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Architect presents Convention Hall updates

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – A design plan referred to as Scheme 6 was amended an reintroduced as Design Plan 6A when architect Martin Kimmel and Jonathan Trump from Kimmel Bogrette Architects gave a power point presentation to the Convention Hall Project Team, last week.

"The majority of the meeting's discussion revolved around the updated presenta-

Jonathon Trump," City Manager Bruce MacLeod

MacLeod said certain areas of the project continue to be firmed up as Kimmel went over previous decisions, which led to Scheme 6. Kimmel went over the design approved in 2008 and the changes leading to Design Plans 4 and 6.

"He tired to see if he could blend or merge some of those ideas into the proposal," MacLeod said, "and now we and 6B. Those were the two options we reviewed."

MacLeod said a lot of the review process centered around the different proposals to relocate the catering kitchen, the bathrooms and administrative space in the building. Option 6B showed those elements being moved to the area where the Solarium now stands with a lobby between those features and the main hall. Option 6A moved the catering kitchen from the side nearest Morrow's Nut House to the

southeast corner, where it would have been located had the project not been down-sized.

MacLeod said the project team voted 7-2 for option 6A.

"There was still some discussion to see if a community room could be located on the back southwestern side of the lobby space," MacLeod said. "There was not 100 percent support that a community room in that area was needed, but in future presentations we might take a look at that to see if it is possible.'

MacLeod said Option 6A depicted an auditorium with two wall dividers running perpendicular to Beach Avenue and the Promenade, dividing the auditorium nearly in thirds.

"If the stage was not being used for a play or some activity then that one segment would be slightly larger than the other two," MacLeod said. MacLeod said the project team also received a review of the 1917 building façade

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tion from Martin Kimmel and have Design Plan Options 6A Be ready to change plans if order is to evacuate the area

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY - Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) are telling people not to change their Labor Day holiday plans due to Hurricane Earl, but to be prepared to change

As of Tuesday, Hurricane Earl was a Category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of up to 135 mph. Local news reports on Wednesday said Earl was downgraded to a Category 3. The projected track of the storm was to come near the coast of the Carolinas and them travel up the eastern seaboard. However, the storm could change its course and make landfall or come closer to the shore than is presently being forecast.

The Cape May Star and Wave participated in a media conference call with FEMA regarding Hurricane Earl, on Tuesday. Participating in conference were FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate and Bill Read, director of the the National Hurricane

As of Tuesday, Hurricane Earl was 200 miles from Grand Turk Island and about 1,000 miles south of Cape Hatteras, moving northwesterly. The storm was running in the open Atlantic east of the Bahamas, and by Thursday is expected to turn toward the northeast. "By Friday, if everything works out perfectly, it will run parallel to the coast," Fugate said.

The hurricane has already had some effect on Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, although they were not hit directly.

Tito Hernandez, a FEMA official speaking from Puerto Rico said up to 200,000 electric customers were without power, Tuesday, and the U.S. Virgin Islands had shut down 90 percent of its power was a preventive measure. On Tuesday, Puerto Rico had 160 people being sheltered in 18 shelters. The Virgin

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Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Sun sets on Summer of 2010

The sun was a brilliant ball of bright white and yellow as it was sinking in the sky over Cape May Point, as seen from the Cove Beach, Sunday evening, perhaps signaling the end of summer, which by tradition is Labor Day.

Parking issues never stop in Cape May

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH

CAPE MAY – Some people have brought up the idea of banning cars from Cape May and shuttling people in from a remote parking lot. That would certainly be a way of cutting down on parking tickets.

Chamber of Commerce President Bill Causey spoke to city council recently, and said there were problems with the city's electronic parking meter system, where there is one pay station for numerous spaces. He said people would see poles with no meter heads at the curb line of some streets and believe they did not have to pay to park. He said the pay stations or kiosks were located down the street where they could not easily be spotted, and the numbered medallions near the curb are likewise not easi-



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'Gravy Wars' author at Tomato Festival

Lorraine Ranalli

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

WEST CAPE MAY – How do you add spice to the West Cape May

Tomato Festival? You take a dash of South Philly, a pinch of radio personality and a generous amount of Italian-American culture. The rest is gravy.

Wait! Gravy is the topic of Lorraine Ranalli's book, "Gravy Wars – South Philly Foods, and Feuds Attytudes" (2009), which is an insider's look at growing Italian-American in South Philliy.

"I'm not a professional chef. It's about the Italian-American culture, with gravy being the big war," Ranalli said.

There is some dispute over whether to call it tomato sauce or gravy. In South Philly the Italian-Americans call it "gravy," which according to Ranalli is how the Italian word "ragu"

translates. "Sugo is sauce," she said, which is what New Yorkers call it. "The confusion could result over a mistranslation. There are a dozen or two dialects

in Italy.' However, this dispute pales in comparison to the conflict created when one family member believes he or she can make a better sau...er, gravy.

"That is the signature dish. Most Italian-Americans make gravy on Sunday," Ranalli said. "It usually includes meatballs

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tickets. They Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave should Whatever you do, don't park here. Benton and Jefferson out here and be offers the perfect storm for parking violations. consistent, Riehl City resident Jack Riehl pointed out another situation where people are getting parking tickets in Cape May. Riehl lives on Benton Avenue,

means Save Our Solarium

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – A group of citizens has come together to send out an SOS signal; that is, "Save our Solarium.'

Kevin Maloney, Harry Bellangy, Charlotte Todd and Gretchen Whitman put their names on a presentation of a vision that includes moving the Solarium intact and creating a maritime museum in it on Delaware Avenue.

Among those attending the presentation were Mark Allen of South Jersey Marina, Jay Thompson and Tina Muller of Atlantic Structure Movers, Dean Dion of Northstar Marine, Steve Todd, Sandy Maloney, Councilman Bill Murray

and others.

Maloney, who led the presentation, told those present they were under a "really huge burden." He said they need a decision about the building by Sept. 15 in order to try and beat the wrecking ball, which could come as early as Nov. 1.

Thompson said the building could definitely be moved.

"We'll move it wherever you want," he said.

The SOS group would like to move the 33x90 building to Delaware Avenue between the Nature Center and the Rutgers Marine Center. The conceptual plan calls for placing the building parallel to the road with the 90-foot side facing Cape May Harbor.

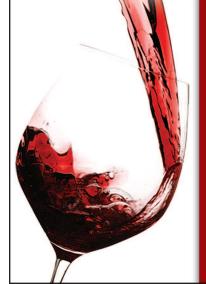
Thompson said the building has a

commercial base, which he said is a plus for a public structure. Maloney said Public Works Director Robert Smith said the

Solarium was well built. The Solarium can be moved, but the group doesn't own the building, the land, or have the money to move it. They are hoping the city will agree to sell them the building for \$1, then lease them two city-owned lots on Delaware Avenue for \$1, as they do the property where the Nature Center of Cape May sits.

The group still has to pay for the move, and they are looking to the city to consider loaning them the money from the Small Cities Block Grant it administers for the state of

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