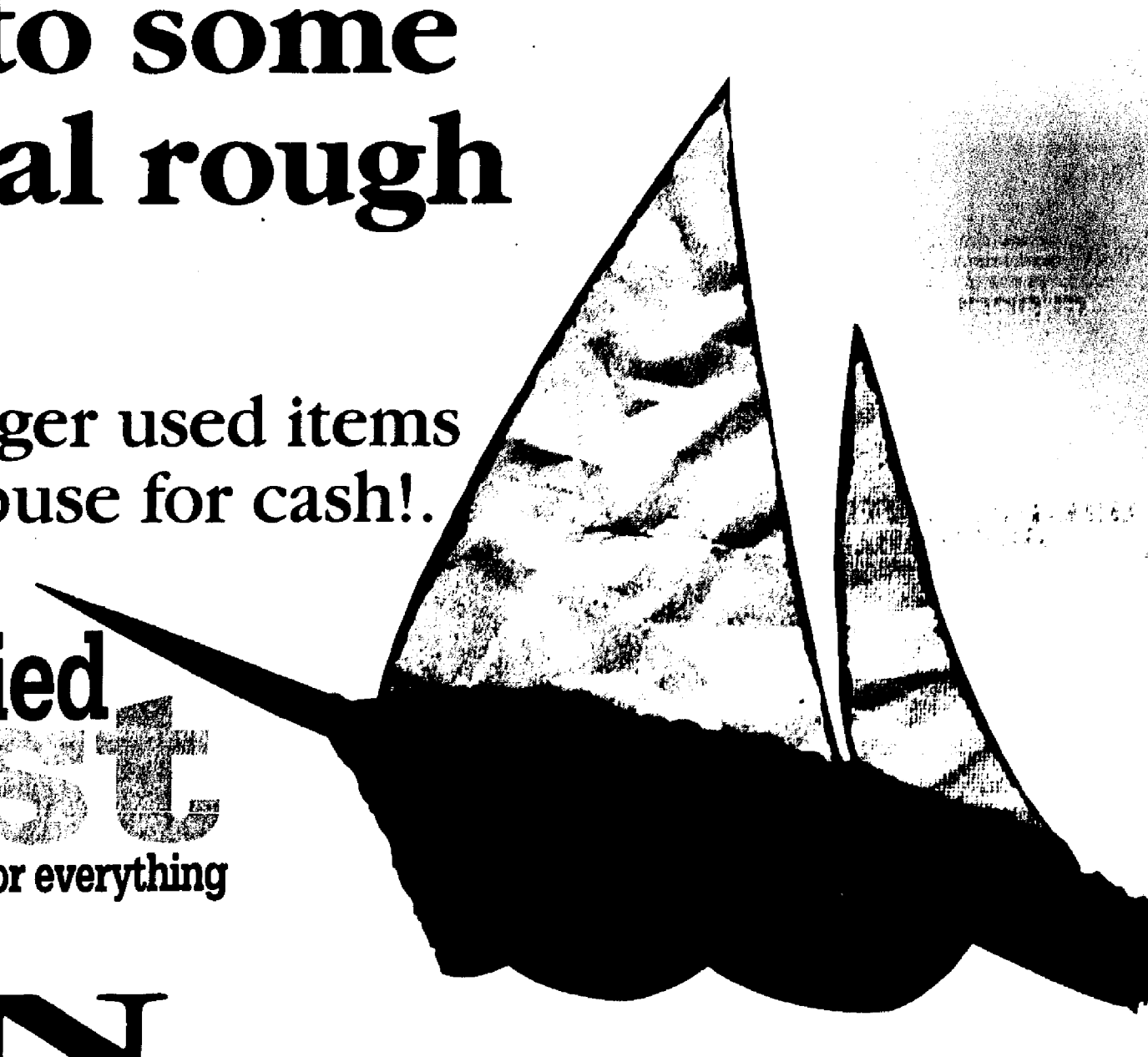
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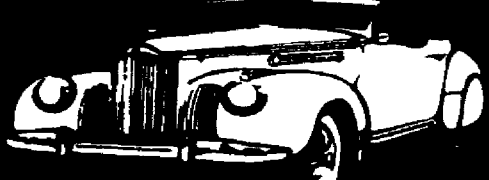
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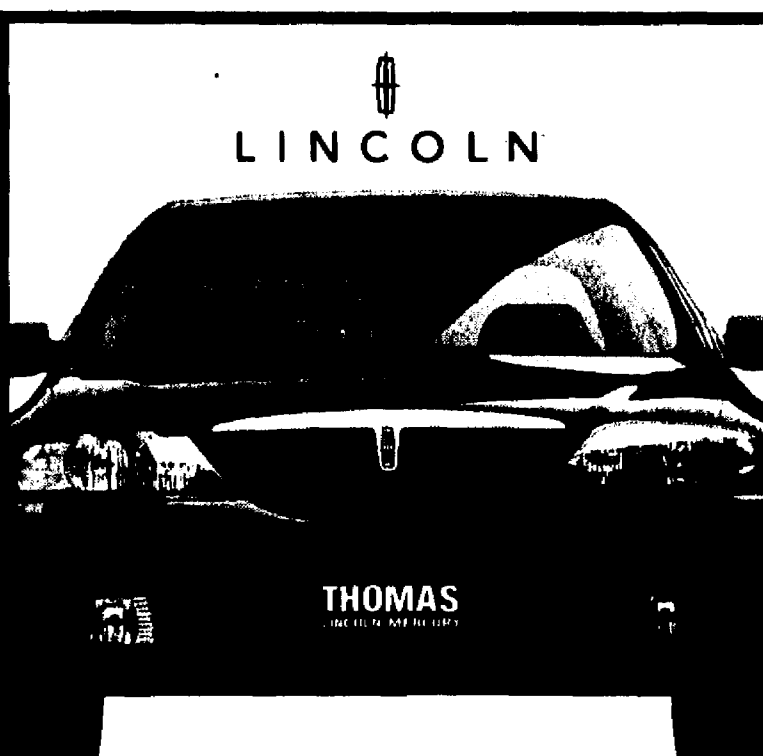
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Incl. \$2130 discount Pkg. lease pymts based on \$1999 cust cash, \$1000 lease renewal rebate if qual. \$7500 rebate, \$0 sec if qual & \$419 1st pymnt = \$2418 due at lease inception. Purch op=\$17,150. Til pymts = \$15,084. Til cost = \$17,083

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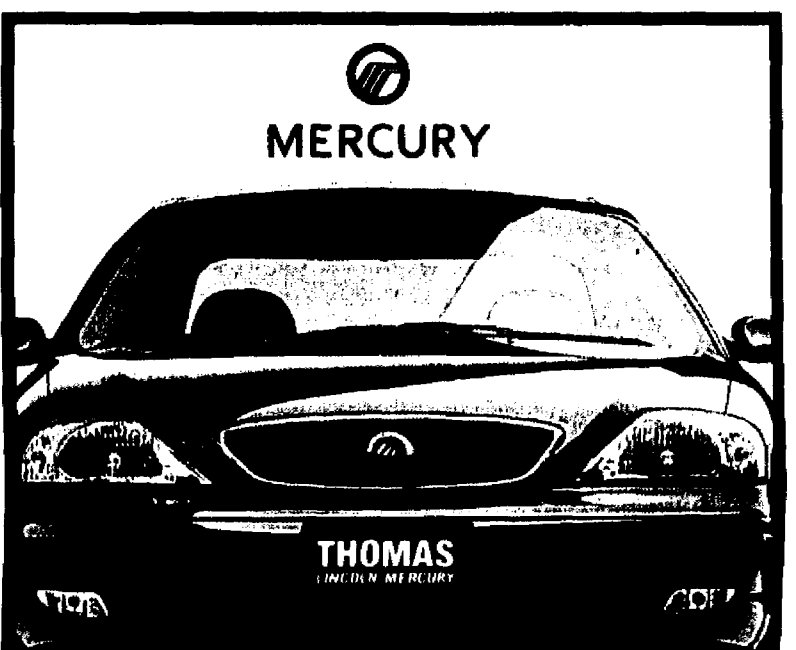
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Lease pymts based on \$1729 cust cash, \$1000 lease renewal rebate if qual. \$2000 rebate & \$269 1st pymnt = \$1998 due at lease inception. Purch op=\$9468. Til pymts = \$9684. Til cost = \$11,413

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- 5th Wheel
- VIN#2UJ29495
- MSRP \$34,440

Lease pymts based on \$2399 cust cash, \$1250 lease renewal rebate if qual. \$1500 rebate & \$359 1st pymnt = \$2758 due at lease inception. Purch op=\$14,026. Til pymts = \$12,924. Til cost = \$15,323

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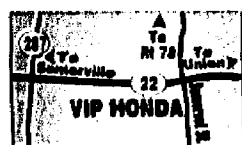
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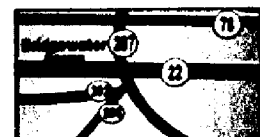
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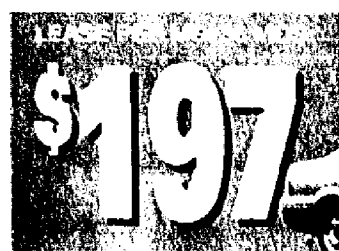
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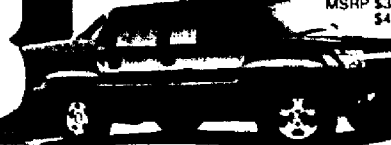
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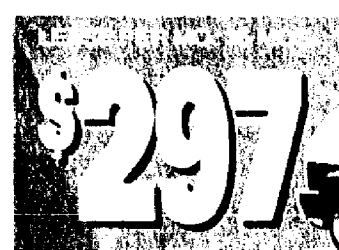
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