

Automotive



The 1995 Ford Contour — dynamic, safe

Safety engineering is a top priority for Ford Contour

Concern about occupant safety was a major consideration in the design of the 1995 Ford Contour. That focus on driver and passenger protection resulted in the engineering of an unusually comprehensive package of safety features in every car.

"Dynamic Safety Engineering" is the way Ford characterizes its approach to determining the right of safety-related items to include in the Contour. The car was viewed as a total, integrated system rather than as a series of unrelated sub-elements.

This strategy resulted in a package of complementary safety features that include a broad array of "active" and "passive" elements.

"Active" safety elements are those which make more than a passive, safety element such as the vehicle's main engine, those helping to avoid accidents. Active items are such as items as "All-Speed" Tractor Control, anti-lock brakes and aerodynamic body design.

Passive safety elements help protect occupants should an accident occur. These include such features as "Safety Cell" body structure, air-inflating seats and dual airbags.

Active safety elements

Steering, handling, road holding and maneuverability, all key contributors to vehicle control, "lead the safety line." The Contour's front independent suspension and steering geometry are designed and optimized for predictable, responsive steering and increased braking stability, as well as minimal tire wear.

The "Quadraflex" independent rear suspension provides highly accurate wheel control when cornering, braking and accelerating, and with positive rear wheel steering, on standing stability in mid-curve.

The positive rear wheel steering induces a mild amount of rear-wheel-lean in these circumstances.

Contour has a 41-percent of-tilt, and this aerodynamic design is combined with a 100.5-inch wheelbase and a low center of gravity, to give the car outstanding stability, even in strong crosswinds.

Clear Vision

A cool air grille and A-pillar water channel moldings keep water moved by the windshield wipers from spreading over the windshield and side windows, and help to improve driver visibility forward. Optional heated outside rear view mirrors provide further aid to visibility, even in low-visibility conditions.

"All-Speed" Tractor Control

The transmission system can be moved out of "park" unless the ignition key is in the "run" position and the brake pedal is applied.

Safe bicycling is expert bicycling

It's getting to be fun and safe when you ride like an expert. The New Jersey Automobile Club Foundation for Safety offers these tips to make May, Bike Safety Month, and the rest of the year an accident-free.

- Always wear an approved bicyclist helmet and bright colors. The contact helmets are available from AAA.
- Stop and check for traffic before you enter a street from a driveway, parking lot or sidewalk.
- Avoid riding after dark or during bad weather.
- Obey traffic signs, signals and pavement markings just like a motorist. Remember, a bicycle is considered a vehicle.
- Ride on the right side of the street, moving with the flow of traffic.
- When riding with a group, form a single line one bike-length apart. Be especially careful turning left.
- Slow down when you approach intersections, stop, look and listen at stop signs.
- Give cars and pedestrians the right-of-way.

To request a free bike safety kit for your family, write to: AAA Safety Department, Bike Safety Kit, 1111 Haverly Road, Fort Lee, NJ 07024.

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Step back in time
June 1969 was interesting time in Springfield's history, as we discovered looking back, Page 2.

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Ona Hill of Kenilworth, avid Raymond Burr fan, writes story, Page B3.

Who won?
Three Democrats received nod in Tuesday's primary to run in the general election, Page 4.

Springfield Leader

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Community Update

Coke bottles available

The Springfield, N.J., Coca-Cola Bottling Company has announced that it will begin selling 2-liter plastic bottles of Coca-Cola in the area.

The bottles are made of a special plastic that is designed to be recycled. The bottles are made of a special plastic that is designed to be recycled. The bottles are made of a special plastic that is designed to be recycled.

Rain forest project

Students in Jim Guineo's class at Walton School, from left, Chris DeGulidico, Jeffrey Cochran and Holly Harris display their class' rain forest project.

Nominations gained

Incumbent Councilmember Jeffrey Kappo, who ran unopposed in the November general election, while Democrats Roy Hirschfeld and Gregory Clark earned their party's nomination.

Tennis applications

Applications are now being accepted for the Springfield Recreation Department's summer junior tennis program. Boys and girls from ages 10-17, who are interested in joining the township's junior tennis team, may complete an application form at the Youth Tennis League during the summer months.

Open house slated

The Springfield Historical Society will have a free open house for its headquarters, the Historic Cannon Ball House, 126 Morris Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Township may look to estimated tax bills

By Mark Devaney

Several municipalities, including Springfield, are firing what many estimated tax bills for the third quarter because they may be awaiting state discretionary aid figures or because the elements of the overall tax bill—municipal, local school, regional school and county—may not be finalized.

The Township Committee will vote on the municipal budget Tuesday, and if the budget is not adopted, it could result in the issuance of estimated tax bills. However, such a procedure is nothing new to Springfield residents.

"According to Tax Collector Corinne Eckmann, the forms 'have not been out on June 14 in over 15 years.'"

Eckmann added, "It would be delightful if we had two weeks to prepare the bills and send them out. The people on the receiving end need time to pay. The taxpayer has the shortest of the sticks."

Mayor Marcia Forman expressed her concern about the ever-diminishing tax frame. "I've waited until June 28, it's a pretty tight

Mayor seeks citizen input into budget

By Mark Devaney

Mayor Marcia Forman this week announced the formation of a local Budget Advisory Committee which will consist of five members and be led by Township Committee member Herb Slope.

"It is critically important that all avenues be explored to trim unnecessary and wasteful items from our local budget. Even though the town employees and members of the Township Committee have reviewed the budget in detail, I believe it will be helpful to have a citizens' committee to further review the budget and make recommendations to the Township Committee," said Forman.

The group will meet on Tuesday, June 21, at 7 p.m. at the Township office. The group will be made up of five citizens, one from each ward, and one from the Township office.

Friedland presents findings of study

By Mark Devaney

Superintendent of Schools Gary Friedland presented the findings of the Debitis & Trachte education feasibility study to the Board of Education Monday.

Debitis & Trachte was commissioned by the township to study the regional high school district. From the accounting firms, 13 recommendations have been made, including the consolidation of the township's high school with the regional high school district.

Friedland said that the study's findings are "change is minimal, insignificant amounts of money, a negative 1 percent change." Friedland estimated that roughly half their taxes go toward education and that the 1 percent increase should be applied to half their total taxes.

Once the hard data was reviewed, Superintendent, Page 2



Students in Jim Guineo's class at Walton School, from left, Chris DeGulidico, Jeffrey Cochran and Holly Harris display their class' rain forest project.

World War II vets recall D-Day, landing on beaches of Normandy

By Mark Devaney

"It gives a pretty good education and should help that it never happens again. D-Day should teach young people to be on the lookout for people who want to control the world as Hitler did."

—Ray Schramm

Springfield resident, Dominick Casternova, was a member of the 29th infantry division, an outfit that spearheaded Normandy beach for a number of follow-up divisions.

Casternova described the tactics of a spearhead operation. "We hit the beach and made a line and spread that line out." Once one portion of beach was considered held, Casternova's division then pulled out and repeated the same beach-defending feat in order to widen the allied position.

Unlike the movies, Casternova recalled that what he had to do was "no picnic." Referring to films like "The Longest Day," Casternova said that what people see in films "ain't what you see when you hit the beach."

Unabashedly, taking part in D-Day

Top winner



The Springfield Rotary Club's Ed Schaffroy, left, presents Michael Manginoli with his prize for winning the Springfield Rotary annual raffle. The prize was a check worth nearly \$4,000, which was won at the 13th annual Rotary flag market.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Civic calendar, Editorial, Op-Ed, etc.

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LOOKING BACK — 25 years ago this month

By Mark Devaney Staff Writer "Are you on the bus or are you off the bus?" was a popular catch phrase of the 1960s.

what he expected was an all-black audience to welcome a special group of "brothers." Both groups were then asked to stand as the towns of Springfield and Newark were announced to the entire Apollo crowd.

Civic Calendar

The Civic Calendar is prepared by the Springfield Leader and Mountaintop Echo. To avoid conflicts in scheduling local events, please post dates, times and places as possible and send to P.O. Box 3109.

Today The Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Freeholders meeting room.

Friday The Trailside Nature and Science Center will present Laser Waves, a family oriented laser concert featuring various types of music.

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Newberry's slated to close doors in January

By Mark Devaney Staff Writer J.J. Newberry's in Springfield in the General Green shopping mall is slated for closure on Jan. 31, 1995.

"Every year and throughout the year, we are opening and closing stores. We are always in a state of change," said Miranda.

District to implement Reading Recovery program

By Dennis McCarthy Managing Editor The Springfield district district will implement the Reading Recovery program on a pilot basis at The Union County School.

Teachers receive six graduate credits from Rutgers University for their one year training.

Superintendent presents findings of dissolution study

(Continued from Page 1) Friedland then outlined the advantages and disadvantages of dissolution, as per the Deloitte & Touche study.

Teachers have the right to remain with the regional district.

Vets remember D-Day anniversary

(Continued from Page 1) City of Chesham, where the allies encountered serious resistance from the Germans.

Articulation, the continuation of programs begun at the elementary level into the high school level, was once again cited as a major advantage to dissolution.

Correction

An article in last week's Leader titled "Residents target pool memberships" should have stated that Irving Netherist suggested that fire members have limited to township volunteers such as first aid, police and firefighters who perform "critical care" functions within the community.

When asked about the validity of Deloitte & Touche since the company is currently facing a major lawsuit, Friedland stated, "We are aware of the fine, but have received no details. We have definite confidence in those consultants. Their efficiency report was right on target, and the information they put in front of us was downright accurate."

Sherman earns spot on dean's list

Springfield resident Scott Michael Sherman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Sherman, was named to the dean's list at Duke University for the 1993-94 academic year.

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Party-line Dems win county primary

By Sean P. Carr and Chris Gatto

The organization-backed Union County Freeholder candidates won their respective parties' nominations in Tuesday's primary elections.

Democrats Peter Corvelli, Robert Everett and Walter McNeil swept their tickets in a field of eight candidates. Republicans Frank Lehr, the freeholder chairman, James Keefe, the freeholder vice chairman, and former Cranford Mayor Ed Force ran unopposed.

"I think it's just an indication of our message and what we intend on doing when we not only win in November, but what we do when we sit on the board," said McNeil when contacted Tuesday night.

The Democratic challengers predicted they would fare well in the general election, with Everett, if Union

Borough youths admit role in school graffiti

By Dennis McCarthy

Managing Editor

Four Mountaintop youths are awaiting a hearing with the State of New Jersey Juvenile Conference Committee after admitting to defacing Deerfield School property with graffiti.

"They decorated some doors and they decorated a transformer behind the school," said Mountaintop Deputy Sgt. Jerry Rice. The graffiti consisted mostly of c-de names, which were done in magic marker or sprayed paint, he said.

"We got information that we developed from the investigation. Some of the markings were identifiable as signatures," Rice said, adding that the investigation "just rolled along."

Rice filed a complaint of juvenile delinquency with the Superior Court

of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Family Part, County of Union, Alder said. A request for hearing was sent by Rice to the Juvenile Conference Committee.

Juvenile Conference Committee coordinator Nancy Yarek said of the proceedings, "The complaint would be sent into us and would be screened."

The screening presents the information to a Superior Court Judge, and he or she decides if it is to be heard by the Juvenile Conference Committee.

"Our goal is to deter them from future delinquent acts," Yarek said, adding that the committee does not prosecute. The committee is a made-up of community volunteers who are trained by court staff and appointed by the presiding judge of the Family Court to informally hear juvenile complaints that are referred by the court, she said.

Summer books available at library

The Springfield Public Library at 66 Mountain Ave. is reminding students in the Union County Regional High School District that books for the district's summer reading list are available at the library. Books have been marked with yellow stickers for extra visibility, and will be assembled on a cart near the reference desk.

Students entering grades 9 to 12 in September will be required to read two books from the list. For more information, call the library at (201) 376-4930 or contact the English Department in the individual high schools.

Union County chapter NOW to meet

The Union County Chapter of the National Organization for Women will meet today at 7 p.m. at the YMCA in Westfield on Clark Street off North Avenue.

NOW is actively concerned with all issues affecting women — health, economics, stereotypes, education, politics, family violence, and the law. Meetings of the Union County Chapter of NOW are held the second Thursday of every month, and the public is invited to attend. For more information, contact Ingrid D'Amara, chairperson, at (908) 233-6881.

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Higher plateau



The Mountaintop Girl Scout Mother-Daughter Dinner was celebrated recently at the Westwood in Garwood. Above are members of the various troops that bridged to a higher level.

student update

Jones scores

Rahard Jones of Dayton Regional reached the promised land — that is in NJSIAA high school track and field competition.

He advanced to yesterday's Meet of Champions competition, the last track event of the season.

Jones placed in the high jump and the long jump in Group 2 competition held last Friday and Saturday at Frank Jost Field in South Plainfield. He was sixth in the high jump at 6-2 and sixth in the long jump at 21-4.5.

Dayton finished tied for 23rd with Walkill Valley and Jefferson, each getting two points. Delran outpointed Pleasantville 45-39 for the team title and Englewood was third with 36.

Burke earns degree

Robert M. Burke of Mountaintop was among the more than 250 students who received a baccalaureate degree from New England College at its 47th commencement exercises recently in Henniker, N.H.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in communication.

DellaSala honored

Steven DellaSala of Springfield has been honored at Rochester Institute of Technology with inclusion of work in the School of Art & Design and the School for American Crafts Honors Show. A second year student in the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, DellaSala is studying graphic design and illustration.

He is the son of Ernest and Janet DellaSala of Springfield and is a 1993 graduate of Jonathan Dayton Regional High School.

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Kovacs graduates

Mountaintop resident Ann Marie Kovacs is one of 532 students who received degrees at Merrimack College's 44th commencement on May 22, in ceremonies at the college's St. Peter Valley Athletic Center.

Sempepos is elected

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Sound Tracks

By Bob Cianci
Music Correspondent

"In My Wildest Dreams"
Capitol Records
Kenny Chesney, a new country singer-songwriter-guitarist on the revitalized Capitol label, has released an excellent first album. It features outstanding songs, terrific playing by some of Nashville's best session musicians, like drummers Rudy Hayes, guitarists from Rowan and piano player Hargus "Fliq" Robbins, and production by studio legend Barry Beckel.

Of course, the real star is Chesney, whose deep-sung style well suits contemporary country. Vocally, Chesney delivers solid performances throughout, particularly on "Whisper in the Trees," "Somebody's Callin'," "I Finally Found Somebody," "No Title," the humorous "I Want My Rib Back," and "I'd Love to Change Your Name."

Kenny Chesney seems poised for success, with this collection.



Kenny Chesney

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First prize winner
An exhibit of artwork by Roshie Didamas of Roselle is on display at Children's Specialized Hospital, Mountainside, through June.



Photo by Milton Miller

Hayley Maged of Union, a Union High School student, stands beside her first prize award-winning painting which she had submitted for the Festival on the Green art scholarship awards. A \$500 scholarship was presented to her on May 20 at the Les Malinart Art Gallery, where she received the scholarship money to Kutztown University.

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1 tbsp. Balsamic Vinegar
3 tbsp. Oil
1/2 Pound Scallops
3 cups Arugula & Watercress, rinsed and dry
1 cup Fresh or Frozen Corn Kernels

Whisk together mustard, vinegar, oil, salt, pepper to taste. In a skillet add 1 tbsp. oil and heat over medium heat. Add the scallops and saute until golden brown. Transfer the scallops to a bowl to keep them warm. To the skillet add the shallots and 1 tablespoon vinegar and cook the mixture. Add the scallops, shake the skillet to coat them with the vinaigrette.

Toss the salad with the remaining vinaigrette. Divide the salad on two plates and arrange the scallops.

Instructions for preparing this Recipe will be given by our Chef this coming MONDAY at 3 p.m. at The Garden Restaurant

'Peter Pan' musical now at Paper Mill

The musical "Peter Pan" based on Sir James Barrie's fantasy about the little boy who refused to grow up, opened at the Paper Mill Playhouse, Milburn, yesterday and will run through July 31.

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Barrie's 1904 play, transformed into a musical in 1954, recounts the adventures of the three Darling children when Peter teaches them to fly and lures them out the nursery window one fateful night.

DINING REVIEW
By Scott P. Carr
and Rose K. Munzo
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He's Peter Pan
Robert Johanson is star director of Mill musical; theater review, Page B3.

Wedding bells
Tips for the spring brides-to-be may be found inside, on our bridal pages, Pages B7 to 9.

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Community Update

T-shirts available
Orders for T-shirts taken at the Springfield Bicentennial Celebration on the weekend of May 14-15 are ready for pickup at the Presbyterian Parish House on Church Hill from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 and 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday.

The order list contains names of Springfield residents as well as those of many persons living in nearby towns. Further information may be obtained by calling (201) 370-4320 during the daytime, or 370-2634 in the evening.

The Springfield Historical Society has additional shirts in large and extra large sizes which also can be purchased at the church.

Springfield Historical Society President Janice Bongiovanni stated, "These T-shirts have proven to be immensely popular as evidenced by many sales. They are of good quality cotton and polyester, and show the Continental soldier in full uniform superimposed against the historic Cannon Ball House with colors of red, white and blue. It makes an attractive and useful gift, and is an official bicentennial souvenir."

For more information, call Hazel Hargrove at (201) 376-3348.

Legion participates

Members and their wives of American Legion Post 228 of Springfield participated in the New Jersey State American Legion Convention in Wildwood, June 8-12.

Members attending were Commander Donald Auer, First Vice Commander William Weber, Adjutant Raymond Schramm, Sergeant at Arms Edward Reiss, Past Commanders Herbert Quinton and Arthur Buehrer, Adjutant Raymond Schramm, merchant in his 40th consecutive state parade.

Mended hearts meet

The Springfield Chapter of Mended Hearts will meet June 21 at 8 p.m. in the Springfield First Aid Squad Building, Triest Avenue.

There will be no July or August meetings.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Daniel N. Water, a clinical psychologist, diplomate in sex therapy, board certified in behavioral medicine and sex therapy.

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Show to be staged

An audition for the fall of 1994, the USY, Kadima and El Al groups at Temple Beth Ahim in Springfield are proposing to put on the show "Bye Bye Birdie."

Anyone interested in joining one of these two groups or are interested in trying out for the show may call Barry Schwartz, youth director, at 376-5916, or Marcie Sem, Kadima advisor, at (609) 757-8468.



Saint James School students tour Springfield's First Presbyterian Church, from left, Jennifer Frossa, Michael Williams, Scott Eberantz and Drew DeCagna.

St. James students tour church, historic house

By Dennis McCarthy
Managing Editor

Fourth-graders from St. James School carried on the spirit of the Springfield bicentennial last week as they visited the First Presbyterian Church and the historic Cannon Ball House.

Benedicite Damato's class learned the history of the town from Pastor Jeffrey Curtis and Jean Quinton, a member of the church's congregation and lifelong town resident.

Curtis began the lesson by passing historic pictures of Springfield among the students. He explained that the new bay Morris Avenue was once nothing more than a deer path which was used by the town's first inhabitants, the Leni Lenape - Native Americans.

The children learned that there were only three houses between Elizabethtown and Morristown in 1717. "Now there are more than 30 towns between those two places," Curtis told the group. He explained the evolution of those towns, including the original names such as Turkey for New Providence and Turkey Hill for Summit.

Quinton supplied the class with the history of the church. The congregation was organized in 1745 after meeting from the Millham area. Rev. Jacob Van Arsdale ran the church on \$250 a year and was supplied with kneecaps by the congregation, she said. "This area was total woods, so firewood wasn't hard to come by," she added.

"Worship wasn't the only function for the structure during its 200-year existence. In 1778, she said, the church was used as a store house for food and ammunition. During the Revolutionary War, it was a place to store these resources from the British troops.

"During a period of question and answer, students discussed with Curtis the differences between Colonial times and present day conveniences such as supermarkets and fast food restaurants.

Curtis displayed the original ball, which once sat upon the steeple. Quinton showed the students a pewter baptismal bowl which is still used in the church today. "I can tell you that my mother was baptized from this. I was, and my children were," she said.

From the church, Curtis walked the class out along Morris Avenue to the historic Cannon Ball House where they were met by the founder and past president of the Springfield Historical Society, Howard Wiseman. Damato, her students and chaperoning parents were treated to a tour of the 250-year-old building by Wiseman.

Students learned Colonial terms and saw how candles and wood were made by the country's early settlers. Wiseman talked about the many Revolutionary weapons, which are on display in the house. He showed the students a soldier's bench, carpenter's tools and a scale model of the First Presbyterian Church.

Lipton, who explained the site of an old-fashioned bed warmer, which he described as "the grandfather of the electric blanket." Wiseman ended the tour outside, where he showed the group how the famous cannon ball was lodged in the side of the house.

"This is one of the highlights of our study," Damato said of the day's tour. She added that the students would further discuss what they've learned, and will write a journal entry regarding the event. "The lesson continues," she said.

Committee adopts \$15-million budget

By Mark Devey
Staff Writer

After weeks of delay, the Township Committee Tuesday night adopted its \$15 million budget, a spending plan which will reflect a 17-point increase in taxes.

Mayor Marcia Forman said, "I am pleased and relieved that we passed the budget." Referring to the Township Committee, she assured residents, "We do not throw money around loosely." Her sentiments were generally shared by the rest of the committee.

In passing the budget, each of the members of the committee made comments about the Local Budget Advisory Committee, which will be formed to examine expenditures for the 1995 budget.

Committeeman Jeffrey Katz said, "The value of a fiscal advisory committee was proven to us when I appointed one as mayor. By 1991 Springfield had to raise increases and a lot of that was due to the mayor's finance committee."

Committeeman Harry Pappas recalled the concerns expressed by residents during the open hearing on the budget two weeks ago. "I think their concerns are very valid. I would have liked to have seen it this year. I guess time's against us." He then voted "yes," reluctantly.

Committeeman Herb Stoe spoke of the difficult financial jargon associated with the budget. "I would hope that the citizens' group would make the budget comprehensible."

Katz informed the public that the dollar amount of proceeds Springfield was entitled to from the state will be reduced. Originally, the statewile refund from the 13 percent Gross Receipts and Franchise tax was estimated at \$60 million, but that figure has been lowered to approximately \$40 million.

The decrease corresponds to a drop from about \$70,000 to \$40,000 for Springfield, less than half a tax point. "We are creatures of the state," said Katz explaining what he called the unfairness in the reduction of Springfield's return. "We deserve that money back," he added.

Another item that stirred attention was the passage of a bond ordinance for capital improvements which could be directed toward the abandoned Chisholm School and the Fire Department. Committee member Richard Coan demurred an explanation of the plans for Chisholm.

Several committee members clarified what passing the bond ordinance signified. "Nothing will be done until the plans are complete. The plans are

Program to remain in effect

By Mark Devey
Staff Writer

Like the grass itself, the controversial grass issue in Springfield keeps growing and growing.

On the eve of the implementation of the "cut it and leave it" grass maintenance method, a multitude of angry residents voiced their objections to the new grass disposal policy before the Township Committee on Tuesday night.

A considerable number of citizens claimed that one of their basic services has been denied them. Some asked for consideration for seniors who will have difficulty transporting the grass clippings. Many also believed that "cut it and leave it" just will not work.

Mayor Marcia Forman said, "We decided to go with 'cut it and leave it' but I have been particularly concerned." Referring primarily to the modification of the public record about the changed policy, she said, "The whole matter has been done poorly."

Committeeman Harry Pappas contended that the modification was abrupt. But he added, "You don't like 'cut it and leave it,' that's unfortunate. We make a decision based on the community." However, Pappas said that the committee was going to reconsider picking up twigs.

Committeeman Herb Stoe said, "This was one of the most difficult and painful decisions he had had to make since joining the Township Committee."

Committeeman Jeffrey Katz proposed an alternative.

Katz asked the enraged residents if they would be willing to pay a fee for a separate agency to pick up their grass. He and Pappas then discussed the possibility of soliciting bids for outside agencies to be employed for grass clipping removal in Springfield.

In the end, the Township Committee voted that it would look into the suggested alternative, meanwhile "cut it and leave it" is now in effect.

Former resident hopes to lead nation to 1st World Cup victory

By J.R. Parachini
Sports Editor

When talking about the best soccer players in the United States, Claudio Reyna's name gets mentioned time after time. Following the upcoming World Cup his name might be mentioned among the best players in the world.

The youngster, who grew up in Springfield and kicked a soccer ball around while attending the Gaudreier School, hopes to lead the USA team to its first World Cup victory since 1950.

He brings a local flavor to perhaps the most popular sporting event in the world.

Reyna is one of four New Jersey natives on the United States National Team, which qualified for the 24-nation tournament as the host team.

The United States is situated in Group A with Switzerland, Colombia and Romania. Its first game will be Saturday vs. Switzerland at 11:30 a.m. at the Phoenix, Mich. Silverdome.

Reyna is considered the best young player on the USA squad. He scored his first international goals this year against Moldova and Estonia.

Reyna started all three USA games at the 1992 Olympics and assisted on two goals. He led Virginia to the NCAA national championship the past three seasons and the last two years won the Hermann Trophy as the college player of the year.

The first player to win the national high school player of the year award, two straight years, Reyna has scored two goals in 16 USA team appearances.

Reyna left Virginia to devote his time to the USA team and is now living in a dream.

"You never know if it's going to happen," said Reyna to the press. "The opportunity just jumps at you. I didn't expect three years ago that I'd be here."

Reyna injured his hamstring last Wednesday and, as of Monday, did not take part in any World Cup workouts since. The USA team is training at its Mission Viejo, Calif. facility.

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Reyna will then face Colombia in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Wednesday night at 7:30 on ESPN and will face Romania at Stanford Stadium on Sunday, June 26 at 4 p.m. on ABC.

A field of 24 teams will fight for the most sought-after trophy in the world when the World Cup begins tomorrow. These 24 are the survivors of a qualifying draw Dec. 8, 1991, when 143 teams began 491 games.

More than 31 billion will watch on television until July 17, when a championship game at the Rose Bowl will determine the king of the soccer world.

Giants Stadium schedule

Giants Stadium in East Rutherford will host seven World Cup games, with the first one for Saturday at 4 p.m., Italy vs. Ireland.

Here's the rest of the schedule: Italy vs. Norway, Thursday, June 23 at 7:30; Saudi Arabia vs. Morocco, Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 and Ireland vs. Norway, Tuesday, June 28 at 12:30. There will also be a round of 16 contest on Tuesday, July 15 at 4:30, a quarterfinal game on Sunday, July 10 at noon and a semifinal contest Wednesday, July 13 at 4 p.m.

Football all-stars



The first Union-Middlesex Open Bowl that will take place Thursday, July 21 at Union High School will include, from left, Dayton Regional's Pat Kucharski and Johnson Regional's Chris Peterson. More on the High School All-Star Football Classic appears on Page B2.

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