## Pooh-pooh on pools, permits-

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Dec. 31 expiration date for the parking permits.

Mahaney said the permit was supposed to be revenue neutral, meaning the city was going to lose money by removing parking meters where the permits existed, but it would make it up where people bought the permits for non-metered areas. He said the latter failed to material-

Resident Dixie Nichols said she would like the city to make it easier for people to put driveways on their prop-

Denise Reinhart told council she was thankful she had an on-street parking permit this year. "Your decision last year

relieved a hardship,"

said. Reinhart said she broke her ankle just after the sign went up announcing her reserved parking space. Reinhart asked city council to have a

Solicitor Anthony City Monzo recommended getting the state legislators to work on legislation at the state level that would allow municcommittee work on developipalities to issue on-street ing a new parking permit. parking permits that would

Mahaney said he was not

adverse to putting together

another parking committee.

Kurkowski volunteered to

head the committee and

asked residents in the audi-

ence to stay after the meeting

and sign up to be on the com-

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mittee.

not be challenged locally.

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Several residents also asked city council to address the issue of swimming pools. Resident Jules Rausch told council pools could become a noise nuisance. Tom Phalen asked if pools were considered as lot coverage, which they are not. Currently only the decking around the pool is considered in lot coverage, not the pool itself.

Arnie Pitman, zoning board chairman, said approached the planning board with a 2007 ordinance that would have changed the lot coverage aspect of pools and was told it would be addressed in the Master Plan revision.

"This ordinance wasn't even considered," Pitman

A joint committee of planning and zoning board members was set up to reach an agreement on swimming pools. Pitman said the committee has had to move very quickly on the matter. Pitman also said pools were a big source of noise in neighbor-

"Most lots in town are in R-2 zones. Most of the lots are 50 by 100. If you allow a pool on a 50 by 100 lot they can take up the entire backyard," Pitman said.

Pitman said the real estate industry was behind the push for swimming pools, and he said they are creating a problem in Cape May.

### Engineering update

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ed by the road reconstruction project, providing them with the start date and contact information.

Mott also said they have signed contracts for the New Clean Jersey Energy Program, which includes the solar panels for the lifeguard headquarters and the public works building, previously mentioned. The contractor for the solar panels is waiting for the roof on the public

works building to be reinforced and work should begin by the end of September.

Mott said he is expecting to receive bids on the Cape May Gateway-Lafayette Street Bridge project on Oct. 1. The project, funded by a grant from Cape May County, is designed to improve the appearance of the city's main entrance.

The engineer has also submitted a cost proposal for a water plant static mixer for the city's desalination plant in

order to bring it into compliance with federal regulations. Mott said upon authorization he would have the project designed within two weeks and would have bids received by Oct. 1.

The design for the ADA beach access project, funded under a fiscal year 2008 Small Cities Grant from the Department of Community Affairs, has been completed and sent to the DCA for their approval.

The design for the USDA

Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project - Phase III has been submitted to USDA for their approval.

The design for the 2009 Improvement Capital Program, also known as the city's road program, Phase I is 80 percent completed. Bids for the above three projects are also due on Oct. 1.

Mott said they have completed necessary easement descriptions for the Elmira Street Widening Project -Phase I, and have forwarded

them to City Solicitor Anthony Monzo. Monzo told council the deed work for the project has been completed and they are waiting on three easements. The city, he said, has negotiated and obtained

the right of way for the project and can go forward with the design, which will be submitted to Cape May County for its review.

# Girls fierce with talent

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"We had to get up early, at 4 in the morning," Roberts said. "We had to wait a long time," Simonsen added. "Whenever we had extra time we'd stretch or dance.'

All of the Pixies said stretching was "very important.'

And the stretching did pay off because the Pixie Six made it to the next round. And with this came some camera time.

"When in Las Vegas, once they made the top 40," Smith said, "the Pixies were on camera a lot the week they were there. It was like they had their own personal cameraman.

Then came more rehearsals as the instructors presented about five different dance numbers.

"It wasn't just the dances, Hemmingway said. "Costumes and set designs had to be approved. We had to come up with several different ideas and they (NBC) picked the one they liked the

most.

Though there was a lot of work to do, the Pixie Six also were able to have some fun, especially when they met Ashley Tisdale, from the School "High Musical" movies. When the Pixies Six explained how they were invited to Miss Tisdale's dressing room to receive an autograph picture, these little pros could hardly contain their excitement.

"It was awesome!" they all gushed at once.

Then came the night of the live performance. Ava Landis summed up how all the girls were feeling. "I was nervous, but I was excited to go on, she said with a quiet, confident tone in her voice.

Yet, when asked what they did to overcome their nervousness, the Pixies Six smiled and demonstrated how they all placed one of their hands on top of another in a form of "Then," Simonsen explained, "when we all held hands, we said 'B.T.F.G.,' which means Be The Fierce

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on their teachers who had a hard time containing the admiration for their young students.

"I think one of the more impressive things was how they were backstage," Nash said. "The TV crew had a person in a headset as the show came back from commercial saying 'Set the Pixies.' Then the person with the headset started counting down from ten. As they were out there, waiting for America to see them, the girls never lost their confidence. Not once.

After they danced, all the young performers had similar and yet different views on how they performed. Regan Frame said, "I was excited because we nailed all of the things in our dance routine.

Simonsen was excited because the judges "had given us good scores and we all had tears in our eves when it was done. We were so happy.

Ava Landis and Madison Roberts shared a similar sentiment when they said, "We were so excited because we had a lot of 'face' which means smiling.

Maxine Marshall chimed in with, "I was really excited because I went out there and had so much fun.

Kaylee Marshall quietly said, "I was really excited because everybody in the world got to see what we can do," a feeling shared by everyone in Cape May County who watched their perform-

It came down to the judges of the show to determine whether or not the Pixies would advance to the next round. Though they were praiseful to the Pixies, the judges had also felt since they were so young, the ladies would be able to return and try again. The reaction to this decision by many residents in this area was that the judges were being unjust. However, the Pixies were fine with what the judges had decided.

"We are young. We have more chances of being on

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shows then others Simonsen sweetly said.

Sadly, the Pixie Six were eliminated, but not until they had made it to the top five of the competition.

"It was a little frustrating when you know how much time and effort they put into their performance," Smith said. "But at the same time, we all looked at it as a blessing in disguise. They wouldn't have been able to go to school for the first couple of

weeks. It could have really upheaved their lives. So there is a reason for everything."

The Pixies would be more than happy to do it again, but maybe not right away. "We would like it if we

could wait a year to get settled in and work on some ideas, then back," 20 Simonsen said.

But no matter when they do, you can be sure all of Cape May County will be cheering them on.





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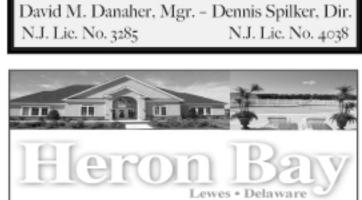
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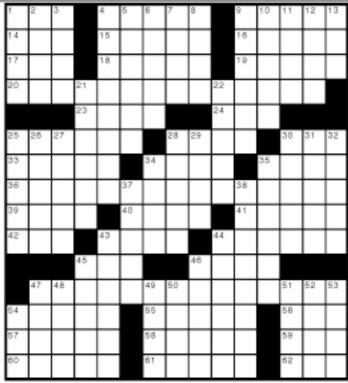
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61. Nostrils 62. Bambi's aunt

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