

## Livingston People

Elder law attorney **Yale S. Hauptman** of Hauptman and Hauptman P.C., in Livingston, was recently profiled in the business section of the *Star-Ledger* daily newspaper. In the piece, he explained "Why We Should Plan for Old Age." Hauptman is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the New Jersey Bar Association's Elder Law Section. He devotes most of his time to the practice of elder law and estate planning for young families, and is a frequent author and lecturer in both areas.

**Robert J. Blackwell, C.P.A./P.F.S.**, a member of the Livingston accounting firm of Levine, Jacobs and Company, L.L.C., was recently elected treasurer of Greater Essex Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. The National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors (NAIFA) is a national non-profit organization representing the interests of more than 62,000 insurance and financial advisors nationwide, through a federation of over 770 state and local associations. Blackwell provides accounting, tax and consulting services for a diverse client base of individuals and businesses. He is a certified public accountant in both New Jersey and New York and a personal financial specialist (PFS). In addition, he plays an active role at Financial Network Investment Corporation, an ING Company, the firm's wealth planning provider. Blackwell, who was recently quoted in an article in the *Newark Star-Ledger* business section, is licensed to sell securities, mutual funds, life and health insurance as well as other brokerage products, including REITS.

Six businesses from New Jersey have been named best practice award finalists for the New York Enterprise Report Small Business Awards, to be held on Tuesday, September 25, at the Metropolitan Pavilion in New York City. Finalists, which included Water Journey, LTD of Livingston, were selected based on their ability to demonstrate the use of a best practice to

generate competitive advantages, revenue profits and/or long-term value in five categories: human resources, leadership, marketing, sales and technology. Water Journey was finalist in the marketing category.

Livingston attorney **Amos Gern**, a member of Starr, Gern, Davison and Rubin, P.C., in Roseland, was recently installed as president of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America - New Jersey (ATLA-NJ). He will lead the organization, consisting of approximately 2,300 trial attorneys, for the 2007-2008 term. Gern is shown here at left being handed the gavel by out-going president Marc S. Saperstein at the induction ceremony, held at Forsgate Country Club in Jamesburg. Gern has been selected by his peers as a "Super Lawyer" for the last three years by the publishers of *New Jersey Monthly*, in the field of medical malpractice litigation on behalf of injured patients. He is certified as a civil trial attorney by the Supreme Court of New Jersey and the National Board of Trial Advocacy, and specializes in all forms of personal injury litigation on behalf of injured victims. Most recently, he was a featured speaker in a program entitled "Exposing Defense Medicine: Winning the Courtroom Battle" held at the Sheraton Meadowlands, East Rutherford. He also recently testified before the Assembly Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee in support of amendments to the New Jersey Wrongful Death Act known as Assembly Bill No. 1511.

Livingston resident **Semira Kashi Mount**, a teacher at Washington Middle School in Harrison, was one of 66 teachers from 33 schools throughout New Jersey and New York who were selected to participate in an engineering education and research program at Stevens Institute of Technology. The program, known as the "BUILD IT" project, is part of a National Science Foundation (NSF) initiative to increase the numbers of students pursuing technological de-

velopments and careers, particularly those focused on the development and use of information technology (IT). Pairs of teachers are participating in an intensive, two-week institute on the Stevens campus in Hoboken. During the institutes, which began on July 23, teachers will work in teams with researchers from Stevens to design, build and test underwater robotic vehicles to complete a set of increasingly complex challenges, including navigating a slalom course underwater, and snaring a wiffle ball and inserting it in a net. During the second week of the institute, teachers will test the lessons with two students from their schools, who will participate in a team-based series of activities that challenge students to use the engineering design process and problem-solving skills. The final lessons resulting from the summer experience will be implemented in the participating teachers' schools in the 2007-08 school year.

Recently, Saint Barnabas Medical Center created a Multi-Disciplinary Minimally Invasive Suite which incorporates cutting-edge radiology technology, including a high-resolution angiography system, to enable physicians to evaluate and manage blood vessel disease and injury in the heart, brain, major organs, and throughout the circulatory system. The Suite was made possible in large part through a gift made to Saint Barnabas by **Lilyan Kreitchman** of South Orange, in honor of husband, Morton A. Kreitchman. Announcing the creation of the Minimally Invasive Suite were **Florence Brody**, representing her husband, Saint Barnabas trustee Martin Brody of Livingston; and **Ronald Del Mauro**, president and chief executive officer of Saint Barnabas Health Care System, shown here with Kreitchman, right. Also making the announcement were **John F. Bonamo, M.D., MS**, executive director of Saint Barnabas Medical Center, and **Barry Ostrowski**, executive vice president and general counsel of the Saint Barnabas Health Care System.

**Hanna Kim**, a sales associate with Weichert Realtors' Livingston Office, was recognized with a regional award



in the month of June. The region comprises 15 offices throughout Morris, Essex and Union Counties. Kim led the region in new home dollar volume, and led the company in new home sales. A member of Weichert's Sales and Marketed Clubs, she earned membership in Weichert's Executive's Club and is recognized in the top five 5 per cent of the company's 19,300 sales associates.

