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Black women offer forum on setting goals ELIZABETH: A new book to help African-American women set goals toward living well as they age will be the focus of a local National Council of Negro Women forum Wednesday.

The council's section for the greater Elizabeth area is sponsoring the event that will run from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Elizabeth Public Library, 11 S. Broad St.

Sylvia Patrick, a representative from the Washington, D.C., headquarters of the national council, will give an overview of "Tomorrow Begins Today: **African American Women As We Age.**"

The book is the result of a study the National Council of Negro Women conducted of 35- to 59-year-old women and discusses areas women need to identify to achieve healthy living and life satisfaction, including financial security.

Cleadel Wayne, education chairperson for the Elizabeth section of the national council, will read excerpts from the book. Elected officials also will be present, including Councilwoman Patricia Perkins-Auguste, one of the organizing members of the council section.

For more information, contact Joann Blount, president of the Elizabeth section, at (908) 884-0241. Deadline is nearing for Philly trip sign-up SCOTCH PLAINS: The deadline to register for the Jewish Community Center of Central New Jersey's day trip to Philadelphia is on Friday.

The day trip to historic Philadelphia will be on April 6. Participants will depart from the JCC at 8 a.m. and return at approximately 5 p.m.

The itinerary will include a visit to both the National Constitution Center and the National Museum of American Jewish History. Both stops will feature exhibits about Ben Franklin.

The cost is \$45 for JCC members and \$55 for the community. Advance registration is required. Lunch is not included.

For more information, contact Nan Statton at [nstatton@jccnj.org](mailto:nstatton@jccnj.org) or (908) 889-8800, ext. 207. Parent party on tap for singles, divorced CLARK: The Westfield Area YMCA is hosting an event for divorced or single parents.

Single and divorced mothers and fathers are invited to enjoy a night out without the kids on Friday at Molly McGuire's Restaurant and Pub.

Participants will meet at 7:30 p.m. to mingle with other single parents. Just ask the hostess for the group from the Westfield YMCA. Interested parties may stay for the DJ and dance.

R.S.V.P.s are required by phone or e-mail. Contact Jill Brown at (908) 233-2700, ext. 415, or e-mail [jill.brown@comcast.net](mailto:jill.brown@comcast.net). Job program holds spring registration ELIZABETH: Project Ready will be

accepting applications for its spring job preparation program on Friday at 9:30 a.m. Applicants should be prepared to stay for 2 hours.

The free, six-week program will begin on April 3.

Basic computer skills will be taught including Microsoft Word, Excel and navigating the Internet. Résumé writing and interview techniques will also be covered.

Project Ready is within St. Joseph's Social Service Center at 118 Division St. For more information, call (908) 353-1045 or visit [www.projectready.org](http://www.projectready.org). Boy Scouts begin palm cross sales ELIZABETH: Boy Scout Troop 23 will sell palm crosses, starting this Saturday, in the parking lot of Saint Genevieve's Church, 200 Monmouth Road.

The sale is being conducted to generate needed funds to support the troop.

Palm cross sales will also be held on April 2, 8 and 9. For more information, call (908) 451-0002. CANDIDATE NIGHT SCHOOL EVENTS KENILWORTH: The Harding School and the Brearly School parent-teacher organizations will sponsor "Meet the Candidates Night" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Warren Harding Elementary School auditorium.

The evening's agenda is designed to allow members of the Kenilworth community to familiarize themselves with the candidates running for seats on the Kenilworth Board of Education.

This year, four residents will be vying for three seats on the board.

Each candidate will be given five minutes to introduce themselves, explain why they are running and outline their platform. Candidates will speak in the order they appear on the April 18 ballot.

A question-and-answer session will follow. WESTFIELD: The Westfield Area League of Women Voters and the Parent Teacher Council will sponsor "Candidates Night" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. The event will be held in the Westfield High School auditorium, 550 Dorian St.

Those in attendance will be able to meet the candidates for the Westfield Board of Education. For more information on the candidates, visit the school election/budget Web site at [www.westfieldnj12.org](http://www.westfieldnj12.org). ROSELLE: The public is invited to attend a "Candidate Night Forum," sponsored by the Roselle Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The forum will be held on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Heard AME Church, 310 East 8th Ave. SCOTCH PLAINS: The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association is inviting the public to "Board of Education Candidates Night" on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the board of education meeting room at Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street.

The evening will give area residents an opportunity to meet the candidates and ask questions before the April 18 election. The board members represent all of the children in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

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