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## Communities plan '02 agenda

### Fanwood sets its sights on 1 renovated downtown

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — "The downtown will remain our top priority," said Mayor Lou Jung at the borough reorganization Tuesday. "The mayor and the council would be remiss if it weren't. If we are serious about upgrading our downtown, cleaning up the areas on Second and LaGrande, and bringing in the ratables to help offset tax increases, the downtown must remain our top priority."

"We fully anticipate the Planning Board and council will adopt a redevelopment plan in early 2002," Jung said. "After again ensuring there has been every opportunity for public input and comment."

Residents "... want more and better retail stores as well as appropriate residential housing," said Jung. "A bigger and better downtown brings more tax ratables and increased home values ... (and) community pride."

The borough held its reorganization meeting Tuesday starting with the swearing in of two Democrats, incumbent Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell and first-time candidate Michael Brennan by Union

County Freeholder and former Fanwood mayor, Linda Stender. Councilman Joel Whitaker was selected by a 6-0 vote to continue as council president.

Jung noted that the tragic events of Sept. 11 aside, a lot of good things happened in Fanwood in 2001.

Noteworthy among them was the new, seven-year contract with New Jersey Transit and improvements to the South Avenue train station parking lot, the completed Phase One of the Carriage House Park, the beginning of improvements on Forest Road Park, and the installation of 49 Victorian lamps in the downtown along with new sidewalks.

In addition, the Planning Board and council designated the downtown block of LaGrande, Martine, Second and South as an area in need of redevelopment and a redevelopment plan, the borough received \$490,000 in federal grants and \$100,000 in state grants for storm sewers and downtown revitalization, and the council implemented a new zoning ordinance.

Jung also thanked "our local heroes" from Fanwood's Fire Department, Police Department, and Rescue Squad for represent-



RUTHANNE WAGNER/THE RECORD-PRESS  
Michael Brennan is joined by his wife Maryann as he takes the oath for the first time as a Fanwood councilman. Freeholder Linda Stender administers the oath.

ing the community in New York and New Jersey on and after Sept. 11.

"Many of Fanwood's emergency personnel immediately volunteered their time and talents to help in the search, rescue and investigation of the World Trade Center disaster," said Jung of the 29 who volunteered.

Other borough priorities will be to continue improvements to borough parks, to build on shared-services efforts begun in early 2000 with the Board of Education, and to continue to

obtain grants and other funding for shared-services efforts.

The appointment of borough officials for 2002 was voted on in a block with some of the notable appointments going to Eleanor McGovern, administrator; Wilfred Coronato, borough attorney; Michael Mitzner, borough prosecutor; John DeMassi and Nancy Koederitz, zoning officers; Bruce Helmsstetter, construction official; and Ray Manfra as public works shared-services coordinator.

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### Township bounces back after bad news

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD-PRESS

SCOTCH PLAINS — It might not have been the best year in the township's history, but "We were not only able to rebound, but were also able to shine ever brighter than before," Mayor Martin L. Marks said at the Township Council reorganization Tuesday.

The frustration of not being able to get a ballfield project in the Ash Brook Reservation did not stop the council from finding more ballfields.

Perseverance by the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director Ray Poirio, and the Township Council, especially council liaison Frank Rossi, resulted in a new project being developed for the Park Middle School fields plus the renovation of existing fields at the Vo-Tech site and along the north side of Route 22.

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## Disappointments, tragedy, progress mark '01 locally

### New faces, construction on center stage

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD-PRESS

Following are a sampling of the major events that took place in 2001 in the municipalities of Westfield, Scotch Plains and Fanwood:

**JANUARY** — Westfield holds the swearing in of Mayor Gregory McDermott and four council members: incumbents Claire Lazarowitz, Lawrence Goldman, Carl Salisbury and first-time Councilman Rafael Betancourt. Peter Echausse, who lost a close Ward One race in November, was appointed to fill McDermott's vacated council seat.

Scotch Plains holds its reorganization on New Year's Day with the swearing in of Martin L. Marks as the township's first elected mayor. Also taking the oath was first time councilwoman Paulette Coronato. Councilman Frank Rossi was sworn in as deputy mayor.

In Fanwood, incumbent councilman Joel Whitaker and first-time Councilwoman Carol Wood took the oath of office on New Year's Day.

**FEBRUARY** — Westfield Board of Education officials anticipate \$6.5 million in state aid in connection with the \$14.9 million bond passed by voters in December 2000 for new construction and renovations at Westfield High School.

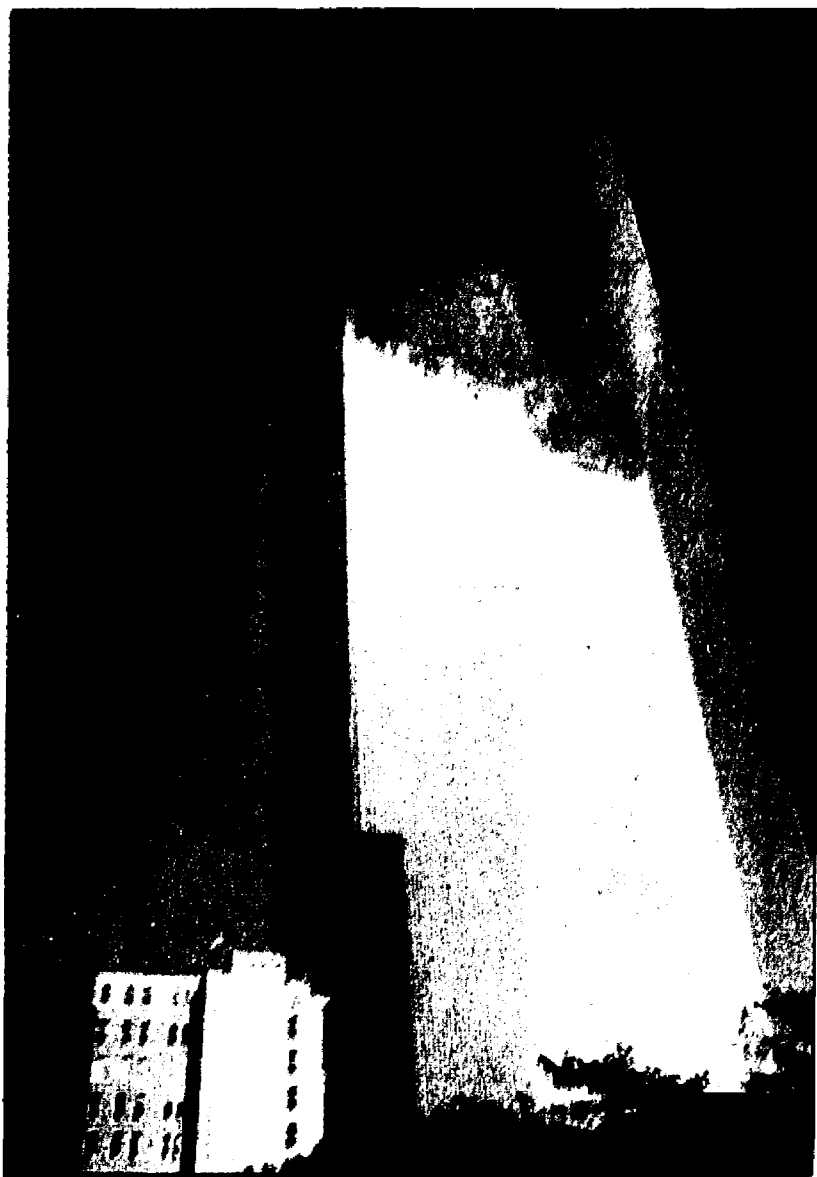
Vito A. Gagliardi tapped to succeed David C. Hespe as the state's commissioner of education.

Scotch Plains introduced a proposed 2001 municipal budget of \$17.9 million.

**MARCH** — The Town Council explores immediate and long-term parking goals: hiring a parking manager, establishing a jitney service and advancing a parking structure plan.

Residents form a group to resist development of a parking deck citing safety and quality of life concerns.

**APRIL** — In Westfield, Tom



The attack on the World Trade Center left eight dead in Westfield and three in Scotch Plains. The communities rallied to provide financial help and solace to the grieving families.

Kean Jr. was chosen to complete the unexpired term of retiring State Assemblyman Alan Augustine.

The Westfield Town Council approves the \$24.8 million municipal budget and adopts an ordinance establishing a parking director.

The proposed 2001-2002 Westfield school budget of \$59.8 million was passed by residents by a margin of 3 to 1, the second question covering \$1.46 million was passed by a 2.5 to 1 margin. The Scotch Plains-Fanwood school budget for the 2001-2002 school year of \$50.3 was approved by township voters.

In Scotch Plains, confidential township documents from

1998 are leaked to the media that allege ethics violations by then Town Attorney Donald T. DiFrancesco.

The township finance director, William Polidore, is charged with embezzling up to \$150,000 of township funds.

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education incumbent Lance Porter and newcomers Craig Nowlin and Pat Hoynes-O'Connor join the school board.

**MAY** — The Westfield council introduces an ordinance to provide \$700,000 for design services in connection with a proposed parking deck at Lots 1 & 8, between Elm and Prospect streets.

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## Westfield retailers generally thrilled by holiday sales

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — While local retailers are reporting strong holiday sales, some are saying it would have been stronger if Old Man Winter had cooperated.

Sales at Nine West on East Broad Street have been better than expected, said the store manager who asked not to be identified. "We have not been affected by reports of a down retail trend," she said.

Similarly, sales at Chico's have been great, a store spokesman said. "All that negative talk about retail didn't affect us," she said.

She attributes this season's success to the preference of residents for shopping in a small town environment since the events of Sept. 11.

At the Foot Locker it was a great Christmas that could have been better with a break from some cold weather.

"The lack of cold weather hurt sales of jackets and boots," said Foot Locker manager Greg Johnson. "We were one of four stores, out of 17 in the district, that hit break-even on our sales projections."

Johnson, noted that break-

even sales this year exceeded last years numbers. He added that "... with some cold weather we would have exceeded projections for this year."

Johnson also mentioned that parking was a problem for customers who sometimes have to walk 15 minutes from a parking lot to the store's East Broad Street location. The preference to come downtown and shop is stronger than the desire to shop at the mall, he said.

The pre-holiday rush reached a frenzy on Christmas Eve, according to some employees.

"We sold out half the store by Christmas," said a worker at Hobbyland on East Broad Street. "It was busy the day after and it's been slow since."

Along Central Avenue sales are still strong even if not totally up to expectations.

"(Sales) are not as strong as expected, but better than last year" said Greg, the manager at Williams & Sonoma, who didn't feel his sales had been hurt by any downward economic trend.

Down the block at Bombay there are reports of a good year end.

"We started slow, but then sales grew, and we exceeded last year's sales," said the manager.

## Fanwood downtown plan on hold for now

By THOMAS SCOTT  
THE RECORD-PRESS

FANWOOD — The downtown redevelopment plan is on hold to allow the Borough Council to review Planning Board recommendations and changes.

The Planning Board voted Dec. 17 to recommend that the Borough Council adopt the plan subject to 14 conditions.

The council tabled further action on the matter until the new year at its meeting on Dec. 27.

Some of the conditions include additional parking for South Avenue retailers, housing for senior citizens, limiting the plan to 12 years, an "all or nothing" clause to ensure development of the entire downtown and the formation of a committee to address the concerns of business people.

One of the conditions recommended by the Planning Board involved changing the setback for residential properties from a minimum of 5 feet and a maximum of 10 feet to a minimum of 7 feet and a maximum of 15 feet.

Borough Counsel Will Coronato determined that change was "substantial" and the setback rules would require an advertised hearing, the introduction of an amended ordinance, another review by the Planning Board and a second reading by the council.

Though the plan was moved to 2002 for adoption, councilman Joel Whitaker is optimistic about the plan going forward. The public hearings have been a helpful process for airings differences and improving the plan, said Whitaker.

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GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Chris Giamoni finished sixth in the Blue Devil Invitational Friday. The Westfield team placed eighth. See story on B-1.

## Around Town

### Caregiver group meeting Jan. 17

The next Caregiver/Alzheimer Support Group of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County will meet from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday Jan. 17 in the hospital's Family Conference Room, 40 Watchung Way, Berkeley Heights.

The support group shares information on the disease, research updates, practical care techniques and a list of community resources. Time is also devoted to discussing the frustrations people feel in caring for those with the disease. The sessions are free and open to the public.

### 70 businesses honoring DECA card

SCOTCH PLAINS — More than 70 businesses plan to honor a discount card being issued by the DECA business education club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

The program is scheduled to begin in January. Each cardholder will receive 10 percent off a purchase at a participating store in Fanwood or Scotch Plains.

According to DECA Chairman Lucas Francavilla, the purpose of the discount card "is to encourage residents to patronize local businesses."

A \$2 fee per card will be required to cover processing and handling. DECA decided on a discount card based on the results of a market research survey, according to a club press release.

"This is not a fund-raising activity for DECA," said club member Ryan Crawford. "We just want to help our local business community."

- Any business that wants to participate should phone (908) 889-8600.

### WHS Class of '92 planning reunion

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School Class of 1992 will hold its 10th anniversary reunion May 4.

Interested classmates should phone (732) 617-1000 or write Reunions Unlimited, P.O. Box 150, Englishtown, NJ 07726.

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## Township bounces back

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Marks also mentioned the breach of public trust by former Finance Director William Polidore who pleaded guilty to embezzling township money and the hiring of Lori Majeski to replace him.

Marks also took a moment to mention noted members of the community that had passed away in 2001 including Planning Board member Fred Webb, zoning board member Tom Perucci, emergency management coordinator Don Wornley, and Alan Augustine.

"Alan served us as our councilman, our mayor, our county freeholder, and out state assemblyman for so many years and taught us what good government is all about," said Marks.

In looking ahead, Marks forecasted that progress with the ballfields, shared-service initiatives and continued strides in improving the Towne Centre, such as this year's new lighting and holiday decorations, are a few of the initiatives in the pipeline.

Marks also encouraged the business community to reach out beyond the borders of Scotch Plains to entice businesses to locate in the township.

Councilman Frank Rossi was selected deputy mayor on the nomination of newest council member Guy Celentano. He cited Rossi for his dedication and hard work on behalf of the township.

Douglas W. Hansen was



RUTHANNE WAGNER/THE RECORD PRESS  
Frank Rossi gets some heavy lifting from his wife Anne as he takes the oath as deputy mayor of Scotch Plains.

appointed township attorney. It was followed by the council appointment of Lawrence Woodruff as assistant township attorney (by a 4-1 vote of council, with Councilwoman Geri Samuel dissenting), and the appointment of Andrew Baron, of Colonia, as transitional assistant attorney.

Michael Blacker of Scotch Plains was named prosecutor and Randolph Brause, of Brause, Brause & Ventrice, of Metuchen, was named public defender.

The following were appointed to the Planning Board: Sharynn Porter, Alice Agran, Ken

Greenman and alternates Harriet Shafran and Michael Michalisin.

James Fawcett and Ken Anderson were appointed to the Board of Adjustment, with Brian Doyle and Toni Foskey named as alternates.

Raymond T. Poerio was appointed recreation shared services coordinator and Ray Manfra of Fanwood was named public works shared services coordinator.

Councilman Frank Rossi was named council liaison to the Recreation Commission.

## Fanwood sets its sights on renovated downtown

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The appointments of Richard Marsden for borough engineer and Douglas Hansen for municipal judge were set apart for consideration and passed on separate votes of 5-1, respectively. Councilman

Thomas Ryan dissented on Marsden for reasons arising out of the Forest Avenue project.

Councilwoman Katherine Mitchell, who favored former judge Susan MacMullen, voted against Hansen.

The mayor also appointed to the Planning Board Nancy Koederitz, Joel Whitaker, Jack Molenaar, John Celardo (as Historic Preservation Committee liaison) with Regina Tenzer, John Deitch

(Environmental Commission liaison) and Andrew Calamaras as alternates, and Sophie Kauchak as the mayor's designee.

Named to the Recreation Commission were Russell Wells, chairman; Kenneth Fischer and Richard Hopkins. Doris Terry and George Speer were named alternates.

The mayor appointed Harry McNally to the Union County Transportation Advisory Committee. McNally and Patricia Plante were named to the Raritan Valley Rail Coalition.



NICOLE DIMELLA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The string section of the Westfield Symphony Orchestra warms up during a dress rehearsal for a joint production with the Westfield Young Artists' Cooperative Theatre (WYACT) of "Richard Rodgers: A Centennial Celebration of His Music." The tribute was Dec. 31 at First Presbyterian Church.

## Plan on hold

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"Business opposition to the plan is lessening because the concerns of businesses are being addressed," said Whitaker. In fact, he added, some businesses are coming forward for the first time and being supportive of the plan because they know the township is serious about pursuing it.

As to how council newcomer Michael Brennan will lean on redevelopment plan issues is to be seen. Brennan declined to return telephone calls seeking comment.

The council was planning to discuss the downtown plan at its agenda meeting last night and was expecting additional input from planner Richard Preiss.

The next meeting of the Borough Council is Jan. 14. The council could introduce the amended redevelopment plan then.

## Commuters likely to foot costs for Cranford deck

By GREG MARX  
THE CHRONICLE

CRANFORD — As part of the township's Cranford Crossing project, the Township Committee recently approved a \$5.8-million bond ordinance for a 310-space parking deck. But according to Dan Aschenbach, 2001 chairman of the Finance Committee, that ordinance should not cost the taxpayers much money, because revenues from the site — including increased parking fees — should nearly offset the expense.

It is impossible to say how much the debt service will eventually cost, Aschenbach said, until

the township and developer Kushner Companies award a contract for construction of the debt.

The cost of the deck is capped at \$17,000 per space, though Aschenbach was hopeful the cost would be closer to \$15,000. That range aligns closely with the estimated cost of construction for three recently-proposed downtown decks in Westfield, where 875 spaces were projected to cost \$13-\$15 million.

Whatever the final figures are, Aschenbach said, the tax revenues from the project — which would not be feasible without the deck — should offset much of the cost. The township expects to

receive \$2.3 million in additional tax revenues from the site over the first 10 years. By phasing in the debt payments and using some of those funds to make payments in early years, he said, "you would build up... a fairly good cash cushion."

But in order to cover the cost of the project, Aschenbach said, the committee will also have to raise permit parking fees in the downtown.

There are two options for fee increases, he said. The first is to raise only fees for the commuter spaces at the parking deck itself. In that case, those spaces would probably cost about \$60 per

month, double the \$30 per month the township now charges, he said.

The other option would be to raise permit fees throughout the downtown, resulting in a smaller but more widespread increase. "The argument to do it system-wide is the expectation the garage would have a surplus of spaces" that would alleviate other parking pressures in the downtown, Aschenbach said.

The decision will be made in the context of a larger review of parking costs and expenses. A recent audit of parking costs, prompted by downtown business owners who believed the township

was not dedicating enough money to creating space, revealed an \$80,000 surplus, Aschenbach said.

While the committee is unlikely to create an independent authority or utility to oversee parking, Aschenbach said, township officials might in the future dedicate parking revenues to future improvements.

While the tax revenues and parking fees should offset some of the cost, the township will also receive direct payments from Kushner towards the debt service. The developer is committed to the debt payments on 35 to 80 spaces, or 11 to 26 percent of the cost of the deck.

## Cranford relaxes library rules before beginning relocation

CRANFORD — The upcoming move of the Cranford Public Library to its newly renovated and expanded building is changing some operating rules at the library.

The library, which is currently housed in the Cranford Community Center, will be closed from Monday, Jan. 14, until Monday, Feb. 18. Community

Center hours will not be affected.

From now until the library closes, patrons are encouraged to borrow as many books as they like. In addition lending limits on certain other categories of circulating items will be relaxed.

Patrons may borrow six videos instead of three (not including circuit videos), 10 magazines instead

of five, 10 CDs instead of five, six books on tape instead of three and four CD-ROM programs instead of two.

Except for interlibrary loan materials, all materials borrowed will not be due until March 4.

During the time the library is closed, the library's original book drop will be available. The book

drop is located at the front entrance of the library.

The library will not be able to answer reference questions or offer interlibrary loan service until it reopens. By special arrangement, patrons with reference questions may call or visit any Union County public library during the time the library is closed. Also, New Jersey

Nightline, at (800) 922-2233, can answer questions Monday to Thursday from 9 p.m. to midnight, and from Friday to Sunday from 5 p.m. to midnight.

Patrons with valid Cranford library cards may borrow materials from every public library in the county, except Summit and Westfield.

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## Police Log

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A Longfellow Avenue resident reported Dec. 25 damage to both mirrors of his 1987 Pontiac.

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A Tremont Avenue resident reported Dec. 26 the theft of two rings worth \$20,400 from the residence.

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Drika Magjuni, 29, of Roselle Park was charged Dec. 26 with shoplifting at Lord & Taylor's. Magjuni was processed and released on her own recognizance.

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Kristen Kelly, 19, of Seneca Place, Leigh Kendrick, 19, of Boulevard, Kristen Salmond, 19, of Barchester Way, and one juvenile, all of Westfield, were charged Dec.

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26 with possession of alcohol while underage. Kelly, Kendrick, Salmond and the juvenile were issued summons and released on their own recognizance.

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The New Jersey State Inspection Station on South Avenue reported Dec. 27 the theft of an inspection sticker.

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A Norwood Drive resident

reported Dec. 7 that personal checks were fraudulently cashed for \$4,300.

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A Summit Avenue resident reported Dec. 27 an attempted burglary.

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Russell Decker, 18, was charged with theft and criminal mischief on Central Avenue. Decker was released on \$5,000 bail.

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Christopher Poirer, 19, of Cranford, was charged Dec. 28 with a contempt of court warrant of Westfield. Poirer posted bail of \$150 and was released.

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Veronique Cordier, 42, of Westfield was charged Dec. 28 on a warrant issued by the Westfield Municipal Court. Cordier posted bail of \$60 and was released.

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Kate Grutzmacher, 18, and Ann Sgrignoli, 18, both of Cranford, were charged on Dec. 28, with shoplifting at Lord & Taylor Both were processed and released on their own recognizance.

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A Forest Avenue resident reported the theft of his bicycle from his residence. It was valued at \$115.

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A resident reported on Dec. 29 the theft of a paycheck on East Broad Street. The check was valued

at \$740.

### SCOTCH PLAINS

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A Chapel Road resident reports the window of his vehicle was smashed overnight.

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A Sky Top Drive resident reported Dec. 25 that a motor vehicle drove across the lawn during the night causing some damage.

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Ryan T. Miller, 22, of West Crestant Parkway, South Plainfield, was charged Dec. 29 with possession of a controlled substance (believed to be marijuana under 50 grams), after his car was stopped on Cooper Road about 4:30 p.m.

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Deiby Salcedo, 22, and Juan C. Salcedo, both of Center Street, Elizabeth, and Wistong Corrales, 21, of Jefferson Street, Elizabeth, were charged with the theft of a bicycle from a Westfield Avenue residence about 9:30 p.m. They were issued a summons and released.

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A Newark Avenue resident reported Dec. 29 a burglary to the residence. Entry was gained by forcing open a basement door sometime in the early afternoon or evening. Cash and jewelry were reported taken.

## "5 Urgent Facts You Must Know About Carpal Tunnel Syndrome!"

Union County, N.J. — A new free report has just been released that reveals a leading cause of Carpal Tunnel Syndrome may have nothing to do with your hand or wrist at all! The truth is, this same cause often gets missed by many doctors when they diagnose and treat carpal tunnel syndrome. If you are currently seeing a doctor about CTS or are thinking about it, then you need this free report that reveals everything you need to know regarding this often missed cause of CTS, including 5 urgent facts you must know along with recent research your doctor may not even be aware of! To order your copy of this controversial report, call toll-free 1-800-286-4937 24 hr. recorded message.

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## Obituaries

### Eugene Kaplan

WESTFIELD — Eugene A. Kaplan, 68, died Dec. 29, 2001 at his home. An engineer and manager, he was a former regional governor of Toastmasters International and a past-president of its Westfield chapter.

He was born in Jersey City and had lived in Westfield since 1968.

Mr. Kaplan worked for B. Manischewitz Co. of Jersey City for 12 years, retiring in 1999 as its inside sales and export manager. He once was an engineer with General Electric Co. in Connecticut and Singer Co. in Bridgeport.

He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Newark College of Engineering (now the New Jersey Institute of Technology) in 1960. Mr. Kaplan earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Fairleigh Dickinson University

in 1978.

He was an original parishioner of St. Helen's Roman Catholic Church, where Mr. Kaplan taught catechism classes and coached basketball in the Catholic Youth Organization.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Dempski Kaplan; two sons, Kevin of Westfield and Keith of Chester Springs, Pa.; a daughter, Mary Addeo of Gardena, Calif.; two brothers, Joseph of Tarpon Springs, Fla., and Michael of Elizabeth; a grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Mass was offered Wednesday at St. Helen's Church. Entombment was in Good Shepherd Chapel Mausoleum at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia.

Arrangements were by Dooley Colonial Home. Donations may be sent to the American Heart Association.

### Frank M. DePalma

KENILWORTH — Frank M. DePalma, 56, died Dec. 30, 2001 at his home in Linden. He joined the Kenilworth Department of Public Works in 1986 and was a foreman when he retired in 1997.

A native of Newark, Mr. DePalma lived in Kenilworth and California before moving to Linden in 2001.

Surviving are his wife, Ann Vida DePalma; his mother, Florence Treich DePalma of Bridgeport; a son, Frank II of Kenilworth; two daughters, Kimberly of Roselle Park and Jacqueline Hendrick of Scotch Plains; a stepson, William Mason; two brothers, John of

Kenilworth and Salvatore of Warren; and four sisters, Carole Weaver of Arizona, Darlene Bancey and Gwendolyn, both of Pennsylvania, and Cynthia of Bridgeport.

His father, Salvatore, and another sister, Jeanette, are deceased.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. tomorrow at Leonard-Lee Funeral Home, 301 E. Blancke St., Linden. A Mass will follow at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Roman Catholic Church, 179 Hussa St., Linden. Burial will be in Rosedale Memorial Park, Linden.

Visitation is 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. today at the funeral home.



The Rev. Kevin Clark  
...keynote speaker

## Rev. Clark to make keynote address

WESTFIELD — Members of the Martin Luther King Jr. Association have chosen the Rev. Kevin Clark of Bethel Baptist Church to address the community on Jan. 21.

Following a procession beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the church on Trinity Place, a memorial service is planned at 1 p.m. at the Presbyterian Church on Mountain Avenue.

Clark attended the New York Theological Seminary, Virginia University and the Virginia Union School of Theology where he earned a Master of Theology degree.

He has served as pastor of the New Vine Baptist Church of Charles City, Va., for more than five years and served as associate minister of Mount Olive Baptist Church in Hackensack for six years.

He also worked as a mental health counselor at the Metropolitan Hospital in Virginia, an outreach worker at the Bergen Regional Counseling Center, a therapy program assistant working with physically disabled youths and adults at North Jersey Training School, and with the Juveniles in Need of Supervision Shelter, where he counseled both children and their parents.

Clark has also served as the Afro-American student consultant at Westfield High School and is currently co-executive director of the Neighborhood Council in Westfield.

The ceremony at the Presbyterian Church will also recognize outstanding essays, poetry and artwork from elementary, intermediate and high school students. The theme for the 2002 contest is "Peace on Earth."

## John J. Bucuk Jr.

SCOTCH PLAINS — John Julius Bucuk Jr., 84, died Dec. 27, 2001 at his home in Middlesex. He had been a truck driver with Shallcross Express in Kenilworth prior to his 1996 retirement.

Mr. Bucuk was born in Bloomfield and lived in Scotch Plains before moving to Middlesex in 1980. A fisherman and reader, he was a member of Teamsters Local 478 in Union.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Carrona Bucuk; a son, Garrett; two daughters, Janice Harding of Springfield and Carol Kukola of Blackwood; a close friend, Barbara Van Brocklin of Middlesex; and six grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Sheenan Funeral Home in Dunellen.

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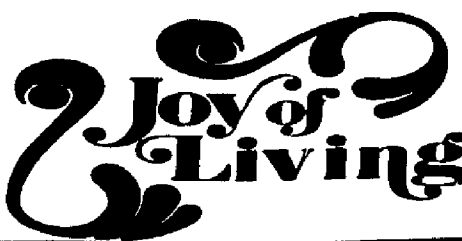
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# Commentary

## A 2020 vision of New Jersey

The start of a new year is always a good time to reflect on the past and look to the future. It is time for residents of New Jersey to pause and ponder what their state will be like two decades from now. It is an example of developing 2020 vision.

Perhaps the most overriding issue in the next two decades for New Jersey will be controlling development. New Jersey is already the most highly developed state in the country; if the economy continues to be robust, more growth, particularly in the suburbs, will be inevitable. Suburbs that were rural areas 20 years ago will be small cities in 2020. And they will have the same problems as all small cities — traffic, crime, environmental pressures, maintaining the quality of public education etc. That also means today's rural areas are likely to become tomorrow's suburbs. Remember what New Jersey was in 1980 and consider all the changes in the last two decades; the next two decades will probably have even more changes.

It is never too early to start planning for the future development of the state. "Smart growth," the latest fashionable buzz word in planning, may not be enough to preserve the state's quality of life. For example, municipalities throughout New Jersey are eager to host corporations; after all, a corporate headquarters generates plenty of property tax revenue without requiring a proportionate amount of municipal services. However, a major corporation moving into a suburban area generates considerable more traffic on highways that are already congested and more housing in "fringe" areas between developed suburbs and rural areas. That increase in population then places more pressure on the local board of education which then has to raise property taxes. And that, in turn, prompts local officials to begin the search for more property tax ratables which then starts the vicious cycle all over again.

So perhaps it really isn't good news when a corporation announces plans to locate in your suburban town. What should be done to rein in development?

More teeth should be put into the state master plan, a document that offers a reasonable vision for the future of New Jersey. Regional planning that stretches across county borders needs to be developed. More tax incentives should be given for corporations to locate in urban areas where mass transit is available and the need for an economic boost is more needed. And, of course, there should be less reliance on property taxes to fund municipal government and public education. When a better and more just way is found to fund public education, then the pressure to lure property tax ratables will be relieved from municipalities.

Unfortunately, given the perpetual climate of avoidance in Trenton, New Jersey will still be stuck with an antiquated property tax system two decades from now. No candidate, however, will promise true reform; calling for a more progressive income tax to shift the burden from the low and middle-class property tax burden requires more political courage than is available in Trenton. Rebates and deductions are not the answer; they just complicate the situation. Radical reform is needed so that the state can finally fulfill its just obligation to public school funding. But until the property tax system is overhauled, development will continue to inch into rural areas and the Garden State may eventually become the Parking Lot State.

Despite all the rhetoric from politicians begging for your vote with pledges to limit growth, the urbanization of New Jersey will continue to creep toward new frontiers in the next two decades. The voters must let candidates

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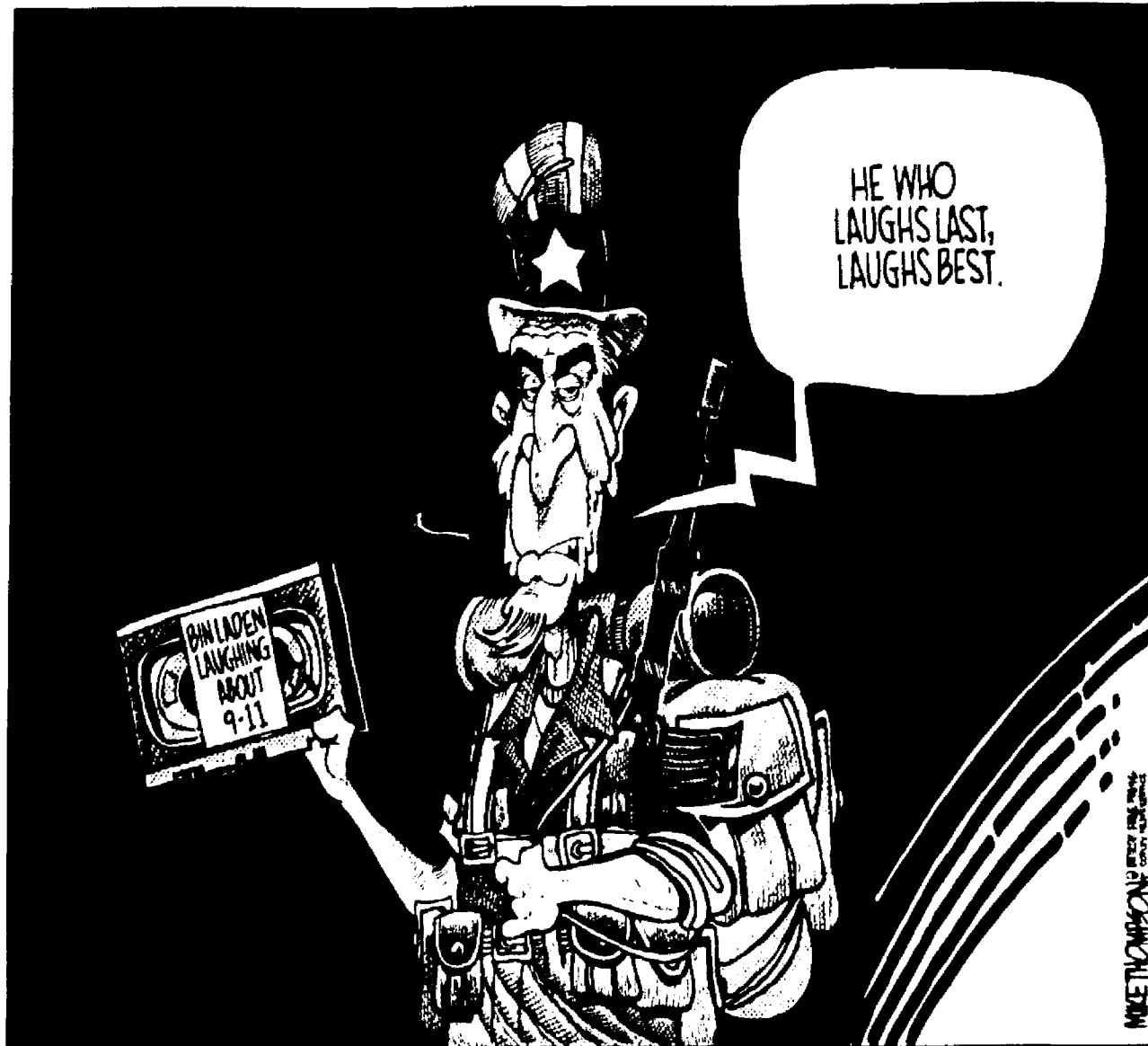
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### Letters to the editor

## Name calling accomplishes nothing

### To The Record-Press:

I have read with interest your articles about towns' decisions regarding holiday decorations on public land. I was outraged to see myself described as a "politically correct storm trooper" by Commissioner Phil Morin of Cranford ("Cranford follows lead of Westfield, OKs creche," Dec. 28).

I am a Christian. I am an active churchgoer. I celebrate Christmas with enthusiasm and joy. I say these things not because it means I speak with more legitimacy than others on the subject, but to show that Christians are not unilateral in their support of religious decorations on public property.

I enjoy putting up Christmas decorations, and I enjoy seeing them. However, I firmly believe that the place for religious holiday decorations is the home or the place of worship, not the town square.

As a nation comprising many religious groups, we need to ensure that the beliefs of all are respected. Government entities — including local municipalities — are supposed to be neutral when it comes to religion. It is against the U.S. Constitution for government to support one religion over another. When a municipality allows religious decorations — whether it pays for them or not — it amounts to

support and endorsement. Adding symbols of other religions is an incomplete solution, since it leads to disputes over which religious groups to include and what to show. Why not stick to secular decorations, as many municipalities do?

The Knights of Columbus might consider other ways of showing their Christmas spirit. There are probably local churches that would be happy to cooperate with the Knights in sponsoring such a display on church property.

I know this is a subject with strong feelings on both sides, and solutions are not easily arrived at. I think part of the answer is dialogue and sensitivity, not name-calling. (Given the function of storm troopers during World War II, I think this is a particularly offensive term. Mr. Morin should have known better.)

The closing paragraph of your article noted that many felt the need for "healing and togetherness in the wake of September 11." I agree completely. But I don't believe that a manger scene — which has meaning for some of us but not for others — is the way to promote togetherness.

Mary L. O'Connor  
Fanwood

## How about rights of non-hunters?

### To The Record-Press:

The development boom of the 1980s has resulted in changes to the wildlife habitat and huntable land in the Garden State. According to Robert McDowell, director of Fish and Wildlife, the division became very aggressive in acquiring land for wildlife management areas and providing places for hunters to practice shooting firearms and bows.

Throughout the state, there are more than 750,000 acres of public land available to deer hunters. In addition, over 80% of state forest and parks, 325,000 acres administered by the New Jersey Division of Forests and Parks are open to hunting. The semi-tamed animals in these state parks that were once protected are now being gunned down. This also promotes the interest of hunters by having abundant game to shoot at.

Hunters are now allowed to hunt one-half hour before sunrise and one half hour after sunset. Over the past two years, hunting season started two weeks earlier and was extended two weeks and two days longer. Currently, there is a bill in the Legislature to include hunting on Sundays. Six days a week, six months of the year we hear the guns and are put at risk. It is difficult enough to keep a child indoors; our deer too

are beleaguered by Fish & Game's killing program. Why not give us all at least one day of peace during hunting season?

Public lands are acquired by the townships, with taxpayer's money. On one hand this will help curb development, however some local townships allow the hunters' justification to kill on these lands.

The rights of the majority of taxpayers and non-consumptive wildlife enthusiasts such as bird-watchers, hikers, and campers are being superceded by the desires of over-zealous hunting interests! As it is, the 98 percent of the non-hunting population cannot even enjoy our beautiful woods without fear of being killed or wounded by hunters. Already there have been many hunting accidents this hunting season in New Jersey. Someone hit by a stray bullet only becomes a statistic, unlike someone killed by a non-hunter.

The state laws already provide hunters with too much access to land and hunting time. Now there are various proposals under way to extend hunting to Sundays, and to additional public land. Isn't it time that we provide more weight to the desires of non-hunters in this state?

ROSE REINA-ROSENBAUM  
Hillsborough

## Housing discrimination is illegal

### To The Record-Press:

A young African-American man responds to an advertisement for an apartment. When he arrives he is informed that the unit has just been rented.

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The rental agent at an apartment complex tells a disabled person that no handicap-accessible units are available.

This is a small sample of the types of housing discrimination complaints investigated in New Jersey each year.

Discrimination can be blatant and it can be subtle, but it is always illegal. Now, by calling a toll-free number set up by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, people can obtain information about the state's fair housing laws and how to file a complaint.

That number, (800) 390-4845, is part of a statewide effort that the Department of Community Affairs has launched to inform citi-

zens as well as to landlords and others in the housing industry about New Jersey's fair housing laws.

It is against the law to refuse to rent or sell housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status or disability. It is also illegal to discriminate against a prospective tenant on the basis of sexual orientation, or to refuse to rent an apartment to someone because the person will be paying with a Section 8 voucher.

Information about the complaint process and contact numbers for agencies that can help you can be obtained by calling DCA's toll-free number.

That number again is (800) 390-4845.

Jane Kenny  
Commissioner, New Jersey Department of  
Community Affairs

Editor's note: Kenny recently resigned to accept a position in the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

### Jersey Boy



Mike Deak

## Some resolutions for 2002

In the year 2002 I will not make the usual New Year's resolutions because I never do what I pledge I'm going to do. Therefore, I am only making unusual resolutions this year.

For example, I resolve to start smoking this year. Aside from a few brief periods — two weeks at the most — in my younger and more foolish years, I have never smoked. As part of the anti-smoking curriculum in seventh grade, we saw a lung that had been ravaged by cancer and that was enough to teach me a lesson. But now, 30 years later, I've decided to start smoking because I want some of the special privileges smokers have. Smokers get to take special breaks from work to stroke their addiction and they have special places all to themselves. It is also easier, I've discovered, to get a table in a crowded diner or restaurant if you request the smoking section. And it's also easier to have a cigarette the first thing in the morning rather than doing 20 minutes of exercise. These are all good reasons to start smoking.

In the year 2002, I am resolving to be surly. I'm tired of being the nice guy who always keeps his anger under control. I want to be nasty, snide, mean-spirited and all those other traits which are the stuff of legendary ogres. I must learn how to growl while smoking a cigarette.

In the year 2002, I am resolving to go to a fast food restaurant once a day. I will be ordering hamburgers with cheese and thick sauces and extra large orders of artery-blocking fries. I will be placing all the orders at the drive-through window because I don't want to park and walk to the counter. Eating mass quantities of fast food is the American way and I resolve to renew my patriotism in 2002.

In 2002, I also resolve to drink a lot more. A glass of wine with dinner on Friday and Saturday night is not enough. I want to have two beers with my fast food meals and after work. I want to have a scotch or two before dinner, two glasses of wine with dinner and a snifter of cognac with a dessert, preferably cheesecake or chocolate mousse.

As a newspaper editor, I resolve to advocate the following causes in 2002:

1. Enacting a law which allows you to give a wedgie to anyone who uses a cell phone in a public place. Over the past month I have become increasingly irritated by people who insist on having conversations over cell phones in public places. For example, a few weeks ago while in the middle of the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, I found myself standing in line at a crowded Burger King next to a middle-aged guy who was whining about his ex-wife on his cell phone. It was a conversation I didn't need to hear. It was rude and I wanted to give him a wedgie he would never forget.

Also, people should not be allowed to use cell phones while pushing shopping carts in supermarkets. This is just as dangerous as driving while talking on a cell phone and the latest example of how people are losing their civility at the grocery store. Police should be allowed to patrol supermarkets and give tickets to all those who ignore the accepted rules of the aisles.

2. Begin a public campaign to segregate sports utility vehicles in parking lots. Going to the store or the mall I deliberately look for a parking space not next to any of these so-called "suburban assault vehicles" because they cut down on my visibility inside my Corolla. Backing out of a parking space between two SUVs is adventure I'm tired of taking. So I'm proposing that parking lots have a separate area — preferably far from the entrance doors — for SUVs.

These are my resolutions for 2002. Chances are, like previous years, I won't keep any of these resolutions but, for the first couple of weeks of January, at least I can try before I realize you just can't teach an old dog new tricks.

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# Terrill Middle School taps 1st period honor students

SCOTCH PLAINS — Terrill Middle School has issued its honor roll for the first marking period of the 2001-02 school year.

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### Nursery school plans open house

SCOTCH PLAINS — An open house at 7 p.m. Monday is for parents interested in the nursery school at the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey, 1391 Martine Ave.

The nursery school is open to children who will turn 2, 3 or 4 years old by Oct. 1. JCC membership is required. Nursery school registration for the 2002-03 school year begins Jan. 22.

JCC officials will be on hand to answer questions and conduct tours.

Registration is recommended for the open house; phone Susan Bennett at (908) 889-8800, Ext. 204.

### Book discussion planned Thursday

FANWOOD — The Fanwood Memorial Library has a book discussion group that meets once a month.

A discussion of "Girl with a

Pearl Earring" by Tracy Chevalier is scheduled 7:30 p.m. Thursday. Copies of the book are available at the North Avenue library.

For more information, phone (908) 322-6400.

### Pinto is manager of Commerce office

FANWOOD — Darlene Pinto has joined Commerce Bank as

manager of its North Avenue branch, which opened Nov. 3.

She previously owned the Twice is Nice consignment boutique in South Plainfield. Pinto began her banking career with the former First National State Bank.

The bank manager was raised in Scotch Plains and attended La Salle University in Philadelphia, Pa. She lives in South Plainfield, where she serves on the Borough Council and Planning Board.

### Jewish stories to be discussed

WESTFIELD — Modern Jewish short stories are featured in a free discussion series at Temple Emanu-El.

They are "The 27th Man" by Nathan Englander, Thursday; and "Esther and Yochanan" by Nomi Eve, Jan. 24. The programs begin at 7:30 p.m. with Rabbi Renee Edelman as leader.

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## Rachel Lois Hylan; choral singer, civic leader

WESTFIELD — Rachel Lois Collins Hylan, a choral singer, civic leader and former laboratory worker, died Dec. 25, 2001 at her home.

She was the immediate past-president of the Musical Club of Westfield and for 25 years was active in the Choral Arts Society of New Jersey. Mrs. Hylan sang in the choir of the First Congregational Church since 1958; she was her church's assistant treasurer for 20 years and bookkeeper for 16 years.

She also was a past-president of the Women's Fellowship at her church and since 1984 a singer with the Berkshire Choral Festival in Massachusetts. She once taught music at the Wesley Hall Nursery School, located at First United Methodist Church of Westfield.

Mrs. Hylan was the bookkeeper for the Westfield Volunteer Rescue Squad for 10 years and a Rescue Squad dispatcher since 1984. She was a volunteer with the Westfield Parent-Teacher Organization and Mobile Meals in the town.

At one time Mrs. Hylan was a research assistant with General Electric Co. in Schenectady, N.Y., and Bell Laboratories (now Lucent Technologies) in Murray Hill. She

graduated in 1952 from the Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, Mass., and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Bates College in 1956.

Mrs. Hylan was born in Manchester, Conn., and had lived in Westfield since 1957.

Her husband, Robert C., died in 1993.

Surviving are a son, Timothy of Riegelsville, Pa.; two daughters, Heather Innocenti of Cranford and Heidi Hylan-Motyczka of Westfield; three brothers, Glendon Collins of Phoenix, Sherrill Collins of Tolland, Conn., and K. Lee Collins of Lakeville, Conn.; and a grandchild.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19 at First Congregational Church, 125 Elmer St. Arrangements are by Gray Funeral Home.

Memorial donations will be accepted for the Hylan Archives at the First Congregational Church to be used for a revised church history and the church's 125th anniversary celebration. Donations also may be sent to the Scholarship Fund, Musical Club of Westfield, c/o 45 Manitou Circle, Westfield, NJ 07090.

## Fred H. Lippert

FANWOOD — Fred H. Lippert, 86, died Dec. 26, 2001 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He retired in 1989 as a manufacturers' representative with Ronan & Kunz of Marshall, Mich.

Mr. Lippert was born in Chicago. He also lived in Mariemont, Ohio, before moving to Fanwood in 1961.

He was a deacon of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, where Mr. Lippert was an usher for services and a member of the session. He

served in the Navy aboard the USS Santee during World War II and was awarded four Bronze Stars.

Surviving are his wife, Lucille D.; a son, Navy Vice Adm. Keith of Mechanicsburg, Pa.; a daughter, Sandra Meyers of Levittown, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Saturday at Memorial Funeral Home. Donations may be sent to the Memorial Fund of Fanwood Presbyterian Church, 74 S. Martine Ave., Fanwood, NJ 07023.

## Charles Schadle; was Lions officer

FANWOOD — Charles F. Schadle, 71, an officer in Lions International and the longtime chairman of the Lions' local Eyemobile, died Dec. 24, 2001 at his home.

He served as president and secretary of the Fanwood Lions Club during his long service as a member. Mr. Schadle was District 16E governor of Lions International in 1993-94 and deputy district governor before then. He also was on the Lions' Membership Committee, Past District Governors Council and Rules & Regulations Committee.

Mr. Schadle was a life member of the New Jersey Jaycees and a member of their International Senate. He held membership card No. 7778 in the International Junior Chamber of Commerce and helped establish community access Channel 35 on cable TV in

Fanwood.

He opened Elm Radio & TV Shop in Westfield in 1942 and continued working there until his death.

A native of Rahway, Mr. Schadle served in the Air Force from 1951-55 and lived in Sayreville before moving to Fanwood in 1963.

His wife, Dorothy M., died in 1988.

Surviving are two daughters, Jean Schadle Fenner of Edison and Cyndi of Deltona, Fla.; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Memorial Funeral Home. Memorial donations to benefit the Eyemobile may be sent to Fanwood Lions Foundation, P.O. Box 266, Fanwood, NJ 07023. Donations also may be sent to Deborah Hospital, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08015.

## Doris Kaplow

WESTFIELD — Doris Hartman Kaplow, 77, died Dec. 27, 2001 at her home. She retired in 1991 after 25 years as a legal secretary to a number of Union County attorneys.

Mrs. Kaplow was born in Newark and had lived in Westfield since 1956. She was a member of the Westfield Chapter

of Hadassah.

Surviving are her husband, Jerome; two sons, Richard and Robert; a sister, Beatrice Weber; and three grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday at Mount Lebanon Cemetery in Iselin. Arrangements were by Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union.

## Obituaries

### Mary Bori Leiss

SCOTCH PLAINS — Mary Bori Leiss, 92, died Dec. 24, 2001 at the JFK Hartwyck at Oak Tree Nursing, Convalescent and Rehabilitation Center in Edison. She retired in 1967 after 40 years as a clerk with the former New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.

Mrs. Leiss was born in South Plainfield and lived in that borough before moving to Scotch Plains in 1976. She was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America.

Her husband, Bernard, died

in 1973.

Surviving are a niece, Joanne Zelek and husband Anthony of South Plainfield; other nieces and nephews; a great-niece and a great-nephew.

Mass was offered Saturday at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church, South Plainfield, of which Mrs. Leiss was a parishioner. Burial was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery, South Plainfield. Arrangements were by Higgins Home for Funerals, in Plainfield.

### Grace Schneider

SCOTCH PLAINS — Grace J. Preston Schneider, 91, died Dec. 23, 2001 at Overlook Hospital in Summit. She had been a social worker with the State of New Jersey for more than 20 years prior to her retirement.

Mrs. Schneider was born in Chicago and lived in Scotch Plains for most of her life. She was fluent in many languages and traveled the world with her

husband, Philip B., who died in 1993.

Surviving are a brother, Paul Preston, and a nephew, Roger Preston, both of Salem, N.H.; and a close friend and guardian, Jessica J. Walker of Scotch Plains.

Services were held Friday at Higgins Home for Funerals in Plainfield. Burial was in Hillside Cemetery.

### Ruth Burke Wilson

WESTFIELD — Ruth Burke Wilson, 86, died suddenly Dec. 26, 2001 at Caritas Norwood Hospital in Norwood, Mass. She once was a secretary with the former Guaranty Trust Co. of New York.

Mrs. Wilson was born in Newark. She lived in Chatham and Westfield before moving in 1975 to Yarmouthport, Mass.

Her husband, Richard O., died in 1989.

Surviving are two daughters,

Marcia Wilson Cavanaugh of Milford, N.H., and Carol Wilson Gallagher of Westwood, Mass.; two sons, Richard O. Jr. of Jacksonville, Fla., and Paul Burke Wilson of Henniker, N.H.; eight grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mass was offered Friday in Yarmouthport.

Donations may be sent to Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 138 Harvard St., Brookline, MA 02446.

## Edgar Reeve; of prominent family

WESTFIELD — Edgar Reeve, 100, the last member of a prominent Westfield family, died Friday at his home.

He cared for his parents full time on their Mountain Avenue estate until they died in the 1960s. His father, William Edgar Reeve, helped found the Westfield YMCA on Clark Street.

In 1985 the younger Mr. Reeve and his brother, Ralph, made plans to donate the Mountain Avenue estate to the town of Westfield for use as a home to the Westfield Historical Society. Ralph died in 1988.

Mr. Reeve lived all his life on the Mountain Avenue estate and married his housekeeper, Christine Backhaus, in 2000. He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ and more than 70 years ago was an insurance salesman with New York Life Insurance Co.

He also is survived by a brother-in-law, Martin Schmiede of Fanwood.

Services were held Sunday at Bruce C. Van Arsdale Funeral Home in Somerville. Donations may be sent to the Westfield Historical Society.

### David M. Green

WESTFIELD — David M. Green died Dec. 29, 2001 at Mount Sinai Medical Center in Manhattan. A certified public accountant, he once was a partner in the accounting firm Moritz, Waldman & Green of Union.

Mr. Green was born in Rahway and lived in Linden before moving to Westfield. He also maintained a home in Boca Raton, Fla.

He served on the boards of the Shackamaxon Country Club in Scotch Plains and Beta Sigma Rho fraternity on the Newark

campus of Rutgers University. An alumnus of the Rutgers Newark campus, Mr. Green also was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Men's Club at the Suburban Jewish Center in Linden.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Kornguth Green; a daughter, Debra Feldman; a son, Michael; a sister, Phyllis Jacobs; and five grandchildren.

Services were held Monday at Menorah Chapels at Millburn, in Union. Burial was in Mount Lebanon Cemetery, Iselin.

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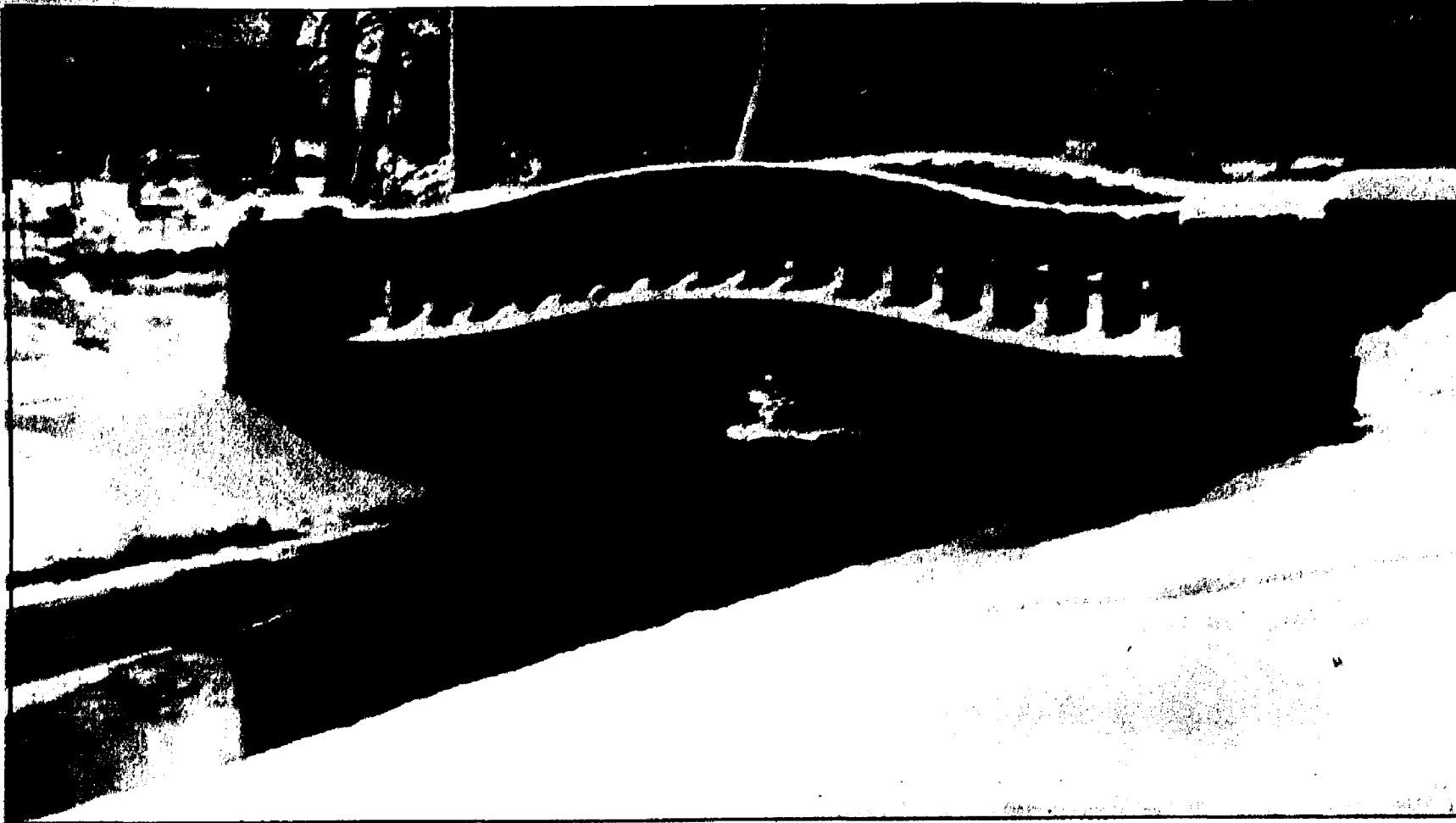
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# Community Life



The 2000-'01 winter was the snowiest in five years according to the National Weather Service. The bridge in Mindowaskin Park in Westfield sits blanketed in a Feb. 5 snowfall.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
The Westfield Fife and Drum Corps took part in the annual Westfield Memorial Day Parade on May 28.



GEORGE PACCIELLO/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER  
Washington School in Westfield really got into the celebration of the birthday of Theodore "Dr. Seuss" Geisel on March 2.

## Tragedy, new faces highlights of 2001

(Continued from page A-1)

Transportation unveils a new redesign for the South Avenue traffic circle with improvements to be completed in the spring of 2004.

The Fanwood council approves a \$5.9 million municipal budget.

**JUNE** — The area mourns the death of Assemblyman Alan Augustine.

In Westfield, the Mayor's Parking Advisory Committee is formed to analyze downtown parking. Residents against a deck rallied.

Westfield High School seniors graduate twice when inclement weather forces a shortening of ceremonies at Kehler Stadium.

In Scotch Plains, Lori Majeski was named finance director.

The Board of Adjustment gives conditional approval to Bowercraft Amusement Park's plan to include a new water park.

The Fanwood Borough Council moves ahead with designation of the downtown as a redevelopment zone and hires a planner.

**JULY** — In Westfield, town Administrator Thomas Shannon resigns and assistant town administrator, James Gildea, becomes acting administrator.

Two dead crows found in Scotch Plains test positive for West Nile virus.

**AUGUST** — The Union County freeholders reject a



Dozens of participants turned out April 22 when Westfield Policeman's Benevolent Association 90 hosted its annual fishing derby at Minowaskin Park in Westfield.

Scotch Plains bid to develop ballfields in the Ash Brook Reservation.

**SEPTEMBER** — The attack on the World Trade Center results in the deaths of eight Westfield residents and three from Scotch Plains.

Scotch Plains Mayor Martin Marks targets a site on Plainfield Avenue for a ballfield.

Back to school night is delayed as teacher contract talks drag on.

Former Scotch Plains finance director William Polidore admits

stealing up to \$332,000 of township funds.

**OCTOBER** — The town council adopts a plan to create a memorial for the Westfield victims of Sept. 11.

The Memorial Pool renovation is half a million over budget and the Recreation Commission looks for council approval of additional funds to complete pool improvements by mid-July.

**NOVEMBER** — In Westfield, GOP candidates Neil Sullivan of Ward 3 and Janis Fried Weinstein of Ward 4 lose to

Democratic challengers Kevin Walsh and Susan Jacobson. GOP candidates Peter Echausse in Ward 1 and Matt Albano in Ward 2 prevailed over Democrats Reid Edles and Thomas Fuccillo.

In Scotch Plains, first-time GOP candidate Guy Celentano defeats Democrat Pat Romano to fill the unexpired one-year term of Tarquin Bromley on the Township Council.

Teachers take a districtwide job action holiday on Nov. 6 forcing officials to close all schools.

In Fanwood Democratic

incumbent Katherine Mitchell and newcomer Michael Brennan prevail over GOP candidates David Trumpp and Chet Lindsey. Brennan will assume the seat vacated by Karen Schurtz.

**DECEMBER** — The state mediator walks out after two meetings between representatives of the teachers' union and the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education.

The Fanwood Planning Board recommends the redevelopment plan to the Borough Council, subject to a list of conditions.

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# Sports

## Devils eighth in tournament

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

WESTFIELD — Though disappointed in its eighth-place finish in the 10 team Blue Devil Invitational Tournament, the Westfield High wrestling team is looking forward and worrying only about improving for the most important tournament hosted by Westfield High School — the districts.

The Blue Devils garnered 42 points to finish eighth in the tournament Friday, as Howell edged Hanover Park 161-154 for the title. Ethan Powell had the top finish for Westfield, placing second at 135 pounds. Lee Tomasso (140) and Tommy DelDuca (130) placed third.

"As a team, we probably didn't finish as high as we had hoped," said Head Coach Glen Kurz. "But we did have some bright spots."

"It's still early in the season. The Blue Devil Invitational isn't high on our priority list. You always want to do well, but it's not the most important tournament of the season. We learned where we have to go from here, not so much as a team, but individually. We have a lot of work to do. This was a good measuring stick to see where we are."

The field was filled with quality teams and the experience for a fairly young Blue Devil squad will pay dividends down the road and Kurz said he saw individual improvement over the course of the tournament.

Powell continues to be the leader of the squad, improving to 9-1 on the season with his second place finish. He knocked off an opponent from Roselle Park in the opening round, before running into Archile Gulishvili from Middlesex in the finals and falling by technical fall 22-7 at the 5:22 mark.

"He's having a big year," said Kurz. "He's really working hard and just concentrating on improving. He's just got to keep doing the things he's doing and fine tune some things."

DelDuca had an impressive day at 130 pounds, finishing third as just a freshman and improving to 7-3 on the season.

"He's getting better everyday," said Kurz. "He's someone who can be the first four-time region qualifier Westfield has had in a while. He doesn't care who he wrestles he goes after them thinking he's supposed to win."

On his way to finishing third at 140, Lee Tomasso registered an impressive 24 second victory over a very talented Middlesex opponent before falling to second place finisher Greg Politi of Hanover Park in the semis.

"Sometimes I forget he's only a sophomore," said Kurz. "He can keep it tight with anyone he wrestles. He could pull off some upsets at regions this year."

Chris Gismondi also had a strong tournament, finishing sixth with a 2-2 record. Mike Barbieri dropped a couple close matches, but looked good at times.



Westfield's Chris Gismondi (171 pounds) scored a third period pin of Roselle Park's John Wright in the first round of the Blue Devil Invitational Friday.

## Raiders crown three champs at Goles tourney

By DANIEL MURPHY  
RECORD-PRESS

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High wrestling team improved on last year's performance at the John Goles Tournament in Warren Hills, posting an impressive fourth place finish while crowning three champions.

Delaware Valley and Jackson, both ranked among the top teams in the state, finished 1-2, with Newton taking third in the team race. Derek Francavilla (103), Lucas Francavilla (140) and Matt

Loomis (215) each captured an individual title, with Stephen Mineo taking second at 112. Matt DeNichilo finishing third at 145 and Charlie Bachi took fourth at 160.

The tournament was an impressive showing for the Raiders and they'll be put to the test again this weekend, hosting North Plainfield 4 p.m. today and Parsippany Hills 10 a.m. Saturday and then again Wednesday when they host Cranford at 7 p.m. Before the holiday break the Raiders posted an

impressive victory over Roselle Park Dec. 19.

"We're just trying to take it one week at a time," said Head Coach Dave Bello. "We're just trying to pace ourselves to peak at the right time."

While Scotch Plains is concentrating on being its best at the end of the season, the team is wrestling quite well right now. Derek Francavilla improved to 5-0 on the season, knocking off the top seed from Jackson in the tournament final 7-4 after trailing 3-2 heading into the third.

Lucas Francavilla entered as the top seed and easily defeated his opponent from Delaware Valley in the final, 7-1.

After being sidelined the second half of last season Matt Loomis showed he has shaken off the rust, winning his second John Goles Tournament title by defeating last year's heavyweight champ from Jackson in the final.

Mineo, a freshman, had one of the more surprising days, knocking off the top seed from Delaware Valley in the semis before falling to Jackson in the

final. The score was knotted 3-3 with three seconds left, but Mineo thought he was behind and took what he thought was a desperation move and had his opponent spin behind him for a 5-3 loss.

Matt DeNichilo also had a good tournament in a very talented field, falling to a wrestler from Delaware Valley in the semifinals and eventually finishing third.

Charlie Bachi continues to improve with his fourth place finish. Bacci lost his first 22 matches heading into last year's dis-

trict tournament where he took third. Since going 0-22, he has won seven of his last 12 matches.

All in all, Bello was pleased with the way his team wrestled against some very tough competition.

"It's big anytime you beat kids from Jackson or Delaware Valley," said Bello. "They are tough kids. We took a step up from last year. We could have done a little better in some places, but we had a very good tournament. Overall I'm very happy with the way we wrestled."

## Blue Devils fall to Cranford in final

In a physical rematch in an increasingly heated rivalry, the Westfield High boys basketball team dropped its first game of the season, falling to Cranford in the Tri-County Tournament final Sunday 66-58.

The Devils had blown out the Cougars in Cranford Dec. 21, but Cranford made the adjustments and with the addition of shooting guard Brian Zuravnsky took control of the game in the third quarter behind eight straight points from Kasim Rajahn and the play of tournament MVP Jon Brown to pull away from the Blue Devils. Westfield battled foul trouble throughout the game as 49 fouls were called, 22 against the Devils.

**CRANFORD (66)**  
Brown 6-2-9-27, Richardson 1-0-0-2, Rajahn 5-0-4-14, Davis 2-0-1-5, Zuravnsky 1-4-2-16, D. Drechsel 0-0-1-1, C. Drechsel 0-0-1-1, Haber 0-0-0-0, DeSimone 0-0-0-0, Markowitz 0-0-0-0, Baulthaupt 0-0-0-0. Totals: 15-6-18-66.

**WESTFIELD (58)**  
McKeon 2-3-2-15, Cook 3-1-1-10, E. Turner 1-2-12-20, Deserio 1-0-5-7, A. Turner 2-0-2-6, Mercer 0-0-0-0, Shultz 0-0-0-0, Will 1-0-1-3, Chaznow 0-0-0-0. Totals: 9-6-22-58.

**Cranford (3-1)** 9 12 21 19 - 66  
**Westfield (4-1)** 11 17 9 21 - 58  
**Westfield 64, J.P. Stevens 37** — Dan Deserio scored a game-high 22 points to lift the Devils to a 64-37 win over J.P. Stevens in the semifinals of the Tri-County Tournament Saturday.

**Westfield (64)**  
Mercer 0-1-0-3, McKeon 3-3-14, Cook 3-0-1-7, E. Turner 1-0-0-2, Deserio 6-0-10-22, A. Turner 2-0-4-4, Shultz 2-0-1-5, Will 1-0-1-3, Blackman 2-0-0-4, Chaznow 0-0-0-0. Totals: 21-2-16-64.

**J.P. Stevens (37)**  
Griffith 0-0-0-0, Ralford 3-3-2-17, Bow 1-0-0-2, James 2-1-0-7, Johnson 2-0-0-4, Zow 1-0-0-2, Gadarnavichius 0-1-0-3, Khalamayzer 0-0-2-2. Totals: 9-5-4-37.

**Westfield** 12 16 14 22 - 64  
**J.P. Stevens** 6 9 8 14 - 37

**Westfield 59, North Brunswick 36** — Westfield pulled away in the second half to defeat North Brunswick 59-36 in the first round of the Tri-County

Tournament in Rahway.

Dan Deserio led the Blue Devils with 25 points and Jim McKeon added 10.

**Westfield (59)**  
McKeon 2-1-3-10, Cook 4-0-1-9, Turner, E. 0-2-0-6, Deserio 10-0-5-25, Turner, A. 2-1-0-7, Blackman 1-0-0-2. Totals: 19-4-9-59.

**North Brunswick (36)**  
Myers 0-1-0-3, Williams 4-3-2-19, Celmer 2-0-4-4, Carter 1-0-3-5, Scott 0-1-0-3, Ashamole 1-0-0-2. Totals: 8-5-5-36.

**Westfield** 9 15 19 16 - 59  
**North Brunswick** 12 8 7 9 - 36

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Westfield earned a third place finish in the St. Peter's Tournament by defeating St. Peter's 64-21 in the consolation game Friday.

Westfield raced out to an 11 point first quarter lead, and blew the game wide open with a 26-7 second quarter. Nicole Infantino led the second quarter surge, scoring nine of her team high 13 points in the period. Jackie Cusimano contributed 12 points for the Devils.

**Westfield (64)**  
Cusimano 5-0-2-12, McMahon 2-2-0-10, Infantino 4-0-5-13, Hutchinson 3-0-0-6, Venezia 2-0-1-5, Passananti 4-0-1-9, Rock 2-0-1-5, LeBlanc 2-0-0-4, DePalma 0-0-0-0, Wicks 0-0-0-0. Totals: 24-2-10-64.

**St. Peter's (21)**  
Abbruzzese 2-0-0-4, Maco 1-1-0-5, Dusaut 1-0-0-2, Gaut 3-0-0-6, Cruz 2-0-0-4, Marcuzzi 0-0-0-0, Bellan 0-0-0-0. Totals: 9-1-0-21.

**Westfield (2-3)** 15 26 14 9 - 64  
**St. Peter's (1-4)** 4 7 5 4 - 21

**North Brunswick 57, Westfield 46** — North Brunswick pulled away in the second quarter and held off the Blue Devils for a 57-46 victory in the first round of the St. Peter's Tournament Dec. 27.

Ali McMahon scored 14 points and Jackie Cusimano had 11 to lead Westfield.

**Westfield (46)**  
Cusimano 2-2-1-11, McMahon 4-2-0-14, Infantino 1-0-1-3, Passananti 1-1-0-5, Hutchinson 0-1-0-3, Venezia 2-0-0-4, Rock 2-0-2-6. Totals: 12-6-4-46.

**North Brunswick (57)**  
Ponder 4-2-2-16, Van Bisch 1-0-0-2, Brown 8-0-0-16, Clark 3-1-2-11, Anglin 3-0-1-7, Miller 0-1-0-3, DeGardnes 1-0-0-2. Totals: 20-4-5-57.

**North Brunswick** 8 21 14 14 - 57  
**Westfield** 6 13 13 14 - 46



Jay Cook and the Blue Devils routed Cranford Dec. 21, but the Cougars got the better of Westfield Sunday in the Tri-County Tournament final.

**ICE HOCKEY**

Westfield fell to Summit 5-2 Dec. 26.

Neil Cierniecki and Alex Regenstein scored for the Blue Devils.

**INDOOR TRACK**

Richard Miller placed fourth in 37.45 seconds in the 300 meter dash at the 22nd Tony Passarelli

Invitational at Drew University Friday.

The Westfield boys 4x400 meter relay team also placed third, finishing in 3:42.03. Emily MacNeil led the girls squad with a third place finish in the 600 in 1:45.58. The girls 4x55 meter shuttle relay team took fifth in 36:87.

## Raiders capture tournament title

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High girls basketball team rebounded from a one-point half-time deficit to drop North Warren in the championship game of the North Warren Tournament 52-44 Saturday.

The Raiders took control with a 20-12 third quarter, led by eight points from freshman Hillary Klimowicz. Klimowicz finished with 22 points and Megan Burke added 10 points.

**Scotch Plains (52)**  
E. Gillooly 3-0-0-6, LaForge 0-0-3-3, Perinella 4-0-0-8, Klimowicz 11-0-0-22, Burke 5-0-0-10, M. Gillooly 0-1-0-3. Totals: 23-1-3-52.

**North Warren (44)**  
Tosh 0-0-0-0, Waldron 3-0-4-10, M. Flood 1-0-2-4, C. Flood 9-0-4-22, Corvino 4-0-0-8, Brennan 0-0-0-0, McClain 0-0-0-0. Totals: 17-0-10-44.

**Scotch Plains (5-0)** 10 11 20 11 - 52  
**North Warren (4-1)** 10 12 12 10 - 44

**Scotch Plains 48, Newton 37** — Hillary Klimowicz led the Raiders with a double-double, scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds as Scotch Plains defeated Newton 48-37 in the first round of the North Warren Tournament Dec. 27.

Kelly LaForge added 11 points for the Raiders.

**Scotch Plains (48)**  
E. Gillooly 3-0-0-6, LaForge 5-0-1-11, Perinella 4-0-0-8, Klimowicz 6-0-2-14, Burke 0-0-1-1, Russell 1-0-0-2, M. Gillooly 0-2-0-6. Totals: 19-2-4-48.

**Newton (38)**  
Sisca 2-4-2-18, Jackson 3-0-2-8, Dardaganis 3-0-0-6, Perigo 0-1-0-3, Protogoropolos 0-0-2-2. Totals: 8-5-6-38.

**Scotch Plains** 12 11 12 11 - 48  
**Newton** 10 10 6 11 - 38

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Scotch Plains fell to conference rival Cranford in the second round of the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway Friday 45-42.

The Raiders led by a point with less than a minute left, but a three-pointer by Cranford's Brian Zuravnsky gave the Cougars the lead with 52 seconds left 41-40, then Jon Brown iced the game for Cranford with four free throws in

the final 24 seconds.

Steve Williams led Scotch Plains with 14 points.

**Scotch Plains (42)**  
Montgomery 3-0-3-9, Williams 7-0-0-14, Bendik 4-0-0-8, Brennan 4-0-0-8, Decataldo 0-1-0-3, Hughes 0-0-0-0, Adams 0-0-0-0. Totals: 18-1-3-42.

**Cranford (45)**  
Brown 2-2-7-17, Rajahn 1-0-0-2, Haber 1-0-0-2, Davis 4-0-0-8, DeSimone 0-1-0-3, Zuravnsky 2-3-0-13, Richardson 0-0-0-0, D. Drechsel 0-0-0-0, C. Drechsel 0-0-0-0, Markowitz 0-0-0-0. Totals: 10-6-7-45.

**Cranford** 10 9 12 14 - 45  
**Scotch Plains** 10 6 13 13 - 42

**Scotch Plains 65, Rahway 62** — The Raiders knocked off the host team 65-62 in the first round of the Tri-County Tournament in Rahway Dec. 26.

Anwar Montgomery scored 25 points, and made 15 of 16 free throws to pace the Raiders offense. Mike Brennan added a double-double, scoring 10 points and grabbing 11 rebounds while Mike Hughes scored 10 points and grabbed seven boards.

**TRACK**  
Ray Williams and Bob Wallden each set meet records at the Valentine Invitational Monday at Drew University.

Williams ran a 6.74 to win the 55 meter dash and break the previous record set in 1993 by three-hundredths of a second. Williams also won the 300 meters in 36.86 and finished fifth in the high jump at 5 feet 8.

Wallden won the 3200 meter run in 9:44.09, 13 seconds better than the previous record. Brian Kopnicki finished fourth in the race in 10:20.66.

Chris Feighner won the shut put at 49 feet 2. Shawn Doyle was sixth at 43-2 1/2.

On the girls side, Jayme Ferraro took second in the 300 in 43.99, Stephanie Heath was fourth in the 1000 meters in 3:20.09 and Lindsay Curray was sixth in the 3200 in 12:37.57.

## Classic musical coming to theatre

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — A barrel full of Wild West fun will come to the State Theatre when a fresh new production of "Annie Get Your Gun," an American musical comedy classic is presented Sunday, Jan. 13 at 3 and 7 p.m.

Songwriter Irving Berlin, along with authors Herbert and Dorothy Fields, fashioned the lively show business life of expert riflewoman Annie Oakley into a romantic comedy for the entire family. The late Irving Berlin, whose prolific hand penned more than a thousand hit songs during his long career, contributes a legendary score of musical favorites including "There's No Business Like Show Business," "Doin' What Comes Naturally," "Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better," "The Girl I Marry" and "I Got the Sun in the Morning."

This production offers a revised script by Peter Stone, who won a 1997 Tony Award for Best Book of

a Musical for "Titanic: A New Musical". His writing for the musicals "1776" and "The Will Rogers Follies" won both the Tony and New York Drama Critics Circle Awards. Director and choreographer Joey McKneely will lead Buffalo Bill and the entire cast of "Annie Get Your Gun." McKneely has appeared in many Broadway venues and productions including "Smokey Joe's Cafe" and Cy Coleman's "The Life and Wild Party." He most recently directed and choreographed "Radiant Baby," a workshop on the life of visual artist Keith Haring.

The story revolves around the stormy and highly competitive relationship between Annie Oakley and Frank Butler. When the dueling lovers are first introduced, Frank Butler is the champion sharpshooter and star of Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. In a contest with Frank, con-

ceived as a publicity stunt for his act, Annie beats him in a sharp shooting competition that leaves Frank humiliated and Annie hopelessly in love. In her quest to win the heart of her fellow marksman, the brazen and brassy, outspoken Annie eventually grows to realize that she "Can't Get a Man With a Gun."

Bonnie Estes will play the part of Annie Oakley that was originated in 1946 by the legendary Ethel Merman. Stephen Valahovic will portray the dashing Frank Butler who will be remembered from last year's portrayal of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde in "Jekyll & Hyde."

"Annie Get Your Gun" originally opened on Broadway May 6, 1946 to rave reviews and ran for 1,147 shows.

Tickets for both performances are on sale now for \$50 (Premium Orchestra/Loge), \$45 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$35

(Rear Orchestra/Balcony), and \$22 (Gallery). The State Theatre Box Office is located at 15 Livingston Ave. For telephone ticket orders or information call (732) 246-7469 or toll free (877) STATE-11.

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Wednesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Patrons may order tickets online at [www.StateTheatreNJ.org](http://www.StateTheatreNJ.org).

The State Theatre is equipped with an assistive listening system for patrons who are hard of hearing and the main floor is wheelchair accessible. Program notes are available in large print or audiotape format for this event.

This program has been made possible in part through a grant by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



Bonnie Estes and Stephen Valahovic will bring "Annie Get Your Gun" to the State Theatre this month.

## There are plenty of things to do to beat the post-holiday blues

### Theater

#### NOW PLAYING

**WESTFIELD COMMUNITY PLAYERS**  
1000 North Ave. West  
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(908) 232-1221

• "The Unexpected Guest," murder mystery by Dame Agatha Christie, 8 p.m. Jan. 5, 11, 12, 18, 19. Admission \$12.

#### COMING UP

**GEORGE STREET PLAYHOUSE**  
9 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(732) 246-7717;  
[www.georgestplayhouse.org](http://www.georgestplayhouse.org)

• "Waiting for Tadashi," world premiere of drama by Velina Hsu Houston, Jan. 8-Feb. 3. Admission \$45-\$26; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**PAPER MILL PLAYHOUSE**  
Brookside Dr., Millburn  
(973) 376-4343;  
[www.papermill.org](http://www.papermill.org)

• "The Dinner Party," New Jersey premiere of Neil Simon comedy, Jan. 9-Feb. 10. Admission \$59-\$20; discounts available. Call for showtimes.

**STATE THEATRE**  
15 Livingston Ave.  
New Brunswick  
(877) STATE 11;  
[www.statetheatrenj.org](http://www.statetheatrenj.org)

• "Annie Get Your Gun," touring production of post-WWII musical, 3 and 7 p.m. Jan. 13. Admission \$50-\$22. Related lecture 2 p.m.; admission \$6.

### Concerts

#### CHICKEN FAT BALL

2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190

• New Year's jazz septet: Randy Sanke, Frank Wess, Ken Popowski, Derek Smith, Michael Moore, Joe Ascione and Frank Vignola. Admission \$25 (BYOB).

#### BUCKY PIZZARELLI

8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11  
Watchung Arts Center  
Watchung Circle, Watchung  
(908) 753-0190

• New Jersey-based jazz guitarist. Admission \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

### Events

#### CENTRAL JERSEY TOY TRAIN SHOW

St. John Vianney Church  
420 Inman Ave., Colonia  
(732) 463-8696

• Annual show of Lionel and other choo-choo trains, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Jan. 6. Adults \$4; children under 12 free.

#### SUMMER CAMP FAIR

Sherraton hotel  
Raritan Center, Edison  
(732) 469-8910;  
[community.nj.com/ec/women](http://community.nj.com/ec/women)

• Annual preview of summer camps, noon-4 p.m. Jan. 13. Free admission.

### Museums

#### CRANE-PHILLIPS HOUSE MUSEUM

124 N. Union Ave., Cranford  
(908) 276-0082

Open 2-4 p.m. Sunday or by appointment. Free admission.

• "Restoring a 19th Century Kitchen," to June.  
• "Cranford's Prehistoric Past," to June.

• Exhibit marking "100 Years of Cranford High School," to June.

#### EAST JERSEY OLDE TOWNE

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• "Traditions of the Season," to Feb. 2.

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1281 River Rd., Piscataway  
(732) 463-8363

Artifacts of Lenni-Lenape Indians and other peoples from the land now known as Piscataway. Open noon-5 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Adults \$2; children \$1. Registration required for programs.

#### MILLER-CORY HOUSE MUSEUM

614 Mountain Ave., Westfield  
(908) 232-1776

Open 2-4 p.m. every other Sunday in January and February. Adults \$2; students 50 cents; children under 6 free.

#### "A Spot of Tea," Jan. 13.

#### NEW JERSEY MUSEUM OF AGRICULTURE

Cook College  
Route 1, New Brunswick  
(732) 249-2077;  
[www.agriculturemuseum.org](http://www.agriculturemuseum.org)

Open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$4, seniors \$3, children 4-12 \$2, children under 4 free. Registration required for groups.

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#### JANE VOORHEES ZIMMERLI ART MUSEUM

Rutgers University, 71  
Hamilton St., New Brunswick  
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[www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu](http://www.zimmerlimuseum.rutgers.edu)

Open 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday. Tours of the collection 2 and 3 p.m. Sunday. Free admission for members. Non-member admission: adults \$3; senior

citizens, Rutgers students and children under 12 free. Admission free for all first Sunday of month.

• Works of Evgenii Mikhnov-Voitenko, to Jan. 20.  
• "St. Petersburg in 1921," to March 10

• "Art of the Baltics," to March 17.

• "Family, Friends and Neighbors: Picturing Relationships in Children's Books," to March 17.

• "In Context: Pattern in Contemporary Printmaking," to March 24.

• "Ben Shahn: In Dispute About Images," to March 24.

### Dance

#### PARSONS DANCE

## A nice hot soup will defeat the winter cold

It is the time of year when our weather gets cold and the brisk winds are here. Since the weather is changing, so is our fare.

This is the time for some nice, hot soup. What better than chicken soup with escarole? This hearty soup can be served with egg noodles, orzo or any other small pasta.

The soup itself can be frozen in batches and used for future recipes. The leftover chicken can be used for lunch in the form of chicken salad.

If you have any questions, fax them to (908) 272-2974. Buon appetite!

#### CHICKEN SOUP WITH ESCAROLE (Escarole con brododi pollo)

1 whole chicken, cut apart and rinsed  
2 stalks celery, sliced diagonally  
2 onions, quartered  
4 carrots, sliced diagonally  
2 fresh medium tomatoes, quartered  
2 heads escarole, rinsed, cut into 2-inch pieces  
Meatballs (prepared ahead)

1. In a stock pot bring chicken and 3 quarts lightly salted water to a rolling boil. Reduce heat to medium. Cover and simmer gently 1 hour. Skim foam from surface occasionally.

2. Add celery, onions, carrots and tomatoes. Return to a rolling boil. Cover; reduce heat to medium and simmer gently 30 minutes. Skim foam occasionally.



3. Meanwhile bring 2 cups water to a boil in a large saucepan. Add escarole and return to a full boil. Reduce heat to medium; cover and cook 5 minutes. Remove and set aside escarole. Strain cooking water and add to stock.

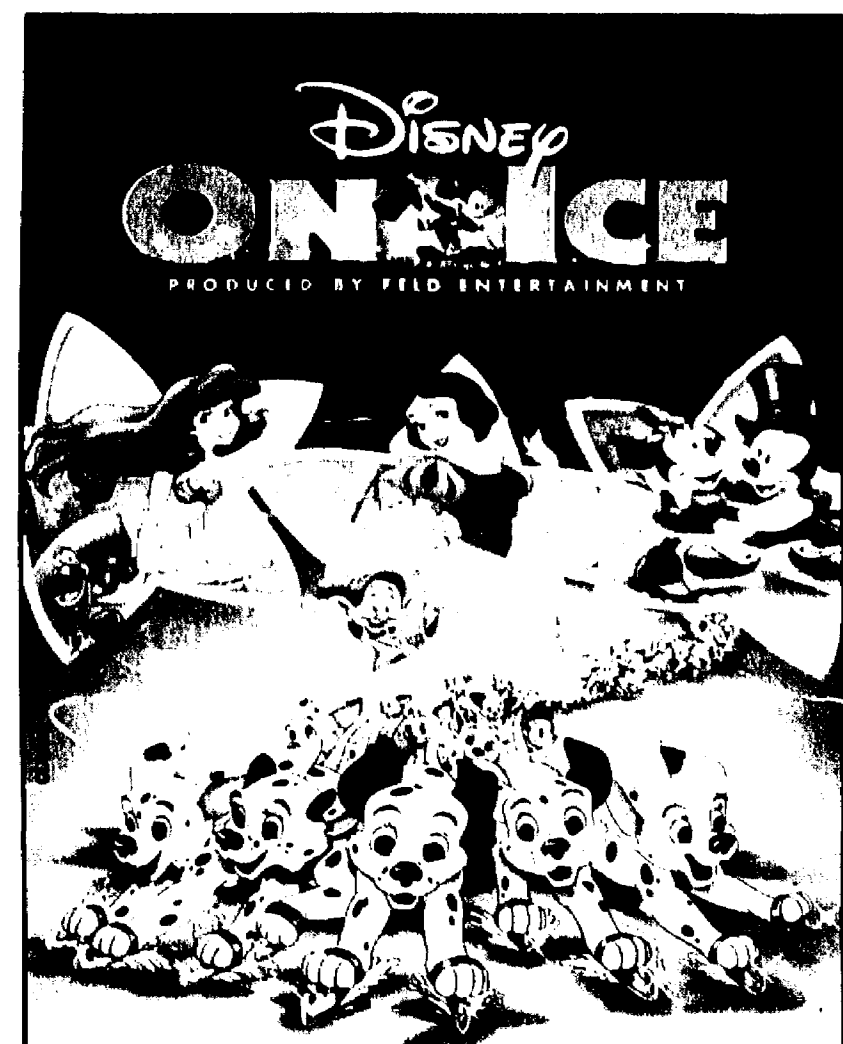
4. Remove chicken from stock. Reserve at least 1 chicken breast for chicken salad. Shred remaining chicken into bite-size pieces; discard skin and bones. Set aside.

5. Strain stock. Remove celery, onions and carrots. Puree celery and onions in a blender or food processor. Add puree to stock and bring to a boil. Return carrots to stock; cook until tender, skimming foam.

6. Add meatballs to stock and heat through. Add escarole and shredded chicken. Cover and cook 5 minutes to blend flavors. Serve hot. Garnish with grated Parmesan cheese.

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C3 Windsor Terrace from John A. Chevalier to Karen L. Hamlette for \$65,000.

#### RARITAN

56 First Ave. from Heinz Schallenger Jr. & D. Schallenger to

Virginia P. Goddiess for \$162,500.

210 Sherman Ave. from Aldinn Fraccaroli to James M. & Kimberly A. Gaboda for \$205,000.

#### SOMERVILLE

250 N. Bridge St. from Jodi Jamieson & Rick Stoffey to Michael Malekoff for \$215,000.

215 Grove St. from Bryan S. O'Shaughnessy to World Savings Bank for \$178,000.

127 N. Richards Ave. from Shirley A. Serafinski to Mannel & Maribel Espino for \$175,900.

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85 Canal St. from Francis & Pamela Okia to Kamaleddin Ahmed for \$165,000.

10-12 Equator Ave. from Joseph D. Ponte et al. to Bruce & Edith Fabian for \$120,000.

215 Garfield Ave. from Wludukiewicz Trust to Petr M. Rudy for \$219,900.

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37 Angus Lane from Greenwood Meadows at Warren to Michael & Cheryl Fritz for \$681,671.

8 Hazelwood Court from Greenwood Meadows at Warren to Larry B. & Lisa C. Minsky for \$650,365.

37 Morning Glory Road from Michael & Jeanette Kramer to Linda Swain for \$429,000.

4 Palmswood Way from Greenwood Meadows at Warren to Louis & Dina D. Lombardo for \$632,028.

25 Wilderness Trail from Walter W. & Rosemary Hoehler to George J. Gatesy for \$599,000.

*Thank you*  
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WESTFIELD — Ileen Cuccaro, new to the Westfield office of Burdorff ERA Realtor, has been honored as Listing Agent of the Month for October 2001 with four listings.

Cuccaro has received many distinguished awards and has been a member in the New Jersey Association of Realtors Million Dollar Sales Club and was awarded the Bronze Level 1996-97 and 1999 and the Silver Level 1998 and 2000. She has been a New Jersey real estate professional for 5 years and resides in Garwood. She is member of the Planning Board of Garwood.

Judy Sagan, vice president/manager of the Westfield office, stated, "Ileen has been a wonderful addition to our office this year and has taken advantage of our cutting edge training and focus sessions to help her clients and expand her own production."

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# Automotive/Classified

## Stylish Xterra has flair for practicality

BY MARK MAYNARD  
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Sport utility vehicles are the vehicles we love to hate — and love to buy.

In November, consumers drove home 913,000 trucks vs. 814,000 cars, the most vehicles ever sold in a month. And of those sales, 46 percent were SUVs.

Even with pricey gasoline, 56 percent of new-vehicle shoppers say they are considering an SUV, says AutoPacific, an automotive marketing firm.

Nissan has enjoyed a truck-fueled rebound and is ready for more this year with stylish upgrades to Xterra.

Inside, there is a new dashboard treatment of indus-tro-tech design and common-sense function: large dials and knobs, contrasting colors and textures and metallic-looking plastics.

Xterra takes a bigger step forward with 16-inch tires, a new front end with round headlights and a raised hood to cover the 210 hp supercharged V-6 option pack that also adds 17-inch tires and alloy wheels.

Inside, there is a larger glove box, power points in the back seat area, map pockets and a foot-operated parking brake instead of the old pull-style handle. Next step, I hope, will be a brake lever between the seats.

I just finished a week in a two-wheel drive Xterra SE-SC (supercharged) that had a base price of \$25,039. With only one option for an in-cabin microfilter for \$49, the sticker price of \$25,088 isn't outrageous.

Standard equipment on the SE includes remote locking, 6 disc in-dash CD changer with 8 speakers, cruise control, roof rack with cross bars and gear basket, tubular step rails, fog lights, first-aid kit and power windows/locks/mirrors.

Xterra pricing ranges from

\$19,739 for a base non-supercharged, 170 hp V-6 model to \$28,039 for a top-line supercharged V-6 with four-wheel drive. For the sake of advertising, a 143 hp 4-cylinder model is offered for \$18,539. (Prices include the \$540 destination charge.)

For the SUVer who tows or appreciates acceleration more than fuel economy, the 3.3 liter supercharged V-6 isn't likely to disappoint. But horsepower is provided at the expense of fuel mileage — 15 mpg around town and 19 on the highway for the supercharged engine, which isn't that much worse than the non-supercharged engine's ratings of 17/19.

Xterra is a truck and makes no apologies for being one. It's uncomplicated but comfortable and it looks just fine unwashed and gritty.

You can't order it with leather seats or side air bags, but it does come with dual-stage front air bags and pretensioners and force-limiters for front belts.

The driver has open sightlines, it doesn't require physical agility to climb in and out and the turning circle is compact for mall maneuverability.

The steering and brakes are responsive and give a free-wheeling drivability. The ride is soft not sloppy, and the 5-speed is limber not loose.

There were few annoyances with the test truck, but for \$25,000 I expect a vanity mirror for the driver's visor, and that totally tubular roof rack kicks up wind noise at highway speeds.

Nissan was criticized last year for building more \$24,000 Xterras than the more basic trucks for \$21,000 to \$22,000. But, surprise, last month was a record breaker for Xterra — 8,481 sold without the 0 percent financing — and most of the sales were for the higher-end models.



Nissan has given the Xterra many stylish upgrades.

## Be safe in winter weather

(NAPSI)-Safety is a number one concern for those traveling to spend time with friends and family in the coming months. As more people are hitting the roadways instead of airways this year, maintaining and winterproofing cars, as well as buying the safest, most reliable cars has become ever more critical.

Drivers, young and old, hitting the road this winter, must take precautions to ensure safe road travel. Inclement weather and slippery roads can make travel tricky, so it is important to learn and practice proper auto maintenance. To prepare for an upcoming trip, drivers should always carefully plan their route in advance to avoid wrong turns and lost hours. It's also wise to check online sources, television reports and the radio to gain information on weather and road conditions. In case of inclement weather, drivers need to make sure to have all the emergency equipment available, such as snow chains, cell phones, flairs and flashlights.

Being prepared also requires regular upkeep, on-schedule maintenance and servicing that augment safety and durability. Many automotive Web sites like Yahoo!

Autos (http://autos.yahoo.com) offer personalized services to help drivers flag and solve mechanical problems. Before packing up the family for a holiday road trip, it is important to conduct the six-step maintenance check: oil change, tire pressure, brakes, windshield wipers, headlights and defrosters. Drivers who may find themselves caught in the snow this winter should be sure to get snow tires put on their car well in advance so they aren't left in a blizzard.

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