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| 1/17                       | 5:50 |       | 6:21 | 12:18 |
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| 1/19                       | 7:26 | 1:09  | 7:55 | 1:57  |
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| New Moon 1/5               |      |       |      |       |
| 1st Quarter 1/12           |      |       |      |       |
| Full Moon 1/19             |      |       |      |       |
| Last Quarter 1/26          |      |       |      |       |
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## Black church exhibit at Carriage House

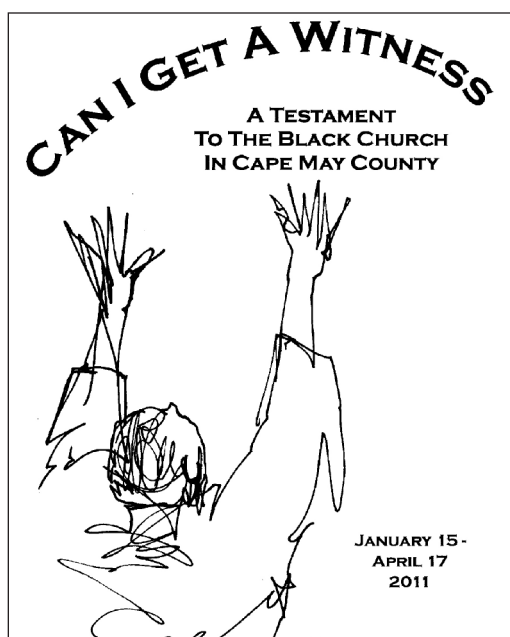
By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – The Center for Community Arts is asking everyone to take the opportunity to look at the African-American church's historic role in the community by attending an exhibit dedicated to that history at the Carriage House Gallery.

The "Can I Get a Witness! A Testament to the Black Church in Cape May County," exhibit will feature a collection of artifacts, photographs and documents that depict the church's impact on the area during the 19th and 20th centuries.

Center for Community Arts Executive Director Bernadette Matthews said Cape May's stained glass window expert Dottie Rogers will display photographs of local churches and events, along with members, cler-

gy and choirs. Documents like church deeds and lists of clergy will also be featured to better tell the story and history of these churches in Cape May County.



The exhibit will be done in collaboration with the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities. According to the Matthews, it shows the contributions, heritage and struggle of African Americans during that time period leading up to what eventually came to be known as the "Black Church."

"The Black Church has a very strong community outreach," she said. With the arrival of Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Jan. 17, the Center for Community Arts traditionally has some sort of exhibit that displays a tribute to black history. Matthews said this will be the thir-

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## HPC gives nod to Convention Hall design

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH  
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CAPE MAY – The Historic Preservation Commission gave its approval to the new Convention Hall project, while some members of the public feared its impact on Cape May's National Historic Landmark (NHL) status.

The new building will be constructed on the site of the old Convention Hall, which by city code is not located in the city's Historic District. Some argued the beach and promenade have been traditionally included as historic

Cape May elements. HPC member Tom Carroll said the entire city is included under the NHL status, and urged the city to be cautious about compromising that status.

"This is a very difficult building for us to give comment on," Carroll said. "To keep within the Victorian standard of Cape May is not possible for this type of building."

Carroll said the proposed design for the new building is representative of an early 20th century municipal building, and he thought the new design did a pretty good job



Rendering of new Convention Hall, courtesy of Kimmel Bogrette.

of representing that. HPC member Dave Clemans said his fear was the design would have less "grace and continuity" than

was presented, Monday night. He said he still wished the facility was larger.

City Manager Bruce MacLeod, who gave the pres-

entation to the HPC, said the building was originally conceived as a 32,000 square foot building, but it was scaled down to 20,000 square feet to stay within the \$10.5 million budget.

Resident Jeanne Powick said NHL status can be rescinded for alterations, additions or demolitions. She said Cape May has the "second largest collection of well maintained Victorian buildings" in the United States, with San Francisco being the first. Powick also related the

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

On Tuesday, a Great Blue Heron landed just outside the office of the Cape May Star and Wave on Park Boulevard. Managing Editor Christopher South caught these pictures, shot from his office through the the window and screen. The magnificent bird lingered for a while, but then took off, spreading its large wings and it headed in a northeast direction, perhaps heralding the northeast storm predicted to hit this area.

## Water loss issue not cooling off in West Cape May

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN  
Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – The water loss issue in West Cape May was still the hot topic at the reorganization meeting last Wednesday.

Kathy Gallagher of the West Cape May Taxpayers Association has been at nearly every meeting for months trying to get answers for her research that discovered a possible loss of 121 million gallons between 2003 and 2009, costing the borough around \$695,000.

Mayor Pamela Kaithern said calibrations of the West Cape May water meters done by a subcontractor hired through Eden's Revenue Recovery Associates was completed Dec. 17, but the board is still awaiting the final report. She said that even though the report is not completed, there are indications of a metering problem so it's possible there wasn't actually a loss in water. Kaithern said she suspects when the report does come out, the board will go into closed session and figure out their options.

"I've been pushing heavily for the report," Kaithern said. "I had hoped to have it for this meeting but I don't."

Both the borough and Cape May City hired experts to look at the meters, considering West Cape May purchases its water supply from the city. Kaithern said city officials told her their master meters were within acceptable margins of error when they were tested. That has done little to provide answers to West Cape May's problem.

"It's been a year and a lot of water has disappeared," Gallagher said. "I'm afraid it will take another year if something isn't done."

### Trash service

According to Commissioner Peter Burke, the borough also saved money using the

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## WCM supports shore towns

WEST CAPE MAY – The Borough of West Cape May, which sells no beach tags, came out in support of shore towns being targeted for special assessment to help clean up Barnegat Bay.

The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution, last week, opposing legislation known as the "Save Barnegat Bay Act." According to Kaithern, this state legislation proposes to take \$1 from every beach tag sold in the state and put it into this fund dedicated to cleaning up the Barnegat

Bay.

"It would create huge hand-icap for the beach towns," she said.

Kaithern said not only would it take money from the municipality, but she didn't believe all the funds would actually be used for helping the Barnegat Bay, which according to her is being hurt mostly by storm water runoff. Kaithern said Cape May also passed a resolution opposing the act, which was proposed by two Republican Assemblymen from Ocean County.

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