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Fairness In Taxes sets sights on education

Group claims high spending, low test scores don't add up, offers suggestions

By MARY RUDLOFF
Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY – The local tax watchdog group Fairness In Taxes is returning to the forefront, taking a stand on education and its related costs in the community.

Fairness In Taxes representatives Richard Holahan and Alan Dugan made a presentation at the board of education's Feb. 11 meeting. At that time, Holahan and Dugan presented the position of FIT regarding student achievement and costs of education in the school district.

"The corporate bottom line for a school district is student performance. A lot of money is being spent in Ocean City to that end," Holahan said. "I know being a school board member is a thankless task, but as the board of directors your responsibility is to monitor, to ask questions and to evaluate."

While addressing costs of education, the presentation also focused a considerable amount of time on student achievement and what Holahan called "academic deficiencies."

Holahan and Dugan presented a wealth

of data that, they said, showed that per pupil costs and student performance did not align.

"FIT believes every student in Ocean City should have a quality education. FIT believes every student in Ocean City has potential and a great future," Holahan said. "FIT will not recommend the elimination of any program that benefits children. But we do believe that there should be a direct correlation between student achievement and district expenditures."

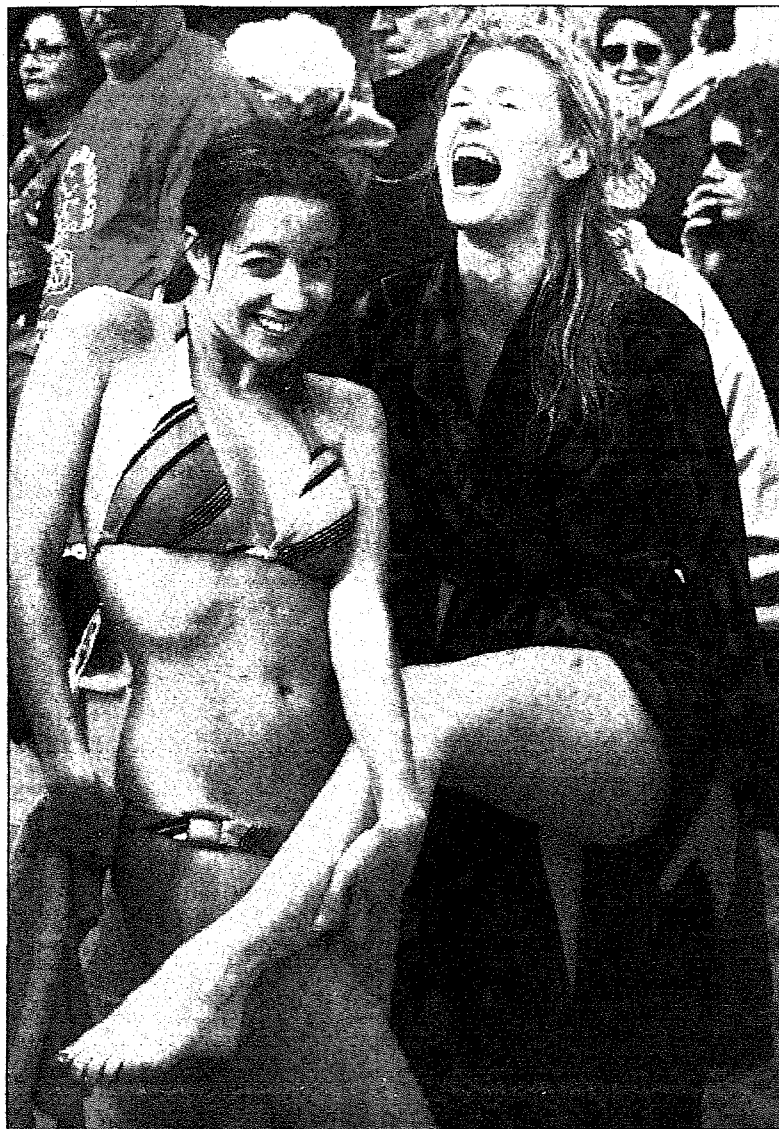
Holahan said test scores show that correlation is out of balance. Presenting a

wealth of comparative numbers, Holahan said FIT had used data from the N.J. School Boards Association, the N.J. Education Association and the N.J. School Report Card for 2001-02.

In their presentation, Holahan and Dugan said that:

– Of 578 school districts in New Jersey (excluding special services and vocational school districts), Ocean City had the fourth highest median teacher's salary, at \$74,183, higher, they said, than 99.3 per-

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Polar Bears come out to play in Sea Isle

Led by queen Irene Jameson, above right, about 400 people took the annual Polar Bear Plunge in Sea Isle City, dashing into the surf and frolicking on the beach. Above, Alicia Williams and Carrie Manning joke around after taking the cold dip. For story, more photos, see page A7.



Safety on the water

Task force makes eight points for safer boating

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Assembly Task Force on Waterway Safety issued its final report Feb. 11, including eight recommendations for making New Jersey waterways safer for boaters, including a mandatory boating course and enhanced marine patrols.

First District Assemblymen Jeff Van Drew along with Sen. Nick Asselta, were among legislators taking part in the task force headed by Assemblyman Robert J. Smith II of the 4th Legislative District. The task force was formed after a number of high profile boating accidents occurred on New Jersey waterways, including one off of Sea Isle City on Memorial Day 2002 that claimed the lives of three brothers. In another accident, off the coast of Beach Haven, a 60-foot yacht collided with a 20-foot fishing boat, killing three people in the fishing boat and injuring another. A trial related to this incident resulted in a hung jury.

The task force held the first of three meetings in Ocean City on Sept. 20, 2002, taking testimony on water vessel accidents and fatalities, boating safety awareness and boating accident statistical reporting. The task force heard testimony from representatives from the Marine Services

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Miss America to visit O.C. school



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Reigning Miss America Ericka Donlap, seen here after being crowned in September in Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, will visit Ocean City Intermediate School on Tuesday morning to talk with students about her platform. For story, photo, see page A5.

Point wants to reward preservation

By MARY RUDLOFF
Ocean City Sentinel

SOMERS POINT – The Somers Point Historic Preservation Commission and the Somers Point Historical Society are joining together to co-sponsor an awards program to recognize the preservation of historic properties.

The Somers Point Historic Preservation Awards program will be held in conjunction with

Commission, Historical Society joining together to recognize property owners, raise awareness of historic preservation in the community

the National Historic Preservation Week on May 3 through May 8.

The purpose of the program, according to Historic Preservation Commission chairperson Kathleen Arleth, is to raise awareness of historic

properties in the Bayfront Historic District as well as properties on Shore Road. Preservation Week and the Preservation awards also aim to recognize the efforts of the owners of those properties being preserved, she added.

The preservation awards are new to the city, and will be presented to owners of residential or commercial properties who have "restored, rehabilitated, adaptively reused or generally maintained their buildings," according to a release from the Historic Preservation Commission.

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U.T. invites inspectors to test schools

By MARY RUDLOFF
Ocean City Sentinel

UPPER TOWNSHIP – Inspectors from the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services recently made a reappearance in the local school district.

Inspectors from Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health (PEOSH) division met with district officials and inspected both the middle and elementary schools on Thursday, Feb. 5.

The building inspections were done at the request of the administration, accord-

ing to Superintendent of Schools Frederick Donatucci.

"We invited them to come back. We voluntarily had them come back," Donatucci said last week. "They will be giving us a report within two weeks. As far as we can see, there are no issues."

PEOSH came to the district in November to inspect the primary school, following a complaint or complaints regarding mold in the building. That inspection led to the district receiving a "Notice of Order to Comply" related to mold in that building.

The PEOSH inspection last week was not

connected to any primary school issues, Donatucci explained.

"We had them come over on Thursday, to look at both the middle and elementary schools," he said. "They did not revisit the primary school. As far as I know, the case is closed at the primary school."

The visit last week was also not in response to any specific concerns over either building's condition, Donatucci said. "When they visited, they said they would be happy to come back," he explained. "We

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Fairness In Taxes sets sights on schools

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cent of the state's school districts; - Of the same districts, Ocean City had the sixth highest experience factor, at 22 years; - Only 32 other districts had a higher total per pupil cost than Ocean City's, which they put at \$13,819; - 43 percent of the last year's senior class at OCHS did not take or scored below 500 on the verbal portion of the SAT tests, and 42 percent did not take or scored below 500 on the math portion. The two recurring themes throughout the presentation were why Ocean City taxpayers are

paying significantly more for public education than so many other districts in the state and what are they getting in return for the expense? Citing a recent visit to the intermediate school, Holahan compared it to a private school. He said that class sizes are too low, often dipping below 15 students per class due to student pull-outs for special areas. "This is an extremely rich program. One would think that when class size goes down, test scores go up," Holahan said. "We believe they have a competent staff, but we do think they are overstaffed."

Holahan said that while the district is making an effort to improve math scores on state tests through the introduction of the Chicago Math program, students who have already passed through the intermediate school have needs not being addressed. "We have a group of children in Ocean City that are falling through the cracks," he said. "Their math skills are only partially proficient, and you must help them now."

Holahan said that students who are now in high school have needs in the area of mathematics. GEPA scores, for tests taken in eighth grade, show that in 1999-2000, 35.6 percent of the current senior class scored only "partially proficient" in math. Classes that followed had slightly better scores, but still showed 24.5 percent of eighth graders in 2000-01; 31.2 percent in 2001-02 and 27.1 percent in 2002-03 scoring as only partially proficient.

"Our feeling is that the district needs to provide supplemental services immediately to those students now in high school," Holahan said. "They cannot wait for the Chicago Math program to provide help."

Holahan suggested using other students or adult volunteers in the community to tutor these students.

"We must help those students now. You must identify those children," Holahan said. "They need mentoring, they need tutors. You have groups of adults in this town that are willing to work with them. These kids are going along with academic deficiencies."

On the cost-side of the equation, Dugan said, with three key contracts expiring in the school district this year, most significantly the teachers contract, the board must hold the line on increases. "The contract three years ago

provided an increase in excess of 12 percent. That is considerably in excess of the cost of living index," Dugan said. "On top of that are incredibly generous benefits, including free medical benefits. That is a dinosaur."

We are not anti-education, but Fairness In Taxes believes the school district can do better and should be held accountable' - Richard Holahan

Dugan said the board needs to be more cognizant of "hidden costs" including longevity pay, fully paid medical benefits and unpaid sick leave that he said is uncapped.

"We are not anti-teacher. We are not anti-student," Dugan said. "But we believe the district should spend the considerable amount of money you have available in the most effective way."

He said FIT had made specific recommendations for negotiations, "with the intent for something fair across the board." Dugan said those recommendations had been given to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Donald Dearborn.

Recommendations from FIT included pursuing an early retirement incentive for teachers, employee contributions to health benefits, increases in line with the cost of living index.

"Shouldn't Ocean City be looking at incentive programs for early retirement," Holahan asked. "Districts have to look at their veteran staff, look at ways to rejuvenate that staff."

Board member Bart Russell said the school board had taken "an internal look" at such an incentive, but that it was not cost effective for the district. He said the district had been looking at the high experience level of the staff, and turnover done through

attrition. Holahan said staffing costs could also be reduced through attrition, with retiring teachers not being replaced, and increasing class sizes.

"Class size needs to be looked

and achievement. Costs in Ocean City are pretty steep."

"We don't want any programs cut that are working. If you find a program that works, do it," he continued. "Bureaucracies tend to throw money at issues."

Holahan said he was personally disappointed that no other school board members commented on the presentation, or asked any questions.

"Not one question was raised regarding the presented issues after

this 45-minute presentation that took more than a month to compile the results," a statement from FIT said. "Not one comment about helping the students that are performing poorly. Only two remarks were made from one board member indicating that the goal is to make the (intermediate school) a private school and that O.C. has the luxury to spend because there are people who live here who don't have kids in the schools."

Fairness In Taxes made several specific future recommendations. They include increasing proficiency scores, better communication with taxpayers, the analyzing of the educational and financial impact of programs by the full board, including staff members in those reviews; and outreach to senior citizens.

Current recommendations to the board include: cost control through negotiations of contracts, increasing class size and stopping "hiring unnecessary teachers"; negotiating contracts that "are fair to the district as well as the employees, instead of the other way around"; immediately developing a mentoring or tutoring program for partially proficient students; improving SAT scores and the number of students attending four-year colleges.

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Boating Safety recommendations

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Unit of the New Jersey State Police, the Garden State Seafood Association, the Marine Trades Association, the Cape May County Party and Charter Boats Association, and a private citizen.

A second task force meeting was held on Nov. 15, 2002 on the Camden Campus of Rutgers University, and a third and final meeting was held on March 7, 2003 in Pine Beach Borough Hall. As a result of the meetings, the following eight

recommendations were brought forward:

1) Increase the number of completed boat accident reports as required through a public awareness campaign with the boating community.

2) Require boaters of all ages to satisfactorily complete a mandatory boating course. The task force did not recommend that a comprehensive boat-licensing scheme be implemented at this time.

3) Phase in over time the boating safety course requirement in order to minimize the burden on the state police. The panel also recommended a test out option for experienced boaters and that the course should be made available via the Internet.

4) Increase educational requirements for boating safety course instructors and establishing other qualifications, such as passing a criminal background check.

5) Increase funds available for marine patrol needs. The panel suggested that research should be done on possible sources of stable funding for this purpose.

6) Require the Boat Regulation Commission to submit to the Legislature copies of the minutes of its meetings.

7) Require the Boat Regulation Commission to continue to determine speed limits.

8) Require insurance companies that offer boating insurance to provide a 10 to 15 percent discount on the premium of boaters who have satisfactorily completed a boating safety course if mandatory boating education is not required.

"Testimony was taken over a long time and a lot of people testified," Van Drew said. "We were trying to see how to make boating better and safer without being too onerous."

Much of the testimony presented promoted safety education rather than simply enacting laws that might be difficult to enforce. One key element of the task force's final report was statistics showing that, while the number of registered boats has increased over the past decade, the number of accidents has actually fallen.

The researchers were unable to determine if a required boating safety course for operators born after Dec. 31, 1978 accounted for the decline in reported accidents, or whether boaters simply failed to report accidents.

Over the past decade, accident claims for boats increased while the number of accident reports

files declined.

"In 1996, the law changed and it required all personal watercraft operators to complete operators course," Trooper Jeff Andres with the New Jersey State Police said. "It also required those born in 1979 or later to have gone through course, plus set a minimum age for operating a boat at sixteen."

Andres said prior to 1996, personal watercraft amounted to only 10 percent of all registered vessels, but they accounted for 40 percent of the accidents. In about 2001, the number of registered personal watercraft rose to 16 percent, but the number of accidents involving PWCs dropped to a percentage in the mid 20s.

"We can safely attribute that to education," Andres said.

A bill calling for the recommendations of the task force to be enacted into law is currently being considered.

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thought it would be a great idea. We plan to have them return, not every year but periodically."

The PEOSH Consultation Project provides free, on-site evaluations of potential occupational health hazards to public employers. The services are confidential and no citations are issued for violations identified during a consultation, according to the state's website. The consultation operation is separate from PEOSH enforcement operations, which result from complaints or concerns filed about workplace health or safety issues.

Donatucci said the PEOSH inspectors would make recommendations, and their inspection results would allow the district to be proactive with any building concerns.

"I'm sure we will probably hear about carpeting again, we always do," he said. "But we would not be cited for that. We thought it would be a good idea for them to come."

The visit included a pre-conference, attended by Donatucci, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds Kurt Austin and School Business Administrator Charles Muller. Muller and Austin also attended an exit conference following the inspection.

"The report from Kurt and Charlie is that there are no issues," Donatucci said. "We expect a full written report within two weeks, which we will present to the board."

The report will also be available to the public at that time.

Donatucci said the purpose of the inspections was to identify any concerns in either building before they became larger issues.

"This inspection was preventive. If there are any issues, we'd like to know. A lot of issues related to indoor air quality are relatively new to schools," Donatucci said. "To not take advantage of this free service is foolish. We're just interested in any issues that deal with the safety or welfare of students, and to see that we are on top of it."

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Thank you to all of my friends and coworkers who have been so kind and generous and helped to make me feel like everything was going to be okay!!

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Some still fighting to get zero tax hike in Ocean City

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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OCEAN CITY - Commenting on the fact that the city's chief financial officer John Hansen has presented a lower tax increase at every workshop or council meeting since the 2004 municipal budget was introduced, Jan. 15, First Ward Councilman Jody Alessandrino jokingly suggested council meet every night until the budget is finally passed.

"I recommend we have a workshop every night until the budget is passed because there has been a decrease every time," Alessandrino said.

However, not everyone is taking the penny increase in the same light.

"A tax decrease is not good enough because this spending is not reduced at all," resident Roy Wagner said.

Saying the administration would only need to find \$755,000 in savings to get to a zero tax increase, Wagner suggested the city increase productivity and efficiency of resources. Wagner said the city would be able to find \$755,000 interspersed throughout the \$47 million budget.

"Find the leaking faucets and fix them. Then we will save cups, then buckets ... then barrels," Wagner said.

Representatives from Fairness

In Taxes have suggested that the city has more money than they need in its fund balance and reserve for uncollected taxes - money they say could be used to eliminate any tax increase.

"This is the year to be much more bold about our surplus," David McGettigan said.

McGettigan said the city's fund balance was increased by \$667,608 in the 2004 budget, and

I recommend we have a workshop every night ... because there has been a decrease every time'
Councilman Alessandrino, speaking in jest

\$400,000 has been used in the budget. Fairness In Taxes, he said, recommended using the remaining \$267,608 in the budget and keeping the fund balance at its original estimate.

The group also believes that the anticipated revenues are too conservative, and should be adjusted to reflect a \$70,000 increase.

McGettigan said the revenues should be at least equal to the 2003 numbers, which were affected by unseasonably bad weather.

Fairness In Taxes made several other recommendations for reducing the 2004 budget, including:

- Decreasing regular salaries

and wages by \$350,000 by instituting a hiring freeze, eliminating unneeded positions, combining job responsibilities or replacing full-time employees with part-time workers. Cutting salaries and wages by \$350,000 would decrease the FICA expense, they say, by \$21,700.

- Remove three new police vehicles from the budget and save \$60,000.

- Cut capital improvement funds by \$150,000.

- Cut capital improvement/section by \$150,000, and

- Cut the reserve for uncollected taxes by between \$300,000 and \$600,000.

The group made additional cost cutting recommendations, including finding ways to reduce losses at the airport and aquatic center, and reducing overtime for police and fire.

Alessandrino said if the city was comfortable with adding \$255,000 to the fund balance, as originally proposed, then they should stick with that number and forgo the additional \$400,000 in the surplus account.

Alessandrino also agreed with members of the public who said \$1.3 million in the reserve for uncollected taxes was too much, calling it "a little too strong."

"I believe the residents of Ocean City are looking for a stabilized tax rate," Councilman Frank McCall said.

McCall took the opportunity to rebut some comments that have been circulating since a year ago, including remarks about taxes driving residents out of Ocean City.

"I wonder about the tax increase causing a mass exodus," he said.

On the other hand, McCall said he knew some people who were "tickled pink" to cash out on their property value increases and live somewhere else.

At the same time, McCall asked that the administration look for another \$755,000 to cut, or where revenue could be made up to effect a zero tax increase. Councilman Ron Denney, however, cautioned against trying to reach a zero tax increase just for the sake of reach that number.

"Zero is just a number, not a managed number," he said. "We can move it down to zero, but that's not a reason to do it. It should be for a good reason."

"My mantra is stability," Councilman Larry Carnuccio

added. "I only can add that, whatever number we end up with, I ask John (Hansen) to help us with these out-year forecasts."

Councilwoman Alice Wolf

asked the city to provide a list of the city's monthly expenses and monthly payroll.

OCPD's Washart gets lifesaving award in Upper Township

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

SEAVILLE - Sgt. Richard Washart wears one hat as the supervisor of the Traffic Safety Unit in Ocean City. He wears another as a captain with the Seaville Volunteer Fire Company. It was while he was acting in that capacity nearly a year ago when he was called upon to act in yet another role, that of paramedic, and help save the life of a fellow volunteer.

According to Fire Chief Rob Spigle, the company got a call on Feb. 26, 2003 to respond to a two-car accident at Caledonia Drive and Corsons Tavern Road in Upper Township.

"It was icy and there was snow on the roads, and we had an accident involving two vehicles with two people in one car and one in the other," Spigle said.

Washart drove a fire company truck to the scene to which the Upper Township Rescue Squad and New Jersey State Police also responded. EMS personnel were busy treating two of the three people from the car accident, when suddenly, fire policeman Wayne Crawford went down.

"I knew that he didn't just slip and

fall," Spigle said.

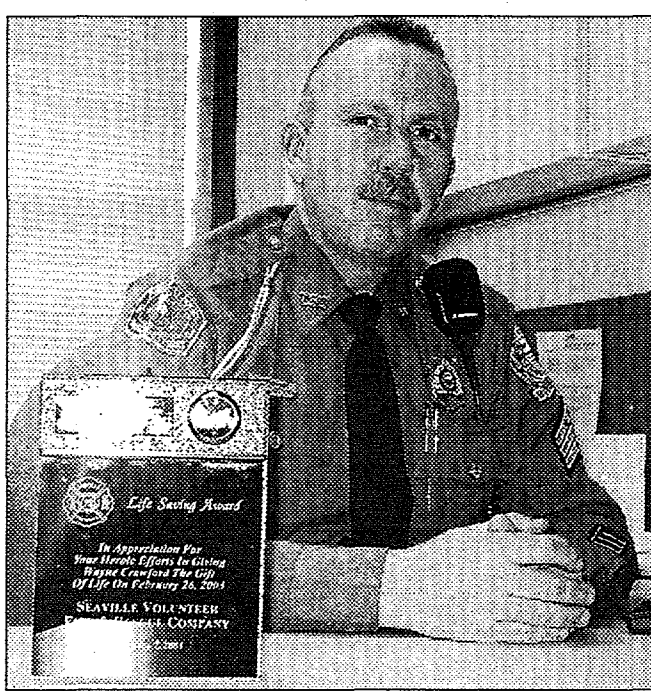
Washart and Dave Mason Jr., who had been attending to their trucks, immediately went to Crawford's aid. As the State Police put in a call for a "firefighter down," Washart and Mason determined that Crawford was in apparent cardiac arrest, with no pulse and no respiration. The two, along with Brian Allegretto, got equipment from the fire company's first responder truck and Washart and Mason administered the Automatic Defibrillator Device, as well as oxygen.

"They brought him back to life," Spigle said.

Spigle and several others went with Crawford to Shore Memorial Hospital where doctors credited the fast work of the fire company members with saving Crawford's life.

"They said it was a great save. They said if he had gone down at home or anywhere else the results would have been very different," Spigle said.

As a result of their efforts, Washart, Mason, Allegretto, and the Upper Township Rescue Squad were presented special lifesaving awards at the annual installation and awards banquet held Feb. 7.



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Sgt. Richard Washart with his award for helping save a fire policeman's life.

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Historic Preservation awards

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Criteria used for determining winners will be based on recommendations listed in the Standards of the Department of the Interior for National Register buildings. The Bayfront Historic Preservation District is on the National Register of Historic Places, Arleth said, and would therefore be recognized by the Department of the Interior. Historic buildings on Shore Road are not in the Historic Register, she explained, but would still be recognized by the city through this program.

"They will be held to the same criteria, but are not recognized by the Department of the Interior," Arleth said. "But the city has recognized them as important to the preservation of the history of our city."

To be eligible any property must have been included in the historic survey done in 1987 as a

contributing building, and must not have had significant alterations done to it since that time.

The key criteria for judging are taken from the Department of the Interior standards.

"Those are the standards we will follow, and we will look at the properties in a pretty stringent way," Arleth said. "So we ourselves are setting standards for recognizing historic properties in our city."

Those standards, Arleth said, include: the property being used for its purpose with minimal change to the character of the building; historic character of the structure retained; removal of historic features or changes of materials used must be minimal; preservation of distinctive features; any repairs or attempted replacement of deteriorating features are done in the original form; with new additions or other alterations, original materials are still used or not destroyed in the

original portion of the structure; any new or additional construction can not be imposed on the old structure.

Properties will be selected from nominations sent to the Somers Point Historic Preservation Commission. Guidelines and nomination forms are available by writing to the Historic Preservation Commission, c/o City Hall, 1 W. New Jersey Avenue, Somers Point, NJ 08244 or by contacting Arleth at 609-653-4991. Nomination deadline is March 19, 2004 and owners may nominate their own properties.

The owners of recognized properties will be presented with awards on May 8, 2004 at the grand opening of the Somers Point Historical Society Museum. The museum will be housed in the former library, which is also the former Somers Point Baptist Church, located on Shore Road next to City Hall.

"This will join ... groups together in recognizing the importance of the historic preservation of our city," Arleth said.

EVENTS, ETC.

Ocean City Cub Scouts host 'roller skating'

OCEAN CITY - Ocean City Cub Scouts Pack 51 will host a "roller skating party" Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Ocean City Civic Center. Kindergarten through second graders are 5:30-7 p.m. with grades three through six scheduled for 7:30-9 p.m. Admission is \$4 and refreshments will be sold.

Free valet parking now at Shore Memorial

SOMERS POINT - Patients and visitors at Shore Memorial Hospital now have a new convenience: valet parking service. Free valet parking is offered 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the hospital's main entrance. The new courtesy parking service began last week, according to an announcement by the hospital. According to Shore's president and CEO Albert L. Gutierrez, cars will be stacked in an existing hospital lot, providing more than 40 additional spaces near the main entrance. Gutierrez advises the parking lot between Brighton Avenue and Harbor Lane on Bay Avenue is scheduled for reconfiguration this spring providing 60 additional off-street parking spaces.

History program slated at St. James AME

OCEAN CITY - The Business and Professional Women's Club of Atlantic City will co-sponsor a Black History Program titled "Let my people go, I'm free, I'm delivered" beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 29 at St. James AME Church, 7th Street and Haven Avenue. The Rev. Victor Covington will speak and there is no admission to the program which is open to the public. For information call Ann Smith at 645-2239 or Kemry McFarland at 399-9019.

Tim Byrne to speak at Chamber luncheon

WILDWOOD - Tim Byrne of Upper Township, vice president of the J. Byrne Insurance Agency in Wildwood, will speak at the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce luncheon set to begin at noon today (Thursday) in Garfield's Restaurant, Garfield and Pacific Avenues. For information or luncheon reservations call the Chamber at 465-7181.

Screenings and assessments at fitness center

OCEAN CITY - Shore Memorial Hospital will host a free mini heart health day 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Ocean City Aquatic and Fitness Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue. "Heart Disease: Are you at risk?" will be presented by Christina Kozmor, Shore's cardiac rehabilitation program director. Free blood pressure screenings as well as cholesterol tests for \$5 and lipid profiles for \$10 will be offered. For information call Shore Memorial's Wellness Center at 653-4500.

O.C. Chamber to celebrate 'Fat Tuesday'

SOMERS POINT - The Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce presents the "Fat Tuesday Celebration" and networking mixer 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Bubba Mac Shack on Bay Avenue. Members are \$5 and guests are free at the celebration featuring door prizes and a buffet. For information or reservations call the Chamber at 399-1412.

ACCC offers professional development online

MAYS LANDING - Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) has announced they are offering a variety of professional development courses online for teachers. The state requires all active teaching staff members complete 100 hours of professional development every five years. Most courses are 15 hours and begin each month. For information or registration, call ACCC at 609-343-4829 or check online at www.atlantic.edu/conted.

Kidshows series presents 'The Dinner Dogs'

MAYS LANDING - The Atlantic County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs concludes the season's Kidshows series with a presentation by "The dinner Dogs" at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 in the Walter Edge Theater at Atlantic Cape Community College, 5100 Black Horse Pike. Tickets are \$3 at the door for the musical group. For information call the cultural affairs office at 646-896, ext. 6314.

Colony Club of O.C. to hold annual dinner

OCEAN CITY - Colony Club of Ocean City will hold their annual "covered dish" hosted by the American Home Department Monday, Feb. 23 at the home of Marion McCaughy. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a "dish." Colony Club, a Federated Women's Club, raises funds for scholarships and community projects. For information or reservations call 390-5992.

Genealogy research programs in hospital

SOMERS POINT - Genealogy research programs with Bill Fehlinger will meet 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 on the fourth floor in the west classroom at Shore Memorial Hospital. The free group meets monthly on obtaining past records and research family histories. For information or registration call 653-4500.

AARP driver safety program held in O.C.

OCEAN CITY - The AARP will present their "55 Alive Driver Safety Program" 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, March 9 and 10 in the Ocean City Library at 17th Street and Simpson Avenue. For information call Bernice Brunson at 465-4818. The program will be held 5-9 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 25 and 26 in DeVico Senior in Cape May Court House; call Frank Agenlone at 463-0939 for information on the classes at the senior center.

'Martini tasting' benefits community services

MARGATE - Community Mediation Services Community Justice Institute will host a "martini tasting" 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at Mojo's, 223 North Washington Avenue. Live jazz and an array of treasures will be featured. For information or tickets call 609-345-7267.

J. B. Schwakter performs at Fine Arts League

OCEAN CITY - Singer songwriter J.B. Schwakter will perform at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at the Ocean City Fine Arts League, 943 Asbury Avenue. Originally from Boston, Schwakter has lived in the Philadelphia New Jersey shore area for over a decade. The "No Need" band will also appear and the program which is \$2 at the door. For information, call the arts league at 814-0308.

'Black Ethnic Unity' at Shiloh Baptist

OCEAN CITY - Praise Dancers of Faith Tabernacle Church in Camden will be featured at the "Black Ethnic Unity" program set to begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 7th Street and Simpson Avenue. Great African American men and women will be presented as well as music at the program. For information call Anna Livingston at 399-8982.

Literacy Volunteers offer ESL training

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - Literacy Volunteers of America Cape Atlantic will host English as a Second Language (ESL) tutor training 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 21 and 28 in the intermediate meeting room at Cape May County's administrative offices, Crest Haven and Moore Roads. For information call the Literacy volunteer at 383-3377.

School life in the 1800s is program topic

UPPER TOWNSHIP - Upper Township's kindergarten classes will visit the Friendship School, c.1830, at 859 South Shore Road in Palermo Friday, Feb. 20 where the children will be shown about school life in the early 1800s. The program is hosted by volunteers from the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township. The society will hold their annual covered dish dinner meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Church of the Resurrection, 200 West Tuckahoe Road in Marmora. "Show and tell" will be featured. For information about the society, call 390-5656 or e-mail hpsutnj@hotmail.com.

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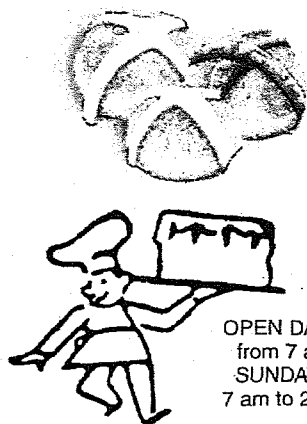
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Public works facility bids rejected; city may pare project

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY - The city asked city council last week to authorize the rejection of all bids received for the proposed Public Works Operations and Engineering Center.

Public works director George Savastano told council the city received eight bids on Jan. 27,

but each of the bids exceeded the \$5.3 million budget for the project. The lowest bid exceeded that amount by \$300,000.

"We have two options: to ask for more money, or make changes to bring the project within our budget. That's (making changes) the course we recommend," Savastano said.

Savastano said the high bids seem to be a trend. He told coun-

cil the last three projects Garrison Architects, which designed the public works complex, put out all came back high.

Savastano said he was recommending cutting some of the alternatives to the project and do some of the work in-house. He said he would have liked to contract out the demolition of the old trade shops, but added, "We'll do it if we have to."

In response to a question about appraisals on city owned property in the 4500 block of West Avenue, the sale of which was intended to fund the public works complex construction project, city solicitor Gerald Corcoran said he intended to announce the completion of the appraisal as the second part of the discussion related to this project. Corcoran said the appraisal put the value of

the property at approximately \$5.7 million, which exceeds the amount budgeted for the project. However, he said the numbers were conservative and could go

higher if the area is rezoned for smaller lots. Corcoran said there is a need for a lot of discussion before any action is taken on the sale of the property.

Special Olympics athlete brings home the winter gold



Dan Miller

Resort raises the price of daily beach tag to \$5

OCEAN CITY - City council voted to approve a one-dollar hike in the cost of a daily beach tag, which is expected to add another \$75,000 to the city coffers.

Council approved the increase, Feb. 12, raising the daily beach tag rate from \$4 to \$5. Other rates remain unchanged, including: Preseason "Seasonal Tag," which is \$13 if purchased before May 31; Seasonal "Seasonal Tag," which is \$18 if purchased June 1 or after; and the week tag, which is \$8 and is good from Friday to the following Saturday in the week identified.

The resolution also added the

phrase, "Beach Tags are non-transferable" to the ordinance. Certain shore communities had sought to limit the number of beach tags any person could buy, a move that was challenged in court. Instead, communities have opted to include the statement prohibiting the transfer of beach tags between persons in their local ordinances.

Ocean City expects to collect about \$2.5 million from beach tags in 2004, of which \$375,000 is expected to come from the sales of daily beach tags, which are good only for the day they are purchased.

Conference of Mayors honors freeholder Leonard Desiderio

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

TRENTON - The New Jersey Conference of Mayors announced Feb. 4 the selection of Freeholder Leonard Desiderio of Cape May County as the NJCM Annual Freeholder of the Year.

Desiderio was informed via letter of the conference of mayors' decision, and the award was announced at the Feb. 10 freeholder meeting. Woodbine Mayor William Pikolycky, a vice president of the NJCM, is credited with recommending Desiderio for the award.

"They review based on recommendations of mayors from across the state," Pikolycky said. "Freeholder Leonard Desiderio was selected from among all the applicants."

Pikolycky said one thing the NJCM does is evaluate what a freeholder does to assist mayors and the municipalities they represent.

"There was a number of things that was in his favor. One, he is a mayor himself, and two, he wears two hats on the freeholder board," Pikolycky said. "That makes it appealing when a mayor is in need of help in the county."

Some of the credit for Desiderio's selection is due to the work he did in finalizing an agreement between Cape May County and the 15 municipalities

participating in the county animal shelter program. Pikolycky said the municipalities were "at loggerheads" with the county for several years before Desiderio came with a funding formula that was acceptable to the municipalities. Also in his favor, Pikolycky said, were news stories reporting that Desiderio was admonished at freeholder meetings to remember that he is a freeholder, there, and not a mayor. The NJCM liked to hear that a freeholder was thinking like a mayor.

"When he makes decisions, he's not making them in a vacuum, so it gives a nice balanced approach," Pikolycky said.

Pikolycky said Desiderio will be in good company when he receives his award on April 22 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City.

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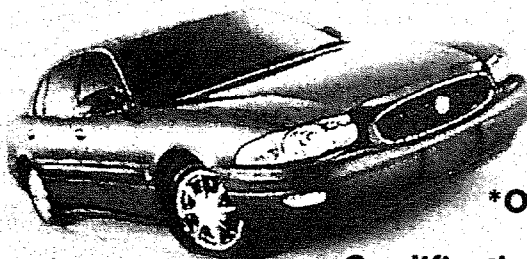
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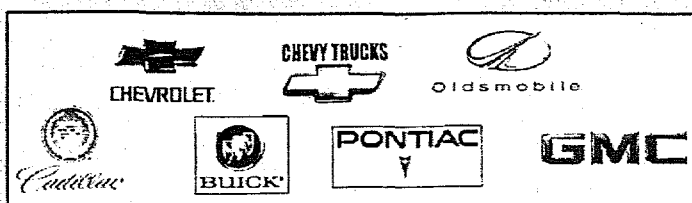
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Group offers bereavement support

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY – A bereavement support group started as an outreach ministry of St. Frances Cabrini Church is inviting people to participate in an eight-week program starting March 23.

The group, which will meet on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., was started to help people come to terms with the loss of a family member or other loved one.

"We have a bereavement ministry, and one of its components is a support group," Vince Trainer, a group facilitator, said.

Trainer, who works with facilitators Barbara Hansen, Marie Lynch, Kay Reilly, and Dolly Brown, said the four components of the bereavement ministry are liturgy, hospitality, outreach and support. Liturgy and hospitality are performed at the time of the

funeral. Outreach may take the form of sympathy cards, phone calls, or personal visits. Support, Trainer said, is at the end of the spectrum, when the person is trying to cope with the natural emotions of grief or loss.

Started over and year and a half ago, the three previous bereavement group sessions have aided about 30 people in dealing with their grief. The group uses a test entitled "Understanding Grief," which identifies normal occurrences experienced at the time of loss.

"It just gives everybody hands-on involvement, not just giving them a lot of fact or fiction," Trainer said.

Although the bereavement support group is at St. Frances Cabrini Roman Catholic Church, the group is open to anyone.

"We are not restricting it to members of the parish, or

church, or denomination," Trainer said. "Anyone is welcome."

Trainer said the bereavement support group is not a means of proselytizing – it's just a way of showing caring to the community. The group meetings will be

held at Cullineys Hall, Holberger Room (Library) at 110 Atlantic Ave., Ocean City. The session will run from March 23 to mid-May. Anyone wishing more information should call Vince Trainer at 609-399-3127, or 609-399-4776.

OBITUARIES More obituaries on page B4

Mary Camburn, 80

BEESLEY'S POINT – Mary Camburn, 80, of this community died Feb. 16 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point. She was born in Glenside, Pa., and had lived in Ocean City before moving to Beesley's Point 13 years ago.

Mrs. Camburn was a graduate of Ocean City High School. She worked with the support staff at Ocean City Intermediate School in Ocean City for 16 years before retiring in 1988. Mrs. Camburn was a member of Resurrection Church in Marmora. She was a member and past treasurer of Pocahontas, an affiliation of the Order of the Redmen in Ocean City.

Surviving are her husband, Richard E.; six children, Frances C. Mazzeralla of Beesley's Point, Albert of Baton Rouge, La., Carol A. and Thomas, both of Ocean

City, Richard of Beaufort, S.C., and Catherine M. of Villas; her siblings, Esther Ciampa of Jenkintown, Pa., Frank Pileggi and Angela Pileggi, both of Somers Point, and Thomasina League of Marble Falls, Tex.; five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11 a.m. today (Thursday) from Church of the Resurrection, 200 West Tuckahoe Road in Marmora where friends may call from 10 a.m. until time of mass. Burial will follow in Cape May County Veterans' Cemetery, Cape May Court House. Arrangements by The Godfrey Funeral Homes of Ocean City and Palermo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Capital Campaign Fund, c/o Church of the Resurrection, 200 West Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, N.J. 08223.

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Family movie matinees hosted at library

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'Open critique for artists' set at arts center

OCEAN CITY – "Open critique for all artists" with Hill Cucci-Smith are set for the third Saturday of each month at Ocean City Arts Center, 1735 Simpson Avenue. Artists are invited to bring a piece being worked on or recently finished for discussion on "Critique Day." Cucci-Smith holds a master's degree in art education and is an artist. Beginners to professionals are welcome, according to an announcement by the center. For information call the arts center at 399-7628.

President's Ball and Auction at country club

SOMERS POINT – Shore Memorial Hospital will sponsor the 2004 Foundation for Education's President's Ball and Silent Auction Friday, Feb. 27 at Greate Bay Country Club, according to an announcement by the city's community education office. The event kicks off with the silent auction at 5:30 p.m. and dining and dancing follows until 11:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Foundation for Education Somers Point. Tickets for the President's Ball are \$80 per person. For information or reservations, call 927-7161, ext. 256.

County budget public hearing is Tuesday

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders will hold a "public hearing" on the proposed budget at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the meeting room at the county's administration building, 4 Moore Road. Following input from the public, the freeholders are expected to take action on adopting of the county's 2004 budget.

Student musician workshops are planned

SOMERS POINT – Student musician workshops will start at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 6 at chARTer TECH High School, 413 New Road. The student workshops for brass, woodwinds and rhythm as well as jazz vocal sessions are held in conjunction with the Cape Savings Bank Jazz at the Point. Professional jazz musicians and singers will teach. Jazz bands performances featuring Attales School, Ocean City High School and chARTer TECH follow the workshops and Rowan University Swing band presents a concert at 2:30 p.m. The programs are free and open to the public. For information call 927-7161, ext. 256 or check online at www.spjazz.com.

Country Shore Women's Club to meet

UPPER TOWNSHIP – Members of Country Shore Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the Upper Township branch of the Cape May County Library in Petersburg. The club meets the fourth Tuesday of each month through May. For information call Linda Tozour at 390-3400.

Sponsors sought for summer concerts

SOMERS POINT – The Somers Point Concert on the Beach series has announced they are seeking sponsors for the 2004 season running from June 18 through Sept. 10 on the William Morrow Memorial Beach at New Jersey and Bay Avenues. The free concerts are held each Friday and sponsorship levels vary from \$300 to \$2,000. For information, call the Community Education and Recreation Office at 609-927-7161, ext. 256.

Cape May County Open Space Board to meet

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Cape May County Open Space Review board will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the intermediate meeting room at the county's administrative offices, 4 Moore Road. For information call the county at 465-1080.

Brown vs. Board of Education is forum topic

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP – Robert J. Grey Jr., Esq. and president-elect of the American Bar Association, will serve as keynote speaker for a special presentation and discussion of the United States Supreme Court's 1954 decision in Brown vs. Board of Education set for 4:30-6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in the A-Wing lecture hall at Stockton College off Jimmie Leeds Road in Pomona. The program is free and open to the public and a reception follows. For information call Linda Wharton, department of political science and chair of the Brown event planning committee, at 609-652-4716.

Single parents to host "Mardi Gras" dance

SOMERS POINT – Shore Chapter of Single Parents Society will host "Mardi Gras - Meet on Basin Street" 8:30-11 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at Somers Point VFC Fire Hall No. 1 on Bethel Road. Music by George Tanger and refreshments will be featured. Admission is \$6 for members and \$8 for guests. Annual memberships are \$20 per person and include newsletters. For information call 609-886-2466 or 856-866-0766.

Audubon society to hold meeting program

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP – Atlantic Audubon Society will hold their regular meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25 at the Galloway branch of the Atlantic County Library off Jimmie Leeds Road. Mark Garland, senior naturalist with NJ Audubon, will present "The singular beauty of Olympic National Park." The program is free and open to the public. Atlantic Audubon hosts "blue bird class" noon-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Forsythe Refuge. For information call Mike O'Brien at 856-782-8197.

New York City bus trip departs from O.C.

OCEAN CITY – A New York City bus trip will depart at 8 a.m. Saturday, May 15 from the Ocean City Transportation Center at 10th Street and Haven Avenue. Transportation is \$25 for the trip which will leave New York city at 6 p.m. to return. For information or reservations stop by City Hall Annex, 9th Street and Asbury Avenue, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For information call Kristie Fenton at 525-9304.

Arc education advocate meets with families

SOUTH DENNIS – Arc of Cape May County has announced the organization's state director of education advocacy will be available to meet with individual families to discuss their child's individualized education program (IEP). The free sessions will be offered to parents or guardians noon-7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9 at Arc, 822 Route 47. For information or to schedule an appointment, call Sarah Matthews at 861-7100.

College aid workshop planned at school

SOMERS POINT – A workshop for parents on college financial planning has been set for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at the Jordan Road School. For information or reservations call 390-9777.

Shore auxiliary to host Flower Show trip

SOMERS POINT – The Auxiliary of Shore Memorial Hospital will sponsor a bus trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show Thursday, March 11 for \$40 per ticket. The bus departs at 8 a.m. from the Ocean City Transportation Center at 9th Street and Haven Avenue and at 8:20 a.m. from the lot near the hospital's thrift shop in Somers Point Shopping Plaza at Route 9 and Bethel Road. The bus will leave Philadelphia at 3:30 p.m. For information or reservations call the volunteer auxiliary office at the hospital, 609-653-35443.

Historic homeowners announce meeting

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE – The Dennisville Historic Home Owners Association will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, March 1 the Cape May County Historical Museum, 504 Route 9. The museum staff will host tours and offer presentations and everyone is welcome. For information call Jack Connolly at 861-1338.

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A group of Holy Cross High School students show school pride at the 10th annual Polar Bear Plunge in Sea Isle City Saturday afternoon. Held every February, the event benefits Sea Isle City tourism.

Plunge: Fine weather for 'bear' skin

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

SEA ISLE CITY - The air temperature was supposed to reach around 50 degrees, Saturday, which was fine with many of the participants in the 10th Annual Polar Bear Plunge in Sea Isle City - many of whom bared a lot of skin for the event.

None more so than Phil Sharpe of Maple Shade, who wore what appeared to be a professional wrestler's mask, that covered more skin than his backless briefs. Sharpe's arrival and antics on the beach, including the burly man dropping down into a split, elicited roars of laughter and cheers from the crowd of spectators who lined the polar bear area. Sharpe was just one of many of the more than 400 participants who didn't seem to mind being on the beach in swimwear in February.

"It's not even cold out here," said Justin Vitti, who had just completed his fourth polar bear plunge.

Vitti, a Camden County native who is living in Rio Grande, and friend Amy Fogelman, of Reading, Pa., were two members of a group known as "Braveheart," who arrived in blue war paint and plaid skirts - and that was just the men. The so-called "kilts" were, in most cases, actually plaid, pleated skirts pilfered from their sisters' closets.

Joanna Andrews, of Ambler, Pa., who was part of the "LaCosta Bouncers," echoed Vitti's sentiments; and like several other veterans, referred to last year's Arctic-like polar bear plunge.

"Actually, compared to last year, it's not bad at all," she said. "Last year, I couldn't feel my feet for about 40 minutes."

The faux-muscle padding in the Bouncers' costumes, however, went a long way in keeping the group warm. Asked if she would be returning next year, the three-year veteran of the polar bear plunge, simply answered, "No doubt."

Three local girls, Carrie Manning and sisters Alicia and Brittany Williams tried the plunge for the first time Saturday on a whim.

"It was a last-minute thought," Brittany Williams said. "But that made it a lot of fun because it was so spontaneous."

Williams said she didn't feel foolish because, essentially, she was just being like everyone else that day.

"The whole crowd is being foolish," Williams said.

Ukee Washington, "Eyewitness News" anchor at KYW-TV, Channel 3 in Philadelphia, was also one of this year's plungers. According to Sea Isle City publicist, Irene Jameson, Washington described the Sea Isle event as "more than a polar bear plunge, it's an event."

Two Philadelphia residents decided to double dip and take two plunges on the same day. Tim McCusker proposed to Jennifer Punzo at the polar bear plunge. McCusker, who planned the proposal in November, painted the message "Jenny - Will You - Marry" on three of his friends, with "ME" painted on his own chest.

Under the guise of posing for a photograph, the men lined up to reveal the marriage proposal, but the intended was having too much fun to read the message.

"She kept trying to jump in the picture, and she wasn't reading the message," McCusker said.

When she realized what was going on, Punzo threw a handful of sand at McCusker and tackled him on the beach.

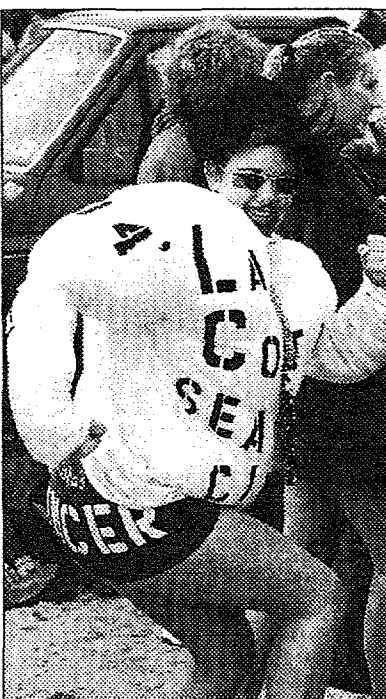
"But, obviously I said yes," Punzo said.

The couple has not set a date but would like to have a spring wedding.

Commissioner and public safe-

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Ocean City Sentinel

Above, Jennifer Punzo accepted the marriage proposal of Jim McCusker on the Sea Isle City beach. At left, Joanna Andrews shows good form as a "LaCosta Bouncer" while getting ready for the Polar Bear Plunge. Below, five Elvses from Camden County drove into Sea Isle to take the plunge.



ty director James Iannone, who was helping with crowd control, said at least one other individual - a man in a cupid costume - proposed to his sweetheart at the polar bear plunge, which was also Valentine's Day.

Jameson, who was one of five individuals named "Master Polar Bears," said she thought the event went well "considering the big crowd." Jameson said there was improved crowd control, and the new system of judging the costumes at the registration area worked out well. The LaCosta Lounge, where some of the pre-plunge activities and the post-plunge party took place, made an effort to ensure no beer bottles left the party tent.

Jameson said there were 170 people pre-registered for the plunge, and about 250 registered on the day of the event.

"There are usually about 100 who come on the day of the event and don't register at all," she said.

Participants had to be registered in order to be judged. Winners in the various categories

include:

Oldest Polar Bears, male and female: Tom Sichort, 80, Egg Harbor City, and Betsy Blowers, 64, Vineland.

Youngest Polar Bears, male and female (12 and up): Christian Raubert, 12, Berlin, and Emily Davis, 12, Haddon Township.

Polar Bear raising the most money in pledges: Susan Rowe (\$236), Vineland.

Most Original Costume: Fred Kampf ("Sea Isle City Baywatch") Exton, Pa., and Gregory Shinn ("The Beach"), Lansdale, Pa.

Best Polar Bear Group: "Unknown Sea Isle City Plungers," Jer McManus, Jerry McManus, Jim Heary, Michael Urso, and Jim Huffman, from Drexel Hill, Springfield and Havertown, Pa., and "Bathing Beauties," Kelly DeMonde, Wes DeMonde, Tony DiIorio, and Fran Delaney, Newtown Square, Havertown, and Glen Mills, Pa. The winners received trophies and knit wool hats.

Five individuals received the first time ever Master Polar Bear Award for participating in 10 consecutive Sea Isle City Polar Bear Plunges, including: Rich Narkiewicz, 36, Haddonfield, Robert Jameson, 53, Wilmington, Del., and Janet Halasek, 58, Kevin McClory, 52, and Irene Jameson, 79, all of Sea Isle City.

Tracey Arolla-Pinto, Fairlawn, won the \$200 basket of cheer.



City Council approves resolutions on bids, fees

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY - City council took the following action on Feb. 12, 2004:

City council passed on introduction and first reading Ordinance 04-01 amending the city's municipal fee ordinance with regard to beach tags.

The following resolutions each passed by a vote of 7-0:

Resolution 1: Authorized the introduction of the 2004 local municipal budget.

Resolution 2: Authorized the award of a city contract for the purchase of uniforms and sportswear to various vendors.

Resolution 3: Authorized the award of a city contract for the reconstruction of West Avenue between 3rd and 6th Streets, to Blair, L.L.C. for the amount of \$363,453.00.

Resolution 4: Authorized the rejection of bids for a city contract for baseball camp/instruc-

tors.

Resolution 5: Authorized the rejection of bids for a city contract for the new Public Works Operations and Engineering Center.

Resolution 6: Authorized the cancellation of certain improvement authorizations to the amount of \$19,046.13.

Resolution 7: Authorized the chief financial officer to certify the 2004 Local Municipal Budget.

Resolution 8: Authorized a cash management plan for the city of Ocean City.

Resolution 9: Authorized the payment of bills.

Resolution 10: Authorized the transfer of appropriation reserves of the 2004 Local Municipal Budget.

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COMMENTARY

EDITORIAL

Name a local prosecutor

Before we had a chance to be wary of the naming of a new acting prosecutor for Cape May County, the governor's office was issuing assurances it is but a stopgap measure.

This time, that may be true.

The county has had an acting prosecutor since 1997. This month, Gov. James E. McGreevey appointed the third acting prosecutor in recent years, Robert H. Codey, in what initially appeared a continuance of the theme. Codey, a deputy attorney general and brother of Senate President Richard J. Codey, is from far north, adding fuel to the fire of a political payoff.

Politics, many have grumbled, has been the problem for years over why a permanent prosecutor wasn't named over the course of both Republican and Democratic governors, though for different reasons.

But wait. McGreevey spokesman Micah Rasmussen said this time, the temporary appointment is just that and a permanent appointment is close at hand.

A press release from Vaughn L. McKoy, director of the Division of Criminal Justice, said one of Codey's priorities is to "oversee the routine

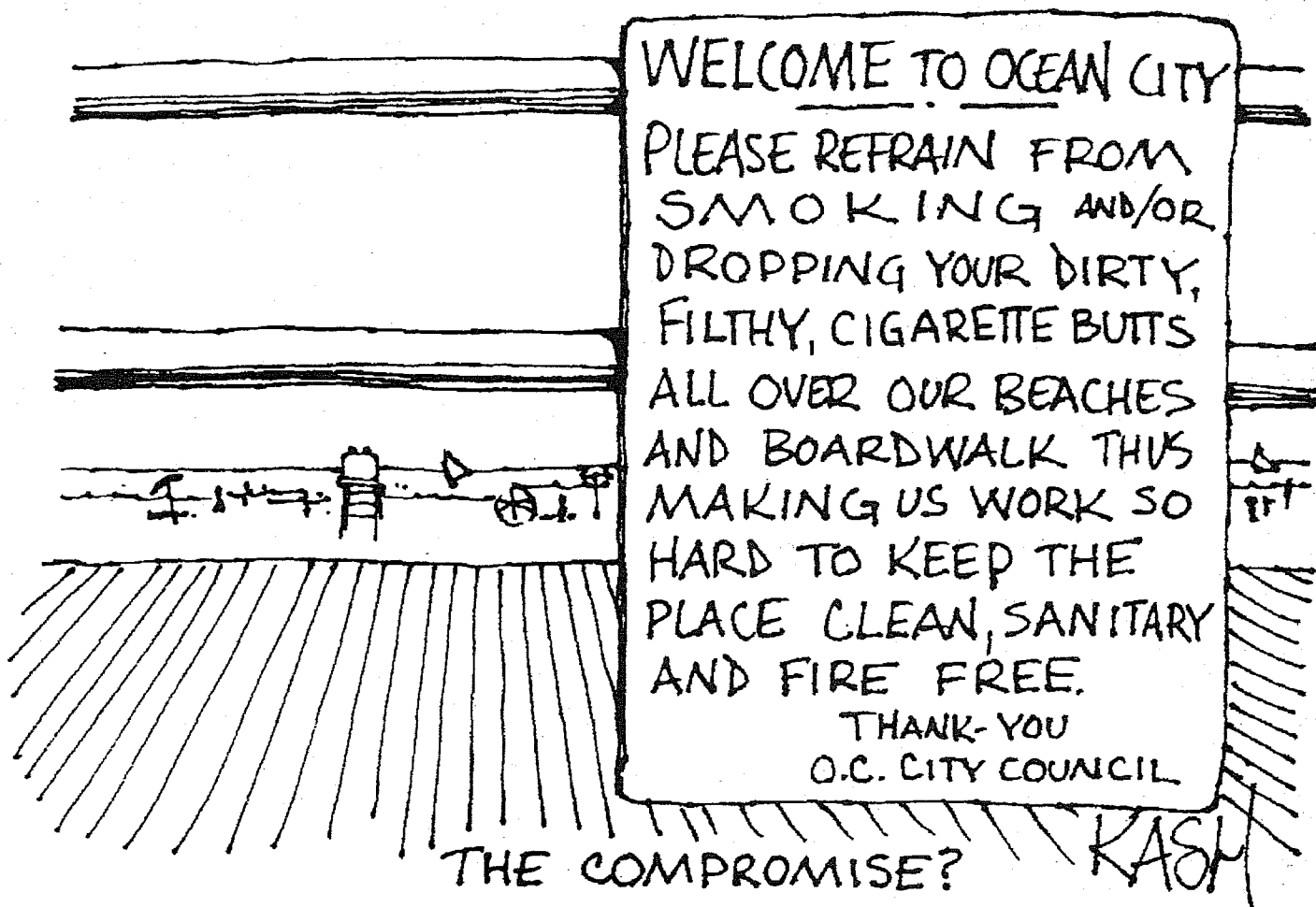
and periodic audit" of the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. Audits, McKoy said, are routinely conducted prior to the naming of a full-time or acting prosecutor.

Rasmussen said a local appointment is coming, maybe even in the next eight to ten weeks.

"The governor is preparing to make a nomination of a local attorney," Rasmussen said. And that attorney is to be from Cape May County. Once McGreevey makes the appointment, it has to be reviewed by a committee of the county bar association and then the state bar association and then must be approved by the Senate.

We can't imagine Rasmussen being so definite about the imminent naming of a local prosecutor that the governor is going to let it lapse again. The governor already has wasted the opportunity to pick a local prosecutor for half his term, so more delay is not acceptable.

It's time our representatives hold the governor's feet to the fire and make sure this promise comes to fruition. In fact, they should mark eight to 10 weeks on their calendars and if the promise isn't fulfilled, demand to know why.



LETTERS

these regulations will promote sprawl and have a negative impact on the environment. Housing advocates claim that affordable housing does not result in sprawl. They argue that affordable housing accounts for only 5.4 percent of all residential construction since 1983, and this small number cannot be the cause of sprawl. (For the record, please compare that 5.4 percent figure with the 10 percent that the new regulations call for, plus the provision of one affordable unit for every 30 jobs created as a result of commercial development.)

The League has never argued that the affordable housing units themselves constitute sprawl. What we do argue is that past New Jersey's affordable housing policy, whether administered by the courts or by COAH, has contributed to sprawl. The housing advocates fail to see or choose to ignore the obvious logical flaw in their argument. Why were such a relatively small number of residential units built as affordable units? It is because the Courts and COAH have relied on a methodology that encouraged a massive amount of market-rate units with a small number of affordable units. It is the over-reliance on the construction of market-rate units that has clearly contributed to sprawl in New Jersey. It is the over-reliance on the construction of market rate units that has discouraged many municipalities from seeking COAH certification in the first place. It is the affordable housing policy that has clearly contributed to sprawl.

The growth share model put forth by COAH wisely shifts the focus. It employs what we term, "Build as you grow." Economic pressures will continue to dictate growth, but now municipalities will be able to plan with consistency for sound environmental policy, for growth and housing, instead of having it dictated by a complicated formula. The strength of these regulations is their simplicity: you grow, you build.

Fourth, opponents argue that these regulations are not "family friendly," citing the provision that allows a municipality to achieve 50 percent of its obligation for housing through seniors. They argue that this provision, coupled with the pre-existing allowance that 50 percent of a housing obligation can be achieved through "regional contributions agreements" (RCA), allows a municipality to achieve its obligation without actually building any family housing. The 50 percent provision for seniors is perhaps the most controversial aspect of the regulations, for the reasons cited above. The opponents argue that seniors comprise a small percentage of those in need of affordable housing, and that this provision is merely a mechanism for municipalities to skirt their obligation. We note, however, that 58 percent of those who qualify as low and moderate income are seniors. So, allowing a municipality to achieve 50 percent of its obligation through housing for seniors hardly seems unreasonable.

Furthermore, certain advocates even argue that these regulations are discriminatory against those with disabilities and the very low income. They make this assertion despite the new provisions that allow for a 1.33 for 1 credit for housing for the disabled and a 2 for 1 credit for housing for very low income. In truth, they only make this argument because they oppose the use of credits under any circumstances. Credits have been and will continue to be used to encourage various types of housing (i.e. rental, senior, disabled, or very low income.)

These regulations will encourage more affordable units for senior citizens, the disabled and very low income families, and as well provide for more affordable housing overall in a rational manner.

COAH's proposed third round regulations represent a positive step forward for New Jersey in terms of smart growth and the provision of affordable housing. As noted before, League representatives spoke at each of the COAH public hearings. One of representatives who attended the hearing at the Monmouth County Public Library noted in the time that he listened to the hearing, no one mentioned the State Plan. That is unfortunate, since these regulations attempt to bridge what had previously been contradictory policy. We believe COAH should be commended for integrating the fair share obligation with "smart growth" and sound planning.

Bill Dressel
Executive Director
New Jersey State
League of Municipalities

POINTS SOUTH

BY CHRISTOPHER SOUTH

What will they remember?

One morning I got up and baked bread so my kids would have the opportunity to know what it was like to have fresh-baked bread for breakfast. I should not have been surprised when words of praise and gratitude did not gush from their bread and jam filled mouths. I even heard from my oldest son that his friends thought I was "weird" for getting up before anyone else in order to bake bread. They are so far removed from generations when, if somebody did not get up before everyone else to bake bread, there would be none at the breakfast table.

But these days, it's just plain "weird," and the fact that the father was doing it made it just that much weirder, I suppose. But you know what? I'm glad that I have done things that my kids think are weird, because I believe that these things will translate to memories. Not that I seek to do weird things, necessarily, but I'm not afraid to be weird when a) no one gets hurt, and b) it just seems to make sense. Such as with the chair I am sitting on.

I bought an office chair with wheels for use at the computer table, and it always seemed a little low. I also bought a set of wooden, cane-backed chairs for the dining table, and we were using one of these chairs at the computer instead of the short office chair. The problem was that it didn't have wheels. But as the dining room chairs had a tendency to loosen up (which I have since remedied) and one of them actually broke, I took the seat and back from the dining room chair, still in good condition, and mounted it on the base of the office chair with its wheels. I ended up with a hybrid chair that looks weird, but functions perfectly. The chair sits at a comfortable level, and can be easily rolled away from the computer table. When my kids saw what I had done they said, "You're crazy," but none of them have refused to use the weird chair I created. Perhaps this will even be a lasting memory.

I have a few memories from my childhood that represent efforts by my parents to make something simple that turned out to be special, and remain as memories from my childhood. One of them was a hobbyhorse my father made out of extra posts and rails from a rail fence he was putting up around the yard. I distinctly remember the bottle caps used for eyes. I don't know how long the horse lasted, but the memory has lasted far longer. Similarly, my father put together a simple wooden fort one year at the family-owned cabin in northern Michigan. There was a saw mill nearby, and my parents went there and collected slats of bark and wood that remained when the bark was trimmed off the trucks before they became planks.

My father nailed them together to form walls for what became a miniature frontier fort.

My mother had her own contributions to my childhood memories, one of which is of the carousel birthday cakes she

used to make. They used to sell animal shaped shortbread cookies with pink icing that she used for the animals on the carousel. Add some striped drinking straws and a paper roof and you have a nifty carousel. Sometimes she didn't bother with the roof, but no one ever seemed to mind.

Between my mother and father, mom tended to be the one to do the "weird" things, such as packing me a liverwurst and cranberry sauce sandwich in my school lunch, one day. I don't know how it tasted, because I didn't want the other kids to see what it was, let alone put it in my mouth, but it gave rise to another life-long memory.

When I was in high school, my mother started a family tradition that is being passed down to the second generation. Stealing food off another person's plate at the dinner table was a competitive sport in our home. That tends to happen where there are large families. The rules are simple: you distract another eater long enough to swipe some food off his or her plate, and don't get caught. One winter, when there were just three of us left at home, I was arriving home late from school and we had a significant amount of snow on the ground. My mother's ploy, on that particular day was to say, "Oh, look, Chris just fell in the snow." My two sisters jumped up and ran to the window for the chance to see me sprawled out in the snow, only to find out that my mother was trying to pull a fast one. However, my sisters' reaction - jumping up and running to the window - made my mother laugh so hard she forgot to steal some food.

However, from that day forward, "Oh, look, Chris just fell in the snow" became the standard expression for alerting someone that the contents of their plate were being coveted, regardless of the season. I recently learned that my sister's son, who is in kindergarten, has used the expression at the dinner table on several occasions. The family couldn't be prouder.

I think I have done a few others things, beyond the bread and the hybrid chair that will last in my children's minds for some time to come. One Christmas, my boys wanted a football goal post they had found in a catalog. Instead, I went to the hardware and bought two-inch PCV and a can of glue and constructed a goal post. The first time a football hit one of the uprights, several of the joints came apart. I repaired the joints, with screws this time, and the goal post stayed together.

As for my daughter, perhaps she will remember me buying her weird socks or her collection of teddy bears. Perhaps she will forget that it was her father who bought her first bra because her mother thought she was "too young." Perhaps when the kids are all grown up and have their own children, one of them will say, "Do you remember when dad built the goal post out of PCV?" And one of them will answer, "No, but I'll never forget that weird chair he made."

LETTERS

What is unfair about asking tourists to shoulder their share?

To the editor:

One thing that the mayor and all seven councilpersons agree on is that property owners bear the elephant's share of the burden when it comes to taxes in Ocean City. Last year many of us were blaming the administration for our rising property taxes. No one disputes that taxes have to be paid by someone in order to run our city. The question is whether the burden is equitably shared. Unless the costs of running the city are going down, alternative revenue sources must be found somewhere if there is to be any relief. It takes courage for any political leader to recommend a new tax, even if it's purpose is to achieve a fairer distribution of the tax burden. It takes no courage to be against a new tax.

What is unfair about asking tourists who come to Ocean City to share more of our burden? They enjoy the benefits of police and fire protection while they're here. We make sure their trash is collected and picked up off the beach. They enjoy our various municipal facilities. Some business interests fear that charging a two percent room tax might cause some tourists not to come to Ocean City. I believe that Ocean City is unique enough to continue to draw the kind of people who will not be dissuaded by a mere two percent room tax.

However Joanne DeVescio of the Chamber of Commerce does raise a good point. If the issue is fairness, shouldn't a tourism tax be devised which is levied across the board on all tourist accommodations so the burden is shared equitably? Councilman McCall also raises a relevant concern. If this is to be a new revenue source for the city, some means must be created which insures that revenues raised go towards property tax relief. Another concern is that the state statute allocates funds that were previously raised for the state for specific purposes. Could the city obtain authority from the state to designate the funds raised go directly to reducing the bottom line of property tax payers? Or in the alternative, couldn't the administration accomplish the same result by anticipating the amount to be raised from alternative sources and then designating that amount of the operating budget towards property tax relief?

Mayor Knight has put forward one idea which could be a step in the direction of property tax relief. Instead of rejecting it by picking out imperfections, would it not be possible for our elected officials to build upon that idea and create some solutions which address their concerns and at the same time move us closer toward the goal of property tax relief? I believe they have the ability. The question is: do they have the will?

James Tweed
Ocean City

Apology for letter

To the editor:

I would like to extend my apologies to Winnie Piriano for the personal sentiments expressed in my letter published on Feb. 12, 2004. I was responding to information published as a newspaper story, but I had no personal knowledge of facts surrounding the alleged incident that I referred to in my letter.

Based upon feedback given to me by many people, I understand that Ms. Piriano is a successful businesswoman, who devotes a great deal of her personal time to community affairs. My letter has understandably caused her considerable anguish which I sincerely regret.

John M. Milne
Ocean City

Criticism of new affordable housing regulations off mark

To the editor:

Last August, the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) proposed new regulations as to how a municipality can meet its affordable housing obligation. The regulations were published in the October 6, 2003 New Jersey Register, with a 60-day comment period. During that comment period, a series of public hearings were held and League representatives spoke at each of these meetings. The League provided COAH with comments on the regulations.

Unfortunately, we believe that much of the criticism of these regulations is unfounded and not reflective of what these regulations will accomplish. For instance, some opponents of the regulations have falsely argued that the State Supreme Court has already struck down "growth share," which is the model upon which the regulations are based.

In review of the Mount Laurel decisions, however, we find no such quote or any reference to the concept of growth share. The only place the term "growth share" appears in case law is in *Toll Bros., Inc. v. Twp. Of West Windsor*, 173 N.J. 502 (2002). The Court recognized that COAH was contemplating the third round based upon a growth share concept, but refused to reach the issue. No one can fairly discern a positive or negative comment from the majority opinion. Ironically, many of those making this argument were the ones who originally proposed growth share in the first place.

Second, opponents argue that these regulations will reduce the production of affordable housing. It is quite misleading to state that the regulations will reduce the units of affordable housing in New Jersey. We believe the opposite is true. It has been asserted that since 1983 there have been 29,000 affordable units created statewide. The proposed regulations are designed to produce approximately 50,000 units in ten years based on present growth patterns. These regulations, which are less complex, will encourage municipalities to seek COAH certification and thereby result in more housing.

Third, certain opponents argue that

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Miss America to visit O.C. Intermediate

Ericka Dunlap bringing platform of diversity, inclusion

By MARY RUDLOFF
Ocean City Sentinel

OCEAN CITY - Here she comes, Miss America.

In what is becoming a regular stop, Miss America 2004 Ericka Dunlap will be addressing students at the intermediate school on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

Dunlap's platform for her year-long reign is "United We Stand, Divided We Fall Behind: Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion." It includes areas of diversity ranging from race, to backgrounds, beliefs and philosophies. Dunlap is speaking to groups nationwide, urging them to move beyond mere tolerance and to embrace and celebrate the diversity found within the country.

In statements released, Dunlap said she believes her platform chose her, rather than choosing her platform, as she experienced prejudice and discrimination. She has said she experienced the discrimination both as the only African-American student in her class and within African-American communities.

"I became sensitive to cultural confusion at a very early age. I was the only African American girl in my classes for many years and saw many forms of prejudice and misconceptions about communities of color," Dunlap said in her platform statement. "Later I witnessed prejudice and discrimination within the African American community, targeted towards people of different skin shades and of Caribbean descent."

She said she experienced it personally when people with whom she had close associations questioned her love of country music and her decision to pursue performing at the Grand Ole Opry's Opryland USA.

"For my critics, my decisions were out of sync with their vision of what it means to be black in America," her statement read.

The message 22-year-old Dunlap, of Orlando, Fla., plans to share with the intermediate school students includes placing a value on the diversity surrounding them. She has stated that the key is through education, and is reaching out to students across the country during her reign.

Dunlap was crowned Miss America on Sept. 20.

"Cultural diversity is one of the most important issues facing our country," Dunlap said shortly

after being crowned. "It is the pathway to all other social issues in our country."

Competing in Atlantic City in September as Miss Florida, Dunlap was a clear favorite of judges during the final night, winning both the talent and evening wear competitions. Her winning talent was a vocal performance of "If I could" from "Side Show." It is not known if she will perform during her appearance at the intermediate school.

Dunlap is not the first Miss America to address the intermediate school students. Last April, Miss America 2003 Erika Harold also addressed students there, on her platform of "Empowering Youth Against Violence." In June

2001, Miss America 2001 Angela Perez Baraquo also visited the school, and spoke about her platform of character education.

The platform program became part of the Miss America organization in 1989. The program requires each individual competing to choose an issue relevant to society on which the titleholder will speak during her reign.

The intermediate school has become a popular stop for the reigning Misses, whose platforms have closely tied into the district's character education program.

"Our character education word of the month for February is 'compassion,'" Karen Robertson, chairperson of the Character Education committee said. "We

are tying that in with Miss America's appearance with our theme of embracing our differences and showing compassion and kindness to everyone."

The appearance will be wrapped into other character education lessons going on throughout the month, Robertson said.

In past years, the students have welcomed them and been receptive to the speeches presented. The most popular part of each program has always been when the students are given the opportunity for a question and answer period.

Each Miss America to visit has also received a basket of goodies representing Ocean City, including a "Piece of the Walk," salt water taffy and Johnson's popcorn from the PTA.

The Ocean City Sentinel has been a sponsor of all three recent Miss America appearances. The other sponsors of next week's appearance are the Miss New Jersey Scholarship Pageant, the school's PTA and the intermediate school.



David Nahan/Ocean City Sentinel

Miss America Ericka Dunlap is crowned Miss America 2004 by Miss America 2003 Erika Harold, who visited Ocean City last year. Dunlap is coming to Ocean City next week.

Tide Tables - February 2004

Ocean City (9th Street Bridge)
(39° 17.0'N, 74° 35.0'W)

Ocean tides approximately 45 minutes earlier
Tides at 34th St. Bridge about 40 minutes later
Average tides High: Feb. 20, 8:06 a.m. 4.4ft
Mean range 3.7 ft. Low: Feb. 20, 2:28 p.m. -0.6ft
Diurnal range 4.5 ft.
mean tide 2.0 ft.

	A.M.		P.M.	
	high	low	high	low
Feb. 15	3:18	9:55	3:50	10:04
Feb. 16	4:29	10:58	5:04	11:07
Feb. 17	5:34	11:57	6:06	—
Feb. 18	6:30	12:07	6:59	12:51
Feb. 19	7:20	1:03	7:46	1:42
Feb. 20	8:06	1:56	8:30	2:28
Feb. 21	8:49	2:44	9:13	3:10
Feb. 22	9:32	3:28	9:54	3:49
Feb. 23	10:14	4:09	10:36	4:26
Feb. 24	10:55	4:50	11:17	5:02
Feb. 25	11:36	5:31	11:58	5:39
Feb. 26	—	6:16	12:19	6:20
Feb. 27	12:41	7:09	1:05	7:10
Feb. 28	1:28	8:12	1:57	8:11
Feb. 29	2:23	9:16	3:00	9:14

AccuWeather 7-Day Forecast for Ocean City

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Partly sunny and breezy.	Clouds and sunshine.	Windy with rain possible.	Times of clouds and sun.	Partly sunny.	Becoming cloudy.	Cloudy with rain possible.
High 47, Low 26	High 45, Low 35	High 51, Low 39	High 52, Low 34	High 44, Low 30	High 44, Low 23	High 40, Low 22

Boating Forecast

Thursday: Winds northwest at 12-25 knots. Visibility clear to the horizon. Wave heights will be averaging 3-5 feet. Friday: Variable winds will average 7-14 knots. Visibility remaining clear to the horizon. Wave heights 2-3 feet. Saturday: Winds out of the south to southeast at 15-30 knots. Visibility 2 miles in rain. Wave heights 4-7 feet. Sunday: Winds northeast becoming northwest, at 15-30 knots. Visibility improving. Wave heights generally 4-6 feet. Monday: North to northwest winds at 10-20 knots. Visibility clear to the horizon. Wave heights averaging 3-5 feet.

Surf Report

Cape May, Atlantic Ocean

Surf	Period
Thursday	3-5 feet 4 sec.
Friday	2-3 feet 3 sec.
Saturday	4-7 feet 5 sec.
Wildwood	
Thursday	3-5 feet 4 sec.
Friday	2-3 feet 3 sec.
Saturday	4-7 feet 5 sec.
Avalon/Stone Harbor	
Thursday	3-5 feet 4 sec.
Friday	2-3 feet 3 sec.
Saturday	4-7 feet 5 sec.

Sunrise/Set

Sunset Thursday	5:39 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	6:45 a.m.
Moonrise Thursday	6:44 a.m.
Moonset Thursday	4:54 p.m.

Moon Phases

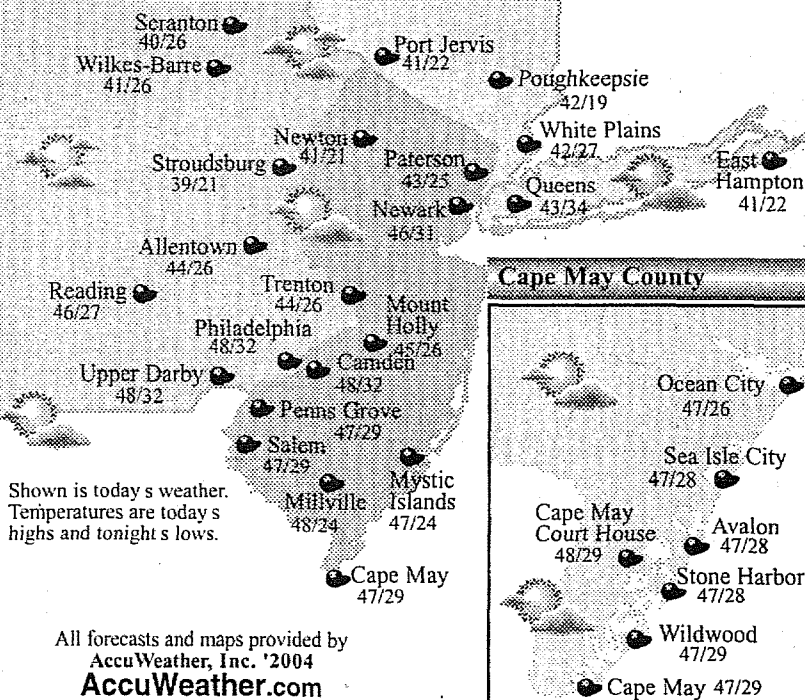
New	First	Full	Last
Feb 20	Feb 27	Mar 6	Mar 13

Tides

Ocean City	High	Ht.(ft)	Low	Ht.(ft)
Thursday	7:26 a.m.	6.5	1:44 a.m.	0.5
Friday	7:54 p.m.	5.8	2:25 p.m.	0.1
Saturday	8:13 a.m.	6.6	2:36 a.m.	0.3
Sunday	8:40 p.m.	5.9	3:11 p.m.	0.0
Monday	8:58 a.m.	6.5	3:25 a.m.	0.3
Tuesday	9:25 p.m.	5.9	3:54 p.m.	0.0
Wednesday	9:42 a.m.	6.2	4:10 a.m.	0.4
Thursday	10:09 p.m.	5.9	4:32 p.m.	0.2
Friday	10:26 a.m.	5.9	4:53 a.m.	0.6
Saturday	10:53 p.m.	5.7	5:10 p.m.	0.4
Sunday	11:11 a.m.	5.5	5:34 a.m.	0.9
Monday	11:36 p.m.	5.6	5:45 p.m.	0.7
Tuesday	11:57 a.m.	5.2	6:17 a.m.	1.2
Wednesday			6:21 p.m.	1.1
Thursday	12:19 a.m.	5.4	7:03 a.m.	1.5
Friday	12:44 p.m.	4.8	7:00 p.m.	1.4
Saturday	1:03 a.m.	5.2	7:59 a.m.	1.8
Sunday	1:32 p.m.	4.6	7:48 p.m.	1.7
Monday	1:49 a.m.	5.1	9:05 a.m.	1.9
Tuesday	2:25 p.m.	4.4	8:52 p.m.	1.9

Beach Report

High pressure over the southeastern part of the country will bring dry weather to the area for the end of the week. Both Thursday and Friday will feature some sunshine and moderate temperatures.



IN TOUCH WITH UPPER TOWNSHIP

By Michael Stadnicki 628-3307

In Touch With Upper Township features community events of the township. Please send information concerning school, church and club news in care of the Sentinel or call 628-3307. Deadline is Friday.

SCHOOL BOARD

Upper Township residents interested in running for the UT Board of Education can obtain nominating petitions for the April 20 election from the School Board Office located at the middle school, 525 Perry Road in Petersburg. You can also call 628-3513 ext. 226. Deadline for filing petitions is 4 p.m. on Monday, March 1.

RABIES CLINIC

A free Rabies Clinic will be held rain or shine from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the municipal garage. The garage is located on Tuckahoe-Mt. Pleasant Rd. in Tuckahoe. Dog licenses will also be available. For further info call 628-2011 ext. 200. Another clinic is scheduled for Mar. 13.

BULK TRASH

Bulk Trash will be collected on Monday, Feb. 23. Remember that no construction debris will be picked up. Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. on collection day. You must call the Road Dept. at 628-2647 to schedule a pick up. Please call early before the message bin becomes full.

STORY TIME

Story time is in session at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Upper Cape Branch of the Cape May County Library in Petersburg.

DISPLAYS WANTED

Have an unusual hobby or collection? The Upper Cape Branch of the Cape May County Library in Petersburg is looking for interesting exhibits for its collection cases. The display changes each month. Call 628-2607.

TALENT SHOW SIGN UPS

Students can register for the PTA Talent Show from 3:45-6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the elementary school.

SPORTS SIGN UPS

BASEBALL-SOFTBALL
Now is the time to register for spring sports. Registration takes place during the month for baseball and softball. Registration are held on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the UT Community Center from 9 a.m. to noon for baseball and noon-3 p.m. for softball.

Baseball leagues are determined by age as July 31, 2003. A copy of a birth certificate is needed for first time players. T-ball age 6. Coaches are needed. C-league ages 7-8 with a machine pitch. There is a Mar. 29 workout. B-league ages 8-10 and A-league ages 10-12 with a Mar. 15 tryout for new players. Senior league is for ages 13-15. There is a 13 year-old Prep team, an A team for ages 14-15 and a B team ages 13-15. Tryouts will be conducted for all senior teams. Registration is \$25 for one player and \$50 per family.

Softball is for grades 1-8 with division by ages as of July 31, 2003. A copy of a birth certificate is required for all first time players. Fee is \$15 for one player, \$25 for two or \$30 for three or more players.

INLINE HOCKEY

Inline hockey registration is from 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the UT Community Center. The program is open to ages 6-14. For information call 545-0284.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

The Upper Township Municipal Alliance Committee sponsors a Family Skate Night from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the UT Community Center on Rt. 50 in Tuckahoe. The cost is \$2 per person. All skaters must bring their own skates. Skate bolts may not extend below the wheel. An adult must accompany all children. Skating and non-skating chaperones are needed for future Skate Nights. Please call Michele Previti at 390-1315 to volunteer.

BALLGAME TRIP

Msgr. Zegers/Resurrection Knights of Columbus wants to "Take You Out to the Ballgame". Be part of the group to visit the new Phillies Citizen Bank Park for the opening series against the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday, April 15. Departure is 11 a.m. from the commuter lot off exit 25. Game time is 1:05 p.m. Price of \$33 includes refreshments. Call 628-3307 for reservations.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The UT Cheerleading Association hosts a spaghetti dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 20 at the elementary school. Adults are \$7 and children \$4. Take out is available by calling 624-3999.

UTEF FAT TUESDAY

Eat at Wendy's in Marimora on Tuesday, Feb. 24 and a donation will be made to the Upper Township Education Foundation. Stop by with the kids from 5-7 p.m. for face painting.

IN TOUCH WITH HISTORY

A committee was formed under the direction of Mary Jane Corson and Florence Speck to write a history of Upper Township which could be used by current residents as a means to understand the historical heritage of the people of the township and as a tool to be used by educators and historians. This book is one result of that project.

As we begin a new century, it is important to reflect on the past. This excerpt is from a History of Upper Township and Its Villages, compiled by members of the Historical Preservation Society of Upper Township. For information on the society call 390-5656.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

INCOME TAX HELP: Seniors, get help in filing your income tax at the Upper Township Senior Center, 1369 Old Stagecoach Rd. in Palermo. Free assistance is available in filing your taxes from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays. You must make an appointment by calling 390-1969 or 390-9409.

CRAFT CLASS: Craft Class is in session from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays at the senior center. Instruction is free but there is a materials charge.

LUNCH PROGRAM: There's a lunch program from 11:30 a.m.-noon Monday-Friday at the UT senior center. Donation is \$1.50 for a full course lunch. Reservations must be made two days before attending. Call 390-1969 for reservations.

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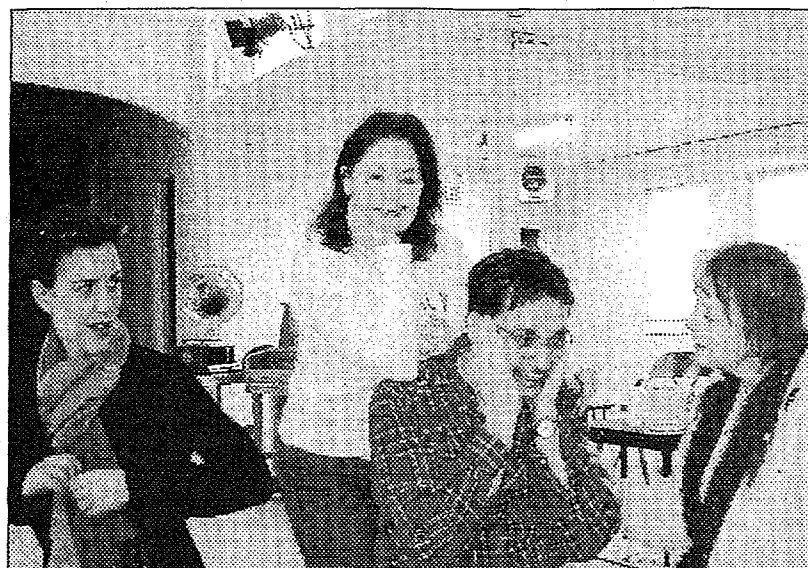
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Sea Isle Players rehearse for 'Blithe Spirit'

SEA ISLE CITY - The Sea Isle City Players are in rehearsal for Noel Coward's classic British farce, "Blithe Spirit." Coward's notion plays on a man happily married to his second wife when he is suddenly confronted by the ghost of his first wife who calmly announces she intends to live with the couple. This is the starting point for a series of episodes performed in "Blithe Spirit." Pat Cucchi Puglise will direct the show and promises a ride on a

demented broomstick that will leave you in tears from laughter. The Sea Isle City Players will take to the stage in "Blithe Spirit" March 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 and 21. For information on tickets call the box office at 263-2400. Group sales are offered for performances.



Sea Isle City Players in rehearsal for "Blithe Spirit," left to right, are Pamela Dollack (Edith), Linda Swain (Elvira), Douglas Overtom (Charles), and Beth Dusman (Ruth).

EVENTS, ETC.

Deadline nears for board candidates

The deadline to file nominating petitions to run for positions on your local board of education is 4 p.m. Monday, March 1. The election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 20. Prospective candidates can obtain a "School Board Kit" published by the New Jersey School Boards Association at their local board office. Nominating petitions and kits can be obtained at Board of Education offices in Ocean City, 801 Asbury Avenue. The Sea Isle City board office is located at 45th Street and Park Road and in Upper Township contact the board office at 525 Perry Road in Petersburg.

Cygnus juried show is open to all artists

EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP - The Cygnus juried art show is receiving entries for their juried show to be held next month in the Egg Harbor Township Municipal Building on Bargaintown Road. Works under glass, works not under glass and sculpture will be judged. Entries must be submitted by Saturday, Feb. 28 between 1-5 p.m. in the conference room at the municipal building. Slide entries must be received by Friday, Feb. 27 with an SASE at Cygnus Creative Arts Center, 3056 English Creek Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, N.J. 08234. An opening reception and awards ceremonies are set for 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, March. The exhibit will be on display through the end of March. For information call Cygnus at 609-272-1199.

Historic preservation awards deadline set

TRENTON - New Jersey Historic Preservation award nominations are invited through March 5 at their offices, 501 East State Street, 5th Station Plaza, 4th Floor. The 14th annual awards program accepts nominations from individuals, organizations and agencies regarding contributions or restoration projects. For information or to submit nominations contact George Chidley or Genny Guzman at the Historic Preservation Office, 609-292-2023.

Free smoke detectors available in county

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - Free smoke detectors are available for residents, according to an announcement by Freeholder Vice Director Ralph E. sheets Jr. Conectiv Electric has donated a supply of smoke detectors to the Cape May County Fire Marshal's Office for distribution to local fire departments. Smoke detectors and carbon-monoxide detectors save lives, according to Al Beers, county fire marshal. For information or a free smoke detector, call your local fire department or the county fire marshal's office at 465-2570.

School board and council meetings to air

OCEAN CITY - The Feb. 11 workshop meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education will air at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 on Channel 2, the city's government access channel. The Feb. 26 city council meeting will be broadcast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 and at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 1. The Feb. 25 school board meeting will follow the broadcast on Feb. 28 and be shown, again, at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 2 on Channel 2. For information about the government access channel call the city at 525-9300.

Spaghetti dinner benefits VFW building fund

SOMERS POINT - Somers Point VFW Post 2189 at 500 Bethel Road will hold a spaghetti dinner building fundraiser 4-8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the post. Dinner donation is \$8.

Lady of Sorrows seeks 'antique' vendors

LINWOOD - Our Lady of Sorrows on Wabash Avenue has announced they seek unique and high quality merchandise for their spring "antique and craft show" set for Saturday, April 3 at the church. Dealers are invited to send a photo and merchandise description before March 1 to: Antique and Craft Show committee, c/o Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 724 Maple Avenue, Linwood, N.J. 08221.

'Bad Penny Poets' to host 'open mic' session

OCEAN CITY - The "Bad Penny Poets" will host an "open mic" session 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20 at Ain't We Sweet Restaurant, 11th Street and Bay Avenue. Poets and readers are invited to bring their original works or favorites to read. For information call Bud Cole at 609-398-2586.

Substitute teaching certificate class offered

RIO GRANDE - Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) in Cape May County has announced they will offer a short one-credit course open to persons with 60 college credits which leads to certification of substitute teaching at the extension center, 412 Rio Grande Boulevard. The course, Orientation to Substitute Teaching Education 105, meets 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. on Fridays, March 5-April 9. Classes do not meet during ACCC's spring break, March 15-19. For information or registration call the admissions office at 886-7189, ext. 4100, or register at the extension center 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily.

'Beef and Beer' to benefit OCHS basketball

SOMERS POINT - The Ocean City High School basketball program is the beneficiary of a "Beef and Beer" set for 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at DiOrio's on the circle. Donation is \$20 and includes beverages, food and music. Tickets may be purchased at the door or call Wes at 398-4189 for advance reservations.

ACMC Heart Institute offers health screenings

UPPER TOWNSHIP - The Heart Institute at Atlantic City Medical Center (ACMC) will offer free screenings and seminars 9-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at AntiantCare offices, 210 South Shore Road, Suite 201, in Marmora. Sara Neyers, RN, MS, APN, BC, a cardiac catheterization nurse at the institute, will lead the seminars. For information about seminars and free screenings call the Heart Institute at ACMC, 1-800-311-6310 or check online at www.atlantic-care.org.

American Business Women's Assoc. to meet

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP - The American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Atlantic City Chapter will hold meet at 6 p.m. Monday, March 1 at Italian Gourmet Restaurant on Pitney Road. ABWA has planned a Country Line Dance Saturday, March 13 at Somers Point VFC on Bethel Road. For information or reservations, call Suzanne Lindquist at 653-1753 prior to Feb. 26, or Cheryl at 926-9043.

'Future Miss' program invites entries

UPPER TOWNSHIP - The Miss Cape May County Scholarship Foundation Board of Directors have announced they are seeking contestants ages six to 16 to participate in the "Future Miss Cape May County" talent competition set for 2 p.m. Saturday, March 13 at Upper Township Elementary School. The competition is a fundraiser for the scholarship foundation and winners will appear with Miss Cape May County, Kristi Pawlus. For information or applications, call Betty Pruitt at 390-0860 before Feb. 20.

'Coffee club' features finance discussions

OCEAN CITY - Informal discussions on the economy, interest rates and other financial matters are featured at the "coffee club" meeting hosted by John and Jeff Shirk of Edward Jones Investments beginning at 9 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20 in their offices at 800 Asbury Avenue. For information call Edward Jones at 398-1755.

County Historical Society to host program

SOMERS POINT - The Atlantic County Historical Society will host Sid Trusty, local historical and founder of the memorabilia museum of Afro-American Entertainment and History, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at 907 Shore Road. The program features a question and answer session. Suggested donation is \$3; for information call the historical society at 927-5218.

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Preventing child abuse

The Ocean City Exchange Club is doing something about the prevention of child abuse. Ron Beaver, club president, presents Suzanne Conrad, executive director of Caring for Kids, with a \$20,000 check to further the center's mission. Caring for Kids Family Center provides community education, parenting classes and in-home support to caregivers in Cape May and Atlantic counties. Its home office is located in Ocean City. The center is one of over 100 such organizations developed by the National Exchange Club's service mission. The Ocean City Exchange Club has established and supported the Caring for Kids Center through the donation of over \$100,000 in the past five years. Call 609-399-9110 or 609-465-0911 for information, to donate, or to volunteer your services.

Public Notice

CITY OF SEA ISLE CITY
NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION NO. 527 (2004)
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A
CONTRACT FOR AUDITING
AND ACCOUNTING
WHEREAS, there exists a need for
Auditing and Accounting Services for
the year 2004 by the City of Sea Isle
City, and
WHEREAS, the Local Public
Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et
seq.) requires that the resolution
authorizing the award of contracts for
"Professional Services" without com-
petitive bids must be publicly adver-
tised.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT
RESOLVED by the Board of
Commissioners of the City of Sea
Isle City as follows:
1. The Mayor and the City Clerk are
hereby authorized directed to exe-
cute the attached Agreement with
Leon P. Costello, C.P.A., R.M.A. of
Ford, Scott, Seidenburg & Kennedy,
L.L.C.
2. This contract is awarded without
competitive bidding as a
"Professional Service" under the
provisions of the Local Public
Contract Law
Law because...Recognized professional
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required per 40A:5-11. The funds to
cover the cost of auditing and
accounting will be available in
Various Departments.
3. A copy of this resolution shall be
published in The Ocean City Sentinel
as required by law within ten (10)
days of its passage.
Leonard C. Desiderio
Angela D. Dalrymple
James R. Iannone
Commissioners
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the fore-
going resolution was duly adopted by
the Board of Commissioners of the
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the regular meeting of said Board
held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004.
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Municipal Clerk/28.00
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CASINO HILIGHTS

By RUTH ZINMAN

Your entertainment selections for this week are: **STYX** at the **Marina**; **Smucker's STARS ON ICE** at **Boardwalk Hall**; **ESPN's FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS** at **Bally's**; and a benefit performance of **"THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES"** at **Resorts**. Musical revues include **"NIGHTS ON BROADWAY II"** at **Caesars**; **"GIDDY UP"** at **Tropicana**, and **"LEGENDS IN CONCERT"** at the **Claridge**. Just opened is **"DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN"** at **Resorts**.

Here's a rundown on this week's fare:

BALLY'S
TOKUMBO OLAGIDE and **LARRY MARKS** face off for the vacant **USBA Jr. Middleweight Title** in the **Main Ballroom** on **Friday, Feb. 20**. The fight will be the main event on **ESPN's "FRIDAY NIGHT FIGHTS"**.
Tickets are \$25; doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the first bout scheduled at 7:30 p.m.

"LEGENDS IN CONCERT," in the **Palace Theatre** at **Claridge**, presents an ever-changing array of talented imitators look and sound just like the superstars they portray. The current cast includes: **BETTE MIDLER**, impersonated by **Kathy Thompson**; **FRANK SINATRA**, impersonated by **Brian Duprey**; **BUDDY HOLLY**, reincarnated by **George Trullinger**; **ELTON JOHN**, impersonated by **Jeffrey Allen**; and **ELVIS PRESLEY**, brought to the stage by **James Lowrey**.
Show times are: Monday-Thursday 3:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Saturday 7:30 & 10:30 p.m.; Sunday 7:30 & 10 p.m. Tickets are: \$16.80 (matinees), \$19.60 (evenings) and \$28 (Saturdays). Call 340-2709.

BORGATA
The **BORGATA COMEDY CLUB** brings fun-filled evenings to the **Music Box**. Featuring three comedians nightly, the lineup changes every week. Thru Feb. 22, **Vince Dantona & George, John Diresta, Richie Minivenee**; Feb. 23-29, **Kevin Flynn, Pete Corrae, Justin McKinney**. Dates vary. All shows at 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Coming to **Borgata**: **March 5-6**, **The Musical Box**; **March 7**, **Salvatore Adamo**; **March 13**, **Sting** (sold out); **May 29**, **David Bowie**. Call 317-1000.

CAESARS
"NIGHTS ON BROADWAY II" is in **Circus Maximus Theatre**, enchanting audiences thru **March 30**. Elaborate stage settings and costumes, dance performances and music from hit shows make this a not-to-be-missed event. The choreographer is **Emmy Award winning A.C. CIULLA** and featured singer is **LORI MITCHELL GAY**.
Shows are 8 p.m. Saturday thru Thursday (no show 2/21). Tickets are \$20.

Coming to **Caesars**: **March 27**, **Willy Chirino**; **April 3**, **Jay Leno**; **April 23-24**, **Johnny Mathis**. Call 1-800-677-SHOW.

HARRAH'S
For upcoming entertainment

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HILTON
"OUR SINATRA," a musical celebration, comes to **Hilton Theatre** on **March 1-5**. Straight from the off-Broadway hit, the production brings the music and magic of the legendary performer. It features more than 50 Sinatra classics, from his early years, ("All or Nothing at All") to his movie career ("All The Way") and his saloon songs ("Fly Me to the Moon").
Show times are: Monday-Thursday 8 p.m.; Friday 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and \$25.

Coming to **Hilton**: **March 19-21**, **Dick Fox's Golden Boys**; **April 2-4**, **Kenny Rogers**; **April 5-9**, **Petula Clark**. Call 340-7200.

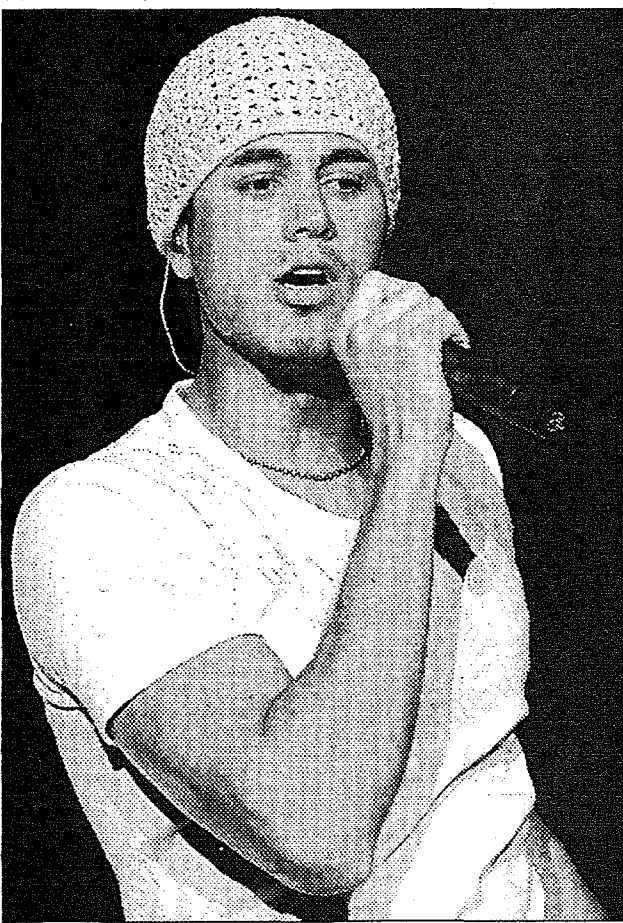
RESORTS
"DEFENDING THE CAVEMAN," a one-man play, is seen in the **Screening Room** thru **April 4**. **CHRIS SULLIVAN** and **KEVIN BURKE** are splitting the engagement and humorously compare the differences between the sexes and the conflicts they produce.
Show times are: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday at 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

"THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES," an Obie Award winning play, resides in **Superstar Theatre** on **Saturday, Feb. 21**. It celebrates women's strengths, humor and sexuality, and stars **CHRISTINA PIRELLO**, host of the TV hit **"Christina Cooks."** All proceeds benefit the **Atlantic County Women's Center**.
Show time is 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

IMPROV AT RESORTS presents some of the best up and coming comedians in the business. Now appearing: **Mike Pace, Jeff Burghardt, Eric Deskin**.
Show times are: Sunday & Thursday 2 p.m. & 8 p.m.; Friday & Saturday 8 & 11 p.m.; Monday & Tuesday 2 p.m. Weekday \$17; Weekends \$20.

Coming to **Resorts**: **March 19-21**, **Bobby Vinton**; **April 23-25**, **Engelbert Humperdinck**. Call 340-6830.

SANDS
MICHAEL McDONALD, one of the most lasting stars in popular music, appears in the **Copa Room** on **March 26-27**. McDonald, of



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Enrique plays the hero at Taj

Latin pop star **Enrique Iglesias** made his local debut at **Trump Taj Mahal** on **Sunday, Feb. 15**, playing in the sold-out **Arena**. Touring to promote his latest release **"7"**, the 28-year-old Iglesias is the biggest selling Spanish-language music artist. He quickly won over a restless crowd when he took the stage 75 minutes late, singing both his Spanish and English hits, including **"Bailamos"** and **"Hero,"** as well as cuts from his other platinum releases.

Doobie Brothers and solo fame, has recorded hits in rock and pop style; his latest endeavor is an adventure in **"Soul."**

Show times are: **Friday 10 p.m.**; **Saturday 9 p.m.** Tickets are \$100. Call 441-4137.

SHOWBOAT
For upcoming entertainment call 343-4000.

TROPICANA
"GIDDY UP" brings country magic to **Tropicana Showroom** thru **Feb. 28**. "Giddy Up" fills the stage with impersonations of top stars of country music, including **Shania Twain, Tim McGraw, Faith Hill, Patsy Cline** and **Garth Brooks**. Featured are **"The Giddy Up Dancers," "Country Cloggers,"** comedian host **BILLY GARAN**, ten year old harmonica sensation **LD**, championship cowboy trick roper **JACK FULL-BRIGHT** and the **"DREAM WEAVERS"** band.

Show times vary. Tickets are \$19.95, w/discounts for **Diamond Club** members.

Coming to **Trop**: **March 5-6**, **The Three Irish Tenors**; **April 3**, **Sylvia Browne**; **April 30-May 1**, **Brad Garrett**; Call 340-4020.

COMEDY STOP at the **TROP** features hot comedians seven nights a week. Presenting three comedians nightly, this week's are: **Bobby Miamoto, Jim Lauletta, Rich Purpura**.

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TRUMP MARINA
STYX, whose hit **"Lady,"** gained them national attention, performs in **Grand Cayman** on **Saturday, Feb. 21**. The band recorded their best known hit, **"Come Sail Away"** in 1977 and went on to stardom with the triple platinum album, **"The Grand Illusion."**
Show time is 9 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

Coming to the **Marina**: **Feb. 28**, **Deep Purple w/Thin Lizzy**; **March 6**, **Dickey Betts & Great Southern**; **March 20**, **Train**; **March 26**, **Bootleg Beatles**; **April 3**, **Robert Schimmel**; **June 25**, **George Thorogood**. Call 441-8300.

TRUMP PLAZA
Starting on **April 30**, **"Singin' in the Rain."** For entertainment information, call 1-800-759-8786.

TRUMP TAJ MAHAL
TOM JONES, whose unique singing style has made him internationally famous, appears in the **Arena** on **March 5-6**. At the forefront of the music industry for more than four decades, the native Welshman's hits include **"Delilah," "It's Not Unusual"** and **"What's New, Pussycat?"**
Show times are: **Friday 10 p.m.**; **Saturday 9 p.m.** Tickets are \$25.50, \$45.50 and \$60.50. Coming to the **Taj**: **March 12**,

Bryan Adams; **March 13**, **Boxing: Russia vs. USA**; **March 20**, **Aaron Lewis** (of **Staind**); **May 7**, **Jewel**; For more information call 449-5150.

BOARDWALK HALL
SMUCKER'S STARS ON ICE, produced by **Scott Hamilton**, presents top figure skating champions including **KRISTI YAMAGUCHI, ALEXEI YAGUDIN** and Canadian Olympic champions **JAMIE SALE** and **DAVID PELLETIER**, on **Saturday, Feb. 21**. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Tickets are from \$25 to \$80.

DISNEY ON ICE'S "TOY STORY 2" comes to **Boardwalk Hall** on **March 3-7**. The live comedy adventure production will enchant children and adults. Tickets are from \$10 to \$35. Show times vary. Call 1-800-736-1420.

BETTE MIDLER, a four-time Grammy Award winner, appears in **Boardwalk Hall** on **Saturday, March 20**. Midler, on the road for the first time in four years, is on her **"Kiss My Brass"** tour. Sponsored by **Caesars Entertainment**, show time is 8 p.m. For more information call 340-2709.

HAVE YOU HEARD?
The **New Jersey State Aquarium** is planning exotic trips for families every weekend during **March**. The dynamic series of events starts on **Saturday March 6**, with a **"South American Adventure"** featuring macaws,

toucans and South American fish. On **Sunday, March 14**, the theme is **Africa**, starring 19 African penguins, African dancers and musicians. **March 20** puts the spotlight on **Australia**. The Aquarium's beautiful live coral reef will be the background for Australian adventure, crafts and activities. On **Sunday, March 28**, steel drums and dancers transport guests to the sunny Caribbean, to learn about scuba diving in the aquarium's unique setting. The aquarium is located on the **Waterfront** in **Camden**. For information call (800) 616-JAWS.

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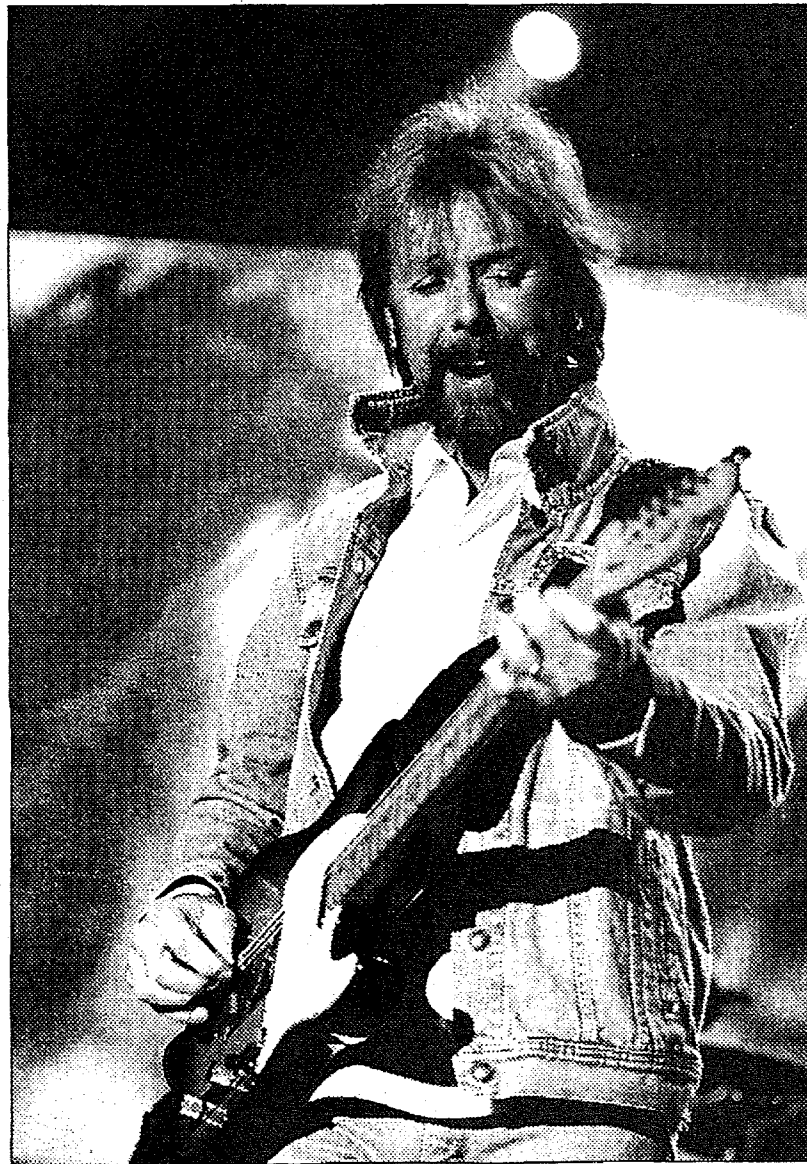
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Joe Nichols tours with Brooks and Dunn

Brooks and Dunn, top left and above, country music's hottest duo, made their annual trek to **Trump Taj Mahal** on **Feb. 13-14**, selling out the **Arena** on back-to-back nights. The duo presented a mix of old and new material, from **"Brand New Man,"** their quintuple platinum first hit in 1991 to their latest release, **"That's What She Gets For Loving Me"** from **"Red Dirt Road."** **Brooks and Dunn** opened with **"Can't Take the Honky Tonk Out of the Girl"** and closed with encore **"Only in America."** Opening the **"Red Dirt Road"** tour is **Horizon Award** winner **Joe Nichols**, left. Nichols won crowd support with hits from his debut **"Man with a Memory,"** including **"The Impossible"** and **"Brokenheartsville"** along with a rocking cover of the **Rolling Stones' "Honky Tonk Woman."**

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MARK SOIFER OCEAN CITY PUBLICIST

A pie-in-the-face salute to Ocean City

Many of the city's special events will feature a birthday salute this year to honor the 125th anniversary of the community. The annual DooDah Parade will be no exception.

The DooDah Committee is planning a 125th Pie in the Face extravaganza to mark the anniversary on Saturday, March 20 at 11 a.m. in front of the Music Pier.

Since DooDah is a celebration of humor, we feel this is a very appropriate way to celebrate the city's anniversary. We're also doing this to honor Soupy Sales, legendary pie tosser and past grand marshal of the DooDah Parade, who is recovering from heart surgery.

Now here's the most exciting news! You can participate in this historic event! To be one of the Pie in the Face celebrities all you need do is contact us at the city's Public Relations Office, 609-525-9300, Monday through Friday during business hours. At night or on weekends call 856-691-7535 or e-mail MTSOifer@aol.com.

All participants will receive a 125th Anniversary Pie in the Face Certificate and a free photo to commemorate the event, two items for you and future generations of your family to cherish ad infinitum.

Entry is free. As a unique twist, participants will be asked to hit themselves in the face with the pie. This is being done to be different, to look more like a personal salute and to avoid litigation.

To start the event, the city's reality icon, "Cool Joe Canine," a suave, sun-glassed pooch, will hit me in the face with a pie. I've been selected because Clint Campbell and I co-founded DooDah in Ocean City. It's the first time a dog has ever pied a person and Joe's handlers are still working on the mechanics.

The 19th Annual DooDah Parade is set for Saturday, April 17 starting at noon. The event includes unusual brigades, impersonators of legendary comedians, bands, floats and a 500 basset hound waddle. Entry is free. To register, contact the Public Relations Office at the above number.

125TH ANNIVERSARY TALENT SEARCH: We've been

searching for over a month now and have uncovered many talented contestants for Ocean City Talent Search 2004, not to be confused with amateurish imitations like American Idol and Star Search. Two contests will be held, March 5 and March 12 starting 6 p.m. at the Music Pier, Boardwalk and Moorlyn Terrace. There will be a \$3 admission charge.

The first contest on March 5 will feature a battle of the bands. There will be other talent - singers, dancers, musicians, etc. of all ages. Next week's column will include list of the contestants.

Judges include Nancy Fox, soprano of the Ocean City Pops Orchestra; Blues musician Bubba Mac and representatives of his band; Champ Hoffman, WOND radio personality; Michael Rage, stand up comedian and record producer and Carol Prior, wife of Elvis performer, Ted Prior. Prior will emcee the second show on March 12.

The winners of the competition will receive trophies and be booked for 125th Anniversary events such as the Second Friday Artwalks set for May through September.

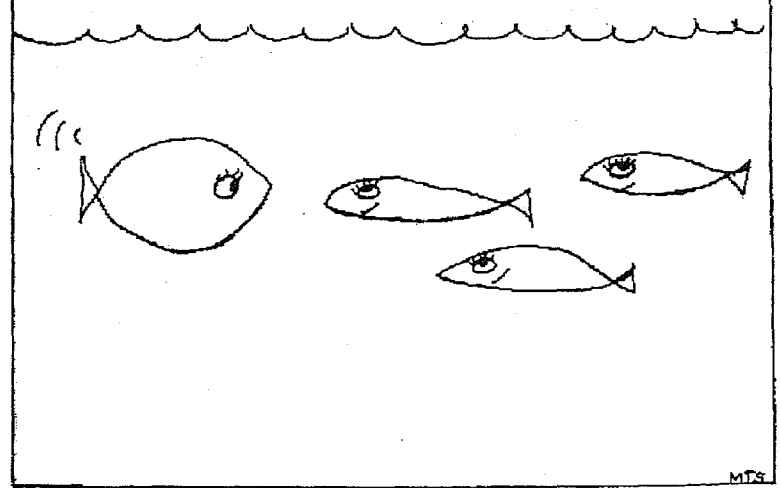
The Talent Search is co-sponsored by the City and the Ocean City Fine Arts League, 943 Asbury Ave. Ed Shiffler of the League is coordinating the contests. For information, contact Ed at 609-814-0308.

ONE SCHOOL, ONE BOOK PROJECT: Ocean City High School invites the community to a book discussion, 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 at the High School Library/Media Center. Dr. John Pesda, professor of History and Economics will lead the discussion about John Lewis, a congressman, who is one of the subjects of Profiles in Courage of Our Time by Pulitzer Prize winning author Teresa Carpenter. The book was edited by Caroline Kennedy.

This program is in conjunction with Black History Month. The High School Social Studies Department, chaired by Ida R. Margolis, is sponsoring the "One Book" project initiated in 1998 by the Washington Center for the Book. The idea is to bring people together to discuss literature and

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important issues.

Two hundred copies of "Profiles" are being distributed to students thanks to help from the Board of Education, a mini-grant from the Ocean City Foundation for Educational Excellence and donations.

A FAT TUESDAY Networking Mixer has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 24 at the Bubba Mac Shack in Somers Point from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Ocean City Regional Chamber of Commerce. Admission is \$5 for members, guests free. There will be door prizes, give-aways and an hors d'oeuvres buffet. For reservations, call 399-1412.

MANET AND THE SEA: The Ocean City Arts Center, 17th and Simpson Ave., is sponsoring a trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art currently showing "Manet and the Sea." One hundred paintings, watercolors and drawings by Manet and other masters such as Renoir, Morisot, Monet, Courbet and Whistler are on display. Visitors will also enjoy the Museum's galleries, period rooms, German Folk Art and Japanese Tea House. Date of the trip is Thursday,

April 1. Bus leaves the Arts Center at 8:30 a.m. and Philadelphia at 4:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$42, includes timed ticket for the Manet Show. Call the Ocean City Arts Center, 609-399-7628.

The Arts Center is also offering open critiques for all artists with Hill Cucci-Smith on the third Saturday of every month. Fee is \$5.

The Center's Exhibit this month includes work by Ocean City and Wildwood High School students. Admission is free.

Here's a parting poem.

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Without you - There would be no surprises... -By Mark Soifer

Gateway Theater's farce, 'Never Mind George,' needs no more tinkering; it returns in March

By ED WISMER
Ocean City Sentinel critic

SOMERS POINT - The venerable Gateway Theater on the beautiful bayside here came up with an audience pleasing winner again. It is a comedy called "Never Mind George," written by local playwright Bill Griggs.

A more accurate description of the show would be to call it a farce. The play's subtitle, "A Love Story on Heavy Medication," gives even more insight to what went on. In this premier performance of "Never Mind George," Griggs proves he can write an adult comedy without resorting to excessive use of offensive language. He has come up with a comedy that is half Neil Simon and half Marx Brothers, stuffed with one-line zingers and perfectly timed blackouts. The show kept the audience convulsed in laughter.

New shows are often described as "works in progress," but "Never Mind George" needs no further tinkering. I could not detect one weak spot.

This kind of comedy requires an exceptional cast to make the premise work. This show has an ideal cast. Jim Maher, in the title role, shows what a widely experienced actor can do with a juicy part. His portrayal of McMurphy in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's



Nest" was memorable, but Maher's playing of George convinced me that he was born to play the part. As George, he struck a perfect balance between seriousness and over the top nuttiness.

Mike Boyle brought a portrait of frustration and confusion to full bloom as George's more conventional brother. He does this type of thing well and when he inadvertently

becomes the beneficiary of a medical miracle, his character really flips out. David Dunlap makes good as a totally whacked out psychiatric therapist who suffers from more spasms, tics and idiosyncrasies than his patients. Dunlap's performance was frequently somewhat over the top, but perfect for the occasion.

The opening scene, when Maher's George was being analyzed by Dunlap's character, set the hilarious tone for the evening. You must hear George tell about his dreams involving nuns to believe it.

In Brahms' "Liebeslieder Waltzer" there is a song called "O die frauen" or "Oh the women." The song kept running through my head as I watched Stephanie Boyle and Marcia Dunlap play against type as two libidinous and hot to trot females. They are both very pleasant to see, but are usually playing more sedate types. Both are excellent and versatile stage presences who are at the top of their game. I'm sure males in the audience would have liked to be on the receiving end of those scorching kisses.

This first playwrighting effort shows great promise, and someone should be angling for film rights. The turnout for opening night should have been gratifying. The performance was a benefit to fund refurbishment of the theater. It looks like the purpose was achieved.

If anyone was unable to see "Never Mind George" in this truncated run, the opportunity to see it returns soon. Additional performances have been scheduled for March 5-6 at 8 p.m., with a matinee on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2004

O.C.'s Renee Tomlin wins CAL butterfly event

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

ATLANTIC CITY – Sophomores Renee Tomlin and Sam King led a strong showing by the Ocean City High School Red Raider girls swim team in the Cape-Atlantic League individual swim championships, last Wednesday, Feb. 11, in the Atlantic City High School eight-lane pool.

Junior Justin Southard and sophomore Mike Corrigan led the Raider boys in the league championship meet that included individual championships for boys and girls from 15 different schools.

Tomlin was tops for the day among the Raiders, and one of the top girls for the meet as she finished with a league championship in the 100-meter butterfly and a second place finish in the 200-meter freestyle.

She also swam the leadoff leg in the 400-meter freestyle relay to

help lead the Raider girls to a second place. King took third place in both the 200 individual medley and the 100-meter backstroke. She also swam the anchor on the 400-meter relay team's second-place finish.

The 400-meter team included freshmen Kelsey Levering and Colleen Smith, and that same foursome – Tomlin, Levering, Smith and King – also took third place in the 200-meter relay.

Vineland's girls won all three relays. Mainland was second in the medley relay and the 200 freestyle relay.

Raider swim coach Bob Cornell was ecstatic about the girls' results in the 200 and 400 relays.

"The girls did phenomenal," he said. "They really came together in the relays. Vineland is the defending state champs, and we gave them a run in the 400 meters. Our girls dropped five seconds off their best time. All year long we haven't been able to

beat OLMA's time in the 200 relay, but we beat them today."

In the boys competition, Southard swam a powerful race in the 200-meter freestyle to take second place behind Atlantic City's formidable junior Dennon McCloskey, and then came back in the 500-meter freestyle to take

fourth place, a race that Mainland junior Ross Thomas won easily.

Corrigan, the sixth seed in the 100-meter backstroke, swam a personal record time of 1:06.24 to take third place, less than a second behind second-place finisher Kevin Cain of Holy Spirit.

McCloskey was the winner with a time of 1:01.97.

"We swam a lot of personal best times," said Cornell.

Tomlin swam a personal best time of 2:11.26 to take second in the 200 freestyle.

Tomlin's time of 2:11.26 shatters the school record time of

2:13.67, which she set earlier this year at the Hackney swim meet. The Hackney's are also held in the Atlantic City pool.

She was just 1/100th of a second behind the winner Sabrina Warren of Vineland who swam a

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Mainland boys take home CAL victories

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

ATLANTIC CITY – Mainland's boys swim team set two school records and tied one meet record in the Cape-Atlantic League individual swim championships held Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Atlantic City High School's 8-lane pool.

Mainland's girls swim team, undefeated in the CAL, had to contend with powerful Vineland, which competes in the South Jersey Girls Swim League.

The foursome of Tim Godleski, Steve Scibal,

Matt McGroarty and John Altobelli joined forces in the opening event of the CAL championships, the 200-meter medley relay, and swam a combined time of 1:52.04 to tie the meet record, and set a new Mainland High School record.

Mainland was the No. 1 seed in the medley relay with a qualifying time of 1:54.70.

The previous meet record (1:52.4) for the medley relay was set by Holy Spirit.

St. Augustine, the No. 2 seed, finished second and Holy Spirit, seeded third, came in third.

Godleski, Scibal, McGroarty and Altobelli

came back later and set another school record in the 200 freestyle relay with a time of 1:40.43. The meet record time of 1:39.14 was set by Holy Spirit.

Mainland was the No. 1 seed in the 200 freestyle relay. St. Augustine, the third seed, finished second, and Holy Spirit, seeded second, came in third.

In the highly heralded 50-meter freestyle, Godleski was seeded second behind Vineland's Joe Dunfee.

But Godleski, who was assigned lane five,

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Bad first quarter dooms Raider girls

Lady Raiders dominate W.C. for three quarters, but can't catch up in Ventnor Shootout

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

VENTNOR – Except for a disastrous first quarter, the Ocean City Lady Raiders outplayed the Wildwood Catholic Lady Crusaders in the opening game of the Prime Events Ventnor City Shootout last Friday, Feb. 13.

The Lady Raiders were without senior center and top rebounder Nikki Hinsley, who was out of town for the weekend, but even then they turned the ball over five times in the first quarter as Wildwood Catholic built a 13-2 lead after eight minutes.

The rest of the way Ocean City had a 39-35 edge in scoring, but they couldn't overcome the first-quarter gap and Wildwood Catholic finished on top, 48-40.

In the first half Ocean City shot a paltry 25 percent, making only four of 16 shots from the floor, but in the second half Wildwood Catholic made only two of its 18 shots.

The big difference was at the foul line where Wildwood Catholic made 20 of 25 compared to 10 of 23 tries for Ocean City.

In the fourth quarter the Lady Crusaders did not make a single field goal, but sank 14 free throws on 20 attempts to hold off Ocean City's determined closing kick.

"It was ugly," said a disappointed Ocean City coach Paul Baruffi, whose team was coming off a disappointing loss to Oakcrest the night before.

Junior Kaitlin DuRoss scored a team high of 13 points, but Ocean City lost 60-32 in a game

that clinched the division championship for Oakcrest.

Senior Megan Larsen, who has been among the team's top scorers all season, has been hobbled with illness, but still scored a team high of nine points last Friday. She did not play at Oakcrest.

"Megan was still tired," Baruffi said of Friday's game. "She's not 100 percent."

In the previous three games she was able to play, Larsen averaged 13.9 ppg, including a career high of 16 in a win over EHT, and Friday Michelle McKinley also had nine, which is a career high for this promising freshman.

"Michelle played pretty well at Oakcrest, and she played well today, Baruffi said. "She's really stepped up."

In addition to her nine points, McKinley had a game high of 10 rebounds, five off each board, and she had a game high of three steals.

Raider freshman Danielle Brady had a game high of three assists.

"I was able to get a lot of girls in that normally wouldn't be in," said Baruffi. "I wanted to give some of our younger kids a shot."

In addition to McKinley and Brady, Ocean City has group of very promising freshmen and sophomores.

And after falling behind badly in the first quarter, Larsen, the senior captain, led her team back in the second quarter with two field goals and a free throw. Senior Shannon Netherby added

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Raider's win streak halts at two, but they aren't done for season

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

A little third-quarter run led by baskets from Ocean City Red Raiders Dave Beyel and Phil Schaffer coupled with four free throws by Josh Davidson cut Oakcrest's lead to just nine points last Thursday, Feb. 12.

The nine-point gap was as close as the Ocean City Raiders had come to the Oakcrest Falcons all evening, and it was as close as they would get.

Oakcrest used a little jump at the beginning and another little jump at the end to put away the Raiders, 64-50, in a key CAL American Conference Division II basketball game.

In between the Raiders played the high-flying Falcons just about even.

With the victory over Ocean City, Oakcrest pushed its winning streak to 12 games and improve to 14-3 for the season. The Falcons also clinched the school's first-ever division championship.

After failing to qualify for the tournament on the heels of a frustrating season of super-close losses, the Red Raiders rallied with gratifying wins over Mainland and Absegami the

week of Feb. 3-5. Both teams had beaten Ocean City earlier in the season, but Oakcrest cut the Raiders' winning streak short at two games.

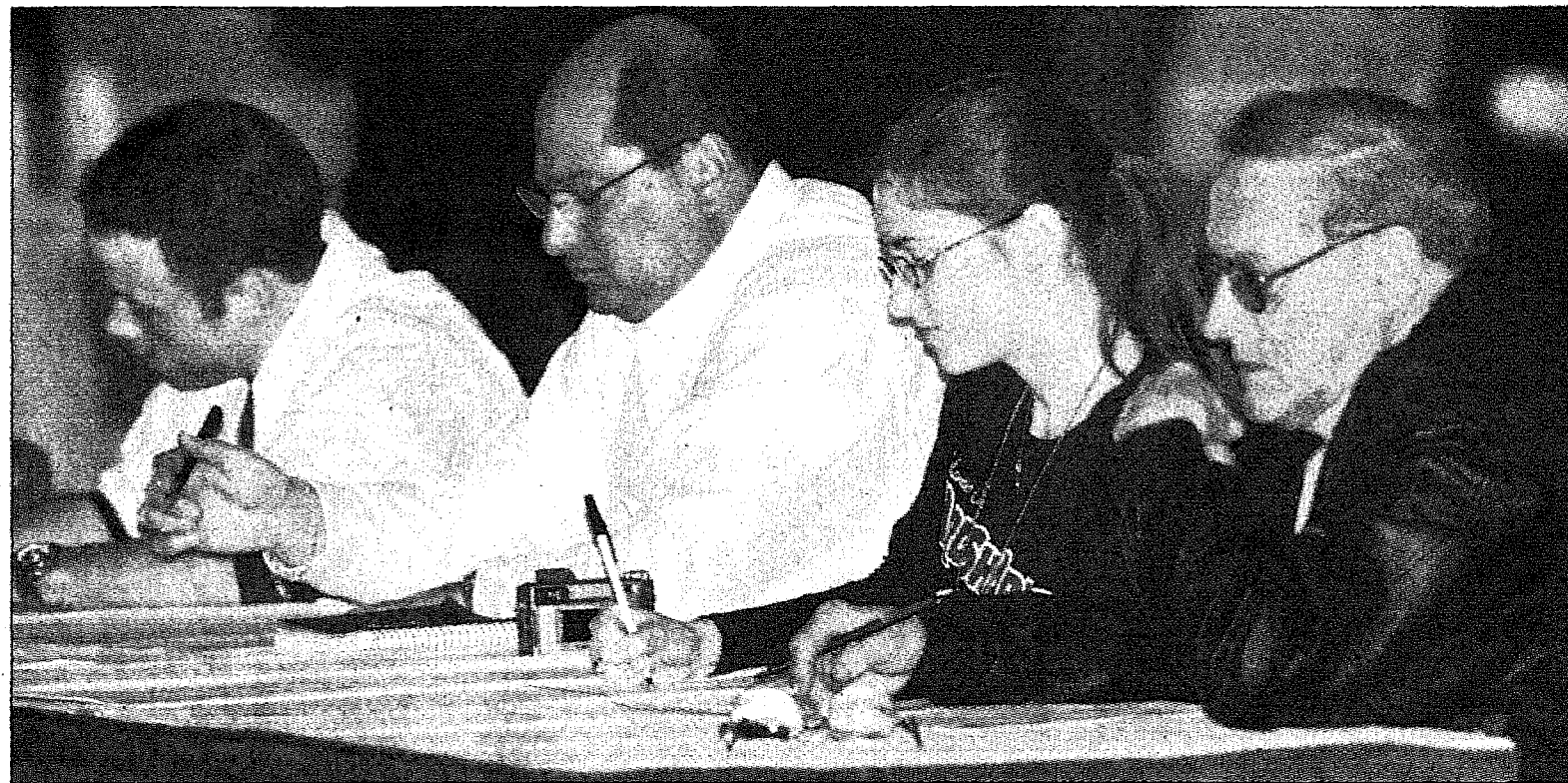
"It was quite a disappointment when we didn't make the tournament," said Ocean City coach John Bruno, "Here's a team (Oakcrest) that wins the division. They've beaten everybody (in the division), and we made them play for 32 minutes so there's something to be said for that."

Right out of the chute, Oakcrest used a stifling full-court press, forced three quick turnovers and built a 10-2 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Ocean City regrouped with a jumper from Disston Vanderslice and a basket off a cut through the lane by Mike Hinsley, but Oakcrest's Ryan Staton connected for seven of his game-high 20 points to give the Falcons a 17-7 lead after eight minutes.

"We knew the pressure was coming," said Bruno. "We thought we were ready for it. We just didn't make the plays. Any time you play a team like

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Above, a panel of judges watches tryouts for the Atlantic City Card Sharks' dance team, the Diamond Girls, earlier this month. Below left, former Hammonton High School cheerleader Melissa Rodia performs for the judges. Below right, Carla Conte demonstrates moves for Diamond Girl hopefuls.

Card Sharks want to be 'the community's team'

By DAVID NAHAN
Ocean City Sentinel

ATLANTIC CITY – Keeping to its game plan of becoming an integral part of the community, the Atlantic City Card Sharks football team has been recruiting locally for the men wearing the helmets on the gridiron and for the women cheering them on.

An early part of the plan was signing former Atlantic City High School football star Jamal Naji to anchor its defense. More recently, it was having tryouts for local women to become the Diamond Girls dance team.

The obvious goal is to get a football team to excite fans on the field and a dance team to entertain them, but Card Sharks President John Verde is looking well beyond the confines of Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, where the team will play seven home games starting in April as part of its 14-game schedule.

"We're looking to be the community team," Verde said earlier this month as auditions were being held at Trump Plaza to select the Diamond Girls. "Besides this being a family-based game, where footballs go flying into the stands and we don't ask for them back, we're going to have the team make appearances in the area, do things with Boy Scouts and youth football," Verde said. "We really want to get entrenched in the community, have our name as being synonymous with the community."

Verde said Card Sharks coach Mike Siani, a former NFL Pro-Bowler with a Super Bowl ring (with the 1977 Oakland Raiders), also wants to get the team connected to the local schools, such as finding ways to do fundraisers to help purchase computer equipment.

The community involvement will also extend to the Diamond Girls. The dance team will put on routines during the game and at halftime and then, according to Verde, stick around and sign autographs after the game. The Diamond Girls also will be available to make appearances in and around the com-

munity.

True to the theme of local connections, auditions for the dance team were attracting young women from South Jersey and the immediate area.

Linda Suarez, a dancer/singer currently with the Legends in Concert show at Tropicana and former dancer with the 76ers, is heading up the Diamond Girls. As a few dozen women stretched and warmed up for tryouts on a recent Saturday morning, Suarez, of Brigantine, explained she was looking for girls who were young and excited to be working with a team that is brand new. "It's a good time for Atlantic City," Suarez said. "The whole community seems to be very excited about the team. I need girls who are that excited about it as well."

No stranger to Atlantic City, Suarez grew up in Mullica Hill and came to the resort every year with her family. She danced on the Boardwalk and in the Miss America Parade. She said she was trying to find dancers with training and personality, and abilities in different forms of jazz, which will compete with hip hop as the basis of routines.

"I want it to be something different for the crowd to watch," Suarez said, "instead of the same hip hop number. I want to throw in a novelty number ... Jersey girls ... under the Boardwalk ... and put a little funk into it."

Although the Diamond Girls will be sexy, she said everything will be done in good taste.

Rebecca Bakaric and Mary Rubino were at the auditions, hoping for a spot on the Diamond Girls. They were called back after initial auditions a few weeks before. "I think it will be fun," Bakaric said. "I have 14 years of dance experience. I'm definitely excited about being called back."

"I thought it would be fun and a good expe-

Card Sharks are new team in National Indoor Football League

The Card Sharks team is a new-comer to the National Indoor Football league. Games are played on a field that is 50 yards long and 28 yards wide, with padding on the sides called "dasher boards," which are more akin to the boards in ice hockey than the open sidelines of football. The teams feature eight players on defense and eight on offense who play off the dasher boards rather than having play ending with someone going out of bounds.

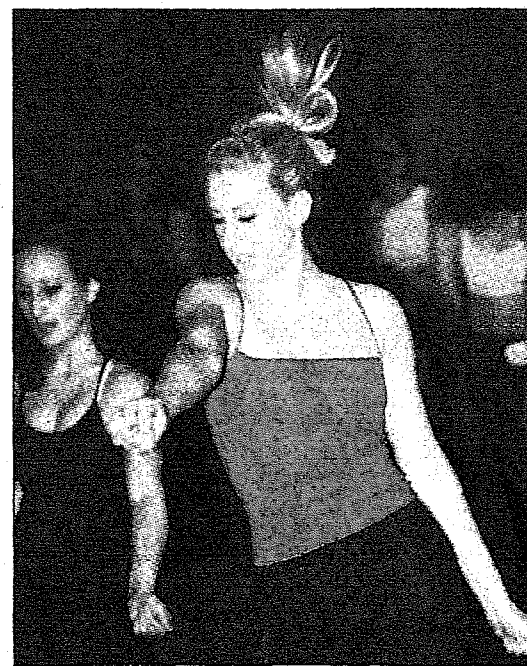
The full-contact football is intended to be fast, high-scoring and fun.

After two games on the road, the team makes its home debut at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, at Boardwalk Hall. For more information, go to the web site, accardsharks.com, or call 1-609-264-8700.



rience," Rubino added. She, too, has a long history of dance training. As for the second tryout, was there anything different she was planning? "Smile a little bigger," Rubino said.

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Card Sharks aim to be 'community's team'

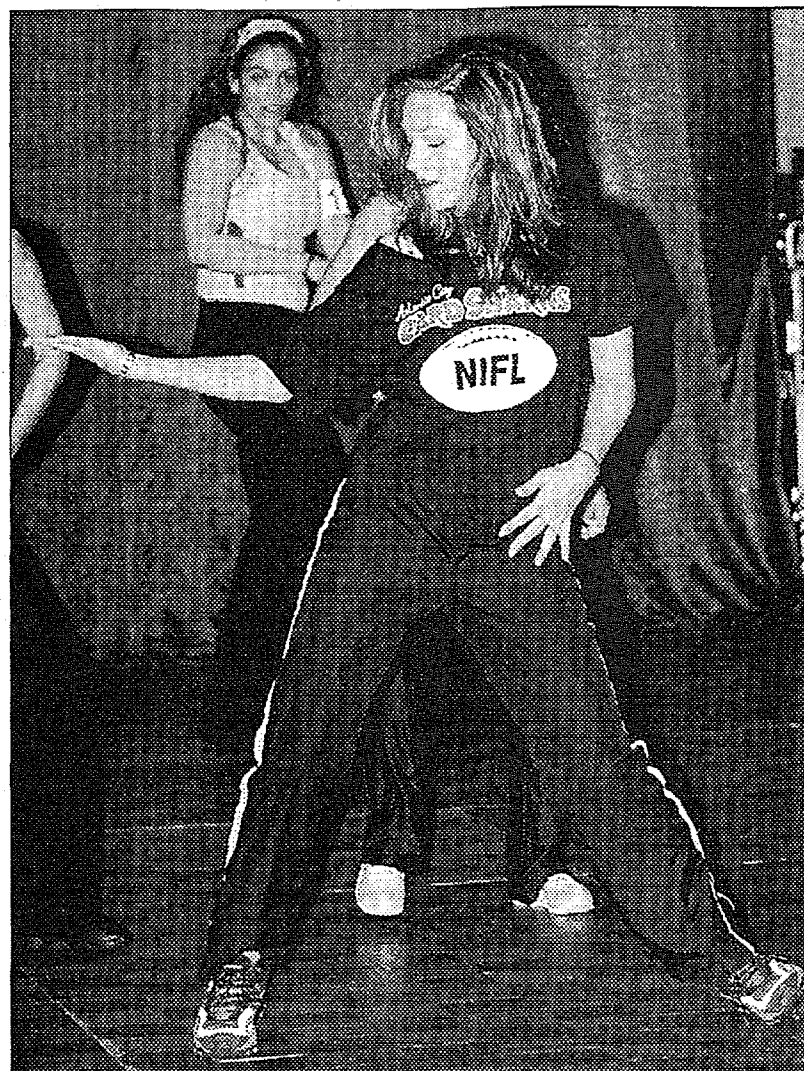


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Jamie Burrid of Toms River was stretching out in the Grand Ballroom as her father sat nearby. "This is my first time auditioning," Burrid said. "They handed out fliers at my gym in Toms River. I danced for 14 years growing up, but it's been a while. I plan to do my best." With her father looking over her shoulder, she added, "He thinks I'm a little crazy, but he supports me."

"I'm all in favor of anything she wants to try out," Tom Burrid said, smiling at his daughter. Laughing, he added, "I support her in all of her crazy endeavors. I think it's a good idea. It could be fun. I'm here to lend moral support." He later noted that he also enjoys football and having a daughter as a cheerleader would give him a good reason to go to the Card Sharks games.

After finishing up her routine in front of Suarez and a panel of judges, Hammonton's Melissa Rodia said she was having fun. "My dance teacher recommend it," Rodia said. "She said you should go try out." Although she had a little background in dance, the 19-year-old graduate of Hammonton High School was relying in large part on her cheerleading skills. "I'm enjoying this very much."



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Above, Linda Suarez shows prospective Diamond Girls the routine she wants them to audition. At left, Jamie Burrid stretches in front of her father, Tom, while waiting to audition.

Lady Raiders

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two more free throws, and then McKinley scored on a fast break transition bucket off a pass from Brady as the Lady Raiders trimmed the lead to 15-11 with 2:40 left in the first half.

But Wildwood Catholic answered with nine straight points, most from long range including a trey by Michaela Jezdikova to widen the lead, 24-11.

Brady hit two of four free throws to trim the margin to 24-13 at the half.

Ocean City went to full court pressure to open the second half, and held Wildwood Catholic scoreless for more than five minutes.

But the Lady Raiders' only baskets during that stretch came on a put-back by McKinley and a jumper in the key by Marilee Sobrinski.

Jezdikova hit a basket for Wildwood Catholic with 2:23 left in the third quarter to give her team a 30-17 lead, and that was the last field goal the Lady Crusaders would score.

DuRoss scored on a drive, sophomore Abby Hansen scored off a pass from McKinley and freshman Casey Beyel made a steal and turned it into a basket down the other end.

But Wildwood Catholic countered with four for four from the foul line to hang onto a 34-23 lead.

In the final stanza, DuRoss hit a baseline shot off a pass from Brady, Beyel hit a jumper off a pass from DuRoss, and DuRoss hit two of two free throw attempts, but Wildwood Catholic led 37-29 on three free throws.

McKinley scored three points, DuRoss hit two more free throws,

Wildwood Catholic 13 11 10 14 = 48
Ocean City 2 11 10 17 = 40

Wildwood Cath.	2P	3P	FT	TP	A	S	OR	DR
42-C. LaBounty	3	0	0-0	6	1	2	2	1
30-Genet Farnan	3	1	0-0	9	1	2	0	1
21-Courtney Walsh	1	0	0-0	2	0	1	1	1
15-Tara Walsh	2	0	8-10	12	0	0	4	5
12-C. Bohannon	0	0	8-12	8	2	2	0	2
40-M. Jezdikova	2	1	1-1	8	0	0	1	0
34-Katie Flounders	0	0	3-4	3	3	2	0	1
Totals	11	2	20-25	48	7	9	8	14

Ocean City	2P	3P	FT	TP	A	S	OR	DR
3-Kaitlin DuRoss	2	0	4-8	8	2	2	4	1
10-C. Dougherty	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1	3
41-M. McKinley	4	0	1-2	9	2	3	5	5
23-S. Netherby	0	0	2-2	2	1	0	0	2
20-Megan Larsen	4	0	1-3	9	0	1	0	2
22-M. Sobrinski	2	0	0-2	4	0	1	0	0
50-Danielle Brady	0	0	2-4	2	3	1	0	1
44-Julie Treen	0	0	0-0	0	1	0	1	1
32-Casey Beyel	2	0	0-0	4	0	1	0	2
12-Stacie McKinley	0	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
33-Abbey Hansen	1	0	0-2	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	15	0	10-23	40	10	9	12	1

Raiders lose to Oakcrest

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Oakcrest they're going to get their share of turnovers, but we turned the ball over too much on unforced turnovers."

Oakcrest settled back in a man-to-man in the second quarter as Staton continued to stroke the net for eight more points.

"In the beginning of the game our press got us a little bit of a working margin," said Oakcrest coach Dave Lewis. "The press has actually been working well for us all year, but we got out of it because Matt Byrnes got his second foul, and he plays up on the ball."

Byrnes is usually the Falcons' top scorer and is deadly from three-point range. He finished with five field goals against Ocean City, but all were two-pointers.

Ocean City fought back to open the second quarter as Beyel hit a pair of baselines, both times on over-the-top passes from Hinsley, and Davidson scored on a cut to the basket off a feed from Schaffer, but Oakcrest had pushed its lead to 28-17.

Davidson hit a trey, Andrew Moore scored on a drive, and then hit a pair of free throws, but Oakcrest led 34-21 at the half.

"After we stopped the press I think we lost some of our defensive intensity," said Lewis. "Most of the first half we were knocking down our shots. Staton was playing well, and Rodney Guishard was controlling things, so I thought we were in a good flow at the half."

Guishard finished with five assists, and Schaffer had five assists for Ocean City.

In the third quarter Ocean City made its move, causing five turnovers: one each for Vanderslice, Davidson, Beyel, Schaffer and Lionel Johnson.

Offensively Beyel scored six, Schaffer scored four and Davidson hit four of four from the charity stripe too cut the lead to 44-35.

"We made a lot of mistakes offensively, and they (Ocean City) caused a lot of it," Lewis

said. "But at the end of the third quarter we only lost a point."

Oakcrest led by 13 at the half, and Jared Upton scored a basket and a free throw to push the lead back to a 12-point gap, 47-35, after three quarters.

But in the second and third quarters Oakcrest outscored Ocean City 30-28.

"Trying to come from behind, I think we ran out of gas," Bruno said. "It seemed like we were hustling, but every time you looked up we were down by 12."

The fourth quarter was Ocean City's undoing as the Falcons scored eight unanswered points for a 55-35 lead with about five minutes left to play.

Not many teams in South Jersey are going to beat Oakcrest, and as Bruno said, the Raiders kept it competitive for most of the 32 minutes.

And on the dregs of a frustrating season, the Raiders can bank in their recent wins over Mainland, 55-52, and Absegami 58-49.

"One of our goals now is to beat some teams that beat us the first time, and we were successful

with Mainland and Absegami," said Bruno. "We still have some games down the road that I think we can win. We'll just play one at a time."

Bruno is also hoping that his young players, Schaffer, Beyel, Hinsley, Johnson and Pat Tolomeo, who has been sidelined with a back injury, will continue to learn and improve.

"A short time ago teams like EHT and Oakcrest were young and struggling, and that's where we are now," Bruno said. "Our young kids will come around. The idea is you don't want to take too many steps backward. Tonight we played hard, we lost to a good team, and we move forward from there."

OC JV loses by one

The Ocean City junior varsity led by one point, but Oakcrest scored off a turnover to win 45-44 last Thursday, Jan. 12. Mike Davis led Ocean City with 11. Tony Belton and Shannon McKenzie added nine points each and Matt Kilroy scored six more.

Oakcrest 17 17 13 17 = 64
Ocean City 7 14 14 15 = 50

Oakcrest	2P	3P	FT	TP	A	S	OR	DR
35-Matt Byrnes	5	0	3-3	13	1	0	4	3
15-Rod Guishard	3	0	1-2	7	3	1	1	2
5-Ryan Staton	7	2	0-0	20	1	4	0	3
24-Jeremy Upton	1	0	0-0	2	1	4	0	0
31-Chris Taylor	2	0	0-0	4	1	0	0	2
50-Jared Upton	1	1	1-1	6	0	0	3	2
55-Dakota Walker	4	0	0-0	8	1	2	1	2
44-Ryan Jepson	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
2-Chisholm	1	0	0-0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	25	3	5-6	64	7	11	9	14

Ocean City	2P	3P	FT	TP	A	S	OR	DR
4-Phil Schaffer	2	0	0-0	4	5	2	2	3
50-Josh Davidson	1	1	5-5	10	0	2	1	2
23-Dave Beyel	4	0	4-4	12	0	1	2	4
25-Andrew Moore	1	0	3-4	5	0	0	0	2
5-D. Vanderslice	1	0	0-0	2	1	1	1	3
21-Lionel Johnson	0	0	0-0	0	-	1	0	1
51-Mike Hinsley	1	0	0-0	2	4	0	2	0
15-B. Decima	1	0	2-2	4	0	0	0	3
3-Rich Coccodrilli	0	2	0-0	6	0	0	0	0
22-Joe Neill	1	0	0-1	2	2	0	0	0
11-Will Myers	0	1	0-0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	12	4	14-16	50	12	7	8	18

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Date	Opponent	Place	Time	Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 17	Pleasantville	18th & Bay Ave.	7:00pm	Feb. 19	Lower C.M.	18th & Bay Ave.	7:00pm
Feb. 19	Lower C.M.	Lower C.M.	5:30pm	Feb. 20	Millville	Millville	6:00pm
Feb. 24	Hammonton	18th & Bay Ave.	7:00pm	Feb. 24	Shawnee	Shawnee	7:00pm
Feb. 26	Atlantic City	18th & Bay Ave.	7:00pm	Feb. 26	Hammonton	Hammonton	5:30pm
Mar. 2	NJSIAA	TBA	TBA	Mar. 1	NJSIAA	TBA	TBA

Ocean City 38	Atlantic City 49
Ocean City 39	St. Joseph 50
Ocean City 41	Mainland 37
Ocean City 38	Bridgeton 26
Ocean City 31	Wildwood 33
Ocean City 46	Vineland 35
Ocean City 35	Lower Cape May 25
Ocean City 53	Buena 29
Ocean City 51	Millville 39
Ocean City 28	Absegami 78
Ocean City 41	Shawnee 53
Ocean City 31	Middle Twp. 38
Ocean City 20	Hammonton 52
Ocean City 52	Oakcrest 67
Ocean City 47	Triton 16
Ocean City 46	E.H.T. 44
Ocean City 49	Mainland 34
Ocean City 42	Sacred Heart 50
Ocean City 32	Oakcrest 60
Ocean City 40	Wildwood Catholic 48

Ocean City 70	Atlantic City 78
Ocean City 68	Sacred Heart 69
Ocean City 49	Mainland 50
Ocean City 44	Highland 42
Ocean City 39	Cape May Tech 37
Ocean City 44	Vineland 40
Ocean City 55	Lower Cape May 50
Ocean City 63	Buena 54
Ocean City 37	Millville 38
Ocean City 57	Absegami 59
Ocean City 54	Middle Twp. 66
Ocean City 74	Hammonton 47
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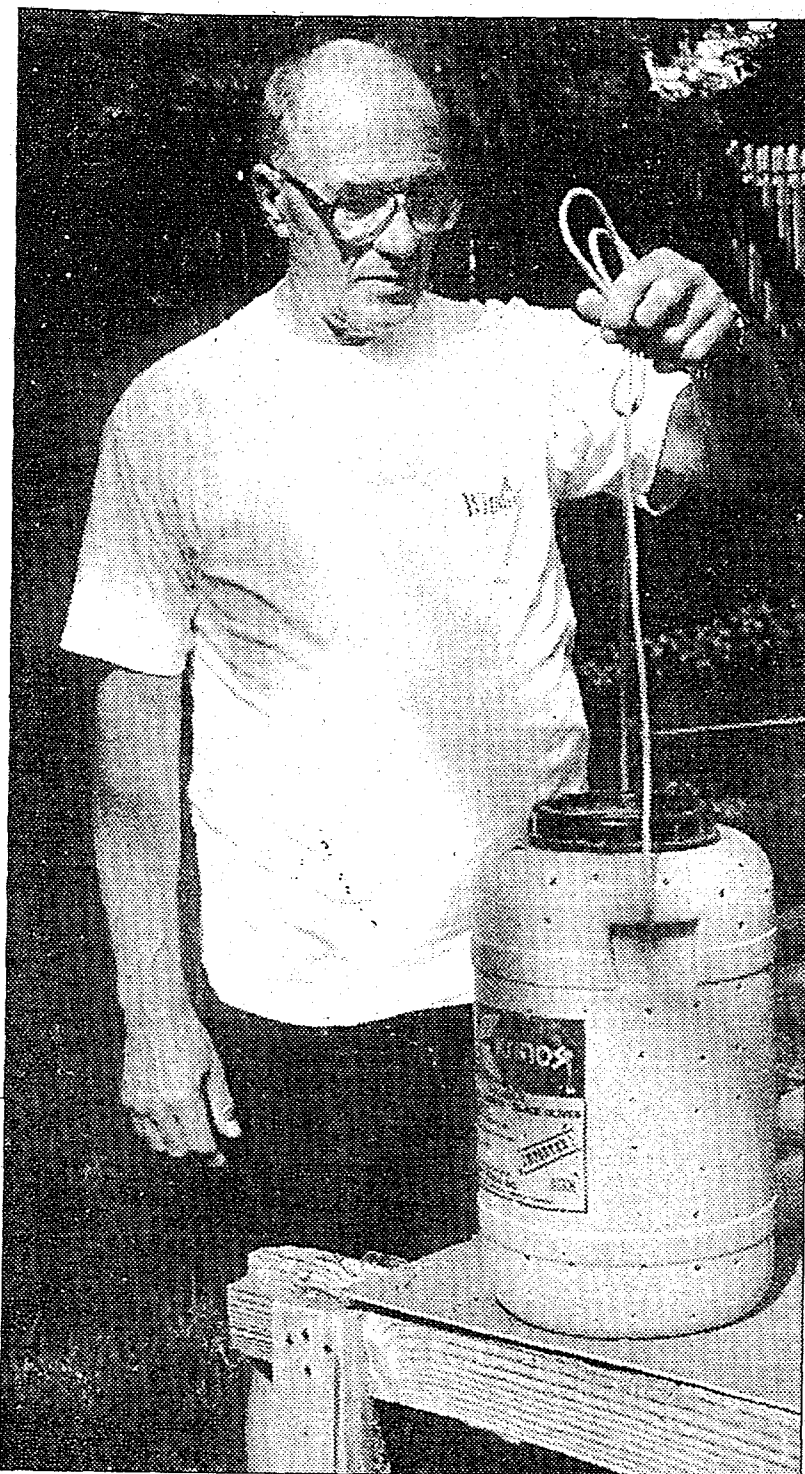
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Lou Rodia with a minnow bucket/live eel container made from an olive jar obtained from a local diner.

Build your own container for minnows or live eels out of simple materials

Army trainees used to get lessons making use of field expedients. Simplified, that meant using whatever you had on hand to do a job that needed doing no matter what the item was originally intended for. Even today, string, a coat hanger, a block of wood, a short piece of pipe, a couple of plastic jars with lids and a tin can or two somehow factor into a sort of emergency kit we carry in our truck.

Last year's minnow shortage discombobulated some of our angling friends after years of using these hardy, live baits which catch so many varieties of fish in fresh and salt water. Some improvised. Others suffered the agony of having to change their approach to fishing. Imagination helped some. Tackle shop operators filled in some of the gaps with suggestions to replace minnows.

Some turned to other kinds of live bait including fresh water shiners which more appropriately are found in fresh water shops and are used for catching largemouth bass and pickerel. Others went to more traditional salt water baits. High on the list of replacements for live minnows were fresh and salted mackerel and herring strips, squid marinated with fish attractants and dyed a variety of colors, spearing, clams and fresh and frozen bunkers. Shiners and grass shrimp were also used.

Anglers searched out smelts and eating shrimp at fish markets and frozen fish departments in supermarkets. Sea robins, long touted as fluke bait when filleted and cut into strips, wound up in the cooler for processing into bait instead of being tossed back. Bloodworms, expensive and effective, were also brought into the mix when minnows were harder to find.

Some anglers located bottled and preserved shiners and other baits in fresh water sections of mail order catalogs and fresh water sections of tackle shops.

There were others who decided that it was time to work harder at catching fish on artificial lures so more anglers tried fishing lead head and shiny metal jigs. Plastic worms in a wide array of colors, shapes and actions were used to dress the lead headed lures. Strips of fresh-cut live bait were added to the jigs. Others fished them plain. A few of the latter were purists who fish lures only.

One friend found a source of minnows in an odd place. He found some in a local pet shop where they were being stocked

and sold to pet owners who needed them to feed pet fish in home aquariums.

No one knows at this time what the minnow situation will be this coming season. Be an optimist. Plan to fish minnows as in prior years. Be a realist, however. If minnows are hard to come by, switch to another bait. Buy them or catch your own. Then, figure how you are going to keep them alive when you are fishing.

A live car of some kind is a must. In the good old days, small wooden live cars were the norm. When they wind up in yard sales, wooden live cars wind up as den decorations or in displays in store windows. Not yet considered collector's items like duck decoys, there may come a time when a wooden minnow float could command a few bucks on eBay.

Marine growth and grass are a problem for those keeping minnows alive in a floating plastic minnow bucket at the dock. Over the years, we've seen dozens of perfectly good plastic minnow buckets tossed away because they are so gunked up by marine growth.

We have several, since I'm not above scrounging a usable minnow bucket out of the trash can and restoring it. And, there are times ours get a little hairy or slimy from grass and need cleaning.

Our solution? We replace the one needing a clean-up with one out of the garage. The one we take home goes into a five gallon bucket of fresh water to which has been added two cupfuls of household bleach and a half-cup of dish-washer detergent. The minnow bucket does not sink completely so we submerge it by putting a couple of bricks in the bucket or a half-cinder block on top of it. After the minnow bucket soaks for a few days, we wash it with a strong jet of water from the garden hose.

That's one answer to the minnow bucket problem. But, we've had minnows stolen out of our live cars and had minnow buckets stolen, so we looked for an alternative. That's when we turned to field expedients. Eels and green crabs have had similar fates.

Our solution was to fashion a submersible live minnow bucket which will keep minnows and green crabs alive. We started with a five-gallon olive jar salvaged from the Dumpster at a local diner after we got permis-

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Raider wrestlers beat Hammonton

It's the second team win of the season for Ocean City

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

Opportunity came knocking last Tuesday, Feb. 10, and the Ocean City Red Raider wrestlers answered the door.

The Raiders have taken their lumps this season as a team. Their only win was over EHT back on Jan. 3, in the first team match of the season, and since then there have been 18 straight losses over the course of nearly five weeks.

But last Tuesday, they took advantage of some good fortune and defeated the under-gunned Hammonton Blue Devils 54-19 in a match that was rescheduled from Jan. 28.

Hammonton sent only eight wrestlers to the mat, and handed Ocean City a gift of 36 points on six forfeits.

On the mat, it was a little more interesting as Raider sophomore Sean Hennessy won a come-from-behind 9-8 decision to kick off a run of three straight wins including another dramatic 3-2 decision for senior Channing Perone and a pin in 58 seconds for senior Wayne Molosky.

Of the eight matches that were decided on the mat, each team won four.

Ocean City's fourth win came at 160 pounds in the final match of the day when junior Charles LaRosa won by pin in 2:48.

Hammonton won at heavy-weight, 112 pounds, and 119 pounds to build a 19-18 lead when Hennessy came to the mat to face Javier Nieves.

Nieves used a penalty point and a takedown to build a 3-1 lead in the first period, but Hennessy fought back in the second period with a reversal and a takedown to lead 5-4.

Nieves opened an 8-5 lead midway through the third period, and as the final seconds ticked away Hennessy avoided a takedown with a tricky reversal and tacked on two back points to win 9-8.

"I've lost a few close matches this year, and I didn't want to lose another one," said Hennessy.

Perone, who leads the Raiders with a 23-2 record, had another very close match at 130 pounds with Hammonton's talented Joe DeSorte, who came into the match with only two losses. DeSorte finished third in the Region 8 tournament last year when he won an 8-5 decision over Delsea's Frank Borelli in the 119-pound bracket.

Perone scored first on a takedown, but DeSorte tied the score with a reversal. Perone scored the winning point on an escape in the second period.

"He's pretty tough," Perone said of his opponent. "Once I got the takedown, he wasn't doing much on bottom. I thought he was waiting for me to make a

mistake. I made a mistake at the end of the first period and he got a reversal. So, the rest of the match I wrestled a little smarter and more cautiously."

It was a big win for Perone, who is pointing toward the top seed at 130 pounds in the District 32 tournament, which starts Feb. 27.

Each team split the eight matches that were contested on the mat, and Hammonton had a 19-18 edge in points, but couldn't overcome the 36 points from forfeits.

This week Ocean City heads into its final tune-up for the districts. On Tuesday they were home with Sacred Heart. Tonight they travel to Pinelands and tomorrow night they go to Holy Spirit for a 5 p.m. match.

Ocean City 54, Hammonton 19 (matches started at 171 pounds)

171 - Jason Eickmeyer H p Tom Tyrrell OC, 3:20
189 - Adam Coste OC by ff
215 - Ryan Skellenger OC by ff
hwt - Schoenborn H d Lloyd Hayes OC, 1-0
103 - Josh Hawn OC by ff
112 - Jose Matos H p John Trout OC, 4:39
119 - Ryan Mair H md Frankie Williams OC, 10-0
125 - Sean Hennessy OC d Javier Nieves H, 9-8
130 - Channing Perone OC d Joe DeSorte H, 3-2
135 - Wayne Molosky OC p Cory Woldorf H, :58
140 - Skooter Williams OC by ff
145 - Dan Boardman OC by ff
152 - Ed Hill OC by ff
160 - Charles LaRosa OC p Bryan Benson H, 2:48

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Boys basketball at Millville, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Boys basketball at Shawnee, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball home vs Hammonton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 26

Boys basketball at Hammonton, 5:30 p.m.
Girls basketball home vs Atlantic City, 7 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 27-28

District 32 wrestling tournament at Absegami

Tuesday, March 2

Girls basketball at Deptford, 7 p.m.
G-3 playoff
Region 8 wrestling tournament at Absegami

THE MUSTANGS

Thursday, Feb. 19

Boys basketball home vs Oakcrest, 5:30 p.m.
Girls basketball at Oakcrest, 6 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 21

Girls basketball home vs Williamstown, 10:30 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 23

Girls basketball home vs Eastern, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Boys basketball home vs Clearview

Friday, Feb. 27-28

District 32 wrestling tournament at Absegami

Monday, March 1

Boys basketball G-4 tourney home vs Washington Twp, 7 p.m.
Girls basketball G-4 tourney at Southern, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2

Region 8 wrestling tournament at Absegami

Allie Moreland, Mike Long do best for OCHS at indoor track championship

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

PRINCETON - Juniors Allie Moreland and Mike Long had the best results for the Ocean City High School Red Raider winter track team last Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Group III individual indoor state championships held at Princeton.

Moreland took 11th place in the girls 800 meters with a time of 2:25.51. She finished 15th overall in the 1600 meters with a time of 5:35.28. Molly Minehan finished 15th in the 800 meters.

Long competed in the same races in the boys division, and took 13th in the 800 with his time of 2:06.63. In the 1600 meters, he came in 13th again with a time of 4:45.40.

Sophomore state champion cross-country runner Brittany Sedberry has recovered from an earlier injury, but was still not ready to compete last Sunday. She should be ready for the spring season.

The Meet of Champions is set for Sunday, Feb. 29, back at Princeton, but none of the Ocean City athletes qualified this year.

G-3 indoor state track
OCHS individual results
Feb. 15 at Princeton

Girls results
400 meters: Kayla Ghanavati, 44th,

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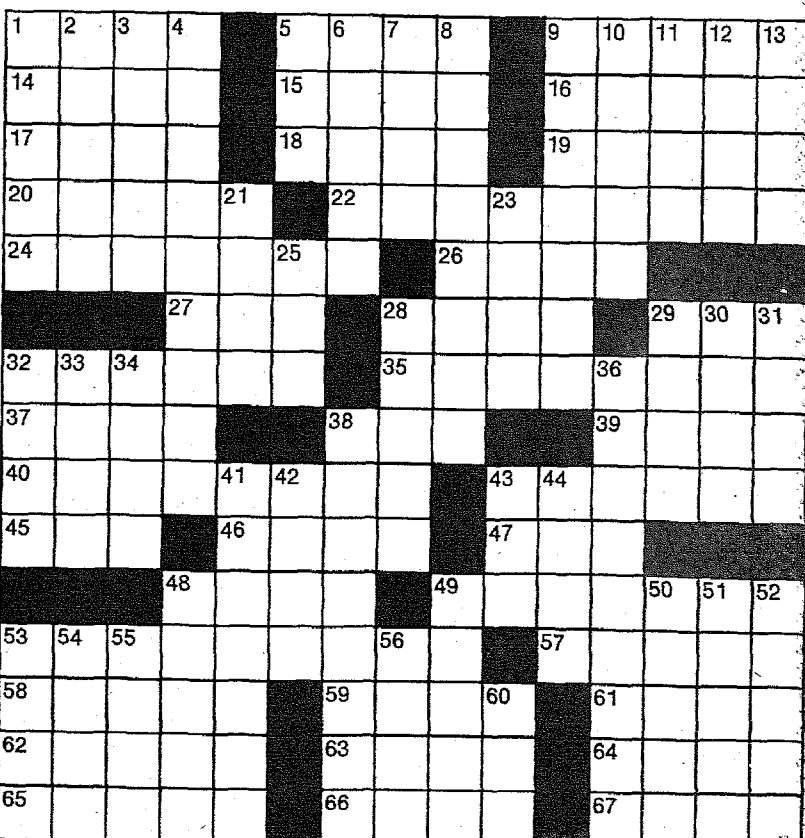
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OBITUARIES

Rose E. Bounds, 76

MAYS LANDING - Rose E. Bounds, 76, of this community died Feb. 9 at Our Lady's Residence in Pleasantville. Mrs. Bounds was born in Palermo and had been an area resident most of her life.

Surviving are two sons, Richard of Estell Manor and Roger of Mays Landing; one daughter, Beverly Lenard of Mays Landing; her sister, Laura Madara of Marmora; seven grandchildren; and one great grandchild. She was predeceased by her husband, Richard J. Bounds, in 1990.

Services were held Thursday from Atwood Peterson O'Brien Funeral Home in Egg Harbor City. Burial will be held at Atlantic County Veteran's Cemetery.

Ellen Gansert, 68

CLAYTON - Ellen "Lucy" Gansert, 68, of this community died Feb. 10 at her home. She was born in Fayetteville, N.C., and lived in Mays Landing as well as Ocean View before moving to Clayton five years ago.

Mrs. Gansert was a member of the Mays Landing Baptist Church in Mays Landing.

Surviving are her husband, Warren J.; four daughters, Debbie C. and Tara L., both of Clayton, Shari L. Ransford of Blackwood, and Heather A. Lauriello of Erma; and two grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday from The Godfrey Funeral Home of Palermo in Palermo. Burial followed in Seaville Methodist Cemetery, Seaville.

Mary M. Halperin, 81

OCEAN CITY - Mary M. Halperin, 81, of this city died Feb. 14 at Wesley Manor in Ocean City. She was born in Philadelphia and had lived in Pennsauken before moving to Ocean City 33 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Philip; her son, Philip Jr. of Merchantville; one daughter, Elizabeth Koch of Westmont; her

cousin, Jane Richter of Erwin, Pa.; five grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services and burial will be held privately at the convenience of her family. Arrangements by The Godfrey Funeral Homes of Ocean City and Palermo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Ocean City Humane Society, One Shelter Road, Ocean City, N.J. 08226.

Joseph O. Hutchinson Jr., 78

SOMERS POINT - Joseph O. Hutchinson Jr., 78, of this city died Feb. 9 in Mainland Manor Nursing Home, Pleasantville. He was born in Atlantic City.

Mr. Hutchinson served during World War II as a coxswain USNR in the United States Navy. He received medals of commendation including the Asiatic Pacific Theatre Medal One Star, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon One Star, Presidential Unit Citation, American Theatre Medal and the Victory Medal. He was employed by Guarantee Bank in Atlantic City from 1960 to 1970. He was the bank's vice president and loan administration officer. He founded and organized the Bank of Central Florida where he was president and chief executive officer. Mr. Hutchinson retired from the banking industry 10 years ago.

Surviving are his wife Georgiana (Merkle); and his cousins. He was predeceased by his son, Joseph O. Hutchinson III.

Services were held Thursday from Adams Perfect Funeral Home in Northfield. Burial was held privately at the convenience of the family.

Albert R. Mulholland, 28

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP - Albert R. "Bob" Mulholland, 28, of this township died Feb. 5. He was born in Somers Point and was a lifelong resident of Galloway Township.

Mr. Mulholland worked as a carpet and tile layer most of his life. He worked as an auto mechanic.

Surviving are his sons, Albert Tyler and Seth David; his mother, Mary Delbrook of Somers Point; his father, Albert of Virginia; and his brother, John Michael of Galloway Township.

Services were held Thursday from Boakes Funeral Home in Mays Landing.

Herbert Mimler Sr., 83

VINELAND - Herbert Ernest Mimler Sr., 83, of this community died Feb. 8 in the Vineland Veterans' Home, Vineland. He was formerly of Linwood where he had lived since 1946. Mr. Mimler was born in Pittsburgh, Pa.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II in the South Pacific. Mr. Mimler was employed at the Linwood Post Office for 28 years. He was custodian of Central United Methodist Church for 17 years and had taught Sunday school.

Surviving are his daughter, Joyce DiSciasco of Ocean City; one son, Herb Jr. of Egg Harbor City; two sisters, Amelia LaCroix

of Mays Landing and Helen Bartley of California; his brother, Arthur of California; seven grandsons; and five great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy Mimler.

Services were held Wednesday from Adams Perfect Funeral Home in Northfield. Burial was in Seaside Cemetery, Palermo.

Memorial contributions may be sent to New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, 524 Northwest Boulevard, Vineland, N.J. 08360, or expressed in the form of a special act of kindness for someone you love or for someone in need.

Audrey C. Pouls, 83

SOMERS POINT - Audrey C. (nee Bogatin) Pouls, 83, of this city died Feb. 13. She was born in Atlantic City and was a lifelong resident.

Mrs. Pouls was employed by Atlantic City Medical Center for 25 years. She was formerly a member of A.M.C. and Temple Emeth Shalom of Margate.

Surviving are her children, Merle Seigel and Steven C.; four grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Services were held Sunday from Emeth Shalom Cemetery in Cardiff. Arrangements by Roth Goldstein Memorial Chapel, Atlantic City.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Alzheimer's research.

Thomas E. Meister Sr., 55

UPPER TOWNSHIP - Thomas E. Meister Sr., 55, of the Martintown section of Upper Township died Feb. 10 at Shore Memorial Hospital in Somers Point. He was born in Jersey City and had resided in Martintown for 25 years.

Mr. Meister was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran. He was awarded for Marine Corps Marksmanship. Mr. Meister had been recognized with sales awards in the South Jersey building community.

Surviving are his wife, June; two children, Shelly of Virginia Beach, Va., and T.J. of Martintown; and his parents, Edward and Ethel of Palm Coast, Fla.

Services were held Saturday from Langley Loveland Funeral Home in Tuckahoe. Condolences may be sent to the family at 340 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, N.J. 08270.

Nona DuCharme Pitt, 89

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP - Nona DuCharme Pitt, 89, of this township died Feb. 10. She was born and raised in Hartford, Conn. Prior to moving to Glassboro in 1956 she had resided in Brooklyn and Valley Stream, New York.

Mrs. Pitt graduated from Weaver High School in Hartford, Conn. She was a defensive bridge player and assisted her husband with classes. She was a contributor to the DIEW, Drug Information Education Workshop, founded and developed by Dr. Pitt at Glassboro State College. Mrs. Pitt was a pianist.

Surviving are her son, William J. Jr. of Petersburg. She was predeceased by her husband, William J. Pitt Sr., EdD., in 1992.

Services were held Monday from St. Bridget's Church in Glassboro. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield, Conn. Arrangements by Mathis Funeral Home of Glassboro.

Daniel Champion, 48

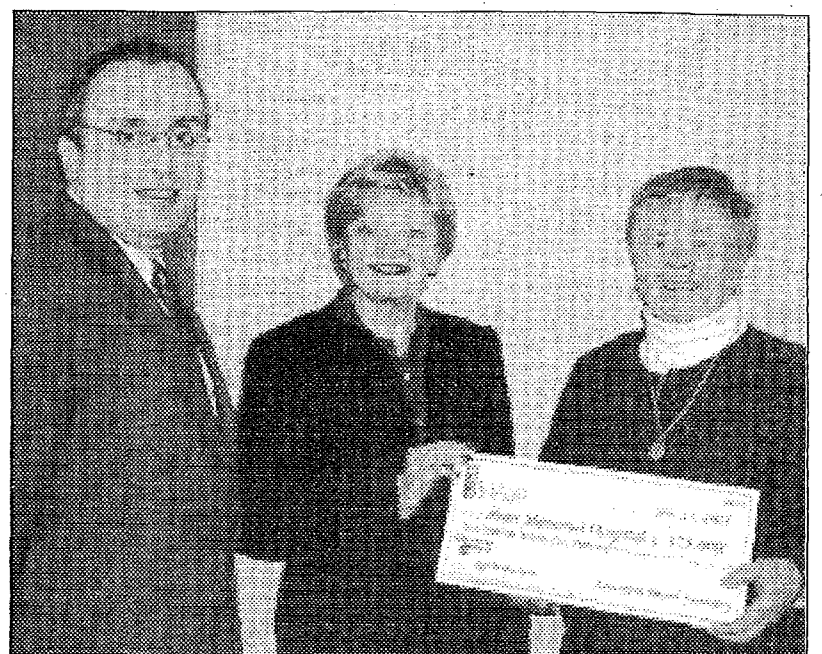
PLEASANTVILLE - Daniel Champion, 48, of this city died Feb. 13 in Atlantic City Medical Center City Division in Atlantic City. He was born in Atlantic City.

Mr. Champion was an HVAC engineer employed by South Jersey Transportation Authority. He was a past commodore of the Yacht Club of Pleasantville and a member of Bayview Gunning Club of New Gretna.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara Ann (Lee); one daughter, Kimberly Padilla of Egg Harbor Township; two sons, Gerald Bell of Pleasantville and Christopher Bell of Nevada; his parents, Daniel and Thelma (Patterson) of Somers Point; three sisters, Margaret Shaw of Port Norris, Ellen Suevo of Somers Point and Dorothy Bosco of Florida; his brother, Francis and Patrick, both of Somers Point; and four grandchildren.

Services were held Monday from Adams Perfect Funeral Home in Northfield.

Memorial contributions may be sent to The Donny Fund, c/o John Glassey, 1000 Bay Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, N.J. 08234.



Shore Memorial Hospital President and CEO Albert L. Gutierrez and Board of Trustees Chairman Michele Ginieczki accept the \$475,000 check from hospital Auxiliary President Pat Crowley.

Auxiliary presents \$475,000 check to hospital's institute

SOMERS POINT - The Auxiliary of Shore Memorial Hospital has successfully completed another banner year exceeding its previous contribution for the fourth year in a row. During their annual luncheon meeting auxiliary chairman, Pat Crowley, presented a \$475,000 check to hospital board of trustees chairman, Michele Ginieczki.

Topping its 2003 donation by \$20,000, this year's check represents the second installment toward the auxiliary's \$2 million pledge for the hospital's cardiovascular institute.

Located in the auxiliary of Shore Memorial Hospital Pavilion, the \$8.2 million project is scheduled to open next month. Patients access the newly renovated second floor facility through an entryway at ground level off Brighton Avenue. The new unit features a low-risk cardiac catheterization laboratory, a state-of-the-art MRI, angiography suite, vascular lab, digital ultrasound, and relocated cardiac noninvasive testing services for the diagnosis and treatment of heart and circulatory diseases.

The luncheon meeting last month at Harbor Pines included the auxiliary's annual report.

The auxiliary's thrift shop raised \$183,000, an increase of more than \$6,000 over the previous year and the gift shop contributed \$97,000, representing an increase of more than \$10,000. Other successful projects included golf tournaments, fashion shows, Kids' Swims and raffles.

Ginieczki presented the 2003 Chairman's Award to Margaret Schock of Ocean City at the luncheon. An auxiliary member since 1991, Schock served as president for the Ocean City Chapter, 1995-96; thrift shop committee chairman and executive board chairman, 1997-99; as well as chairing numerous other committees and serving in the hospital's gift shop one day per week.

Kathy Chiorazzo of Marmora received the auxiliary "Catalyst of the Year" award for coordinating the highly successful Heart Pin project. Linwood Custom Jewelers was recognized with the Partnerships in Volunteering Award for their contribution to the design and craftsmanship of the pin. Barbara Harper of Egg Harbor Township, a new member in 2002, was honored as the "2003 Rookie of the Year" in recognition for her participation at auxiliary events.

RELIGION

Wildwood Catholic to benefit from 'plunge'

WILDWOOD CREST - Wildwood Catholic High School scholars are the beneficiaries of the "polar plunge" set for noon Saturday, March 6 at Jefferson Avenue and the beach. The Phillie Phanatic as well as Woolly Bully of the A.C. hockey club will participate in the third annual "plunge" for Andrew Alamo, a World Trade Center 9-11 victim. For information or to register for the "plunge" call Lisa Fitzpatrick at 609-729-0048.

'Ace the SAT' workshop at Bishop McHugh

CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - Bishop McHugh Regional School will host an "Ace the SAT" workshop for college boards 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, April 3 at 2221 Route 9. Students taking the May, June or October SAT will benefit, according to an announcement by the school. For information or registration, call Advance Test Review at 609-263-6798.

Shrove Tuesday supper at St. Mark's Church

GALLOWAY - The youth ministry of Church of St. Mark and All Saints Episcopal will host a "Shrove Tuesday" pancake supper and Mardi Gras 4:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 at 429 South Pitney road. Take-outs will be available. For information call the church at 652-6222.

BIRTHS

Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital:

Lorrie (Santa Romana) and Bryan Harvey-Morris of Seaville are the proud new parents of **Harmony-Kaealan Isis Santa Roma Harvey-Morris**, a girl, born Nov. 18, 2003.

Debra Shaw and Shawn Wright of Sea Isle City are the proud new parents of **Hannah Rose Shaw-Wright**, a girl, born Jan. 23, 2004.

Shore Memorial Hospital:

William and Linda (Platt) Conner of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Dillon Jacob Conner**, a boy, born Dec. 25, 2003.

John and Carrie (Clement) Batty Jr. of Somers Point are the proud new parents of **Alexandra Marie Batty**, a girl, born Dec. 5, 2003.

Russell and Jacqueline (Dailey) Lindsay Jr. of Petersburg are the proud new parents of **John Patrick Lindsay**, a boy, born Dec. 9, 2003.

Angel Teofanova and Mira Vasseva of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Lilly Angel Teofanova**, a girl, born Dec. 11, 2003.

Joseph Graham Jr. and Eileen (Ruane) Ruane-Graham of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Noelle Marie Graham**, a girl, born Dec. 12, 2003.

Peter and Krista (Anderson) Kelso of Clermont are the proud new parents of **Morgan Brooks Kelso**, a boy, born Dec. 14, 2003.

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Eric and Tira (Feman) Meyers of Somers Point are the proud new parents of **Noah Joseph Meyers**, a boy, born Dec. 19, 2003.

Kristy Whilden of Tuckahoe is the proud new parent of **Hailey Belle Whilden**, a girl, born Jan. 4.

Joseph and Wendy (Angera) Terrazzini of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Mia Noelle Terrazzini**, a girl, born Jan. 5.

Michael and Patti (Strickland) Kelly of Seaville are the proud new parents of **Ava Grace Kelly**, a girl, born Jan. 14.

Edgar and Holly (Shimrak) Kaiser of Somers Point are the proud new parents of **Benjamin Edgar Kaiser**, a boy, born Jan. 14.

Joseph and Deborah (Mullen) Fitzpatrick of Somers Point are the proud new parents of **Conner Reilly Fitzpatrick**, a boy, born Jan. 14.

Bahman and Nazila (Aghazadeh) Majd of Somers Point are the proud new parents of **Daniel Majd** and **Ryan Majd**, twin boys, born Jan. 14.

Jason and Erica (Linares) Fischer of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Amelia Grace Fischer**, a girl, born Jan. 18.

Cory and Sandra (Kepley) Richards of Marmora are the proud new parents of **Brandon Allen Richards**, a boy, born Jan. 24.

Michael and Mary Ann (Keebler) Daly of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Aodhan Keebler Daly**, a boy, born Jan. 25.

Billie Davis Jr. and Sephanie Jimenez of Ocean City are the proud new parents of **Jasmine Renee Davis**, a girl, born Feb. 4.

Kevin and Teresa (Matthews) McGonigle of Seaville are the proud new parents of **Brendan Charles McGonigle**, a boy, born Feb. 5.

Silvano Reyes and Leticia Palaez of Ocean City are the proud parents of **Lizbeth Reyes Palaez**, a girl, born Jan. 25.

Francis and Lois (Berti) Matalavage of Sea Isle City are the proud new parents of **Max Lindy Matalavage**, a boy, born Jan. 25.

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Cape Savings Bank hosts Jazz at the Point Kick Off

Patti Laird of Cape Savings Bank presented a \$5,000 check to Somers Point Schools Superintendent Gerald V. Toscano following the Jazz at the Point Kick Off event held at Crab Trap Restaurant. Jazz at the Point benefiting the Foundation for Education Somers Point is set for March 4-7 at various locations throughout the city. For information about the jazz event call 927-7161, ext. 256, or check online at www.spjazz.com.

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Parish nurse certificate program starts Tuesday

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP - Atlantic Cape Community College (ACCC) will offer a parish nursing certificate program 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning Feb. 24 at Burdette Tomlin Memorial Hospital. The seven-week program is offered in partnership with South Jersey Council of Health and Wholeness Ministries and will provide participants with certification as a parish nurse. The course covers holistic health concepts and prepares students to establish health ministries, according to an announcement by ACCC.

The Rev. Joanne Drane, R.N., Ph.D., and Bonnie Kratzer, R.N., B.S.N., will be teaching the class which is \$195 for the program and books. Drane has extensive clinical experience in treating those with eating

disorders, abusive relationships, anxiety, depression and individuals experiencing grief or spiritual concerns. She is a deacon and director of Central Counseling Center and Parish Nursing at Central United Methodist Church in Linwood. She is coordinator of pastoral care at Burdette Hospital. Kratzer earned a B.S.N. from the University of Washington in Seattle and is a parish nurse at Evangelical Lutheran Church of Our Saviour in Stone Harbor. Kratzer is also parish nurse coordinator at Burdette and serves as caregiver program instructor and coordinator for the South Jersey Health Ministries Council.

Those interested in the program can call 609-343-4839, 609-886-7189, ext. 4839, or 609-625-1111, ext. 4839, for additional details.

Lent

By POOR RICHARD

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2004. The six weeks of Lent prepare us for Palm Sunday and Passion Week. The ashes of Ash Wednesday are actually the burned remains of last year's Palm Sunday palms. Repentance, contemplation, prayer and peace are hallmarks of Lent. Plan your Lent. Schedule daily devotions. Go to Sabbath worship. Start by attending an Ash Wednesday service!

The Rev. Richard C. Wingate
Lighthouse Shore Ministries

Spindrift

By Joe Gilbert



Recognizing Geezers

This Old Clamdigger is now in his 86th year; I am now ... happily ... a real geezer. Geezer (this is slang for an old man) is easy to spot. At sporting events, during the playing of the National Anthem, they hold their hats over their hearts and sing with no sign of embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them. They remember World War I, the depression, World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, the Jet Age, the Cold War and the Moon Landing, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into a geezer on the sidewalk, he'll apologize. Pass a geezer on the street, he'll nod or tip his hat to a lady. Geezers trust strangers and are courtly to women. They hold the door for the next person and, always ... when walking ... make sure the lady is on the inside for her protection. Geezers get embarrassed if someone curses in the presence of women and children and they don't like violence and filth on TV and in movies.

Geezers have moral courage. Geezers seldom brag unless it's about grandchildren in Little League or music recitals. This country certainly needs geezers, with their decent values and common sense. In fact, we need them now, more than ever. This Old Clamdigger knows that it's the geezers who know that our great country is protected ... not by politicians or police ... but by the young men and women in the military, serving their country in foreign lands ... just as they did. They do it without a thought except to do a good job, the best they can do. Thank the Lord for geezers.

I rejoice in being a geezer; I long ago escaped the forties (the old age of youth) and have arrived at the past eighty, (the youth of old age).

Joe Gilbert, a longtime resident of Ocean City, has been sharing his reflections on faith and the current scene through his weekly column in the Ocean City Sentinel since September 18, 1979.

'Be a survivor' series continues Sunday at Cornerstone Ministries

OCEAN CITY - Butch Norton will look at what God wants individuals to take out of life as the "Be a survivor" series from Hebrews 12 continues this week at Cornerstone Ministries. Loving God with all our strength, is the theme, according to an announcement by Cornerstone. The "strip down" portion of the series ends this week with "start running" opening next Sunday. Services begin at 9 a.m. Sunday on the second floor of the Stainton Building at 810 Asbury Avenue. Cornerstone provides a full junior church from nursery through sixth grade and everyone is invited to a time of fellowship with coffee and donuts following Sunday services.

Cornerstone will host a day of prayer and fasting and hold an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 25. Special Lent services will be held featuring the gospel of John, a series on the life of Christ in video form, beginning at 6 p.m. each Sunday, March 7 and 21 and April 4 at the church.

Cornerstone's youth group for students in grades six through 12 will meet at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13 for pizza and discussion on comparing choices. The "fueling your child's relationship with Jesus" program focusing on the "Family Night Guy" Jim Weidmann will be simulcast 7:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 in the auditorium at cornerstone. There is no charge to attend the program which, according to an announcement by Cornerstone Ministries to equip parents in presenting the fundamentals of the Christian faith to their children.

For information about Cornerstone Ministries call the

church office at 399-7527 or check online at Cornerstone.org.

Judge Roy Moore to speak at 'gala'

WILDWOOD - Judge Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court will be guest speaker at Cape Christian Academy's third annual "Dessert Gala" set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4 at Wildwood Convention Center on the beach. The Alabama judge is known for refusing to remove the "Ten Commandments" from his courtroom.

Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at the academy, 10 Oyster Road in Burleigh. For information or reservations call 609-465-4132.

Russian mission program at St. Peter's Methodist

OCEAN CITY - Mission programs and outreach beyond the local community is the theme of worship services at 10:30 a.m. this Sunday in St. Peter's United Methodist Church. St. Peter's mission to Smolensk, Russia, will be emphasized with presentations and testimonies from those involved with the United Methodist Russian initiative. Pastor Bob Smith will deliver the sermon this week and scripture lessons are from Luke 9:28-35 and Matthew 28:18-20. John Gregory Bate will direct the choir music including "O Praise the Lord all Ye Nations" by William Schnell and "Set Me as a Seal" by Rene Clausen. "When Morning Gilds the Skies" and "Shine, Jesus Shine" are among this Sunday's hymns at St. Peter's Church. "May the Lord Our Father" by resident composer Frank Knauss will be the choral response by the choir. Bate will perform "Introduction and Toccata" by William Woland and "Prelude and Fugue in G" by Nicolas Bruhns on the church's newly renovated pipe organ. Childcare is provided during services.

Worship services with Eucharist will be led by Pastor Reggie Albert at 8 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in the chapel at St. Peter's Church.

A fund raiser Russian luncheon follows worship services this Sunday at St. Peter's. Chef Pastor Bob's Russian chicken and potatoes as well as his authentic Russian Borsch Moskovska will be featured. A slide presentation including youth mission activities in Russia will be highlighted at the luncheon. Adults are \$8 and children are \$5; for reservations or information call the church office by Friday, Feb. 20.

A "New Member Seminar" for adults interested in joining St. Peter's begins at 9 a.m. Sunday,

Feb. 22 at the church. Seminars will also be held Feb. 29 and March 7 when St. Peter's will receive new members. Seventh through 12th grade confirmation classes at St. Peter's are ongoing and students will be confirmed May 30 at the church.

St. Peter's will hold services at 7 a.m. as well as at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, with the imposition of ashes marking the beginning of Lent. Lent is a season of 40 days of reflection and preparation for Easter, excluding Sundays, according to the pastor. "Right Start" begins with devotions and fellowship at 7 a.m. Monday, Feb. 23 at St. Peter's Church and everyone is invited, according to the pastor.

"Terrific Tuesday" begins with youth ensemble and bell bunch rehearsals at 5:15 p.m. Feb. 24 at the church. A family style dinner for \$3 starts at 6 p.m. followed by junior choir rehearsals and the "Mom, dad and me" program for young families. Adult handbell rehearsal starts at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays.

St. Peter's senior choir will rehearse at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at the church. United Methodist Women's (UMW) Eve Circle will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 26 and Mary Circle convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Home made soups will be sold for \$8 per quart following services Sunday, Feb. 29 at St. Peter's Methodist.

Everyone is invited to call St. Peter's Prayer Phone at 399-3316 for regularly updated devotions. St. Peter's United Methodist Church is located at 8th Street and Central Avenue and all activities are open to everyone, according to the pastor. For transportation to Sunday services or information call the church office at 399-2988 or check online at www.gbgn-umc.org/stpetersofceancity/.

Dr. Grant Ward to deliver message at Union Chapel

OCEAN CITY - Associate Pastor Dr. Grant Ward will deliver a message entitled "Herod the Great, or 'not-so-great'?" at worship services Sunday, Feb. 22 at Union Chapel-by-the-Sea. Matthew 14:1-23 is the scripture to be used this Sunday. Ken Kohout will lead a 15-minute song service prior to worship beginning at 10:15 a.m. on Sunday. Junior church services will follow the children's sermon. A nursery is provided for infants and toddlers at Union Chapel.

Dr. Ward will lead Bible study featuring the book of Genesis starting at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Union Chapel. Choir practice starts at 7 p.m. each Monday at Union Chapel-by-the-Sea and at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. "Chapel Kids" invites all youth

for programs featuring and learning and fun at 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Union Chapel-by-the-Sea is a year round interdenominational church located at 55th Street and Asbury Avenue. A handicap ramp and hearing assistance units are provided and a wheelchair is available.

Indoor flea market at Lady of Sorrows

LINWOOD - Our Lady of Sorrows will hold indoor flea markets 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Saturdays, Feb. 21 and March 20 at the church hall on Wabash Avenue between Wilson and Poplar Avenues. For information call 927-0569.

'Son shine' is sermon at St. John Lutheran

OCEAN CITY - The Rev. Mark Brueschoff will preach the sermon "Son shine" for both services of Holy Communion this Sunday at St. John Lutheran Church, 10th Street and Central Avenue. This is the last Sunday of Epiphany, according to the pastor. A spoken liturgy begins at 8 a.m. at St. John Sunday, Feb. 22, the Transfiguration of Our Lord. St. John offers choral liturgy services, setting 2 from the Lutheran Book of Worship, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Brueschoff will bring the children's message during both services. Douglas H. Frew, minister of music, presides at the organ and will direct the senior choir. Members, friends and visitors are invited to Fellowship Hour with refreshments following each service on Sunday at St. John.

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) have rescheduled their "general meeting" for Tuesday, Feb. 24 beginning with lunch. The meeting will be held in the lounge at St. John. The church's PM Confirmation class will meet with the pastor at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 24 in the church.

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, is the beginning of the 40 day period of Lent featuring six Sundays which are festival days, according to the pastor. St. John Lutheran will offer two services of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes to begin the season of Lent. Services starting at 11 a.m. on Wednesday will be followed by "Souper Lunch" and Bible study. A "Souper Supper" begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday and will be

followed by services at 7 p.m. on Ash Wednesday. "This Lenten Road" is the theme at St. John. Ash Wednesday's theme is "The road to Damascus," according to the pastor. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return" are the words accompanying the imposition of ashes, according to an announcement by St. John. The imposition of ashes is a sign of repentance, which the congregation receives as an indication of desire for mercy and forgiveness, according to the pastor.

St. John invites members, friends and visitors to join the men's prayer group starting at 6:30 a.m. each Thursday in the St. John library. Coffee, donuts and conversation are featured and the program ends by 7:15 a.m. or whenever one must leave to meet their work schedule.

Bell choir rehearsals are set for 6-7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27 at St. John. The church's senior choir will rehearse 7-8 p.m.

Sunday school children and staff will hold an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at St. John.

Everyone is welcome to all services and activities at St. John, according to the pastor. Sunday services may be viewed on closed circuit TV in the downstairs lounge and large print service books as well as hearing assistance equipment are available. Free parking is offered on the church parking lot on Central Avenue between 9th and 10th Streets as well as on the lot of Ocean City Home Bank at 10th Street and Asbury Avenue.

First Presbyterian invites community to worship

OCEAN CITY - First Presbyterian Church of Ocean City has issued an invitation to the community to join them at worship services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22. Special music and a guest speaker will be featured this week, according to the announcement by the church. The Rev. Benjamin Sheldon, Pastor John S. Sheldon's father, will preach the sermon this Sunday. Mezzo soprano Janice N. Young will offer a vocal solo of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Johann Sebastian Bach. The chancel choir will sing "Cornerstone" as arranged by Hugh Livingston this week.

Praise and worship song services begin at 8:45 a.m. Sunday at First Presbyterian Church. Sunday school starts at 9 a.m.

Pancake breakfast slated at St. John Lutheran

OCEAN CITY - St. John Sunday School will host an "all you can eat" pancake breakfast 8-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 21 at the church 10th Street at Central Avenue. Breakfast is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children aged 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. weekdays at the church office. They will also be available at the door. Proceeds benefit the Sunday school's sponsorship of a child from another country. For information call the church office at 399-0798.

Pastor Barr will preach at Shore Points Fellowship

UPPER TOWNSHIP - Pastor Dan Barr will preach at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 at Shore Points Presbyterian Fellowship in the VFW Post of Marmora at 15 Lyndhurst Road.

Everyone is invited to visitation and refreshments following worship services.

Shore Points preaches from the historic reformed perspective and is a member congregation of the New Jersey Presbytery Church in America. For information call 390-0100.

Holy Spirit Fathers' Club to hold dinner

ABSECON - The Holy Spirit Fathers' Club will sponsor their annual spaghetti dinner 6-7:45 p.m. Saturday, March 20 at the school off Route 9. "Jesus Christ Superstar" will be performed by students at 8 p.m. For information or tickets, call Matt Lawler at 645-0377.



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A friend of mine was working for a large company and was involved in an error of underestimating the cost of a design on

a special project. Needless to say, this was an expensive error since the design was behind schedule and more costly than originally anticipated. He was asked by his manager to explain what had happened. Although my friend's career was probably on the line, he did not try to pass the blame to someone else or offer any excuses. He told his manager that he had made the best estimate on the schedule and cost of the design based upon the information which he had at the time; however, he realized now that it was a mistake. His manager was impressed with his integrity and honest answer, and agreed that at the time it did look like a good decision. Although no reprimand was given, he advised him to be more careful next time. The dictionary describes integrity as strength and firmness of character. Integrity is something that is developed over the years and cannot be purchased at any price. It is a gift from God.

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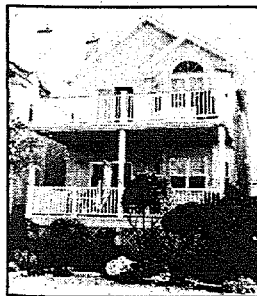
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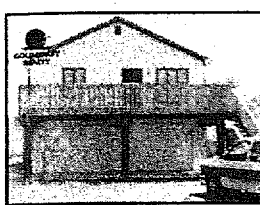
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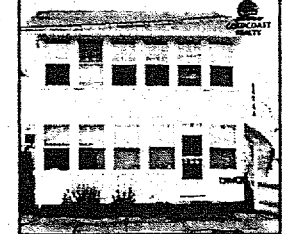
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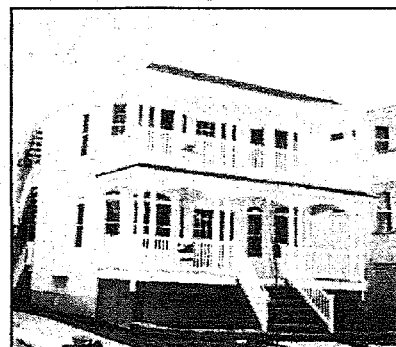


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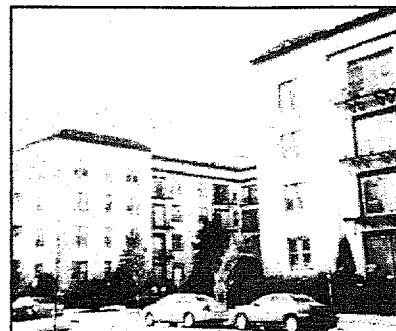
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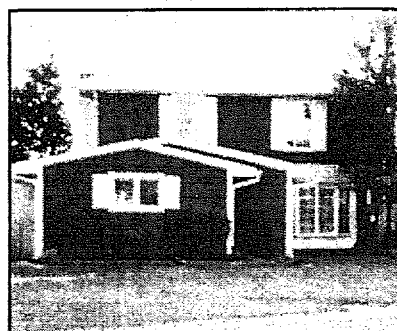
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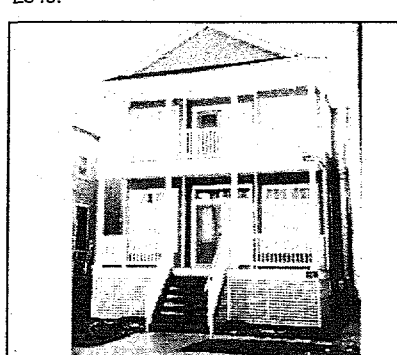
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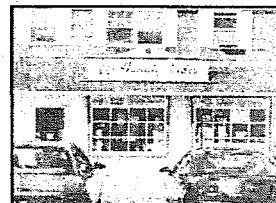


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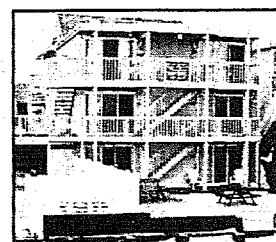
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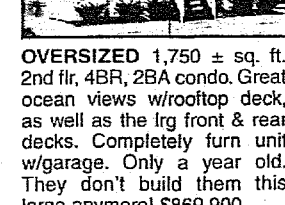
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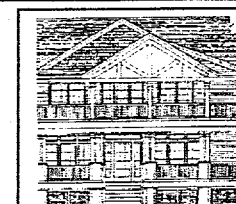
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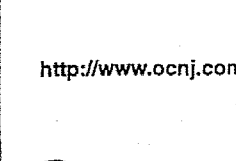
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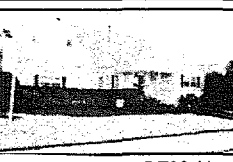
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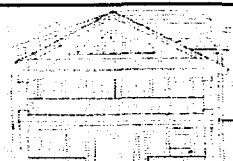
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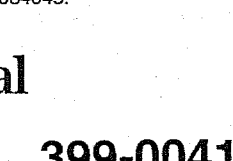
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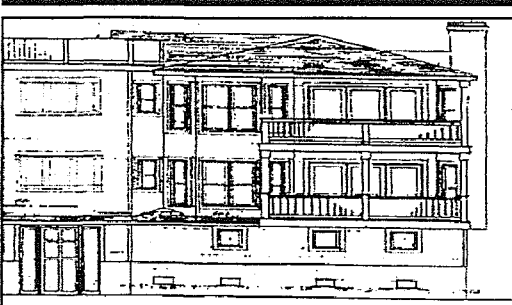
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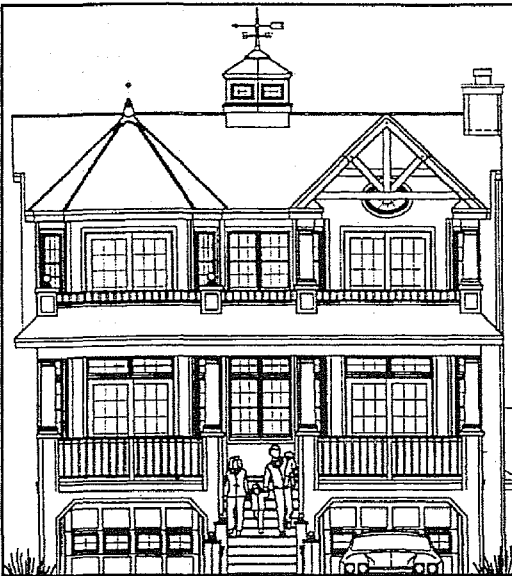
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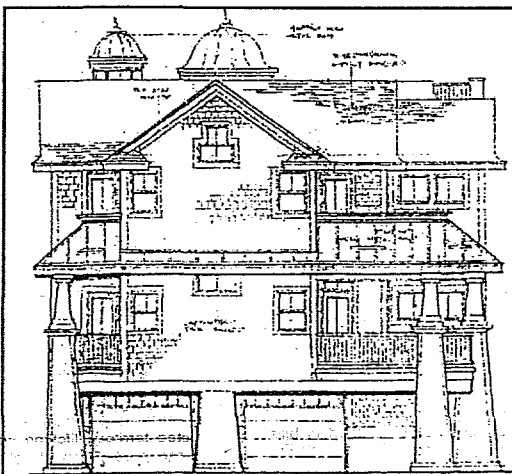
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PLANNING BOARD AGENDA

March 3, 2004
The Ocean City Planning Board will meet Wednesday, March 3, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers at 861 Asbury Avenue. The business noted will be discussed.

Flag Salute:

Roll Call:

New Business:

1. (04-006p) Sea Breeze-Block 1105, Lot 2-1155 West Avenue, CB-1 Zone. Re-approve the subdivision originally granted in March of 2003.

2. (04-001p) Sea Breeze-Block 1903, Lot 3 - 4950 Asbury Avenue, R-2-30 Existing: A 60' x 100' lot with a two-family dwelling having no non-conformities.

Proposed: Subdivide the lot into two (2) 30' x 100' lots requiring no variances. No new development is being proposed at this time.

3. (03-051p) Lennon - Block 9, Lot 10, 23 Central Avenue, R-1-40 Zone Existing: 80' x 100' lot with a single-family dwelling having non-conformities.

Proposed: Subdivide the lot into two (2) 40' x 100' lots requiring a side and rear yard variance for the existing dwelling to remain on lot 10.01. No new development is being proposed on lot 10.02 at this time.

4. (03-052p) Bucolo - Block 1204, Lot 10, 1225 Asbury Ave., CB-1 Zone Existing: Single-family dwelling having a side yard non-conformity.

Proposed: New mixed-use dwelling requiring a third story setback variance, associated waivers along with site plan approval.

5. (04-002p) Richards - Block 1501, Lots 11 & 11.01, 1500 Boardwalk HM - 1 Zone

Existing: 1 1/2 story mixed use dwelling having a use non-conformity.

Proposed: A 2 story hotel/motel with 32 parking spaces beneath requiring a side yard variance along with preliminary and final site plan approval.

6. Block 4703.02, Lot 5, Joseph Ranieri - Remand Hearing pursuant to Judge Armstrong's Order.

Adjournment:

This meeting is being advertised pursuant to PL Chapter 231, also known as the Open Public Meetings Act. Formal action may be taken. Be advised that the order of this agenda may be changed at the discretion of the Chairperson. This meeting will be adjourned no later than 11:00 PM.

Plans and documents related to the agenda may be reviewed during business hours Monday - Friday (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM) at 1501 West Avenue in the Office of Planning and Community Development.

Tammy Barner Williams
Board Secretary

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In the matter of the application of HO Investments, LLC for preliminary site plan approval, final site plan approval, waiver of specific plat detail requirements, and design waiver for block 1205, lot 24.

Ocean City Planning Board
Application No. 03-043P
Decision and Resolution

The Applicant has made application to the Ocean City Planning Board for (i) preliminary and final site plan approval to demolish an existing two and one-half (2.5) story residential structure and to construct one (1) new, three (3) story mixed-use building consisting of commercial/retail space on the first (ground) floor and one (1), two-family residential dwelling (consisting of two (2) units) on the second floor and the third floor at the Property which is located in the CB-1, Central Business-1 Zone.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Planning Board on January 7, 2004, that the application made by the Applicant, HO Investments, LLC, requesting land use approvals is Approved and Granted.

CERTIFICATION

I, Tammy D. Barner-Williams, Secretary to the Ocean City Planning Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing Decision and Resolution was duly adopted at the meeting of the Ocean City Planning Board held on the January 7, 2004, and memorialized herein pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-10 g. (2) on February 4, 2004.

Tammy D. Barner-Williams,
Secretary, Ocean City Planning Board

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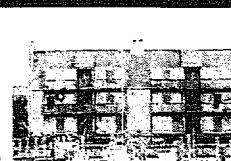
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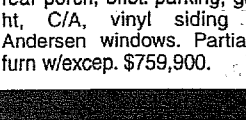


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Public Notice

SHERIFF'S SALE
BY VIRTUE of a Writ of Execution issued out of the Superior Court of New Jersey, Chancery Division, Cape May County, Docket No. F 15628-02, thereon, pending, wherein City of Small Business Lending Corporation is the Plaintiff and T.J. Richards, Inc., Timothy J. Richards and Susan M. Richards are the Defendant, I shall expose to sale at public vendue on:

WEDNESDAY
February 25, 2004
at one o'clock in the afternoon of the said day at the Old Historical Court House Building on Route 9 in Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the City of Ocean City, County of Cape May and State of New Jersey, bounded and described as follows:

Tract 1:
Parcel A:

BEGINNING at a point in the Northwesterly side of 15th Street, said point being South 32°, 34°, 40° East, a distance of 265.00 feet from the Southeastery side of Wesley Avenue and extending thence:

1) South 32°, 34°, 40° East, along the Southwesterly side of 15th Street, a distance of 142.85 feet to a point in the Northwesterly side of the Boardwalk; thence

2) South 64°, 31°, 30° West, along the Northwesterly side of the Boardwalk, a distance of 50.387 feet to a point; thence

3) North 32°, 34°, 40°, a distance of 136.62 feet to a point; thence

4) North 57°, 25°, 20° East, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point in the Southwesterly side of 15th Street and the place of beginning.

BEING all of Lot 11, Block 1501 of the current tax map of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey.

Described according to Plan of Survey prepared by Arthur W. Hood & Associates dated April 29, 1999.

PARCEL B:
BEGINNING at a point 50.00 feet distant from the Southwesterly side of 15th Street, said point being a common corner to Lots 9, 10, 11 and 11.01, Block 15.01 of the current tax map and extending thence:

1) South 32°, 34°, 40° East, along the division line between Lots 11 and 11.01, a distance of 136.62 feet to a point in the Northwesterly side of the Boardwalk; thence

2) South 64°, 31°, 30° West, along the Northwesterly side of the Boardwalk, a distance of 50.387 feet to a point, said point being a common corner to Lots 11.01 and 12; thence

3) North 32°, 34°, 40° West, along the division line between Lots 11.01 and 12, a distance of 130.39 feet to a point; thence

4) North 57°, 25°, 20° East, a distance of 50.00 feet to a point and place of beginning.

BEING all of Lot 11.01, Block 1501 of the current tax map of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey.

Described according to a plan of Survey prepared by Arthur W. Hood & Associates dated April 29, 1999.

*Amount due under judgment is (\$2,118,525.52) with interest, costs and Sheriff's fee to be added.

*At the time of the Sale cash, certified check, cashier's check or treasurer's check in the amount of 20 per cent of the bid price is required.

The Sheriff reserves the right to adjourn any sale without further notice of Publication.

All publication costs are paid by the Plaintiff.

Attorney
Arnheim Weiner & Salerno
263 Main St.
Hackensack, NJ 07601

John F. Callinan
SHERIFF
CH 752221
2-19,1T,PF\$217.00

Real Estate Sale

Public Notice

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Attorneys for the Ocean City Planning Board
**OCEAN CITY PLANNING BOARD
RESOLUTION
APPROVING SETTLEMENT
OF LITIGATION
AND
GRANTING FINAL MAJOR
SUBDIVISION APPROVAL FOR
BLOCK 805, LOT 17**

**OCEAN CITY TAX MAP
BACKGROUND OF RESOLUTION**
1. Matthew Dice and Thomas Rossi ["Dice and Rossi"] are the owners of certain lands and premises located in the City of Ocean City known as Block 805, Lot 17 as shown on the current official tax map for the City of Ocean City, New Jersey commonly known as 511 9th Street, Ocean City, New Jersey ["Property"]. Dice and Rossi acquired the property from Harry Kleinman and Susan Kleinman ["Kleinman"] on July 11, 2003.

2. Prior to conveying the Property to Dice and Rossi, Kleinman made application to the Ocean City Planning Board ["Kleinman Application"] for land use approvals seeking preliminary and final major subdivision approval to subdivide the Property into six (6) fully conforming lots (for duplex or guesthouse use) in an R-MF, Residential Multi-Family Zone (which would be proposed Lots 17.01, 17.02, 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, and 17.06). Proposed Lots 17.01 through and including 17.05 are interior lots ["Interior Lots"] and each of the proposed Interior Lots would have a lot frontage and lot width of thirty five (35.00) feet and a lot depth of one hundred twenty (120.00) feet. Proposed Lot 17.06 is a corner lot ["Corner Lot"] and would have a lot frontage and lot width of 71.80 feet and a lot depth of one hundred twenty (120.00) feet. Each of the proposed Interior Lots would have a lot area of 4,200 square feet and the Corner Lot would have a lot area of 8,616 square feet and as such, each of the proposed Interior Lots and the Corner Lot would be fully conforming in minimum square footage requirements in respect of the Property. No variances are required and no variances were requested for the major subdivision in respect of the Property. In support of the Kleinman Application, Kleinman submitted the following plans and documents:

Dividing Sheet 1 of 1 entitled "Plan of Subdivision" prepared by James E. Schwab III, Professional Land Surveyor, Ocean City, New Jersey, Schwab III, P.L.S., P.P. dated February 26, 2003 ["Plan of Subdivision"]. All of Kleinman's interests in the Kleinman Application and the Plan of Subdivision were assigned to Dice and Rossi when the Property was acquired by Dice and Rossi from Kleinman on July 11, 2003.

3. A public hearing in respect of the Kleinman Application was held before the Ocean City Planning Board on July 9, 2003. The Ocean City Planning Board did not grant preliminary and final major subdivision approval to subdivide the Property into (6) fully conforming lots on July 9, 2003. The action taken in respect of the Kleinman Application at the meeting of the Ocean City Planning Board held on the July 9, 2003 was memorialized in a Decision and Resolution ["Decision and Resolution"] pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-10 g. (2) and adopted on August 13, 2003. Thereafter, notice of the Decision and Resolution was published according to law.

4. As a result of the action taken and determination made by the Ocean City Planning Board on July 9, 2003 as embodied in the Decision and Resolution, Dice and Rossi, as plaintiff filed a lawsuit against the Ocean City Planning Board, as defendant [the "Lawsuit"] challenging the propriety of the action taken and determination made by the Ocean City Planning Board in respect of the Kleinman Application. The Lawsuit is currently pending in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Law Division, Cape May County and is assigned Docket No. CPM-1-460-03.

5. Notwithstanding the fact that the Ocean City Planning Board and Dice and Rossi are prepared to vigorously advance their respective factual and legal positions in the Lawsuit, the parties recognize that the Lawsuit can be extremely costly and time-consuming and that in respect of a future judicial determination, the Property can be subdivided as shown on the Plan of Subdivision without any variances from the Ocean City Zoning and Land Development Ordinance.

6. The parties, through their respective counsel have participated in and thoroughly discussed the Lawsuit.

7. At an Executive Session of the Ocean City Planning Board held on December 18, 2003, a proposed settlement of the Lawsuit was presented by Gary R. Griffith, Esquire, counsel to the Ocean City Planning Board for consideration and discussion. Gary R. Griffith, Esquire was authorized to pursue resolution of the Lawsuit with counsel to Dice and Rossi, Frank L. Corrado, Esquire, P. Pursuant to New Jersey law, the Ocean City Planning Board upon legally required notice having first been given, conducted a public hearing on the proposed settlement on January 7, 2004 at which time the terms of the proposed settlement were presented in and to the public for public comment and ultimate consideration by the Ocean City Planning Board.

8. The proposed settlement was presented to the Ocean City Planning Board by its counsel, Gary R. Griffith, Esquire with additional comments received by the Ocean City Planning Board from Frank L. Corrado, Esquire, counsel to Dice and Rossi.

9. At the public hearing on the proposed settlement on January 7, 2004, the Plan of Subdivision was considered.

10. There was no public comment.

WITNESSETH
NOW, THEREFORE, the Ocean City Planning Board having carefully considered the proposed settlement of the Lawsuit and all of terms thereof, hereby makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based upon the foregoing:

1. Paragraphs 1 through 11 set forth above in the Background of Resolution are incorporated by this reference as it specifically set forth herein at length and all notices required by law have been given.

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2. The Kleinman Application (the rights of which inure to the benefit of Dice and Rossi) requesting preliminary and final major subdivision approval to subdivide the Property into six (6) fully conforming lots (for duplex or guesthouse use) in an R-MF, Residential Multi-Family Zone (which would be proposed Lots 17.01, 17.02, 17.03, 17.04, 17.05, and 17.06); proposed Lots 17.01 through and including 17.05 being interior lots ["Interior Lots"] and each of the proposed Interior Lots having a lot frontage and lot width of thirty five (35.00) feet and a lot depth of one hundred twenty (120.00) feet; and proposed Lot 17.06 being a corner lot ["Corner Lot"] and having a lot frontage and lot width of 71.80 feet and a lot depth of one hundred twenty (120.00) feet; and each of the proposed Interior Lots having a lot area of 4,200 square feet and the Corner Lot having a lot area of 8,616 square feet and as such, each of the proposed Interior Lots and the Corner Lot being fully conforming in minimum square footage requirements in respect of the Property is hereby APPROVED AND GRANTED with and subject to the following terms and conditions:

A. The subdivision approval is further conditioned on the approval of the subdivision expiring 95 days from the date of signing of the subdivision plat, unless within such period the plat shall have been duly filed by Dice and Rossi with the county recording officer all as required consistent with and pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-54.

B. Dice and Rossi shall, prior to the issuance of any construction permit, reimburse the City of Ocean City for all professional fees and other expenses incurred by the City of Ocean City as a result of processing the Kleinman Application in accordance with the Ocean City Zoning and Land Development Ordinance.

C. Any existing buildings or structures and any concrete or flat work now located on the Property are to be demolished and removed before the plat required in subparagraph A above is filed.

D. Dice and Rossi shall obtain the approval of all other municipal, county state or federal agencies or boards having jurisdiction over the proposed major subdivision of the Property. E. Dice and Rossi shall comply with all provisions of the Ocean City Zoning and Land Development Ordinance, including without limitation \$25-1500.9.3 thereof, and any and all other municipal, county, state, or federal laws or regulations relating or applicable to the proposed major subdivision of the Property.

D. Dice and Rossi and the Ocean City Planning Board shall take all action necessary to promptly dismiss the Lawsuit with prejudice and without costs to any party upon the expiration of the appeal period after notice of the decision embodied in this Resolution shall have been legally published consistent with N.J.S. 40:55D-10.

This Resolution was adopted upon a motion, to be considered in the affirmative to approve the settlement of the Lawsuit as aforesaid, made by Ocean City Planning Board Member Wolf and seconded by Ocean City Planning Board Member Reeves on January 7, 2004 ["Wolf Motion"]. The vote upon the Wolf Motion was seven (7) in favor of, one (1) against, and one (1) abstention with Ocean City Planning Board Members Loeper, Marlinson, Reeves, Lindsay, Knight, Wolf, and Taylor voting in the affirmative, Ocean City Planning Board Member DeMott voting in the negative, and Ocean City Planning Board Member Lemmerman abstaining.

Ocean City Planning Board
Edward W. Taylor,
Chairman

Dated: February 4, 2004
CERTIFICATION
I, Tammy D. Barner-Williams, Secretary to the Ocean City Planning Board, do hereby certify that pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-10 g. (2), the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at the meeting of the Ocean City Planning Board held on February 4, 2004, said Resolution memorializing the action taken as more fully described therein at the meeting of the Ocean City Planning Board held on January 7, 2004.

Tammy D. Barner-Williams,
Secretary
Ocean City Planning Board
2-19,1T,PF\$160.30

**ORDINANCE NO. 04-01
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE #87-17, CHAPTER
XXX "MUNICIPAL FEES" OF THE
REVISED GENERAL
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF
OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY**

**THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
CITY OF OCEAN CITY, NEW JERSEY
DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1 CHAPTER XXX
Municipal Fees of the revised
General Ordinances of the City of
Ocean City, New Jersey is hereby
amended as follows:**

**SCHEDULE D
BEACH FEES**
CHANGE STARTING DATE:
(STARTING DATE - JUNE 12th,
2004)

Beach Tags are required from June 12th, 2004 to September 6, 2004. Change Pricing:

Preseason "Seasonal Tags" \$13.00 (If purchased May 31st or before)
Seasonal "Seasonal Tag", \$18.00 (If purchased June 1st or after)
Daily - Monday to Sunday \$5.00 (Good for Day of Purchase Only)
Weekly \$8.00 (For period of specific week identified)

A weekly pass is defined as Friday to the following Saturday.
Beach Tags are non-transferable.

SECTION 2
If any portion of this ordinance is declared to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not effect the remaining portions of the ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3
All ordinances or portions thereof inconsistent with this ordinance are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 4
This ordinance shall take effect in the time and manner prescribed by law. Henry S. Knight
Mayor

Raymond S. Jones
Council President
The above ordinance was passed by the City Council of Ocean City, New Jersey at a meeting of said Council held on the 12th day of February, 2004 and will be taken up for a second reading and final passage at a meeting of said Council on the 26th day of February, 2004, in Council Chambers, City Hall, Ocean City, New Jersey at 7:00 o'clock in the evening.

Cindy Griffith,
City Clerk
2-19,1T,PF\$35.35

Public Notice

CITY OF OCEAN CITY
CAPE MAY COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 04-41-201
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OCEAN CITY AND
ATLANTICARE/OCEAN CITY
MEDICAL CENTER; DR. E.
CHARLES DUNN, JR., MD; OCEAN
CITY FAMILY PRACTICE AND DR.
CHANDRAKANT I. UDANI, MD
FOR CITY PHYSICIAN SERVICES
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean City requires certain professional medical services to be performed for the calendar year 2004; and

WHEREAS, it is determined in the best interest of the City of Ocean City to have said services performed; and WHEREAS, AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, MD; Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant Udani, MD have been determined to have the necessary expertise and ability to perform the required medical services; and WHEREAS, the City of Ocean City has developed and established set fees for services that are required by the City on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, MD; Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant Udani, MD have agreed to accept the conditions of the proposal for said City Physician Services; and

WHEREAS, a contract for Professional Services with AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, MD; Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant Udani, MD have entered into without competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5 (a)(1)(i); and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Deane, Business Administrator; Joann Cioeta, Manager of Personnel and Labor Relations and Joseph Clark, City Purchasing Agent have reviewed the terms and conditions of the contract and recommend the award of this contract to AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, MD; Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant Udani, MD for City Physician Services; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey that it does hereby award contracts to AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center, 210 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226, Dr. E. Charles Dunn, Jr., MD, 1645 Haven Avenue, Ocean City, NJ, Ocean City Family Practice, 501 6th Street, Ocean City, NJ 08226 and Dr. Chandrakant I. Udani, MD, 5548 Asbury Avenue, Ocean City, NJ 08226 for City Physician Services for the calendar year 2004 as follows:

1. The scope and established fees for this contract shall be as follows:
a. Patient comprehensive history/exam (Clerical and temporary employees)...\$65.00
b. Patient history/exams (Seasonal)...\$40.00
c. Comprehensive physical (Police, Fire and Labor Intensive)...\$300.00
d. Chest x-ray (2-view), if deemed medically necessary...\$60.00

2. The term of the contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on January 1, 2004 and continuing through December 31, 2004.

3. A copy of this Resolution and Contract shall be available for inspection in the Ocean City Clerk's Office and shall be filed on one (1) occasion in the Office of the City Clerk. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ocean City that the Mayor and the City Purchasing Agent are authorized to enter into a formal contract agreement with AtlanticCare/Ocean City Medical Center; Dr. E. Charles Dunn, MD; Ocean City Family Practice and Dr. Chandrakant Udani,

MD beginning on January 1, 2004 and continuing through December 31, 2004 for City Physician Services as listed in and in accordance with this resolution and contract.

The Director of Financial Management certifies that funds are contingent upon passage of the 2004 Local Municipal Budget for these services and expenditures shall be charged to various Operating Accounts at the time of issuance of said purchase orders.

Certification of Funds
John J. Hansen, CMFO
Director of Financial Management
Offered by Councilman McCall,
Seconded by Councilman Denney.

The above resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, at a meeting of said Council duly held on the 15th day of January, 2004.

Cindy Griffith
City Clerk
2-19,1T,PF\$70.35

CITY OF OCEAN CITY
CAPE MAY COUNTY,
NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION 04-41-200
AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL
SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN
THE CITY OF OCEAN CITY AND
CAPE COUNSELING FOR AN
EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM (EAP) FOR
SUBSTANCE ABUSE FOR THE
CALENDAR YEAR 2004.

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean City requires certain professional substance abuse counseling services; and

WHEREAS, Cape Counseling (CCS) has been determined to have the necessary expertise and ability to perform substance abuse counseling services; and

WHEREAS, Cape Counseling has agreed to enter into an agreement with the City, to establish and maintain an Employee Assistance Program (E.A.P.) and to perform substance abuse counseling as required; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocean City is desirous of entering into a Professional Services Contract with Cape Counseling, 128 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 for an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Substance Abuse Counselor for the calendar year 2004; and

WHEREAS, a contract for Professional Services with Cape Counseling may be entered into with out competitive bidding pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A-11-5 (1)(a)(i) and (m); and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Deane, Business Administrator; Joann Cioeta, Manager of Personnel and Labor Relations and Joseph Clark, City Purchasing Agent, have reviewed the terms and conditions of the contract and recommend the appointment of Cape Counseling as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Substance Abuse Counselor for the calendar year 2004; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey that it does appoint Cape Counseling as the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Substance Abuse Counselor as follows:

1. Nature of Relationship: the relationship between the parties is not one of employment but CCS will act as an independent consultant upon terms and conditions set forth herein. CCS shall have complete control over hours of practice with regard to providing direct services to those designed by OC needing CCS services. Conversely, all requested opinions, research and requests for specific information pertaining to employee issues will be regarded as services rendered.

2. Terms:
A. The term of this annual Agreement shall begin on January 1, 2004 and terminate on December 31, 2004 and for such modified terms as the parties may thereafter agree in writing. CCS will provide certified or licensed counselors who are covered by facility malpractice insurance as relevant to their normal professional duties upon referral as needed. Furthermore, these counselors will be fully trained in all areas of their respective duties under the terms of this Agreement.
B. CCS reserves the right to terminate this Agreement with notice of cause. Cause shall include any activities, improprieties or acts that CCS may be placed in a capacity of exposure to liability.
3. Compensation: For all services rendered by CCS under this Agreement, CCS will be paid twenty dollars (\$20.00) per full time employee per this contract year for professional EAP services with no additional administrative fee. Compensation will be based on the total number of benefited employee count as the beginning of the contract year and provided by Ocean City. (284 employees \$5,680.00 per year).

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4. Duties: CCS duties will include, but not be limited to: Critical Incident Stress Debriefing (CISD) responses, individual assessments, aftercare, any referral appropriate providers to include CCS and others. Additional responsibilities may include consultation, policy creation, personnel-supervisory training or orientation or others as prescribed by Ocean City within good clinical practice or as dictates concerning services. All benefited employees will be allotted three (3) individual free sessions for themselves or any members of their family. CCS will provide the staff of Ocean City with an additional three (3) seminars pertaining to behavioral health issues. Specific training will be at the discretion of the management and staff.
5. Dissemination of Materials: CCS will make available EAP materials to be posted and distributed to the benefited employees. Such materials will be brochures on the EAP benefit as well as behavioral health issues that might affect a significant portion of the employees, e.g. Seasonal Affective Disorder, depression, stress, smoking and child wellness issues.
6. Confidentiality: CCS reserves the right to maintain all clients' rights and issues governed by the current laws of confidentiality regarding behavioral treatment and substance abuse.
7. Payment Schedule: Billing will be based upon the aforementioned employee census. Distribution of payment shall be made quarterly beginning with the effective date of this contract and thereafter at the beginning of each quarter of the calendar year (January 1, 2004, April 1, 2004, October 1, 2004, and December 31, 2004). The amount of each payment will be a quarter (1/4) of the total annual amount as determined by the number of full time and benefited employees on the effective date of this contract multiplied by the set and agreed upon per employee rate.
8. The term of this contract shall be for a period of one (1) year, commencing on January 1, 2004 and continuing through December 31, 2004.

A copy of this Resolution shall be available for inspection in the Ocean City Clerk's Office and shall be filed on one (1) occasion in the Office of the City Clerk.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Ocean City that the Mayor and the City Purchasing Agent are authorized to enter into a formal agreement with Cape Counseling, 128 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 beginning on January 1, 2004 and continuing through December 31, 2004 for professional services rendered as the substance abuse counselor for the City, as listed in accordance with this resolution and contract.

The Director of Financial Management certifies that funds are contingent upon passage of the 2004 Local Municipal Budget for these services and expenditures shall be charged to Operating Account No. 4-01-20-25-374.

Certification of Funds
John J. Hansen, CMFO
Director of Financial Management
Offered by Councilman McCall,
Seconded by Councilman Denney.

The above resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Ocean City, New Jersey, at a meeting of said Council duly held on the 15th day of January 2004.

Cindy Griffith
City Clerk
2-19,1T,PF\$102.55

NOTICE
Applicant/Appellant's Name and Address: Ronald C. and Jerilyn Musselman, 34 Runway Ave., New Holland, PA 17557
Subject Property: 234 85th St. 2nd Floor, Sea Isle City, NJ
Subject Property - Block & Lot Number: Block Number 86.03 Lot Number 20
Notice of Appeal
Take Notice (1) that a Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Sea Isle City, on the 1st of March 2004 at the Sea Isle City PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING 233 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Sea Isle City, New Jersey at 7PM to consider an Appeal or Application for Development regarding the above mentioned property wherein the Applicant is seeking to: Add a 3rd floor and matching decks to the existing 2nd floor of a duplex. The proposed expansion will not encroach on the required set back any more than the original footprint. The proposed changes Applicant wishes to make will require a variance from Sea Isle City Zoning. Hardship variance for the expansion of a 2nd floor unit and any other variances that the Board deems necessary.

Maps, and documents relating to the said matter, if any will be available for public inspection at City Hall, 4416 Landis Ave., Sea Isle City, NJ, 10 days prior to the Hearing Date, during normal business hours 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This notice is given pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:55-11, et seq.
Ronald C. Musselman
Jerilyn Musselman
2-19,1T,PF\$22.75

Public Notice

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Attorneys for the Ocean City Planning Board

In the matter of the application of O.C.A., LLC for preliminary site plan approval, final site plan approval, variances and design waiver for block 605, Lot 10.

Ocean City Planning Board
Application No. 03-033P
Decision and Resolution to the Ocean City Planning Board for (i) preliminary and final site plan approval to construct one (1) new three (3) story mixed-use building consisting of commercial/retail space on the first (ground) floor and one (1), two-family residential dwelling unit on the second floor and third floor at the Property which is located in the CB, Central Business Zone; and, (ii) variances for minimum side yard setback to the second floor and third floor of the building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Planning Board on January 7, 2004, that the application made by the Applicant, O.C.A., LLC, requesting land use approvals is Approved and Granted.

CERTIFICATION
I, Tammy D. Barner-Williams, Secretary to the Ocean City Planning Board, do hereby certify that the foregoing Decision and Resolution was duly adopted at the meeting of the Ocean City Planning Board held on the January 7, 2004, and memorialized herein pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-10 g. (2) on February 4, 2004.

Tammy D. Barner-Williams,
Secretary, Ocean City
Planning Board
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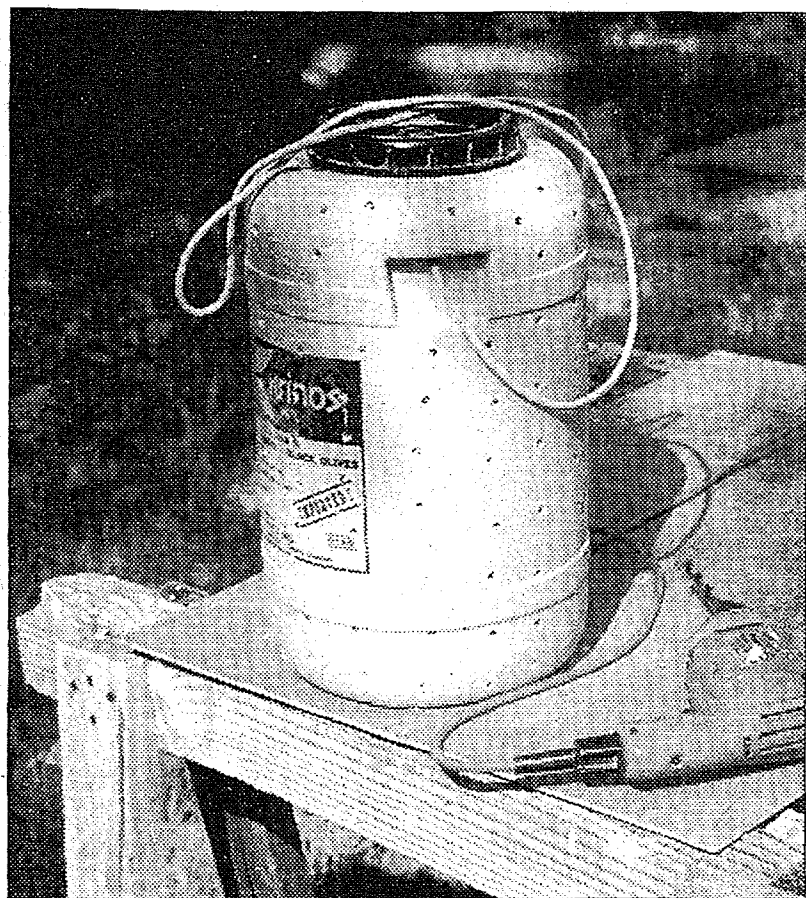
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In the matter of the application of Mary T. Durkin for minor subdivision approval and variances for block 70.27, lot 19 (Request for filing extension).

Ocean City Planning Board
Application No. 03-003P
Decision and Resolution
Previously the Applicant made application to the Ocean City Planning Board for minor subdivision approval to subdivide the Property into two (2) non-conforming lots in the Gardens R-1 Neighborhood 60/6000 Zone.

A public hearing in respect of the application requesting relief from the Ocean City Planning Board to extend the 150-day filing period for filing the minor subdivision plat pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-47 i. as aforesaid was held before the Ocean City Planning Board on January 7, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Planning Board on January 7, 2004, that the application made



Special to the Ocean City Sentinel
A submersible minnow bucket/live eel container made from a plastic olive jar obtained from a local diner.

Minnow container

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sion from the owner.

The olive container had a screw top lid. We drilled a zillion 3/8 in. holes in the jar. Then we mixed a five-pound batch of ready mix concrete and poured

into the olive jar where it hardened on the bottom. To hold the concrete in place we inserted four one-inch bolts through the bottom of the jar so they stick up inside the container.

A rope yoke at the top of the jar finished the project. Now, when we have a supply of minnows, eels or green crabs that need to be kept alive, we put them into our container and hang it overboard from the dock or from the side of the boat with a short piece of rope. Since the container sinks below the surface,

it's hardly visible to the casual observer looking for a free bait

supply.

Because these containers tend to get slimy, I have made more than one so I can give them the fresh water, bleach and detergent treatment while rotating them as needed.

Olive jars which started their voyage here from a mountainside in Spain are now being used to keep bait alive instead of suffering an ignominious end on a landfill. The olive jars have been recycled and for darn sure it is a field expedient. The ready-mix concrete was not intended for weighting bait buckets.

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Hoop tournament pairings

S.J. Group III tournament

Girls basketball pairings

- (9) Hammonton at (1) Highland
- (12) Lacey Twp at (5) Clearview
- (13) Kingsway at (4) Manchester Twp.
- (11) Moorestown at (6) Pinelands; winner plays at (3) Timber Creek
- (10) Ocean City at (7) Deptford, 7 p.m. Tuesday March 2; winner plays at (2) Woodrow Wilson

SJ Group III tournament

boys basketball pairings

- (9) Pemberton at (8) Moorestown; winner plays at (1) Williamstown
- (5) Woodrow Wilson at (4) Timber Creek
- (6) Manchester at (3) Oakcrest
- (10) Clearview at (7) Lacey; winner plays at (2) Deptford

SJ Group VI tournament

Girls basketball pairings.

- (9) Lenape at (8) Winslow Township;

winner plays at (1) Absegami
(12) Atlantic City at (5) Cherry Hill West; winner plays at (4) Cherry Hill West

(11) Vineland at Toms River-East; winner plays at (3) Washington Twp.
(10) Mainland at (7) Southern, 7 p.m. March 1; winner plays at (2) Toms River North.

SJ Group IV tournament

Boys basketball pairings

- (9) Cherokee at (8) Toms River South; winner plays at (1) Lenape
- (12) Absegami at (5) EHT
- (13) Cherry Hill West at (4) Cherry Hill East
- (11) Washington Twp. at (6) Mainland, 7 p.m. March 1; winner plays at Atlantic City
- (10) Toms River East at (7) Shawnee; winner plays at (2) Winslow Twp.

Directions to Deptford; O.C. girls face them again

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean City Sentinel

Megan Larsen and Kaitlin DuRoss lead the Ocean City Lady Raiders into the Group III basketball tournament as the No. 10 seed.

Coach Paul Baruffi's Lady Raiders open the tournament at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2 at No. 7 seed Deptford.

That was exactly the case last year, when No. 10 seed Ocean City went to No. 7 seed Deptford and upset the Spartans, 66-55.

The winner faces No. 2 seed Woodrow Wilson, which was also the case last year.

Directions to Deptford:

Take GSP to A.C. Expressway. Follow Expressway west, and pick up Route 42 toward Philadelphia.

Follow Rt. 42 to Deptford Mall Exit Rt. 544, look for Fairfield Inn and Residence Inn signs along the highway.

Exit at Deptford Mall and follow exit ramp to traffic light.

At traffic light turn left onto

O.C. Card Club lists results

The Ocean City Card Club meets Monday nights at the Community Center on 18th and Simpson.

Results from Monday, Feb. 16 are as follows:

Bridge high scorers: Joan Luongo 5430; Warren Fletcher 4890; Gladys Bartlett 4810; Nancy Thorpe 4530.

Pinochle high scorers: Madeline Coe 594; Laura Hopper 553; Ruth Dager 509.

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CAL meet results

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time of 2:11.25, which was also Warren's personal record.

"I was so nervous, my hands and face were tingling," Tomlin said. "I wanted to win, but I'm really happy with that time. I was really pushing it. I like to take it out fast, but it was hard for me to bring it back. I want to try to make up for it in the 100 fly."

Indeed, Tomlin won the league's 100 butterfly championship when she out-touched Cailin Eisle of EHT. Tomlin's time of 1:08.27 was a second slower than her personal best time.

Tomlin, seeded first with a time of 1:07.13, pulled ahead by a body length down the last lap, but Eisle closed fast. Caroline Casey of Holy Spirit, the second seed, was a very close third.

"I don't know what was going on to the sides of me," said Tomlin. "I tried to take it out fast."

King, seeded third in the 200-meter individual medley, swam a personal record time of 2:34.18 to take third.

Through the first two legs, the backstroke and butterfly, she was second behind the top seed Cara Smaniotto of Millville. King fell back and second seeded freshman Stacy Rahter of Mainland moved up to second.

"I felt really good on my butterfly and back stroke," King said. "On the third leg, the breaststroke, the sun was in my eyes and I couldn't see the water."

She came back later with another personal record time of 1:10.72 to take third in the 100 backstroke.

She was seeded fourth with a time of 1:11.11. The top seed Tiffany Malatesta of Vineland won in 1:07 and the second seed Bridget Kleiner of OLMA took second.

In the girls 100-meter freestyle, Kelsey Levering and Colleen Smith both swam personal records to take seventh and twelfth places, respectively.

In the girls 200 freestyle, senior Betsy Runyan swam a personal record time of 2:27.33 to take seventh place after being seeded 13th. She also took ninth place in the 500 freestyle.

In the team scoring the Vineland girls, who compete in the South Jersey Swim League instead of the CAL, took first place. Vineland competes in the CAL in every other sport, including boys swimming.

Mainland's girls took second and Ocean City was fifth out of 14 teams.

In the boys team scoring, Holy Spirit was first with St. Augustine second and Mainland third. Ocean City was seventh out of 15 teams.

CAL team scores

Girls: 1. Vineland 390; 2. Mainland 265; 3. Holy Spirit 233; 4. Our Lady of Mercy 228; 5. Ocean City; 6. Wildwood Catholic 187; 7. Oakcrest 132; 8. EHT 122; 9. Millville 100; 10. Sacred Heart 90; 11. Absegami 82; 12. Hammonton 43; 13. Lower Cape May, 33; 14. Atlantic City 31
Boys: 1. Holy Spirit 314; 2. St. Augustine 291; 3. Mainland 262; 4. Vineland 222; 5. Wildwood Catholic; 6. Atlantic City 267; 7. Ocean City; 8. Hammonton 105; 9. Sacred Heart 85; 10. Pleasantville 84; 11. Absegami 69; 12. Millville 65; 13. Lower Cape May 25; Oakcrest 15; 15. EHT 14.

CAL individual swim championships
Includes result for Ocean City and Mainland

Girls 200-meter medley relay

1. VL, 2:07.82 (meet record)
2. MR - 2:09.74 (Katie Savvyers, Stacy Rahter, Debbie Bateman, Molly McGroarty)
11. OC, 2:24.98 (Betsy Runyan, Molly O'Brien, Carly Stranges, Colleen Smith)

Boys 200-meter medley relay

1. MR, 1:52.04, ties meet record, sets school record (Tim Godleski, Matt McGroarty, John Altobelli, Steve Scibal)
10. OC, 2:11.30, PR (Mike Corrigan, Gene Taylor, Keith Peterson, Amadeo

Miquelarena)

Girls 200-meter freestyle

1. Sabrina Warren, VL, 2:11.25, PR
2. Renee Tomlin OC, 2:11.26, PR
3. Molly McGroarty MR, 2:17
7. Betsy Runyan OC, 2:27.33, PR

Boys 200-meter freestyle

1. Ross Thomas MR, 2:00.47
2. Justin Southard OC, 2:03.84
14. Justin Perry OC, 2:14.45, PR
15. Marc Durante MR, 2:14.75, PR

Girls 100-meter individual medley

1. Cara Smaniotto MV, 2:24.57
2. Stacy Rahter MR, 2:31.31
3. Sam King OC, 2:34.18, PR

Boys 200-meter individual medley

1. Derren McCloskey AC, 2:15
6. John Altobelli MR, 2:25.58
8. Mike Corrigan OC, 2:34.25

Girls 50-meter freestyle

1. Alicia Mackleer Oak, 27.9, PR
2. Debbie Bateman MR, 28.04
9. Katie Sawers MR, 30.13

Boys 50-meter freestyle

1. Ian McLeod HS, 25.47
7. Steve Scibal MR, 26.07, PR
12. Amadeo Miquelarena OC, 27.12
15. Brian Riordan OC, 27.30
16. Andrew Watts MR, 27.39

Girls 100-meter butterfly

1. Renee Tomlin OC, 1:08.27
2. Cailin Eisle EHT, 1:09.57
13. Carly Stranges OC, 1:18.25, PR

Boys 100-meter butterfly

1. Christian Sprang SA, 1:03.57, PR
5. John Altobelli MR, 1:03.57, PR
7. Steve Scibal MR, 1:04.81
14. Tom Kryzk OC, 1:11

Girls 100-meter freestyle

1. Tiffany Malatesta VL, 1:00.78
2. Debbie Bateman MR, 1:01.07
5. Molly McGroarty MR, 1:03
7. Kelsey Levering OC, 1:05.28, PR

Boys 100-meter freestyle

1. Joe Dunfee VL, 54.82
3. Tim Godleski MR, 55.65, PR
15. Chris Ambrosia MR, 59.68
17. Brian Riordan OC, 1:00.6, PR
19. Matt Coffey MR, 1:01.5

Girls 500-meter freestyle

1. Victoria Lederer WC, 5:57.15
8. Ashley Filmore MR, 6:30
9. Betsy Runyan OC, 6:34

Boys 500-meter freestyle

1. Ross Thomas MR, 5:19.94
4. Justin Southard OC, 5:38.79
9. Justin Perry OC, 5:56

Girls 200 freestyle relay

1. VL 1:51.72, PR
2. MR 1:55.45, PR
3. OC, 1:56.62, PR, (Renee Tomlin, Kelsey Levering, Colleen Smith, Sam King)

Boys 200-meter freestyle

1. MR 1:40.43, school record (Tim Godleski, Matt McGroarty, John Altobelli, Steve Scibal)
7. OC 1:49.91 (Brian Riordan, Amadeo Miquelarena, Tom Krysk, Justin Southard)

Girls 100-meter backstroke

1. Malatesta VL 1:07.86
2. Bridget Kleiner OLMA, 1:10.4
3. Sam King OC, 1:10.72, PR

Boys 100-meter backstroke

1. Dennon McCloskey AC, 1:01.97
2. Kevin Cain HS, 1:05
3. Mike Corrigan OC, 1:06.24, PR
7. Marc Durante MR, 1:08.46, PR

Girls 100-meter breaststroke

1. Samaniotto MV, 1:15.10, PR
2. Stacy Rahter MR, 1:17.94
14. Leah Tarsitano MR, 1:26
17. Kelsey Levering OC, 1:28

Boys 100-meter breaststroke

1. Jake Taylor MV, 1:08
2. Matt McGroarty MR, 1:10
7. Tyler Fitzick MR, 1:16
14. Amadeo Miquelarena, 1:20

Girls 400-meter relay

1. VL, 4:06.26

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2. OC, 4:17.21, PR, (Renee Tomlin, Kelsey Levering, Colleen Smith, Sam King)
8. MR, 4:40

Boys 400-meter relay

1. SA, 3:34.64
6. MR, 4:033
7. OC, 4:06 (Brian Riordan, Justin Perry, Tom Krysk, Justin Southard)

Mainland boys seeded 2nd, girls 5th in state tournament

By CHARLIE WOOD
Ocean city Sentinel

Coming off a state championship last year in the public schools division B, the Mainland Mustang boys swim team moved to Division A this year and earned the No. 2 seed.

Coach Brian Booth's Mustangs were scheduled to open the tournament at home on Tuesday, Feb. 17 against CAL league rival and No. 7 seed Vineland.

Should Mainland win the opener it will host the winner of No. 6 Cherokee at No. 3 Toms River South.

The Stangs feature strokeers Tim Godleski, Matt McGroarty and John Altobelli, along with sprinter Steve Scibal and distance ace Ross Thomas.

In their second year of existence, coach John Rawkowski's Lady Mustangs qualified for the girls Public Division A meet and drew the No. 5 seed.

In the opening round they will face No. 4 seed Washington

Township. A Mainland win will send them to face the winner of No. 8 Toms River South and No. 1 Cherry Hill West.

The Lady Stangs feature speedy Debbie Bateman and Molly McGroarty in the sprints, and freshman Stacy Rahter in the strokes.

2004 boy team swim tournament Public division South A

First round Feb. 18

(8) Washington Twp at (1) Cherry Hill East
(5) Shawnee at (4) Cherry Hill West
(6) Cherokee at (3) Toms River South
(7) Vineland at (2) Mainland, Feb. 17

2004 girls team swim tournament Public Division South A

First round Feb. 18

(8) Toms River So at (1) Cherry Hill West
(5) Mainland at (4) Washington Twp.
(6) Toms River No. at (3) Cherry Hill East
(7) Lenape at (2) Vineland

Mustangs

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with Dunfee in lane four, finished first with a time of 24.6 while Dunfee was right behind with his time of 25.15 with Mike Advent of Atlantic City third in 25.28.

But both Godleski and Dunfee were disqualified for swimming in the wrong lanes. Before the race started Godleski had positioned himself in lane 4, instead of his assigned lane five, and Dunfee had stepped up on the block of lane five, instead of his assigned lane four.

"We just ended up in the wrong lanes," said Godleski, "I wasn't sure at the time."

Advena was declared the winner

Godleski redeemed himself as he came back later with Scibal, McGroarty and Altobelli to set the school record in the 200 freestyle relay.

In between the 50 and 200 freestyle relay Godleski took third place in the 100-meter freestyle.

Dunfee won with a time of 54.82, and Godleski was close behind with a time of 55.65. Owen Black of St. Augustine was second with a time of 55.59

"I went into the race thinking I could do 54 (seconds)," Godleski said, "but I didn't have the stamina I thought I had. I usually don't swim the 100. It's the first time I swam it in high school."

Godleski's qualifying time for the 100 freestyle came from a relay race earlier in the year.

Mainland's girls had to contend with Vineland.

Vineland set a meet record of

2:07.82 in the opening 200-medey relay, and Mainland was second with a time of 2:09.74. Senior Katie Sawers, freshman Stacy Rahter, junior Debbie Bateman and sophomore Molly McGroarty swam the race for Mainland.

Vineland also won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:51.72 and Mainland was second again with a time of 1:55.45. The meet record time of 1:50.95 was set last year by Mainland.

In the 100 individual medley, Rahter rallied from third place on the final lap to move up to second place with a time of 2:31.31. Junior Cara Smaniotto of Millville was the winner with her time of 2:24.57. Rahter was the second seed.

Rahter also took second in the 100-meter breaststroke with a time of 1:17.94. Smaniotto was first again with a personal record time of 1:15.10.

Bateman finished second in the 50 meter freestyle behind Alicia Mackleer of Oakcrest, and then finished second behind sophomore Tiffany Malatesta of Vineland in the 100 freestyle.

Malatesta came back later to win the 100-meter backstroke.

In the team scoring, Mainland's girls finished second with 265 points. Vineland was first with 390.

Mainland's boys were third with 262 points. Holy Sprit took first place with 314 points, and St. Augustine was second with 291 points.

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Upper Twp. youngsters compete with O.C., Point in free throw contest

By MICHAEL STADNICKI
Ocean City Sentinel

SOMERS POINT — Council champions from Somers Point and Upper Township netted District 51 Championship honors at the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship held at St. Joseph's School in Somers Point last Saturday.

Shooters representing St. Joseph's Council won six of ten age divisions including four of the five girls brackets. Upper Township contestants from Msgr. James Zegers/Resurrection Council won three of five boys events.

The competition featured the council champs from Mother Katherine Drexel Council #12686 in EHT, Father Blake Council #2560 in Ocean City, Pleasantville Council #4211, St.

Joseph's in Somers Point and Resurrection Council #9113 in Marmora.

Zach Cogan, age 14, was the top shooter. Cogan sank 21 of 25 free throws to edge Jonathan Forero, who hit 19. Cogan represents St. Joe's. St. Joe's C.J. Conger sank 18-25 to win the 13-year-old age group.

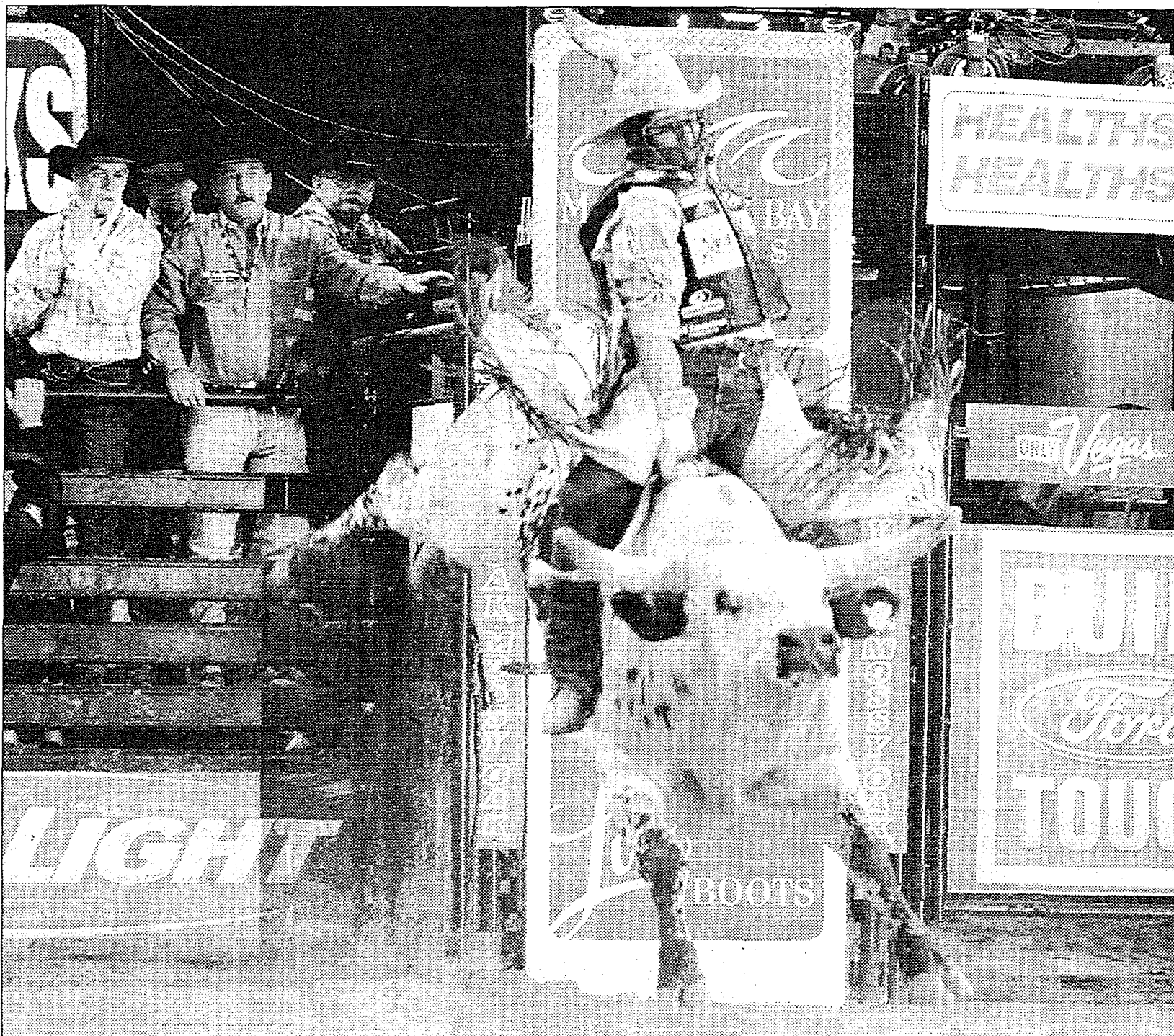
Upper Township won the remaining three boys spots. Connor Ortolf, age 12, Joseph Massaglia, 11, and David Neville, 10, each sank 16 of 25 from the line.

Kristie Weiss of Somers Point made 19 of 25 to win the 13-year-old girl's division. Ocean City's Amanda Landi hit 16 free throws. O.C.'s Danielle McNally, age 11 won her group. Somers Point council swept the next three slots as 10-year-old Julie Sandilands made 18 of 25, Stephanie Wargo, 12, sank 15 of 25 and Regina Palombo won the 14-year-old division.

Winners will now advance to the regional competition, which will be held on Sunday, March 21 at St. Joseph's High School in Hammonton. Regional winners continue on the Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championship in April.

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Mary Rudloff/Ocean City Sentinel

Bull riders coming to Philadelphia

If you were one of the thousands to catch the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) when they came to Atlantic City in October, your only chance to catch them live in this area is coming up next weekend. The PBR comes to the Wachovia Spectrum on Saturday, Feb. 28 in a winner-take-all one night stand in the eleventh stop of the 2004 tour. The world's top bull riders, including two-time world champion and current points leader Adriano Moraes, will take to the arena at the Spectrum starting at 7 p.m. Last year's runner up, Justin McBride, spent much of last season chasing close behind 2003 champion Chris Shivers in the points standings. He finds himself in a similar position, running close behind Moraes for 2004. The 28-stop tour winds up in Las Vegas in a seven night final beginning Oct. 22. With Atlantic City not making this year's tour, Philadelphia will be the closest the meanest bulls around come to this area. Tickets for the event are \$10, \$50 and \$25 and are available through Ticketmaster or the official website, www.pbrnow.com. Above, 2002 world champion Ednaí Camhinas competes in the 2003 PBR World Finals at Thomas and Mack Arena in Las Vegas in November 2003.

OCIS names Students of Exceptional Character

OCEAN CITY — The Ocean City Intermediate School (OCIS) has announced their "Student of Exceptional Character" for the month. Students are chosen based on the guiding principles of the school's new character education program.

Eighth Grade — Lasasha Hayes, optimism; Carly Kruedelbach, initiative; Connor

Martin, perseverance; Kenneth Millevoi, optimism; John Tarantino, optimism; Ryan Winslow, perseverance; and Laura Zeuner, responsibility.

Seventh Grade — Shelby Clark, respect; Chelise Coulter, compassion; Matthew Fiscus, responsibility; Jayne Lukens, responsibility; Daniel Pestalozzi, respect; and Muhammad Snow, compas-

sion. Sixth Grade — Taylor Broadley, optimism / responsibility; Samantha Cupps, optimism; Jesse Laurito, courage; Alli Pfander, perseverance; and Morgan Torres, compassion.

Fifth Grade — Kattee Blizzard, compassion; Danielle Palatano, optimism; Maddie Price, optimism; Katelynn Shoemaker, opti-

mism; and Jake Tully, perseverance.

Fourth Grade — Nicole Butler, compassion; Philip Faunce, perseverance; MacKenzie McGuckin, perseverance; John McKernan, perseverance; Ivan Ruiz, perseverance; and Lindsay Wilkins, contemplation.

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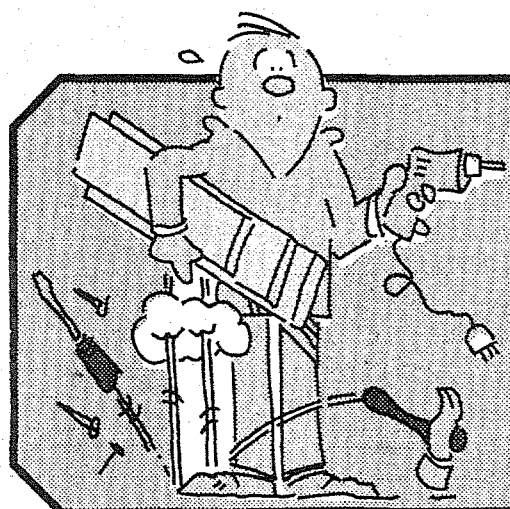
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