

horoscope

For week of Aug. 11-Aug. 18

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Plastic surgery isn't necessary. Think of ways of sprucing up efficiency and refining personal touch.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You demonstrate talent for writing and communications. Others are notably impressed.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Keep it simple. A blockhead wants to make irrelevant changes to your plans. It makes little difference how convincing you are.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Take a bow since there are some accolades coming. Earlier project begins to harvest fruit.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Breakthrough occurs in time to your objectives. Trend proclaims rebirth of romance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 23) Domestic situation improves and brings much-needed romantic jubilation. Take brisk walk and get motor music exercise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Power of concentration proves helpful in dealing with co-worker. Executive skills are highlighted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Gracious, polished demeanor pays off best today. Important signature will be required.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Good day to strike out on individual path, making own way. You'll attract romantic adventures.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

- ACROSS
1 Floor unit
5 Leaf or branch
9 Modern
13 Spanish painter
14 Roofing expert
15 First Alaskan governor
16 Part of a Sun, paper, once
17 Michigan's ruler
18 Pungency
19 Playing a trumpet
21 A Homingbird
23 Muff's wand
24 Salon color
25 Signifies
28 LXVX X II
29 Occasion
30 Algorism
32 Have pity, once
36 One kind of song
37 Has potential
38 Beehive State flower
39 Poem
40 Title
41 Conductor's home
42 Woof's approach
43 Sunday deliveries
46 1943 Bogart film
49 Sunset
50 Implied
51 Wrapping up
52 Sleep
53 Seal
58 Ancient music
59 Hebrew measure
60 Motto and Magnan
61 Real cool
62 Young woman
63 New Jersey vivo

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
ACROSS: 1. Apartment, 5. Branch, 9. Modern, 13. Goya, 14. Gutter, 15. Aleutian, 16. Sunspot, 17. Governor, 18. Pungency, 19. Trumpet, 21. Pigeon, 23. Wand, 24. Hair, 25. Signifies, 28. Roman numeral, 29. Occasion, 30. Algorithm, 32. Pity, 36. Song, 37. Potential, 38. Flower, 39. Poem, 40. Title, 41. Home, 42. Approach, 43. Deliveries, 46. Bogart, 49. Sunset, 50. Implied, 51. Wrapping up, 52. Sleep, 53. Seal, 58. Ancient music, 59. Hebrew measure, 60. Motto and Magnan, 61. Real cool, 62. Young woman, 63. New Jersey vivo

Course is offered

Adults and children alike will enjoy first-hand the wonders of the universe this fall through non-credit courses offered by Union County College at its Spry University.

Each class will make use of the high-technology equipment at the observatory on the college's Cranford campus, including 10-inch refractor and 24-inch reflector telescopes.

"Astronomy: Discovering the Universe," will explore outer space through the help of Amateur Astronomers, Inc., a non-profit organization based at the observatory.

In addition, children can learn about the universe through courses tailored specifically to younger age levels. "Astronomy For Kids," for children ages 8 through 12, will study the planets and satellites.

Registration is required as enrollment is limited. Participants can select from two time slots from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, either from Sept. 21 through Oct. 19 or from Oct. 26 through Nov. 23.

For the even younger set, "Mini-Astronomy," for children ages 5 through 7, they will explore the stars and the planets. Participants can select from two time slots from 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturdays, either from Sept. 21 through Oct. 19 or from Oct. 26 through Nov. 23.

For further information, call 908-709-7601.

Support is offered to the unemployed

The emotional and practical separation of the generations, sometimes referred to as the "gap," between middle-aged parents in their 50s and 60s and their upwardly mobile offspring in their 20s and 30s, probably is best symbolized by two psyches, neatly stapled side by side on top of the family budget file.

How is it that this generation has come to depend so universally on two incomes whereas their parents, for the most part, were able to get by quite nicely with one? The answers that are usually offered at the typical dinner table discussion, almost always come out sounding something like "... but things were a great deal easier/much different/much less expensive then!"

Whatever the reasons and however one may choose to characterize or explain the dependency, this is now an American norm.

When the breadwinner of the first half of this century suddenly lost his job, the primary wage earner of the family was almost always male. The situation was clearly disastrous. Today, however, the loss of one of the

two incomes, which frequently is more than half of the combined total, can be just as upsetting and indeed as frightening. Again, the conditions almost always are fraught with more than just the obvious material impact; sometimes the male may be required to assume a domestic role for which he is ill-prepared and unfavorably disposed; the female may feel suddenly compelled to take on more responsibility, to work longer hours or even change careers in order to increase her income. And, too often the normal routine of parents, as well as the children, becomes disrupted and probably for an uncertain duration.

To help people cope better with these kinds of problem situations, Family & Children's Services of North Essex will be sponsoring a six week supportive counseling program for couples, in which one of the partners has become unemployed. The six counseling sessions will be offered in a format that will include some couples groups, as well as separate sessions for employed partners and for unemployed partners.

The program, beginning on Wednesday, is open to couples in the North Essex area and will be at 28 Small Ave., Caldwell. There will be no charge for sessions, but participants will be asked to make a donation to family service after the unemployed partner has regained a job.

For further information, interested couples should contact: Tom Kobsa, M.A., at 201-228-5383 or Daris Malinckak at 201-746-0800.

Your abilities can earn extra income. Advertise them with a classified ad by calling 763-9411.

lottery
The following are the winning New Jersey Lottery numbers for the week of July 28 -

PICK 1 - AND PICK 4
July 28 - 565, 4131
July 29 - 686, 8556
July 30 - 349, 8753
July 31 - 747, 4881
Aug. 1 - 047, 3232
Aug. 2 - 605, 9622
Aug. 3 - 900, 6310

PICK-6
July 29 - 4, 13, 15, 37, 41, 45; bonus - 67382.
Aug. 1 - 10, 23, 31, 32, 33, 40; bonus - 17116.

Parsonnet, Price named to NJSO board of trustees

The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra has announced that Dr. Victor Parsonnet, director of surgery at Newark Beth Israel Hospital, has been elected as chairman of the board of trustees, and that I. Edward Price of Livingston, senior vice president and company secretary of the Prudential Insurance Company of America, has been elected as a new trustee of the state orchestra.

The elections took place at the NJSO's annual meeting of the corporation at the State Theater in New Brunswick. Re-elected as officers of the NJSO Board of Trustees were Dr. Morton L. Griswold of Plainfield, chairman emeritus; Richard W. Kimmiller of Chatham, chairman emeritus; Robert C. Waggoner of Mountain Lakes, vice chairman; William B. Caster of Millburn, treasurer; and Charlotte Tansend of Short Hills, secretary. Newly elected officer W. Frank Bloom of Mendham will serve as vice chairman.

Re-elected to the board of trustees were Lewis F. Alpaugh of Somerville, Anita Falls of Millburn, M. Joan Foster of Wyckoff, Thomas F. Kane of Short Hills, and Gerald Kaye of West Orange.

Parsonnet is a widely published author, consultant to numerous hospitals and government agencies, and has taught at New York University, Beth Israel Hospital Medical Center, University of Medicine and Dentistry, and Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London. He has held leadership positions with many medical societies, and is currently president of the International Cardiac and Electrophysiology Society. His many awards and hon-

ors include the Edward J. III Award for the Outstanding Physician in the State of New Jersey in 1978, an honorary doctor of laws from Kean College in 1980, and the Clara Barton Governor's Award in 1989. He has served as a member of the editorial board of the New England Journal of Medicine, the American Heart Association Journal, and other publications, and he has been a board member of Metro-East Med-Care since 1986. He is a graduate of Cornell University and received his M.D. from New York University.

A trustee of the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra since 1986, Parsonnet has served as vice president since 1990, as artistic chairman since 1989, and as chairman of the campaign affairs committee.

An amateur pianist, and tennis and golf player, Parsonnet resides in Millburn with his wife Dr. Mia Parsonnet. Price currently serves on the boards of Prudential Life Insurance Company Ltd. (Japan), Prudential Property and Casualty Insurance Company, Pruco Life Insurance Company, and several other Prudential subsidiaries.

Price is a fellow of the Society of Actuaries, a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and the International Actuarial Association, and a Chartered Life Underwriter. A member of the board of directors of the Mental Health Association of Essex County and the Board of Governors of Prospect House, a psychiatric day center in East Orange, Price has served the NJSO previously as a member of the long range planning committee.

A graduate of Yale University, Price resides in Livingston with his wife Diane, and two sons, Noah and Stefan.

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Legislation establishes annual Holocaust Remembrance Day

By David Brown Managing Editor
The Holocaust during the World War II is an infamous period of contemporary history that will not soon be forgotten. The New Jersey Legislature, however, is looking down the road to a time when the survivors are no longer around to tell the story of their plight.

To this end, Holocaust Remembrance Day was signed into law by Governor James Florio in Livingston, and commemorated at a ceremony Aug. 7 at the Temple Beth Ahm in Springfield, providing for an annual day of observance throughout the New Jersey school system.

In addressing a gathering of more than 200 members of the Temple Beth Ahm congregation, Holocaust scholars and survivors, Florio, quoting a Jewish scholar, said, "Indifference is the epitome of evil. Without good people don't become involved, evil flour-

ishes, and therefore education, through this day of remembrance, will help ensure that this never happens again."

The text of the legislation also calls attention to the continual threat of racism and genocide.

Recent reports from Europe of a revival of anti-Semitism suggest that, even within the lifetime of the last of those survivors and witnesses, the horrors of the Holocaust are being forgotten. Present and future generations must be made aware of the atrocities committed against innocent people in the name of a bigoted and perverse ideology," it states.

A small contingent of survivors spoke solemnly, though fortily, about their experiences during the war and of their expectations of the legislation. "This law is very important," said Phyllis Zagorak, a Springfield resident who lost most of her family during the six-year persecution. "Too



A towing service assists with the retrieval of a Springfield police car that was stolen and later abandoned in Newark.

Police car heisted, recovered

By David Brown Managing Editor
An alleged car thief, in the process of being arrested by Springfield police Aug. 8 for stealing a private vehicle, turned his skills on the arresting officer and made his getaway in the patrol car in which he was being detained.

The Rev. Robert Everett, a member of the Union Township Board of Education, was on hand for the ceremony he called "long overdue. I've been very active in Christian-Jewish relations over the years and I'm thrilled by this legislation. The education curriculum in New Jersey has always been very strong," Everett said, "but we always thought there should be a permanent remembrance day."

Norman and Annalie Saltsitz, who recount their struggle for survival through the war in their book, "Against All Odds," were featured at the ceremony, and presented copies of the book to Florio and Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-Union), a co-sponsor of the bill.

"As a survivor, I would like to thank you personally for this law, Governor Florio," Annalie said. "I hope and pray this will help to prevent another Holocaust."

"The importance of history in our society is to learn from the mistakes and tragedies of the past, and to use those lessons to ensure a safer and more productive future," said Cohen, who accepted a copy of the book from Norman Saltsitz.

The ceremony in Springfield followed the signing of the bill into law by Florio at Temple B'nai Abraham in Livingston.



Springfield residents Amalie and Norman Saltsitz, survivors of the Holocaust, present books recounting their struggle to Governor James Florio, left, and Assemblyman Neil Cohen, right.

Township considers joint pool

By David Brown Managing Editor
Springfield officials are examining the possibility of establishing a joint insurance fund with neighboring municipalities in order to cut down on steadily rising insurance costs.

According to Springfield Mayor Marc Marshall, several private insurance carriers are examining the profitability of underwriting a common insurance policy for a number of municipalities.

Most municipalities in Union and Morris counties purchase their property and liability insurance in the open market.

"At one time or another, municipalities weren't even able to purchase certain kinds of insurance because the risk was considered so high," Marshall said. "Generally, insurance rates have continued to rise in a cyclical pattern. Not only has it become expensive, the budget process is made more difficult because it's so hard to predict the changing costs of insurance. So we felt it would be worth looking into forming an insurance pool with other municipalities."

According to Joseph Vozza, executive director of the Public Entity Risk Management Administration, which manages joint insurance policies across the state, the idea is growing in popularity.

"Pooling finances in order to write their own insurance policies has become much more common, certainly," Vozza said, noting more than 220 municipalities are involved in some kind of joint insurance pool.

"The regional district, which operates four high schools, serves students in Springfield, Mountaineer, Kenilworth, Clark, Berkeley Heights and Garwood.

Springfield Mayor Marc Marshall, a Republican, said Tuesday that ideally perhaps the regional district should be dissolved, but he would like to see the results of a Regional Board of Education study on cost-cutting options before considering "such radical surgery."

The district is currently conducting a survey of parents which includes the question of whether one of the four high schools should be closed. The four schools are Jonathan Dayton in Springfield, David Brealey in Kenil-

with his hands behind his back, and placed in the back seat of the police vehicle," said Chisholm, who was not able to confirm whether the patrol car involved was equipped with the safety device which prevents opening the rear doors from the inside, or the brand of handcuff involved.

"It is certainly not commonplace for something like this to occur," Chisholm said. "But there is always the possibility." The handcuffs were later found in the patrol car with the suspect's key still in the lock.

Police do not release the name of the officer involved, or the suspect, who was one of two men apprehended in the initial stolen vehicle incident. An internal investigation is expected to be conducted. Chisholm said the department may take disciplinary action against the officer.

The patrol car was found on Bedford Place in Newark, apparently undamaged.

An arrest warrant has been issued for the suspect, Charles Boston of Newark, the fugitive's accomplice, is being held in the Union County Jail on \$5,000 bail.

The suspect was handcuffed

his own key. It was not confirmed whether the key was a genuine handcuff key or a homemade device.

"As long as a proper arrest procedure is followed, a person should not be able to maneuver out of the cuffs even with a key," Morocco said, explaining that most handcuffs are adjustable. "They can be applied tightly enough to prevent any maneuvering of the hands, while not injuring the person being restrained."

A spokesperson for the Massachusetts-based Smith and Wesson Company which, in addition to firearms, is a major producer of handcuffs for the law enforcement industry, said he believed there were only isolated incidents of suspects escaping from their handcuffs. "This is not a common occurrence," the spokesperson said. "When applied properly, the handcuffs should be effective."

A second major manufacturer of handcuffs used by municipalities, the Peerless Handcuff Company, also of Massachusetts, declined to comment.

"A representative of Ray's Sporting Goods in Plainfield, which outfits many officers with their gear, including clothing, firearms and handcuffs, said the locks on handcuffs are not impossible to disable. "The handcuffs on the market vary in their difficulty to get out of," the representative said. "But if you've been arrested a million times, you can get good at it."

Of the similarity between the keys of handcuffs of different companies, he said "It makes it a little easier for the guys who know what they're doing. But it's really not the fault of the police if that happens. They can only use the best the industry has to offer."

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Salute to Local Business & Industry
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An experienced and licensed electrician for the state of New Jersey, Puerari has had his own contracting business for over four years, and services Union, Essex and Middlesex counties.
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The Stagw/Summit is presenting its adaptation of "Moby Dick." For additional information, see Page B3 of the entertainment section.
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Firefighters continue to learn

By David Brown
Managing Editor

What is the Fire Department up to? Business as usual? Are there any new techniques in the science of firefighting? Has this year been any different from previous years in the number of calls? The volunteers are seeking members to expand their ranks. How does one measure success in the field of firefighting?

Whether there's a fire, a motor vehicle accident, a car trapped in a tree or a myriad of questions from the press, the Springfield Fire Department is quick — and thorough — in its response.

According to Fire Chief Gerard Richelo, who oversees the 38-member team of paid and volunteer firefighters in the department, the business of firefighting is never usual. "We see changes in the field of firefighting all the time. Technology is always improving, as are education and training in the field of pyrotechnics," Richelo said. "New chemicals, for example, are introduced into the market almost on a daily basis. In order to see these chemicals safely transported and, in the case of a fire, properly controlled, our education has to be constant."

According to Richelo, whether firefighters are paid or work for the department on a volunteer basis, their ongoing education in the field demands a sense of duty and commitment as if they were on the scene of a fire or any emergency situation. "We consider our entire staff professionals, whether they are paid or not," Richelo said, embarking on a thorough description and explanation, in layman's terms, of the education of a firefighter.

"The training programs for volunteers and the paid firefighters parallel one another to a degree," Richelo said. "They get the same basic training."

Basic training begins with extensive instruction in one of a number of colleges offering Firefighting I and II. During the academic instruction, candidates are exposed to the firefighting apparatus at the firehouse, qualifying themselves to operate a variety of ladder and hose engines. Trainees do not go into a fire until they have completed their course work and have been properly qualified.

Education in firefighting, according to Richelo, is only part of the suc-



From left, Springfield firefighters Jim Anagnos, Jim Beyer and Jim Sanford inspect an air tank.

cess in the preservation of life and property.

"Education in fire prevention is also critical. Part of the overall aspect of fire protection is what we call public education," Richelo said, calling the department's cooperation with the public schools "extremely successful. We believe, through the evidence over the years, that the education of children in the school system has resulted in increasing the awareness in households of proper procedure in case of fire."

Some very young children, Richelo explained, seeing smoke, or sensing something wrong, have taken the correct steps in quickly alerting others of the danger. "Prevention through education is very important."

Part of that education, one might say, is on the job training. "The proper upkeep of smoke detectors, we feel, is very valuable, and we encourage participation in our registration program," Richelo said, referring to the Fire Department's Smoke Detector Registration Program, in which fire officials can assist residents in maintaining their battery-operated smoke detectors. "Residents will be called on a six-month interval to remind them to check the unit's battery, and then after one year to replace the battery," Richelo said.

Are there any big changes expected in the field of firefighting? "What we do has gone far beyond going out and fighting fires," Richelo

said. "We're responsible for education, prevention, protection, rescue, and now the mitigation of hazardous materials. There's a whole array of emergency rescue services. The coming trend is to provide emergency medical services."

Richelo said that like fires and rescue operations, medical emergencies require similarly "quick response times" in which the Fire Department is well practiced. "This way we can provide the initial medical assistance while medical people are on the way to the scene."

One primary factor, in the Springfield Fire Department which is not expected to change is the reliable response of the volunteers. "According to Richelo, benefits from joining the Springfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1 can be tangible and subjective. "There is a great sense of service to one's community and a comradeship among the members," a sentiment confirmed by the captain of the volunteers, Marcel Campion.

"I get a great satisfaction out of helping others in Springfield and other communities," Campion said. "When you pull somebody from a wrecked car, for example, you get a high on it though it's not looking for glory. It's just overwhelming," said the 20-year veteran and captain in the Springfield volunteers. "The volunteer company is a great way to move into the paid ranks in addition to the satisfaction and the comradeship."

Computers stolen from Springfield outlet recovered in Roselle apartment

By Glenn Farnick
Staff Writer

Boxes filled with computer equipment recovered from a residence on St. Georges Avenue after Roselle police executed a search warrant July 24, according to police.

The computers were the property of a computer distributor located in Springfield, but Roselle police carried out the warrant because the suspects were keeping the property in their residence in Roselle.

Police arrested three men, Shing Chu, 23, Antonio Burgman, 22, and Bradley Cozine, 21, all of Roselle, and charged them with theft of the computer components from the distributor.

Ten boxes were recovered at an

aggregate value of \$30,000, according to Lt. Joseph Dugan, the arresting officer, who gave the computer equipment to the Springfield Police Department. The equipment, which included a desktop computer, a monitor, a printer, a scanner, a modem, and a mouse, was valued at \$10,000. The owners are trying to determine an exact total, according to police.

Sources close to The Spectator confirmed that Chu was employed at Westwood Computers on Route 22.

The problem was first detected when drivers for the delivery service, United Parcel Service, working out of their North Jersey offices, noticed strange addresses on packages being shipped to a location in Roselle, police said.

After the problem was reported to the UPS loss prevention department, an investigation began. That depart-

ment notified the computer distributor, which was cooperative and shipping records according to police. They did not know on their lists where the computers were shipped.

At that point the police were called and a search warrant was issued by Judge Milton Spivak, police said.

Armed with the warrant, Assistant Prosecutor Harold Knox and Dugan arrested the three men, who all list the apartment as their residence.

Police report that the suspects, allegedly led by Chu, who worked at the company, were redirecting shipments of equipment to their residence. When the computers came in to the shipping area where Chu worked, police said, he would change the labels of the packages to read his address and the company's name.

The driver for UPS was suspicious because the company's packages were going to a private residence.

John Venite, an official from UPS who works with loss prevention in the area, said he could not comment on the issue because he had not been informed.

'Supreme' bus arrives

"After many months of waiting patiently for the arrival of the new senior citizen bus, a dream has become reality," said Senior Citizen Coordinator Theresa Herkalo.

A 23-passenger "Supreme" bus, purchased from Alcoa Bus Sales in Carlstadt, was delivered to the Sarah Bailey Civic Center last week.

The official dedication of the bus was held Aug. 7 with Township Committee member Jeffrey Katz, the liaison to the Recreation Department. Katz presented the keys to the new bus to senior bus driver Ruth Prinis.

Also present were several residents who plan to utilize the bus. "Everyone is excited and pleased with the new bus," Herkalo said.

The bus will operate Monday to Friday, stopping at the shopping areas within the township, including Acme, ShopRite and Kings. Special trips are run occasionally to the Livingston Mall, Bradlees and the Rickels Shopping Center in Union.

Open house at local pool

The Springfield Swim Pool Management will hold an open house Wednesday for Springfield residents who are not members of the Swim Pool.

A fee for the Springfield guests will be \$3 for children 12 years of age or younger and \$6 for residents 13 years of age or older.

Further information may be obtained by calling 912-2234.

All children under the age of 17

must be accompanied by an adult for admittance. All adults must show Springfield identification before being admitted.

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student update

Eckmann earns degree
Peter Eckmann joined approximately 675 students who received graduate and undergraduate degrees from Slippery Rock University at its annual spring commencement ceremony in Kerr Thompson Stadium.

Known worldwide for its rigorous academic programs, Rensselaer is a university with recognized strength in the sciences.

Two receive medals
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute announced this year's recipients of the high school Rensselaer medal. John Schiano of Springfield and Elena Maquire of Mountainside received the annual honor for their outstanding achievements in the study of mathematics and science during their junior year.

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Republican Township Committee candidates Harry Pappas, left, and Jeffrey Katz, right, present a bouquet to renowned opera star Rose Baum Senenichia.

Republicans host opera star

More than 250 people filled the main dining room at the Tower Steak House Sunday to support Jeffrey Katz and Harry Pappas, Republican candidates for the Springfield Township Committee.

The gala featured internationally acclaimed opera star Rose Baum Senenichia, the new Carlotta in Broadway's "Phantom of the Opera."

"There wasn't an empty seat in the house. The event was sold out more than a week ago," Katz and Pappas said jointly. "We almost had to turn people away at the door. But, with a little push here and an extra chair there, we accommodated everyone. We are honored that Ms. Senenichia graciously donated her time and talent for this concert. We deeply appreciate her support in our campaign."

Springfield Mayor Marc Marshall and Deputy Mayor Phil Kurros, Katz and Pappas' campaign managers,

were host to dozens of special guests and dignitaries: state Republican chairman and Assemblyman Bob Franks, Assemblywoman Maureen O'Connell, Union County Republican Chairman Frank X. McDermott, Union County Clerk Walter Halpin, Freeholders Alan Aguirre, Linda Lee Kelly and Louis Santagata, Westfield Mayor Richard Bagger, and Maplewood Bob Gramere, as well as numerous municipal elected officials and party chairmen.

Springfield Republican Chairman and former Mayor Bill Ruocco served as master of ceremonies.

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Rate increase requested

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"Elizabethwater expects to file rate cases annually for the next several years in order to continue to meet regulatory requirements and the needs of our customers," said Chester A. Ring 3rd, president of Elizabethwater Water Company. "We will strive to keep the increases to a minimum and continue to maintain fair and affordable rates."

The increase is needed to offset increases in the cost of water. Elizabethwater purchases from the state and other operation and maintenance expenses, Ring said. In addition, the increase will cover the costs to finance \$36.4 million of the company's ongoing construction program that were not incorporated in the rates established in January.

Under the proposed rates, Elizabethwater will continue to maintain rates that are lower than those of most other New Jersey water companies.

The average Elizabethwater residential customer using 7,700 cubic feet or 20,200 gallons of water per quarter, the regular billing period, would notice a cost increase of \$9.66 per quarter or 74 cents per week. Upon review and approval of the BPU, the company expects new rates would go into effect in the spring 1992.

Elizabethwater Water Company and its subsidiary, The Mount Holy Water Company, serve more than 177,500 customers in 54 municipalities of eight New Jersey counties.

Cohen commended

The New Jersey Food Council commended Assemblyman Neil Cohen (D-Union) for introduction of legislation allowing for discounts, premiums and rebates on prescription drugs.

"This measure would bring New Jersey in line with every other state in allowing consumers to cut their out-of-pocket prescription costs."

"We are pleased that Assemblyman Cohen has taken the lead in supporting prescription coupon legislation. The Governor's Commission on Health Care Costs recommended this measure in its report to the governor as one of many reforms to the health care system," said Barbara McCannell, NJFC president.

"With health care costs soaring at an exorbitant rate, all New Jersey consumers should benefit from this cost saving legislation," she said. "Currently, the state allows only senior citizens — over 62 years of age — to utilize prescription coupons."

The New Jersey Food Council is a non-profit association conducting research, education and public affairs on behalf of its 300 members — food retailers, wholesalers, manufacturers, food brokers, and service companies — doing business in New Jersey.

Registration is ongoing

In-person registration is ongoing for persons enrolling in credit courses at Union County College for the fall semester, which begins Sept. 4.

Students may register on the Cranford campus from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fridays through Aug. 16. Thereafter, special in-person registration hours will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays to Thursdays; 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturdays, from Aug. 19 to Sept. 17.

In-person registration will be conducted on the Scotch Plains campus from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays to Thursdays, and from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays, from Aug. 26 to Sept. 17.

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BY ALAN SCHWARTZ
Managing Editor

In an attempt to lessen the impact of complying with the ocean-dumping ban which became effective earlier this year, the Port Authority approved \$40 million in loans on Aug. 8 to sewerage authorities, including four which serve the Worrall Community Newspaper area.

Governor Jim Florio, in a letter to Port Authority Chairman Richard Leone, requested that the funds be made available to the authorities "to fund various capital improvement projects" which will ease a transition from ocean dumping. The six authorities which will receive loans all complied with the March 17 ban on dumping at the 106-mile site off the coast of New Jersey.

The zero-interest loan will need to be repaid over the next 20 years.

The Passaic Valley Sewerage Authority, which is the second largest such entity in the United States, serving 33 municipalities including Nutley, Belleville, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge and Orange, received \$23.5 million. The Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties, which serves 11 municipalities including Hillside, Union, Roselle Park, South Orange, West Orange, East Orange, Irvington and Maplewood, received \$4.5 million. The Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority, serving 12 municipalities including Clark, Rahway, Springfield, Mountaineer, Kenilworth and part of Roselle Park, received \$1.3 million. The Linden-Roselle Sewerage Authority, serving its two named municipalities, received \$275,000.

Outside of Essex and Union counties, Bergen County Utilities Authority and the Middlesex County

Utilities Authority received \$3.8 million and \$3.8 million, respectively.

"It will help keep a lid on disposal costs and that is very good news for both homeowners and businessmen," Florio said. "Clean water is important to everyone. But it is especially important to a state like New Jersey where we can cherish clean beaches and a clean ocean."

According to Carmine Ferrapato, the executive director at PVSC, the money once it is officially received will be distributed to the towns, which have already paid for improvements.

"I haven't got the check yet," Ferrapato said, having experienced "the check" in the mail "syndrome" before. "They have been talking about this money for a long time now. But when I do get the check, I have a schedule

Regional district seeks handicapped

The schools of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 — David Brewster in Kenilworth, Jonathan Dayton in Springfield, Arthur L. Johnson in Clark and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights — maintain many programs and services for handicapped students in grades 9 through 12.

All high school age students residing in Berkeley Heights, Clark, Garwood, Kenilworth, Mountaintide and Springfield who may be considered as handicapped, have not graduated from high school, and are not currently receiving public education, should contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services of the Union County Regional High School District No. 1 at 376-6300.

The Regional District wants to know of handicapped youth currently not in school so that they may be made aware of the educational opportunities available to them.

Letter writers

Readers are encouraged to write letters to the editor expressing views on topics of interest. Letters should be typed, double spaced or legibly handwritten and no longer than 2 1/2 pages.

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I LOVE TO READ — Kindergarten student John Christadore, 6, of Kenilworth has spent a most productive summer, reading more than 200 books in a five-week period at the Harding School Library. Christadore has been rewarded with bookmarks, bookplates, balloons and free books. He has been known to turn down trips to the seashore and playing Nintendo games just to read. Ann Szabo, school librarian, has been in charge of Harding's extremely successful program.

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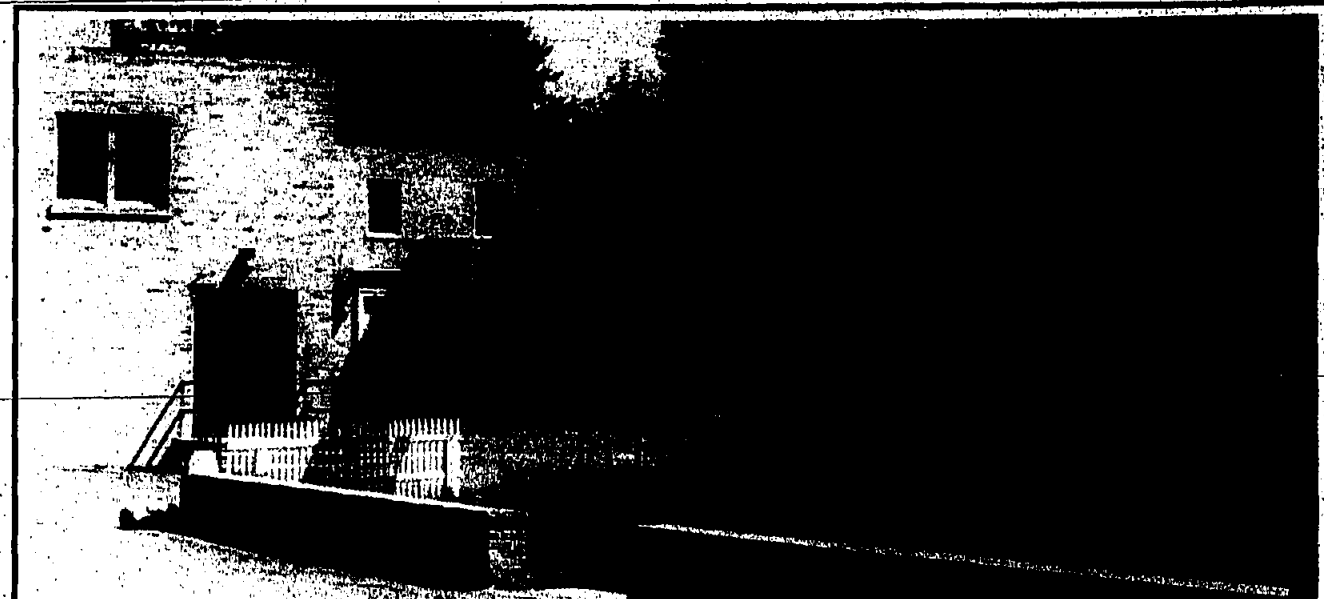
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WHAT IS IT? WHERE IS IT? — The partial photo we showed you last week — of the bell in the upper left corner of this photo — can be found on the Church of St. James, on S. Springfield Avenue. If you know of a site or landmark that would make an interesting photo feature, let us know. If we use the idea for publication, we'll give you credit in the *Springfield Leader*.

Photo by Barbara Kuchta

Kids are people, too

Many kids might soon find themselves permanently grounded, even if they have done nothing wrong.

Two bills authored by State Sen. Ronald Rice, D-Essex, would impose curfews on juveniles in an attempt to reduce crimes by youthful offenders.

The first, S-3454, would make it unlawful for a juvenile to be on a public street or in a public place between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. without a parent or guardian. Allowable exceptions would include extracurricular school activities and religious, cultural, educational and social events after 10 p.m.

The second piece of legislation, S-3455, would permit municipalities to pass an ordinance making it unlawful for local merchants to sell any merchandise to a juvenile during curfew hours. The sale of prescription drugs or certain over-the-counter drugs to juveniles during curfew hours would be allowed, provided that the merchant maintained a permanent record of the sale.

Both bills carry a provision for penalties or fines of up to \$1,000 and require that violators perform community service. In the event that both the juvenile and juvenile's parent or guardian are found in violation of the ordinance, those individuals would be required to perform community service together.

Attempting to prevent citizens from becoming victims of crimes is an admirable endeavor, but those who have done nothing wrong should not become victims themselves.

Many youths have never committed a crime and are fine citizens. Many excel in school, and a large number hold part-time jobs.

Spending time with friends is an important part of growing up, and the opportunity to blow off steam by recreating with peers is needed by youngsters who are experiencing the pressures of school, work, or, perhaps, family problems. If that means being out after 10 at night, so be it.

While it may not be appropriate for a 10-year-old to be out of the home unescorted after 10 p.m., such a curfew could represent an unnecessary and unfair limitation to high school juniors and seniors who might want to catch a 9:30 p.m. movie or go to a party.

Rice, by hoping the bills would encourage young people to "devote time to studies and academic pursuit," is misdirecting his efforts. The government should not have the opportunity to oversee such individualized activities so directly; instead, homework time should be scheduled by a child and his or her parents.

The bills are also misguided in that they will result in the fruitless expenditure of taxpayers' money.

Although the laws might reduce crime, they would also ensure that police officers would spend valuable time chasing down innocent youths who happen to be out past curfew. This time-consuming endeavor could draw their attention away from truly criminal activities in the streets.

In any case, juveniles who have committed crimes may not be fazed by committing another. A youth who has stolen a car or robbed a store after 10 p.m. will probably not be fazed by such a curfew law. The youngsters most affected by the law could be the ones who least deserve to be restricted by it.

The government doesn't treat all adults like second-class citizens just because some are dishonest, and it should have the same respect for children. Let's save punishment for those who deserve it.

Call the editors

Ever want to talk about something you think should be in the paper? Know something that might make a good story? Do you know someone who might be the subject of an interesting feature? Do you know of a sports story we don't? If the answer to any or all of the above is yes, call the editors at 686-7700. General or spot news: David Brown, managing editor. Sports news: Jim Parachini, sports editor. Problems: Tom Canavan, editor.

Good things are occurring in America 2000

All kinds of good things have been happening since President Bush released the America 2000 education strategy a few months ago, so I thought I might share some of the highlights with you.

The response to the president's strategy has been remarkable. We have received more than 5,000 letters from people who are interested in becoming a part of the America 2000 team.

Some of the best letters come from children, who have a special gift for summing things up. Katie Sutherland, a fourth-grader in Dallas, Texas, wrote this about the president's proposal to create the American Achievement Tests: "I feel very good about the national exam, like taking tests. Some people think I'm weird though."

An America 2000 Hotline (1-800-USA-LEARN) was set up in April, and more than 8,000 calls have come in so far from all over America asking us how individuals and groups can get involved. Everyone has a role in helping the country reach our education goals. America 2000 offers a framework for action.

I'm also delighted with the president's education team. For example, David Keene was confirmed by the Senate in May as the deputy secretary of Education. David was the chairman of Xerox and has written and spoken on the subject of education for many years. Diane Ravitch, the highly respected education historian from Columbia University, was recently sworn in as the assistant secretary for Educational Research and Improvement. We all feel lucky to have the chance to be working with both of them.

We will be working with the entire Department of Education and with other members of the president's

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By Lamar Alexander

Cabinet to help make America 2000 happen — to help every community become an America 2000 community. "And, of course, that's where the real excitement is — in states and communities all over the country. The state of Colorado got off to an early start by kicking off Colorado 2000 on June 17. President Bush and I joined Governor Roy Romo and legislative leaders Ted Strickland and Chuck Berry on the first day of the initiative to create over 175 Colorado 2000 communities.

Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley has organized itself and is already well on the way to becoming an America 2000 Community. Last week a community organization — "Goals for Memphis" — launched Memphis 2000, with the support of Memphis Mayor Dick Hackett, Tennessee State Education Commissioner Charles Smith, Shelby County Mayor Bill Cantrell and other civic, business, and school leaders.

The past few months have also been busy ones for a group of volunteers working on the New Generation of American Schools. At a Rose Garden ceremony at the White House on July 8, the president announced the formation of the New American Schools Development Corporation.

This private, non-profit corporation is chaired by Drew University President Tom Kean, the former governor of New Jersey, and its board of directors is made up of some of the nation's top chief executive officers. AT&T

has loaned Frank Blount, a senior executive, to serve as president and chief executive officer. Saul Cooperman, former New Jersey commissioner of Education, chairs an Educational Advisory Panel of distinguished educators who are advising the New Schools Corporation on policy issues. Even before fund raising officially began, board members contributed over \$30 million, including a \$10 million "challenge grant" from the Annenberg Foundation. The Rand Corporation has agreed to work closely with the New Schools Corporation, and will provide invaluable research and analysis over the months ahead. Two design conferences will be held — one in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 26 and 27, the other in Los Angeles on Sept. 12 and 13 — for those who may be interested in participating in the design team competition. If you want more information on the design teams, call the New Schools Corporation at (703) 908-9500.

Since April, we've also spent a lot of time working with Congress, and in May President Bush sent the America 2000 Excellence in Education Act to the Hill. Already, Congress has passed and the president signed a bill creating both the National Council on Standards and Testing and the National Commission on Time and Learning.

The Council on Standards and Testing has until the end of this year to make recommendations, including ways to develop both World Class Standards in English, math, science, history and geography, and a voluntary national examination system, the American Achievement Tests. So, we are off to a great start, and the America 2000 crusade will continue to build momentum in the weeks ahead.

Lamar Alexander is the secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

The president's personal leadership is invaluable. But he does not seek to become the "Education President" of just the federal government. America 2000 is a national strategy — a broad framework — to transform our schools, community by community, school by school. Its success depends upon your help and active participation.

That's why I'm so grateful for your interest in America 2000. You'll hear from me again soon, and in the meantime, let us hear from you. Please write or call the America 2000 hotline with any news or questions.

Legislation would push N.J.'s gambling industry

With the news last week that a U.S. Senate bill to ban sports betting cleared a subcommittee, it appears the odds are not in favor of legislation that would legalize the practice in New Jersey. This move, I believe, does a terrible disservice to the people of New Jersey who could benefit greatly from the measure that I sponsored in the Senate last year.

The federal bill that would prevent any state from organizing sports lotteries or allowing sports-book betting cleared the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on patents, copyrights and trademarks without any amendment, and would restrict the many opportunities sports betting would provide to our citizens. The revenues brought by sports betting could provide immeasurable funding for senior citizen programs, particularly expansion of the state's pharmaceutical aid to the aged.

This is an issue that should be decided on the state level. The federal government should not stick its collective nose into the business of our state. There are many reasons why New Jersey should be permitted to make this decision for itself. The judgment call should be ours, not Washington's.

One of the best arguments in favor of enacting my legislation is that it would provide an estimated \$1 billion in revenue annually, the money that would serve as a critical hedge against the possibility of future tax increases. My proposal goes even further, by dedicating a portion of any revenues raised by the state to fund a \$100 property tax credit for all senior citizen homeowners.

Our senior citizens, who make up more than one-third of all property taxpayers in the state, live on fixed incomes and are experiencing substantial difficulty in holding onto their homes at a time when real estate taxes are soaring. By enacting sports gambling, the revenue raised would give each senior citizen property owner guaranteed tax relief that they would be able to take advantage of every year.

My legislation would also provide millions of dollars to the state's Council on Compulsive Gambling for counseling and treatment. In contrast to what's proposed under my legislation, compulsive gamblers currently are getting almost no help. In truth, legalizing sports gambling might be the only way people might be able to receive assistance in fighting their addiction.

My legislation offers a chance to boost the gambling industry in New Jersey, raise more state revenues at a time when revenues are scarce, and help more senior citizens and chronic gamblers.

C. Louis Bassano is the senator representing the 21st Legislative District.

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Deferred decisions are price of tax relief

The long-awaited and often vaunted property tax relief for the middle class has finally arrived. After doubling in five years, any new property tax bill is actually 20 percent less than last year, and the homestead rebate check is just the ticket for an August weekend at the Shore.

Mine is not an isolated example. State officials estimate that property taxes will be lower, or at least, no higher in 75 percent of New Jersey's municipalities. But how many people will actually notice? I suspect that despite the widespread impact of tax relief, relatively few can or will compare this year's tax bill with last's, and taxpayers who are unaware of their tax savings, will have missed the message that our state government is trying to send.

So, if the political payoff from property tax relief fails to materialize sufficiently to prevent the Democrats' Stethouse majority from becoming a minority this fall, at what cost are we now the beneficiaries of this \$2 billion act of legislative largesse? The new fiscal year began last month on an ominous note that hints at an answer. Absent \$1.2 million borrowed in July, the state would not have sufficient cash on hand to cover the rebate checks mailed in August. The use of tax anticipation notes to fund the rebates not only violates the spirit, if not the letter of the constitutional mandate for a balanced budget; it is symptomatic of over-reliance on budget gimmickry as a way to put off the tough political decisions that politicians of all stripes are forever telling us they are prepared to make.

The \$400 million sale of a portion of 1-95 to the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, for instance, might have been justified as a way to fill a short-term budget gap, if at the same time,

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By Neil Uppmeyer

the state had a long-range plan to deal with the revenue shortfall that property tax relief would create. But that's not the way it works. The tough decisions have been postponed. Accelerated collection of \$620 million in utility taxes, followed by \$900 million more, over the next two years, is an even larger one-shot revenue enhancement, for which there is no foreseeable replacement. Proceeds from the utility tax and the road sale together account for two-thirds of the revenue used to fill in the gap in an unbalanced budget.

Another \$220 million budget-balancing windfall isn't exactly a windfall yet. A new twist in the arcane procedures, followed by states, applying for federal matching funds, was uncovered by Medicaid administrators in Massachusetts, who were able to capitalize on their discovery to the tune of nearly \$500 million to balance that state's budget. Although Brenda Pomeroy, the state's director of health care policy, is reasonably sure New Jersey will also get a share of the new-found dollars, her application for an additional \$220 million will not even be reviewed until next year. Meanwhile, the Bush administration is already moving to close other "loopholes" that have contributed to an unanticipated drain on the federal Medicaid budget. But uncertainty over the state's application for the Medicaid money didn't stop budget planners in Trenton from counting on it to help fill in the gap.

There is nothing unusual about relying on quick-fix gimmicks and antics rather than coming to grips with a budget. It is a time-honored tradition in Trenton. The last budget of the Keam administration in 1989 was so overly optimistic that a projected \$248 million surplus actually turned out to be a \$390 million deficit and the tough decisions were postponed. In this year's scramble to approve a budget intended to win favor with the voters, long-term solutions to a host of confounding problems have once again been sacrificed for political expediency. Credit a cynical Legislature concerned more about re-election than fiscal responsibility and a compliant governor searching for a ballast to stabilize approval ratings battered by a year-long storm of tax protest. In the process, the tough decisions have been postponed.

Tough decisions like how we will finance \$1.5 billion in new Medicaid obligations over the next four years. Federal mandates for the expansion of Medicaid, combined with the inflationary spiral of health costs, have created budget hardship for states throughout the country.

New Jersey's share of Medicaid spending has tripled in the last 10 years to \$1.5 billion and is expected to double over the next four.

Health care for those who are not covered by Medicaid, but who have no insurance and are unable to pay for their medical bills is financed by a 19

percent surcharge on the hospital bills of those who have no insurance and pay. Rather than coming to grips with an equitable solution to this billion-dollar problem, a decision has been postponed.

Through its advocacy of the Quality Education Act, the Florio administration demonstrated a commitment to the plight of children in poor tax communities who are denied the thorough and efficient education guaranteed them by the state constitution. But this year, the administration backedpedaled, accepting "revisions under pressure from legislators intent on siphoning away needed education dollars for more property tax relief for their suburban constituents. The result is an even wider gulf in education opportunity separating the rich from the poor than existed before the education reform measure was adopted.

A decision on the remedy for this inequity has been postponed. Deferred decision-making is the price of property tax relief. Despite what you may hear in the campaign this fall, making the choice to give away \$2 billion in property tax relief was easy. The really tough choices have been put off for another day.

Neil Uppmeyer is president of The Center For Analysis of Public Issues in Princeton. The Center For Analysis of Public Issues is a non-profit and non-partisan institute for public policy research.

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Letters to the editor

Overtun abortion 'gag rule'

To the Editor:
We, the undersigned, are deeply troubled by the recent Supreme Court decision prohibiting federally funded family planning clinics from mentioning abortion as one of the three available options (along with prenatal care and adoption) to a woman facing an unintended pregnancy. This ruling violates the free speech rights of health workers, violates medical ethics, and violates the rights of clinic patients to privacy and informed consent.

As members of the medical community, we will actively pursue legislation that would overturn this "gag rule" and guarantee the provision of medically complete information to all patients — rich, poor, or middle-class. We urge our colleagues, relatives, friends, neighbors and patients to do the same. With the Court clearly against us, our only recourse is with our members of Congress. They must hear from us — now.

The preceding letter was signed by Dr. Arthur Post, Verona; Dr. Frederick Cohen, South Orange; Dr. Alice Cohen, South Orange; Dr. Aaron Shihsein, Caldwell; Dr. Arthur Bernstein, Newark; Dr. Kevin Dmytriv, Bloomfield; Dr. Stanley Simon, Newark; and Dr. Lewis Savel, Springfield, all of Planned Parenthood of Essex County.

Auto insurers need competition

To the Editor:
When the Legislature adopted the policy of mandatory auto insurance it was recognizing that auto insurers were performing a public service. A state appeals court affirmed that function on June 11. The three-judge court held that it is constitutional for the state to require a provider of a vital public service to continue that service even if unprofitable.

We need federal guidelines similar to those for banks and stock exchanges to end the "special" status insurance companies have. Only those auto insurers prepared to serve and compete for clients in an efficient and orderly way would do business in New Jersey. Insurance Commissioner Fortunato would not have to force insurers unwilling to accept the risk of insuring 4.3 million N.J. drivers to continue doing so at the risk of forsaking their more lucrative insurance business.

An atmosphere of competition for "good" drivers would establish a price for auto insurance that most drivers could afford. The policy of protection most states have for the insurance industry has distorted the "give and take" of nego-

tiation between buyer and seller. A more open auto insurance market would soon establish the price for auto insurance.

Adam Smith described the mechanism of how price is determined by the market place in his book "The Wealth of Nations." Insurance industry representatives speak of and extol the virtues of competition. We rarely practice it.

— Martin Berkowitz, Secretary Association for Fair Auto Insurance Rates South Plainfield

Steamed over deficit financing

To the Editor:
Small-business owners throughout New Jersey are getting a little hot under the collar, and it has nothing to do with the normal August weather. This sour feeling comes from a belief that their elected officials in Congress seem to have lost touch with reality.

With a skyrocketing budget deficit, business owners are dismayed that nothing has been done to balance the books! If any business owner or citizen tried to get away with the same type of deficit financing, we'd be thrown in jail in a minute.

It's no wonder then that in recent surveys by the National Federation of Independent Business four out of five New Jersey small-business owners surveyed (86 percent) said Congress should focus its attention squarely on deficit reduction. Period. Foreign Affairs and Domestic Programs will have to wait.

That does not sit well with nine out of 10 business owners (94.7 percent) surveyed by NFIB. They feel that Congress should not be allowed to exempt themselves from laws it burdens businesses with, and likewise, these company owners feel that Congress has no business telling them they must provide health insurance to all their workers (opposed by 92.6 percent) nor should they be required to hire employees based solely on a quota system (97 percent opposed).

As members of Congress take their summer vacation this month, they may discover that the only thing worse than the dog days of August is a small-business owner who is steamed.

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Holly Jones and David Fields

Jones-Fields betrothal

Mr. and Mrs. Willie P. Jones of Union has announced the engagement of their daughter, Holly A. Jones, to David L. Fields of East Orange, son of Mrs. Lillie M. Fields and Mr. Harry L. Fields of Stamford, Conn.

Vaticano-Williams nuptials

Concetta Tina Vaticano, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincenzo Vaticano of Pomerville, Pa., was married July 7 to John Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Williams of Old Bridge.

Freund-Scheiner troth

Mr. and Mrs. David Freund of Union have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Cary Scheiner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Scheiner of West Orange, formerly of Verona.

De-Vincentis-Cusmano

Mr. and Mrs. Ron De Vincentis of Fairfield have announced the engagement of their daughter, Denise, to Gerald Cusmano of Berkeley Heights, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cusmano of Union.

stork club

The Rev. Kenneth Herbert officiated at the ceremony of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church of Union. A reception followed at the Sheraton Towers, Parsippany.

Colleen Mary Labella

A 6-pound, 11-ounce daughter, Colleen Mary, was born July 5 in Mountain Side Hospital, Montclair, to Mr. and Mrs. Rocky Labella of Clark.

religion

Clinion Hill Baptist Church, 2815 Morris Ave., Union, has announced that it will hold its annual adult Vacation Bible School Monday through Aug. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

happy birthday

Grace Lutheran Church is offering night bus transportation from its parking lot to the Billy Graham Crusade at the Meadowlands Arena on the nights of Sept 3 through 7.

clubs in the news

Tabor's 'fun day' B'nai B'rith Women, Tabor Chapel, has invited residents to a 'fun day' at May's, Menlo Park, on Aug. 27. A charge of \$5 will include special discounts, food samples and a fashion show.

Church school held

Grace Lutheran Church, 2222 Vauxhall Road, Union, has announced that it recently completed a successful Vacation Bible School with a record enrollment.

Time for services

During this month, Sunday morning worship services will be held at 9:30 with the Springfield Emmanuel Methodist Church in the Methodist Church at 40 Church Hill.

Social photos

All photos will be held for three months following publication. Unpublished photos will be destroyed. No photos will be returned by mail.

Bus trip scheduled

The Union Lodge of B'nai B'rith will conduct a bus trip to Bally's Park Place, Atlantic City, on August 29. More information can be obtained by calling 687-0293 or 686-7903.

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