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The offices of this newspaper will be closed July 3 in observance of the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Although we will be closed, deadlines for the edition of July 9 will remain the same.

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Three-hour tour

Members of the Union County Chamber of Commerce took a three-hour tour on the Amberjack V at the Elizabethtown marina to discuss substance abuse in the workplace.

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Renaissance troupe

Renaissance Kingdom's Story Book Performers visit Kean University.

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Breaking silence

An attorney writes a book about his dog, and in the story, the dog is as close to a human as possible.

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Town committee addresses election iss

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

What began as an informal talk between the Springfield Township Committee and state Assemblyman Joel Weingarten, R-Union, became a dispute over municipal elections Tuesday night.

"We invited Assemblyman Weingarten to speak with us," said Mayor Zy Mullman. "I wrote to his office and we agreed to discuss five topics as he has 30 minutes to talk."

The agenda listed the water table problem with the Elizabethtown Water company, bills to the state for public safety calls on routes 22, 24 and 78, collective bargaining, full disclosure from police and fire departments, and Springfield's proposed two-year election, four-year term

charter revision. Weingarten was to appear with Assemblyman Kevin O'Toole and state Senator John Basano, also R-Union, but they had other commitments.

"I and my two colleagues feel it is important to meet with the 13 municipal councils that make up our district over the year," said Weingarten. "In the four years as Assemblyman, I have tried to push bills on matters which reflect a consensus by Springfield's committee or public. It is my hope that we can discuss matters in an informal manner even if we may disagree."

Weingarten began by apprising the 21-member audience of his bill seeking remediation from a utility for environmental damage. The measure came from the increase of flooding in

areas of Springfield, Union and Millburn. The increase has been linked to Elizabethtown Water, which shut off well pumps by the Rahway River in the mid-1980s.

"I believe in live and let live — unless the actions affect the well being of another person," said Weingarten. "I'm having a difficult time getting it through the assembly's environmental committee. There is a strong opposition from the lobbying side."

Weingarten is trying to apply "state mandate-state pay" to reimburse municipal fire and police. He said he needs a statistical compilation to show traffic "hot spots" and a funding source. Mullman said local handling of emergencies on the three highways cost Springfield \$40,000 annually. When Weingarten and Mullman

realized 20 minutes had passed, Mullman brought up the election term charter revision subject. About 30 percent of the electorate approved of the non-binding referendum to change the election from the three-year term process which Springfield has operated by in the past.

"As far as the proposed charter revision, I have to find a unanimity from the committee or the public," said Weingarten. "There are 500 bills I can write for Springfield but I have to support, without politics or partisanship, which ones that can pass with the greatest consent."

"I beg to disagree," said former mayor Philip Kurnos. "I was part of a committee which studied the matter, which included asking all previous mayors. With annual elections, com-

mittee members say, leaving the government half campaigning. Yet it seems to me that not moving on what the people voted on is partisan."

Kurnos later apologized for his last remark to Weingarten.

Former mayor William Ruocco said he was never asked for input by the study panel. Fellow Republican Committee-woman Judith Blitzer objected to Mullman, who brought the subject up from the agenda's bottom. Mullman, Gregory Clarke and Roy Hirschfeld comprise the committee's Democratic majority.

The committee, during their regular meeting, ratified a four-year contract with the Township's firefighters and superior officers.



Photo By Niles Mills

Well-wishers adorned the field with balloons for the graduates.

Officers awarded for outstanding service

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

The New Jersey Security Association presented its recognition award for outstanding service to two Mountain-side police officers. Detectives Sergeant Todd Turner and Sergeant Richard Osieja were honored on June 16 for their support in assisting financial institutions in loss prevention.

The detectives worked in the investigation, apprehension and prosecution of criminals who had committed financial crimes.

Postal Inspector George Belsky was also honored for his work in the inquiry, which stemmed from two major bank fraud investigations involving thefts from the Fleet Bank in Mountainside.

As a result of the investigations, six people were apprehended, including Eusebio Mendoza of Irvington, who took the identity of a well-known

New York City physician. Mendoza used credit cards and other resources to bleed the physician's account of over \$200,000. Mendoza is in custody, awaiting federal charges.

The other case involved a group of individuals including Charles Ruffa, the controller of a well-known New York bank. Ruffa stole checks from his bank and gave them to family members. The family members would then deposit and withdraw funds from lending institutions. The group accumulated over \$300,000 before being apprehended.

Ruffa and members of his family have been released after posting bail and are currently awaiting trial.

The New Jersey Security Association is made up of banking institutions around the state.

"It seems like the first award of its kind given here in Mountainside," said Turner.

Board members approve district mission statement

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

The Mountainside school board met Tuesday evening and among other items on the agenda, approved a mission statement for the school district.

The mission statement was created by a strategic planning committee made up of 30 people, including board members, faculty, parents, and students.

The statement reads: The mission of the Mountainside School District is to develop self-confident, independent, responsible citizens by providing the highest quality education to all students through a school, family, and community partnership.

In other business, the board approved a letter endorsing the Rozeland Board of Education for requesting the state legislature to keep school

board elections separate from the November general elections.

A bill is pending in the legislature that would consolidate the two elections, both for financial reasons and to increase voter turnout.

"We feel consolidating the elections would water down the board elections," said board president Pat Tauschler.

Finally, the board responded to public discussion regarding a letter the Mountainside Education Association sent to parents. In the letter the MEA, which is currently negotiating with the school district over teachers' contracts, accused the school board of "stall tactics and road blocks."

Board member Linda Schneider responded by saying, "the board feels differently than what was said in the letter."



Photo By Milton Mills

Shannon West, Lauren Gaffney, and Bethany Karl celebrate after receiving their diplomas Monday night

High school honors graduates

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

The red and blue gowns worn by graduating seniors shone through the early evening gloom at Governor Livingston High School's commencement on Monday night.

Grey skies and the threat of rain did nothing to dampen the spirits of the crowd gathered on the football field and in the bleachers at the Berkeley Heights school.

"I hope you will retain your wonderful, positive spirit and accept new challenges," said Governor Livingston Principal Benjamin Jones.

The scholar message from graduating senior Jeffrey Smith, the new chairman of graduates Varun Sharma and Shannon West, and the musical selections by the graduation chorus all seemed to reflect this idea.

West began her message to her

classmates by paraphrasing Charles Dickens. "It was the best of times. It was the worst of times. It was high school."

Looking forward but retaining a clear scope of the past was the message of all who addressed the crowd. An especially moving portion of the ceremony came when members of the senior class performed a sign language interpretation of a song called "I Will Remember You" by Sarah McLaughlin.

The procession of the 184 graduates moved slowly as each member of the Class of 1998 crossed the dais and received his or her diploma before the next senior's name was called by class president Bethany Karl. As each graduate was handed a diploma, family and friends cheered, some blew air horns, some applauded, and others simply wept.

By the time the graduates tossed

their caps in the air, marking the end of commencement as well as high school, the season's first fireflies were visible in the field behind the crowd. Congratulatory hugs, handshakes, and the prospect of an all-night project graduation party greeted the new graduates.

"I'm very happy," said Lori Dambroski, a member of the class of 1998. "I'm scared but it's so exciting."

"I feel awesome," said David Russell. "That's it."

Bettie Miles, a proud parent whose son, Keith, received his diploma, stated, "I'm overwhelmed. I'm so happy that four fine years could culminate with such a wonderful ceremony."

"I guess it's a new beginning," said departing senior Melanie Ogginch. Monday night's ceremony was videotaped for broadcast on cable channel 34.

Springfield graduates make history

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Last night's commencement of the Jonathan Dayton High School Class of 1998 marked several endings and beginnings for the Springfield public school system.

The seniors who received their diplomas in Dayton's Halsey Auditorium became the high school's 61st commencement class. They are also the first class to graduate under Springfield Field Board of Education supervision.

"We have 116 graduating seniors," said Dayton Principal Charles Seron. "Two are entering the armed forces, one directly into the workforce and two are undecided. The rest have been accepted to a college or a university."

When Dayton seniors immediately headed for the overnight Project Graduation celebration, however, they met competitors from Kenilworth's David Brearley High School. The meeting, said Seron, was long-planned.

"That was a decision made by both Parent Teacher Organizations early in the year," said Seron. "It was felt that since both classes spent the first three years at Dayton, it would be appropriate for friends to see each other more time."

The joint Project Graduation may be seen as a vestige of the old Union

County Regional High School District. The district closed Brearley in 1994 and sent its students to Dayton.

Kenilworth parents pressed for a dissolution of the regional district, which was passed in a multi-town referendum on May 14, 1996. Dayton and Brearley, as well as Arthur Johnson in Clark and Governor Livingston in Berkeley Heights, were transferred to their home school systems July 1.

Seron's comments were made at a recent Springfield Rotary Club luncheon in the company of seniors Daniela Petrilli, Nicole Puopolo, Denise Tarantola and Leyla Vigilante. The quartet were feted after receiving Rotary scholarships.

They were among 96 seniors who received about 200 scholarships in an awards banquet held at Dayton on June 10 or were hailed at a sports dinner Thursday. Individual kudos include Sergey Khvoroshvsky's for placing in the top 10 in a state science league competition.

Indeed, all five Springfield schools held special events this month. Recent happenings included:

- Gaudinier Middle School 7th and 8th grade classes held School in Government and Discovery Mock Trial days at the Municipal Building.
- A Kindergarten Finale and book

fair at the Edward Walton School.

• A sports-themed picnic at the James Caldwell School, including activity booths set up by the NBA New Jersey team.

• The Flag Day Celebration and Citizenship Awards ceremony at the Thelma Sandmeier School.

While students were the subject of most of the awards and celebrations, teachers also received some kudos. Michele Amicusos of Sandmeier, Lori Antonelli of Gaudinier, Marcia Bright of Caldwell, Kathryn Cannell of Walton and Ellen Power of Dayton received the Governor's Teacher Recognition Awards last month.

The Board of Education, meanwhile, is allowing the Summit Child Care Center to rent two Caldwell classrooms for the summer.

There is at least one matter left before the board from the completed school year for Monday's meeting. Seron and Vice Principal-Dean of Students Manuel Perera are scheduled to talk about on- and off-campus suspension. The discussion stemmed from the 2-1/2-day suspension of seniors for reportedly building a swing set on school property and leading a raucous school cheer during lunch on June 19. The activities were labelled a senior prank.

We're asking

What are your summer plans?

By Mark Goldwert
Staff Writer

Summer vacation is the time when high school students all over the country are relieved of their studies and asked to find another outlet for their time. Gone, for most, are the days of summer camp and lay summer afternoons; now as young adults, students are asked to cast away the care free days of the recent past.

This summer some teenagers will find a job, some will go to summer school, and others might find a better way to pass the dog days of summer. With the end of the school year nearly upon us, we asked students at Springfield's Jonathan Dayton High School what their plans were for the summer.

"I'm doing nothing but going to the



Laura Stier



John Bruno



Saraacina



Rick Saporta

share a lot," said John Bruno. "I'm looking forward to it."
"I'll be working in construction in West Orange," said Giancarlo Saraacina, "to earn money for college."
"I've got a job at Mack Photo," said Rick Saporta. "I'll be doing general

stuff around the store. I'm looking forward to it because photography is my hobby."
"I'm not looking forward to it, but I'll be working in the accounting department at a supermarket," said Laura Stier.

Firefighters pitch in on area roadways

Springfield Fire departments from Springfield, Summit and Millburn and the State Police combined to handle two single-car accidents on Route 24 June 13-14. The June 13 crash involved a west-bound Volkswagen Jetta driver who lost control at the Interstate 78 merge and flipped into the center median at about 9:46 a.m. The Jetta landed in Van Winkle's Creek, which flows through the interchange.

While firefighters and other rescue workers found the driver uninjured, a second guardrail had to be removed to help a tow truck reach the Jetta. A rainstorm hit at about 10:25 a.m., however, causing the car to float downstream to Lincoln Road. The Jetta will remain there until the creek bank becomes dry enough for a tow truck.

The June 14 accident, according to State Police records, involved an east-bound car which struck a guardrail at about 4:25 p.m. Summit and Millburn beat Springfield to the site although the Springfield Fire Aid Squad carried the injured driver to Overlook Hospital.

The department can — and does — take walk-in cases at headquarters. Such was the case when an elderly woman came in complaining of dizziness at about 3:43 p.m. June 16. After a vital signs check and a res, she and her husband left the building and headed toward their physician's office.

Other responses that day included a

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of direct lightning strikes at both the Watching Stables and Deerfield School.

Firefighters found damage to fire alarm systems at both sites.

On June 19 at 10:30 p.m., firefighters responded to reports of smoke in the kitchen of Friendly's Restaurant on Route 22.

A short in a dishwasher heating system was found to be the cause.

On June 19 at 12:45 p.m., firefighters responded to reports of smoke and haze at an industrial building along Route 22.

An investigation found a faulty fluorescent light to be the cause of the smoke. The light was disconnected.

On June 19 at approximately 6:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a house fire at 22 West. The street closed by a storm struck tree and blocked the road. Firefighters removed the trees and cleared the roadway for evidence of cause.

On June 19 at approximately 3:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a house fire behind an industrial building.

On June 20 at 4:07 p.m., Mountaineers firefighters responded to reports

Peace-keepers

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Junior journalists

For young people in grades 6 through 12, Union County College will introduce a new, non-credit course, "News and Amuse" to familiarize participants with the field of journalism using a practical, hands-on approach.

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Area man wanted for theft of identity

Springfield
The Springfield Detective Bureau has joined the FBI and other law enforcement agencies in the search for a Newark man on theft of identity charges.

The man, identified as Michael A. Jones, is wanted for using a Middlesex County man's name and credit history for a string of fraudulent leases and purchases. Jones' false charges have hit merchants as close as Springfield and Mansfield Township and as far away as California and Georgia.

Mansfield police have identified Jones as a 43-year-old light-skinned black male, about 255 pounds and approximately six feet tall. Jones, when last seen, had thin mustache and a goatee.

Det. Judd Levenson said Jones is driving a black Lincoln Navigator and has addresses on Newark's Ken Avenue and Walnutworth Street. His aliases include Michael Dove, Tyrone Jones, Alif Muhammad, Michael Red and Tyrone Reed.

Anyone who has been defrauded by Jones or knows his whereabouts is asked to call (973) 376-0400.

The driver of a 1978 Oldsmobile Delta 88 lost control on southbound Route 146 and ran into a maple tree by the Free Public Library at 8:06 a.m. Thursday. Police Traffic Bureau Cpt. Dave Hartong said the driver, a 74-year-old man from Morris-town, told officers he felt dizzy and attempted to pull to the curb.

The Springfield Fire Aid Squad transported the man to Overlook Hospital. Springfield Fire Engine One arrived to absorb the coolant spill. Drivers on Mountain Avenue and Hanna Street faced minor traffic delays as the Olds was towed with front end damage.

A Summit man, identified as Joseph Picciullo Jr., 41, was pulled over by a Springfield patrol officer at the corner of Hillside and Mountain avenues on June 17. When Picciullo refused to take a breathalyzer test he was charged with driving while intoxicated and for refusing the test at about 10:55 p.m.

A Garden Oval resident reported that a man entered his car and stole miscellaneous cassette tapes and change sometime before 2:40 a.m. on June 17.

At least one person in town has a

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aromous taste for electronic notebooks. An IBM Think Pad, valued at \$300 was reported as stolen from a Mountain Avenue office before 2:33 p.m. on June 16.

The theft was preceded by a Think Pad stolen from a car parked at the Morris Avenue Shop-Rite at about 2:48 p.m. June 14. The device, valued at \$4,000, was taken along with a cell phone, two pairs of ice skates and an Alwa radio.

The driver of a 11,500-pound Ford Ryder rental truck, forgot the key of the cab as he approached Philip's Exxon from Caldwell Place on June 16. The truck struck the northeast corner of the station's pump canopy at 4:36 p.m., shattering an Exxon sign.

It was Nissan versus utility pole on Hill Avenue on June 16 — and on the car lot. The driver, who was approaching Route 22 West, said her right front wheel separated from the Nissan and the car steered into the pole at about 6:05 a.m.

Someone went to a lot of trouble to get satellite television on June 15. The manager of an office on Morris Avenue reported that his direct reception dish was removed from the building's roof and the control box was stolen from his office before 1:30 p.m.

A Consolidated Freightways Freightliner tractor trailer truck was driving north on Balustron Way when it encountered low overhead wires south of Henshaw Avenue on June 15.

The wires, which turned out to be telephone lines, got snagged by the trailer and were pulled from a house on the corner at about 2:39 p.m.

A Ledgewood contractor working on a Green Hill Road house on June 12 claimed another contractor stole \$4,000 worth of tools from the job. The equipment includes a DeWalt table saw and a Oraco aerosol sprayer. A contractor from Summit is wanted for questioning.

Mountainside

On June 18, Mountainside police stopped a Plainfield man on Route 22 West for motor vehicle violations. At approximately 11 p.m., Officer Thomas Norton found the man, Christo-

pher O'Loughlin, 25, to be driving while suspended and took him into custody.

On June 18, a 16-year-old Union youth and a 15-year-old Mountainside youth were arrested by Mountainside police at approximately 4 p.m.

The two youths were arrested on Route 22 East by Mountainside police detective Sgt. Todd Turner. They were charged with burglary and theft of property from an automobile on Sheffield Street. Officers recovered a cellular phone that was taken from the car.

On June 18, Mountainside police stopped an East Orange man for speeding on Route 22 East. At approximately 3:05 a.m., Officer Thomas Norton found the suspect, Fritzner Stunth, 43, to be a suspended driver.

Officer Stephen DeVito stopped a Jersey City man for driving without a current inspection sticker at approximately 8:30 p.m. on June 17. Ashraf Mousa, 23, was found to have a suspended license.

On June 17, Mountainside police stopped an Elizabeth man for driving with a broken right brake light at approximately 10 a.m. on Sheffield Street.

Officer Andrew Huber took the suspect, Miguel Soto, 47, into custody when he found him to be a suspended driver.

On June 16, Mountainside police retrieved a Plainfield man from the Irvington police department. The Mountainside police had issued a warrant for the arrest of Felton Williams, 34.

On June 16, Officer John Philippakos stopped a Newark man for erratic driving on Route 22 West. Casper Macrae, 39, was arrested for obstructing justice after attempting to mislead Officer Philippakos. Macrae was later found to be driving while suspended. The incident occurred at approximately 12:30 p.m.

On June 16, Mountainside police arrested Nair Ahmed, 43, of Summit, for defrauding the First Bank branch on Mountain Avenue of \$7,500.

Detective Sgt. Richard Osiejka arrested Ahmed on Route 22 East at noon. The suspect was held on \$20,000 dollars bail.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Best of luck

We wish Mountainside Chief of Police James Debbie Jr. the best of luck in his new role, as well as Allan Antanasio, who was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

Both men were sworn in to their positions during last week's Borough Council meeting and have begun a new level in their law enforcement careers.

Mountainside is a quiet community, with most criminal activity occurring on Route 22 and usually by out-of-towners using the highway as an access road to escape, but that should not stop the police chief from being aggressive with law enforcement in his community.

In all towns, police presence is a deterrent to crime. Debbie plans to institute a bike patrol, whereby officers get out of the cars and pedal their way through their beat. It's a good idea as far as having officers be visible to residents, and it has been successful in other communities. It also gives the officers an opportunity to maintain a good exercise regimen, keeping them in shape if the criminal element arrives in town and they are required to give chase without a police car.

Debbie also plans to have office hours at night to give residents an opportunity to meet with him and discuss any concerns they may have about crime and crime prevention.

We like what we're seeing in this short period of time since Debbie assumed the role vacated by the retired William Alder. We'd like to see more proactive ideas from our new chief. With each one will mean more protection and security for the borough's 6,600 residents.

Potential for leadership

Many people may not know that much about the American Legion Boys and Girls State program. They should get to know as much as possible about it because the program takes high school students and gives them the knowledge they need, in two weeks, if they choose to pursue a career in government and political science.

Four Jonathan Dayton students were selected as representatives to this year's Boys and Girls State. Jennifer Lisante, Nicole Loupis, Brent Stein and Jared Weiss will learn the political process through a mock government at Rider University. These four juniors demonstrate a potential for leadership in school government and other activities.

We congratulate them for being selected and for their determination to continue learning even after the school year has ended and hope they return to Springfield as better leaders in their senior year.

The man with all his assistants

County Manager Michael Apollia may go down in history as the man with the many assistants — and to tell you how much it will cost the taxpayers of Union County.

Last week, the county manager announced that James Daley was appointed as the county's director of policy and planning. Add another salary to the county's ever-growing payroll since Apollia was appointed county manager. At that time, Apollia was joined by George Devanney as deputy county manager, a position eliminated by a previous Board of Freeholders and costing taxpayers \$96,250 and Harold Gibson as Public Safety director, another position previously eliminated and costing taxpayers \$85,000. In addition, other positions restored were director of Intergovernmental Services at \$70,000, and a confidential aide for the county manager at a salary of \$55,000.

The man holding the position of director of policy and planning was Mauro Checchio, who now will serve as a special assistant to the county manager for economic development. According to the county manager, Checchio will work half-time for the county and half-time as special assistant to Ronald Appablum, president of Kean University. We hope, at least, that Checchio's half time at Kean University is not being paid by taxpayers. If that's the case, residents should demand Apollia's resignation for misuse of funds. No taxpayer should have to spend one cent to pay the salary of someone working for a state university.

County government is the most useless level of government in our state. Instead of constantly increasing the payroll, and hence, putting more people on a taxpayer-subsidized pension, county officials should be finding ways to chip at the foundation of this level of government and put it to rest once and for all.

"The right to protect injustice and oppression deserves no less protection than the right to publish."

**Ralph Smith
law professor
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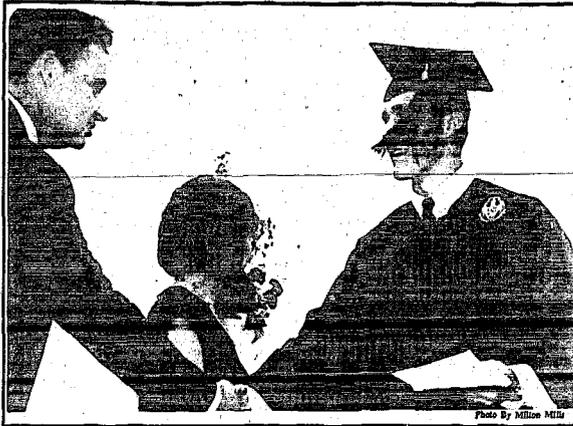


Photo By Milton Hill

Governor Livingston High School principal Benjamin Jones shakes hands with graduate Michael Jeremiah Britt at Monday evening's commencement ceremony. 184 students received diplomas at the high school this week.

Anticipate the best, worst of 20th century

With the twilight of the 20th century now in sight, it's list-making time. We pore over names in the fields of entertainment, athletics, movies, writers, plays, etc., to determine the best, worst and the most mediocre in the various fields.

A week ago, the 100 best movies were selected and, to me, the top 10 hit the mark squarely. "Citizen Kane," Orson Wells' monumental film of 1941, justifiably was selected as the best picture of the 20th century. It deserves the honor. Of course, there will be the Johnny-come-lately who think "Titanic" should have been chosen.

Unfortunately, many probably never saw "Citizen Kane" nor even remember Orson Wells. There's one scene in the film where Welles, Joseph Cotton and Everett Sloane do a sort of can-can dance amidst a bevy of young girls in the editorial room of a newspaper they just purchased. The scene is both sad and hilarious. Here we see three middle-aged and somewhat shy men, trying to dance with a group of lovely young things. It was scenes like these that make art stand out above the mundane.

And who can forget that scene at the end of "Casablanca," rated Number 2, when arch Nazi villain Cohn Videt is shot, and Alain Corneil, the French police chief in Casablanca, issues his timeless order to round up the "usual suspects." We all know that Bogart did it since he and Rafters are in league together.

"The Godfather," Number 3 on the

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

list, was lifted from what could have been a mediocre 1930s gangster film, to a new and higher level crime film. The same goes with "The Wizard of Oz," a film that could have been a boring movie about a little lost girl and her dog but was a film that brought another dimension to an age-old musical comedy. The stars, Judy Garland, Ben Lahr and Jack Healy, gave spectacular performances. Coming in a Number 10, "Singin' in the Rain," starring Gene Kelly, was probably the greatest musical ever made. That one scene in which Kelly is sloshing around in the rain, a tremendous dance number, assures the film's ranking as the greatest musical in Hollywood history. And so it goes.

Of course there will be those who will haggle as to why and how "The Apartment" with Jack Lemmon and Shirley MacLaine ever placed Number 93. And why should a racist film like "Birth of a Nation" make the list at all. Admittedly, the film's political philosophy is woefully outdated and insulting, but nevertheless, this 1915 epic took film to a new frontier.

You realize that lists are meant to be challenged. When it comes time to

evaluate our athletic heroes during the 20th century, there will be those who will say Michael Jordan is the tops, others will say Babe Ruth or Joe Louis should be No. 1.

Then there are the entertainers. Some will hold out for Frank Sinatra, (not me) or Judy Garland, or Al Jolson (Al who?), Enrico Caruso or Johnny Ray. It's all a matter of taste, preference and what constitutes great entertainment.

We live in a world where we love to make comparisons, whether it's in the lists of music, sports, acting, how to make pizza or balance a rubber ball on your nose; we love to argue about who's the best or worst.

No doubt there will be someone listed as the worst actor or actress during the 20th century. I wonder who will get that dubious honor. I have some ideas I'll throw into the pot on Dec. 31, 1999. But until then, I'll keep quiet.

Will most readers agree that Adolph Hitler, Heinrich Himmler, Josef Stalin and Mao Zedong are the four worst villains of the 20th century, the world's foremost butchers of human beings in not only this century but in all others?

Notice there are no women on that list. And this is supposed to be the century when women were supposed to have equal opportunities.

If you want to get a good discussion going, ask some friends, old and young, "Do you think Alf Landon would have made a good president?" The conversation will stop right there

for some. First of all, they would want to know who Alf Landon was? Actually, he was the 1936 Republican candidate for president against Franklin D. Roosevelt. Poor Landon, a decent man, was buried in a landslide.

There is also something interesting to think about. On Jan. 1, 1900, there were probably still several people who were born on, say Dec. 31, 1979 and were still living on the first day of 1900, having lived through an entire century. No doubt there will be hundreds of people who will be alive on Jan. 1, 2000, who were alive on Dec. 31, 1900, another group who would make the 100-year century. Perhaps there will be only a handful of World War I veterans still alive, and those who fought in World War II in mid-century will be thinning, as will those who were in Korea. The Vietnam vets still have a long way to go.

When I was a kid, the idea of living to the 21st century was no certainty because life expectancy was still in the mid 60s or early 70s. My grandfather on my mother's side died in 1940 at the age of 84, a ripe old age at that time.

There's something that if someone is born on Dec. 31, 1999, that he or she will still be alive on Jan. 1, 2100. The science of science is growing richer every day. Let's hope our surroundings are just as rich and healthy. If I don't get a chance on Jan. 1, 2000, Happy New Century.

Norman Rauscher is a former newspaper publisher and frequent columnist for this newspaper.

Alliance gives county a reason to celebrate

Freeholder Forum

By Daniel P. Sullivan

fingers or hopes, but with our own plan of action.

Under the guidance of Lesniak and DiFrancisco, the business and government leaders were brought together to find ways, individually and collectively, to move Union County forward in the arena of economic development. Businesses no longer stood alone in the marketplace. The driving force of economic development became new business partnerships.

The Union County Alliance was formed.

The mission was to move Union County forward by creating a strong local economy. Attract business to Union County and new jobs are created. Help the local businesses grow and you achieve the same result — new jobs are created. New businesses, strong businesses, partnerships and new jobs — the formula for a healthy economy.

The single most important issue identified by this Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders is economic development.

We made Cultural and Heritage a full division and put it under the direc-

tor of economic development, recognizing that quality of life goes hand-in-hand with economic development in our long-term plan. The creation of the freeholder's Coordinating Council on Economic Development was another step on our way to building a strong economic foundation.

In the *Wall Street Journal* last October, we announced to the world that our business community was speaking with a single voice in a 12-page supplement highlighting the advantages of doing business in Union County. Business supported the section by paying more than \$100,000 for advertising in its pages.

Again in October of last year, the freeholder board sponsored a conference titled, "Transporting Union County in the 21st Century: A Leadership Conference on Economic Development." More than 200 participants focused on infrastructure and transportation issues to promote growth, expansion and renewal in our region.

The county hired DCC Corporation Consulting to prepare what is called Forward Action Plan for Union County — an Economic Development Master Plan. This provides us with a comprehensive look at who is doing business in Union County and what it will take to keep them here and make them successful. We see the types of businesses we should attract and ways for Union County to grow.

Because we are a gateway to New York and the eastern seaboard, international trade was identified as an

area of great potential. We hired Global Market Strategies to focus on this and the results are surfacing. A delegation of freeholders traveled to Luxembourg earlier this year to demonstrate the attractiveness of Union County in the global marketplace.

Pacific West, a Luxembourg company looking to expand into the United States, wrote the following in a letter to Freeholder Stender. He said, "I mentioned that we are looking into different regions in the United States. Finally, we come to the decision that we want to build our United States business in Union County. I want to thank you already now for all the help and support you have given to us." From Luxembourg, I take you across the world to China. This week, the mayor of Wenzhou, the most industrialized and free market city in China, will visit Union County. We have already accepted his invitation to continue talking and will be sending a delegation to China in October. We are hopeful of a Sinter City agreement in these meetings.

Our vision of becoming a force in the global marketplace is, as you see, becoming reality. And, while we recognize the importance of our role in the world, we have no lost sight of the needs we have right here at home.

Daniel P. Sullivan is chairman of the Union County Board of Freeholders.

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RELIGION

Trip to Israel set

Temple Emanu-El of Westfield is sponsoring a trip to Israel in this, the 50th year of its existence. The trip, led by Rabbi Renee Goldberg, will begin Oct. 10 and end Oct. 18, when the weather in Israel is at its best. Included in the itinerary is the capital city of Jerusalem, the lush Galilee and the cosmopolitan city of Tel Aviv.

Among the sites to be visited are the Golan Heights, Zippori, Safed, Tiberias, Beit Shean, Old and New City of Jerusalem, Masada, and the Dead Sea. Special features include a Jeep tour of Golan Heights, security seminar at Kibbutz Missgav Am, an archaeological dig, a special tour of the Christian quarter of Jerusalem, an archeological seminar in the old city of Jerusalem, and a visit of Keilat Ra'tanan.

The cost per person is \$3,099, based on current air fares, with a single supplement of \$835. If you have interest in celebrating Israel's 50th anniversary and Simchat Torah in Israel, call Temple Emanu-El at (908) 232-6770.

Temple sponsors trip

An all-inclusive trip to celebrate Israel's 50th anniversary will be sponsored by the Renaissance Group of Temple Sha'arey Shalom, Spring-

field, on Nov. 2-15, 1998. The 14-day fully escorted deluxe tour of Israel will depart from Newark Airport on El Al Airline. The cost is \$2,795 per person, round trip, double occupancy. Single and triple rates are also available. All are invited to join the group. There will be no additional charge for non-Temple members.

The tour will begin in Jerusalem with accommodations at the new Dan Pearl Hotel for nine nights including sightseeing and celebrating the Sabbath together with a dinner and service. The following day, the group will leave for Masada and an overnight stay at the Hyatt Spa at the Dead Sea. Next continuing south, there will be a visit to the Mines of Solomon, Mitzpe Crater, and a stop at a working Kibbutz for lunch. The overnight stay will be at the Moriah Hotel in Eilat followed by a tour of the underwater aquarium, bird sanctuary and Biblical Zoo. Next on the Jordan through the Arava border, arriving at the city of Petra where the night will be spent. The following day there will be a tour of the ancient buildings of red sandstone, traveling north over the Jordanian mountains viewing Mount Nebo (where Moses first viewed the Promised Land) and stopping at Amman and Jerash, toward evening, the group will cross back into Israel over the Hussein Bridge and an over-

night stay at the Moriah Hotel in Tiberias. There will be an early morning drive to S'fat, followed by the Golan Heights, Meggido, Haifa, and Caesarea. The final destination will be Tel Aviv to view such attractions as the Diaspora Museum and Jaffa and a farewell middle eastern dinner at the hotel.

Included in the tour price is the extensive sightseeing; deluxe motels; full Israeli breakfast daily; five dinners; all taxes and service charges; all tips to guides and drivers; private bus visits; and meetings with Israeli Government officials.

Space for the Sha'arey Shalom Renaissance Group Tour of Israel is limited. Reservations must be made by June 1. For additional information or to make reservations, contact Marge Grossbach or Arlene Newman through the Temple office at (973) 379-5387.

We want your news

Your organization should be getting the publicity it deserves and we would like to help. We have a publicity handbook which explains how to tell your story. We would like to publicize your club, church, sports, school news, etc. If you have an idea for a picture or story, please let us know. If you'd like a handbook, call (908) 686-7700 and one will be mailed to you.

Academy graduates award winners

At commencement exercises held at Mount Saint Mary Academy on June 6, Springfield residents Rebecca Ryan Dolan, Kiran DeAngelo, and Jessica Lynn Flinn received diplomas from Sister Eloise Claire, Directress of the Academy. Dolan graduated Cum Laude and received the Sister

Eloise Claire Drama Award, a Christian Service and Leadership Award, a Mercy Award for Leadership, Loyalty and Service, the President's Award for Educational Excellence, and a School Service Award. DeAngelo received a Christian Leadership and Service Award and a

President's Award for Educational Improvement. Flinn received the President's Award for Educational Improvement. Also graduated from the academy were Mountaineer residents Sonia Elizabeth Mazzilli and Melissa Gare-

Surgeons in the making



Dr. James Gardner of Springfield, center, teaches these Sandmeier School students and school principal Elizabeth Young about plastic surgery. The children learned about bandages, surgical instruments, and how to stitch and staple using an orange. They also used endoscopes and had their blood pressure taken.

NEWS CLIPS

Friends want magazines

The Friends of the Springfield Free Public Library would like donations of magazines within a year's date. The Springfield Library is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays until summer, the library is open from 1 to 4 p.m. For information, call (973) 376-4930.

Host families sought

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking host families for boys and girls 12 to 18 from overseas who are coming to this area for the upcoming high school year.

These personable and academically

select exchange students speak English and are bright, curious and anxious to learn about this country through living as part of a family, attending high school and sharing their own culture and language with their newly adopted host family.

The students are sponsored by ASSE, an organization founded by the Swedish Ministry of Education. ASSE also cooperates with the Canadian Provincial Ministries of Education and is approved by the Australian and New Zealand Departments of Education.

The Exchange Students arrive from their home country shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE student is

fully insured, brings his or her own spending money and expects to bear his or her share of the household responsibilities, as well as being included in normal family activities.

ASSE is also seeking local high school students to become ASSE Exchange Students abroad. Students should be between 15 and 18 years old and interested in living with a host family, attending school and learning about the lands and people of Europe, Asia, South America, Canada, Australia or New Zealand.

Anyone interested in obtaining more information about becoming a host family or an Exchange Student should contact ASSE's local representative, Jay Turner, at (908) 364-7884 or 1-800-677-2773.

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James Stewart

James Stewart, 89, of Rio Rancho, N.M., formerly of Springfield, died June 13 in the Kaseman Presbyterian Hospice in Albuquerque, N.M.

Lena A. Bontempo

Lena A. Bontempo, 91, of Springfield died June 19 at home. Born in Rahway, N.J., Bontempo lived in Summit before moving to Springfield in 1949.

Dr. Herbert Conner

Dr. Herbert A. Conner, 81, of Westfield, formerly of Mountaineer, a retired physician and Blue Cross-Blue Shield of New Jersey executive, died June 20 in Overlook Hospital, Summit.

Mary Giunta

Mary Giunta, 92, of Springfield died June 19 in Union Hospital. Born in Newark, Mrs. Giunta lived in Irvington before moving to Springfield 12 years ago.

Claudia Phaneruf

Claudia Phaneruf, 83, of Springfield, a symphony violinist, died June 21 in the Skillman home of her daughter, Claudette G. Barber.

Miriam Walters

Miriam Walters, 89, of New Providence, formerly of Springfield, died June 22 in the Glenside Nursing Home, New Providence.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD, NEW JERSEY...

THAT IT IS NECESSARY to appropriate money for the property and/or equipment listed below, and that said equipment is estimated to cost...

State of New Jersey, held on Tuesday evening, June 23, 1998, and that said ordinance shall be submitted for consideration...

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per set shall be payable to Township of Springfield. The Board hereby notified that they must comply with the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act...

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE TOWNSHIP CLERK AND THE PAY OF COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES...

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REGULATION #748

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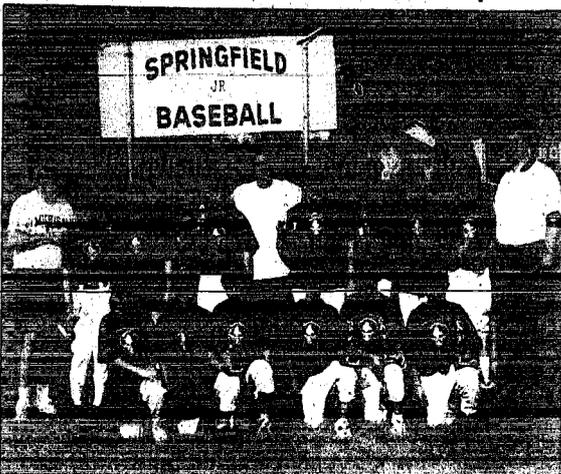
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Springfield Red Sox baseball champs



The Dobb's Auto Body Red Sox captured the Springfield Junior Baseball Association AAA championship by defeating the Freddy's Promotions Dodgers 4-3 in the June 10 title game at Roessner Field. David Sklar drove in Sara Steinman and Lindsay Stearns with the game-winning hit in the sixth inning after Stearns drove in Frankie Miceli with a single, the Red Sox coming all the way back from a 3-1 deficit. The Dodgers received outstanding pitching from Jeremy Marx and Lee Silverman and clutch hitting from Michael Kronart and Kenny Suarez. Miceli and Harris Tuchman pitched exceptionally well for the Red Sox and Sklar also made a brilliant defensive play in the top of the sixth inning to save two runs. The Red Sox completed a spectacular season by winning their final nine games of the regular season and playoffs to finish with an impressive record of 13-4-1.

Springfield Yankees capture AA baseball championship Best never-say-die Braves in title game

The following are results of Springfield Junior Baseball League games played last week:

AA
 The Yankees captured the AA championship by holding on for a 13-10 victory over the Braves in last Saturday's title game at Roessner Field.
 Both teams were division winners and the clubs split regular season contests against each other.

The Braves never gave up and batted back valiantly from a 13-4 deficit.
 Ryan Sabinsky and Donald Cherry went 4-for-4 including a double, Jimmy Gasino had three hits including a double, Joseph Furgura tripled a triple and double, Eric Dworkin batted out two singles and Marco Panella, Steve Mandel, Jared Model and Barry Stein had one hit for the Yankees.

Jordan Fish and Matt Parman were 4-for-4 for the Braves, Fish blasting two doubles and a triple and Parman connecting on a double. Jonathan Rego belted three doubles and teammates Pablo Torres, Phillip Ferreira, Brandon Sum-Charles and Steven Decker hit safely.

Cherry and Furgura pitched well for the Yankees as did Parman and Sam Charles for the Braves.
 Nick Delviscovo and Matt Wasserman played well for the Yankees as did Jake Tuchman, Chris Mattico, Zach Silverman, Jacob Stadler and Jacob Del Mauro for the Braves.

Panella, the Yankees' catcher, made two key putouts at home plate.

The Yankees reached the championship game by beating Merola 8-7 in eight innings and the Rockies 6-5. Cherry drove in Steve Mandel with a base hit on the bottom of the eighth for the game-winning hit.

Cherry belted a home run on a two-strike count leading off the bottom of the fifth that proved to be the game-winning hit for the Yankees against the Rockies. The Yankees had taken a 5-0 lead behind the excellent pitching of Cherry and Sabinsky.

The Rockies advanced to play the Yankees by defeating the Marlins 13-4. Driving in runs for the Rockies were Jake Floyd, Ryan Walsh, Adam Sherman, Ryan Jablon, Patrick Ciorelli, Nick Pagnotta, Justin Molinari and Stephen Suarez. A single by Suarez brought home Sherman after he later reached base after belting a triple.

Walsh pitched five scoreless innings and closer Molinari also gave a solid effort for the Rockies.
 Scott Cheroff and Floyd drove in two runs against the Yankees and Walsh one, while Suarez hit safely and scored a run.

The Rockies finished their season with an impressive record of 8-4.

11-12 ALL-STARS

New Providence 5, Springfield 3: The season-opener was an away game as New Providence scored three in the second inning and the Minutemen three in the third behind the production of Lee Silverman, one RBI and Bryan Sun.

New Providence scored two in the bottom of the third for the win.

Jeremy Marx pitched two scoreless innings for Springfield.

West Orange 9, Springfield 6: The home-opener was an exciting one for pitcher Jeremy Marx as he opened the game with two scoreless innings.

West Orange scored scored six in the third before Springfield answered with two. David Terullo walked and Sam Steinman brought him home by belting a triple. David Bida's single brought home Steinman.

Terullo and Lee Silverman drove in runs No. 3 and 4 for the Minutemen and then, later in the game, Terullo drove in the team's final two runs with a hit with the bases loaded.

Springfield was scheduled to play at Mountainside Merced and at Millburn yesterday.

11-12 All-Stars: Tomorrow, Springfield vs. Summit at Roessner Field, 6 p.m.

9-10 All-Stars: Today, Springfield vs. Westfield; Tomorrow, Springfield at Westfield.

PONY LEAGUE

The Phillies ran their record to 8-4 by defeating the Orioles 11-5 last Friday night to set up a game with the Yankees for the championship.

Yury Portugal and Ryan Stromejer pitched three innings each for the Phils to lead them past the Orioles. John O'Reilly belted a triple and Eric Decker and Kevin Dash hit singles to help the Orioles get out to a 2-0 lead in the first inning.

Portugal then settled down to retire the Orioles in the second and third innings.

Meanwhile, the Phillies plated four runs in the bottom of the second on solid hits by Michael Rodriguez, Stromejer, Ross Kravetz, Simon Zalsberg and Adam Orlson to take a 4-2 lead.

The Phillies added two more runs in the third on singles by Justin Woodruff and Rodriguez and Zalsberg to open a 6-2 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, Brett Berger reached base on a fly ball to center and Woodruff and Stromejer stroked hits to drive in Berger and Portugal to give the Phillies an 8-2 lead.

The Orioles then drew closer in the top of the fifth when Brian Sperber opened the inning with a clean single and O'Reilly and Sean Frank reached on a single and then a walk.

Decker followed with his second hit of the game and Joe Kahoonei followed with a single to close the gap to 8-5.

The Phillies put the game away in the bottom of the sixth when Connor Hamilton and Devon Dom reached base and Berger drove home two runs with a single up the middle. Stromejer then retired the Orioles in the last inning, including two strikeouts.

The Phillies and Yankees split four games during the season.

Springfield Yankees 12, Berkeley Heights Arizona 9: The Springfield Yankees concluded their season with a 9-1 record. Pitching well for the Yankees were Steve Cohen, eight strikeouts, and Dean Chenerchik. Also playing well for the Minutemen were Mike Nitolo, Eric Buhmann, Ted Young, Christina Palermo, Donald Volker and Dean Katakousi.

Springfield 9, New Providence 4: Andre Callendar (five strikeouts), Kevin Dash, Christina Palermo and Yury Portugal pitched well for Springfield. Also playing well for the Minutemen were Mike Nitolo, Dean Chenerchik and Joe Kahoonei.

LOWER DIVISION GIRLS' SOFTBALL

Yankees 9, Marlins 9 (tie): This last game of the regular season between the top two teams in the division was a nail-biter.

The Marlins started off strong, scoring seven runs in the first two innings. They were led by Sara Neimanis, Gen Cuello and Caitlin Norton.

The Yankees stormed back by scoring nine runs in the next two innings. They were led by the efforts of Shirn Weinstein, Jillian Kuzma, Jessica Roland and Rachel Dushkin, who belted a grand slam to give the Yankees a temporary lead.

The Marlins pushed across the tying run in the last inning as Neimanis drove in Amanda DiCocco to even the game up.

Dara Polrock pitched three solid innings for the Yankees while Marlins hurler Cassie Fishkin retired all three Yankee batters she faced.

Summit has one of best seasons 10-1 squad wins A-Division title

By Andrew McGann
 Assistant Sports Editor

The Summit Lacrosse Club 8th grade boys' team recorded one of its best seasons ever this spring, going 10-1 in regular season competition to win the championship in the highly competitive New Jersey A Division.

Summit's only defeat, a 2-1 setback to Ridgewood early in the season, was avenged in a decisive rematch victory at Ridgewood on May 31 in the A Division title game.

Playing in scorching heat, Summit started out uncharacteristically slow against Ridgewood in the championship game, managing just a 2-2 tie at the half. Rebounding from that slow start, however, Summit played an inspired game in the second half, controlling the ball and out-scoring its counterpart 3-1 en route to a 5-3 victory and the A Division crown.

8th Grade Boys' Lacrosse

Earlier in the season on May 17, Summit claimed its first championship by capturing the prestigious Franklin Lakes Tournament, which annually attracts top teams from New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, as well as the Garden State.

In a double-elimination format, the 8th-graders went unbeaten, downing Ridgewood twice, Franklin Lakes, Montgomery, defending champion Lionville and Sachem, a perennial lacrosse powerhouse out of Long Island, en route.

Summit's only real challenge of the journey came in an opening-round affair against nemesis Ridgewood, but a late goal by attackman Kevin Boova broke a 2-2 tie and proved to be the game-winner for Summit in a 3-2 victory.

Summit's preliminary-round victories set the stage for a championship showdown against Lionville, the Pennsylvania team looking to lay claim to back-to-back championships.

Superb midfield play and face-off control from Matt Starker, combined with sturdy defense, squashed Lionville's hopes of a repeat and allowed Summit to lead from beginning to end and eventually walk away with a 6-4 victory and the championship.

Summit last won the Franklin Lakes Tournament in 1994 with a team made up of many players who recently wrapped up their senior campaigns at Summit High School.

While Summit produced one of its most balanced and deepest attacks in its storied history this year, with several different players making significant contributions towards the team's success, some players clearly stood out.

Four of those standout players, attackmen Keith Schroeder and J.P. Coviello, midfielder Matt Starker and defenseman Todd Ward, were selected as All-Stars and played for the South team, coached by Summit head coach Dave Kase-meyer, in the annual North-South contest held at Rutgers University's Yurak Field on June 13.

Kase-meyer will also coach a team of 23 New Jersey All-Stars that includes Schroeder, Coviello, Starker and Ward, in an All-Star Tournament in Maryland on July 17-20 at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland in conjunction with the Lacrosse World Games.

Kase-meyer, formerly of Calonsville, Maryland, where he coached a state champion boys' lacrosse team and starred for Loyola University, is looking forward to bringing a New Jersey team back to his home state, considered by many to be the mecca of lacrosse.

North Jersey, Section 2 for the 1998-99 season

A number of North Jersey, Section 2 teams changed group size for the 1998-99 school year.

East Orange and Westfield dropped from Group 4 to Group 3. Newark Central, Jefferson, Rahway and Newark West Side dropped from Group 3 to Group 2 and Boonton dropped from Group 2 to Group 1.

Morris Hills was the only school in the section which moved up, going from Group 2 to Group 3.

The following is a look at the schools in North Jersey, Section 2 for the 1998-99 academic year:

Group 4 (17): Barringer, Belleville, Bloomfield, Columbia, Newark East Side, Elizabeth, Irvington, Linden, Livingston, Montclair, Morris Knolls, Phillipsburg, Plainfield, Randolph, Roxbury, Union, West Orange.

Group 3 (17): Cranford, East Orange, Millburn, Monmouth, Morris Hills, Monticello, Mount Olive, Nutley, Orange, Parsippany, Parsippany Hills, Scotch Plains, Clifford Scott, Shabazz, Warren Hills, West Morris, Westfield.

Group 2 (20): Caldwell, Newark Central, Chatham, Dover, Newark Tech, 13th St. Tech, Governor Livingston, Hackensack-Union, Hanover Park, Hillside, Jefferson, Johnson, Poquannock, Rahway, Roselle, Summit, Weehauk, West Essex, Mendham, Newark West Side.

Group 1 (20): Newark Arts, Belvidere, Boonton, Brearley, Butler, Cedar Grove, Dayton, Bloomfield Tech, Glen Ridge, Kinnelon, Madison, Mountain Lakes, New Providence, North Warren, Roselle Park, Newark Science, Newark Technology, Newark University, Verona, Whippany Park.

Springfield swim team's first meet is Tuesday

The Springfield swimming team is prepping for another exciting season of competition in the North Jersey Summer Swim League.

Springfield competes in the league's toughest division, that being Division 4. The group consists of Springfield, West Caldwell, Westfield, Livingston and Berkeley Heights. Each of the five teams will have eight regular season meets, each team swimming the other four home and away.

Coached by Springfield Pool manager Pat Farber this year, Springfield opens on the road against West Caldwell Tuesday night at 6.

Springfield's first home meet is scheduled for next Thursday night, July 2 against perennial Division 4 winner Westfield at 6.

The following is Springfield's 1998 North Jersey Summer Swim League schedule:

June 30 at West Caldwell, 6 p.m.
 July 2 Westfield, 6
 July 6 at Livingston, 6
 July 9 at Berkeley Heights, 6
 July 14 at West Caldwell, 6
 July 16 at Westfield, 8:30 a.m.
 July 20 Berkeley Heights, 6
 July 23 Livingston, 6
 July 27 Division 4 championships at Springfield, 9 a.m.
 July 30 League championships at Livingston, 9

Governor's Bowl at Rutgers July 9

The top 50 high school senior football players from New Jersey and New York are set to take the field at Rutgers Stadium in Piscataway Thursday night, July 9 at 7:30 to compete in the inaugural Governor's Bowl.

The game will feature some top national college football prospects in a matchup that organizers expect will rival other well-known interstate games.

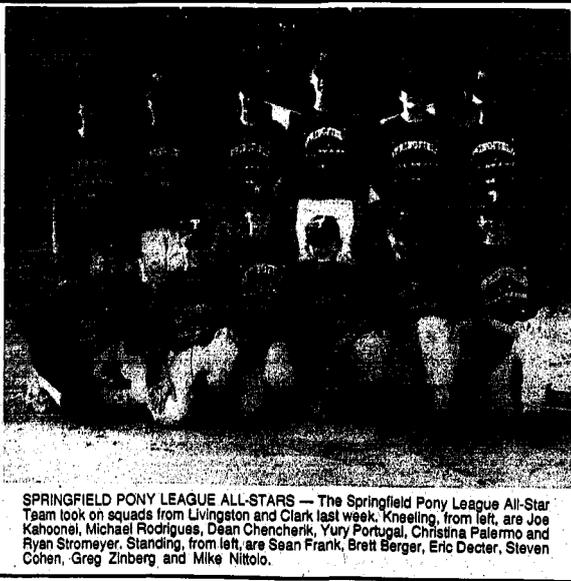
The Governor's Bowl will also feature two of the top high school football coaches in the nation.

Leading the Garden State will be Joe Coviello, the winningest coach in New Jersey high school football history, with 254 career wins. Coviello's adversary will be Dick Diminico, head coach of Albion High School near Buffalo. He has won two state championships, eight division titles and owns a 781 career winning percentage.

The teams will vie for the coveted Governor's Trophy, which will remain in the winning state's Governor's mansion until the 1999 game.

The Governor's Bowl is a non-profit event organized by a board of directors consisting of top coaches from New Jersey and New York. A portion of the proceeds will go to the March of Dimes.

Tickets for the Governor's Bowl in advance are \$5 and may be purchased by calling the Governor's Bowl ticket hotline at 973-884-7337 or by sending a check or money order to: Governor's Bowl c/o 600 Parsippany Road, Parsippany, N.J. 07054.



SPRINGFIELD PONY LEAGUE ALL-STARS — The Springfield Pony League All-Star team look on squads from Livingston and Clark last week. Kneeling, from left, are Joe Kahoonei, Michael Rodriguez, Dean Chenerchik, Yury Portugal, Christina Palermo and Ryan Stromejer. Standing, from left, are Sean Frank, Brett Berger, Eric Decker, Steven Cohen, Greg Zinberg and Mike Nitolo.

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