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TWO SECT

Vacation results in collision

By Joe Luga
Staff Writer

A 12-day tour aboard a cruise ship nearly resulted in tragedy for Springfield's Katz family.

The Norwegian Dream, returning to Dover, England on the last leg of a journey in which it carried 11 Katz family members to various sites in Scandinavia and Russia, was impacted twice by the Taiwanese cargo ship Ever Decent in the English Channel at approximately 1 a.m. Aug. 24. The second impact occurred against the port hole of cabin number 6223 — the cabin occupied by Jeff and Sharon Katz of Springfield and their 22-year-old daughter, Stacey.

"It was like someone slamming on the brakes of a car," Stacey Katz said of the initial collision. "The ship struck the liner's bow. Katz was sleeping on a pull-out couch at the time and was thrown from his bed. "I was half awake and screaming 'What's happening?' to my parents," she said.



Eleven members of Springfield's Katz family felt the impact between a Taiwanese cargo ship and the Norwegian Dream. They were returning to England after visiting sites in Scandinavia and Russia when the collision took place on the last night of their vacation.

"You could see the 'E' in Evergreen fill our window," Sharon Katz said.

The window, made of a tempered glass similar to the kind used in automobile windshields, had not crystallized but did not fall out. Small pieces, however, landed on Stacey Katz' mattress. The collision buckled the floor of the cabin, punched a hole in the wall near the port hole and loosened the ceiling panels above the bed.

Jeff Katz also was sleeping at the time of the initial impact. "I flew across the bed," he said. He estimated the interval between impacts to be about 15 seconds.

"I screamed at my daughter and husband to get up and put their life jackets on," Sharon Katz said in her Internet narrative. "I thought water

would rush in any moment. I wanted us out and our door closed."

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Justin Katz, Stacey Katz' brother, was sharing a cabin next door with a cousin. "My mother was in a panic because it was the last day of the trip and she was afraid that Justin might be up on the deck," Stacey Katz said. Justin Katz was caught in a nightgown on a higher deck, on the opposite side of the ship, where the violence of the collision was no less felt.

All the picture frames fell off the wall, the drinks and glasses got smashed and people fell off chairs,"

he said. He returned to his parents' cabin in time to help his sister into her life jacket.

"He literally had to help me get into the life jacket," Stacey Katz said. "I was frozen with fear. The stewards were saying, 'Take only what you can carry or what's important to you.' I don't ever want to hear those words again."

The family lined up for lifeboats as cabin numbers were called out. According to Stacey Katz, one lifeboat had been "ripped away" and another "cracked in two."

Final officer sues discrimination suit

By Joe Luga
Staff Writer

The Township of Springfield has finally concluded its business with the third and final officer to file a discrimination lawsuit.

Sgt. Peter Davis received a \$150,000 settlement from the township Friday. Davis, a friend and co-worker of Patrolman Walter Brooks, stood by Brooks when the black patrolman allegedly was made the target of racial comments by Capt. Vernon Pedersen. Davis was joined in his support by Lt. Ivan Shapow, who reportedly was himself the subject of an anti-Semitic comment by Pedersen. Both men claimed to have been subjected to retaliation by the department after coming to the defense of Brooks.

Brooks received \$185,000 in his settlement while Shapow received \$300,000. As part of his settlement, Brooks was transferred to the Detective Bureau. Davis, who declined to comment on his additional settlement requests, received none.

"I asked for quite a few things, none of which I got," Davis said. "I guess it was the best we could do. Basically, I'm satisfied, although I would have liked to have gone to court so the public could see what I went through the past few years."

Davis, who will remain in his position as desk sergeant, said he was grateful for the support he received from his fellow officers. "It was a big help, having those officers testify on my behalf during this trying period," he said.

Mayor Gregory Clarke was unsure about what kind of legacy the settlements would leave. "I don't know if I can say that it glosses over the situation," he said. "We still have to ask if there'll be ramifications."

Renovations planned for fire house

By Joe Luga
Staff Writer

Mountainside's fire house is going to get a face lift. The building, constructed in the early 1970s, has had "no real renovations or maintenance upgrades since then," said Michael Disko of M. Disko Associates, the Union-based engineering firm that handles work in the borough.

The renovations, funded by an ordinance that has included roof work and interior-lighting upgrades to the Mountainside Free Public Library, is expected to be in the range of \$90,000, according to Disko.

"We won't know exactly how much until the bids come in," he said. "We'll be taking bids in September. We expect the work to take about three months, probably from September through November."

The first order of business is to convert the building from fuel oil to natural gas, necessitating the removal of a 2,000-gallon tank and replacing it with a gas line. Numerous details within the building will then be addressed, including the repair of 25-year-old windows, interior painting, tile work on some of the floors and new ceiling tiles in some of the rooms. The exterior will be pressure washed and a waterproof coating will be applied.

No work is required for the roof.

Among some of the specific interior areas slated for improvements are two basement storage rooms which will have their walls, floors and ceilings painted, with 13 new light fixtures installed. The building's stairway will be scraped and painted, with the existing rubber treads, which

Loans available for facade facelifts

By John Celock
Staff Writer

Area business owners can now receive a new county loan designed to help them improve the front of their businesses.

The Union-County-Economic Development Corporation has announced the renewal of its Facade Loan Program.

UCEDC Financial Programs Director Ellen McHenry said the program began in 1989, but has remained dormant for most of that time.

"In the past few months, we have started to promote it again," said McHenry.

She said the loan program is geared to aesthetically revamp store fronts with the aim of bringing in more business. County businesses are eligible to receive loans ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000. All loans carry an 8-percent interest rate and a term of up to five years. McHenry said the interest rate is the same as the prime rate and can change.

"It can increase some sidewalk improvements and, if it is a multiple store front, the loan is \$15,000 per storefront," McHenry said.

She said all improvements a business can make using the loan need to make the facade more appealing to loan recipients. Members of the UCEDC finds shoppers are more willing to flock to a downtown area if it pleases the eye.

All business owners who receive money are required to have their renovations approved by the UCEDC board and a local panel, designated by the municipality. In addition, upper-floor facade repairs can be made only if the first floor is having a facade upgrade as well.

McHenry said that while there are benefits to the program, the UCEDC has placed several restrictions on loan recipients. These mandate that the funds cannot be used to install gates, exclusively repair sidewalks or reimburse stores for projects begun before

UCEDC approval.

"Gates, if they are not top-through, are not aesthetically pleasing. Our loans are to create cosmetic appeal," said McHenry.

While McHenry spoke to the Springfield Chamber of Commerce June 24, no township businesses have applied for the loan thus far. She said stores in Westfield and Rahway have recently have begun.

In addition, a loan application has just been filed by a business owner in Plainfield. McHenry said the UCEDC loan committee will meet shortly about the Plainfield application.

Union County Freeholder Don Goncalves has made economic development a cornerstone of his agenda in office. He said he is enthusiastic about the facade loan program and encourages Springfield businesses to apply for the loan.

"There is a trend in the state and in Union County to reinvest in the downtowns. With all of the issues relating to suburban sprawl, it makes sense for us to be supportive of our downtowns," said Goncalves.

From his own experience, Goncalves believes that making store fronts more cosmetically appealing will bring more people downtown and help local businesses compete with malls and megastores. It also will stabilize tax revenues, said Goncalves, a former economic development official in Elizabeth.

"It's what's good for all the people of the county."



These flowers and plants, the work of Springfield's 'flower lady,' Ruth Schwartz, and the township Beautification Committee, adorn the Mountain Avenue bridge.

'Flower lady' makes township bloom

By Joe Luga
Staff Writer

Springfield's Beautification Committee has left touches both subtle and obvious around the township.

Items as diverse as flowers, signs and flags all have been the focus of the committee at one time or another. No detail is too small to be overlooked.

"Everyone brings their own ideas to the committee," said chairperson Ruth Schwartz, the "flower lady." "Many members of the committee are travelers, and bring in ideas based on what they've seen."

Schwartz cited an example based on an Atlanta trip she took two years ago.

"I saw flags being flown there that didn't get all wrapped around in the wind," she said. "I found out what kind of gadgets they used to get them to hang straight and was able to get some for the flags that hang in front of the Municipal Building."

At Schwartz' initiative, all the flags used in Springfield for such holidays as Independence Day and Labor Day previously were flown over the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

"Springfield was incorporated on May 27, 1793, and to commemorate that I went through our representative and got 50 of the town's flags put up at the Capitol," she said.

The bulk of the committee's work, however, involves the participation of local merchants in two programs: adopt-a-spot and adopt-a-highway.

"It's really a cooperative effort between the committee and the merchants," Schwartz said.

Local businesses take on the responsibility of sponsoring the beautification of a particular area either by doing the physical work themselves or by hiring someone.

"Sage Landscaping donated \$3,000 for new shrubbery and landscaping around the library," Schwartz said, "and they also do the pruning and feeding for a marvelous flowering century-old cherry tree on South Springfield and Meisel avenues."

"We had an engineering company donate another \$1,500 for a planting in one of the township's grass triangles, and Kay's Hardware is sponsoring landscaping on a triangle of their own that they've adopted."

Another business, Kirkpatrick and Keller, made a donation to improve an island on South Springfield Avenue, which the committee embellished with a planting of a ring of shrubbery and 250 yellow tulips. The tulips, in bloom, were described by Schwartz as "a sight to behold."

The adopt-a-highway program offers interested parties a chance to beautify the "turn-arounds." Grass often is allowed to grow too high in the areas near U-turns, and Springfield's committee provides the opportunity not only for beautification, but safety. According to Schwartz, Summit Bank, Tedesco Realty and the Kiwanis Club all have adopted highways, with Bed, Bath and Beyond and Office Depot also looking into the possibility of beautification adoption.

The committee got its start from a discussion Schwartz had with Mayor Gregory Clarke three years ago. "We're

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Newspaper's offices will be closed

The offices of this newspaper will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tuesday.

The deadlines for the Sept. 9 edition are as follows:

- Lifestyle, including church and club news, etc. — today, noon.
- Letters to the editor — Friday, noon.
- What's Going On — Friday, 3:30 p.m.
- Sports — Friday, 5 p.m.
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- Legal notices — Tuesday, noon.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The Community Calendar is prepared by the Echo Leader to inform residents of various community activities and government meetings.

Sunday
• Visitors ages 6 and up can learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible in the fall sky at the Traiside Nature and Science Center in Mountaintide at 2 and 3:30 p.m.

Upcoming events
Sept. 9
• Members of the Foothill Club of Mountaintide will have their regular monthly meeting in the borough's historical Herfild House.

Sept. 10
• The first meeting of the Mountaintide Senior Citizen Club will be at noon at the Community Presbyterian Church on Deer Path and Meeting House Lane.

Sept. 11
• Volunteers are needed to assist with trail maintenance projects in the Watchung Reservation from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sept. 12
• Visitors can learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible in autumn at the Traiside Nature and Science Center at 2 p.m.

Sept. 13
• At 9:30 p.m., Traiside visitors between the ages of 4 and 6 can learn about the Earth as it travels through space.

Sept. 15
• The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

Sept. 18
• At 2:30 p.m., Mary Wislocki, director of The Writing Center at New York University, will present some practical do's and don'ts for creating a solid college application essay at the Springfield Free Public Library.

Sept. 22
• Visitors to the Traiside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, can learn where to find the planets among the stars and which constellations will be visible in Autumn at 2 p.m.

Sept. 23
• A representative from The Princeton Review will provide strategies for students taking the PSAT and SAT examinations at the Springfield Free Public Library at 7 p.m.

Sept. 24
• An open forum on energy deregulation will be at 7:30 p.m. at Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights.

Sept. 25
• All are invited to attend the opening meeting of the 1999-2000 season of the Springfield Hadassah at Temple Beth Ahm, Springfield at 8 p.m.

Sept. 26
• The Newcomers of Mountainide will sponsor a new member coffee for anyone interested in joining. For more information, call Teri Schmedel at (908) 301-0147.

Sept. 28
• The Springfield Free Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., will feature Monique Gilbert, assistant director of financial aid at Fairleigh Dickinson University at 7 p.m.

Oct. 2
• The Springfield's James Caldwell School Parent Teachers Association will hold its Annual Fall Festival from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 36 Caldwell Place.

NEWS CLIPS

Library hosts series for college-bound kids

Attention high school juniors and seniors: As September rapidly approaches, are you starting to worry about applying to college? How will you write a meaningful essay? Will you be eligible for financial aid, and how do you even apply? Are you content with your PSAT and SAT scores, or could you use some test-taking strategies to help give them a boost?

The library is open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday hours are from 1 to 4 p.m. For more information call (973) 376-4930.

Clubs use S/P computer

Those organizations in Springfield that wish to have the latest information on their organization in the Springfield Free Public Library's computer, can call the library's reference department at (973) 376-4930, ext. 28.

Seniors organize events

The senior citizens of Springfield are alive and well meeting on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning in September. The group also will sponsor the following trips:
• Oct. 17-18 — The Wonders of the Connecticut Woods. This trip includes a one-and-a-half-hour tour of Newbury, Ct.

Palmer Museum accepts artists' applications

The Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library is currently accepting applications for artists who wish to exhibit their work in 2000-2001.

Hospital displays photos

The New Jersey Photography Forum's annual juried show are on display now through Sept. 26 at the Children's Specialized Hospital in Mountaintide.

RELIGION

Presbyterian Group holds monthly meeting

The Evening Group of the First Presbyterian Church in Springfield will hold its regular monthly meeting Sept. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House on Church Mall.

Picnic planned at church

St. James Church will hold a day-long picnic Sept. 19, beginning with an outdoor mass at noon. The day will continue with hamburgers, hot dogs, salads and drinks.

Springfield's Hadassah addresses controversy

The Hadassah July national conference in Washington, at which first lady Hillary Clinton was honored.

Artist's exhibit reflects suburban township life

"Reflections of Suburban Life," an exhibit by artist Helen Frank of Springfield will be shown at the Donald B. Palmer Museum of the Springfield Free Public Library from now through Oct. 7.

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SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS Office of the Superintendent SCHOOL CALENDAR 1999-2000

Month	Date	Holiday
September	7	Teachers' Orientation - Freshman Orientation
	8	Students Report-PreK-12
	20	Yom Kippur
October	11	Columbus Day
	11-12	NJEA Convention
November	24	One Session Day
	25-26	Thanksgiving Recess
December	1	Thanksgiving Recess
	24-Jan 2	PreK-6 Delayed Opening - Parent/Teacher Conf.
January	17	One Session Day - PreK-6 - P/T Conf./7-12 Tch. Wksp.
	21-22	One Session Day - PreK-6 - P/T Conf./7-12 Tch. Wksp.
February	28	Christmas/New Year's Holiday Vacation
	29	Martin L. King's Birthday
March	29	Presidents' Weekend
	29	PreK-6 Delayed Opening - Parent/Teacher Conf.
April	21-30	One Session Day - PreK-6 - P/T Conf./7-12 Tch. Wksp.
	29	One Session Day - PreK-6 - P/T Conf./7-12 Tch. Wksp.
May	29	Teach. Wksp./Schools Closed
	15-21	Spring Recess
June	21	Memorial Day
	21	Final Exams-JDHS-Tentative Last Day for Students

PLEASE NOTE: This calendar reflects 185 school days, having five built-in snow days. School will close for students at the end of the 180th actual day of school.

MOUNTAINSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT Office of the Superintendent SCHOOL CALENDAR 1999-2000

Month	Date	Holiday
September	8	Staff Orientation
	20	School Opens
October	11	Yom Kippur-School Closed
	11	Columbus Day-School Closed
November	8	School Closed for Students at 1:00 p.m.
	9	School Closed for Students at 1:00 p.m. P/T Conferences
December	10	School Closed for Students at 1:00 p.m. P/T Conferences
	11	NJEA Convention-School Closed
January	12	NJEA Convention-School Closed
	12	1p.m. Dismissal/Thanksgiving Recess
February	24	Thanksgiving Recess
	25-26	Winter Recess-School Closed
January	3	School Reopens
	17	Marlin Luther King, Jr. - School Closed

Adopted by the Mountainside Board of Education, Feb. 23
PLEASE NOTE: The Mountainside School District usually closes for a number of days per year due to snow. If more than five days are required, the Spring Vacation period could be reduced, school could be in session on holidays, or school could be extended in June for students and teachers. Please be aware of these possibilities in planning vacation activities during the 1999-2000 school year.

Decision delayed about development

By Pamela Isaacson
Managing Editor

A disagreement between Summit and Springfield that began more than a year ago will have to wait until next month for a resolution.

Union County Superior Court Judge Edward Beghin Jr. was supposed to hear a case Aug. 20 to make two rulings. Now the municipalities must wait until Sept. 10 to determine if the Summit planning board will be ordered to hear an application from Bryant Park Commons, LLC and K&K Developers to widen Park Drive and whether or not to consolidate two pending cases concerning a potential condominium development.

"Springfield's concern is on the part of housing," said Bruce Bergen, the township attorney. "We want the development to go forward."

After Springfield's planning board unanimously granted K&K permission Nov. 4, 1998 to construct a four-building, 138-unit apartment complex in Springfield, but with access from Summit's Park Drive, the city sued the township to have the decision overturned.

At the same time, the developer — a combined effort by Bryant Park Commons, LLC and K&K Developers — applied to Summit's planning board to widen the road, the only access to what they hope will become an apartment complex.

According to Bergen, when Summit's board refused to

hear the case because the matter is under litigation, the developer sued the city.

The original application to the Springfield Planning Board calls to develop the old Carter-Bell factory site, located on South Springfield Avenue, on the border between the two municipalities. The 7.75-acre site is bordered by Route 24, the unused Rahway Valley Railroad bed, the Troy Village condominiums and Briant Park.

After the Springfield board granted permission, board members and residents knew the application would need approval from Summit. The city's Mayor Walter Long had said he would vote against the development unless the applicant includes another source of access to the site.

Currently, the only access to the development is through the Summit end of South Springfield Avenue. Last November, Summit residents from Edison Drive and Middle Avenue said they feared the development would create additional traffic and parking problems.

Last fall, Barry Osman, city solicitor, questioned Sam Gerstwin, an expert who testified for the applicant, as to which municipality would be responsible for enforcement of parking regulations and providing emergency services to the housing complex. Gerstwin said he was unsure.

Long has said the city would be providing police and emergency services to the development because the only access is through Park Drive, even though Springfield would reap the benefits of taxes and other rateables. The Sept. 10 court hearing is open to the public.

Wreckage greets Springfield family

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through the public address system. "He told us we weren't taking on water, and that the Royal Coast Guard was on its way," she said.

The family spent 30 minutes to one hour at the lifeboat station, their nerves somewhat settled by the constant public address updates.

The passengers were eventually allowed to return to their cabins, although Stacey Katz and many families insisted on camping on the ship's seventh floor, near the lifeboat stations, with their jackets still on. Katz said she took her own life jacket off, but refused to let go of it.

The family returned to their decimated cabin to retrieve necessities such as identification and money. The luggage, according to Stacey Katz, had been collected the previous day by stewards.

"It was a good thing it was the last night," she said, "otherwise people would have been stumbling over luggage left in the hall."

The Katz' door stayed open as they collected their valuables — and visitors.

"People started to come by to take pictures of the room," said Stacey Katz. "I had to actually fight to get out of there." She spent a sleepless night in her uncle's cabin.

Altogether, the 11 Katz family members occupied five cabins on the same deck. None were injured.

Jeff and Sharon Katz reviewed the damage to the ship during the night, although their daughter refrained from taking a look until after breakfast. Stacey Katz described the outside bridge extension on the starboard side, near the lifeboat station, with their jackets still on. Katz said she took her own life jacket off, but refused to let go of it.

The ship proceeded, slowly but under its own power, toward Dover. Stacey Katz said tugboats were dispatched but not needed.

At Dover, the ship was met by the media. With all the coverage, the family thought it best to contact family

members in the United States. Then they boarded a bus to London to catch their flight home. When the bus driver was forced to hit the brakes suddenly at one point, Stacey Katz said the feeling was similar to the initial impact between the two ships.

Back home, the family received a better impression of the damage to the liner when they saw the gaping hole in the bow for the first time on television.

Stacey Katz, whose interest in the environment led to her recent internship with the Council on Environmental Quality in Washington, D.C., where she will offer advisory support to Vice President Al Gore, has always loved the open waters.

"At first I was afraid I'd never go on a boat again, and have to go for therapy," she said. "But it's like falling off a horse, which I've done. You get back on. Once I settled down I was okay."

The family has nothing but praise for the ship's crew.

Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority tries to resolve extra water situation

Most of the region is high and dry, but the Rahway Valley Sewerage Authority remains "knee deep," currently in the midst of an ongoing project to solve infiltration and inflow problems which have affected its participating municipalities, Springfield and Mountainside among them.

Commissioner Brian O'Donnell, chairman of the authority's Engineering Committee, defines I&I as "excess water, brought by wet weather conditions—that enters into the sanitary sewer as a result of leaking joints, cross connections with storm water facilities, roof leaders and sump pumps that results in the reduction in capacity of the sewer and the authority's treatment facility that treats wastewater."

The authority, created in the early 1920s as an autonomous agency, currently owns and operates a 40 MGD wastewater treatment facility in Woodbridge. Serving over 300,000 residents and 3,500 industrial and commercial customers within 11 municipalities, it is dedicated to promoting environmentally-sound water flow.

Last spring, the authority put into motion efforts to effect long-term remediation of ongoing I&I problems, which often have been compounded by the fact that many of the area's sewer systems were built over 70 years ago and are in need of rehabilitation.

"The current drought crisis is temporary," said Authority Chairman Allen Chin, "although it does afford us the opportunity to continue measures to alleviate the area's I&I problems. When the rains return, and they will, they will, of course, bring with them the I&I problems. For now,

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the drought allows us to establish baseline flows as a point of comparison."

O'Donnell points out, so far, municipalities such as Scotch Plains, Clark, Winfield, Westfield, Kenil-

worth, Mountainside and Springfield have put into effect the elimination of rerouting of sump pump discharge from their sewer systems and have taken measures toward repairing their aging systems.

The townships of Cranford and Woodbridge have launched aggressive rehabilitation campaigns, with Woodbridge implementing a \$5-million I&I reduction and sewer rehab program.

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EDITORIALS

Returning requires special preparations

For students, the fall is a time of anxiety and excitement. Going back to school means new classes, new friends, new teachers and homework.

In addition to completing the required paperwork and receiving physical exams and immunizations, here are suggestions for parents to avoid unnecessary tension at the beginning of the school year and get students into a mindset appropriate for the upcoming school year.

• About two weeks before classes start, begin enforcing "school" bed times and wake times to avoid cranky children on the first day of school.

• Shopping with children for school supplies, new clothes or books can get students in "back to school" mode.

• Parents can read to children or encourage older children to set aside some time each evening to read. This way, making time for homework next month won't come as such a shock.

• Ease anxiety felt by students attending a new school by driving to and around the school before the first day of classes. Try to get a tour or meet the principal.

• Students interested in playing a sport, joining a club or participating in other extra-curricular programs can use this time to find out more about these activities at the local library. Parents can call the school to discover what programs are offered and what equipment or experience is necessary.

• Contact the parent-teacher association to find out more information about joining or attending meetings.

• Have fun the rest of the summer and start looking forward to cracking the books.

Labor's day

"I hold that if the Almighty had ever made a set of men that should do all the eating and none of the work, He would have made them with mouths only and no hands," wrote Abraham Lincoln in Mud-sill Theory of Labor. "And if He had ever made another class that He intended should do all the work and no eating, He would have made them with hands only and no mouths."

Many of us today hold as a matter of course that we live in a classless society. Most Americans, rich or poor, will describe themselves as middle class, just as most voters claim to be politically moderate. Yet, recall a century ago the conditions most Americans labored under — as recorded by Sinclair Lewis, Jack London and John Steinbeck. Consider the standard of living enjoyed today by even a marginally successful American family compared to the poverty endured by the vast majority of people with whom we share the planet. The American worker has made tremendous strides during the last century, and many of those improvements are the result of organized labor.

Though less than 15 percent of today's work force are members of unions, we all owe a great deal to the sacrifices made by the men and women who fought to attain some of the most basic employee's rights we now take for granted. Labor Day, a paid holiday recognizing no individual but all members of the working class, is symbolic of their achievements.

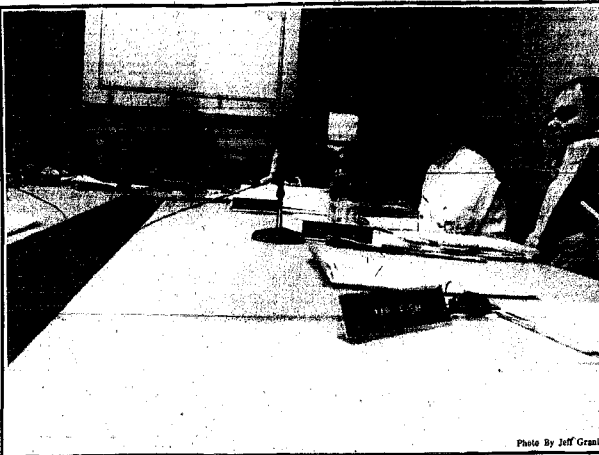
The idea that ordinary working people deserve a holiday of their own is a relatively new one and wasn't easily adopted. Unlike today, with the proliferation of greeting card-inspired holidays such as Grandparent's Day and Secretary's Day, holidays had been reserved for national events such as Thanksgiving or Independence Day, the birthdays of great leaders and days of religious observance. A paid holiday set aside for the common laborer was a revolutionary — and controversial — idea in the days before legally recognized unions, child labor laws, a federal minimum wage or worker's compensation.

Attempts to organize a national holiday for the working man in the 1890s were largely unsuccessful, despite massive demonstrations and marches in support of the idea. It wasn't until 1894, following a violent clash between striking Pullman workers and federal troops, that the holiday was finally recognized by Congress.

We celebrate Labor Day on Monday as one last opportunity of the summer to pack the kids into our sports utility vehicles and head to the beach, picnic or baseball game. Perhaps there is no better tribute to the men and women who fought for fair treatment of workers that we enjoy Labor Day — and the labor laws the day symbolizes — without a second thought.

"As liberty of thought is absolute, so is liberty of speech."

Gertrude Himmelfarb
Historian
1994



THE NEW YEAR — Springfield administrators and Board of Education members prepare for the 1999-2000 school year. The first day of school begins Tuesday.

Photo By Jeff Grant

Strategic plan, new curricula mark Deerfield

The Mountside school district will open its doors to 615 students Wednesday. Much preparation has taken place over the summer to ensure the safety and well-being of our students and teachers.

This year, the only door for entering Deerfield School will be the main entrance located by the flag pole. All other doors will be locked at 8:40 a.m. Visitors will have to ring the bell and wait for an office staff member to admit them.

Once our visitors are admitted, they will be escorted to the office, required to sign in and given a visitor's badge which must be worn while in school and must be returned prior to leaving the building. These measures are being implemented for the safety of our students.

Some of the carpeting in our classrooms has been replaced with new tile. Painting, air conditioning and heating systems have been completed; which will enhance the school environment. One of the science labs has been completely refurbished and ready for our young scientists to discover, explore and experiment.

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By Gerard A. Schaller

In addition, our industrial arts classroom has taken on a new look which will promote hands-on experiences in problem solving. Modules, which will enable the students to brainstorm, work in teams, design and construct a finished product will certainly motivate our students and staff.

The district's mathematics program has been rewritten, as well as new math textbooks have been selected and approved by the Board of Education. Kindergarten and first-grade students will be instructed through a hands-on approach utilizing the mathematical resources developed by Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley and Math Their Way, produced by the Center for Innovation in Education Inc.

Grades two through eight will incorporate the McGraw-Hill and Glencoe math materials. Manipula-

tives are a key feature of both programs which will assist our students in developing the conceptual understanding of the math objectives. Parents will receive a scope and sequence which outlines the skills stressed at each grade level.

Training sessions will be offered for parents, as well as a parent resource center. In addition, the social studies, language arts literacy and portfolio curriculum committees met over the summer to continue their tasks in aligning the curriculum with the Core Content Standards issued by the state Department of Education.

Elizabeth Keshish, the newly appointed assistant principal, brings to the district a wealth of experience and expertise in the development of curriculum. She has become very familiar with the Mountside school district, and already has begun working with curriculum committees and myself in establishing guidelines and procedures to ensure a smooth school year. We welcome Dr. Keshish and know that she will be an asset to our school district.

The district's strategic plan and

action plans have been established for the school year. The district will be implementing many exciting programs which will benefit our students, staff, parents and community. Areas of concentration include the following: curriculum, staff in service, afterschool extra-curricular activities programs, a peer mediation program, improved communication with parents and community and to develop our students to be self-confident, responsible and independent thinkers.

We invite each and every community member to become actively involved with the school district. This can be accomplished through a variety of methods: volunteering in the classrooms, becoming an advocate for a specific program, sharing a hobby, offering an enrichment class or working behind the scenes by assisting teachers with a host of activities.

If you are interested in volunteering your time, please call the Deerfield School at 232-8828.

Gerard A. Schaller is chief school administrator for the Mountside school district.

Reorganization nears completion for district

This school year marks the beginning of the third year of operation of the newly formed pre-kindergarten through 12th-grade Springfield school district, and the final stages of administrative and program reorganization which were an outgrowth of the dissolution of the Regional High School District.

Even though there are still some "naysayers" out there, the high school continues to offer a full complement of academic and sports programs. In addition, it has added increased opportunities for students in the music, related arts and art departments. The high school also has earned a distinction, for the first time in its 63-year history, of having one of its students named as one of 13 Star Ledger Scholars.

As a district, Springfield is proud of what has been accomplished in its small, personalized high school — especially with its ability to maintain all the programs sponsored in previ-

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By Gary Friedland

ous years and to add to the number of advanced placement courses offered in its curriculum.

This year also marks the initiation of several new programs at the elementary and middle school levels that promote academic standards and assist students in the preparation for statewide testing.

A foreign language program, which is required by statute at the elementary level, has been initiated in grades two through four. The curriculum in these grades provides for exposure to Spanish, while in grades five through 12 students can begin the more rigorous study of one of three foreign languages: Spanish, French or Italian.

In addition to the introduction of foreign language curricula in the elementary schools, a complete curriculum overhaul has occurred at several grade levels. In grade eight, an accelerated geometry program is offered, in addition to the traditional pre-algebra and algebra programs. Also, a public speaking course has been added to the curriculum for all seventh-graders.

These academic changes make our middle school and elementary programs more academically rigorous while promoting a philosophy that "all students can master high standards." This is one of the reasons all students are required to take a foreign language, algebra and public speaking prior to graduating from eighth-grade.

As we begin this school year, I want to take time to thank our community for its generous and wonderful support of our public schools. This support and encouragement has enabled the district to offer so much to the young people of our community,

and to incorporate today's "cutting edge programs" in our schools.

We are presently on the verge of the "technology revolution" and through your effort and support this past spring, we are able to implement full Internet access to each of our classrooms this fall, and to have up-to-date technology resources at the fingertips of our students and faculty.

As we continue our drive to improve the quality of instruction and schooling in Springfield, I invite you to visit the wonderful places of learning you have supported and established for the young people of Springfield.

Personally, I look forward to working with you this year as I enter my 31st year in education, and, hopefully, I can share with you the marvelous things that are happening in your community's school.

Gary Friedland is superintendent for the Springfield school district.

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Proposal makes too much sense

To the Editor:

Three cheers, hurrah, a pat on the back and a "right on" for former mayor Ed Robinson. He had the courage to state what has become increasingly obvious to many except for those whose salary depends on the largesse of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

The tri-level government hierarchy which tends to create duplicate functions at every governmental level and then auditors/oversersers to watch the money flow from one level to another, is an exercise in unnecessary duplication, wasted taxes and ineptness, bled government.

It is disheartening to realize that the name of the game is re-election and re-election is more probable through expansion, not cutting, especially with this current group. Shrinking, not eliminating, the Union County level of government makes too much sense and is entirely too good an idea. A lean, minimal level of government and administrators would be more efficient, could be more

responsive and pass the money and responsibilities to either local towns or back to the state.

For example, do we really need another police force to patrol county parks and roads? If Mountside had the funds, couldn't the Mountside Police Department patrol part of Echo Lake Park? The county could still spend \$45,000 on the new signage. But thanks anyway, Ed.

Frank Marchese
Mountside

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Nora Johnson
"It would be a good idea, especially in the center of town in the supermarket parking lots."



Marcy Chereny
"It's hard to say. It depends on their resources."

Schmidt among volunteers honored by Runnells Hospital

Springfield resident Francis Schmidt was one of 315 adult volunteers recognized recently by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and Runnells Specialized Hospital, at the 36th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. The ceremony celebrated the dedicated service Runnells volunteers have donated to the residents and patients of the hospital.

"This is just one special way we can show our volunteers that we appreciate the tireless work they perform," said Freeholder Mary Ruotolo, liaison to the Runnells Hospital Advisory Board of Managers.

"On behalf of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, I thank them for the many hours and years they have donated to the residents and patients of Runnells Hospital."

Individual volunteers received a pin designed to attach to a service bar for their initial 100 hours of service. Thereafter, volunteer hours accumulate across service years and pins are awarded in 100-hour increments. Plaques are awarded to individuals in five-year increments, after five years of volunteerism.

"This year, we had individuals receive pins for thousands of hours volunteered, including Martha Teuber with 12,300 hours, and Roberta Knox with 16,600 hours, both Berkeley Heights residents. Runnells resident Meada Alexander has donated 43,700 hours of her time," said Freeholder Vice Chairman Daniel Sullivan.

"The volunteers are the lifeblood of our facility; they are an integral part in improving the quality of life of our residents and patients."

The volunteers at Runnells perform a variety of tasks, such as assisting with activities including table and card games; bingo; arts and crafts; plant therapy and out trips to the movies; the beach; restaurants and various other places. They also escort residents when necessary, assist with weekly trips to the Scotch Plains VJ for swimming, help organize religious services, assist with occupational therapy or just lend a friendly ear for those who have no family or friendship contacts.

"There are 315 adult volunteers and 74 junior volunteers who perform many of the tasks their adult counterparts do," said Freeholder Lewis Mingo Jr. "And we have 64 groups that come in and lend a helping hand, such as the Berkeley Heights Lions Club, which sponsors a Christmas party and picnic every year."

Many teen-agers volunteer at the hospital all year round, and pre-teens and young teens are welcome when they have a special project to do in conjunction with the group they belong to, be it the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, church or community group.

Groups that volunteer include those from business and industry, churches and religious groups, schools, Scouts, community groups, senior citizen clubs, women's groups and civic associations.

The hospital also has a Volunteer Guild, a non profit organization made up of a group of volunteers, formed some 20 years ago, to raise funds for certain activities aimed at improving the quality of life for the residents and patients at Runnells.

"The Volunteer Guild organizes monthly sales using outside vendors to raise funds to help their efforts," said Ruotolo. "The Guild also manages the coffee shop and Guided Cage gift shop at the hospital, which are open to all."

Volunteer Guild President James Picozzi said his group wanted to thank "all those individuals and groups who contributed goods and services to the Guild, and participated in the many fund-raising events held throughout the year, including our annual Flea Market and Bake Sale. Their unselfish support enables us to furnish many amenities to the hospital's residents and patients, enhancing the quality of life at Runnells."

The Office of Volunteer Services of Runnells Specialized Hospital of Union County is always interested in recruiting volunteers. Flexible hours and a variety of opportunities exist with resident contact, as well as performing other tasks. For more information, call the Runnells Office of Volunteer Services at (908) 771-5847.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Raises shouldn't be automatic

To the Editor:

Most Americans do not receive an automatic pay increase every year. Neither should members of Congress.

Just recently, I led an effort in the House to block members of Congress from receiving an automatic pay raise next year. While we were successful, I intend to keep fighting to put an end to automatic pay hikes for members of Congress. As it stands now, every year, members of Congress receive pay raises, or cost-of-living adjustments as they are called in Washington. No vote is required. The raises are automatic.

There is something fundamentally wrong with the current system that allows members of Congress to raise their pay without having to vote in a public session.

It's outrageous that members of Congress will be receiving larger salary increases next year than our nation's senior citizens, many of whom struggle to survive on a fixed income. Members of Congress are slated to receive a 3.4 percent increase next year, while Social Security beneficiaries are only entitled to a 2.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment.

We need to restore honesty, integrity and fairness to the process. If members of Congress believe they are entitled to a raise, they should be forced to cast their vote in full view of the American people. The Congressional Pay Integrity and Accountability Act, which I am co-sponsoring, would freeze the salary of

members of Congress and force a vote in the House on any future pay increases.

Since October 1995, I have voluntarily cut my own take home pay by 5 percent to help retire the national debt. It's a practice I began when the House Budget Committee, on which I serve, began the process of moving toward a balanced federal budget. Even though that goal has been achieved and there is now a budget surplus for the first time in a generation, we still face the challenge of paying off the \$5.6-trillion national debt.

It's important for members of Congress to lead by example and demonstrate their commitment to maintaining fiscal discipline in Washington. That is why I will continue to voluntarily cut my salary and dedicate it to reducing the national debt. In addition, I will continue my efforts to end the practice of automatic pay raises for members of Congress.

Congressman Robert Franks, R-7

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Wanted out-of-state visitor arrested in Springfield

Springfield resident Thomas O'Brien, wanted by Delaware State Police on outstanding theft charges, was arrested Aug. 24. O'Brien, 37, was processed and fingerprinted by members of the Springfield Police Department and will be extradited to Sussex County, Del. for a June 12 offense.

Two Union residents were victims of an armed robbery at the Colonial Motel on eastbound Route 22 Thursday. Cash valued at \$150 was reportedly taken, along with a wallet, paper and canvas bag. No arrest had been made at press time.

A Summit resident operating a 1995 Ford in the parking lot near the Little Friends Day School accidentally stepped on the accelerator rather than the brake, striking the front passenger side of another vehicle Friday. An eight- by six-foot section of wooden fencing and one window post in front of the day school also were damaged.

A 1999 BMW allegedly was stolen from the Barnes and Noble parking lot on westbound Route 22 Aug. 26. The owner, a Short Hills resident, reportedly lost a cellular phone, three pairs of designer sunglasses totaling \$515, numerous compact discs and cassettes, \$20 in loose change and a \$100 designer sweatshirt. According to police reports, no evidence was dis-

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covered at the scene. Route 22 Sunday when a check of his license plates revealed them to be stolen. Alas was charged with lost or mislaid property — a disorderly person's offense — and must appear in Municipal Court.

Cheryon Hawkins of Plainfield was stopped for speeding Saturday and was found to be operating with a suspended license, with traffic warrants out of Scotch Plains and Green Brook. Hawkins posted bail in Mountaineer for all three municipalities.

Jennifer Snyder of Westfield reportedly failed to stop when requested by police; a computer check revealed a suspended license. A court date of Sept. 16 was set.

Burning stump under investigation

A burning tree stump in the rear of the Thelma Sandmeier School, near the tennis courts, was reported by a Beverly Road resident Wednesday.

The fire was extinguished using a trash line. A paint aerosol can and several melted plastic bottles were found in the immediate area. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

A 1987 Ford Taurus caught fire on eastbound Route 22 East in front of Staples Aug. 24. The fire extinguished itself when it burned through the upper radiator hose, with the anti-freeze spraying onto the burning

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The Engine One crew removed the battery cables to lessen the danger of re-ignition. Speedi-Dri was applied to the road to absorb the anti-freeze.

An alarm activation at an eastbound Route 22 business and an activated carbon monoxide detector at a Pitt Road residence were the business of the day Saturday.

A call for a water condition at Jonathan Dayton High School was answered at 12:50 p.m. Friday. There was one medical service call

North Carolina resident Gerald Lawton was arrested at Plainfield Police Headquarters on a \$540 traffic warrant Aug. 25. He also was wanted for a traffic warrant in New Brunswick.

Aaron Holman was arrested on an outstanding traffic warrant Aug. 24, with bail in the amount of \$434.

Marissa Poggoli of Rahway was brought in by Union County Police on an outstanding traffic warrant. Poggoli posted bail and was released.

New faces at Rotary



District Governor Ken Tillman, right, congratulates borough resident Bart Barre after swearing him in as president of the Mountaineer Rotary.

Springfield readers can receive coupons

Young summer readers are invited to stop by the Springfield Public Library, 66 Mountain Ave., to claim a coupon for a free fast-food meal from McDonald's.

Any child is eligible who has enrolled in the library's summer reading club, "Dragon Tales and Reading Quests," and has read at least five books during the summer.

Children are requested to bring in their reading tally to receive the coupon. All coupons expire Sept. 30.

Firefighters to receive station upgrades

(Continued from Page 1) are worn down to the concrete, to be replaced with new, heavy-duty rubber commercial treads. A restroom on the second floor will have all its floor tile removed, with a leveling compound applied to provide a smooth surface. The wall tile also will be replaced.

On the exterior, black carbon deposits will be removed from the screen and chimney brickwork prior to the application of clear sealer. Painting also will be done around the garage doors.

The building, which has garage doors front and back, will have the surfaces leading up to the doors patched on one side and replaced on

New ceiling tiles for the corridor, trophy room, fire chief's office, alarm room, men's room, office, stairways number one and foyer. Ceiling grids will be cleaned and painted in the same areas.

Fully painted ceilings are scheduled for stairway number two, the corridor and the apparatus room.

Walls will be painted in stairways one and two, the alarm room, men's room and apparatus room.

New carpeting will be installed in two office areas.

Door frames will be painted in all locations. Second-floor renovations include the following:

New ceiling tiles for the kitchen, corridor, coat area, meeting room, foyer and men's and women's rooms. Ceiling grids will be cleaned and repainted in the same areas.

Ceilings will be painted in stairway two and storage areas one and two.

Walls will be painted in all areas except the foyer and two restrooms.

All door frames will be painted.

Two areas, the landing of stairway two and the paneling of the meet-

ing room, will be washed with oil soap.

According to Mayor Robert Vigilanti, the project will be paid for out of the borough's capital improvement fund. Vigilanti, who said he did not have the fund's figures immediately at hand, could not provide an estimated figure.

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Rubber ducky time



Photo By Milton Mills

One of Springfield's youngest residents, Megan Pohlman, 2, gives her rubber ducky a bath at the township community pool.

Town, donations help care for local vegetation

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In addition to Schwartz, the committee includes Elaine Auer, Marge Crossburn, Arlene Newman, Joan Lyons and Rosalie Berger.

A significant factor in the success of the committee lies in the efforts of the township's Road Department. "We couldn't do this without the Road Department," Schwartz said. "They do all the watering — it's certainly a lot of work."

Among the department's tasks are the watering of the 70 barrels containing plantings which are located around the town.

Other touches include window box-like flower plantings along the bridge on Mountain Avenue, the signs indi-

cating the library, Police Department and the Municipal Building's sign itself, whose positioning Schwartz carefully determined in consultation with the mayor. Another personal touch from Schwartz are the name plates on the trees near the library, indicating their scientific classification.

The committee has shown its environmental side, as well, by restricting lawn watering at the Municipal Building even before Gov. Christie Whitman issued her water edict.

"As for the plant waterings, we don't use tap water," Schwartz said. "We use water from the Rahway River or from the pond at the Houdaille Quarry."

B'nai B'rith holds trip to A.C.

B'nai B'rith of Springfield will sponsor a trip to Trump Taj Mahal Oct. 31.

The package includes breakfast at Regal Chateau at 9:30 a.m., 222 Mountain Ave., Springfield. Those in attendance will receive \$12 in coins, plus a show ticket for "LIZA SONG" at 3 p.m. Celebrity impersonators are known to thrill audiences with their impersonations of Jane Russell, Marilyn Monroe, Cher, Barbra Streisand,

Madonna and Liza Minnelli.

The complete package costs \$22 per person. Call Jerry Kamen at (908) 687-9120 during the day and (908) 687-1953 in the evening. Reservations must be made by Oct. 4. Checks can be mailed to 2824 Morris Ave., Union, 07083.

The bus will leave from the Echo Plaza shopping center parking lot between Mountain Avenue and Route 22 at 10 a.m.

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Hot fun in the summertime



Photo By Milton Mills

Mountainside resident Dorothy Rosko lounges at the borough's community pool during the remaining days of summer.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES TO BE PASSED BY THE BOARD OF PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FOLLOWING PROPOSED ORDINANCES WERE INTRODUCED AND PASSED ON FIRST READING AT A PUBLIC HEARING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE BOARD OF PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, 1000 ROUTE 22, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 AND THAT SAID ORDINANCES WILL BE MADE UP FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION AND ACTION AT THE MEETING OF SAID BOARD OF PLANNING AND ZONING OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY, TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 1999 AT 6:00 P.M. OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS SAID MATTER CAN BE REACHED, AT WHICH TIME AND PLACE ALL PERSONS WHO MAY BE INTERESTED THEREIN WILL BE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD CONCERNING THE SAME.

ORDINANCE 99-011 TO AMEND ORDINANCE 99-008 AS BY INCREASING THE ADDITIONAL FEE TO BE CHARGED THEREIN FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS TO BOROUGHS FACILITIES INCLUDING THE COMMUNITY ROOM AND LIBRARY, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF POLICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FIRE TO \$150,000.00 FROM \$100,000.00.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

IS NOT A CURRENT ESTATE OF THE BOROUGHS AND IS IN THE POSSESSION OF SAID BOROUGHS BY THE LEASOR OF SAID BOROUGHS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW OF NEW JERSEY, AND (3) THE AGREEMENT OR SAID BOROUGHS TO FINANCE SAID BOROUGHS BY THE LEASOR OF SAID BOROUGHS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW OF NEW JERSEY, AND (4) THE AGREEMENT OR SAID BOROUGHS TO FINANCE SAID BOROUGHS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW OF NEW JERSEY.

SECTION IV: It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 is hereby authorized to be used for the purpose of financing the cost of such purpose, including accounting, costs of printing, setting or leaving copies, and other expenses of the action permitted by Section 402-2.02 of the Local Bond Law.

SECTION V: It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 is hereby authorized to be used for the purpose of financing the cost of such purpose, including accounting, costs of printing, setting or leaving copies, and other expenses of the action permitted by Section 402-2.02 of the Local Bond Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL AT ANY TIME EXCEEDED THE SUM FIRST MENTIONED IN THIS SECTION, THE MONIES RECEIVED BY THE LEASOR OF SAID BOROUGHS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OF SUCH EXCESS, AND SHALL BE APPLIED TO THE PAYMENT OF SUCH NOTES NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF SAID BOROUGHS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW OF NEW JERSEY.

SECTION VI: It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 is hereby authorized to be used for the purpose of financing the cost of such purpose, including accounting, costs of printing, setting or leaving copies, and other expenses of the action permitted by Section 402-2.02 of the Local Bond Law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVEST IN THE OBLIGATIONS AUTHORIZED BY THIS ORDINANCE. THE OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE SECURED BY THE LEASOR OF SAID BOROUGHS, AND SAID BOROUGHS SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO REDEMPT SAID NOTES UPON ALL SAID REAL PROPERTY WHICH SAID BOROUGHS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SAID BOROUGHS PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW OF NEW JERSEY.

SECTION VIII: It is hereby determined and stated that the sum of \$1,500,000.00 is hereby authorized to be used for the purpose of financing the cost of such purpose, including accounting, costs of printing, setting or leaving copies, and other expenses of the action permitted by Section 402-2.02 of the Local Bond Law.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PLANNING BOARD BOROUGHS OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT DECISIONS WERE MADE AT A PUBLIC MEETING BY THE MOUNTAINSIDE PLANNING BOARD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 AT THE MOUNTAINSIDE TOWNSHIP OFFICE, 1000 ROUTE 22, MOUNTAINSIDE, NJ.

TOWNSHIP OF SPRINGFIELD ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. AT BORO HALL, 1028 ROUTE 22, MOUNTAINSIDE, ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:

BOROUGHS OF MOUNTAINSIDE PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MOUNTAINSIDE ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. AT BORO HALL, 1028 ROUTE 22, MOUNTAINSIDE, ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION:

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