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Harbor's 100 year anniversary in June

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Whenever we drive through Cape May on streets like Delaware Avenue, we can always get a view of the pleasant setting of the historic Cape May Harbor – one of the focal points of Cape May.

What most people don't realize is the harbor was not always there, but was man-made.

Cape May is planning to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Cape May Harbor, Saturday, June 18, in conjunction with its annual Harborfest.

The annual event welcomed between 13,000 and 14,000 people last year, according to Harborfest co-creator Mark Allen of the South Jersey Marina. Allen and Gretchen Whitman, Director of the Nature Center, began the fes-

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Demolition permit for theater good till Dec. 31

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – City council passed a resolution yesterday that approved a stipulation of settlement with Frank Investments, which will extend their permit for demolition of the Beach Theatre until Dec. 31.

Resident William Gaffney, a member of the Beach Theatre Foundation, asked City Solicitor Tony Monzo during public comment if the action taken by council was “overstepping” the Zoning Board case with Frank Investments and bringing it to a close. Monzo read the terms of the

‘The Beach Theatre Foundation is not party to this litigation.’
– Anthony Monzo, City Solicitor

settlement during the meeting and said in order for the extension of the permit to occur, the applicant would have to withdraw their appeal to the Zoning Board. Frank Investments was granted a partial demolition permit, which expired before demolition took place. The applicant

believed the permit was extended under the Permit Extension Act (PEA), an economic stimulus initiative under Gov. Jon Corzine. Monzo wrote a legal opinion saying the act did not apply to the Beach Theatre, because the act did not apply to environmentally sensitive areas.

All of Cape May is considered to be in an environmentally sensitive area.

Frank Investments was forced to reapply to the Historic Preservation Commission for another permit, which was this time denied by the HPC, leading to an appeal to the Zoning Board.

Frank Investments ultimately sued the city and its construction official for the denial of the permit.

“This resolution is for approval of settlement to resolve outstanding litigation between the City of Cape May and Frank Investments pertaining to the Beach

Theatre,” Monzo said. “If approved, it will extend the period of demolition until the end of this year.”

The unanimous decision of council to approve the resolution came as a shock to some of the public who were in attendance, such as resident Jay Schatz. He asked why the Beach Theatre Foundation wasn't informed about the resolution prior to the meeting, as none of the members were in attendance. The agenda for the May 3 Cape May City Council meeting says, “Resolution approving stipulation of settlement,”

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Vineland company gets Convention Hall contract

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – After going through six bid processes, city council has awarded the bid for construction of the new Convention Hall to Ogren Construction of Vineland.

Ogren was the lowest bidder coming in at around \$7,523,000, which will keep the city within its budget of \$10.5 million for the project. Ogren project manager Kerry Ogren and company vice president Richard Smith said they were very excited to be awarded the bid considering this was the fourth bid they entered.

“It's such a long process and we bid this four times,” Ogren said. “It was nice to finally get it.”

Ogren said construction for projects like the Convention

Hall is a very aggressive market right now, given the current state of the economy. “Construction companies need more work and the municipalities have less work available,” he said.

Ogren Construction is a family owned business started in 1960. Ogren and Smith have led multiple municipal construction projects in recent years, such as the Avalon Police Department and Municipal Building and the Ocean City Public Library. Smith said they've also constructed many schools.

“That's our bread and butter,” he said. “We've done a lot of those.” Ogren said he feels the city has done a great job planning out the project and has been very organized in what

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Garden Club shows flower power

The Garden Club of Cape May held its annual Flower Show, April 28, at the Grand Hotel in Cape May. There were many outstanding arrangements by local talent. **For more photos see page A10.**

Local people share feelings about bin Laden

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – On Sunday, May 1, a Navy SEALs strike force made a raid on a house in Pakistan, killing terrorist leader Osama bin Laden, who was the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, killing some 3,000 people on American soil. The United States spent the next 10 years trying to find bin Laden, engaging in a drawn out military conflict in Afghanistan. After getting some intelligence in August 2010, the CIA spent months following up on leads that eventually led to the house where bin Laden was found and killed.

According to news reports, the US took possession of bin Laden's body, treated it



Frank Ballay

according to Islamic custom for burial, and buried him at sea, where his body would never be found.

Bin Laden had long been a specter of evil in the minds of



Sam Gowen

most Americans, and while his death spawned celebrations in some places across the nation, it certainly provoked a reaction in nearly everyone. People locally had



Mark Allen

a wide variety of reactions. Here is what a few of them had to say.

Fred Ballay, Cold Spring
“I'm glad, but they showed



Bernadette Matthews

him too much respect in the way they treated his body. They said he was treated according to Islamic cus-

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LTMUA solar field could help township

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

LOWER TOWNSHIP – The township could benefit if the Lower Township Municipal Utilities Authority goes ahead with the construction of a solar field on a 2.5 acre site adjacent to township property.

Mike Eckert, LTMUA executive director, told township council, Monday, there is room for a 500kW solar field,

which could provide electricity for the LTMUA, the township municipal building and annex, the Douglass Memorial School, as well as the county library branch and senior center.

Eckert said there was an idea being floated earlier to put 30kW solar arrays on municipal buildings. However, the condition of roofs became a concern, and

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LoBiondo speaks on bin Laden

By ERIC AVEDESIAN
Cape May Star and Wave

WASHINGTON – For nearly 10 years he stared at us thousands of miles away, a shadowy spectral figure plotting in the caves and mountains of Afghanistan. The mastermind behind the 9/11 attacks and leader of Al-Qaeda, Osama bin Laden, became the face of terrorism to many Americans.

On Monday, May 2 (Pakistan time), Navy SEAL Team Six, a counterterrorism unit, stormed a mansion in Abbottabad, Pakistan the CIA claimed housed the terrorist

leader. After a firefight, bin Laden and three men were killed in the raid. There were no U.S. casualties.

Following the raid, President Barack Obama addressed the nation and said “justice has been done.” The president said he repeatedly met with his national security team for many months after information trickled in about bin Laden's whereabouts in Pakistan.

Bin Laden's remains were buried at sea according to news sources.

The death of bin Laden brought immediate reaction to America, and celebrations

started late Sunday night (U.S. time) outside the White House in Washington and in New York City at the site of the former World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the 9/11 attack.

Congressman Frank LoBiondo (NJ-2), a member of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, issued a release after learning U.S. forces killed bin Laden:

“For nine and a half years, our military and intelligence officials have relentlessly pursued Osama bin Laden,

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