

LOCAL NEWS



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Daughters of Israel holds Senior Olympics

In honor of the XXI Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver, the Daughters of Israel senior care and rehabilitation facility in West Orange held a week-long "Senior Olympics" celebration. The Senior Olympics opened with a torch relay, with residents carrying the torch from unit to unit. The last resident to receive the torch carried it to the lobby, where it has been on display. Throughout the week, each of the six units held Olympic-style games including target toss, ring toss, volleyball, high ball throw and bowling as well as Olympics bingo and trivia. The Senior Olympics will conclude today with an awards ceremony.

LAW & ORDER

MAPLEWOOD

Blaze destroys home, sends two to hospital

A Maplewood resident was pulled out of a burning residence on Jacoby Street just before the two-story structure was engulfed in flames early yesterday morning, township fire officials said.

The three-alarm blaze at 192 Jacoby began about 4:15 a.m. and involved about 50 firefighters from multiple jurisdictions, Chief Joseph Richardella said.

Township police, however, were the first on scene and rushed to pull a woman from the second floor as flames threatened to overtake that part of the wood-frame structure. "She was very lucky, very lucky," Richardella said.

The woman and a first-floor resident were taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation following the blaze, which firefighters brought under control in about 90 minutes, he said. Both were listed in stable condition.

The home, though, was essentially destroyed, Richardella said. The fire's origin is believed to be accidental and is thought to have started in a rear, den-like room of the house.

ORANGE

Man shot in crossfire of large fight on Main St.

A man was shot yesterday when he was walking on Main Street in Orange after he stumbled into a group of men fighting, police said.

The man told police he was walking on Main Street just before 2 a.m. When he approached the intersection with South Main Street he saw a group of men arguing and started to flee the area, according to Orange police Lt. Robert McCauley. While he was leaving, gunshots were fired, hitting the victim in the back and the elbow.

The man was taken to University Hospital in Newark for injuries that were not life-threatening. McCauley said