

# Beach Shack fire

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areas and gas was shut off for entire complex," Inderwies said. The gas company began restoring service Friday morning after pressure testing the system, but there was

no hot water for residents in the morning. Inderwies said they used the "all call" system bringing all the local fire companies, including the U.S. Coast Guard. Townbank Fire Company offered mutual aid to cover for local fire compa-

nies. Inderwies said there were tense moments at the beginning because they did not know how far the fire reached. No guests or firefighters were injured by the fire.

# Taxpayers help

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come in there and do that," Jackson said. The township bills once a year and was running close to the deadline for mailing out the bills. Jackson said a tech-

nician came out and looked at the folder/stuffer machine and said the problem was really the type of envelopes being used. They still used the machines to fold the bills and the volunteers put them in envelopes.

"It was a big help that they came in," Jackson said. Janet Pitts, president of the LTTA said it was a pleasure to help. According to Jackson the volunteers did not have to lick the envelopes.

# Art show winners

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first place with a pen and ink for the art show. "I also work in oil and water, and mostly I do the bed and breakfasts in Cape May," Kind said. King has also done murals, including one for the Vietnam memorial depicting a landing zone. King said most of his works are either murals or renderings of the Cape May area. Originally from Philadelphia, King bought a home in Villas in 1984, and he

moved here full-time in 2001. He started going to the Cape May County Technical High School at night taking art courses, where he said he learned a lot about color. King said he has been doing pen and ink drawings for years, especially when he was in the service and stationed overseas. Now, art is something he said keeps him going. King has other activities to keep him busy in his retirement. He is also the tinsmith at the Historic Cold Spring Village.

"And in the off-season I paint all their signs. It really keeps me hopping...it makes you feel like you're not retired," he said. King also volunteers at the main library in Cape May Court House once a week working with historic maps and other things. Cape May resident Jack Shea decided to enter digital imagery artwork due to his background. "I worked in aerospace. I come from a technical background and I just drifted into it," Shea said.



Firefighters prepare to enter the burning laundry room at the Beach Shack motel to douse the flames, seen through the window on the right. Left, black smoke belches out of the window. Christopher South/Cape May Star and Wave

Shea said he got the programs with his computer and just decided to try it out. He said the programs take "a little smarts" to operate, and once he figured it out he's been entering every year for the last three or four years. Shea was a technical writer before he retired, and he said he just gravitated toward doing something creative. "When you retire you can't do all the things you want to do," he said. A friend told him about the Senior Art Contest and he looked over the categories and found "computer graphics." "I thought, 'Oh, man, I should do all right in that,'" he said. Shea showed a few pieces of art to other people and they each said it looked good. He won a first and second place

award in his first show and he's been doing it ever since. West Cape May's Gwen Moye was the big winner taking a Best of Show this year for a mixed media piece of a woman sitting. "It was a drawing of a lady sitting, very plain, but you could interpret it different ways," Moye said. Originally from Philadelphia, Moye, 71, was a summer resident for 30 years before moving to West Cape May 14 years ago. She has been going to the Lower Cape Senior Center in Villas for about six years. "It's great...really nice," Moye said. "It gives you something to do, and the artists are really nice." Moye paid special compliments to the program coordinator with the Department of

Aging for her work with the art show. "Carol Bidding a beautiful person. She gets the artists together and does all the work of arranging the show," Moye said. Moye goes to art class once a week and also does artwork at home, but she recommends seniors take the classes at the Senior Center. "It's very relaxing...the teacher is a very good teacher and one of the nicest people you ever wanted to meet. Even if you can't draw she can show you how to do a picture," Moye said. Now in her fifth year participating in the Senior Art Contest, Moye has collected three or four first places and one second place. She said she is always working towards putting her artwork in the contest whether she wins or not.

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# Theft

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police station where he was questioned and subsequently charged with burglary and theft, a third degree crime, and possession of burglar's tools, a disorderly person's offense. Fratella was lodged in the county jail on \$15,000 cash bail, and was scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday. Detective Sergeant Anthony Marino said the investigation is continuing and asks anyone with information on the break-in to call him at 609-884-9503 or the Cape May Police Department at 609-884-9500.

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