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Big week

It's a big week for Republicans as county conventions in Middlesex on Saturday and Somerset on Tuesday awarded their lines and Union Republicans prepare for their convention Saturday in Summit.

People seem to think the Union County line will come down to Assemblyman Joel Weingarten of Millburn or Tom Kean Jr. of Westfield in the 7th Congressional District race. While Kean has the name recognition and his treasurer happens to be the county chairman's son, Weingarten's legislative district falls right in the congressional district.

On The Campaign Trail

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

All but three of the 17 municipal chairmen in Union County's 7th District are endorsing someone, with Weingarten holding a slight edge over Kean.

During Summit's mini-convention last week, Weingarten easily outdistanced his opponents, garnering two-thirds of the vote, 41 of 61 votes. Kean finished just behind Michael Ferguson of Warren who collected 10 votes. Green Brook Mayor Patricia Walsh received a single vote.

Summit's straw poll for the U.S. Senate was, not surprisingly, a runaway for Bob Franks. Franks, who attended Summit High School, collected 54 votes to Essex County Executive James Treffinger's five votes and State Sen. William Coleman's two.

In Manville Tuesday night, Ferguson was awarded the Somerset County line, but it took three ballots before he garnered the majority. Weingarten finished a close second on the first ballot, followed by Kean, Walsh, Morrissey and Gardner.

On the second ballot, Ferguson nearly had a majority as he picked up more delegates from the first ballot than other candidates, followed by Weingarten and Kean who was a distant third.

Ferguson was the big winner Saturday in Edison, where he won the Middlesex County line, collecting 116 of 194 delegates, good for 60 percent of the vote and the required majority.

Kenneth Gardner of Woodbridge finished second with 59.14 delegates, 30 percent. Weingarten collected 11.76, 6 percent, and Kean finished with 7.56, 4 percent. Walsh received 0.54 votes.

Franks easily won the Middlesex nod for U.S. Senate with 446 votes, 80 percent. Gormley finished ahead of Treffinger, 80.70, 14 percent, to 33.61, 6 percent. The congressman garnered 92 percent of the delegates in Somerset Tuesday night.

Seventh District Congressional candidate Patrick Morrissey of Westfield is taking a different tack. Doing his best Jeff Golkin impersonation, Morrissey called the current convention process "a sham" and has proclaimed himself the anti-organization candidate. Golkin, Warren Township Committee member, has taken the Union County Democrats to task for selecting County Manager Michael Lapolla to run.

Taking a page out of John McCain's book, Morrissey said, he is "targeting the 'disillusioned voter.'"

Congressional candidates have dropped out to file their latest campaign finance reports tomorrow. The last available reports were filed Dec. 31; some candidates had not filed at that point.

J. Brooke Hern may have been jipped out of the 7th district race on the Democratic side, but you can be sure it's not the last we'll hear from him. For one thing, he's supporting the right candidate — for his future anyway. Lapolla is for the organization's pick and Hern can go further with the organization at the present time than he can on his See **REPUBLICANS'**, Page B2

Freeholders study options for new park

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Board of Freeholders has a rare opportunity to design a new county park and members are trying to decide what type of a park to develop.

The county last year purchased an 11-acre tract from the Kean family at the corner of North Broad Street and Morris Avenue near the Elizabeth-Union border for \$2.8 million.

Freeholder Chairman Daniel Sullivan will solicit input from freeholders to form a consensus and give direction to Parks and Recreation officials within a month. Freeholders last week were presented with two conceptual designs for the new county park. One option called for a passive recreational area while the other was a more active park featuring a soccer field.

Freeholders were split as to what type of park to pursue. While some favored an active park to address the growing need for athletic fields, others advocated a more passive park to complement the other 26 county parks as well as for the county's growing senior population. But all were in agreement that the board is in a very rare position: being able to design and a new park from scratch and add it to the county system.

The last time the county purchased property for the parks system was in the early 1970s when the Oak Ridge Golf Course was bought by the Union County Parks Commission.

"I don't remember in recent memory any opportunity to craft a park like See **COUNTY**, Page B2

The Cuddly Critters Club



The Cuddly Critters 4-H Club held a pet show for residents of the Rahway Geriatric Center. Joey Dacchille of Linden and Jessica Anderson of Westfield show their pets to Mary Barmore, right, and Bette Martin, residents of the center. For more information about 4-H clubs in Union County, call Karen Mallea at (908) 654-9854.

Deja vu for this year's Republican freeholder ticket

Dill, Shackell to run again, with former sheriff candidate

By Mark Hrywna
Regional Editor

The Republican freeholder ticket will bear a striking resemblance to last year as two-thirds of the state has decided to seek election again.

Former Cranford Mayor Wally Shackell and former Summit Councilman Al Dill last year ran with Richard Revilla of Elizabeth and lost to Democrats Linda Stender, Nicholas Scutari and Angel Estrada. It was the fifth consecutive year Democrats swept countywide elections.

Joining Shackell and Dill will be Esther Guzman-Malcolm of Roselle, who earlier this week accepted the GOP's invitation to run. Guzman-

Malcolm lost to Ralph Froehlich in the 1998 Union County Sheriff election when she gained approximately 30 percent of the vote. That was her first foray into public office.

In 1998, she ran, with freeholder candidate John Fernandez of New Providence, George Gore of Plainfield and Andrew MacDonald of Fanwood. They were defeated by Democrats Daniel Sullivan of Elizabeth, Mary Rotoletto of Westfield and Lewis Mingo Jr. of Plainfield, who collected nearly two-thirds of the vote that year.

Party leaders initially asked all three candidates from last year to run again but Revilla declined. Last year, the GOP ticket garnered approxi-

mately 45 percent of the vote while Democrats took 55 percent. Shackell led the ticket, approximately 5,000 votes behind Estrada, followed by Revilla and Dill.

The addition of Guzman-Malcolm to the ticket makes it the first time a woman is on the Republican freeholder ticket since Linda Lee-Kelly of Elizabeth lost as an incumbent in 1996.

Guzman-Malcolm retired as a lieutenant in the Sheriff's Office last March after nearly 26 years.

Eric Urbano, a law student from Scotch Plains, dropped out of the 7th Congressional District race to pursue the Republican nomination for county

clerk. He would face Democratic incumbent Jaganne Rajoppi of Union.

Union County Republicans will officially nominate their candidates for freeholder and county clerk during their annual county convention Saturday at Summit Middle School, 272 Morris Ave. The filing deadline for the June primary is April 13 at 4 p.m. Lines also will be awarded Saturday in the races for U.S. Senate and 7th Congressional District.

The Republican freeholder ticket will be up against Democratic incumbents Alexander Mirabella of Roselle Park, Chester Holmes of Rahway and Deborah Stanton of Union. The three Democrats ran for freeholder the first time in 1997 and unseated three GOP incumbents, Edwin Force, Henry

Kurz and Frank Lehr. In garnering approximately 55 percent of the vote, the Democrats took control of all nine freeholder seats that year.

All three Democrats, who were awarded the party line earlier this year, have held elected office at the municipal level prior to sitting on the freeholder board.

Stanton was a member of the Township of Union Board of Education. Her husband Patrick is a member of the Union Township Committee. Holmes served on the Rahway City Council. Mirabella was on the Roselle Park Borough Council for several years, including a stint as council president, and is the borough's Democratic chairman.

Mardi Gras at Runnells



Runnells Specialized Hospital resident Hildegard Gehr, right, and Patricia Scott of Union, Director of Activities Therapy at the hospital, pause during the hospital's Mardi Gras celebration.

Authorities arrest 14 in what they believe to be organized crime ring

In what law enforcement officers charged was a "pot-pourri" of crimes including identity theft, manufacture and sale of phony drivers' licenses, drug sales, loan sharking, weapons and stolen property, a six-month investigation ended last week with 14 arrests and the seizure of a stolen handgun, an Uzi, a sawed-off shotgun, four other guns and hundreds of victims' credit reports.

Union County Prosecutor Thomas Manahan said the case was sparked by information developed last September by Prosecutor's Detective Michael Burns concerning a loose-knit ring that was dealing in theft of identity, credit worth and buying power of dozens of innocent victims along with stolen property taken from stores in Edison, Piscataway and throughout North Jersey.

The prosecutor said teams of officers from the Union, Essex, Morris and Ocean County prosecutor's offices along with police from the Linden, Springfield, Cranford, Newark and New Jersey State Police departments began at dawn March 23 and continued throughout the weekend executing a series of 15 search warrants.

They came up with computers that could scan driving records, laminating machines, hundreds of credit reports and obituary notices and even death certificates that could be used in creating drivers' licenses and phony checks, authorities said.

The suspected ringleader, Jude M. Barbette, 43, of Walnut Street, Linden, was arrested March 23 and charged with conspiracy to distribute stolen property, conspiracy to sell phony drivers' licenses, conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana, five counts of theft by deception of more than \$10,000 of home improvement and electronics goods during the fall and winter and possession of cocaine. He was being held at the Union County Jail in Elizabeth.

Other arrests made were at businesses or private residences in Union Township, Irvington, Lincoln Park, Maplewood, Newark, Springfield, Hillside and Cranford. Those in custody are expected to appear this week for an initial appearance before Judge Joan Robinson Gross in Elizabeth.

The following people were arrested by police, followed

by what they were charged with:

- John Garofalo, 52, of Lancaster Road, Union, and owner of Mario's Trattoria on Chestnut Street in Union; conspiracy to commit the crime of sale of simulated government documents, to wit, false New Jersey driver's licenses.

- James Fox, 42, of Coolidge Street, Irvington; conspiracy to sell simulated government documents, to wit, New Jersey's driver's license.

- Steven Andiorio, a.k.a. Steven Hempel, 35, of Main Street, Lincoln Park; possession of an assault firearm Uzi 9mm automatic pistol and unlawful possession of a weapon by persons not authorized; \$250,000 bail.

- Patsy "Doc Dog" Ragones, 68, of Parker Avenue, Maplewood; unlawfully possessing usurious loan records — loan sharking records.

- Fred Pernicola, 52, of Audrey Terrace, Union; possession of controlled dangerous substances, cocaine and marijuana, and possession with the intent to distribute; \$75,000.

- Virginia Pernicola, 52, of Audrey Terrace, Union; possession of a controlled dangerous substance, cocaine.

- Janet Nardoue, 43, of Walnut Street, Linden; possession of a controlled dangerous substance, cocaine; possession with intent to distribute; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine; \$10,000 bail.

- Julio Pena, 43, of Walnut Street, Newark; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine; \$70,000 bail.

- Carmen Gonzalez, 40, of Walnut Street, Newark; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine; \$75,000 bail.

- Dalton "Manny" Queen, 28, of Ruby Street, Springfield; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine; possession of a controlled dangerous substance, cocaine; possession with intent to distribute; possession to distribute stolen property; \$60,000 bail.

- Michael Wansaw, 46, of Spruce Street, Linden; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine and marijuana; possession of a controlled dangerous substance, \$50,000 bail.

- Janine Barbette Rybczyk of Heinrich Street, Cranford; conspiracy to distribute, cocaine; \$15,000 bail.

Vo-Tech open house April 12

The Union County Vocational-Technical Schools have announced the annual open house will be at the Raritan Road Campus in Scotch Plains on April 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. All programs will be available so visitors can get a first-hand look at top-flight occupational and skills training through guided tours.

There will be demonstrations of the latest technology in each of the instructional areas. Auto Technology students will highlight the Dynamometer, the latest in emissions testing, while the Machine Technology Program will show a Wire EDM Machine in action.

Other highlights include samplings in the Bake Shop; shopping at special prices in the UCVTs Tech World Supermarket; desktop publishing in Graphic Communications; blood-pressure screening in Allied Health and basic manicures in Cosmetology. House plants will be on sale in the Horticulture Program and the Culinary Arts students will offer samples of gourmet specialties.

The public is invited to attend the open house and view the campus, facilities and state-of-the-art instructional equipment. Instructors and trades people will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served and there is ample parking.

For more information call the UCVTs Day Admissions Office at (908) 889-2999 or visit its web site at www.ucvts.tec.nj.us.

Union FFA Chapter captures 11 awards at competition

During the Horticulture Exposition portions of the New Jersey FFA Flower and Patio Show held recently at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset, the Union County FFA Chapter gained 11 awards from its 18 entries in the competition. The chapter is comprised of students in the Horticulture Program at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools, Bonnie Baldassar of Westfield is instructor of the program and serves as advisor to the FFA Chapter.

First-place winners and their creative entries were Karen Brown of Westfield, "Thank You"; Adrianna

della with "Mardi Gras" took fifth-place honors.

The Union County Chapter's Design Team placed third in the state from among 22 entrants. Brown was second in the state in the individual rank and first in the Practicum portion with Walden placing fifth. The other team members were Aragona and Ciandella.

For more information about horticulture and all the other programs at the county vo-tech schools call the Admissions Office at (908) 889-2911 or 2999.

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FEMALE game night

On Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. the Union County Chapter of FEMALE — Formerly Employed Mothers At the Leading Edge — will host a game night, featuring the board game Taboo, at Hanson House, 35 Springfield Ave., Cranford. New and prospective members are welcome.

FEMALE is an international not-for-profit organization supporting women who have altered their career paths in order to care for their children at home. What began as one ill-fated mother reaching out to another in 1987 has now grown to 7,500 members in over 180 local chapters in the

United States and Canada. The Union County chapter offers a variety of activities including evening discussion groups, guest speakers, mom's night out, book discussion and weekly daytime play gatherings.

The Union County chapter holds meeting on the first and third Wednesday of each month at Hanson House. New members are always welcome. For more information call Deann at (908) 652-0842.

Senior outreach services

Union County's Division on Aging in the Department of Human Services has announced its Outreach Services Program scheduled for April. The

program is open to all Senior Citizens living in Union County.

"The Union County freetholders provide a variety of vital services to senior citizens through our outreach program," said Freetholder Lewis Mingo Jr., liaison to the Union County Advisory Council on Aging. "We encourage all elderly, isolated individuals who meet eligibility requirements to apply for these helpful programs."

County representatives will be on hand to provide assistance in completing the necessary applications for Gas and Electric Support, Pharmaceutical Assistance, Home Energy Assistance, Supplementary Security Income, Counseling on Health Insurance for Medicare Enrollees and the SHARE Food Program.

"These services can supplement the basic needs of the isolated elderly and

assist or improve their lives," Mingo added. "Our senior staff members will conduct private interviews on request."

The dates, locations and times for applications are:

- April 13, 11 to 6:15 p.m., The Arc, 203 W. Jersey St., Elizabeth
 - April 18, 2 to 7:30 p.m., Roselle Education Association, 1265 Shaffer Ave., Roselle
 - April 25, 3 to 8:30 p.m., Roosevelt Elementary School, 511 St. Georges Ave., Rahway
 - April 27, 2 to 8:30 p.m., Clark Volunteer Emergency Squad, 875 Raritan Road, Clark
- For information call (908) 353-2511 or (908) 756-7190. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at (800) 652-5863, ext. 140

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Republicans' turn to choose

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 own or with either Golkin or Maryanne Connelly.

Democrats have had nothing but good things to say about this attorney from New Providence. Of course, not good enough to actually have endorsed him, but a promising future within the party was the most common description of Herm. And while Democrats may rule Union County from Elizabeth and parts south, the party's presence in western parts of the county is more than a little lacking.

Assembly and Senate seats are open in 2001 and Democrats haven't even presented candidates in the 22nd district, which includes New Providence, in the past two elections. Senate President Donald DiFrancesco may be moving to the governor's seat, at least hopes to, which would open his Senate seat.

Who knows, maybe a seat on the freetholder board will open for Herm.

Jersey. Seeing how the Democrats hold all nine seats on the freetholder board as well as all the constitutional officers, I figured Union County would make its way on the list one way or another.

Union County Republican Chairman Frank McDermott topped the list. Here's what politicians.com had to say: "Picking the worst county chairman in New Jersey was a fairly easy process. Dems now have a 9-0 advantage on the Board of Freetholders, and Republican candidates for statewide office seem to be getting blown away in general elections. McDermott, once a respected president of the State Senate and a candidate for governor 31 years ago, is very clearly out of touch and lacks credibility as a leader." Ouch, very ouch.

Despite Democrats owning Union County in recent elections, County Chairman Charlotte DeFilippis was not among the top five best.

It is the Republicans' year to elect chairmen on the municipal as well as county levels. Conflicting reports from members of the GOP have McDermott undecided about his future or not seeking reelection. McDermott himself, as of several weeks ago, said he has not decided.

Should McDermott not seek reelection, which seems likely, the only name left circulating of late has been Ron Frigeno, former mayor and municipal chairman in Westfield.

Politicians.com, a new political website, started just last month and has become a site anyone involved in campaigns needs to visit. It recently rated the five best and worst county chairmen in New

County has rare opportunity

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 this," Sullivan said. He could only recall when the stable in the county-operated Watching Reservation was relocated in 1956 because of the construction of Route 78.

Although both options are about equal in price, the final price tag is dependent on what type of park the freetholders ultimately choose and could range anywhere from \$500,000 to \$3 million.

Officials said the park has the potential to be a showplace and gateway for Union County. People think the area is in Elizabeth, Sullivan said, although the parkland is actually in the Township of Union.

Both options for the park call for 60 parking spaces as well as ornamental fencing consistent with the type Kean University has along its property across the street. The two options also would have a path and exercise stations as well as two play grounds, one for children ages 2 to 5, and another for children ages 5 to 12.

The passive design has a picnic area, gazebos and a large plaza which may include a fountain as the park's centerpiece.

An athletic field would take up approximately one-third of the available parkland in the more active plan.

Based on what municipalities are looking for, Director of Parks and Recreation Charles Sigmund said he would choose to construct athletic fields.

"We can't just look at what the demand is today," said Freetholder Mary Ruoopp, but look to the county's future might be.

Freetholder Vice Chairman Alexander Mirabella said the board should keep in mind what other types of parks the county has within its system and look to complement those. "I don't think we have a park like this," he said, referring to the second, passive design.

RSVP has new home

Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Union County wishes to announce its new home at Community Access Unlimited Inc., 80 West Grand St., Elizabeth, 07202. RSVP is an organization where citizens age 55 and older service the needs of their communities.

RSVP members volunteer their time and abilities to hospitals, schools, nutrition sites, senior housing, programs for at risk youth, transportation, counseling, correctional facilities and more. RSVP of Union County would like to welcome older Americans to get acquainted with the program.

Blood drives scheduled throughout county

The Blood Center of New Jersey is asking people to make a special effort to donate over the upcoming holiday season. The following blood drives are scheduled in Union County:

• Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Knights of Columbus 3589, 118 Park Ave., Linden; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, Stuyvesant Avenue and Chestnut Street, Union.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Marriage is played for laughs at UCC

Playwright A. R. Gurney has excelled at offering glimpses into the inner workings of relationships in such shows as the off-produced "Love Letters" and "Later Life," and with "The Golden Fleece," on stage through Saturday at Union County College in Cranford, he once again takes us behind the scenes.

On the Boards

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

Staged by the Theater Project at UCC under the direction of Mark Spina, "The Golden Fleece" is actually a package of two of Gurney's one-act comedies, "The Problem" and "The Golden Fleece."

With each piece, we are offered a glimpse into the complicated world of marriage. In "The Problem," a husband and wife, played to perfection by Gary Wood and Barbara Guidi, approach the dilemma — her pregnancy — with serious humor. Is he the father? If not, just who is? The thrust-and-parry of their sparring, fueled by her desire to shock him out of complacency and his resolute determination to remain rational, carries this comedy of manners through to its conclusion.

In "The Golden Fleece," it's actually two marriages we examine: that of the on-stage characters, Betty and Bill, played by Daaimah Talley and Andre DeSantis, as well as that of their friends, the absent Jason and Medea. Ostensibly having gathered us to display the legendary Golden Fleece, Betty and Bill stall for time while they await the other couple by telling us of Jason's heroic exploits and Medea's overwhelming maternal instinct. That Jason is revealed to be a cavalier philanthropist and Medea, ultimately, a heinous child murderer is the undoing not only of this marriage, but almost the one we see before us.

The "behind closed doors" glimpsing these plays provides what makes them work so well. You need not be married; just familiar with the travails of making a long-term relationship successful. It's not always easy, as these couples discover and display. Gurney's sharp and witty banter is ably delivered by these four actors, keeping the sparring alive and rich.

As the husband in "The Problem," Wood seems to be a combination of John — Lithgow and Cleeve — and gets maximum mileage out of deadpan reactions and understatement. Guidi nails the frustration and resourcefulness felt by any wife whose husband calmly reacts to earth-shattering news, and the sparkle in her eyes assures that she has more tricks up her sleeve. Easily the broader face of the two, "The Problem," like its counter-

part, will make one think long and hard about one's own relationships.

In "The Golden Fleece," Talley and DeSantis burst onto the stage every bit the quintessential "married couple." Whether conspiring each other's retelling of a story, convincing the other one to go see to the tardy Jason and Medea, or fighting desperately to ignore the obvious schisms in their marriage, these two never miss a beat and invest their performances with a depth and history which fills the stage. And each impressively handles the task of holding an audience's attention while alone on stage, filling even the silent moments with rich theater.

Director Spina has never shied away from mounting lesser-known titles at the Theater Project, and this latest foray once again proves the wisdom of offbeat choices. Bordering on the theater of the absurd — especially in "The Golden Fleece" — these plays will not only delight and entertain, but provoke quite a few thoughts on the nature of marriage. His staging is fluid and the pace never lets up, especially when the physical aspect of the comedy has the actors rolling about on the stage or chasing each other, cat-and-mouse style, around the furniture.

When a playwright, director and actors can make us laugh at things which really aren't funny, something is being done quite right. And at the Theater Project at Union County College, it's to be found in "The Golden Fleece."

For information on tickets, see the "Theater" listing in the Stepping Out calendar on Page B6.



Thomas E. Bethman III

Antonio Buonoano

Enrico Di Giuseppe

Collaboration proves successful for Manor's three operatic tenors

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

Listening to the marvelous voice of one tenor can be thrilling enough, but when three tenors, with completely different styles, provide their interpretations of their musical world, it can become an incredible experience.

And tonight at La Dome in the Cabaret Saloon series at the Manor in West Orange, the program will be called "A Night With Three Tenors," and Antonio Buonoano, Enrico Di Giuseppe and Thomas E. Bethman III will offer "popular arias, Neapolitan songs and selections from Broadway's 'Phantom of the Opera,' 'West Side Story,' 'Man of La Mancha' and more."

A chat with these three tenors, who work well together, simply because they're friends and they collaborate smoothly and beautifully, took place last week. They have appeared on every continent, entertained thousands of audiences internationally, from New York's Metropolitan Opera and Carnegie Hall and are known individually and together by every opera enthusiast.

Buonoano, who had appeared last season at the Manor, mentioned that he is truly looking forward to tonight's appearance.

Buonoano, who recently starred in the New York Grand Opera Company production of "La Traviata" and in concert at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, talked about the three tenors. "We are three tenors with totally different voices. One is more dramatic, one is more 'spinto' — meaning a lyrical Pavarotti voice — and myself, more of a true Italian lyric voice. And we put together a concert and had a lot of fun doing it. We have a good time. And everything becomes a learning process. Enrico is right there to assist you. It's really quite fulfilling.

"Enrico is a legendary tenor from the New York Opera," said Buonoano. "He sang in opera houses throughout the world. I had met him when I was a student and he was a teacher at the Juilliard School of Music. He has a fantastic voice. We became student-teacher-type friends, and professionals at the New York Grand Opera, where we worked together in many projects. It's not often you get to work with someone of his caliber."

Bethman, the third tenor, explained Buonoano, "was brought to me by my teacher, Anthony Di Leva, who has since passed away. He was in the original 'Fiddler' and 'Most Happy Fella.' He told me that he had a new student with great potential. He introduced me, and I realized that Thomas was a great talent and a good friend for me.

"What makes it easy for me to appear at the Manor," Buonoano said, "is that I have a cabaret and night club background that allows our concert to be more intimate with an audience. And in this program, we don't maintain a strict concert form. We interact with the audience, explain to them in layman's terms, and add Neapolitan and Broadway music to lighten the mood. It was really fun and very easy to assemble areas familiar to audiences and try to please the masses. We tend to stay on a more commercial end of the arias and more legitimate Broadway music."

Di Giuseppe, who has performed as principal tenor with both the Metropolitan Opera and the New York City Opera, has been heard in concert with the New York Philharmonic and the Chicago Symphony. He has spent equal time as a teacher of opera in two of the most prestigious schools in the world.

"Performing with both Tony and Tom," said Di Giuseppe, "is going to be a lot of fun. They're both very talented, and they're a lot of fun to work with. Tony is a very interesting man, who has a very colorful background. Tom also is a fine tenor. We like to work together because we all perform very well together."

Born in Philadelphia, Di Giuseppe resided in Pompton Lakes for 22 years and returned to Philadelphia, where he has lived for more than 50 years.

"I just love to sing," Di Giuseppe said. "When I was a boy and people heard me sing, they said, 'Oh, gee, you have a nice voice.' I used to listen to records of operas that my father had. I guess I was about 15 years old when I began to sing along with them. My father was a man who was interested in a lot of things in the arts. And he was interested in Roman history and did quite a bit of reading. Of course, being Italian, he loved the opera. He took me to my first opera when I was 10 or 12, and I fell asleep."

But that didn't deter young Di Giuseppe. He went to Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, then served as a soloist with the United States Army Field Band and traveled around the country singing with the band. "I went to Juilliard School of Music in New York. I studied there, then went to auditions. I got jobs, sang all around the country and then all over the world. In 1970, I got a job as a teacher at the Metropolitan Opera, and I taught there for 15 years. Then I was hired to teach at the Juilliard School of Music and was on the faculty for seven years. I was offered a position as Sheller Eminent Scholar Chair at Florida State University, where I taught for five years.

"When I decided I'd had enough of Florida, I came back to Philadelphia, and here I am," he chuckled.

Di Giuseppe mused, "I've never been to the Manor before, but I've heard so much about it. And I can't wait to spend an evening with my friends at the Manor. 'A Night With Three Tenors' tends to be a night of fun. I'm really looking forward to March 30."

Bethman said that he had "appeared with Tony and Enrico in other concerts together. We enjoy each other's company," he mused.

Bethman, who was born in Easton, Pa., grew up in Upper Black Eddy, Pa. He attended Monclair State College and transferred to the Eastman School of Music in Rochester. "I used to sing to people in the street in Easton when I was 3 years old," he recalled. "I would introduce myself to whoever was around, and then sing 'Jesus Loves Me.' That was my whole repertoire at the time."

Bethman chuckled. "A few seasons later, I appeared in my first professional show in my early 20s at the Bucks County Playhouse. Last year, I appeared in Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall, where I made my debut with the New York Grand Opera. I did excerpts from different operas. The concert was conducted by Vincent La Selva. I also appeared with the Orchestra of St. Peter By the Sea, conducted by Father Alphonsus Stephenson. And for seven years, I appeared as vocal narrator in North America's longest-running passion play in Union City.

He agreed that it will be exciting to "work again with Enrico and Antonio. We worked together for the last three years," he said. The last time was with the Bergen Philharmonic Orchestra in Englewood. And I'm really looking forward to getting together again at the Manor in West Orange."

Great expectations!



Barbara Guidi and Gary Wood attempt to figure out "The Problem," the first of two one-act plays in "The Golden Fleece" by A. R. Gurney, at Union County College in Cranford through Saturday.

Freeholders exhibit Kanzler's work

The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will present a photographic exhibit by Owen Kanzler titled "Antique Architectural Details of Elizabeth, New Jersey."

The exhibit will be on display now through April 20 in the Freeholders Gallery, located on the 6th floor of the Union County Administration Building, Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue, in downtown Elizabeth. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and also on Thursday evenings.

The photographs focus on the ornate architectural styles that flourished in Elizabeth during the late 19th and early 20th centuries — structural designs and details that are now slowly vanishing. The documentary project was made possible in part by a HEART Grant — History, Education, Arts Reaching Thousands — from the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Kanzler is a professional photographer from Linden.

who is also well known for his fine-art photography, which has been widely exhibited in New Jersey for many years. For this project he applied his discerning eye and his many years of photographic experience to recording for posterity a part of our vanishing architectural heritage.

"Kanzler's traditionally crafted, black-and-white photographs capture the essence of a bygone era of architectural style and workmanship," said Freeholder Mary Rucolo, liaison to the Cultural and Heritage Programs Advisory Board.

The Freeholders Gallery is coordinated by the Union County Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs. For more information about this exhibit and other programs and services related to the arts and Union County history, contact the Division of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 633 Pearl St., Elizabeth, NJ 07202 or telephone (908) 558-2550.

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Oscar buffs can check answers to trivia quiz

Now that all the awards have been handed out, let's see how you did on last week's Oscar Trivia Quiz. And the answers are ...

1. In 1997, "Titanic" tied two Oscar records. What were they, and what two films previously held those honors alone?

Answer: In 1997, "Titanic" tied the records for most nominations, 14, and most wins, 11. These records were previously held by "All About Eve," 1950, and "Ben-Hur," 1959, respectively.

2. What dubious Oscar distinction does 1972's "Cabaret" hold?

Answer: 1972's "Cabaret" is the most-honored film — eight Oscars, including Best Picture — that failed to also win Best Picture. That statue went to "The Godfather," which only took home two other awards: Best Actor for Marlon Brando and Best Adapted Screenplay for Francis Ford Coppola and Walter Newman.

3. Who was the first actor or actress to earn three Academy Awards?

Answer: Character actor Walter Brennan was named Best Supporting Actor in 1936 for "Come and Get It," in 1938 for "Kentucky," and in 1940 for "The Westerner." He was later joined by three-time winners Ingrid Bergman in 1974 and Jack Nicholson in 1977, and four-time Katharine Hepburn.

4. For what did the Talking Heads' David Byrne win a 1987 Oscar?

Answer: Talking Heads front man David Byrne received a 1987 Oscar as the co-composer of Best Original Score winner, "The Last Emperor."

5. What do Alfred Hitchcock,

Deborah Kerr, Peter O'Toole, Greer Garbo, Richard Burton, Glenn Close and Kirk Douglas all have in common?

Answer: None of them has ever won a competitive Oscar.

6. How many African-Americans have won acting Oscars? Can you name them?

Answer: Six African-American actors have been honored by the Academy: Hattie McDaniel, "Gone With the Wind," 1939; Sidney Poitier, "Lilies of the Field," 1963; Louis Gossett Jr., "An Officer and a Gentleman," 1982; Denzel Washington, "Glory," 1989; Whoopi Goldberg, "Ghost," 1990; and Cuba Gooding Jr., "Jerry Maguire," 1996. All but Poitier were honored in supporting categories.

7. During World War II, when metals were in short supply, what were the Oscars made out of?

Answer: When the war effort had dished on metals during the '40s, the Academy made its statuettes out of plaster.

8. How many people have won back-to-back acting Oscars in the same category? Who were they?

Answer: Four actors have been honored by the Academy in consecutive years in the same category: Luise Rainer, Best Actress for "The Great Ziegfeld," 1936, and "The Good Earth," 1937; Spencer Tracy, Best Actor for "Captains Courageous," 1937, and "Boys n' Girls," 1938; Katharine Hepburn, Best Actress for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," 1967, and "The Lion in Winter," 1968; and Tom Hanks, Best Actor for "Philadelphia," 1993, and "Forrest Gump," 1994.

9. How many times have acting

rares resulted in a tie?

Answer: Only twice in 72 years has the vote been split, resulting in a tie in an acting category: Best Actor in 1931-32, Wallace Beery for "The Champ" and Frederic March for "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde;" and Best Actress in 1968, Katharine Hepburn for "The Lion in Winter" and Barbra Streisand for "Funny Girl."

10. Can you name the three movies that have swept the Top Five — Best Picture, Director, Actor, Actress and Screenplay?

Answer: Pulling off Oscar's royal flush have been Frank Capra's "It Happened One Night," 1934, with Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert; Miles Forman's "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," 1975, with Jack Nicholson and Louise Fletcher; and Jonathan Demme's "The Silence of the Lambs," 1991, with Anthony Hopkins and Jodie Foster.

11. Only twice in 72 years have women been nominated for Best Director. Who were they and what were their films?

Answer: The two women to bridge the gender gap and score nominations as Best Director were Lina Wertmuller, "Seven Beauties," 1976, and Jane Campion, "The Piano," 1993.

12. What was the only Best Picture winner that scored no other nominations?

Answer: "Inside Oscar: The Unofficial History of the Academy Awards," by Mason Wiley and Damien Donaghy, "Behind the Oscar: The Secret History of the Academy Awards," by Anthony Holden.

Bill Van Sant, Editor

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Somerville Center Antiques

By Wendy Cinquante Antiques Correspondent

If a day trip to hunt down antiques sounds like an idea that's been exhausted, try visiting Somerville Center Antiques to rekindle your excitement. The 220 vendors located within a comfortable stroll of each other in the hometown atmosphere of Somerville offer you a variety of wares in a wide range of prices.

Consisting of four buildings, each of which houses a different specialty, Somerville Center Antiques is both large enough to offer variety and diverse enough to hold your interest.

The centerpiece is Uptown at 34 W. Main St., a former Woolworth building with 18,000 square feet of fine antiques on two floors. The lower level focuses on furniture, from an attractively upholstered mahogany side chair to a full dining room set including a china cabinet and buffet. Also found on this floor is an extensive art collection, rugs, lighting, paper collectibles, and several sets of fine china. Up on the main floor, colored glass, jewelry and memorabilia are featured, plus a selection of handmade lampshades. Here was also found an alabaster desk set, American Flyer trains and a Victorian pedaling organ.

Crossing Main Street and walking up Division Street brings you to the three other shops, each of which possesses a unique taste. The smallest is Linen Boutique, which is packed floor-to-ceiling with vintage textiles. A charming touch is the Speed Queen washer overtopping with some of the shop's wares.

Adjacent to Linen Boutique is Modern Design. Upon entering, your eyes light upon a curvaceous 1950s sofa paired with a similarly styled coffee table. Featuring 1930s Art Deco, Heywood-Wakefield and 20th-century modern design, the shop has several rooms filled with fads and fab style. Of particular interest is a room of kitchen items, including an array of clocks, a very popular collectible at present.

The final stop is The Outlet Center, the most eclectic of the stores. One can almost get lost here, with each corner leading you to more treasures at bargain prices. Here you can hunt down that little piece of childhood memorabilia or long-lost record album and not break the budget.

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Author Plain finds inspiration in human spirit

By Bill Van Sant
Associate Editor

With the exception of the photo and biography on the book jacket, the author of a novel is often a secondary character, taking a backseat to the men and women filling the pages between the covers.

You get something and you lose something.

"People are very courageous," Plain continued. "I think from the time you're born, there are problems. Even in kindergarten, there are problems, there always are. Life's a struggle even when you're very tiny."

a doctor, the inspiration for "Random Winds."

And just where does all the inspiration for all those novels come from?

ing on the experiences of her late husband in the medical field, she found the heart of her story. "The striving a young doctor has, the problems, a lot of that came from him."

Sometimes, though, that person steps from behind the scenes and proves as fascinating as the characters they've created.

Whether the immigrant heroine in "Evergreen," the young doctor in "Random Winds," or the single mother in her newest novel, "After the Fire," Plain's protagonists face adversity with a quiet determination.

"I always draw this analogy," she said. "I think if someone has written a song, a person wouldn't be able to say where the melody came from." The author simply relies on her observations of life around her. "You see how people handle situations. People have unusual experiences, and usual experiences. It's a case of being curious."

However, the author has never fashioned an entire character on herself.

Such will be the case next Wednesday when the Junior League of Elizabeth-Plainfield plays host to author and Short Hills resident Delva Plain.

"You have to keep moving. You can't get stuck in one place," she said. "You ask, 'How am I going to bear it?' But you do, you have to."

"I remember once being in a hotel restaurant when I was on a book tour," she continued. "I was having breakfast by myself and at the table next to me, people were having a very intense discussion and I remember taking note of it. It was a difficult decision they had to make and I thought, 'What would I do in that situation?'"

"I always write about a big problem, and I haven't had problems like that," Plain said. "I've had a passive life, which isn't very interesting."

Plain, who first came to prominence with the novel "Evergreen," will join fellow authors Sylvia Weinstock and Linda Faires for "A Literary Luncheon," a league-sponsored benefit event at the Chanticleer in Short Hills.

"After the Fire," unlike "Evergreen" and "Random Winds," is set entirely in the present, and deals with a form of adversity all too common in today's society.

Such connections often carry a deeper resonance for Plain, but which of her novels is her personal favorite?

The "Literary Luncheon" will take place Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The Chanticleer, 500 Millburn Ave. in Short Hills. Tickets are \$50 each and are available by calling (908) 700-1177. Proceeds from the event will support the Junior League's mission of assisting women and children in crisis.

For a woman whose trade is usually a solitary one, personal appearances offer their own rewards, usually in the form of a reader who's been touched by a book.

Researching legal procedure was secondary to the emotional journey, however. "I don't delve into technical details, it gets complicated," she said, pointing out the legalism in the novels of John Grisham as an example. "I just want to make sure I'm accurate. What I'm interested in is the emotion in the family." Her research took her no further than her two grandsons, both attorneys.

"Now, that is a question that people have been asking me for years and years," she said with a slight laugh. "I really enjoy them all, but since people are persistent in that, for purely personal reasons I would say the second one I ever wrote years ago, and it's called 'Random Winds.'"

With Wednesday's appearance soon to be behind her, the celebrated novelist is already at work on the next book.

"I think, people are very courageous," she said. "I don't mean that every story, I have a totally happy ending. I don't think life is like that."

"It is about a woman who, after a divorce, has to give custody of the children to her husband," Plain shared.

"It's about a doctor — not a present-day doctor because things have changed — but a doctor born in the early part of the century." Draw-

"Just barely," she said, chuckling. "Just barely."

Since "Evergreen," Plain's work can be typified by the strength of the human spirit, a recurring theme in her novels.

Plain's own life does not share such drama. Born in New Canaan, Conn., she relocated to Short Hills by way of New York City. Her late husband was

perused his passion over the last 10 years, at festivals, concert series and coffee houses throughout the eastern United States much to the delight of those who have seen him and shared his music.

But, after all, every novel begins with one idea, one word. The rest is just beautiful storytelling.

During 2000, The Arts Guild of Rahway will be presenting a series of concerts — The "Millennium Music Series."

The second concert in the series, originally scheduled for Feb.-February, has been rescheduled: New Jersey folk musician Mike Agranoff will be playing a concert of acoustic music, original-contemporary and traditional songs and stories Friday at 8 p.m.

This will be a concert fit for the whole family and, for only \$8, no one should have to miss it. The Art Guild is located at 1070 Irving St. at the corner of Seminary Avenue in downtown Rahway, only blocks from St. Georges Avenue or Routes 1 & 9. Call (732) 381-7511 for information or to make reservations.

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NJCVA juried show offers highs, lows

By Joe Lugare
Staff Writer

The International Juried Show 2000 at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts in Summit poses an old question: Do you want to respond emotionally or intellectually to what you see?

Guest curator Dan Cameron, senior curator of the New Museum of Contemporary Art in New York City, has decided to take the intellectual road. Of the 69 works, only slightly more than a handful succeeded equally on both aesthetic and emotional levels.

Much of the work flounders in its inaccessibility: without the appropriate intellectualizing, the pieces collapse weakly. Mark Engel's stumpy digital abstraction on canvas, "Diana," is, apparently, a distorted and unrecognizable image of Princess Diana. The viewer is looking at a picture of one of the most photographed personalities in history, but isn't aware of it; denied color — as are nearly all the works selected by Cameron — the portraits thrive on planes of paint. The creamy white, beige and dull green tones clearly describe the heads of middle-age men, but the features are left indistinct, right down to their buttony Orphan Annie eyes. In one, the nose is a simple pink spot; in the other, it's a reddish-brown spot, with a clown-like mouth rapidly swept in beneath it. Working at a size no greater than six inches, Straub gets an amazing

degree of gesture into his brushstrokes; although the small size implies the idea of a snapshot, the photographic notion is constantly and restlessly challenged by Straub's considerable painterly skills.

Another painter, Rose Weinstock, provides a Hopperish view in "Laraway Chair." Sunlight, slanting into a dark but comfortable-looking room, is the entire subject of the tiny panel. The setting is shown through a clouded window; isn't terribly inviting either, leaving the viewer with the slightly uneasy feeling of playing Peeping Tom.

Two other painters, Paul Caranicas and Brenda Goodman, also make memorable impressions, although in completely different ways. Caranicas' "Noir Time IV" has a narrative feeling about it — a pristine, industrial interior is the setting for a little gung-ho drama, in which a young male in jeans and a T-shirt stands on a catwalk, pointing at the viewer and gesturing an unseen target. Unlike the mysteries presented by the more conceptual pieces, "Noir Time IV" offers narrative details the viewer can toy with; although as impossible to solve in its own way as "Diana" or any of the other intriguingly conceptual pieces, "Noir" details offer an intriguing participatory experience, making it difficult for the viewer to tear themselves away. Caranicas' clean lines, his unexciting industrial colors and general austerity bring to mind the real-but-unreal industrial landscapes of the precisionist Charles Sheeler, giving the work a visual coldness that perfectly echoes the psychological coldness of its lone, gun-toting figure.

Goodman's "Not Titled (#40)" is a delirium of texture and color. At a short distance, it almost appears as if actual minerals have been affixed to the canvas to create the mountainous composition. The image, painted on two masonite panels, is generally dark, allowing the enervated pinks and yellows to jump out. A number of the shapes are suggestive of eccentric perfume and liquor bottles; the image effectively pulls the viewer between still life and landscape, without ever settling, for even a second, on either.

Goodman's fantastic world is wonderfully supported by two equally busy and colorful mixed media sculptures by Kevin Sampson installed adjacent to it. Looking almost like gingerbread houses, Sampson's pieces are constructed of, among numerous other materials, bone.

Cameron's photography selection is inadequate. Most of the works are predictable, while a few others succeed — barely — only as amateurish exercises in the use of cast shadows and gimmicky props. Only Amy Berkley and Lynn Reynolds come off as genuinely interesting. Berkley's "Rachel," a small, square image of a young woman lying in the dark, repeatedly scratching out the name "Amy" on a dark surface with a piece of chalk, is like "Noir Time IV," a moody participatory challenge. The lying woman, spotlighted in her bright yellow and red outfit, seems like a colorful animal in the road about to be run over.

Half of Reynolds' black-and-white "Secular Reliquaries" is dominated by an open shed, with a painted religious figure just barely visible through the open door; in the distance, a tractor either sits in, or works its way through, a field. The statue is truly other-worldly — stark white, whiter than the sky, it seems nested on its painted, downcast features give it a chilling gravity, as if marking a burial place over which the shed was constructed.

The center's next exhibition, "On the Horizon: Landscape at the Millennium," is scheduled to open April 2.

Return engagement is twice as sweet

By Bea Smith
Staff Writer

It was "An Afternoon to Remember" Sunday at 2 p.m. when Maya and Boris Zolotarev, a unique and an exceptionally talented Russian couple, played a diverse selection of music at the YM-YWHA of Union County in Union. Myra Friedman, concert program director, arranged for the Zolotarevs to make their fourth appearance at the "Y," prepared tables around a dance floor and offered refreshments. Regrettably, the room was only half-filled, and unfortunately, many New Jerseyans missed an absolutely splendid afternoon.

But those who attended, the majority of them senior citizens, enjoyed every moment and even got up on the dance floor at the request of the fabulous musicians. With Maya, an attractive woman with a lovely voice, and her husband, Boris, accompanying her on an electric piano, a large harmonica that looked like one half of an accordion, and some taped background music, the "Y" literally bounced with happiness.

The two were both graduates of the Saratov Music School in Russia. While Boris continued his studies in piano and theory at the Saratov Conservatory, Maya attended Saratov University for a master's degree in foreign language. They were signed by the Saratov Philharmonic Society, and began their artistic collaboration as soloists with a marvelous repertoire of songs in many languages, from many countries and in many languages. Following numerous performances in Russia, in international music festivals and on Russian television, they are now performing in New York and New Jersey to sold-out audiences.

Their program Sunday opened with Maya's rendition of "Those Were the Days," to which she danced and swayed and was able to attract audience participation when she said, "This is a nice sweet reminder." Then came "Lara," from the movie "Dr. Zhivago," in English and in Russian, and it brought goose bumps to this reviewer. With "Moscow Nights," in which Boris modernized the song and Maya gave a little history and background of this particular music, the song was translated into English.

For a change of pace, Boris offered the classical "Czardas." Before long, they both presented an Israeli patriotic song, "Arza Alinu," both in Israeli and English, and some

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Russian melodies and pop music that came out after World War II, while Maya played the piano and Boris, the odd-looking harmonica.

For a change of pace, the Zolotarevs offered some Yiddish songs in their Russian style, such as "Bei Mir Bistu Du Shonen," which Boris jazzed up a bit — it didn't sound like the Andrews Sisters' version, but it was just as effective. Then came "My Yiddish Mame" by Maya, who sang it only in English, and would have, in a Sophie Tucker brought more tears had she offered it in its mournful Yiddish language. A lively "My Yiddish Midelekh" and "Chin-bim, Chrim-bim" and another favorite, "Yussell," followed.

Then came some Israeli music and folk dances, including "Oseh Shalom," "Frelachs," "Sholom Aleichem" and the folks gaily danced. The audience sang along to "Chareh," did the polka to "Melody of Love," sung in Polish and English; danced the tango to "Ich Hobi Dich Zufel Lieb" and to the "Argentine Tango," bounced a cha cha to "Blue Moon," waltzed to "The Anniversary Waltz" and a Viennese waltz, boogie-woogie to "Chatooga Choo Choo," and listened with favor to Maya's Russian-accented "Aby, Berek Heart."

A very favorite Russian gypsy song, "Ochi Tcherny," had the audience in a dither, and after some line dancing, which some senior citizens really took seriously, and some soft rock, "I Will Survive," everyone raised paper cups filled with coffee, tea or soda to "L'chaim — To Life."

And an added salute to a musical experience to remember: to the magnificent Zolotarevs — and to Friedman, who gave great happiness to music lovers by providing such a pleasant afternoon of musical concert.

Students' artwork tours area schools

Have residents been wondering where their children's artwork is? The Springfield School District is hosting a young art show of student work. The compiled work is a sample of the best painting, printing, drawing, computer graphics, and multimedia within a variety of classes per each grade level. The show includes work from Pre-K to high school and will be touring all of the schools and the board offices. The schedule is as follows:

- Springfield Public Library, now to Friday.
- F.M. Gaudinier Middle School, Monday to April 20.
- Jonathan Dayton High School, May 1 to 19.
- Springfield Board of Education Offices, May 22 to June 2.

- Participating teachers are Holly Callahan, coordinator; Marilyn Schneider; Barbara Dellkarr; and Suzanne Dobrowolski.

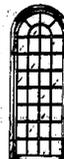
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April 5th & 6th, 2000
EVENT: Rummage Sale
PLACE: Congregation B'Nai Anavah Shalom, Piene Street & Vaumhill Road, Union
TIME: April 5th: 8:00am-9:00pm; April 6th: 9:00am-12:00pm
ORGANIZATION: Sisterhood Congregation B'Nai Anavah Shalom

FUN AUCTION

FRIDAY
March 31, 2000
EVENT: LAST FROM THE PAST, Annual Tricky Tray Auction
PLACE: Union Catholic High School, 1600 Marne Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ
TIME: Doors open at 6:00pm
PRICE: \$6.00 includes one bid ticket, finger casseroles, coffee, and tea. Purchase tickets prior to March 31st and receive 10% off. **FREE!** SORRY, NO CHILDREN UNDER 18 YEARS OLD. Call 908-488-1800
ORGANIZATION: Union Catholic High School Parents Guild

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FRIDAY
March 31, 2000
EVENT: Free Clinical Presentation, "NOTHING: THE IMPOSSIBLE PROFESSION"
PLACE: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange, New Jersey 07082
TIME: 9:00am-9:30pm
PRICE: Free. For reservations or further information call 973-736-7600
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ)

LECTURES

TUESDAYS
April 4th, 11th, and 18th, 2000
EVENT: Montrose Historic District Association (MPHDA) Sponsors Three Lectures on Tuesdays in April:
PLACE: St. Peter's Church, 1200 Park Street, Montrose, NJ
TIME: 7:30pm-9:00pm
PRICE: \$10.00
ORGANIZATION: The Psychoanalytic Center of Northern New Jersey (PCNJ), 769 Northfield Avenue, Suite LL2, West Orange, New Jersey 07082

OTHER

THURSDAY-SATURDAY
April 6th-10th, 2000
EVENT: ANNUAL BOOK & MUSIC SALE
PLACE: 26 Park Street, lower level, Montclair (across from the YMCA)
TIME: April 7, 10, 14, 9:00am-9:00pm; April 8 & 15, 9:00am-4pm; April 10, 11, 2:00pm-6:00pm; Children's books April 6, 2:00pm-6:00pm. Adults must be accompanied by a child under 16. Closed April 9th.
PRICE: \$5-Opening day only, Friday April 7th, then free admission. For information call Wednesday AM 973-783-7040
ORGANIZATION: College Women's Club of Montclair, a branch of AAUW. Proceeds fund scholarships and fellowships.

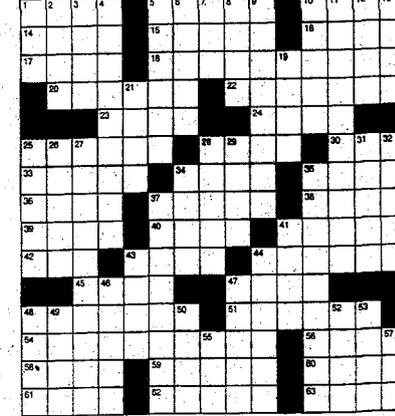
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REUNIONS

- Westfield High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Saturday. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Westfield High School Class of 1970 reunion is scheduled for April 7. For information, call (732) 617-1000.
- Scotch Plains High School Class of 1980 will conduct its 20th reunion April 15. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Union High School Class of 1965 will conduct its 35th reunion April 29. For information, call Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- St. Joseph's School in Roselle Class of 1950 reunion is planned for May 2000. Contact Jane Geoghegan Burke at (732) 388-7363, Al Haase at (203) 744-7896 or George Schimdtbauer at (920) 432-0210.
- Union High School Class of 1990 reunion is scheduled for June 10. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Jefferson High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for June 24 at the Jefferson Performing Arts House in Elizabeth High School. For information, call Patrick Gargano at (908) 272-5485, or write to him at 322 North Ave. East, Cranford, NJ 07016-2435.
- Union High School Class of 1940 reunion is scheduled for July 13. For information, contact Evelyn Sleudte Bishay at (407) 647-8119.
- Summit High School Class of 1990 will conduct its 10th reunion July 29. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Union High School Class of 1980 reunion is scheduled for Aug. 19. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.
- Linden High School Classes of 1950 to 1959 will conduct a '50k Reunion Picnic Aug. 26 at Memorial Park on South Wood Avenue, Linden. From 11 a.m. to dusk. For information, call Gail Hudak at (908) 952-4272.
- Union High School Class of 1970 will conduct its 30th reunion Nov. 24. For information, contact Reunions Unlimited Inc. at (732) 617-1000.

HOROSCOPE

For April 3 to April 9

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Luck sits in your corner this week. In competitive situations, you have the winning edge. Practice moderation, and don't push too hard.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You have something valuable to give to those who are down and out. Work through a charitable organization, and offer your time, money or advice.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21): Don't feel like you have to carry the whole world on your shoulders this week. Others will pitch in and help if your request is sincere.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): A project comes to a successful completion, and you are recognized and rewarded for your contribution. Stand up, and be proud!
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Adjust your expectations surrounding a social or cultural event. Everything does not have to be perfect for you to have a good time.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It is time to face up to your financial obligations. Pay a debt or loan without haggling. Stick to a favorite form of exercise, and stay in shape.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): An important relationship is highlighted. Work toward the realization that you value each other greatly and can make your connection work.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Conflicts or disagreements among co-

workers are healthy as long as it stays on a level of reasonable debate. Go ahead, and voice your concerns.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make careful choices in romantic or social situations, and avoid being around people who do not share your goals. Give children special attention.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on expressing your feelings this week rather than trying to suppress them. Quality time spent with loved ones is well-spent.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make the most of an opportunity to finally communicate with someone who has been difficult to reach. Lay all of your cards on the table.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Money news is good and comes along with insights on how you can preserve and increase your income. Make very detailed notes.
If your birthday is this week, put your nose to the grindstone this coming year and uncover financial resources you didn't realize were available to you. Settlements or inheritances will figure highly in your scheme of developing property. A relationship issue comes to an impasse when each of you are waiting for the other to make the first move. Encourage respect and honesty from your mate or partner by offering yourself in the same light.
Also born this week: Jane Goodall, Marguerite Duras, Booker T.

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Special price "Fantasy Flight Mouse"
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10 am to 4 pm

There will be a drawing for free door prizes. There will also be refreshments, snacks, and free helium balloons.

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BigShotSports.com.....<http://www.bigshot.com>
Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce.....<http://www.commerce.com/bcc>
Broad National Bank.....<http://www.broad.com>
Camp Horizons.....<http://www.camphorizons.com>
Clinton Hill Baptist Church.....<http://www.njusa.com/CHBC>
Designer Bathrooms & Kitchens.....<http://www.localsource.com/designer.htm>
Distinctive Services Unlimited, Inc.....<http://www.dsuninc.com>
Dreams Come True Weight Loss.....<http://www.localsource.com/dreams.htm>
East Orange Chamber of Commerce.....<http://www.localsource.com/eocc>
Essex County Clerk.....<http://www.essexclerk.com>
Eye Care Center of NJ.....<http://www.eyecare.com>
First Night of Maplewood, Orange.....<http://www.localsource.com/firstnight.htm>
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Prudential White Realty Co.....<http://www.white.com>
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South Mountain Yoga.....<http://www.yogaworld.com/southmountain>
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To be listed
Call 908-686-7700 X311



The Essex and Union Communities Against Tobacco (CAT) Coalition announces

WEEKEND SPECIAL 100% Smokefree Dining — April 7, 8, and 9

Essex and Union CAT thanks and congratulates the Union County restaurants listed below for being 100% smokefree. The CAT Coalition urges people to patronize smokefree dining this special weekend. These restaurants protect your health and promote your comfort. Thank them. Enjoy them!

These restaurants are 100% smokefree every day of the year:

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| Berkeley Heights
Di Maio
Espresso Pizza
Fuji
Neelam
Pizza Hut
Pizza Spot
Siam Village | Kenilworth
Civile Ristorante
Italiano
Le Rendez-vous | Village Café & Bagels
Village Deli | Summit
A's Specialty Store
Bagel Chateau
Brick's Pizza
Doria's Pizza
Joe's Pizzeria & Vittoria's
Restaurant
La Focaccia
Phoenix
Souffle
Three Squares
Windmill
Zappia's | Skolnik Bagel Bakery
Subway
Taco Bell
Wendy's |
| Cranford
Dim Sum | Mountainside
Daimatsu
Friendly's | Plainfield
Freshwater's
Pizza Spot | Rahway
Beana's Mexican
Fon Garden | Vauxhall
Church's
Syd's |
| Clark
Momotaro | New Providence
Aquila Cucina Italia
Chen's
Chez Z
Coppola's
Friendly's
Gio's Cuccina Del Mare
Jose's Mexican Cantina
McDonald's
Noah's Bagels II
TCBY | Scotch Plains
Brianna's
Hung's Shanghai
Thai House | Union
Adagio Bistro Italiano
Flor D'Italia
KFC
Monica's Café
Morris Thai Cuisine | Westfield
Clyne & Murphy
Kotobuki
Mojave Grill
Northside Trattoria
Novita
Panera
Sorrento's
South Side Roman Bistro
Vivian's Kitchen
Windmill |
| Elizabeth
Cali Mio
Primo Pizza
Super Duper Bagels | | Springfield
Barnes & Noble Café
Hillary's | | |

The following chains are smokefree in all restaurants: Au Bon Pain, Bertucci's Brick Oven Pizza, Boston Market, California Pizza Kitchen, Chuck-E-Cheese, Dunkin Donuts, Einstein Bagels, Starbucks, Taco Bell, Wendy's, White Castle.

These restaurants have agreed to be smokefree in all dining areas for the weekend of April 7, 8, and 9 (smoking may be permitted in separate bar area).

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|--|---|--|---|--|
| Berkeley Heights
The Alley Bar & Grill
The New Bagel Delite
The New Pizza Stop Station
House Café
Sub Zone | Kenilworth
Anthony's Luncheonette
Bagels 4-U
Café Repetti
Charlie's Hot Dog
Golden Palace
La Griglia
McDonald's | Liantonio's Pizza Stop
Umberto's | Churrasqueira Marina
Doman's
Mona Lisa
Napoli's Pizza & Deli | Summit
Hilltop Café and Grill
Office Beer Bar & Grill |
| | | New Providence
Groucho Marks | Scotch Plains
Alfonso's
Mezzogiorno | Union
Cioffi's Italian Restaurant |
| | | Roselle Park
Cheung Hing | | |

For a directory of 100% smokefree dining throughout New Jersey, send your name and address plus \$3.00 to help cover postage and handling to: Dining, New Jersey GASP, 105 Mountain Avenue, Summit, New Jersey 07901

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 Contract Rates Available
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Business Directory 4 PM Thursday
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 Ad Copy 12 noon Monday
 In-column 3 PM Tuesday

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 Production Director
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 870 Hamilton St., to Thomas Schweizer for \$148,000 on Aug. 24.
 Debra L. Mayer sold property at 2151 Whittier St., to Maria Drogdzewski-Derius for \$149,500 on Aug. 25.
 Robert J. and Linda Talarzynski sold property at 561 River Road to Crystal Wesley for \$150,000 on Aug. 25.
 Gail A. Joseph sold property at 29 Van Cleeft St., to Clayton Turner for \$140,000 on Aug. 25.
 Philip J. and Sarah R. Roberts sold property at 3 Ridge Lane to Janet Messersmith for \$223,140 on Aug. 26.
 Pedro L. and Alice Acevedo sold property at 326 Elm Ave., to David and Kimberly K. Hall for \$187,000 on Aug. 26.

Roselle

Andrew F. and Martha L. Marquez sold property at 405 Bartlett St., to Victor and Nubia A. Oviedo for \$129,000 on Aug. 13.
 Howard and Carol Skuratofsky sold property at 217 Central Ave., to Giovanni Sanchez for \$175,000 on Aug. 18.
 Willie T. Taylor sold property at 230 E. 7th Ave., to Derek Bischoffhausen for \$56,000 on Aug. 19.
 Julio and Maria L. Esquin sold property at 590 Uncas Ave., to Edward and Parris B. Robinson for \$130,000 on Aug. 19.
 Tomas and Agustina V. Rodriguez sold property at 115 Prospect St., to James E. and Leslie K. Jackson for \$159,500 on Aug. 20.
 Gregg M. and Susan M. Fedorka sold property at 482 Chester Place to Darrin Miller for \$112,000 on Aug. 20.
 Enrique and Gladys Crespo sold property at 312 W. 3rd Ave., to Clar-

ice Lee for \$105,000 on Aug. 23.
 Richard S. and Diana Pasquarelli sold property at 307 W. 6th Ave., to John and Sheila L. Louis for \$134,000 on Aug. 24.
 Matyia R. and Leslie Sears sold property at 115 Hillcrest Terrace to Gioaquino Philippe for \$84,000 on Aug. 27.

Roselle Park

Rose M. Kobylar sold property at 276 Seaton Ave., to George L. and Debra R. Labruzzo for \$125,000 on July 28.
 Paul and Genevieve Vannatten sold property at 447 Colonial Road to Wayne and Anny Yip for \$170,000 on July 29.
 Jayant C. and Hana Patel sold property at 258 W. Clay Ave., to Angelo and Laura E. Santonastase for \$102,000 on July 30.
 Hung K. and Amy S. Lam sold property at 538 Pinehurst Ave., to Ram N. and Pawan Karkar for \$22,000 on Aug. 2.
 Madeline R. Kennedy sold property at 201 E. Lincoln Ave., to Robin Rosen for \$113,000 on Aug. 2.
 Patrice M. Jennine sold property at 630 Myrtle Ave., to Joseph A. and Lisa A. Lance for \$175,000 on Aug. 9.
 Robert S. Yingling sold property at 42 W. Roselle Ave., to Meryl Schoen for \$129,000 on Aug. 20.
 Emma Egner sold property at 618 Sheridan Ave., to Vito Renzi for \$165,000 on Aug. 23.

Springfield

David and Shirley Weiss sold property at 105 Hawthorne Ave., to Susan Feldman for \$198,000 on Aug. 2.
 Alma M. Cox sold property at 6

Rainford Road to Lois Honcharuk for \$172,000 on Aug. 6.
 Luis and Lysette Pereira sold property at 287 Short Hills Ave., to Gerard and Alpha for \$310,000 on Aug. 6.
 Norma L. Altman sold property at 23 Oak Ridge to Anaxiy and Lilya Estrin for \$410,000 on Aug. 13.
 Bernice Friedman sold property at 119 Pitt Road to Benjamin Tian for \$290,000 on Aug. 16.
 Ann Warren sold property at 56 Golf Oval to Michael and Donna Kamp for \$392,500 on Aug. 19.
 Eugen and Silvia Ganica sold property at 478 Moisel Ave., to Frank A. and Elaine Kuzynski for \$212,000 on Aug. 23.
 Michael A. Giovinazzo sold property at 159 Pitt Road to Andriette Khalif for \$250,000 on Aug. 24.
 Scott A. and Dina C. Sanderson sold property at 145 Bryant Ave., to Carl J. and Chom S. Lutz for \$254,900 on Aug. 25.

Summit

Stuart J. and Doreen J. Fischer sold property at 255 Kent Place Blvd., to Robert and Carol Myers for \$750,000 on Aug. 2.
 Peter J. Lutton sold property at 30 Miele Place to Joshua and Jennifer McCoy for \$295,000 on Aug. 3.
 Gary and Lynal Peck sold property at 27 Bedford Road to David B. and Jennifer E. Brady for \$795,000 on Aug. 5.
 William F.X. and Wilton B. Coffey sold property at 16 Walden Ave., to David H. and Jennifer Hollenbaugh for \$725,000 on Aug. 6.
 Mary L.G. Roux sold property at 15 Sunray Drive to Patrick C. and Kristen O. Ramsey for \$625,000 on Aug. 6.
 Duane H. Tucker Jr. sold property

at 98 Passaic Ave., to Peter and Christen Lambrankos for \$296,000 on Aug. 10.
 Geravaso A. and Maria P. DeCianis sold property at 32 Kent Place Blvd., to John Mayer for \$391,000 on Aug. 11.
 Edward J. Lynaugh Trust sold property at 105 Ashland Road to Mark and Tracey Carlson for \$645,000 on Aug. 12.
 Rex R. and Suzanne R. Dyer Jr. sold property at 2 Woodcroft Road to Hugh and Donna Wolzeten for \$885,000 on Aug. 12.
 Edward J. and Susan A. Emanuel sold property at 8 Harvey Drive to Francis Pittelli for \$405,000 on Aug. 12.
 Clint R. and Brenda J. Holmes sold property at 37 Edgewood Road to Joseph B. and Amanda W. O'Dowd for \$715,000 on Aug. 16.
 Elizabeth A. Brennan sold property at 115 River Road to Omar Carvajal for \$199,900 on Aug. 17.
 Thomas F. and Patricia J. Lynch sold property at 2 New Providence Ave., to Steven S. and Linda R. Wolf for \$342,000 on Aug. 18.

Union

Rose V. Barberio sold property at 3539 Morrell St., to Roosevelt and Yanique Morency for \$178,000 on July 29.
 Naved and Shaguia Ahmad sold property at 40 Reinhold Terrace to Kenil and Attagrace Jean for \$240,000 on July 29.
 George M. and Virginia Gilerest sold property at 381 Lum Ave., to Stanley and Genowefa Kmet for \$192,500 on July 30.
 James A. and Lisa B. Hagopian sold property at 374 Lum Ave., to Andrzej and Barbara Chomik for \$188,000 on July 30.

Winifred F. Sinnott sold property at 805 Monmouth Road to David and Madeline Quinones for \$132,000 on July 30.
 Lois P. Bausch sold property at 8 Paine Ave., to Paul Mazur for \$140,000 on July 30.
 Frank W. Brady sold property at 816 Townley Ave., to Christopher and Michelle Goerke for \$149,900 on July 30.
 Walter and Hedy Klein sold property at 2575 Spruce St., to Jozef and Kazimiera Saniewski for \$152,000 on July 30.
 Dinis and Alice Tapina sold property at 2566 Jackson Ave., to Francisco and Maria J. Alexandre for \$155,000 on July 30.
 Kenneth and Linda Nicola sold property at 1039 Schneider Ave., to Fiorvil Valdez for \$158,000 on July 30.
 Eduviges and Eneida Cruz sold property at 1512 Elaine Terrace to Rhiza Benzon for \$164,500 on July 30.
 David and Maria A. Pinho sold property at 188 Park Place to Michael M. and Oge Okonkwo for \$218,500 on Aug. 4.
 Thomas and Barbara Perocisk sold property at 10 Burwell St., to Mario and Carmen Mickle for \$169,000 on Aug. 4.
 Ernest A. Ujhelyi sold property at 121 Parkview Drive to David and Maribel A. Torres for \$147,000 on Aug. 4.
 Francis P. Paduano sold property at 2020 Balmoral Ave., to Paulo and Celeste Ferreira for \$145,000 on Aug. 4.
 Robert H. Ebenfeld sold property at 866 Lafayette Ave., to Hermuino and Norma Clemente for \$168,500 on Aug. 5.
 Valere S. Martin sold property at 1519 Vauxhall Road to Merline

Weir-Stewart for \$228,000 on Aug. 5.
 Lawrence W. Jordan sold property at 2612 Frederick Terrace to Joao and Olga C. Ferreira for \$155,000 on Aug. 6.
 Dorothy H. Clark sold property at 258 Newark Ave., to Almerinda and Aniceto Monteiro for \$126,500 on Aug. 7.
 James A. and Adrienne Vandeweyer sold property at 1730 Union Ave., to Nathaniel and Sheila Richardson for \$187,000 on Aug. 8.
 Sarah Salvatore sold property at 915 Douglas Terrace to Rogelio R. and Martina Cuenca for \$207,000 on Aug. 10.
 Daniel Hartley sold property at 1080 Sterling Road to Konstantinos and Sue Skordalis for \$175,000 on Aug. 11.
 Jose L. and Wanda L. Pinales sold property at 979 Greenwood Road to Raymond T. and Rosario G. Wilson for \$190,000 on Aug. 11.
 Thomas and Kathryn Coon sold property at 500 Thoreau Terrace to John Araulo for \$180,000 on Aug. 11.
 Abraham Leff Trust sold property at 1170 Colgate Place to Anthony and Catherine E. Johnson for \$189,000 on Aug. 12.
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Arias can be reached on his pager at (908) 471-0001, or at the office at (908) 272-2570, Ext. 24. His e-mail address is: NfHomes4U@aol.com. On the internet: www.ERA.com.

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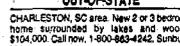
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AUTOMOTIVE

Porsche 2000 Boxster is a lot more car, but can be hard to find

By Mark Maynard
Copley News Service
For those still on a waiting list for a Porsche Boxster, be glad you are in line now for a 2000 model. For about a hundred bucks more, you get a lot

more car. The only problem is getting a car. Wait of as long as six months is possible in some areas of the country, and the higher performance Boxster S will be in short supply. Porsche's North American annual

allocation of Boxsters is up to 12,661, which is 1,765 more than last year. Porsche says the allotment has been pre-ordered by its dealers.

About a third of the total — 4,362 — will be the S model, which recently went on sale for a base price of \$49,930 or about \$8,500 more than a base Boxster. If you factor in the extra features that are now standard equipment, the adjusted price increase is closer to \$5,345, Porsche says.

Among the real two-seat sports cars with which it competes, the Boxster is remarkably practical, if a sports car can be practical. Two trunks, one in the front and one in the rear, allow exclusive trunk space for two people on long weekend getaways.

And driving a Boxster is reward enough for most owners.

Its race-car-inspired styling captures that of the 550 Spyder from the mid-'50s, and the contemporary, water-cooled engine saws off slabs of meaty pleasure in sound and acceleration. Rev it to 5,200 rpm, and the turbine-like wail of the boxer 6 engine is music to inspire greatness.

And it gets better for the year 2000. Last year's 2.5-liter, 6-cylinder engine in the standard Boxster has been enhanced through a new crankshaft to 2.7 liters of displacement. Horsepower jumps to 217 from 201 and torque increases 11 foot-pounds to 192. The 0-60 mph acceleration has sprinted from 6.7 to 6.4 seconds, and top speed has been stretched to 155, up from 149.

Among the other power enhancements are Motronic E-Gas throttle — used in the 911 Carrera and Boxster S — and a dual resonance intake manifold, which is largely responsible for the improved torque.

A flap in the manifold adjusts for short or long intake runners. A long intake fills the cylinders more completely and boosts torque at low rpm; a short intake helps breathing and horsepower at high rpm.

The E-Gas throttle system works through electronic integration with the engine computerization; there is no cable linkage to the engine. It also has a limp-home mode that, in the event of an electronics malfunction,

allows the system to default to a high-idle mode — 1,600 to 1,800 rpm — so you can drive home.

Porsche also upgraded the interior appearance of the Boxster. A soft-touch material is used on most trim pieces that aren't leather or plastic. The coating feels like rubber or soft leather, but is expected to hold up better to the sun and general wear and tear. It looks a lot better than the cheap-looking plastics in use before.

Boxster S

The debut of the Boxster S is a well-defined step up from the stock model and no threat to the 911 Carrera.

Boxster has been a tool to put younger buyers into Porsches, but it surprised company execs when it also brought in older buyers, typically those who owned older Porsches but couldn't afford a new Carrera.

As everyday usable as the Boxster is, it typically is the third car in a family fleet, Porsche says.

The S model isn't just a shot in the arm for the 3-year-old Boxster, it is part of the company philosophy to continually improve its cars, says Wolfgang Sander, dealer service manager.

Aside from the Boxster S badging, you can tell the difference between the two models by the front center air inlet on the S. The added opening is for the third radiator because a larger engine creates more heat.

Here's what else separates the two models. The S has:

- 17-inch tires — Michelin Pilot, Continental, Pirelli or Bridgestone — and a new wheel pattern
- Dual tip exhaust
- Titanium-colored trim and nomenclature
- Light gray-faced gauges
- 3-spoke steering wheel
- Illuminated vanity mirrors
- Immobilizer security system
- Aluminum finished hood and trunk releases — in the style of the 911 Carrera
- Intermittent wipers
- The Powertrain

The heart of the S is the engine. The base Boxster 2.5 has been enhanced, through a new crankshaft, to 3.2 liters and 250 horsepower.

Coming along for the ride are 44

more foot-pounds of torque, now at 225 foot-pounds, with a lusty power range that peaks at about 1,800 and carries up through 4,500 rpm.

The S is very strong in second and third gear now, which is especially handy for driving in traffic. The 5-Speed Tiptronic S — auto-manual — with steering wheel shift buttons is available for \$3,210. Only about 20 percent of Boxsters are ordered with the Tip.

The latest version of Porsche's Motronic engine electronics is a "torque-guided" system, Porsche says. The angle of the accelerator translates power needs in terms of torque; 10 percent throttle sends the signal to the actuator to provide 10 percent torque; full throttle gets full torque.

With the increased power comes increased stopping power. The Boxster S uses the 911 Carrera discs: 12.52-inch vented and cross-drilled rotors on the front and 11.77-inch

rear. The 4-piston calipers are in eye-catching red.

Chassis
More performance also means more suspension. There are larger stabilizer bars, larger struts and springs and larger wheel bearings.

Stiffer doesn't mean rougher, though. After 250 miles on the road, most drivers could do another 250 in the standard — partial leather — seats.

It is likely every heel-toe shifting enthusiast would choose the S over the standard model, but the revisions to the 2000 Boxster make a desirable consolation prize for a two- or three-year lease.

That's enough time to put a deposit on the S, which by then will have even more horsepower and pleasure perks.

Mark Maynard is automotive editor at the San Diego *Union-Tribune*. Contact him at mark.maynard@uniontrib.com.

2000 Boxster S

Body system: Mid-engine, rear drive
Engine: All aluminum 3.2 liter, DOHC, 24-valve horizontally opposed and liquid cooled VarioCam 6 cylinder, with an 11.0:1 compression ratio
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Transmission: 5-speed manual (optional Tiptronic S)
EPA fuel estimates: 18 mpg city, 26 highway; premium unleaded recommended

Fuel capacity: 16.9 gallons
Acceleration: 0-60 mph, 5.7 seconds (6.3 with optional Tiptronic transmission)
Coefficient of drag: 0.32 Cd

Dimensions

Wheelbase: 95.2 inches
Width: 70.1 inches
Length: 171 inches
Height: 50.8 inches
Ground clearance: 4.1 inches
Curb weight: 2,855 pounds (2,943 with optional Tiptronic transmission)

Head/leg/shoulder room: 38.1/41.6/51.7 inches
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Chassis

Front suspension: MacPherson struts with aluminum lower control arms; progressive rate coil springs; 23.6mm stabilizer bar; gas-charged dual-lube shock absorbers. Rear: MacPherson struts with aluminum lower control arms; progressive rate coil springs; 18.5mm stabilizer bar; gas-charged dual-lube shocks; self-stabilizing toe characteristics
Brakes: Power assisted dual circuit four-wheel vented discs with one-piece, four-piston fixed aluminum calipers and ABS; front discs, 12.53 inches; rear discs, 11.78 inches
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