

CURRENT EVENTS UNIT 1 / WEEK 1

STORY #1

On Friday, August 21, a Springfield High School legend passed away at the age of 90. Jerry Jacobson was a fixture at SHS sporting events for 35 years and probably exhibited more love and passion for our school as anyone ever has. He was described as Springfield High School's "Super-Fan" and was a constant presence at SHS athletic events.

Mr. Jacobson was originally from the Bronx, New York and lived and worked there for many years. Before coming to Springfield, he served in the military press corps during the Korean Conflict and after the war, he used the GI Bill to study archeology at the prestigious Columbia University in New York, getting a doctorate.

He came to Springfield to work at the State Museum, but most of his working life here was at the Illinois Dept. of Transportation. Two of his passions in life were SHS and saving historic buildings from demolition.

On a side note, I am currently the longest serving employee at Springfield High School and I can say I have never seen anyone as passionate and enthusiastic about our great school, and sports will never be the same without his presence. RIP Mr. Jacobson.

STORY #2

It is now official, that the Democrat's will run Joe Biden for president and the Republican's will run Donald Trump for a second term in office. The Presidential election will be held on November 3 of this year. Candidate Biden selected U.S. Senator from California Kamala Harris as his Vice-Presidential candidate and Candidate Trump will keep Mike Pence as his Vice-Presidential candidate. Both candidates have officially selected their respective parties nominations and will be

campaigning in the coming months. There are a great many differences between Democrats and Republicans and starting next week, we will be doing a unit on how the respective parties differ on key issues.