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Special Olympian is ready for the Games to begin in Greece.

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Items stolen from house

By CASEY FARRAR
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A burglary was reported at a Chapman Street home in Keene Thursday night. Whitney Field arrived at her home about 7 p.m. to find a rear door open and some items missing from inside, police said.

A police report was not yet complete and did not indicate what items were taken from the home, said Keene police Sgt. Jason R. Short.

Legislator released from hospital after car crash

A local legislator injured in a car crash last week was released from the hospital Thursday, according to hospital officials.

Tara Sad, 57, of Walpole suffered head and arm injuries in the June 17 crash on Route 12, police said.

She was initially taken to Cheshire Medical Center/Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene and later transferred to Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon for treatment.

Fire Mutual Aid log

Dispatchers at Southwestern N.H. District Fire Mutual Aid in Keene handled requests for medical aid and fire calls on Thursday, June 23, including:

1:35 a.m., Gileau Fire Department to Surry Road, electrical call.

9:19 p.m., Walpole Fire Department to Upper Walpole Road, electrical hazard from a damaged street light ballast.

10:05 p.m., Keene Fire Department to Vernon Street, assist police with opening an apartment.

11:13 p.m., Fitzwilliam Fire Department to Route 12, motor vehicle crash, no medical transport.

In Brief

Discussion of suicide note to be part of PBS show

Tonight's episode of "Beat the Press" on WGBH Channel 2 in Boston will include discussion about The Sentinel's decision to publish online a 15-page suicide note from Thomas Ball, who died by self-immolation in front of the Cheshire County Court House last week.

The show airs at 7 p.m. Sentinel Managing Editor Paul Miller was interviewed for the segment.

City panel endorses railroad land plans, reform group

By DAVE EISENSTADTER
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Monadnock Economic Development Corp. got a preliminary go-ahead to move forward with additional development of the former railroad land in downtown Keene.

And a City Council committee also endorsed joining an immigration reform group started by New York City's mayor.

The council panel recommended Thursday night that City Manager John A. Maclean neo-

tiate with the development group about the next stage of development on the railroad land.

Monadnock Economic Development Corp. President John G. Dugan presented the finance, organization and personnel committee with requests he outlined to the full City Council last week.

They consisted primarily of adjusting property lines and trading around parking spaces, as well as requesting that the group purchase two condominiums in the building at 51 Railroad St. Dugan

has also requested that the space housing Monadnock Economic Development Corp. be tax-exempt.

New development will include the Monadnock Community Market, a food co-op, as well as a new residential condominium development, a parking structure, an amphitheater and possibly a multi-story, mixed-use commercial and residential building.

The land now holds a senior housing complex, Courtyard by Marriott hotel and mixed-use building.

Ellen Clement of Westmoreland was one of several people to protest Thursday outside People's United Bank on West Street in Keene. Sponsored by Working Families Win, the protest was against the Business and Industry Association's endorsement of the right-to-work bill. The association was holding a meeting in the building.



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The matter now moves on to the City Council.

► In other business:

The committee recommended joining an immigration reform group started by New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg called Partnership for a New American Economy.

Keene Mayor Philip Dale Pregent received an invitation to join the group last month by email. He told committee members Thursday that the group's principles of reform make sense, and it's relevant

to Keene because of the immigrant population that comes through the region for seasonal labor.

Councilor Nathaniel W. Stout praised the group's principles, which can be found at www.Re-newOurEconomy.org.

"This is a situation that is screaming for a simple fix," Stout said. "I don't think anyone could boil it down to anything simpler than this."

The recommendation passed unanimously.