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Taxes due

Residents are reminded that taxes are due May 11.

Who's to blame?

Former Republican Freeholder Edwin Force, who lost his bid for re-election last year, rebukes Republican Chairman Frank McDermott for the GOP's decline during the last few years. Meanwhile, McDermott is trying to maintain control of the party. See Page B1.

Training cadets

What's it like to be a cadet at the John H. Stamler Police Academy? Find out what recruits endure as they try to enter a law enforcement career in the county. See Page B1.

THE ARTS

Catch the seagull

Catch "The Seagull" at the Elizabeth Playhouse before it flies away. See Page B4.



Hilarity

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Friday: Periods of clouds

and sun. 72°

Saturday: Periods of clouds

and sun. 74°

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72°

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Books bearing names



The Friends of the Mountainside Public Library sponsored its annual Readathon at Deerfield School during March, which raised more than \$2,000 for new books for the Children's Department at the Mountainside Public Library. Participants attended the party at the library, where each student selected two new books to be designated with bookplates bearing their names. From left are Ronnie Lanois, Readathon co-chair; Nora Kinney; Russell Kinney; Louise Fristensky; Ronnie Thomas; Debbie Foster, Readathon co-chair, and Scott Foster.

Department welcomes newest officer

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Police Department is at full strength now that it swore in its latest member of the force.

Officer Thomas Michael Norton, 23, began his tenure as a Mountainside police officer on May 1, making him the second officer to be appointed to the department this year. Officer Andrew Rich Huber joined the force in January.

Norton's appointment as the 21st member of the police force gives the department the maximum that is normally allowed by the state of New Jersey.

Norton, who has been working long hours to learn the ropes in Mountainside, said he is looking forward to a rewarding career in the borough.

"They are really a great group of people," Norton said of the Mountainside Police Department. "I am really looking forward to being here for a while."

Norton, who graduated from Syracuse University, took what is commonly known as the "alternate route" to the police force.



Thomas Norton

The Union County Prosecutor's Office normally sponsors approximately 10 positions annually to aspiring officers who graduate from the John H. Stamler Police Academy in Scotch Plains. Those who choose this route pay for the training at the Academy and roll the dice by sending

resumes and trying to find a job after graduation, without the benefit of much guidance.

Norton, who was born in Elizabeth but lived most of his life in neighboring Westfield, said Mountainside was his first choice.

"I targeted three primary towns — Mountainside, Criffield and Westfield," he said. "I was very fortunate to have been granted an interview with Mountainside; it was really my first choice."

"I'm relatively familiar with the area, but it's been very hard work trying to learn everything in the short time that I've been here," he said.

But with Norton's appointment, the Mountainside precinct is looking to fill its force beyond normal state capacity.

"We are presently seeking federal funding that would allow us to add a 22nd person to the force," said Acting Chief of Police James Debbie Jr.

Mountainside was given a federal grant in 1997 that allows 22 people on its police force. In accordance with the grant, which gives the borough \$75,000, the department agrees to keep the force at 22 employees.

Juvenile is arrested for possession of marijuana while police investigate

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

A Mountainside juvenile was arrested April 26 for possession of marijuana. Eight others were found at the Willow Road residence, along with several clues that lead police to suspect possible distribution.

Although the investigation continues, no others have been arrested at the present time.

At approximately midnight, Officers Andrew Sullivan and Rich Betsman responded to a call from a resident on the 1000 block of Willow Road to investigate a threat of violence to a juvenile. Due to the nature of the call, the officers reported that they approached the house with caution from the east side, which gave them a clear view of the kitchen area, where they observed suspicious action.

At that time, Sullivan stated that he observed one juvenile male holding a plastic bag which appeared to contain marijuana. Sullivan also reported that he observed another male rolling and kicking a "Philly Blunt" cigar.

While standing outside the house, the officers stated they were able to detect a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from inside. After the officers notified headquar-

ters, Detective Sergeants Rich Orejia and Todd Turner arrived as back-up. Soon after, a black 1991 Acura Integra entered the driveway, they said. It was not clear to the officers as to what business the driver had at the residence.

At the time of his arrival, the occupants inside the house all came outside to meet the driver, reports stated. Immediately after, all nine suspects were ordered to line up against the side of the house where a search was conducted.

Numerous "Philly Blunt" wrappings were found, which commonly are used to package and ingest marijuana, but only one small bag of marijuana was found on the scene.

One 14-year-old male who resides on Summit Road was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and drug paraphernalia. Eight others, who were found on the scene, including four adults, were not arrested.

Police say the investigation is continuing. It was also noted by Sullivan that found in the kitchen of the home was a television monitor that was attached to a camera mounted on the front of the house. The system, which was set up to monitor incoming traffic from Summit Road, was seized by police and turned over to the detective bureau.

ments or exceeds all required specifications," said Ahold Real Estate President Hans Kemper. "We chose to design a roof-covered loading area to mitigate the acoustic and visual effects."

The enclosed loading area would cover 5,206 square feet. The building plan would use 73,390 square feet of retail, office and mechanical space — about 10,000 square feet smaller than the present Saks structure.

Kemper said the new plan provides two parking lot options. One option would leave the lot with about the same number of spaces as left by Saks; the other leaves spaces with more landscaping.

The Ahold plan, also known as the Stop & Shop application, is also before an appellate court against Millburn in Trenton and filed a property tax appeal against Springfield March 30. Ahold bought Stop & Shop, original purchasers of Saks, in 1996.

The respective appeals involve Millburn's zoning law on traffic along Millburn Avenue and Springfield's property tax assessment. The Saks lot crosses the two townships' border 20 feet south of Millburn Avenue.

"Our site plan complies fully with the decision made in July by Superior Court Judge John T. Posenitsky," said Kemper. "Our application requires no variances."

Kemper's comment refers to Posenitsky's ruling that the original variance allowing the parking lot to cross the commercial and residential zone still stands. Posenitsky made a similar ruling regarding the old CoreStates bank lot on Mountain Avenue on J.D. Mack/CVS' application March 13.

Both Ahold and Mack intend to have Edwards and CVS as single, high-volume tenants.

The J.D. Mack site application for a CVS Pharmacy was to be heard before the Springfield Planning Board last night. Call the Echo Leader Infocourse hot line at (908) 686-9898, Selection 7510 for a hearing update.

Board votes to reject 13 teacher contracts

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

The Springfield Board of Education, like other school boards, faced the annual task of hiring or terminating staff Monday night.

Every spring, school boards grapple with performance reviews, hearings and tenure hearings. The work usually becomes official during April and May, following the board and budget elections.

The Springfield board spent nearly four hours working on personnel issues, including closed session talks with five employees. When the special meeting was opened to the public at about 10:44 p.m., the board voted not to renew 13 supervisory teacher contracts.

The panel voted not to terminate two of the three administrative posts earmarked for budgetary elimination. A third post was accepted by vote although the position holder had announced her retirement.

"I was going to talk about the administrative reorganization," said Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland. "But your vote has made the discussion timely. The budget that was passed included an \$81,000 savings through administrative personnel reduction. The savings has to come elsewhere in the budget and I request the board's direction on this matter."

Friedland and the old board spent about two months analyzing the functions of 13 administrators. By eliminating three administrator-teachers and shifting responsibilities to other posts, it was hoped the \$81,000 savings would be achieved.

The new board was officially sworn in during its reorganization meeting April 27. Newly elected member Linda Duke was inaugurated and the new board selected Robert Fish and Ben Stravato as president and vice president. Stravato acted as president Monday, however, as Fish was away.

"On behalf of the board, I want to thank you for your considerable patience," said Stravato before seven audience members at the public session opening. "There was some business of a personnel and legal nature which had to be resolved. Since you have waited so long, I am recording board member Jacqueline Shanes' motion to open the public comment section for any item on or off the agenda."

The seven audience members began at 20 when the closed session convened at 7 p.m. Some of the group were instructors or staff members waiting for their turn at a mediation or grievance hearing.

"This is one of the busiest times of the year for me," said New Jersey Education Association mediator Ron Harvey. "I have been in worse situations. I recall when the Rawby board held their executive meetings after the public sessions — and I wouldn't get out until 1 a.m."

As the wall went past 9 p.m., however, some spectators began to chafe and leave. When Friedland, Shanes and panelist Keith Kurznor were met at the locked door, they said they understood and asked individuals to be patient.

School employee Joan Esposito and attorney Gary Haydu were two of the group which sat in hallway chairs. Esposito, a hearing representative, and Haydu were called in at about 9:13 p.m. only to exit three minutes later.

"Esposito had to wait two hours and she almost ran out of oxygen," said Haydu. "I told the board that I opposed this meeting."

Of the 13 employees whose contracts were not renewed, Friedland said some had the right to bump people with less seniority. The closed special meeting's contents, like all executive sessions, will not be available until the board approves the minutes.

Board okays bid to fix school roof

By Jim Foglio
Staff Writer

The Mountainside Board of Education met Tuesday and approved a roofing bid that will renovate the entire Deerfield School roof.

The board also approved the Mountainside Little League's plan to replace the outfield fence at one of Deerfield's baseball fields.

The total cost of the improvements will be \$346,000, and the work will begin on July 1. The Deerfield roof has been a priority of the board since the beginning of the school year, as board members have said the current structure is weathered and outdated.

The Mountainside Little League was granted approval by the board to install a new fence on what is known as "Field 1" behind Deerfield School.

Currently, the field bears a four-foot fence that is not only outdated, but creates a safety hazard for the children. The board granted the group permission to "remove the existing fencing and replace it as necessary with new fencing." The plan consists of putting up a six-foot fence.

The Little League will use its own money to improve the fence, but because of a technicality, the Board of Education must approve any use of this money. The Little League has accepted several bids on this issue, ranging from \$5,600 to \$9,922.

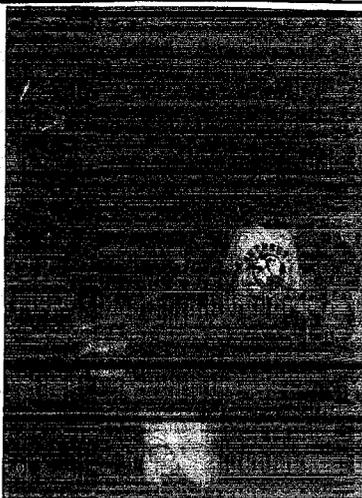
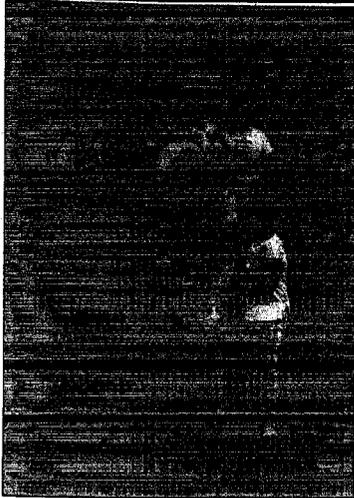
Royal Ahold files site plan application for Saks site

By Walter Elliott
Staff Writer

Royal Ahold, owners of the old Saks Fifth Avenue store on Millburn Avenue, has filed a site plan application before the Springfield Zoning Board of Adjustment Tuesday. That and yesterday night's public hearing of the J.D. Mack/CVS application, are the latest developments of two controversial site plans.

Ahold subsidiary ARC Springfield LLC announced its filing in a press release Tuesday morning. The new site plan, according to the two-page statement, features a smaller building and an enclosed loading area.

"Our site plan for Edwards Super Food Store



As part of the Big Help, students at Walton School in Springfield helped celebrate Earth Week and Arbor Day by planting a tree and flowers. It has become an annual event at the school. Left photo are Patty Majewski and her daughter Shannon. Right photo, students from Ms. Cantone's kindergarten class at Walton School learned all about Arbor Day and the importance of trees in their lives. The children were taught how to plant and care for a seedling. The seedlings were donated to each child by the Parent-Teacher Association.

Borough historic committee sets annual geranium sale

By Jim Foglio Staff Writer

The Mountainside Historic Preservation Committee will hold its annual geranium sale May 16 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., at the Hetfield House, located on Constitution Plaza. Proceeds from the sale will go toward the maintenance and preservation of the Hetfield House, a local landmark that is listed on the state and national registers of historic places.

According to Arthur Brahm, chairman of the Historic Preservation Committee, the event is one of the fundraisers the committee uses to help keep Hetfield House in good condition.

"We use the home as a museum that tells the history of Mountainside," Brahm said. "It's a very accurate and thorough depiction of the way life was in the 18th century," he said. "It's very important to keep in touch with the past and by sponsoring numerous fundraisers like such, we are able to do this."

Hetfield House, which was con-

structed in 1766, was located on Route 22 until it was moved to Constitution Plaza in 1985.

"It is a borough-owned building," Brahm said. "Therefore, we must all take pride in keeping it in working condition."

Brahm, who has been the chairman of the committee since its formation in 1977, expects a fine turnout for the event. "We have been doing this every year and we usually sell-out all of our flowers," he said.

Councilman Tom Perrotta, liaison to the Historic Preservation Committee, expressed his appreciation for the members of the Historic Preservation Committee.

"This is one of the better committees to be on," Perrotta said. "They are a group of dedicated volunteers who do everything to maintain the house and the history of this community," he said.

"The Historic Preservation Committee does everything from maintaining the garden outside to giving the house new paint jobs," he said.

Borough named Tree City

Mountainside has been named a Tree City USA by The National Arbor Day Foundation. It is the fourth year Mountainside has received this national recognition.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by The National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

To become a Tree City USA, a community must meet four standards: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.

"A community's tree-planting

program is a living memorial to the citizens' concern for the quality of life. The trees we plant and care for today will increase property values, cool and beautify our cities, fight pollution, conserve energy, and give wildlife a home for years to come," said John Rosenow, The National Arbor Day Foundation's president.

"An effective community forestry program is an ongoing process of renewal and improvement — a program of tree planting and care that continues through the years," Rosenow said. "The Tree City USA award is an excellent indication that there is a solid foundation for that process of improvement."

Kennedy reports for duty in Virginia

Navy Airman Recruit Alan J. Kennedy, son of Joyce A. and Alan J. Kennedy Sr. of Mountainside, recently reported for duty with the aircraft carrier precommissioning unit Harry S. Truman, based at Newport News, Va.

Kennedy's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and sailors. This flexibility allows naval forces to protect U.S. national interests by serving as the principal enforcers of peacetime engagement, deterrence and crisis response around the world.

The 1995 graduate of Jonathon Dayton High School of Springfield joined the Navy in July 1997.

NEWS CLIPS

Exercise class begins

Exercise class for the Springfield Senior Citizens began Monday at 9 a.m. at the Sarah Bailey Civic Center. Evelyn Fanzik is the instructor. The class will run for five weeks.

Festival planned

There's something for everyone at the new, exciting, fun-filled spring festival. The event will be held Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Deerfield School, rain or shine, and is sponsored by the Deerfield PTA.

Featured will be the Liberty Science Center's circus, Bell Atlantic's display of fiber optics, Pat Shanty's Creature Feature, more than 50 craft tables, a plant sale, the Moon Walk, games, and hands-on crafts for all ages. The Food Court provides plenty of choices.

The schedule of events is as follows:

- 11:15 a.m. Storytime for children ages 6 and younger.
- Noon. Seeing Eye Presentations.
- 1 p.m. Liberty Science Circus.
- 2 p.m. Liberty Science Circus.
- 3 p.m. Raffle winners will be announced.

Continuous showings of Pat Shanty's creature feature and Bell Atlantic's fiber optics display will start at 11 a.m.

Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 232-2345.

Summer session begins

If you're looking for challenge, adventure and creativity this summer, the Springfield Summer School is the place to be.

The summer session will run from

June 28 to July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The program includes courses in wood-working, arts and crafts, ceramics, gymnastics, computer technology, creative writing and publishing, cooking, science, basketball, rockery, tennis, study skills, baby-sitting, reading, mathematics, music and fitness, to name a few.

Many classes fill early, so register for your summer adventure soon.

The brochure and registration forms will be available in early May. The registration fee of \$60 per one hour course for the four weeks makes this an inexpensive way to learn and have fun each morning in July.

For enrollment information or further questions, call Nicholas Corby at Sandmeter School at (973) 376-1025, Ext. 3420.

Van to be at meeting

Overlook Hospital's Healthy Avenues Van will be at Springfield's Seniors meeting May 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. As a special service, there will be free diabetes screenings. No fasting is necessary.

An exciting new resource is now available to area residents. The "Healthy Avenues Van" was developed to increase awareness of the latest medical information via its on-board computers and to promote Cardiovascular Wellness by providing a series of Health Screenings. The car personnel will be happy to work with organizations to provide screenings, which include, Blood Pressure, Blood Glucose (diabetes), Carotid Artery (stroke), and Cholesterol, and Computerized Health Risk Assessments.

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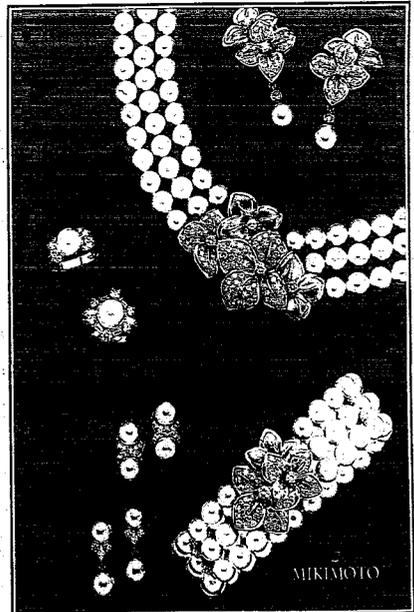
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COMMUNITY FORUM

Welcome to the force

We welcome Officer Thomas Michael Norton to the Mountaineer Police Department and ask residents to give him their support if they encounter him on the streets. We hope those encounters will be nothing more than morning or evening greetings.

Norton began his tenure with the Police Department on May 1 and his appointment brings the department to full strength, a complement of 21 officers.

Norton took the alternate route to the Mountaineer Police Department, which means he was one of 10 candidates who graduated from the John Stampler Police Academy who paid his own way and sent resumes on his own to try to secure a position with a police force. Living in neighboring Westfield, Norton opted for Mountaineer as his first choice and got the job.

We wish Norton the best of luck as he begins his law enforcement career in Mountaineer. Hopefully, it will be a long and rewarding one for him and borough residents.

Set high standards and meet them

To be an Eagle Scout, one must excel. To be an Eagle Scout, one must set standards for himself and his peers. That's what Sean Cordoni of Springfield has done, and for those efforts, he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting.

Most extraordinary about this achievement is that Sean, a 13-year-old, is the second Cordoni to attain the rank of Eagle Scout this year. His brother, Ian, 15, received the honor several months ago.

Candidates for Eagle Scout must earn 36 merit badges before even being considered for the honor. Cordoni earned those 36 and worked on a restoration project in the Watchung Reservation to complete the prerequisites. The county parks department allowed scouts to conduct restoration projects, and Cordoni's project involved planting native flora and erecting protective fencing.

We hope the Cordoni brothers are inspirations to other scouts who hope to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout, which is given to about 1 percent of scouts worldwide. All it takes is perseverance, setting high standards and meeting those standards.

Honor moms

Out of 365 days in the year, this Sunday marks the one day in our calendars when we take time out to acknowledge all the mothers — Mother's Day. Mom does so much all year, let's make her feel appreciated for at least this one day. While mom may know she's being appreciated tacitly throughout the year, it's always nice to hear, isn't it?

It is mothers who have the difficult task of carrying children for nine months before giving birth. That's what gives mothers that special bond with children which can't be duplicated.

Years ago, it was mothers who stayed home with the children and took care of the housekeeping duties while being active in the PTA. While husbands and wives may share more housekeeping duties today than they once did, sometimes it is still mom who takes care of it even as more of them have joined the workforce.

A mother's role in the family may have changed over time but one thing has remained constant — her importance to the family. With more single-parent families today, the job of a mother is that much more difficult. Without mother, all of us probably would have turned out a little differently.

This Sunday, let's remember just how lucky we are to have mothers and show your love, admiration and respect for them. If you haven't spoken to her in awhile and you're in different parts of the country, give her a call. Do something special for mom on her day. Send her flowers, take her out to dinner, or just give her the day off.

Our policy on letters, columns

The Echo Leader welcomes submissions from its readers. Either letters to the editor or opinion pieces on any subject will be considered for publication on the opinion pages.

This opportunity also is open to all officials and employees of the borough and the County of Union.

The Echo Leader reserves the right to edit all submissions for length, content and style. Writers must include their name, address and daytime telephone number for verification.

For publication, all letters and essays must be received before 9 a.m. Monday at 1291 Snyvesant Ave. Union, NJ 07083.

"It is more dangerous to silence a people than to dam a river."

Dai Qing
researcher
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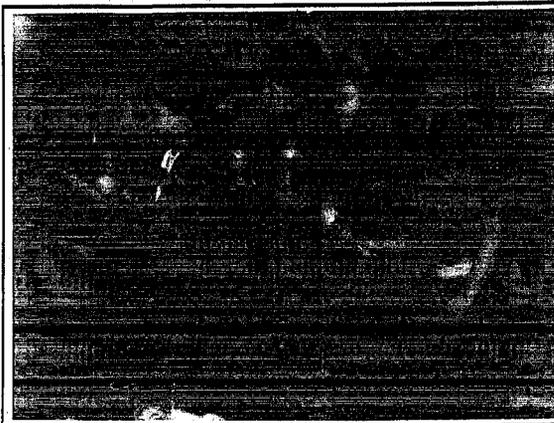
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MUSIC CELEBRATION — Walton School students in Springfield sing their way into spring as part of a music celebration to kick off the annual tree and flower planting. The event was part of many activities the children participate in during Earth Week.

We're not taking responsibility for our lives

A disturbing trend is beginning to engulf us and if it keeps growing, it could have a negative effect on all of us.

The trend? Not taking responsibility for our actions. In fact, it's not taking responsibility for our lives.

We seem to be struggling off not only our responsibilities, but our commitments as well. Most of us can remember when we'd blame the dog for eating our homework or our little kid brother or sister ripped it up and threw it away. Of course, the teacher didn't believe us, but looked upon the excuse as one of those little childish white lies and warned us not to do it again.

However, what is burgeoning is the scale which this kind of irresponsible behavior is having on present society. No one wants to own up or take responsibility for anything these days. We all want to get off the hook and if we need to blame an innocent person for making a boo-boo, so be it. At least the heat is off us.

We ask ourselves why this is happening. A lot of it hinges on corporate philosophy. If you screw up, there are dozens of others in line waiting to

As I See It

By Norman Rauscher
Correspondent

take over your office. One screw-up could be overlooked, so long as it's not a catastrophic boo-boo. A second screw-up could mean your job so you do everything in your power to escape the consequences: blame others, lie, stomp, play innocent, play dumb. If someone else gets the blame, of course, feel sorry for him or her, but, at least you survived for another day. This attitude of not taking responsibility for our actions starts when a person is young and the pressures are building. The youngster hears his father or mother brag about how she or he put something over on the boss, but quick thinking put the blame on someone else who took the heat.

The child thinks such behavior is cool, obviously not caring or understanding the moral lessons raised. If the

youngster gets into trouble, lie about it, blame others, blame the dog. Do anything to avoid taking the blame.

We've been hearing much these days of students and parents making the Board of Education because Johnny or Jane can't read and is unable to get into the college of their choice. Why is the Board of Education mad? That's easy. The teacher can't teach, plays favorites, and does not understand the student. Nothing is said that Johnny or Jane failed to do their homework, take responsibility for their actions, was constantly unruly and rebellious and failed to get along with others. The lawsuit is rightfully thrown out and the students will harbor ill thoughts against the teacher for "destroying" their lives. Unfortunately, neither the students nor the parents had the guts to examine their child's predicament. Too many parents are bamboozled by their kids for fear of being alienated and give in to any whim or wish on their mind. This is one of the easiest ways of spoiling a kid rotten for the inevitable adult life awaiting them in the wings. By the time they get to Middle School, it might already be too late.

I'm not saying the state of corporate affairs is the ultimate villain, but I am saying that the mores of modern living, or surviving, play an important role in how we play the game. Taking responsibility for your actions seems to have become old-fashioned and not cool. The idea today is to find a patsy who gets the blame for your mistakes or goofs. Why feel guilty about blaming others? They'd do the same to you if need be. Wouldn't they?

This inability to take blame is really nothing new. Willie Loman and his two sons did it in Arthur Miller's immortal "Death of a Salesman."

We all do it at times. But today, there are people who make it into an art form. When anything goes wrong, we can't seem to bite the bullet and own up to the fact that it was my fault and not an innocent co-worker, neighbor or friend. At times we all tend to tinker with the truth. That's bad, but not as bad as not owning up to your actions.

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

Peanut allergy brings more than hardships

I can vividly remember the first time it happened. I know it was summertime. I can't tell you the day of the week or the month, but I do recall exactly where I was the first time I heard the wheeze.

Our eldest child, Tori, was about 18 months old, and one afternoon my wife, Wendy, decided to let her try a bite of her peanut butter sandwich. After her initial, somewhat incredulous reaction to this new consistency and flavor, she proceeded to play on the living room floor. Before long, however, she climbed on the sofa and lay down with me, slightly lethargic. It was then that I heard it.

Suffering from asthma myself, I immediately recognized the sound of the onset of an asthmatic reaction with every breath Tori took. After rushing her to the emergency room and following up with her pediatrician the next day, we were relieved to learn that our little girl was not asthmatic like her daddy, but merely suffering from an allergy to peanuts, a condition that triggered the anaphylactic reaction, a situation wherein the patient's always swell and one that could potentially prove fatal.

While we were grateful that it wasn't asthma, this new development meant a lot of rethinking of our meals and habits. "Peanut" became something of a dirty word in our home as anything containing even a trace of the offending legume was relegated to the top shelf of the pantry or directly to the trash. We scrupulously read and tested ingredients listings, cross examined waitresses on the rare occasion that we ate out, and put our guests through a sort of customs procedure whenever they brought food into the house.

Also new to us was having to keep an epi-pen handy. A form of adrenaline, epinephrine is often given to those in respiratory distress — I know; I've gotten my share of shots

Vantage Point

By Bill Van Sant
Staff Writer

— to alleviate the symptoms. Fortunately, we've never had cause to use the pen-like, one-dose injection, which is moderately painful but, like the American Express card, you just don't leave home without it.

As we all become used to living with these changes in our lives, things get easier, although there were a few missteps. Tori's Sunday School teacher innocently gave the class leftover Halloween candy and by mid-day, we were back at Rahway Hospital. My diabetic father-in-law inadvertently left within reach his container of peanut-butter-and-crackers — an important snack for a diabetic — prompting another attack.

However, as Tori has gotten older, and she and those around her have grown familiar with her needs and restrictions, these episodes have all but ceased. We've learned the products to watch out for — Nestle's, for example, will use ground peanut in its milk chocolate to enhance the flavor — and that, with some patience, even the smell of peanut butter in an enclosed space can trigger an attack. The "maintenance plan" has required a lot of homework, but has proven to be surprisingly easy to follow. Perhaps the most remarkable thing, however, has been watching this little person grow up with this allergy, never knowing anything different. She doesn't feel cheated when the Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are doled out because she's never even had one. She doesn't beg for that childhood staple — the peanut butter and jelly

sandwich — because she knows that it could potentially be like asking for arsenic on the rocks. And neither she nor her brother object when we liberate the Snickers and Baby Ruths from their Halloween bags and put them into our own.

Now that she's in Pre-K, she has an epi-pen and a release form with the school nurse; we provide her treats for snack time; and her teachers are wonderful at monitoring everything she has to eat.

It's also been amazing watching her begin to understand the concept of taking responsibility now rather than suffering consequences later. Imagine a 5-year-old — any 5-year-old — being offered a luscious piece of cake, a tempting morsel of candy, or a crisp cookie and, before even reaching for it, asking, "Could you please check the ingredients for peanuts?" It even took us some time to convince her that it was safe to eat other varieties of nuts — peanuts and tree nuts are not actually in the same botanical ballpark. For Tori, if it was a nut of any kind, it was off-limits.

She even takes it one step further, acting as watchdog for her little brother, Reid. We've never dared to give him a taste, so we don't know for sure if he shares his sister's allergy; at this point, we simply insist as if he did. Being only three-and-a-half and the possessor of a voracious appetite, Reid would be halfway through the treat before even thinking, "Oh, yeah — peanuts." So Tori steps in when we cannot and makes sure everything she eats is safe.

As for Wendy and me, we do what we have to. We do our homework, we stay informed, and we do what we must to protect our children from harm. If asked how we'd feel before Tori even came along, certainly would have opted to raise a child free from health problems. However, even though her young life has a few more restrictions than it otherwise might, we never lose sight of the fact that things could be far worse.

And for that, we count our blessings every time we hide the peanut butter.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thanks for vote of confidence

To the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to all the Springfield voters who participated in this year's school board election. We should all be proud of the outstanding turnout by those who elected to exercise their right to vote.

I am grateful to all of you for having passed the budget and I would like to extend special thanks to those who gave me an overwhelming vote of confidence to continue to serve the educational needs of the community by electing me for a fourth time.

I pledge to continue to be receptive and responsive to the educational needs and concerns of our community. I assure you that I will continue to work diligently to ensure that the Springfield School District becomes the pillar and linchpin of education in New Jersey.

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Two arrested on contempt of court charges

Mountainside
The Mountainside Police Department arrested two suspects for contempt of court charges this past week.

On April 24, Ronald Flowers, 43, of the Vailsburg section of Newark, was arrested at the Essex County Jail on a warrant that had been issued by the Mountainside Police Department. Officer Andrew Huber transported Flowers to the Union County Jail, where the suspect posted \$1,180 bail.

On April 24, Michelle Johnson, 29, of Linden was arrested for a contempt of court warrant from Mountainside. It was later found that Johnson also had warrants out of Clark, Rahway and Newark. Johnson was being held on \$960 bail at press time.

A Dumlenn man was arrested for driving while suspended after he was observed passing in an area designated as a "no passing zone" and causing an accident, police said. At approximately 8:40 a.m. on April 28, Officer Michael Jackson arrested Steven Demusi, 35, at the scene of an accident on New Providence Road. No injuries were reported.

On April 26, at approximately 4:30 a.m., a Perth Amboy man was arrested for trespassing on school property. Corporal Ken Capobianco found Jacob DuBay, 19, on Deerfield School property and issued a summons, reports indicated. DuBay was released to his father.

A North Plainfield man was

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arrested for driving while suspended on April 24. At approximately 6:30 p.m., while traveling west on Route 22, Officer Andrew Sullivan stopped a motorist for a broken taillight. The driver, later identified as John Molina, 19, was found to be driving while suspended. After posting \$205 bail, Molina was released and awaits a May court date.

Springfield
Springfield police, fire and first aid converged on the intersection of Wabeno and Linden avenues to handle an overturned car Thursday.

A Dodge Dakota, according to police records and two witnesses, was headed west on Wabeno Avenue when it was hit by a Lincoln Continental from southbound Linden Avenue at about 12:05 p.m. The Dakota spun 180 degrees from the impact and overturned.

Public safety officers found the Dakota upside down at the intersection's southwest corner. Its driver and passenger, who were both injured, were taken by the Springfield First Aid Squad to Overlook Hospital. Firefighters helped extricate the injured and about-spilled fluids.

The Lincoln driver and its passenger were uninjured, although their car joined the Dakota on tow truck hooks.

The Lincoln motorist received a summons for failing to observe a stop sign.

The driver of a Mercury said she thought the Toyota ahead of her had merged onto Route 22 East Thursday. The Toyota motorist said she was trying to merge when she was rear-ended by the Mercury at about 6:50 p.m. The resulting ramp accident left one driver injured, although she refused medical help.

A Buick driver and her passenger said they were exiting a parking space on a Mountain Avenue lot Thursday when they backed into the driver's side of a Toyota at about 4 p.m. The officer recording the accident noted there were no signs on the lot prohibiting the Toyota from being parked at a right angle from the painted spaces.

The driver of a Toyota Corolla was attempting to park without authorization in a handicapped space at the 7-Eleven on Morris Avenue April 29 while a Ford Bronco was backing out of the adjoining space at the same time. The Bronco's right front bumper hit the Toyota's left front corner at about 8:10 a.m., prompting a call to the police.

Another two car miscue occurred across Morris Avenue at about 2 p.m. April 28. An Oldsmobile driver said she thought westbound Plymouth Sundance had signaled to enter the Burger King parking lot. The Sur-

dance driver said she was entering the Taco Bell lot the Olds was exiting, however, and the two cars crashed hard enough on Morris Avenue to require towing.

A Honda wanted to make a left-hand turn from Springfield Avenue onto Morris Avenue from the right lane April 28. A Ford Aerostar cable truck wanted to make the same turn from the left lane, however, and the pair ran into each other at about 11:53 a.m.

A motor vehicle stop on South Springfield Avenue of an Orange man resulted in his trip to a Leonia jail April 27. The driver, identified as Jorge A Cueller, 27, was found to have outstanding arrest warrants from Leonia on a computer check at about 10 a.m. He was subsequently put under custody and taken to the Bergen County town.

The township residents were arrested from the same South Springfield Avenue address April 25. One man, identified as Walter L. Johnson, 53, was charged with simple assault, while the woman, identified as Josephine Bradley, 29, was booked for criminal mischief.

A Garden Oval resident reported a registered handgun as missing from her premises April 25.

A driver of a Toyota-Camry discovered damaging marks on her vehicle while parked on the Sandmeier School parking lot April 21.

All hands fielded an activated alarm call from a Morris Avenue business at about 9:40 a.m. April 29. Department members also assisted a Morris Avenue apartment dweller's lockout at about 1:03 p.m. April 28.

Fire alarm soundings brought all units to a Church Mall worship house at about 8:16 a.m. and to a Twin Oaks Oval home at about 4:12 p.m. April 27. A similar call was made from within the Municipal Building at about 10:45 a.m. Firefighters also put out a gas grill fire on a New Brook Lane residence's property at about 5:53 p.m.

Firefighters respond to overturned car, dryer fire

Mountainside
The Mountainside Volunteer Fire Department responded to several calls this past week, though no serious injuries were reported.

On May 2, at approximately midnight, firefighters responded to an accident in which a car had rolled over on Sheffield Street. Fire Chief Marc Franciosa said there were several passengers who reported minor injuries.

On April 30, firefighters responded to a smoke condition at Brighton Gardens, the assisted living community located on Route 22. Franciosa said the building had lost power while people in the kitchen were cooking. The power outage had apparently caused the exhaust fans in the kitchen to go out and subsequently

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the kitchen filled with smoke. Firefighters ventilated the area and no injuries were reported.

On April 29, at approximately 9:30 p.m., firefighters responded to a dryer fire at a residence on New Providence Road. The home filled with heavy smoke, but was ventilated and no injuries occurred, Franciosa said.

On April 28, at approximately 4:30 p.m., a transformer wire went down on Route 22. Firemen cleared the area and made it safe for traffic to pass.

Springfield
The Springfield Fire Department encountered a literal live wire on

Commerce Street April 26. An engine and a car were diverted from an all units call to Sandmeier School at about 10:05 a.m. to visit the industrial area.

Firefighters found the wire to be an electrical power cable and called for a utility repair truck. A police patrol car blocked the area until utility workers arrived.

All the hands call to Sandmeier, reported at about 10:10 a.m., was due to an activated fire alarm. A similar alarm sounding from a Kipling Avenue residence at about 6:07 p.m. also brought out the force.

All units went to a Wabeno Avenue apartment at about 5:38 p.m. Friday to snuff out a smoky odor. One firefighter helped with the

Springfield First Aid Squad on a medical assistance call at about 10:58 a.m. Thursday.

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STUDENT UPDATE

Three make list

Three Springfield students were named to the president's list at Union College in Clunford in recognition of their academic excellence during the fall semester. They were honored from among more than 8,000 full-time and part-time students at the college.

Consideration for the president's list is based upon quality points earned as a result of the student's

Delegates chosen

The following Junior girls have been selected as delegates and alternates to attend the American Legion Woman's Auxiliary Girl's State program:

Delegates: Jennifer Lisante, Jennifer Sarcino.

Alternates: Robyn Bluestone, Susan Rowland.

The program will take place at Rider University from June 27 through July 2. The objective of the program is to enable girls to develop a new perspective on the complexities of government and develop the leadership skills, confidence and poise that will give them a lasting foundation in their personal and professional lives. It affords them an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and to inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Throughout the week, there will be speakers from various levels of government, at which time the students will have the opportunity to question the speakers. The overall objective is to provide the students the opportunity to participate in a leadership role in the democratic process of government as they stride forward to make their meaningful place in society.

grades and number of credits carried. Only maritulated students are eligible for president's list recognition.

The students are Stan Zlatsky, Joyce Stivalo and Meredith L. Morroco.

Mountaineer honorees

Two Mountaineer students recently were named to the honor roll for the second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Sophomore Nicole Kress received first honors, having earned no grade lower than an A. Sophomore Cynthia Fisher was named to the honor roll, receiving no grade lower than B.

Oak Knoll honor roll

Two Springfield residents recently were named to the honor roll for the

second trimester at Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child in Summit.

Ninth grader Christina Caram earned first honors, awarded to students who receive no grade lower than an A. Eleventh grader Christina Tien was named to the honor roll, having received no grade lower than B.

Newark Academy honors

The following students studying at Newark Academy in Livingston earned high honors and honors during the fall term.

High Honors
Springfield: Erica Horwitz in grade nine and Jodie Sandel in grade 11.

Honors
Springfield: Andrea Conie, Allison Gladstone, Jodi Luciani, and Charles

Schuyler, all in grade 11 and Scott Hollander in grade eight.

Mountaineer: Douglas McManara in grade 11 and Jacob Mendik in grade 12.

Rozenblum on list

Yuliya Rozenblum of Springfield was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at The Johns Hopkins University. To be selected for this honor, a student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

Rozenblum is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Rozenblum and attended Yeshiva of Flatbush in Brooklyn.

Rozenblum, who is majoring in International studies, is expected to graduate in May 2000.

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DIVISION: CHANCERY
COUNTY: UNION
DOCKET NO. 9782107
PLAINTIFFS: FIRST NATIONWIDE MORTG...

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GAGE CORPORATION, A MARYLAND CORPORATION
BY: JOSEPH GARCIA, III AND
CERVELLO GARCIA, HIS WIFE, ROSE
WYCOFF, ET AL.

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FEBRUARY 10, 1998
MAY 04, 1998
WEDNESDAY THE 10TH DAY OF...

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WRIT OF EXECUTION DATE:
MARCH 09, 1998
BY VIRTUE OF THE ABOVE-SIGNED WRIT...

OBITUARIES

Betty Leibowitz
Betty Leibowitz of Springfield died
April 28 in her home in Landerhill,
Pa.

Landerhill. She was the owner of Betty's Dress Shop in Newark and later in Millburn Mall, for a total of 25 years and retired 20 years ago.

AN ORDINANCE TO BALANCE THE BUDGET OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE PAY OF CERTAIN POSITIONS WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF UNION, STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE YEAR 1997 AND 1998.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Township Committee of the Township of Springfield in the County of Union, and the State of New Jersey as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Position and Salary. Includes Clerk, Police Chief, Fire Chief, etc.

In addition to the above salaries for officers, a longevity payment shall be paid as hereinafter provided and determined. Such longevity pay to be considered an additional amount of salary based upon the length of service of the respective positions.

Table with 2 columns: Years of Service and Longevity Payment Percentage. Ranges from 5 years (2%) to 19 years (6%).

Each Captain shall receive an additional 1% per year up to a maximum of 12%.

Table with 2 columns: Years of Service and Longevity Payment Percentage. Ranges from 6 years (2%) to 19 years (6%).

Such additional compensation shall be based upon the annual salary of each officer. No officer who works less than an average of 25 hours per week in any one year shall be eligible for said additional compensation.

All periods of employment shall be computed from January 1st of the year taking office appointment or employment unless the said date was substituted in the original appointment or employment contract. Such calculation shall be computed from January 1st of the year following.

Additional compensation of any nature, including overtime, will not be considered in computing longevity payments.

In order to complete the period for such longevity payment, credit will be given for all time served with the Township of Springfield whether consecutive, or non-consecutive, as hereinafter determined.

The above-stated additional compensation of longevity payments shall become effective as of January 1, 1997, and shall be subject to the salary above set forth and at the same time as said salaries are paid.

Members of the Fire Department who have accumulated the minimum number of 10 years and provided their college credits qualify under Section 3 (a) of this ordinance or who have an Associate of Arts of Higher degree from a recognized educational institution. Higher Education will be paid by the Township of Springfield in accordance with the following formula:

Table with 2 columns: Credits Completed and Percentage. Ranges from 20 credits (50%) to 60 credits (90%).

Employees must attain a grade of "C" or better in order to qualify for a credit and all courses must be accredited by the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) or Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP).

No withdrawing anything to the contrary set forth above, commencing January 1, 1973, and each year thereafter every firefighter who attains a Bachelor's Degree from a recognized College in a course of study accredited by either the State Law Enforcement Planning Agency (SLEPA) or Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) shall be paid additional salary in the sum of \$200 in addition to the payment for credits set forth in the preceding ordinance or 61 cents for a Bachelor's Degree.

The additional salary provided for herein shall only be payable by the Township upon proper certification or approved resolution of the committee, which salary shall be paid either annually or semi-annually at the discretion of the Township Committee.

A vacation time will be paid advance only on request of the employee submitting in writing to the Township Treasurer no later than the Friday preceding the next regular pay date prior to the intended vacation period.

The foregoing Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication of said ordinance according to law.

HELEN E. KEYWORTH, Municipal Clerk

BY VIRTUE OF THE ABOVE-SIGNED WRIT OF EXECUTION I have caused to be sold by public vendue, on the 6th Floor of the Union County Court House, located at Broad Street, Elizabeth, N.J., on WEDNESDAY, MAY 04, 1998, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day...

THE PROPERTY TO BE SOLD IS LOCATED IN THE Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and is described as follows:

Lot 11 of Block 1 of the subdivision known as "The Kensington and Gwynedd Estates" located in the Township of Springfield, County of Union, State of New Jersey, and is described as follows:

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SPORTS

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LOCAL SPORTS
HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the area's best athletes
turned in outstanding performances
at last Thursday's 55th annual
Union County Interscholastic Ath-
letic Conference track and field
relays consisted at Williams Field
in Elizabeth.

Elizabeth won the boys' title for
the 11th time in the past 13 years
and Plainfield edged Elizabeth by
two points to retain the girls' title.

Winning events on the boys' side
was Elizabeth in the 400-meter
relay, team intermediate hurdles
and sprint medley relay and on the
girls' side were Elizabeth in the
800-meter relay, team shot put and
team javelin. Union in the team
high jump, Rahway in the long
jump and Roselle in the discus.

Other area schools including
Governor Livingston, Hillside, Lin-
den, Roselle, Roselle-Catholic,
Rahway, Johnson and Summit
placed in several events.

Boys' Team Standings: 1-Eliz-
abeth 93, 2-Scotch Plains 80,
3-Union 56, 4-Plainfield 48,
5-Westfield 6, 6-New Providence 33,
7-Cranford 30, 8-Gov. Livingstone
19, 9-Roselle Catholic and Roselle
18, 11-Linden 17, 12-Hillside 4.5,
13-Dayton 4, 14-Summit 2.5.

Patrick Nau, Davon Lawrence,
Travis Mack and Hakim Johnson
won the 400-meter relay for Eliza-
beth in 43.1.

Wilford Charles, Dudley Emilius
and Maurice McClain won the
intermediate hurdles in 2:56.0.
Lawrence, Nau, Johnson and
Foster Emilius finished first in the
sprint medley relay in 3:34.5.

Union finished third in the
400-meter relay and Linden fourth.
Elizabeth was second in the
800-meter relay, Union third and
Hillside fifth. Elizabeth was third in
the 1,600-meter relay, Roselle
fourth and Linden fifth.

Elizabeth was second in the
3,200-meter relay and Union fifth.
Roselle Catholic was fourth in the
6,400-meter relay and Union fifth.
Union was second in the shuttle
hurdles, Elizabeth third, Linden
fifth and Summit sixth.

Girls' Team Standings: 1-
Plainfield 64, 2-Elizabeth 62,
3-Westfield 61, 4-Union 43,
5-Roselle 42, 6-Scotch Plains 37,
7-Cranford 28, 8-Summit 23,
9-Roselle Catholic 19, 10-Rahway
18, 11-Gov. Livingstone 17, 12-New
Providence 11, 13-Linden 8,
14-Johnson 1.

Nwanneke Onyebate, Tanya
Hofer, Laymea Jones and Dina
Parker won the 800-meter relay for
Elizabeth in 1:48.5.

Jessie Townsend, Hafiza Thomas
and Jamie Papadourou won the
team shot put for Elizabeth at
99-3.25.

Townsend, Parker and Thomas
won the team javelin with a meet-
best record of 274-1, the former
record of 233-8 set by Westfield
last year.

Alison Mellage and Nathifa Bunsie
set a Union school record by
winning the high jump at 10-0, each
having a best of 5-0.

Christa Flus, Christina Brunson
and Samantha Carolan won the
team long jump for Rahway at
45-11.

Tamara Coleman, Alexis Smith
and Waller won the team discus for
Roselle at 279-5.

Finishing second were Linden in
the shuttle hurdles, Roselle in the
400-meter relay and Union in the
intermediate hurdles and
6,400-meter relay.

Dayton has young team with
its best performances ahead

Seniors Stapfer, Neumeister, Moulins impress

By Joe Ragazzino
Staff Writer

Chances are, the Dayton girls' track
and field team may not place very
high at the Mountain Valley Confer-
ence Championships this Saturday at
Ridge High School in Basking Ridge.
That's understandable, considering
the slew of freshmen on the team this
season.

But in a few years, watch out.
"I'm happy with the turnout of the
eight (freshmen) girls," said Dayton
girls' head coach William Byrne.
"Some of them will be able to score
some points in the conference meet.
It might take a year or two, but they
should be able to score points. I think
they all have bright futures."

Though the Bulldogs are predomi-
nantly young, that's not to say they
don't have any experience. This season,
Byrne has witnessed solid perfor-
mances from his senior group, led by
Jessica Stapfer.

At the conference championships
last season, Stapfer had an impressive
showing, with second-place finishes
in both the 400 and 800. Byrne is con-
fident Stapfer can duplicate those per-
formances come Saturday.

"I think she has a chance to be in
the top three, especially in the 800,"
Byrne said.

Seniors Tara Neumeister (400, 800,
mile) and Katrina Moulins (400,
800, shot put, discus) have also been
major contributors. Neumeister's
personal-bests are 2:45 in the 800 and
6:12 in the mile. Moulins has run a
2:48 in the 800 and a 69.0 in the 400.

Girls' Track

Moulins was also named Dayton's
scholar-athlete for the 1997-98 school
year.

The freshman class features great
potential. Rachel Mandel and Olga
Okzor posted a sixth-place showing in
the high jump at the conference
relays. Though both jumped only four
feet, Byrne feels strongly that Mandel
and Okzor will be able to jump five
feet by season's end.

The other freshmen are Erica Car-
den, Alexis Ferrin, Maria Gonnella,
Nicole Nagan, Abby Victor and
Lindsay DeCoster.

Carden and Ferrin have been
nagging in the field events. Gonnella,
Nagan and Victor could develop into
quality sprinters. DeCoster is a top-
flight distance runner.

Other members on the team include
seniors Nathifa Clarke (sprints) and
Cassandra Holt (shot put, discus);

juniors Rachel Kurtzman (mile, two-
mile) and Larisa Aganovich (hurdler)
and sophomores Rachel Nohmer
(900-mile) and Laura Moiseev
(sprints).

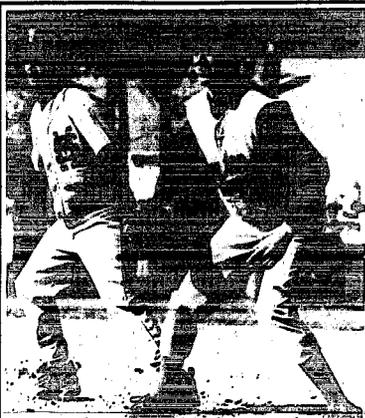
Holt has thrown 69 feet and 65 feet
in the discus and javelin, respectively.

A major key to any success in the
next few seasons will be the year-
round development that will come
through competing in cross country
and/or winter indoor track or another
sport during those seasons, Byrne
said.

"I'm hoping they'll compete in more
than one season," he said.
"They're not much more effective if
they're out for cross country or
indoor. The more time they spend in
track and other sports, the more it will
help us."

For now, the Bulldogs are looking
to end the season on a positive note,
still seeking their first dual-meet
victory.

"I'm pleased with the work ethic
and I'm hoping that some of them will
achieve success beyond the dual
meets," Byrne said. "We're hoping to
win some dual meets and to have as
many girls place in the conference
championships as possible."



Dayton High School first baseman Brian Berger, right,
banged out two hits and drove in three runs to help the
Bulldog varsity baseball team defeat St. Mary's of Eliza-
beth 8-4 April 28 in Mountain Valley Conference-
Valley Division competition that took place in Spring-
field. Dayton began the week at 4-6-1 overall and 4-2-1
in the Valley Division, conference victories recorded
against Oratory, Brearley, Manville and St. Mary's.

Dayton one of best
in Valley Division

Bulldogs began week 4-2-1

The Dayton High School baseball team has proven to be one of the best
teams in the Valley Division of the Mountain Valley Conference this year,
beginning the week with a 4-2-1 record in the division.

Dayton took a 4-6-1 overall record into Monday's scheduled MVC
interdivision contest at Johnson. The Bulldogs were scheduled to play
at undefeated Valley Division rival Middletown Tuesday and today have a home
game scheduled against MVC-Valley foe Bound Brook at 3:45.

High School Baseball

Dayton's latest victory was an 8-4 decision at home against St. Mary's of
Elizabeth on April 28. Other Bulldog Valley Division wins have come
against Oratory 5-4 in Springfield, Brearley 6-5 in Springfield and Manville
8-6 in Manville.

Senior lefthander Eric Fishman earned the mound victory in the first three
of those Valley Division triumphs, tossing a six-hitter against Manville.
Dayton first baseman Brian Berger had an excellent game in the team's
win against St. Mary's, banging out two hits and driving in three runs. Dayton
led St. Mary's 2-2 in Elizabeth back on April 3.

Remaining May Schedule: May 12 at Brearley, 3:00; May 14 at Roselle
Park, 3:00; May 19 at New Providence, 3:45; May 21 Manville, 3:45; May
22 Roselle Catholic, 3:45.

Springfield's Miller signs on
to play baseball at Seton Hall

There's no doubt that Jeff Miller
will be regarded as one of the greatest
three-sport athletes to ever compete at
Seton Hall Prep.

The Springfield resident and former
Minuteman standout will now
attempt to distinguish himself on the
college level at Seton Hall
University.

Miller, who is now helping the
Pirates baseball team to one of its best
starts ever (Seton Hall Prep was 14-1
after a 10-2 win at Morrisstown April
29) signed a national letter of intent
last Friday to play baseball at Seton
Hall for Mike Sheppard Sr., the father
of his current coach Mike Sheppard, Jr.

Seton Hall was the only Division I
school to offer him a baseball ride,
through Fairfield, Vermont. Mon-
mouth and Wagner agreed to let him
walk on for baseball if he signed a
baseball scholarship.

Miller (6-4, 195 pounds) also
starred in football and basketball for
the Pirates. He caught 141 passes for
2,217 yards and 33 touchdowns and
scored 1,324 points on the hardwood.

Miller earned All-State honors in
football and basketball, leading the
football team to the Percehal, Group
4 championship game and the basket-
ball team to the last three Parochial A
and Essex County tournament titles
in addition to the past two Tournament
of Champions finals.

Miller played in the North-South
basketball game and will play in the
North-South football game next
month.

Dayton
Baseball

- May 7 Bound Brook 3:45
May 12 at Brearley, 3:00
May 14 at Roselle Park, 3:00
May 19 at New Providence, 3:45
May 21 Manville, 3:45
May 22 Roselle Catholic, 3:45

Dayton
Softball

- May 7 at Bound Brook, 3:45
May 11 at Elizabeth, 3:45
May 12 at Brearley, 3:45
May 14 Roselle Park, 3:45
May 19 New Providence, 3:45
May 21 at Manville, 3:45

Dayton
Boys' Tennis

- May 7 at Middletown, 3:45
May 8 Bound Brook, 3:45
May 14 at Oratory, 3:45
May 20 at Plainfield, 3:45
May 21 New Providence, 3:45
May 22 Roselle Park, 3:45

Dayton
Volleyball

- May 8 at Hanover Park, 3:45
May 12 Summit, 3:45
May 14 at Chatham, 3:45
May 18 Livingston, 3:45
May 20 at Roxbury, 3:45
May 22 Madison, 3:45

Summer Baseball
Camp at Kean

Kean University will run its first
Summer Baseball Camp during the
weeks of June 29-July 2 and July
6-July 9.

The camp will be hosted by head
coach and former professional player
Neil Goviero, assistant head coach and
former professional player Jorge
Perez and University Coach of Fame
coach Tony Picaro.

Special guest speakers will also be
on hand from the collegiate and Major
League ranks.

The two weekly sessions will run
from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and rain dates
include July 3 and July 10.

More information may be obtained
by calling the Kean University base-
ball office at 908-527-2002.

Girls' hoop camp
at Union Catholic

The Wachung Mountain Girls'
Basketball Camp, directed by Union
Catholic girls' head coach Kathy
Mathews, will take place the week of
July 6-10 at Union Catholic High
School in Scotch Plains.

Players entering grades 9 through
12 will be instructed. The time of the
camp will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
for the five days and the cost is \$145.

Union Catholic Regional High
School is located on 1600 Marline
Ave. in Scotch Plains.

Mathews is the most successful
girls' basketball in Union County,
with over 400 wins in 20 years.

Mathews guided the Vikings to this
year's Union County Tournament
championship, the school's seventh.

Enrollment will be limited and the
application deadline is May 30. A \$60
non-refundable deposit must accom-
pany the camp application and the
balance is due July 6.

Applications may be obtained at
Union Catholic or from coach
Mathews.

Camp objectives include:
1. To teach the fundamental basket-
ball skills needed to be a successful
player.

2. To improve each girls' skills
through individual instruction.

3. To provide competition to enable
each player to practice the skills and
technique learned.

4. To help each players' attitude
and philosophy about basketball and
life through good sportsmanship and
fair play.

Mathews' staff includes success-
ful, experienced high school coaches,
college players with previous camp
experience and guest clinicians.

Special camp sessions include ability
groups, two full-court games per
day, 3-on-3, 1-on-1, hot shot contests
and competition contests, written
evaluations, camp prizes and awards
and video taping and evaluation with
your coach.

Camp articles needed include
smokers, shorts, shirts and towels.

Campers will receive a free basket-
ball if registered by May 15.

Additional information may be
obtained by calling Matt Mathews at
Union Catholic at 908-889-1600.

Springfield baseball
teams outstanding

The following are results of Springfield Junior Baseball Association games
that took place last week:

- AAA
Dodgers 5, Braves 3; Brian Stitt, Jeremy Marx and David Axelrod banged
out hits for the Dodgers during a three-run second inning. Kenneth Suarez and
Lee Silverman also hit safely. Silverman and Marx pitched well.
Dodgers 6, Kenilworth Six 4; Michael Kronert, Corey Evans and Stephen
Suarez drove in a run for the Dodgers in the bottom of the fourth to help the
team overcome a 4-2 deficit. Winning pitcher Kenneth Suarez belted a two-run
triple and relief pitcher Kronert was credited with a save.
Dobb's Auto Body Red Sox 3, Kenilworth's Sam Alvinio 2; Shortstop
Frank Miceli scored twice, belting a double in the fifth inning. Miceli also
pitched two scoreless innings. Sara Steinman pitched well for three innings,
giving up only one run in the third. Lindsay Stone led the team in RBI with
three. Lisa Clark played well at first base and Anthony Sivalvo blasted a double
in the fourth. Harris Tuchman belted a double in the second inning and stole
third and David Sklar also banged out a double.
AA
Colorado Rockies 8, Merola Electric 8; Scott Chertoff, Jake Floyd and
Adam Sherman hit singles to lead the bases and then Ryan Walsh blasted a
grand slam home run to give Colorado an 8-5 lead. Merola tied the game with
three more runs before the contest was called due to darkness. Stephen Suarez
and Patrick Cirulli pitched well for the Rockies.

PONY LEAGUE

Yankees 7, Phillies 4; The Yankees scored all seven of their runs in the fifth
inning to post a come-from-behind victory. Steven Cohen and Clinton Palmer
notched well and David Birnhdorf and Dean Chenevix played well defen-
sively. Palermo, Tim Homlich, Nick Perrell, Cohen and Michael Nitolo pro-
vided the offense in the fifth inning. Ryan Stromeyer and Justin Woodruff
pitched well for the Phillies. Stromeyer, Simon Zalsberg, Adam Gilson and
Devon Don scored for the Phillies.

UCT Baseball

The Union County Tournament
will continue with four quarterfinal-
round contests this Saturday at 1:30.
On the top side of the bracket it will
be eighth-seeded Westfield at top-
seeded Cranford and fifth-seeded
Union at fourth-seeded Scotch Plains,
the winners to meet in the second
semifinal.

On the bottom side of the bracket it
will be 10th-seeded Governor
Livingstone or seventh-seeded New
Providence at second-seeded Eliza-
beth and sixth-seeded Johnson at
third-seeded Summit.

GL and New Providence, trained
over Saturday, Sunday and Monday,
were scheduled again on Tuesday to
play their first-round game.

Cranford lost in the quarterfinals as
the No. 2 seed two years ago and as
the No. 1 seed last year and have never
won the UCT. The Cougars' oppo-
nent, Westfield, has won the last four
UCT titles and has a 17-game UCT
winning streak dating back to its last
UCT loss, a 5-3 decision to Union in
the 1993 title game.

PRELIMINARY ROUND
Friday, April 24
Hillside 17, Union C. 11
Saturday, April 25
R. Park 11, St. Mary's 1

FIRST ROUND
Saturday, May 2
Westfield 9, Linden 8
Union 13, Rahway 2
S. Plains 13, R. Catholic 5
Johnson 10, Plainfield 5

Sunday, May 3
Cranford 12, Roselle Park 8
Monday, May 4
Cranford 11, Hillside 0
Summit 5, Brearley 0

Tuesday, May 5
10-GL at 7-New Prov.
QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, May 9, 1:30
8-Westfield at 1-Cranford
5-Union at 4-Scotch Plains

10-GL 7-NP at 2-Elizabeth
6-Johnson at 3-Summit

SEMIFINALS
Saturday, May 16
at Union, noon and 3 p.m.
FINAL
Saturday, May 23
at Linden's Memorial Field, 8 p.m.

UCT Softball

The Union County Tournament
will continue with four quarterfinal-
round contests this Saturday at 10:30
a.m.

On the top side of the bracket it will
be top-seeded and defending cham-
pion Governor Livingstone hosting
ninth-seeded Rahway and fifth-
seeded Cranford at fourth-seeded
Roselle Park.

On the bottom side of the bracket it
will be seventh-seeded Roselle
Catholic at second-seeded Union and
sixth-seeded Westfield at third-seeded
Johnson.

Rahway will attempt to do some-
thing the last four UCT opponents
against GL have failed to do. That is
score a run.

GL won all four UCT games last
year by shutout and opened UCT play
this year with a 2-0 first-round win
over visiting Dayton.

Union lost to GL in the semifinals
last year after winning a record six
consecutive UCT crowns. Union has
the most titles with nine overall.

Roselle Park and Cranford had just
one loss as of Tuesday, the least
amount of any team in the county.

PRELIMINARY ROUND
Wednesday, April 29
Union C. 13, K. Place 1
Dayton 21, Plainfield 7

FIRST ROUND
Saturday, May 2
GL 2, Dayton 0
Roselle Park 17, New Providence 0
Cranford 10, Elizabeth 0

Friday, May 3
R. Catholic 6, S. Plains 5
Monday, May 4
Westfield 11, Summit 2
Johnson 10, Brearley 0
Rahway 3, Linden 1

QUARTERFINALS
Saturday, May 9, 10:30
9-Rahway at 1-GL
5-Cranford at 4-Roselle Park

7-Roselle Catholic at 2-Union
6-Westfield at 3-Johnson

SEMIFINALS
Friday, May 15
at Linden's Memorial Field,
6 and 8 p.m.
FINAL
Saturday, May 16
at Linden's Memorial Field, 8 p.m.

Former Dayton
baseball standout
Lehnhoff excels
at Kenyon College

So far Jim Lehnhoff is making the
transition from high school to college
baseball a successful one.
The 1997 Dayton Regional High
School graduate who was a standout
player last year for a Bulldogs team
that had an impressive record of 14-7,
Lehnhoff is now playing Division 3
ball in Ohio.

Lehnhoff is a freshman member of
the Kenyon College baseball team.
Kenyon is located in Gambier, Ohio.
Lehnhoff helped Kenyon improve
to 12-14 overall and 2-6 in the North
Coast Athletic Conference as the
Lord's swept Case Western Reserve
University 13-2 and 16-5 last month.

Kenyon had its hitting shoes on that
day, compiling for 13 hits in the first
inning, scoring 14 in the second.

Lehnhoff joined the hit parade by
belting a two-out, run-scoring single
in the second game.

