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Westfield High product Jay Cook punts from deep in Union County All-Stars' territory during last week's ninth annual Snapple Bowl, which was won by Middlesex County 28-20 at Kean University. Game coverage, page C-2.



He's the ioon man

Jason Davidson entertains children with balloon sculptures during Westfield's Sidewalk Sale Days. See two more photos, page B-1.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Flying high

Fanwood resident Galen Kildow, 12, rollerblades up the ramp at the skate park on LaGrande Avenue. The borough recently reopened the park.

Skate park on horizon?

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD --- While local skaters sit back and watch the X-games on ABC this summer, they will only be able to imagine attempting the skating tricks themselves.

Unless they illegally use park benches and railings, or travel to Fanwood's LaGrande Avenue park, there is nowhere for the town's skaters to go. But that may change in the coming summers.

The Recreation Commission has discussed plans for building located.

a skate park in town to accommodate local skaters. At the last The commission has considmeeting before their July ered a skate park for a while, recess, the commission disand mentioned it in discussions cussed a park and will address with the finance committee earlier this year. The commission it again at its meeting in has done preliminary estimates on designing a park that would accommodate skateboarders, in-

line skaters and trail bikes. Kaufmann said he has attended programs and seminars about skate parks for the last five years and would be able to provide some direction for the commission if they choose to

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Army Corps, **DEP to study Rahway River** watershed

By KEVIN B. HOWELL THE RECORD PRESS

Federal and county officials visited various wetlands Tuesday as the initial phase of a feasibility study by the Army Corps of Engineers to control flooding in the area. The project looks to control flooding in the 81 sq. mi. watershed of the Rahway River that has been hit repeatedly in the last 25 years, most severely from Hurricane Floyd in 1998 when Cranford and other communities experienced significant property damage.

The Army Corps, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and county engineers are collecting data on the watershed

from the river's headwaters in Essex County to its mouth at the Raritan Bay. The study is part of a \$6.4 million project funded equally by federal and state governments. Federal funds were allocated in 1999, but the project was delayed until state funds were appropriated in March.

"Given that rescue crews were needed in 1999 to rescue families from floodwaters in Union County, this is a very serious issue for our county," said Lewis Mingo Jr., county freeholder chairman. "We're pleased that this will be a priority for the Army Corps of Engineer and the State of New Jersey."

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August. "Work on a skate park is a need and a necessity," said Bruce Kaufmann, recreation director.

Though no official action has been taken, and discussions remain at a preliminary stage, Kaufmann said that the commission is considering two sites for the skate park. He declined to specify where the sites are



Balloon festival section inside

The 20th annual New Jersey Festival of Ballooning has arrived. For details on this event, see the special section inside today's newspaper.

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Jazz it up

. The "Sweet Sounds Downtown Jazz Festival" will continue in downtown Westfield Aug. 6 with performances by Jason "Malletman" Taylor, the David Aaron Quartet, the Scarlett Blue Band and Ron Kraemer and the Hurricanes. Performances run from 7-9 p.m.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFE PHOTOGRAPHER

Work on a 55,000 sq. ft. addition to Westfield High School is proceeding on schedule, district officials said. This three-story addition should be complete by next spring.

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High school work on schedule

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD PRESS

WESTFIELD --- Construction on additions to Westfield High School is on schedule and parts of the project will be complete by September, said Board of Education Business Administrator Robert Berman. The construction has continued through the summer and a portion of it will be complete by the start of school.

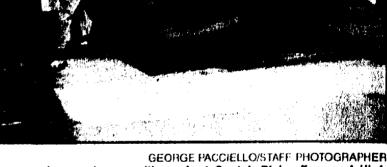
The largest addition will be a

55,000 sq. ft. addition to the Trinity Place side of the high school. The three-story structure, to be completed by April 2003, will include 17 classrooms, mainly for science classes.

After students move into the new classrooms, renovations will begin to transform the existing science classrooms into regular rooms. Berman said.

Construction that will be completed by September includes a storage structure next to the gymnasium, two two-story structures in the courtyard and renovation to the home economics classroom.

One of the courtyard structures includes a student lounge on the first floor and an art room above it. The other will have a conference room for the Guidance Department and a faculty workroom on the second floor. The home economics room, which is over 50 years old, will be upgraded to current standards, Berman said.



Union members unhappy with work at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School brought along a huge inflatable rat to show just what they think about the contractor chosen for the project.

Union members protest contractor at SP-F High School

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - People driving past Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School on Westfield Road this past week probably noticed an over-sized inflatable rat sitting at the front.

of the property. Inside The attentiongetting prop was Board of Education offipart of a protest cials say work on the disby union workers trict's schools is proceedopposing a contractor hired by ing well. See story, A-4. the Board of Education for

ashestos removal. D&S Abatement, located in Totowa, won the bid to remove asbestos from a section of a second floor wing at the high school. Members of the Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Local 1030 oppose a non-union contractor performing the work and claim that D&S has a history of violating Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) safety regulations.

"A rat is not a pleasurable

thing and we view this contractor as not pleasurable," said Alexander McDonald Jr., one of the Local 1030 members protesting. "Our view of this contractor is that he's a rat."

McDonald and two other union members, Juan Rodriguez

George and Nodernell, were handing out flyers informing people driving by and employees entering and leaving the about school their stance on

the asbestos removal contractor. In bold print and underlined, the flyers said that D&S Abatement has a history of violating OSHA regulations.

However, a OSHA data search found no records of D&S violations as of March 2002.

"People believe rumors, We follow everything according to law. If not we wouldn't have a license," a D&S representative said.

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Army Corps to study watershed

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The Rahway River is considered an urban stream that expe-



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riences a stronger flow because of runoff from roads and concrete pipes in developed areas. Wetlands can be used to control flooding from streams because they act as sponges and absorb water, according to Gene McColligan, supervising environmental specialist for the DEP.

McColligan said that wetlands control flooding in various ways. Vegetation is able to slow water and evaporate it. It also holds banks of streams together and prevents them from slumping. The less a wetland area is changed, the better it can control flooding, McColligan said.

One of the areas that may be used to control streams is the Lenape basin in Kenilworth, surveyed Tuesday by the Army Corps and county engineers. Wetlands in Cranford, Scotch Plains, Rahway and Middlesex County will also be studied.

The group also examined the Ash Brook swamp in Clark where the Robinson Branch of the river flows. According to Army Corps Project Manager Mike Rogalsk, the Ash Brook swamp will likely be used as a restoration site to increase habitats of animals, which is also part of the project.

"We're really excited to see the corps has interests in both (flood control and ecosystem restoration)," said Jim Lynch, watershed coordinator for Union County. "We need this holistic approach to solve this issue... Hopefully we'll solve flooding in the area and get a better ecosystem out of it."

Lynch said that the Ash Brook swamp, owned by the county, is home to many varieties of animals. The Army Corps is expected to use several hundred of the swamp's 700 acres, Lynch said.

The project will take about four and half years to complete and the Army Corps plans to involve the public. Rogalsk said that the study is only in its beginning stages and the corps will contact local communities to see studies and projects they are planning.

'We need to collect data from towns and the county to help with the design and plan," Rogalsk said. "We're not here to change anything, we want to work together."

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An impromptu art gallery

Seventh-graders in Anne Cohen's art class at Roosevelt Intermediate School decided to hang their sculptures in a tree for passerby to see. "It brightened up the school grounds and became an outdoor sculpture exhibit for the neighborhood," Cohen said.

Union members protest contractor

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According to Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator for the Board of Education, the school district has used D&S in the past and they are a state-certified company.

They complied with the bid whether they're union or not." Del Sordi said. "Their workers are

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required to be paid union wages but they're not required to be union."

McDonald claims that D&S uses dangerous methods such as dry asbestos removal, where the union would use wet removal to prevent asbestos fibers from being airborne. Asbestos fibers must be inhaled at high concentrations for an extend-

ed period of time to be a significant health concern, according to OSHA. Asbestos fibers are only danger-

ous if airborne and they become airborne if containing materials are damaged.

Local 1030 members promised to provide documentation of their. claims but had not done so by press time.

\$560,000 to operate Memorial

Pool.

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Skate park Continued from page A-1 Cape Cod \$2,500 ^{\$100} Off pursue it. The skate park would be considered a capital project \$2,700 and funding would Anv through a combination of funds Split Level \$2,900 Roofing Job such as bonds, Kaufmann said. The Recreation Commission has Price includes: removal of two layers of old shingles, dumpsters, complete clean a \$255,000 annual budget and

up, 25 yr. shingles and all paper and permits. CARLSON BROS. 908-272-1266

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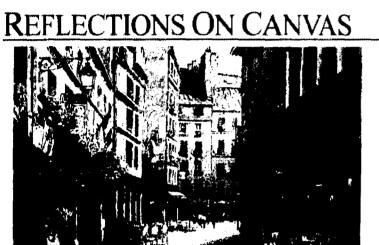


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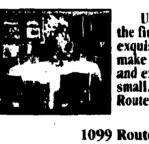
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Many new stores coming to Westfield

WESTFIELD — As downtown continues to grow and construction plans enhance the landscape, new storefronts add shopping variety for the summer and upcoming months.

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Businesses that have recently opened include Cingular Wireless on Central Avenue; Many Clever Hands, a crafts, gifts and floral store on Prospect Street; TakeGoodCare, a health store on North Avenue; Xocolatz, a gourmet café on Elm Street; the Green Room flower shop on Elm Street; and Health in Motion on Rahway Avenue, which specializes in acutherapy, acupuncture and physical therapy.

Businesses that will be coming soon include JetLife, a sun spa coming to East Broad Street in August; The Great Harvest the future.

Bread Co. opening in August on North Avenue; The Children's Place, a national children's clothing chain coming this fall to East Broad Street; Planet Smoothie on Elm Street; The Dharma Center for Healing Arts, specializing in message therapy, reflexology, reiki, meditation guidance and psychotherapy, on Lenox Avenue; Westfield Tanning Spa, also on Lenox Avenue; and Studio K, a nail and beauty salon opening on South Avenue West, formerly the location of Creative Concepts.

In addition, Not Just Bagels will be reopening at 70 Elm St., the former location of Café Java. HobbyTown USA has closed and another retailer will open at the 141 East Broad Street location in

Briefs

County 4-H Club trains aspiring artists

WESTFIELD - The 4-H Fine Art and Performing Arts Club is open to all boys and girls in Union County who attend Grades 4-6.

If your son or daughter is interested in drawing, painting, dance, writing or acting, this is the club. Meetings are the second Saturday morning of the month in Westfield during the school year.

For more information, e-mail nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.ed u or phone (908) 654-9854, 4-H is affiliated with Rutgers Cooperative Extension oſ Union County.

4-H Pet Club seeks volunteer teachers

WESTFIELD - Do you enjoy young children? Would

Club for Grade 1 boys and girls. Meetings are held one Saturday morning a month in Westfield. All adult volunteers go through a screening and receive appropriate training.

If you are interested, e-mail nichnadowicz@aesop.rutgers.ed u or phone (908) 654-9854. Union County 4-H is affiliated with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County.

Volunteers needed to help clean, maintain trails

Volunteers are needed to clean up and maintain the in the Watchung trails Reservation.

Meet 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 3 at the Trailside Nature Science Center in and Mountainside, north of Route 22. Bring a shovel, pickax and gloves if you have them, plus

those 14 years old and up. Pre-

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lunch and a mug for a beverage.



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The Reeve home at 314 Mountain Ave, may be used as a museum and office space for the Westfield Historical Society. The house, given to the town by the Reeve family, will have to be renovated to meet current zoning standards for public use.

Restoring Reeve house to be a challenging project By KEVIN B. HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - Before the Historical Society can make a decision on the Reeve house it has to know the answers to three questions: What has to be done? How much will it cost? Can they afford

The Reeve house is a 19th century, three-story Italianate-style home at 314 Mountain Ave. Edgar and Ralph Reeve deeded the house to the town in 1985, and since Edgar's death last December at the age of 100, the town had been exploring what to do with the home

The town has decided to allow the Historical Society to use the home; however, the house needs many improvements.

According to Bud Boothe, director of the Historical Society, the house will be used as a museum and office space for the society. He said that many people agree that the house is in good condition for

its age, but it still must meet the necessary standards for public use. "It's a very challenging project," Boothe said. "It's complicated because we're changing a 125-year residence into a public building...We have to figure out how to reach the necessary criteria."

According to estimates from architects last winter, the renovations will cost from \$400,000 to \$500,000. The home is still undergoing estimates and Boothe expects the information to be available by the Historical Society's meeting in September. Then, the group will decide whether or not to take on the restoration project. Any project will also have to have approval from the town before work begins.

The house was built in 1870, and the Reeve family began living there in the early 20th century.



Streetscape work continues downtown

By KEVIN HOWELL

THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD - Construction should be completed on Central Avenue soon, but crews will be moving to other locations in the streetscape downtown as improvements continue, town officials said this week.

Since April 15, construction teams have been digging up various locations as a part of the Downtown Improvement Plan, which was prepared two years ago. The improvements are funded by a \$450,000 Union County grant.

The project is about 25 percent complete and should be finished by early September, said Sherry Cronin, executive director of the Downtown Westfield Corp. Construction teams are working on a full-width sidewalk and new curb on Central Avenue, between North and South avenues.

lane of traffic on Central from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the project. "So far it hasn't created any problems," said Kris McAloon, assistant town engineer.

McAloon said guidelines were established with the contractor early to ensure that the work did not disrupt traffic. The town wanted to avoid traffic problems it had when it paved Central Avenue last year, he said.

The Central Avenue construction should be complete in the next two weeks, McAloon said. After that, new brick crosswalk construction will begin at Elm and East Broad streets and at South Avenue and Boulevard. The areas will also get landscape improvements and ornamental lighting.

Also remaining are improve-ments around the Rialto Theater. These include brick crosswalks, new bicycles racks that will have the Westfield "W" on them, wall lamps and landscaping improvements.

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District suspends teacher accused of sexual misconduct

By KEVIN B. HOWELL

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SCOTCH PLAINS - A substitute teacher who was charged with third-degree aggravated criminal sexual contact has been suspended by the Board of Education.

Last month, Brian P. McDevitt of Westfield turned himself in to Scotch Plains Police after a 15-year old student alleged he inappropriately touched her during in-home tutoring sessions. McDevitt was charged with third degree aggravated sexual contact.

District officials would not specify how long the suspension will be in place.

In the district, officials said, substitute teachers are used to tutor students at their homes if students can not attend school for medical or disciplinary reasons. Substitute teachers are approved by the Board of Education and are eligible to do home tutoring.

According to Union County Prosecutor's Office, there has been no recent activity in the case. The charge can carry a penalty of three to five years.

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Woman charged with drug possession

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Linda D. Chandler, alias Linda Adams, of 525 Livingston St., Elizabeth was charged July 16 with possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia.

Chandler was also picked up on contempt of court warrants from Elizabeth, Garwood, Union and Maplewood. ***

A Scotch Plains resident reported being assaulted awhile on North Avenue on July 15.

On July 15, there was a report of criminal mischief at Jefferson School. Five windows were damaged on the northeast and southeast sides of the school.

A karaoke machine was stolen from Party Shop in the 900 block of South Avenue West on July 16. The machine was valued at \$1,000.

A \$500 home entertainment center was reported stolen from a residence in the 200 block of Ross Place on July 16.



A Saunders Avenue resident reported all four tires on his 1999 Volkswagon slashed on July 18.

A resident of the 600 block of Summit Avenue filed a burglary report July 18.

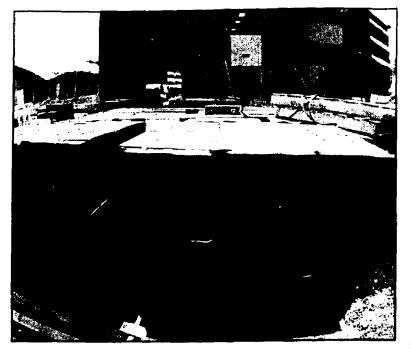
A Roselle resident reported the passenger side mirror of her 1994 Volvo was broken while parked in Lot 4 on July 20.

Cynthia Muth of 219 Chestnut St. posted \$60 bail on a ATS war-St. posice quere rant on July 21.

A Raleigh brand 12-speed bicycle was reported stolen from a Highland Avenue resident's garage on July 21. The bike was valued at \$350.

On July 22, a contractor walking on Colonial Avenue reported the theft of tools from a garage.





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Bricks sit outside Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, where work will soon be complete on a new gym, classrooms and media

Construction work on pace at SP-F schools

By KEVIN B. HOWELL THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS -- Construction is on schedule for all schools at in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, and most improvements will be complete by the start of school, district officials said.

The \$35.7 million project that started in September 2000 will be complete this fall, according to Anthony Del Sordi, business administrator for the Board of Education. At six schools, work is ongoing or has been completed.

Work that will be done in September includes a new multipurpose room and first floor renovation to School One. Park Middle School's second floor renovation is almost complete, while asbestos removal will continue into September.

The multipurpose rooms at Coles and Evergreens schools will be finished by September, but McGinn and Brunner's rooms will not be complete until October. Coles is also having four new classrooms constructed.

At the high school, window replacements and second-floor asbestos removal and floor tile replacements should be complete by the start of the school year. Construction of a second-floor wing and elevators are on schedule as well.

Borough awaits downtown bids

FANWOOD — The borough of Fanwood is getting closer to seeing a new downtown as bids for the downtown development plan are scheduled to be in by Aug. 30.

The mayor and Borough Council adopted the Downtown Redevelopment plan in March and are waiting on bids to get started. The focus of the plan includes a number of proposed two- and three-story buildings

along South and Martine avenues.

The plan passed with a 4-2 vote in March, although it faced some resistance from residents concerned about property density and increased traffic.

Some council members also expressed concern about the possibility of eminent domain powers, but, Mayor Louis Jung said they were unlikely to be used.



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In golden years, these artists still win gold

Some people won't let their age stop them from doing what they love. That's the case for winners of the Union County Senior Art Contest and Exhibition, which showcases the talents of professional and nonprofessional senior artists from Union County.

The exhibition was administered by the county Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs and the Division on Aging, and funded in part by a grant from the NJ State Council on the Arts. The contest consisted of 11 categories, including acrylics, crafts, drawings, mixed media, pastel, photography, watercolor and sculpture.

Several local residents took prizes in the contest, including Rose Gelfman of Westfield, who received first place in the nonprofessional acrylic category for her "Self-Portrait." Gelfman began painting just one year ago.

Other local non-professional winners included George Hodges of Scotch Plains, second in photography for "Bronx Day Lily," and Westfield resident Matilda Reitman, who took third in watercolor for "Rage 9/11."

Elizabeth resident Miriam Rotmensz, who like Gelfman participates in the JCC Senior Adult Art Class Senior Adult Art Class, took first place in pastel for her still life "Flowers in Vase,"

And Cranford residents Lynn MacWhirter, Selma Maged and



Westfield resident stands before her "Self-Portrait," which claimed first prize in the non-professional acrylic category of the Union County Senior Art Contest and Exhibition. At left is Freeholder Chairman Lewis Mingo Jr.

Ann Paradiso placed in crafts. drawings and pastels respectively.

Local professional winners were Gi Wan Song of Fanwood, who won second in oil painting for his work "Horse," and Paul Bolanowski of Cranford who captured first place in photography "Sunrise At Mesa Arch."

First place winners will go on to the 36th New Jersey Senior Citizens Art Contest and Exhibition at the galleries of the

Monmouth County Library important to me and to the Headquarters in Manalapan which will run from Sept. 11-30. The Union County exhibit will be at the Liberty Hall Center in and contributing because your Union until Aug. 9.

Works will be on display in the atrium of the Elizabethtown Gas Co. on Morris Avenue, Union, until mid-August.

"Support of the arts is very tunities as possible."

entire Freeholder Board," said Lewis Mingo Jr., freeholder chairman. "You don't stop doing age has a first digit of a six or higher. Talent doesn't have an age boundary. All that matters is that you'll do your best. We want to give you as many oppor-

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Guardstart program registration begins

SCOTCH PLAINS --- The JCC of Central NJ offers the American Red Cross Guardstart program for ages 11-14. An introduction to lifeguarding, the 14week course establishes a foundation of skills for future training. Classes meet Wednesdays from 4-5:15 p.m. from Sept. 18 through Dec. 18. Registration is taking place now. Call Rebecca Rice, aquatics director, at (908) 889-8800, extension 219.

The JCC of Central NJ is a constituent agency of the United Way and the Jewish Federation of Central NJ.

Dino Doin's planned Wednesday

MOUNTAINSIDE - Dino Doin's, a program on dinosaurs, will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trailside Nature and Science Center on 452 New Providence

Road.

It will explore how paleontologists interpret an animal's lifestyle from fossil remains and discuss evidence that dinosaurs were social, warm-blooded, good parents and some had feathers.

The program is designed for children older than 4 and their families. Tickets are \$4 and may be purchased at the door.

Golf Classic benefits hospital

Rahway Hospital Foundation is holding its 2002 Golf Classic on Monday Sept. 23 at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield.

Full golf registration of \$395 includes lunch, refreshments throughout the day, electric golf carts, associated fees and a reception hour followed by dinner. Three hole-in-one prizes are

\$20,000, \$15,000 and a Rolex President's Watch.

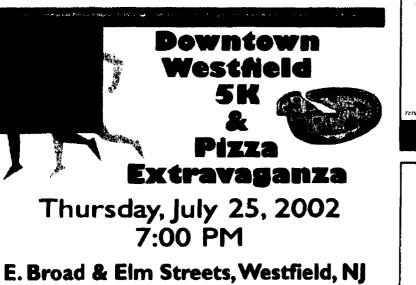
For more information, call the Rahway Hospital Foundation Office (723) 499-6135.







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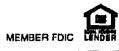
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Commentary

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A different kind of homeland security

According to the United States Census Bureau, New Jersey may be the richest state in the country.

The figures show that New Jersey has the highest median household income in the country, \$54,226. That's up by more than a third from the 1990 figure of \$40,927. The Census also says that about a fifth of the state's households earn more than \$100,000. The median value of a house in New Jersey, \$171,988, is the fourth highest in the country. And only 8.2 percent of the state residents lived below the poverty line, the fourth lowest in the country.

On the surface, that seems to be great news. New Jersey residents should be proud of its prosperity. Yet, a closer look at the numbers shows the picture may not be that rosy.

For example, the federal poverty line (\$17,671 for a family of four) does not vary from state to state. It's the same whether you're in Alabama or Far Hills. With the cost of rental properties among the highest in the country, there are many working families in New Jersey who are having a hard time making ends meet. Though they may not meet the federal government's definition, those families would argue, with some validity, that the poverty line in New Jersey should be raised to realistically match the cost of living in the state.

There are still pockets of poverty that remain in all of our hometowns. There are many families in your neighborhood that depend on some kind of assistance to make it through the week. And with the economy growing more and more uncertain with each day, those numbers are bound to increase.

In summertime, when most people's minds are distracted by thoughts of vacation and fun at the shore, donations to local food banks dry up dramatically. Though the shelves of food banks are stocked generously around the holidays, hunger remains a problem 365 days a year, not just around Thanksgiving or Christmas. That's why it is important for those of us who are able to enjoy the economic good times to remember our neighbors who the parade of prosperity has passed by.

As the Census figures shows, New Jersey has the resources to help those who are less fortunate. Food banks will welcome any donation you may choose to make, whether it's a donation of food or money. Every little bit helps to reduce the burden of those who are wondering whether they children will go to bed hungry tonight.

Since Sept. 11, the government's emphasis been --- understandably --- on homeland security so that we will never again be victim of a devious and horrific terrorist attack. But the security for our country's citizens goes beyond checking baggage at airports and tightening immigration laws. We should also be concerned with economic security so that people do not fall into the despair of poverty by forces beyond their control or comprehension. Millions of people throughout the country have seen their economic future jeopardized by a stock market whose confidence has been shaken by greedy corporate shenanigans. The excesses of the 1980s were put to rest with the prosecutions of Michael Miliken and Ivan Boesky; now the government, which kept a blind eye through the 1990s, has to take similar harsh actions.

But it's also time for all of us to reflect upon our own rush for the easy money during the 1990s. It's a time to return to traditional economic values, without the hype or wild speculation. And it's also time that we adjust our focus so we do not ignore those of us who are in economic need. As the recent wild fluctuations in the stock market have demonstrated, it could happen to all of us.

Letters to the editor

Bump-outs create traffic hazards

To The Record-Press:

The misguided mutation of Westfield's established roads continues as the monolith of the town's Engineering Department in consort with the Town Council refuses to allow common sense to prevail. In conversations with many intelligent Westfield residents including two former mayors of Westfield, I have heard them universally exclaim, "What a dumb thing to do.'

Under the guise of protecting our children, defective information secured from a traffic consultant now replaces common sense. The curb bump-outs similar to the one on Rahway Avenue at Willow Grove Road and the narrowing of Clifton Street at Rahway Avenue will soon infect other locations in Westfield, resulting in paralyzing traffic flow, creating new collision dangers and not producing the safety results theorized.

Already a bike rider was almost wiped out trying to get away from the bump-out at Willow Grove by rowing of the intersection at Clifton Street since being forced to turn out into the roadway center as you must invade the oncoming lane to complete an oncoming car brushed by him with inches to your turn clearance." spare. Perhaps they will now require bikes to be on "Our leaf collecting trailer trucks could not make the sidewalk endangering children walking to the turn." school, but enabling them to keep their bump-outs. Having been trained in ground safety engineering, 1 believe my previous appeal with other taxpayers at the Town Council meeting in May to cease and desist this fruitless waste of time and money will fall on deaf ears in the Town Council. It is not enough that Plainfield now suffers the accidents and dangers of their similar project on South Avenue. To date 37 front ends have been destroyed and damages paid by the city of Plainfield. Stop further construction and remove the existing bump-out at our double expense. At the May meeting I presented a resolution making the town of Westfield legally responsible for damages caused to your cars and personal injury resulting from the bump-outs. It was to be voted upon before July 4, To date it has been ignored and no action or vote has been taken. I suspect the council hopes it will go away and no council member would have to be shown on the record as refusing your fair compen-

sation for the damages done to you and your car or bicycle by their misguided mandate.

My fellow taxpaying citizens, if you don't take some action now and write this newspaper or call your council member and mayor, you may find other surprises, like your street closed or mutated, and even a group of massive parking decks, which you and I will be paying off for 30 years, springing up in town and adding thousands of extra cars to our already overtaxed roads.

The council is on a crooked path and only you, my fellow citizens, can bring pressure to straighten them and the roads out. Some quotes and input from your fellow taxpayers:

"No question, the road design on Rahway Avenue slows response time from medical, fire and police when, often, seconds are the difference between life and death." "The head-on collisions will result from the nar-



Normally I don't like to write about golf.

The satisfaction I find in golf can not be expressed in words. And nor do I expect any non-golfing heretic to relate to the game. Who in their right mind can understand a sport where perfection is never attained and the memory of one decent shot can erase the frustration of a dozen drives in the rough?

The popularity and dominance of Tiger Woods has brought new attention to golf. Tiger has the same qualities of Michael Jordan an ability to perform the impossible and unbelievable with grace and humanity. Unlike basketball, however, golf is a quirky sport, often subject to forces beyond your control. That's why Tiger recorded his highest round as a professional (81) on the gale-swept links of Muirfield about 20 miles east of Edinburgh.

The non-golfer will not understand how Tiger could shoot such a bad round; after all, Tiger is supposed to win everything. Even many golfers can not comprehend how the best golfer in the world can shoot a round more likely to be recorded at the member-guest outing at Wise Acres Country Club.

Simply, Tiger got caught in a tempest Saturday afternoon. A squall blew off the Firth of Forth with gale-force winds and piercing rain. On a day like that, most of us would sit at home and look at ESPN's SportsCenter, But in Scotland, the home of the game, you play in that weather because in golf, unlike most other sports, nature is one of your opponents.

On a vacation to Scotland I once had the privilege of playing in a storm like the one that trapped Tiger on Saturday. After all, once you've traveled 3,000 miles to play golf, you're not going to sit in a bar drinking single malts and eating potato chips - crisps - with some bizarre flavors For years I had yearned to play Turnberry on the west coast of Scotland. The British Open has been played there a few times, most notably a duel between Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus in 1977. The most famous feature of the course is a lighthouse by the ninth tee, near the ruins of a castle once inhabited by a medieval king; it's perhaps the most dramatic and heroic setting for golf in the world. To play this hole is one of the greatest thrills in any golfer's life. On the day I played Turnberry, a gale was blowing at about 30 miles per hour. Even with a sweater under my rainsuit, I was cold and the rain felt like shrapnel piercing my cheeks. But I was not going to let this opportunity pass. I managed to survive among the dunes until I reached that legendary ninth tee, totally exposed to the winds off the Irish Sea. Panic seized me - the cross wind was blowing so hard that I fell off balance just trying to take a stance. But I remembered a tip I had read years before: in windy conditions, the tendency is to swing faster - witness Tiger's troubles on Saturday --- so I made a conscious effort to swing as slow as possible and let the laws of physics take over. It worked. With the help of the wind, the drive started toward the right rough but curved its way to the middle of the fairway about 240 yards from the tee. My next shot was an iron the wind wickedly took all the way from the right of the green to a gully to the left of the green. Miraculously protected from the wind, I pitched the ball about 15 feet from the hole, swinging for a 20-yard-shot with the force I usually swing on a 60-yard shot. It is anti-climatic to say I made the putt and earned a par; my yelp of joy was drowned by the unrelenting roar of the storm. I don't remember what my final score was that day --- it must have been near 90. But I do not remember any moment more satisfying in my golfing life, or even my nongolfing life. And that's why I'm still addicted to the game.

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"The raised bumps and bump-outs will cost us \$5,500 per plow blade, since they will be obscured by snow, plus damage to the plow trucks."

Perhaps most responsible for this dangerous waste is our town engineer, who recently showed up on the town salary schedule at a remarkable \$101,000 per year. But the dumb-down system works here, where general input from the unquestionable consultants for a fee feeds the town engineer, who feeds the same garbage to the council, who then appropriate our tax monies with the guidance of the town administrator. Everyone is looking to protect their back and not become the fall guy for what we now have - a program of traffic paralysis, introducing new road dangers and replacing simple road problems with complex dangers and greater problems. After 66 years in Westfield, I expect better from my town administration.

WARREN VICTOR Westfield

Long-term care policy cost balloons

To The Record Press:

In August 1998, I bought a long-term care insurance policy that would cover significant costs of nursing-home care, assisted living or in-home aid expenses if 1 needed such financial help in the future. The policy appears to be expensive at \$1,810 per year, but considering that nursing-home costs are \$50,000 a year or higher, I felt it was a good investment.

I bought the policy assuming that my premium of \$1,810 per year would remain unchanged, believing that I would pay the premium for 10 to 20 years for a total cost of \$36,200, if I lived that long. Of course, I hoped I would never have to use it.

I was shocked recently when I received a letter from Conseco Insurance Co. stating that the annual premium for my long-term care insurance would be

increased 20 percent to \$2,172 annually with no increase in my benefits. They did not provide a financial statement to explain the large premium increase. Their explanation is unsatisfactory and unjustified. Any unforeseen costs are their responsibility

If I had known that there could be an increase such as this \$362 annual increase, I never would have bought the policy and would have had to rely on the government to pay my nursing-home bills when I ran out of money. It would be disastrous if future increases are granted in the future.

It is incumbent upon me to warn my fellow citizens of the hidden costs inherent in long-term care policies, Let the buyer beware.

ROBERT J. LAWRIE Mountainside

Senior Bash' another big success

To The Record-Press:

The "Bash 2002" senior graduation party continmajority of Westfield High School seniors to this substance-free post-graduation event.

A total of 275 seniors, or 82 percent of those graduating, attended the all-night party at The Club at Ricochet and had a super, if not exhausting, time. The party achieved its objective of making graduation night a safe, sober and above all fun way to make the end of the high school experience.

Thank you again to all the Optimists, spouses, parents, teachers, friends, local businesses, clubs,

professionals and corporations who supported this event and made it happen. Thanks also to the Class ued its positive tradition by attracting the vast of 2002 who through their actions enhanced the reputation of "Bash" as the best party alternative for Westfield High School graduates.

Best wishes to the Class of 2002 in their future endeavors.

The above letter was signed by Don Pray of the Westfield Optimist Club, chairman of Project Graduation; Darielle Walsh, of the Westfield High School Parent-Teacher Organization; and Bruce Kaufmann, director of the Westfield Recreation Commission.

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Do you still trust the stock market?



L. WENDEL Westfield I personally do. We've been in this position before and we recovered.



CICCIMRRA Mountainside Not right now.



KAREN WRIGHT Westfield Yes. It will eventually come back.



RITA MASI Queens, NY Yes. It has always rebounded.



LAURDES SCALZO Springfield I have no confidence in Wall Street, It suffered so many losses.

Seven fun family activities for those long, hot summer days

By Lewis Mingo, Jr.

It's summer, temperatures are rising, the kids are home from school. Many families are looking for something to do on those hot afternoons, evenings and weekends. Luckily, Union County has many options.

Here are seven great activities you might want to try in Union County. Most are free, though not all of them. All are activities you can do with your whole family.

1. Splash in Our Pools – Union County has two pools, one in Rahway River Park and one in Wheeler Park in Linden. Both pools are open to the public and are open all week throughout the summer. They charge admission, and it is lower for county residents, so bring proof of county residency. Call (732) 381-4045 for the Walter Ulrich Memorial Pool in Rahway and



(908) 862-0977 for Wheeler Pool in Linden.

2. Check Out Our Parks – There are more than 5,500 acres of parkland in Union County and they offer a wide variety of activities for all residents. You can take a walk on our trails, take out a boat, have a picnic, work out on fitness trails, and play ball on our athletic fields. For information on our parks, call (908) 527-4900. Two parks, Mattano Park in Elizabeth and Cedar Brook Park in Plainfield also run summer recreation programs for the kids.

3. Kids' Kingdom – The Union County Board of Chosen

Freeholders sponsors "Kids' Kingdoms" each month during the summer throughout the summer. Your family can enjoy games, rides, a petting zoo, contests and live music for the kids. Our next Kids' Kingdoms will be held at the Loop at the Watchung Reservation in Mountainside on August 11 and at Nomahegan Park in Cranford on September 21. Call (908) 436-2900 for more information.

4. Stroll in Our Gardens – Union County has beautiful gardens in many of our parks. One of my favorites is the Shakespeare Garden in Cedar Brook park in Plainfield. In Warinanco Park, in Roselle, you can take a stroll through the Henry S. Chatfield Memorial Garden. Both are free.

5. Take a Hike – Many of our parks have hiking trails. The longest system (much of it under

the shade of trees) is at the Watchung Reservation, the 2,500acre park that runs through six municipalities along the Watchung ridge. A wonderful walking trail runs from Echo Lake Park in Mountainside through Lenape Park in Cranford and Kenilworth and ends at Nomahegan Park in Cranford and makes for a nice summer walk.

6. Horseback Riding – Union County's Watchung Stable, on Summit Lane in Mountainside, offers an opportunity to learn to ride, enhance your riding skills or just enjoy the beautiful Watchung Reservation on horseback. There is a charge for use of the facility and the horses. Call them at (908) 789-3665 for the hours of operation and charges.

7. Visit Trailside Nature & Science Center – Also part of the Watchung Reservation, Trailside Nature & Science Center is a natural history museum that tells the story of Union County. It's a great place to learn about the history of

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8. Take in Our Historic Places – There are dozens of historic homes and house-museums throughout Union County. In Elizabeth you can visit Boxwood Hall, the first seat of Government in Colonial New Jersey, in Westfield you can visit Historic Miller Cory House, a living museum that represents the area's colonial past. For a listing of the house museums and historic places throughout the county, call the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at (908) 558-2550.

9. Enjoy Live Music Under the Stars – Every Wednesday the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation sponsors a live concert at Echo Lake Park. The music and performances are held under the stars (or in Cranford High School when its raining) on a grassy hillside. For a concert schedule call (908) 527-4900.

10. Play Pitch n Putt – Pitch n Putt is a par 3 version of golf played on a small course with just two clubs. It's a good way for young people to learn the game and hone their golf skills. There is a charge for the course, and it costs a little more on weekends. Union County's Pitch n Putt courses are at Ash Brook Golf Course in Scotch Plains (908) 756-0550 and Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth (908) 687-1990.

Union County is dedicated to better services and a great quality of life for families. We are proud to offer great educational and recreational programs throughout the year and special events you can enjoy with your family. For more information about the county and all we have to offer, call our toll-free Freeholder Information Line at (877) 424-1234 or check us out on the Internet at www.ucaj.org.

And on behalf of the Board of Freeholders, I hope you have a happy, bealthy summer.

Park School honors students

SCOTCH PLAINS — Park Middle School honored its top pupils in its annual awards assembly June 18.

All the award winners except one graduated from Grade 8 last month. Awards and their recipients:

Continuous "A" Average --- Thurston Hamfette, Elizabeth Katz and Meaghan

Mingle Award — Megan Drown. Ginny Mennutr Award — Lawrence Chan Dan O'Hara Award — Lauren Moskal. VFW Writing Contest — Emily Everson George Jackson Award — Liza Kalz.

Continental Math League — Cleo Chou, Astrow Goldberg, Elizabeth Katz, Rebecca V Guire, Raunag Palejwala, Katherine Van Visteren and Joshua Zinman.

PTA Handbook --- Julia Capodicasa

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Chorus — Stephania Abrantes, Olatilewa Adetula, Colleen Baines, Hobert Barker, Jennifer Bauer, Marisa Bianco, Sarah Bolfa, Elizaboth Bourchtein, Samantha Brokaw, Justine Brown, Krista Bujnowski, Yvonne Chen, Amy Chervenyak, Cleo Chen, Kaya Cicalieg, Dinidre Clark



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Classic car show brings nostalgia, family entertainment to area

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce will hold the second of three free Westfield Antique and Classic Car Shows 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday evening, on Quimby & Elm Streets in downtown Westfield. This show, sponsored by J. Belford Tire and Auto will feature cars from both the Packard Club and the Corvair Club.

Trophies will be awarded to cars in various categories, including "People's Choice," as well as the Chamber's trophy for "Best in Show".

Westfield resident Neil "The Judge" Edelsack will be helping to judge the entries and determine the winning cars. "For me, it's not just the cars, it's all the great memories a classic car can evoke for you. I'll always remember my dad's '54 Buick convertible and cruising in my '327' Chevy Nova. Everybody has their favorite cars and memo-

ries that go along with them," said Neil.

In addition, the Downtown Westfield Corporation will provide musical entertainment by "DJ Stickshift Eddie," who will entertain the crowd with his nostalgic assortment of classic tunes.

For more information, call the Westfield Area Chamber of Commerce at 908-233-3021. To register a car, call Darryl Walker at 908-654-1400.

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Community Life

Briefs

Church honors senior member

SCOTCH PLAINS — Harold "Hal" Goettel Day was honored Sunday at Scotch Plains Baptist Church during the worship service and later at a coffee. At 99, he is the most senior member of the church.

After high school, Goettel had a job as a ticket clerk for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Babe Ruth often used his window as he traveled to and from baseball games.

Goettel was the Newark medical librarian. He also worked part time as relief night librarian at the New York Times.

Until recently, he was playing and teaching tennis.

He served in many positions at the church and was instrumental in updating and organizing the church's membership records when he served as church clerk.

La Leche League slates meetings

WESTFIELD — La Leche League of Westfield, a breastfeeding information and support group, holds meetings at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month at Cranford United Methodist Church, 201 E. Lincoln Ave.

Meetings for mothers of toddlers are held on the first Thursday while meetings for mothers of infants and babies are held on the third Thursday.

Mothers and their children are welcome to come learn more about breastfeeding, have questions answered and meet other breastfeeding moms.

The next meeting dates are Aug. 1 for the toddler meeting and Aug. 15 for infants and babies.

For more information call (908) 301-1339, (908) 789-4772, or (908) 233-7164.

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Sidewalk Sale Days pretty cool for shoppers, kids

The oppressive heat last week didn't keep area residents from coming out to enjoy Westfield's Sidewalk Sale Days, four days of shopping bargains and children's entertainment in the downtown. Top, focal kids enjoy free popcorn and watch balloon artist Jason Davidson at work. Below left, shoppers hunt for shoe bargains outside Castle Bootery on Elm Street. Below right, Dana Caraccia of Kay-Bee toy store arranges merchandise and readies for customers.

The festival, which ran July 18 through Sunday, was sponsored by Downtown Westfield Corporation. The DWC also sponsors the "Sweet Sounds Downtown" Jazz Festival on Tuesdays, and on Thursday hosted the inaugural 5K and Pizza Extravaganza. For more information on those and other downtown events, contact the DWC at (908) 789-9444 or visit them on the Web at www.westfieldnj.ataclick.com.

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Union Hospital Telephone Numbers At-A-Glance



Important Phone Numbers at Union Hospital

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Terrence Feeley

WESTFIELD - Terrence P. Feeley, 58, died July 22, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was a truck driver for 18 years with APA Transport at its North Bergen depot.

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A native of Elizabeth, he lived in Westfield and Springfield before moving to Branchburg in 1999.

Mr. Feeley was a member of the Teamsters union and Elks Lodge 2004 in Springfield. He served in the Navy in the late 1950s.

Surviving are his wife, Nancy McCurrie Feeley; a son, J. Ryan

William Hackett

SCOTCH PLAINS --- William Hackett, 63, died July 18, 2002 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He joined Hillside Trucking Co. in 1995 and was the manager of its Edison warehouse when he retired in 2000.

Mr. Hackett was born in Jersey City and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to South Plainfield in 1982. An avid sports fan, he especially loved baseball and Thoroughbred racing.

Donations may be sent to the Surviving are his wife, Joan American Cancer Society. Anna Lombardo

Mass.

Catholic

Plainfield.

SCOTCH PLAINS - Anna Lombardo, 71, died July 19, 2002 at her home. She retired in 1990 after 41 years with the accounting department of the former Bamberger's department store in Newark.

Miss Lombardo, who was born in Millburn, lived in Newark and Irvington before moving to Scotch Plains in 1960. She was a member of the American Association of **Retired** Persons.

Two brothers, Fred S. and Angelo, and a sister, Marie Mandaglio, are deceased. Surviving are two sisters,

Gloria Dedinsky and Josephine Klein; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Mass was offered Tuesday at

St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, following services at Rossi Funeral Home. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington.

Surviving are two sons, William

Services were held Saturday at

by

Vincenza

were

Sayreville; seven grandchildren

Christ United Methodist Church in

Piscataway. Burial was in Graceland Memorial Park,

son, Vincent A., and a daughter-

in-law, Marlene, both of Fanwood;

Mass was offered Monday at

Immaculate Heart of Mary

Roman Catholic Church, Scotch

Plains, following services at

Memorial Funeral Home.

Cangianella of Sayville, N.Y.

and five great-grandchildren.

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Arrangements

and a sister,

Carmen Quick

WESTFIELD -- Carmen L. Quick died July 17, 2002 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She worked in the office of the Piscataway tax col-Jeffrev G. lector and began an exercise program at the Piscataway Senior A. of Piscataway and Bruce D. of Citizens Center.

A native of Roselle Park, she lived in Westfield from 1938 until she moved to Piscataway in 1948.

Mrs. Quick was a Meals on Wheels volunteer in Piscataway and went swimming with the Bridgewater Swim Club, A member of the Piscataway Lions Club, she Piscataway Funeral Home.

Amy Ranelli FANWOOD - Amy Ranelli, 87, died July 19, 2002 at the Ashbrook Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Scotch Plains. She was born in New York City and lived in Amityville, N.Y., before moving to Fanwood in 1998.

Her husband, Vincent J., died in 1998.

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Feeley; two daughters, Jodi Feeley Mraz and Jaime Feeley Francen; a brother, Donald; a sister, Margaret Pittenger; and four grandchildren.

Services will be 8 a.m. today at Memorial Funeral Home, 155 South Ave., Fanwood. A funeral Mass will follow 9 a.m. at St. James Roman Catholic Church, 45 S. Springfield Ave., Springfield. Burial will be in Hollywood Memorial Park, Union.

Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 356, Westfield, NJ 07091.

Guardino Hackett; and two sons,

Michael and wife Kim of Scotch

Plains and Steven and wife Mary

Beth Fiore of North Grafton,

Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman

Plainfield, following services at

James W. Conroy Funeral Home

in South Plainfield. Burial was in

Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South

Mass was offered Monday at

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Obituaries

James San Giacomo

Festival.

Plains.

SCOTCH PLAINS - James San Giacomo, 88, died July 23, 2002 at his home. He was with A&L Auto & Truck in Newark for 35 years before retiring in 1982 as a foreman.

A native of Newark, he served in the Navy during World War II and had lived in Scotch Plains since 1966.

Mr. San Giacomo more recently was an attendant at a Gulf service station in Scotch Plains. He was an usher for Masses at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Roman Catholic Church and a

Iola Smeltzer

SCOTCH PLAINS - Iola A. Plains from 1984 until she moved to Metuchen in 1998. Smeltzer, 80, died July 17, 2002 A daughter, Lynne Barbara, at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She retired died in 1963. Surviving is a son, Thomas J. in 1968 after 10 years as a secreof Scotch Plains. tary in the shipping department Services were held Wednesday Gulton Industries in

Metuchen. Mrs. Smeltzer, who was born Fanwood. Burial was in Hillside

in Plainfield, lived in Scotch Cemetery, Metuchen.

Charles Wrege

Wrege, 87, died July 21, 2002 at Rahway Hospital. He was a steamfitter with the Blocker Corp. in Union prior to his 1985

He was born in Jersey City and had lived in Westfield since 1957.

with Local 475 of the steamfitters' union in Warren. He was a member of the Friday-Niters Dance Group; the Holy Trinity Traveling Seniors of Plainfield:

UCC to launch Hispanic Project

awarded Union County College \$1.9 million to expand the college's educational services to the Hispanic community. The "Title V" funds will be dedicated to the new Project Centro Hispanico.

at the college's Elizabeth campus, where 44.2 percent of the more than 2,000 students are Hispanic. An additional 2,000 students attend the college's Institute for Intensive English.

The project will consist of two new components to assist **Hispanic students** and increase their retention rate. The first component will require target students to take a mandatory survival course which will development, college resources and critical thinking. The stu- these pressures."

WESTFIELD - Charles W. and the Tri-County Senior Citizens Club, based in

at Memorial Funeral Home in

volunteer for the Unico Italian

Italian American Club in Scotch

Surviving are a daughter, Concetta "Chetta" Oley; and

at Rossi Funeral Home, 1937

Westfield Ave. A funeral Mass

will follow 10 a.m. at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Ave.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre

Services will be 9 a.m. today

three grandchildren.

Cemetery, East Orange.

He was a member of the

Piscataway. Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Gertrude G. Miller Wrege: two daughters, Patricia Muller of Colonia and Carol Cestari of Garwood; a son, Walter of Whiting; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Private arrangements were by Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home in Clark. Donations may be sent to Westfield Rescue Squad, 335 Watterson St., Westfield, NJ 07090.

dents will also be involved in a faculty mentoring program where they meet with selected faculty members twice monthly to discuss issues relating to family and job conflicts and academic skills.

Sixty percent of the grant will fund the second component, which is a Hispanic Student Support Center on the Elizabeth campus. The purpose is to increase retention of students who experience conflicts between work and college.

"According to survey data, the conflicts that arise when an individual attends classes while going to work to support oneself and family is the number one reason that students leave UCC before they complete their program of study," said Sen. Robert include information literacy, Torricelli. "This project is aimed test-taking strategies, memory at improving Hispanic student's skills, career and life-plan chances of completing their education even in the face of

Campus notes

Debra J. Ehrlich, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Ehrlich of Westfield, was awarded a pair of bachelor's degrees from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass.

The graduate of Westfield High School earned a degree in biology and a second in psychology. She was a member of the varsity track and field team, scoring points in hammer, weight, discus, javelin, and shot put. She was also very active with the Brandeis Radio Station, WBRS, serving as DJ, assistant program director and chief announcer.

She will be a research assistant Clinical the Psychopharmacology Research Program at McLean Hospital, in Belmont, Mass. ***

Corinne Brena Liebrich raduated from American University with a bachelor of arts degree in public communication and a minor in theater.

The daughter of Bernadine K. Liebrich and the late Robert E Liebrich, she was honored as one of nine recipients of the First Senior Star Award for her on-going commitment and contributions to the American University and Washington, D.C.

She was active in the Greek system and was a member of Delta Gamma Fraternity. She was also a member of the dance team and DC PAPestry, a professional rhythm tap company. She also participated in and led the Freshman Service Experience.

The 1998 graduate of Westfield High School will begin service in AmeriCorps in Sacramento, Calif., in October. ***

Tiffany Marie Johnson of Scotch Plains has been accepted to attend Delaware State University in Dover, Del. for the fall 2002 semester. Johnson graduated on June 19 from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, She will be majoring in communications and psychology.

Johnson was also accepted into Caldwell College, LaSalle, Florida A&M and Johnson & Wales. A student in the Scotch Plains school district since 1995, she attended Park Middle School. When she graduates from college in 2006, Johnson plans on going on for her master's in communications and psychology.

Marc Lescarret, son of Judy and Alain Lescarret, of Westfield was named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Ramapo College with a 3.9 average. He will enter his senior year in the fall and is majoring in finance and econom-

Two area students graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, at spring commencement

list for the spring 2002 quarter. They are Adam Gross, majoring in marketing; Emilia Guasconi. majoring in sociology; David Napiorski; Nicholas Korn majoring in engineering; and Jocelyn Pashko, majoring in psychology.

Sheri Dawn Weinberg of Scotch Plains received a bachelor's degree in May from Tufts University in Medford, Mass.

Separately, Michael J. Ciacciarelli of Westfield was named to the Tufts dean's list for the spring 2002 semester.

Seven area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y. They

Kathryn Bartholomew of 622 Kimball Ave., Westfield, a junior majoring in newspaper journalism at the S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Brett Bushinger of 2 Greensview Drive, Scotch Plains, a freshman majoring in accounting and finance at the School of Management.

Eryn Bushinger of 2 Greensview Drive, Scotch Plains, a freshman majoring in social work at the College of Human Services and Health Professions.

Stacy Bushinger of 2 Greensview Drive, Scotch Plains. a senior majoring in retailing at the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Nicholas Friedman of 9 Settlers Lane, Westfield, a senior majoring in information management and technology at the School of Information Studies.

Allison Klass of 117 Barchester Way, Westfield, a freshman majoring in speech communication at the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Craig Long of 2 Floral Court, Westfield, a senior majoring in painting at the College of Visual and Performing Arts.

Lauren Southwick of 435 Warren St., Scotch Plains, a junior majoring in finance and marketing management at the School of Management.

Seven students from Westfield achieved academic honors in the spring 2002 semester at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa,

Jessica Lynne Brewster, Shawn William McCabe, Donald William Seeley and Elise Tate were named to the deans' honor list. Each had a grade point average of 3.60 or higher on a scale of 4.

Michelle Erica Meyn, Joshua Thomas Rogers and Ryan Anil Vora were named to the deans' commendation list. Each had a grade point average of 3.33 or higher.

Senior Citizens club; the Old Guard of Westfield; the founded the Silver Bells and 4-H

Leadership group in that township. Deceased are her husband, William S. in 1989; and a son,

CRANFORD — The U.S. Department of Education

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retirement.

Mr. Wrege was associated

Entombment was in St. John's Mrs. Ranelli is survived by a Cloister, Middle Village, Queens.

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xercises May 5.

Alana Marie Albanese of 205 Elmer St., Westfield, received a bachelor's degree. Joseph Robert Young of 20 Byron Court, Westfield, received a bachelor of science in business degree.

Three area students have gradfrom Northeastern uated University in Boston, Mass. Receiving their degrees at the university's 100th commencement, held June 15 at the Fleet Center in Boston

Shelly Bansal of Westfield, bachelor of science in business administration.

Jason E. Rogowsky of Scotch Plains, bachelor of science in business administration.

Debra L. Ulanet of Scotch Plains, bachelor's degree.

In addition, five Westfield residents were named to the Northeastern University dean's

Five area students were named to the dean's list for the spring 2002 semester at the University of Delaware in Newark, Del. They are:

Laura Kathryn Dvorak of 740 Scotch Plains Ave., Westfield, a senior majoring in geography.

Carla Francesca Impalli of 51 Russell Road, Fanwood, a junior majoring in early childhood development.

Jason Stephen Lemberg of 312 Orenda Circle, Westfield, a senior majoring in criminal justice.

Marisa Jean Melendez of 67 Farley Ave., Fanwood, a sophomore majoring in elementary teacher education

Daniel Ross Rock of 835 Willow Grove Road, Westfield, a sophomore majoring in hotel, restaurant and institutional management.



These days, much attention is rightfully focused on the Internet and virtual tours when selling a home, however, the triedand-true, low-tech approaches that will never be anything less than effective should not be overlooked. For instance, the old-fashioned "for sale" sign remains a big draw, especially when it is supplied with fliers that provide photos and information designed to remain in the minds of prospective buyers. You might be surprised to learn the number of would-bebuyers who conduct informal, self-guided tours of neighborhoods they like and stamble upon "for sale" signs. There are also newspaper classified ads, which are still perused consistently by buyers. And "open houses" are a welcome option for prospective buyers who are about to turn serious.

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Roosevelt Park Route 1, Edison

(732) 548-2884; www.playsinthepark.com

• "Crazy for You," local production of 90's Broadway revival. 8:30 p.m. July 25-27, 29-Aug. 3. Adults \$3, children under 12 free; bring lawn chairs for seating (no blankets or chaise longues).

SOMERSET VALLEY PLAYERS

Route 514, Hillsborough (908) 369-7469; www.svptheatre.org

"Steel Magnolias," local production of stage play/movie. 8 p.m. July 26, 27, Aug. 2, 3; 3 p.m. July 28, Aug. 4. Admission \$11; discounts available.

TRILOGY REPERTORY

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duction of Shakespeare tragedy. 8 p.m. July 26, 27, Aug. 1-3. Admission free; bring lawn chairs or blankets for seating.

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THE THREE LITTLE PIGS 11 a.m. July 27, Aug. 3; 10 a.m. July 30, Aug. 1; 1 p.m. July 31: Forum Theatre 314 Main St., Metuchen (732) 548-0582; www.akidsforum.com • "Who's afraid of the big bad wolf?" Admission \$12; discounts available.

Star Shows RARITAN VALLEY

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www.raritanval.edu/planetarium

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• "Laser America" concert, 8:30 p.m. July 26, Aug. 2, 9, 16, 23; 3 p.m. July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$5.

 "The Little Star That Could," 2 p.m. July 31, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28. Admission \$4.50.

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• Dave Wilson (jazz), Aug. 4. **KILLER BLUES BAND** 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 1 Senior Citizens Center New St., Metuchen (732) 632-8502 • As advertised. Free admission. PATTI LaBELLE 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 26 Commerce Bank Park East Main St., Bridgewater (908) 252-0700;

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• Works of Efim Ladyzhensky, to July 31.

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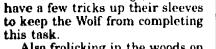


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to build a new home for themselves. Enter the Big Bad Wolf

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Also frolicking in the woods on this adventure are a very chic Little Red Riding Hood, her overprotective mother, her very hip gramdmama, and a brick face / stucco salesman who attempts to assist the Pigs on their construction project. It all adds up to a fun filled and zany retelling of the beloved story.

Directing the production is Forum favorite Vicki Tripodo, who





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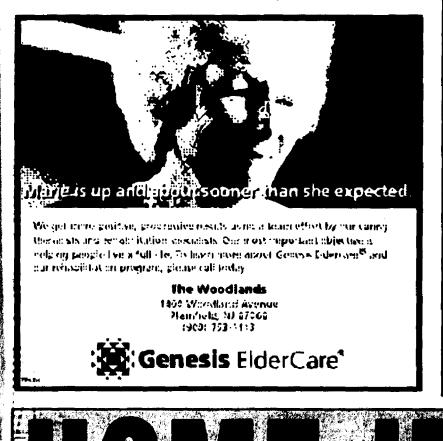


Bet your bottom dollar 'Annie' is in area



July 26, 2002

Kenilworth Det. John Zimmerman, aka Daddy Warbucks, has big plans for little orphan Annie, played by Anne Gladstone of Cranford. Stephanie Pearl, who portrays Warbucks' secretary, takes notes. "Annie" will be presented at 8 p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in the air-conditioned auditorium of Brearley High School In Kenilworth.



KENILWORTH Community p.m. tonight, tomorrow and Saturday in the school auditorium. The theater group boasts a Tickets are \$8 and are available at number of area family members the door. There is a reduced price for children and senior citizens.

The theater group, called C.A.S.T. for short, is pretty unique, said Vinny Bellotti, the show's producer. "We are the only teaching group around. By 'teaching group,' I mean kids, in fourthor fifth-grade, start out in the chorus and then learn about theater by doing it. They work their way into supporting roles and leads." Karyn Mack, for example, has

been with C.A.S.T. for years, Bellotti said. She began in the chorus while she was in high school eral Westfield residents.

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based at David Brearley High School, will perform "Annie" at 8 p.m. tonight, tomorrow director and playbill editor and serves on the board of trustees.

sharing both sides of the stage.

Roselle Park resident Diane Kurz will play Miss Hannigan while her 14-year-old son, Kelsey, will take on the role of FDR.

Kenilworth resident James Brewster will play Miss Hannigan's brother Rooster as his daughter Kate portrays one of the Boylan sisters.

or

And director Margurite Modero of Garwood will be assisted by her son David as musical director.

The show will also feature sev-

Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey Nursery School, 1391 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, is currently accepting new Nursery School is also available for the JCC and Kindergarten registrations extended day classes, Parent

gram and tour the facilities.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The coming school year. Registration wish Community Center of for the 2002-2003 school year has begun with limited openings in the Nursery School programs and Kindergarten. Registration and Tot classes, Let's Take a Break classes for the fall.

Families wishing to visit the JCC's Early Childhood facility during the day should call Susan Bennett, Early Childhood Director, at 908-889-8800, ext. 204 for an appointment to learn

Sign up for JCC classes ORTH — The and later played leads in "Wizard of Actors Student Oz," "The Music Man" and Joseph

for the 2002-2003 school year. Parents interested in the 2002-

2003 school year are encouraged to call the Jewish Community Center to learn about the pro-

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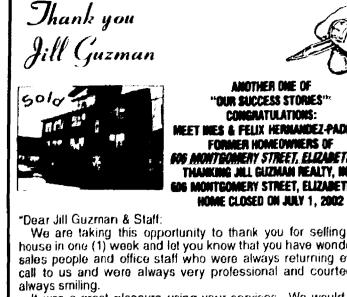
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Automotive/Classified

Toyota Celica GT-S is hot ticket with the young

BY MARK MAYNARD

COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

"How much?" asked the twoyoung men at the car wash who were finishing one of the best wash jobs I've had on a test car. "It's \$27,000," I replied and we all stood back to take in the ., "absolutely red" Toyota Celica GTS with its big wing, fat -exhaust and aero trim kit.

It was a gleaming object of desire for these 20-something males.

"Is it for racing?" asked one of The guys.

Not really, I said, but it's fun to race around with.

📰 The Celica GT-S is a hot ticket in the street car group of younger buyers, though I don't understand how they can afford it.

The test car was a taste from the candy store of TRD, or Toyota Racing Development.

The base Celica GT-S starts at \$22,000 and it got interesting with the "Action Package" \$1,590 - of aerodynamic front and rear bumpers, side rocker panels and a big, adjustable wing. For 60 bucks more, there was a tire upgrade to 16-inch-Bridgestones.

TRD is an awe-inspiring abbreviation among import performance enthusiasts and the upgrades included stiffer shock , absorbers and springs, \$731.73. and modified exhaust with **wextended** tip - the size of a -howitzer and almost as welcome around the neighborhood - for **46**69 11.

The shock absorbers improve Ecornering and road feel. Using multi-stage, velocity-sensitive zvalving, the TRD shocks adjust to varying road conditions and driving styles.

L. The shocks are designed to work with the TRD lowering springs, which drop the ride height about an inch.

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Toyota claims a 14-horsepower moon roof and floor mats and front seats, side air bags, ranted and Toyota-tested. antilock braking system, power

boost using the stainless steel the suggested price builds to sport muffler. Add leather-faced \$27,286.84. All of it factory-war-The oversized wing, blaring

exhaust - blaring in a goodsounding way - 8-speaker stereo and low-down stance work like pheromones to attract trouble.

Twice in one morning within one block, a Porsche 911 SC cruised along the left rear quarter as if to size up this videogame oscapee and then shot

At the next traffic light, a Mustang GT pulled off the line and paced door to door. I hadn't noticed until I grabbed third gear and the guy in the Mustang tromped on the gas.

These are encounters I try to avoid - but you can't keep a low profile in this car.

The aggressive styling package almost over-promises the 180 hp. 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine, but its sinewy 2,500pound curb weight makes up for it.

With the TRD tweaks, the GT-S is a slot car that fits like a cyber glove. The basic car is over-engineered Celica, fully tuned for smoothness. Notable excesses include the 15-inch vented front discs with 10.5-inch solid rear disc brakes and the engine's variable valve timing and lift (VVTL-i), which catches a breath at 6,000 revolutions per minute to scream faster up to redline at 7,800 rpm.

The four-cylinder can be slow off the line but it builds rovs quickly and seems to perform best under pressure - lots of throttle pressure with redline upshifts and heel-toe downshifts.

But keeping the revs up means lots of shifting and the ride can get a little intense.

It's a little less forgiving inside, which appears to be built to a strict budget. The car rides low to the ground and it helps if you are slim, agile and young when climbing in and out. And the stiffer TRD suspension makes for a choppier freeway ride.

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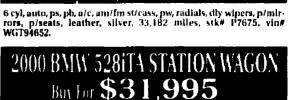


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Westfield again rallies for title

By DAVE ALLENA

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

WESTFIELD - Yogi would be proud.

In a perfect example of Berra's famous quote, "It's déjà vu all over again," Westfield Blue's 11-year-old stars ran the table for a Babe Ruth district crown after dropping their tournament opener for the second straight year.

After bowing 7-3 to Scotch Plains in the first game July 11, Westfield won four consecutive games, including 9-3 (July 17) and 16-6 (July 16) conquests of Scotch Plains in the championship round to earn a spot in this weekend's North Jersey State Tournament in North Edison.

Last season as 10-year-olds, nine members of this year's squad dropped the first game and the reeled off district, sectional and state crowns before losing in the first round of the World Series, where it wound up

"After we lost the first game I certainly

third.

reminded them of what happened last year," Head Coach Jeff Kent said. "I also reminded them to do the little things that helped get us there, to remain positive and take each game one at a time.

"We were absolutely concerned after the first game because the Scotch Plains team is much improved and very good hitting team. Even the game we won 16-5 was close until we broke it open in the fifth.

"Dylan Clark pitched four scoreless innings the next day. That was a huge boost for the team and kind of got us back on the right track. The kids kept getting more and more confidence as we went along. Getting those six runs was really huge for us."

After bouncing back to whip North Elizabeth 9-0 and then Westfield White 10-1 to earn its

way into the title round, Westfield LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL trailed Scotch Plains 2-1 until

scoring six runs in the top of the third inning and never trailed again in winning the final two games,

In the championship game Brendan Burgdorf belted a tworun homer following a bunt single by Danny Sullivan and Westfield was on its way. Mike Forgash's bunt single plated a run in the third, while Sullivan's RBI single, a run-scoring double by Burgdorf and a two-run single by Matt Reiss made it 7-0 in the fourth

Todd Saunders pitched three innings of scoreless ball to start the game, striking out two and walking two, and Burgdorf, who allowed four hits and struck out one, blanked Scotch Plains over the final two innings after allowing three runs in the fourth.

"After the first game we got some very good pitching," Kent

said. "Todd was just a big force throughout the tournament as was Brendan and Dylan gave us that great effort against North Elizabeth. Reiss added a two-run single

in the fourth to give him four RBI, while Sullivan finished with a 3-for-4 showing. Burgdorf joined Forgash and Reiss with a pair of hits.

"Scotch Plains had a very good pitcher who went all six innings in the first game. I think we got used to him when he pitched the next time, and then we took advantage of their other pitchers when they took him out. We did a lot of things on offense. We were patient, we were smart running the bases and we took advantage of some mistakes."

Saunders and Burgdorf combined to do the pitching in the first final-round game with **Burgdorf** pitching two scoreless innings. The offense backed the pitching with 11 hits, including

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Raiders' All-Star

Scotch Plains-Fanwood High product Brian Schiller passed for 78 yards, including a touchdown, as the Union County All-Stars' quarterback during last week's 28-20 loss to Middlesex County in the Snapple Bowl. Story, page C-2.

Rival squawks, Westfield walks in rules dispute

By DAVE ALLENA

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

LINDEN — Plagued by injuries from the start and having to sweep a doubleheader to earn the final playoff berth on the last day of the campaign, Westfield's season ended in bizarre fashion Monday night.

Owning a 5-3 lead in the fourth inning, Westfield got word that a Linden protest for Westfield not wearing the official American Legion patches would be upheld and walked off the field in the semifinals of the Union County American Legion Baseball League playoffs.

'I knew they'd uphold the protest because I talked to the league director between innings," Head Coach Tony Picaro said. "I bounced it off some of the older kids and they agreed with me. We were going to win the game and they would've taken it away from us.

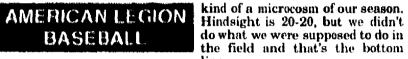
"I addressed the problem at the beginning of the season with the director. We had the patches on our home jerseys but not on the away jerseys. He told me it would be OK

for the season as long as we got them on for the state tournament. Tonight he said he told me they would have to be on for the playoffs.

"We were up against it for some reason. But it's not a surprise because these guys have been swaying games for as long as I've been involved. They make up rules as they go along. It's more ridiculous than anything else that adults would do something like that.'

For Picaro, whose club posted a final mark of 11-8-1 this summer after winning the championship a year ago, it might've been a fitting ending to somewhat of a frustrating season.

"Circumstances had a lot to do with the way the season went," he said. "Even the way it ended was



do what we were supposed to do in the field and that's the bottom line.

"We never got untracked. We never got anything going. We never got into a stretch where we banged out six or seven in a row. It was usually win two, lose one, win two, lose one. Considering we won the whole thing last year, hopefully we'll learn something from all this. These guys are all winners and I'm sure they will."

With a playoff spot still in question Saturday, Westfield carned fifth place and a game against third-place Linden by out-slugging Berkeley Heights 14-8 in the first game and then slipping past Rahway 5-3 in the nightcap.

"I don't think the guys were feeling any pressure," Picaro said. "The kids have played loose all year, probably too loose. We came into the season

looking to get into the playoffs and we were able to do thai."

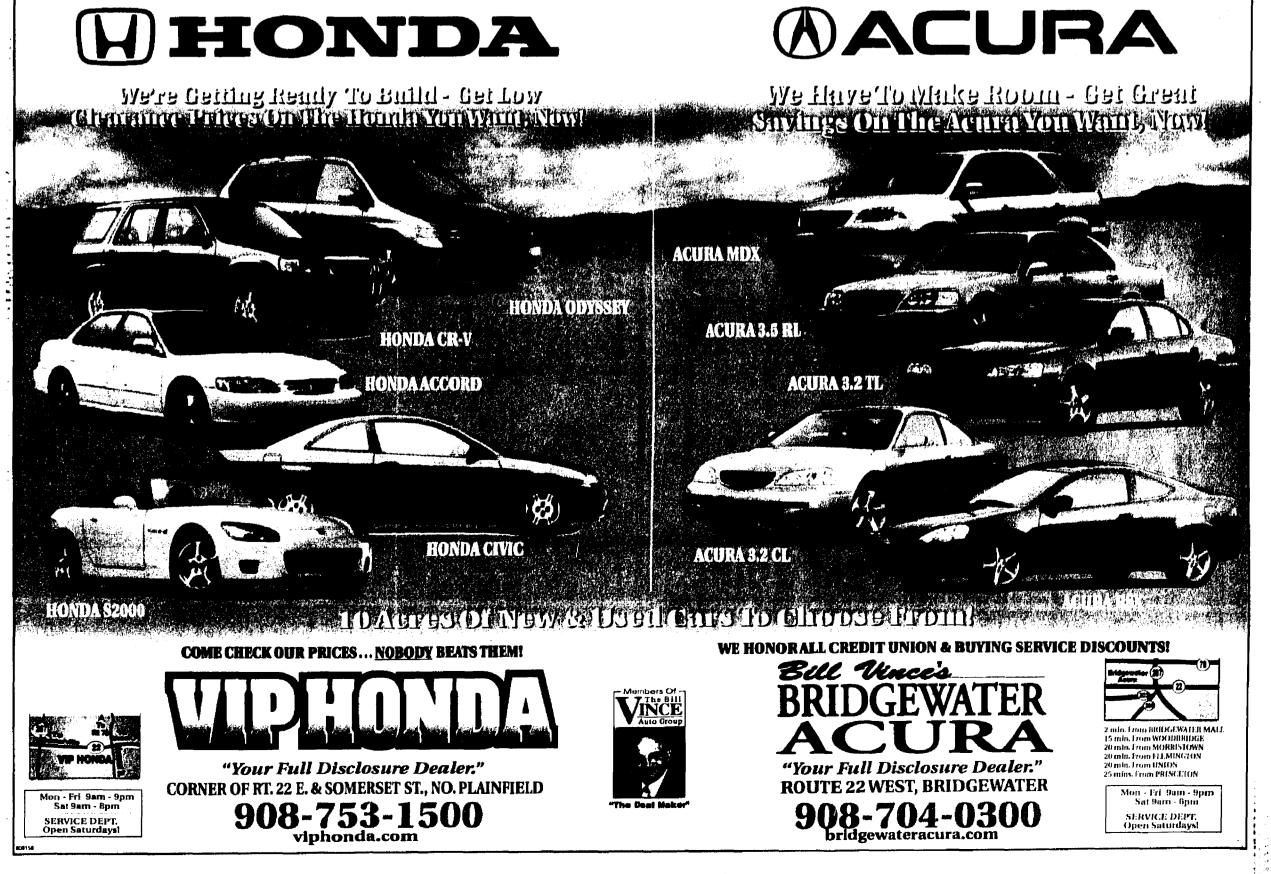
John Boyd turned in a yeoman effort to help Westfield earn that spot. Possessing a "rubber arm" according to Picaro, Boyd pitched the final two innings of the opener in relief of starter Joe Wisniewski and then scattered six hits in going the distance against Rahway.

Westfield took advantage of numerous errors and walks while banging out 11 hits against Berkeley Heights, scoring in each of the first five innings. Mike Sofka had a big game as he went 4for-4 with four RBL.

Josh Ludmer's sacrifice fly put Westfield on the scoreboard in the bottom of the first, while Ben Koket and Sofka delivered two-run doubles to key a five-run second. Koket singled in a run in the third, while Sofka collected another two-run double when

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YOUTH SPORTS

WESTFIELD SOFTBALL

12-Under Westfield's travel team won for the fourth time in their last six outings, improving to 4-4 on the nozae In its most recent game Westheld walloped

Colonia 24-2. Colonia was tied with Westfield for fourth place in the 10-learn league. Krissy Wendel, an excellent hitter, pitched a

complete game in recording her second victory of the season. First baseman Suzanne Morgan is a strong clutch hitter and Meredith Hanley, a second baseman and outfielder, has been a solid leadoff batter and has also done well pitching.

Erin Miller, the team's top power hitter, had a triple and drove in five runs and Ariel Gale had a double, four RBI and scored four times and has joined with Hanley to bolster the middle of the infield.

Anna Koehler has developed into one of the league's top fielding third basemen and Rebecca McNulty, an excellent delensive outfielder, has become one of the team's top base-runners, stealing home twice in the last game.

Lettlielder Mia Patumi has a strong throwing am and is developing into a strong hitter and Brittany VanSickle is an excellent defensive outfielder and becoming a dangerous hitter. Rachel St. Lifer and Rachel Cauley have shared catching duties and each has shown great improvement. In the last game Cauley doubled and drove in four

Kate Young is the team's fourth outfielder and is a solid all-around player. Nicole Venizia and Melissa Gallagher are the team's designated hitters and outfielders

Westfield has two games left - one against undefeated Mountainside and the other against Elmora of Elizabeth. GIRLS BASKETBALL

St. Helen's-Westfield St. Helen's improved its summer record to 6-0 in the grades 7-8 division by winning three more garnes last week.

Led by Katherine Ruhno's 13 points, St. Helen's defeated Glen Ridge 40-20. Erin Miller and Stephanie Slodyzcka chipped In eight points each, Gabrielle O'Leary had seven and Rose Driscoll four along with eight assists. Elizabeth Harbaugh once again was a force on the boards, grabbing 14 rebounds.

In the next game Westfield reeled off the game's final 26 points to drub Verona 36-10. Miller and Danielle Infantino scored eight

points apiece. Slodycka had six points and 10 bounds. O'Leary also had six points and six steals Harbaugh had four points and eight boards, and Katherine Donovan and Allison Driscoll. Oberlander had two points each.

St. Helen's last-break attack was clicking on all cylinders during a 51-9 rout of St. Rose (West Orange)

Ruhno led the way with 17 points and Miller had nine along with six steals, five rebounds and live assists. Slodyzoka had eight points and 12 bounds, O'Leary canned three of four free throws and had five points, Krissy Wendel connected on a three-pointer and and had lour points, Driscoll had four points and seven assists and played a superb all-around floor game.

Harbaugh grabbed 10 rebounds and scored two points, Donovan had two points, four steals and lour boards. Next week St. Helen's has two big games to

decide the regular-season championship against West Orange and Sacred Heart, an AAU select team which finished second in the New Jersey State tournament in the eighth-grade division. WESTFIELD BASEBALL

Age-9 Team The Westfield Blue 9-year-old team advanced to the second round of the league playoffs with an 8-1 triumph over Summit in the sudden-death opener

Top pitchers Daniel Kerr and Ben Kraus con bined to limit Summit to six hits. Kerr went the first our innings, allowing no runs and striking out six,

and Kraus fanned four over the final two innings. Blue was bolstered by defensive gens from Zach Cornwell, Matt Glover, "T" Brand, Dan Eliades and Evan Heroux. Red-hot C. J. Meyer led Westfield at the plate with two hits and three runs batted in. Matt Rivera drove in two in a three-run first which put Blue in front for good. Ryan Heine, Steven Forgash and Zach Archambault each had

Pietrucha gem not quite enough

By DAVE ALLENA

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

LINDEN — After six weeks of pushing for a playoff spot, Scotch Plains saw the post-season come to a close almost as quickly as it began.

In a 70-minute pitchers' duel that saw Steve Pietrucha fire a one-hitter in a losing effort, Scotch Plains dropped a 1-0 decision to Summit Monday night in the semifinals of the Union County American Legion Baseball League playoffs.

Posting a 13-6 for the regular season, Scotch Plains earned the fifth spot in the four team playoffs that decided the league's third and final state tournament berth, but the end came in what proved to be an outstanding game from Head Coach Bob Guy's viewpoint.

"I told the guys after the game that they'd probably never see a better 1-0 game than that one," he said. "We just caught a team who had a pitcher that happened to be better than our guy that day.

when you lose, ter than losing a ter than losing a 10-9 where you Baseball look back at all the places you

could've won. It was almost a perfectly-played game. It's tough to lose with a one-hitter, but at least it wasn't on an error. Steve got the ball up and the kid ripped it down the left-field line.'

Pietrucha was brilliant in defeat, making only one big mistake. Unfortunately the one walk he allowed came around to score on the one hit he surrendered — a fifth-inning triple. Amazingly Pietrucha threw only 47 pitches in six innings as he struck out five.

"That might've been the best pitching performance of the season, and we've had some good ones," Guy said. "Our pitching has dominated this season. Fortyseven pitches is really something." Scotch Plains also had the mis-

fortune to play on an unfenced

field. Three play-— Steve ers Horn in the first, Kyle Adams in the fourth and Jeff Hersal in the fifth — hit drives long enough to

be out on its home field but were caught on the Linden field.

"They played the game on an open field and they played us deep," Guy said. "We hit three balls that would've been home runs. Their coach told me if the game had been played at our place we would've won 3-1.'

While Summit had only one base-runner (who reached on an error) through four innings, Scotch Plains could do nothing with the one free pass and three singles -in the third by Steve Rodriguez, in the fourth by Horn and in the fifth by Jared Montagna.

Scotch Plains had its best threat in the top of the seventh when Kevin Urban singled and pinch-runner Kyle Baker stole second with none out.

Summit then came up with the play of the game when its short. stop made a diving stop of a hard. hit ball by Anthony Urban, and from his knees threw Baker out by a step trying to get to third. A double play then ended the game.

Scotch Plains 11, Union Catholic 0 - After picking up a forfeit from Clark July 16, Scotch Plains wrapped up fifth place by rolling to an easy victory over host Union Catholic Saturday.

Playing a team it had jumped out to a 9-0 third-inning lead against last Thursday night before a lightning storm ended the game, Scotch Plains received a complete. game five-hitter from Dave Senatore, who fanned 12 batters while walking just one.

The offense gave Senatore all the runs he'd need with a threerun third when Kevin Urban followed an RBI single with a tworun double. Urban doubled home two more in a five-run fifth when Pat Shevlin singled in two runs and Anthony Spatola singled in the fifth.

Schiller tosses Snapple scoring pass

Westfield walks in dispute

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Westfield scored four times. John Leonardis, who scored three times, had two hits along with Koket.

Wisniewski struck out three and walked two for the victory and combined with Boyd on a six-hitter. After allowing two runs in the seventh Boyd came right back to limit Rahway to three runs while fanning five and walking a pair.

Westfield scored three times in the bottom of the first to take the lead for good as Brett Picaro and Koket singled and Sofko walked. Ludmer's sac fly produced the first run, while Blair Richardson doubled home two.

Leonardis singled in two runs to make it 5-2 after two innings. Richardson and Mike Dubitsky finished with two hits apiece as Westfield totaled 10 for the game.

By SCOTT GRUBER

RECORD-PRESS CORRESPONDENT

UNION - Scotch Plains-Fanwood High's Brian Schiller was there to win a football game.

"We weren't expecting to lose," said Schiller, the Union County All-Stars' quarterback during last week's Snapple Bowl clash with Middlesex County at Kean University. "We've been practicing hard all week. We've got all of the all-stars in the county. Every one of these guys on this team is a great player. We thought we'd come in here and get a win."

Schiller helped Union mount a late comeback but Middlesex came away with a 28-20 triumph July 18 in the ninth annual Snapple battle.

Middlesex grabbed the momentum from the beginning, starting its second possession on the opponent's 1-yard line after the first of four Union fumbles. South River's Zack Earvin plunged in to give Middlesex the early 7-0 lead.

"The field was a little slick, and turnovers always kill you," said Union Head Coach Chris Hull of those "Without Cranford. turnovers, we win 21-14. Turnovers

always play a big role. It's an allstar game, so you'll have those. Kids haven't been playing together all year, so you'll have some miscommunication."

Middlesex went ahead 14-6 in the second quarter but with 1:10 left in the half, the lights on the field cut out. After waiting several minutes for power to be restored, the teams skipped the last minute of the half and went into the locker rooms.

The lights came back for the second half, after a brief but hard rain put a slick sheet of water on the Astroturf field. Though the rain seemed to stop Union's attack cold, Middlesex struck twice more in the third quarter. A 48-yard touchdown run by Earvin and a later TD gave Middlesex a 28-6 lead with 15 minutes to go.

Playing seemingly in a daze for the first three quarters, Union snapped back to life. Schiller (5 for 13, 78 yards) started the comeback. rolling left and hitting Hanif Davis of Cranford with a 32-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 28-13.

"I didn't really get to see it - I got hit," said Schiller. "Everyone was telling me it was a pretty nice pass. I got to go out with something good, so I guess that's all right."

Union scored for the last time with 1:02 left, when Amair Dixon and Mike Lowery, both from Plainfield, connected on a threeyard touchdown pass.

Westfield again rallies for title

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three by Mike Carpetto and two apiece from Reiss and Sullivan.

Burgdorf doubled in a firstinning run while Carpetto laced a two-run double and Reiss singled in another during the sixrun third. Carpetto drove in three runs with a pair of singles when Westfield ended the game

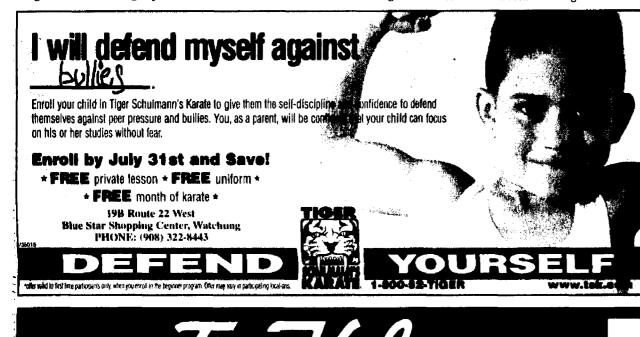
with a nine-run fifth. Steve Anzalone doubled in two runs, while Mike Kent and Reiss singled in a run apiece.

Saunders pitched three onehit scoreless innings, striking out three, while Burgdorf finished off the combined three-hitter in the 10-1 rout of Westfield White. Burgdorf also contributed two doubles and three RBI, while

Kent (one RBI) and Anzalone collected two hits and Saunders added an RBI double.

Clark struck out three and scattered four hits, while Sullivan allowed one hit in two innings in the 9-0 victory over North Elizabeth. Forgash and Burgdorf both finished 3-for-4 with two RBI, while Sullivan drove in two runs with two hits.

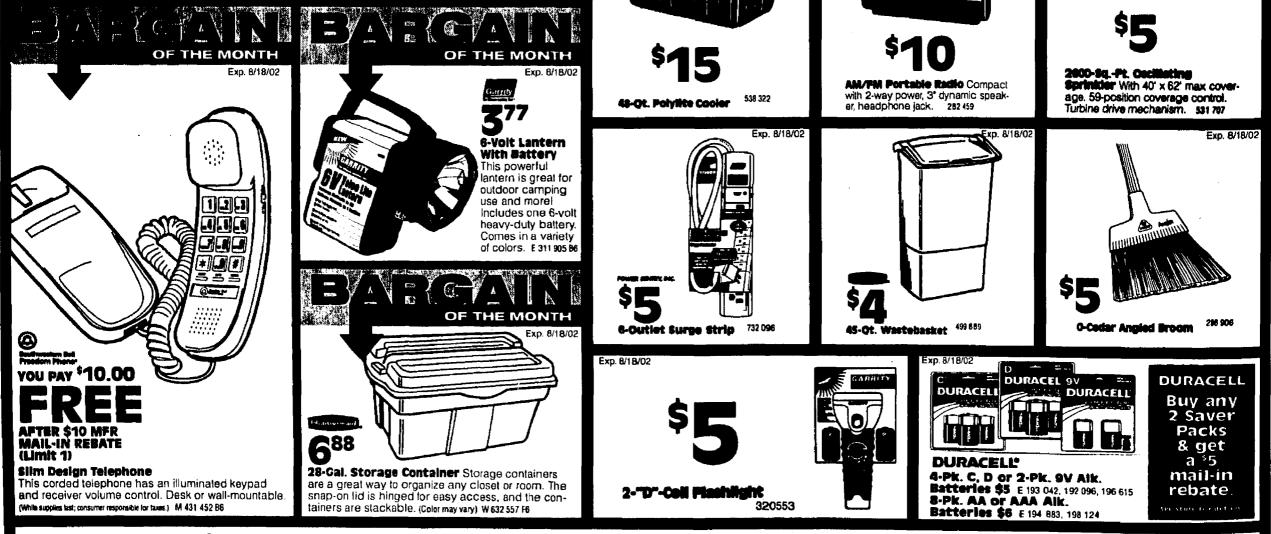
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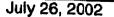


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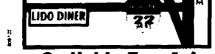
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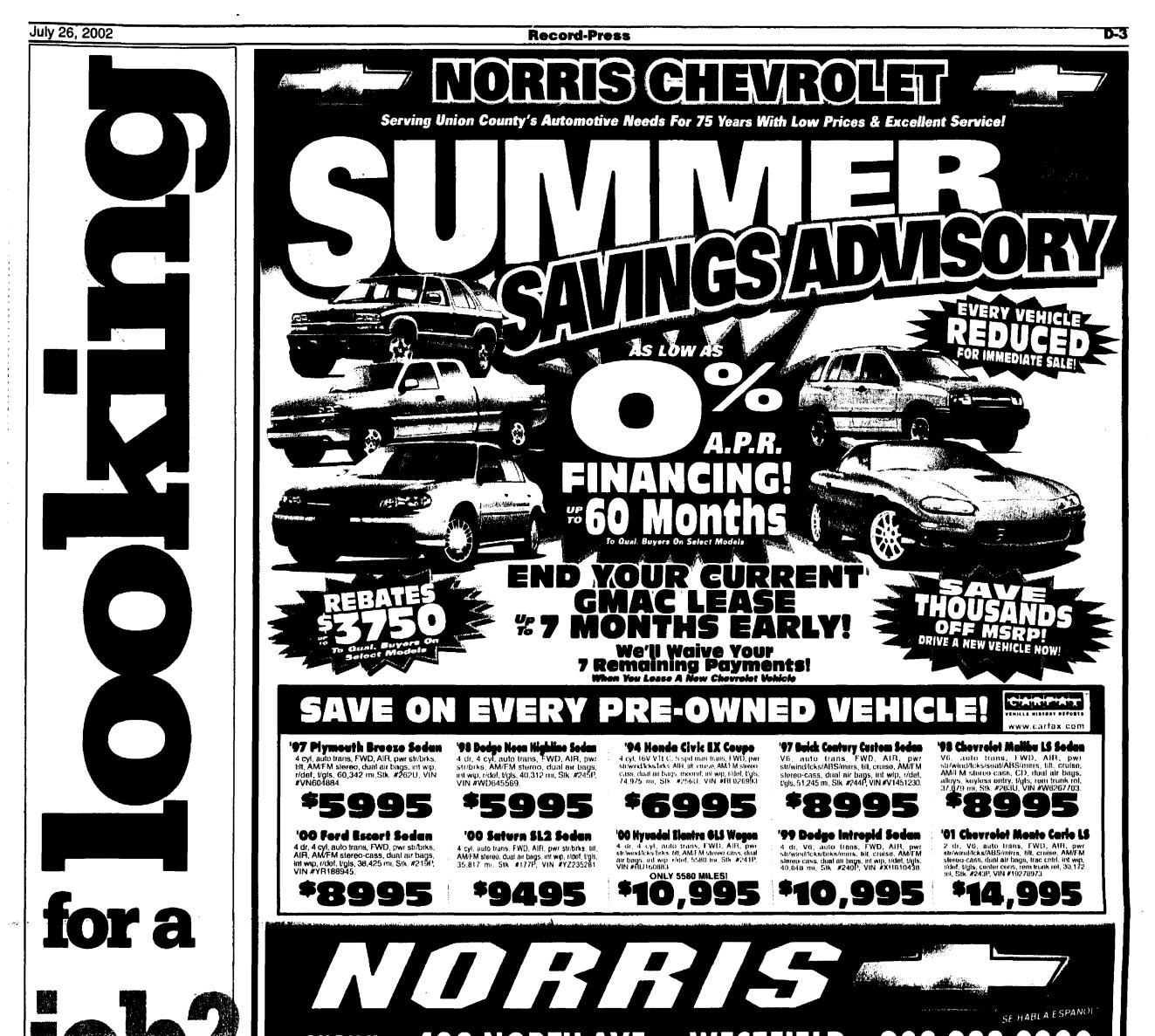
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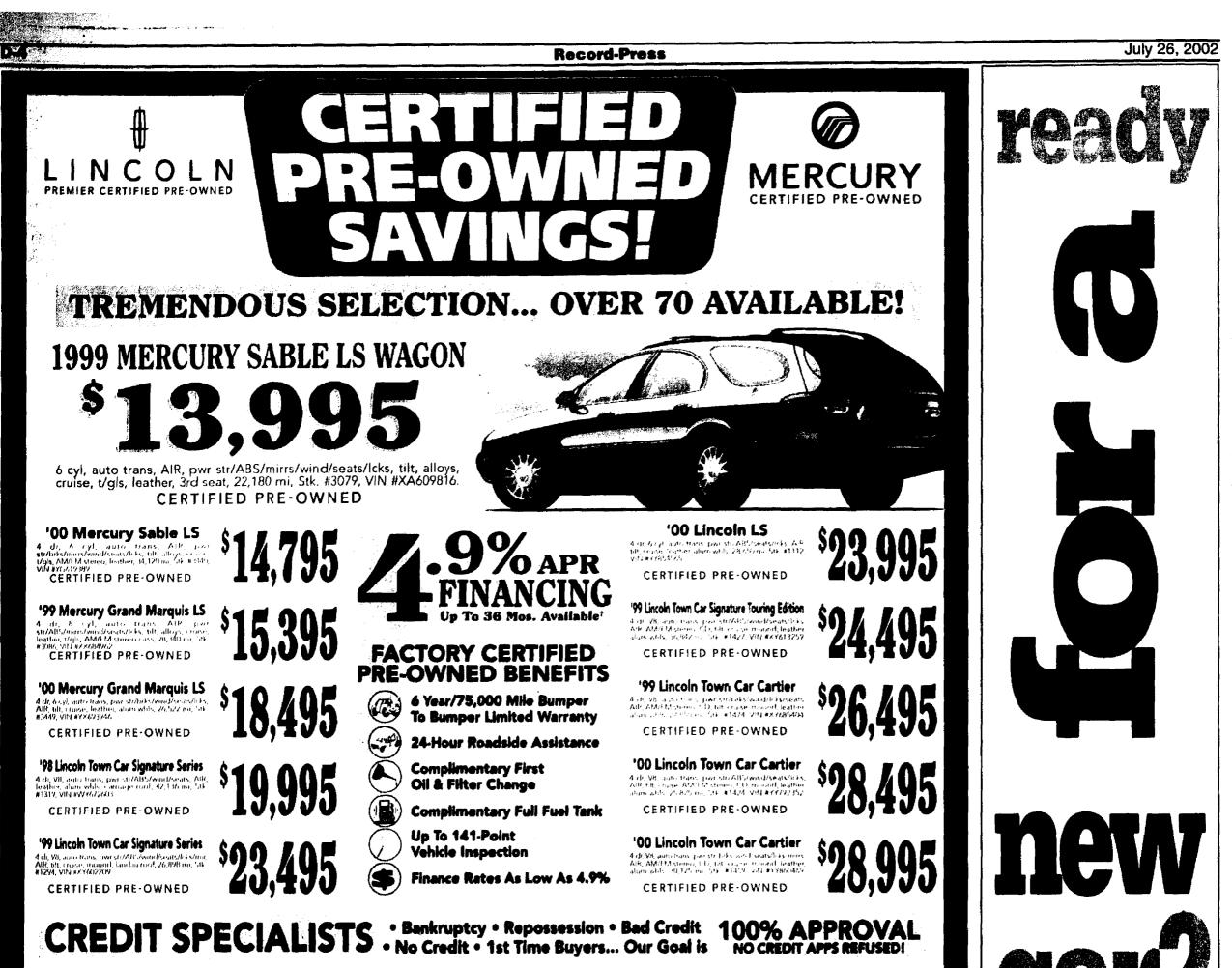
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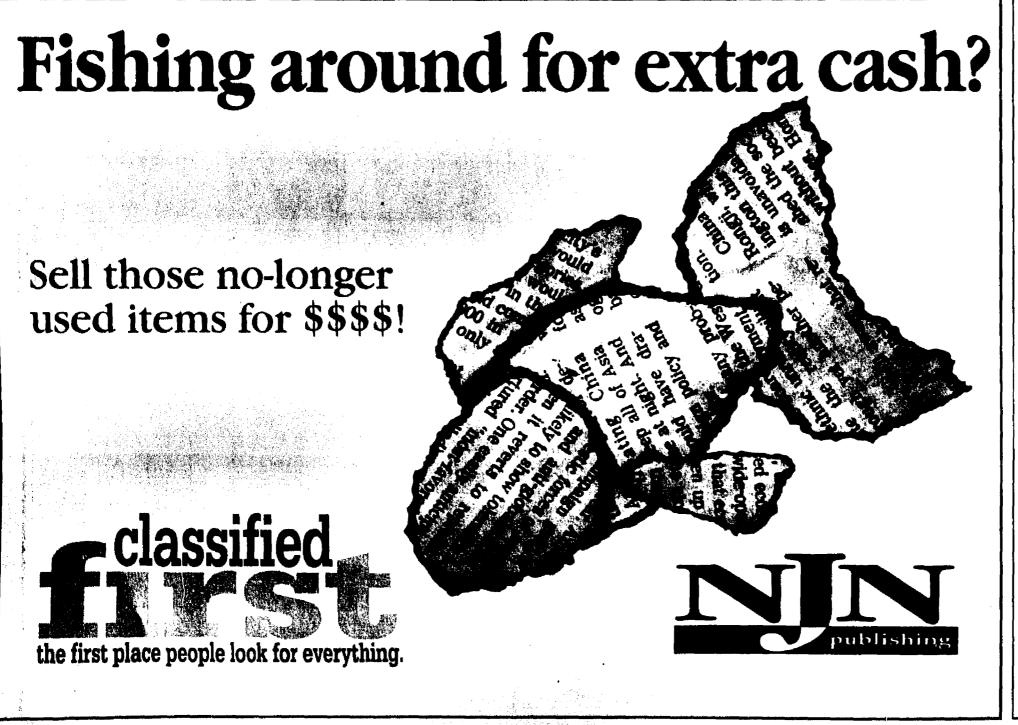
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