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10/28	12:00	5:23	6:35	
10/29	12:40	12:58	6:22	7:35
10/30	1:48	2:04	7:30	8:37
10/31	2:59	3:13	8:42	9:36
11/1	4:06	4:19	9:53	10:32
11/2	5:05	5:20	10:58	11:25
11/3	6:00	6:17	11:58	
11/4	6:51	7:10	12:15	12:54
New Moon			11/6	
1st Quarter			11/13	
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Last Quarter			11/28	
Apogee			11/15	
Perigee			11/30	

NJDA official says no evidence of cruelty

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - The Director of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture's Division of Animal Health said there was no evidence of animal cruelty related to horse owned by the Cape May Carriage Company.

In a letter dated Oct. 7, addressed to NJDEP Assistant Commissioner Wolfgang Skacel, who oversees the Compliance and Enforcement office, Nancy E. Halpern advised Skacel they found no evidence of animal



cruelty regarding carriage horses in Cape May County.

Halpern also asked Skacel to explain regulations concerning state regulations on using pesticides and how they apply to commercial horse owners.

"We don't even know what (the charges) are."

-NJDEP spokesman Lawrence Ragonese

A "Notice of Violation" provided by Beverly Carr, owner of the Cape May Carriage Company, shows the DEP identified possible violations for using an unregistered product, specifically C-Em-

Die, a fly spray used to keep biting flies off horses. Additionally, Carr was cited for not being licensed as a pesticide applicator in the State of New Jersey, and for applying the fly spray in an unlabelled container.

According to DEP spokesman Lawrence Ragonese, Carr has not been charged with anything.

"At the moment haven't found any wrong doing or purposeful wrongdoing by the company," he said.

Ragonese said the term "Notice of Violation" is often misconstrued. He said it is used to identify a potential problem and determine if anything needs corrected.

"At this point we don't see any serious situation here. We are just trying to cross the

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Convention Hall business plan shows it will lose money

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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CAPE MAY - The Cape May City Council hosted a special meeting last Thursday to discuss the financial plan for the new Convention Hall, which will lose a projected \$111,512 annually after expenses and revenue are taken into account.

According to Dr. Aubrey Kent, associate professor and director of programs and sports recreation management at the Sports Industry Research Center at the Temple University School of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Convention Hall is projected to have annual revenue of \$872,608 and cost \$984,120 in operations and staffing after it opens in May 2012.

"It is a wise investment," Kent said. "Most convention centers lose a lot more than this amount per year."

Kent was invited by the council to give the public a play-by-play look at the financial plan for the new convention center. His power point presentation showed a break down of the expenses and revenue for the project.

The mission of Convention Hall according to Kent is to stimulate and help sustain the local business economy and serve as a community resource for social and cultural events.

On the expenses side, Kent said the estimates were "fairly liberal" in most cases because exact figures could not be determined. The staffing (salary) expenses were \$336,000 for full-time employees, \$184,000 for part-time and also \$208,000 in healthcare, taxes and pensions (HTP) bringing the total to \$729,000. These figures were projected with a four percent salary growth rate between now and 2012.

"The four percent growth was to represent worst case scenario," said Mayor Ed Mahaney. "Even though there is the 2 percent tax levy cap, we don't know what will happen two years from now."

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Halloween Parade

Above, dancers from the Joanne Reagan Studio perform on Washington Street near the Physick Estate. The group performed a number from "The Addams Family," with Morticia and Gomez shown in the center of the photo. At right, three local ghouls (girls) from West Cape May - Quinn Bithell, 12, Brianna Purdy, 11, and Lilly Swan, 12. In addition to the parade there was trick or treating on the Washington Street Mall. The official Cape May trick or treat time in Sunday, Oct. 31 (Halloween) from 5 to 7 p.m.



Coast Guard makes recruits always ready

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
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CAPE MAY - Every Tuesday night, a group of young civilians arrives at Sexton Hall on the United States Training Center-Cape May.

The Coast Guard then has seven and a half weeks to turn them into Guardians, responsible for such things as marine safety, drug interdiction, and homeland security.

Over the course of a year, about 4,000 young men and women come to TRACEN-Cape May, the nation's only basic training facility for the U.S. Coast Guard. According to TRACEN Commander Captain Bill Kelly, the recruits start their



Coast Guard recruits marching

training by handing in everything they own - jewelry, cell phones, iPods, even their clothing - everything that identifies them to or connects them with the civilian world.

The Coast Guard issues them everything they need right down to their undergarments and military-issued eyeglasses. They are also given some words to live by as Coast Guard recruits and future Guardians.

"We tell them about honor, respect, and devotion to duty," Kelly said. "We ask them to trust us. They may think they know how to be a Guardian...we do."

Kelly said they want every

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Stockton no longer pondering campus

By CAIN CHAMBERLIN
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VILLAS - Richard Stockton College is no longer pursuing an agreement with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to turn the Ponderlodge into an environmental education satellite campus, after the Department of the Interior asked for a land swap of similar size and value.

A letter dated Oct. 7 from the Department of the Interior to the DEP says, "Although the proposal contains some very good ideas, it is not in compliance with the requirements of the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Program for basic outdoor recreation and conservation."

The letter says that if Stockton were to go ahead with the proposed action, it

would be viewed as a conversion of the property's intended use and the school would need to swap land of similar or greater value for the location.

"The Department of the Interior had pretty strict guidelines as to how the land needed to be used," Stockton PR Director Tim Kelly said. "Trading land would have been really hard and expensive to do for Stockton."

Since the school was not going to swap land to use the Ponderlodge, Stockton backed out of the agreement. Matthew Altier, Vice President for Administration and Finance at Stockton wrote a letter to the DEP dated Oct. 20 saying they were no longer interested in pursuing a lease on the property.

"The DEP was willing to cooperate with Stockton

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Freeholder debate pits Dems and GOP

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
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CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE - The four Cape May County freeholder candidates - two Republican and two Democrat - outlined their positions on jobs, taxes, environmental protection and education at a candidate's forum sponsored by the Cape May County League of Women Voters.

About 50 people attended the event on Monday night at the Old Historic Court House Building, and heard Republicans Gerald Thornton and Susan Sheppard and Democrats Patrick Morley and Robert Jackson. They are competing for two seats on the county board in the Nov. 2 election.

There were no debates for the two congressional candidates, incumbent Republican Congressman Frank LoBiondo and Democrat Gary Stein.

The freeholder candidates weighed in on various issues proposed by a moderator, Ed Gracely, of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey.

Sheppard, of Ocean City, is a member of the Ocean City Council and a practicing attorney for 19 years. She said she's running for freeholder because she wants to "make a difference."

"We have a lot of problems, but there has to be innovative ways to solve those problems," Sheppard said.

Thornton, a Cape May Court House resident, is the only incumbent in the race, having served on the freeholder board from 1976 to 1987 and from 1996 until present. As freeholder, Thornton is the director of Health and Human Services, overseeing the Department of Aging, the Health Department and the Crest

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